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Executive Summary

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports are created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).¹ ASFA amended section 479A of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require 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. *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010*, is the eleventh report since the series' inception.

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.² Below is a summary of fiscal year (FY) 2010 data for these contextual factors.³

Characteristics of child victims

- In 2010, 754,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.⁴ The overall national child victim rate was 10.0 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.⁵ State child victim rates varied dramatically, ranging from 1.3 child victims per 1,000 children to 24.6 child victims per 1,000 children.⁶
- The national child victim rate decreased from 10.4 child victims per 1,000 children in the population in FY 2007 to 10.0 in FY 2010. This is a continuation of a long-term, downward trend in the child victimization rate that began in the early 1990s.⁷

Foster care information overview

- Nationally, there were approximately 415,000 children in foster care on the last day of FY 2010. During that year, an estimated 250,000 children entered foster care, and 248,000 children exited foster care. Among the States, the foster care entry rate ranged from 1.4 children per 1,000 to 7.5 children per 1,000 in a State's population.⁸
- Between FY 2002 and 2010, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 22 percent. While currently it is not possible to determine the cause of the decrease in the number of children in foster care using the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) database, several States have made deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.⁹

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2010, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 22 percent.

¹ See appendix A for the specifications of section 479A of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

² 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.

³ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010).

⁴ For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child for whom an incident of abuse or neglect has been substantiated or indicated by an investigation or assessment. A State may include some children with alternative dispositions as victims (see *Child Maltreatment 2010*). It is important to distinguish that the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports use 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.

⁵ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (753,655) by the child population for all States that submitted NCANDS data (75,512,062), and multiplying by 1,000. Note that 2009 child population data was used for 2010 calculations because the 2010 data were not yet available.

⁶ 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. Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

⁷ Finkelhor, D., Jones, L., & Shattuck, A. (2009). Updated trends in child maltreatment, 2009. Durham, NH: Crimes Against Children Research Center.

⁸ 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]. Note that 2009 child population data was used for 2010 calculations because the 2010 data were not yet available.

⁹ 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>

- Nationally, 213,000 children exited foster care to a permanent home in 2010 (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship). Of these 213,000 children, 145,000 were discharged to reunification; 52,000 were discharged to adoption; and 16,000 were discharged to legal guardianship. In addition, 27,000 children were emancipated from foster care in 2010. There were approximately 7,000 children who exited care for reasons other than permanency or emancipation, such as transfer to another agency or to another State.
- Approximately 107,000 children were waiting for adoption in 2010.¹⁰

STATE PERFORMANCE ON OUTCOME MEASURES

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

All national medians for outcome measures referenced in this executive summary include only those States for which adequate data are available for FY 2007 through FY 2010. Tables of these medians can be found at the end of this executive summary.¹¹

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

- In 2010, State performance varied considerably with regard to the percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a 6-month period (measure 1.1) (range = 1.2 to 12.3 percent; median = 4.8 percent).
- States with higher victim rates tended to have higher maltreatment recurrence rates within a 6-month period (Pearson’s $r = .64$).¹² In addition, consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect (as opposed to other forms of maltreatment) also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson’s $r = .47$).
- Between 2007 and 2010, 63 percent of States demonstrated improved performance with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). In addition, the median across States for this measure changed from 5.3 percent in 2007 to 4.6 percent in 2010. Given that a lower recurrence rate is desirable, this demonstrates an overall improvement in performance (a –13.2 percent change in the median State).¹³

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

- In 2010, State performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (measure 2.1) ranged from 0.00 to 2.33 percent, with a median of 0.35 percent.
- Between 2007 and 2010, 60 percent of States demonstrated improved performance. However, the median performance for this measure improved only slightly, from 0.35 percent in 2007 to 0.34 percent in 2010.

In many States, a large percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2010 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated.

¹⁰ There is no Federal definition for a “child waiting to be adopted.” The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports 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.

¹¹ In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for FY 2010. In the 2010 “Range of State Performance” tables, national medians are calculated using all States that had adequate data available for FY 2010 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate FY 2010 national median is calculated that includes only the States that had adequate data available for all the relevant years (FY 2007 through FY 2010). This is done to provide a more accurate calculation of change over time. Therefore, the number of States (N) included in each of these calculations may vary, and these two medians may vary slightly. For consistency, the medians used in this executive summary are those that include States that had adequate data available for all relevant years.

¹² 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.

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 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is $[(4.6-5.3)/5.3] \times 100 = -13.2$ percent change.

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

- In 2010, States were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 86.8 percent). However, States were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 77.0 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 = 67.3 percent).
- For children who had been in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1), defined at 24 months or longer, only 30.2 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of 2010. Between 2007 and 2010, 69 percent of States exhibited an improvement in performance, and the national median for this measure increased from 26.4 percent to 30.2 percent.
- States that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also were successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a strong positive correlation (Pearson's $r = .70$) between these two measures.
- In many States, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2010 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, 25 percent or more of the children who were emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 44 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 2007 and 2010, 54 percent of States showed improved performance on measure 3.4, and 52 percent of States showed improvement on measure C3.3.

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

- The 2010 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 and 69 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1).
- However, a longitudinal view of children from the time of entry into foster care (i.e., an entry cohort) until the time of discharge indicates that most States are not reunifying children in a timely manner. Measure C1.3 focuses on children entering care for the first time during the last 6 months of the prior year and follows them for 12 months to determine the percentage that reunified within this time period. In 2010, the median across States was only 42.9 percent, and the 75th percentile was 48.0 percent. Therefore, in at least 75 percent of the States, the majority of children who entered foster care *for the first time* in the last 6 months of 2009 were still in foster care 12 months later. While more States improved than declined on this measure between 2007 and 2010, overall national performance remains quite static.
- Many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 13 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r = .70$). Conversely, many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger also had a relatively low percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r = -.52$).
- Many States with a relatively high percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r = .45$).
- Several States with relatively high foster care entry rates also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's $r = .44$) and relatively low median lengths of stay (measure C1.2) (Pearson's $r = -.43$).

Many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 13 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r = .70$).

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

- In 2010, 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 3.9 percent. In addition, 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 = 33.1 percent).

Seventy-five percent of States showed improved performance between 2007 and 2010 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.

- Fifty-two percent of the States experienced improved performance between 2007 and 2010 in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months (5.1b), and the national median for this measure improved from 3.1 percent in 2007 to 3.9 percent in 2010 (a 25.8 percent change).
- Seventy-five percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3). Consistent with this finding, the national median for this measure increased from 21.1 percent in 2007 to 24.9 percent in 2010 (an 18.0 percent change).
- Many States (50 percent) showed improvement in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4). In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 11.1 percent in 2007 to 11.8 percent in 2010 (a 6.3 percent change).
- Seventy-four percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 51.5 percent in 2007 to 60.0 percent in 2010 (a 16.5 percent change).

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

- In this report, adequate placement stability is defined as limiting the number of placement settings for a child to no more than two for a single foster care episode. Although most States appeared to be reasonably successful in achieving this placement stability goal for children in foster care for less than 12 months, States tended to be far less successful in meeting this goal for children in foster care for longer periods of time. The median across States declined from 85.1 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 62.2 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declined even further to 33.0 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

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

- In about one-half of the States, 4.5 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. However, in seven States, between 10 percent and 21 percent of young children were placed in group homes or institutions, indicating that this is still an important issue in several States.
- Between 2007 and 2010, 67 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children entering foster care when they were age 12 or younger who were placed in a group home or institution (measure 7.1). The national median for this measure also declined from 5.7 percent in 2007 to 4.5 percent in 2010 (a -21.1 percent change).

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

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

- While national performance for recurrence of maltreatment improved between 2007 and 2010, there was only minimal improvement for maltreatment in foster care. 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. States should continue to monitor this performance and work to build on their efforts to ensure that children remain safe.
- States experienced challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12. 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. Agencies should continue to review their data and current practice to consider whether there are ways to increase placing these older youth and children with disabilities in 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 are in foster care for long periods of time. Understanding the practices of successful States could provide useful guidance to States that are striving to improve performance in these areas.

- There was a reduction in the number of children emancipating from foster care who entered foster care at age 12 or younger. 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 children in care for longer periods of time. It would be useful to determine the drivers that were behind States' successes in this area.
- There was considerable variation across States regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation. While it might be expected that States that take more adolescents and older youth into foster care would have proportionally more exits to emancipation, this was not the case. More information needs to be gathered from these States with a high percentage of youth exiting foster care to emancipation in order to determine strategies that may be implemented to reduce exits to emancipation and increase exits to permanency.
- 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 13 or older). The challenges that these youth present to State child welfare systems with regard to meeting the reunification needs of the children and their families may be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families, and States with large numbers of youth in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies that target the needs of these youth.
- Many States that have a high percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months from the child's entry into foster care also have a high percentage of children who reenter foster care in less than 12 months from the time of reunification. This is an important finding because it raises the possibility that not all of the problems that resulted in the child's initial entry into foster care were resolved adequately at the time of reunification, or that new problems arose at the point of reunification that were not addressed sufficiently by the agency.
- Overall, national performance on timeliness of adoptions has improved, but it continues to be a significant challenge for most States. It is important to note that there may be a variety of factors that contribute to lower performance on these measures, and these factors may vary considerably between States. However, for those States that struggle in this area, a careful review of specific barriers would be beneficial.
- Placement setting stability for children in foster care longer than 12 months consistently has been an area of difficulty for many States, and overall performance remained stagnant between 2007 and 2010. More work is needed on how States can prevent children from remaining in care for long periods of time and increase placement setting stability for children who have been in care for long periods of time.
- States continue to make steady progress in reducing the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions. It would be useful to determine what strategies may have contributed to this continued success so that these advancements can be shared with other States working to make improvements.

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 2007 and 2010.

**Table 1. Median State Performance, 2007–2010
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures ¹⁴	Median Performance by Year			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
*Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period? (N=51 States)	5.3%	5.2%	5.6%	4.6%
*Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=48 States)	0.35	0.33	0.34	0.34
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=48 States)	86.8	87.7	87.6	86.8
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=40 States)	77.9	78.0	77.8	77.9
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 States)	68.4	67.6	67.2	67.3
*Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=48 States)	26.6	25.6	25.7	24.8
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=48 States)	68.5	67.9	68.1	69.1
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=48 States)	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.9
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=49 States)	85.1	84.7	85.3	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=49 States)	61.2	60.9	60.6	62.2
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 States)	32.0	31.5	30.5	33.0
*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=49 States)	5.7	5.1	4.4	4.5

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

¹⁴ Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.

**Table 2. Median State Performance, 2007–2010
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures ¹⁵	Median Performance by Year			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	67.5%	68.6%	67.9%	67.9%
*Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	7.7 mos.	7.9 mos.	8.0 mos.	7.6 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	41.9	43.4	41.7	42.9
Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=48 States)	12.5	13.4	12.7	12.4
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=48 States) ¹⁶	31.1	29.3	32.9	33.1
*Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=48 States)	30.2 mos.	30.8 mos.	30.2 mos.	29.4 mos.
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=48 States) ¹⁷	21.1	23.2	24.8	24.9
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 6 months of the year? (N=46 States) ¹⁸	11.1	11.9	12.3	11.8
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=46 States)	51.5	55.0	55.3	60.0
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=48 States)	26.4	29.5	30.2	30.2
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=46 States) ¹⁹	94.1	93.8	94.7	95.5
*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? (N=48 States)	44.9	44.9	45.1	44.1

* For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance

¹⁵ Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available. Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Individual measures developed for Composite 4: Placement stability are not shown in this table because the measures are nearly identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated into measure 6.1 (see table 1).

¹⁶ 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. In this instance, there is the added possible impact of using only 49 States for C2.1, while 50 States were used for 5.1b.

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ 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 Reports are created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).¹ ASFA amended section 479A of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require 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. *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010*, is the eleventh report since the series' inception.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports provide information on national performance as well as the performance of individual States in seven outcome categories.² Prior to the first report, the Department 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 the Department through this consultation process are:

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

ORIGINAL OUTCOME MEASURES AND CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW MEASURES

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports originally reported on 12 measures established to assess performance on the seven national outcomes. However, starting with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*, the Department began including 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).³ Therefore, the current report includes a total of 27 measures (the 12 original measures plus the 15 CFSR composite measures).

The CFSRs were developed in response to a mandate in the Social Security Amendments of 1994 requiring the Department to promulgate regulations for review of State child and family services programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act. The Department published a final rule in the *Federal Register* on January 25, 2000, implementing the CFSRs. The CFSR has three main goals: (1) to ensure that State child and family service programs are in conformity with the requirements in titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act; (2) to determine what actually is happening to children and families as they are engaged in child welfare services; and (3) to assist States in enhancing their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes.

The CFSRs examine outcomes data as well as systemic factors (such as a State's foster and adoptive parent licensing, recruitment, and retention practices) that may be promoting or impeding positive outcomes for children and families that come into contact with a State's child welfare system.⁴

The composites, developed in 2005 and adopted in 2006, incorporate a set of 15 individual measures pertaining to permanency (including reunification, adoption, and guardianship) and placement stability for children in foster care. These 15 measures have some overlap with the original measures in reports prior to *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*. However, there is general public interest in the CFSR measures because of their importance in the review process, and they are included in the report for that reason.

Individual measures that are part of the CFSR composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original measures. Also note that the CFSRs and Child Welfare Outcomes Report are separate activities within the Department, even though the

To distinguish the composite measures from the original measures used in this report, measures that are part of the CFSR composites are preceded by a "C."

¹ See appendix A for the specifications of section 479A of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

² 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.

³ See appendix B for descriptions of the 27 outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.

⁴ Complete information on the CFSR process is provided on the Children's Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/index.htm#cfsr>

measures are related. In addition, State data used for the CFSR may vary somewhat from the data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report because States often correct and update data used in the CFSR process.

CONTEXT DATA

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data pertaining to State performance on the outcome measures as well as on child welfare-related contextual factors relevant to understanding and interpreting performance on these measures.⁵ The contextual factors include the following:

- A State's estimated child population statistics with regard to the number and race/ethnicity of children⁶
- Caseworker visits data for children in foster care (the percentage of foster children 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 abuse or neglect allegation or whose disposition was "alternative response victim")⁸
- Mean and median times to investigation (the time between the maltreatment report and the first face-to-face contact with the investigating 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 care during the year⁹
- 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 during the year

FEDERAL CHILD WELFARE DATA SYSTEMS

Data for the original Child Welfare Outcomes measures, the CFSR composite measures, and the majority of the context data come from the Department's 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). States are required by law 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 caseworker visit 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 have elected to use a sampling procedure approved by the Children's Bureau. As referenced in the previous section of this chapter, data on caseworker visits are reported as context data for the purposes of this report.

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

⁵ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010).

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 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. Therefore, all 2010 population-based rates referenced in the present report were calculated using 2009 Census data.

⁷ Reporting the number of caseworker visits was a new requirement as of FY 2007. Requirements for caseworker visits data are defined under sections 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Social Security Act. This requirement was revised for data beginning in FY 2012 based on the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Public Law 112-34). Detailed information on collection and reporting of the caseworker visits data included in the current report can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 issued April 18, 2008 http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0803.htm. For more information, see appendix C.

⁸ *Child Maltreatment 2010* provides the following definitions: (1) "Substantiated" refers to a type of investigation disposition that concludes that the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment was supported or founded by State law or State policy; (2) "Indicated" refers to an investigation disposition that concludes that maltreatment cannot be substantiated under State law or policy, but there was reason to suspect that the child may have been maltreated or was at risk of maltreatment. This is applicable only to States that distinguish between substantiated and indicated dispositions; (3) some States use an alternative response process rather than a standard investigation in selected cases; "alternative response victim" is a possible disposition in those States, and indicates that at least one child in the report was determined to be a victim of maltreatment.

⁹ The term "foster care" as it is used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report 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 under the care and supervision of a State child welfare agency for 24 hours or longer.

¹⁰ There is no Federal definition for a "child waiting for adoption." 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.

- 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 AFCARS data: January 5, 2011
- 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 NCANDS data: April 26, 2011
- 2007, 2008, and 2009 Census data: June 18, 2010
- 2010 Census data: Unavailable at the time this report was written¹¹
- 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 caseworker visits data: April 15, 2011

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

Through NCANDS, the Department collects and analyzes State data pertaining to children who come to the attention of public child protective services agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. Data from this system are published annually in the Child Maltreatment report series. A summary of the most recent report, *Child Maltreatment 2010*, is presented in appendix E.

The NCANDS Child File is a data file that States submit annually. In 2010, all 52 States submitted an NCANDS Child File.¹² This file contains detailed case information about each child who is the subject of an investigation or assessment in response to a maltreatment allegation. Any child that is associated with a report that has received a disposition during the year is included in the Child File. Although a disposition usually refers to a finding regarding the allegation, it also can include a report that was closed without a finding.

The Child File is the component of NCANDS that is the primary data source for the safety-related data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.¹³ The Summary Data Component (SDC) File also can be used for the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Report in the absence of a State's submission of a Child File for context data. In 2010, there was only one State (Oregon) that submitted an SDC File. While alternate safety data sources sometimes are allowed for the purposes of the CFSRs, they are not used for the purposes of this report.

Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

Most data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report come from AFCARS. AFCARS collects case-level information on all children in foster care for whom State child welfare agencies have responsibility for placement, care, and supervision, and on all children who are adopted under the auspices of a State's public child welfare agency. States are required to submit AFCARS data on a semiannual basis. Appendix F includes national AFCARS summary data for FY 2010.

DATA ANALYSES IN THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT

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

It is important to note that medians and ranges described in this report are derived by using summary data for each State. These data points are *not* determined by looking at case-level data for the country as a whole. In addition, there are occasional instances in which certain State data are excluded from cross-State analyses due to incomplete or inadequate data.¹⁴ Therefore, the total number of States included may vary for each analysis.¹⁵

¹¹ The 2010 Census delayed the availability of the 2010 child population estimates. Due to the delay in the data release, the total child population estimates, race/ethnicity breakdowns for the general child population, and the child population in poverty data for 2010 are not being published in this report. These data will be available for publication in the 2008–2011 report.

¹² Note that the Child File submitted by Oregon was not a complete data file and was a special submission containing the information necessary to calculate the child maltreatment outcome measures. This special Child File, combined with the Oregon SDC file, allowed us to have more complete information to report for that State.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Data quality issues can 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.

¹⁵ In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for FY 2010. In the 2010 Range of State Performance tables, national medians are calculated using data from all States that had adequate data available for FY 2010 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate FY 2010 national median is calculated that includes only data from the States that had adequate data available for all the relevant fiscal years (2007 through 2010). 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.

Percent change calculations

Change in State performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.¹⁶ Using a percent change calculation permits a better assessment of the extent of change occurring over time by taking into account the size of the percentages (or other units of measurement, such as months) being compared. For example, the importance of a 1 percent increase will depend on the magnitude of the measures being compared. An increase from 31 percent to 32 percent in the number of children adopted in fewer than 24 months may be somewhat interesting, but this amount of increase takes on an entirely different meaning when the size of the percentages being compared is much smaller. Suppose that the rate of maltreatment recurrence increased from 1 percent to 2 percent in a State. This would be a doubling of the recurrence rate, so it would be misleading to say simply that the rate of maltreatment recurrence increased by 1 percent.

The concept of percent change over time is used in this report to adjust for the fact that some changes that appear small can represent large proportional changes.

This problem of magnitude of the numbers involved in comparisons is solved by calculating the “percent change” between the two data points. Consistent with the Department’s approach in prior Child Welfare Outcomes 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 occurred. Therefore, for purposes of the analyses presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, if the percent change in performance from 2007 to 2010 was less than 5.0 in either direction, the determination is that there was “no change” in performance.

Correlations

Strength of relationships between measures and context variables are assessed using correlation coefficients, specifically Pearson’s *r*. This coefficient can range from –1 to +1. In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, these coefficients are interpreted in accordance with J.P. Guilford’s suggested interpretations for correlation coefficient values.¹⁷ These are as follows:

- 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.

¹⁶ 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 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is $[(4.6-5.3)/5.3] \times 100 = -13.2$ percent change.

¹⁷ Guilford, J. P. (1956). *Fundamental statistics in psychology and education* (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

II: Keeping Children Safe

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

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

- The percentage of child victims who experience a recurrence of maltreatment within a 6-month period
- 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) 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010). Through NCANDS, the Department 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, the Department strongly encourages participation and provides technical assistance to help with data collection and reporting. Participation has increased over the past several years. All 52 States submitted NCANDS data for 2010.¹⁸

Although the NCANDS submission is voluntary, it is strongly encouraged; 52 States submitted NCANDS data for 2010.

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 time to investigation.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD VICTIMS, TYPES OF MALTREATMENT, AND TIME TO INVESTIGATION

In 2010, approximately 754,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.¹⁹ The overall national child victim rate was 10.0 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.²⁰

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Table II-1 shows the total number of child victims and the national child victim rate between 2007 and 2010.

Table II-1. Child Victims, 2007–2010*

	2007 (N=51 States)	2008 (N=52 States)	2009 (N=52 States)	2010 (N=52 States)
Total Child Victims**	761,292	774,137	763,352	753,655
National Child Victim Rate	10.4	10.3	10.1	10.0

* The data in this table represent duplicate counts of child victims (the same child may be reported as a victim more than once).

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

As indicated in table II-1, there was a steady decrease in the national child victim rate between 2007 and 2010. This is a continuation of a long-term, downward trend in the child victimization rate that began in the early 1990s.²¹ Examining trends by maltreatment type shows that the most substantial declines in victimization rates over the past two decades have occurred for child victims of physical and sexual abuse. Although more research is needed to isolate the reasons for these declines, other studies have noted that the initial decrease in the rates of physical and sexual abuse coincided historically with sustained economic growth, increases in the numbers of law enforcement and CPS personnel, more aggressive prosecution and incarceration policies for perpetrators, growing public awareness of maltreatment problems, and the implementation of new treatment options for family and mental health

¹⁸ In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 States; the number of States actually used in a specific analysis depends on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

¹⁹ For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child for whom an incident of abuse or neglect has been substantiated or indicated by an investigation or assessment. A State may include some children with alternative dispositions as victims (see *Child Maltreatment 2010*). It is important to distinguish that the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports use 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.

²⁰ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (753,655) by the child population for all States that submitted NCANDS data (75,512,062), and multiplying by 1,000. Note that 2009 child population data was used for 2010 calculations because the 2010 data were not yet available.

²¹ Finkelhor, D., Jones, L., & Shattuck, A. (2009). Updated trends in child maltreatment, 2009. Durham, NH: Crimes Against Children Research Center.

problems. The declining trends in NCANDS data parallel those seen in other long-term studies of physical and sexual abuse, lending support to the idea that these may be real trends and not the result of changes in reporting practices, investigation standards, or administrative or statistical procedures.²² It is noteworthy that there also were declines in other forms of maltreatment, such as neglect.

Consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across States in 2010, ranging from 1.3 child victims per 1,000 children to 24.6 child victims per 1,000 children.²³ There are a number of possible explanations for this variation. One explanation is that States vary in their definitions of “child maltreatment.”²⁴ 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.

Another factor causing variation in child victim rates is the use of alternative response approaches. That is, child victim rates may be lower (or appear to be lower) in States that have implemented alternative response approaches to maltreatment allegations compared to States that do not use this type of response system.²⁵ In alternative response approaches, child welfare agencies respond with a referral for a family assessment rather than with a formal investigation when there are no immediate safety concerns for the child and the maltreatment allegation involves low or moderate risk. In 2010, only two States reported alternative response victims to NCANDS, and 14 States reported alternative response nonvictims.²⁶ However, a number of States that use an alternative response approach do not use the NCANDS disposition categories of “alternative response victim” or “alternative response nonvictim.” In these States, alternative response approaches do not involve a finding (i.e., a disposition) regarding the validity of the allegation, and therefore the child would not be reported as a victim to the NCANDS Child File. The use of alternative response in some States, but not others, limits the comparability of child victim rates across States. Furthermore, comparing outcomes for children within States that have implemented alternative response systems is also 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.²⁷

There is also a large degree of variation across States in the types of maltreatment reported, as is shown in table II-3. One possible explanation for this variation concerns differences in how types of maltreatment are defined in State law or policy. Each State has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect based on minimum standards established in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).²⁸ 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.²⁹ 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.

Most States recognize at least four major types of maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

The time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim is called the time to investigation. As was true in prior years, there was a large degree of variation in 2010 among States in the average time to investigation. Of the 46 States that submitted complete median time-to-investigation data to NCANDS in 2010, 69.6 percent had a calculated median of either “less than 24 hours” or “greater than 24 hours but less than 48 hours” (see table II-2). Time to investigation may be influenced by a number of factors, including type of abuse reported, the severity and level of safety

²² See the following for examples: (1) Finkelhor, D., & Jones, L. M. (2004). Explanations for the decline in child sexual abuse cases. *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Retrieved from <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/199298.pdf> and (2) Finkelhor, D., Jones, L., & Shattuck, A. (2009). Updated trends in child maltreatment, 2009. Durham, NH: Crimes Against Children Research Center. Retrieved from http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/pdf/Updated_Trends_in_Child_Maltreatment_2009.pdf

²³ 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. Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

²⁴ More information about variations in State definitions of child abuse and neglect can be found on Child Welfare Information Gateway http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/can

²⁵ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2009). *Child Maltreatment 2010*. Retrieved from <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm10/cm10.pdf>

²⁶ For the purposes of this report, an “alternative response victim” report disposition is defined as the provision of a response other than an investigation that determines at least one child in the report was a victim of maltreatment. An “alternative response nonvictim” report disposition is defined as the provision of a response other than an investigation that did not determine that any child in the report was a victim of maltreatment (see *Child Maltreatment 2010*). The two States that reported “alternative response victims” to NCANDS in 2010 were Kentucky and North Carolina.

²⁷ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2008). Differential response to reports of child abuse and neglect. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue_briefs/differential_response/differential_response.pdf

²⁸ More information about CAPTA can be found on the Children’s Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy.jsp?idFlag=2

²⁹ In Pennsylvania, for instance, the State does not consider an allegation of neglect to be maltreatment unless it is determined to be “severe neglect.” Less severe cases of neglect are commonly addressed by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families agency and are not reported to NCANDS.

risk associated with the report, the number of prior reports received for a child, and the workload of caseworkers assigned to investigation.³⁰

Table II-2. Time to Investigation in Hours, 2010

Median Time*	Percent of States (N=46)
≤24 hours	32.6%
>24 but <48 hours	37.0
>48 but <72 hours	15.2
>72 but <96 hours	6.5
>96 but <120 hours	6.5
>120 but <144 hours	0.0
>144 but <168 hours	2.2
>168 but <192 hours	0.0

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

Table II-3 presents 2010 information pertaining to the age, type of maltreatment reported, and race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims. This table illustrates the considerable variations across States in child victim characteristics.

Average time to investigation varied considerably among States.

Table II-3. Characteristics of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2010*

	Number of States (N) Reporting	Range Across States	Median Across States
Age of Children at Time of Maltreatment Report			
Under 1 year	52	2.7%–19.0%	11.8%
1–3 years	52	10.6–27.7	21.2
4–7 years	52	17.9–29.3	23.9
8–11 years	52	15.6–23.8	18.7
12–15 years	52	11.6–29.9	16.7
16+ years	52	3.2–14.2	5.9
Type of Maltreatment Reported			
Neglect**	52	2.1–92.4	70.3
Physical abuse	52	5.6–48.9	15.5
Psychological/emotional abuse	51	0.1–48.3	1.6
Sexual abuse	52	2.1–62.8	7.1
Medical neglect	44	0.0–7.0	1.9
Other	52	0.0–93.5	0.0
Children's Race/Ethnicity***			
Alaska Native/American Indian	51	0.0–49.6	0.3
Asian	51	0.0–9.5	0.4
Black	51	0.0–61.9	16.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	51	0.0–18.7	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	51	0.7–100.0	9.6
White	51	0.0–94.3	51.9
Two or more races	51	0.0–40.9	3.3

* The data in this table represent duplicate counts of child victims (the same child may be reported as a victim more than once).

** Some States include medical neglect in this category.

*** All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

³⁰ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2009). Reports. In *Child Maltreatment 2009* (p. 8). Retrieved from <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/cm09.pdf>

We are unable to conduct an analysis of disproportionate racial/ethnic representation in the current report, as we have done in prior reports, because the 2010 Census has delayed the availability of the 2010 comparison data for race/ethnicity. However, the race/ethnicity patterns of child maltreatment victims for 2010 are very similar to those found in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports (see table II-4). In subsequent reports, we plan to provide analyses of disproportionate racial representation for child victims.

Table II-4. Race/Ethnicity of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2007–2010

Children's Race/Ethnicity*	Median Across States			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	13.0	13.6	15.3	16.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.7	8.4	9.6
White	51.8	51.5	50.4	51.9
Two or more races	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.3

* All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE IN 2010 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 2010 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 used for these calculations.

**Table II-5. Range of State Performance, 2010
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
**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)	2.8%	4.8%	6.8%	1.2–12.3%
**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=49 States)	0.18	0.35	0.55	0.00–2.33

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

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

Recurrence of maltreatment

A number of variables impact the range in performance across States (range = 1.2 to 12.3 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 6-month period (Pearson's $r = .64$ in 2010). A similar finding also was found in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

States with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher recurrence rates (Pearson's $r = .64$).

The range in performance with regard to maltreatment recurrence in 2010 also appears to be related to differences across States with regard to the types of child maltreatment reported. Several relationships were found between types of maltreatment and maltreatment recurrence:

- States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect also had some tendency to have a relatively *high* percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = .47$).
- States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of physical abuse had some tendency to have a relatively *low* percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = -.36$).

- States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of sexual abuse had some tendency to have a relatively *low* percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = -.36$).

These findings are similar to those of prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and also are consistent with research indicating that child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.³¹ The relationships between recurrence and types of maltreatment may be due to the fact that substantiated allegations of sexual or physical abuse often are followed by legal actions against the perpetrators as well as actions designed to ensure that the perpetrator is prevented from further unsupervised contact with the victim until identified problems have been resolved. In contrast, substantiated allegations of neglect often are not followed by these actions unless the neglect is considered extremely severe.

Child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.

The variation in State performance on maltreatment recurrence also may be related to differences in agency policies or practices regarding allegations of child maltreatment involving children who currently are being served by the CPS system (i.e., the agency has an open case involving the child). In some States, when a maltreatment allegation is received on a family currently being served by the CPS system, the allegation is referred to the current caseworker and/or supervisor for follow-up rather than referred for a formal investigation or assessment.³² Without a formal investigation or assessment of the allegation, there may be no formal disposition, and the information regarding the child who is the subject of the allegation is not reported to the NCANDS Child File. Consequently, the allegation is not counted as a possible incidence of maltreatment recurrence.

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 2.33 percent). This variation among States may be influenced by a number of factors: 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.³³

Formerly, there was variation among States based on the fact that some perpetrators were facility staff members (as identified by the “perpetrator relationship to victim” code in NCANDS), and the children they maltreated were not all in foster care. Because the perpetrator relationship to victim code has been used to identify children in foster care, some children were previously misidentified as being in foster care when they were merely in a residential facility for another reason (such as a mental health facility). However, since the FY 2006 NCANDS submissions, States have been instructed by the Department not to use the perpetrator relationship code “Group Home or Residential Facility Staff” for victims who are not in foster care. The Department also confirmed this during the validation of the NCANDS data submission. Currently, there could be some small variation in State performance on Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care because a few States are not able to collect and report data on residential facility staff members as perpetrators (even in cases in which the child is actually in foster care). These States may not report on these perpetrators due to system limitations and/or jurisdictional issues, meaning the responsibility for investigating the allegations are outside of the CPS purview. In general, however, the former issues with accurate reporting for the measure are now resolved.

³¹ See the following for examples: (1) Drake, B., Jonson-Reid, M., Way, I., & Chung, S. (2003). Substantiation and recidivism. *Child Maltreatment*, 8(4), 248–260. Retrieved from <http://cmx.sagepub.com/content/8/4/248.full.pdf+html> (2) Lipien, L., & Forthofer, M. S. (2004). An event history analysis of recurrent child maltreatment reports in Florida. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 28(9), 947–966; and (3) Fluke, J. D., Shusterman, G. R., Hollinshead, D., & Yuan, Y-Y. T. (2005). Rereporting and recurrence of child maltreatment: Findings from NCANDS. Retrieved from <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/05/child-maltreat-rereporting/index.htm>

³² The Children's Bureau (2004). General findings from the Federal Child and Family Services Review. Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cwmonitoring/results/genfindings04/genfindings04.pdf>

³³ See the following for examples: (1) National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning. (2007). Foster parent in-service training. Retrieved from <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcp/downloads/policy-issues/Foster-Parent-In-Service-Training.pdf> (2) Ryan, P., & Cole, K. (1993). Maltreatment in family foster care: A survey of the States. East Lansing, MI: National Foster Care Resource Center; and (3) Child Welfare Information Gateway State Statutes: http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state

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

The median performance across States for the years 2007 to 2010 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 2010 was compared to performance in 2007. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.³⁴

**Table II-6. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2007–2010*
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year***				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007–2010	2007–2010
****Measure 1.1: Percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a 6-month period. (N=51 States)	5.3%	5.2%	5.6%	4.6%	32 States (63%)	15 States (29%)
****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)	0.35	0.33	0.34	0.34	29 States (60%)	18 States (38%)

* 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 II-5 or appendix B. Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

*** The 2010 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table II-3 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, the majority of the applicable States (63 percent) demonstrated improved performance with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). In addition, the median across States for this measure decreased substantially, demonstrating an overall improvement in performance (a –13.2 percent change). However, some States (29 percent) showed a decline in performance.

Over the time period examined for this report, national performance change was minimal regarding the maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1). However, it is still notable that many of the States (60 percent) were able to demonstrate at least a 5 percent improvement (the standard in this report for considering a change to be substantial). This is counterbalanced by the fact that 38 percent of the States declined in performance, which resulted in a minimal change between 2007 and 2010 in the national median for this measure.

Between 2007 and 2010, there were noteworthy reductions in recurrences of child maltreatment, as the majority of States demonstrated improvement on this measure, and the median across States decreased substantially.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

While national performance for recurrence of maltreatment improved between 2007 and 2010, there was only minimal improvement for maltreatment in foster care. For both of these safety measures, it is important to keep in mind that, while the percentages of maltreatment may be numerically small, these events have serious implications for the safety and well-being of children. Children who experience maltreatment, either at home or in care, can experience a wide variety of consequences ranging from physical and mental health problems to issues with cognitive development and academic achievement.³⁵ Furthermore, maltreatment recurrence is associated with an increase in trauma symptoms in children.³⁶

³⁴ 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 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is $[(4.6-5.3)/5.3] \times 100 = -13.2$ percent change.

³⁵ 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.

³⁶ 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.³⁷ Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care, encompasses these permanency goals for children and youth.

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

For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) data indicators, a child achieves permanency when he or she is reported to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) as discharged from foster care to one of the following arrangements:

- Reunified with parents or primary caretakers³⁸
- 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 percentages of children in foster care who achieve permanency, and (3) the percentages of children in foster care who exit to emancipation.³⁹ This chapter presents key findings of the analyses of these data across States.⁴⁰ The source of most of the data presented in this chapter is AFCARS.⁴¹

NUMBERS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

As was noted in the preceding Child Welfare Outcomes Report (2006–2009), there continues to be a sharp downward trend in the number of children in foster care. Table III-1 shows this continuous decline in the number of children in foster care on the last days of the fiscal years (FY) between 2007 and 2010. This table also shows the total number of children entering and exiting care during these time periods. Note, however, that the data referenced in table III-1 are current as of January 5, 2011. A discussion of updated data is provided after the table.

Table III-1. Number of Children in Foster Care, 2007-2010*

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children in care, last day of FY	493,000	475,000	447,000	415,000
Children entering care	287,000	267,000	250,000	250,000
Children exiting care	289,000	284,000	272,000	248,000

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

Updated data included in Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2010, a report produced by the Department, present an even more striking downward trend.⁴² The data reported in the updated trends analysis indicate that between FYs 2002 and

³⁷ The term “foster care,” as it is used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, 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 under the care and supervision of the State child welfare agency for 24 hours or longer.

³⁸ 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.”

³⁹ In prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, this chapter also included an analysis of disproportionate racial representation among child victims. Due to unavailable 2010 Census Bureau data on the general child population at the time the present report was being created, this analysis will not be included. We hope to provide this information in future reports.

⁴⁰ 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 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010).

⁴¹ Data used in this report may be different from other sources due to a number of variables, including the timing of data collection. All FY 2010 AFCARS data used in this report are current as of January 5, 2011.

⁴² For more information, see Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2010 on the Children’s Bureau website http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/trends_june2011.pdf. The data used in Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2010 were updated as of June 2011. FY 2007 through FY 2010 AFCARS data used throughout this Child Welfare Outcomes Report were updated January 5, 2011.

2010, the number of children in care on the last days of those FYs decreased by 22 percent from 523,000 to 408,000. The AFCARS database does not provide any information that would allow an analysis of the reasons for the decline. However, a number of States have made deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.⁴³ For example, some States have begun providing more in-home services to families, increased efforts to identify relative homes when out-of-home care is necessary, hired more child protective services (CPS) staff, or implemented greater use of family group decision-making meetings.⁴⁴

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2010, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 22 percent from 523,000 to 408,000.

States differed considerably in 2010 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.⁴⁵ The foster care child entry rate ranged from 1.4 to 7.5 children per 1,000 children in the population, and the median across States was 3.6 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 2010 was low (Pearson's $r = .21$). This observation also was made in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Variations in entry rates may be due to differences across States in policies regarding when children are removed from the home and placed in foster care.⁴⁶ The existence and availability of services designed to support families and enable children to remain in the home also may affect the number of children who enter foster care within a State.

Age and race/ethnicity of children entering foster care

Table III-2 presents information for 2010 pertaining to the ages and race/ethnicity of children reported at the time of their entry into foster care.

Children's Age at Entry (N=52 States)	Range	Median
Under 1 year	7.3–24.3%	15.3%
1–3 years	12.7–27.5	19.7
4–7 years	12.2–24.1	18.4
8–11 years	8.6–20.2	13.8
12–15 years	11.1–32.6	19.8
16+ years	3.9–24.7	10.2
Children's Race/Ethnicity at Entry (N=52 States)*		
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0–48.9	0.5
Asian	0.0–10.9	0.4
Black	0.2–75.0	18.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0–19.9	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7–97.7	9.4
White	0.4–94.2	48.3
Two or more races	0.0–43.7	4.5

* All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴³ 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>

⁴⁴ U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2011). TANF and child welfare programs: Increased data sharing could improve access to benefits and services. (GAO-12-2).

⁴⁵ 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]. Note that 2009 child population data was used for 2010 calculations because the 2010 data were not yet available.

⁴⁶ See the following for examples: Wertheimer, R. (2006.) An assessment of State-level data on child maltreatment and foster care: Summary of a meeting of experts. The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Retrieved from http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2006_04_01_OP_ChildWelfareData.pdf

As shown in table III-2, the age of children entering foster care varied dramatically across States in 2010. In Rhode Island, for example, approximately 51 percent of the children entering foster care were age 12 or older at the time of entry. However, in Texas, only 15 percent of the children entering foster care were age 12 or older at entry. However, in all States except Rhode Island, at least half of the children entering foster care were under the age of 12. In 14 States, the percentage of children under the age of 12 at the time of entry was at least 75 percent.

We are unable to conduct an analysis of disproportionate racial/ethnic representation in the current report, as we have done in prior reports, because the 2010 Census has delayed the availability of the 2010 comparison data for race/ethnicity. However, the race/ethnicity patterns of children entering foster care for 2010 are very similar to those found in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports (see table III-3). In subsequent reports, we plan to provide analyses of disproportionate racial representation for children entering foster care.

Table III-3. Race/Ethnicity of Children Entering Foster Care, 2007–2010

Children's Race/Ethnicity at Entry (N=52 States)*	Median Across States			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	18.9	19.4	19.2	18.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.9	9.6	9.4
White	48.5	47.4	47.1	48.3
Two or more races	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.5

* All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

RANGE OF PERFORMANCE IN ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Nationally, approximately 213,000 children exited foster care to a permanent home in 2010 (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship). Of these 213,000 children, 145,000 (68 percent) were discharged to reunification; 52,000 (24 percent) were discharged to adoption; and 16,000 (8 percent) were discharged to legal guardianship. Approximately 34,000 children exited foster care for reasons other than permanency in 2010. Of these 34,000 children, 27,000 were emancipated from foster care and approximately 7,000 children exited care for other reasons, such as being transferred to another agency or to another State.

State performance with regard to finding permanent homes for foster children 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.⁴⁷

⁴⁷ 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.

**Table III-4. Range of State Performance, 2010
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=48 States)	83.7%	86.8%	89.8%	70.7–95.2%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=45 States)	71.7	77.0	80.9	29.6–95.1
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 States)	59.1	67.3	71.9	34.5–90.6
**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=48 States)	20.2	24.8	33.5	5.7–50.2
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=48 States)	24.9	30.2	38.2	13.5–49.2
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=46 States)	91.4	95.5	96.8	84.2–100
**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? (N=48 States)	35.7	44.1	52.4	13.4–67.4

* 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 2010, 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 = 95.5 percent).⁴⁸ Nonetheless, it is important to keep in mind that a central goal in child welfare is to find permanent, secure homes for all children who must enter foster care.

Children with disabilities and children in foster care for a long time

The data in table III-4 also indicate that in 2010, States were fairly successful in finding permanent homes for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 86.8 percent). However, States were less successful in finding permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 77.0 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 = 67.3 percent). These disparities in finding permanent homes for older children and children with disabilities have been consistent findings in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. The disparities suggest that agencies should continue to review their data and current practices to consider whether there are ways to increase placing these older youth and children with disabilities in permanent homes.

States tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (86.8 percent) than for children with a diagnosed disability (77.0 percent) and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (67.3 percent).

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 2010 (13.5 percent to 49.2 percent), the data indicate that all States struggled to some degree with this measure. The median of all States' performance indicates that only 30.2 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 strong positive correlation (Pearson's $r = .70$) between these two measures.

⁴⁸ 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.

Older youth in 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 27,000 youth were emancipated from foster care in 2010. One of the issues addressed by these measures is the amount of time children were in foster care before emancipation. That is, did they spend a large portion of their formative years in foster care, or did they enter foster care in mid- or late adolescence?

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 2010, States with the lowest percentages of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation were Indiana (1.7 percent), West Virginia (2.2 percent), and Alaska (3.7 percent). States with the highest percentages were Virginia (25.6 percent), Maryland (25.3 percent), and the District of Columbia (24.6 percent). In 2010, the median across States for children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation was 9.6 percent.⁴⁹

States vary substantially in the percentage of foster youth exiting to emancipation, and there is no demonstrable relationship with the number of youth entering foster care who are age 13 or older.

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. This was not the case. The percentage of children 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 $r = .10$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

The data shown in table III-4 suggest that, in many States, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2010 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, 24 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4). In addition, in about one-half of the States, 44 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3).

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

Table III-5 presents the median performances across States for 2007 to 2010 on measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care. The table also presents a summary of the change in State performance between 2007 and 2010 on these measures. Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁵⁰ These median performances and changes in performance over time should be viewed together in order to gain a better understanding of trends over time.

⁴⁹ The median of 9.6 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.

⁵⁰ 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 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is $[(4.6-5.3)/5.3] \times 100 = -13.2$ percent change.

**Table III-5. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2007–2010*
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year***				States That Improved in Performance 2007–2010	States That Declined in Performance 2007–2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Measure 3.1: Percentage of all children exiting foster care to a permanent home. (N=48 States)	86.8%	87.7%	87.6%	86.8%	7 States (15%)	6 States (13%)
Measure 3.2: Percentage of all children with a diagnosed disability exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home. (N=40 States)	77.9	78.0	77.8	77.9	14 States (35%)	11 States (28%)
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=48 States)	68.4	67.6	67.2	67.3	8 States (17%)	17 States (35%)
****Measure 3.4: Percentage of all children who were emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger. (N=48 States)	26.6	25.6	25.7	24.8	26 States (54%)	15 States (31%)
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=48 States)	26.4	29.5	30.2	30.2	33 States (69%)	6 States (13%)
*****Measure C3.2: Percentage of children discharged from foster care who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge and who exited to a permanent home. (N=46 States)	94.1	93.8	94.7	95.5	5 States (11%)	2 States (4%)
****Measure C3.3: Percentage of children emancipated or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for 3 years or longer. (N=48 States)	44.9	44.9	45.1	44.1	25 States (52%)	10 States (21%)

* 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 2010 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, the most notable change in performance between 2007 and 2010 is in the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who attained permanency by the end of the year (measure C3.1). For this measure, many States showed improved performance, and there was improvement in the national median between 2007 and 2010. Note, however, that the national median did not change between 2009 and 2010 (it remained constant at 30.2 percent). It will require future years’ data in order to determine whether improvement is leveling off or if there will continue to be gradual increases in performance among the States.

Between 2007 and 2010, 69 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children in foster care for long periods of time who attained permanency by the end of the year.

Another area that showed improved performance was the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger (measure 3.4). Fifty-four percent of States demonstrated improved performance on this measure between 2007 and 2010, and the national median exhibited a –6.8 percent change over this time period (note that a lower percentage is desirable on this measure).

There was a slight improvement in performance over time 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, although 52 percent of States demonstrated improvement between 2007 and 2010, 21 percent of States demonstrated a performance decline, and the national median improved only minimally (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). While it is noteworthy that 25 States showed improved performance, the small change in the national median indicates that these improvements were not enough to substantially increase the national median for 2010 on this measure.

There were no distinct patterns of change across States for the other measures associated with Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. In particular, a large majority (85 percent) of States exhibited no change in performance on measure C3.2, which evaluates exits to permanent homes of children who were legally free for adoption. Similarly, the majority (73 percent) of States did not show a change for measure 3.1, which assesses exits to permanent homes of all children exiting foster care.

Many States struggled in finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (measure 3.2, median = 77.0 percent, range = 29.6 to 95.1 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 67.3 percent, range = 34.5 to 90.6 percent). The national median changed only slightly between 2007 and 2010 for measure 3.2, and the percentage of States that showed an improvement between 2007 and 2010 was almost equivalent to the percentage that showed a decline (35 percent showed an improvement and 28 percent showed a performance decline). For measure 3.3, 17 States (35 percent) showed a performance decline between 2007 and 2010, while 8 States (17 percent) showed an improvement in performance. The national median for measure 3.3 changed only minimally from 68.4 percent in 2007 to 67.3 percent in 2010.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Some positive findings emerged in the data between 2007 and 2010 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, 69 percent of States showed improvement for children in foster care for 24 months or longer). Another interesting point is that States that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also were successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a strong positive correlation (Pearson's $r = .70$) between these two measures. Understanding the practices of successful States could provide useful guidance to States that are striving to improve performance in these areas.

Many States are making progress in their efforts to find permanent homes for children in care for longer periods of time.

Another notable finding was the reduction in the number of children emancipating from foster care who entered foster care at age 12 or younger (measure 3.4, 54 percent of States showed improvement). Historically, many States have struggled in these areas. It is encouraging to note that many States are making progress in their efforts to find permanent homes for children in care for longer periods of time.

Consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, the measures assessing permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care indicate that, across the States, the majority of children exiting foster care in 2010 were discharged to permanent homes (measure 3.1, median = 86.8 percent). In addition, the vast majority of the children who were legally free for adoption at the time of exit from foster care were discharged to permanent homes (measure C3.2, median = 95.5 percent).

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 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 $r = .10$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

A less positive finding in the 2010 data is that some States experienced challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (table III-4, measure 3.2, median = 77.0 percent, range = 29.6 to 95.1 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 67.3 percent, range = 34.5 to 90.6 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.

States have consistently experienced challenges in finding permanent homes for children with disabilities and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12.

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.⁵¹ Timeliness of guardianships is not addressed in this chapter because the percentage of children who are discharged from foster care to guardianship is very small in almost all States. However, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351) created an option for States to provide kinship guardianship assistance payments under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act). This may contribute to an increase in guardianships in the future.

Timeliness of achieving permanency for children in foster care is critical to their well-being.⁵² This emphasis is reinforced and supported by Federal policy and law, such as the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA), which stresses the importance of the timely identification of permanent homes for children taken into foster care.

CASEWORKER VISITS

Achieving permanency in a timely manner for foster children can be linked in part to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), an association was found between caseworker visits measures and positive outcomes for children in foster care. For example, frequent contact between the caseworker and the child (as indicated by positive ratings on Item 19 in the CFSR onsite review instrument) was associated with better ratings on CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.⁵³ This is, in part, one of the reasons for inclusion of a provision on caseworker visits in the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288). P.L. 109-288 amended title IV-B of the Act to support monthly caseworker visits with children in foster care.

The data regarding caseworker visits presented in this report are not CFSR onsite review data but are derived from the data required under P.L. 109-288. States began reporting this information with the submission of 2007 data. Requirements for the caseworker visits data are defined under section 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Act.⁵⁴

The caseworker visits data presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report include the percentage of foster children visited each full month they were in foster care, as well as the proportion of those visits that occurred in the homes where the children were then living. The 2010 data for Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV) and Visits in the Home (VIH) are shown in table IV-1.

**Table IV-1. Range of State Performance, 2010
Monthly Caseworker Visits and Visits in the Home**

Measure	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
The percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits (MCV) (N=51 States)	63%	73%	82%	27–96%
The percentage of the monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child (VIH) (N=51 States)	79	87	94	47–100

TIMELINESS OF REUNIFICATIONS⁵⁵

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

⁵¹ 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.

⁵² 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>

⁵³ The CFSR onsite review instrument can be found on the Children’s Bureau website http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/tools_guide/onsitefinal.htm. 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>

⁵⁴ More information on the caseworker visits measures can be found in appendix C of this report. In addition, detailed information on caseworker visits data collection and reporting can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 issued April 18, 2008 http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0803.htm. This citation applies to the years included in this report.

⁵⁵ 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.

Table IV-2 presents summary data regarding State performance in 2010 on key measures assessing both the timeliness and permanency of reunification.⁵⁶ This table includes one of the measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports (measure 4.1), as well as the measures that are part of CFSR Composite 1.⁵⁷

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.

**Table IV-2. Range of State Performance, 2010
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=48 States)	58.6%	69.1%	74.9%	35.8–88.4%
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment**) (N=47 States)	63.4	67.9	73.8	45.5–91.3
***Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	6.5 mos.	7.6 mos.	8.9 mos.	1.7–13.9 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	33.2	42.9	48.0	16.6–62.3
***Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=48 States)	8.7	12.4	15.2	2.0–25.7

* 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 2010 data shown in table IV-2 indicate that, in many States, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and the CFSR, a reunification is considered to be timely if it occurs in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care. Across States, the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was between 67 and 69 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay of reunified children was 7.6 months (measure C1.2).

Speed of reunification of foster children is understood best when it also is known how many of those children reentered foster care within a short period of time.

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

⁵⁶ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010).

⁵⁷ 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.

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 the noncohort measures, 4.1 and C1.1. As shown in table IV-2, the median across States was 42.9 percent (versus greater than 67 percent for both 4.1 and C1.1), and the 75th percentile was 48.0 percent (versus greater than 73 percent for both 4.1 and C1.1). Therefore, in at least 75 percent of the States, the majority of children who entered foster care *for the first time* in the last 6 months of 2009 were still in foster care 12 months later.

A reunification is considered to be timely if it occurs in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care.

Measure C1.4 assesses the permanency of reunification (reentry rate) by conducting a 12-month follow-up of a cohort of children who were discharged from foster care to reunification and identifying the percentage of those children who reentered foster care within 12 months of their prior discharge. The median across States for this measure is 12.4 percent. The following are additional important findings with regard to the timeliness of reunifications and the reentry rate for 2010:

- *Moderate to high correlations were found between the measure of reentry into foster care and the age of children entering foster care.* Many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r = .70$). Conversely, many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger also had a relatively low percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r = -.52$). Because of the identified association between older youth and foster care reentry rate, States may want to consider what targeted strategies and services they could provide to youth and their families so that teenagers would be less likely to come back into foster care. Compared to younger children, teenagers may present very different challenges to States, and it appears that States will need to better understand these challenges if they are to prevent the higher reentry rate for these youth.
- *A moderate correlation was found between timeliness of reunification and reentry.* Many States with a relatively high percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r = .45$). One strategy for States that are trying to achieve better performance on both measures would be to consider what family services they could provide to prevent children from reentering foster care once they have been reunified.
- *Moderate correlations were found between the timeliness of reunification measures and foster care entry rates.* Several States with relatively high foster care entry rates also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's $r = .44$) and relatively low median lengths of stay (measure C1.2) (Pearson's $r = -.43$). A question to consider is whether States that tend to take more children into foster care, in general, may be taking in more children from families with less severe concerns, making rapid reunification more feasible. Additional analysis from researchers in the field would be necessary to understand this issue fully.

Many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r = .70$).

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO ACHIEVING TIMELY REUNIFICATIONS

Table IV-3 shows the change in the national median over time for State performance on achieving timely reunifications for children in foster care. This table also shows the number of States with an improvement or decline in performance, as calculated by a percent change calculation.⁵⁸

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 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is $[(4.6-5.3)/5.3] \times 100 = -13.2$ percent change.

Table IV-3. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2007–2010*
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted)***				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Measure 4.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care. (N=48 States)	68.5%	67.9%	68.1%	69.1%	14 States (29%)	10 States (21%)
Measure C1.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care, with the 8-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=47 States)	67.5	68.6	67.9	67.9	14 States (30%)	10 States (21%)
****Measure C1.2: Median length of stay in months for children reunified, with the 8-day and trial home visit adjustments (N=47 States)	7.7 mos.	7.9 mos.	8.0 mos.	7.6 mos.	16 States (34%)	18 States (38%)
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 8-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=47 States)	41.9	43.4	41.7	42.9	18 States (38%)	13 States (28%)
****Measure C1.4: Percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months from being reunified. (N=48 States)	12.5	13.4	12.7	12.4	23 States (48%)	13 States (27%)

* 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 2010 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, there were no dramatic patterns that emerged in the data with regard to the measures of achieving timely reunifications. For the measure of reentry into foster care for children discharged to reunification (measure C1.4), there were some signs of improvement. Forty-eight percent of States showed improved performance between 2007 and 2010. However, there was little change in the national median for this measure. Therefore, while it is noteworthy that 48 percent of States improved on this measure, it is also important to note that these improvements were not enough to increase the national median on this measure.

With regard to the median length of stay in foster care for children who are reunified (measure C1.2), performance had been declining between 2007 and 2009 but improved in 2010 (see table IV-3). Specifically, between 2009 and 2010, the national median improved from 8.0 months to 7.6 months (a –5.0 percent change). Note that because a shorter length of stay is desirable, this demonstrates an improvement in performance. Future reports will address whether or not the performance improvement on this measure is sustained.

TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

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

The concern in the nation about timeliness of adoption was expressed in ASFA. It stipulates that States should 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 ASFA, a child is considered to have "entered foster care" (for purposes of starting the clock for the 15 of 22 months) on the earlier of:

1. The first judicial finding that the child has been subjected to abuse and/or neglect, or
2. The date that is 60 days (two months) after the date on which the child is removed from the home.

For the purposes of calculating the related outcome measures, a 17-month timeframe was used because the AFCARS data system does not collect information pertaining to the date of the first judicial finding.

Other measures of adoption timeliness are also used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. All of these measures will be discussed in this section.

Nationally, approximately 107,000 children were waiting for adoption, and 52,000 children exited foster care to adoption in 2010.⁵⁹ 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 composite 2. Table IV-4 presents summary data showing the range of State performance in 2010 on the measures relevant to this outcome.

**Table IV-4. Range of State Performance, 2010
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=48 States)	2.3%	3.9%	6.0%	0.8–32.8%
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=48 States)	25.9	33.1	37.3	6.9–86.1
***Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=48 States)	27.3 mos.	29.4 mos.	32.6 mos.	14.4–45.6 mos.
Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=48 States)	19.4	24.9	30.4	13.0–46.4
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? (N=46 States)	8.7	11.8	16.3	2.3–30.8
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=46 States)	46.2	60.0	67.0	25.5–85.5

* 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 2010 suggests that achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few States.

As shown in table IV-4, in 2010, 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 3.9 percent. In six States, however, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months was more than 10 percent. These States were Utah (32.8 percent), North Dakota (22.7 percent), Missouri (11.2 percent), Florida (11.2 percent), Vermont (10.8 percent), and Iowa (10.5 percent).

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 = 33.1 percent), but performance on this measure still needs improvement. There were four States in which at least 50 percent of adoptions occurred in less than 24 months of the child’s entry into foster care. These States were Utah (86.1 percent), Iowa (59.4 percent), Vermont (53.2 percent), and Colorado (50.6 percent).

Two measures reported in table IV-4 (measures C2.3 and C2.4) assess the progress toward timely adoptions using a longitudinal analysis. 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).⁶⁰ The data presented in table IV-4 indicate that, across States, a small percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer at the start of FY 2010 were adopted by the end of that year (measure C2.3, median = 24.9 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 2010 became

The 2010 data suggest that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months remains a challenge for all but a few States.

⁵⁹ There is no Federal definition for a child “waiting for adoption.” The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents’ parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents’ parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State’s own definition may differ from that used here. Note that these adoption numbers are frequently updated. Please see the Children’s Bureau website for the most updated data: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#afcars

⁶⁰ 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.

legally free for adoption within the first 6 months of that year (measure C2.4, median = 11.8 percent). As shown in the range for this measure, even in the highest performing State, only 30.8 percent of the children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2010 became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year. These data indicate that many States have not been completely successful in achieving the ASFA goal of seeking adoptions for foster children in a timely way.

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. The practice expectation is that once parental rights have been terminated, the State should work as rapidly as possible to ensure that the child achieves a finalized adoption. As shown in table IV-4, the range in performance on this measure across States is extensive (25.5 to 85.5 percent). For example, in six States (West Virginia, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, and Montana), fewer than 40 percent of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free. However, in five States (the District of Columbia, New Hampshire, Wyoming, Maryland, and Utah) 80 percent or more of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted in less than 12 months after becoming legally free.

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

The median performances across States for the years 2007 to 2010 on measures pertaining to achieving timely adoptions for children in foster care are presented in table IV-5. The 2010 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 (2007 through 2010). Table IV-5 also presents a breakdown of the number of States showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2007 and 2010. Change in median State performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁶¹

Table IV-5. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2007–2010*
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured as months, as noted)				States That Improved in Performance 2007–2010	States That Declined in Performance 2007–2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		
***Measure 5.1a: Percentage of children discharged to adoption in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care. (N=48 States)	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%	25 States (52%)	18 States (38%)
Measure C2.1: Percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the date of entry into foster care. (N=48 States)	31.1	29.3	32.9	33.1	23 States (48%)	17 States (35%)
****Measure C2.2: State's median length of stay in months for children adopted. (N=48 States)	30.2 mos.	30.8 mos.	30.2 mos.	29.4 mos.	18 States (38%)	13 States (27%)
*****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=48 States)	21.1	23.2	24.8	24.9	36 States (75%)	5 States (10%)
*****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 6 months of the year. (N=46 States)	11.1	11.9	12.3	11.8	23 States (50%)	15 States (33%)
Measure C2.5: Percentage of children who are legally free for adoption who are adopted in less than 12 months of becoming legally free. (N=46 States)	51.5	55.0	55.3	60.0	34 States (74%)	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 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.

⁶¹ Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is [(4.6–5.3)/5.3] x 100 = –13.2 percent change.

For all measures related to achieving timely adoptions, there were more States that demonstrated improved performance than there were States that demonstrated a performance decline. The most pronounced improvement was in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3). For this measure, 75 percent of States demonstrated improved performance between 2007 and 2010. In addition, the national median for measure C2.3 improved from 21.1 percent in 2007 to 24.9 percent in 2010 (an 18.0 percent change).

Seventy-five percent of States showed improved performance between 2007 and 2010 in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year.

Another area showing substantial improvement was the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). Seventy-four percent of States showed improved performance on this measure between 2007 and 2010. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 51.5 percent in 2007 to 60.0 percent in 2010 (a 16.5 percent change).

There was also improvement in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months (measure 5.1a) and the percentage occurring in less than 24 months (measure C2.1). Fifty-two percent of the States experienced improved performance between 2007 and 2010 in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months (5.1b), and the national median for this measure improved from 3.1 percent in 2007 to 3.9 percent in 2010 (a 25.8 percent change). While not as striking an increase, 48 percent of States also demonstrated improvements in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (C2.1). The national median for this measure improved from 31.1 percent in 2007 to 33.1 percent in 2010 (a 6.4 percent change).

Improvement also was demonstrated 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, 50 percent of States showed improved performance between 2007 and 2010. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 11.1 percent in 2007 to 11.8 percent in 2010 (a 6.3 percent change). Note, however, that the national median for this measure fluctuated over the 4 years included in this report. While continuously improving between 2007 and 2009 (up to a high of 12.3 percent in 2009), the national median performance declined in 2010 compared with the previous years under review.

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. The measures that assess timeliness of reunification indicate that, of those children reunified, the majority are reunified within 12 months from the time of entry into foster care (table IV-2, medians for measures 4.1 and C1.1 are 69.1 percent and 67.9 percent, respectively). There were no clear patterns in change over time for these two measures. In terms of the permanency of reunifications, the data show a trend toward a lower reentry rate among a majority of the States (table IV-4, 48 percent of States improved performance on measure C1.4 versus 27 percent that declined in performance). It is important that areas of timeliness and permanency be reviewed together so that strategies can be developed to improve performance in both.

The results for the entry cohort measure (C1.3) indicate that, in most States, the majority of children entering foster care for the first time in the last 6 months of 2009 were still in foster care 12 months later. While more States improved than declined on this measure between 2007 and 2010, overall national performance remains quite static (table IV-3, median = 42.9 percent). Although not all of these children eventually will exit foster care to reunification, many of them will be reunified after being in foster care for a year or longer.

The data for 2010 also suggest that while national performance is improving, many States experience challenges in ensuring that children who are reunified do not reenter foster care within the year. A consistent finding of the data analyses for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that many States that have a high percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months from the child's entry into foster care also have a high percentage of children who reenter foster care in less than 12 months from the time of reunification. This is an important finding because it raises the possibility that not all of the problems that resulted in the child's initial entry into foster care were resolved adequately at the time of reunification, or that new problems arose at the point of reunification that were not addressed sufficiently by the agency.

Another consistent finding 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 13 or older) (Pearson's $r = .70$). The challenges that these youth present to State child welfare systems with regard to meeting the reunification needs of the children and their families may be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families, and States with large numbers of youth in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies that target the needs of these youth. The number of youth in foster care, broken down by age, is shown for each State on the data pages in chapter VI of this report.

A consistent finding in Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that States with more adolescents (age 13 or older) entering foster care tend to have higher reentry rates.

Achieving timely adoptions

The data for 2010 indicate that achieving adoptions in a timely manner remains a challenge for many States. The exceptions to this pattern are Utah, Iowa, North Dakota, and Colorado, where 51 percent to 86 percent of the adoptions finalized in 2010 occurred in less than 24 months from the time of the child's entry into foster care. While the AFCARS dataset used in this report does not permit an analysis of why these States are more successful than others in achieving timely adoptions, future investigation by researchers in the field might consider focusing on this topic.

Despite the challenges of achieving adoptions in a timely manner, many States have shown signs of improvement with regard to a number of measures in this area:

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

Despite the challenges of making adoptions timelier, many States demonstrated improved performance between 2007 and 2010 on several adoption measures contained in this report.

Similar positive findings on these adoption measures were also discussed in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009*, indicating an optimistic trend for these measures.

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

While a child is in foster care, the State child welfare agency has the responsibility to ensure that the child is in a stable placement setting. The appropriateness of a placement setting is also 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.⁶² This was the approach used in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it also is consistent with the approach used for the composite measures in the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).

Finding appropriate placement settings for children is evaluated by examining the degree to which children age 12 or younger are placed in group homes or institutions rather than family foster homes. By Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Report System (AFCARS) definitions, family foster homes may have up to 6 children; group homes have between 7 and 12 children; and institutions have 13 or more children. There are some instances in which a group home or institution is determined to be the most appropriate placement to meet the needs of a child. For example, young children may need a particular type of care to meet certain physical or mental health needs. However, the concept behind this outcome 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 foster children for whom a foster family setting will not meet their highly specialized needs. However, a family setting generally 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).⁶³ 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).⁶⁴

**Table V-1. Range of State Performance, 2010
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=49 States)	82.5%	85.1%	87.8%	72.1–92.2%
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 States)	56.6	62.2	67.5	44.1–76.2
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 States)	25.7	33.0	38.4	13.6–45.1
*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=49 States)	3.1	4.5	7.2	0.9–20.9

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

As shown in table V-1, in most States, the majority of children in foster care for less than 12 months experienced no more than two placement settings in 2010 (measure 6.1a, median = 85.1 percent). While it is encouraging that 85 percent of the children remain in stable placements, it is in the best interest of children for States to continue to do as much as they can to keep placement setting counts to a minimum insofar as this is in the best interest of the child.⁶⁵

⁶² 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.

⁶³ 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 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010).

⁶⁴ 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.

⁶⁵ There may be times when a new placement setting will be in the best interest of the child, such as a placement that provides more services.

Although most States appear to be reasonably successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, States tend to be far less successful in keeping the number of placement settings low for children in foster care for longer periods of time. As shown in table V-1, the median across States declines from 85.1 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 62.2 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 33.0 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

The data in table V-1 also indicate that in about one-half of the States in 2010, 4.5 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. While this indicates a positive national performance overall, there were seven States where the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions was between 10 percent and 21 percent.⁶⁶

CHANGES 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.⁶⁷

**Table V-2. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2007–2010*
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year				States That Improved in Performance 2007–2010	States That Declined in Performance 2007–2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Measure 6.1a: Percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=49 States)	85.1%	84.7%	85.3%	85.1%	8 States (16%)	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=49 States)	61.2	60.9	60.6	62.2	21 States (43%)	5 States (10%)
Measure 6.1c: Percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=49 States)	32.0	31.5	30.5	33.0	15 States (31%)	16 States (33%)
***Measure 7.1: Percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger who are placed in group homes or institutions. (N=49 States)	5.7	5.1	4.4	4.5	33 States (67%)	13 States (27%)

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

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

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

The most outstanding finding from table V-2 is the reduction in the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions (measure 7.1). Sixty-seven percent of States showed improvement on this measure between 2007 and 2010. This is consistent with the fact that the national median for measure 7.1 declined from 5.7 percent in 2007 to 4.5 percent in 2010 (a –21.1 percent change).

As indicated by table V-2, there was very little change between 2007 and 2010 in the percentage of children in foster care for 12 months or longer who experienced two or fewer placement settings (measure 6.1a). Table V-2 shows that 80 percent of States had no change in performance between 2007 and 2010.

Similar placement setting stability patterns emerged regarding the percentage of children in foster care between 12 to 24 months (measure 6.1b) and the percentage in care 24 months or longer (measure 6.1c) who experienced two or fewer placement settings. That is, the national medians gradually declined between 2007 and 2009, but then improved for 2010 (see table V-2). Since the calculation of change in performance used in table V-2 (above) utilizes only the performance in 2007 and 2010, this pattern of change is only apparent by reviewing table V-2. However, it is important to note that there is currently not enough data to know whether or not the improved performance in 2010 will mark the start of an actual upward trend. This can be determined as data for subsequent years becomes available.

⁶⁶ The seven States were Arkansas, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

⁶⁷ 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 5.3 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2010, so the formula is $[(4.6-5.3)/5.3] \times 100 = -13.2$ percent change.

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

A consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that although States are fairly successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, the percentage of children who have placement stability declines considerably the longer the children are in foster care. This is illustrated by the fact that the median across States declines from 85.1 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 62.2 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 33.0 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer. There is an ongoing need for improvement in this area.

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

Consistent with findings from *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006*, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2004–2007*, and *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009*, the majority of States continue to progress in lowering the numbers of young children placed in group homes or institutions. Between 2007 and 2010, 67 percent of States showed improved performance on this measure. In addition, the national median improved from 5.7 percent in 2007 to 4.5 percent in 2010.

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

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

The data pages also include the composite scores for each State for the four CFSR composite measures. These composite scores are based on the results of a Principal Components Analysis conducted by the Department's Children's Bureau. This process is explained in detail in the *Federal Register* announcement published on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

VIEWING THE STATE DATA PAGES

As discussed in chapter 1, the data used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report may vary slightly from other sources if a State resubmitted data after the Department prepared the data for this report. Data included in the State Data Pages were prepared on the following dates:

- 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data: January 5, 2011
- 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) data: April 26, 2011
- 2007, 2008, and 2009 Census data: June 18, 2010
- 2010 Census data: Unavailable at the time this report was written⁶⁸
- 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 caseworker visits data: April 15, 2011

Information from the State Data Pages is presented as follows:

- Data for the context variables
- Data showing State performance on the original outcome measures
- Data pertaining to State performance on the 15 CFSR measures and the State's composite scores for 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010
- 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 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 percent but less than 0.1 percent, this is indicated by "< 0.1."
- 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."
- 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 (—).

⁶⁸ The 2010 Census delayed the availability of the 2010 child population estimates. Due to that delay, the total child population estimates, race/ethnicity breakdowns for the general child population, and the child population in poverty data for 2010 are not published in this report. These data will be available for publication in the 2008–2011 report.

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE

The following two tables provide the 2010 medians and ranges in State performance on the original outcome measures (table VI-1) and the CFSR composite measures (table VI-2). These tables are presented to provide a point of context for understanding individual State performance on these measures. Median State performance on these measures for 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 are included on tables 1 and 2 of the executive summary of this report.

**Table VI-1. Range of State Performance, 2010
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 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period? (N=52 States)	4.8%	1.2–12.3%
**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=49 States)	0.35	0.00–2.33
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 States)	86.8	70.7–95.2
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=45 States)	77.0	29.6–95.1
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 States)	67.3	34.5–90.6
**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=48 States)	24.8	5.7–50.2
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=48 States)	69.1	35.8–88.4
Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=48 States)	3.9	0.8–32.8
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=49 States)	85.1	72.1–92.2
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 States)	62.2	44.1–76.2
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 States)	33.0	13.6–45.1
**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=49 States)	4.5	0.9–20.9

* 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, 2010
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 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) (N=47 States)	67.9	45.5–91.3
***Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	7.6 mos.	1.7–13.9 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=47 States)	42.9	16.6–62.3
***Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=48 States)	12.4	2.0–25.7
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=48 States)	33.1	6.9–86.1
***Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=48 States)	29.4 mos.	14.4–45.6 mos.
****Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=48 States)	24.9	13.0–46.4
*****Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? (N=46 States)	11.8	2.3–30.8
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=46 States)	60.0	25.5–85.5
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=48 States)	30.2	13.5–49.2
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=46 States)	95.5	84.2–100
***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? (N=48 States)	44.1	13.4–67.4

* 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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,127,750	1,129,522	1,128,864	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	X
Asian	1.0	0.9	1.1	X
Black	30.3	30.4	30.0	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	5.0	5.7	X
White	61.6	61.4	60.8	X
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	2.0	X
Child population in poverty (%)	24.3	21.7	24.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	9,247	9,217	8,295	9,586
Foster care entry rate	3.5	3.1	2.7	2.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,331	6,904	6,224	6,494
Children adopted	349	442	638	530

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	59	46	58	65
Numerator	218	4,058	215	240
Denominator	370	8,822	368	371
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	68	89	88	94
Numerator	1,129	25,591	1,483	1,639
Denominator	1,653	28,597	1,682	1,744

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,531	24.4 per 1,000	28,952	25.6 per 1,000	27,629	24.5 per 1,000	29,508	26.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	9,247	8.2 per 1,000	9,217	8.2 per 1,000	8,295	7.3 per 1,000	9,586	8.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	23	2.0 per 100,000	20	1.8 per 100,000	14	1.2 per 100,000	13	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.3	15.6	12.3	11.9
1 year	5.3	6.2	6.6	6.9
2 years	5.8	6.2	6.5	6.9
3 years	5.7	5.6	6.2	6.3
4 years	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.8
5 years	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.9
6 years	5.8	5.0	5.2	5.1
7 years	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.8
8 years	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.0
9 years	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.1
10 years	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.4
11 years	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
12 years	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.5
13 years	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.1
14 years	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.4
15 years	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.8
16 years	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.8
17 years	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	3.3	0.2	1.0	0.5
Number	9,247	9,217	8,295	9,586

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Black	21.2	20.6	26.3	26.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.3	4.0	4.4
White	34.5	33.2	50.3	57.1
Two or more races	0.6	0.9	2.1	2.9
Missing data	40.0	42.0	17.0	8.9
Number	9,247	9,217	8,295	9,586

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Neglect	42.2	39.8	36.5	36.7
Physical abuse	40.5	42.8	47.7	48.9
Sexual abuse	24.7	25.0	22.7	22.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,247	9,217	8,295	9,586

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	51.2	51.7	46.4	45.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	7,022	6,912	6,669	6,166	3,924	3,506	3,051	3,010	3,615	3,514	3,496	2,682	7,331	6,904	6,224	6,494
Median length of stay (months)	19.1	19.0	19.5	19.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8	12.1	15.2	13.9	19.3	19.4	19.3	19.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.0	5.9	5.6	5.1	18.6	18.3	17.5	18.6	6.4	6.2	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.1	5.6
1 year	5.5	5.9	6.3	6.4	7.0	6.7	7.0	8.2	7.4	7.0	7.8	9.0	5.7	6.4	6.3	5.7
2 years	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.1	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.8	7.4	8.8	5.3	5.8	5.6	5.8
3 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.6	6.3	5.4	6.6	5.6	6.7	7.3	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.8
4 years	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8
5 years	4.1	3.9	4.5	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.0	6.4	5.5	3.9	4.5	3.8	4.2
6 years	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.8
7 years	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.2	4.8	4.7	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.8	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.3	3.9
8 years	3.9	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.3
9 years	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.4	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5
10 years	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.3
11 years	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.6
12 years	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.0
13 years	4.9	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.2	3.7	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.6	3.8
14 years	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.6	5.2	5.3	4.9	4.9	3.9	3.9	3.3	4.1	5.8	5.0	5.7	4.7
15 years	7.7	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.8	5.3	5.1	4.2	3.5	3.7	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.1
16 years	8.2	8.1	7.4	7.5	6.7	6.4	4.6	5.8	5.6	5.3	4.3	4.0	8.2	7.3	7.6	6.9
17 years	7.6	8.3	8.0	7.8	3.7	3.6	4.7	3.1	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.7	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.6
18 years	5.3	5.3	6.1	6.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	6.1	5.9	6.0	3.9	5.2	6.1	6.1	6.6
19 years	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.6	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	3.5	4.3	4.7	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.6	4.3
20 years	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.7	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.1	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.8

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	46.0	44.4	44.5	43.5	39.6	38.7	32.5	30.0	41.0	38.2	35.6	33.6	45.1	44.7	43.7	41.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	3.3	3.9	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.9	5.2	3.4	3.4	4.9	6.2	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.5
White	49.5	49.6	47.0	46.6	53.6	55.7	54.6	54.4	53.9	56.1	54.6	52.2	49.5	49.3	46.5	47.9
Two or more races	1.5	2.1	3.8	4.4	1.7	1.2	4.4	4.8	1.0	1.8	3.5	5.3	1.8	1.8	4.3	4.2
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	3.3	5.4	0.5	0.2	1.3	2.7	0.2	0.2	1.4	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,841	1,771	1,476	1,323
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,233	1,142	886	637

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.7	2.9	2.0	1.7
1 year	5.6	6.5	6.5	5.3
2 years	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.4
3 years	6.7	6.3	5.4	6.2
4 years	6.5	6.4	5.5	5.6
5 years	5.5	6.3	5.6	5.9
6 years	5.4	4.6	5.2	5.6
7 years	4.5	5.8	4.7	5.1
8 years	6.5	4.9	5.4	4.5
9 years	5.3	5.9	5.2	4.7
10 years	5.3	5.3	6.6	4.8
11 years	5.1	5.3	6.4	6.5
12 years	5.4	5.7	5.6	6.5
13 years	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.5
14 years	5.7	5.5	6.6	5.7
15 years	4.8	5.1	5.5	7.0
16 years	6.1	5.0	5.8	6.3
17 years	6.5	6.0	5.0	5.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1
Black	44.8	41.7	40.5	39.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	4.1	5.4	4.5
White	50.0	51.2	49.1	49.8
Two or more races	2.4	2.7	4.5	4.5
Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	349	442	638	530

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.7	1.8	0.9	1.1
1 year	4.9	6.1	7.1	9.4
2 years	13.5	10.6	12.2	14.0
3 years	9.5	10.6	11.0	9.8
4 years	7.4	8.1	8.5	6.8
5 years	8.6	9.0	10.3	5.5
6 years	6.9	7.0	7.5	6.8
7 years	8.0	6.3	6.1	5.5
8 years	6.6	6.6	6.1	5.7
9 years	6.6	5.9	5.6	6.6
10 years	5.4	5.4	4.1	7.2
11 years	5.2	3.6	4.2	4.3
12 years	5.7	2.7	3.3	3.4
13 years	2.6	5.0	4.1	4.9
14 years	3.2	3.4	2.2	2.8
15 years	1.1	2.0	2.5	2.3
16 years	1.4	2.5	1.9	1.7
17 years	1.1	2.5	1.6	1.3
18 years	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	36.4	29.4	32.0	29.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	3.6	6.3	9.4
White	60.7	60.6	55.0	52.8
Two or more races	1.7	5.9	5.5	8.3
Unknown	0.3	0.0	1.1	0.4
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	98.0	98.7	98.8	98.8
Children with one or more recurrences	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.2
Number	4,049	3,955	3,320	3,914

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.15	0.19	0.09	0.03
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.85	99.81	99.91	99.97
Number	10,946	10,418	9,720	9,176

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	9.7	12.5	19.6	20.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	80.3	77.7	65.8	69.0
Other	10.0	9.7	13.6	9.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	1.0	1.7
Number	3,615	3,514	3,496	2,682

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	18.8	18.1	18.8	30.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	58.6	52.7	63.3	63.7
Other	21.9	29.2	17.2	4.1
Missing data	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.6
Number	256	260	128	920

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.9	1.1	2.3	1.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	79.3	78.7	60.4	71.3
Other	19.6	19.8	36.0	24.1
Missing data	0.2	0.3	1.2	2.9
Number	975	887	814	526

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	49.0	48.1	35.3	43.3
Children older than 12 at entry	51.0	51.9	64.7	56.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	196	233	331	157

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	9.7	17.8	17.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	16.7	66.7	0.0	75.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	80.0	78.4	63.1	67.4		
Other	33.3	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	11.8	17.8	12.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	1.4	2.2		
Number	3	6	3	0	4	3	0	2	1,483	1,341	1,243	901		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	13.3	23.4	30.1	10.9	13.5	19.8	20.9		
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	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	91.0	80.8	70.8	62.7	79.9	77.8	67.1	70.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	5.8	4.7	6.0	9.1	8.6	12.3	7.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.1	<.1	0.8	1.1		
Number	0	2	4	0	122	120	171	166	1,948	1,972	1,910	1,399		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	5.6	0.0	11.4	5.6	16.2	41.3	31.4	27.5	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	94.4	85.7	88.6	87.5	70.3	55.6	56.2	64.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	14.3	0.0	1.4	13.5	3.2	10.7	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	1.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	18	7	44	72	37	63	121	142	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	64.6	61.2	60.5	60.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.7	23.4	22.9	24.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.8	7.4	8.6	8.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.9
48 or more mos.	4.0	4.9	3.9	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Number	2,903	2,729	2,299	1,850

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.9	79.5	81.4	85.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.7	10.0	9.2	6.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	10.2	6.9	7.9
Missing data	0.4	0.2	2.5	0.2
Number	3,924	3,506	3,051	3,010

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	2.3	3.1	1.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	10.3	11.8	13.5	19.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	26.1	28.6	28.5	25.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.2	20.2	22.5	23.8
48 or more mos.	36.1	37.2	32.5	29.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	349	441	684	543

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.4	91.6	66.6	66.3	71.7	72.7	46.4	47.8	46.3	46.0	25.7	24.4	50.0	100.0	73.9	58.3
Children with 3 or more placements	7.6	8.4	23.4	20.9	28.3	27.3	46.9	45.8	53.7	54.0	64.4	69.9	50.0	0.0	4.3	16.7
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	10.0	12.8	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.4	0.0	0.0	9.8	5.7	0.0	0.0	21.7	25.0
Number	4,681	4,174	3,664	3,510	2,038	2,202	2,019	1,945	4,225	4,033	4,014	3,709	2	9	23	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.7
Institutions	3.3	3.3	2.2	1.8
Other settings	93.9	95.0	94.6	92.6
Missing data	1.5	0.1	2.0	3.9
Number	2,654	2,258	1,663	2,166

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	120.2	117.3	118.0	120.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.9	63.1	61.2	64.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.3	9.0	9.1	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)	47.8	47.2	43.0	41.2
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?	10.7	10.6	8.6	7.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	53.2	61.8	75.6	90.7
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?	12.4	14.1	16.5	20.3
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?	40.3	39.5	37.7	37.5
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?	10.6	14.0	21.0	17.8
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	7.5	8.8	10.4	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?	27.9	31.1	34.9	59.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	104.6	105.2	114.7	117.6
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?	18.2	21.3	27.7	24.7
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?	95.1	94.6	96.9	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?	54.9	55.2	54.0	51.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	111.2	111.0	79.5	82.5
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?	91.7	90.9	72.3	78.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.0	73.1	49.8	52.0
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?	47.8	48.4	30.7	24.9

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Alabama fully implemented its SACWIS system in January 2009 and submitted its first full AFCARS/NCANDS data sets for FFY2009. FFY2008 data are from a combination of SACWIS and legacy data system sources. As such, readers are strongly cautioned that the data presented in this report for FFY2008 and FFY2009 do not accurately reflect Alabama's performance. As a result of our first Federal SACWIS and Federal AFCARS Reviews, changes in extraction logic were implemented as well as a statewide data quality cleanup, but these were not fully in place for AFCARS submissions used for this report. Alabama continues to enhance its SACWIS system to fully meet federal reporting requirements, and Alabama expects to resubmit prior FFY AFCARS, which are expected to significantly impact the permanency-related outcomes and performance measures.

- In 2010, Alabama finalized 549 adoptions, after a high of 676 finalized adoptions in FY2009. There was a 64 percent increase in adoptions finalized in FY2010 than there were in FY2007. This has substantially decreased the number of children waiting for adoption.
- Alabama continued to see a decline in the number of child fatalities over the reporting period.
- Alabama has seen a decline in the number of children entering foster care over the reporting period and a decrease in the number of children in care at the end of the FY over the reporting period.
- Outcome Measure 1: In FY2010, recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months continues at 1.2 percent. Alabama continues to demonstrate high standards concerning children's safety.
- Outcome Measure 2.1: In 2010, maltreatment in foster care is at 0.03 percent, which continues to be one of the lowest rates in the nation.
- Outcome Measure 3.1: In 2010, exits to adoption and reunification increased slightly.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	182,767	180,558	183,546	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	18.0	17.7	17.2	X
Asian	4.2	4.0	4.7	X
Black	4.6	4.7	4.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8	0.8	X
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	8.8	9.2	X
White	56.2	56.1	55.4	X
Two or more races	7.6	7.8	7.8	X
Child population in poverty (%)	11.5	11.0	12.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	3,138	4,522	3,959	3,147
Foster care entry rate	4.7	5.1	4.8	5.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,099	2,162	2,202	1,976
Children adopted	254	269	329	324

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	3	5	19	30
Numerator	—	132	549	720
Denominator	—	2,781	2,868	2,423
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	67	60	42	64
Numerator	—	285	9,752	9,325
Denominator	—	477	23,204	14,647

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	8,222	45.0 per 1,000	13,269	73.5 per 1,000	10,752	58.6 per 1,000	9,079	49.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	3,138	17.2 per 1,000	4,522	25.0 per 1,000	3,959	21.6 per 1,000	3,147	17.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	2.2 per 100,000	2	1.1 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.7	12.9	12.4	13.3
1 year	7.3	8.3	8.4	8.7
2 years	8.2	7.1	7.5	8.3
3 years	6.6	6.8	7.9	6.8
4 years	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.9
5 years	6.6	5.7	6.5	6.2
6 years	6.5	6.4	5.5	6.5
7 years	6.1	5.2	5.9	5.4
8 years	6.2	5.2	6.0	4.5
9 years	4.2	5.0	5.5	5.7
10 years	5.1	4.4	4.4	5.1
11 years	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.7
12 years	4.2	3.5	4.0	3.8
13 years	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8
14 years	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.1
15 years	3.9	4.1	3.1	3.2
16 years	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.3
17 years	0.8	1.5	1.4	1.3
18+ years	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1
Missing data	1.8	2.7	1.4	1.2
Number	3,138	4,522	3,959	3,147

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	52.7	50.7	48.1	49.6
Asian	0.6	1.4	1.5	1.5
Black	5.4	4.3	4.3	3.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.5	1.0	2.7	1.6
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.4
White	30.9	23.5	22.2	23.0
Two or more races	3.0	3.3	4.5	5.6
Missing data	2.0	12.8	13.7	11.5
Number	3,138	4,522	3,959	3,147

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	29.7	20.6	18.2	16.3
Medical neglect	4.8	2.5	1.7	1.5
Neglect	67.4	73.4	79.9	79.6
Physical abuse	9.9	12.3	11.4	11.7
Sexual abuse	3.7	3.7	2.6	3.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,138	4,522	3,959	3,147

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,009	2,169	2,169	1,912	852	919	881	913	768	926	851	849	2,099	2,162	2,202	1,976
Median length of stay (months)	17.4	18.6	18.4	16.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23.0	21.2	23.0	21.4	18.0	17.8	17.7	15.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.8	4.5	5.4	6.0	18.5	20.6	20.4	18.2	5.1	3.9	1.8	3.2	4.6	5.4	5.6	5.7
1 year	7.5	6.8	6.9	8.8	7.5	9.2	9.3	9.0	7.7	6.8	6.9	8.2	7.0	6.9	8.3	7.4
2 years	6.4	7.6	7.4	7.7	8.3	8.3	8.6	9.6	8.2	8.1	9.2	10.4	7.6	7.4	7.2	9.0
3 years	6.5	5.9	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.2	7.1	8.6	8.4	8.0	8.8	6.0	6.5	6.7	7.3
4 years	4.9	6.2	5.9	7.2	5.2	6.6	7.8	7.2	4.8	7.2	8.3	7.8	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.8
5 years	5.0	5.2	6.2	5.6	6.6	5.2	6.2	5.6	4.9	5.7	7.3	6.1	5.2	6.2	5.6	6.4
6 years	5.0	6.0	5.4	6.4	7.5	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.3	6.3	5.9
7 years	5.3	5.5	6.2	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.7	4.3	3.1	6.0	6.1	5.5	6.2	4.8	5.8
8 years	5.2	5.9	5.6	5.9	7.3	4.7	4.2	4.7	4.9	5.2	6.0	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.8	4.3
9 years	4.6	5.5	5.3	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.1	3.8	5.2	4.6	5.3	5.9	5.6	5.4	4.8	5.0
10 years	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.4	4.2	3.3	4.0	3.5	3.4	5.5	5.2	4.0	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.7
11 years	4.0	4.6	3.9	4.9	3.2	2.3	1.8	2.1	3.0	4.0	3.1	5.1	4.7	3.8	4.6	4.2
12 years	5.4	3.9	3.8	3.3	2.2	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.5	3.6	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.9
13 years	4.2	4.7	3.9	3.8	3.5	2.9	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.8	4.7	3.9	3.7	3.5
14 years	5.6	4.4	4.6	4.1	3.1	3.0	2.4	3.3	4.2	2.9	3.1	3.1	4.2	4.6	3.6	4.0
15 years	6.0	5.3	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.3	3.6	4.5	2.5	3.1	5.4	4.3	4.5	4.1
16 years	5.6	5.6	4.8	4.4	2.3	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.9	2.9	4.0	2.6	5.6	4.7	4.2	4.5
17 years	5.7	4.5	5.3	4.4	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.8	5.6	3.9	3.1	4.5	4.6	5.3	4.1	4.3
18 years	2.0	2.4	2.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.7	6.6	7.2	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.5
19 years	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.9
20 years	<.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.8	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	49.9	52.6	54.1	54.7	51.2	57.3	54.7	47.6	42.7	53.9	51.2	54.1	52.9	54.1	55.5	51.7
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5
Black	5.3	5.0	4.7	3.7	6.2	5.1	2.5	2.5	7.2	6.0	4.9	2.9	5.0	4.6	3.7	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.3	2.0	0.8	2.3	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.3
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.5	3.6	3.6	6.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.4
White	27.1	26.3	25.3	25.1	28.1	23.0	26.1	26.7	30.2	24.7	27.3	23.7	26.3	25.5	24.8	26.4
Two or more races	10.7	9.1	8.9	8.8	6.6	5.8	6.9	9.0	11.3	6.8	9.8	10.1	9.0	8.6	7.8	8.4
Unknown	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.5	0.7	5.3	1.7	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	2.8
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.7	3.1	0.1	0.7	1.5	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2	1.3	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	766	807	755	724
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	302	313	191	352

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.3	1.7	1.9	2.5
1 year	6.8	5.6	8.7	8.3
2 years	8.2	7.3	7.4	8.7
3 years	6.8	8.6	6.2	7.9
4 years	7.7	5.9	7.0	7.5
5 years	5.6	5.9	5.3	7.2
6 years	6.1	6.6	7.3	6.5
7 years	6.3	7.4	6.1	5.0
8 years	8.1	7.7	7.7	4.7
9 years	6.4	7.4	7.0	6.4
10 years	5.5	6.3	6.6	5.4
11 years	5.7	4.8	6.5	5.7
12 years	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.4
13 years	5.2	4.0	5.4	3.6
14 years	3.4	4.2	3.3	4.6
15 years	4.3	4.2	3.3	4.1
16 years	4.4	3.2	3.6	3.5
17 years	2.6	3.8	1.7	3.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	52.5	53.9	54.0	52.9
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1
Black	5.5	5.0	5.3	4.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	5.5	5.2	5.2	6.6
White	23.8	23.5	24.2	26.1
Two or more races	12.5	11.2	9.1	7.7
Unknown	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	254	269	329	324

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.5
1 year	8.7	7.8	9.1	9.0
2 years	14.6	16.4	9.1	13.6
3 years	11.4	10.0	12.8	9.3
4 years	6.3	7.4	9.4	8.6
5 years	9.8	7.8	8.5	5.2
6 years	10.2	8.6	7.9	7.1
7 years	4.7	3.0	6.1	6.2
8 years	4.7	5.9	7.3	7.1
9 years	5.5	5.6	5.5	7.7
10 years	5.1	5.9	5.5	4.3
11 years	2.8	2.2	3.3	5.2
12 years	3.9	6.3	4.3	3.4
13 years	3.5	5.2	2.4	3.7
14 years	1.2	1.5	2.1	2.2
15 years	2.4	3.3	2.4	1.9
16 years	2.8	0.4	1.5	2.5
17 years	1.2	1.9	1.8	1.2
18 years	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	35.0	53.2	53.5	53.1
Asian	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.6
Black	8.3	4.5	4.0	3.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9
White	28.7	21.6	24.3	25.6
Two or more races	22.8	15.2	11.6	11.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	89.0	90.9	90.5	92.9
Children with one or more recurrences	11.0	9.1	9.5	7.1
Number	1,277	1,520	1,842	1,511

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.22	0.42	0.98	0.50
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.78	99.58	99.02	99.50
Number	2,861	3,088	3,050	2,825

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	31.4	31.1	37.1	37.9
Guardianship	3.9	5.1	3.8	4.1
Reunification	51.2	52.1	49.0	51.1
Other	13.5	11.8	10.1	6.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	768	926	851	849

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	60.8	60.7	68.9	78.2
Guardianship	3.2	11.5	7.3	4.2
Reunification	14.8	15.7	6.6	12.7
Other	21.2	12.0	17.2	4.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	189	191	151	142

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	6.9	2.9	3.4	12.8
Guardianship	7.5	7.9	6.9	7.0
Reunification	39.4	43.9	45.7	47.7
Other	46.3	45.3	44.0	32.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	160	139	116	86

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.4	27.1	34.8	29.0
Children older than 12 at entry	80.6	72.9	63.0	71.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0
Number	67	59	46	31

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	26.2	30.9	39.4	37.3	14.3	20.0	0.0	33.3	30.9	23.2	26.2	48.0		
Guardianship	6.4	3.8	2.1	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	8.9	4.8	0.0		
Reunification	51.5	51.1	46.3	50.8	85.7	80.0	100.0	66.7	58.2	44.6	64.3	48.0		
Other	15.9	14.2	12.2	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	23.2	4.8	4.0		
Missing data	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	328	499	436	459	7	10	6	6	55	56	42	25		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	41.7	15.4	38.7	37.8	44.1	31.9	32.3	28.8	32.8	41.3		
Guardianship	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	2.9	6.4	0.9	7.4	7.3	6.0		
Reunification	90.0	92.9	58.3	76.9	41.9	45.9	47.1	55.3	53.4	55.0	51.3	47.3		
Other	10.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	19.4	8.1	5.9	6.4	13.4	8.7	8.6	5.5		
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	10	14	12	13	31	37	34	47	232	229	232	201		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	57.5	61.9	44.6	41.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	3.2	3.6	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	92.3	100.0	75.0	83.3	26.4	33.3	42.2	51.2	100.0	92.9	100.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	25.0	8.3	10.3	1.6	9.6	4.7	0.0	7.1	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		
Number	13	4	4	12	87	63	83	86	5	14	2	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	46.1	48.5	42.2	48.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	31.0	36.1	38.8	34.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	14.8	9.8	14.4	11.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.1	3.3	1.7	1.2
48 or more mos.	2.5	2.3	2.6	3.7
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	393	482	417	434

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	85.4	88.0	85.0	89.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.7	7.2	5.1	4.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.2	3.7	9.0	5.9
Missing data	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.1
Number	852	919	881	913

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	1.7	2.5	2.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	20.7	18.4	20.9	27.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	41.9	35.4	32.0	31.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.9	18.8	27.8	19.6
48 or more mos.	9.1	25.7	16.5	19.6
Missing data	2.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Number	241	288	316	322

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.9	78.5	82.6	91.8	56.3	51.2	54.8	73.8	27.3	25.9	23.9	38.7	50.0	100.0	75.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.0	21.5	17.4	8.2	43.7	48.8	45.2	26.2	72.7	74.1	76.1	61.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	25.0	0.0
Number	946	1,023	964	1,054	723	778	815	736	1,188	1,286	1,267	1,033	4	1	4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	5.6	3.9	4.0	0.9
Other settings	94.4	96.1	96.0	99.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	594	666	754	772

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	103.0	99.5	102.4	118.0
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)	54.5	62.3	54.1	62.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.0	8.3	10.6	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)	27.1	28.0	20.8	32.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.7	13.6	9.9	6.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	100.0	111.7	102.0	131.2
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?	22.5	20.1	23.5	29.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.2	34.1	33.4	31.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.0	24.0	26.2	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	14.6	16.5	11.4	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?	47.0	66.8	67.8	65.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	123.7	103.0	107.6	127.0
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?	27.5	31.0	31.1	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?	97.9	97.3	96.3	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?	41.7	63.1	53.7	53.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	85.9	82.6	86.2	108.3
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?	77.9	77.5	81.7	91.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	56.3	51.3	54.9	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?	27.9	26.7	24.9	39.3

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Context Data

A. Context Statistics. General Child Population (Census Bureau)

The Alaska Office of Children's Services uses population statistics from the Alaska Department of Labor (DOL). DOL Population Estimates are generated using the previous census as their estimate's base, calculated with Permanent Fund Dividend data, vital statistics, and IRS migration data. DOL did not produce Population Estimates for calendar year 2010 because census years are the base in their estimates model. The 2009 DOL count for Alaskans under the age of 18 is 199,772. The count of <18 Alaskans with any American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN) lineage is 50,751 (25%) and with AIAN lineage alone is 38,374 (19%).

A. Context Statistics. Children in Foster Care

Under "Child Welfare Summary," the count of child maltreatment victims is a non-unique count for each year. For example, in FFY2010 there were 3,147 report-victim combinations, but 2,825 unique child victims. The comparison is seen here:

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Victim Count	3,122	2,730	3,994	3,544	2,825
RC Pairs	3,481	3,138	4,522	3,959	3,147

Outcomes Data

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

Alaska suggests that the bottom row of this table, titled "Number," be renamed and/or given a clarifying footnote. Each displayed "Number" is a number; this row specifically represents the unique count of children with a substantiated allegation of maltreatment in the first 6 months of the FFY.

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

Alaska suggests that the bottom row of this table, titled "Number," be renamed and/or given a clarifying footnote. Each displayed "Number" is a number; this row specifically represents the unique count of children in foster care in the FFY.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,688,329	1,717,156	1,732,019	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.4	5.2	5.1	X
Asian	2.1	2.0	2.3	X
Black	4.2	4.2	4.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.2	X
Hispanic (of any race)	42.3	43.0	43.6	X
White	43.4	42.9	41.9	X
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.6	X
Child population in poverty (%)	20.2	20.8	23.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	4,025	3,516	3,922	6,258
Foster care entry rate	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,099	9,590	9,421	9,963
Children adopted	1,652	1,695	1,706	2,037

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	40	45	47	62
Numerator	—	6,341	6,652	9,022
Denominator	—	14,036	14,298	14,619
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	77	83	83	86
Numerator	—	31,781	34,136	52,041
Denominator	—	38,340	41,332	60,550

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	76,400	45.3 per 1,000	67,159	39.1 per 1,000	75,064	43.3 per 1,000	59,422	34.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	4,025	2.4 per 1,000	3,516	2.0 per 1,000	3,922	2.3 per 1,000	6,258	3.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	1.7 per 100,000	11	0.6 per 100,000	30	1.7 per 100,000	20	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.4	12.9	12.7	19.0
1 year	8.1	8.5	8.9	7.7
2 years	7.7	8.0	8.6	7.5
3 years	8.0	6.8	7.4	7.0
4 years	5.7	5.7	6.7	5.9
5 years	6.3	7.3	7.1	5.7
6 years	6.1	6.0	6.3	5.1
7 years	6.5	5.2	5.4	4.9
8 years	4.9	4.5	5.5	4.1
9 years	4.8	5.1	4.3	4.0
10 years	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.6
11 years	4.1	4.6	4.0	3.8
12 years	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.7
13 years	4.4	3.9	4.2	3.7
14 years	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.7
15 years	4.2	4.4	3.5	4.0
16 years	3.1	3.3	2.5	3.7
17 years	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.6
18+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	4,025	3,516	3,922	6,258

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.3
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Black	7.2	7.2	8.3	8.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	39.2	33.4	38.0	38.7
White	41.0	44.7	40.2	40.5
Two or more races	3.2	4.6	4.1	3.9
Missing data	4.0	4.7	3.8	3.8
Number	4,025	3,516	3,922	6,258

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.3
Medical neglect	N/A	0.0	0.0	0.0
Neglect	64.9	67.2	69.8	84.0
Physical abuse	29.8	27.4	25.0	15.5
Sexual abuse	8.1	8.4	8.8	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,025	3,516	3,922	6,258

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	43.0	72.8	62.6	59.1
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	9,115	8,904	9,403	9,219	7,398	8,099	7,524	7,841	7,414	7,413	7,506	7,097	9,099	9,590	9,421	9,963
Median length of stay (months)	13.1	12.6	10.8	12.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.9	11.3	10.9	12.7	12.3	10.7	11.9	10.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	7.8	7.6	8.1	7.7	18.2	16.7	17.1	16.9	7.0	5.6	5.6	4.8	7.7	8.1	7.7	8.2
1 year	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.3	7.4	7.8	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.2	8.9	9.3	9.4
2 years	7.6	8.1	8.0	8.3	6.5	6.7	7.4	7.5	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.0	8.4	8.5
3 years	6.2	6.3	6.7	6.8	5.9	5.7	5.7	6.8	7.1	6.4	6.8	7.8	6.4	6.7	6.8	7.5
4 years	6.1	5.4	5.4	6.2	5.2	4.8	5.4	5.2	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.3	6.3	6.2
5 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.7	5.1	4.8	5.4	5.2	4.7	4.9	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.7
6 years	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.3	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.8
7 years	4.6	4.5	4.5	5.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.5	5.1	4.5
8 years	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4
9 years	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1
10 years	3.8	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.5
11 years	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.5
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.6
13 years	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8
14 years	4.5	5.1	4.2	4.3	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.5	5.1	4.3	4.4	4.5
15 years	6.3	5.6	6.0	5.0	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.4	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.3	5.7	6.1	5.0	5.2
16 years	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.7	7.0	6.6	6.6	5.8
17 years	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.0	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	8.0	5.1	10.1	7.7	7.7	6.9	6.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	6.0	9.6	3.8	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.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	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.3	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.9	2.8	3.5	3.6	4.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	8.1	7.9	9.6	9.8	8.5	10.1	10.0	9.2	8.7	8.2	9.7	9.3	8.0	9.6	9.9	9.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	40.4	41.4	41.4	43.6	40.7	40.2	41.8	38.6	39.9	40.4	39.1	41.4	41.1	41.2	43.5	41.1
White	42.6	41.4	38.9	37.2	39.6	37.8	37.4	39.3	40.9	40.3	39.7	38.0	41.5	39.2	37.1	38.2
Two or more races	4.6	4.5	4.6	3.8	4.0	4.6	3.5	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.4	3.7	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.1
Unknown	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.9	2.5	2.8	4.1	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,516	2,323	2,792	2,670
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,061	1,935	2,265	2,180

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.1	3.4	3.7	4.8
1 year	11.8	11.1	12.0	11.5
2 years	10.6	10.3	10.1	10.3
3 years	8.9	9.6	8.7	8.4
4 years	7.0	6.8	8.2	7.7
5 years	6.7	6.7	6.0	6.3
6 years	6.8	6.9	5.8	6.2
7 years	6.0	5.3	6.2	5.0
8 years	6.3	6.2	4.9	5.6
9 years	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.5
10 years	4.7	4.4	5.1	4.4
11 years	4.7	4.0	4.6	4.5
12 years	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2
13 years	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.1
14 years	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.5
15 years	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.9
16 years	1.7	2.7	2.3	2.1
17 years	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.8	1.7	2.4	3.5
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	7.6	9.3	9.6	10.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.3	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	41.4	40.4	43.8	41.9
White	42.5	42.3	38.8	38.7
Two or more races	5.2	4.8	4.0	4.0
Unknown	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,652	1,695	1,706	2,037

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.6	0.9	1.2	1.1
1 year	11.6	13.6	12.0	13.9
2 years	16.3	16.1	14.8	13.5
3 years	12.2	10.0	10.7	11.4
4 years	8.7	10.0	9.6	8.8
5 years	8.2	7.1	7.8	7.5
6 years	7.9	7.0	7.8	6.2
7 years	6.0	5.5	5.9	5.6
8 years	5.9	5.7	6.2	5.4
9 years	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.7
10 years	3.6	4.5	4.4	4.3
11 years	2.8	3.9	3.3	3.8
12 years	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.4
13 years	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5
14 years	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.9
15 years	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.1
16 years	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.8
17 years	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.7
18 years	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	1.9	1.2	1.7
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	5.3	5.8	7.7	7.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	42.6	43.2	41.3	45.4
White	44.1	42.9	43.7	40.4
Two or more races	4.8	4.5	4.5	3.8
Unknown	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	98.6	98.3	98.5	96.7
Children with one or more recurrences	1.4	1.7	1.5	3.3
Number	1,795	1,615	1,522	3,206

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.84	99.84	99.85	99.81
Number	16,513	17,003	16,927	17,060

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	22.1	22.8	22.5	28.7
Guardianship	13.2	9.4	9.7	8.1
Reunification	49.6	52.1	52.0	50.0
Other	15.2	15.7	15.8	13.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,414	7,413	7,506	7,097

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	29.4	28.3	28.7	36.5
Guardianship	10.9	9.9	11.4	8.9
Reunification	31.1	32.5	31.3	31.7
Other	28.7	29.3	28.5	22.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,161	2,372	2,617	2,487

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.1	1.7	2.2	4.5
Guardianship	11.9	8.5	9.9	9.5
Reunification	44.7	47.3	47.7	47.4
Other	41.3	42.4	40.2	38.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,881	1,939	2,016	1,755

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.1	15.2	16.4	16.4
Children older than 12 at entry	83.9	84.8	83.6	83.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	664	726	739	654

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	7.9	11.7	7.6	12.5	12.5	4.3	0.0	3.1	13.5	16.3	17.7	22.3		
Guardianship	11.7	14.3	17.3	16.8	12.5	8.7	0.0	6.3	14.6	7.4	9.5	7.8		
Reunification	55.8	52.5	53.4	45.9	75.0	69.6	100.0	78.1	54.0	56.9	54.2	50.2		
Other	24.6	21.5	21.7	24.7	0.0	17.4	0.0	12.5	17.9	19.3	18.7	19.8		
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	240	265	277	279	16	23	18	32	643	606	729	658		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	7.7	30.8	12.5	32.0	23.6	24.4	23.8	31.4	23.7	24.3	24.7	30.5		
Guardianship	15.4	15.4	12.5	20.0	13.8	9.8	9.6	8.7	12.5	8.7	8.7	7.0		
Reunification	46.2	53.8	62.5	32.0	47.8	51.0	51.5	48.6	48.8	51.7	50.3	49.8		
Other	30.8	0.0	12.5	16.0	14.8	14.8	15.0	11.3	14.9	15.3	16.3	12.7		
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	13	13	16	25	2,956	2,992	2,937	2,941	3,033	2,987	2,982	2,698		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	13.7	10.0	12.1	10.6	26.5	23.2	23.2	29.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	12.3	12.0	12.6	3.5	11.6	10.4	10.8	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.0	61.0	63.7	71.9	49.7	50.8	55.4	52.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	10.9	17.0	11.6	14.1	12.3	15.6	10.5	11.7	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	211	200	215	199	302	327	332	265	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	79.1	78.2	79.0	76.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.5	17.3	17.1	19.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,676	3,865	3,906	3,546

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	79.3	80.6	80.4	79.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.8	11.2	10.5	10.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.9	8.2	9.1	10.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,398	8,099	7,524	7,841

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	3.2	2.5	3.8	4.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	32.2	36.0	36.9	43.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.1	40.4	37.6	36.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.3	13.3	13.4	10.4
48 or more mos.	7.1	7.8	8.2	6.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,635	1,687	1,692	2,036

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.6	87.5	87.5	87.1	62.0	63.0	66.7	69.8	32.0	31.5	32.0	37.1	90.0	97.0	100.0	86.5
Children with 3 or more placements	12.6	11.2	11.7	11.7	37.7	37.0	33.2	30.1	67.9	68.3	68.0	62.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.7	1.3	0.8	1.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	10.0	3.0	0.0	13.5
Number	8,374	9,014	8,741	8,866	4,131	4,195	4,618	4,609	3,998	3,761	3,544	3,548	10	33	24	37

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	4.7	3.3	2.9	2.5
Institutions	9.8	5.5	3.2	2.1
Other settings	85.5	91.2	93.9	95.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,383	5,891	5,556	5,855

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	105.1	93.4	99.8	98.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.5	64.6	68.4	65.9
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)	7.6	8.4	8.3	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)	32.9	33.4	31.7	30.2
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?	17.1	20.9	19.3	17.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	131.6	141.2	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?	35.5	38.5	40.7	47.6
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?	27.3	26.4	26.1	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?	35.1	36.0	37.0	41.2
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	15.7	15.6	18.2	21.4
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?	51.2	59.8	65.0	66.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	137.8	136.0	136.1	144.9
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?	37.2	36.3	36.7	39.8
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?	93.8	93.8	93.7	95.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	34.0	35.1	36.2	31.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	94.4	95.9	97.9	101.6
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?	83.9	85.8	85.7	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?	62.2	63.0	66.8	69.9
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?	32.0	31.6	32.0	37.2

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	703,688	706,653	709,968	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.9	0.9	X
Asian	1.2	1.1	1.3	X
Black	19.2	19.2	18.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	9.3	10.0	X
White	67.3	66.8	66.1	X
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.7	X
Child population in poverty (%)	25.8	24.9	27.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	9,847	9,289	10,556	12,591
Foster care entry rate	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,646	3,544	3,697	3,802
Children adopted	404	505	601	595

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	32	48	53	45
Numerator	1,676	2,575	2,990	2,653
Denominator	5,229	5,372	5,685	5,887
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	30	53	70	67
Numerator	2,214	7,504	10,518	8,433
Denominator	7,388	14,212	14,990	12,641

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	57,986	82.4 per 1,000	57,925	82.0 per 1,000	64,124	90.3 per 1,000	73,257	103.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	9,847	14.0 per 1,000	9,289	13.1 per 1,000	10,556	14.9 per 1,000	12,591	17.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	20	2.8 per 100,000	21	3.0 per 100,000	13	1.8 per 100,000	19	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.1	11.5	10.3	10.8
1 year	5.6	5.3	6.0	5.8
2 years	5.9	5.6	6.3	6.3
3 years	5.6	5.4	6.2	6.2
4 years	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.2
5 years	6.0	5.3	5.7	6.1
6 years	6.1	6.0	5.7	6.1
7 years	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.2
8 years	5.7	5.1	4.8	4.9
9 years	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.4
10 years	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.3
11 years	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3
12 years	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.3
13 years	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0
14 years	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.1
15 years	6.5	6.1	6.4	5.9
16 years	4.4	5.2	4.8	4.2
17 years	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8
Number	9,847	9,289	10,556	12,591

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Black	19.7	18.5	19.6	17.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	6.3	5.9	5.8
White	67.0	67.8	66.7	69.3
Two or more races	6.1	6.1	6.4	5.9
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7
Number	9,847	9,289	10,556	12,591

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.8
Medical neglect	6.7	8.0	7.3	7.0
Neglect	61.5	57.7	61.7	64.0
Physical abuse	15.8	16.8	18.1	18.9
Sexual abuse	22.5	24.6	22.0	19.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	9,847	9,289	10,556	12,591

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	224.8	122.1	104.9	117.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	3,317	3,430	3,438	3,505	3,999	3,776	4,150	3,982	3,670	3,662	3,891	3,685	3,646	3,544	3,697	3,802
Median length of stay (months)	11.9	11.7	11.9	10.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.5	3.9	3.3	5.0	11.6	11.7	10.3	10.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.1	6.4	7.5	7.5	14.2	16.1	15.0	16.8	8.2	7.7	7.9	8.0	6.3	7.7	7.7	7.6
1 year	6.8	7.4	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	7.2	7.5	8.5	7.9	7.5	8.8	8.8	9.8
2 years	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.9	6.2	6.9	8.0	7.8	7.3	7.8	8.2	8.8	7.0	6.9	8.3	8.3
3 years	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.8	6.3	7.3	6.1	6.6	6.3	7.3	7.4	7.9	6.4	6.4	6.0	6.6
4 years	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.8	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.3
5 years	4.6	5.7	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.3	6.0	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.7	5.5	4.9	5.0	5.5
6 years	4.9	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.5	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.0
7 years	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.8	5.4	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.4	5.2
8 years	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.7	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.3
9 years	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.3	4.2	3.6	4.1	3.5	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.2
10 years	4.8	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.0
11 years	4.2	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	2.9	4.2	3.3	4.1	3.8
12 years	4.0	4.8	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.8	4.1	3.7	3.9
13 years	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.8
14 years	5.6	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.6	4.4	4.5	3.9	4.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.7
15 years	7.0	6.5	5.4	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.8	4.3	5.1	5.0	4.3	3.9	6.5	5.5	6.0	5.2
16 years	7.0	8.3	7.4	7.1	6.1	5.3	4.9	4.5	5.1	4.8	4.1	4.5	8.3	7.3	6.9	6.2
17 years	7.1	7.2	8.7	8.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.5	5.7	4.3	4.1	5.1	7.0	8.7	8.0	6.7
18 years	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	5.7	6.3	7.4	6.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	<.1
19 years	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	<.1
Black	30.3	29.2	27.0	25.8	26.2	23.7	24.3	20.1	26.6	25.6	25.2	21.8	29.5	27.1	25.9	23.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	5.3	6.6	6.7	5.7	7.8	6.3	6.4	5.2	7.1	6.2	7.1	5.3	6.2	6.7	6.0
White	56.0	56.4	56.2	57.1	60.6	60.5	60.6	64.7	60.3	59.4	59.6	62.0	56.6	57.6	57.6	60.4
Two or more races	8.1	8.5	9.4	9.8	6.6	6.8	8.3	7.7	6.8	6.9	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.4	9.3	9.3
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	793	875	850	879
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	405	422	420	472

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.7	2.6	2.9	2.8
1 year	4.9	8.0	7.8	7.5
2 years	6.2	6.7	7.4	7.8
3 years	6.7	8.0	7.1	6.3
4 years	6.6	6.2	5.1	4.8
5 years	6.8	6.1	5.8	5.6
6 years	5.3	6.1	4.8	5.5
7 years	5.4	4.8	7.2	6.0
8 years	5.4	5.5	5.4	6.1
9 years	4.4	5.5	5.1	5.3
10 years	3.9	4.9	5.3	5.3
11 years	5.9	4.1	4.9	5.6
12 years	5.9	5.3	4.1	5.6
13 years	6.9	5.6	5.4	5.0
14 years	6.6	5.8	5.3	5.8
15 years	7.6	5.1	5.9	5.8
16 years	5.2	5.7	5.3	4.9
17 years	2.6	4.0	5.3	4.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	29.9	28.7	29.8	31.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	5.1	5.2	4.9
White	54.4	56.9	54.2	51.8
Two or more races	10.7	8.7	10.1	12.2
Unknown	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	404	505	601	595

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.7	2.0	2.8	4.2
1 year	9.4	7.1	10.0	12.4
2 years	16.1	14.7	13.3	15.3
3 years	8.9	9.5	12.6	12.9
4 years	12.4	13.7	10.8	7.9
5 years	6.7	8.9	8.7	7.4
6 years	7.2	9.1	6.5	4.9
7 years	7.7	6.7	5.8	6.4
8 years	3.5	5.3	5.0	5.5
9 years	4.2	5.3	4.7	5.0
10 years	4.5	3.4	3.8	3.2
11 years	5.0	3.2	3.5	2.2
12 years	2.2	3.2	4.0	3.5
13 years	2.0	2.6	2.8	2.2
14 years	4.0	1.4	2.2	1.7
15 years	1.2	2.2	1.3	1.5
16 years	1.7	1.2	1.2	2.4
17 years	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Asian	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.5
Black	24.8	29.5	27.8	25.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	4.8	5.7	5.0
White	62.6	55.8	58.4	61.8
Two or more races	4.0	9.1	7.7	7.1
Unknown	0.0	0.2	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.3	94.7	94.5	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	6.7	5.3	5.5	6.2
Number	4,667	4,291	4,778	5,663

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.51	0.57	0.47	0.33
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.49	99.43	99.53	99.67
Number	7,316	7,206	7,588	7,487

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	10.2	13.5	15.1	15.6
Guardianship	2.7	2.5	3.3	2.5
Reunification	77.7	76.4	73.6	73.4
Other	9.4	7.5	8.0	8.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	3,670	3,662	3,891	3,685

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.8	17.5	25.4	22.2
Guardianship	1.8	2.9	4.7	4.9
Reunification	55.9	58.2	47.7	53.9
Other	27.4	21.3	22.3	18.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Number	379	342	386	369

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.8	0.7	1.8	1.6
Guardianship	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.0
Reunification	67.4	71.4	66.7	65.9
Other	27.7	24.2	27.2	28.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	1,003	865	898	856

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.1	20.3	18.2	18.7
Children older than 12 at entry	82.9	79.7	81.8	81.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	321	256	292	294

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	60.0	20.0	10.0	10.5	0.0	33.3	8.1	14.0	15.1	17.2		
Guardianship	0.0	16.7	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.7	3.4	2.0		
Reunification	100.0	83.3	40.0	50.0	90.0	73.7	83.3	66.7	78.5	75.0	73.6	70.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	16.7	0.0	11.2	9.3	8.0	10.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	5	6	5	10	10	19	6	9	977	936	981	802		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	14.6	10.8	18.2	12.7	11.0	12.6	14.2	15.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	2.7	1.7	1.5	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.0		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	100.0	83.3	74.5	81.5	74.0	75.8	77.6	77.4	74.4	74.0		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	5.0	6.2	10.0	8.7	7.2	8.2	7.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1		
Number	4	2	2	6	192	259	242	260	2,214	2,175	2,318	2,284		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	10.5	8.3	6.7	5.6	8.4	22.9	18.9	16.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	2.8	5.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	84.2	75.0	80.0	83.3	75.1	68.8	67.7	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.3	16.7	13.3	11.1	11.6	5.5	8.1	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	19	12	15	18	249	253	322	296	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	87.7	86.0	89.6	85.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	9.6	11.5	8.3	11.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,850	2,799	2,865	2,706

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	81.9	79.8	82.6	84.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.1	11.4	8.6	8.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.8	8.8	8.7	7.0
Missing data	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.0
Number	3,999	3,776	4,150	3,982

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.8	3.8	6.5	9.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.2	31.7	34.8	36.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	38.2	39.0	33.4	30.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.3	14.7	13.3	13.9
48 or more mos.	10.4	10.7	11.9	8.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	374	495	586	576

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.6	75.6	74.8	76.1	37.2	39.0	44.0	45.3	20.1	19.2	16.8	20.5	66.7	82.6	88.9	82.6
Children with 3 or more placements	27.0	23.5	24.4	21.8	62.8	60.8	55.8	54.6	79.9	80.8	83.1	79.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.8	0.7	2.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	33.3	17.4	11.1	17.4
Number	4,578	4,378	4,815	4,623	1,273	1,339	1,308	1,455	1,462	1,466	1,456	1,386	3	23	9	23

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.6
Institutions	9.8	11.0	10.1	10.5
Other settings	88.1	87.2	87.7	86.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,944	2,885	3,179	3,108

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	145.3	146.5	154.6	155.5
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)	85.5	86.6	92.1	91.3
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)	2.4	2.1	1.5	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)	63.3	65.1	64.6	62.2
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?	11.7	13.5	12.3	11.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	100.3	107.6	118.4	133.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	34.6	35.9	41.0	46.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.8	27.8	26.6	25.3
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?	22.7	27.3	29.9	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	3.7	6.4	5.6	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?	44.5	46.8	53.4	65.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	129.3	125.9	130.0	128.2
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?	25.3	29.7	29.6	28.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.3	95.5	95.5	94.9
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?	38.1	36.5	33.7	37.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	67.4	70.8	71.5	75.2
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?	68.4	72.6	71.7	75.1
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?	37.3	39.1	44.2	45.0
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?	20.8	19.4	16.8	20.5

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

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	9,426,972	9,424,028	9,435,682	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.5	X
Asian	10.0	9.9	10.2	X
Black	6.2	6.0	5.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Hispanic (of any race)	48.9	49.7	50.2	X
White	30.7	30.2	29.4	X
Two or more races	3.4	3.5	3.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	17.3	18.5	19.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	88,319	84,848	79,799	82,879
Foster care entry rate	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	73,223	66,414	59,430	58,343
Children adopted	7,622	7,777	7,438	6,044

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	57	63	67	71
Numerator	53,126	55,049	53,506	52,263
Denominator	93,689	87,117	79,357	73,876
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	70	71	72	73
Numerator	269,561	290,315	288,913	284,705
Denominator	385,767	410,382	402,780	387,694

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	441,467	46.8 per 1,000	470,368	49.9 per 1,000	449,388	47.6 per 1,000	439,306	46.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	88,319	9.4 per 1,000	84,848	9.0 per 1,000	79,799	8.5 per 1,000	82,879	8.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	184	2.0 per 100,000	185	2.0 per 100,000	185	2.0 per 100,000	120	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.5	12.3	12.7	12.9
1 year	6.4	6.8	7.2	7.5
2 years	5.9	6.2	6.7	6.8
3 years	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.4
4 years	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9
5 years	5.4	5.4	5.7	5.6
6 years	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.5
7 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2
8 years	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.9
9 years	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.7
10 years	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.4
11 years	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.4
12 years	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.4
13 years	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.8
14 years	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.5
15 years	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7
16 years	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.4
17 years	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	88,319	84,848	79,799	82,879

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Asian	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.4
Black	12.7	13.3	12.9	13.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	51.7	51.0	51.7	53.0
White	25.2	25.2	25.5	24.4
Two or more races	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5
Missing data	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.7
Number	88,319	84,848	79,799	82,879

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	18.2	17.7	16.2	16.5
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	72.5	74.2	76.9	78.5
Physical abuse	11.8	11.1	10.6	10.2
Sexual abuse	7.8	7.3	6.9	6.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	88,319	84,848	79,799	82,879

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	203.2	188.5	125.4	136.5
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	75,270	72,735	64,680	59,718	40,470	35,233	34,031	32,200	42,518	41,555	39,282	33,577	73,223	66,414	59,430	58,343
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	17.4	17.9	16.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.9	14.5	14.4	14.0	17.6	18.1	17.0	16.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.3	17.5	16.5	16.2	16.5	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.6	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.6
1 year	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.7	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.8	7.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6
2 years	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.3	7.6	7.4	5.7	5.6	5.9	6.4
3 years	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.2	5.8	6.2	6.4	6.8	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.4
4 years	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.6	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.8
5 years	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.5
6 years	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
7 years	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9
8 years	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6
9 years	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7
10 years	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7
11 years	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.8
12 years	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.2	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.9
13 years	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.3	5.4	5.2	5.1	4.4
14 years	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.1	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.6
15 years	8.0	7.5	7.8	7.7	6.3	6.4	6.4	5.9	4.8	4.2	4.4	4.1	7.4	7.6	7.5	7.0
16 years	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.3	6.7	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.0	4.9	5.4	5.1	8.8	9.0	9.1	8.7
17 years	8.7	9.0	9.5	9.9	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.6	8.2	6.6	7.1	6.5	8.8	9.9	9.5	9.8
18 years	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.7	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	10.8	11.2	11.2	11.0	3.3	3.8	3.6	4.6
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.5	2.0	2.6	3.1	0.0	<.1	<.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	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Asian	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.7
Black	24.9	23.8	23.9	23.3	17.3	19.0	18.5	17.6	19.4	19.5	20.1	19.9	23.8	23.9	23.3	22.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	45.5	47.2	47.4	47.7	51.7	50.2	50.9	51.4	48.5	49.9	50.0	50.5	47.2	47.2	47.7	48.2
White	22.5	21.7	21.2	21.3	23.0	22.2	22.3	23.2	24.5	22.7	22.0	22.1	21.7	21.3	21.4	21.9
Two or more races	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.8
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	20,803	17,777	15,599	13,579
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	10,880	9,836	8,517	7,203

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	9.9	7.3	8.7	6.1
1 year	12.0	11.9	11.6	11.0
2 years	11.2	11.1	10.5	11.4
3 years	8.7	9.2	9.0	9.4
4 years	7.5	7.7	7.9	7.9
5 years	6.6	6.8	6.6	7.1
6 years	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.9
7 years	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3
8 years	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
9 years	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.5
10 years	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.2
11 years	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.9
12 years	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.3
13 years	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.1
14 years	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3
15 years	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.4
16 years	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.8
17 years	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
Asian	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Black	18.9	19.7	19.0	18.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	50.7	50.6	50.2	48.8
White	22.7	22.1	22.6	23.9
Two or more races	5.2	5.2	5.7	6.1
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	7,622	7,777	7,438	6,044

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.7
1 year	15.9	14.2	13.3	13.3
2 years	15.1	16.2	15.8	15.0
3 years	12.0	12.4	12.5	12.6
4 years	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.1
5 years	7.9	7.0	8.0	8.1
6 years	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.7
7 years	5.3	5.8	5.9	5.4
8 years	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.8
9 years	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.2
10 years	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.2
11 years	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.3
12 years	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.8
13 years	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2
14 years	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0
15 years	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.4
16 years	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.5
17 years	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.2
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Asian	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4
Black	16.7	15.4	16.8	16.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	48.0	51.3	52.0	52.4
White	27.7	25.4	23.2	22.9
Two or more races	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.9
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.8	92.7	93.2	93.2
Children with one or more recurrences	7.2	7.3	6.8	6.8
Number	41,245	38,645	37,354	38,653

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.23	0.29	0.31	0.31
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.77	99.71	99.69	99.69
Number	115,740	107,968	98,711	91,918

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.9	18.7	18.8	18.5
Guardianship	5.0	6.7	6.3	6.5
Reunification	57.3	57.2	55.9	56.7
Other	19.0	16.1	17.9	17.2
Missing data	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.1
Number	42,518	41,555	39,282	33,577

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.1	25.2	25.5	24.3
Guardianship	6.0	8.3	7.2	8.1
Reunification	46.5	44.8	45.4	44.2
Other	21.5	19.9	20.4	21.7
Missing data	0.9	1.9	1.5	1.6
Number	16,849	17,651	14,084	12,528

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3
Guardianship	2.6	3.7	3.2	3.6
Reunification	50.6	53.2	50.1	50.6
Other	44.7	39.8	43.9	42.8
Missing data	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.7
Number	11,641	10,376	10,660	8,734

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	42.7	42.1	37.5	39.7
Children older than 12 at entry	57.3	57.9	62.5	60.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	5,192	5,148	5,474	4,699

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	9.4	11.8	11.2	12.4	15.1	16.0	15.1	14.1	15.4	14.9	15.6	15.4		
Guardianship	9.1	11.1	11.6	11.1	4.0	3.9	6.1	6.8	7.4	10.4	8.3	8.7		
Reunification	57.3	54.7	55.2	54.4	67.5	68.6	65.7	61.3	47.3	47.5	47.8	48.9		
Other	23.4	20.4	22.0	19.8	13.0	11.0	12.0	17.1	28.9	25.4	26.7	25.3		
Missing data	0.7	2.1	0.0	2.3	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.7		
Number	286	289	277	217	905	876	886	651	8,264	8,113	7,894	6,679		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	5.0	15.0	7.8	15.5	17.8	19.2	19.6	19.2	20.1	20.6	20.2	19.1		
Guardianship	3.3	6.9	9.3	2.4	4.6	5.9	5.8	6.2	4.1	5.5	5.5	5.3		
Reunification	77.5	71.7	70.5	71.4	61.2	61.1	58.9	59.6	56.0	55.9	55.2	57.3		
Other	14.2	5.8	11.6	10.7	15.8	12.6	14.7	14.2	18.8	16.7	18.1	17.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.3		
Number	120	173	129	84	20,608	20,717	19,629	16,967	10,400	9,431	8,628	7,406		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.8	2.0	4.8	9.0	23.3	23.9	24.3	26.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.0		
Guardianship	1.7	1.5	0.8	3.0	4.4	6.4	5.7	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0		
Reunification	72.9	73.8	65.9	67.2	58.4	53.5	53.2	49.5	100.0	0.0	92.3	84.8		
Other	23.8	20.8	28.6	20.9	13.1	14.5	15.0	15.7	0.0	0.0	6.2	11.1		
Missing data	0.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0		
Number	240	202	126	67	1,694	1,754	1,648	1,407	1	0	65	99		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	66.7	65.3	66.5	68.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.8	27.3	26.6	24.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3
48 or more mos.	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	24,380	23,755	21,943	19,023

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	78.3	77.5	77.7	77.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.0	9.3	9.4	9.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.0	12.6	12.4	12.4
Missing data	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Number	40,470	35,233	34,031	32,200

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.5	3.8	4.0	5.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.3	25.7	24.8	27.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.1	36.4	34.6	30.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.6	18.1	19.4	19.9
48 or more mos.	17.6	16.0	17.2	17.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	7,593	7,759	7,395	6,208

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.0	82.6	83.6	83.3	61.2	61.8	60.6	62.3	34.0	33.7	32.9	32.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.8	17.1	16.1	16.3	38.8	38.1	39.3	37.6	66.0	66.2	67.0	67.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	46,766	41,749	40,127	37,908	26,569	25,939	22,583	21,578	42,402	40,276	35,999	32,430	3	4	2	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Institutions	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.1
Other settings	95.2	95.4	95.6	96.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	26,927	24,115	23,165	23,417

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	107.1	108.6	110.8	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)	62.4	61.3	62.5	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)	8.3	8.9	8.6	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)	37.9	40.7	40.4	40.0
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	12.7	12.4	12.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.9	99.7	101.0	104.1
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?	32.8	29.5	28.8	32.3
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?	29.6	30.2	31.0	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?	15.7	17.9	19.2	17.7
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	5.6	6.6	6.8	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?	51.8	55.0	55.7	61.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	107.9	113.1	113.8	113.7
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?	19.3	22.4	22.8	22.0
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?	97.2	97.5	97.2	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?	52.3	49.0	48.8	47.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	93.0	92.9	93.0	93.5
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?	81.4	81.1	82.3	82.2
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?	61.0	61.7	60.6	62.4
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?	34.1	33.9	33.1	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,195,633	1,210,628	1,227,763	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.8	0.8	X
Asian	2.5	2.5	2.7	X
Black	4.5	4.4	4.6	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	28.7	29.3	29.9	X
White	60.4	59.8	58.9	X
Two or more races	2.9	3.0	3.1	X
Child population in poverty (%)	16.3	15.1	17.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	10,588	11,247	11,881	11,720
Foster care entry rate	5.3	5.4	5.0	4.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,029	8,065	7,428	7,037
Children adopted	1,084	1,005	1,067	978

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	59	70	74	76
Numerator	—	7,377	7,480	7,672
Denominator	—	10,614	10,149	10,150
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	85	86	86	88
Numerator	—	41,486	35,386	39,997
Denominator	—	48,187	40,942	45,706

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	49,764	41.6 per 1,000	53,392	44.1 per 1,000	52,510	42.8 per 1,000	51,132	41.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	10,588	8.9 per 1,000	11,247	9.3 per 1,000	11,881	9.7 per 1,000	11,720	9.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	2.3 per 100,000	32	2.6 per 100,000	36	2.9 per 100,000	27	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.6	11.9	11.2	10.3
1 year	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.6
2 years	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5
3 years	6.9	6.8	7.0	7.5
4 years	6.6	7.0	6.7	7.0
5 years	6.4	6.4	6.7	6.3
6 years	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3
7 years	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.4
8 years	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.5
9 years	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.5
10 years	4.4	4.3	5.2	5.3
11 years	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.7
12 years	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2
13 years	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0
14 years	4.5	4.1	3.7	4.1
15 years	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.5
16 years	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.3
17 years	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.8
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Number	10,588	11,247	11,881	11,720

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.7
Asian	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5
Black	9.0	8.8	9.3	8.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	37.3	36.5	38.1	38.2
White	48.2	48.6	45.9	46.8
Two or more races	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.3
Missing data	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.2
Number	10,588	11,247	11,881	11,720

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	3.5	3.7	4.4	4.1
Medical neglect	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5
Neglect	68.8	71.2	74.8	78.7
Physical abuse	14.2	14.6	14.4	12.4
Sexual abuse	8.7	9.2	9.4	9.3
Missing data	7.9	4.9	0.7	0.3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	10,588	11,247	11,881	11,720

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	31.4	22.7	18.3	17.1
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	7,960	7,661	7,450	7,131	6,372	6,496	6,170	5,723	6,303	6,092	6,192	5,817	8,029	8,065	7,428	7,037
Median length of stay (months)	13.3	13.5	12.2	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.4	12.8	12.2	12.2	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.5	5.6	6.1	5.0	13.7	13.4	13.0	13.2	5.8	5.7	6.3	6.0	5.6	6.0	5.0	5.2
1 year	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.4	5.9	6.4	6.6	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.1	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.6
2 years	4.6	5.1	4.9	4.4	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.1	7.1	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.7
3 years	4.1	3.8	4.5	3.8	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.6	5.9	5.1	3.9	4.5	4.0	3.7
4 years	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.8	5.5	4.9	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.5
5 years	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.6	4.6	3.2	3.7	3.0	3.1
6 years	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.7
7 years	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.7	3.5	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.9	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.7
8 years	3.1	3.5	2.8	2.7	3.8	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.5	2.9	2.6	2.4
9 years	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.6	2.7
10 years	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.5
11 years	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.5	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.9
12 years	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.3
13 years	5.2	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.5	3.1	2.6	3.0	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.0
14 years	6.3	6.0	5.5	4.9	7.2	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	6.2	5.7	5.0	5.5
15 years	8.4	7.8	7.9	7.3	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.2	7.0	6.5	5.4	4.9	8.2	8.0	7.7	6.7
16 years	9.7	10.2	10.0	10.6	9.8	9.8	10.5	10.0	7.7	7.9	7.2	6.7	10.3	9.8	11.0	10.5
17 years	10.2	11.0	11.8	12.7	7.0	8.6	9.7	8.8	8.1	8.0	6.8	7.8	10.4	11.5	12.4	12.7
18 years	6.5	6.5	7.3	9.1	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.3	7.2	8.0	9.2	9.6	6.1	6.9	8.8	8.7
19 years	2.9	3.5	3.0	4.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	3.4	3.5	3.1	4.6	3.4	2.9	3.9	4.3
20 years	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	2.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.9
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9
Asian	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.8
Black	11.6	12.8	13.7	14.1	11.3	12.7	12.5	11.4	9.8	11.5	12.3	11.8	12.8	13.7	13.9	13.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	35.7	36.6	37.3	36.6	37.9	38.8	38.0	39.1	36.5	38.2	38.6	39.6	36.8	37.1	36.8	36.2
White	47.0	45.4	43.3	43.7	45.6	43.2	43.5	43.4	48.0	45.2	43.1	43.3	45.1	43.8	43.6	43.8
Two or more races	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.1
Unknown	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,798	1,905	1,524	1,247
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,086	1,131	1,261	777

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.4
1 year	9.2	8.2	10.0	8.8
2 years	6.8	7.9	7.4	8.7
3 years	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7
4 years	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.4
5 years	5.3	5.6	6.0	5.1
6 years	6.1	4.7	5.4	5.1
7 years	5.3	5.4	6.0	4.5
8 years	5.7	5.1	4.5	5.4
9 years	5.0	5.4	5.7	4.7
10 years	5.4	5.0	5.2	6.3
11 years	6.3	5.4	4.7	5.7
12 years	4.2	6.1	4.8	5.0
13 years	5.0	4.2	6.0	5.0
14 years	5.8	5.2	4.7	6.1
15 years	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.7
16 years	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.9
17 years	3.6	5.1	3.9	4.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	10.3	11.3	12.0	13.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	38.6	38.2	37.0	36.9
White	46.2	45.4	44.9	43.7
Two or more races	3.8	4.1	5.2	5.2
Unknown	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,084	1,005	1,067	978

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.3
1 year	18.0	18.8	20.7	14.8
2 years	13.2	14.6	17.2	15.5
3 years	11.2	11.9	10.8	9.7
4 years	8.9	7.6	8.9	8.3
5 years	6.2	7.4	6.5	8.8
6 years	7.1	7.7	4.8	6.2
7 years	6.4	4.6	4.7	6.2
8 years	4.8	4.1	3.9	5.4
9 years	4.3	4.5	3.7	3.9
10 years	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.4
11 years	2.2	3.9	2.2	3.3
12 years	3.7	2.3	3.1	2.6
13 years	1.8	1.7	1.0	2.7
14 years	1.8	1.4	1.5	2.4
15 years	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.9
16 years	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1
17 years	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.4
Asian	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1
Black	7.8	8.6	8.6	10.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	38.1	39.2	37.3	36.5
White	47.8	45.7	47.1	46.1
Two or more races	4.6	5.7	5.9	6.4
Unknown	<.1	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.3	94.9	95.8	95.7
Children with one or more recurrences	4.7	5.1	4.2	4.3
Number	5,020	5,350	5,494	5,676

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.59	0.54	0.39	0.54
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.41	99.46	99.61	99.46
Number	14,332	14,157	13,620	12,854

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	16.2	14.9	15.7	15.2
Guardianship	4.7	4.0	4.7	3.8
Reunification	65.7	67.0	64.5	65.9
Other	13.2	14.0	14.6	14.8
Missing data	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Number	6,303	6,092	6,192	5,817

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	21.1	24.5	35.9	30.5
Guardianship	2.2	2.4	1.4	2.0
Reunification	47.5	40.8	45.5	50.0
Other	28.3	32.1	15.3	17.6
Missing data	0.9	0.2	1.9	0.0
Number	650	546	209	256

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7
Guardianship	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.2
Reunification	70.9	69.1	64.4	66.2
Other	26.2	28.7	32.4	30.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	2,406	2,342	2,192	2,190

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.5	22.0	20.8	21.4
Children older than 12 at entry	72.5	78.0	79.2	78.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	396	508	600	593

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.8	15.8	12.7	9.8	11.5	0.0	4.5	3.7	13.1	11.7	11.1	13.6		
Guardianship	1.5	5.3	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	4.4	5.0	3.8		
Reunification	47.7	70.2	50.7	46.3	78.8	72.7	77.3	74.1	63.6	65.4	61.3	62.1		
Other	36.9	8.8	35.2	36.6	9.6	27.3	18.2	22.2	18.5	18.2	22.1	20.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1		
Number	65	57	71	41	52	22	22	27	616	702	764	686		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.4	6.7	0.0	12.5	16.8	14.8	15.2	14.3	16.0	15.4	17.2	16.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	4.6	5.5	4.2	4.3	3.2	4.3	3.3		
Reunification	76.9	86.7	46.2	75.0	66.1	68.0	65.8	68.3	66.0	67.0	64.8	65.9		
Other	7.7	6.7	53.8	12.5	11.5	12.5	13.3	13.0	13.5	14.3	13.4	14.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.4	0.2		
Number	13	15	13	8	2,300	2,328	2,392	2,301	3,028	2,752	2,669	2,520		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	23.5	22.7	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	5.6	4.3	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	66.7	50.0	64.5	57.7	63.1	55.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	50.0	7.5	12.7	9.4	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	3	6	4	228	213	255	230	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	75.5	77.1	80.6	78.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.6	15.6	14.4	15.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.9	4.1	2.9	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.3
48 or more mos.	2.2	1.4	1.1	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	4,139	4,080	3,995	3,832

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	70.2	70.6	62.8	68.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	14.2	13.8	16.1	15.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5
Missing data	1.9	2.0	7.6	2.4
Number	6,372	6,496	6,170	5,723

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	10.0	12.5	11.8	9.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	46.9	43.5	47.4	40.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.4	25.4	28.6	31.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	8.9	9.1	7.7	10.1
48 or more mos.	8.3	9.5	4.4	8.2
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,018	910	974	887

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.5	84.6	82.6	84.3	62.2	63.4	64.6	56.9	33.4	33.4	32.2	33.0	100.0	78.6	81.6	79.3
Children with 3 or more placements	11.9	10.9	12.2	10.7	37.0	35.7	34.5	42.3	66.3	66.4	67.5	66.6	0.0	3.6	2.6	3.4
Missing placement setting counts	4.6	4.5	5.2	5.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	17.9	15.8	17.2
Number	7,592	7,714	7,452	6,869	3,089	2,863	2,911	2,815	3,641	3,552	3,219	3,141	10	28	38	29

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.5
Institutions	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.8
Other settings	96.0	96.0	95.9	95.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,717	3,811	3,555	3,411

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	125.3	121.9	121.6	131.9
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)	76.4	77.7	79.5	78.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.4
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)	56.5	55.0	51.7	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?	15.2	17.3	17.7	13.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	118.4	113.4	119.2	119.6
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?	57.2	56.0	59.4	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?	21.9	22.4	21.5	23.7
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?	19.5	19.2	21.3	23.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	3.2	2.3	4.1	2.3
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	58.3	52.0	62.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	124.0	122.7	128.0	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?	20.7	19.9	20.3	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?	97.0	95.1	97.2	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?	32.4	30.2	27.0	25.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	97.9	99.5	99.5	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?	85.9	87.5	86.4	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?	63.4	64.8	66.7	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?	35.7	35.8	35.1	37.1

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	822,400	814,394	807,985	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	3.7	3.7	4.0	X
Black	11.2	11.2	11.2	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	16.7	17.3	17.9	X
White	65.7	65.1	64.0	X
Two or more races	2.4	2.4	2.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	11.1	12.5	12.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	10,252	9,986	10,172	10,846
Foster care entry rate	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,815	5,438	4,827	4,541
Children adopted	717	772	768	650

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	72	73	77	79
Numerator	5,575	5,291	5,092	4,821
Denominator	7,762	7,275	6,591	6,070
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	79	78	80	81
Numerator	34,338	31,591	31,708	29,488
Denominator	43,432	40,717	39,871	36,624

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	40,333	49.0 per 1,000	36,968	45.4 per 1,000	37,468	46.4 per 1,000	38,814	48.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	10,252	12.5 per 1,000	9,986	12.3 per 1,000	10,172	12.6 per 1,000	10,846	13.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.2 per 100,000	5	0.6 per 100,000	4	0.5 per 100,000	4	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.9	11.2	11.1	10.9
1 year	6.7	6.4	7.2	7.3
2 years	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.9
3 years	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.6
4 years	5.6	5.3	5.6	6.3
5 years	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.6
6 years	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.7
7 years	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.2
8 years	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.1
9 years	5.1	5.6	5.1	5.4
10 years	5.5	4.8	5.4	5.2
11 years	4.4	4.9	4.5	5.1
12 years	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.6
13 years	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.3
14 years	5.4	5.7	4.9	4.9
15 years	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.7
16 years	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.5
17 years	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.0
18+ years	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Missing data	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4
Number	10,252	9,986	10,172	10,846

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7
Black	21.9	22.7	21.9	21.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	27.8	27.8	29.9	28.9
White	42.0	41.1	39.4	40.6
Two or more races	5.0	4.6	5.0	5.2
Missing data	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.6
Number	10,252	9,986	10,172	10,846

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.9
Medical neglect	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.4
Neglect	90.9	90.1	90.3	91.5
Physical abuse	5.6	6.1	6.2	5.6
Sexual abuse	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	10,252	9,986	10,172	10,846

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	42.6	48.2	45.3	47.5
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	6,297	5,710	5,328	4,708	2,684	2,669	2,467	2,471	3,166	2,941	2,968	2,638	5,815	5,438	4,827	4,541
Median length of stay (months)	16.7	17.9	17.7	17.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.1	19.3	17.3	17.4	17.9	17.9	17.9	16.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.4	4.8	5.6	5.3	17.6	19.7	18.8	18.8	5.3	5.1	5.7	4.8	4.8	5.7	5.4	6.3
1 year	5.4	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.7	5.9	6.4	7.3	6.2	7.3	7.1	7.7	6.2	6.1	6.5	7.0
2 years	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.4	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.7	7.5	6.5	7.5	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.8
3 years	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	5.4	4.1	4.7	5.4	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.7
4 years	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.7	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.7	4.9	5.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.7
5 years	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.9	3.2	2.9	3.8	4.4	3.5	4.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.6
6 years	3.5	3.9	3.3	2.6	4.1	3.6	3.0	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.9	3.3	2.6	3.4
7 years	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.1	3.7	3.0	2.6
8 years	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.2
9 years	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.8	3.4	2.8	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9
10 years	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.9
11 years	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.5
12 years	5.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.3	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.9	4.0	3.7	4.0
13 years	5.9	6.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.5	3.2	2.6	2.9	2.5	6.1	5.0	4.9	4.9
14 years	8.1	7.8	8.1	6.6	7.8	7.0	7.8	6.4	3.4	3.4	4.0	3.3	7.7	7.9	6.5	6.5
15 years	11.4	10.7	9.8	10.9	9.3	9.8	9.8	8.3	4.5	5.2	4.4	4.5	10.7	9.7	10.8	8.5
16 years	10.7	12.2	12.3	12.4	5.4	6.3	7.0	7.9	7.9	7.7	6.3	5.0	12.3	12.3	12.3	13.3
17 years	9.0	9.1	11.1	12.5	4.0	4.0	4.7	3.4	21.2	11.9	6.5	17.1	9.2	11.2	12.3	11.7
18 years	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.2	<.1	2.1	10.6	16.3	9.0	0.7	0.6	1.6	1.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	29.9	29.1	28.0	27.6	26.1	26.3	26.3	25.5	28.1	28.2	26.9	27.3	29.2	28.2	27.8	26.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	30.9	32.2	32.4	33.3	32.7	31.4	32.8	32.4	30.1	31.9	32.7	31.9	32.2	32.0	32.4	33.6
White	32.9	32.0	32.6	31.4	33.3	34.6	32.8	34.0	35.0	32.8	33.9	33.3	31.9	32.8	31.9	31.7
Two or more races	5.0	5.6	5.8	6.7	6.2	5.7	6.0	6.8	4.8	5.6	5.0	6.0	5.6	5.6	6.5	7.2
Unknown	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.2	1.7	0.6	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,162	1,429	1,350	1,255
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	814	804	731	620

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.1	6.1	4.4	4.6
1 year	8.1	7.8	10.4	10.5
2 years	7.4	8.1	8.7	10.6
3 years	5.8	7.1	7.3	7.5
4 years	6.4	6.4	7.2	5.7
5 years	5.9	5.8	6.3	5.4
6 years	6.3	5.3	4.4	5.6
7 years	5.1	5.8	4.5	4.0
8 years	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.0
9 years	6.0	5.2	4.3	5.2
10 years	5.1	6.0	4.4	4.9
11 years	5.6	5.8	6.0	4.7
12 years	6.5	5.1	5.3	5.9
13 years	7.1	6.2	6.0	4.9
14 years	7.2	6.1	5.9	5.8
15 years	7.7	6.0	7.2	5.5
16 years	0.9	1.6	1.5	3.3
17 years	0.5	0.4	0.8	1.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.3	0.7	0.6
Black	26.9	24.9	24.7	24.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	34.1	33.2	34.3	36.0
White	30.0	33.4	31.0	29.1
Two or more races	8.3	7.3	8.5	9.5
Unknown	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	717	772	768	650

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.3	9.5	8.7	11.8
1 year	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.4
2 years	13.0	14.1	14.1	16.8
3 years	10.5	9.6	9.9	9.8
4 years	7.8	8.4	6.8	8.5
5 years	6.0	6.0	7.4	6.9
6 years	5.7	5.7	7.6	2.8
7 years	5.7	5.1	6.9	4.5
8 years	4.5	5.2	4.3	4.0
9 years	4.6	4.1	4.4	3.7
10 years	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.4
11 years	2.6	4.5	2.6	2.9
12 years	2.9	1.8	3.4	4.3
13 years	1.8	2.6	1.6	1.8
14 years	1.5	2.1	2.7	2.2
15 years	2.5	3.0	1.3	1.4
16 years	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.9
17 years	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6
18 years	0.3	0.0	0.3	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Asian	3.6	1.0	0.7	2.0
Black	26.5	29.3	26.6	29.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	27.2	30.7	34.9	31.5
White	38.2	35.4	35.3	34.2
Two or more races	2.1	3.1	2.1	2.3
Unknown	0.8	0.3	0.5	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.1	93.7	93.7	92.6
Children with one or more recurrences	6.9	6.3	6.3	7.4
Number	5,071	4,610	4,756	4,930

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.56	0.68	1.24	0.89
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.44	99.32	98.76	99.11
Number	8,981	8,379	7,795	7,179

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.9	21.4	22.1	21.6
Guardianship	13.8	11.0	9.3	9.6
Reunification	46.0	44.5	48.6	45.5
Other	20.1	20.5	19.4	21.2
Missing data	2.2	2.5	0.6	2.1
Number	3,166	2,941	2,968	2,638

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	11.8	16.4	13.7	14.8
Guardianship	8.4	4.6	4.9	4.4
Reunification	36.4	34.5	38.1	33.4
Other	40.0	40.1	42.5	45.3
Missing data	3.5	4.5	0.9	2.2
Number	806	739	657	596

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.8
Guardianship	4.8	3.6	3.9	5.2
Reunification	44.1	44.1	50.1	45.8
Other	43.9	46.1	43.5	45.2
Missing data	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9
Number	964	879	875	783

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	34.6	34.6	35.7	36.9
Children older than 12 at entry	65.2	65.4	64.3	63.1
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	509	459	456	463

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	21.4	13.9	19.0	17.8	20.0		
Guardianship	50.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	7.7	0.0	17.2	12.0	10.9	10.2		
Reunification	25.0	100.0	0.0	80.0	37.5	61.5	76.9	50.0	41.3	40.2	46.4	44.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	25.0	23.1	15.4	21.4	25.3	26.0	24.4	23.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	2.2	2.7	0.5	1.8		
Number	4	2	1	5	8	13	13	14	890	830	799	719		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.7	19.4	22.9	21.0	20.9	23.5	24.7	22.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	10.6	6.0	8.2	12.2	11.0	10.0	10.1		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	51.6	49.9	53.6	48.0	45.0	42.3	45.1	43.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	17.5	17.6	17.1	20.8	19.7	20.7	19.5	20.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	2.6	0.5	2.0	2.2	2.5	0.7	2.6		
Number	1	0	1	1	952	938	971	842	1,108	966	1,006	878		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	11.5	25.9	13.3	18.2	35.8	33.3	27.9	26.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.9	3.7	3.3	0.0	11.9	9.7	18.4	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	55.8	63.0	66.7	81.8	41.7	43.6	44.2	43.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	17.3	7.4	13.3	0.0	9.3	10.9	9.5	15.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	13.5	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.3	2.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	52	27	30	22	151	165	147	157	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	61.9	54.4	61.4	65.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.8	30.6	25.7	23.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.3	9.5	8.0	7.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	3.2	2.7	1.7
48 or more mos.	3.2	2.3	2.2	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,455	1,310	1,441	1,201

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.4	79.8	80.6	81.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.9	8.5	8.7	7.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.4	11.2	10.5	10.9
Missing data	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2
Number	2,684	2,669	2,467	2,471

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	5.3	4.5	3.3	3.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	31.2	31.3	31.7	30.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	24.3	25.8	30.6	31.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.6	16.2	18.7	18.0
48 or more mos.	19.4	22.3	15.7	16.3
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	567	629	657	571

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.4	85.9	86.7	87.0	68.7	69.6	65.9	65.7	28.3	30.3	30.8	31.3	31.3	25.0	66.7	94.1
Children with 3 or more placements	12.6	14.1	13.3	13.0	31.3	30.4	34.1	34.3	66.6	65.7	66.1	66.4	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	5.1	4.0	3.0	2.3	68.8	75.0	33.3	5.9
Number	3,167	3,044	2,906	2,865	2,431	1,978	1,941	1,691	3,367	3,337	2,930	2,606	16	20	18	17

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	9.3	9.7	9.2	8.6
Institutions	3.4	3.6	4.8	3.5
Other settings	87.3	86.7	86.0	87.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,261	1,375	1,114	1,234

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	99.8	91.4	101.8	110.1
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)	57.6	50.0	58.5	62.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.2	12.0	10.1	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)	27.3	29.7	32.4	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?	13.1	12.9	14.0	12.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	104.7	113.6	115.7	117.4
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?	36.6	35.8	35.0	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?	31.0	30.2	30.0	28.9
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?	13.9	16.8	18.9	18.9
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	9.7	10.0	10.3	9.5
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?	64.1	67.2	67.1	73.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	101.4	99.8	103.6	100.2
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?	21.0	20.9	23.0	21.5
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?	90.6	90.1	92.3	88.9
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?	54.6	56.5	57.5	55.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	98.3	98.5	97.6	98.0
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?	86.5	85.0	85.9	86.3
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?	68.6	69.6	66.0	65.7
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?	29.8	31.6	31.9	32.2

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	205,720	206,820	206,993	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	3.0	3.0	3.2	X
Black	24.1	24.1	23.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	10.9	11.3	12.1	X
White	58.8	58.4	57.6	X
Two or more races	2.8	2.8	2.9	X
Child population in poverty (%)	14.7	13.6	16.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	2,116	2,278	2,071	2,204
Foster care entry rate	5.7	3.3	2.2	2.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,252	1,029	820	755
Children adopted	118	111	125	67

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	43	63	64	75
Numerator	630	907	790	800
Denominator	1,464	1,445	1,225	1,065
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	81	87	90	86
Numerator	3,610	5,729	5,174	5,137
Denominator	4,477	6,597	5,723	5,955

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	13,546	65.8 per 1,000	15,026	72.7 per 1,000	13,936	67.3 per 1,000	15,830	76.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	2,116	10.3 per 1,000	2,278	11.0 per 1,000	2,071	10.0 per 1,000	2,204	10.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000	3	1.4 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	9.8	10.5	10.6	11.2
1 year	6.9	6.5	8.1	8.3
2 years	5.6	7.1	6.4	6.4
3 years	6.8	6.0	8.0	6.1
4 years	6.2	7.6	6.7	6.9
5 years	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.9
6 years	7.1	5.7	6.7	7.3
7 years	5.3	6.4	5.5	6.4
8 years	6.6	6.2	5.0	5.3
9 years	5.2	5.4	5.2	4.4
10 years	5.8	4.6	5.0	4.9
11 years	3.7	5.0	4.1	4.1
12 years	4.4	3.7	4.1	3.4
13 years	4.6	3.4	4.3	4.2
14 years	4.8	4.1	3.6	3.5
15 years	4.3	4.4	4.5	3.4
16 years	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.9
17 years	2.3	3.2	2.3	3.1
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	2,116	2,278	2,071	2,204

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.8
Black	48.1	47.6	44.7	44.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.8	12.0	11.7	8.8
White	38.5	37.9	40.2	44.2
Two or more races	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0
Number	2,116	2,278	2,071	2,204

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	27.0	27.8	32.0	37.0
Medical neglect	1.7	1.1	1.1	0.9
Neglect	45.2	42.1	41.4	39.9
Physical abuse	18.6	18.0	17.5	14.9
Sexual abuse	6.7	8.8	7.5	7.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	11.3	9.1	8.7	7.8
Number	2,116	2,278	2,071	2,204

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	158.7	172.7	167.2	187.2
Median	>120 but <144	>96 but <120	>120 but <144	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,026	1,123	929	796	1,165	691	446	414	940	785	555	455	1,252	1,029	820	755
Median length of stay (months)	11.7	11.6	16.6	15.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.0	9.2	16.9	12.9	11.4	15.1	16.0	18.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.7	5.4	5.0	6.3	9.2	13.7	18.8	18.8	3.7	3.3	4.3	5.7	5.0	4.5	6.1	5.6
1 year	6.6	6.1	7.0	6.4	4.0	4.9	7.0	8.0	5.9	7.9	9.2	9.7	5.7	6.4	6.2	7.2
2 years	5.8	5.1	4.8	5.0	3.6	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.4	6.1	7.4	7.3	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.3
3 years	3.8	5.8	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.4	7.3	5.4	5.9	5.2	3.6	3.5	4.1
4 years	3.4	3.5	5.0	3.5	3.4	4.8	3.4	2.7	4.6	4.5	5.2	4.4	3.4	4.6	3.4	2.3
5 years	3.5	3.7	4.6	4.0	2.8	3.2	4.0	4.6	2.3	3.3	4.5	4.6	3.4	4.1	3.9	2.8
6 years	3.2	3.5	3.2	4.5	3.1	2.3	5.8	3.9	2.6	3.9	4.7	3.7	3.2	3.0	4.4	4.5
7 years	3.8	3.7	2.7	4.6	2.2	2.5	2.7	4.6	2.7	2.2	1.4	5.3	3.6	2.5	4.5	3.8
8 years	2.3	3.9	4.4	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.0	2.9	4.1	3.3	3.5	4.0	2.8	4.2
9 years	2.8	2.8	3.9	3.9	2.6	1.6	3.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.5	3.8	3.8	2.8
10 years	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.0	3.9	1.6	1.7	3.1	3.7	3.4	2.8	3.4	3.4
11 years	3.1	4.1	4.5	2.1	1.7	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8	2.5	4.5	2.4	3.8	4.0	2.1	4.0
12 years	2.8	3.7	4.6	4.4	3.5	2.7	4.5	1.4	1.7	2.4	3.1	2.0	3.0	4.5	4.4	2.0
13 years	4.4	5.5	5.1	6.5	4.6	2.9	6.5	4.3	2.0	1.5	4.0	2.2	5.4	4.5	6.7	5.2
14 years	6.1	5.6	7.4	6.4	7.3	6.5	4.5	5.1	6.1	3.9	2.3	2.6	5.9	7.0	6.3	7.9
15 years	9.3	8.0	7.4	9.2	11.7	11.3	6.5	6.0	8.4	7.1	4.5	4.0	8.6	8.0	9.0	6.9
16 years	12.1	11.0	9.3	9.0	14.4	11.9	8.7	7.7	13.1	9.2	3.6	2.9	11.7	10.5	9.0	12.1
17 years	12.8	12.0	11.9	12.7	15.1	14.2	7.4	12.1	19.8	14.4	5.2	13.0	13.1	13.3	12.7	13.0
18 years	3.5	2.8	2.0	1.8	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	10.3	12.2	18.7	13.4	4.8	4.0	2.1	2.9
19 years	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.1
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0
Black	55.8	57.1	54.7	54.8	56.7	54.4	49.1	55.1	55.6	57.5	50.5	48.6	56.6	55.0	54.5	58.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	9.4	8.4	7.8	10.0	10.9	11.9	7.2	8.7	11.6	11.9	6.8	9.1	8.7	7.9	8.1
White	34.4	31.2	32.4	31.9	31.2	30.7	33.9	32.9	33.3	29.4	33.7	38.9	32.3	32.2	32.3	28.2
Two or more races	1.7	2.3	4.2	4.9	1.8	3.2	4.5	4.6	1.5	1.3	4.0	4.4	1.9	3.7	4.5	5.0
Unknown	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	316	304	239	253
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	144	175	143	149

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.4	5.6	2.5	4.7
1 year	11.1	11.5	7.5	10.3
2 years	8.2	5.6	8.4	6.7
3 years	7.9	6.3	5.9	6.3
4 years	5.4	8.2	6.3	2.4
5 years	4.1	6.3	7.1	5.5
6 years	4.4	4.3	6.7	5.5
7 years	6.3	3.0	6.3	6.7
8 years	5.4	6.6	3.8	8.7
9 years	4.1	6.9	6.3	4.0
10 years	6.6	4.3	7.1	5.1
11 years	7.9	5.9	2.9	6.3
12 years	3.2	5.9	6.7	3.6
13 years	4.7	4.3	7.1	5.5
14 years	4.4	5.3	2.9	5.9
15 years	3.2	3.3	5.0	3.2
16 years	4.4	3.0	4.2	5.5
17 years	4.1	3.9	3.3	4.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	64.6	61.8	66.1	65.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	5.9	7.1	9.5
White	29.7	26.3	20.5	20.2
Two or more races	1.3	5.9	6.3	5.1
Unknown	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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	118	111	125	67

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.7	0.0	0.8	3.0
1 year	14.4	23.4	19.2	14.9
2 years	16.9	18.9	10.4	17.9
3 years	14.4	12.6	8.8	4.5
4 years	11.9	9.9	9.6	9.0
5 years	5.9	2.7	8.8	10.4
6 years	5.1	6.3	6.4	9.0
7 years	6.8	5.4	4.0	3.0
8 years	2.5	4.5	7.2	7.5
9 years	5.1	5.4	4.8	4.5
10 years	6.8	3.6	5.6	4.5
11 years	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.0
12 years	2.5	2.7	1.6	0.0
13 years	0.8	0.0	4.8	6.0
14 years	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.5
15 years	0.8	0.0	2.4	0.0
16 years	0.8	0.9	0.0	1.5
17 years	0.0	0.0	0.8	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	44.9	54.1	46.4	49.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.8	9.0	8.0	10.4
White	47.5	35.1	39.2	31.3
Two or more races	0.8	1.8	6.4	9.0
Unknown	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	97.3	98.2	97.9	97.1
Children with one or more recurrences	2.7	1.8	2.1	2.9
Number	1,084	1,084	1,006	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.23	0.17	0.15	0.25
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.77	99.83	99.85	99.75
Number	2,191	1,814	1,375	1,210

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.7	13.9	22.5	14.7
Guardianship	6.0	9.6	14.4	17.8
Reunification	70.6	61.4	43.4	45.3
Other	10.6	14.9	19.6	22.0
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
Number	940	785	555	455

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	20.4	17.3	21.9	18.1
Guardianship	4.9	7.6	11.8	11.1
Reunification	42.6	39.5	31.5	28.5
Other	31.5	34.6	34.8	41.7
Missing data	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.7
Number	162	185	178	144

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0
Guardianship	2.4	4.9	11.6	8.5
Reunification	82.4	68.2	34.7	33.8
Other	15.0	26.4	53.2	57.0
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.7
Number	539	349	173	142

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.0	23.1	15.5	19.1
Children older than 12 at entry	78.0	76.9	84.5	80.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	82	104	103	94

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	13.3	21.1	14.9				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	8.9	13.2	14.9				
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	75.0	73.2	61.6	43.2	48.4				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	16.2	22.5	21.7				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Number	4	0	0	2	3	2	0	4	523	451	280	221				
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	11.0	13.6	22.6	18.5	16.0	25.1	11.9				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	5.5	12.1	12.9	8.0	13.0	17.6	19.2				
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.0	76.9	60.6	45.2	62.6	54.5	39.0	42.9				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	6.6	13.6	19.4	10.9	15.6	18.2	26.0				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0				
Number	0	0	0	0	82	91	66	31	313	231	187	177				
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data			2007	Missing Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	20.0	45.5	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.9	60.0	31.8	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Number	1	0	0	0	14	10	22	20	0	0	0	0				

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	91.9	77.0	63.1	67.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	6.9	19.7	25.3	20.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	0.2	1.7	6.6	6.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.6	0.8	2.5	2.9
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.6	2.5	2.9
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	664	482	241	206

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	70.4	79.5	88.6	85.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.4	12.7	3.8	4.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.9	7.8	7.6	10.1
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,165	691	446	414

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.2	1.8	1.6	6.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	35.3	36.7	33.6	29.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.1	37.6	40.8	35.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.5	15.6	16.0	23.9
48 or more mos.	5.9	8.3	8.0	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	119	109	125	67

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.1	83.8	82.1	84.8	56.9	52.8	59.8	63.9	31.1	29.2	28.1	26.3	0.0	90.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.9	16.0	17.7	15.2	43.1	47.2	40.2	36.1	68.9	70.8	71.9	73.7	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	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	0.0
Number	1,325	833	537	506	406	492	328	274	460	479	508	426	0	10	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.1
Institutions	1.4	0.6	0.0	1.5
Other settings	96.3	97.5	98.3	97.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Number	517	361	290	268

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	112.2	122.4	122.7	132.9
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)	91.9	80.2	68.1	67.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	2.2	3.7	8.6	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	56.8	48.2	38.8	36.4
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?	31.4	21.5	10.3	7.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	117.4	116.8	118.4	101.2
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?	39.5	38.5	35.2	35.8
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	28.2	27.4	26.9
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?	22.9	19.3	23.6	14.4
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	9.1	14.8	7.8	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?	61.4	56.9	63.6	58.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	132.5	125.9	121.0	114.0
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?	23.8	23.2	27.0	18.0
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?	94.6	91.8	91.9	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?	25.4	29.4	40.5	38.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	93.1	88.4	89.9	93.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.1	82.7	81.5	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?	57.0	53.1	59.3	64.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.0	29.4	28.2	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	114,060	113,064	114,036	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	2.3	2.4	2.8	X
Black	65.7	63.5	61.5	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	11.2	12.2	X
White	18.2	20.0	20.5	X
Two or more races	2.4	2.7	2.7	X
Child population in poverty (%)	22.7	25.9	29.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	2,757	2,645	3,407	2,810
Foster care entry rate	5.0	6.2	5.5	6.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,192	2,225	2,117	2,069
Children adopted	152	113	103	112

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	67	77	83	80
Numerator	1,341	1,687	1,609	1,691
Denominator	1,993	2,186	1,944	2,105
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	89	97	98	98
Numerator	11,040	13,270	14,537	14,642
Denominator	12,348	13,679	14,881	14,980

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,166	97.9 per 1,000	11,529	102.0 per 1,000	16,710	146.5 per 1,000	14,411	126.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	2,757	24.2 per 1,000	2,645	23.4 per 1,000	3,407	29.9 per 1,000	2,810	24.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.8 per 100,000	8	7.1 per 100,000	5	4.4 per 100,000	2	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.0	11.4	10.3	9.6
1 year	4.6	5.1	4.3	5.6
2 years	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.8
3 years	3.4	4.0	4.1	4.9
4 years	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.9
5 years	5.1	6.5	6.0	6.6
6 years	6.7	6.5	5.5	6.4
7 years	5.3	6.0	6.5	5.6
8 years	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.9
9 years	4.9	4.3	5.2	5.6
10 years	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.2
11 years	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.0
12 years	5.7	5.1	5.5	5.6
13 years	5.5	5.7	6.1	5.7
14 years	6.8	6.5	6.4	5.4
15 years	7.0	5.7	5.8	5.8
16 years	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.5
17 years	3.8	3.0	3.8	2.7
18+ years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.7	0.3	0.1
Number	2,757	2,645	3,407	2,810

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	64.6	58.3	59.6	61.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	8.5	7.2	9.6
White	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.7
Two or more races	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Missing data	28.2	32.6	32.4	27.6
Number	2,757	2,645	3,407	2,810

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	2.0	2.2	1.1	1.6
Medical neglect	7.4	6.2	4.0	5.7
Neglect	59.4	69.8	65.0	62.3
Physical abuse	12.5	12.1	15.1	17.1
Sexual abuse	4.4	4.3	3.1	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	32.7	27.8	28.9	31.4
Number	2,757	2,645	3,407	2,810

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	15.4	26.3	27.3	17.6
Median	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,367	2,192	2,198	2,095	572	703	622	743	747	670	703	769	2,192	2,225	2,117	2,069
Median length of stay (months)	30.5	32.7	33.8	33.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.7	30.7	26.6	26.7	32.5	33.8	33.5	29.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.2	14.3	15.1	14.3	13.3	2.5	3.0	3.7	3.6	2.4	3.0	2.2	2.9
1 year	3.9	3.1	3.8	4.3	7.2	6.8	7.7	6.5	2.9	3.9	4.1	2.3	3.2	3.6	4.4	3.7
2 years	3.8	3.7	3.6	4.5	4.2	6.3	8.7	6.1	6.0	8.2	6.1	7.2	3.9	3.6	4.5	4.7
3 years	2.7	3.5	3.3	4.0	4.2	5.3	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.2	4.7	5.6	3.6	3.4	4.0	4.3
4 years	3.3	2.4	3.0	3.5	4.0	5.7	7.2	6.1	3.9	5.7	5.0	5.6	2.3	3.1	3.5	4.3
5 years	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.4	4.7	4.7	5.0	6.9	4.8	3.6	4.6	5.5	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.5
6 years	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.3	4.5	5.3	3.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	3.6	4.4	2.8	3.1	3.3	4.2
7 years	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.7	5.2	5.3	5.1	4.7	3.7	4.0	5.3	3.8	2.6	3.2	2.8	3.3
8 years	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	4.2	4.1	3.7	5.0	3.2	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.3
9 years	3.5	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.8	4.0	6.5	4.6	4.0	4.1	5.5	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.5
10 years	4.1	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.8	4.1	2.4	3.8	5.2	1.9	3.3	2.5	3.2	2.7	3.0	3.4
11 years	4.2	4.0	3.6	2.7	4.4	4.3	3.7	5.0	3.6	3.4	2.7	4.2	3.9	3.6	2.8	3.2
12 years	4.9	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.9	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.8	4.3	5.3	2.9	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.5
13 years	6.5	4.7	4.8	4.0	5.1	4.1	4.2	4.8	5.6	3.0	2.7	4.3	4.7	4.8	3.9	4.0
14 years	5.5	6.5	4.7	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.6	4.7	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.6	6.6	4.7	5.1	4.3
15 years	8.2	6.2	7.7	5.5	9.1	5.7	4.2	4.6	4.1	2.8	4.6	2.5	6.3	7.7	5.5	5.4
16 years	8.1	9.8	7.5	8.0	6.3	7.3	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	2.4	3.5	9.6	7.5	7.9	6.5
17 years	8.8	9.0	9.6	8.7	4.5	3.7	4.2	3.2	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.4	8.9	9.5	8.3	8.0
18 years	7.3	9.4	8.1	9.4	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.8	3.7	3.6	2.9	9.2	8.3	9.4	8.1
19 years	6.5	7.0	8.3	7.9	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.9	2.2	3.4	1.4	7.1	8.3	7.8	8.7
20 years	5.1	6.3	6.4	7.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	14.1	9.9	14.2	20.7	6.2	6.5	7.6	7.4
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.1	11.0	7.1	1.3	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	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
Asian	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	90.5	89.9	88.3	88.7	85.7	65.0	77.5	75.0	90.4	83.7	83.4	82.3	89.3	83.9	86.7	86.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.8	4.7	6.0	7.0	5.9	8.7	8.5	10.8	3.5	5.4	5.5	7.7	4.5	5.7	6.9	8.1
White	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Two or more races	4.4	4.2	3.1	2.9	4.4	1.8	1.6	2.2	2.8	4.6	2.6	3.0	5.0	3.4	2.8	2.6
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.5	1.8	0.8	2.6	22.6	10.9	11.2	2.3	5.1	6.8	5.7	0.3	6.1	2.8	2.7

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	560	498	486	420
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	64	26	26	23

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
1 year	3.9	6.4	6.8	4.8
2 years	7.7	5.0	7.0	8.1
3 years	6.4	5.4	5.1	6.4
4 years	3.4	4.8	4.9	6.0
5 years	5.5	3.6	5.3	4.3
6 years	4.5	4.8	3.9	5.7
7 years	4.6	4.4	3.5	3.6
8 years	5.5	5.2	3.9	3.6
9 years	4.5	6.8	4.7	4.0
10 years	7.0	4.4	6.4	4.3
11 years	7.3	7.6	4.9	4.5
12 years	6.8	7.6	8.8	5.0
13 years	8.4	9.2	6.4	8.6
14 years	10.0	8.4	8.6	7.1
15 years	4.5	9.4	7.6	8.8
16 years	4.1	3.4	8.8	7.4
17 years	2.5	2.2	2.1	6.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	90.4	89.4	88.3	88.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	4.6	5.3	7.1
White	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0
Two or more races	5.4	4.2	3.9	3.3
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.4	1.2	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	152	113	103	112

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0
1 year	1.3	1.8	4.9	1.8
2 years	13.2	20.4	14.6	20.5
3 years	11.8	11.5	9.7	11.6
4 years	7.2	9.7	6.8	5.4
5 years	9.9	6.2	6.8	8.0
6 years	3.9	8.0	5.8	7.1
7 years	5.3	6.2	8.7	5.4
8 years	5.3	1.8	6.8	3.6
9 years	5.9	6.2	10.7	5.4
10 years	6.6	3.5	6.8	5.4
11 years	6.6	6.2	1.9	2.7
12 years	3.9	4.4	2.9	6.3
13 years	5.9	1.8	6.8	4.5
14 years	7.2	4.4	1.9	2.7
15 years	2.0	2.7	1.9	2.7
16 years	0.7	1.8	1.0	4.5
17 years	1.3	2.7	0.0	2.7
18 years	1.3	0.0	1.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	100.0	91.2	91.3	94.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.0	4.4	5.8	3.6
White	0.0	4.4	1.9	1.8
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.0	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.

District of Columbia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.6	95.9	96.4	94.1
Children with one or more recurrences	4.4	4.1	3.6	5.9
Number	1,436	1,537	1,479	1,325

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.14	0.28	0.28
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.86	99.72	99.72
Number	2,939	2,895	2,820	2,838

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.8	16.4	15.2	16.9
Guardianship	18.7	14.9	12.2	9.4
Reunification	39.4	42.2	46.5	47.6
Other	22.1	26.4	26.0	26.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	747	670	703	769

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	11.1	22.0	11.4	7.4
Guardianship	22.2	12.2	11.4	11.1
Reunification	40.7	19.5	25.7	11.1
Other	25.9	46.3	51.4	70.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	27	41	35	27

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.7	1.2	0.6	1.4
Guardianship	9.0	5.8	4.4	1.4
Reunification	37.1	38.2	41.7	39.9
Other	52.2	54.9	53.3	57.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	178	173	180	208

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.8	47.0	46.7	38.6
Children older than 12 at entry	57.3	53.0	53.3	61.4
Missing data	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	157	164	167	189

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.3	17.5	16.2	18.5	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.7	15.9	13.0	10.4	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.8	37.8	42.5	43.4	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	21.2	28.9	28.3	27.5	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
Number	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	675	561	586	633	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	11.1	15.4	8.5	0.0	33.3	60.0	33.3	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	7.7	2.8	5.1	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	38.5	77.8	56.4	61.0	83.3	66.7	40.0	66.7	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	8.3	23.1	23.7	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	0	3	0	26	36	39	59	6	6	5	6	
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	19.4	11.1	26.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	25.8	22.2	0.0	5.9	2.9	4.2	4.5	
Reunification	0.0	50.0	100.0	100.0	38.1	25.8	38.9	47.8	94.1	88.2	87.5	84.1	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	29.0	27.8	26.1	0.0	8.8	6.3	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	0	2	4	2	21	31	18	23	17	34	48	44	

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	62.2	66.4	68.8	73.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.0	15.9	18.3	13.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.1	6.7	6.4	5.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.4	4.6	2.4	1.9
48 or more mos.	6.8	6.0	3.7	4.6
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Number	294	283	327	366

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	72.2	79.1	79.3	84.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.4	10.7	9.5	7.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	15.4	10.0	10.8	8.7
Missing data	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.0
Number	572	703	622	743

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	5.4	0.0	0.9	0.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	6.8	8.2	4.7	6.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.2	37.3	23.4	29.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.9	16.4	20.6	30.0
48 or more mos.	31.1	37.3	50.5	33.8
Missing data	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0
Number	148	110	107	130

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75.6	77.5	78.0	80.1	52.8	50.2	55.2	53.9	24.1	22.4	21.5	22.5	0.0	40.0	0.0	80.0
Children with 3 or more placements	23.6	21.8	20.7	19.4	45.8	49.5	44.8	45.9	74.3	77.0	78.0	77.2	25.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	0.7	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	75.0	40.0	100.0	20.0
Number	626	738	699	794	498	408	509	436	1,811	1,744	1,611	1,603	4	5	1	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	13.0	8.8	11.9	10.5
Institutions	1.6	1.4	0.6	1.0
Other settings	85.2	89.2	85.8	86.4
Missing data	0.3	0.6	1.7	2.1
Number	385	510	471	572

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	106.2	97.3	92.7	114.7
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)	54.5	61.0	63.5	66.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.3	9.1	7.1	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)	24.9	27.6	28.1	29.7
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?	8.9	16.9	22.3	12.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	89.1	86.6	71.0	91.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	12.3	8.3	5.8	6.9
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?	36.0	37.9	46.9	40.4
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?	11.8	9.7	10.1	13.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	3.7	2.6	3.5	5.1
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?	76.4	84.0	76.7	85.5

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	103.2	101.4	95.2	108.6
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?	19.3	18.6	15.8	20.2
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?	99.3	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?	58.8	60.6	64.7	54.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	82.0	82.3	83.8	84.9
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?	73.4	76.0	76.4	77.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.7	52.1	55.7	54.4
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?	28.3	27.1	26.1	28.3

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	4,081,907	4,070,878	4,057,773	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	2.3	2.2	2.4	X
Black	20.2	20.0	19.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	24.9	25.3	26.4	X
White	49.9	49.6	48.4	X
Two or more races	2.3	2.4	2.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	17.1	18.3	21.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	53,484	51,271	49,078	53,969
Foster care entry rate	4.6	3.9	3.4	3.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	26,759	22,149	19,446	18,865
Children adopted	3,089	3,870	3,735	3,372

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	85	90	92	90
Numerator	—	31,991	27,919	25,376
Denominator	—	35,663	30,492	28,060
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	94	97	97	98
Numerator	—	221,053	187,015	170,677
Denominator	—	226,864	192,586	175,012

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	343,836	84.2 per 1,000	374,276	91.9 per 1,000	339,289	83.6 per 1,000	332,469	81.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	53,484	13.1 per 1,000	51,271	12.6 per 1,000	49,078	12.1 per 1,000	53,969	13.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	153	3.7 per 100,000	185	4.5 per 100,000	156	3.8 per 100,000	180	4.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.6	14.1	13.3	13.5
1 year	8.2	8.7	9.2	8.9
2 years	7.5	7.9	8.6	8.7
3 years	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.8
4 years	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.7
5 years	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3
6 years	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.8
7 years	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.1
8 years	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.8
9 years	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.8
10 years	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.3
11 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.7
12 years	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.8
13 years	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.5
14 years	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.5
15 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.4
16 years	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0
17 years	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Number	53,484	51,271	49,078	53,969

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	30.3	29.7	29.2	29.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.8	13.9	15.1	16.8
White	51.7	51.5	50.4	48.5
Two or more races	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.2
Missing data	0.5	1.9	1.7	1.7
Number	53,484	51,271	49,078	53,969

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Medical neglect	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.0
Neglect	51.0	49.4	49.3	51.1
Physical abuse	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8
Sexual abuse	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	50.0	51.9	52.5	48.6
Number	53,484	51,271	49,078	53,969

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	8.8	12.3	10.7	10.7
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	28,566	25,232	21,689	19,024	18,582	15,764	13,821	14,207	20,390	18,848	16,064	14,366	26,759	22,149	19,446	18,865
Median length of stay (months)	10.5	11.9	12.2	11.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.5	12.0	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.0	11.3	9.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	7.9	8.0	7.5	8.2	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.8	5.1	5.2	4.7	5.3	7.9	7.6	8.0	8.5
1 year	9.2	9.6	9.8	9.5	8.6	8.5	9.2	8.9	9.2	9.4	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.7
2 years	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.6	7.4	7.4	8.2	8.4	8.8	9.5	9.7	9.6	8.3	8.4	8.8	9.0
3 years	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.7	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.2	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.7
4 years	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.2	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.6
5 years	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.6	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.3
6 years	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.1
7 years	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.5	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.3
8 years	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2
9 years	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8
10 years	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.6
11 years	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
12 years	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.3
13 years	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7
14 years	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.0	4.9	4.5	4.1	4.2
15 years	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	5.4	5.6	5.2	4.7
16 years	5.5	6.0	6.4	6.4	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.1	6.0	6.4	6.4	5.9
17 years	5.4	5.8	7.0	7.3	2.4	2.9	3.0	2.8	9.5	5.9	3.2	8.2	5.7	6.9	7.2	6.8
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.3	4.3	8.7	3.8	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.2
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	38.8	38.9	37.9	36.3	35.7	34.1	32.5	31.3	35.9	36.4	35.4	33.9	38.8	37.6	36.2	34.3
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)	10.8	11.6	12.2	13.5	11.7	13.2	13.1	13.8	11.0	12.1	12.4	13.4	11.2	12.3	12.7	13.8
White	47.3	46.0	45.9	45.4	49.3	48.2	49.3	49.3	50.0	47.8	48.1	47.6	46.7	46.1	46.5	46.7
Two or more races	2.5	2.8	3.3	4.0	2.3	3.4	3.9	4.7	2.3	2.8	3.4	4.2	2.6	3.2	3.6	4.4
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	7,819	7,927	6,655	4,999
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	4,243	4,764	3,544	2,752

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.3
1 year	8.7	9.9	8.8	8.7
2 years	9.0	9.2	8.9	8.6
3 years	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.3
4 years	6.4	6.6	6.9	6.2
5 years	5.2	5.5	6.1	5.6
6 years	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.1
7 years	5.3	5.1	4.3	3.9
8 years	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.4
9 years	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.1
10 years	4.4	4.1	4.7	4.6
11 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
12 years	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.4
13 years	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.8
14 years	5.8	4.7	5.0	5.5
15 years	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.8
16 years	6.0	5.2	5.8	6.2
17 years	4.7	5.2	5.3	7.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2
Black	40.1	39.4	39.6	38.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.5	11.8	11.8	12.5
White	45.5	44.9	44.5	43.4
Two or more races	3.3	3.3	3.6	4.7
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	3,089	3,870	3,735	3,372

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
1 year	12.0	12.0	12.5	12.0
2 years	13.8	16.0	15.4	13.8
3 years	13.5	11.2	11.7	10.9
4 years	8.8	9.7	8.3	9.0
5 years	7.9	7.3	7.4	7.9
6 years	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.9
7 years	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.6
8 years	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.0
9 years	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.1
10 years	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.8
11 years	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.8
12 years	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.8
13 years	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.8
14 years	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3
15 years	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.8
16 years	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0
17 years	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.6
18 years	0.1	0.2	0.1	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	28.9	32.4	31.1	32.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.5	10.8	11.0	13.6
White	56.4	52.5	53.2	48.6
Two or more races	3.5	3.6	4.2	4.5
Unknown	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	94.4	93.5	93.0	92.8
Children with one or more recurrences	5.6	6.5	7.0	7.2
Number	26,409	24,015	22,992	25,320

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.15	1.34	0.33	0.82
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.85	98.66	99.67	99.18
Number	47,148	40,996	35,510	33,231

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.9	20.5	21.7	23.2
Guardianship	20.0	25.2	24.0	24.1
Reunification	55.8	46.4	45.0	43.1
Other	7.4	7.9	9.3	9.6
Missing data	1.9	0.1	<.1	0.0
Number	20,390	18,848	16,064	14,366

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	35.4	36.8	42.6	58.8
Guardianship	11.3	14.4	10.9	8.7
Reunification	33.3	26.8	22.2	13.4
Other	18.3	21.8	24.1	19.1
Missing data	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.0
Number	1,883	1,437	1,371	1,422

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.5	4.1	3.9	4.3
Guardianship	18.8	25.0	21.2	21.0
Reunification	46.4	38.2	35.8	33.8
Other	29.9	32.2	39.1	40.9
Missing data	2.3	0.5	0.0	0.0
Number	3,632	3,266	2,821	2,524

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.3	28.3	25.4	23.8
Children older than 12 at entry	73.3	71.5	74.5	76.2
Missing data	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.0
Number	1,317	1,434	1,472	1,347

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	22.2	6.4	4.1	7.7	16.9	14.9	21.1	12.1	12.0	18.1	19.1	22.4		
Guardianship	7.4	44.7	18.4	34.6	13.6	4.3	31.6	18.2	21.8	27.5	25.2	23.2		
Reunification	33.3	48.9	69.4	51.9	61.0	72.3	42.1	60.6	54.8	44.3	43.2	41.7		
Other	37.0	0.0	8.2	5.8	8.5	8.5	5.3	9.1	9.4	10.0	12.4	12.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.1	<.1	0.0		
Number	27	47	49	52	59	47	19	33	7,328	6,858	5,682	4,876		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	44.4	75.0	14.3	18.6	19.7	23.4	16.8	22.5	23.8	23.8		
Guardianship	22.2	33.3	0.0	0.0	15.6	18.9	19.7	18.2	19.9	25.4	24.2	26.6		
Reunification	55.6	66.7	33.3	25.0	60.6	55.4	52.1	49.5	55.5	45.3	44.2	41.6		
Other	11.1	0.0	22.2	0.0	7.7	7.0	8.5	8.9	5.9	6.7	7.8	8.1		
Missing data	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.2	<.1	0.0		
Number	9	6	9	4	2,250	2,276	1,986	1,929	10,201	9,018	7,721	6,833		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	13.7	25.0	24.5	23.1	22.6	26.3	25.9	24.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	13.7	11.7	20.8	12.8	17.8	19.6	24.6	21.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	56.7	49.1	53.8	54.2	49.3	46.5	48.8	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	3.9	6.7	5.7	10.3	4.7	4.9	2.8	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	51	60	53	39	465	536	544	600	0	0	1	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	69.8	71.1	71.3	73.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.8	21.3	20.8	20.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.7	5.0	5.1	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	1.2	1.8	1.0
48 or more mos.	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8
Missing data	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0
Number	11,383	8,738	7,227	6,191

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	78.0	72.7	75.2	76.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.9	11.3	9.3	8.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	13.8	14.7	14.5
Missing data	2.4	2.1	0.8	0.7
Number	18,582	15,764	13,821	14,207

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	9.1	10.5	9.3	11.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.0	32.3	31.5	32.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.1	30.3	30.7	27.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.1	14.0	15.6	14.3
48 or more mos.	16.5	12.4	12.8	14.4
Missing data	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0
Number	3,036	3,859	3,481	3,333

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.1	82.7	84.9	85.1	61.7	60.4	60.8	63.6	31.8	31.9	30.5	28.2	95.1	96.3	96.8	98.3
Children with 3 or more placements	17.1	16.2	14.7	14.5	38.2	39.5	39.0	36.4	68.2	68.1	69.3	71.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	1.1	0.4	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	4.9	3.7	3.2	1.7
Number	24,311	20,437	17,898	18,056	12,008	10,175	8,495	7,768	10,788	10,303	9,086	7,347	41	81	31	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.7
Institutions	4.8	3.5	1.6	1.2
Other settings	93.2	94.1	95.7	95.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	15,120	12,749	11,292	11,748

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	115.8	113.4	111.5	115.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.4	69.7	69.5	72.3
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	8.1	8.0	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)	42.1	38.3	37.9	36.8
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?	12.1	13.2	15.1	14.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	124.8	139.1	139.2	141.4
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?	39.2	43.0	40.8	43.6
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?	27.6	26.4	26.9	26.0
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?	23.9	29.1	30.9	33.1
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	14.0	19.1	15.8	11.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	60.4	61.4	65.8	66.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	125.5	128.5	126.7	129.0
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?	31.7	35.0	36.7	36.3
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?	91.6	92.5	90.7	91.9
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?	43.3	43.7	44.4	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	92.0	92.1	93.3	94.0
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?	82.2	83.0	84.7	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?	61.8	60.5	60.9	63.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.7	31.9	30.6	28.2

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

One major factor affects Florida's performance on the outcomes measured during the time period covered by this report. 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. As a result, during the period covered by this report Florida reduced the number of children in foster care by approximately 36%.

Section A: Child Welfare Summary table: As noted above, this shows Florida's success in reducing the number of children in foster care.

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 between 2008 and 2010, approximately half of child fatalities due to abuse or neglect involved drowning or unsafe sleep.

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims table: Florida implemented a new policy in September 2009 which reduced the use of the allegation of "Threatened Harm." Since "Threatened Harm" maps to the NCANDS Maltreatment Type of "Other," this change may explain the majority of the reduction in the percentage of maltreatments categorized as "Other" between 2009 and 2010.

Section C: As noted above, Section C shows Florida's success in reducing the number of children in foster care. This reduction also explains why the number of children who exited foster care has declined.

Section D: The decline in the number of children waiting for adoption is largely explained by the reduction in the number of children in foster care and reduction in the time to adoption.

Composite Measures: Florida continues to show positive trends on three of the four CFSR composite measures.

C1.3: Declining scores on measure C1.3 are likely due to Florida's improvements in family preservation practices and programs. Florida's emphasis on family preservation has reduced the number of children removed from the home, thereby reducing the proportion of children removed from the home for whom reunification is the appropriate permanency goal.

C2.4: During FY 2009 and 2010, data on termination of parental rights were incomplete, in part due to implementation of changes to Florida's SACWIS. In FY 2009, 4.1% of the adoption discharges were missing TPR dates for at least one parent, and in FY 2010, 4.6% were missing TPR dates. This may explain the declining performance on this measure.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	2,536,859	2,565,577	2,583,792	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	2.7	2.7	2.9	X
Black	32.5	32.5	32.1	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	11.3	11.7	12.6	X
White	51.0	50.6	49.9	X
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	19.7	20.1	22.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	35,729	26,330	23,921	20,567
Foster care entry rate	3.5	2.6	2.2	2.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,457	9,964	8,221	7,058
Children adopted	1,269	1,340	1,389	1,181

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	51	58	86	96
Numerator	—	218	11,656	10,812
Denominator	—	377	13,498	11,207
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	82	87	86	91
Numerator	—	1,554	74,489	73,879
Denominator	—	1,791	86,503	80,895

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	115,348	45.5 per 1,000	77,466	30.2 per 1,000	67,686	26.2 per 1,000	64,019	24.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	35,729	14.1 per 1,000	26,330	10.3 per 1,000	23,921	9.3 per 1,000	20,567	8.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	61	2.4 per 100,000	68	2.7 per 100,000	60	2.3 per 100,000	77	3.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.5	13.3	14.1	14.0
1 year	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.2
2 years	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.0
3 years	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.0
4 years	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.1
5 years	6.5	6.0	6.0	5.9
6 years	6.5	6.1	6.1	5.8
7 years	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.8
8 years	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.3
9 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.5
11 years	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.4
12 years	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.1
13 years	4.5	4.4	3.9	4.3
14 years	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2
15 years	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5
16 years	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.1
17 years	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	35,729	26,330	23,921	20,567

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	40.0	41.4	41.1	42.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.9	6.6	6.8	7.0
White	50.8	49.2	47.9	46.9
Two or more races	1.5	2.1	3.5	3.3
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Number	35,729	26,330	23,921	20,567

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	20.9	18.6	20.2	24.1
Medical neglect	5.4	4.8	4.5	5.2
Neglect	72.3	71.4	67.2	62.2
Physical abuse	10.7	11.7	12.8	13.5
Sexual abuse	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	35,729	26,330	23,921	20,567

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	—	—	—	24.2
Median	—	—	—	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	12,797	12,127	9,967	7,920	8,811	6,671	5,737	5,480	9,151	8,834	7,483	6,342	12,457	9,964	8,221	7,058
Median length of stay (months)	13.7	14.0	15.6	13.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.5	12.1	13.6	11.9	14.1	15.7	13.7	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.1	18.0	18.5	18.1	16.5	6.3	5.6	5.3	5.8	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.8
1 year	7.7	8.4	8.0	8.5	7.1	7.4	8.1	7.0	7.7	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.3	7.9	8.6	8.2
2 years	6.8	6.8	7.4	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.7	8.0	8.2	7.8	6.8	7.4	7.4	7.3
3 years	6.0	5.9	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	5.8	5.7	6.3	6.6
4 years	5.5	5.4	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.4
5 years	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.4	5.5	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4
6 years	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.1
7 years	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.5	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.2
8 years	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.5	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.8
9 years	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.8
10 years	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9
11 years	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.8
12 years	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.3
13 years	5.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.1	4.9	4.1	3.7	3.0	3.4	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.8
14 years	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.4	4.6	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.3	6.2	5.6	5.2	5.9
15 years	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.9	6.1	5.4	5.3	4.9	5.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.0
16 years	7.4	7.6	8.2	8.6	5.7	6.2	6.4	7.2	5.8	4.9	5.6	5.8	7.6	8.2	8.4	8.1
17 years	6.0	7.0	8.1	8.0	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.4	10.3	9.3	9.7	11.3	6.9	8.1	8.1	8.7
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.4	4.6	2.8	0.3	<.1	0.2	<.1
19 years	<.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
20 years	<.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
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	47.6	47.4	48.3	47.6	45.4	47.9	45.6	45.6	45.6	47.0	47.3	47.3	47.5	48.2	47.4	46.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	6.1	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.9	8.7	8.2	6.2	6.7	8.0	7.9	5.6	6.8	7.1	7.2
White	44.0	42.1	39.7	40.3	43.4	39.1	41.0	41.0	45.0	42.1	39.6	39.8	42.9	40.1	40.7	41.3
Two or more races	3.0	4.1	4.8	4.5	3.2	4.2	4.0	4.9	2.5	3.7	4.7	4.5	3.5	4.5	4.3	4.8
Unknown	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	<.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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,201	2,245	1,823	1,727
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,708	1,639	847	843

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.9	3.6	3.3	4.5
1 year	6.4	7.3	6.9	8.3
2 years	7.8	8.1	7.6	7.3
3 years	6.9	6.9	6.6	7.1
4 years	6.7	6.1	5.2	6.1
5 years	5.4	6.0	4.9	5.3
6 years	6.3	5.0	6.3	4.6
7 years	5.6	5.0	5.6	4.5
8 years	6.3	5.7	6.1	4.9
9 years	5.5	5.6	5.4	4.6
10 years	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.4
11 years	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.6
12 years	6.1	5.2	5.3	5.0
13 years	4.9	5.3	6.1	6.1
14 years	6.4	5.5	5.4	6.3
15 years	6.2	5.8	6.0	5.8
16 years	4.0	4.9	4.6	5.2
17 years	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.5	0.1
Black	45.9	43.3	43.9	40.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.5	6.2	8.0	8.7
White	44.3	44.4	42.2	45.3
Two or more races	3.8	5.8	5.3	5.3
Unknown	0.4	0.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,269	1,340	1,389	1,181

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6
1 year	10.7	9.5	10.6	10.7
2 years	14.0	14.2	13.5	12.4
3 years	11.0	10.3	11.7	8.8
4 years	9.3	8.3	8.4	8.6
5 years	7.4	8.2	7.9	6.5
6 years	7.1	7.3	5.0	7.5
7 years	6.1	5.7	5.3	6.0
8 years	4.8	6.3	5.4	7.0
9 years	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.0
10 years	4.9	4.3	4.8	4.1
11 years	4.0	4.6	4.0	5.0
12 years	3.4	2.8	3.5	3.6
13 years	2.8	3.3	2.7	4.0
14 years	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.0
15 years	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.2
16 years	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.0
17 years	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.5
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.3	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.2	1.3	0.4	0.7
Black	39.3	38.0	36.8	37.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	6.4	8.1	9.3
White	46.1	47.5	46.1	46.6
Two or more races	7.5	5.9	8.4	5.6
Unknown	0.8	0.8	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.6	97.8	97.8	97.2
Children with one or more recurrences	3.4	2.2	2.2	2.8
Number	18,068	12,907	11,601	10,351

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.4	14.4	17.4	18.3
Guardianship	2.2	10.9	7.6	7.1
Reunification	71.5	64.0	63.2	63.0
Other	12.9	10.4	11.5	11.5
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.3	<.1
Number	9,151	8,834	7,483	6,342

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	18.7	17.1	21.6	25.7
Guardianship	1.7	10.1	7.3	6.9
Reunification	57.2	51.8	49.9	47.5
Other	22.5	20.7	21.2	19.8
Missing data	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.2
Number	2,629	2,795	2,568	2,369

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.9	1.2	2.2	1.9
Guardianship	2.3	10.0	8.0	7.8
Reunification	63.0	56.6	56.4	60.2
Other	33.8	32.0	33.3	30.0
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	<.1
Number	2,176	1,999	1,718	1,561

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.6	28.4	26.7	28.4
Children older than 12 at entry	72.4	71.6	73.3	71.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	699	764	708	574

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	10.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	8.3	3.3	0.0	31.8	12.1	11.7	13.4	14.7		
Guardianship	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	2.7	12.1	8.9	8.5		
Reunification	80.0	0.0	66.7	50.0	83.3	86.7	70.0	63.6	70.8	63.6	64.6	64.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	22.2	50.0	8.3	10.0	5.0	4.5	14.5	12.1	13.0	12.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	<.1		
Number	10	0	9	2	24	30	20	22	4,172	4,149	3,537	2,998		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.8	14.1	16.5	21.7	14.2	17.1	21.2	21.4		
Guardianship	0.0	20.0	33.3	0.0	1.8	10.0	6.2	7.0	1.9	9.8	6.7	5.5		
Reunification	0.0	80.0	66.7	100.0	74.9	69.2	68.4	61.8	71.8	63.3	61.0	61.9		
Other	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	6.6	8.7	9.5	12.1	9.5	10.7	11.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2		
Number	3	5	3	1	565	588	595	503	4,114	3,717	2,963	2,522		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	20.0	10.5	14.3	0.0	23.2	18.4	27.8	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	2.2	12.3	4.9	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	74.3	78.9	85.7	100.0	68.4	63.2	57.9	60.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.7	5.3	0.0	0.0	6.1	6.1	8.6	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	35	19	7	9	228	326	349	285	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	65.7	64.1	62.2	70.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.5	23.5	24.6	21.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.5	7.4	8.7	4.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	2.7	2.7	2.0
48 or more mos.	1.3	2.2	1.7	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.2
Number	6,540	5,652	4,730	3,993

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	84.3	86.4	87.7	82.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.2	5.2	4.6	6.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.1	7.0	6.4	10.3
Missing data	0.3	1.4	1.2	1.1
Number	8,811	6,671	5,737	5,480

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.2	2.6	3.6	3.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	19.7	21.5	23.0	25.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.8	36.2	30.5	27.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.3	19.2	20.7	19.7
48 or more mos.	24.0	20.5	22.2	24.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,230	1,269	1,300	1,161

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.1	72.7	74.3	75.1	62.9	53.8	52.7	48.1	39.5	30.2	27.2	25.7	100.0	75.0	76.7	81.1
Children with 3 or more placements	13.9	25.2	23.7	23.7	37.1	46.1	47.1	51.6	60.5	69.8	72.7	74.3	0.0	6.3	16.7	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	2.2	2.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	18.8	6.7	18.9
Number	10,482	8,529	7,218	6,697	4,969	4,532	3,602	3,016	6,132	5,721	4,854	3,650	25	16	30	37

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.9	1.7	1.0	0.7
Institutions	3.1	4.2	4.5	4.3
Other settings	94.0	94.1	94.5	95.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,619	4,795	4,210	3,927

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	119.4	116.5	122.8	127.1
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)	61.1	60.5	58.2	66.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.1	10.3	10.7	9.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	49.2	49.0	46.3	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?	8.1	7.9	3.5	6.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	96.6	103.2	104.0	119.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	21.9	24.1	26.6	28.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	33.7	32.4	32.1	33.1
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?	21.5	23.2	27.4	30.5
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	12.3	12.5	8.1	9.6
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?	50.8	49.9	55.3	66.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	117.7	123.3	123.6	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?	30.6	35.1	37.7	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?	94.1	91.5	92.5	92.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.9	47.3	48.8	47.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	97.7	81.1	81.0	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?	84.6	72.1	73.8	73.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	62.9	53.9	52.8	48.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.6	30.2	27.2	25.7

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	290,741	289,851	290,361	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.5	0.5	X
Asian	27.3	26.6	26.9	X
Black	3.8	4.0	4.1	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	10.8	10.3	10.3	X
Hispanic (of any race)	14.6	14.8	15.0	X
White	18.4	18.7	18.8	X
Two or more races	24.7	25.2	24.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	9.8	10.0	13.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	2,075	1,902	2,072	1,795
Foster care entry rate	4.9	4.7	4.5	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,988	1,630	1,483	1,213
Children adopted	265	273	279	212

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	53	37	62	33
Numerator	225	137	201	121
Denominator	425	368	325	364
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	61	71	69	61
Numerator	597	496	879	546
Denominator	976	694	1,268	736

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,643	16.0 per 1,000	4,576	15.8 per 1,000	5,404	18.6 per 1,000	5,096	17.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	2,075	7.1 per 1,000	1,902	6.6 per 1,000	2,072	7.1 per 1,000	1,795	6.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	1.4 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	3	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	14.7	16.3	13.7	13.3
1 year	6.5	7.6	8.0	6.9
2 years	6.5	6.4	6.8	6.7
3 years	5.8	5.4	5.6	6.7
4 years	5.7	4.6	7.0	7.0
5 years	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.2
6 years	4.4	5.5	5.5	5.4
7 years	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.7
8 years	4.5	5.6	4.9	5.3
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.8
10 years	4.2	3.7	5.0	4.8
11 years	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.1
12 years	4.8	4.0	4.2	3.9
13 years	5.0	4.2	4.3	4.8
14 years	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.6
15 years	5.1	4.3	4.1	4.1
16 years	4.2	5.0	3.6	3.6
17 years	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.2
Number	2,075	1,902	2,072	1,795

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.4
Asian	11.3	10.3	11.8	9.5
Black	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	16.4	19.7	17.2	18.7
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.3
White	11.9	12.1	11.9	10.9
Two or more races	35.7	36.6	40.7	40.9
Missing data	20.5	16.5	12.8	15.3
Number	2,075	1,902	2,072	1,795

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.5
Medical neglect	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.3
Neglect	12.6	14.8	14.9	11.7
Physical abuse	10.0	11.9	9.3	11.3
Sexual abuse	6.1	6.0	3.7	5.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	92.0	91.5	91.9	93.5
Number	2,075	1,902	2,072	1,795

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	80.7	78.2	92.1	137.0
Median	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>48 but <72	>48 but <72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,290	1,900	1,575	1,441	1,416	1,350	1,311	993	1,718	1,620	1,403	1,221	1,988	1,630	1,483	1,213
Median length of stay (months)	16.5	19.3	16.7	13.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.3	10.1	8.7	7.9	19.7	16.7	13.6	15.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.9	5.9	6.3	7.1	14.5	14.5	15.1	14.7	5.7	4.8	6.1	4.9	5.5	6.3	7.0	4.9
1 year	7.5	7.2	7.5	7.1	6.2	7.2	6.9	5.7	7.0	7.0	6.2	6.7	7.2	7.7	7.6	9.5
2 years	6.9	6.2	6.4	7.1	5.6	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.6	7.3	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.4	7.3	7.2
3 years	6.2	5.8	5.7	6.9	5.3	4.4	5.6	6.5	7.5	5.4	5.1	6.7	6.2	5.9	6.8	6.2
4 years	5.2	4.8	4.8	5.4	5.3	4.5	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.9	4.9	4.8	5.4	6.5
5 years	5.9	5.3	4.1	5.8	6.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	6.8	4.9	4.5	5.5	5.2	4.2	6.1	5.5
6 years	4.6	5.4	5.4	4.3	3.9	5.9	5.4	4.3	4.3	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.6	5.5	4.1	5.2
7 years	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.4	4.4	5.3	4.4	4.3	5.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	3.8
8 years	4.2	3.6	4.4	4.8	2.9	5.0	3.9	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.9	4.5
9 years	4.8	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.4	3.6	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.5
10 years	4.2	5.0	3.2	4.0	3.2	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.0	4.2	3.6	3.8	4.9	3.1	3.9	4.1
11 years	4.5	3.9	5.2	3.3	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.3	4.2	3.8	4.5	3.4	4.0	5.2	3.6	3.6
12 years	4.6	5.2	4.1	4.4	5.3	4.4	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	5.2	3.9	4.7	4.0
13 years	4.1	5.6	5.2	4.1	5.0	4.3	3.6	5.7	3.9	4.3	4.4	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.0	4.8
14 years	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.1	6.6	6.3	6.0	6.0	4.8	5.0	5.8	4.5	5.2	5.8	4.7	4.7
15 years	5.9	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.3	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.4	4.6	4.3	6.4	6.6	6.5	5.9
16 years	7.5	7.4	7.9	6.9	5.6	7.3	5.3	5.2	4.9	6.0	5.6	4.8	6.8	7.7	6.5	7.4
17 years	6.7	8.3	8.4	8.7	4.7	4.1	6.2	4.2	12.2	8.1	5.3	9.7	8.0	8.3	8.0	7.5
18 years	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	1.2	5.4	9.7	4.3	0.5	0.4	0.0	<.1
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.4
Asian	10.4	9.1	9.1	10.1	11.0	11.8	12.4	10.9	11.8	11.4	10.9	9.6	9.6	9.1	10.2	11.2
Black	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.2	1.5	2.5	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	21.7	20.0	21.7	20.1	20.7	21.3	17.8	19.9	21.2	19.5	19.2	20.6	21.4	21.6	20.6	19.5
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	5.1	5.0	6.0	3.7	4.7	4.0	2.1	4.5	4.8	4.6	3.8	4.3	5.1	4.5	5.0
White	9.5	10.6	11.6	9.4	16.9	14.5	13.8	14.9	13.6	12.8	14.7	14.3	11.2	11.6	10.7	8.9
Two or more races	49.4	51.7	49.5	52.0	39.3	41.0	46.3	43.7	43.0	45.1	45.7	46.3	47.8	49.4	50.2	50.9
Unknown	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.2	4.4	2.6	2.1	3.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	2.0	3.4	1.7	2.0	2.1
Missing data	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.0	2.3	1.8	0.8	2.5	1.6	1.9	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.7

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	775	572	415	324
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	737	545	369	280

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.3
1 year	6.1	7.5	2.2	5.2
2 years	7.1	4.7	4.8	6.2
3 years	6.8	5.2	6.5	5.2
4 years	5.0	5.2	4.1	7.1
5 years	4.5	3.7	4.8	4.0
6 years	5.9	4.9	3.1	4.0
7 years	4.3	4.5	6.3	0.6
8 years	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.6
9 years	4.0	4.2	4.8	3.7
10 years	4.8	3.7	4.3	5.6
11 years	4.4	5.8	4.3	4.0
12 years	5.9	3.8	7.0	5.9
13 years	5.3	6.5	4.6	8.3
14 years	5.4	6.5	6.7	5.6
15 years	7.0	7.5	8.9	9.3
16 years	9.3	9.3	10.1	8.3
17 years	9.3	11.5	12.5	12.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0
Asian	8.3	8.2	8.0	9.6
Black	0.8	0.7	1.7	1.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	23.0	21.9	24.1	21.9
Hispanic (of any race)	7.7	6.3	8.9	9.6
White	8.6	11.0	9.6	8.0
Two or more races	48.8	50.5	47.0	48.5
Unknown	2.2	1.2	0.5	0.9
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	265	273	279	212

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.6	1.8	1.4	1.4
1 year	9.4	13.9	14.0	7.1
2 years	16.2	15.8	15.8	16.5
3 years	15.8	11.7	7.9	13.7
4 years	8.7	6.6	9.7	9.0
5 years	8.7	7.0	8.2	6.1
6 years	6.0	6.2	7.2	7.1
7 years	5.3	6.6	5.4	6.1
8 years	7.5	5.1	6.1	7.1
9 years	3.4	3.3	3.9	6.6
10 years	3.0	5.1	2.9	3.3
11 years	4.2	3.3	3.2	1.9
12 years	2.6	3.3	3.2	2.8
13 years	1.1	3.3	2.9	2.8
14 years	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4
15 years	2.3	1.5	1.4	3.3
16 years	0.8	2.2	2.9	0.9
17 years	0.0	1.1	1.4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5
Asian	9.4	7.3	8.6	6.6
Black	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	18.1	20.9	16.8	19.3
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	7.0	6.5	9.4
White	11.3	5.1	11.8	8.0
Two or more races	55.1	57.1	54.8	55.2
Unknown	0.4	1.8	1.1	0.5
Missing data	0.4	0.0	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.4	96.7	96.1	97.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.6	3.3	3.9	2.4
Number	937	943	942	1,018

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.35	0.18	0.45	0.74
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.65	99.82	99.55	99.26
Number	3,706	3,250	2,886	2,434

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.3	22.3	19.1	16.9
Guardianship	8.5	8.5	8.0	6.8
Reunification	63.6	57.2	59.2	63.3
Other	9.8	11.2	12.0	11.1
Missing data	0.8	0.8	1.7	1.9
Number	1,718	1,620	1,403	1,221

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	39.0	38.4	43.1	33.2
Guardianship	11.5	13.7	12.3	13.5
Reunification	35.2	33.2	26.1	31.4
Other	13.5	13.7	13.8	19.7
Missing data	0.9	1.0	4.7	2.2
Number	349	307	253	229

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.4	4.1	2.3	1.7
Guardianship	8.5	8.9	8.6	7.3
Reunification	60.9	56.6	57.9	60.1
Other	28.9	29.5	28.6	28.9
Missing data	1.3	0.9	2.6	2.0
Number	460	440	385	301

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.9	23.4	29.7	33.3
Children older than 12 at entry	82.1	76.6	70.3	66.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	151	154	138	117

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	12.8	15.2	15.7	12.0	5.0	4.2	0.0	4.3		
Guardianship	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	7.1	6.5	10.3	0.0	0.0	5.7	8.7		
Reunification	33.3	50.0	100.0	50.0	62.1	66.8	58.2	63.2	80.0	87.5	88.6	82.6		
Other	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	9.8	19.0	12.8	15.0	8.3	5.7	4.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	4	2	2	203	184	153	117	20	24	35	23		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.3	23.1	15.6	15.5	16.9	32.1	28.1	40.4	11.1	7.7	14.6	9.1		
Guardianship	8.5	6.3	11.9	6.0	7.8	7.7	1.6	12.8	4.3	9.1	8.3	9.7		
Reunification	58.8	52.8	55.8	65.3	61.0	55.1	57.8	29.8	73.5	70.7	66.0	68.6		
Other	14.3	16.5	14.5	12.7	14.3	5.1	12.5	14.9	10.3	12.0	9.7	11.4		
Missing data	1.1	1.3	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.9	0.5	1.5	1.1		
Number	364	316	269	251	77	78	64	47	234	208	206	175		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.9	28.3	13.0	4.0	22.2	28.1	23.4	20.4	14.8	0.0	10.0	0.0		
Guardianship	9.6	6.5	4.3	8.0	8.9	10.4	7.6	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	86.5	60.9	65.2	80.0	60.7	50.4	56.5	61.4	85.2	93.3	90.0	87.5		
Other	0.0	4.3	8.7	4.0	7.6	10.3	10.6	10.3	0.0	6.7	0.0	12.5		
Missing data	1.9	0.0	8.7	4.0	0.5	0.8	1.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	52	46	23	25	738	730	641	565	27	30	10	16		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	79.2	84.0	85.8	83.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.8	10.1	9.9	11.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.9	3.8	2.5	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,092	927	831	773

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	71.8	75.5	74.7	76.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.3	8.5	9.3	8.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.0	15.0	15.6	13.6
Missing data	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.3
Number	1,416	1,350	1,311	993

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	5.7	9.1	7.8	6.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.5	27.6	26.9	27.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.2	31.2	31.7	25.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.8	19.3	19.0	18.9
48 or more mos.	9.7	12.7	14.6	21.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	298	362	268	206

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.3	87.9	87.1	88.5	66.2	71.2	67.1	68.8	41.0	38.5	40.5	36.6	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.3	10.8	10.2	9.0	33.4	28.8	32.4	30.4	58.7	61.2	59.5	63.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.4	1.3	2.7	2.4	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,625	1,540	1,510	1,205	799	611	547	570	1,282	1,099	825	659	0	0	4	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.5	0.5	1.3	5.9
Institutions	2.6	1.8	2.1	3.2
Other settings	95.8	96.9	95.1	89.0
Missing data	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.9
Number	1,013	962	969	728

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	121.3	131.5	140.7	128.3
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)	69.2	74.9	78.3	77.0
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)	6.0	4.8	4.6	5.8
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)	50.0	52.3	55.6	45.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.1	13.2	10.4	13.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	107.8	131.2	120.1	122.1
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?	32.2	36.7	34.7	34.0
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?	30.2	29.5	29.8	31.2
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?	22.3	27.9	25.8	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	17.6	24.1	11.4	14.6
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?	41.4	52.0	57.5	54.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	120.5	121.8	120.2	119.4
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	31.6	38.3	34.4	36.8
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?	87.7	85.1	82.7	80.9
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?	44.8	50.3	45.3	47.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	100.4	102.4	102.3	102.7
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?	83.8	85.8	86.7	88.8
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?	66.5	71.1	67.4	69.4
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?	41.2	38.8	40.6	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	409,562	415,823	419,190	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.5	1.5	1.5	X
Asian	1.0	1.0	1.1	X
Black	1.2	1.3	1.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	15.4	15.7	16.4	X
White	78.2	77.7	76.8	X
Two or more races	2.5	2.7	2.7	X
Child population in poverty (%)	15.9	15.8	18.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	1,582	1,836	1,634	1,664
Foster care entry rate	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,873	1,736	1,451	1,483
Children adopted	195	236	353	312

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	51	57	76	88
Numerator	—	—	253	292
Denominator	—	—	333	332
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	75	81	80	81
Numerator	—	—	1,346	1,643
Denominator	—	—	1,673	2,032

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,022	26.9 per 1,000	10,631	25.6 per 1,000	11,027	26.3 per 1,000	10,614	25.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	1,582	3.9 per 1,000	1,836	4.4 per 1,000	1,634	3.9 per 1,000	1,664	4.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.2 per 100,000	2	0.5 per 100,000	4	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	18.1	14.7	14.9	13.6
1 year	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.8
2 years	6.6	6.8	8.3	6.7
3 years	6.6	6.2	5.6	7.3
4 years	5.8	5.8	6.4	5.3
5 years	5.8	6.3	5.3	5.8
6 years	6.6	5.1	5.4	5.9
7 years	5.4	5.2	4.8	6.2
8 years	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.3
9 years	4.3	5.2	3.8	5.1
10 years	4.1	4.5	4.8	3.2
11 years	3.6	4.4	4.5	4.1
12 years	3.4	3.6	3.5	4.3
13 years	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.7
14 years	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.7
15 years	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.0
16 years	3.4	4.5	4.4	4.2
17 years	2.7	3.1	2.1	2.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Number	1,582	1,836	1,634	1,664

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	4.9	4.6	4.8	3.1
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4
Black	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.2	14.1	10.3	12.1
White	73.0	72.8	76.2	76.9
Two or more races	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.8
Missing data	1.8	3.0	2.8	2.4
Number	1,582	1,836	1,634	1,664

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.5
Medical neglect	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Neglect	74.1	73.7	72.0	76.9
Physical abuse	16.1	19.1	20.0	16.3
Sexual abuse	5.6	4.6	5.7	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	8.5	6.5	8.3	6.6
Number	1,582	1,836	1,634	1,664

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	56.7	60.5	59.2	53.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,794	1,852	1,691	1,423	1,556	1,351	1,206	1,388	1,477	1,467	1,446	1,328	1,873	1,736	1,451	1,483
Median length of stay (months)	13.2	12.5	12.9	11.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.2	9.1	11.3	9.5	12.4	12.8	11.9	9.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.3	15.7	13.9	13.1	12.5	5.8	4.5	3.9	5.2	6.8	6.2	6.1	5.3
1 year	7.7	8.5	7.9	9.4	6.9	7.8	8.1	8.2	5.1	7.0	6.2	7.9	8.4	7.8	9.6	8.8
2 years	7.9	8.5	8.7	7.5	6.6	6.9	8.4	7.1	7.5	8.2	9.5	8.7	8.5	8.8	7.6	7.6
3 years	6.5	7.2	7.6	7.4	6.6	6.4	5.1	6.3	6.6	7.4	7.7	8.3	7.3	7.5	7.3	6.5
4 years	5.9	5.9	6.7	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	7.2	5.7	7.1	6.0	6.0	6.7	5.7	5.7
5 years	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.3	4.2	5.7	5.3	5.5	6.4	6.2	5.5	5.8	5.3	4.8
6 years	4.7	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.3	6.0	5.5	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.0
7 years	5.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.4	4.0	4.6	5.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.1
8 years	5.1	5.0	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	3.8	6.0	5.0	4.4	5.2	4.9
9 years	3.7	5.0	3.8	4.3	4.8	3.6	3.9	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.8	3.9	4.3	4.3
10 years	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.3	4.1	4.1	4.9	3.2	3.6	5.1	5.0	2.8	3.8	4.0	3.3	5.5
11 years	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.5	4.5	2.7	3.5	4.1	3.1	3.7	3.7
12 years	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.5	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.5	4.4	4.5	3.9	4.9
13 years	5.2	3.3	4.8	4.6	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.8	3.7	4.1	3.2	3.4	4.9	4.5	4.4
14 years	4.8	5.5	3.7	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.0	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.1	5.6	3.9	4.8	4.5
15 years	5.5	5.3	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.7	6.1	4.8	4.5	5.7	4.8	3.8	5.6	5.9	5.0	5.1
16 years	6.5	5.5	5.9	7.0	4.6	6.4	6.1	5.7	5.6	4.6	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.8	7.0	6.4
17 years	6.9	5.3	6.8	6.8	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	12.4	6.8	4.2	7.1	5.2	6.9	6.8	7.6
18 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	7.2	3.5	<.1	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	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.6	5.6	5.6	6.6	3.5	6.2	5.3	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.5	7.7	5.1
Asian	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	<.1	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.2
Black	1.3	1.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.2	1.8	2.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	17.4	16.5	15.5	13.1	13.3	14.2	13.1	13.8	14.8	16.0	16.0	13.2	16.1	15.1	13.0	13.7
White	70.6	70.8	69.1	69.5	74.2	72.1	74.1	75.1	72.9	72.3	72.3	71.8	71.8	70.5	70.1	72.7
Two or more races	4.4	4.8	5.8	6.5	3.9	4.5	4.4	5.0	3.5	4.2	4.3	5.9	4.7	5.0	6.1	5.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.4	<.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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	591	578	500	390
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	425	449	380	299

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.9	3.3	1.4	1.5
1 year	7.8	6.9	9.0	8.5
2 years	9.6	10.4	7.6	8.5
3 years	9.6	8.3	8.0	7.4
4 years	7.4	6.4	8.4	6.7
5 years	5.9	7.1	7.8	5.6
6 years	6.3	5.4	5.4	6.9
7 years	5.1	5.2	5.4	4.9
8 years	6.3	6.4	5.0	5.1
9 years	5.2	4.5	6.2	5.4
10 years	4.6	5.2	4.2	8.5
11 years	4.1	4.5	3.6	3.8
12 years	5.4	4.5	4.4	3.3
13 years	3.6	5.0	4.6	5.4
14 years	5.1	4.2	5.2	5.1
15 years	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.4
16 years	3.7	4.3	5.8	4.4
17 years	2.7	3.6	3.0	3.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.3	7.6	7.0	3.8
Asian	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0
Black	2.2	2.1	3.8	3.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	18.4	19.0	15.2	13.8
White	67.5	65.7	66.6	72.3
Two or more races	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.4
Unknown	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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	195	236	353	312

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.1	2.5	1.7	1.0
1 year	8.7	6.4	6.5	11.5
2 years	12.8	15.3	13.6	11.9
3 years	12.3	12.7	11.6	12.5
4 years	9.2	9.3	9.9	9.3
5 years	4.6	9.3	9.6	8.3
6 years	9.7	5.9	7.6	8.0
7 years	5.6	5.1	5.7	4.8
8 years	4.1	7.6	5.4	5.8
9 years	3.6	3.4	4.5	4.5
10 years	5.1	5.5	5.1	3.5
11 years	4.6	4.7	2.5	3.5
12 years	3.6	2.5	4.2	3.2
13 years	4.6	1.3	2.0	2.2
14 years	4.1	1.7	3.7	2.9
15 years	2.1	3.4	1.7	2.6
16 years	1.5	2.1	2.3	3.2
17 years	0.5	1.3	2.0	1.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	9.7	4.7	7.9	5.8
Asian	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.6
Black	1.5	0.8	2.5	3.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	18.5	20.3	21.5	15.1
White	65.1	66.9	61.5	65.7
Two or more races	3.6	5.9	5.4	7.7
Unknown	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.4	95.0	96.6	97.0
Children with one or more recurrences	3.6	5.0	3.4	3.0
Number	786	893	785	796

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.09	0.12	0.35	0.07
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.91	99.88	99.65	99.93
Number	3,350	3,203	2,897	2,811

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.9	15.4	23.3	23.1
Guardianship	0.5	3.7	6.1	6.9
Reunification	76.6	72.1	61.2	61.1
Other	9.8	8.7	9.4	9.0
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,477	1,467	1,446	1,328

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	27.0	30.3	40.2	41.6
Guardianship	0.8	4.0	6.4	6.2
Reunification	54.6	51.6	38.8	37.6
Other	17.2	14.1	14.5	14.6
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	522	531	564	481

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.1	1.8	3.8	3.5
Guardianship	0.5	3.6	3.8	8.5
Reunification	67.6	69.7	60.9	56.9
Other	30.2	24.8	31.4	31.1
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	364	330	338	283

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.5	23.9	16.7	20.6
Children older than 12 at entry	80.5	76.1	83.3	79.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	123	88	108	97

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	20.7	12.8	34.1	22.2	0.0	11.1	0.0	38.5	6.1	13.3	28.6	40.0		
Guardianship	0.0	1.3	9.8	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0		
Reunification	65.2	66.7	41.5	49.4	100.0	77.8	100.0	46.2	90.9	73.3	47.6	55.0		
Other	13.0	19.2	14.6	22.2	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	3.0	13.3	19.0	5.0		
Missing data	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	92	78	82	81	2	9	1	13	33	15	21	20		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	16.5	20.4	30.6	26.9	11.7	14.3	20.4	21.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	1.4	2.6	6.5	9.1	0.5	4.1	5.9	6.7		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	50.0	0.0	74.8	73.2	56.0	54.3	77.4	72.7	64.6	63.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	6.9	3.8	6.9	9.7	10.3	8.7	9.1	8.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	4	2	2	218	235	232	175	1,076	1,061	1,045	953		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	21.0	30.6	30.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	3.2	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.0	59.7	53.2	59.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.5	14.5	12.9	6.3	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	2	3	1	5	52	62	62	79	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	74.0	72.8	75.1	82.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.2	20.3	19.8	13.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	4.8	4.5	3.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	0.9	0.2	0.2
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,131	1,057	885	811

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.2	82.8	80.8	82.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.4	7.6	8.3	7.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	9.5	10.9	9.9
Missing data	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	1,556	1,351	1,206	1,388

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.2	1.8	1.8	4.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.9	15.9	17.2	28.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.2	37.2	33.2	37.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.4	27.0	25.2	16.3
48 or more mos.	15.3	18.1	22.6	13.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	190	226	337	307

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.1	86.3	88.2	88.5	55.8	64.6	61.9	63.7	33.0	33.9	35.3	34.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.2	13.4	11.8	11.5	44.2	35.1	38.1	36.3	67.0	66.1	64.7	65.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,818	1,661	1,496	1,652	706	712	638	557	824	827	759	595	2	3	4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.2	2.7	2.5	3.7
Institutions	2.4	2.1	1.3	1.6
Other settings	95.3	95.2	96.2	94.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,201	993	896	1,076

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	146.3	137.9	129.7	134.4
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)	81.3	73.6	69.9	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)	2.8	4.4	8.5	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)	57.6	52.3	54.4	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?	11.6	10.0	8.3	11.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	92.8	110.3	139.4	164.7
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?	32.1	17.7	19.0	32.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.6	33.3	34.9	29.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.7	30.2	44.6	46.4
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	18.2	29.6	33.9	30.8
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?	37.6	28.8	40.4	57.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	119.3	133.5	149.1	148.9
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?	30.5	39.1	49.7	49.2
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?	90.9	92.0	92.0	93.1
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?	38.1	41.6	31.8	35.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	91.3	97.3	97.7	99.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.7	84.8	86.4	86.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.8	64.8	62.0	63.8
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?	33.0	33.9	35.3	34.3

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	3,194,525	3,182,952	3,177,377	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	3.9	3.9	4.2	X
Black	17.3	17.0	16.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	21.0	21.8	22.2	X
White	55.4	55.0	54.3	X
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	16.6	17.0	18.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	28,991	29,788	29,836	28,530
Foster care entry rate	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	18,265	18,391	17,798	18,205
Children adopted	1,516	1,472	1,429	1,171

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	7	9	48	72
Numerator	1,472	1,450	8,730	12,882
Denominator	21,993	16,989	18,179	17,848
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	80	66	94	95
Numerator	8,737	14,786	68,855	106,873
Denominator	10,930	22,430	72,972	112,660

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	149,592	46.8 per 1,000	147,280	46.3 per 1,000	150,304	47.3 per 1,000	142,816	44.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	28,991	9.1 per 1,000	29,788	9.4 per 1,000	29,836	9.4 per 1,000	28,530	9.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	73	2.3 per 100,000	69	2.2 per 100,000	77	2.4 per 100,000	73	2.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.7	14.2	13.6	13.9
1 year	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.5
2 years	7.8	8.1	8.2	8.1
3 years	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.8
4 years	7.0	6.5	6.8	6.7
5 years	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.5
6 years	6.4	5.9	6.1	6.1
7 years	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.6
8 years	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2
9 years	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.0
10 years	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5
11 years	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.0
12 years	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.6
13 years	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4
14 years	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
15 years	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4
16 years	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
17 years	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Number	28,991	29,788	29,836	28,530

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Black	33.1	33.4	33.0	31.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.3	11.1	10.8	11.2
White	53.3	52.7	53.2	54.2
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.5
Number	28,991	29,788	29,836	28,530

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Medical neglect	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1
Neglect	67.7	68.3	68.1	68.9
Physical abuse	19.6	19.8	20.7	19.9
Sexual abuse	16.0	15.9	15.0	15.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	28,991	29,788	29,836	28,530

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	13.0	13.4	13.1	13.1
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	18,820	17,868	17,827	17,285	4,896	5,747	5,093	5,188	5,452	5,224	5,123	4,268	18,265	18,391	17,798	18,205
Median length of stay (months)	31.8	31.9	29.3	28.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.4	33.7	32.8	32.2	31.7	29.3	27.3	28.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.4	24.1	23.7	23.5	24.3	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.4
1 year	6.2	6.2	6.6	7.1	9.0	8.1	9.2	9.1	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.0	6.1	6.5	7.1	6.7
2 years	6.4	6.4	6.5	7.0	6.9	7.8	7.9	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.6	6.4	6.5	7.1	7.5
3 years	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.3	5.6	6.4	6.0	6.3	8.3	7.7	7.2	7.8	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.7
4 years	5.0	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.6	6.3	6.8	6.5	7.0	5.1	5.6	5.7	6.0
5 years	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.6	5.2	6.2	5.4	5.8	6.4	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.2
6 years	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8
7 years	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.6	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
8 years	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1
9 years	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7
10 years	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.5
11 years	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3
12 years	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.1
13 years	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.5	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.0	2.7	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.4
14 years	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.2	3.6	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.0	4.4	4.2	3.7	3.5
15 years	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.3	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.7	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.1
16 years	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.3	4.0	4.2	4.4	3.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.8
17 years	6.0	6.2	5.8	5.9	2.0	1.8	2.2	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.6	6.1	5.6	5.7	5.4
18 years	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1
19 years	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.2	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.3
20 years	4.2	4.6	4.3	3.9	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	8.7	5.5	6.9	8.7	4.6	4.3	3.8	4.0
Missing data	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	8.8	7.7	5.1	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	62.6	61.0	59.2	57.3	46.3	45.8	44.6	43.2	55.2	52.5	53.2	51.2	60.5	58.7	56.7	54.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.6	6.4	6.1	5.5	5.6	5.1	7.0	6.7	5.2	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.7
White	29.2	30.7	32.5	35.3	45.1	44.3	46.6	48.1	36.6	37.4	37.8	40.4	31.2	33.0	35.0	37.7
Two or more races	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Unknown	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.5	1.7	2.9	2.9	0.6	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	5,648	4,677	2,794	2,988
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,683	2,657	2,475	2,648

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.0	4.6	0.5	0.9
1 year	10.3	8.6	5.2	3.9
2 years	11.0	10.4	7.7	8.8
3 years	9.6	10.3	9.4	10.0
4 years	8.6	8.7	9.5	9.4
5 years	7.6	7.5	7.5	8.4
6 years	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.2
7 years	6.5	6.3	6.9	7.2
8 years	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.4
9 years	4.7	5.2	6.2	6.0
10 years	4.2	4.5	5.8	5.7
11 years	3.7	4.1	4.8	5.6
12 years	3.8	3.9	4.7	4.4
13 years	3.8	3.8	4.6	5.1
14 years	3.2	4.2	5.0	4.0
15 years	3.5	3.7	5.7	4.1
16 years	0.8	1.1	2.1	1.8
17 years	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1
Black	56.2	56.1	57.3	53.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	4.8	4.7	5.0
White	36.1	36.9	35.9	40.4
Two or more races	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Unknown	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,516	1,472	1,429	1,171

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
1 year	7.4	7.1	6.6	4.1
2 years	12.8	11.4	12.3	12.4
3 years	16.4	13.5	12.9	12.7
4 years	10.5	12.0	10.8	13.6
5 years	10.2	9.1	9.7	10.3
6 years	7.1	8.1	8.0	8.8
7 years	6.5	7.3	8.0	6.6
8 years	6.3	7.4	5.9	6.5
9 years	4.5	4.8	4.1	6.1
10 years	3.8	4.6	4.7	4.2
11 years	3.3	3.5	4.2	4.0
12 years	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.6
13 years	2.7	3.0	2.2	2.5
14 years	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.1
15 years	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.5
16 years	1.5	0.8	1.3	0.9
17 years	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.9
18 years	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Black	53.0	50.7	53.0	50.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.2
White	38.1	39.8	39.7	41.6
Two or more races	0.1	0.3	0.0	<.1
Unknown	3.0	2.7	1.6	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.5	92.5	92.9	93.4
Children with one or more recurrences	7.5	7.5	7.1	6.6
Number	12,970	13,357	13,530	13,138

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.47	0.58	0.60	0.57
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.53	99.42	99.40	99.43
Number	23,716	23,615	22,920	22,473

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	30.2	28.0	27.5	28.3
Guardianship	8.7	7.6	10.0	7.3
Reunification	38.2	41.7	40.2	42.5
Other	22.0	21.6	21.4	20.1
Missing data	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.7
Number	5,452	5,224	5,123	4,268

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	24.6	20.5	21.0	19.1
Guardianship	7.0	5.0	7.9	7.7
Reunification	17.5	17.1	14.2	18.6
Other	50.4	56.7	56.1	53.4
Missing data	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.1
Number	1,420	1,266	1,278	1,078

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.7	1.1	2.4	2.0
Guardianship	4.7	3.0	6.3	2.0
Reunification	37.9	37.8	31.7	34.2
Other	54.1	55.7	57.7	58.7
Missing data	1.6	2.5	1.9	3.0
Number	811	857	860	733

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	63.5	57.5	54.6	50.2
Children older than 12 at entry	36.4	42.5	45.4	49.8
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,194	1,116	1,093	850

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	9.1	16.7	14.3	14.3	0.0	34.8	0.0	0.0	28.2	26.8	27.3	28.3		
Guardianship	3.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	10.0	0.0	10.0	25.0	10.6	9.6	11.1	8.8		
Reunification	57.6	50.0	28.6	14.3	70.0	56.5	80.0	62.5	32.0	35.5	33.1	35.0		
Other	24.2	8.3	42.9	57.1	20.0	8.7	10.0	12.5	28.3	26.7	27.3	25.5		
Missing data	6.1	25.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.4	1.2	2.4		
Number	33	12	7	7	10	23	10	8	3,007	2,741	2,723	2,185		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	31.4	22.9	21.4	26.8	33.1	30.1	29.4	29.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	7.1	6.5	8.0	7.1	5.2	9.1	5.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	46.1	48.0	52.8	45.1	46.0	48.9	47.2	51.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	21.0	19.1	19.2	13.2	15.3	14.0	13.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8		
Number	0	0	0	3	280	367	341	224	1,994	1,953	1,934	1,726		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	40.2	33.6	22.5	21.4	18.2	55.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.1		
Guardianship	6.8	5.9	10.8	16.1	18.2	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9		
Reunification	35.0	45.4	51.0	46.4	54.5	11.1	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.1		
Other	16.2	13.4	12.7	12.5	9.1	33.3	16.7	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3		
Missing data	1.7	1.7	2.9	3.6	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7		
Number	117	119	102	56	11	9	6	5	0	0	0	54		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	55.0	57.6	57.7	58.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.8	17.6	21.6	20.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.8	10.9	8.7	10.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.9	6.0	5.0	3.7
48 or more mos.	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.2
Missing data	1.4	2.6	1.7	1.5
Number	2,081	2,177	2,059	1,814

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	87.4	88.3	87.5	88.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.7	4.8	5.7	5.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.2
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Number	4,896	5,747	5,093	5,188

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	12.7	13.3	11.6	9.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.2	25.2	25.3	23.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.8	22.4	23.4	24.5
48 or more mos.	38.0	38.4	38.6	41.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,649	1,462	1,409	1,209

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.4	85.2	83.0	82.7	66.8	69.7	68.7	67.2	33.4	33.8	35.6	38.2	79.1	85.1	71.7	72.5
Children with 3 or more placements	13.6	14.8	17.0	17.3	33.2	30.3	31.3	32.8	66.6	66.2	64.4	61.8	20.9	14.9	28.3	27.5
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	5,242	6,020	5,473	5,517	4,013	4,005	4,589	4,016	14,418	13,516	12,805	12,900	43	74	53	40

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Institutions	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.3
Other settings	98.1	97.9	97.7	97.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,972	4,641	4,108	4,230

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	62.4	55.5	75.0	79.0
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)	41.8	42.2	45.0	45.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	14.5	14.8	13.5	13.9
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)	17.2	15.6	16.4	16.6
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?	9.7	10.6	10.8	9.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	77.2	77.0	64.5	59.2
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?	14.1	14.0	12.7	10.8
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?	40.6	41.1	41.5	43.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	15.6	14.7	15.5	13.0
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	9.0	9.2	8.8	10.0
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?	52.4	52.9	43.5	38.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	102.1	102.9	105.9	106.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.0	22.7	23.5	20.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.5	98.3	98.6	98.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	70.3	69.9	64.6	60.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	98.5	98.7	97.2	97.8
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?	84.7	83.2	81.0	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?	67.0	69.9	69.0	67.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	40.0	40.7	42.7	45.1

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,591,648	1,591,833	1,589,365	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	1.3	1.3	1.5	X
Black	11.0	11.0	11.0	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.1	8.7	X
White	77.2	77.0	76.2	X
Two or more races	2.3	2.4	2.4	X
Child population in poverty (%)	17.3	18.3	20.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	18,380	21,846	24,108	23,095
Foster care entry rate	4.8	5.6	5.8	5.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,409	12,497	12,584	12,928
Children adopted	1,292	1,510	1,488	1,458

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	23	70	85	88
Numerator	3,509	11,344	14,408	15,216
Denominator	15,281	16,278	16,995	17,361
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	93	90	89	88
Numerator	11,242	66,744	86,338	91,097
Denominator	12,089	74,050	97,328	103,835

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	65,034	40.9 per 1,000	104,005	65.3 per 1,000	104,677	65.9 per 1,000	104,287	65.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	18,380	11.5 per 1,000	21,846	13.7 per 1,000	24,108	15.2 per 1,000	23,095	14.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	53	3.3 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000	50	3.1 per 100,000	17	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.8	13.5	12.4	13.3
1 year	6.3	6.7	7.0	6.7
2 years	6.3	6.8	6.9	7.2
3 years	6.3	6.0	6.5	6.6
4 years	5.7	6.5	6.2	6.2
5 years	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.9
6 years	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.8
7 years	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.2
8 years	4.9	5.1	5.3	4.8
9 years	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.7
10 years	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.7
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
12 years	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.4
13 years	5.7	5.0	5.0	4.8
14 years	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.7
15 years	5.2	5.3	5.4	4.7
16 years	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.8
17 years	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	18,380	21,846	24,108	23,095

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	17.2	17.3	16.6	16.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.8	7.1	6.9	7.6
White	70.5	69.8	70.3	69.3
Two or more races	4.5	4.6	5.0	5.4
Missing data	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.6
Number	18,380	21,846	24,108	23,095

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5
Medical neglect	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.7
Neglect	76.2	79.0	81.0	82.4
Physical abuse	12.5	12.2	11.2	10.3
Sexual abuse	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	18,380	21,846	24,108	23,095

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	77.7	65.4	44.5	28.1
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	11,139	11,165	11,703	12,021	7,696	8,841	9,263	9,147	7,426	7,509	8,382	8,240	11,409	12,497	12,584	12,928
Median length of stay (months)	13.7	14.1	10.6	11.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.9	10.8	9.7	10.7	13.9	12.1	11.7	11.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.9	6.3	7.0	6.5	16.6	15.7	15.8	15.8	5.6	4.9	5.1	5.0	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2
1 year	7.9	7.3	8.6	9.2	7.2	8.4	9.0	8.1	7.4	7.9	9.0	8.2	7.4	8.3	8.9	8.4
2 years	7.1	7.1	7.5	8.1	6.7	7.4	7.9	7.6	8.4	8.3	9.6	9.6	7.1	7.2	8.0	8.2
3 years	6.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	6.7	5.9	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.7	8.0	8.4	6.6	6.2	6.9	6.9
4 years	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.8	5.5	6.2	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.4	6.9	7.0	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.0
5 years	5.1	5.0	5.7	6.0	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.3	5.6	6.4	7.0	5.0	5.5	5.8	5.5
6 years	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0
7 years	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.1	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.8
8 years	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.0
9 years	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2
10 years	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
11 years	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8
12 years	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.8
13 years	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.6	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.8
14 years	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.7	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.4
15 years	6.2	6.2	6.3	5.5	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.6	3.9	6.4	5.9	5.2	5.2
16 years	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.5	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.4	5.4	4.8	4.4	4.2	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.0
17 years	5.9	6.4	6.0	6.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	5.5	4.4	4.5	4.2	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.1
18 years	2.1	2.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	4.9	5.6	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6
19 years	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0
20 years	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Black	31.2	29.9	29.0	27.8	23.3	23.2	23.2	21.0	25.6	23.3	24.3	22.4	29.5	29.2	27.9	26.4
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)	6.5	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.8	6.6	7.7	7.5	8.2	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.5
White	56.4	56.6	56.4	58.1	62.5	61.9	62.6	64.1	61.7	62.7	60.7	62.9	57.1	56.6	58.1	59.3
Two or more races	5.5	5.6	6.5	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.8	6.3	5.4	5.6	6.7	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.1
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.4
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	3,215	3,008	3,138	3,177
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,691	1,328	1,595	1,841

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.1
1 year	7.0	7.4	8.8	7.8
2 years	9.7	8.1	9.3	10.7
3 years	7.9	7.7	7.3	7.8
4 years	7.2	7.3	6.5	6.9
5 years	6.0	5.9	7.1	5.9
6 years	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.6
7 years	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.8
8 years	5.8	5.8	5.1	4.9
9 years	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.9
10 years	5.2	5.1	5.5	4.8
11 years	4.4	5.0	4.8	5.3
12 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.9
13 years	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.4
14 years	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.9
15 years	4.8	5.5	4.5	5.0
16 years	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.0
17 years	3.8	4.2	3.7	4.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	33.6	33.0	29.9	29.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.8
White	52.8	52.6	56.0	56.5
Two or more races	6.8	7.1	6.4	6.8
Unknown	0.1	0.3	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,292	1,510	1,488	1,458

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0
1 year	7.9	8.3	8.5	8.0
2 years	14.7	14.2	14.9	16.5
3 years	9.8	11.6	11.7	13.2
4 years	9.7	8.9	9.1	8.4
5 years	8.0	6.8	7.8	9.6
6 years	7.4	7.0	7.9	7.1
7 years	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.2
8 years	5.6	5.9	5.5	4.9
9 years	5.6	4.8	5.1	4.2
10 years	4.6	4.9	4.4	4.0
11 years	4.3	4.5	3.3	3.6
12 years	4.3	4.2	4.0	2.9
13 years	3.7	3.2	3.2	2.7
14 years	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.1
15 years	1.7	2.8	2.5	2.1
16 years	1.5	2.0	1.7	2.1
17 years	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.1
18 years	0.3	0.5	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	25.9	29.9	28.4	24.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	7.5	8.3	8.8
White	61.8	54.0	54.0	58.6
Two or more races	6.0	8.0	8.8	8.2
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.2	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.2	93.6	92.7	93.2
Children with one or more recurrences	6.8	6.4	7.3	6.8
Number	8,514	8,619	10,632	10,884

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.31	0.42	0.44	0.37
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.69	99.58	99.56	99.63
Number	18,835	20,006	20,966	21,168

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.4	18.8	17.7	17.5
Guardianship	7.0	7.9	8.5	11.0
Reunification	63.9	61.8	65.2	64.3
Other	11.8	11.5	8.7	7.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,426	7,509	8,382	8,240

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	29.0	29.0	28.4	29.6
Guardianship	5.3	5.5	7.5	10.8
Reunification	45.4	49.0	51.6	51.3
Other	20.3	16.4	12.5	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	661	675	774	733

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.9
Guardianship	5.5	6.2	8.7	10.4
Reunification	62.5	62.1	65.7	67.3
Other	30.1	29.5	23.5	19.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,774	1,731	1,595	1,430

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.1	21.5	13.1	21.3
Children older than 12 at entry	80.6	78.5	86.9	78.7
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	304	293	137	136

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	18.2	21.4	38.5	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	17.9	23.5	20.8	18.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	5.0	5.4	7.9		
Reunification	45.5	78.6	38.5	80.0	62.5	80.0	83.3	80.0	66.1	58.1	65.1	65.5		
Other	36.4	0.0	23.1	0.0	31.3	20.0	16.7	13.3	12.3	13.3	8.7	7.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	11	14	13	5	16	10	12	15	1,904	1,749	2,033	1,846		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	15.5	19.5	19.5	19.2	17.3	16.5	15.6	16.2		
Guardianship	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	5.9	5.5	7.4	8.4	9.4	10.4	12.8		
Reunification	20.0	40.0	0.0	100.0	67.3	64.5	66.8	66.3	62.3	62.7	65.2	63.8		
Other	60.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	10.1	8.2	7.1	11.9	11.4	8.9	7.2		
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	5	5	0	1	490	575	632	673	4,582	4,707	5,091	5,179		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	12.5	13.3	12.5	13.0	19.2	25.5	23.4	23.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	3.3	0.0	26.1	6.7	7.2	6.6	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	75.0	70.0	82.5	47.8	67.4	61.3	62.4	62.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	12.5	13.3	5.0	13.0	6.7	6.0	7.7	4.8	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	16	30	40	23	402	419	561	498	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	69.3	70.7	73.3	68.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.9	20.3	20.6	24.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	5.8	4.1	4.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,743	4,638	5,462	5,297

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	82.2	81.3	81.8	81.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.4	8.4	8.0	7.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	9.8	9.5	9.9
Missing data	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Number	7,696	8,841	9,263	9,147

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.1	2.3	3.2	2.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.0	20.6	24.1	28.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.0	36.3	34.5	36.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.1	24.5	19.9	19.0
48 or more mos.	14.8	16.3	18.2	14.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,291	1,415	1,480	1,443

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.2	88.2	89.1	87.8	64.8	65.8	66.0	67.0	36.0	36.6	36.7	37.8	82.4	57.1	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.6	11.8	10.9	11.6	35.2	34.2	34.0	32.5	64.0	63.4	63.3	62.2	17.6	42.9	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,076	10,251	11,261	11,071	4,426	4,268	4,964	5,379	5,316	5,480	4,701	4,697	17	7	40	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3
Institutions	5.5	5.0	4.0	3.0
Other settings	93.8	94.4	95.4	96.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	5,803	6,782	7,315	7,158

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	120.4	124.6	127.0	125.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	70.3	72.8	77.0	73.6
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)	6.9	6.5	6.1	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)	41.5	43.1	45.5	42.6
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?	12.4	11.6	13.2	11.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	112.1	117.2	129.5	132.3
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?	25.1	22.9	27.4	30.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.8	32.8	31.2	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?	25.8	28.1	30.2	29.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	16.5	14.2	18.8	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?	56.8	61.0	63.4	57.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	127.0	133.4	139.1	136.6
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?	30.9	34.8	35.8	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?	95.7	96.7	97.0	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?	40.9	38.7	35.9	36.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	99.3	100.7	100.6	101.4
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?	86.0	87.2	88.1	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?	64.9	65.9	66.0	67.4
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?	36.7	37.6	36.7	37.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 Indiana's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

The data for **child maltreatment victims** show a 4.2% decrease from the reported 2009 numbers. This is somewhat attributable to Indiana's use of a centralized abuse and neglect hotline, whereby the state in essence consolidated 92 county-run hotlines to a central location. This allowed policies and practices to be streamlined for uniformity and consistency so that, in effect, has resulted in increasing screen-outs, from 15% prior to the hotline to 38% post-hotline.

The 2010 **child fatalities** figure appears to represent a significant drop of 33 cases from the 2009 report. There were two factors that attributed to the decrease. Primarily, the calculation for submission is based on the date the 311 was approved, not on the date of death. Secondly, Indiana doubled the fatality review staff in order to work the backlog, which increased the number of cases reported in 2009.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	711,901	712,516	713,155	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.5	X
Asian	1.8	1.7	1.9	X
Black	3.9	3.9	4.1	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	7.3	7.9	X
White	84.3	84.0	83.1	X
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	13.6	14.4	15.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	14,051	11,200	13,007	13,449
Foster care entry rate	7.3	6.4	6.6	6.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,061	6,786	6,610	6,558
Children adopted	1,060	1,041	967	789

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	32	42	53	47
Numerator	2,272	4,593	5,407	4,690
Denominator	7,043	11,035	10,156	9,948
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	65	83	82	78
Numerator	254	30,664	36,742	29,677
Denominator	391	37,091	44,788	38,079

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	35,875	50.4 per 1,000	33,080	46.4 per 1,000	38,623	54.2 per 1,000	39,257	55.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	14,051	19.7 per 1,000	11,200	15.7 per 1,000	13,007	18.2 per 1,000	13,449	18.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	0.7 per 100,000	11	1.5 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.8	13.2	12.0	11.7
1 year	8.7	9.2	9.8	9.1
2 years	8.5	9.3	8.9	9.0
3 years	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.6
4 years	7.2	7.8	7.5	7.5
5 years	6.9	6.3	6.6	6.5
6 years	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.1
7 years	5.9	5.3	5.7	5.3
8 years	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.3
9 years	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.9
10 years	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.5
11 years	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.9
12 years	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8
13 years	3.6	2.9	3.3	3.9
14 years	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.8
15 years	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.0
16 years	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.3
17 years	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	14,051	11,200	13,007	13,449

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1
Asian	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.9
Black	9.8	9.1	8.4	9.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	5.6	5.7	6.0
White	60.3	57.6	56.2	57.7
Two or more races	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.1
Missing data	21.5	24.0	26.2	22.8
Number	14,051	11,200	13,007	13,449

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Medical neglect	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
Neglect	81.6	79.1	82.5	83.0
Physical abuse	11.9	13.7	11.8	11.2
Sexual abuse	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.1	5.4	5.0	5.9
Number	14,051	11,200	13,007	13,449

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	8,624	7,774	6,561	6,366	5,217	4,544	4,735	4,618	5,780	5,532	4,686	4,426	8,061	6,786	6,610	6,558
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	12.2	12.7	10.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.9	13.9	14.2	12.8	11.9	12.6	10.6	10.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.3	13.1	12.7	12.3	12.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.6	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.4
1 year	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.9	6.9	6.5	7.1	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.3	7.1
2 years	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.4	5.1	5.5	5.7	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.7	7.1	6.0	5.7	6.4	7.0
3 years	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.2	6.4	5.4	5.5	6.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	6.0
4 years	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.4	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.6
5 years	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.1	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.4
6 years	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.6	2.9	3.3	3.5	4.6	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.9	4.2
7 years	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.3	2.7	3.4	3.6	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.6
8 years	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.3	2.4	2.9	3.3	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.8
9 years	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.3
10 years	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9
11 years	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.1	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.1
12 years	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.5	4.0	3.6	2.4	3.0	2.9	2.4	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5
13 years	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.4	5.2	6.0	5.7	5.2	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.3	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.9
14 years	6.7	6.7	6.0	6.4	7.9	8.0	7.4	6.6	4.4	5.1	4.6	4.1	6.7	6.1	6.3	5.7
15 years	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.4	10.0	10.8	9.8	8.9	6.1	6.8	6.2	6.1	9.1	9.0	8.6	8.1
16 years	11.2	11.9	11.8	11.0	10.9	12.0	10.3	10.2	7.6	8.6	7.8	8.3	11.7	11.8	10.9	10.3
17 years	10.5	11.6	13.0	12.2	5.6	7.9	7.1	6.4	17.4	14.8	11.4	15.2	11.5	13.0	12.0	10.7
18 years	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	4.5	8.6	14.0	9.5	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.3
19 years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
20 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.4	1.6	1.4	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0
Asian	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8
Black	14.2	14.4	15.5	15.5	13.2	14.4	13.6	12.2	12.8	13.4	14.0	14.3	14.6	15.2	15.3	13.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	7.2	8.0	9.1	8.0	8.2	9.4	9.4	6.7	7.0	7.7	9.3	7.1	8.0	9.2	9.2
White	69.9	68.4	66.3	64.1	66.6	64.1	62.6	63.8	69.4	67.1	65.9	62.9	68.1	66.6	64.0	64.7
Two or more races	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.3	2.2	2.2	3.1	3.1	2.4	2.0	2.0	3.1	2.3	2.5	3.3	3.3
Unknown	3.9	4.7	4.1	4.7	6.6	7.6	7.9	7.4	5.2	7.7	6.7	6.4	4.7	4.2	4.9	5.5
Missing data	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,311	1,171	1,030	1,088
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,058	981	861	838

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.7	3.8	4.4	3.3
1 year	10.8	10.9	11.4	12.1
2 years	9.9	8.2	11.4	13.3
3 years	8.7	7.6	9.1	9.7
4 years	8.2	8.5	7.1	7.2
5 years	6.1	7.3	5.9	6.3
6 years	6.6	4.9	6.2	6.5
7 years	5.7	6.2	4.5	5.1
8 years	4.7	5.5	4.8	6.1
9 years	4.4	6.1	5.1	4.6
10 years	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.1
11 years	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.4
12 years	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.2
13 years	3.4	3.1	4.0	2.4
14 years	4.7	3.9	3.1	3.3
15 years	3.9	4.4	4.0	2.5
16 years	4.4	4.0	4.6	3.0
17 years	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.8

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.0	2.7	1.7	1.6
Asian	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.3
Black	17.9	18.4	18.5	18.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.4	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.9	8.3	10.4	9.4
White	63.1	60.5	56.3	58.3
Two or more races	3.7	4.6	6.0	6.3
Unknown	5.0	4.4	5.5	6.0
Missing data	0.3	0.3	<.1	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,060	1,041	967	789

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.8	3.0	2.5	3.4
1 year	12.5	14.8	12.7	13.3
2 years	13.6	14.6	14.2	15.7
3 years	11.7	11.4	10.8	12.0
4 years	10.5	10.1	9.7	9.5
5 years	6.6	7.1	8.8	7.4
6 years	7.8	6.7	7.1	7.5
7 years	6.2	7.7	7.1	4.7
8 years	6.7	4.1	5.7	3.9
9 years	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.2
10 years	3.3	4.0	4.9	3.9
11 years	4.7	2.5	2.5	2.9
12 years	1.3	2.7	2.8	2.9
13 years	2.4	1.8	2.0	3.2
14 years	2.5	1.9	2.0	2.0
15 years	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.9
16 years	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.4
17 years	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.1
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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.4	1.4	2.1	2.2
Asian	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.9
Black	16.2	15.6	16.0	18.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	8.7	8.9	10.0
White	64.8	62.2	63.6	56.9
Two or more races	3.7	7.7	5.6	8.5
Unknown	1.9	3.1	2.9	2.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	91.2	91.9	91.0	90.7
Children with one or more recurrences	8.8	8.1	9.0	9.3
Number	6,554	5,124	5,731	6,222

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.35	0.29	0.87	0.37
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.65	99.71	99.13	99.63
Number	13,841	12,318	11,296	10,984

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.8	18.3	19.6	17.0
Guardianship	6.1	5.7	6.8	6.2
Reunification	67.1	66.9	62.9	65.5
Other	9.0	9.1	10.8	11.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,780	5,532	4,686	4,426

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	28.9	35.0	38.6	32.5
Guardianship	3.9	4.4	3.9	5.0
Reunification	48.5	41.5	35.1	37.5
Other	18.7	19.1	22.5	25.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,450	1,190	1,027	776

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Guardianship	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.6
Reunification	76.7	79.0	76.4	74.7
Other	19.7	17.5	19.9	21.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,127	2,276	1,916	1,774

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.2	20.1	23.9	22.4
Children older than 12 at entry	80.8	79.9	76.1	77.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	501	493	489	496

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	28.0	16.0	18.7	15.7	9.7	21.4	19.4	21.7	21.8	21.5	22.3	20.3		
Guardianship	15.1	14.7	30.8	26.5	11.3	14.3	0.0	0.0	4.7	6.3	5.5	4.3		
Reunification	52.7	61.3	38.3	47.1	67.7	59.5	77.8	67.4	66.7	64.6	61.5	65.8		
Other	4.3	8.0	12.1	10.8	11.3	4.8	2.8	10.9	6.8	7.6	10.7	9.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	93	75	107	102	62	42	36	46	739	741	655	635		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	25.0	30.8	25.0	23.3	16.8	22.4	18.4	16.7	16.8	18.4	15.0		
Guardianship	12.5	0.0	23.1	0.0	2.6	1.3	7.2	5.1	6.6	6.1	6.5	6.5		
Reunification	81.3	75.0	46.2	62.5	70.7	77.8	63.8	68.2	66.0	66.5	63.3	65.5		
Other	6.3	0.0	0.0	12.5	3.4	4.1	6.6	8.3	10.7	10.6	11.8	13.0		
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	16	16	13	16	386	387	362	412	4,013	3,711	3,086	2,783		

	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.4	20.6	17.1	16.5	19.1	46.8	38.3	37.2	11.1	12.5	11.1	10.0		
Guardianship	3.3	4.0	4.8	3.5	8.1	1.8	2.1	5.1	2.8	8.3	5.6	10.0		
Reunification	78.9	71.0	72.4	74.4	69.9	45.9	46.8	50.4	83.3	75.0	72.2	80.0		
Other	3.3	4.4	5.7	5.6	2.9	5.5	12.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	11.1	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	299	427	315	285	136	109	94	137	36	24	18	10		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	55.4	58.8	59.4	63.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	32.3	29.7	29.2	26.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.9	6.1	6.7	6.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.9
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,881	3,703	2,946	2,899

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.6	76.7	77.2	77.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	13.9	11.9	11.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.7	8.5	9.9	10.3
Missing data	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.6
Number	5,217	4,544	4,735	4,618

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	5.5	9.1	7.2	10.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	42.4	45.9	47.3	48.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.7	33.0	29.2	26.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.0	7.3	11.1	7.6
48 or more mos.	5.5	4.7	5.1	6.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,026	1,013	917	752

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.3	88.6	87.9	88.3	62.3	60.9	60.9	61.3	29.6	27.4	26.0	25.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.7	11.4	12.1	11.7	37.7	39.1	39.1	38.7	70.4	72.6	74.0	74.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,429	5,678	5,632	5,631	4,015	3,596	2,973	3,001	3,393	3,026	2,678	2,342	4	18	13	10

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.6	2.0	2.7	2.2
Institutions	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Other settings	97.2	96.8	96.1	96.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,123	2,478	2,782	2,869

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	113.2	115.9	112.7	117.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	66.5	67.1	67.9	73.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.1	7.9	8.0	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)	44.8	46.0	42.7	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?	14.0	13.6	15.2	16.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	128.4	141.6	135.0	133.9
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?	47.9	55.0	54.5	59.4
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?	24.6	22.8	23.4	21.9
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?	25.3	25.0	24.8	21.6
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	6.5	8.3	7.4	5.3
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	71.9	69.2	70.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	137.3	132.6	131.4	125.2
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?	35.1	33.2	30.9	27.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.2	97.1	96.7	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	33.8	36.8	34.8	35.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	94.8	94.0	93.3	93.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.1	87.0	86.6	87.1
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?	62.3	61.0	60.9	61.2
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?	29.8	27.6	26.0	25.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

The Iowa Department of Human Services is continuing to see improvements in the outcomes for the children and families we serve. Family team meetings, court leadership, and reductions in disproportionality are just a few of the areas where Iowa has continued to excel. Substance abuse treatment, declining IV-E funding, and caseloads are among the key areas that challenge our system.

Race/Ethnicity:

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The number of child victims began to increase in 2009 and continued in 2010. The economic downturn and the soft recovery are the most likely driving factors in the increase.

Section C (Children in Foster Care): Iowa's foster care population has continued to decline in the face of the economic downturn and the increase in child abuse victims. This illustrates the success the state has seen in redesigning the child welfare system in Iowa. In particular, Iowa has worked to reduce the need for removal and better support families in their own homes when problems occur and to resolve the problems quickly so that children who are removed can be returned to the home or other permanent placements more quickly.

Sections D and E (Adoption): As Iowa's foster care population continues to decrease, we are starting to see a similar drop in the number of children who are waiting for adoption and those being adopted.

Outcome Measure 1.1: Iowa's top priority is child safety. We have continued to focus on strengthening risk and safety assessment, developing strong safety plans, and engaging providers in safety and risk discussions.

Outcome Measure 3.1: In Iowa the number of children exiting from foster care has started to decline in step with the reduced number of children in foster care. This trend is expected to continue as the state continues to strengthen efforts to prevent removal.

Outcome Measure 3: One of our more significant challenges remains the number of children, especially those under age 12, who remain in foster care until emancipation. We expect statewide efforts to better engage relatives, strengthen family interaction, and focus on permanent family connections as an integral part of transition planning to contribute to successful pathways to permanency for this population.

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 meetings as part of our strategy to move foster children to more lasting permanent settings.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	699,565	700,577	704,951	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.9	0.9	X
Asian	2.1	2.1	2.3	X
Black	7.1	7.1	7.1	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	13.8	14.2	14.8	X
White	72.8	72.2	71.5	X
Two or more races	3.2	3.3	3.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	14.6	14.5	17.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	2,272	1,685	1,363	1,552
Foster care entry rate	5.8	5.0	4.5	5.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,624	6,329	5,701	5,989
Children adopted	789	721	836	692

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	43	66	89	93
Numerator	153	6,398	8,225	7,466
Denominator	354	9,648	9,283	8,002
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	56	73	77	79
Numerator	455	32,285	44,824	43,302
Denominator	817	44,170	57,841	54,488

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	25,412	36.3 per 1,000	25,031	35.7 per 1,000	26,645	37.8 per 1,000	26,155	37.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	2,272	3.2 per 1,000	1,685	2.4 per 1,000	1,363	1.9 per 1,000	1,552	2.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	1.4 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000	6	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.9	8.6	9.0	8.6
1 year	7.0	6.2	6.7	6.1
2 years	7.7	6.6	6.2	7.2
3 years	6.8	7.1	6.4	7.3
4 years	6.9	6.6	7.3	7.0
5 years	7.1	6.1	6.7	6.9
6 years	6.9	7.4	5.6	7.0
7 years	6.2	7.1	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.3	5.5	4.7
9 years	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.2
10 years	4.5	4.6	5.6	5.5
11 years	4.7	3.7	3.8	4.2
12 years	5.4	4.3	4.3	5.6
13 years	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.0
14 years	4.5	4.8	5.4	4.9
15 years	5.3	5.6	5.7	4.3
16 years	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.4
17 years	2.4	1.8	1.9	2.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Number	2,272	1,685	1,363	1,552

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.5
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.1
Black	12.3	13.6	12.8	13.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	6.5	8.4	10.9
White	75.2	75.3	73.1	70.9
Two or more races	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.4
Missing data	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.4
Number	2,272	1,685	1,363	1,552

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	13.4	10.9	10.2	9.9
Medical neglect	2.3	2.0	3.1	2.2
Neglect	22.5	22.2	17.1	21.6
Physical abuse	18.2	19.5	21.5	21.6
Sexual abuse	27.6	31.8	34.6	33.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	25.5	22.2	22.5	19.1
Number	2,272	1,685	1,363	1,552

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	72.0	61.2	60.8	62.7
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	6,167	6,592	6,169	5,601	4,043	3,496	3,147	3,560	3,587	3,759	3,615	3,172	6,624	6,329	5,701	5,989
Median length of stay (months)	13.0	11.7	13.4	13.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.1	15.0	16.9	15.8	11.8	13.5	14.1	12.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.6	5.6	5.0	4.9	14.0	14.7	13.9	13.6	2.4	2.0	2.3	2.7	5.5	5.0	4.8	5.0
1 year	6.2	6.7	7.7	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.9	5.7	6.4	7.1	6.1	6.7	7.6	6.4	6.7
2 years	5.2	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.4	4.5	6.5	6.0	6.1	7.1	7.2	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.5
3 years	5.5	5.0	6.0	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.7	6.3	5.5	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.0	6.0	5.5	6.3
4 years	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.2	4.7	5.5	4.5	4.8	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.8
5 years	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.9
6 years	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.6	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.3
7 years	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.4	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.6	3.9	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.9
8 years	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.3	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.3
9 years	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.4	4.3	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0
10 years	3.4	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.9	3.2	3.9	2.7	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.1
11 years	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	3.5	3.9	3.6	4.1
12 years	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.1
13 years	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.3	5.1	5.0	5.1	3.1	3.6	2.9	3.6	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7
14 years	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.9	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.2	4.1	4.6	4.0	4.4	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.5
15 years	8.2	7.9	7.4	7.8	8.3	8.7	9.5	7.6	6.4	5.6	5.3	5.6	7.8	7.5	7.8	7.3
16 years	9.7	9.4	9.1	9.0	8.3	8.5	8.6	6.8	6.9	7.5	6.9	7.0	9.3	9.2	9.0	8.3
17 years	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.1	11.7	10.4	8.0	10.9	9.4	9.4	9.1	8.5
18 years	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	9.8	11.6	14.3	10.9	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.6
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.6	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8
Asian	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Black	19.6	20.2	20.4	20.4	16.3	17.9	16.4	15.0	15.9	17.5	16.5	18.7	19.6	20.5	20.6	18.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	8.2	8.4	9.6	8.7	7.5	9.8	10.8	7.9	8.0	8.8	9.2	8.0	7.9	8.9	10.6
White	67.7	66.8	66.4	64.1	69.4	71.3	68.9	68.6	71.1	70.4	70.5	66.0	66.8	67.2	65.2	65.8
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	3.2	4.4	3.3	1.9	2.9	3.8	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.9	3.4	2.6	3.3	4.3
Unknown	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.3	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,814	1,971	1,855	1,827
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,222	1,302	1,244	1,293

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.1	3.1	2.7	1.6
1 year	6.4	9.2	7.1	6.8
2 years	7.7	7.1	8.9	8.0
3 years	5.5	8.0	7.0	7.4
4 years	6.0	5.4	7.5	7.0
5 years	6.0	6.3	5.7	7.1
6 years	5.3	5.8	6.6	5.1
7 years	4.7	5.2	5.9	6.6
8 years	4.5	4.3	5.1	5.5
9 years	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.2
10 years	5.5	4.7	5.4	5.4
11 years	4.1	4.8	4.7	6.0
12 years	5.7	4.4	5.3	4.9
13 years	6.4	6.0	4.7	6.1
14 years	7.4	5.9	6.1	5.2
15 years	7.7	6.8	6.2	6.6
16 years	5.8	5.0	4.4	3.8
17 years	3.5	2.9	1.7	1.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Asian	0.3	0.4	<.1	<.1
Black	26.4	24.7	25.8	22.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.3	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	7.5	8.4	9.3
White	62.6	62.5	60.3	62.3
Two or more races	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.8
Unknown	1.0	0.8	0.5	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	789	721	836	692

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.3	1.1	1.3	2.0
1 year	10.5	10.3	13.3	9.4
2 years	11.4	11.4	15.2	15.0
3 years	9.6	11.7	10.9	11.3
4 years	10.4	8.3	9.3	10.4
5 years	8.9	7.5	7.1	7.9
6 years	8.9	6.7	7.1	8.7
7 years	6.0	6.9	5.9	5.3
8 years	6.6	5.8	5.9	5.3
9 years	5.6	5.0	3.9	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.3	3.6	3.8
11 years	3.5	5.0	3.8	3.3
12 years	3.9	2.4	3.0	3.6
13 years	1.8	4.3	2.9	2.0
14 years	2.0	3.5	2.3	2.6
15 years	2.5	3.1	2.2	1.4
16 years	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.7
17 years	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.0
18 years	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3
19 years	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.3
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Black	20.3	21.6	19.9	25.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.6	4.0	9.2	7.8
White	66.7	69.5	65.2	62.0
Two or more races	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.3
Unknown	1.1	1.2	0.5	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.8	96.5	98.5	97.3
Children with one or more recurrences	3.2	3.5	1.5	2.7
Number	974	800	600	633

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.08	0.01	0.05	0.09
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.92	99.99	99.95	99.91
Number	10,210	10,088	9,316	9,161

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	22.2	18.6	22.8	21.7
Guardianship	6.9	8.7	7.1	7.5
Reunification	56.2	57.0	54.0	53.9
Other	13.9	15.7	16.0	16.8
Missing data	0.7	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	3,587	3,759	3,615	3,172

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	54.5	42.3	43.6	38.1
Guardianship	3.5	7.5	4.9	6.4
Reunification	25.7	33.6	31.8	35.6
Other	16.3	16.6	19.8	19.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	824	1,034	1,154	1,025

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.2
Guardianship	6.0	7.7	7.0	8.1
Reunification	57.6	54.1	53.3	49.8
Other	33.0	37.1	38.5	40.6
Missing data	2.0	<.1	0.2	0.3
Number	1,235	1,291	1,224	1,073

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.3	15.5	17.0	15.9
Children older than 12 at entry	82.7	84.5	83.0	84.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	416	489	476	454

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.2	5.0	45.5	5.4	10.0	7.7	10.0	0.0	27.5	23.4	27.3	29.3		
Guardianship	12.1	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	15.0	11.1	6.8	9.3	6.0	6.2		
Reunification	60.3	50.0	27.3	70.3	70.0	61.5	60.0	66.7	49.0	48.5	48.5	46.0		
Other	8.6	25.0	27.3	24.3	20.0	23.1	15.0	22.2	15.8	18.8	18.0	18.4		
Missing data	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.2		
Number	58	20	22	37	10	13	20	18	571	658	596	594		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	33.3	33.3	50.0	21.3	9.7	24.3	18.5	21.0	18.2	21.2	20.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	6.0	6.6	3.8	7.4	8.9	7.6	8.3		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	59.9	62.7	49.5	55.5	57.4	58.4	55.8	55.7		
Other	0.0	66.7	0.0	50.0	12.1	21.7	19.6	21.6	13.8	14.4	15.3	15.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.0		
Number	0	3	3	2	282	300	317	292	2,552	2,645	2,548	2,094		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.7	26.5	10.0	20.0	30.4	25.6	31.3	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0	3.8	8.1	3.0	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.0	64.7	80.0	40.0	50.6	58.1	56.6	52.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	11.4	5.9	10.0	40.0	15.2	8.1	9.1	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	35	34	10	10	79	86	99	125	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	53.7	55.2	51.7	57.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.0	34.9	35.5	32.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.4	7.4	10.0	7.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	1.4	1.9	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	2,017	2,142	1,952	1,709

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	87.5	86.8	82.5	84.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.2	5.0	6.5	5.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.6	7.7	10.6	9.6
Missing data	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1
Number	4,043	3,496	3,147	3,560

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.3	2.0	2.7	3.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.9	26.9	35.3	27.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.8	34.2	32.6	40.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.8	20.3	14.7	16.8
48 or more mos.	18.2	16.5	14.8	12.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	798	698	825	689

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.8	75.3	78.5	82.5	50.2	49.3	52.3	56.7	26.9	25.7	28.8	27.7	50.0	91.7	88.2	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	26.2	24.1	21.0	17.2	46.2	47.3	45.5	43.3	69.0	70.5	69.8	72.3	50.0	8.3	8.8	25.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3	3.5	3.4	2.2	0.0	4.1	3.8	1.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0
Number	4,707	4,274	3,823	4,211	2,721	3,086	2,684	2,355	2,780	2,704	2,775	2,579	2	24	34	16

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.1
Institutions	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.3
Other settings	98.7	98.5	98.9	98.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	2,529	2,287	2,014	2,436

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	117.3	124.7	116.9	117.3
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)	65.8	69.5	63.2	67.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	32.1	36.9	35.3	34.3
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?	9.1	8.1	7.4	8.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	97.7	100.3	112.0	107.2
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?	32.2	28.9	37.9	30.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.1	30.8	27.9	29.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.5	25.2	27.4	25.2
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	8.6	9.5	15.6	16.8
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?	35.3	44.4	42.6	41.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	134.4	127.8	132.1	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?	33.0	32.1	33.7	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?	91.8	88.3	89.0	87.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	28.8	32.7	30.3	31.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	80.2	80.8	84.9	89.0
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?	72.7	75.2	78.3	82.1
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?	52.3	51.2	53.4	56.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	28.3	26.9	29.5	27.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,011,382	1,015,949	1,014,323	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	1.1	1.0	1.1	X
Black	9.3	9.4	9.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	4.0	4.5	X
White	83.3	83.1	82.3	X
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	23.9	23.5	25.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	18,778	18,252	17,470	18,332
Foster care entry rate	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,756	7,389	7,119	7,089
Children adopted	689	772	842	749

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	33	38	52	69
Numerator	3,450	4,034	5,322	6,776
Denominator	10,401	10,640	10,330	9,854
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	94	96	97	98
Numerator	17,779	21,453	32,016	45,316
Denominator	18,869	22,406	33,160	46,206

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	77,221	76.4 per 1,000	77,119	75.9 per 1,000	73,029	72.0 per 1,000	74,864	73.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	18,778	18.6 per 1,000	18,252	18.0 per 1,000	17,470	17.2 per 1,000	18,332	18.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	41	4.1 per 100,000	22	2.2 per 100,000	34	3.4 per 100,000	30	3.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.9	13.4	13.2	13.1
1 year	7.5	8.2	8.3	8.1
2 years	7.2	7.3	7.8	7.6
3 years	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.4
4 years	6.3	6.0	6.5	6.2
5 years	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.3
6 years	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9
7 years	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.4
8 years	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.9
9 years	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.9
10 years	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4
11 years	4.4	3.7	4.0	4.2
12 years	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.9
13 years	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7
14 years	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.9
15 years	4.1	4.4	4.1	3.8
16 years	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.5
17 years	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.6
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	18,778	18,252	17,470	18,332

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	13.4	11.8	10.4	10.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.3
White	71.8	70.7	69.8	69.6
Two or more races	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.7
Missing data	10.2	13.2	14.7	14.9
Number	18,778	18,252	17,470	18,332

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	87.5	87.9	88.3	89.6
Physical abuse	10.3	10.3	9.3	7.9
Sexual abuse	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	18,778	18,252	17,470	18,332

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	40.1	43.8	38.4	42.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	7,033	7,001	6,934	6,652	5,798	5,718	5,368	5,458	5,075	5,330	5,183	5,021	7,756	7,389	7,119	7,089
Median length of stay (months)	11.6	12.6	12.9	12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.3	8.5	9.4	9.2	12.3	12.2	12.6	12.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.0	6.4	5.8	5.5	15.1	14.5	14.1	13.1	6.6	6.6	5.7	5.4	6.3	5.9	5.6	5.1
1 year	6.0	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.7
2 years	5.5	5.6	6.1	6.1	5.2	5.5	6.0	5.9	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.0	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.7
3 years	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.7	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.6
4 years	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.9	4.0	4.5	4.6	5.0
5 years	3.7	3.8	3.6	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.7	3.5	4.3	4.6
6 years	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.0
7 years	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.5	4.0
8 years	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.6
9 years	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2
10 years	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.6	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.5
11 years	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.6
12 years	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8
13 years	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8	5.2	4.3	4.6	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.3	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.5
14 years	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.7	6.7	6.8	6.0	5.9	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.2	6.7	6.3	5.6	5.1
15 years	9.6	9.2	8.8	8.2	8.9	8.6	8.5	7.1	5.8	5.7	5.5	4.9	9.1	8.8	8.2	7.7
16 years	10.8	11.5	11.1	11.0	8.6	9.4	9.2	8.4	6.5	7.6	6.8	6.8	11.5	11.2	10.8	9.5
17 years	10.7	11.4	12.4	12.6	6.8	6.9	7.7	7.7	16.9	12.2	8.3	13.7	11.1	12.0	12.4	11.6
18 years	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	4.5	9.4	14.7	8.6	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.9
19 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	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	<.1	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	19.0	18.0	17.0	15.3	14.8	13.8	13.0	12.3	15.3	15.2	15.3	13.5	18.3	16.8	15.3	14.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	3.6	4.3	4.4	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.6	3.8	3.2	4.0	4.8	3.5	4.2	4.3	4.3
White	70.2	71.0	71.7	73.7	75.0	75.7	76.7	75.6	74.7	75.0	74.2	75.1	70.8	71.8	73.7	74.2
Two or more races	5.2	5.4	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.4	4.5	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.9	5.2	4.7	4.2	4.9
Unknown	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,201	2,127	2,082	1,920
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,549	1,445	1,187	1,131

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.3	1.9	1.1	1.1
1 year	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.5
2 years	6.7	6.3	6.0	8.0
3 years	5.4	5.9	5.3	6.4
4 years	4.3	5.4	5.1	6.3
5 years	3.7	4.2	5.1	6.1
6 years	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.1
7 years	4.8	4.4	4.7	5.5
8 years	5.0	4.8	5.4	4.8
9 years	4.6	4.9	4.3	5.0
10 years	4.5	4.4	5.3	3.8
11 years	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.8
12 years	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.6
13 years	5.5	6.1	5.6	5.8
14 years	7.8	6.3	6.4	5.9
15 years	8.7	8.9	8.0	7.1
16 years	9.4	8.8	9.0	8.4
17 years	5.7	7.1	7.3	5.8

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	20.7	18.5	18.6	14.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	4.2	5.0	4.8
White	67.4	69.0	68.7	72.6
Two or more races	6.2	5.8	5.3	5.1
Unknown	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	689	772	842	749

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.8
1 year	9.3	11.1	10.7	8.9
2 years	14.1	12.8	12.7	10.7
3 years	10.7	10.1	11.0	10.4
4 years	9.9	8.9	7.2	5.9
5 years	5.5	6.3	6.8	6.5
6 years	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.4
7 years	5.8	5.2	4.6	6.1
8 years	6.4	6.1	6.3	5.3
9 years	6.0	4.5	4.9	7.2
10 years	5.4	4.4	5.1	5.3
11 years	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.3
12 years	2.8	3.4	4.6	3.9
13 years	3.8	3.4	3.2	4.9
14 years	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.9
15 years	2.2	3.4	3.4	2.5
16 years	2.3	3.9	2.5	4.8
17 years	1.2	1.4	2.6	2.7
18 years	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Black	13.9	13.6	16.3	16.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	5.4	6.4	7.3
White	69.5	71.9	66.4	69.3
Two or more races	7.1	7.5	8.1	4.4
Unknown	2.9	1.3	2.0	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.5	94.2	94.7	94.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.5	5.8	5.3	5.3
Number	7,334	7,068	6,813	7,290

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.31	0.24	0.45	0.47
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.69	99.76	99.55	99.53
Number	12,831	12,719	12,302	12,110

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.7	14.1	15.6	15.0
Guardianship	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7
Reunification	71.0	69.3	66.8	68.3
Other	15.5	16.2	17.4	16.1
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,075	5,330	5,183	5,021

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	8.4	21.6	22.4	21.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Reunification	50.5	48.3	47.2	51.5
Other	35.3	30.0	30.4	26.7
Missing data	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	190	416	483	551

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.4
Guardianship	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.9
Reunification	61.2	61.5	58.8	58.4
Other	36.2	36.4	39.6	39.2
Missing data	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,818	1,975	1,910	1,794

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.6	14.8	14.8	12.2
Children older than 12 at entry	84.4	85.2	85.2	87.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	742	806	865	773

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	50.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	50.0	14.3	0.0	10.8	12.7	16.6	18.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.9		
Reunification	0.0	50.0	71.4	16.7	100.0	0.0	71.4	90.0	67.9	64.6	61.4	59.9		
Other	0.0	0.0	28.6	66.7	0.0	50.0	14.3	10.0	20.1	22.5	22.0	20.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	2	7	6	5	2	7	10	775	808	791	676		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	22.7	23.8	25.4	22.9	11.8	13.4	14.0	13.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7		
Reunification	0.0	75.0	0.0	100.0	68.6	66.3	61.0	65.8	72.1	70.4	68.8	69.7		
Other	100.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	9.3	13.7	10.4	15.2	15.7	17.0	15.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	4	6	2	194	172	205	240	3,791	3,995	3,844	3,770		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	18.9	9.3	14.3	14.7	23.4	25.2	31.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.9	2.8	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	72.6	81.3	78.2	72.4	62.4	62.4	51.2	69.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	6.6	6.5	6.7	12.1	13.7	12.4	17.7	13.6	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	106	107	119	116	197	234	203	198	6	6	1	3		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	77.7	78.8	76.9	76.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.2	17.2	16.4	17.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.4	3.0	4.5	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.4
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1
Number	3,604	3,693	3,462	3,427

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.8	78.8	79.3	97.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.7	10.3	10.1	2.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.1	10.7	10.4	0.6
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.3	<.1
Number	5,798	5,718	5,368	5,458

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	1.9	2.5	1.9	1.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.1	26.5	21.8	19.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.3	36.2	33.2	34.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.1	20.9	24.0	24.2
48 or more mos.	14.6	13.8	19.2	19.6
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	643	752	808	751

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.7	87.5	86.6	88.6	58.7	61.9	60.1	62.2	30.3	27.6	29.6	31.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.3	12.5	13.4	11.0	41.3	38.1	39.9	37.5	69.7	72.4	70.4	68.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,922	6,856	6,423	6,414	2,807	2,689	2,612	2,553	3,090	3,156	3,224	3,120	12	18	43	23

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Institutions	8.9	8.5	5.7	4.4
Other settings	91.1	91.5	94.2	95.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,676	3,586	3,424	3,591

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	139.3	135.1	134.4	135.8
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)	81.0	82.4	79.5	80.0
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)	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	52.3	55.7	55.0	47.5
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?	12.7	14.0	13.6	12.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	125.7	113.4	121.6	120.5
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?	28.0	29.0	23.6	21.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.1	31.7	33.4	32.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.4	22.1	24.9	25.1
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	21.1	18.5	16.2	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?	53.1	52.1	55.2	60.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	111.8	116.2	110.7	121.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.1	26.1	30.7	29.8
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?	81.4	82.6	82.5	86.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	30.2	31.9	30.8	31.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	94.1	94.7	93.8	97.1
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.7	86.4	85.6	87.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	58.7	62.1	60.1	62.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	29.3	27.7	29.7	31.6

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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.

Louisiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,103,546	1,120,742	1,123,386	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	X
Asian	1.4	1.4	1.5	X
Black	37.6	37.7	37.5	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	4.1	4.5	X
White	54.6	54.2	53.9	X
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	2.0	X
Child population in poverty (%)	26.8	24.7	24.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	9,468	10,173	9,660	8,848
Foster care entry rate	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,344	5,102	4,794	4,451
Children adopted	428	596	578	616

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	55	61	80	86
Numerator	195	223	291	316
Denominator	357	368	363	369
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	82	89	98	99
Numerator	1,018	1,461	2,013	2,268
Denominator	1,247	1,645	2,061	2,292

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	30,801	27.9 per 1,000	34,420	30.7 per 1,000	37,255	33.2 per 1,000	35,443	31.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	9,468	8.6 per 1,000	10,173	9.1 per 1,000	9,660	8.6 per 1,000	8,848	7.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	27	2.4 per 100,000	30	2.7 per 100,000	40	3.6 per 100,000	30	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	14.8	15.6	14.5	15.9
1 year	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.5
2 years	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.7
3 years	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.2
4 years	6.3	6.0	6.8	6.4
5 years	5.9	5.8	6.6	6.2
6 years	6.5	6.1	5.5	6.3
7 years	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.1
8 years	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.2
9 years	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4
11 years	4.6	3.9	3.8	4.0
12 years	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.8
13 years	4.2	4.8	4.0	4.1
14 years	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2
15 years	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
16 years	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7
17 years	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	9,468	10,173	9,660	8,848

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	43.0	45.0	44.1	44.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.0
White	51.9	49.3	50.1	50.1
Two or more races	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.3
Missing data	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.8
Number	9,468	10,173	9,660	8,848

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	78.9	77.5	77.7	77.2
Physical abuse	25.5	26.4	26.3	25.8
Sexual abuse	6.2	7.3	7.3	7.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6
Number	9,468	10,173	9,660	8,848

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	138.7	170.9	183.6	167.2
Median	>72 but <96	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	5,034	5,184	4,854	4,783	3,618	3,384	3,586	3,297	3,308	3,466	3,660	3,629	5,344	5,102	4,794	4,451
Median length of stay (months)	12.0	12.8	13.4	12.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3	12.0	11.7	11.4	12.7	13.1	12.4	12.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.9	6.8	6.4	6.7	17.1	16.8	16.5	16.4	5.0	4.4	4.1	4.8	6.7	6.2	6.8	6.4
1 year	8.2	7.9	8.8	9.4	7.8	7.9	8.9	8.2	7.4	7.8	8.4	7.9	7.8	8.7	9.5	8.8
2 years	7.1	8.1	8.2	8.3	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.1	8.1	7.6	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.3	9.1
3 years	6.3	7.1	7.3	7.0	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.3	7.2	8.3	8.3	7.7	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.7
4 years	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.4	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.2
5 years	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.1	4.8	5.2	6.0	5.4	5.6	5.5	6.6	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.5
6 years	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.1	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.6
7 years	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.8	3.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.0	4.0	5.1	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.8
8 years	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.9	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.4
9 years	4.1	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.3
10 years	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.2	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
11 years	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.7	3.6	2.5	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.1
12 years	4.3	4.4	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	2.7	3.2	4.4	3.4	3.9	3.8
13 years	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.8	3.8	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.1
14 years	6.2	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.8	4.9	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.0	5.6	5.9	5.0	4.1
15 years	8.0	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.7	6.0	6.1	5.1	5.2	6.4	4.7	6.5	6.7	5.7	5.6
16 years	7.4	7.9	7.0	7.0	5.3	6.2	6.4	5.1	5.9	5.5	6.7	5.3	8.2	7.3	6.3	6.6
17 years	6.1	6.0	7.1	5.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.7	11.6	6.9	4.5	8.5	6.1	7.2	5.8	6.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	8.0	2.6	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	49.4	48.2	49.2	48.7	47.1	49.8	48.2	46.6	47.9	47.9	49.9	49.2	48.8	49.5	48.0	46.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.8	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.9
White	47.6	47.7	46.1	46.4	47.4	44.6	46.0	47.3	48.1	47.5	45.0	46.2	47.1	45.8	46.9	47.3
Two or more races	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.1
Unknown	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.9	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.6
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,136	1,070	1,096	1,091
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	789	749	738	728

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.9	1.2	2.0	1.6
1 year	6.6	8.3	6.7	7.8
2 years	8.4	9.8	8.8	10.4
3 years	7.9	7.5	7.9	7.9
4 years	7.7	8.8	6.8	7.1
5 years	4.7	6.3	6.3	7.0
6 years	4.9	4.6	6.0	5.9
7 years	4.7	5.3	6.4	4.5
8 years	5.0	3.3	5.8	5.4
9 years	4.1	3.6	4.4	4.5
10 years	4.8	3.9	4.2	4.3
11 years	3.9	4.4	4.9	3.9
12 years	5.4	3.5	5.1	6.0
13 years	5.4	5.0	3.7	4.9
14 years	6.1	6.4	5.7	3.8
15 years	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.1
16 years	7.8	5.6	4.9	5.1
17 years	4.6	7.1	4.5	4.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.2
Asian	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Black	49.5	48.7	49.1	47.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.1
White	47.0	47.3	44.9	45.2
Two or more races	1.3	1.2	2.4	2.8
Unknown	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	428	596	578	616

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.3
1 year	11.4	8.6	12.6	7.5
2 years	17.5	14.6	17.3	12.8
3 years	12.1	15.4	12.6	12.5
4 years	10.3	11.4	12.1	10.6
5 years	7.9	8.9	10.0	8.9
6 years	6.3	7.6	6.9	8.3
7 years	5.8	6.4	5.9	8.0
8 years	5.4	7.4	4.0	8.3
9 years	5.1	4.0	2.1	4.5
10 years	5.1	2.9	3.3	4.5
11 years	4.2	4.0	2.8	2.4
12 years	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.3
13 years	1.6	2.0	2.6	3.2
14 years	2.1	1.3	1.7	2.6
15 years	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.3
16 years	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5
17 years	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Black	44.9	39.8	36.2	47.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	1.8	2.1	1.3
White	52.6	56.9	59.3	50.5
Two or more races	0.7	1.2	1.9	0.6
Unknown	0.7	0.2	0.3	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.9	93.5	94.0	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	4.1	6.5	6.0	4.6
Number	4,730	4,665	4,243	4,058

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.21	0.47	0.71	0.48
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.79	99.53	99.29	99.52
Number	8,652	8,568	8,440	8,080

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.0	17.1	15.8	17.6
Guardianship	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4
Reunification	74.7	71.7	73.9	73.3
Other	10.9	10.2	9.4	7.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,308	3,466	3,660	3,629

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.4	21.4	27.7	34.8
Guardianship	0.3	0.0	0.9	2.2
Reunification	45.1	43.6	49.3	42.8
Other	35.1	35.0	22.1	20.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	288	243	339	313

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.2
Guardianship	2.4	1.4	1.1	1.2
Reunification	67.7	67.0	75.8	75.7
Other	29.5	31.3	22.4	22.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	759	787	935	815

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	38.2	31.4	39.6	32.0
Children older than 12 at entry	61.8	68.6	60.4	68.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	280	280	293	244

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	
Adoption	10.0	16.7	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	12.1	14.2	11.4	16.8	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	
Reunification	70.0	66.7	75.0	75.0	100.0	80.0	80.0	71.4	72.6	71.5	75.8	73.7	
Other	20.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	14.3	13.7	13.3	11.8	8.3	
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	10	6	4	4	1	5	5	7	1,583	1,660	1,825	1,787	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	17.5	14.5	12.7	14.3	20.4	20.8	19.3	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	3.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.7	
Reunification	0.0	100.0	66.7	100.0	79.6	73.0	83.1	81.0	76.1	71.2	71.1	72.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	8.2	6.3	2.4	6.3	8.5	7.5	7.5	7.0	
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	5	3	2	49	63	83	63	1,591	1,647	1,646	1,677	

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	
Adoption	6.5	2.6	4.3	2.0	10.7	17.1	25.5	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	4.3	0.0	4.3	2.0	3.6	4.9	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	87.0	92.3	87.2	88.2	85.7	70.7	68.1	76.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	2.2	5.1	4.3	7.8	0.0	7.3	0.0	10.5	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	46	39	47	51	28	41	47	38	0	0	0	0	

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	69.6	66.2	65.7	69.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.4	26.3	23.6	21.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.1	4.3	5.1	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.7
48 or more mos.	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.7
Missing data	0.4	0.3	3.1	1.2
Number	2,470	2,484	2,706	2,660

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	86.5	87.0	82.6	83.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.9	5.9	8.3	6.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.6	7.2	8.0	9.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.2
Number	3,618	3,384	3,586	3,297

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.6	0.5	1.7	2.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.5	23.2	26.0	21.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.5	37.1	37.3	32.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.0	23.7	24.4	26.0
48 or more mos.	11.4	15.6	10.6	17.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	429	591	577	639

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	80.4	79.7	78.9	78.5	52.3	54.4	54.3	51.8	28.5	28.3	28.3	27.8	60.0	77.8	61.4	71.7
Children with 3 or more placements	17.9	19.1	20.3	21.1	47.7	45.6	45.7	48.2	71.5	71.7	71.7	72.2	0.0	0.0	27.7	26.1
Missing placement setting counts	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	22.2	10.8	2.2
Number	4,383	4,141	4,201	4,046	2,069	2,065	1,903	1,891	2,190	2,353	2,253	2,097	10	9	83	46

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3
Institutions	1.8	1.6	1.4	2.1
Other settings	97.5	97.7	98.2	97.7
Missing data	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,739	2,474	2,728	2,515

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	124.9	123.6	121.2	121.6
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)	67.1	65.3	65.9	67.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.2	9.6	9.2	8.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	45.3	45.7	47.1	49.0
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?	7.9	6.7	8.4	9.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	113.1	108.2	128.1	137.1
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?	30.1	23.7	27.7	24.1
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?	29.8	32.4	30.7	33.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.4	25.5	24.7	30.5
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	9.2	11.3	13.8	16.9
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?	59.4	53.1	55.2	67.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	76.9	97.1	91.2	115.4
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?	21.1	30.4	29.4	38.3
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?	85.0	92.0	89.6	93.4
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?	60.5	54.8	58.3	49.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	86.4	86.4	84.5	82.1
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.2	79.1	77.7	76.8
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?	52.3	54.4	54.3	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?	28.5	28.3	28.3	27.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	280,607	275,741	271,176	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.7	X
Asian	1.3	1.2	1.4	X
Black	2.1	2.0	2.3	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.2	2.5	X
White	91.5	91.5	90.6	X
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.4	X
Child population in poverty (%)	15.4	15.8	17.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	4,118	4,033	4,073	3,483
Foster care entry rate	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,968	1,866	1,648	1,547
Children adopted	332	322	323	272

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	49	73	87	87
Numerator	—	1,964	2,140	1,957
Denominator	—	2,679	2,457	2,239
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	57	67	85	89
Numerator	—	14,328	17,054	15,859
Denominator	—	21,283	20,101	17,807

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,009	39.2 per 1,000	10,319	37.4 per 1,000	10,596	39.1 per 1,000	10,187	37.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	4,118	14.7 per 1,000	4,033	14.6 per 1,000	4,073	15.0 per 1,000	3,483	12.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.4 per 100,000	4	1.5 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.8	13.6	13.2	13.2
1 year	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.3
2 years	6.8	6.9	7.5	7.3
3 years	6.6	7.2	6.6	6.7
4 years	6.2	7.1	6.9	7.7
5 years	5.6	6.7	6.0	6.0
6 years	6.7	5.5	6.0	6.0
7 years	5.8	6.1	5.3	5.9
8 years	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.2
9 years	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.4
10 years	4.2	5.1	4.8	4.2
11 years	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.5
12 years	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.6
13 years	4.4	3.7	3.9	4.1
14 years	4.4	3.7	4.6	4.0
15 years	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.7
16 years	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5
17 years	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3
Number	4,118	4,033	4,073	3,483

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.8
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.7
White	63.2	65.8	69.6	65.9
Two or more races	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.7
Missing data	30.6	25.8	21.9	24.8
Number	4,118	4,033	4,073	3,483

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	39.8	40.6	43.1	37.5
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	66.8	68.9	70.5	72.2
Physical abuse	17.4	16.6	16.4	15.1
Sexual abuse	8.5	8.3	6.7	6.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,118	4,033	4,073	3,483

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	104.0	76.8	75.0	69.5
Median	>96 but <120	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,062	1,953	1,860	1,630	835	892	747	750	929	979	959	833	1,968	1,866	1,648	1,547
Median length of stay (months)	23.8	17.9	15.6	16.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.6	21.7	20.6	21.6	18.1	15.6	16.3	14.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.9	5.7	7.4	6.9	21.6	24.2	21.7	21.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	2.5	5.6	7.3	6.5	7.4
1 year	6.1	7.4	8.4	9.8	8.1	11.2	9.6	10.0	5.9	9.1	9.3	8.2	7.5	8.5	9.8	9.8
2 years	5.4	6.5	7.8	8.2	7.3	9.3	9.4	6.9	7.9	9.8	9.1	9.6	6.5	7.8	8.3	9.2
3 years	4.7	5.7	6.2	6.6	7.9	5.8	6.4	7.5	6.8	6.5	8.0	9.4	5.6	6.2	6.5	6.7
4 years	4.0	4.5	5.6	6.8	5.1	6.5	7.4	6.4	5.0	6.2	5.9	7.7	4.6	5.6	6.7	6.5
5 years	4.1	4.3	4.6	5.1	4.1	4.7	3.7	6.1	4.7	5.5	5.7	5.3	4.2	4.7	5.0	6.6
6 years	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.7	5.0	4.1	6.0	3.9	4.8	3.9	5.4	6.7	3.9	3.7	4.7	4.4
7 years	3.3	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.3	4.0	2.7	3.6	4.5	3.1	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.5
8 years	4.1	3.1	4.1	4.2	3.4	4.0	4.1	2.8	4.3	2.1	4.3	4.6	3.1	4.0	4.2	2.8
9 years	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.7	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.0	4.4	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.2
10 years	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.6	4.4	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.1	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.5
11 years	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.5	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.2	2.4	4.0	3.7	3.5	4.2
12 years	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1
13 years	5.2	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	2.4	2.9	3.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.6
14 years	7.7	5.7	4.7	4.5	4.9	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.8	5.6	4.6	4.5	4.5
15 years	9.3	8.2	5.8	5.7	5.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.7	2.8	3.2	3.4	8.3	5.8	5.6	6.2
16 years	10.6	10.6	9.0	6.5	5.1	3.8	2.9	3.5	4.1	4.5	3.0	3.4	10.5	8.9	6.5	6.1
17 years	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.6	1.8	1.7	0.9	1.2	24.8	10.2	5.0	10.0	10.0	9.7	8.5	6.2
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	12.8	15.6	8.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	2.0	1.8	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.5	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	<.1	0.3
Black	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	3.2	2.9	3.6	1.3	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	3.3	4.2	6.4	4.3	4.6	5.6	7.6	3.8	2.6	4.3	7.9	3.3	4.3	4.8	6.2
White	85.4	85.0	82.9	82.3	81.1	79.9	79.9	67.9	82.1	84.7	79.6	79.4	85.1	82.8	83.5	76.9
Two or more races	4.3	5.3	6.1	4.7	6.3	7.1	4.7	8.9	4.3	5.5	7.0	4.8	5.1	6.1	4.9	6.7
Unknown	3.4	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.8	4.7	11.5	5.1	2.8	4.0	4.3	2.6	3.1	3.2	6.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	614	619	570	581
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	571	561	514	494

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
1 year	6.0	7.9	8.6	10.3
2 years	7.5	7.6	9.6	11.0
3 years	4.4	7.4	7.0	7.2
4 years	3.3	7.1	6.1	6.2
5 years	6.4	5.0	5.1	6.0
6 years	5.7	4.4	4.6	4.6
7 years	5.5	4.5	3.9	4.0
8 years	3.7	4.7	5.4	3.1
9 years	4.9	4.7	5.6	4.1
10 years	5.2	5.7	4.7	4.8
11 years	6.5	5.0	4.4	4.3
12 years	5.7	6.3	5.3	4.3
13 years	6.4	5.2	6.7	5.9
14 years	6.5	5.8	6.0	6.0
15 years	9.1	6.0	6.7	6.5
16 years	7.0	6.1	4.4	5.7
17 years	4.2	4.7	4.0	4.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.7
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0
Black	1.3	0.8	3.3	2.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.4	3.0	4.6
White	85.2	85.1	83.7	81.6
Two or more races	6.0	5.8	5.8	6.7
Unknown	2.1	2.9	3.0	3.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	332	322	323	272

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.3	0.0	0.9	1.1
1 year	7.5	10.9	13.0	11.8
2 years	12.3	14.6	13.3	14.7
3 years	10.5	9.9	13.3	13.2
4 years	7.5	8.7	9.6	9.6
5 years	5.1	7.5	8.4	8.5
6 years	8.4	7.5	7.1	8.8
7 years	4.5	8.4	3.7	4.4
8 years	9.3	3.1	5.9	4.8
9 years	5.4	4.0	3.1	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.7	6.2	4.8
11 years	5.7	5.6	3.7	2.2
12 years	4.8	2.2	3.7	2.9
13 years	4.8	3.4	3.4	1.8
14 years	1.8	2.5	0.9	2.9
15 years	2.4	1.9	0.6	1.8
16 years	2.4	2.2	1.2	1.1
17 years	2.1	2.5	1.2	0.0
18 years	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.9	1.6	1.2	1.5
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.0
Black	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	4.3	5.0	9.9
White	88.3	80.4	80.5	76.8
Two or more races	2.7	6.8	7.1	5.1
Unknown	3.6	4.7	4.0	4.8
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.7	92.3	92.8	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.3	7.7	7.2	6.2
Number	1,909	1,995	1,927	1,747

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.17	0.04	0.12	0.55
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.83	99.96	99.88	99.45
Number	2,897	2,845	2,607	2,380

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	35.2	32.5	33.8	32.4
Guardianship	5.3	6.7	8.2	7.8
Reunification	36.9	41.3	39.9	43.6
Other	22.6	19.5	18.0	15.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	929	979	959	833

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	42.5	36.3	34.9	32.1
Guardianship	4.0	8.0	7.1	5.6
Reunification	20.4	25.4	25.1	27.8
Other	33.2	30.3	32.9	34.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	226	465	410	302

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	3.2	4.3	3.8	2.8
Guardianship	3.8	3.8	10.9	9.2
Reunification	35.1	40.5	34.8	34.5
Other	57.8	51.4	50.5	53.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	185	185	184	142

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	49.5	48.0	43.0	42.0
Children older than 12 at entry	50.5	52.0	57.0	58.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	202	179	158	131

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.6	35.7	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	13.0	18.5	13.3	27.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	11.1	16.7	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	8.7	11.1	6.7	5.6		
Reunification	47.1	28.6	44.4	50.0	100.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	34.8	55.6	63.3	50.0		
Other	35.3	35.7	11.1	0.0	0.0	33.3	22.2	0.0	43.5	14.8	16.7	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	17	14	9	12	3	3	9	0	23	27	30	18		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	52.0	39.0	40.9	38.0	31.0	34.2	31.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	4.0	2.4	7.6	5.5	7.0	8.3	8.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	60.0	24.0	34.1	42.4	33.9	41.6	38.1	43.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	20.0	24.4	9.1	22.5	20.4	19.4	17.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6		
Number	0	0	1	0	35	25	41	66	763	829	763	661		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.5	55.6	36.8	36.1	22.5	40.7	34.3	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.3	3.7	5.3	5.6	5.0	5.6	13.4	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	44.7	40.7	55.3	44.4	55.0	40.7	43.3	50.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	25.5	0.0	2.6	13.9	17.5	13.0	9.0	10.0	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	47	27	38	36	40	54	67	40	1	0	1	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	49.0	50.7	48.3	47.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	32.1	34.4	40.7	38.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.3	8.4	6.0	9.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.2	1.7	1.0	2.5
48 or more mos.	6.4	4.7	3.9	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	343	404	383	363

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	85.3	87.0	87.8	85.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.9	5.9	7.1	4.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.7	7.1	5.1	9.5
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	835	892	747	750

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	1.6	1.9	4.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.7	33.3	38.3	30.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.9	25.2	31.2	41.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.0	21.7	15.4	14.8
48 or more mos.	24.5	18.2	13.3	10.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	327	318	324	270

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.0	86.3	86.0	88.1	64.2	64.4	69.3	67.3	28.5	25.9	26.2	34.3	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.0	13.5	13.7	11.4	35.7	35.6	30.8	32.7	71.5	74.1	73.8	65.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	917	987	860	872	628	781	800	666	1,352	1,075	945	840	0	2	2	2

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	4.1	2.8	3.3	3.9
Institutions	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Other settings	89.8	85.0	95.4	95.9
Missing data	6.0	12.1	1.3	0.0
Number	654	752	634	610

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	100.6	99.0	104.9	104.1
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)	58.3	55.8	58.3	61.0
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)	10.4	10.1	9.7	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)	29.1	22.6	28.7	30.0
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?	10.4	13.2	10.7	12.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	82.5	107.0	124.3	120.4
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?	22.6	34.9	40.1	34.1
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?	35.2	29.6	26.9	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?	22.3	24.0	26.4	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	9.6	12.6	13.6	16.5
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?	37.5	48.0	51.8	48.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.7	98.6	95.8	95.9
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?	26.8	28.2	27.8	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?	89.8	88.5	87.3	87.0
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?	71.2	65.3	66.7	67.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	96.9	94.4	96.7	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?	87.6	85.9	85.8	88.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.3	64.4	69.4	67.4
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?	28.5	26.0	26.3	34.4

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

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,367,674	1,356,198	1,351,935	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	4.7	4.7	5.1	X
Black	31.7	31.5	31.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	9.3	9.5	10.5	X
White	51.1	51.0	49.7	X
Two or more races	3.0	3.1	3.1	X
Child population in poverty (%)	10.5	10.2	11.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	9,825	15,519	16,771	13,955
Foster care entry rate	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,407	7,607	6,997	6,550
Children adopted	462	610	734	638

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	74	45	49	73
Numerator	219	159	4,202	6,342
Denominator	296	353	8,513	8,701
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	68	71	80	94
Numerator	1,468	1,094	28,867	51,472
Denominator	2,154	1,531	36,049	54,770

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,886	20.4 per 1,000	38,775	28.6 per 1,000	41,611	30.8 per 1,000	37,109	27.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	9,825	7.2 per 1,000	15,519	11.4 per 1,000	16,771	12.4 per 1,000	13,955	10.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	11	0.8 per 100,000	20	1.5 per 100,000	17	1.3 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.4	11.0	11.0	11.5
1 year	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.6
2 years	6.0	5.7	6.2	6.5
3 years	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.4
4 years	6.4	5.6	6.0	6.0
5 years	6.4	6.0	6.2	5.9
6 years	6.5	6.1	6.2	5.9
7 years	6.2	5.8	6.1	5.8
8 years	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.1
9 years	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.4
11 years	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.3
12 years	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.7
13 years	5.0	5.1	4.5	4.5
14 years	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.5
15 years	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0
16 years	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.5
17 years	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2
Missing data	<.1	2.3	0.1	<.1
Number	9,825	15,519	16,771	13,955

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9
Black	41.3	50.3	48.2	45.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.5	6.0	7.0	7.4
White	40.6	32.7	33.1	34.3
Two or more races	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.6
Missing data	9.3	8.3	8.7	8.9
Number	9,825	15,519	16,771	13,955

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	66.3	65.0	66.3	67.0
Physical abuse	20.6	23.3	23.5	23.7
Sexual abuse	13.5	12.8	11.3	12.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,825	15,519	16,771	13,955

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	167.0	273.4	193.5	147.9
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	8,967	8,346	7,553	7,162	2,662	2,692	2,710	2,730	3,222	3,431	3,266	3,342	8,407	7,607	6,997	6,550
Median length of stay (months)	28.0	29.1	28.1	26.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.0	25.5	26.0	24.8	29.0	28.1	25.5	23.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.7	20.3	20.4	20.0	18.0	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.0
1 year	5.4	6.0	5.6	5.9	6.4	7.0	7.4	6.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	5.9	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.9
2 years	5.0	5.3	5.9	5.6	4.8	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	7.1	6.3	5.2	5.9	5.6	6.0
3 years	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.3	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.4	5.5	5.7	7.1	6.5	4.6	5.0	5.1	4.9
4 years	3.8	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.8	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.5
5 years	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.6
6 years	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.4
7 years	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.3
8 years	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.2	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.7
9 years	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.5	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.5
10 years	3.9	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.3	3.1	3.9	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.1	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.9
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.2	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.3
12 years	5.3	4.8	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.8	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.8	4.8	4.2	4.9	5.2
13 years	6.5	6.1	5.8	4.7	5.4	6.2	5.1	4.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.8	6.1	5.9	4.8	5.9
14 years	8.0	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.6	5.9	6.9	4.3	4.5	3.5	4.0	7.5	6.9	7.0	6.0
15 years	8.9	9.1	8.9	7.9	7.1	6.6	6.6	6.5	4.3	4.5	3.4	3.7	9.1	8.9	8.2	8.1
16 years	9.5	9.8	10.2	10.4	6.2	6.5	6.6	7.1	5.2	4.8	4.1	3.1	9.7	10.2	10.5	10.0
17 years	9.4	9.8	10.6	11.4	3.8	5.0	5.6	5.4	28.1	13.4	3.9	11.5	9.8	10.6	11.5	11.8
18 years	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	1.9	15.2	24.1	17.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.9
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	<.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	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	72.4	71.6	70.9	69.9	60.8	59.1	57.0	55.3	65.3	63.5	63.0	65.3	71.4	70.8	69.2	66.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.4	2.9	3.5	3.8	4.8	5.1	4.2	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.5	2.4	2.9	3.6	3.7
White	21.5	21.4	21.2	20.8	28.3	28.3	28.0	31.6	27.0	27.1	26.8	24.5	21.6	21.3	21.3	23.5
Two or more races	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.4	5.2	3.6	2.7	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.8	3.8
Unknown	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.2	2.6	3.1	3.8	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.5	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.0
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.1	<.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,659	1,505	1,218	825
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	435	445	366	161

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.6	0.8	1.6	1.0
1 year	7.9	5.8	5.6	5.9
2 years	8.7	9.5	7.3	9.5
3 years	7.3	9.4	8.6	7.3
4 years	7.9	6.9	6.6	6.5
5 years	5.4	5.8	5.3	4.4
6 years	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.0
7 years	5.8	4.8	4.8	5.6
8 years	6.0	5.2	4.4	4.4
9 years	6.1	5.6	5.2	5.2
10 years	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.0
11 years	4.6	5.6	5.3	6.5
12 years	4.3	4.5	5.3	4.5
13 years	6.2	4.9	4.5	6.4
14 years	4.7	6.0	6.2	5.3
15 years	5.7	4.8	7.2	6.7
16 years	3.9	5.4	5.7	5.8
17 years	3.3	3.9	5.7	5.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	67.0	67.4	65.1	62.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	3.1	3.4	4.6
White	24.1	23.9	24.0	24.0
Two or more races	4.4	3.7	5.2	6.8
Unknown	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.9
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	462	610	734	638

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.3	0.7	0.3	1.1
1 year	7.6	7.4	5.2	7.4
2 years	11.9	13.1	12.3	13.0
3 years	11.7	13.1	14.0	12.5
4 years	10.4	10.3	11.7	14.1
5 years	9.7	8.9	9.8	8.0
6 years	7.8	7.9	7.1	6.0
7 years	5.2	5.6	6.3	6.9
8 years	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.3
9 years	3.7	5.6	4.5	4.1
10 years	3.9	3.4	5.2	4.5
11 years	3.5	4.4	5.6	4.1
12 years	4.8	3.0	2.9	2.8
13 years	2.2	0.7	3.0	2.4
14 years	4.8	3.9	1.9	2.7
15 years	1.7	3.0	1.4	1.9
16 years	1.5	1.3	1.8	0.8
17 years	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2
18 years	1.1	0.8	0.1	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Black	58.4	54.4	62.1	59.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	1.6	2.9	3.4
White	31.6	35.7	29.2	26.6
Two or more races	3.7	5.9	3.4	5.8
Unknown	4.1	2.0	1.8	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2

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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.0	96.3	95.1	96.6
Children with one or more recurrences	4.0	3.7	4.9	3.4
Number	3,895	4,798	6,091	4,929

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.27	0.40	0.44	0.24
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.73	99.60	99.56	99.76
Number	11,629	11,038	10,263	9,892

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.9	19.3	23.0	21.8
Guardianship	5.4	6.1	7.3	<.1
Reunification	47.6	46.2	39.9	34.4
Other	27.8	27.0	26.1	26.6
Missing data	3.2	1.3	3.7	17.1
Number	3,222	3,431	3,266	3,342

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.7	20.4	22.7	23.4
Guardianship	3.2	4.4	4.8	0.0
Reunification	37.9	35.2	27.7	26.0
Other	41.9	39.1	42.5	39.8
Missing data	2.2	1.0	2.4	10.8
Number	849	896	842	1,180

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.5
Guardianship	2.2	2.5	2.1	0.0
Reunification	36.4	37.9	34.6	31.2
Other	57.6	57.1	58.4	57.3
Missing data	2.8	1.8	3.9	10.0
Number	858	889	803	862

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	45.5	45.8	45.1	44.9
Children older than 12 at entry	54.2	54.2	54.9	55.0
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	847	864	818	844

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	5.0	12.5	16.7	14.1	16.5	22.2	21.2		
Guardianship	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	7.1	9.0	<.1		
Reunification	0.0	33.3	25.0	25.0	28.6	45.0	25.0	16.7	44.9	42.5	34.7	31.2		
Other	100.0	33.3	50.0	25.0	71.4	35.0	62.5	33.3	31.0	32.7	30.9	31.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	3.9	1.2	3.2	16.3		
Number	3	3	4	4	7	20	8	6	2,103	2,177	2,059	2,183		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	12.8	11.7	24.0	20.5	18.9	25.3	25.4	21.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	7.2	2.9	0.0	4.0	3.6	4.3	0.2		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.1	61.3	44.2	41.9	51.9	50.9	48.1	39.9		
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.6	18.0	15.4	15.4	22.8	18.7	19.1	20.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.8	13.5	22.2	2.4	1.5	3.1	18.0		
Number	1	0	2	0	86	111	104	117	869	929	874	818		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	33.3	22.4	21.1	30.1	23.0	32.8	21.3	31.3	0.0	21.4	4.5	5.3		
Guardianship	6.3	5.2	7.0	0.0	3.4	6.7	4.9	0.0	0.0	7.1	9.1	0.0		
Reunification	41.3	67.2	56.3	43.4	59.8	50.4	51.6	39.3	100.0	64.3	77.3	63.2		
Other	19.0	5.2	8.5	6.0	12.6	8.4	16.4	10.7	0.0	0.0	4.5	10.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	7.0	20.5	1.1	1.7	5.7	18.8	0.0	7.1	4.5	21.1		
Number	63	58	71	83	87	119	122	112	3	14	22	19		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	44.6	53.6	56.0	61.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.4	21.7	23.9	17.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.3	10.0	9.1	9.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.7	4.9	4.1	4.3
48 or more mos.	8.9	9.7	6.8	7.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,534	1,584	1,303	1,151

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	75.5	78.7	80.4	78.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.2	9.2	8.2	8.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.0	11.8	11.3	13.6
Missing data	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.0
Number	2,662	2,692	2,710	2,730

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.3	2.3	1.2	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	16.2	15.4	11.3	11.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	22.2	22.5	23.6	20.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.2	19.5	22.3	22.6
48 or more mos.	36.1	40.4	41.6	43.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	513	663	750	727

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.3	81.6	81.7	83.0	53.9	66.8	71.5	71.4	29.4	27.0	29.3	45.1	100.0	72.7	94.7	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	11.1	9.6	11.4	10.8	44.7	29.4	25.5	27.3	70.1	72.7	70.0	53.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	10.6	8.8	6.9	6.3	1.4	3.8	3.0	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.3	0.0	27.3	5.3	33.3
Number	2,999	3,005	3,006	3,115	2,294	2,010	1,920	1,893	6,335	6,001	5,318	4,878	1	22	19	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	8.7	3.4	3.9	1.9
Institutions	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.2
Other settings	87.0	93.5	92.8	96.9
Missing data	3.4	2.3	2.3	0.0
Number	1,864	1,838	1,884	1,784

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	81.4	90.9	97.9	104.0
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	44.3	53.4	55.8	61.9
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)	13.7	10.8	10.3	7.7
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)	15.6	31.7	30.0	26.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.5	14.4	13.0	13.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	54.8	71.7	80.9	85.5
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?	20.5	17.6	12.5	13.4
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?	39.5	41.2	43.1	44.6
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?	7.8	11.0	14.9	14.9
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	2.7	3.0	4.2	2.0
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?	46.3	67.1	71.5	82.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	92.1	97.7	98.7	100.0
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?	14.7	19.0	21.2	19.3
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?	93.5	93.4	93.6	93.8
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?	61.4	62.2	63.0	59.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	91.4	100.0	101.9	108.5
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?	87.0	88.9	86.8	87.8
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?	54.6	69.5	73.7	72.5
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?	29.7	27.2	29.6	46.2

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

The Child Welfare Outcomes report for this time period reflects a downward trend in foster care placements. As part of Maryland's Place Matters initiative, DHR has implemented and is in the process of institutionalizing a Family-Centered Practice model during the last few years, which uses service plans based on comprehensive assessments, and increases families' capacity to protect their children. Family Involvement Meetings encourage family participation in making decisions about the need for children's placements, as well as decisions about reunification or making other permanent exits from foster care, including guardianship placement or adoptive placement.

During the last few years, although the number of children entering foster care increased, DHR, through its Place Matters efforts, has been able to minimize the length of stay and move children to permanence more quickly than in the past, thereby reducing the total number of children in out-of-home care. DHR's efforts to implement its Family-Centered Practice model often results in identifying relatives and other community resources for families struggling with child maltreatment. DHR expects continued success with the Family-Centered Practice Model that has been implemented and is becoming institutionalized in the agency.

Maryland's emphasis throughout this time period has been on safely reducing the number of children in foster care. The federal safety measures indicate that Maryland has been paying attention to safety throughout this process. The recurrence of maltreatment has been relatively low during these years, fluctuating somewhat, but within the range 3.4% to 4.9%, all meeting federal standards throughout 2007 through 2010. Among those children who remain or enter foster care, the absence of maltreatment for these years has been high, quite nearly meeting the federal standard, from 99.56% to 99.76%. Relatedly, children in foster care during these years have experienced relatively stable placement experiences in Maryland, particularly those who were in care less than 12 months: nearly 88% of those foster children experience two or fewer placement settings.

Maryland has experienced considerable success with its Place Matters initiative featuring Family-Centered Practice, and looks forward to continued and increasing success in child welfare during the coming years.

Massachusetts

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,448,018	1,438,671	1,433,002	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	5.2	5.2	5.6	X
Black	7.5	7.3	7.6	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	12.7	13.1	13.6	X
White	71.8	71.6	70.4	X
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	12.9	12.0	13.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	37,690	41,596	38,958	26,588
Foster care entry rate	4.4	4.6	4.3	3.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,476	10,405	9,639	8,994
Children adopted	794	712	790	721

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	39	43	45	47
Numerator	5,838	6,574	6,663	6,264
Denominator	15,110	15,174	14,669	13,433
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	80	79	79	78
Numerator	27,726	31,374	32,294	30,164
Denominator	34,777	39,709	41,033	38,431

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	80,752	55.8 per 1,000	89,003	61.9 per 1,000	84,424	58.9 per 1,000	77,863	54.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	37,690	26.0 per 1,000	41,596	28.9 per 1,000	38,958	27.2 per 1,000	26,588	18.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	16	1.1 per 100,000	21	1.5 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.7	10.9	10.8	11.6
1 year	6.7	7.1	7.4	7.9
2 years	6.1	6.4	6.7	7.2
3 years	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.6
4 years	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.9
5 years	5.9	5.8	5.7	6.1
6 years	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8
7 years	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.6
8 years	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.2
9 years	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9
10 years	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
11 years	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.4
12 years	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5
13 years	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.5
14 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.6
15 years	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.2
16 years	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.8
17 years	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.4
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Number	37,690	41,596	38,958	26,588

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.5
Black	12.4	13.2	13.3	12.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.0	24.2	23.7	23.9
White	44.5	44.1	41.9	40.9
Two or more races	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.6
Missing data	15.7	13.8	15.7	17.2
Number	37,690	41,596	38,958	26,588

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	92.1	92.4	92.1	91.2
Physical abuse	12.5	12.6	12.3	12.9
Sexual abuse	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	37,690	41,596	38,958	26,588

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	10,294	10,224	10,158	9,408	6,381	6,654	6,139	5,453	6,199	6,473	6,658	5,867	10,476	10,405	9,639	8,994
Median length of stay (months)	15.7	14.7	14.5	15.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.3	11.8	11.5	12.3	14.4	14.2	14.9	15.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	14.0	13.8	13.5	12.6	3.4	4.2	3.6	3.7	5.2	5.3	4.9	4.1
1 year	5.0	5.4	6.2	6.7	5.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.2	6.5	6.3	5.5	6.2	6.7	6.3
2 years	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	5.1	4.7	5.4	4.7	5.5	5.3	6.2	4.6	5.3	5.5	6.4
3 years	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.8	3.9	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.6	5.3	5.3	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.9
4 years	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.5
5 years	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.8
6 years	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.6
7 years	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.8	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.7	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6
8 years	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.4
9 years	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.1	2.6	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.3
10 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.7
11 years	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.6	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4
12 years	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.1	4.8	3.2	2.8	3.2	2.9	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.5
13 years	5.8	5.8	5.1	5.3	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.1	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.5	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.6
14 years	8.3	8.1	7.2	6.7	10.1	8.5	9.3	8.3	5.2	5.6	5.3	4.7	8.3	7.4	6.9	7.0
15 years	10.6	10.8	10.0	9.7	12.1	11.4	11.1	12.0	8.3	8.5	7.9	8.2	11.0	10.2	9.9	9.4
16 years	12.0	11.8	11.2	11.4	10.2	8.9	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.3	8.5	9.0	11.9	11.3	11.4	11.3
17 years	12.1	11.5	11.3	11.1	4.4	4.8	4.5	5.0	25.7	13.8	7.3	16.6	11.3	11.2	11.0	10.9
18 years	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.6	10.3	15.8	6.8	<.1	0.2	<.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	<.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	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Asian	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.9
Black	16.2	16.2	16.4	16.5	14.8	15.8	15.7	14.6	15.1	15.4	15.7	15.5	16.0	16.4	16.5	16.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	25.7	26.3	26.3	27.1	25.0	27.4	28.1	28.5	24.5	28.0	27.0	28.0	26.0	26.0	27.0	27.3
White	49.0	48.1	48.0	46.3	49.2	46.2	45.4	45.1	50.5	46.2	47.9	46.3	48.3	48.0	46.4	45.6
Two or more races	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.8	3.7	4.3	3.7	4.4	3.2	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.8
Unknown	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.3	4.3	3.5	3.6	5.1	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.4	4.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,867	2,840	2,834	2,744
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,536	1,606	1,503	1,479

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.0	4.9	4.2	2.8
1 year	10.4	11.2	10.7	10.4
2 years	8.6	9.4	9.7	10.6
3 years	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.8
4 years	7.1	6.4	7.3	7.7
5 years	6.7	6.6	5.6	6.4
6 years	6.3	6.3	6.4	5.3
7 years	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.5
8 years	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.6
9 years	5.9	4.9	5.4	4.7
10 years	5.3	5.9	4.8	5.4
11 years	4.9	5.5	5.4	4.2
12 years	4.3	4.2	5.1	5.0
13 years	4.6	3.9	3.5	4.5
14 years	3.9	4.4	4.1	3.3
15 years	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6
16 years	2.2	2.2	2.8	3.1
17 years	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.3
Black	14.6	14.7	15.3	15.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	26.8	24.3	26.7	27.7
White	46.7	48.8	45.7	44.8
Two or more races	6.0	6.5	6.8	6.5
Unknown	5.1	4.7	4.2	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	794	712	790	721

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.9	2.1	0.9	0.8
1 year	17.1	17.3	17.6	16.2
2 years	12.1	17.0	16.2	16.1
3 years	11.7	11.0	11.6	13.5
4 years	7.6	7.4	9.7	9.2
5 years	7.7	8.8	10.5	7.8
6 years	6.3	8.6	4.9	6.2
7 years	6.8	5.5	5.9	6.2
8 years	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.9
9 years	6.9	3.4	2.7	3.7
10 years	4.3	3.1	4.3	4.0
11 years	3.1	2.7	2.2	3.6
12 years	3.3	2.5	2.2	2.6
13 years	1.9	1.0	1.5	1.9
14 years	1.5	1.3	1.9	1.1
15 years	1.3	1.7	0.9	0.8
16 years	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.8
17 years	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.3
18 years	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.0
Black	10.7	13.1	12.5	12.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	27.6	24.6	19.5	22.6
White	48.4	49.2	54.1	51.7
Two or more races	6.4	7.3	7.5	7.9
Unknown	6.2	5.8	5.1	4.4
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.

Massachusetts

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	88.7	88.1	88.6	91.5
Children with one or more recurrences	11.3	11.9	11.4	8.5
Number	17,746	18,825	19,498	13,301

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.86	1.07	0.84	0.78
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.14	98.93	99.16	99.22
Number	16,675	16,878	16,297	14,861

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.1	11.3	11.7	12.1
Guardianship	7.5	7.4	7.0	4.5
Reunification	59.6	63.1	64.4	65.4
Other	19.8	18.2	16.9	18.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	6,199	6,473	6,658	5,867

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	39.0	36.0	35.5	35.8
Guardianship	6.7	7.3	5.5	2.1
Reunification	30.2	29.8	31.5	34.2
Other	24.1	26.9	27.4	27.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	934	763	723	704

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Guardianship	2.8	3.0	2.3	1.8
Reunification	63.2	64.2	65.1	63.5
Other	33.8	32.6	32.3	34.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,647	2,698	2,622	2,334

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.9	26.0	25.2	24.6
Children older than 12 at entry	73.1	74.0	74.8	75.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,148	1,098	1,075	1,005

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	7.7	14.3	5.4	0.7	7.2	7.2	9.2	9.1	9.5	9.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	15.4	28.6	3.6	6.9	8.0	3.6	10.8	6.4	7.8	3.1		
Reunification	80.0	44.4	76.9	42.9	65.2	75.9	62.4	69.4	56.9	59.5	61.6	61.9		
Other	20.0	55.6	0.0	14.3	25.9	16.6	22.4	19.8	23.2	25.0	21.1	25.4		
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	5	9	13	7	112	145	125	111	939	999	1,045	908		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	10.1	8.7	9.3	12.7	11.9	13.0	13.6		
Guardianship	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	6.5	5.0	2.8	7.7	8.3	7.7	6.2		
Reunification	40.0	83.3	50.0	100.0	60.0	66.5	70.7	69.2	59.8	61.7	62.1	63.6		
Other	20.0	16.7	50.0	0.0	19.7	16.8	15.6	18.7	19.7	18.1	17.1	16.5		
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	5	6	2	1	1,521	1,813	1,799	1,645	3,128	2,991	3,190	2,718		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	18.0	20.4	17.9	14.1	25.5	21.7	23.1	22.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	10.4	7.5	8.7	1.9	5.1	8.4	7.8	4.3	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.4	62.4	63.8	72.3	58.2	61.0	58.0	64.1	74.4	77.1	95.5	100.0		
Other	11.2	9.7	9.2	11.7	11.2	8.8	11.0	9.4	25.6	20.0	4.5	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	250	226	207	213	196	249	255	256	43	35	22	8		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	68.9	72.4	71.8	68.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.4	19.2	20.1	22.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.4	4.8	4.8	5.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	1.3	1.7	2.2
48 or more mos.	2.1	2.3	1.6	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,694	4,084	4,286	3,837

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	76.7	77.3	75.7	75.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.5	10.6	11.8	12.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.8	12.1	12.5	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,381	6,654	6,139	5,453

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.6	3.4	1.4	1.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.6	28.8	28.4	25.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.6	32.8	31.9	31.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.8	15.4	21.9	20.5
48 or more mos.	21.4	19.5	16.5	21.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	814	732	778	707

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.4	74.6	73.9	75.5	49.1	48.6	48.7	48.8	22.0	22.9	23.3	23.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.6	25.3	26.0	24.5	50.9	51.3	51.3	51.1	78.0	77.1	76.7	76.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,546	7,952	7,592	6,669	3,788	3,845	3,751	3,415	5,339	5,075	4,942	4,769	2	6	12	8

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	5.2	4.7	5.0	5.1
Institutions	2.3	1.8	1.2	1.6
Other settings	92.5	93.5	93.8	93.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	3,535	3,941	3,596	3,144

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	118.5	122.9	124.0	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)	73.3	76.7	75.4	71.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.8	5.2	5.5	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)	44.5	48.7	51.2	50.4
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?	16.3	17.1	16.2	15.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	87.9	85.0	86.3	83.9
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?	31.2	32.2	29.8	26.9
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?	31.3	29.3	31.5	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?	14.3	12.9	15.4	14.7
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	5.3	5.1	6.5	5.8
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?	47.1	42.8	41.5	45.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	111.5	109.8	114.7	112.8
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?	22.4	21.4	23.7	22.9
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?	93.2	91.9	92.2	91.1
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?	47.0	45.6	43.6	44.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	76.5	76.9	76.7	78.0
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?	73.0	73.3	72.6	74.1
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?	49.1	48.6	48.8	48.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	22.0	22.9	23.3	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

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

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

Michigan

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	2,446,084	2,392,899	2,349,892	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	X
Asian	2.5	2.5	2.7	X
Black	17.1	16.9	16.7	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	6.4	6.7	X
White	70.7	70.7	70.4	X
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	2.9	X
Child population in poverty (%)	19.4	19.4	22.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	—	29,643	32,463	35,497
Foster care entry rate	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	20,739	19,821	17,684	16,729
Children adopted	2,617	2,731	3,200	2,403

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	14	27	43	71
Numerator	54	112	162	290
Denominator	380	410	380	409
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	78	74	85	85
Numerator	226	614	1,096	2,811
Denominator	288	833	1,297	3,292

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	—	— per 1,000	177,871	74.3 per 1,000	188,341	80.1 per 1,000	194,719	82.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	—	— per 1,000	29,643	12.4 per 1,000	32,463	13.8 per 1,000	35,497	15.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	— per 100,000	59	2.5 per 100,000	58	2.5 per 100,000	71	3.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	—	15.9	15.3	15.1
1 year	—	7.0	6.7	7.2
2 years	—	6.6	6.7	6.8
3 years	—	6.4	6.2	6.6
4 years	—	5.9	5.8	5.9
5 years	—	5.6	5.5	5.8
6 years	—	5.5	5.4	5.6
7 years	—	5.4	5.5	5.1
8 years	—	5.2	5.4	5.0
9 years	—	4.8	4.9	4.8
10 years	—	4.3	4.6	4.5
11 years	—	4.0	4.4	4.2
12 years	—	4.1	4.3	4.3
13 years	—	4.4	4.5	4.2
14 years	—	4.7	4.4	4.4
15 years	—	4.4	4.5	4.3
16 years	—	3.8	3.9	3.7
17 years	—	1.9	2.1	2.2
18+ years	—	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	—	0.2	0.2	<.1
Number	—	29,643	32,463	35,497

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	0.6	0.5	0.4
Asian	—	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	—	30.1	28.1	26.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	—	5.0	5.2	4.4
White	—	57.5	58.7	60.8
Two or more races	—	5.3	6.1	6.7
Missing data	—	1.3	1.2	1.1
Number	—	29,643	32,463	35,497

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	—	15.0	26.0	31.4
Medical neglect	—	2.8	2.7	2.9
Neglect	—	82.3	83.2	83.8
Physical abuse	—	19.6	21.8	21.1
Sexual abuse	—	4.1	3.9	3.3
Missing data	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	18.7	29.8	33.7
Number	—	29,643	32,463	35,497

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	—	104.4	114.0	63.0
Median	—	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	20,408	20,902	20,122	17,874	8,632	8,044	7,493	7,908	8,306	9,125	9,932	9,053	20,739	19,821	17,684	16,729
Median length of stay (months)	15.7	15.8	16.1	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.4	21.1	21.9	20.6	16.4	17.1	16.4	14.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.0	18.0	19.0	19.4	18.9	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	5.3	5.5	5.9	6.2
1 year	6.4	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.8	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.4	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.7
2 years	6.0	5.7	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.2	5.7	6.6	7.8	7.1	7.1	7.0	5.7	6.5	6.3	6.6
3 years	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.1	6.1	5.4	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.6	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.0
4 years	4.7	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.7	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.3
5 years	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.5
6 years	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.6
7 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.0
8 years	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
9 years	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.6
10 years	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1
11 years	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.3
12 years	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.3
13 years	4.9	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.4	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.8
14 years	6.1	5.7	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.5	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.1	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.6
15 years	8.1	7.2	7.4	6.9	7.1	6.4	7.2	6.6	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.3
16 years	10.0	9.5	9.1	9.3	6.5	6.4	7.0	7.0	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.1	9.0	8.3	9.0	8.3
17 years	8.8	9.8	9.3	9.2	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	5.5	5.6	6.6	7.6	9.9	9.5	9.4	9.0
18 years	4.4	5.7	6.6	6.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	11.2	11.1	8.3	9.1	6.1	7.3	6.6	5.9
19 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	3.7	7.0	10.1	7.9	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	48.4	48.0	46.8	45.6	38.7	36.6	37.5	35.3	40.2	41.7	42.3	42.8	47.6	46.3	45.3	42.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.8	5.4	5.8	5.3	7.2	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	4.7	5.4	5.7	5.8
White	41.4	41.3	40.3	40.0	49.4	46.7	46.2	48.4	48.6	46.7	44.5	42.5	41.9	41.1	40.4	42.7
Two or more races	3.9	4.4	6.2	7.5	4.6	8.0	8.9	9.0	3.9	4.4	6.1	7.7	4.2	5.9	7.3	8.2
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	6,146	5,870	4,971	5,150
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	5,838	5,600	4,845	4,471

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.0	3.0	3.2	4.6
1 year	7.0	7.3	7.9	9.1
2 years	7.0	7.8	7.4	8.1
3 years	6.6	6.6	7.1	7.4
4 years	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.5
5 years	5.5	5.3	6.0	5.5
6 years	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.5
7 years	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.9
8 years	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.8
9 years	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.6
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.5	3.8
11 years	4.6	4.9	4.3	4.3
12 years	5.2	4.5	4.9	4.4
13 years	5.9	5.8	5.2	5.1
14 years	7.2	6.5	6.5	5.2
15 years	8.4	7.8	7.1	6.4
16 years	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.6
17 years	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.5
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	48.3	44.8	42.6	39.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.4	5.9	6.6
White	40.7	42.7	42.6	44.3
Two or more races	5.0	5.8	8.0	8.9
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	2,617	2,731	3,200	2,403

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.5
1 year	11.3	10.7	10.8	10.6
2 years	12.2	12.1	12.4	11.5
3 years	10.2	10.3	9.6	10.7
4 years	7.8	7.3	8.4	9.4
5 years	7.4	7.5	7.0	8.1
6 years	6.3	6.9	6.7	7.5
7 years	5.6	6.4	6.7	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.1
9 years	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.7
10 years	5.3	4.4	4.6	4.4
11 years	3.9	4.8	4.2	4.3
12 years	4.4	3.4	3.0	3.8
13 years	4.0	3.2	4.0	3.4
14 years	3.5	3.4	3.3	2.6
15 years	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6
16 years	1.6	2.5	1.9	2.1
17 years	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.8
18 years	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.3
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.5
Asian	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Black	38.3	38.2	34.7	30.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	5.2	7.2	6.9
White	48.2	48.2	49.3	51.9
Two or more races	5.9	7.4	7.7	9.5
Unknown	0.3	0.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	—	92.9	93.3	91.7
Children with one or more recurrences	—	7.1	6.7	8.3
Number	—	13,819	14,346	16,592

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.38	0.71	0.94
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.62	99.29	99.06
Number	—	28,946	27,615	25,782

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	30.6	28.7	29.7	27.6
Guardianship	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7
Reunification	52.2	50.6	47.5	54.4
Other	13.0	15.7	18.5	12.8
Missing data	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.6
Number	8,306	9,125	9,932	9,053

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	37.4	31.7	28.2	29.7
Guardianship	2.2	2.8	3.4	3.3
Reunification	35.8	36.3	34.8	42.7
Other	23.5	27.1	32.9	21.8
Missing data	1.0	2.1	0.6	2.5
Number	1,122	1,266	1,392	1,331

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	3.6	2.8	3.4	3.7
Guardianship	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.7
Reunification	56.4	48.5	44.2	58.5
Other	33.3	40.2	46.5	29.4
Missing data	1.8	4.0	1.7	4.7
Number	2,128	2,601	2,872	2,638

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	34.3	27.2	30.5	34.3
Children older than 12 at entry	65.6	72.8	69.3	65.7
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	794	1,095	1,143	883

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	31.9	29.0	22.7	21.5	20.0	7.7	25.0	23.1	30.7	27.1	24.6	19.6		
Guardianship	1.1	4.0	4.1	4.6	13.3	0.0	4.2	7.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.3		
Reunification	56.0	54.0	66.0	55.4	46.7	61.5	37.5	61.5	50.6	47.6	44.4	58.3		
Other	11.0	12.9	6.2	16.9	20.0	30.8	33.3	7.7	15.5	20.9	27.6	16.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.8	0.6	2.7		
Number	91	124	97	65	15	13	24	13	3,340	3,801	4,203	3,876		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.8	37.5	54.5	75.0	30.6	25.5	38.2	32.6	30.2	30.0	33.3	33.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	3.6	5.4	2.8	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3		
Reunification	73.7	50.0	9.1	25.0	51.3	58.6	44.1	52.0	53.8	52.3	49.5	50.7		
Other	10.5	12.5	36.4	0.0	10.8	11.0	12.0	11.6	11.2	12.1	12.0	10.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.8		
Number	19	8	11	4	464	498	542	527	4,035	4,257	4,420	3,850		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.0	5.6	8.0	8.3	36.6	36.5	33.1	36.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	65.0	66.7	28.0	62.5	47.2	49.0	55.6	54.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	10.0	27.8	64.0	25.0	12.4	10.3	7.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	5.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	20	18	25	24	322	406	610	694	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	36.5	36.6	36.5	35.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	45.4	44.6	43.7	42.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.7	12.3	12.9	13.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7
48 or more mos.	3.5	2.8	3.0	3.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	4,334	4,616	4,714	4,921

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	90.2	91.7	82.8	88.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	4.3	0.9	0.8	2.0
Missing data	2.4	4.5	13.9	6.0
Number	8,632	8,044	7,493	7,908

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.7	5.4	4.7	4.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.1	25.0	30.1	30.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.6	34.9	34.7	34.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.5	18.1	16.2	17.4
48 or more mos.	15.0	16.4	14.3	13.7
Missing data	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2
Number	2,544	2,623	2,953	2,495

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.7	85.9	85.8	84.4	71.6	72.4	72.7	69.4	42.0	43.7	46.0	44.0	77.8	92.1	96.9	84.2
Children with 3 or more placements	13.3	14.1	14.2	15.6	28.4	27.6	27.3	30.6	58.0	56.3	54.0	56.0	22.2	7.9	3.1	15.8
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	9,809	9,319	8,850	9,110	8,458	8,478	8,219	7,464	10,764	11,111	10,514	9,189	9	38	32	19

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Institutions	1.7	2.1	2.2	1.0
Other settings	98.3	97.9	97.8	98.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	6,287	5,932	5,435	5,769

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	97.3	106.8	111.0	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)	41.5	47.7	52.0	52.6
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)	13.8	12.5	11.6	11.5
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)	19.7	24.4	25.2	22.7
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?	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.4	95.6	108.3	109.4
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?	33.9	30.6	34.8	34.3
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?	28.7	29.5	28.7	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?	22.6	23.7	27.9	27.5
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	12.5	11.8	14.0	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?	32.2	33.5	38.8	39.8

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	117.7	118.5	125.5	122.8
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?	26.0	27.6	31.4	32.2
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?	95.8	96.4	96.7	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?	47.2	48.7	46.2	49.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	105.2	105.4	106.3	102.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.6	85.8	85.6	84.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.9	72.5	73.0	69.9
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?	43.6	45.3	47.7	45.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Michigan resubmitted the foster care and adoption AFCARS files on January 28, 2011. The previous submission in November 2010 overreported the number of children in foster care and underreported the number of finalized adoptions.

Based on the resubmission, the Department of Human Services received the revised FY 2010 CFSR composite scores and measures. With a composite score of 111.0, Michigan exceeded the CFSR Permanency Two composite, Timeliness of Adoptions. The national standard composite score is 107.8. Michigan has also exceeded the national standard score of 121.7 for the CFSR Permanency Composite Three, Permanency for children and youth for long periods, with a state score of 124.4. Michigan continues to exceed the CFSR Permanency Composite Four, Placement Stability.

In FY 2010, CPS policy and practice were modified to address CPS maltreatment in care investigations. Specialized units were developed throughout the state to investigate all potential maltreatment in care complaint investigations. Future reporting on these victims will more accurately represent the actual number of children investigated. Child fatalities were not impacted and were sent in the agency file.

For FY 2009, the introduction of a few new maltreatment sub-categories resulted in a change in the percentages of victims per type from previous years.

Michigan continues to cleanse its data and improve technical processes to ensure data accuracy. Because of a system conversion and other changes over the last few years, the FY 2009 NCANDS submission is intended to be "baseline data." Statistical dips and increases when comparing FY 2009 to past submissions cannot be considered valid trends.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,265,225	1,262,103	1,260,797	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.5	1.5	1.5	X
Asian	4.9	4.7	5.0	X
Black	6.5	6.3	6.6	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	6.9	7.0	7.5	X
White	77.1	77.2	76.1	X
Two or more races	3.1	3.2	3.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	12.0	11.4	14.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	6,847	5,824	4,961	4,668
Foster care entry rate	6.1	5.7	4.7	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,747	6,071	5,471	5,107
Children adopted	599	785	660	609

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	36	40	47	55
Numerator	3,195	3,270	3,786	4,117
Denominator	8,857	8,169	8,069	7,455
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	87	86	88	88
Numerator	14,017	14,304	19,447	16,572
Denominator	16,150	16,565	22,046	18,831

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,557	21.8 per 1,000	26,483	21.0 per 1,000	25,083	19.9 per 1,000	25,341	20.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	6,847	5.4 per 1,000	5,824	4.6 per 1,000	4,961	3.9 per 1,000	4,668	3.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	1.3 per 100,000	16	1.3 per 100,000	21	1.7 per 100,000	14	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	12.7	12.2	12.1	11.9
1 year	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.9
2 years	6.8	6.3	7.1	6.5
3 years	6.4	6.8	6.5	6.4
4 years	6.6	6.5	6.1	7.2
5 years	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.2
6 years	6.3	7.3	6.3	6.6
7 years	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.0
8 years	5.5	6.0	5.0	5.9
9 years	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.9
10 years	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.0
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.9	5.0
12 years	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.4
13 years	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.9
14 years	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.2
15 years	4.5	3.6	4.3	3.4
16 years	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9
17 years	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4
Number	6,847	5,824	4,961	4,668

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.3	7.8	7.8	7.5
Asian	2.0	2.6	2.7	1.8
Black	19.9	22.4	21.9	20.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.7	10.3	11.2	11.5
White	45.4	41.4	39.2	45.5
Two or more races	9.7	10.1	10.7	12.4
Missing data	4.0	5.3	6.6	0.7
Number	6,847	5,824	4,961	4,668

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.7
Medical neglect	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.1
Neglect	74.6	71.7	70.7	69.0
Physical abuse	16.0	17.7	19.3	19.5
Sexual abuse	13.6	16.1	15.9	17.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,847	5,824	4,961	4,668

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	67.3	59.4	49.5	43.1
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	6,490	6,387	5,733	5,141	7,761	7,182	5,961	5,587	7,504	7,498	6,223	5,621	6,747	6,071	5,471	5,107
Median length of stay (months)	11.0	11.4	11.6	12.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.0	10.8	11.2	11.7	10.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.6	5.8	5.1	5.3	10.7	9.8	10.5	10.2	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.9	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.4
1 year	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.0	5.7	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.5
2 years	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.3
3 years	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.8
4 years	3.5	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.2
5 years	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.2	4.1	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
6 years	2.9	2.9	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.3	3.4
7 years	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.3
8 years	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.3	3.0
9 years	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.4
10 years	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.4
11 years	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.5	3.2	3.5	3.9	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.4	4.2
12 years	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.0
13 years	5.4	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.2	6.0	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.9
14 years	8.4	7.5	7.3	6.5	8.6	8.7	7.7	7.9	6.7	6.4	6.3	5.6	7.8	7.3	6.7	7.4
15 years	10.3	10.6	9.6	9.0	12.0	11.3	11.0	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.0	7.9	10.7	9.9	9.1	8.2
16 years	12.1	11.9	12.8	11.6	11.9	11.9	12.0	10.4	11.3	10.1	10.5	8.6	12.1	13.0	11.6	11.0
17 years	12.8	12.5	14.0	14.3	8.8	9.4	9.8	9.4	15.8	12.2	10.2	15.2	12.3	13.6	14.1	12.7
18 years	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8	4.4	7.4	11.4	7.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.0	<.1	<.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	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	12.2	12.0	12.8	15.9	9.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	9.9	10.0	8.2	10.5	12.1	12.8	15.6	15.0
Asian	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.4
Black	21.0	22.0	20.8	18.5	20.4	20.9	19.8	22.1	19.6	21.8	22.1	22.0	21.9	20.9	18.3	18.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	8.2	8.9	9.9	9.1	9.6	10.6	9.1	8.6	9.1	9.9	9.5	8.4	8.8	9.6	9.5
White	48.0	45.6	44.4	43.5	46.5	44.4	42.5	46.0	48.7	45.6	44.4	43.8	45.5	44.2	42.3	45.9
Two or more races	8.2	8.7	9.5	8.9	7.3	7.5	7.5	9.2	6.9	7.0	8.1	9.0	8.6	9.3	8.9	9.2
Unknown	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.2	3.7	4.3	5.8	1.7	3.5	3.8	4.4	2.5	1.8	2.2	3.3	0.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,675	1,391	1,227	1,083
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,409	1,189	1,138	1,007

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.4	6.0	4.1	4.8
1 year	9.6	8.7	8.0	7.8
2 years	8.7	7.8	9.0	8.2
3 years	8.2	6.4	5.6	7.7
4 years	6.4	6.3	5.6	5.5
5 years	5.0	5.0	5.7	4.5
6 years	4.1	5.7	5.2	5.0
7 years	3.8	3.4	5.4	5.1
8 years	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.5
9 years	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.9
10 years	3.5	3.9	4.5	4.0
11 years	3.5	3.9	4.4	4.7
12 years	3.8	4.4	4.0	4.5
13 years	4.1	4.6	4.8	4.6
14 years	4.7	4.7	4.6	6.0
15 years	7.0	5.3	5.7	5.3
16 years	6.8	7.9	6.7	6.7
17 years	6.6	8.1	8.4	7.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.8	5.8	6.1	8.6
Asian	1.3	1.7	1.4	0.7
Black	26.1	29.6	29.7	24.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	9.5	9.8	11.4
White	43.9	39.2	40.7	43.3
Two or more races	11.0	12.7	10.5	11.1
Unknown	1.4	1.4	1.8	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	599	785	660	609

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.7	2.9	5.0	2.8
1 year	16.0	15.8	14.5	13.6
2 years	10.4	16.9	16.7	14.4
3 years	9.7	10.3	9.2	10.0
4 years	8.5	10.2	8.6	7.6
5 years	6.3	6.6	7.6	8.4
6 years	7.7	6.1	5.6	6.4
7 years	4.8	5.6	5.2	5.6
8 years	5.3	4.8	3.6	4.9
9 years	5.3	3.8	5.3	5.6
10 years	4.2	3.2	2.7	4.6
11 years	3.7	2.3	3.6	3.6
12 years	3.8	2.2	2.7	2.5
13 years	3.2	1.5	3.5	3.0
14 years	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
15 years	2.2	1.7	1.4	2.1
16 years	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.1
17 years	2.0	1.5	0.9	1.8
18 years	0.5	0.9	0.5	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	4.3	6.6	5.0	5.3
Asian	0.5	1.1	1.4	1.8
Black	19.9	20.0	23.8	26.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.5	8.9	10.2	9.7
White	56.3	51.7	43.3	41.5
Two or more races	6.7	9.3	14.4	13.3
Unknown	1.7	2.3	2.0	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	94.7	94.0	94.3	95.0
Children with one or more recurrences	5.3	6.0	5.7	5.0
Number	3,399	2,922	2,428	2,265

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.33	0.29	0.34	0.23
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.67	99.71	99.66	99.77
Number	14,251	13,569	11,694	10,728

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	8.0	10.5	10.6	11.0
Guardianship	8.6	7.8	8.6	9.2
Reunification	70.0	69.4	66.8	65.7
Other	13.3	12.3	14.0	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,504	7,498	6,223	5,621

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	8.7	12.1	11.6	14.4
Guardianship	5.4	4.9	5.9	4.8
Reunification	64.3	61.1	59.3	56.2
Other	21.6	21.9	23.1	24.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,368	2,331	2,182	2,041

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7
Guardianship	2.8	2.1	3.6	3.2
Reunification	75.8	77.1	72.7	70.4
Other	21.1	20.3	23.3	25.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,496	3,325	2,867	2,450

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	29.0	29.1	25.8	22.4
Children older than 12 at entry	71.0	70.9	74.2	77.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	710	687	666	608

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	3.5	7.0	6.3	5.8	1.5	4.7	5.3	7.8	8.2	9.5	11.3	13.3		
Guardianship	19.0	14.8	16.9	20.0	6.9	5.7	8.2	12.1	6.1	7.3	7.3	5.7		
Reunification	62.1	65.5	61.8	57.7	78.4	82.3	77.6	69.5	70.4	68.8	67.6	67.7		
Other	15.4	12.7	15.1	16.6	13.2	7.3	8.8	10.6	15.3	14.3	13.8	13.2		
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	741	748	510	591	204	192	170	141	1,469	1,636	1,375	1,237		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	10.3	10.9	11.0	9.3	12.0	10.4	10.6		
Guardianship	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	6.2	9.2	9.9	7.5	6.8	7.6	7.8		
Reunification	50.0	50.0	100.0	50.0	72.8	74.2	71.3	66.9	69.6	68.4	65.7	66.2		
Other	25.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	9.9	9.4	8.6	12.2	13.6	12.9	16.3	15.5		
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	4	4	1	2	648	681	617	534	3,653	3,416	2,762	2,464		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	3.8	6.3	5.1	6.4	8.3	13.6	18.6	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.4	8.0	5.1	4.3	12.9	8.3	10.9	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	82.4	79.4	83.6	80.7	70.5	67.4	57.4	61.0	66.7	71.4	100.0	100.0		
Other	10.3	6.3	6.2	8.6	8.3	10.6	13.1	11.1	33.3	28.6	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	261	286	275	140	518	528	505	505	6	7	8	7		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	89.5	89.3	87.9	88.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	8.5	8.7	9.7	8.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	5,255	5,205	4,160	3,693

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	65.0	63.7	62.5	63.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	20.8	21.3	20.7	19.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.1	14.7	16.2	16.9
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5
Number	7,761	7,182	5,961	5,587

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	6.8	6.7	9.1	5.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	42.7	44.7	42.8	38.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.0	31.8	28.5	31.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	9.1	9.3	11.0	15.3
48 or more mos.	10.4	7.5	8.7	9.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	604	786	657	619

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.4	87.5	86.8	87.8	52.6	54.3	58.4	60.0	30.9	28.8	28.2	29.9	100.0	98.1	96.9	97.4
Children with 3 or more placements	13.6	12.5	13.2	12.2	47.4	45.7	41.6	40.0	69.1	71.2	71.8	70.1	0.0	1.9	3.1	2.6
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	9,139	8,555	7,124	6,629	2,363	2,311	2,106	1,793	2,721	2,651	2,432	2,267	28	52	32	39

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.1	3.2	8.6	8.4
Institutions	11.4	12.4	7.4	5.3
Other settings	86.5	84.5	84.0	86.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,066	3,740	3,187	3,097

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	116.1	115.8	115.9	117.0
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)	87.2	87.4	84.2	85.3
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)	3.9	3.9	4.1	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)	58.9	61.6	59.5	57.0
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?	26.1	26.5	24.2	24.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.7	100.2	102.5	98.4
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?	49.5	51.5	51.8	43.4
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?	24.1	23.7	23.4	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?	15.3	20.0	17.8	20.2
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	2.5	2.3	3.3	2.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	37.9	40.8	45.5	38.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	102.3	110.4	105.3	110.3
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?	15.8	19.3	18.0	21.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	86.9	90.5	88.4	89.4
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?	40.1	41.1	42.2	42.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	89.5	90.6	91.6	93.4
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?	83.2	84.6	83.8	85.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	52.6	54.3	58.4	60.0
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?	31.2	29.2	28.5	30.0

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

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	766,898	767,660	767,742	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	X
Asian	0.8	0.8	0.9	X
Black	43.4	43.4	43.2	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	3.1	3.5	X
White	50.5	50.4	50.1	X
Two or more races	1.6	1.6	1.7	X
Child population in poverty (%)	29.3	30.4	31.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	7,002	7,976	7,883	7,968
Foster care entry rate	2.8	2.6	2.6	3.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,391	3,374	3,340	3,716
Children adopted	295	281	306	334

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	65	74	77	81
Numerator	3,200	3,735	3,566	4,094
Denominator	4,924	5,078	4,614	5,057
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	53	68	87	92
Numerator	—	24,025	28,823	33,434
Denominator	—	35,531	32,945	36,235

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,563	35.9 per 1,000	29,888	38.9 per 1,000	31,284	40.7 per 1,000	32,108	41.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	7,002	9.1 per 1,000	7,976	10.4 per 1,000	7,883	10.3 per 1,000	7,968	10.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	19	2.5 per 100,000	17	2.2 per 100,000	14	1.8 per 100,000	17	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.4	10.9	11.0	9.6
1 year	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.5
2 years	6.0	6.4	6.1	5.9
3 years	5.6	5.5	6.2	6.3
4 years	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.6
5 years	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.2
6 years	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.4
7 years	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.6
9 years	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.7
10 years	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6
11 years	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5
12 years	5.4	4.4	4.3	4.8
13 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.8
14 years	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.4
15 years	5.3	5.3	5.5	4.9
16 years	4.3	5.0	4.6	4.7
17 years	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.5
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,002	7,976	7,883	7,968

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	44.5	43.4	46.0	41.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.3	1.8	2.2
White	46.9	47.0	45.5	51.0
Two or more races	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.2
Missing data	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.0
Number	7,002	7,976	7,883	7,968

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	9.7	10.8	10.3	10.5
Medical neglect	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.2
Neglect	60.3	59.4	60.9	63.6
Physical abuse	19.1	18.2	17.8	19.5
Sexual abuse	12.9	14.0	13.8	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
Number	7,002	7,976	7,883	7,968

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	58.5	85.9	136.2	79.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	3,091	3,309	3,282	3,318	2,174	2,023	1,968	2,474	1,874	1,958	1,910	2,076	3,391	3,374	3,340	3,716
Median length of stay (months)	14.6	13.1	13.0	12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.1	12.8	12.7	11.8	13.4	13.2	13.5	11.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.7	6.6	6.2	6.1	16.7	16.0	16.1	14.9	4.7	3.6	4.2	5.0	6.3	5.7	6.0	5.7
1 year	6.2	7.0	8.5	7.7	6.2	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.3	7.6	8.3	7.9	7.0	8.5	7.4	7.6
2 years	6.3	5.6	6.8	7.5	6.6	6.9	6.5	7.3	8.1	6.5	8.4	8.8	5.6	6.7	7.7	7.2
3 years	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.9	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.7
4 years	5.4	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.6	5.5	6.2	5.9	6.8	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.4
5 years	5.2	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.3	6.5	4.8	6.3	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.0
6 years	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.2	5.3	4.5	4.7	6.1	5.3	4.4	4.6	5.3	4.8	4.1	4.2	5.0
7 years	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.6	5.5	6.1	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.5	3.9
8 years	4.7	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.5	3.6	4.8	3.8	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.0	5.1
9 years	3.7	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.4	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.6
10 years	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.6	5.0	3.7	4.4	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.4
11 years	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.8
12 years	4.9	4.4	3.6	3.5	4.3	3.7	3.6	4.2	4.7	3.2	3.7	3.7	4.5	3.6	3.4	4.1
13 years	5.7	4.4	4.6	3.8	5.1	5.3	4.4	3.9	5.0	3.5	4.0	3.2	4.3	4.8	3.8	3.5
14 years	5.9	6.0	5.6	4.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.5	5.8	5.6	4.8	4.4
15 years	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.4	5.8	6.4	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.4	4.2	6.8	6.8	6.6	5.1
16 years	6.3	7.1	7.0	7.5	4.9	5.6	6.6	6.0	5.5	5.9	5.9	4.7	6.8	6.9	7.4	7.5
17 years	5.7	5.3	6.0	6.2	2.3	2.2	2.5	3.3	4.6	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.3	6.0	6.3	6.9
18 years	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	3.7	4.6	5.4	4.3	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.4
19 years	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.2
20 years	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3
Black	52.9	51.2	52.7	53.0	47.3	48.0	47.8	41.6	50.6	45.8	47.5	45.9	50.6	52.4	52.8	49.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.6	2.8	1.8	2.7	2.4	3.1	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.3
White	42.6	44.1	42.2	42.1	48.5	46.0	46.1	52.8	45.5	48.7	46.3	48.4	44.7	42.6	42.2	45.7
Two or more races	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.6	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.6
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	942	1,025	985	861
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	437	483	532	470

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.2	4.7	3.6	1.7
1 year	8.4	9.4	7.4	6.5
2 years	5.9	9.1	10.2	8.0
3 years	7.4	6.5	6.9	9.2
4 years	5.8	6.3	5.9	5.7
5 years	6.9	5.2	6.3	4.9
6 years	5.9	5.3	5.1	5.1
7 years	4.8	5.9	5.2	4.9
8 years	6.1	5.3	5.1	5.3
9 years	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.2
10 years	3.7	4.7	4.9	6.3
11 years	3.8	4.0	4.7	5.5
12 years	5.6	3.3	3.9	5.7
13 years	5.0	5.4	3.6	4.5
14 years	6.2	6.4	5.6	4.1
15 years	6.2	5.4	7.3	6.9
16 years	5.3	4.5	6.2	6.4
17 years	3.0	3.5	3.0	4.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	49.4	52.0	52.7	53.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.4	2.5	1.6
White	45.0	41.4	41.1	41.6
Two or more races	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.4
Unknown	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	295	281	306	334

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.7	1.4	0.0	1.2
1 year	6.1	7.8	9.2	9.0
2 years	9.5	11.0	16.7	15.0
3 years	13.2	9.6	11.4	13.8
4 years	9.2	9.6	9.5	10.2
5 years	10.5	8.2	5.9	9.0
6 years	8.1	6.4	6.5	7.2
7 years	6.8	7.8	7.5	4.5
8 years	3.7	7.5	5.2	5.4
9 years	5.1	3.9	4.6	3.6
10 years	5.1	6.4	5.9	4.5
11 years	2.7	4.3	2.6	4.2
12 years	5.4	3.6	3.9	2.7
13 years	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.3
14 years	4.1	2.1	2.3	1.8
15 years	3.1	1.8	2.9	2.4
16 years	2.4	3.9	1.6	1.5
17 years	0.3	1.8	1.6	0.6
18 years	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	42.4	38.4	40.2	42.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	3.2	2.9	3.9
White	51.9	55.5	50.7	49.7
Two or more races	2.7	2.8	4.9	2.7
Unknown	0.7	0.0	1.0	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.

Mississippi

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.2	93.9	94.6	94.0
Children with one or more recurrences	4.8	6.1	5.4	6.0
Number	3,215	3,645	3,624	3,691

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.82	1.46	1.81	1.88
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.18	98.54	98.19	98.12
Number	5,265	5,332	5,250	5,792

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.1	14.9	15.0	16.2
Guardianship	5.7	6.8	4.9	4.3
Reunification	74.1	71.6	74.0	73.1
Other	6.8	6.0	6.0	6.1
Missing data	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.2
Number	1,874	1,958	1,910	2,076

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	21.5	26.8	31.5	40.7
Guardianship	4.3	8.7	2.8	3.7
Reunification	59.2	53.2	57.3	46.5
Other	14.6	10.8	8.5	9.1
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	233	231	213	241

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.9	1.5	2.8	1.3
Guardianship	4.4	4.1	3.6	4.4
Reunification	75.7	76.6	77.5	76.5
Other	18.6	16.6	15.9	17.6
Missing data	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.2
Number	452	458	472	459

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.9	37.1	27.6	30.4
Children older than 12 at entry	67.1	62.9	72.4	69.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	85	89	76	79

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	12.6	12.2	15.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	5.0	4.7	3.4				
Reunification	0.0	100.0	80.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	77.2	73.4	75.9	73.5				
Other	0.0	0.0	20.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	8.0	7.1	7.9				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.3				
Number	0	2	5	2	0	1	0	3	948	896	907	953				
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	66.7	12.1	17.3	20.0	20.3	13.8	17.1	16.7	16.7				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	5.8	2.2	3.1	8.3	8.3	5.1	5.1				
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	69.7	73.1	60.0	76.6	70.9	69.7	73.6	73.0				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.8	17.8	0.0	6.7	4.4	4.4	5.0				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2				
Number	0	0	1	3	33	52	45	64	853	953	884	1,005				
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data			2007	Missing Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	18.2	0.0	15.8	15.4	24.1	16.3	32.6	27.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Guardianship	0.0	10.0	5.3	7.7	3.4	14.0	6.5	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Reunification	81.8	90.0	78.9	76.9	65.5	67.4	56.5	63.6	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	2.3	4.3	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	11	10	19	13	29	43	46	33	0	1	3	0				

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	67.1	60.6	60.5	66.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.0	26.3	27.2	21.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.4	6.8	6.9	6.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.0
48 or more mos.	2.1	3.6	2.5	3.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,388	1,402	1,414	1,518

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	89.6	89.4	86.8	89.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.6	4.4	5.4	4.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.8	6.1	7.7	6.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,174	2,023	1,968	2,474

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	0.8	3.8	3.5	4.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	16.3	14.7	28.2	30.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	22.4	33.6	30.3	31.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	33.3	22.9	17.4	21.7
48 or more mos.	27.2	25.0	20.6	12.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	246	292	287	337

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.4	79.2	81.0	80.5	54.4	56.5	56.9	56.0	31.7	28.1	26.8	28.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.5	19.9	18.7	18.2	45.6	43.1	43.0	43.5	68.3	71.9	73.2	71.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.9	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,555	2,490	2,451	2,970	1,139	1,300	1,310	1,315	1,571	1,542	1,489	1,503	0	0	0	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	7.3	10.2	13.9	7.4
Institutions	2.0	1.5	2.2	1.1
Other settings	90.7	88.4	83.9	91.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,633	1,485	1,443	1,876

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	132.4	126.6	130.1	133.4
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)	70.7	65.0	67.3	72.6
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)	6.3	7.9	7.8	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)	48.7	46.2	51.8	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?	6.3	5.1	6.9	7.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	109.5	115.5	120.9	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?	16.8	18.6	31.8	34.5
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?	38.0	35.1	30.3	29.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.8	24.2	21.7	24.5
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	17.3	20.3	16.8	11.7
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?	64.0	57.4	58.5	60.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	123.1	119.8	129.6	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?	28.4	36.6	32.0	33.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.1	95.2	94.9	95.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	44.2	49.7	42.0	36.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	88.1	88.4	87.9	88.8
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?	78.7	79.4	80.6	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?	54.6	57.1	57.1	56.3
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?	33.1	29.7	27.9	29.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 Mississippi's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) Division of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) entered into a contract with Social Work p.r.n. to provide required services for the MDHS Mississippi Centralized Intake (MCI) 24-Hour Hotline and Disaster Preparedness Plan. The services include maintaining, operating and staffing the Mississippi (MS) Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The tasks consist of receiving, recording, and entering intakes alleging abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation involving children and vulnerable adults received via 800-222-8000 or website report www.msabusehotline.mdhs.ms.gov. Benefits are:

1. Consistency: MCI provides a central location for screening, prioritization and the disposition of all reports of alleged child and adult maltreatment. Instead of 84 county offices (clerks, interns, and child welfare workers) receiving and screening reports, MCI is responsible for being the first contact on all reports of maltreatment.
2. Improved Services: MCI provides DFCS child welfare workers more time to spend providing direct services to families and children.
3. DFCS count staff are no longer on-call for intake after hours and holidays. They are called when a report alleging abuse, neglect or exploitation is received by the Centralized Intake Unit.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,435,038	1,434,930	1,431,338	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	X
Asian	1.5	1.5	1.7	X
Black	14.1	14.0	13.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.2	5.5	X
White	76.2	76.2	75.6	X
Two or more races	2.6	2.7	2.7	X
Child population in poverty (%)	17.7	18.6	20.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	7,179	5,528	5,451	5,509
Foster care entry rate	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,612	7,790	8,552	9,767
Children adopted	1,149	873	1,013	1,051

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	56	48	76	82
Numerator	209	180	9,820	11,043
Denominator	375	375	12,843	13,499
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	93	93	96	98
Numerator	1,447	1,124	72,722	84,813
Denominator	1,555	1,206	76,096	86,756

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	71,402	49.8 per 1,000	70,743	49.3 per 1,000	71,849	50.2 per 1,000	74,026	51.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	7,179	5.0 per 1,000	5,528	3.9 per 1,000	5,451	3.8 per 1,000	5,509	3.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	49	3.4 per 100,000	42	2.9 per 100,000	39	2.7 per 100,000	31	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	7.0	7.1	6.9	7.1
1 year	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.6
2 years	6.8	6.6	7.3	6.8
3 years	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.1
4 years	6.6	5.9	6.3	6.4
5 years	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.7
6 years	5.9	6.6	5.6	6.0
7 years	5.6	6.0	5.0	5.9
8 years	5.3	5.8	5.4	5.5
9 years	5.1	4.3	4.9	5.0
10 years	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.4
11 years	4.3	4.5	4.7	3.7
12 years	4.9	4.5	5.0	4.8
13 years	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.0
14 years	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.1
15 years	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.1
16 years	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.3
17 years	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.4
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	7,179	5,528	5,451	5,509

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	20.8	19.6	19.8	17.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.9
White	73.2	74.1	73.9	76.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.9
Number	7,179	5,528	5,451	5,509

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	5.9	5.8	5.2	3.8
Medical neglect	—	—	2.7	2.9
Neglect	51.1	52.6	51.3	55.0
Physical abuse	29.8	29.1	31.8	29.7
Sexual abuse	27.5	27.6	27.4	27.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.7	1.3	0.0	0.0
Number	7,179	5,528	5,451	5,509

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	58.5	31.1	30.1	27.8
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	10,206	7,845	8,217	8,875	5,212	4,236	4,857	5,590	4,806	4,297	4,524	4,700	10,612	7,790	8,552	9,767
Median length of stay (months)	18.0	16.8	16.2	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.2	13.4	13.6	14.8	18.4	17.0	15.7	13.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.8	5.1	5.8	5.6	16.9	16.9	15.8	16.0	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.7
1 year	5.9	5.7	7.0	6.6	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.1	7.5	7.4	8.3	7.9	5.8	6.6	6.8	6.8
2 years	5.3	5.9	5.6	6.1	6.6	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.4	6.7	8.6	7.5	6.0	5.6	6.1	6.7
3 years	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.3	7.0	4.8	5.5	5.3	5.9
4 years	4.4	4.9	4.0	5.1	5.3	4.7	5.2	6.2	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.5
5 years	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.1	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.2	4.3	4.1	5.0
6 years	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.3
7 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.7	4.0	4.3	5.0	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.3
8 years	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.9
9 years	3.6	4.2	3.5	3.4	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
10 years	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.6
11 years	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5
12 years	4.6	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.9
13 years	5.6	4.6	4.2	4.0	4.2	5.3	4.7	4.7	3.7	4.0	3.4	3.2	4.8	4.1	4.0	4.5
14 years	6.5	6.0	5.8	5.2	6.1	5.6	5.5	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.5	6.2	5.5	5.0	4.7
15 years	7.7	7.4	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.3	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.1	4.1	7.2	7.1	6.6	5.7
16 years	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.0	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.3	6.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	7.9	8.0	8.0	6.8
17 years	6.5	7.6	7.3	7.2	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.4	5.6	4.7	4.3	4.7	6.8	7.7	7.3	6.6
18 years	4.0	4.4	4.8	4.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	5.5	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.0	5.5	4.7	4.3
19 years	2.4	2.8	2.7	3.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	1.9	1.7	1.4	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.3	2.7
20 years	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.4	1.9	3.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	1.8	1.7	1.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	30.5	31.2	30.9	29.2	23.6	25.5	23.7	20.7	24.3	23.4	26.9	23.9	29.9	32.4	29.0	26.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.8	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	4.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8
White	65.0	63.7	63.7	65.4	69.2	67.7	69.8	72.4	69.2	70.5	66.7	69.3	65.1	62.1	65.6	67.6
Two or more races	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.8
Unknown	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,979	1,907	2,020	1,852
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,846	950	896	712

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.7	3.0	3.3	2.5
1 year	5.7	7.8	7.8	7.8
2 years	6.8	7.0	7.4	8.6
3 years	6.3	7.8	6.3	6.3
4 years	6.1	5.1	7.2	6.2
5 years	5.4	6.2	5.4	6.5
6 years	5.6	4.7	6.0	4.9
7 years	6.2	4.8	5.6	6.0
8 years	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.9
9 years	6.1	5.2	5.1	4.8
10 years	4.9	6.2	4.8	5.0
11 years	5.2	4.7	5.5	5.1
12 years	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.3
13 years	6.9	4.7	5.0	5.2
14 years	7.5	6.3	5.5	6.0
15 years	7.2	7.9	6.8	6.4
16 years	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3
17 years	3.4	2.6	3.4	3.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2
Asian	<.1	0.4	0.4	<.1
Black	32.2	37.1	33.0	34.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	3.2	2.7	1.8
White	62.7	56.7	61.8	61.9
Two or more races	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.8
Unknown	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,149	873	1,013	1,051

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.7	2.7	2.3	2.9
1 year	10.0	12.4	13.6	12.5
2 years	11.8	10.1	13.8	12.9
3 years	9.1	10.7	9.3	10.2
4 years	9.7	8.6	7.6	8.3
5 years	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.9
6 years	6.7	8.0	6.5	5.9
7 years	6.8	5.8	5.8	5.2
8 years	5.2	5.6	4.9	5.0
9 years	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.3
10 years	4.5	4.2	4.9	3.8
11 years	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8
12 years	4.1	3.9	3.1	4.3
13 years	2.8	3.4	2.7	2.9
14 years	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.6
15 years	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.9
16 years	3.3	1.5	2.9	2.9
17 years	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.9
18 years	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.8
Black	25.8	24.4	29.0	25.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.3	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	5.0	4.0	4.3
White	67.1	68.8	62.9	67.3
Two or more races	1.4	0.6	1.4	1.4
Unknown	0.9	0.6	1.3	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.5	97.1	96.1	97.3
Children with one or more recurrences	4.5	2.9	3.9	2.7
Number	3,159	2,455	2,586	2,482

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.38	0.36	0.32	0.39
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.62	99.64	99.68	99.61
Number	15,418	12,081	13,074	14,465

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	16.9	19.9	21.4	23.4
Guardianship	17.7	7.4	3.7	4.6
Reunification	59.3	62.9	65.0	60.4
Other	5.9	9.8	9.9	11.6
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,806	4,297	4,524	4,700

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.8	17.5	21.4	26.5
Guardianship	22.8	6.8	3.8	4.5
Reunification	51.8	61.3	60.4	50.3
Other	9.1	14.4	14.3	18.7
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	951	1,135	1,418	1,505

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	3.1	4.1	3.8	6.6
Guardianship	24.6	6.7	4.1	3.8
Reunification	56.8	62.5	64.4	57.1
Other	15.1	26.8	27.7	32.4
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,265	1,005	1,035	1,147

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.0	33.8	32.9	30.8
Children older than 12 at entry	74.0	65.9	67.1	69.2
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	96	299	340	415

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	20.0	33.3	41.2	16.7	6.7	13.3	28.6	80.0	16.3	19.4	23.0	25.7		
Guardianship	10.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.3	6.5	2.9	3.0		
Reunification	70.0	66.7	58.8	66.7	66.7	73.3	50.0	20.0	56.1	59.4	60.4	53.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	6.7	13.3	21.4	0.0	7.5	14.7	13.7	17.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	10	6	17	12	15	15	14	10	1,167	1,006	1,215	1,125		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	25.0	60.0	16.7	21.6	25.0	20.2	26.3	16.9	19.9	20.5	22.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	1.8	3.7	2.1	17.8	8.1	4.0	5.3		
Reunification	100.0	75.0	40.0	66.7	67.6	67.1	72.4	63.7	59.6	63.7	66.7	62.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	4.5	6.1	3.7	7.9	5.6	8.3	8.8	9.9		
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	5	6	176	164	163	190	3,328	3,029	3,017	3,255		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	10.6	15.4	28.9	14.3	26.2	12.8	25.0	18.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	19.7	7.7	2.2	4.8	7.1	10.6	6.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.6	50.0	55.6	64.3	66.7	74.5	66.7	73.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	6.1	26.9	13.3	16.7	0.0	2.1	2.1	3.3	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	66	26	45	42	42	47	48	60	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	68.0	64.2	64.6	61.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.2	24.3	24.3	27.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.4	6.2	6.7	7.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.8
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	2,848	2,703	2,941	2,838

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.2	84.5	82.7	84.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.0	6.6	6.2	5.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.1	8.8	11.1	10.0
Missing data	0.7	0.1	0.0	<.1
Number	5,212	4,236	4,857	5,590

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	9.7	11.6	10.3	11.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.4	28.1	30.1	29.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.0	31.0	30.7	29.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.9	14.3	13.4	16.9
48 or more mos.	18.0	15.1	15.5	13.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	812	855	969	1,100

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.6	67.5	69.4	79.0	94.5	51.2	52.6	56.6	90.7	19.8	22.6	23.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.4	31.8	29.7	20.1	5.5	48.6	47.3	43.2	9.3	80.0	77.3	76.2	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,172	5,012	5,682	6,430	3,369	2,800	3,011	3,561	5,877	4,266	4,381	4,471	0	3	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.3
Institutions	6.7	6.4	5.8	5.8
Other settings	92.5	93.0	93.6	93.9
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	3,882	3,114	3,660	4,358

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	127.3	118.1	120.3	110.1
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)	71.0	68.6	66.0	64.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.8	7.2	7.8	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)	40.1	32.3	40.5	34.7
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?	7.9	10.7	9.0	10.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	121.8	110.7	122.9	126.0
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?	36.4	39.8	40.5	40.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.9	27.3	26.7	27.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	13.6	20.2	21.2	24.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	13.9	13.6	13.8	13.8
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?	72.6	44.1	57.4	56.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	101.6	109.2	115.7	117.7
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?	18.2	24.9	25.3	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?	94.9	96.4	96.6	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?	57.9	58.2	55.0	50.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	136.9	72.5	75.6	85.6
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?	89.8	66.5	68.6	78.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	94.5	51.6	52.9	57.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	90.3	22.0	25.7	27.4

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

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: 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 our compliance with the mandates of ASFA and to better serve our families.

As part of an AFCARS improvement plan, Missouri resubmitted AFCARS data for 2008 through 2010; therefore, discrepancies for 2007 data are seen for guardianships and the CFSR composites, including placement stability measures.

A change in NCANDS mapping resulted in medical neglect being reported in the correct category after 2009. Prior to 2009, medical neglect was included in the category of "other".

Missouri has seen fewer children having recurrence of maltreatment. Child safety is a priority for the Children's Division. Missouri recently incorporated a framework for safety policy to address concerns related to the protective capacity of the caretaker as well as the vulnerability of the child.

Missouri improved the percentage of children having visits by caseworkers each year. A poster campaign featuring quotes from youth on the importance of visits, local improvement strategies, and oversight from Regional Management and Quality Assurance specialists were activities involved in the statewide improvement effort to increase worker visits.

Missouri has seen an increase in the percentage of children adopted within 24 months of entering foster care. We have also increased the number of children being adopted who have a diagnosed disability as well as an increase in adoptions of children over the age of 12. Missouri strives to continue increasing permanency of older youth including increasing guardianships.

While Missouri has seen an increase of children entering care for the first time, there has been a decrease in children re-entering care within twelve months of a prior episode.

Additionally the seeming discrepancy in Section D, between the number of children awaiting adoption and the number of children having a termination of parental rights, is reflective of the practice in some Missouri courts to delay termination of parental rights until an adoptive home has been found for a specific child or sibling group. Often these courts terminate parental rights and finalize adoptions in the same court proceeding.

Missouri is aggressively working to improve the rates of timely reunification and the achievement of permanency of children in foster care for long periods of time. Specific strategies to address both of these issues are included in our Program Improvement Plan. Our increased performance in these areas will undoubtedly improve the lives of the children we serve.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	220,081	220,377	219,828	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.5	9.4	9.5	X
Asian	0.8	0.7	0.9	X
Black	1.2	1.2	1.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.1	5.2	X
White	80.4	80.3	79.8	X
Two or more races	3.0	3.2	3.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	18.3	20.6	21.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	1,886	1,625	1,628	1,442
Foster care entry rate	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,766	1,600	1,643	1,741
Children adopted	246	242	192	181

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	2	35	51	71
Numerator	—	694	936	1,364
Denominator	—	2,007	1,845	1,934
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	50	96	96	96
Numerator	—	—	6,735	10,258
Denominator	—	—	7,007	10,715

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	14,477	65.8 per 1,000	13,366	60.7 per 1,000	13,901	63.2 per 1,000	12,904	58.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	1,886	8.6 per 1,000	1,625	7.4 per 1,000	1,628	7.4 per 1,000	1,442	6.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.5 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.3	11.6	11.8	11.2
1 year	8.7	8.4	8.5	7.4
2 years	8.6	8.9	8.2	8.3
3 years	7.2	6.8	7.0	8.2
4 years	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.4
5 years	6.1	4.9	5.2	5.8
6 years	5.2	6.2	6.7	6.7
7 years	4.9	5.2	5.2	6.0
8 years	5.0	5.5	5.3	5.8
9 years	4.6	5.3	4.5	4.6
10 years	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.0
11 years	4.1	4.6	3.6	3.8
12 years	4.0	4.1	3.6	4.6
13 years	3.3	4.2	3.4	3.7
14 years	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.0
15 years	3.1	2.4	2.6	3.4
16 years	2.9	2.2	2.9	2.1
17 years	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.1
18+ years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	5.8	4.7	4.5	2.9
Number	1,886	1,625	1,628	1,442

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	19.0	19.9	18.6	21.8
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1
Black	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.8	5.7	4.4	5.8
White	51.7	52.5	55.9	59.8
Two or more races	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.2
Missing data	21.3	17.0	15.5	7.4
Number	1,886	1,625	1,628	1,442

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	25.5	27.0	21.3	13.3
Medical neglect	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.9
Neglect	71.8	70.3	78.6	85.4
Physical abuse	10.7	12.9	12.8	11.6
Sexual abuse	6.8	6.2	5.8	6.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Number	1,886	1,625	1,628	1,442

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	216.5	212.6	173.2	128.6
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,909	1,705	1,613	1,662	1,080	995	942	955	1,223	1,100	912	876	1,766	1,600	1,643	1,741
Median length of stay (months)	16.7	18.8	16.9	16.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.2	13.5	12.3	16.1	17.4	16.8	16.4	15.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.3	5.6	7.3	5.1	16.5	18.7	16.0	14.8	3.4	4.5	3.9	4.1	5.5	6.9	4.9	4.3
1 year	8.4	7.8	7.7	9.9	9.2	8.5	9.6	8.0	9.1	8.3	9.1	8.0	7.6	7.6	9.6	7.5
2 years	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.2	9.2	8.8	7.4	8.5	9.4	9.1	8.6	8.9	7.7	8.1	7.3	8.8
3 years	7.2	7.8	6.8	7.9	6.6	7.1	5.8	7.4	9.0	8.8	7.5	8.0	7.8	6.8	7.7	7.4
4 years	5.6	5.5	6.0	5.9	5.6	4.9	5.6	6.4	7.0	6.9	5.9	7.6	5.5	6.1	6.0	7.4
5 years	5.2	5.6	5.3	5.7	6.5	4.4	4.8	6.2	5.6	5.2	6.4	5.9	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2
6 years	5.1	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.2	4.8	5.1	6.0
7 years	3.6	5.3	4.7	4.5	3.8	3.9	5.1	5.2	3.8	5.7	4.5	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.7	5.1
8 years	4.7	3.6	4.8	5.2	4.2	3.0	4.0	5.1	4.1	2.6	5.0	5.3	3.6	4.6	5.0	4.8
9 years	4.1	4.9	4.3	4.8	3.5	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.3	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.6	5.0
10 years	4.2	3.7	5.3	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.9	4.5	3.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	5.3	4.1	4.7
11 years	4.2	3.2	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.8	3.0	3.4	3.5	5.4	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.7	3.8
12 years	3.9	4.8	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.5	2.7	4.9	3.7	3.5	4.7
13 years	4.5	4.5	5.6	3.4	3.9	4.7	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.9	2.5	4.5	5.2	3.3	4.4
14 years	6.5	4.8	4.5	5.7	4.8	3.8	5.1	4.1	4.3	3.8	2.9	3.5	4.7	4.8	5.8	3.9
15 years	5.6	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.4	5.0	3.6	4.7	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.0	6.9	5.1	5.0	5.6
16 years	6.7	5.6	6.5	4.8	3.5	3.6	4.7	3.9	3.2	4.4	3.7	3.3	5.7	6.4	5.1	5.4
17 years	5.8	6.9	4.8	6.3	2.1	1.8	3.2	2.3	7.4	5.3	5.5	7.6	7.0	5.2	6.5	4.9
18 years	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.0	7.2	5.4	6.1	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.1
19 years	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
20 years	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	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	<.1	0.1	0.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	31.9	33.6	36.6	36.2	33.1	32.1	27.7	34.0	30.4	30.1	29.4	32.2	33.7	35.1	35.5	37.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.8	2.1	1.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.4	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	5.7	6.4	6.3	5.6	6.6	4.9	5.0	6.1	5.7	6.5	4.9	5.6	6.3	5.5	6.3
White	53.7	52.9	47.7	47.8	51.4	51.0	56.4	51.5	53.5	56.5	54.7	52.3	52.5	49.2	48.8	47.6
Two or more races	5.2	5.1	6.1	6.9	4.2	5.2	7.2	5.5	4.7	4.1	6.0	6.4	4.9	5.9	6.8	6.4
Unknown	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	3.9	2.8	2.9	1.6	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	599	528	535	495
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	523	441	439	350

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.5	1.9	1.3	0.6
1 year	5.2	6.1	7.3	4.8
2 years	8.0	5.5	6.5	8.3
3 years	6.0	5.7	6.2	5.5
4 years	5.8	5.9	6.4	6.3
5 years	3.8	5.5	5.0	6.1
6 years	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.8
7 years	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.8
8 years	3.7	5.1	5.4	4.4
9 years	4.7	3.8	5.8	4.8
10 years	4.5	5.9	3.6	5.3
11 years	4.0	3.8	6.0	4.4
12 years	5.5	3.4	3.4	7.7
13 years	5.2	7.2	5.0	4.6
14 years	6.0	5.9	8.0	5.7
15 years	9.5	7.8	5.6	8.5
16 years	7.7	10.0	6.5	7.5
17 years	10.0	8.0	9.2	5.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	21.0	26.3	30.5	25.7
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Black	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	6.6	5.8	7.5
White	63.4	58.1	52.7	54.7
Two or more races	5.3	5.5	7.7	9.1
Unknown	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	246	242	192	181

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.0	1.7	1.0	2.8
1 year	9.8	9.9	15.1	9.4
2 years	15.9	15.3	12.5	14.9
3 years	12.6	14.0	9.9	13.3
4 years	9.8	9.1	10.9	13.3
5 years	7.3	7.4	10.9	3.9
6 years	8.9	6.2	2.6	7.2
7 years	3.3	6.2	6.3	6.6
8 years	4.1	5.0	5.2	4.4
9 years	4.1	2.9	3.1	7.2
10 years	5.3	5.4	4.7	3.9
11 years	3.7	3.7	3.1	3.9
12 years	4.9	3.3	2.6	1.1
13 years	2.4	1.7	4.7	1.7
14 years	3.3	2.1	0.5	2.2
15 years	0.8	0.8	2.6	1.7
16 years	0.4	2.1	1.6	1.7
17 years	3.3	2.5	2.1	1.1
18 years	0.4	0.8	0.5	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	22.4	11.6	13.5	26.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Black	2.4	0.4	1.0	0.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	9.1	8.3	4.4
White	65.4	71.9	68.2	58.6
Two or more races	3.3	7.0	8.3	8.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.5	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	91.0	94.8	94.1	96.3
Children with one or more recurrences	9.0	5.2	5.9	3.7
Number	851	768	760	699

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.23	0.26	0.47	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.77	99.74	99.53	99.89
Number	2,989	2,700	2,555	2,617

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	20.3	22.0	20.2	21.2
Guardianship	7.1	6.2	5.0	4.6
Reunification	60.8	58.5	63.6	59.9
Other	9.2	12.1	7.3	12.6
Missing data	2.7	1.3	3.8	1.7
Number	1,223	1,100	912	876

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	27.7	35.6	31.9	37.4
Guardianship	6.7	2.5	4.3	3.0
Reunification	34.5	37.3	42.6	32.3
Other	26.1	22.9	17.0	26.3
Missing data	5.0	1.7	4.3	1.0
Number	119	118	94	99

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.9	1.9	1.3	0.7
Guardianship	8.1	4.3	5.3	4.0
Reunification	57.1	57.6	60.0	57.3
Other	26.7	31.9	23.3	36.0
Missing data	6.2	4.3	10.0	2.0
Number	210	210	150	150

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	45.7	46.2	43.1	48.4
Children older than 12 at entry	54.3	53.8	56.9	51.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	92	104	51	93

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	14.8	9.4	9.3	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	7.1	22.2	16.7		
Guardianship	9.4	10.9	7.5	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	14.3	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	61.8	64.7	69.8	63.1	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	55.6	64.3	66.7	75.0		
Other	9.7	13.3	9.0	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	11.1	8.3		
Missing data	4.3	1.8	4.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	372	331	268	282	5	0	0	4	18	14	9	12		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	21.3	34.9	27.1	18.6	24.9	27.5	25.3	23.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	4.8	8.5	0.0	4.7	3.5	4.0	5.0		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	65.3	52.4	55.9	67.4	58.0	55.3	60.1	57.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	7.9	8.5	11.6	10.1	12.7	6.8	12.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3	1.0	3.8	1.7		
Number	5	0	0	2	75	63	59	43	654	622	499	458		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	13.8	37.8	27.3	30.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	13.9	4.2	4.8	0.0	17.2	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.6	83.3	90.5	68.4	62.1	48.9	61.8	51.8	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	5.6	12.5	0.0	26.3	5.2	2.2	5.5	16.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	1.7	2.2	5.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	36	24	21	19	58	45	55	56	0	1	1	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	63.7	69.2	69.8	61.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.1	19.0	18.1	27.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	6.5	5.9	6.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	2.5	2.8	1.7
48 or more mos.	2.7	2.8	3.4	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	743	643	580	525

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	68.8	70.4	72.7	71.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.6	14.2	10.6	9.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.0	14.8	16.3	18.5
Missing data	2.6	0.7	0.3	0.6
Number	1,080	995	942	955

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.0	3.7	2.7	4.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.4	23.1	29.3	18.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	39.9	38.4	26.6	33.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	12.9	21.1	25.0	18.8
48 or more mos.	15.7	13.6	16.3	23.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	248	242	184	186

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.4	88.6	87.1	87.0	70.8	66.6	63.9	60.6	38.7	38.1	34.9	35.7	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	11.4	12.9	13.0	29.2	33.4	36.1	39.4	61.3	61.9	65.1	64.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,217	1,159	1,072	1,054	734	563	635	640	1,038	978	846	917	0	0	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	7.6	6.5	11.2	8.8
Institutions	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.1
Other settings	91.9	93.1	87.6	91.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	874	800	749	774

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	99.7	106.4	107.5	101.4
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)	64.6	68.4	68.4	60.6
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)	7.6	7.0	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)	45.5	48.0	36.2	32.1
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	17.4	15.0	15.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	121.7	115.8	119.7	92.9
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?	31.5	26.9	32.1	23.8
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?	29.3	30.5	30.6	32.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.2	23.8	20.8	21.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	22.0	16.8	19.1	12.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	47.9	55.1	53.7	39.8

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	94.6	98.7	95.2	97.8
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?	26.5	30.7	25.5	26.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.4	86.7	89.0	87.7
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?	64.4	66.1	70.1	63.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	103.9	100.4	97.9	96.5
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?	87.0	87.1	85.6	85.5
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?	70.9	66.7	64.1	60.4
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?	39.2	38.3	35.2	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	447,011	448,361	451,641	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.3	1.2	X
Asian	1.8	1.8	1.9	X
Black	5.6	5.7	5.7	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	12.9	13.1	14.1	X
White	75.8	75.6	74.2	X
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.6	X
Child population in poverty (%)	14.9	13.4	15.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	4,108	4,668	5,448	5,051
Foster care entry rate	7.9	7.4	7.9	7.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,874	5,595	5,376	5,334
Children adopted	496	520	588	436

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	27	40	44	50
Numerator	101	2,980	3,282	3,645
Denominator	369	7,444	7,444	7,245
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	52	79	80	87
Numerator	355	12,620	13,776	17,360
Denominator	682	15,953	17,290	20,068

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	26,709	59.8 per 1,000	29,327	65.4 per 1,000	31,375	69.5 per 1,000	30,994	68.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	4,108	9.2 per 1,000	4,668	10.4 per 1,000	5,448	12.1 per 1,000	5,051	11.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	16	3.6 per 100,000	17	3.8 per 100,000	10	2.2 per 100,000	7	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.2	11.2	11.0	11.3
1 year	8.0	8.4	8.8	8.4
2 years	7.1	8.1	8.0	8.4
3 years	7.4	6.6	8.0	7.4
4 years	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.7
5 years	6.3	6.7	6.9	6.0
6 years	6.4	6.8	5.5	5.8
7 years	5.6	6.1	5.7	6.1
8 years	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.4
9 years	5.5	4.4	4.6	5.2
10 years	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.3
11 years	4.4	3.7	4.2	4.2
12 years	4.4	3.7	3.8	3.9
13 years	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.6
14 years	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.5
15 years	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.3
16 years	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.1
17 years	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.5	0.5	0.5	<.1
Number	4,108	4,668	5,448	5,051

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.9	5.0	7.2	4.9
Asian	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.7
Black	10.8	12.7	15.3	16.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	9.9	11.9	11.1	12.9
White	63.5	60.9	58.0	56.8
Two or more races	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.8
Missing data	7.7	7.8	6.3	5.8
Number	4,108	4,668	5,448	5,051

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	4.7	1.7	0.4	0.6
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Neglect	86.7	85.0	87.1	87.3
Physical abuse	13.4	11.4	10.6	10.6
Sexual abuse	7.4	8.5	7.3	6.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,108	4,668	5,448	5,051

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	0.4	183.9	208.4	185.9
Median	<24	>24 but <48	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	6,014	5,728	5,417	5,187	3,518	3,301	3,557	3,303	3,658	3,434	3,598	3,156	5,874	5,595	5,376	5,334
Median length of stay (months)	13.0	12.6	13.1	11.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.9	15.4	14.7	15.0	12.7	13.1	11.4	11.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.7	11.3	11.3	10.0	11.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	1.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.3
1 year	5.3	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.8	6.3	5.8	6.5	5.1	5.9	5.3	4.8	6.1	5.6	5.9	5.8
2 years	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.3	6.3	5.5	6.3	6.1	5.4	5.9	5.4	5.7
3 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.2	3.8	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.3
4 years	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.1	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.4	5.0
5 years	4.7	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.5	3.9	4.9	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.2
6 years	3.8	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.8
7 years	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.9	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.8
8 years	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.9	2.6	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.1
9 years	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.0
10 years	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.2
11 years	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.9
12 years	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.2
13 years	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.1	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.0	2.9	3.3	3.3	2.9	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.3
14 years	6.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	7.4	7.7	6.3	5.8	4.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.2
15 years	8.7	8.1	8.5	7.8	10.1	9.9	9.8	8.8	6.2	4.9	5.4	4.7	8.2	8.4	7.9	7.5
16 years	10.8	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.2	11.4	10.1	10.8	8.6	7.5	7.7	7.7	10.6	11.2	10.8	10.2
17 years	10.1	11.3	11.8	12.3	8.1	8.6	9.6	9.0	10.1	10.1	9.9	10.1	11.2	11.6	12.2	11.9
18 years	5.8	6.1	7.2	7.8	1.0	1.2	1.8	1.8	13.3	13.4	12.0	13.7	6.0	7.2	7.7	7.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.5	6.0	7.1	<.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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.2	8.7	8.8	7.5	8.7	9.1	7.3	6.6	7.7	8.5	8.9	7.7	8.9	9.1	7.7	6.8
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7
Black	16.0	16.7	18.3	19.3	14.6	15.3	17.1	16.8	13.8	13.0	16.1	15.7	16.5	18.1	19.0	20.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.8	10.0	11.8	13.3	11.4	11.0	13.1	15.1	11.2	11.4	11.5	14.6	9.9	9.7	12.9	13.6
White	61.7	59.8	55.8	54.1	60.4	58.8	56.1	55.3	62.8	62.3	57.8	57.0	60.2	57.6	54.7	53.1
Two or more races	1.2	1.2	1.9	2.6	1.0	1.0	1.9	2.4	1.3	0.9	1.2	2.1	1.1	1.3	2.4	2.8
Unknown	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.5	3.4	4.2	3.5	3.2	2.8	3.3	4.0	2.6	3.1	3.7	2.6	2.9
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	809	877	838	773
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	505	575	544	464

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.5	2.2	2.3	3.0
1 year	7.7	6.0	7.6	6.5
2 years	6.9	8.1	6.9	8.0
3 years	6.6	6.6	8.4	6.5
4 years	6.1	5.6	6.2	7.5
5 years	5.9	6.5	6.8	6.1
6 years	7.0	5.9	6.1	4.8
7 years	5.2	6.4	6.1	6.2
8 years	4.9	6.4	5.7	5.2
9 years	6.9	4.7	5.4	5.2
10 years	4.3	5.9	4.2	4.8
11 years	5.4	4.7	4.9	4.8
12 years	4.4	5.4	4.9	4.7
13 years	5.3	4.8	4.3	4.7
14 years	7.7	5.5	5.1	4.4
15 years	6.7	6.2	5.3	6.2
16 years	4.3	5.6	5.7	6.0
17 years	3.1	3.6	4.2	5.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.2	7.0	8.0	6.6
Asian	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.4
Black	18.5	18.9	20.2	20.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	10.6	15.6	15.3
White	59.2	56.1	50.1	51.7
Two or more races	1.1	2.4	3.7	2.8
Unknown	3.1	4.0	2.0	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	496	520	588	436

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.8	1.3	2.2	2.1
1 year	8.1	11.0	10.5	11.7
2 years	13.9	12.5	14.5	13.3
3 years	11.7	9.0	10.4	10.3
4 years	8.9	8.7	8.2	10.6
5 years	7.1	10.0	7.7	6.7
6 years	7.3	6.9	8.3	8.3
7 years	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.3
8 years	6.3	5.2	6.8	5.3
9 years	4.6	5.8	4.1	5.3
10 years	5.0	5.0	4.9	3.7
11 years	3.0	4.8	3.9	4.6
12 years	5.2	3.3	2.9	3.7
13 years	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.5
14 years	3.4	2.1	2.2	2.1
15 years	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7
16 years	1.6	1.0	0.5	1.1
17 years	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.7
18 years	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2
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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.3	3.7	6.0	5.7
Asian	0.8	1.0	1.7	0.7
Black	12.9	15.8	11.7	15.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.3	12.7	10.0	17.7
White	64.7	62.1	62.2	55.5
Two or more races	2.0	2.1	3.9	3.4
Unknown	2.0	2.7	4.4	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.3	89.4	90.4	92.1
Children with one or more recurrences	6.7	10.6	9.6	7.9
Number	1,804	1,791	2,364	2,035

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.55	0.31	0.39
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.45	99.69	99.61
Number	9,532	9,029	8,974	8,490

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.1	14.6	15.1	13.3
Guardianship	7.7	6.6	8.0	8.9
Reunification	66.6	66.4	64.8	64.1
Other	12.6	12.3	12.0	13.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	3,658	3,434	3,598	3,156

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.8	19.8	19.8	15.7
Guardianship	9.5	7.0	8.9	9.4
Reunification	56.4	54.0	51.8	55.1
Other	18.4	19.2	19.4	19.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,786	1,492	1,577	1,431

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.6
Guardianship	8.0	5.8	8.0	7.3
Reunification	66.3	68.7	66.1	66.1
Other	24.9	25.2	25.5	26.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,516	1,345	1,487	1,401

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	11.4	15.3	11.8	12.2
Children older than 12 at entry	88.6	84.7	88.2	87.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	361	326	330	304

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.3	6.2	9.4	9.9	26.7	35.7	47.6	22.2	12.3	17.2	11.7	12.8		
Guardianship	9.6	16.2	19.1	18.9	6.7	0.0	4.8	0.0	9.7	5.8	6.0	7.9		
Reunification	58.2	60.5	58.8	59.3	53.3	64.3	33.3	44.4	63.2	57.6	68.4	60.5		
Other	17.9	16.8	12.8	10.7	13.3	0.0	14.3	33.3	14.9	19.4	13.8	18.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	280	291	320	243	15	14	21	9	505	448	579	494		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	16.6	12.8	15.8	13.4	14.7	16.4	13.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	6.1	9.7	8.0	7.3	6.0	6.8	8.4		
Reunification	100.0	66.7	100.0	0.0	71.3	68.5	67.6	65.2	67.6	68.2	64.8	65.4		
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	11.8	8.7	9.9	11.0	11.8	11.1	12.0	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	1	3	1	0	408	391	413	462	2,299	2,141	2,079	1,800		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	9.8	12.2	16.8	4.9	18.8	29.0	47.6	20.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	10.8	1.7	4.2	4.9	8.3	0.0	9.5	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	68.6	76.5	67.8	72.8	64.6	54.8	38.1	56.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	10.8	9.6	11.2	17.3	8.3	16.1	4.8	16.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	102	115	143	81	48	31	42	67	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	54.5	53.2	55.1	52.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	31.0	31.3	28.7	34.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.2	10.5	10.2	9.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.9	4.4	3.0
48 or more mos.	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,437	2,279	2,332	2,022

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	78.5	77.5	77.1	76.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.9	9.7	9.6	9.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.6	12.8	13.3	14.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	3,518	3,301	3,557	3,303

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.1	3.2	6.6	5.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	17.6	24.1	28.8	29.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.6	29.2	31.4	33.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.9	21.5	17.6	17.1
48 or more mos.	23.8	22.1	15.6	15.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	478	503	545	420

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.2	85.4	84.2	85.1	54.8	55.6	55.5	57.4	26.5	25.4	26.0	26.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.8	14.6	15.8	14.9	45.2	44.4	44.5	42.6	73.5	74.6	74.0	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	4,307	3,989	4,270	4,005	2,537	2,513	2,301	2,416	2,687	2,517	2,377	2,063	1	10	26	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.9	2.4	2.2	2.3
Institutions	1.2	0.7	1.5	0.9
Other settings	95.9	96.9	96.3	96.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,028	1,839	2,006	1,919

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	111.5	107.5	113.6	110.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	63.9	63.3	66.0	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)	8.1	8.5	8.0	8.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	44.8	41.8	41.7	41.7
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?	13.5	13.8	13.2	12.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	98.5	111.6	129.1	122.4
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?	19.4	27.3	35.6	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?	34.3	33.5	29.4	27.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.2	24.2	28.7	24.9
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	12.5	13.6	14.9	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?	57.5	60.9	67.9	64.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	150.8	150.0	160.1	148.5
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?	38.7	38.1	43.6	37.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.0	97.0	98.6	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?	23.6	22.3	20.1	21.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	90.3	89.7	89.5	91.4
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?	84.9	84.7	83.7	84.9
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?	55.2	56.2	56.8	58.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.7	26.8	27.3	27.6

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 Nebraska's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Nebraska continues to be dedicated to providing the most accurate data possible. We persist in our efforts to enhance our data systems and maintain data integrity. We promote transparency in government and encourage access and review of our data for continuous evaluation and improvement toward the achievement of the outcomes of child safety, permanency, and well-being.

In 2007-2008 a new Safety Intervention System in which a more holistic approach to determining child safety was implemented. Nebraska moved from assessing incidents to assessing the family to determine if there are imminent or impending child safety threats. The implementation of the Nebraska Safety Intervention System is conducive to providing more in-home services and therefore the possibility of keeping children in their family homes with robust safety services in place.

Nebraska has been working to safely reduce the number of children in foster care as the rate of children in out-of-home care in Nebraska has historically been one of the nation's highest. Nebraska continues to have a high percentage (22%) of 16- to 18-year-olds in the foster care system. Many of them are in our care because of delinquency, as our division serves child welfare and juvenile justice youth. The racial makeup of the foster care population is disproportional to the general population.

Nebraska is proud of our achievement of obtaining permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time, including permanency for youth with a diagnosed disability and older youth entering care. This outcome is even more remarkable because almost 25% of our foster care population is in our juvenile justice population. We are also pleased to have the measure of placement stability increase.

One of our strategies to ensure that children and families received the right service at the right time was to streamline and coordinate the service delivery system. In November 2009, Nebraska entered into contracts with select contractors to provide a system of care including service coordination. Ongoing review of the implementation of these contracts resulted in Nebraska purchasing case management and service delivery in the two largest areas of the state effective January 1, 2011.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	667,521	676,837	681,033	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	1.1	X
Asian	4.7	4.6	4.9	X
Black	8.2	8.1	8.0	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.5	X
Hispanic (of any race)	37.1	37.7	38.7	X
White	44.2	43.7	42.5	X
Two or more races	4.1	4.2	4.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	15.3	15.0	17.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	5,417	4,877	4,708	4,947
Foster care entry rate	5.5	4.9	4.3	4.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,008	5,021	4,794	4,820
Children adopted	466	470	525	642

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	19	40	52	55
Numerator	—	2,804	3,541	3,693
Denominator	—	7,039	6,775	6,704
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	61	69	74	79
Numerator	—	13,038	19,130	21,307
Denominator	—	18,783	25,907	26,826

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	34,039	51.0 per 1,000	29,760	44.0 per 1,000	25,192	37.0 per 1,000	24,743	36.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	5,417	8.1 per 1,000	4,877	7.2 per 1,000	4,708	6.9 per 1,000	4,947	7.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	3.1 per 100,000	17	2.5 per 100,000	29	4.3 per 100,000	15	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	17.3	16.9	15.7	16.3
1 year	8.5	8.3	8.4	7.9
2 years	7.3	8.8	8.9	8.3
3 years	7.5	7.2	6.9	7.6
4 years	6.7	6.9	6.5	7.0
5 years	5.9	5.5	6.0	6.1
6 years	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.9
7 years	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.2
8 years	5.1	5.2	4.8	5.0
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.4
10 years	3.9	3.5	3.5	4.1
11 years	4.0	3.8	3.2	4.0
12 years	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.3
13 years	3.5	3.4	4.1	3.4
14 years	3.6	3.5	4.2	3.7
15 years	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3
16 years	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.7
17 years	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.6
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1
Number	5,417	4,877	4,708	4,947

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Asian	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.0
Black	18.8	17.8	21.4	18.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1
Hispanic (of any race)	26.5	27.2	28.0	29.2
White	45.5	44.2	40.3	41.8
Two or more races	6.1	7.0	6.5	6.8
Missing data	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9
Number	5,417	4,877	4,708	4,947

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	9.4	13.5	2.9	1.6
Medical neglect	2.0	2.1	1.7	2.0
Neglect	81.8	80.0	71.5	71.7
Physical abuse	19.3	19.2	27.9	30.8
Sexual abuse	5.6	4.9	7.8	7.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,417	4,877	4,708	4,947

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	39.7	31.0	18.5	18.4
Median	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	<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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	5,008	5,048	4,983	4,749	3,641	3,335	2,903	2,876	3,641	3,362	3,092	2,805	5,008	5,021	4,794	4,820
Median length of stay (months)	12.5	13.3	14.8	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.6	11.8	12.4	15.4	13.3	14.8	15.8	14.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	9.2	9.0	7.5	6.4	21.1	19.7	18.4	18.5	6.7	6.2	4.8	4.1	9.2	7.5	6.4	6.7
1 year	10.3	10.6	9.9	9.7	8.9	7.5	8.7	8.4	10.0	9.6	9.0	7.6	10.7	9.8	9.8	9.3
2 years	7.7	8.1	9.4	9.2	6.9	8.1	8.3	8.0	8.8	8.8	9.6	9.6	8.4	9.5	9.2	8.8
3 years	7.0	7.1	7.7	8.0	7.3	6.0	6.3	7.1	7.4	7.1	8.2	9.8	7.3	7.7	7.9	7.8
4 years	6.5	6.8	6.2	6.9	5.5	5.5	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.2	8.3	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.9
5 years	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.0	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.9
6 years	5.5	5.9	5.1	6.0	5.0	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.6	6.0	5.1	6.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.6
7 years	4.7	4.5	5.5	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.6	4.9	4.5	5.5	5.0	5.8
8 years	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.0	5.5	4.4	4.9	5.2	4.5	4.4	5.0	4.7
9 years	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.7	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.4
10 years	4.6	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.1	3.4	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.4
11 years	3.9	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.7
12 years	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.2	4.0	3.0	4.2	3.7	3.3	2.8	3.6	3.8	3.6	4.0
13 years	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.2	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.6
14 years	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.0	3.1	4.3	3.5	3.8	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.1
15 years	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.3	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.8	2.5	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.3
16 years	4.5	4.9	4.9	4.8	3.5	4.0	4.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.4	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.4
17 years	4.1	5.0	5.3	5.4	2.3	3.6	3.6	3.1	5.9	5.1	2.4	6.5	4.5	5.3	5.4	5.0
18 years	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	2.2	5.9	9.0	4.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7
19 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7
Black	22.0	23.5	23.7	25.1	22.9	23.1	24.5	21.0	20.4	22.9	22.3	23.0	23.8	23.6	25.0	23.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.0	0.7	1.5	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	22.6	22.9	24.2	24.9	25.4	27.5	27.4	27.9	25.2	25.5	26.1	24.9	22.8	24.2	24.9	26.7
White	46.4	44.8	42.7	39.6	42.9	39.5	37.9	40.8	45.5	42.6	42.5	41.0	44.5	42.7	39.8	39.5
Two or more races	6.7	6.8	7.4	7.5	6.5	6.7	6.5	7.6	6.4	5.8	6.6	7.1	6.7	7.4	7.4	7.8
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,932	2,198	2,099	1,779
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	807	884	958	969

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.0	8.9	5.3	3.3
1 year	13.3	11.6	11.4	9.8
2 years	9.7	12.3	9.9	10.3
3 years	8.2	8.9	9.5	9.2
4 years	6.7	7.4	7.9	8.0
5 years	7.5	7.1	7.2	6.8
6 years	7.1	6.1	7.0	7.1
7 years	5.1	6.2	5.7	7.3
8 years	4.5	4.8	5.8	5.5
9 years	5.1	4.1	4.6	5.3
10 years	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.8
11 years	4.8	4.2	4.7	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4
13 years	3.5	3.2	4.4	3.8
14 years	2.3	2.8	3.2	4.2
15 years	2.3	2.1	2.5	3.3
16 years	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.6
17 years	0.8	0.3	0.7	1.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.6
Asian	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.7
Black	23.9	25.0	25.8	25.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	20.4	23.8	24.4	25.4
White	47.3	41.1	39.6	38.9
Two or more races	6.6	8.1	7.9	8.3
Unknown	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	466	470	525	642

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.9	1.3	0.8	1.4
1 year	17.4	12.8	9.5	7.5
2 years	12.4	12.3	18.1	16.5
3 years	10.5	12.3	13.9	14.2
4 years	9.2	8.9	8.8	12.0
5 years	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.8
6 years	6.4	8.5	7.6	6.9
7 years	5.4	6.0	6.5	5.6
8 years	3.9	5.3	6.9	4.2
9 years	3.9	4.3	3.6	4.7
10 years	4.5	5.7	2.3	3.6
11 years	3.2	4.3	3.2	3.1
12 years	2.8	4.7	2.7	3.4
13 years	2.8	2.3	3.0	3.4
14 years	3.0	1.5	1.9	2.6
15 years	2.8	1.7	2.3	1.4
16 years	2.4	0.4	1.5	1.1
17 years	0.9	0.9	0.4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.6
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.2
Black	19.5	21.1	18.7	21.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.9	1.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	19.3	20.6	23.2	26.0
White	57.7	51.3	48.8	42.1
Two or more races	2.4	4.7	8.4	8.1
Unknown	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.8	95.1	93.9	94.5
Children with one or more recurrences	6.2	4.9	6.1	5.5
Number	2,520	2,227	2,101	2,263

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.34	0.44	0.46	0.60
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.66	99.56	99.54	99.40
Number	8,649	8,383	7,886	7,625

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.3	13.7	17.2	23.0
Guardianship	13.2	8.7	3.8	3.0
Reunification	66.7	67.7	67.8	64.0
Other	7.8	9.8	11.3	10.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,641	3,362	3,092	2,805

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	35.4	36.9	26.2	33.0
Guardianship	3.6	5.0	2.6	2.0
Reunification	28.5	24.7	39.2	38.3
Other	32.5	33.5	32.0	26.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	305	442	541	546

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.6
Guardianship	8.4	4.9	2.5	3.7
Reunification	61.2	58.1	56.9	56.3
Other	29.7	36.3	39.7	39.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	572	656	605	517

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.3	21.3	19.4	18.5
Children older than 12 at entry	66.7	78.7	80.6	81.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	207	267	268	227

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	3.7	5.0	2.9	17.6	9.1	14.0	10.5	39.4	11.8	13.4	14.2	21.9		
Guardianship	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	3.0	13.8	10.0	3.0	1.7		
Reunification	25.9	70.0	50.0	55.9	75.0	76.7	84.2	36.4	63.6	66.7	70.3	65.4		
Other	55.6	25.0	47.1	26.5	6.8	9.3	5.3	21.2	10.8	10.0	12.4	11.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	27	20	34	34	44	43	19	33	744	771	691	644		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	9.1	13.6	2.4	8.5	10.2	16.3	21.2	15.8	16.5	19.2	25.5		
Guardianship	11.1	12.1	0.0	0.0	11.5	9.7	3.7	3.4	14.3	7.6	4.3	3.7		
Reunification	77.8	72.7	77.3	92.7	75.4	74.2	71.6	66.9	62.1	63.6	64.6	60.9		
Other	11.1	6.1	9.1	4.9	4.6	6.0	8.4	8.5	7.9	12.3	12.0	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	18	33	22	41	916	857	806	698	1,655	1,433	1,315	1,150		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	33.3	7.3	12.9	21.1	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	50.0	9.1	0.0	16.7	9.9	9.3	4.4	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	25.0	72.7	0.0	50.0	78.1	70.6	65.7	67.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	25.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	4.7	7.2	8.8	10.6	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	4	11	1	6	233	194	204	199	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	67.4	67.9	63.4	60.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.0	23.1	23.9	25.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.4	6.9	9.0	8.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	1.5	2.4	4.3
48 or more mos.	1.1	0.5	1.1	1.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Number	2,429	2,277	2,096	1,794

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	84.9	81.8	82.5	81.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.4	6.0	5.5	5.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.2	11.8	11.9	12.8
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.1	<.1
Number	3,641	3,335	2,903	2,876

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	0.9	0.9	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.3	15.4	15.4	12.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	27.4	30.5	33.5	34.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.3	27.3	21.8	23.4
48 or more mos.	21.4	26.0	28.2	27.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	449	462	531	644

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.5	81.6	83.7	83.9	50.3	51.8	58.2	61.7	22.1	24.0	27.9	31.4	25.0	50.0	0.0	72.7
Children with 3 or more placements	16.7	16.1	15.8	15.0	48.6	47.7	41.1	38.1	77.1	75.8	72.1	68.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	3.8	2.3	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	75.0	50.0	100.0	27.3
Number	4,272	3,907	3,415	3,321	2,224	2,129	1,950	1,778	2,149	2,343	2,518	2,515	4	4	3	11

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	3.6	3.4	4.2	0.5
Institutions	16.8	11.0	4.8	5.2
Other settings	79.5	85.5	91.0	94.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	3,035	2,627	2,337	2,359

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	153.9	145.9	136.0	134.4
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)	87.7	81.1	70.5	69.1
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)	1.9	3.0	5.6	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)	36.6	40.9	41.3	43.8
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?	7.9	8.7	7.4	6.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.2	79.5	86.3	108.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	29.0	16.2	16.4	14.4
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?	33.5	36.8	36.2	36.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.7	22.8	24.3	29.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	12.7	12.4	14.0	20.3
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?	39.5	29.2	33.9	43.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	121.7	127.9	135.1	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?	32.2	32.9	34.2	40.1
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?	95.3	95.2	96.4	96.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	48.2	41.0	36.9	37.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	82.5	84.5	90.1	93.4
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?	79.4	80.9	82.0	82.9
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?	50.9	52.0	58.7	62.0
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?	22.5	24.2	27.9	31.6

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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.

Nevada

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Nevada's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

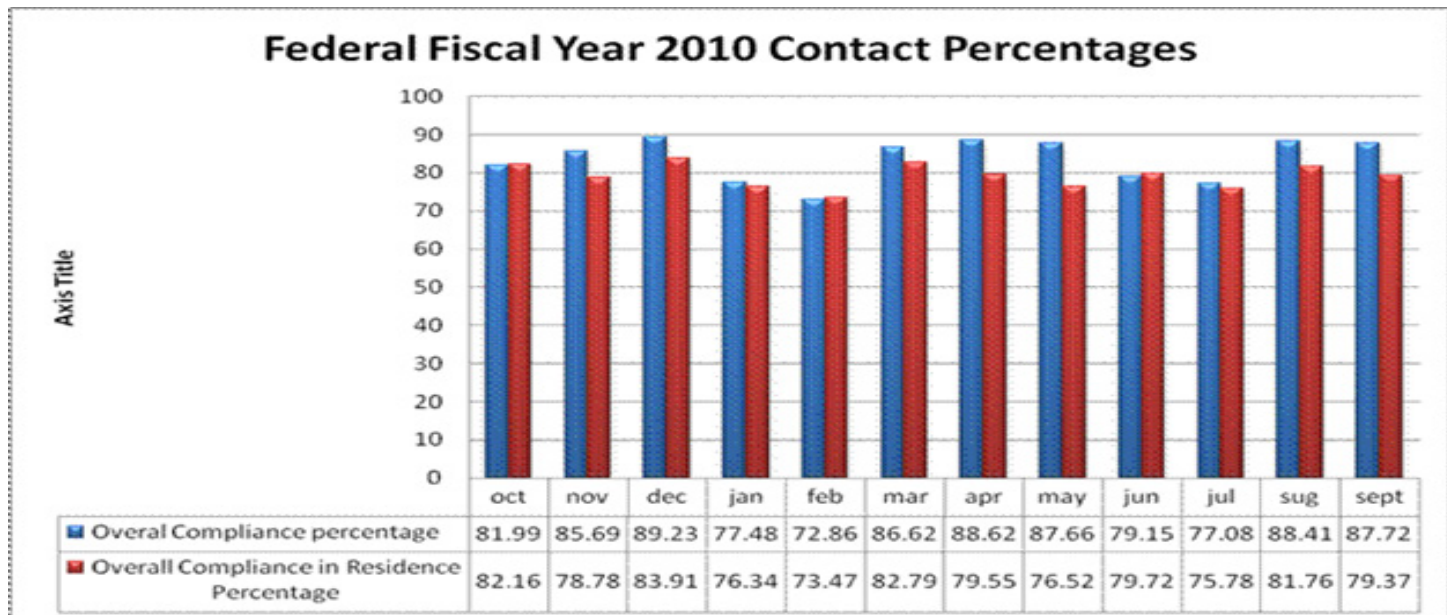
Our SACWIS (UNITY) system was designed based on the instructions listed in the P.I. to roll up the monthly data into a yearly submission.

Our state is having great difficulty with this formula based on the following interpretation:

If our UNITY system takes a single month to assess whether the state was in compliance with visiting Child X and the contact did occur, our state would achieve compliance. However, if UNITY calculated 12 months of data for Child X and assessed whether contacts occurred each and every calendar month and contacts were made 11 out of 12 months, our state would not meet compliance. Instead of Child X indicating a 91.7% compliance rating, the child becomes a 0% rating.

We have been utilizing this report since its creation to monitor our staff's performance and it has been extremely beneficial to assess our monthly progress in achieving the necessary 90% compliance by 2011.

Below is Nevada's performance for FFY 2010 by running data reports per month:



Our state has continued to express this concern every year since our initial submission in 2007. Our state continues to have discrepancies between our monthly calculations and our yearly submission. If our state calculated a percentage of the above monthly averages, Nevada would be at 76.15%, which is a significant difference when comparing the 55.08% that was submitted based on the required formula. Nevada is requesting this letter and the subsequent data be reviewed to assess whether Nevada met its yearly goal of 65% as specified in the 2008 Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR).

Nevada is making excellent progress in monthly contact performance by utilizing a monthly formula to assess compliance. The number indicated on the Context data, we feel, is not an accurate representation of our progress.

New Hampshire

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	299,006	294,001	289,071	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.2	X
Asian	2.2	2.3	2.5	X
Black	1.9	1.8	2.2	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.3	4.6	X
White	89.4	89.2	88.3	X
Two or more races	2.0	2.1	2.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	8.8	9.0	10.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	912	1,129	984	899
Foster care entry rate	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,127	1,063	916	844
Children adopted	141	167	135	173

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	28	45	76	81
Numerator	—	903	963	974
Denominator	—	1,994	1,268	1,197
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	71	81	92	87
Numerator	—	5,073	6,890	6,520
Denominator	—	6,297	7,464	7,463

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,958	33.3 per 1,000	11,868	40.4 per 1,000	11,649	40.3 per 1,000	11,646	40.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	912	3.1 per 1,000	1,129	3.8 per 1,000	984	3.4 per 1,000	899	3.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	1.7 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.3 per 100,000	1	0.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.6	12.4	11.3	11.0
1 year	5.6	7.2	6.5	6.8
2 years	6.3	4.9	5.3	7.5
3 years	6.9	5.4	6.0	5.8
4 years	4.3	6.7	4.9	6.2
5 years	3.1	5.7	6.4	6.7
6 years	5.9	5.1	6.3	3.6
7 years	5.0	5.1	6.1	5.7
8 years	5.9	5.1	5.4	3.7
9 years	4.3	5.7	6.5	5.5
10 years	6.1	5.4	5.4	4.7
11 years	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.9
12 years	4.8	4.2	4.3	4.3
13 years	6.5	5.9	4.7	5.2
14 years	5.6	5.3	5.3	4.9
15 years	4.8	4.8	4.5	6.3
16 years	6.4	4.1	3.6	3.8
17 years	2.4	2.0	2.9	3.1
18+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
Number	912	1,129	984	899

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0
Asian	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.9
Black	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	3.9	7.8	7.9
White	82.1	84.2	78.4	78.9
Two or more races	2.9	1.5	3.3	2.1
Missing data	7.5	7.8	7.5	7.3
Number	912	1,129	984	899

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	2.0	1.2	1.7	1.8
Medical neglect	3.7	3.7	3.0	2.7
Neglect	71.1	76.4	75.5	76.2
Physical abuse	19.3	13.8	11.3	13.6
Sexual abuse	14.8	12.5	15.1	13.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	912	1,129	984	899

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	18.7	19.4	19.2	17.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,095	1,046	974	868	566	570	482	504	534	553	540	528	1,127	1,063	916	844
Median length of stay (months)	20.0	19.7	17.9	19.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.0	16.5	15.2	16.4	19.1	16.3	18.2	15.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.1	3.4	4.4	3.6	12.0	16.0	11.2	10.7	2.8	4.2	2.6	4.2	3.4	4.1	3.8	3.4
1 year	6.8	5.3	5.2	6.0	6.9	6.3	7.1	6.7	3.9	5.1	5.0	5.9	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.6
2 years	4.1	6.8	5.9	6.6	4.8	5.8	6.2	5.4	8.1	7.4	6.9	7.0	6.6	5.7	6.4	4.4
3 years	4.2	3.5	6.1	4.8	4.1	5.1	5.0	5.2	6.0	6.5	5.7	5.5	3.3	5.6	5.0	5.9
4 years	3.7	4.5	3.1	5.3	5.5	4.9	3.9	3.4	4.1	5.1	4.3	6.4	4.4	3.0	4.8	4.1
5 years	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.7	3.5	5.4	4.8	3.7	5.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.1
6 years	3.4	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	4.3	3.5	4.7	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.7
7 years	3.1	4.7	3.6	3.9	4.6	3.7	5.0	3.4	4.3	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.9	3.0
8 years	4.5	2.4	3.4	3.7	2.7	3.5	4.4	3.6	3.6	4.2	3.7	4.2	2.5	3.3	3.7	4.1
9 years	3.7	4.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.5	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.2	4.3	3.0	3.4	2.3
10 years	3.6	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.9	3.6	1.9	3.4	3.5	3.2	4.5	4.0	3.4	2.7
11 years	3.7	3.3	5.0	3.9	3.5	4.6	3.1	2.2	2.4	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.3	4.9	3.7	4.1
12 years	2.9	4.3	4.4	5.9	3.4	2.6	3.3	4.4	2.4	1.8	2.6	3.6	4.2	4.3	5.7	3.6
13 years	5.3	4.6	5.0	4.5	7.2	5.4	4.6	4.4	2.4	2.9	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.5	6.2
14 years	7.9	5.8	5.7	5.1	6.4	6.0	5.6	8.3	3.6	4.9	4.4	3.4	6.6	6.0	5.1	5.5
15 years	9.5	9.5	5.7	7.9	9.5	9.6	8.9	11.9	7.9	4.5	5.2	5.7	9.6	7.6	7.0	9.7
16 years	11.2	9.7	10.1	6.6	10.1	7.4	10.2	11.3	10.9	7.2	7.6	6.3	9.8	10.5	7.9	10.3
17 years	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.6	4.6	4.9	6.0	4.0	13.1	6.9	9.1	8.5	9.6	9.5	10.2	7.5
18 years	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	8.8	11.6	12.2	7.6	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.5
19 years	1.6	1.4	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.4	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.8
20 years	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.6	1.3	2.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.7
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.8

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6
Asian	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.1
Black	3.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.5	4.9	1.7	3.0	3.9	4.7	2.4	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.6	7.2	8.1	8.8	7.4	10.2	7.3	9.3	7.7	7.4	6.3	9.3	7.5	8.7	8.7	8.8
White	75.5	76.3	77.2	79.3	75.8	74.0	82.0	74.0	74.2	72.5	78.3	78.0	76.3	77.0	79.0	76.9
Two or more races	2.8	3.5	3.3	2.8	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.7	1.7	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.7
Unknown	9.4	8.8	7.3	5.4	8.7	7.0	5.4	8.3	10.1	10.7	8.7	8.3	8.7	6.9	5.5	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	325	299	275	228
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	101	110	75	35

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.2	2.3	0.0	1.3
1 year	4.9	5.7	6.9	3.5
2 years	10.8	8.0	9.8	7.9
3 years	4.3	10.4	8.0	7.9
4 years	6.8	4.0	8.4	6.1
5 years	4.6	5.7	4.4	7.5
6 years	5.5	5.0	6.5	4.8
7 years	7.7	4.3	5.8	5.7
8 years	3.7	5.7	5.5	6.1
9 years	8.6	4.3	4.7	4.4
10 years	7.7	7.4	5.1	4.4
11 years	4.6	7.0	5.8	7.9
12 years	5.5	5.7	8.4	5.3
13 years	4.0	5.7	5.5	8.3
14 years	4.9	4.3	4.7	5.7
15 years	4.9	4.7	3.6	5.7
16 years	5.2	6.0	2.9	6.1
17 years	4.0	3.7	4.0	1.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Black	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	7.0	10.5	13.2
White	75.7	80.6	77.1	74.6
Two or more races	5.2	5.0	3.6	4.4
Unknown	6.5	3.0	4.4	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	141	167	135	173

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.4	1.2	3.0	0.6
1 year	3.5	3.6	4.4	5.2
2 years	14.2	12.0	12.6	11.6
3 years	12.1	13.2	14.1	11.0
4 years	9.2	3.6	6.7	11.6
5 years	8.5	9.6	4.4	6.9
6 years	6.4	7.2	5.2	5.8
7 years	7.8	10.2	7.4	8.1
8 years	6.4	6.6	5.2	5.2
9 years	5.0	5.4	5.9	5.2
10 years	4.3	7.2	5.9	5.2
11 years	3.5	3.0	3.7	1.2
12 years	1.4	4.2	3.0	6.4
13 years	1.4	3.0	3.7	4.6
14 years	2.8	3.6	4.4	5.2
15 years	4.3	1.2	2.2	3.5
16 years	7.1	4.8	3.0	1.2
17 years	0.7	0.6	4.4	1.7
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Black	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.9	6.6	5.2	9.2
White	80.9	80.2	88.1	84.4
Two or more races	5.0	6.0	3.0	1.7
Unknown	1.4	4.2	1.5	3.5
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.

New Hampshire

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	97.6	95.8	92.2	97.2
Children with one or more recurrences	2.4	4.2	7.8	2.8
Number	419	453	371	352

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.06	0.12	0.07	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.94	99.88	99.93	100.00
Number	1,661	1,616	1,456	1,372

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.8	29.8	26.9	30.7
Guardianship	4.7	2.9	2.2	4.7
Reunification	50.4	46.5	50.2	47.7
Other	17.2	19.3	19.1	12.3
Missing data	1.9	1.4	1.7	4.5
Number	534	553	540	528

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.2	22.7	12.2	16.0
Guardianship	2.7	3.1	2.4	6.4
Reunification	51.8	34.0	50.0	41.5
Other	30.4	36.1	34.1	24.5
Missing data	0.0	4.1	1.2	11.7
Number	112	97	82	94

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.1	1.2	3.4	1.4
Guardianship	1.6	3.0	1.7	3.6
Reunification	64.2	47.3	52.8	61.4
Other	29.4	46.1	39.2	24.3
Missing data	2.7	2.4	2.8	9.3
Number	187	165	176	140

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47.5	32.1	29.4	40.8
Children older than 12 at entry	52.5	67.9	70.6	59.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	59	81	68	49

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	11.5	23.1	18.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	57.1	100.0	50.0	66.7	57.7	38.5	54.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	50.0	9.5	30.8	38.5	9.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	0	1	1	1	7	2	2	21	26	13	11		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	34.1	26.5	34.7	28.0	31.2	28.4	31.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	5.8	2.2	2.4	5.1		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.8	48.8	44.1	51.0	48.2	46.9	53.2	46.8		
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.1	12.2	29.4	10.2	16.7	18.0	14.2	11.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.4	0.0	4.1	1.3	1.7	1.9	4.6		
Number	1	0	0	0	41	41	34	49	396	401	423	412		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.0	23.7	8.5	18.2	25.0	47.4	45.0	44.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.9	1.7	2.1	4.5	6.3	15.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	55.6	40.7	29.8	52.3	56.3	31.6	50.0	44.4	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	25.9	33.9	59.6	18.2	12.5	5.3	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	3.7	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	54	59	47	44	16	19	20	9	1	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	65.1	73.5	72.3	77.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.4	17.9	18.8	15.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.0	3.9	2.2	3.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	2.7	1.5	1.2
48 or more mos.	9.3	1.6	4.1	2.8
Missing data	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.0
Number	269	257	271	252

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	67.5	66.3	69.5	65.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.2	18.8	18.3	19.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.7	6.5	6.2	6.7
Missing data	11.7	8.4	6.0	8.3
Number	566	570	482	504

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	0.7	3.0	2.8	1.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	10.9	17.0	18.6	18.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	44.9	41.8	36.6	47.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.8	22.4	24.8	17.9
48 or more mos.	24.6	15.8	17.2	14.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	138	165	145	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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81.9	84.6	86.2	83.2	63.8	67.4	62.9	64.1	40.3	43.6	42.9	38.4	100.0	75.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	18.1	14.8	12.9	16.1	35.9	32.6	36.7	35.5	59.7	56.4	57.1	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Number	634	644	565	597	340	347	313	251	685	621	573	524	2	4	5	0

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	5.8	6.5	3.5	6.8
Institutions	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other settings	93.4	93.3	96.1	92.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Number	347	372	310	293

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	98.7	99.5	102.0	106.6
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)	64.4	70.5	71.5	76.2
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)	8.2	7.2	8.1	7.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.3	35.7	40.2	48.2
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?	17.0	20.3	22.0	20.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.6	125.1	120.0	143.8
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?	11.7	20.0	20.8	19.8
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?	35.4	31.1	31.8	30.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.4	26.8	25.8	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	8.3	18.3	10.6	14.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	64.3	74.4	77.7	83.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	102.9	108.2	117.9	116.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.0	25.2	27.1	32.4
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?	94.8	98.8	97.9	99.4
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?	62.2	60.4	47.2	58.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.7	101.4	101.0	97.0
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	84.2	85.8	82.9
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?	63.8	67.2	62.9	64.3
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?	40.9	44.1	44.1	39.0

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	2,069,756	2,053,346	2,045,848	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	7.7	7.8	8.2	X
Black	14.8	14.8	14.6	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	20.1	20.7	21.6	X
White	55.0	54.4	53.2	X
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	11.6	12.5	13.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	7,543	9,089	9,293	9,546
Foster care entry rate	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,309	8,763	7,853	7,360
Children adopted	1,564	1,265	1,348	1,238

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	20	30	54	73
Numerator	2,774	3,898	6,418	7,876
Denominator	13,646	12,869	11,800	10,742
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	90	93	95	95
Numerator	13,477	20,148	42,146	54,370
Denominator	15,042	21,644	44,274	57,016

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	68,985	33.3 per 1,000	83,064	40.5 per 1,000	86,379	42.2 per 1,000	93,833	45.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	7,543	3.6 per 1,000	9,089	4.4 per 1,000	9,293	4.5 per 1,000	9,546	4.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	33	1.6 per 100,000	29	1.4 per 100,000	24	1.2 per 100,000	18	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.6	13.9	14.9	13.5
1 year	5.9	6.9	6.8	7.1
2 years	5.9	5.6	6.3	6.6
3 years	5.5	5.5	6.1	6.3
4 years	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.0
5 years	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.6
6 years	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.5
7 years	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.6
8 years	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.0
9 years	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9
10 years	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.9
11 years	4.9	4.2	4.1	4.3
12 years	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.6
13 years	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.4
14 years	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.1
15 years	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.2
16 years	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.0
17 years	2.7	3.4	2.7	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4
Number	7,543	9,089	9,293	9,546

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2
Black	30.7	30.2	29.3	30.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	16.6	17.4	19.8
White	34.8	32.8	31.7	29.0
Two or more races	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.7
Missing data	22.2	18.7	19.0	17.8
Number	7,543	9,089	9,293	9,546

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4
Medical neglect	0.0	2.3	2.3	2.5
Neglect	66.7	72.3	74.2	76.1
Physical abuse	26.1	19.4	17.6	15.4
Sexual abuse	9.7	9.3	9.7	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,543	9,089	9,293	9,546

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	69.6	80.7	41.9	20.9
Median	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	10,723	8,948	8,380	7,488	4,688	5,249	4,788	4,670	7,115	5,519	5,386	4,837	8,309	8,763	7,853	7,360
Median length of stay (months)	16.7	15.6	15.8	15.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0	13.8	14.0	13.0	18.8	15.8	15.6	14.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	7.5	8.7	8.1	8.9	22.4	21.7	23.6	21.7	5.0	5.7	6.2	6.3	7.4	8.1	8.8	8.6
1 year	8.4	9.4	10.1	10.3	6.9	7.6	7.3	7.8	6.9	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.5	10.0	10.1	10.2
2 years	7.1	7.8	8.3	8.5	5.1	5.4	6.4	6.3	7.6	9.1	9.0	9.9	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.6
3 years	5.9	5.8	6.3	7.2	5.6	5.8	6.1	5.6	7.0	7.2	7.9	7.8	5.8	6.2	7.0	6.7
4 years	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.6	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.5	5.2	4.8	5.5	5.8
5 years	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.9
6 years	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.1	4.4	5.1	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.0
7 years	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.7	4.0
8 years	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.4	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.6
9 years	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.6	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.1	3.2
10 years	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.0
11 years	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.5	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.0	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.7
12 years	4.7	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.1	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.5
13 years	5.1	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.8	5.1	3.9	3.7	3.8
14 years	5.6	5.9	5.1	4.2	5.4	4.3	4.5	3.7	4.3	4.7	4.0	3.2	6.0	4.9	4.1	4.0
15 years	6.5	6.2	6.4	5.4	5.5	6.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.0	6.4	6.3	5.3	4.8
16 years	6.6	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.0	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.4
17 years	6.2	6.4	7.1	7.3	4.6	6.1	5.2	5.0	6.6	6.7	5.6	4.6	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.7
18 years	2.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	<.1	9.0	6.4	6.7	5.9	0.5	2.5	3.0	3.4
19 years	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1
20 years	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Black	53.9	53.0	51.3	49.9	39.1	42.2	39.9	39.9	47.3	45.1	43.9	43.7	51.1	51.4	49.4	47.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	13.0	15.3	16.9	7.1	18.3	17.8	18.7	7.0	14.8	16.4	18.8	6.4	15.0	16.0	16.7
White	25.2	24.6	24.6	24.2	30.4	28.1	27.7	28.0	28.6	28.0	27.9	26.6	25.2	24.6	24.2	25.1
Two or more races	1.7	3.0	2.8	2.7	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.4	1.5	2.0	3.1	2.3	1.7	2.7	2.3	2.7
Unknown	12.2	6.0	5.6	5.8	21.5	9.0	11.4	10.3	14.8	9.3	7.9	7.6	15.2	5.8	7.5	7.5
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	3,180	3,029	2,696	2,466
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,889	1,322	938	729

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.2
1 year	11.7	12.4	12.2	12.8
2 years	12.8	11.7	11.4	13.4
3 years	7.9	8.8	9.9	9.3
4 years	6.9	6.5	7.3	8.2
5 years	5.3	6.2	5.3	6.4
6 years	5.1	4.7	5.5	4.8
7 years	4.7	5.4	4.6	4.6
8 years	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.3
9 years	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.3
10 years	4.5	4.8	5.2	3.9
11 years	4.4	3.9	4.9	4.5
12 years	4.2	4.8	4.4	4.6
13 years	5.0	4.1	4.3	3.6
14 years	4.9	4.6	3.2	4.0
15 years	4.6	4.1	4.0	3.2
16 years	3.9	3.0	3.3	2.8
17 years	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.4
Black	55.6	54.8	54.0	50.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	13.5	14.2	16.2
White	23.0	23.4	23.2	24.2
Two or more races	2.0	4.4	3.0	3.4
Unknown	13.6	3.7	5.2	5.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,564	1,265	1,348	1,238

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.5	0.7	1.4	1.5
1 year	10.0	10.8	12.5	10.7
2 years	15.8	20.2	18.0	17.4
3 years	15.1	12.8	12.6	12.4
4 years	11.2	8.5	8.2	8.6
5 years	6.9	7.2	5.4	7.0
6 years	7.0	5.2	6.3	5.2
7 years	4.2	5.3	4.5	4.8
8 years	4.2	4.0	4.6	4.3
9 years	3.6	4.0	4.1	5.3
10 years	3.4	3.9	3.3	4.7
11 years	3.3	2.9	2.7	4.4
12 years	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.6
13 years	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.6
14 years	2.7	3.3	3.1	2.6
15 years	1.7	2.3	2.7	1.7
16 years	1.7	1.9	2.2	1.9
17 years	1.1	0.7	2.1	1.4
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
Black	54.7	50.9	48.4	50.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.5	12.6	15.4	18.7
White	23.9	26.9	26.5	25.1
Two or more races	3.6	3.7	5.7	3.3
Unknown	11.5	5.4	3.5	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.1	<.1

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.1	95.4	94.4	94.3
Children with one or more recurrences	4.9	4.6	5.6	5.7
Number	4,263	4,147	4,191	4,473

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.10	0.09	0.16	0.15
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.90	99.91	99.84	99.85
Number	15,411	14,197	13,168	12,158

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	20.9	25.2	26.3	26.8
Guardianship	6.2	6.7	5.5	4.7
Reunification	53.8	57.9	58.6	60.2
Other	16.9	10.1	9.5	8.3
Missing data	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,115	5,519	5,386	4,837

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	36.7	49.1	43.4	34.7
Guardianship	2.3	4.9	2.0	2.9
Reunification	31.9	32.6	40.3	47.4
Other	26.0	13.3	14.3	15.0
Missing data	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,152	631	539	481

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.3	2.0	3.5	2.9
Guardianship	4.3	7.6	6.3	5.4
Reunification	48.7	55.8	59.0	59.9
Other	42.6	34.5	31.3	31.8
Missing data	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,918	1,275	1,199	893

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	34.5	21.4	22.8	25.5
Children older than 12 at entry	65.4	77.1	73.5	73.5
Missing data	0.1	1.5	3.8	1.0
Number	846	411	373	302

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	37.5	20.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	11.4	7.1	12.5	24.6	28.9	29.3	30.7		
Guardianship	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	6.3	7.4	7.9	6.3	5.2		
Reunification	56.3	20.0	100.0	100.0	71.4	82.9	89.3	78.1	44.2	49.9	53.1	53.4		
Other	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	5.7	3.6	3.1	21.4	13.2	11.2	10.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	16	5	3	1	35	35	28	32	3,365	2,491	2,366	2,114		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	20.0	16.4	20.7	26.4	26.1	16.9	23.7	23.7	25.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	4.5	3.9	3.8	5.7	6.8	5.8	5.2		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	56.8	66.4	61.4	63.2	61.5	61.4	60.9	62.4		
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	20.0	20.8	8.3	8.4	6.8	13.5	8.1	9.6	6.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	1	2	5	500	816	883	911	2,036	1,546	1,505	1,286		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	16.2	15.6	11.9	8.6	48.2	46.4	47.9	39.6	0.0	66.7	20.0	14.3		
Guardianship	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.2	9.1	6.4	6.6	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	69.3	74.6	78.7	83.8	33.6	43.6	43.7	53.2	0.0	33.3	80.0	85.7		
Other	8.4	5.9	5.9	5.4	7.3	3.6	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1,052	512	427	370	110	110	167	111	0	3	5	7		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	63.1	68.9	69.6	71.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.7	20.1	18.8	20.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.7	4.9	6.1	4.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.2	1.4	2.2	1.9
48 or more mos.	3.8	2.8	1.9	1.6
Missing data	2.6	1.8	1.4	0.8
Number	3,826	3,196	3,157	2,912

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.5	79.9	82.0	81.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.8	7.6	7.1	6.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.3	12.3	10.7	11.5
Missing data	2.5	0.2	0.3	<.1
Number	4,688	5,249	4,788	4,670

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	16.5	20.8	22.8	21.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.9	33.2	33.6	32.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.2	19.2	22.2	21.7
48 or more mos.	30.3	22.7	16.6	20.5
Missing data	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.2
Number	1,489	1,393	1,418	1,297

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.2	88.0	87.3	87.1	65.5	71.1	72.2	72.5	35.1	46.7	45.6	44.7	63.2	100.0	100.0	92.9
Children with 3 or more placements	15.0	12.0	12.7	12.9	33.5	28.9	27.8	27.5	63.9	53.3	54.4	55.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	7.1
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,594	6,076	5,643	5,469	3,863	3,306	3,090	2,756	5,810	4,797	4,410	3,919	144	18	25	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
Institutions	3.1	2.0	1.4	1.8
Other settings	94.3	96.8	97.6	97.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,342	3,839	3,611	3,581

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	114.5	117.7	118.8	118.7
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)	62.5	66.2	65.6	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)	8.6	7.9	8.2	8.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	40.9	43.4	43.6	45.2
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?	10.7	10.1	10.1	10.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	108.3	115.1	122.6	130.1
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?	20.1	24.1	26.9	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?	37.8	32.7	32.2	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?	27.3	30.1	31.7	33.1
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	19.3	12.7	11.8	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?	49.6	55.5	63.2	67.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	122.5	143.8	143.4	138.0
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?	35.4	37.2	39.5	38.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.5	99.1	99.2	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?	49.1	32.3	36.8	39.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	97.8	106.6	105.8	105.5
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?	83.9	86.9	85.9	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?	66.1	71.1	72.2	72.5
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?	35.9	46.8	45.6	44.9

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Performance

NJ continues to reduce the number of children entering foster care. The number of children who entered foster care in 2010 was 4,670. In fact, more children exited foster care than entered for the past four years.

NJ's use of congregate care placements for young children continues to show a steady decline, from 5.6% in 2007 to 2.6% in 2010.

The percentage of children reentering out-of-home placement care within 12 months declined from 8.8% in 2007 to 6.7% in 2010, the lowest it has been in four years.

NJ has shown significant improvement in placement stability for children in foster care. Its overall composite score has risen by 7.7 points from 97.8 in 2007 to 105.5 in 2010. For children in foster care between 12 and 24 months, 72.5% have 2 or fewer placements, compared to 2007 when it was 66.1%.

NJ continues to make significant improvements in accomplishing permanency through adoption in less than 24 months. In 2010, 24.9% of the children exited to adoption in less than 24 months, compared to 20.1% in 2007.

NJ also continues to make significant improvements in reducing the number of children whose parental rights have been terminated and waiting for adoption from 1,889 in 2007 to 729 in 2010. This is a 6.1% decrease and the lowest it has been in four years.

With regard to timeliness of adoptions, NJ is in the 75th percentile (67%) for children reaching adoption finalization within 12 months of being legally free. Overall, NJ has increased its composite score for timeliness of adoption from 108.3 in 2007 to 130.1 in 2010.

NJ data demonstrate strong performance in the two composite measures involving achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time. NJ is in the 75th percentile (38.2%) for the first measure and exceeds the 75th percentile in the second measure at 98.7%.

NJ has shown a 35% increase in caseworker visits with children in foster care from 54% in FFY09 to 73% in FFY10. NJ also wishes to note that its own data for monthly visits for CY2010 were 95%.

NJ reduced its median "time to investigate" in hours from 24 to 48 hours in both 2007 and 2008, to under 24 hours in 2009 and 2010.

New Mexico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	504,573	506,235	510,238	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	10.7	10.6	10.3	X
Asian	1.2	1.1	1.3	X
Black	2.6	2.7	2.8	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	54.2	54.6	55.3	X
White	29.2	28.8	28.1	X
Two or more races	2.0	2.1	2.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	25.5	24.2	25.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	6,065	5,656	5,368	6,018
Foster care entry rate	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,488	2,269	2,022	1,900
Children adopted	355	427	437	382

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	60	79	85	90
Numerator	1,459	2,490	2,486	2,468
Denominator	2,426	3,171	2,942	2,739
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	97	98	98	99
Numerator	3,837	18,993	18,465	18,618
Denominator	3,953	19,455	18,920	18,886

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,776	47.1 per 1,000	23,178	45.8 per 1,000	23,277	45.6 per 1,000	27,122	53.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	6,065	12.0 per 1,000	5,656	11.2 per 1,000	5,368	10.5 per 1,000	6,018	11.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	7	1.4 per 100,000	19	3.8 per 100,000	10	2.0 per 100,000	19	3.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.5	11.6	10.9	10.4
1 year	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.7
2 years	6.7	6.5	7.2	7.2
3 years	5.6	6.3	6.4	6.3
4 years	5.8	5.5	6.3	6.5
5 years	6.7	6.2	6.5	6.7
6 years	7.6	7.0	6.9	6.7
7 years	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.8
8 years	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.8
9 years	4.7	5.3	5.6	5.4
10 years	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8
11 years	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.7
12 years	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.4
13 years	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.0
14 years	4.3	4.0	3.4	4.3
15 years	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.2
16 years	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.0
17 years	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	2.3	1.7	0.5
Number	6,065	5,656	5,368	6,018

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	7.9	6.0	8.2	9.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Black	2.1	3.0	2.6	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	56.4	59.4	57.8	57.4
White	24.4	24.8	25.6	26.1
Two or more races	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.4
Missing data	6.9	4.2	3.2	2.5
Number	6,065	5,656	5,368	6,018

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	18.3	16.9	16.7	18.9
Medical neglect	2.5	2.8	2.4	1.6
Neglect	76.4	76.8	76.4	78.2
Physical abuse	13.4	14.3	13.6	12.6
Sexual abuse	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	6,065	5,656	5,368	6,018

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	98.4	74.6	70.8	—
Median	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,310	2,381	2,182	1,957	2,262	2,137	1,989	1,772	2,084	2,249	2,149	1,829	2,488	2,269	2,022	1,900
Median length of stay (months)	14.5	13.4	14.1	13.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.9	3.4	6.4	8.9	13.4	14.4	13.1	12.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.3	14.2	13.8	13.9	13.1	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.2
1 year	8.3	8.9	8.4	8.4	8.1	9.2	8.7	9.9	7.8	8.3	8.1	8.4	9.1	8.4	8.2	8.4
2 years	7.4	8.2	8.9	8.5	7.6	8.0	9.2	9.4	8.0	8.6	9.6	10.0	8.2	9.0	8.7	8.1
3 years	6.5	7.2	7.8	7.9	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.4	8.3	7.0	7.7	8.1	8.2
4 years	6.8	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.4	7.4	7.3	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7
5 years	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.4
6 years	5.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.1	5.6	5.8	7.1	5.6	6.0	6.2	5.6	6.2	6.0
7 years	5.1	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.0	5.5	5.6	4.6	5.1	6.1	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.4	5.0
8 years	5.2	4.8	5.3	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.5	6.5
9 years	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.3	3.6	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.3
10 years	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.8	4.2	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.8	4.7	5.1
11 years	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.6	2.9	3.7	4.4	4.0	3.5	4.6	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.6
12 years	4.5	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.2	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.6
13 years	4.7	4.7	3.2	4.1	4.7	3.6	3.8	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.6	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.7
14 years	4.9	5.0	4.4	3.2	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.1	5.1	4.5	3.3	4.3
15 years	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.1	2.7	4.7	3.9	4.0	3.2	4.7	4.7	4.1	3.1
16 years	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.2	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.1
17 years	6.0	4.7	5.2	4.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.1	8.3	5.8	5.8	6.5	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.5
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.6	0.9	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
19 years	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	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.8	8.0	7.9	9.9	9.7	9.6	13.0	10.3	8.7	9.6	10.9	10.8	7.8	8.0	9.7	9.4
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.7	3.1	2.7	3.6	3.3	3.6	4.1	3.4	3.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	58.8	58.3	59.8	59.1	52.8	57.5	53.7	53.7	53.5	56.4	55.3	54.7	57.8	59.4	58.6	58.3
White	25.6	25.9	24.2	23.7	26.6	23.0	24.6	28.7	25.9	25.1	25.0	26.4	26.2	23.9	23.8	25.8
Two or more races	4.1	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.8	3.2
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.0
Missing data	0.7	0.4	<.1	0.0	2.6	1.5	0.9	0.3	2.8	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	967	911	876	777
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	542	588	545	445

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.9
1 year	6.7	7.5	7.0	6.6
2 years	9.3	8.0	8.8	6.3
3 years	8.7	7.5	8.8	7.6
4 years	5.7	8.3	8.0	7.2
5 years	7.0	6.1	6.2	6.8
6 years	6.7	5.8	6.5	6.7
7 years	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.3
8 years	5.1	6.0	6.3	7.5
9 years	6.0	5.7	5.5	6.0
10 years	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.7
11 years	4.0	5.4	4.9	5.0
12 years	5.0	4.3	5.0	5.1
13 years	5.7	3.6	4.9	5.1
14 years	5.5	5.7	3.9	5.7
15 years	5.5	5.8	5.1	4.9
16 years	3.5	4.4	4.7	4.1
17 years	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.1	10.9	9.7	10.9
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Black	3.4	4.8	3.9	2.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	60.3	57.6	60.6	59.2
White	25.4	22.3	22.4	22.9
Two or more races	4.1	4.0	3.2	4.1
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	355	427	437	382

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.1
1 year	10.7	9.8	8.2	9.7
2 years	10.7	11.9	9.2	14.1
3 years	9.0	10.5	8.9	10.5
4 years	6.8	7.0	9.4	9.2
5 years	9.0	7.0	7.3	7.3
6 years	9.6	9.1	6.9	7.6
7 years	6.5	8.7	4.6	6.8
8 years	3.4	4.9	7.8	4.5
9 years	5.6	5.4	6.4	5.5
10 years	4.5	3.7	5.5	3.1
11 years	5.1	4.0	5.3	5.8
12 years	5.1	4.7	5.0	2.6
13 years	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.1
14 years	3.4	2.3	3.0	3.1
15 years	2.8	2.8	2.1	1.6
16 years	2.0	2.1	2.5	1.8
17 years	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.3
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.2	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	3.0	6.6	5.0
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Black	5.1	0.7	3.7	5.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	65.6	62.3	61.6	56.5
White	24.8	31.4	24.9	27.7
Two or more races	3.4	2.3	3.2	5.2
Unknown	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	90.0	91.8	91.4	91.7
Children with one or more recurrences	10.0	8.2	8.6	8.3
Number	2,909	2,549	2,540	2,746

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.46	0.44	0.24	0.32
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.54	99.56	99.76	99.68
Number	4,572	4,518	4,171	3,729

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.3	20.0	23.1	23.2
Guardianship	1.3	2.0	1.5	0.9
Reunification	72.0	70.8	68.2	67.8
Other	9.4	7.2	7.3	8.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,084	2,249	2,149	1,829

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	39.0	40.7	42.2	43.4
Guardianship	1.7	3.0	2.5	1.2
Reunification	42.9	45.3	45.0	45.1
Other	16.3	11.0	10.3	10.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	515	634	669	654

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.4	4.4	6.0	3.6
Guardianship	1.5	1.5	0.8	0.4
Reunification	68.0	68.0	69.5	69.1
Other	28.2	26.2	23.8	26.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	412	409	383	275

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.3	12.3	22.6	25.0
Children older than 12 at entry	78.7	87.7	77.4	75.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	127	106	106	92

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	4.4	7.4	18.4	13.2	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	8.2	31.2	39.3		
Guardianship	2.7	1.4	0.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.5	73.5	63.2	64.0	0.0	50.0	66.7	100.0	62.5	72.1	58.4	52.5		
Other	26.4	17.7	17.5	20.8	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	15.6	18.0	10.4	8.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	182	215	234	197	0	2	3	1	64	61	77	61		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.4	21.9	24.8	25.7	13.7	23.0	21.2	21.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.1	2.1	1.1	2.0	2.3	0.7	0.4		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	70.4	70.2	67.9	67.0	74.6	69.6	71.9	72.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	5.8	5.2	6.2	9.6	5.1	6.1	6.4		
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	3	3	2	1	1,115	1,269	1,189	1,001	540	565	537	482		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	23.5	28.2	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	83.3	100.0	85.7	91.7	69.6	67.9	60.6	64.7	98.3	83.3	93.3	100.0		
Other	11.9	0.0	14.3	8.3	8.9	8.6	9.9	10.3	1.7	16.7	6.7	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	42	23	21	12	79	81	71	68	59	30	15	6		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	80.1	79.4	80.3	76.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.2	15.6	14.7	18.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.9	3.7	3.5	4.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,500	1,593	1,465	1,240

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	84.0	83.5	83.3	84.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.7	6.7	8.4	7.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.2	9.7	8.2	8.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	2,262	2,137	1,989	1,772

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.5	2.0	3.6	2.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	34.3	27.8	27.8	34.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.4	36.7	34.3	34.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.2	24.7	17.3	16.9
48 or more mos.	8.6	8.7	16.9	11.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	361	449	496	425

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.6	86.9	88.5	89.4	54.7	51.2	55.1	60.8	28.5	26.5	25.3	22.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.4	13.1	11.5	10.6	45.3	48.8	44.9	39.2	71.5	73.5	74.7	77.6	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	2,442	2,303	2,199	1,930	1,003	1,105	927	921	1,123	1,097	1,039	872	4	13	6	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	7.1	9.4	8.6	7.1
Institutions	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9
Other settings	91.8	89.4	90.4	92.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,835	1,781	1,648	1,499

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	106.2	109.5	113.7	109.2
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)	60.9	60.0	62.2	60.8
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	10.0	9.7	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)	27.6	34.1	33.9	36.9
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?	11.0	10.5	9.0	8.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	123.6	139.9	139.6	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?	36.8	29.8	31.5	36.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.5	30.9	29.2	27.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	28.1	37.5	42.4	41.5
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	18.1	25.1	22.1	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?	51.3	55.4	52.6	57.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	133.8	140.5	138.0	130.2
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?	35.4	41.5	45.9	42.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.8	93.4	94.8	93.1
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?	39.4	43.5	45.0	46.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	84.9	82.2	85.8	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?	77.5	76.6	80.2	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?	54.7	51.2	55.1	60.8
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?	28.5	26.6	25.3	22.4

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 Mexico's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

New Mexico is distinguished by its racial and ethnic composition. Persons of Hispanic (any race) and of American Indian origin account for more than 50% of New Mexico's estimated two million inhabitants. This is a significantly higher proportion of these minority groups than seen nationally. Thus, New Mexico's population demographics necessitate child- and family-serving agencies to meet needs specific to multicultural populations and to address unique sovereignty issues with tribal governments.

The State continues to maintain and refine the functionality of its Tier 1 SACWIS. Evidence of New Mexico's improving data quality are portrayed throughout the *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*. For example under Context Data, Section C, "Characteristics of Children in Foster Care," in 2007 there were 0.6% or 14 records with missing data. Subsequently, in 2010 there were no records with missing data. Although the change is quite small in terms of actual records, this improvement trend supports the clear pattern of New Mexico's sustained quality efforts and is seen throughout the *2007–2010 Report to Congress*.

There appear to be increasing challenges for the foster care system. This is revealed through further analysis of the New Mexico "Outcomes Data." Exits of all children from foster care have trended downward between 2007 and 2010. However, exits of children with a diagnosed disability have increased from 24.7% of all exits in 2007 to 35.8% of all exits in 2010. This suggests that there is an increasing fraction of the foster care population with diagnosed disabilities. These children and their families may be expected to require more child welfare resources and services to assure their attainment of optimal permanency goals.

Through 2010, children in foster care at the end of the reporting periods of the *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress* dropped from 2,488 to 1,900. The median stay in foster care in months over the four fiscal years also dropped. Children reentering care within 12 months also trended downward. While both children in foster care and children adopted declined between 2007 and 2010, detailed analysis of the New Mexico's "Context Data" under Sections D and E reveal that between 2007 and 2010, total children adopted, as a proportion of children who were freed and waiting during the same periods, increased from 65.5% to 85.8% across the four fiscal years. With such efforts, New Mexico continues to work through both data quality management and through child welfare practice refinement and analysis to assure positive outcomes for children and families statewide.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	4,499,658	4,453,218	4,424,083	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	6.6	6.6	7.0	X
Black	16.9	16.8	16.7	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	20.9	21.3	21.7	X
White	52.9	52.5	51.7	X
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.4	X
Child population in poverty (%)	19.4	19.1	20.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	83,502	84,089	90,031	88,842
Foster care entry rate	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	30,548	29,762	28,215	26,774
Children adopted	2,488	2,394	2,398	2,130

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	12	21	47	67
Numerator	—	7,385	15,673	21,974
Denominator	—	34,727	33,145	32,571
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	80	75	88	92
Numerator	—	36,059	102,846	159,120
Denominator	—	47,804	116,292	173,157

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	259,687	57.7 per 1,000	265,561	59.6 per 1,000	282,373	63.8 per 1,000	282,132	63.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	83,502	18.6 per 1,000	84,089	18.9 per 1,000	90,031	20.4 per 1,000	88,842	20.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	96	2.1 per 100,000	107	2.4 per 100,000	99	2.2 per 100,000	114	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	8.6	9.0	9.0	9.1
1 year	5.7	5.9	6.2	6.6
2 years	5.2	5.7	5.6	6.1
3 years	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.8
4 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.3
5 years	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.3
6 years	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.9
7 years	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.4
9 years	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.9
10 years	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
11 years	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.6
12 years	5.3	5.1	4.8	4.7
13 years	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.1
14 years	6.4	6.1	6.0	5.6
15 years	6.7	6.5	6.5	5.9
16 years	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.9
17 years	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	83,502	84,089	90,031	88,842

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4
Black	28.7	28.9	28.4	28.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.3	23.7	24.0	24.0
White	34.7	33.8	33.8	33.8
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.9
Missing data	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.4
Number	83,502	84,089	90,031	88,842

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Medical neglect	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.0
Neglect	91.7	91.8	92.2	92.4
Physical abuse	10.5	10.1	9.8	9.9
Sexual abuse	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	25.9	25.8	25.6	27.7
Number	83,502	84,089	90,031	88,842

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	5.5	5.1	4.2	3.4
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	29,866	29,394	28,846	27,495	12,309	12,720	12,177	11,782	11,627	12,352	12,808	12,503	30,548	29,762	28,215	26,774
Median length of stay (months)	24.4	20.9	22.0	22.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.5	15.5	15.2	16.0	21.5	22.5	22.8	23.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	14.2	14.9	15.6	15.9	3.5	4.2	4.5	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9
1 year	4.5	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.4	6.1	6.6	6.2	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.6
2 years	4.7	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.9	4.5	5.4	4.6	5.1	5.7	5.4	4.9	5.6	5.4	6.0
3 years	4.5	4.5	4.8	5.2	3.9	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.2	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.2
4 years	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	5.2	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.8
5 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2
6 years	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
7 years	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8
8 years	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.5
9 years	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5
10 years	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5
11 years	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.4
12 years	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5
13 years	5.0	4.6	4.2	4.1	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.5	4.6	4.1	4.0	3.8
14 years	6.3	6.1	5.7	5.0	8.5	8.2	7.9	7.4	5.4	5.2	5.3	4.7	5.9	5.5	5.0	5.1
15 years	8.1	7.7	7.5	7.1	11.3	11.5	11.0	11.0	7.5	7.8	7.3	6.7	7.7	7.4	7.0	6.6
16 years	9.5	9.1	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.9	9.5	8.6	8.9	9.2	8.8	8.8	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.2
17 years	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.0	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.9	8.7	7.9	7.0	7.2	8.4	8.0	8.2	7.8
18 years	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7
19 years	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.2
20 years	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	6.4	4.1	4.7	6.1	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.3
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.9	3.2	2.4	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
Black	46.2	45.9	47.7	48.7	41.6	42.3	42.7	42.6	41.0	41.2	41.7	43.9	46.3	46.3	48.3	48.3
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)	19.9	20.5	21.2	21.7	21.3	20.9	21.9	21.6	18.6	20.1	20.5	21.5	20.9	20.9	21.8	21.7
White	18.2	17.3	18.5	18.5	22.3	21.1	21.0	22.4	23.8	21.1	20.9	21.7	17.7	17.3	18.4	18.7
Two or more races	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.8	1.3	2.8	2.8	3.6	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.0
Unknown	13.3	13.4	9.4	7.5	11.7	12.2	10.4	8.4	14.4	14.0	13.3	8.3	12.3	12.6	8.1	7.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	7,889	7,126	6,963	6,669
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	4,532	3,947	3,470	3,421

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.4
1 year	4.6	4.0	4.5	4.6
2 years	6.1	7.8	7.6	7.8
3 years	6.6	6.8	8.5	8.3
4 years	6.4	6.8	6.8	8.0
5 years	6.0	6.5	6.9	6.6
6 years	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.4
7 years	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.5
8 years	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.8
9 years	5.2	5.3	5.8	5.7
10 years	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.6
11 years	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.5
12 years	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.5
13 years	6.2	5.2	5.4	5.0
14 years	6.8	6.2	5.1	5.2
15 years	6.9	6.8	5.8	5.3
16 years	6.1	5.4	5.3	4.5
17 years	5.5	4.6	4.1	4.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	46.3	45.7	50.6	52.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	18.6	19.9	21.2	19.9
White	15.9	15.1	16.6	16.7
Two or more races	2.2	2.6	2.9	2.9
Unknown	16.4	16.3	8.3	7.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	2,488	2,394	2,398	2,130

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
1 year	3.6	4.1	3.3	4.6
2 years	9.1	9.3	10.6	9.5
3 years	9.6	9.7	10.5	11.0
4 years	7.7	9.1	8.8	9.9
5 years	7.3	7.3	7.5	9.0
6 years	7.2	6.7	7.0	7.5
7 years	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.6
8 years	6.1	6.3	5.7	5.7
9 years	7.1	5.5	6.0	6.2
10 years	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.7
11 years	5.5	5.1	4.8	3.7
12 years	5.1	4.7	5.2	4.5
13 years	4.5	5.5	4.2	3.9
14 years	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4
15 years	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.9
16 years	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7
17 years	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.7
18 years	1.0	1.7	1.5	1.4
19 years	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.6
20 years	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2
Black	40.3	41.6	41.0	42.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	16.4	14.3	18.1	19.2
White	21.5	19.6	21.7	24.3
Two or more races	1.0	3.3	2.8	4.6
Unknown	20.4	20.3	16.2	8.8
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	87.7	87.9	87.8	87.7
Children with one or more recurrences	12.3	12.1	12.2	12.3
Number	39,129	39,016	41,345	41,086

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.40	1.73	2.04	2.33
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.60	98.27	97.96	97.67
Number	42,175	42,114	41,023	39,277

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.4	18.3	18.1	17.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	63.1	64.9	66.0	67.0
Other	16.8	16.7	15.7	14.9
Missing data	0.7	0.1	0.2	1.0
Number	11,627	12,352	12,808	12,503

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.5	23.1	22.7	20.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	57.1	56.7	57.3	57.0
Other	17.0	20.2	19.9	21.9
Missing data	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.2
Number	564	2,833	4,075	4,529

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	66.7	68.1	67.7	66.2
Other	31.4	30.9	30.7	30.3
Missing data	0.9	<.1	0.2	2.6
Number	4,255	4,520	4,493	4,366

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	38.2	38.5	38.8	33.9
Children older than 12 at entry	61.8	61.4	61.1	66.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0
Number	1,356	1,448	1,397	1,389

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	4.1	20.0	4.4	16.7	11.9	20.9	7.3	5.9	18.7	18.6	17.8	16.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.6	68.0	86.7	70.0	69.0	65.7	72.7	82.4	61.7	63.3	63.4	66.4		
Other	12.2	12.0	8.9	10.0	16.7	13.4	16.4	11.8	18.9	17.9	18.6	17.0		
Missing data	2.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.4	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.2	<.1		
Number	49	25	45	30	42	67	55	68	4,769	5,094	5,340	5,485		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.4	13.3	16.0	15.3	17.8	16.9	18.5	19.0		
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	0.0	0.0	66.1	70.5	71.0	71.1	69.3	68.7	69.9	67.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.9	16.0	12.7	13.5	12.2	14.3	11.3	12.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.2	1.4		
Number	0	0	0	0	2,168	2,480	2,628	2,686	2,772	2,610	2,681	2,714		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	28.6	26.3	22.2	18.1	14.8	20.8	17.9	21.8	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	52.1	55.2	57.7	64.4	68.4	66.4	73.2	55.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	18.9	18.5	19.9	17.4	14.2	12.9	8.7	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.2	<.1	2.6	0.0	0.3	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Number	1,672	1,734	1,701	1,040	155	342	358	454	0	0	0	26		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	59.1	60.2	60.7	58.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.1	23.7	20.7	21.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.8	7.6	10.2	9.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.3	3.3	3.9	5.6
48 or more mos.	6.6	5.1	4.5	5.0
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Number	7,341	8,013	8,448	8,381

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	77.5	76.6	77.0	77.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.6	11.1	11.0	11.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.9	12.3	11.5	11.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Number	12,309	12,720	12,177	11,782

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	7.9	9.3	8.6	9.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	19.9	18.3	23.6	19.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.7	19.3	21.0	24.9
48 or more mos.	52.4	51.6	45.2	45.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,250	2,266	2,317	2,127

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.5	90.9	89.1	89.9	73.4	74.0	72.4	71.7	40.6	42.6	43.9	43.8	100.0	71.4	73.9	68.8
Children with 3 or more placements	9.5	9.1	10.2	10.1	26.6	26.0	27.5	28.3	59.4	57.4	56.1	56.2	0.0	28.6	26.1	31.3
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	14,108	14,514	14,229	13,636	8,882	8,710	8,211	7,744	19,176	18,876	18,560	17,881	9	14	23	16

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Institutions	4.8	3.7	4.6	4.3
Other settings	94.2	95.4	94.5	94.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,518	7,789	7,453	7,414

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	93.9	99.4	95.7	97.3
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)	56.1	56.4	56.6	54.7
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	10.6	10.6	10.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	34.2	35.4	39.0	39.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.9	13.4	16.0	14.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	58.2	56.5	66.5	66.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	9.1	11.0	10.5	10.5
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?	49.2	48.9	43.6	45.6
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?	15.8	16.5	17.2	16.9
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	11.1	9.2	9.9	10.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.5	42.0	46.9	45.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	112.9	113.7	118.6	121.6
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?	23.3	24.3	25.8	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?	96.1	94.9	96.2	95.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	50.0	48.5	45.9	44.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	108.4	109.9	108.6	108.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	90.0	90.2	88.8	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?	73.5	74.1	72.5	71.7
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?	43.1	45.8	47.3	47.5

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	2,219,913	2,254,288	2,277,967	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.2	1.2	X
Asian	2.1	2.1	2.3	X
Black	23.9	23.7	23.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	12.1	13.0	X
White	58.8	58.5	57.6	X
Two or more races	2.3	2.4	2.4	X
Child population in poverty (%)	19.5	19.9	22.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	25,976	24,618	24,506	23,938
Foster care entry rate	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,952	10,065	9,645	9,079
Children adopted	1,521	1,694	1,725	1,613

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	39	30	67	81
Numerator	145	4,300	9,077	10,283
Denominator	374	14,206	13,520	12,674
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	73	79	82	85
Numerator	899	22,739	57,466	68,417
Denominator	1,224	28,814	69,714	80,622

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	133,230	60.0 per 1,000	139,640	61.9 per 1,000	138,229	60.7 per 1,000	137,672	60.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	25,976	11.7 per 1,000	24,618	10.9 per 1,000	24,506	10.8 per 1,000	23,938	10.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	17	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.6	12.0	12.3	12.4
1 year	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.4
2 years	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.7
3 years	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.3
4 years	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.3
5 years	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.2
6 years	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.9
7 years	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5
8 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.0
10 years	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.6
11 years	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.6
12 years	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.3
13 years	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.3
14 years	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.1
15 years	4.8	4.5	4.4	3.8
16 years	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.3
17 years	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	25,976	24,618	24,506	23,938

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.0
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	31.3	31.4	31.2	30.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.3	10.0	10.1	9.8
White	52.2	51.8	51.1	52.1
Two or more races	3.2	3.4	4.2	4.5
Missing data	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.0
Number	25,976	24,618	24,506	23,938

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
Medical neglect	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.9
Neglect	78.5	79.0	79.8	79.6
Physical abuse	9.8	9.4	9.8	9.1
Sexual abuse	7.5	8.0	7.5	7.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6
Other	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.5
Number	25,976	24,618	24,506	23,938

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	46.1	44.6	46.8	41.7
Median	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	10,759	10,577	9,704	9,150	5,981	5,084	4,911	4,708	5,788	5,596	4,970	4,779	10,952	10,065	9,645	9,079
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	13.9	15.4	14.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7	15.4	17.2	16.4	14.1	15.8	15.2	14.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.1	18.6	18.9	18.4	18.3	4.3	4.3	3.3	4.1	6.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
1 year	7.6	8.3	8.1	7.7	7.5	8.4	7.4	8.7	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.2	8.0	7.6	7.7
2 years	7.5	6.9	7.7	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.7	7.2	8.9	8.0	8.6	7.9	6.9	7.7	7.3	7.7
3 years	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.7	5.2	5.4	5.9	7.0	7.7	7.0	7.8	8.3	6.0	5.8	6.9	6.5
4 years	5.3	5.0	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.3	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.6	5.1	6.0
5 years	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.6	4.9	5.8	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.9
6 years	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.7
7 years	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.3
8 years	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.3	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.0
9 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.6	4.2	3.7	3.0	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.9
10 years	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.1	4.0	4.1	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
11 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0
12 years	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.0
13 years	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.3	2.9	3.0	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.0
14 years	6.1	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.9	5.1	5.5	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.2	5.5	4.7	5.0	4.6
15 years	6.7	7.2	6.6	5.8	6.6	7.2	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.5	3.9	3.7	7.2	6.6	5.8	6.0
16 years	7.5	7.2	7.9	7.6	4.5	4.5	5.4	4.7	5.4	5.2	5.3	4.6	7.1	7.9	7.3	6.5
17 years	5.9	6.6	6.7	7.0	2.7	2.5	3.2	3.1	8.9	6.0	5.1	7.8	6.7	6.9	7.4	7.1
18 years	1.3	1.5	1.6	2.0	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.4	3.9	7.4	9.1	7.1	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.2
19 years	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3
20 years	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	0.9	2.1	2.5	1.8	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.6
Asian	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Black	41.4	40.2	39.9	39.8	34.5	36.1	35.1	32.3	37.5	36.9	35.6	36.2	39.7	40.0	39.7	37.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.7	8.0	7.9	8.2	9.5	8.4	9.5	9.6	9.1	8.5	9.2	9.2	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.4
White	44.4	45.2	45.3	45.3	48.5	48.3	48.8	50.2	46.0	47.7	48.3	47.7	45.8	45.4	45.5	46.5
Two or more races	3.6	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.8
Unknown	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	3,107	2,946	2,746	2,468
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,757	1,612	1,470	1,250

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.8
1 year	7.8	7.9	7.5	6.9
2 years	7.9	8.9	8.5	8.8
3 years	7.9	6.2	7.7	7.0
4 years	5.8	6.4	5.3	7.1
5 years	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4
6 years	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.7
7 years	5.6	5.0	5.2	5.0
8 years	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.4
9 years	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.3
10 years	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.4
11 years	4.6	5.4	5.4	5.6
12 years	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.9
13 years	4.2	5.0	4.7	4.5
14 years	5.0	4.8	5.6	4.5
15 years	6.0	5.2	4.7	5.9
16 years	6.0	6.3	4.9	4.7
17 years	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	42.0	41.1	40.9	37.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	6.8	7.0	7.2	8.2
White	44.4	44.8	45.0	46.6
Two or more races	4.4	5.3	5.4	6.2
Unknown	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,521	1,694	1,725	1,613

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.7	2.5	3.5	3.0
1 year	12.0	12.1	11.0	10.4
2 years	12.8	13.2	12.7	11.5
3 years	11.6	10.5	11.1	12.0
4 years	9.7	10.0	8.9	8.1
5 years	8.6	6.4	7.9	6.8
6 years	7.1	6.8	6.2	6.9
7 years	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.7
8 years	4.8	6.8	5.9	6.1
9 years	5.3	4.0	5.7	5.4
10 years	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.8
11 years	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.2
12 years	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.0
13 years	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.6
14 years	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.9
15 years	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0
16 years	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.1
17 years	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.5
18 years	0.1	<.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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.7
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	33.3	35.1	31.9	34.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	8.6	8.7	4.5
White	47.3	44.2	45.9	50.1
Two or more races	9.8	10.3	12.4	9.2
Unknown	0.4	0.4	0.2	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.

North Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.2	97.5	97.6	97.5
Children with one or more recurrences	3.8	2.5	2.4	2.5
Number	5,933	4,520	4,442	4,189

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.69	0.66	0.50	0.35
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.31	99.34	99.50	99.65
Number	16,740	15,661	14,615	13,858

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	24.2	26.1	29.2	27.3
Guardianship	14.5	13.4	12.4	12.7
Reunification	50.1	48.5	46.7	46.8
Other	11.0	12.0	11.7	13.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	5,788	5,596	4,970	4,779

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	21.4	22.6	25.5	20.5
Guardianship	14.8	12.3	12.0	10.0
Reunification	42.0	42.4	41.3	45.0
Other	21.4	22.8	21.3	24.3
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	514	602	550	560

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.4	2.9	3.7	2.8
Guardianship	12.3	10.2	10.4	8.3
Reunification	54.3	54.2	50.9	48.8
Other	30.9	32.6	35.1	39.8
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.4
Number	1,387	1,369	1,176	1,119

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.4	22.8	23.4	23.6
Children older than 12 at entry	76.6	77.2	76.4	76.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	499	514	492	552

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	6.8	17.2	22.4	20.9	4.5	14.3	0.0	15.4	22.2	26.3	26.9	27.6		
Guardianship	23.1	24.2	16.3	11.9	9.1	0.0	0.0	7.7	15.7	14.4	13.5	11.7		
Reunification	63.3	48.5	51.0	55.2	86.4	42.9	50.0	69.2	48.2	44.8	43.4	42.9		
Other	6.1	10.1	10.2	11.9	0.0	42.9	50.0	7.7	13.9	14.4	16.2	17.7		
Missing data	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1		
Number	147	99	49	67	22	7	2	13	2,171	2,063	1,770	1,728		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	40.0	53.8	50.0	45.5	20.2	24.1	28.2	23.2	26.8	25.8	29.8	27.8		
Guardianship	5.0	15.4	31.3	18.2	8.2	12.6	11.8	9.3	14.6	12.6	12.0	14.0		
Reunification	55.0	30.8	18.8	36.4	64.9	58.6	50.1	59.2	48.1	49.6	48.4	46.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	4.8	9.8	8.2	10.4	12.0	9.7	11.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2		
Number	20	13	16	11	524	478	457	439	2,663	2,669	2,401	2,278		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	28.6	36.1	22.2	33.3	33.6	34.2	43.9	29.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	33.3	2.8	11.1	5.6	11.8	11.7	7.5	14.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	38.1	52.8	63.9	55.6	46.4	48.1	44.8	48.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	8.3	2.8	5.6	7.7	6.1	3.8	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	21	36	36	18	220	231	239	225	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	59.5	56.7	52.3	54.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.6	30.2	31.7	31.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.4	7.8	9.5	8.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	3.1	3.7	2.9
48 or more mos.	1.9	2.1	2.8	3.0
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,899	2,714	2,320	2,235

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	97.5	97.5	96.7	96.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.4	1.1	1.8	1.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.6
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,981	5,084	4,911	4,708

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	6.1	4.9	5.5	6.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.1	29.2	28.3	30.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.6	36.0	32.6	30.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.9	17.4	18.8	18.9
48 or more mos.	14.3	12.6	14.8	14.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,401	1,463	1,452	1,306

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.7	91.7	92.8	92.2	75.6	76.8	75.7	76.2	45.5	44.7	44.6	42.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	7.3	8.3	7.2	7.8	24.4	23.2	24.3	23.8	54.5	55.3	55.4	57.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,214	6,192	5,754	5,600	4,463	4,311	3,843	3,745	5,061	5,145	5,009	4,504	2	13	9	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2
Institutions	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.3
Other settings	93.9	94.0	93.6	94.6
Missing data	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.9
Number	4,432	3,799	3,604	3,576

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	127.2	125.7	117.2	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)	63.5	60.2	55.8	57.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.2	9.9	10.5	10.3
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)	28.3	28.6	23.3	23.6
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?	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	123.4	122.3	127.4	123.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	35.2	34.0	33.8	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?	28.4	28.8	28.5	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?	24.9	25.9	27.2	26.4
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	13.5	14.8	13.9	10.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	58.7	58.9	64.9	64.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	122.0	121.9	124.5	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?	31.4	31.3	32.1	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?	94.2	93.7	95.2	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?	45.0	47.7	47.0	48.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	112.3	111.8	112.2	110.9
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?	92.5	91.5	92.7	92.1
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?	75.7	76.9	75.9	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?	45.8	45.0	45.0	43.4

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	143,296	143,017	143,971	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.1	9.1	9.1	X
Asian	0.9	0.8	0.9	X
Black	1.6	1.7	1.8	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.6	3.9	X
White	82.3	82.2	81.5	X
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.6	X
Child population in poverty (%)	13.4	15.3	13.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	1,288	1,285	1,254	1,144
Foster care entry rate	6.2	6.6	6.5	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,312	1,308	1,283	1,131
Children adopted	125	159	142	145

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	2	13	46	68
Numerator	—	222	753	1,088
Denominator	—	1,667	1,624	1,596
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	79	65	70	79
Numerator	—	—	3,366	5,989
Denominator	—	—	4,775	7,625

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	6,272	43.8 per 1,000	6,984	48.8 per 1,000	6,936	48.2 per 1,000	6,915	48.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	1,288	9.0 per 1,000	1,285	9.0 per 1,000	1,254	8.7 per 1,000	1,144	7.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.7 per 100,000	3	2.1 per 100,000	2	1.4 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	8.0	8.1	8.1	7.2
1 year	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.5
2 years	7.5	7.9	7.7	7.1
3 years	6.4	7.2	5.5	7.8
4 years	6.4	5.9	6.7	6.0
5 years	4.9	5.1	6.5	5.6
6 years	6.5	5.4	6.2	5.6
7 years	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.4
8 years	5.1	5.8	5.6	5.6
9 years	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.2
10 years	5.0	5.9	4.8	4.2
11 years	4.5	3.7	4.9	3.5
12 years	5.5	4.0	4.9	5.2
13 years	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.2
14 years	5.6	4.5	5.1	3.2
15 years	4.0	5.0	5.7	3.5
16 years	4.2	5.2	3.6	3.9
17 years	3.3	3.1	2.2	2.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1
Number	1,288	1,285	1,254	1,144

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	25.8	29.4	29.8	18.0
Asian	0.3	0.0	0.4	<.1
Black	5.0	5.9	4.5	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	5.8	6.7	5.9	4.6
White	67.9	63.8	57.4	52.3
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1
Missing data	0.0	0.9	2.0	18.4
Number	1,288	1,285	1,254	1,144

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	53.0	54.6	46.5	42.2
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.4
Neglect	93.0	91.7	89.2	66.5
Physical abuse	14.1	15.2	20.8	15.7
Sexual abuse	7.5	7.7	5.2	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,288	1,285	1,254	1,144

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	—	—	—	53.3
Median	—	—	—	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,266	1,195	1,178	1,098	886	947	941	796	840	834	836	763	1,312	1,308	1,283	1,131
Median length of stay (months)	12.3	12.6	11.5	11.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.3	10.8	9.5	10.0	12.8	11.4	11.5	13.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.9	6.4	5.3	3.9	15.1	14.3	12.4	11.1	7.0	10.0	5.6	4.5	5.2	5.6	5.8	3.1
1 year	5.8	4.4	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.1	6.4	4.6	5.1	5.8	5.5	4.3	4.6	4.4	6.0	5.7
2 years	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.0	6.6	5.2	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.7
3 years	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.2	4.8	5.3	4.5	5.7
4 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.7	3.6	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.1	5.1	4.1
5 years	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.7	2.9	2.6	2.2	4.4	3.5	3.8	2.4	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.4	4.7
6 years	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	2.1	3.6	3.7	2.5	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.4	4.3
7 years	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.6	4.3	3.7	2.1	3.4	3.0	3.7	2.4	3.0	3.9	4.1	3.5	3.2
8 years	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.6	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.6	4.2	2.2	4.4	3.4	3.4	4.2
9 years	4.6	3.8	4.2	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.0	3.5	2.6	2.6	1.6	3.9	4.2	3.1	2.7
10 years	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.8	2.1	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.3	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.8
11 years	3.0	3.2	4.2	4.5	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.3	3.1	2.4	2.6	3.7	3.2	4.3	4.1	2.6
12 years	3.6	3.3	2.9	4.0	4.3	2.7	3.8	3.9	2.0	2.0	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	4.0	4.2
13 years	5.1	5.5	4.5	4.4	5.2	3.8	6.6	5.5	3.2	2.5	3.2	2.8	5.3	4.4	4.5	5.6
14 years	6.6	6.6	6.1	7.0	8.5	6.0	7.2	7.5	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.9	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.5
15 years	10.7	9.4	8.3	8.7	9.5	10.5	8.5	10.9	7.3	5.4	5.4	8.5	9.4	9.0	8.3	8.8
16 years	10.7	11.0	13.1	12.2	11.6	13.6	11.3	11.2	10.4	7.4	9.4	9.4	11.4	13.3	11.1	10.7
17 years	11.5	11.9	13.2	13.2	7.9	8.8	9.7	8.7	18.1	16.1	11.7	18.1	11.4	12.3	12.5	11.1
18 years	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	10.3	15.6	9.0	1.8	1.5	1.8	2.5
19 years	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
20 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.9

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	26.5	24.5	25.5	25.5	24.4	22.8	22.2	23.4	26.8	20.6	21.7	22.8	24.8	25.8	25.6	25.8
Asian	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.1
Black	1.7	2.0	2.5	4.2	3.6	4.8	5.7	4.1	2.9	4.2	3.9	4.2	2.3	2.6	4.0	4.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.1	6.7	5.6	4.1	6.1	6.7	7.1	5.8	6.4	6.6	5.4	5.0
White	56.0	56.9	55.0	53.5	58.7	55.2	54.4	56.4	56.9	57.9	55.9	57.5	57.2	55.0	54.0	52.8
Two or more races	7.4	9.0	9.3	9.3	7.3	9.5	10.1	7.8	6.5	9.7	10.0	7.1	7.9	8.9	9.4	9.7
Unknown	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	347	312	334	234
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	235	240	239	136

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.7	13.1	12.0	3.4
1 year	6.6	5.8	9.3	8.5
2 years	10.4	6.7	5.1	9.4
3 years	5.5	9.9	6.0	9.4
4 years	6.9	5.8	10.2	6.4
5 years	6.6	5.1	6.3	9.4
6 years	5.5	4.8	6.0	4.3
7 years	6.3	6.7	6.0	7.7
8 years	6.9	5.4	5.4	8.5
9 years	5.5	6.7	5.1	4.7
10 years	6.6	4.5	5.7	3.4
11 years	3.5	6.7	5.1	3.4
12 years	1.7	2.6	5.1	4.3
13 years	4.9	2.6	2.4	4.7
14 years	4.3	5.1	3.0	2.1
15 years	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.4
16 years	3.2	2.9	2.4	3.4
17 years	2.0	2.6	1.8	3.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	17.6	19.6	23.1	24.4
Asian	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.8
Black	3.7	4.8	5.1	9.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.4	10.3	6.6	7.7
White	51.3	46.2	49.7	44.4
Two or more races	12.7	15.4	12.3	9.8
Unknown	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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	125	159	142	145

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	20.0	28.9	27.5	21.4
1 year	11.2	10.7	7.0	10.3
2 years	10.4	5.7	9.2	6.9
3 years	9.6	6.3	9.2	6.2
4 years	8.8	6.3	4.2	4.1
5 years	7.2	6.3	5.6	7.6
6 years	4.0	4.4	3.5	8.3
7 years	4.8	9.4	1.4	4.1
8 years	2.4	3.1	7.7	5.5
9 years	5.6	5.7	3.5	4.1
10 years	5.6	1.9	6.3	7.6
11 years	2.4	1.9	4.2	4.8
12 years	1.6	1.3	4.9	5.5
13 years	1.6	0.6	1.4	0.0
14 years	1.6	3.8	2.1	1.4
15 years	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.4
16 years	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.7
17 years	0.8	1.9	0.7	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	14.4	9.4	16.9	9.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.8	3.1	3.5	2.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.8	10.1	10.6	9.0
White	54.4	59.1	48.6	69.7
Two or more races	16.0	18.2	20.4	9.7
Unknown	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.

North Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.1	96.5	96.8	98.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.9	3.5	3.2	1.4
Number	637	594	593	576

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.05	0.19	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.95	99.81	—	—
Number	2,152	2,142	—	—

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.0	20.1	13.0	15.6
Guardianship	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.1
Reunification	53.2	58.6	65.1	50.7
Other	29.8	19.3	20.7	12.1
Missing data	1.9	1.9	1.2	17.6
Number	840	834	836	763

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	10.0	12.6	9.7	16.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Reunification	47.0	51.9	56.5	42.8
Other	41.5	34.0	33.1	15.5
Missing data	1.4	1.5	0.7	22.1
Number	349	262	269	290

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Reunification	50.8	60.8	63.8	56.5
Other	46.3	35.5	35.4	17.1
Missing data	2.9	2.4	0.8	23.0
Number	374	332	367	356

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.2	25.0	15.2	22.0
Children older than 12 at entry	82.8	75.0	84.8	78.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	64	88	92	50

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	7.6	9.3	6.6	6.3	60.0	85.7	60.0	57.1	12.5	17.1	21.2	21.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	56.0	59.3	56.9	48.9	40.0	14.3	10.0	42.9	50.0	62.9	66.7	37.5		
Other	34.7	30.2	34.3	19.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	37.5	20.0	12.1	25.0		
Missing data	1.8	1.2	2.2	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6		
Number	225	172	181	174	5	7	10	7	24	35	33	32		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.2	32.1	23.7	29.5	13.2	18.6	10.9	16.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.5		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	29.4	60.7	66.1	40.9	55.6	59.8	69.6	56.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	29.4	7.1	8.5	15.9	28.7	18.6	18.4	8.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	2.0	0.0	1.7	9.1	2.3	2.9	1.1	15.7		
Number	2	0	2	2	51	56	59	44	478	483	467	439		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.7	39.5	22.6	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	47.3	50.6	63.1	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	20.0	9.9	14.3	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7		
Number	0	0	0	2	55	81	84	54	0	0	0	9		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	75.6	61.8	73.2	76.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.8	26.2	19.7	17.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	6.3	4.0	2.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	1.6	2.2	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.1	3.9	0.9	2.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3
Number	447	489	544	387

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	76.7	76.9	74.9	72.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.7	10.8	8.1	8.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.1	9.0	12.9	9.8
Missing data	2.4	3.4	4.1	8.8
Number	886	947	941	796

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	29.4	42.9	33.9	22.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.0	22.0	22.0	23.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	27.0	19.6	19.3	22.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.3	7.1	14.7	22.7
48 or more mos.	6.3	8.3	9.2	8.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
Number	126	168	109	119

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.8	85.9	85.3	84.1	55.4	54.9	54.1	60.9	40.6	38.4	37.1	40.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.9
Children with 3 or more placements	15.2	14.1	14.7	15.9	44.6	45.1	45.9	39.1	59.4	61.6	62.9	59.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1
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	1,133	1,124	1,173	996	480	488	442	435	537	521	493	454	2	9	11	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.6	2.5	1.3	0.2
Institutions	4.0	6.7	5.9	4.3
Other settings	94.3	90.8	92.6	93.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.9
Number	495	523	524	421

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	106.9	93.0	118.8	122.0
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)	74.7	61.5	73.5	76.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.6	9.3	8.0	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)	37.0	40.6	41.3	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?	19.1	18.6	13.2	13.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	114.6	120.9	127.1	108.1
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?	52.0	64.7	56.1	46.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	23.0	17.0	22.0	25.6
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?	15.5	15.3	13.8	18.5
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	8.0	8.5	5.1	6.8
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?	46.1	50.0	66.1	43.2

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	121.6	124.5	132.9	131.3
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?	17.8	25.5	21.0	23.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.6	95.2	96.3	97.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	28.5	29.2	25.0	29.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.3	93.9	92.6	96.7
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?	83.6	84.6	83.6	82.9
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?	55.3	54.8	53.8	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?	41.5	39.6	37.7	40.9

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 North Dakota's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

In 2009, changes to the North Dakota CFS Data Entry System were implemented. This has resulted in enhancements to the State's data capabilities. For federal fiscal year 2010, North Dakota submitted the NCANDS Child File for the first time. There are some data elements from the Child File that need to be improved in 2011, which will be reflected in the federal fiscal year 2012 NCANDS file. These issues are highlighted below.

Context Data:

- **Section B. Child Maltreatment Data**

- **Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims:** Since race is a self declaration by client or by a minor client's parent, race was not a required field. This resulted in an increase of missing race data. The decrease in the number of American Indian/Native Alaskan victims is most likely related to missing data rather than to a true decrease in the number of Native American/Alaskan Native victims. Please note that due to the large number of missing data for victim race, North Dakota will not be included in the victim race table for the 2010 Child Maltreatment Report.
- **Time to Investigation (in hours):** The NCANDS Child File data fields used to calculate this measure have been identified as areas for improvement. Therefore, these values do not accurately reflect the State's Time to Investigation.

Outcomes Data:

- **Section 2.1:**

- There was 1 confirmed case of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care that was not reported in the NCANDS file. This was related to a data entry error. Institutional Child Abuse and Neglect data are not entered into the State's CFS data application. The 2010 Institution Child Abuse and Neglect data are not available at this time.

- **Section 3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care:**

- **3.1, 3.2, and 3.3:** The percentage of missing data for exit reason increased in 2010. This is due to a mapping error that will be corrected in subsequent data submissions.
- **3.4: Exits to Emancipation:** Emancipation is not an option in North Dakota. Those youth with exit reason of emancipation would be more accurately described as youth who are living independently.

A. Context Statistics¹General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	2,766,058	2,738,630	2,714,341	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	1.6	1.6	1.7	X
Black	14.6	14.5	14.5	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	4.2	4.5	X
White	76.9	76.8	76.2	X
Two or more races	2.6	2.7	2.8	X
Child population in poverty (%)	18.5	18.5	21.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	38,484	36,106	34,084	33,947
Foster care entry rate	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	14,524	13,672	12,124	12,066
Children adopted	1,779	1,638	1,453	1,359

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	18	34	67	81
Numerator	4,422	8,822	13,123	14,700
Denominator	24,799	25,768	19,523	18,110
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	79	46	61	87
Numerator	22,118	12,441	56,322	88,946
Denominator	27,832	26,832	92,650	102,700

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	119,591	43.2 per 1,000	129,952	47.5 per 1,000	119,306	44.0 per 1,000	108,854	40.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	38,484	13.9 per 1,000	36,106	13.2 per 1,000	34,084	12.6 per 1,000	33,947	12.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	90	3.3 per 100,000	74	2.7 per 100,000	79	2.9 per 100,000	83	3.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.2	11.5	11.6	11.8
1 year	6.6	6.5	7.2	7.0
2 years	6.3	6.5	7.0	6.9
3 years	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.8
4 years	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.5
5 years	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.2
6 years	6.3	6.3	5.7	5.7
7 years	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.4
8 years	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1
9 years	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.7
10 years	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4
11 years	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3
12 years	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.3
13 years	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.4
14 years	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.6
15 years	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.7
16 years	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.7
17 years	2.6	2.7	3.0	2.8
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.6
Number	38,484	36,106	34,084	33,947

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	26.3	23.2	19.4	18.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.6	2.7	2.6
White	64.2	55.3	53.8	52.5
Two or more races	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	6.9	18.5	23.8	26.0
Number	38,484	36,106	34,084	33,947

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	7.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
Medical neglect	0.1	0.9	1.4	1.7
Neglect	52.4	46.1	43.7	43.7
Physical abuse	25.6	31.6	34.4	36.1
Sexual abuse	17.0	17.5	17.8	17.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	38,484	36,106	34,084	33,947

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	30.7	47.2	34.5	27.7
Median	<24	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	15,399	14,340	13,531	11,952	10,998	10,136	8,668	9,042	11,873	10,804	10,075	8,928	14,524	13,672	12,124	12,066
Median length of stay (months)	13.2	13.5	13.5	14.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.3	10.9	11.3	10.8	13.2	13.3	14.1	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	7.1	7.4	7.5	7.3	17.9	18.7	18.3	18.3	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.7	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.7
1 year	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.1	7.0	7.0	7.9	7.6	8.2	8.2	8.9	8.4	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.3
2 years	6.0	5.8	6.5	7.0	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.6	7.8	5.8	6.6	7.0	7.2
3 years	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.7	6.4	5.9	5.9	6.3	5.0	4.8	5.3	6.3
4 years	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.3	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.1
5 years	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.2
6 years	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.7	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9
7 years	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.8	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.9
8 years	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.2
9 years	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.5
10 years	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4
11 years	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5
12 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.2
13 years	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.4
14 years	6.9	6.3	5.7	5.4	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.2	4.6	4.1	4.1	3.6	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.3
15 years	8.4	8.3	7.7	7.2	7.4	7.0	7.5	6.6	5.5	5.1	5.1	4.0	8.4	7.8	7.2	7.1
16 years	9.0	9.8	9.5	9.5	7.3	7.4	7.9	7.2	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.9	9.6	9.6	9.4	8.3
17 years	9.5	9.6	10.6	10.7	5.0	6.0	6.4	5.7	11.7	9.0	6.7	10.0	9.5	10.4	10.4	10.2
18 years	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	5.2	9.3	13.3	10.4	1.6	1.8	1.1	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
20 years	<.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
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	40.1	39.4	38.5	38.0	36.2	35.0	34.2	30.5	37.5	36.6	35.7	35.0	39.2	38.3	37.7	34.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3
White	51.9	51.6	51.6	51.3	54.1	52.5	52.1	47.4	54.2	52.2	52.7	50.4	51.7	51.8	51.0	49.0
Two or more races	3.9	4.4	4.7	5.6	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.9	3.4	3.5	3.9	5.3	4.4	4.6	5.1	5.3
Unknown	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.6	2.0	1.9	0.8	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.3
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	2.8	3.6	11.8	0.2	2.2	2.5	4.3	0.3	0.7	1.3	6.3

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	3,760	3,474	3,376	3,145
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,184	2,989	2,960	2,787

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.8	3.7	3.6	2.8
1 year	6.8	7.9	8.2	7.2
2 years	6.3	7.5	8.0	8.0
3 years	6.0	5.5	6.4	6.9
4 years	5.6	5.3	4.8	5.3
5 years	5.7	5.0	5.0	4.5
6 years	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.1
7 years	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.8
8 years	3.7	4.7	4.6	4.3
9 years	4.7	4.0	4.9	5.1
10 years	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.8
11 years	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.7
12 years	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.6
13 years	6.0	5.4	5.6	5.4
14 years	7.0	6.5	5.7	6.1
15 years	8.3	7.4	6.8	6.7
16 years	6.8	7.3	6.2	6.8
17 years	4.9	6.2	6.0	5.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	40.8	37.8	37.0	34.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.4
White	49.5	52.3	52.3	54.7
Two or more races	5.0	5.5	6.3	6.1
Unknown	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.4	1.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,779	1,638	1,453	1,359

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.4
1 year	14.2	12.5	13.1	15.3
2 years	12.9	13.8	16.0	15.5
3 years	10.4	9.2	10.0	11.0
4 years	7.3	8.9	7.8	9.5
5 years	5.6	7.0	6.3	5.1
6 years	5.8	6.5	5.6	5.4
7 years	4.3	5.7	5.3	6.6
8 years	5.5	3.5	4.8	4.3
9 years	4.5	4.4	3.6	4.3
10 years	3.4	4.9	3.2	3.3
11 years	3.5	4.3	3.4	3.2
12 years	3.5	3.2	2.8	3.0
13 years	3.8	2.6	3.2	2.7
14 years	2.6	3.4	2.8	2.1
15 years	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.3
16 years	3.1	2.4	3.5	1.5
17 years	2.9	1.7	1.8	1.0
18 years	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	34.2	34.5	30.7	30.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.2	4.8	5.0
White	56.4	54.0	57.5	55.9
Two or more races	4.5	5.7	6.4	8.7
Unknown	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.3
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.6	93.7	92.7	93.0
Children with one or more recurrences	6.4	6.3	7.3	7.0
Number	17,967	16,561	15,347	15,297

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.31	0.41	0.39
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.69	99.59	99.61
Number	26,397	24,476	22,199	20,994

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.9	15.1	14.4	15.2
Guardianship	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.4
Reunification	66.5	65.9	64.5	62.7
Other	13.6	13.9	16.1	17.6
Missing data	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.1
Number	11,873	10,804	10,075	8,928

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	22.3	24.8	30.8	22.9
Guardianship	3.7	2.6	3.9	2.3
Reunification	48.8	42.6	35.0	39.2
Other	23.8	27.9	29.1	34.4
Missing data	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.2
Number	709	613	611	572

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3
Guardianship	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.1
Reunification	58.4	59.4	55.3	53.4
Other	34.6	34.7	38.2	41.2
Missing data	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.0
Number	3,551	3,246	3,192	2,714

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.7	25.2	25.7	29.5
Children older than 12 at entry	76.3	74.7	74.3	70.5
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,402	1,330	1,453	1,416

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	10.0	18.2	20.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	13.5	14.2	12.4	13.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	25.0	9.1	26.7	15.4	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.8		
Reunification	70.0	54.5	40.0	55.6	55.0	81.8	60.0	76.9	65.7	64.1	64.4	59.8		
Other	20.0	27.3	40.0	22.2	20.0	0.0	13.3	7.7	16.1	16.8	19.0	23.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.3		
Number	20	11	5	9	20	22	15	13	4,454	3,955	3,595	3,124		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.1	16.8	19.1	22.1	15.6	15.6	15.7	16.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	3.9	3.3	1.6	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.8		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	66.7	68.2	68.1	64.6	63.8	66.9	66.1	63.3	62.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	9.6	10.9	12.5	12.1	12.3	12.9	15.6	16.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.7		
Number	1	3	1	6	425	411	367	307	6,434	5,643	5,308	4,502		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	9.8	15.2	5.1	3.7	19.4	24.5	23.5	24.7	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3		
Guardianship	5.4	3.4	8.0	7.4	4.4	2.1	2.5	2.5	5.0	3.8	6.0	3.7		
Reunification	76.1	74.5	82.5	78.7	63.9	61.1	60.8	60.2	95.0	89.7	88.5	88.0		
Other	7.6	5.5	4.4	5.6	11.5	11.6	12.7	12.2	0.0	4.7	4.0	4.2		
Missing data	1.1	1.4	0.0	4.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.0	1.3	1.2	3.9		
Number	92	145	137	108	407	380	395	477	20	234	252	382		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	74.1	71.9	70.0	73.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.6	21.4	23.2	20.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.4
48 or more mos.	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,894	7,123	6,499	5,601

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	74.0	74.5	75.0	73.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.4	10.8	10.8	10.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.5	13.0	13.1	13.0
Missing data	2.2	1.8	1.1	2.4
Number	10,998	10,136	8,668	9,042

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	7.3	5.6	6.1	4.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.8	26.5	28.1	29.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	24.0	29.2	29.9	32.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.8	19.5	17.8	17.9
48 or more mos.	20.0	19.2	18.1	16.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,772	1,632	1,453	1,359

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.4	90.0	91.1	91.3	69.3	70.7	70.4	72.9	35.1	35.3	37.0	38.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.1	9.5	8.6	8.3	30.7	29.2	29.6	27.1	64.8	64.7	63.0	61.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	13,625	12,339	10,825	10,741	5,715	5,465	5,097	4,450	7,057	6,672	6,277	5,803	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Institutions	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.9
Other settings	98.0	97.8	97.9	97.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,610	6,957	5,904	6,402

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	118.1	118.7	121.0	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)	71.5	69.9	68.5	70.9
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)	6.9	7.3	7.9	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	53.7	51.4	50.7	47.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.9	14.2	12.3	13.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	108.0	102.3	107.2	107.0
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?	38.1	32.0	34.2	33.7
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?	29.6	31.4	30.1	29.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.0	22.5	20.6	20.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	11.0	10.3	15.3	12.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	48.3	45.2	45.3	43.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	119.4	117.4	112.4	113.4
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?	25.2	26.3	24.4	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?	91.4	90.7	89.2	86.7
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?	41.6	42.7	43.5	41.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	102.6	103.9	105.0	106.6
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?	88.9	89.6	90.6	90.8
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?	69.5	70.8	70.4	73.1
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?	35.4	35.8	37.5	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	902,105	907,488	918,849	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.4	9.2	9.0	X
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.6	X
Black	9.4	9.4	9.3	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	12.2	12.3	13.1	X
White	61.7	61.5	60.8	X
Two or more races	5.8	6.0	6.0	X
Child population in poverty (%)	22.5	22.6	22.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	13,173	11,169	7,630	7,728
Foster care entry rate	7.4	6.4	5.1	4.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,831	10,592	8,780	7,848
Children adopted	1,271	1,516	1,564	1,622

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	72	73	76	82
Numerator	11,909	11,336	10,284	9,553
Denominator	16,444	15,516	13,589	11,711
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	100	99	97	96
Numerator	95,976	92,021	67,925	72,369
Denominator	96,382	92,549	69,941	75,396

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	64,287	71.3 per 1,000	62,682	69.1 per 1,000	51,861	56.4 per 1,000	48,895	53.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	13,173	14.6 per 1,000	11,169	12.3 per 1,000	7,630	8.3 per 1,000	7,728	8.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	3.3 per 100,000	31	3.4 per 100,000	23	2.5 per 100,000	27	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	17.4	18.0	17.9	18.6
1 year	8.5	8.8	8.8	9.2
2 years	8.4	7.7	8.0	8.4
3 years	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.5
4 years	7.2	6.7	7.0	6.5
5 years	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.1
6 years	6.0	5.9	6.3	5.3
7 years	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.2
8 years	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.6
9 years	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.5
10 years	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.2
11 years	3.5	3.2	3.8	4.2
12 years	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.2
13 years	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0
14 years	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.1
15 years	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.7
16 years	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.0
17 years	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Number	13,173	11,169	7,630	7,728

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.9	8.1	6.1	7.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	11.4	12.7	12.5	10.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.1	12.7	15.0	13.8
White	46.6	45.5	44.1	44.1
Two or more races	20.5	20.6	21.9	23.7
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Number	13,173	11,169	7,630	7,728

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	21.5	20.3	18.8	17.1
Medical neglect	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.1
Neglect	83.7	83.4	83.4	82.4
Physical abuse	16.7	16.9	18.3	14.4
Sexual abuse	6.2	6.3	7.2	7.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	13,173	11,169	7,630	7,728

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	96.8	95.0	79.9	77.9
Median	>48 but <72	>48 but <72	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	11,641	11,703	10,583	8,731	6,674	5,800	4,662	4,259	6,484	6,911	6,465	5,142	11,831	10,592	8,780	7,848
Median length of stay (months)	14.6	15.6	16.9	17.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.2	16.2	18.7	19.8	15.5	16.7	17.0	15.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.6	7.7	7.0	6.9	21.4	20.5	20.1	22.4	4.7	4.2	3.3	3.7	7.6	7.0	6.9	8.3
1 year	8.9	8.8	10.1	9.4	8.6	9.7	9.6	9.4	7.4	8.0	8.8	9.4	8.8	10.2	9.5	8.8
2 years	8.1	8.6	8.6	9.7	8.3	7.1	8.0	8.5	8.8	8.6	9.7	10.6	8.7	8.6	9.6	8.8
3 years	7.8	8.2	7.7	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.4	8.1	8.6	9.5	8.3	7.8	7.6	7.9
4 years	7.1	7.5	7.4	6.8	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.0	6.9
5 years	6.2	6.5	6.7	6.7	5.7	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.2	6.8	6.8	6.0	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.4
6 years	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.1	5.3	5.3	5.5	4.6	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.0
7 years	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.4	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.4
8 years	4.7	4.9	5.2	4.5	4.1	4.7	3.7	4.3	4.6	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.2	4.6	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.9	3.7	3.9	4.2	3.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.6
10 years	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.7	4.3	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.3
11 years	3.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	2.9	2.9	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.2
12 years	3.9	3.6	3.1	3.7	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.7	4.1
13 years	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.9	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.5
14 years	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6
15 years	4.7	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.2	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.1	3.0	2.7	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.9
16 years	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.4	2.6	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.1
17 years	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.7	6.8	4.1	2.7	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.0
18 years	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	3.9	5.9	7.2	5.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.8	8.9	9.2	8.3	8.3	9.3	8.0	9.1	8.5	8.3	8.9	8.3	8.8	9.5	8.7	8.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	16.2	16.3	17.2	17.7	14.6	15.6	16.1	11.4	14.5	14.7	15.9	16.4	16.2	17.0	17.6	15.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.9	14.6	15.0	15.5	14.7	14.6	15.3	13.9	13.1	14.3	15.1	14.7	14.7	14.9	15.1	15.2
White	39.1	38.1	36.6	35.1	41.4	40.2	39.3	43.1	43.4	41.6	39.2	38.8	38.0	37.0	36.1	37.0
Two or more races	21.9	22.0	22.0	23.2	20.7	19.9	20.8	22.3	20.2	20.9	20.6	21.6	22.2	21.6	22.4	23.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	4,026	3,776	3,438	2,869
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,539	2,547	2,294	1,919

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.9
1 year	7.7	8.8	7.8	7.5
2 years	8.6	8.5	9.4	8.4
3 years	8.1	7.2	7.1	7.6
4 years	7.9	7.9	6.3	7.5
5 years	6.6	7.0	7.3	5.8
6 years	6.1	6.1	6.7	5.9
7 years	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.1
8 years	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.6
9 years	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.4
10 years	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.5
11 years	4.2	4.6	5.1	5.1
12 years	4.7	4.3	5.1	5.2
13 years	4.5	4.4	4.5	5.2
14 years	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.2
15 years	6.2	5.7	5.2	5.3
16 years	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.3
17 years	2.2	2.5	2.4	1.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.8	8.2	7.7	7.2
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	19.9	20.2	20.9	19.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.0	15.0	16.4	16.9
White	35.4	35.3	34.1	33.4
Two or more races	20.9	21.3	20.9	23.1
Unknown	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	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,271	1,516	1,564	1,622

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.7
1 year	11.1	9.2	10.8	11.2
2 years	14.3	13.1	14.8	14.6
3 years	10.0	12.9	11.6	12.8
4 years	10.5	10.0	10.2	8.6
5 years	7.6	8.8	9.8	7.9
6 years	7.0	8.3	7.8	7.6
7 years	6.1	5.5	5.8	6.3
8 years	4.8	6.2	4.8	5.3
9 years	4.2	4.0	4.4	3.3
10 years	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.7
11 years	4.0	4.0	3.4	4.3
12 years	3.4	2.8	2.4	2.9
13 years	3.7	2.4	2.0	2.4
14 years	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.7
15 years	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.5
16 years	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.6
17 years	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.3
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.2	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	12.2	10.9	12.1	9.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	11.9	17.5	13.4	18.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.3	13.7	14.3	16.0
White	48.8	41.3	41.1	37.9
Two or more races	15.7	16.6	19.1	18.7
Unknown	0.0	<.1	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	90.6	91.8	94.1	94.1
Children with one or more recurrences	9.4	8.2	5.9	5.9
Number	5,965	5,172	3,613	3,517

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.22	0.92	0.57	0.79
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.78	99.08	99.43	99.21
Number	18,315	17,503	15,245	12,990

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.4	21.1	23.1	30.5
Guardianship	6.9	6.7	7.6	7.7
Reunification	63.5	62.4	59.3	51.2
Other	10.2	9.8	10.0	10.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,484	6,911	6,465	5,142

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	24.1	23.2	21.8	31.2
Guardianship	7.4	8.6	8.6	7.1
Reunification	34.6	40.6	44.6	37.8
Other	33.9	27.6	25.0	23.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	638	909	1,107	1,165

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.1	3.1	4.0	6.4
Guardianship	6.3	7.3	8.4	9.6
Reunification	55.9	55.9	54.5	47.9
Other	35.7	33.8	33.1	36.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,145	1,110	967	668

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.2	32.9	39.8	43.7
Children older than 12 at entry	68.6	67.1	60.2	56.3
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	516	502	485	380

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	24.6	21.5	22.0	24.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	25.6	20.1	34.9		
Guardianship	7.5	6.1	6.8	7.3	0.0	4.8	0.0	10.0	5.1	4.5	7.0	8.2		
Reunification	52.9	55.2	51.9	47.3	64.3	90.5	100.0	90.0	68.2	59.5	61.4	46.2		
Other	15.0	17.2	19.3	20.8	35.7	4.8	0.0	0.0	11.3	10.3	11.5	10.7		
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	548	571	576	427	14	21	17	10	940	1,016	1,027	842		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	40.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	18.3	20.6	22.2	33.7	21.8	21.2	25.0	30.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	6.7	7.5	5.0	7.2	7.8	7.7	7.7		
Reunification	60.0	100.0	80.0	0.0	68.3	64.3	63.1	52.7	61.1	62.3	59.1	53.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	8.4	7.2	8.6	9.8	8.7	8.2	8.5		
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	5	3	5	0	851	985	974	754	2,816	2,873	2,535	1,996		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.7	18.2	23.2	27.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	6.5	8.4	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.6	65.5	57.8	51.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	9.8	10.6	12.1	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	0	0	0	0	1,310	1,442	1,331	1,113	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	57.3	54.4	47.9	47.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.1	29.8	34.3	34.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.3	10.9	11.7	11.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.9	3.2	4.6	4.7
48 or more mos.	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	4,117	4,310	3,834	2,632

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	85.6	84.8	83.1	84.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.3	6.0	6.8	5.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.7	9.0	9.9	9.9
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.2	<.1
Number	6,674	5,800	4,662	4,259

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	2.1	2.3	3.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.9	21.7	24.1	24.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.9	33.7	31.9	30.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.3	22.6	22.2	21.7
48 or more mos.	17.2	19.8	19.5	19.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,259	1,457	1,492	1,567

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.1	73.3	73.7	72.1	47.1	48.1	47.2	47.2	25.0	26.2	25.3	22.8	0.0	100.0	100.0	87.5
Children with 3 or more placements	26.7	25.6	25.4	27.8	52.8	51.8	52.8	52.7	75.0	73.8	74.6	77.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.1	1.1	0.9	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5
Number	7,529	6,611	5,408	4,857	4,883	4,767	4,088	3,336	5,903	6,120	5,741	4,781	0	5	8	16

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	12.1	15.0	14.3	8.0
Institutions	1.6	2.7	2.2	2.3
Other settings	86.3	82.3	83.4	89.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,558	4,824	3,924	3,667

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	116.9	114.7	109.0	112.4
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)	62.6	61.3	54.8	57.1
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)	8.6	9.2	10.7	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)	29.4	33.3	34.6	30.8
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?	8.3	8.2	8.3	6.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	100.9	103.9	106.3	124.1
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?	27.6	23.8	26.4	28.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.5	33.3	32.2	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?	20.9	24.5	26.7	30.4
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	16.3	18.6	16.3	23.0
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?	44.0	40.2	42.2	47.9

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	111.1	113.0	109.6	111.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.5	34.4	36.3	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?	88.3	87.3	86.3	88.2
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?	53.9	55.9	61.2	64.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	73.0	73.8	73.7	72.8
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?	68.7	68.9	69.6	69.5
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?	47.2	48.1	47.2	47.2
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?	24.9	26.2	25.5	22.8

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	866,354	870,586	872,811	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.3	1.3	X
Asian	3.6	3.6	3.8	X
Black	2.4	2.4	2.5	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Hispanic (of any race)	18.5	19.0	19.8	X
White	69.8	69.2	68.0	X
Two or more races	4.1	4.3	4.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	16.9	18.1	19.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	11,552	11,042	11,802	11,734
Foster care entry rate	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,632	9,058	8,689	9,012
Children adopted	1,016	1,050	1,101	780

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	43	40	44	47
Numerator	5,502	4,672	5,212	5,448
Denominator	12,722	11,596	11,857	11,708
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	35	65	64	68
Numerator	11,742	25,329	20,443	23,471
Denominator	33,692	38,694	31,820	34,641

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	42,198	48.7 per 1,000	43,703	50.2 per 1,000	46,592	53.4 per 1,000	46,478	53.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	11,552	13.3 per 1,000	11,042	12.7 per 1,000	11,802	13.5 per 1,000	11,734	13.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	1.4 per 100,000	14	1.6 per 100,000	13	1.5 per 100,000	22	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.7	13.5	12.2	12.1
1 year	8.2	8.1	7.8	8.0
2 years	7.9	7.3	8.2	7.7
3 years	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.5
4 years	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.5
5 years	6.2	6.4	6.0	6.4
6 years	6.3	5.7	6.0	5.7
7 years	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.3
8 years	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.5
9 years	4.8	5.7	5.7	4.9
10 years	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5
11 years	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.6
12 years	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.1
13 years	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2
14 years	3.6	3.9	3.5	4.1
15 years	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8
16 years	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.8
17 years	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	11,552	11,042	11,802	11,734

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.3	3.3	2.5	2.1
Asian	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.9
Black	6.2	4.8	4.8	4.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	13.7	15.2	16.6	15.3
White	66.6	55.1	54.7	56.6
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	6.9	16.4	20.3	20.5
Number	11,552	11,042	11,802	11,734

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.0
Medical neglect	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.7
Neglect	37.8	36.9	36.9	37.4
Physical abuse	8.5	9.2	8.5	7.8
Sexual abuse	9.6	9.8	8.5	8.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	56.5	56.9	60.5	60.2
Number	11,552	11,042	11,802	11,734

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	10,435	9,408	8,827	8,459	4,625	4,557	4,607	4,816	5,428	4,907	4,745	4,263	9,632	9,058	8,689	9,012
Median length of stay (months)	16.5	18.6	18.2	15.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.1	16.3	16.6	15.3	18.5	18.1	15.4	14.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.4	19.7	18.6	16.7	16.2	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.7	6.0	6.0	5.4	5.4
1 year	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.7	9.1	8.9	9.1	9.0	7.7	8.0	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.4
2 years	7.1	7.7	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.3	8.1	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.4	9.3	7.7	7.6	7.1	7.8
3 years	6.8	6.9	6.3	6.8	7.3	6.3	6.7	7.8	7.9	8.5	8.7	8.3	6.9	6.3	6.7	6.8
4 years	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.8	6.0	7.0	6.9	7.7	7.4	7.7	7.4	5.8	6.1	5.8	6.6
5 years	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.8	4.8	5.8	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.9	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2
6 years	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.6	5.2
7 years	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.6	6.0	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4
8 years	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.0	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.3	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.6
9 years	4.3	4.7	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.6	4.6	3.9	4.0
10 years	4.5	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.7	4.3	4.5	3.5	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.1
11 years	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.2	3.7	4.4	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.5
13 years	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.0	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3
14 years	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.7	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.8
15 years	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.4	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.8	5.5	5.4	5.1
16 years	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.9	2.6	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.4	5.5	5.0	5.8	5.3
17 years	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.3	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.5	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.5	5.1	5.3	5.3	4.9
18 years	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.3	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.5	2.7	3.0	3.2	2.8
19 years	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.6	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.3	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.7
20 years	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.7	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.4	2.2	1.4	0.8	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.3	5.3	2.1	1.6	1.0	3.8	1.9	1.3	1.0
Asian	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	2.9	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	3.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	8.0	10.6	13.4	12.5	13.6	15.0	14.0	11.2	10.7	12.4	15.8	9.9	9.3	12.0	12.6
White	59.5	60.1	57.8	57.6	57.4	54.7	53.0	59.5	59.6	59.2	57.2	57.9	58.4	57.9	55.5	58.4
Two or more races	11.1	18.8	21.8	23.8	13.8	14.7	17.3	15.8	8.0	14.6	17.0	19.0	14.1	19.0	22.1	21.7
Unknown	10.9	9.4	7.3	3.4	12.1	13.7	11.4	7.7	12.0	11.6	10.3	5.3	10.9	10.3	7.7	4.8
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,529	2,218	1,845	1,828
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,512	1,461	1,241	1,070

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.3	1.8	2.4	1.9
1 year	8.4	8.2	8.9	8.9
2 years	10.7	11.5	10.6	11.0
3 years	9.1	9.4	9.9	9.5
4 years	9.4	8.7	7.8	8.5
5 years	7.8	8.3	7.7	7.3
6 years	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.6
7 years	7.6	6.2	6.7	6.2
8 years	5.8	6.2	6.2	5.6
9 years	6.3	5.0	4.9	5.0
10 years	4.5	5.6	4.6	4.4
11 years	4.6	3.8	5.1	4.4
12 years	4.0	4.1	3.5	4.6
13 years	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.7
14 years	3.1	2.4	3.1	3.7
15 years	2.7	3.1	2.2	3.0
16 years	2.4	3.0	3.1	2.2
17 years	1.5	2.3	3.0	2.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	4.2	1.9	0.7	0.4
Asian	0.5	0.3	<.1	0.2
Black	3.4	1.0	0.7	0.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	9.1	8.1	12.6	13.5
White	56.9	58.8	56.3	59.4
Two or more races	12.4	18.6	22.6	22.8
Unknown	13.5	11.2	7.1	2.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,016	1,050	1,101	780

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3
1 year	9.8	7.4	8.4	9.6
2 years	15.9	14.9	14.1	15.0
3 years	12.7	13.0	13.2	15.3
4 years	10.3	10.9	11.8	10.3
5 years	7.9	10.5	8.4	9.6
6 years	8.5	8.5	8.4	7.9
7 years	5.9	7.1	6.1	4.9
8 years	5.8	6.1	6.6	7.6
9 years	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.3
10 years	5.3	3.7	4.4	4.0
11 years	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.3
12 years	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.1
13 years	2.6	1.6	1.8	1.0
14 years	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.7
15 years	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.5
16 years	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.1
17 years	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6
18 years	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.3
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
Black	2.7	3.5	4.4	3.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.6	19.3	20.4	21.0
White	73.4	69.7	67.2	65.9
Two or more races	7.8	7.0	7.4	9.0
Unknown	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.5	93.7	93.5	95.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.5	6.3	6.5	4.2
Number	5,669	5,117	5,681	5,626

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.94	0.59	0.41	0.48
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.06	99.41	99.59	99.52
Number	15,060	13,965	13,434	13,275

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	18.8	21.5	23.2	18.4
Guardianship	6.1	6.5	6.1	4.7
Reunification	64.5	60.6	59.0	64.0
Other	8.4	9.3	9.4	10.8
Missing data	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.1
Number	5,428	4,907	4,745	4,263

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	26.4	26.3	29.2	23.5
Guardianship	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.8
Reunification	49.0	45.4	41.1	42.4
Other	16.7	19.9	20.4	24.5
Missing data	3.4	3.0	4.0	3.8
Number	1,269	1,057	1,025	1,003

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.6	1.4	1.3	0.7
Guardianship	5.9	5.3	5.0	3.0
Reunification	56.8	55.6	52.5	55.1
Other	32.4	33.0	35.3	35.9
Missing data	4.2	4.7	5.9	5.4
Number	825	719	706	728

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	41.6	47.6	43.1	49.6
Children older than 12 at entry	58.4	52.4	56.9	50.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	310	294	255	240

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	28.7	32.7	26.9	2.3	26.9	35.7	50.0	0.0	20.2	50.9	21.4	10.0		
Guardianship	12.9	18.8	15.4	14.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	7.3	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	45.5	34.7	52.6	79.1	53.8	42.9	20.0	85.7	52.1	29.1	64.3	73.3		
Other	10.1	11.9	3.8	2.3	7.7	14.3	20.0	0.0	16.0	3.6	7.1	16.7		
Missing data	2.8	2.0	1.3	2.3	3.8	7.1	10.0	14.3	4.9	9.1	7.1	0.0		
Number	286	101	78	43	26	14	10	7	163	55	42	30		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	8.7	9.5	8.3	0.0	16.1	10.2	15.6	17.7	18.2	22.5	23.9	18.0		
Guardianship	4.3	0.0	8.3	14.3	6.1	6.6	2.5	5.0	5.7	6.5	6.1	4.7		
Reunification	78.3	76.2	50.0	57.1	70.9	76.3	74.9	69.6	65.0	58.6	57.4	63.7		
Other	8.7	4.8	25.0	14.3	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.5	9.0	10.5	10.3	11.5		
Missing data	0.0	9.5	8.3	14.3	0.7	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.1		
Number	23	21	12	7	608	527	589	674	3,237	2,904	2,716	2,468		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.0	27.7	29.3	18.3	10.6	17.2	22.1	21.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.5	6.1	5.3	0.4	5.5	5.5	8.8	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.1	58.8	53.8	65.6	71.4	64.5	56.9	58.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.9	5.6	8.6	13.8	8.5	10.6	10.4	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	1.4	1.8	3.1	1.8	3.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	651	570	491	224	434	715	807	810	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	54.0	58.5	59.4	57.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	35.3	29.0	28.1	31.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.4	8.1	7.4	7.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	2.3	2.0	1.6
48 or more mos.	1.8	2.2	3.1	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,503	2,974	2,800	2,730

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.6	80.9	80.5	79.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.7	8.1	7.9	8.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	11.0	11.6	12.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,625	4,557	4,607	4,816

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	1.5	0.5	1.2	1.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	17.6	14.8	16.7	20.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	39.7	33.8	33.6	35.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.3	31.9	25.6	23.2
48 or more mos.	17.8	19.0	23.0	19.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,020	1,055	1,099	785

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.9	84.4	87.4	88.0	64.9	62.4	63.6	68.1	35.1	36.0	33.4	32.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.1	15.6	12.6	12.0	35.1	37.6	36.4	31.9	64.9	64.0	66.6	67.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,603	5,452	5,477	5,636	3,808	3,066	3,062	3,190	5,636	5,438	4,874	4,418	13	9	21	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Institutions	3.5	3.3	0.9	0.9
Other settings	96.3	96.4	99.0	99.0
Missing data	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	3,865	3,743	3,772	4,000

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	115.1	121.4	125.0	116.8
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)	65.7	68.7	71.4	70.6
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)	8.3	7.3	6.9	6.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.4	45.2	43.5	42.9
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?	11.3	11.9	10.2	13.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	100.3	96.8	109.1	97.9
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?	19.1	15.3	17.8	21.8
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?	33.3	36.2	35.5	33.0
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?	20.2	22.7	26.2	20.7
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	13.2	11.5	12.3	8.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	52.8	55.2	61.0	56.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	106.8	108.3	113.2	108.5
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?	26.2	29.2	32.2	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?	97.4	98.2	98.9	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?	65.7	66.5	63.8	59.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	96.4	96.0	98.1	100.7
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?	82.9	83.5	86.8	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?	64.9	62.4	63.8	68.2
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?	35.9	36.7	34.0	33.9

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 Oregon's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Time to Investigation

The Oregon SACWIS does not collect data at the child level on nonvictims. Therefore the Oregon Child File only reports on victims and cannot be used to calculate the Time to Investigation. In compliance with NCANDS requirements, Oregon calculates and submits the mean response time via the NCANDS SDC file.

In Oregon, all reports of child abuse/neglect that are referred for investigation are assigned a response time. There are two types of response times in Oregon – "within 24 hours" and "within 5 days." As reported to NCANDS, the mean time to investigate for investigations is:

2007: 109.0 hours

2008: 89.5 hours

2009: 100.5 hours

2010: 99.3 hours

Overview Maltreatment Information

The number of children as subjects of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment is an estimate. The Oregon SACWIS does not collect data at the child level on nonvictims.

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims

Please note that because of the submission process used for child victims, the race/ethnicity of children who have more than one race is reported in the "Missing Data" category. For additional information, please refer to Oregon's publication "2010 CW Data Book" located at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/publications/children/index.shtml>

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims

Oregon's maltreatment type "threat of harm" is captured in the category of "Other."

Pennsylvania

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	2,817,244	2,795,791	2,775,132	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	2.7	2.7	2.9	X
Black	13.2	13.1	13.1	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	8.1	8.7	X
White	73.9	73.7	72.8	X
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	2.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	16.3	16.8	17.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	4,177	4,055	4,084	3,706
Foster care entry rate	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	21,101	19,380	17,096	15,708
Children adopted	1,940	2,090	2,243	2,388

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	77	81	92	92
Numerator	290	307	350	347
Denominator	379	381	380	379
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	94	97	97	99
Numerator	2,169	2,401	2,553	2,646
Denominator	2,310	2,473	2,625	2,660

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,513	8.3 per 1,000	25,051	9.0 per 1,000	25,839	9.3 per 1,000	24,840	9.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	4,177	1.5 per 1,000	4,055	1.5 per 1,000	4,084	1.5 per 1,000	3,706	1.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	47	1.7 per 100,000	45	1.6 per 100,000	40	1.4 per 100,000	29	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.4	5.7	6.7	6.5
1 year	3.4	3.9	4.1	3.0
2 years	2.5	3.4	3.7	3.6
3 years	4.2	4.1	3.5	4.0
4 years	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.9
5 years	4.7	4.9	4.8	5.2
6 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.7
7 years	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.5
8 years	5.7	4.8	4.6	5.6
9 years	5.2	4.4	5.0	4.8
10 years	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.7
11 years	5.7	5.1	5.1	5.2
12 years	6.6	5.4	5.2	5.7
13 years	7.3	7.4	6.7	6.5
14 years	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.4
15 years	8.0	8.3	8.5	9.4
16 years	6.9	7.2	7.7	6.6
17 years	4.4	5.5	5.6	5.5
18+ years	1.6	1.8	2.3	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	4,177	4,055	4,084	3,706

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Missing data	—	—	—	—
Number	4,177	4,055	4,084	3,706

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1
Medical neglect	2.5	3.1	2.7	2.6
Neglect	3.0	3.9	3.7	2.7
Physical abuse	34.5	31.5	32.6	31.8
Sexual abuse	60.6	61.7	61.5	62.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,177	4,055	4,084	3,706

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	20,148	19,693	18,502	16,328	13,917	12,421	10,860	10,143	12,964	12,734	12,266	10,763	21,101	19,380	17,096	15,708
Median length of stay (months)	14.9	14.7	15.6	15.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.6	11.7	12.7	13.5	14.6	15.6	15.6	14.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.8	13.4	13.0	13.6	14.0	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	5.2	4.6	4.8	5.4
1 year	5.8	6.2	6.5	6.9	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.5	4.4	4.9	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.6
2 years	5.2	5.8	6.0	6.2	4.1	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.2	6.4	6.6	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.2
3 years	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.2	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.2	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.1
4 years	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.6	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4
5 years	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
6 years	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.9	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.6
7 years	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.6	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.4
8 years	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2
9 years	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.8
10 years	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	2.9
11 years	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.1
12 years	4.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.3
13 years	5.2	5.0	4.2	4.0	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.6	5.0	4.2	4.0	3.8
14 years	6.3	6.4	6.2	5.3	8.5	8.1	7.6	7.3	5.8	5.8	5.3	4.8	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.0
15 years	8.9	8.0	8.1	7.4	11.7	11.9	11.2	10.6	9.0	8.5	7.7	6.6	8.1	8.4	7.7	7.2
16 years	10.1	10.1	9.2	9.9	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.2	11.4	11.1	10.3	9.8	10.2	9.6	10.2	9.2
17 years	9.8	9.5	9.9	9.9	8.7	9.2	9.4	9.1	14.1	12.5	10.4	10.9	9.5	9.9	9.8	10.9
18 years	3.8	3.4	3.7	4.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	8.1	8.0	9.0	8.2	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.5
19 years	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.9
20 years	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
Black	45.9	46.0	44.7	45.6	41.7	40.1	40.5	42.4	41.3	42.0	40.7	42.1	46.0	44.8	44.9	45.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	9.0	10.1	10.7	9.0	10.3	10.4	12.0	9.5	9.1	10.4	11.2	8.7	9.7	10.1	11.2
White	40.7	40.2	40.5	39.5	42.8	44.4	42.9	41.4	45.0	44.7	44.6	42.8	39.5	39.9	39.1	38.4
Two or more races	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.2
Unknown	3.2	3.6	3.4	2.7	5.3	4.1	4.8	2.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.2	4.6	4.3	4.6	2.6
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	3,470	3,121	3,107	2,639
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,765	1,709	1,720	1,586

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.8
1 year	7.9	7.5	8.9	7.7
2 years	9.5	10.1	9.5	10.6
3 years	8.9	9.3	8.7	8.6
4 years	7.8	7.4	8.6	8.3
5 years	6.8	7.2	7.6	7.4
6 years	7.2	6.0	6.9	6.3
7 years	5.5	6.7	6.0	6.3
8 years	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.7
9 years	4.9	5.8	5.1	5.0
10 years	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.6
11 years	4.6	4.2	3.9	5.0
12 years	4.3	4.8	4.4	3.8
13 years	4.9	4.1	3.6	4.2
14 years	5.0	4.7	3.8	3.4
15 years	3.8	4.8	4.6	3.9
16 years	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.1
17 years	3.1	3.0	2.4	3.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.5	0.2	<.1	0.2
Black	44.6	43.4	40.5	39.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	10.2	10.9	11.2
White	41.0	41.5	40.8	43.1
Two or more races	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.1
Unknown	3.6	3.4	6.3	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,940	2,090	2,243	2,388

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.6	1.3	1.4	0.9
1 year	9.9	10.6	10.2	11.4
2 years	14.2	14.2	15.2	14.4
3 years	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.7
4 years	8.9	9.8	9.8	9.6
5 years	8.5	8.5	9.1	8.5
6 years	7.3	7.1	6.6	7.2
7 years	6.3	6.8	7.3	6.0
8 years	5.2	5.0	5.9	5.9
9 years	5.4	4.2	4.4	4.6
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5
11 years	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.5
12 years	3.9	3.7	3.1	2.6
13 years	3.6	2.3	2.4	2.8
14 years	1.8	2.6	1.6	2.0
15 years	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.2
16 years	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.2
17 years	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.6
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
19 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3
Asian	0.7	0.3	0.5	<.1
Black	39.0	39.0	38.7	40.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.0	9.2	10.4	13.3
White	47.5	49.3	47.8	44.1
Two or more races	0.9	1.1	1.8	1.4
Unknown	0.6	1.0	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.

Pennsylvania

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	97.0	97.6	97.4	97.4
Children with one or more recurrences	3.0	2.4	2.6	2.6
Number	1,920	1,912	1,919	1,750

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.13
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.80	99.79	99.81	99.87
Number	34,065	32,114	29,362	26,471

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.7	16.3	18.2	22.1
Guardianship	5.6	6.6	8.4	8.9
Reunification	63.3	60.7	58.4	55.7
Other	16.4	16.4	15.0	13.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	12,964	12,734	12,266	10,763

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	15.8	17.2	21.4	24.1
Guardianship	3.7	4.5	4.7	4.5
Reunification	57.9	54.7	51.5	51.1
Other	22.7	23.6	22.4	20.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,545	2,528	2,376	2,152

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Guardianship	2.4	2.8	3.7	4.4
Reunification	70.2	68.7	67.6	69.0
Other	26.8	28.0	28.0	25.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	6,168	5,743	5,177	4,409

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	24.4	25.0	23.2	18.6
Children older than 12 at entry	75.6	75.0	76.8	81.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,042	1,003	942	881

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	46.7	15.8	15.8	30.4	16.0	10.8	18.3	0.0	13.0	14.7	16.8	20.3		
Guardianship	6.7	10.5	0.0	4.3	2.0	4.6	1.7	10.3	7.3	8.2	10.6	11.2		
Reunification	6.7	52.6	78.9	47.8	60.0	55.4	58.3	82.8	58.6	55.7	53.0	52.6		
Other	40.0	21.1	5.3	17.4	22.0	29.2	21.7	5.2	21.2	21.4	19.5	15.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1		
Number	15	19	19	23	50	65	60	58	5,353	5,351	4,988	4,531		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	15.9	17.8	25.0	15.8	18.2	19.6	22.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.9	4.8	6.2	4.7	5.5	6.9	7.6		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	66.0	64.8	61.9	57.8	67.3	64.3	62.4	57.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	16.4	15.3	11.1	12.2	12.0	11.1	12.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	0	0	2	1,236	1,158	1,272	1,210	5,835	5,693	5,472	4,607		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	14.5	7.8	9.4	24.7	23.6	35.9	41.5	37.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	6.0	10.4	17.5	7.9	4.2	4.7	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	62.8	67.7	59.8	60.3	65.3	54.7	52.1	50.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	16.7	14.1	13.3	7.1	6.9	4.7	6.4	9.7	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	401	384	361	239	72	64	94	93	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	72.8	70.7	69.1	70.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.8	19.1	20.1	19.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.8	5.9	6.2	5.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.2
48 or more mos.	2.4	2.3	2.3	1.9
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	8,209	7,728	7,162	5,990

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	69.6	68.0	67.1	67.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	21.7	22.4	23.3	23.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	9.6	9.5	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	13,917	12,421	10,860	10,143

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.5	3.6	3.5	2.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.7	25.0	22.2	27.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.2	31.4	36.2	31.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.6	21.0	20.2	22.1
48 or more mos.	17.0	19.0	17.9	16.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,909	2,073	2,228	2,374

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.4	87.0	86.9	86.2	67.7	68.1	64.5	65.2	42.0	42.8	43.0	40.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.6	13.0	13.1	13.8	32.3	31.9	35.5	34.8	58.0	57.2	57.0	59.1	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	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	16,060	14,393	12,901	11,811	7,608	7,483	6,712	6,092	10,373	10,173	9,707	8,527	24	65	42	41

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.7	2.9	2.3	1.8
Institutions	2.6	2.6	1.8	1.8
Other settings	94.7	94.6	95.9	96.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,185	6,404	5,712	5,504

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	88.7	88.6	86.4	89.3
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)	71.0	69.0	67.4	69.0
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)	6.7	6.9	7.6	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)	43.6	43.4	46.3	45.8
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?	28.1	27.6	27.2	25.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	104.8	108.2	119.5	133.1
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?	24.1	28.6	25.7	30.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.4	31.4	31.6	31.0
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?	21.3	22.9	26.4	30.4
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	9.8	9.8	12.3	14.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	63.6	65.2	69.3	71.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	135.5	136.2	143.1	148.7
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?	29.9	32.4	36.1	39.5
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?	97.1	97.4	97.6	98.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	30.4	34.2	30.4	28.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	102.9	103.1	101.8	101.0
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?	86.4	85.9	86.0	85.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	67.7	68.1	64.5	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?	43.2	44.4	44.7	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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.

Puerto Rico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,002,111	981,918	963,847	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	X
Asian	—	—	—	X
Black	—	—	—	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	X
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	X
White	—	—	—	X
Two or more races	—	—	—	X
Child population in poverty (%)	55.3	56.4	57.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	10,696	14,109	11,891	11,723
Foster care entry rate	2.1	1.9	1.2	0.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,583	6,515	5,748	5,376
Children adopted	180	152	202	105

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	56	50	18	28
Numerator	—	43,685	1,072	1,570
Denominator	—	86,664	5,809	5,627
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	100	50	76	70
Numerator	—	—	7,251	7,803
Denominator	—	—	9,501	11,184

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,810	32.7 per 1,000	35,899	36.6 per 1,000	40,712	42.2 per 1,000	32,490	33.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	10,696	10.7 per 1,000	14,109	14.4 per 1,000	11,891	12.3 per 1,000	11,723	12.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.2 per 100,000	5	0.5 per 100,000	8	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.2	3.6	2.2	2.7
1 year	3.7	5.0	4.6	5.5
2 years	4.3	5.2	7.1	6.8
3 years	4.3	5.6	6.6	6.4
4 years	4.3	5.9	6.7	6.1
5 years	4.2	6.2	6.4	6.4
6 years	4.7	5.7	6.1	5.7
7 years	3.9	5.9	6.0	5.8
8 years	4.0	6.1	5.7	5.6
9 years	4.3	5.6	5.2	5.8
10 years	3.8	5.2	5.3	5.5
11 years	4.1	5.3	4.9	4.9
12 years	4.0	5.3	5.0	5.2
13 years	4.1	6.0	5.7	6.0
14 years	4.2	6.5	5.8	5.7
15 years	3.8	6.2	5.7	6.1
16 years	3.3	5.2	5.4	5.0
17 years	1.8	3.8	4.0	3.8
18+ years	0.3	1.5	1.5	1.0
Missing data	28.6	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	10,696	14,109	11,891	11,723

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	55.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	41.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	10,696	14,109	11,891	11,723

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	34.1	34.1	36.3	36.8
Medical neglect	7.9	5.6	5.9	5.3
Neglect	66.0	61.7	59.6	52.4
Physical abuse	25.1	20.3	20.0	23.1
Sexual abuse	5.6	4.5	2.1	2.1
Missing data	0.0	14.1	14.8	17.8
Other	4.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Number	10,696	14,109	11,891	11,723

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	1192.5	1359.9	424.9	—
Median	>480 but <504	>360 but <384	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	5,962	6,107	6,022	5,336	2,147	1,825	1,178	819	1,526	1,419	1,452	779	6,583	6,515	5,748	5,376
Median length of stay (months)	37.1	28.9	27.0	34.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.3	15.7	18.8	21.8	33.1	29.3	35.1	43.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.8	3.6	3.0	2.4	13.0	14.7	13.8	14.2	4.3	4.9	2.3	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.1	1.5
1 year	3.4	3.3	4.5	3.7	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.7	6.2	6.4	7.0	6.4	3.1	4.2	3.5	2.9
2 years	3.6	4.1	3.5	4.5	5.9	5.4	6.1	5.1	6.4	5.6	5.8	8.2	3.8	3.2	4.1	3.6
3 years	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.8	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.4	6.7	6.7	6.5	8.2	3.7	4.1	3.4	3.9
4 years	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.4	5.7	5.4	5.5	4.3	6.9	7.4	6.7	5.0	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.6
5 years	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.3	5.4	6.0	4.2	4.6	6.7	5.6	5.8	6.0	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.1
6 years	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.1	5.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	6.9	5.4	5.3	4.2	4.4	4.6	3.7	4.1
7 years	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.4	5.3	5.2	4.7	3.8	6.6	5.3	5.4	6.2	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.0
8 years	5.8	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.4	4.6	3.8	3.2	6.2	5.9	5.5	5.4	4.7	4.9	4.7	5.0
9 years	5.9	6.0	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.2	5.2	5.2	6.0	4.6	5.4	4.8	4.8	5.1
10 years	5.8	6.3	6.3	5.4	4.3	3.9	3.3	3.5	4.7	5.4	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.8	4.9	5.0
11 years	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.3	4.3	3.3	3.9	5.0	5.0	4.4	5.2	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.3
12 years	6.5	6.8	6.6	7.1	4.5	5.3	4.6	3.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.2
13 years	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	5.5	4.7	6.2	6.0	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	7.1
14 years	8.0	7.5	7.9	8.2	5.5	5.4	6.2	7.7	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.2	6.9	7.3	7.4	7.3
15 years	8.8	8.8	8.2	9.1	5.9	6.2	7.0	6.2	4.7	5.4	5.9	6.2	8.1	7.5	8.4	8.5
16 years	6.7	6.8	7.4	6.7	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.3	5.1	8.8	8.7	8.4	9.2
17 years	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.5	2.2	3.1	3.1	1.7	2.8	4.6	4.0	2.7	6.2	6.3	7.4	6.5
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	4.9	5.2	5.8	6.3
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	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.0	2.1	5.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.8

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	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
Asian	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
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)	99.0	99.0	99.1	98.8	99.0	99.1	97.4	97.7	98.8	98.7	98.7	98.8	99.0	99.1	98.8	98.6
White	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Two or more races	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
Unknown	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	2.1	1.3	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,205	1,148	1,039	1,061
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	173	128	57	34

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.7	3.7	2.3	1.4
1 year	5.8	7.0	3.8	2.2
2 years	6.3	5.1	6.8	3.9
3 years	6.1	5.7	4.7	5.6
4 years	5.6	5.7	4.8	4.9
5 years	8.2	5.5	5.5	5.6
6 years	8.5	7.8	5.1	5.6
7 years	8.7	8.3	7.8	5.4
8 years	8.8	8.4	8.8	7.4
9 years	9.0	8.5	7.7	8.7
10 years	7.9	9.0	8.4	8.2
11 years	6.1	7.5	8.7	7.7
12 years	4.5	5.9	8.4	8.7
13 years	2.7	4.5	6.2	9.0
14 years	2.2	3.0	4.5	6.2
15 years	1.8	2.0	3.2	4.6
16 years	1.6	1.6	2.0	3.1
17 years	0.5	1.0	1.3	2.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.1
White	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	180	152	202	105

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.2	2.0	3.0	3.8
1 year	6.7	6.6	8.4	8.6
2 years	7.2	9.2	5.9	13.3
3 years	7.8	6.6	6.9	9.5
4 years	10.0	9.9	7.4	4.8
5 years	12.2	10.5	6.9	10.5
6 years	4.4	7.9	6.4	10.5
7 years	12.8	7.9	6.9	6.7
8 years	9.4	11.2	5.4	6.7
9 years	7.8	4.6	5.9	3.8
10 years	3.9	7.2	3.0	7.6
11 years	3.3	6.6	6.9	5.7
12 years	3.3	3.9	8.4	1.9
13 years	3.3	2.0	5.9	1.0
14 years	1.7	0.0	4.0	0.0
15 years	1.1	2.0	3.0	3.8
16 years	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.0
17 years	0.6	0.7	1.5	0.0
18 years	0.6	0.0	0.5	1.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.5	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)	99.4	100.0	99.0	99.0
White	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	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.

Puerto Rico

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.5	97.7	97.2	97.3
Children with one or more recurrences	3.5	2.3	2.8	2.7
Number	5,573	6,319	4,768	6,226

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.06	0.04	0.26	0.32
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.94	99.96	99.74	99.68
Number	8,109	7,932	7,200	6,155

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	9.6	9.6	9.2	11.7
Guardianship	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0
Reunification	85.9	85.0	85.4	84.7
Other	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.1
Missing data	1.0	2.3	2.3	1.5
Number	1,526	1,419	1,452	779

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.4	6.5	9.4	17.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	80.1	85.0	84.8	71.8
Other	6.8	6.5	2.9	6.4
Missing data	0.6	2.0	2.9	3.8
Number	161	153	171	78

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	86.7	87.6	89.3	94.1
Other	10.9	9.9	9.4	4.9
Missing data	2.4	2.6	1.3	1.0
Number	211	233	234	102

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50.0	45.8	54.5	42.9
Children older than 12 at entry	43.3	50.0	45.5	42.9
Missing data	6.7	4.2	0.0	14.3
Number	30	24	22	7

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
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
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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
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	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	9.7	9.3	11.8	18.2	0.0	14.3	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.9	84.8	85.3	84.7	81.8	100.0	85.7	100.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	0	0	0	0	1,508	1,400	1,433	770	11	16	7	3
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
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
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	90.9	80.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	9.1	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	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	0	3	11	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	38.4	38.6	26.5	27.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	40.0	37.0	44.0	35.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.1	10.3	16.5	22.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	3.8	4.2	5.5
48 or more mos.	9.2	9.7	8.5	9.1
Missing data	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3
Number	1,311	1,206	1,240	660

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	92.4	94.7	90.5	90.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.1	1.3	2.0	1.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.7	2.8	6.5	5.6
Missing data	2.8	1.2	1.0	2.3
Number	2,147	1,825	1,178	819

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	8.2	13.2	9.0	8.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	18.5	16.9	16.4	23.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.4	14.7	20.9	16.5
48 or more mos.	56.2	54.4	53.0	48.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	146	136	134	91

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.5	99.8	99.3	99.9	99.6	99.3	99.2	99.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	<.1	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,444	2,129	1,417	940	1,466	1,760	1,620	1,065	4,197	4,029	4,159	4,147	2	14	4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.7	1.4	1.5	1.8
Institutions	3.0	4.0	9.0	10.1
Other settings	96.4	94.6	89.4	88.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,015	994	786	546

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	105.6	104.9	94.7	78.6
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)	49.8	47.6	39.6	35.6
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)	12.0	12.6	14.9	17.0
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)	17.8	27.2	20.1	11.7
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?	1.4	1.9	0.8	1.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	46.7	53.4	42.6	55.6
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?	8.9	14.0	9.7	12.1
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?	51.6	54.2	49.7	46.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	3.7	3.5	3.5	2.2
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	1.0	0.8	0.2	<.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?	59.3	55.3	53.5	57.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	80.7	85.5	88.1	80.5
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?	8.9	9.7	10.7	7.3
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?	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	70.5	67.7	67.5	73.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	150.3	150.2	150.1	150.4
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?	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9
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?	99.5	99.8	99.4	99.9
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?	99.6	99.3	99.2	99.1

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	233,542	229,788	226,825	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.6	0.6	X
Asian	3.1	3.0	3.2	X
Black	7.0	6.8	7.0	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	18.7	19.2	20.0	X
White	67.6	67.4	66.1	X
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	3.0	X
Child population in poverty (%)	17.5	15.5	16.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	3,857	3,082	3,065	3,620
Foster care entry rate	7.2	6.3	6.3	6.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,900	2,503	2,204	2,157
Children adopted	239	260	272	184

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	23	28	38	45
Numerator	830	916	1,164	1,378
Denominator	3,567	3,258	3,080	3,051
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	23	23	43	47
Numerator	902	1,033	2,608	3,814
Denominator	3,862	4,447	6,022	8,143

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,808	50.6 per 1,000	9,821	42.7 per 1,000	9,319	41.1 per 1,000	10,378	45.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	3,857	16.5 per 1,000	3,082	13.4 per 1,000	3,065	13.5 per 1,000	3,620	16.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.8	15.3	15.1	14.7
1 year	6.9	7.3	8.5	8.0
2 years	6.6	7.8	7.9	8.5
3 years	6.3	6.6	7.1	7.6
4 years	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.7
5 years	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.0
6 years	5.5	6.4	5.8	5.8
7 years	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.7
8 years	5.1	5.5	5.2	4.4
9 years	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.2
10 years	4.3	4.1	4.8	4.4
11 years	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.7
12 years	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.8
13 years	4.7	3.7	3.1	3.6
14 years	4.8	3.6	3.1	3.3
15 years	5.1	3.6	3.5	2.9
16 years	3.5	3.2	2.5	3.2
17 years	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.2
18+ years	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.3
Number	3,857	3,082	3,065	3,620

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8
Asian	1.8	0.8	1.7	0.8
Black	11.4	12.1	9.3	11.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	24.2	22.3	22.5	23.2
White	52.4	53.1	53.8	51.9
Two or more races	4.9	6.5	6.0	6.6
Missing data	4.8	4.7	6.1	5.6
Number	3,857	3,082	3,065	3,620

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Medical neglect	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.6
Neglect	87.5	87.4	85.2	86.5
Physical abuse	9.3	9.9	13.2	12.6
Sexual abuse	5.6	5.2	3.9	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.4	1.1	1.6	0.9
Number	3,857	3,082	3,065	3,620

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	62.6	54.8	47.6	46.4
Median	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48	>24 but <48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,690	2,578	2,275	2,031	1,670	1,443	1,422	1,380	1,460	1,518	1,493	1,254	2,900	2,503	2,204	2,157
Median length of stay (months)	12.5	15.0	15.9	14.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.2	12.8	12.8	11.5	15.0	15.9	14.2	14.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.4	5.8	5.2	6.1	14.1	14.8	15.8	15.4	4.7	5.3	5.5	4.6	5.1	4.8	5.8	6.3
1 year	6.1	5.4	6.6	6.2	4.6	4.6	5.3	5.6	6.7	5.4	7.7	6.8	5.1	6.1	5.9	6.8
2 years	4.1	5.4	4.7	4.5	4.5	3.7	3.7	4.2	6.4	6.5	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.8
3 years	3.6	3.7	4.5	4.2	3.3	4.1	2.8	2.9	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.1	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.1
4 years	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.3	2.7	3.6	3.0	3.8	4.2	4.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
5 years	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.9	3.1	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.8
6 years	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.8	1.7	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.3	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5
7 years	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.0
8 years	3.0	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.9
9 years	3.0	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.7	1.7	2.5	3.4	2.7	2.4	3.0	3.5	2.9	2.2
10 years	2.7	3.3	3.0	4.2	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.0	2.2	3.0	3.1	3.9	2.8
11 years	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.9
12 years	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.4	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.2
13 years	4.9	4.6	4.9	3.8	6.9	5.7	4.8	5.0	4.6	3.0	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.6	3.7	3.7
14 years	6.5	7.1	6.7	5.8	9.6	8.6	9.6	8.4	5.2	5.8	6.4	4.1	6.9	6.6	5.9	5.4
15 years	8.2	8.8	9.7	9.5	13.2	12.9	11.0	10.4	8.8	7.6	6.0	7.5	8.8	9.5	9.8	8.3
16 years	9.4	10.0	10.2	11.8	10.4	12.5	11.7	13.6	7.5	9.5	9.0	9.5	10.5	11.2	12.2	11.8
17 years	10.1	9.4	10.5	11.5	8.0	8.3	10.1	10.2	10.0	8.5	9.4	11.0	10.0	11.6	12.2	13.2
18 years	6.1	5.2	4.7	4.2	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.9	7.8	8.2	11.6	11.6	6.6	5.7	5.3	5.9
19 years	3.2	3.2	2.1	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	3.3	4.0	2.2	1.6	3.6	2.4	2.0	1.9
20 years	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	3.6	3.4	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.3
Missing data	0.6	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.5	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.6	1.8	2.0	2.4	1.6
Black	19.0	18.7	17.6	15.6	16.0	14.8	14.4	15.7	16.1	16.3	17.7	14.1	18.8	17.9	15.5	16.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	22.7	23.4	23.0	24.1	25.8	25.2	25.0	27.0	22.4	24.8	23.6	25.1	24.7	23.5	23.8	25.4
White	48.2	47.1	48.0	48.1	46.9	48.2	47.6	44.9	50.5	48.2	47.4	47.3	46.3	47.0	48.1	46.5
Two or more races	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.4	6.1	6.2	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.1	6.5	7.6	6.0	6.6	7.0	7.0
Unknown	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.8	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	402	427	336	318
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	211	230	203	183

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.2	0.5	1.5	0.3
1 year	5.5	7.7	5.4	6.0
2 years	7.5	6.8	6.8	7.2
3 years	5.2	7.5	4.2	6.3
4 years	5.0	5.6	5.1	5.3
5 years	5.7	4.9	3.9	4.1
6 years	5.5	3.5	4.5	5.3
7 years	6.5	4.2	5.7	3.5
8 years	6.5	4.7	5.1	6.3
9 years	4.7	8.2	5.7	6.0
10 years	7.0	4.7	9.2	5.7
11 years	5.2	6.8	5.7	9.7
12 years	5.7	5.4	7.4	5.0
13 years	5.2	6.8	5.4	6.9
14 years	9.7	5.2	5.4	5.7
15 years	6.7	9.4	5.7	5.7
16 years	4.2	6.1	10.1	4.4
17 years	3.0	2.1	3.6	6.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.2	1.9	0.9	0.6
Asian	1.0	0.9	1.8	1.9
Black	20.6	19.9	16.4	15.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	23.9	25.3	26.5	36.8
White	39.3	42.9	43.8	35.2
Two or more races	11.2	8.2	9.5	8.8
Unknown	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	239	260	272	184

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.8	1.9	3.3	3.3
1 year	11.7	12.7	19.5	19.6
2 years	20.5	16.9	16.2	15.2
3 years	9.2	11.2	9.9	10.3
4 years	7.5	7.7	8.5	7.1
5 years	9.2	8.8	5.5	9.2
6 years	5.0	6.9	4.8	2.7
7 years	7.9	2.3	5.1	3.3
8 years	4.2	6.9	4.0	5.4
9 years	3.3	5.0	4.4	2.7
10 years	2.1	3.5	3.7	3.3
11 years	2.5	2.3	4.4	3.3
12 years	3.3	1.9	2.6	3.8
13 years	3.8	1.5	2.6	4.3
14 years	2.1	3.5	1.8	1.1
15 years	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.2
16 years	2.1	3.8	1.5	2.7
17 years	2.1	1.2	0.4	0.5
18 years	0.4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.1	2.3	0.7	0.5
Asian	2.5	0.4	0.4	1.6
Black	18.4	20.4	19.1	10.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	25.1	26.2	26.5	24.5
White	36.0	38.8	39.3	50.0
Two or more races	14.6	11.2	12.9	12.5
Unknown	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Rhode Island

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	86.9	90.3	93.0	90.2
Children with one or more recurrences	13.1	9.7	7.0	9.8
Number	1,752	1,471	1,397	1,536

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.33	0.72	1.35	1.03
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.67	99.28	98.65	98.97
Number	4,360	4,021	3,697	3,411

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	16.2	16.8	18.7	14.6
Guardianship	2.7	4.2	5.5	7.6
Reunification	66.1	63.2	60.3	63.2
Other	15.0	15.8	15.5	14.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,460	1,518	1,493	1,254

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	22.1	19.4	23.4	16.8
Guardianship	2.3	1.9	2.3	5.3
Reunification	55.9	56.8	50.0	55.5
Other	19.7	22.0	24.3	22.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	512	532	470	416

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.4
Guardianship	1.8	2.1	1.9	3.3
Reunification	69.9	68.1	69.7	69.3
Other	27.0	28.6	27.4	27.0
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	674	658	628	548

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.4	26.6	35.1	23.4
Children older than 12 at entry	76.6	72.8	64.9	76.6
Missing data	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Number	141	158	151	111

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	62.5	44.4	16.7	5.6	21.4	3.4	3.7	9.4	17.9	21.5	19.3	9.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	8.3	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.9	6.9	3.8	4.0		
Reunification	37.5	55.6	50.0	66.7	50.0	86.2	81.5	62.5	64.7	49.0	52.3	66.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	25.0	16.7	28.6	10.3	14.8	15.6	16.6	22.7	24.6	19.8		
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	8	9	12	18	28	29	27	32	235	247	264	177		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	100.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	18.0	17.0	20.4	14.0	11.8	13.7	15.8	15.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	2.8	2.7	6.2	5.4	3.4	4.1	6.4	8.9		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.5	69.0	62.9	67.3	67.5	64.3	62.6	60.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.7	11.4	10.5	13.3	17.2	17.8	15.3	15.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	0	2	0	327	377	353	315	738	731	708	593		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	9.1	6.3	10.7	4.3	34.0	33.7	38.1	25.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	7.1	4.3	3.0	6.5	1.0	11.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	77.3	84.4	60.7	91.3	56.0	54.3	52.6	53.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	13.6	9.4	21.4	0.0	7.0	5.4	8.2	9.5	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	22	32	28	23	100	92	97	95	1	1	2	1		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	73.1	65.7	68.3	71.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.4	24.1	19.5	19.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	6.8	8.1	5.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.0
48 or more mos.	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	965	959	901	792

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	69.6	68.5	69.9	71.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	18.4	17.9	16.2	15.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.5	13.3	13.5	13.1
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.0
Number	1,670	1,443	1,422	1,380

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	3.0	5.5	8.2	6.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.0	32.9	34.4	34.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.3	38.8	39.8	26.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	15.3	10.2	10.0	13.7
48 or more mos.	13.6	12.5	7.5	18.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	236	255	279	183

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.9	83.0	88.4	86.5	62.5	64.0	62.0	65.6	34.9	34.9	34.7	34.7	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.1	17.0	11.6	13.5	37.5	36.0	38.0	34.4	65.1	65.1	65.3	65.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,987	1,734	1,684	1,657	1,108	980	828	735	1,265	1,305	1,180	1,017	0	2	5	2

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	16.9	17.4	15.7	18.4
Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other settings	83.1	82.6	84.3	81.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	842	736	721	706

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	97.8	91.1	98.0	98.1
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)	74.5	65.3	67.2	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)	6.9	8.4	7.7	7.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	41.9	46.5	43.8	43.5
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?	25.4	24.5	21.9	23.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	121.9	132.6	141.7	134.5
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?	31.1	38.4	42.7	41.0
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?	28.2	26.5	26.4	26.0
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?	21.3	19.7	22.0	18.1
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	14.9	12.1	16.8	14.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	67.9	81.0	78.4	77.6

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	128.9	122.9	130.2	127.9
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?	22.6	23.5	25.2	24.5
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?	96.7	97.3	96.9	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?	29.0	37.7	30.8	32.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	96.4	95.9	99.2	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?	83.5	82.2	88.1	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?	62.7	64.3	62.3	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?	37.0	36.2	35.8	36.0

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

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

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

South Carolina

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,065,850	1,075,249	1,080,732	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	X
Asian	1.3	1.2	1.4	X
Black	32.7	32.4	31.8	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	6.6	7.5	X
White	57.2	57.2	56.7	X
Two or more races	2.0	2.1	2.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	20.9	21.7	24.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	12,762	12,549	12,707	12,191
Foster care entry rate	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,166	5,043	4,971	4,507
Children adopted	431	525	513	526

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	82	85	90	90
Numerator	—	6,318	6,576	6,117
Denominator	—	7,413	7,270	6,760
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	32	66	77	81
Numerator	—	32,247	33,031	38,196
Denominator	—	48,794	42,650	47,423

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	41,579	39.0 per 1,000	41,398	38.5 per 1,000	40,966	37.9 per 1,000	43,155	39.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	12,762	12.0 per 1,000	12,549	11.7 per 1,000	12,707	11.8 per 1,000	12,191	11.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	19	1.8 per 100,000	21	2.0 per 100,000	28	2.6 per 100,000	25	2.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.1	12.1	12.1	12.7
1 year	7.0	8.1	7.9	7.6
2 years	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.9
3 years	6.0	6.1	6.2	7.2
4 years	5.6	5.6	5.9	6.1
5 years	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.0
6 years	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.8
7 years	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.1
8 years	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.1
9 years	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.4
11 years	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3
12 years	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9
13 years	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.0
14 years	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.1
15 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.8
16 years	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.5
17 years	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Missing data	3.3	3.2	3.1	1.8
Number	12,762	12,549	12,707	12,191

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	38.1	37.6	38.0	36.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	4.4	4.4	4.1
White	52.3	50.3	50.4	51.8
Two or more races	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.2
Missing data	2.3	3.1	2.9	3.3
Number	12,762	12,549	12,707	12,191

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.3
Medical neglect	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8
Neglect	72.8	71.2	70.5	66.1
Physical abuse	29.8	31.9	33.4	35.9
Sexual abuse	5.7	5.4	6.3	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Number	12,762	12,549	12,707	12,191

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	50.1	51.0	41.5	42.7
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	4,822	5,066	4,933	4,916	3,754	3,840	3,707	3,385	3,410	3,863	3,669	3,794	5,166	5,043	4,971	4,507
Median length of stay (months)	16.9	15.4	15.6	15.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.1	6.6	7.2	8.5	15.5	16.3	15.3	17.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.5	6.6	6.0	6.4	17.1	14.7	16.2	15.2	7.8	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.5	5.7
1 year	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.3	8.0	7.4	6.7	8.0	8.0	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.4
2 years	6.3	6.7	6.4	7.3	6.9	6.3	6.5	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.7	8.1	6.7	6.2	7.3	6.6
3 years	5.1	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.2	6.0	6.4	7.3	7.0	7.1	5.8	5.5	5.4	6.5
4 years	5.0	4.5	5.3	5.4	4.6	4.9	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.7	4.5	5.2	5.5	4.7
5 years	4.6	4.8	4.4	5.0	5.2	6.2	5.2	5.4	5.5	6.0	5.2	5.9	4.8	4.3	5.1	4.8
6 years	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.0	5.6	5.9	4.3	4.5	6.0	5.6	5.1	5.2	4.3	4.8	4.0	4.4
7 years	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.4	5.5	5.5	4.4	4.4	5.7	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.7	4.4	3.6
8 years	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.2
9 years	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
10 years	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.2	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.3	3.1	3.5	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.1
11 years	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.5
12 years	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.8
13 years	6.0	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.2	4.5	4.4	5.0	4.9
14 years	6.4	6.9	5.5	4.9	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.7	4.4	4.3	3.6	4.4	6.8	5.4	4.9	5.9
15 years	8.6	7.0	7.4	6.6	5.8	5.3	6.2	6.0	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.7	7.0	7.2	6.5	6.1
16 years	9.4	9.1	8.5	8.8	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.0	4.3	4.8	4.6	8.9	8.3	8.7	7.7
17 years	7.7	8.3	7.8	8.1	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.1	8.4	5.6	3.6	7.2	8.7	8.7	7.9	9.2
18 years	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	6.2	9.3	5.0	0.9	1.1	0.4	0.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	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	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.5	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
Black	47.0	45.1	44.7	44.2	41.1	42.9	42.9	38.8	43.0	42.8	42.9	41.9	45.3	45.3	44.7	42.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.5	5.3	6.8	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	5.3
White	43.1	44.4	44.7	44.0	47.5	45.9	44.5	45.7	45.8	46.0	44.8	44.9	44.5	44.3	44.5	44.6
Two or more races	5.8	6.1	6.1	7.1	5.5	4.7	5.8	6.1	5.2	5.0	5.5	6.4	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.9
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.1	2.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.2	<.1	0.3	0.4	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,775	1,795	1,814	1,686
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	872	808	761	749

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.3	3.2	2.8	3.2
1 year	7.8	8.2	8.4	7.2
2 years	8.2	8.8	9.2	7.7
3 years	7.7	7.2	6.9	7.8
4 years	5.6	7.1	6.0	5.7
5 years	6.1	5.5	5.8	5.9
6 years	5.6	6.0	5.0	5.2
7 years	4.9	5.1	6.3	4.9
8 years	4.7	4.9	5.8	5.5
9 years	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.7
10 years	5.8	6.2	4.9	5.5
11 years	4.8	5.5	6.0	4.9
12 years	4.9	5.1	6.0	5.8
13 years	5.6	5.4	5.3	6.5
14 years	7.0	5.4	5.2	5.6
15 years	5.5	6.5	5.0	5.6
16 years	3.2	3.3	4.4	4.4
17 years	3.0	1.7	1.9	3.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1
Black	44.5	44.0	44.7	43.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.2	3.2	5.0
White	43.7	44.2	43.3	42.3
Two or more races	8.0	8.4	8.4	8.8
Unknown	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	431	525	513	526

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.4	1.9	0.6	1.3
1 year	8.4	10.3	8.4	9.3
2 years	15.1	13.5	17.3	15.2
3 years	12.1	13.3	13.6	13.1
4 years	10.7	9.0	8.8	9.1
5 years	9.0	8.2	9.2	8.9
6 years	7.2	6.5	7.6	6.1
7 years	5.8	6.5	4.5	8.2
8 years	4.2	5.1	5.7	5.1
9 years	5.8	3.6	5.5	4.6
10 years	3.9	4.4	2.9	2.7
11 years	3.0	3.2	4.1	3.8
12 years	3.7	3.0	3.7	3.8
13 years	2.6	3.2	2.5	2.3
14 years	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.3
15 years	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.1
16 years	1.4	2.3	0.6	1.5
17 years	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.6
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	40.6	31.4	32.6	33.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	5.9	3.5	3.4
White	48.3	53.5	53.2	52.9
Two or more races	6.7	9.1	10.7	9.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

South Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	97.2	97.4	97.6	96.8
Children with one or more recurrences	2.8	2.6	2.4	3.2
Number	6,326	6,502	5,952	5,754

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.19	0.07	0.12	0.43
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.81	99.93	99.88	99.57
Number	8,576	8,906	8,640	8,301

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.8	13.7	14.3	14.0
Guardianship	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.6
Reunification	75.7	75.2	74.0	74.2
Other	10.5	9.8	10.8	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,410	3,863	3,669	3,794

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.6	9.4	17.5	18.4
Guardianship	2.0	3.1	0.0	0.0
Reunification	37.3	28.1	32.0	40.5
Other	43.1	59.4	50.5	41.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	51	64	103	158

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.7
Guardianship	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.3
Reunification	69.5	70.0	66.5	66.1
Other	28.9	28.2	31.6	31.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	802	866	844	844

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.9	34.6	31.8	29.5
Children older than 12 at entry	67.1	65.4	68.2	70.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	328	350	359	366

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	10.1	10.8	11.4	
Guardianship	26.7	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.6	
Reunification	66.7	100.0	100.0	75.0	100.0	50.0	100.0	85.7	73.0	77.1	74.3	75.0		
Other	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	14.3	13.7	12.1	14.0	12.1		
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	15	3	17	4	9	2	6	7	1,467	1,652	1,575	1,589		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	14.0	9.1	9.0	13.6	15.9	17.0	16.3		
Guardianship	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.8	0.0	1.5	0.4	1.7	1.2	1.6		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	82.7	78.4	85.3	83.5	76.9	73.6	72.2	71.8		
Other	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	5.2	5.9	5.6	6.0	9.1	8.8	9.6	10.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	3	0	2	173	222	197	200	1,562	1,777	1,645	1,704		

	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	16.4	25.8	27.7	21.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	96.3	97.8	80.2	70.6	68.8	73.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	2.8	3.1	3.5	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	7	10	27	46	177	194	202	242	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	81.5	79.8	78.9	77.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.7	15.2	15.2	16.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.2	3.5	3.8	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.1
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	2,583	2,906	2,715	2,815

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	86.7	86.6	85.7	84.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.2	6.0	5.9	7.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.6	7.1	8.3	7.9
Missing data	0.5	0.2	0.1	<.1
Number	3,754	3,840	3,707	3,385

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	1.4	3.4	1.1	2.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	14.3	16.9	18.3	19.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	27.4	30.7	32.3	31.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	28.3	22.2	25.0	23.8
48 or more mos.	28.7	26.7	23.3	23.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	435	531	524	530

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	77.6	76.4	77.6	79.6	44.3	41.8	40.8	44.4	19.1	18.1	17.8	23.0	100.0	95.7	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	22.4	23.6	22.4	20.4	55.7	58.2	59.2	55.6	80.9	81.9	82.2	77.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0
Number	4,350	4,479	4,296	4,069	1,574	1,731	1,751	1,639	2,650	2,673	2,587	2,566	2	23	6	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	8.9	9.5	9.2	10.4
Institutions	10.2	9.6	10.3	10.5
Other settings	80.9	80.8	80.5	79.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,855	2,965	2,830	2,582

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	140.4	141.4	137.6	139.1
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)	77.6	76.9	75.4	73.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.7	4.6	4.6	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	54.4	55.3	58.2	62.3
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?	9.5	8.1	9.1	8.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	91.2	111.3	125.8	123.8
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?	15.6	20.3	19.5	21.5
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?	38.7	35.8	35.1	34.8
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	20.3	21.1	20.2
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	11.8	11.3	13.7	11.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	41.7	48.2	55.1	53.5

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	77.0	79.0	83.9	83.6
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?	20.2	23.7	24.5	26.4
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?	87.4	89.6	91.5	92.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	55.1	54.5	54.1	52.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	74.2	72.5	72.8	79.2
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?	74.5	73.8	75.1	76.8
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?	44.4	41.8	40.8	44.4
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?	19.2	18.1	17.8	23.1

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

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	198,098	198,582	199,616	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	13.2	13.1	13.0	X
Asian	0.9	0.9	1.1	X
Black	1.7	1.8	1.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.8	5.2	X
White	76.5	76.5	75.8	X
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	2.9	X
Child population in poverty (%)	16.8	17.6	18.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	1,485	1,394	1,513	1,435
Foster care entry rate	6.9	6.8	7.2	7.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,577	1,484	1,490	1,493
Children adopted	160	176	167	133

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	36	70	86	86
Numerator	—	1,523	1,872	1,866
Denominator	—	2,165	2,183	2,160
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	65	68	88	92
Numerator	—	—	12,491	13,841
Denominator	—	—	14,127	15,108

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	6,869	34.7 per 1,000	6,865	34.6 per 1,000	7,186	36.0 per 1,000	7,208	36.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	1,485	7.5 per 1,000	1,394	7.0 per 1,000	1,513	7.6 per 1,000	1,435	7.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	4.0 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000	4	2.0 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.9	15.0	15.2	13.4
1 year	9.9	9.7	9.8	10.4
2 years	9.2	8.8	9.8	8.4
3 years	8.6	8.2	7.5	9.0
4 years	6.7	6.8	7.5	8.6
5 years	6.5	4.9	7.1	6.5
6 years	7.5	6.0	5.6	5.3
7 years	4.3	5.7	5.3	5.7
8 years	5.2	4.8	4.0	4.7
9 years	4.3	3.9	4.2	5.0
10 years	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.8
11 years	4.0	3.4	3.5	2.9
12 years	3.2	4.4	3.1	3.6
13 years	2.8	3.4	2.8	2.9
14 years	3.0	3.6	2.8	3.1
15 years	2.6	2.7	3.4	2.5
16 years	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.4
17 years	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.0
18+ years	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Number	1,485	1,394	1,513	1,435

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	51.2	49.6	48.9	48.0
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3
Black	3.3	3.4	2.4	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	7.2	5.2	6.2
White	30.3	30.3	33.4	32.9
Two or more races	6.2	6.8	6.7	7.2
Missing data	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.1
Number	1,485	1,394	1,513	1,435

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	2.1	2.0	3.0	1.9
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	88.4	87.3	89.3	90.8
Physical abuse	11.6	10.3	12.0	8.9
Sexual abuse	3.8	5.2	4.6	3.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,485	1,394	1,513	1,435

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	130.5	114.4	119.4	139.3
Median	>48 but <72	>72 but <96	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,582	1,516	1,420	1,435	1,375	1,347	1,444	1,455	1,380	1,379	1,374	1,397	1,577	1,484	1,490	1,493
Median length of stay (months)	15.1	14.0	14.1	11.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.3	6.2	5.5	3.5	13.7	13.8	11.7	13.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	16.1	15.4	16.1	12.7	7.4	7.3	8.7	7.4	5.7	5.9	6.0	4.2
1 year	7.5	7.4	8.7	7.7	9.5	10.7	10.2	9.3	7.8	8.3	9.6	8.2	7.7	9.0	7.9	7.1
2 years	7.0	8.1	7.5	8.2	10.8	8.5	10.7	8.2	10.0	8.6	11.6	9.3	8.2	7.8	8.2	8.8
3 years	6.3	6.7	7.3	6.8	7.4	7.6	7.3	9.0	9.2	7.7	8.4	8.9	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.6
4 years	5.5	5.5	6.3	6.4	7.0	6.8	7.5	6.7	6.5	7.3	7.9	7.2	5.6	6.6	6.2	6.6
5 years	5.4	5.2	5.0	6.3	5.6	5.1	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.3	4.9	6.5	6.8
6 years	4.4	6.2	3.9	5.2	6.4	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.1	6.7	5.3	5.4	6.2	3.8	5.1	5.8
7 years	5.6	4.8	5.6	4.1	4.5	5.0	4.9	6.0	5.7	5.9	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.6	4.4	5.1
8 years	5.1	4.2	4.2	5.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.1	4.9	4.1	4.1	5.6	4.5
9 years	5.5	5.1	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.5	4.3	4.8	5.4	3.3	4.1	4.8	4.2	3.8	5.4
10 years	4.0	4.9	4.0	4.3	3.6	4.0	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.6
11 years	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.5	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.5	3.5	4.1	3.3	3.7	2.6	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.2
13 years	5.9	3.8	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.7	3.5	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.6	4.3	4.2
14 years	5.9	5.8	4.7	4.5	3.4	4.1	2.7	3.8	3.4	3.3	2.5	3.0	5.7	4.5	4.5	5.0
15 years	5.8	6.1	7.0	4.6	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.4	3.4	6.1	6.7	4.5	4.6
16 years	6.3	5.4	6.3	6.2	2.4	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.6	2.6	5.3	6.1	6.2	4.6
17 years	6.1	5.5	5.5	6.3	1.3	2.0	1.6	2.1	5.4	3.2	1.5	5.1	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.5
18 years	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	4.4	5.1	3.4	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.1
19 years	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2
20 years	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	50.4	52.4	52.8	52.6	54.1	49.1	48.5	48.9	51.4	47.1	48.3	49.1	52.7	54.3	52.8	52.2
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	<.1	0.5	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	2.3	3.1	2.5	2.6	4.3	4.1	4.3	5.4	3.2	4.8	4.1	5.7	3.3	2.4	2.8	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	6.7	7.3	6.7	6.8	8.4	7.2	6.5	8.3	8.6	8.0	6.9	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.2
White	32.0	30.2	29.8	29.8	28.4	30.7	31.4	30.7	30.6	31.4	31.9	30.1	30.1	29.6	29.5	30.3
Two or more races	7.3	7.5	7.0	8.0	5.8	6.7	7.9	7.8	5.9	7.7	6.7	7.5	7.3	6.6	8.1	8.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	449	423	381	420
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	401	358	310	339

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.1	1.9	3.1	1.0
1 year	6.2	7.8	3.7	5.7
2 years	6.7	9.5	7.3	9.0
3 years	7.8	7.3	8.7	5.7
4 years	6.5	6.9	6.0	7.6
5 years	6.2	4.7	6.6	5.5
6 years	6.0	4.5	4.7	6.7
7 years	5.8	6.4	3.7	4.5
8 years	5.3	4.7	7.6	3.3
9 years	5.8	4.7	5.5	6.4
10 years	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.5
11 years	4.0	6.6	5.2	7.1
12 years	4.2	3.8	5.8	5.0
13 years	4.5	4.0	3.9	5.0
14 years	6.2	4.0	4.5	4.8
15 years	5.8	6.1	5.2	5.7
16 years	5.8	5.2	7.3	5.5
17 years	6.5	6.4	5.8	6.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	41.0	43.5	45.9	48.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Black	3.3	3.8	2.4	1.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	6.4	10.5	8.3
White	37.2	37.8	30.7	29.3
Two or more races	8.9	8.5	10.0	11.7
Unknown	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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	160	176	167	133

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	0.6	1.1	2.4	1.5
1 year	1.9	6.8	6.6	4.5
2 years	11.9	11.4	18.0	17.3
3 years	15.0	11.9	8.4	11.3
4 years	11.9	11.4	15.6	15.8
5 years	8.8	11.9	7.8	8.3
6 years	5.0	9.7	4.8	9.0
7 years	7.5	7.4	7.8	3.0
8 years	5.6	6.8	3.6	2.3
9 years	9.4	5.7	3.6	10.5
10 years	3.8	2.8	3.6	1.5
11 years	3.1	3.4	4.2	3.0
12 years	5.0	2.8	4.2	5.3
13 years	6.3	2.8	0.6	3.0
14 years	2.5	2.3	3.0	0.8
15 years	0.0	0.6	3.0	2.3
16 years	0.6	0.6	2.4	0.8
17 years	1.3	0.6	0.6	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	36.9	36.4	38.9	44.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.9	2.3	5.4	2.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	16.3	10.2	5.4	9.0
White	40.6	38.6	41.3	36.8
Two or more races	4.4	12.5	9.0	7.5
Unknown	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.

South Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	95.9	96.1	94.3	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	4.1	3.9	5.7	4.6
Number	681	689	706	680

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.14	0.07	0.28	0.10
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.86	99.93	99.72	99.90
Number	2,957	2,863	2,864	2,890

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	11.6	12.6	12.1	9.4
Guardianship	6.4	5.2	5.4	5.7
Reunification	62.1	62.9	60.7	60.5
Other	19.9	19.3	21.8	24.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,380	1,379	1,374	1,397

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	27.8	23.5	31.8	26.9
Guardianship	9.5	7.5	7.0	11.2
Reunification	33.2	35.6	34.5	27.3
Other	29.0	33.5	26.7	34.5
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	241	281	258	249

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.9	0.5	2.6	1.2
Guardianship	6.4	6.6	3.1	6.5
Reunification	57.3	57.3	59.9	57.5
Other	34.9	35.5	34.4	34.8
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	218	211	192	247

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	36.2	35.8	40.3	32.1
Children older than 12 at entry	63.8	64.2	59.7	67.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	94	81	72	81

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	8.2	10.0	9.9	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	6.1	15.8	3.8		
Guardianship	6.6	6.5	6.8	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	2.3	3.0	0.0	5.1		
Reunification	57.9	55.2	50.5	48.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	60.0	84.1	89.4	77.2	82.3		
Other	27.2	28.4	32.8	36.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	1.5	7.0	8.9		
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	710	649	664	686	4	1	7	5	44	66	57	79		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	15.1	7.3	12.4	15.4	15.2	15.8	11.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	2.5	5.5	6.2	7.1	5.1	3.4	5.2		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	59.1	68.1	68.2	64.9	66.6	67.7	71.2	72.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	14.3	19.1	16.5	10.9	12.0	9.6	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	0	0	3	1	115	119	110	97	422	433	438	421		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	19.8	15.2	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	2.8	8.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	64.2	67.0	59.8	67.6	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	10.4	16.3	21.0	0.0	20.0	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	81	106	92	105	4	5	2	1		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	80.3	83.6	81.8	81.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.5	13.7	14.7	13.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.0	1.8	2.4	2.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.1
48 or more mos.	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	857	867	834	845

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	77.8	73.9	73.7	72.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.1	10.9	12.0	11.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.8	14.0	14.1	15.0
Missing data	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.8
Number	1,375	1,347	1,444	1,455

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.5	2.3	4.2	2.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	13.8	25.3	27.1	30.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	53.8	42.5	34.9	34.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.5	14.9	16.9	22.0
48 or more mos.	12.5	14.9	16.9	11.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	160	174	166	132

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.8	86.3	87.1	88.5	46.0	53.2	55.7	56.6	22.6	19.5	19.0	21.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.2	13.7	12.9	11.5	54.0	46.8	44.3	43.4	77.4	80.5	81.0	79.0	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	1,601	1,572	1,694	1,667	531	551	467	579	819	737	695	638	6	3	8	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	14.5	15.9	13.2	11.2
Other settings	85.5	84.1	86.8	88.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,187	1,120	1,236	1,217

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	130.3	133.0	133.3	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)	78.2	82.0	80.5	80.6
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)	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.0
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)	45.2	46.8	59.2	47.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.0	15.3	14.7	16.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	85.6	69.3	49.4	59.7
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?	16.3	27.6	31.3	32.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.8	31.4	30.5	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?	20.0	21.1	21.0	19.2
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	6.8	3.5	3.8	11.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	13.9	25.9	34.3	35.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	63.9	85.3	74.4	94.9
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?	25.3	24.9	25.3	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?	79.8	82.2	84.2	84.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	57.4	62.8	59.3	54.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	82.4	83.2	84.9	87.4
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?	82.1	83.4	84.2	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?	45.6	53.2	55.7	56.6
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?	22.5	19.6	19.3	21.2

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,479,255	1,491,242	1,493,252	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	1.4	1.3	1.5	X
Black	20.3	20.3	20.0	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	6.3	7.2	X
White	69.6	69.6	68.7	X
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	23.0	21.8	23.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	16,059	11,586	9,186	9,066
Foster care entry rate	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,710	7,151	6,691	6,670
Children adopted	1,214	1,046	1,001	857

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	89	90	91	—
Numerator	10,783	10,411	10,465	—
Denominator	12,124	11,529	11,528	—
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	66	82	81	—
Numerator	47,492	58,362	58,372	—
Denominator	72,432	71,565	71,928	—

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	101,435	68.6 per 1,000	99,918	67.0 per 1,000	90,857	60.8 per 1,000	95,541	64.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	16,059	10.9 per 1,000	11,586	7.8 per 1,000	9,186	6.2 per 1,000	9,066	6.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	44	3.0 per 100,000	55	3.7 per 100,000	46	3.1 per 100,000	38	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	13.6	13.6	17.6	16.2
1 year	6.3	5.9	5.7	5.6
2 years	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.6
3 years	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.6
4 years	6.2	5.5	5.8	5.7
5 years	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.3
6 years	6.0	5.7	5.3	5.3
7 years	5.6	5.8	4.9	4.4
8 years	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.9
9 years	4.9	5.4	4.7	4.4
10 years	4.4	4.9	4.8	4.5
11 years	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.7
13 years	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.6
14 years	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6
15 years	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.9
16 years	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.4
17 years	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.4
Number	16,059	11,586	9,186	9,066

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.3
Black	26.3	30.7	22.9	25.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	4.1	3.3	4.2
White	62.5	58.1	47.7	62.8
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	6.7	6.7	25.8	6.7
Number	16,059	11,586	9,186	9,066

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.5	1.0	2.3	2.4
Medical neglect	1.9	2.6	2.8	1.2
Neglect	50.1	49.2	56.7	55.3
Physical abuse	33.3	23.8	14.7	16.7
Sexual abuse	24.7	31.2	30.0	29.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	16,059	11,586	9,186	9,066

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	11.8	9.2	5.0	0.0
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	8,340	7,531	7,008	6,519	6,346	6,076	5,901	6,146	6,976	6,456	6,218	5,995	7,710	7,151	6,691	6,670
Median length of stay (months)	11.6	10.1	10.3	9.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3	10.4	10.4	8.7	10.1	10.2	8.8	8.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5	11.3	10.9	11.5	12.0	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.7
1 year	5.4	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.7	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.1
2 years	5.2	5.4	4.9	5.5	4.1	4.2	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.0
3 years	3.8	4.6	4.8	4.4	3.4	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.3	5.0
4 years	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.3	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.0
5 years	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.1	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.6
6 years	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.5
7 years	3.7	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.6	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.3
8 years	3.1	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.4
9 years	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.3
10 years	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.4
11 years	3.2	2.7	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.4
12 years	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.6	3.0	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.6
13 years	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.1	5.0	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.1	4.5	4.1	3.9	4.5
14 years	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.0	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.5	6.0	6.2	6.3	5.2
15 years	9.7	9.1	9.0	8.2	10.7	11.2	10.3	9.4	7.3	6.8	6.4	6.3	9.4	9.2	8.6	8.8
16 years	11.8	13.0	12.9	12.7	14.5	14.0	15.2	11.6	9.4	9.6	10.1	8.7	13.2	13.2	13.0	11.4
17 years	14.9	14.9	15.8	15.8	11.9	13.3	13.2	12.0	21.2	16.7	13.9	18.1	14.5	15.5	15.6	14.0
18 years	2.6	3.0	2.5	2.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	7.1	13.4	16.2	10.8	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.7
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
20 years	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
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Black	31.6	29.4	27.6	29.4	26.4	26.4	30.6	27.7	29.4	28.5	29.5	31.0	29.3	27.6	28.5	26.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	4.3	4.2	5.6	4.4	4.5	5.8	5.0	4.2	4.7	4.3	5.5	4.2	4.1	5.6	5.1
White	59.7	61.3	62.7	61.3	64.2	63.6	58.1	61.3	61.9	61.6	60.7	58.4	61.4	63.0	60.5	63.9
Two or more races	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.9	2.3	2.5	2.2	0.2	2.4	2.6	2.5	1.2	2.8	2.8	2.6	<.1
Unknown	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.8	5.4	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.3	2.0	2.3	2.4	4.2
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,626	1,473	1,326	1,643
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	806	764	751	555

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.2	1.6	1.5	3.0
1 year	4.5	5.4	4.8	6.0
2 years	5.8	5.5	4.8	6.6
3 years	6.6	5.6	4.7	6.8
4 years	4.2	4.5	5.4	5.7
5 years	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.5
6 years	4.3	4.2	3.7	5.2
7 years	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.4
8 years	4.7	5.2	3.7	3.8
9 years	4.8	3.7	5.1	3.9
10 years	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.9
11 years	3.8	4.3	4.9	4.3
12 years	4.1	3.9	5.1	4.3
13 years	5.3	4.5	5.1	4.4
14 years	5.7	6.0	6.6	5.4
15 years	8.9	8.1	8.4	7.3
16 years	12.5	11.7	11.2	9.6
17 years	10.6	12.6	12.7	9.8

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.5
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1
Black	33.6	30.8	26.8	23.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.8	4.6	6.1
White	56.3	59.0	63.0	67.7
Two or more races	3.0	2.8	3.7	0.0
Unknown	2.1	2.2	1.6	2.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,214	1,046	1,001	857

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.2
1 year	6.5	9.4	10.5	11.2
2 years	9.1	11.8	10.7	9.6
3 years	9.0	8.6	9.1	7.7
4 years	5.3	7.5	8.0	8.6
5 years	7.4	5.1	7.2	7.9
6 years	5.8	5.0	6.6	5.6
7 years	6.1	4.8	6.7	3.6
8 years	5.5	5.7	4.6	4.9
9 years	4.4	5.1	5.3	5.8
10 years	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.7
11 years	3.7	3.9	4.4	3.6
12 years	5.3	3.5	3.7	4.3
13 years	6.1	3.8	2.9	4.8
14 years	4.0	3.8	3.0	2.8
15 years	5.8	4.3	2.6	4.0
16 years	4.3	5.2	2.9	4.1
17 years	4.3	5.2	4.3	4.1
18 years	0.6	0.3	0.5	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	29.6	26.6	21.8	18.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.6	5.4	6.4
White	60.3	62.2	66.2	69.4
Two or more races	3.5	3.2	3.3	4.3
Unknown	2.0	2.2	2.9	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.

Tennessee

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	93.7	95.4	96.8	96.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.3	4.6	3.2	3.3
Number	7,852	5,173	4,388	4,430

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.76	0.52	0.42	0.04
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.24	99.48	99.58	99.96
Number	14,686	13,607	12,909	12,665

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.4	16.2	16.1	15.3
Guardianship	3.5	2.4	2.3	1.6
Reunification	65.9	69.1	70.2	71.5
Other	13.1	12.3	11.4	10.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Number	6,976	6,456	6,218	5,995

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	34.5	29.9	26.4	12.7
Guardianship	6.1	5.1	3.6	2.7
Reunification	38.3	35.5	40.9	63.0
Other	21.1	29.6	29.0	21.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	473	335	276	583

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.6	3.2	2.7	3.0
Guardianship	2.3	1.8	1.6	0.7
Reunification	70.7	72.6	75.1	74.8
Other	24.4	22.4	20.5	21.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Number	3,228	3,153	3,061	2,810

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	13.1	8.7	10.2	5.7
Children older than 12 at entry	86.9	91.3	89.8	94.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	739	678	587	547

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	9.1	50.0	0.0	5.6	10.0	7.7	13.3	17.5	15.1	11.9	9.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	3.2	3.3	1.6		
Reunification	100.0	81.8	33.3	83.3	88.9	70.0	69.2	80.0	61.3	66.8	71.4	77.0		
Other	0.0	9.1	16.7	16.7	5.6	20.0	23.1	6.7	15.6	14.9	13.4	11.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5		
Number	2	11	6	12	18	10	13	15	2,050	1,841	1,834	1,860		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	19.2	19.5	20.2	17.2	16.9	16.4	17.6	18.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.7	1.1	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.1	1.5		
Reunification	66.7	60.0	100.0	80.0	62.3	68.6	70.4	70.1	68.1	70.1	69.4	68.2		
Other	33.3	40.0	0.0	0.0	16.1	11.2	8.2	9.7	12.1	11.3	11.0	10.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9		
Number	3	5	6	5	292	303	267	331	4,319	3,976	3,777	3,500		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.0	16.0	18.5	5.5	25.3	19.9	20.9	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	2.1	0.6	1.0	1.8	3.6	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	72.2	72.2	75.8	82.5	65.7	68.1	69.6	61.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	8.7	9.7	5.1	8.5	7.2	8.4	8.2	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	126	144	157	200	166	166	158	72	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	70.2	70.8	70.8	76.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.2	21.8	22.0	17.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.2	5.0	4.4	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.2
48 or more mos.	1.5	1.1	1.5	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	4,600	4,462	4,364	4,286

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.9	80.0	80.2	81.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.3	10.8	10.6	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	9.2	9.2	8.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	6,346	6,076	5,901	6,146

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	4.0	7.5	8.0	6.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.9	29.5	33.1	37.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.0	30.2	33.2	29.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.9	16.2	12.3	16.6
48 or more mos.	20.1	16.6	13.5	9.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,214	1,046	1,001	920

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.8	79.1	79.8	81.7	51.9	53.8	54.8	54.5	35.9	34.0	35.8	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.0	20.6	19.7	18.1	48.1	46.2	45.2	45.5	64.1	66.0	64.2	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,962	7,580	7,389	7,649	3,311	3,322	3,101	2,882	3,413	2,705	2,419	2,131	0	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Institutions	1.5	1.4	2.0	0.9
Other settings	98.1	98.3	97.8	98.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,152	2,924	2,905	3,376

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	122.8	123.0	123.5	128.1
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)	71.6	73.0	72.6	78.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.8	7.1	7.4	6.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	54.1	53.6	55.2	55.8
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?	13.2	13.4	13.0	13.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	147.6	160.0	155.9	155.7
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?	27.9	37.0	41.1	44.5
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?	31.3	28.2	26.7	25.6
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?	35.8	36.6	36.0	35.7
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	23.3	25.0	23.3	20.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	72.9	74.8	71.4	73.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	155.3	159.0	157.3	159.9
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?	46.2	43.2	44.1	44.1
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?	92.3	92.0	91.5	91.2
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?	21.0	16.2	15.0	13.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	86.5	87.7	89.3	89.4
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?	77.9	78.3	79.1	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?	52.8	55.0	55.7	55.4
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?	36.5	35.0	36.8	35.6

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	6,647,219	6,765,835	6,895,969	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	3.0	3.0	3.2	X
Black	11.8	11.6	11.4	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	45.6	46.3	47.1	X
White	37.5	36.8	36.0	X
Two or more races	1.8	1.8	1.9	X
Child population in poverty (%)	23.2	22.5	24.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	71,111	70,976	69,169	67,269
Foster care entry rate	2.2	2.0	1.8	2.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	29,962	28,007	26,503	28,860
Children adopted	4,022	4,526	4,976	4,686

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	54	61	77	81
Numerator	229	255	324	343
Denominator	421	421	421	421
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	73	77	81	80
Numerator	1,269	1,369	1,906	2,114
Denominator	1,731	1,774	2,349	2,639

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	283,355	42.6 per 1,000	288,034	42.6 per 1,000	292,109	42.4 per 1,000	297,188	43.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	71,111	10.7 per 1,000	70,976	10.5 per 1,000	69,169	10.0 per 1,000	67,269	9.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	228	3.4 per 100,000	223	3.3 per 100,000	279	4.0 per 100,000	222	3.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	14.4	13.9	13.6	14.1
1 year	8.4	8.7	9.0	8.7
2 years	8.0	8.1	8.6	8.5
3 years	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.9
4 years	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.3
5 years	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8
6 years	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.1
7 years	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.5
8 years	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.0
9 years	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.3
11 years	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
12 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
13 years	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3
14 years	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1
15 years	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0
16 years	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.7
17 years	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	71,111	70,976	69,169	67,269

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Black	17.1	16.6	17.1	16.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	44.3	45.6	45.9	46.1
White	32.7	31.6	31.1	31.5
Two or more races	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2
Missing data	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.2
Number	71,111	70,976	69,169	67,269

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Medical neglect	3.4	3.1	3.2	2.8
Neglect	76.3	77.7	78.5	79.7
Physical abuse	21.3	20.7	20.5	20.3
Sexual abuse	9.6	9.3	9.1	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	71,111	70,976	69,169	67,269

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	132.4	58.5	57.6	69.9
Median	>72 but <96	>24 but <48	>48 but <72	>48 but <72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	30,783	30,110	28,091	26,591	14,889	13,464	12,574	15,888	15,710	15,567	14,162	13,619	29,962	28,007	26,503	28,860
Median length of stay (months)	12.6	14.0	15.6	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.9	16.4	17.6	17.6	14.2	15.7	15.1	12.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	7.9	7.5	7.1	7.1	22.7	22.5	21.9	20.9	4.3	4.0	3.3	3.4	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.2
1 year	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.3	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	11.6	11.1	11.2	10.5	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.9
2 years	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.1	9.0	9.3	10.8	10.7	11.6	11.1	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.6
3 years	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.8	7.0	7.6	7.0	7.9	8.3	8.5	8.6	9.1	6.9	6.7	6.8	7.6
4 years	6.2	6.0	6.3	5.9	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.8	7.3	7.2	7.7	6.8	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.5
5 years	5.5	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.7	6.3	6.9	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.8
6 years	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.8	5.3	5.6	5.0	5.3
7 years	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.8
8 years	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.0	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.7
9 years	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3
10 years	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3
11 years	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.9
12 years	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.5	3.0	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.1
13 years	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1
14 years	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.7	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.1
15 years	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.1	3.0	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.4	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.7
16 years	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.5	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.1
17 years	4.9	5.2	5.6	5.8	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	11.2	5.9	2.0	8.7	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.1
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	10.5	4.4	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	22.8	23.5	24.2	25.0	20.9	19.8	22.7	21.6	20.0	19.3	21.6	22.7	23.4	24.1	24.9	24.3
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)	40.2	40.9	41.2	41.1	41.8	40.4	40.0	40.2	41.0	41.0	40.4	41.2	40.6	40.6	41.1	40.6
White	31.9	30.1	29.0	28.5	31.1	33.4	31.4	31.9	33.8	33.9	31.9	30.3	30.5	29.6	28.6	29.5
Two or more races	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.6	4.3	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0
Unknown	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.2
Missing data	0.0	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	13,497	13,374	12,784	13,083
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	9,721	9,919	9,314	8,771

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.9
1 year	10.0	9.7	9.2	9.5
2 years	8.4	8.9	8.2	8.4
3 years	7.4	6.9	7.2	7.6
4 years	6.4	6.8	6.1	6.2
5 years	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.7
6 years	5.7	6.3	5.5	5.7
7 years	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.0
8 years	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
9 years	5.3	5.0	5.6	5.0
10 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.2
11 years	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.7
12 years	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.0
13 years	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
14 years	4.8	4.9	5.4	4.8
15 years	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.5
16 years	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.3
17 years	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	26.6	27.4	28.4	28.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	38.8	39.0	40.5	39.5
White	29.1	27.6	25.7	26.4
Two or more races	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.1
Unknown	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	4,022	4,526	4,976	4,686

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.5
1 year	15.3	13.5	12.0	10.6
2 years	17.1	16.4	16.8	16.2
3 years	10.9	11.4	11.0	11.5
4 years	9.0	9.4	9.1	8.3
5 years	7.0	8.3	7.5	7.7
6 years	6.8	6.4	7.2	7.0
7 years	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.6
8 years	5.5	5.0	5.8	5.6
9 years	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.6
10 years	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.9
11 years	2.7	3.3	3.7	3.9
12 years	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.1
13 years	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.8
14 years	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.3
15 years	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.8
16 years	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.4
17 years	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.0
18 years	<.1	<.1	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	19.7	17.7	22.8	22.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	44.7	45.2	40.3	42.3
White	29.7	30.2	29.7	28.5
Two or more races	4.4	4.5	5.4	5.4
Unknown	1.3	1.9	1.6	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.2	96.2	96.3	97.2
Children with one or more recurrences	3.8	3.8	3.7	2.8
Number	33,430	33,972	32,296	32,674

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.42	0.36	0.20	0.10
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.58	99.64	99.80	99.90
Number	45,672	43,574	40,665	42,479

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	25.8	28.9	35.0	34.3
Guardianship	0.0	2.0	2.3	1.9
Reunification	62.3	57.6	50.6	51.3
Other	10.4	11.2	12.1	12.5
Missing data	1.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	15,710	15,567	14,162	13,619

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	31.1	33.3	38.3	37.7
Guardianship	0.0	1.8	1.9	1.8
Reunification	48.2	43.3	36.2	37.5
Other	19.0	21.3	23.6	23.0
Missing data	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	4,363	4,371	4,201	3,922

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.9	4.0	5.1	5.2
Guardianship	0.0	2.4	2.1	1.3
Reunification	46.9	43.1	36.9	38.5
Other	48.1	49.6	55.8	55.0
Missing data	2.2	0.9	0.0	0.0
Number	2,033	2,087	1,771	1,837

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	41.8	40.1	41.5	40.3
Children older than 12 at entry	58.2	59.9	58.5	59.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,439	1,504	1,522	1,533

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	11.5	19.4	33.3	55.0	12.9	23.5	16.7	12.8	25.3	26.6	37.1	33.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	6.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.9	2.3		
Reunification	61.5	54.8	46.7	30.0	61.3	47.1	56.7	69.2	59.2	55.7	45.4	48.5		
Other	19.2	25.8	20.0	15.0	19.4	21.6	20.0	17.9	14.1	15.1	14.6	15.4		
Missing data	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	3.9	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.6	0.0	0.0		
Number	26	31	15	20	31	51	30	39	3,138	3,003	3,061	3,085		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	28.0	31.8	34.9	35.1	22.9	25.7	32.6	32.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.9	1.6	0.0	1.9	2.3	2.0		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	75.0	71.4	61.5	56.3	52.4	51.9	65.1	60.6	52.4	53.0		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	28.6	9.2	9.5	10.8	11.4	10.4	11.5	12.7	12.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.0		
Number	9	2	8	7	6,435	6,382	5,721	5,614	5,312	5,271	4,524	4,124		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	32.6	32.6	39.5	32.1	30.3	36.1	44.4	44.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	3.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	62.9	60.2	52.5	60.6	63.0	53.3	45.2	46.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	2.8	4.2	5.5	4.2	5.5	7.6	7.3	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	178	264	200	165	581	563	602	565	0	0	1	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	56.4	52.5	49.0	53.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.8	39.7	43.1	37.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	4.6	4.4	4.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	1.8	1.9	2.7
48 or more mos.	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	9,793	8,960	7,169	6,993

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	90.8	90.3	90.3	90.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.3	3.6	2.9	2.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.3	5.1	5.9	6.0
Missing data	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.7
Number	14,889	13,464	12,574	15,888

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	5.5	3.6	3.4	3.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	42.8	40.3	36.6	35.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.1	32.9	35.4	34.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	10.6	13.4	14.4	13.5
48 or more mos.	9.0	9.7	10.3	13.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,055	4,492	4,961	4,669

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.4	80.1	82.0	84.3	53.5	54.3	54.3	56.6	21.0	22.1	22.0	21.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.6	19.9	18.0	15.7	46.5	45.7	45.7	43.4	79.0	77.9	78.0	79.0	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	19,111	16,755	15,494	18,638	13,155	12,547	11,108	11,024	13,406	14,269	14,063	12,815	0	3	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	4.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
Institutions	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.4
Other settings	89.5	89.5	90.1	92.3
Missing data	1.0	2.1	2.1	0.3
Number	13,069	11,691	10,849	13,893

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	119.2	115.3	115.5	114.3
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)	64.4	60.8	59.2	62.0
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)	10.6	10.8	11.2	10.8
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)	37.5	31.9	37.8	30.0
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?	5.3	4.5	4.0	5.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	99.0	99.7	104.1	112.3
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?	48.4	43.9	39.9	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?	24.3	25.7	26.5	26.9
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?	20.6	23.1	26.2	28.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	5.3	5.0	7.7	8.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	36.5	37.8	41.0	44.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	92.8	94.5	95.7	97.2
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?	20.3	23.5	25.4	27.9
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?	88.6	88.7	89.5	88.1
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?	63.0	65.1	67.1	65.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	82.8	84.0	85.0	87.5
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?	79.1	79.9	81.5	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?	53.5	54.3	54.3	56.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	21.0	22.1	22.0	21.0

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	829,615	850,682	868,824	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.3	1.3	X
Asian	1.6	1.6	1.7	X
Black	1.4	1.4	1.5	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	0.9	0.9	X
Hispanic (of any race)	15.2	15.8	16.3	X
White	77.0	76.4	75.5	X
Two or more races	2.6	2.7	2.8	X
Child population in poverty (%)	11.0	10.5	12.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	13,611	13,179	13,693	13,712
Foster care entry rate	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,768	2,688	2,754	2,885
Children adopted	454	536	502	571

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	94	95	96	94
Numerator	—	2,496	3,736	3,819
Denominator	—	2,617	3,891	4,055
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	95	100	100	100
Numerator	—	—	24,117	23,859
Denominator	—	—	24,117	23,859

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,134	38.7 per 1,000	31,382	36.9 per 1,000	32,517	37.4 per 1,000	32,299	37.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	13,611	16.4 per 1,000	13,179	15.5 per 1,000	13,693	15.8 per 1,000	13,712	15.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	11	1.3 per 100,000	15	1.8 per 100,000	8	0.9 per 100,000	13	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.8
1 year	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.2
2 years	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9
3 years	6.9	6.4	6.7	7.0
4 years	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.5
5 years	6.3	6.7	6.1	6.3
6 years	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.9
7 years	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.8
8 years	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.4
9 years	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.9
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.7
11 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.5
12 years	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.2
13 years	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9
14 years	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.2
15 years	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8
16 years	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.0
17 years	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	13,611	13,179	13,693	13,712

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.9
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Black	2.5	3.2	2.8	3.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.7
Hispanic (of any race)	23.6	23.8	23.0	22.9
White	66.1	66.4	67.3	67.8
Two or more races	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.5
Missing data	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.4
Number	13,611	13,179	13,693	13,712

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	44.7	45.8	47.7	48.3
Medical neglect	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Neglect	20.6	20.1	19.5	20.2
Physical abuse	14.1	12.9	12.1	12.4
Sexual abuse	17.7	17.1	16.5	14.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	20.3	20.6	20.4	22.2
Number	13,611	13,179	13,693	13,712

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	112.1	106.4	98.2	95.8
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	2,418	2,698	2,669	2,705	2,122	2,015	2,047	2,211	1,772	2,025	1,962	2,031	2,768	2,688	2,754	2,885
Median length of stay (months)	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.3	11.2	11.0	11.3	10.0	10.2	10.5	9.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	5.1	6.4	5.6	5.0	15.1	13.6	13.1	14.2	6.9	6.2	5.8	6.0	6.4	5.7	5.1	5.6
1 year	4.7	5.4	5.1	6.5	6.8	6.9	7.6	8.0	7.5	9.2	8.7	9.2	5.4	4.9	6.3	5.9
2 years	4.0	5.0	4.6	4.6	8.1	6.1	6.8	7.5	7.2	7.7	7.0	7.5	5.1	4.5	4.5	5.2
3 years	4.3	4.6	3.4	4.0	5.7	4.7	5.9	6.4	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.9	4.6	3.4	4.1	4.8
4 years	3.1	3.6	4.0	3.5	5.5	4.8	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.0	5.6	5.6	3.6	3.9	3.4	4.3
5 years	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.1	4.1	5.2	4.0	4.7	4.2	4.8	5.2	5.2	3.5	4.1	3.2	3.5
6 years	2.7	3.0	4.2	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.0	5.1	3.4	3.0	4.2	3.0	3.1
7 years	2.4	3.5	3.4	3.0	4.0	4.6	3.9	4.2	3.0	4.0	4.7	3.9	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.4
8 years	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.2
9 years	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.8	3.8	2.8	3.4	4.3	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
10 years	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.4	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.5	3.6
11 years	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.5	2.4	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3
12 years	4.6	3.3	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.4	3.5	2.8	2.3	3.1	2.5	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.3
13 years	5.5	5.6	4.8	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.8	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	5.6	4.9	5.3	4.8
14 years	7.5	6.6	7.2	6.0	5.9	6.7	5.9	6.3	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.2	6.6	7.4	6.1	6.4
15 years	10.3	9.3	8.8	9.1	7.2	7.8	7.2	7.7	5.0	5.7	4.8	5.1	9.5	8.9	9.2	8.6
16 years	11.5	10.6	10.8	10.3	6.4	7.5	8.5	6.6	6.3	5.4	5.8	5.5	10.5	10.8	10.6	10.2
17 years	12.4	10.5	10.8	11.2	5.4	4.9	5.9	4.6	6.4	5.3	6.5	5.8	10.5	10.8	11.1	9.7
18 years	4.5	4.4	5.4	6.5	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	12.2	10.8	10.2	10.6	4.6	5.4	6.4	5.7
19 years	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	2.2	1.9	2.2	3.1	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.8
20 years	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	4.6	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7	2.3	4.2	3.9	3.9	2.7	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.5
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
Black	5.0	4.1	5.0	5.1	3.8	5.4	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.0	4.8	4.3	4.2	5.1	4.9	5.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.9
Hispanic (of any race)	22.5	24.5	23.7	23.3	26.8	26.5	25.4	26.6	25.0	27.6	25.4	25.8	24.1	23.7	23.7	24.2
White	63.7	62.3	62.4	63.9	60.0	60.3	62.3	62.9	61.0	59.9	61.3	63.8	62.6	62.7	63.1	63.2
Two or more races	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.3	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
Unknown	0.3	0.4	1.2	<.1	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	1.0	<.1	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.2
Missing data	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	<.1	0.0	0.0

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	575	548	564	555
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	264	360	338	311

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.1	5.1	6.7	6.7
1 year	8.5	9.9	9.4	7.0
2 years	7.0	6.6	5.5	5.9
3 years	4.5	5.7	5.3	5.2
4 years	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.2
5 years	4.5	5.8	4.4	5.6
6 years	6.3	6.2	5.7	3.8
7 years	5.6	5.3	3.4	6.1
8 years	5.0	5.1	6.7	4.3
9 years	5.6	4.4	6.2	5.0
10 years	4.9	4.4	5.0	6.1
11 years	6.3	4.7	5.3	5.4
12 years	4.0	5.7	5.5	6.1
13 years	6.1	4.6	5.7	5.4
14 years	4.3	5.8	5.5	5.0
15 years	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.8
16 years	5.9	5.3	4.4	5.9
17 years	3.5	4.4	3.7	4.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	1.5	0.4	3.1
Asian	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	4.9	5.3	5.0	5.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1
Hispanic (of any race)	27.3	27.2	25.2	27.0
White	61.2	62.2	65.4	59.1
Two or more races	3.5	2.4	2.7	3.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	454	536	502	571

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	9.7	8.6	7.2	8.8
1 year	17.2	19.6	17.9	18.7
2 years	13.7	12.9	12.4	12.4
3 years	11.2	10.4	10.8	10.5
4 years	9.3	7.6	10.8	7.7
5 years	6.4	7.3	7.0	7.9
6 years	7.0	6.7	6.0	4.9
7 years	4.6	4.9	7.6	6.3
8 years	3.3	4.9	4.6	4.7
9 years	2.6	4.7	3.2	4.2
10 years	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.5
11 years	2.2	2.6	1.8	1.9
12 years	2.4	1.7	2.4	1.4
13 years	2.0	1.3	1.4	2.1
14 years	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2
15 years	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.9
16 years	0.9	0.4	0.2	1.4
17 years	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.1
18 years	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4
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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.9	1.9	1.6	0.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7
Black	5.1	3.7	3.4	3.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	31.5	31.7	30.9	24.7
White	58.4	58.8	60.0	68.3
Two or more races	2.6	3.4	3.0	3.0
Unknown	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.9	93.9	92.3	93.1
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	6.1	7.7	6.9
Number	6,488	6,405	6,635	6,421

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.99	0.45	0.55	0.55
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.01	99.55	99.45	99.45
Number	4,540	4,713	4,716	4,916

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.6	24.5	24.2	27.0
Guardianship	7.6	8.6	8.8	8.4
Reunification	54.5	49.8	52.2	49.3
Other	18.3	17.1	14.8	15.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,772	2,025	1,962	2,031

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	20.0	24.1	24.7	25.3
Guardianship	7.1	10.5	9.5	9.6
Reunification	43.9	40.9	43.9	41.0
Other	29.0	24.5	22.0	24.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,003	1,195	1,174	1,172

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	2.2	1.1	1.3	1.9
Guardianship	6.8	8.5	9.3	9.7
Reunification	45.3	42.9	49.1	46.2
Other	45.7	47.5	40.3	42.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	587	623	615	619

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.4	14.3	13.0	14.7
Children older than 12 at entry	83.6	85.7	87.0	85.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	207	224	193	204

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	5.3	10.1	11.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	11.1	40.0	25.3	22.5	16.0	15.9		
Guardianship	10.7	12.7	14.3	18.2	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	9.2	2.5	8.5	3.4		
Reunification	42.7	50.6	49.4	54.5	87.5	94.1	55.6	40.0	44.8	57.5	67.0	53.4		
Other	41.3	26.6	24.7	23.6	12.5	5.9	22.2	20.0	20.7	17.5	8.5	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	2.3		
Number	75	79	77	55	8	17	9	10	87	80	94	88		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	26.1	22.2	27.3	0.0	22.3	28.3	29.7	26.6	19.2	24.2	23.5	28.8		
Guardianship	13.0	11.1	9.1	8.3	6.1	7.3	9.4	11.5	7.8	9.6	8.0	7.3		
Reunification	52.2	44.4	45.5	66.7	57.8	51.4	47.8	48.4	54.1	47.6	53.7	48.8		
Other	8.7	22.2	18.2	25.0	13.8	12.9	13.1	13.6	18.9	18.6	14.7	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	23	9	11	12	443	558	498	523	1,081	1,212	1,202	1,295		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.8	27.4	29.4	34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	8.9	8.1	7.8	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	70.0	66.7	30.0	100.0	62.2	51.6	47.1	55.3	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	30.0	33.3	45.0	0.0	11.1	12.9	15.7	4.3	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	10	6	20	1	45	62	51	47	0	2	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	76.6	74.0	74.7	74.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.4	21.5	20.5	20.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.5	3.3	2.3	3.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7
48 or more mos.	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.0
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	966	1,008	1,025	1,001

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	82.0	85.5	83.1	87.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.7	7.2	7.3	5.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	7.2	9.1	7.0
Missing data	0.3	<.1	0.4	<.1
Number	2,122	2,015	2,047	2,211

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	34.6	32.7	28.3	32.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	50.7	52.0	52.1	53.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	8.1	10.9	15.4	7.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	4.0	1.6	2.1	3.8
48 or more mos.	2.6	2.8	2.1	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	347	496	474	548

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	73.3	74.3	77.2	79.9	41.5	42.9	41.2	44.1	15.8	15.9	17.0	13.6	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	26.2	25.2	21.4	17.7	58.5	57.1	58.8	55.3	84.2	84.1	83.0	86.4	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	0.5	1.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,601	2,584	2,614	2,758	1,071	1,169	1,117	1,177	867	958	983	979	1	2	2	2

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.5
Institutions	2.7	3.5	2.4	1.5
Other settings	96.5	95.9	97.1	98.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,467	1,354	1,362	1,550

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	125.3	118.1	118.5	123.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	77.6	75.8	76.4	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)	6.9	7.7	7.6	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)	25.5	35.8	41.4	35.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.7	14.3	14.4	11.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	144.1	159.0	147.6	155.8
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?	85.5	84.7	80.5	86.1
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?	14.7	14.7	16.2	14.4
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?	12.7	13.8	15.0	14.9
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	3.1	5.5	3.8	3.2
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?	72.3	81.1	80.7	82.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	120.5	120.1	115.7	119.9
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?	11.0	12.7	13.7	13.5
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?	96.4	96.9	96.9	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?	24.0	27.3	34.4	32.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	70.0	71.9	74.2	77.9
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?	71.9	73.4	77.0	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?	41.7	43.8	41.8	45.3
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?	16.0	15.9	17.2	14.9

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: 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 <http://www.hsdcsf.utah.gov>. Below is some information to help in understanding our data.

Utah has a law that defines child witnessing, or knowledge of, 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 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.

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 of kinship cases through this less-intensive service that are not reflected in our AFCARS data. Utah is dedicated to keeping family connections and placing children with kinship providers whenever children 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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	131,099	128,637	126,275	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	1.4	1.4	1.6	X
Black	1.5	1.5	1.7	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.1	2.2	X
White	92.6	92.4	91.9	X
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	2.3	X
Child population in poverty (%)	12.4	13.2	13.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	872	677	762	705
Foster care entry rate	4.7	5.0	4.3	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,331	1,214	1,078	953
Children adopted	199	182	156	161

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	11	20	19	27
Numerator	213	365	281	394
Denominator	1,875	1,781	1,518	1,434
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	29	58	63	64
Numerator	283	—	946	1,538
Denominator	980	—	1,504	2,402

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	3,222	24.6 per 1,000	2,948	22.9 per 1,000	4,109	32.5 per 1,000	4,834	38.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	872	6.7 per 1,000	677	5.3 per 1,000	762	6.0 per 1,000	705	5.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	2.3 per 100,000	1	0.8 per 100,000	3	2.4 per 100,000	4	3.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.8	5.5	6.8	4.1
1 year	5.8	4.6	5.4	4.4
2 years	4.8	4.1	4.3	3.1
3 years	5.7	6.6	5.2	4.8
4 years	5.0	5.3	5.9	3.5
5 years	6.2	6.2	4.5	4.3
6 years	6.0	5.6	5.9	6.0
7 years	5.7	5.2	5.8	4.1
8 years	5.6	5.0	4.2	6.5
9 years	3.8	5.6	5.2	7.0
10 years	4.9	5.6	4.7	4.8
11 years	4.1	4.4	5.2	5.5
12 years	5.0	6.2	6.2	4.5
13 years	7.1	7.7	7.1	6.7
14 years	8.7	6.4	8.1	10.6
15 years	7.7	6.9	8.8	8.1
16 years	4.8	5.6	3.4	6.7
17 years	4.0	3.2	2.9	5.2
18+ years	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	872	677	762	705

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3
Black	0.9	1.9	0.7	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.7
White	91.5	94.7	96.1	94.3
Two or more races	1.7	0.3	0.7	0.3
Missing data	4.9	1.6	1.7	2.6
Number	872	677	762	705

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.1
Medical neglect	3.6	2.7	1.8	2.7
Neglect	2.6	4.1	3.7	2.1
Physical abuse	46.9	46.1	47.8	34.6
Sexual abuse	48.6	48.4	48.3	62.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	872	677	762	705

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	96.0	110.0	104.4	115.9
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,367	1,281	1,171	1,047	619	642	549	552	658	710	644	653	1,331	1,214	1,078	953
Median length of stay (months)	16.5	16.8	17.0	16.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.6	18.2	18.5	17.8	16.9	17.4	16.7	16.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.9	3.9	3.2	3.8	12.6	10.7	13.5	13.6	3.0	4.1	2.5	4.4	3.8	3.2	3.8	4.0
1 year	5.1	3.5	4.1	4.9	4.2	4.7	5.8	7.1	7.1	5.4	5.6	6.7	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.8
2 years	3.4	4.4	3.1	4.0	4.8	3.6	6.0	4.7	5.9	5.1	6.2	5.5	4.3	3.0	3.9	3.9
3 years	3.0	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.9	4.0	3.8	5.1	4.5	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.7
4 years	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.2	3.6	4.5	5.5	4.9	3.3	3.9	4.3	5.7	2.9	3.7	3.1	2.7
5 years	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.3	5.3	3.4	2.9	4.2	6.1	3.4	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1
6 years	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.8	4.2	2.5	2.4	5.1	3.3	3.4	3.9	4.3	3.2	2.8	2.7	3.7
7 years	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.7	4.0	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.3	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.7
8 years	2.9	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.2	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.5	2.3
9 years	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.6	2.4	4.4	3.1	3.4	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.3
10 years	2.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.5	2.4	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.9
11 years	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.5	2.9	4.0	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0
12 years	3.7	3.2	4.0	4.3	3.9	5.5	2.7	4.0	2.7	3.0	2.0	3.1	3.2	3.9	4.4	3.6
13 years	5.9	5.3	4.2	4.4	7.4	5.0	4.7	6.2	3.3	2.7	3.6	3.7	5.4	4.3	4.4	5.0
14 years	8.1	7.7	7.3	6.1	12.0	10.6	9.5	10.1	4.7	4.9	2.3	4.3	7.6	7.5	6.1	6.7
15 years	13.7	12.3	11.7	11.6	15.0	14.2	12.4	12.3	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.7	12.1	11.1	11.4	10.9
16 years	13.9	15.6	16.3	13.7	9.2	10.9	8.0	6.0	8.8	7.3	7.9	6.3	15.1	15.8	13.9	12.8
17 years	12.7	13.2	15.9	15.9	2.9	4.4	4.9	3.6	16.9	11.5	11.8	12.4	12.7	15.7	15.2	13.2
18 years	2.2	3.5	1.9	3.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	9.0	16.6	18.3	15.8	4.0	2.6	4.4	4.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.2	0.6	1.6
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.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	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
Black	3.1	3.1	2.1	2.0	2.7	1.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	3.4	3.0	2.1	3.2	2.1	1.8	2.2
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)	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.2	0.4	1.8	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.3
White	94.5	94.1	95.7	95.9	94.0	96.7	96.4	94.2	94.7	94.1	95.0	94.9	94.1	95.6	96.5	95.6
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
Unknown	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.2

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	256	225	233	177
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	183	180	168	137

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	2.7	1.3	3.4	4.0
1 year	4.3	4.9	7.7	10.2
2 years	8.6	6.7	3.9	5.1
3 years	6.3	5.8	3.4	5.1
4 years	4.7	3.6	5.2	3.4
5 years	3.9	4.9	4.3	4.5
6 years	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.0
7 years	5.9	2.7	4.3	3.4
8 years	4.7	5.8	4.3	4.0
9 years	5.1	5.3	6.9	3.4
10 years	6.6	4.9	5.6	7.3
11 years	5.1	5.8	5.6	4.5
12 years	6.3	4.9	5.6	4.5
13 years	6.6	6.7	5.2	5.6
14 years	6.3	8.0	6.4	6.8
15 years	6.3	8.0	9.0	6.8
16 years	7.4	8.9	6.9	10.2
17 years	4.3	6.7	8.2	7.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Black	5.1	2.7	1.7	2.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.4	2.7	1.7	1.1
White	93.8	94.7	95.7	95.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.6

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	199	182	156	161

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.5	3.8	1.3	3.1
1 year	16.6	12.1	10.3	13.0
2 years	12.6	10.4	13.5	10.6
3 years	7.0	9.9	9.0	8.7
4 years	6.0	8.8	7.1	8.1
5 years	3.0	7.1	9.6	8.1
6 years	7.0	6.6	7.7	6.8
7 years	3.0	7.1	3.2	6.2
8 years	7.5	6.6	6.4	1.9
9 years	5.0	3.3	5.1	8.1
10 years	4.0	3.8	5.1	1.9
11 years	4.0	6.0	3.2	5.6
12 years	5.0	4.9	3.8	3.7
13 years	4.5	2.2	3.8	3.1
14 years	4.0	1.6	1.9	2.5
15 years	3.5	1.6	4.5	2.5
16 years	1.5	3.3	1.3	3.1
17 years	2.0	0.5	3.2	3.1
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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.0	6.0	1.3	0.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.5	0.0	1.9	0.6
White	92.0	87.4	91.7	96.3
Two or more races	6.0	6.0	5.1	2.5
Unknown	0.5	0.5	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	96.1	98.4	96.2	98.4
Children with one or more recurrences	3.9	1.6	3.8	1.6
Number	388	319	373	304

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.30	0.00	0.06	0.06
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.70	100.00	99.94	99.94
Number	1,986	1,923	1,720	1,599

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	29.6	25.6	23.8	24.2
Guardianship	2.4	1.0	2.8	2.8
Reunification	56.4	56.3	57.0	56.7
Other	11.6	17.0	16.1	16.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Number	658	710	644	653

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	26.9	17.4	16.2	11.6
Guardianship	3.4	0.0	5.9	2.3
Reunification	36.1	43.0	35.3	37.2
Other	33.6	39.5	42.6	48.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	119	86	68	43

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	3.1	1.6	2.6	2.4
Guardianship	3.8	1.0	2.2	3.1
Reunification	71.3	65.7	62.8	63.1
Other	21.8	31.7	32.3	31.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	289	309	269	255

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	10.4	18.1	17.0	22.7
Children older than 12 at entry	89.6	81.9	83.0	77.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	67	105	88	97

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	37.5	15.8	7.1	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	5.3	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	66.7	64.7	41.7	68.4	42.9	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	33.3	23.5	20.8	10.5	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	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	17	24	19	14	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	50.0	12.5	30.8	25.6	24.0	24.7	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.0	2.8	2.9	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.1	57.1	33.3	62.5	56.0	56.7	56.9	56.8	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	42.9	16.7	25.0	10.9	16.6	16.0	15.6	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	7	7	6	8	623	668	612	620	
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data			2010
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	25.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	25.0	
Guardianship	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	25.0	75.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.3	66.7	50.0	75.0	
Other	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	16.7	50.0	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	4	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	4	4	

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	56.1	55.8	59.4	55.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.1	26.0	18.8	21.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.8	10.8	9.3	10.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	6.5	3.5	5.4	5.4
48 or more mos.	4.0	3.8	6.5	4.1
Missing data	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.9
Number	371	400	367	370

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	79.5	76.2	76.7	76.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.7	13.6	13.7	10.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.8	10.3	9.7	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	619	642	549	552

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	5.1	6.6	2.6	10.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	40.0	47.3	39.2	42.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.3	31.9	32.7	31.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.4	8.8	13.7	6.3
48 or more mos.	7.2	5.5	11.8	9.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	195	182	153	158

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	67.9	69.1	72.2	73.6	46.7	43.7	43.9	45.1	21.2	19.8	18.5	20.9	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	32.1	30.9	27.8	26.4	53.3	56.3	56.1	54.9	78.8	80.2	81.5	79.1	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	720	718	633	622	516	513	449	401	750	692	637	574	0	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	4.6	4.3	3.4	5.4
Institutions	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Other settings	95.4	94.8	95.7	93.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	328	345	328	334

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	109.1	102.1	95.7	89.9
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)	56.6	59.9	60.5	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)	8.8	8.9	9.1	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)	32.4	30.9	35.6	35.9
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?	11.6	15.8	18.2	18.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	124.9	139.2	120.5	133.2
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?	45.1	53.8	41.8	53.2
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?	25.8	22.8	27.1	23.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.6	19.0	21.7	18.9
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	8.7	11.4	9.7	8.5
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?	71.5	80.9	68.4	76.5

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	120.3	116.8	106.5	115.1
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?	31.0	23.3	27.8	28.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.0	95.2	93.9	95.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	51.4	44.3	57.7	46.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	68.7	68.2	69.5	72.0
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?	64.5	66.1	68.2	69.7
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?	46.6	43.4	43.8	45.3
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?	21.4	20.4	18.8	21.6

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,836,402	1,838,921	1,847,182	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	X
Asian	4.7	4.7	5.0	X
Black	21.8	21.8	21.6	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	9.9	10.7	X
White	60.3	60.0	58.9	X
Two or more races	3.2	3.3	3.4	X
Child population in poverty (%)	13.0	13.8	13.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	6,275	5,912	6,068	6,621
Foster care entry rate	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,704	7,206	6,034	5,332
Children adopted	680	664	663	653

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	14	19	59	69
Numerator	1,401	1,776	4,712	5,129
Denominator	9,909	9,358	7,922	7,403
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	40	41	75	65
Numerator	562	726	25,913	39,524
Denominator	1,401	1,776	34,566	61,110

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	53,923	29.4 per 1,000	59,956	32.6 per 1,000	62,596	33.9 per 1,000	69,952	37.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	6,275	3.4 per 1,000	5,912	3.2 per 1,000	6,068	3.3 per 1,000	6,621	3.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	31	1.7 per 100,000	37	2.0 per 100,000	28	1.5 per 100,000	38	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.0	12.3	11.6	10.7
1 year	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3
2 years	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.4
3 years	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.0
4 years	6.1	5.6	6.0	6.5
5 years	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.3
6 years	6.0	6.2	5.8	5.6
7 years	5.5	5.1	5.8	5.3
8 years	4.6	5.3	5.1	5.0
9 years	4.4	4.4	5.0	4.4
10 years	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.7
11 years	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.2
12 years	4.3	3.4	3.9	4.0
13 years	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.5
14 years	5.1	4.3	4.7	4.4
15 years	4.4	4.8	4.0	4.2
16 years	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.7
17 years	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.6
Number	6,275	5,912	6,068	6,621

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.0
Black	32.3	31.4	30.4	27.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	9.2	10.3	10.7
White	49.4	50.9	50.5	51.4
Two or more races	5.5	4.5	4.5	4.4
Missing data	3.3	3.1	3.6	4.3
Number	6,275	5,912	6,068	6,621

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
Medical neglect	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.3
Neglect	62.1	59.5	61.8	62.9
Physical abuse	25.8	27.6	27.3	28.2
Sexual abuse	15.1	16.4	15.5	14.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	6,275	5,912	6,068	6,621

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	192.9	204.4	175.6	190.3
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	7,557	6,935	6,716	5,739	3,425	3,073	2,477	2,652	3,279	2,805	3,159	3,059	7,704	7,206	6,034	5,332
Median length of stay (months)	16.0	17.2	18.4	18.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4	18.8	19.7	18.9	17.8	18.8	19.8	18.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.9	12.6	13.5	14.7	13.9	4.0	3.5	3.3	4.5	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.5
1 year	4.8	4.6	5.1	5.0	5.7	6.6	6.7	7.4	5.3	5.5	5.4	6.3	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.3
2 years	4.5	4.3	4.7	5.1	4.5	5.7	5.0	6.4	5.4	5.6	6.2	6.3	4.5	4.6	5.2	5.2
3 years	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.3	4.8
4 years	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.7	4.5	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.3
5 years	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.9	3.8
6 years	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.2	4.1	4.5	3.8	4.1	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.8
7 years	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6
8 years	2.9	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.4
9 years	2.9	3.3	3.8	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.8	3.3	3.7	4.2	3.8
10 years	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.9	2.2	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.4
11 years	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.3	3.9	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.0
12 years	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.2	4.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.2	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.2
13 years	6.0	5.3	5.3	4.8	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	5.2	5.4	4.5	5.1
14 years	7.6	7.8	6.4	6.7	7.9	6.3	6.6	6.2	4.2	3.3	3.3	2.8	7.5	6.4	6.6	6.0
15 years	11.0	9.4	9.3	8.2	8.8	9.4	7.4	6.3	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.2	9.5	9.4	8.2	8.3
16 years	12.6	12.9	11.3	12.0	9.5	9.0	9.5	8.1	6.8	5.0	4.9	4.9	12.6	11.2	11.9	10.4
17 years	13.8	13.8	14.7	13.7	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.1	30.3	15.5	4.0	15.2	12.9	14.0	13.3	13.2
18 years	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.9	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	19.0	26.7	11.6	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.7
19 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.6	3.5	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
Black	40.8	41.4	40.1	37.0	36.3	34.5	31.0	31.9	35.3	37.1	38.3	34.2	41.1	40.1	37.3	36.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.5	8.3	9.7	7.6	9.1	11.4	9.0	8.1	7.7	8.5	8.8	7.3	8.1	9.4	9.9
White	44.8	43.9	43.9	45.9	48.6	48.1	51.0	51.9	49.8	48.0	45.4	49.6	44.3	44.1	46.1	46.7
Two or more races	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.2	5.9	6.0
Unknown	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,868	1,807	1,646	1,528
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,414	1,372	1,097	772

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.7	2.6	2.1	1.4
1 year	7.0	5.5	6.2	6.0
2 years	7.4	6.5	8.2	5.8
3 years	6.3	6.5	5.6	6.8
4 years	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.4
5 years	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0
6 years	6.3	6.2	5.3	5.6
7 years	5.6	6.2	5.3	4.8
8 years	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.0
9 years	5.2	6.6	6.3	5.7
10 years	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.5
11 years	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.8
12 years	6.3	5.1	5.7	5.6
13 years	6.6	6.4	5.1	6.7
14 years	5.6	5.9	7.2	5.8
15 years	5.9	6.2	5.7	7.9
16 years	4.7	4.5	5.2	6.0
17 years	2.9	3.1	2.8	4.3

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6
Black	39.6	40.3	38.9	36.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	8.8	9.2	10.6
White	43.4	40.5	42.7	43.8
Two or more races	9.0	9.5	7.7	7.5
Unknown	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	680	664	663	653

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4
1 year	8.7	10.4	8.0	8.3
2 years	11.8	14.5	11.9	12.1
3 years	11.6	9.8	8.6	9.3
4 years	9.9	8.3	7.8	9.0
5 years	8.2	7.4	8.1	6.9
6 years	6.5	8.6	7.5	6.7
7 years	5.0	6.0	6.6	5.8
8 years	4.7	5.9	5.9	5.7
9 years	6.0	3.8	5.7	5.7
10 years	5.3	4.5	6.2	5.2
11 years	4.0	4.8	4.5	5.8
12 years	4.4	2.9	4.8	4.7
13 years	3.2	4.5	3.2	3.7
14 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	2.6
15 years	2.6	1.7	2.6	3.2
16 years	1.9	1.4	1.4	2.0
17 years	0.6	0.9	2.4	1.5
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.2	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Asian	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.0
Black	37.1	34.0	35.0	33.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.9	7.5	10.6
White	46.2	47.7	47.5	48.5
Two or more races	10.7	11.3	9.0	7.2
Unknown	0.3	0.8	0.2	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	97.8	97.8	98.0	97.6
Children with one or more recurrences	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.4
Number	2,955	2,566	2,720	2,807

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.21	0.25	0.25	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.79	99.75	99.75	99.82
Number	10,982	10,008	9,193	8,391

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	18.6	19.8	20.9	23.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	45.5	46.3	46.9	47.6
Other	31.9	33.9	32.3	28.3
Missing data	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Number	3,279	2,805	3,159	3,059

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	22.9	24.4	27.2	35.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	21.0	19.8	23.5	17.6
Other	52.3	55.8	49.3	45.0
Missing data	3.7	0.0	0.0	1.9
Number	428	328	349	313

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	36.7	34.5	32.5	32.9
Other	59.0	64.8	66.5	64.3
Missing data	3.5	0.0	0.0	1.2
Number	1,388	1,088	1,166	1,035

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.2	24.9	22.4	20.6
Children older than 12 at entry	78.8	74.8	77.6	79.4
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	992	910	952	783

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	30.8	0.0	20.8	5.6	17.3	17.9	17.5	20.9		
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	100.0	50.0	33.3	0.0	61.5	50.0	70.8	66.7	39.5	43.3	45.7	42.6		
Other	0.0	25.0	66.7	0.0	7.7	50.0	8.3	27.8	38.8	38.9	36.8	35.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	1.0		
Number	2	4	3	0	13	8	24	18	1,159	1,042	1,211	1,047		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.6	21.3	21.3	32.8	18.1	20.3	21.3	21.9		
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	50.0	100.0	0.0	50.0	51.3	42.6	48.7	41.4	48.6	48.6	47.5	51.4		
Other	50.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	29.1	36.1	30.0	24.3	29.9	31.1	31.2	25.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.8		
Number	2	1	1	2	265	216	267	268	1,634	1,345	1,433	1,518		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2008		2009	2010		
Adoption	20.8	13.8	19.4	56.5	33.9	28.1	39.7	29.5	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	41.7	69.0	58.1	34.8	46.1	47.5	42.3	53.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	25.0	17.2	22.6	4.3	12.8	24.4	18.0	16.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	12.5	0.0	0.0	4.3	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	24	29	31	23	180	160	189	183	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	64.4	63.3	56.6	57.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.2	26.2	29.8	29.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.6	6.9	9.3	8.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	1.2	2.4	3.0
48 or more mos.	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.4
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	1,492	1,300	1,480	1,456

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	88.3	87.8	87.0	89.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.2	4.5	4.4	4.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.9	3.4	4.9	5.5
Missing data	4.6	4.3	3.6	1.5
Number	3,425	3,073	2,477	2,652

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	3.0	2.3	2.6	3.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.1	22.2	21.5	22.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.3	38.6	38.2	29.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.5	18.0	18.0	26.0
48 or more mos.	19.2	18.9	19.7	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	610	555	660	708

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.9	89.5	87.6	87.0	67.2	66.3	69.0	68.2	40.5	39.8	38.4	36.9	60.0	0.0	33.3	20.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	9.7	11.7	12.6	32.4	33.3	30.5	31.3	59.3	59.7	61.1	62.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	40.0	100.0	66.7	80.0
Number	3,965	3,451	2,951	3,037	2,948	2,502	2,325	1,958	4,064	4,054	3,914	3,391	5	1	3	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.3
Institutions	3.7	2.9	2.7	2.9
Other settings	95.1	96.7	96.5	96.7
Missing data	0.5	0.2	0.4	<.1
Number	1,475	1,391	1,320	1,770

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	110.8	118.6	110.2	120.5
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)	64.7	61.1	55.8	59.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.2	8.2	10.1	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)	23.6	26.4	31.0	29.9
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?	10.2	3.9	6.2	3.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	74.3	71.6	73.5	86.4
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?	29.0	24.5	24.1	26.3
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?	30.7	31.5	32.1	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?	13.0	13.0	16.0	19.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	5.3	5.8	4.7	5.1
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?	36.7	33.1	37.1	49.5

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	101.7	100.0	107.9	109.8
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?	15.2	15.0	20.1	22.0
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?	88.6	88.1	90.0	92.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	43.6	44.3	45.8	44.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	102.7	103.9	103.1	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?	87.9	89.8	87.7	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?	67.5	66.7	69.4	68.7
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?	40.7	40.2	39.0	37.6

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

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,549,129	1,558,023	1,569,592	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.7	1.7	1.7	X
Asian	6.1	6.0	6.5	X
Black	4.2	4.1	4.3	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.5	X
Hispanic (of any race)	16.2	16.7	17.6	X
White	65.9	65.5	64.0	X
Two or more races	5.3	5.5	5.5	X
Child population in poverty (%)	15.0	14.3	16.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	6,984	6,738	6,560	7,108
Foster care entry rate	4.4	4.1	3.7	4.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,189	11,133	11,824	11,625
Children adopted	1,291	1,261	1,625	1,628

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	9	13	18	63
Numerator	1,354	2,045	2,332	7,357
Denominator	15,578	15,781	13,009	11,735
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	41	42	52	89
Numerator	556	32,699	7,250	51,656
Denominator	1,354	77,640	13,949	58,069

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	52,386	33.8 per 1,000	52,972	34.0 per 1,000	44,900	28.6 per 1,000	51,037	32.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	6,984	4.5 per 1,000	6,738	4.3 per 1,000	6,560	4.2 per 1,000	7,108	4.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	27	1.7 per 100,000	23	1.5 per 100,000	21	1.3 per 100,000	12	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	14.3	12.8	11.9	11.0
1 year	7.6	7.8	7.6	8.6
2 years	7.3	6.8	7.6	8.0
3 years	6.4	6.8	6.8	7.8
4 years	6.4	5.9	6.3	6.3
5 years	6.0	6.0	5.7	6.0
6 years	5.7	6.5	5.9	6.2
7 years	5.1	6.2	5.6	5.5
8 years	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.0
9 years	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.7
10 years	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.3
11 years	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.1
12 years	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.0
13 years	4.4	4.3	3.6	4.6
14 years	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
15 years	3.9	3.7	4.1	3.8
16 years	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.6
17 years	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.0
18+ years	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.3
Number	6,984	6,738	6,560	7,108

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	7.6	8.2	6.6	5.8
Asian	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.7
Black	6.7	8.2	7.0	6.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Hispanic (of any race)	16.6	15.9	15.7	15.2
White	62.7	61.9	53.0	54.3
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	8.9	8.8
Missing data	3.6	3.4	6.4	6.3
Number	6,984	6,738	6,560	7,108

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	81.4	77.7	76.5	77.2
Physical abuse	18.2	20.7	22.8	21.6
Sexual abuse	5.7	7.3	6.8	6.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,984	6,738	6,560	7,108

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	5.0	4.8	59.9	53.9
Median	<24	<24	>24 but <48	>24 but <48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	10,418	10,940	11,529	10,566	6,797	6,323	5,880	6,242	6,026	6,130	5,585	5,183	11,189	11,133	11,824	11,625
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	16.3	19.2	19.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.5	12.5	17.2	17.6	16.5	17.9	19.1	17.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	8.5	8.1	6.6	6.6	21.3	19.8	20.5	21.1	6.4	5.2	5.0	4.7	8.0	7.0	6.4	7.2
1 year	9.9	9.8	9.2	9.0	7.3	7.8	8.3	8.8	7.8	8.6	7.3	7.8	9.8	9.7	8.7	8.9
2 years	8.0	8.7	8.1	8.6	6.0	6.4	6.4	8.3	8.1	8.7	9.5	9.5	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.9
3 years	7.2	7.0	7.2	6.8	4.9	5.9	6.0	7.3	6.3	7.3	8.4	7.9	6.9	7.6	6.7	8.1
4 years	6.2	6.4	5.6	6.0	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.2	6.3	6.3	7.0	6.6	6.4	5.8	5.9	6.3
5 years	5.9	5.5	5.7	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.1	5.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	6.1	5.4	6.0	4.8	5.3
6 years	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.6
7 years	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.6	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5
8 years	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.4	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.2	4.0	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.1
9 years	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.4	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.5	3.9
10 years	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.4	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
11 years	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8	2.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.6
12 years	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.7
13 years	3.9	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.0
14 years	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	5.8	5.3	5.1	3.9	5.2	4.7	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1
15 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.3	6.6	6.2	5.1	4.5	6.4	5.7	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.1
16 years	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.6	3.9	6.0	5.5	4.5	3.5	5.1	5.0	5.4	4.7
17 years	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.1	6.8	5.6	4.2	6.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1
18 years	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.2	6.5	6.6	5.1	1.1	1.1	2.3	1.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.9
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.7	2.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.5	6.5	6.2	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.6	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.5
Asian	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.7	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9
Black	10.5	10.0	9.3	9.5	7.1	8.4	8.9	8.6	7.7	8.9	8.8	9.8	9.9	9.7	9.3	8.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	15.1	15.8	16.2	15.7	16.4	15.3	15.1	16.1	15.7	15.4	16.2	15.4	15.6	15.7	15.6	16.0
White	54.6	53.2	52.5	51.7	55.3	53.9	53.0	53.3	57.7	55.5	54.2	54.6	53.3	52.3	52.0	51.3
Two or more races	9.4	10.2	12.1	12.1	9.1	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.4	9.6	10.5	11.1	9.8	10.8	11.9	11.0
Unknown	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.7	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.4
Missing data	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.3	2.0	2.2	0.6	2.5	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.2	1.4

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	2,855	3,015	3,287	3,068
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,147	2,406	2,139	1,845

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.8	1.1	2.4	2.0
1 year	8.4	8.0	9.6	9.1
2 years	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.8
3 years	8.9	9.5	8.2	10.9
4 years	8.0	7.6	7.9	7.4
5 years	6.4	7.0	5.9	6.8
6 years	6.4	6.5	5.9	5.1
7 years	5.5	6.0	5.6	4.7
8 years	5.0	6.2	5.0	4.9
9 years	5.0	5.1	5.7	4.5
10 years	4.7	4.6	5.1	4.9
11 years	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.2
12 years	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.3
13 years	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.4
14 years	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.2
15 years	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.8
16 years	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.0
17 years	4.1	4.0	3.4	4.1

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	5.5	6.2	5.2	4.4
Asian	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Black	11.3	11.4	9.9	10.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	16.4	18.3	17.2	17.3
White	54.8	52.6	54.1	53.2
Two or more races	9.7	9.7	12.3	12.4
Unknown	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.1
Missing data	0.5	0.6	<.1	0.5

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	1,291	1,261	1,625	1,628

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.2	1.1	0.2	1.0
1 year	14.0	13.3	9.7	11.9
2 years	15.7	19.1	17.1	15.9
3 years	11.5	12.8	13.5	10.7
4 years	10.7	10.5	10.6	9.8
5 years	8.6	8.1	8.0	9.0
6 years	7.7	6.9	7.9	6.4
7 years	5.8	4.4	6.9	6.3
8 years	5.7	4.8	7.1	5.2
9 years	4.3	4.4	4.4	5.3
10 years	3.3	4.0	4.4	4.9
11 years	2.6	3.0	2.8	3.9
12 years	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.7
13 years	2.1	1.3	1.8	2.3
14 years	1.7	1.8	1.0	1.6
15 years	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.5
16 years	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
17 years	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7
18 years	0.2	0.0	0.2	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	4.4	3.4	4.0	4.5
Asian	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6
Black	8.1	9.7	8.3	8.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	14.8	13.6	18.2	14.5
White	63.1	61.1	55.3	56.6
Two or more races	7.0	9.4	12.5	14.5
Unknown	1.5	2.1	0.6	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Washington

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.7	93.9	93.7	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	7.3	6.1	6.3	6.3
Number	3,309	2,962	3,204	3,061

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.23	0.38	0.18	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.77	99.62	99.82	99.81
Number	17,215	17,263	17,409	16,808

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	19.4	19.0	27.6	29.2
Guardianship	5.2	5.2	8.8	9.9
Reunification	56.0	67.3	54.3	51.3
Other	7.9	8.4	9.3	9.3
Missing data	11.4	<.1	<.1	0.3
Number	6,026	6,130	5,585	5,183

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	30.9	24.5	28.4	30.7
Guardianship	11.3	9.2	11.1	9.2
Reunification	21.3	39.6	34.9	34.9
Other	29.2	26.7	25.7	24.8
Missing data	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Number	469	584	416	456

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.9
Guardianship	2.6	3.6	3.5	6.0
Reunification	75.1	74.7	67.9	60.5
Other	17.5	21.1	27.0	31.3
Missing data	4.2	0.0	<.1	0.3
Number	1,597	1,586	1,188	1,057

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.2	26.3	32.6	27.0
Children older than 12 at entry	68.8	73.7	67.4	73.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	381	429	454	441

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian					Asian					Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	12.4	9.9	18.1	26.1	8.5	2.6	14.7	12.3	20.6	21.9	25.9	26.1		
Guardianship	15.6	11.7	15.0	17.9	4.9	7.7	10.3	6.2	5.8	5.3	10.3	12.6		
Reunification	41.9	60.1	49.4	37.1	73.2	78.2	70.6	70.8	54.2	59.0	50.4	52.2		
Other	14.5	18.0	17.2	15.5	6.1	11.5	4.4	10.8	13.1	13.7	13.4	9.1		
Missing data	15.6	0.3	0.3	3.4	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	372	383	360	291	82	78	68	65	465	547	494	506		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	20.0	15.6	11.5	15.2	18.2	16.8	30.8	30.2	21.3	20.8	28.9	30.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.8	3.0	10.2	9.4	4.6	5.2	7.5	8.3		
Reunification	76.7	84.4	86.5	81.8	57.8	74.0	51.2	51.8	55.9	66.6	55.0	51.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	6.8	6.3	7.9	8.5	7.0	7.3	8.6	9.8		
Missing data	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	0.0	0.0	<.1		
Number	30	32	52	33	944	942	903	797	3,475	3,401	3,027	2,828		
	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	11.8	13.9	10.8	9.4	17.2	18.9	28.5	33.1	10.7	16.3	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.3	3.8	3.6	0.0	3.2	4.8	9.8	14.2	4.0	2.5	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	67.1	77.2	79.5	85.9	56.8	68.2	52.5	45.9	73.3	77.5	88.9	100.0		
Other	7.9	5.1	6.0	4.7	8.3	8.2	9.2	6.2	1.3	3.8	11.1	0.0		
Missing data	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	76	79	83	64	507	588	589	577	75	80	9	22		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	75.1	67.9	70.9	71.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.0	17.8	16.9	16.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.2	8.7	7.2	6.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	3.2	3.0	3.6
48 or more mos.	1.7	2.4	2.0	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,374	4,127	3,030	2,658

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	78.9	79.5	77.3	81.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.3	10.6	10.4	7.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.3	9.4	11.2	9.9
Missing data	0.5	0.4	1.1	0.6
Number	6,797	6,323	5,880	6,242

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.2	1.1	1.4	2.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.9	23.4	17.1	21.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.3	37.5	37.9	36.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.6	21.3	25.1	22.7
48 or more mos.	17.0	16.7	18.5	17.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,172	1,167	1,539	1,514

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.1	85.8	87.5	87.6	61.1	61.9	65.1	67.5	38.4	38.4	41.1	40.8	0.0	100.0	78.6	87.1
Children with 3 or more placements	13.9	14.2	12.4	12.4	38.9	38.1	34.9	32.5	61.6	61.6	58.9	59.2	0.0	0.0	21.4	12.9
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,355	7,005	6,482	6,627	4,224	4,202	3,792	3,711	5,636	6,054	7,121	6,439	0	2	14	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	1.3	1.9	1.3	0.9
Institutions	0.6	0.5	0.1	<.1
Other settings	98.0	97.5	98.6	99.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,981	4,689	4,467	5,020

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	98.0	108.5	120.1	123.4
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)	63.8	63.8	69.6	73.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.6	7.0	4.4	2.4
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)	25.2	36.0	32.7	31.0
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?	18.8	16.0	14.3	15.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	104.8	96.0	100.0	110.6
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?	27.1	24.5	18.4	23.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.3	31.8	33.4	32.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.3	20.6	25.0	24.8
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	14.8	15.3	12.8	12.1
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?	50.5	43.2	46.6	61.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	116.7	120.0	124.3	118.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.0	31.9	32.9	31.8
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?	93.8	93.3	95.0	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	52.0	49.9	47.5	53.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	95.4	95.8	100.6	101.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.5	82.3	85.3	85.5
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?	61.0	61.9	65.3	67.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	38.6	38.4	41.2	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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

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

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

Washington

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Washington's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

Child safety is at the forefront of all of the work of the Washington State child welfare system. We endeavor to:

- Safely maintain children in their own homes, preventing out-of-home placement
- Safely serve and support children in temporary out-of-home care
- Safely return children home as quickly as possible
- Safely support children in the homes of fit and willing relatives
- Safely secure permanent families for children who cannot return home
- Safely decrease the overrepresentation of children of color involved in the child welfare system

Washington State exceeded five of the six national standards in Federal Fiscal Year 2010. This is a great improvement from 2007 when we only met one national standard.

Prior to FFY 2009, reporting was incorrect in that the State did not report the initial face-to-face contact date as the investigation start date. Data for FFY 2009 and 2010 cannot be compared with prior periods. The following data for mean time to investigation in hours are reported in the *NCANDS Annual Report – Child Maltreatment 2009*:

	2007	2008	2009
Mean # of hours	89	82	61

In June 2011, Washington submitted a revised report on monthly social worker visits with children during FFY 2010. The revised performance measures are:

Children receiving monthly visits	72.9%
Children receiving visits in the home	88.3%

In 2010, reunifying children within twelve months of their placement slightly increased to 71 percent since 2007. For this same period, children reentering care within 12 months of a prior episode decreased over 2 percent. Adoptions continue to increase over the last four years to 1,628 adoptions in 2010, a 20-percent increase from 2007. The numbers of children waiting for adoption in 2010 (whose parents' rights have been terminated) have decreased 14 percent from 2007.

The Governor and Washington State Legislature are committed to management accountability and performance measurement. Children's Administration tracks performance on safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes and uses data for decision-making.

While we support the federal effort to evaluate states' performance compared to federal standards, some unique characteristics of Washington'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.

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 services for all children and their families.

West Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	388,250	387,394	386,449	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	X
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	X
Black	4.6	4.7	4.9	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	1.8	2.0	X
White	90.7	90.4	90.0	X
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.2	X
Child population in poverty (%)	22.8	23.0	23.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	7,109	6,077	5,473	4,133
Foster care entry rate	7.7	8.3	7.4	7.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,570	4,447	4,226	4,104
Children adopted	403	523	541	662

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	10	22	54	76
Numerator	770	1,601	3,403	4,631
Denominator	7,459	7,239	6,312	6,130
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	18	63	80	83
Numerator	322	4,917	17,948	26,706
Denominator	1,839	7,761	22,315	32,076

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	49,357	127.1 per 1,000	52,418	135.3 per 1,000	50,280	130.1 per 1,000	39,469	102.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	7,109	18.3 per 1,000	6,077	15.7 per 1,000	5,473	14.2 per 1,000	4,133	10.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	3.1 per 100,000	5	1.3 per 100,000	6	1.6 per 100,000	8	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	10.0	11.0	10.8	12.0
1 year	6.7	7.3	6.9	7.3
2 years	6.3	7.2	6.9	6.7
3 years	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.9
4 years	6.6	6.0	6.6	7.2
5 years	6.0	6.8	6.6	6.4
6 years	6.5	5.8	6.3	5.6
7 years	6.0	5.8	6.4	5.7
8 years	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5
9 years	5.3	4.9	5.5	5.0
10 years	4.7	4.6	4.0	5.0
11 years	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
13 years	4.6	4.6	3.7	4.0
14 years	4.1	4.6	4.5	3.8
15 years	4.0	3.2	4.0	3.4
16 years	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2
17 years	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	2.5	2.6	2.3	1.6
Number	7,109	6,077	5,473	4,133

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.5
White	84.2	86.1	86.2	87.0
Two or more races	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.3
Missing data	6.9	5.2	5.4	4.5
Number	7,109	6,077	5,473	4,133

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	24.6	25.1	29.5	28.9
Medical neglect	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.5
Neglect	54.1	54.8	51.1	51.3
Physical abuse	25.8	24.2	27.6	28.8
Sexual abuse	4.5	5.3	4.5	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.4	10.3	11.0	9.4
Number	7,109	6,077	5,473	4,133

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	400.6	434.3	411.9	340.7
Median	>168 but <192	>168 but <192	>168 but <192	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	3,892	4,281	4,285	4,136	3,005	3,205	2,869	2,841	2,327	3,039	2,928	2,873	4,570	4,447	4,226	4,104
Median length of stay (months)	11.4	11.5	11.0	11.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.6	12.5	11.8	13.0	11.6	11.0	11.9	10.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.0	5.6	6.4	5.0	11.5	13.4	11.8	12.3	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.8	5.2	6.1	4.9	5.5
1 year	6.4	6.4	7.0	7.3	5.2	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.7	6.0	4.9	6.4	7.1	7.2	6.5
2 years	4.9	6.2	6.0	6.6	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.6
3 years	4.5	5.1	5.6	5.7	4.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	5.4
4 years	3.7	4.5	4.6	5.1	4.2	4.0	3.2	3.8	4.2	4.2	3.5	5.3	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0
5 years	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.1
6 years	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.4
7 years	2.9	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2
8 years	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.4	3.1	2.6	3.5	3.3	3.6	4.2	3.8
9 years	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.3	2.2	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.8
10 years	3.0	2.7	3.8	3.6	2.6	3.4	2.5	2.5	1.8	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.7	3.5	3.0
11 years	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.8	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.7	3.2
12 years	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.8	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.7
13 years	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.7	4.7	4.7	5.3	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.2	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.8
14 years	6.6	6.9	5.8	6.0	8.3	7.1	8.1	8.1	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.5	6.8	5.9	6.3	6.3
15 years	10.0	8.4	7.9	7.6	10.4	10.2	11.6	10.2	8.3	8.1	7.9	6.1	8.4	8.5	8.0	8.4
16 years	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.8	10.6	11.4	13.1	11.5	11.5	9.9	10.6	10.2	10.4	9.4	10.3	9.5
17 years	9.8	9.6	10.1	9.5	8.9	7.9	9.1	9.4	17.4	12.9	11.3	16.9	9.8	10.1	9.7	9.9
18 years	3.1	2.7	2.2	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	7.7	10.1	14.7	7.1	3.2	2.2	1.2	1.8
19 years	1.4	1.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	1.6	2.1	0.4	0.2	1.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
20 years	0.5	0.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	1.2	1.3	0.1	<.1	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	6.5	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.0	7.4	4.9	6.3	4.6	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
White	84.0	86.1	85.0	85.3	86.4	85.1	85.2	85.7	83.4	87.4	85.1	86.5	85.9	84.5	85.1	84.7
Two or more races	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.3	5.5	6.9	6.2	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.4	6.4	6.5	7.4	7.1	7.3
Unknown	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Missing data	0.8	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.7	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.5

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,273	1,311	1,229	1,230
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	980	1,047	1,076	1,025

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.9	5.1	2.4	4.0
1 year	9.2	8.7	9.8	7.7
2 years	9.5	8.2	8.8	9.4
3 years	7.3	7.7	7.4	8.1
4 years	5.3	6.3	8.1	7.3
5 years	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.8
6 years	6.0	5.1	5.3	5.7
7 years	5.1	5.7	4.9	5.1
8 years	4.6	5.3	5.7	4.8
9 years	4.9	5.0	3.8	5.8
10 years	4.3	5.0	5.0	4.2
11 years	4.9	4.7	5.3	4.4
12 years	4.4	5.0	4.1	4.9
13 years	4.1	4.6	5.1	3.9
14 years	5.5	4.8	4.5	5.0
15 years	6.1	5.0	5.5	5.2
16 years	5.7	4.0	5.0	4.7
17 years	3.0	4.1	3.9	4.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	5.0	4.6	4.5	5.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.0
White	85.0	85.8	86.8	82.8
Two or more races	7.2	6.9	5.7	9.3
Unknown	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.2
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	403	523	541	662

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.5
1 year	14.1	12.0	12.4	7.4
2 years	11.9	16.3	13.3	15.4
3 years	12.9	11.9	11.5	9.8
4 years	9.4	9.6	7.9	11.8
5 years	7.4	7.1	8.5	8.5
6 years	6.5	7.6	6.1	7.3
7 years	5.5	7.6	7.4	5.6
8 years	5.0	6.1	4.4	6.2
9 years	4.7	4.2	7.4	5.3
10 years	3.5	3.4	5.2	3.6
11 years	3.5	2.3	2.8	5.1
12 years	3.5	1.9	3.9	3.3
13 years	3.5	1.9	3.9	3.8
14 years	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0
15 years	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.4
16 years	1.5	1.9	0.7	1.8
17 years	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.3
19 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	7.2	5.0	3.5	2.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	2.5	0.9	2.0
White	79.4	82.8	86.3	89.1
Two or more races	10.4	9.6	8.5	5.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

West Virginia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	88.0	89.3	91.5	95.6
Children with one or more recurrences	12.0	10.7	8.5	4.4
Number	3,267	2,593	2,507	2,068

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.03	0.09	0.25	0.30
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.97	99.91	99.75	99.70
Number	6,897	7,486	7,154	6,977

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	17.3	16.8	17.9	22.4
Guardianship	3.8	4.3	5.2	5.3
Reunification	66.4	70.0	71.6	67.6
Other	12.0	8.4	5.1	4.5
Missing data	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
Number	2,327	3,039	2,928	2,873

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	26.8	18.9	17.8	18.2
Guardianship	1.9	3.1	2.5	2.2
Reunification	53.8	64.9	70.9	72.8
Other	17.5	12.9	8.6	6.8
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Number	810	966	914	1,108

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.3	1.0	0.5	1.1
Guardianship	1.4	2.6	3.3	2.9
Reunification	77.8	81.3	87.1	86.6
Other	19.3	14.8	8.9	9.3
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.1	<.1
Number	1,160	1,383	1,354	1,202

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	24.0	23.7	20.8	12.5
Children older than 12 at entry	76.0	76.3	79.2	85.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Number	196	173	72	64

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian			2007	Black			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.9	14.8	10.3	12.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	2.0	4.9	8.3				
Reunification	0.0	50.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	62.2	70.5	80.0	71.4				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.1	11.4	4.9	8.3				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0				
Number	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	172	149	185	133				
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)			2007	White			2007	White		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.4	27.7	8.0	26.0	16.4	16.1	18.2	23.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	2.0	3.9	4.5	5.2	5.3				
Reunification	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	54.5	63.8	60.0	62.0	67.3	70.6	71.5	67.3				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	8.5	20.0	10.0	12.0	8.3	4.9	4.3				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2				
Number	1	3	0	1	33	47	50	50	1,940	2,655	2,492	2,485				
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races			2007	Missing Data			2007	Missing Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	18.2	23.1	30.9	26.0	24.1	21.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	2.9	5.1	4.3	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Reunification	80.0	50.0	81.8	61.5	54.4	62.1	67.4	69.4	92.3	100.0	100.0	85.7				
Other	20.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	6.8	3.7	3.8	5.1	0.0	0.0	14.3				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Number	5	2	11	13	136	177	187	183	39	4	1	7				

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	69.0	62.4	63.8	62.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.3	25.9	23.8	25.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.8	4.9	5.9	5.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.9
48 or more mos.	1.6	4.4	4.4	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
Number	1,546	2,128	2,097	1,941

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	80.4	80.5	77.7	78.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.0	10.9	13.3	12.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.8
Missing data	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.4
Number	3,005	3,205	2,869	2,841

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	2.7	2.7	1.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	41.9	33.9	34.9	32.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.5	41.0	35.9	37.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.9	16.1	17.6	17.6
48 or more mos.	9.2	6.3	9.0	10.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	403	510	524	643

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.2	88.7	86.7	87.8	66.6	65.4	66.2	65.2	32.0	34.5	36.2	39.1	0.0	100.0	84.6	93.3
Children with 3 or more placements	12.8	11.3	13.3	12.2	33.4	34.6	33.8	34.8	68.0	65.5	63.8	60.9	0.0	0.0	15.4	6.7
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	3,527	3,866	3,603	3,521	1,772	1,860	1,879	1,768	1,598	1,756	1,659	1,673	0	4	13	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	3.6	2.9	3.6	3.2
Institutions	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.3
Other settings	94.6	95.9	95.1	95.4
Missing data	0.5	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	1,487	1,671	1,482	1,526

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	111.1	110.0	111.3	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)	73.0	69.3	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)	7.7	7.9	8.4	8.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	41.6	50.2	47.4	48.5
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?	17.5	17.4	15.4	15.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	98.0	100.5	101.4	110.8
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?	45.8	36.7	37.7	34.1
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?	25.3	27.6	27.3	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?	21.7	28.4	29.4	37.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	9.4	12.9	12.2	15.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	28.7	25.5	25.0	25.5

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	124.6	133.9	134.2	157.8
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?	25.6	32.5	32.0	44.8
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?	93.7	91.4	89.2	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?	33.8	28.9	29.0	24.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	98.6	100.2	99.5	100.2
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?	86.7	88.1	86.4	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?	66.6	65.6	66.3	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?	32.5	35.5	36.4	39.4

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	1,324,183	1,316,468	1,310,250	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.1	1.1	X
Asian	3.0	2.9	3.1	X
Black	8.7	8.6	8.6	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	8.5	9.0	X
White	76.4	76.3	75.5	X
Two or more races	2.5	2.5	2.6	X
Child population in poverty (%)	14.4	13.3	16.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	7,856	5,787	4,947	4,876
Foster care entry rate	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,778	7,610	6,919	6,710
Children adopted	734	722	769	711

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	27	29	58	78
Numerator	2,849	3,092	5,987	7,481
Denominator	10,558	10,556	10,239	9,628
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	67	88	75	88
Numerator	13,008	17,430	31,705	48,230
Denominator	19,398	19,695	42,557	55,013

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	39,671	30.0 per 1,000	38,557	29.3 per 1,000	37,550	28.7 per 1,000	39,494	30.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	7,856	5.9 per 1,000	5,787	4.4 per 1,000	4,947	3.8 per 1,000	4,876	3.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	22	1.7 per 100,000	30	2.3 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000	21	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	9.9	10.4	10.3	9.6
1 year	6.8	6.0	6.1	6.9
2 years	6.9	6.3	6.6	7.2
3 years	6.2	6.1	6.4	7.1
4 years	5.6	6.4	6.1	6.3
5 years	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.1
6 years	6.3	5.9	5.7	6.0
7 years	5.3	6.5	5.3	6.0
8 years	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.0
9 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.1
10 years	4.3	4.0	5.1	4.6
11 years	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.6
12 years	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.6
13 years	4.9	5.1	5.6	3.9
14 years	5.6	4.9	5.4	5.3
15 years	5.8	5.9	5.3	4.0
16 years	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.0
17 years	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.7
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
Number	7,856	5,787	4,947	4,876

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.5
Asian	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5
Black	21.1	18.5	20.4	21.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	8.7	8.0	8.6
White	53.7	53.2	53.2	52.5
Two or more races	0.0	3.1	2.6	3.2
Missing data	13.4	11.8	11.2	9.1
Number	7,856	5,787	4,947	4,876

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.9
Medical neglect	0.9	2.0	1.4	1.3
Neglect	36.2	49.0	52.1	53.4
Physical abuse	13.8	19.3	20.9	19.5
Sexual abuse	25.6	28.4	28.1	28.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	29.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
Number	7,856	5,787	4,947	4,876

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	103.3	146.9	168.5	151.0
Median	>24 but <48	>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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	7,042	7,227	7,166	6,529	5,421	4,997	4,524	4,497	4,687	4,619	4,772	4,319	7,778	7,610	6,919	6,710
Median length of stay (months)	15.0	13.9	14.7	15.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.4	9.8	11.2	11.9	13.6	14.5	15.0	13.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	4.9	5.5	5.0	5.4	13.2	14.0	15.0	13.7	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.4	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.1
1 year	5.9	6.4	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.9	6.8	6.9
2 years	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.8	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.6	5.4	5.3	6.1	6.9	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.9
3 years	4.8	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.1	4.5	5.5	5.9	4.8	5.8	5.9	6.7	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.2
4 years	4.3	4.8	5.6	5.9	4.1	5.0	4.3	5.0	4.3	5.3	5.2	5.9	4.7	5.6	5.7	5.7
5 years	4.0	4.3	4.7	5.0	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.4	3.4	4.3	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.3
6 years	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.5
7 years	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.0
8 years	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0
9 years	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8
10 years	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5
11 years	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.4	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.4
12 years	4.5	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.2	4.0	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8
13 years	5.1	5.2	4.4	4.1	6.4	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.5	5.3	4.4	4.1	4.5
14 years	6.9	6.4	6.2	5.1	7.6	7.6	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.0	4.4	4.5	6.5	6.2	5.2	5.1
15 years	9.1	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.8	9.9	9.0	9.0	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.0	8.3	8.2	8.3	6.9
16 years	10.4	9.7	9.7	9.0	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.4	10.8	9.5	9.3	8.2	9.8	9.9	9.2	9.4
17 years	9.4	8.7	8.3	8.6	3.6	3.4	4.0	4.3	12.6	11.1	9.8	11.6	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.2
18 years	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.7	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	5.6	6.6	7.0	5.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1
19 years	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
20 years	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.6	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.7	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.2
Asian	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6
Black	36.9	37.2	37.0	37.1	28.3	28.0	27.7	27.2	26.7	28.4	29.2	29.5	37.0	36.5	36.2	35.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.8	10.0	9.9	8.7	8.8	10.2	9.8	8.3	8.9	8.9	9.3
White	45.3	44.4	43.9	43.1	51.2	50.0	49.2	50.2	53.6	50.6	49.3	48.8	44.4	44.4	43.6	44.2
Two or more races	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6
Unknown	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.6

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	1,305	1,361	1,281	1,169
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	667	746	641	567

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.3
1 year	6.4	8.5	6.7	6.6
2 years	7.9	8.3	10.3	9.0
3 years	9.6	8.0	9.1	9.6
4 years	6.7	8.4	8.1	8.2
5 years	6.1	7.2	7.5	8.4
6 years	5.8	6.8	6.2	7.2
7 years	5.6	4.8	6.9	6.2
8 years	5.5	5.7	5.5	6.1
9 years	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.0
10 years	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.2
11 years	4.1	4.5	5.1	3.9
12 years	4.9	4.5	3.4	3.8
13 years	5.4	3.7	3.8	3.8
14 years	4.6	4.6	2.8	3.8
15 years	4.1	4.0	4.8	3.2
16 years	5.1	3.4	3.7	5.1
17 years	3.4	4.0	2.8	2.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	4.6	2.6	3.4	3.1
Asian	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.6
Black	43.3	43.6	44.3	42.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	9.0	10.9	11.6
White	35.6	37.8	34.6	35.2
Two or more races	5.7	5.8	4.8	5.6
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.5	0.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	734	722	769	711

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.2
1 year	12.4	11.4	12.1	7.3
2 years	11.7	11.4	11.7	13.2
3 years	9.8	13.0	11.2	10.7
4 years	6.1	8.3	10.3	11.3
5 years	6.9	6.6	7.4	8.2
6 years	5.6	7.5	8.2	7.2
7 years	6.1	4.7	4.0	6.3
8 years	4.8	5.3	3.8	4.9
9 years	5.6	4.6	5.9	5.3
10 years	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.9
11 years	4.4	3.3	3.4	4.8
12 years	4.6	2.8	4.4	3.1
13 years	3.1	3.6	2.2	2.7
14 years	3.0	1.8	1.6	1.0
15 years	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.0
16 years	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.4
17 years	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.5
18 years	0.1	0.6	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.3	5.5	3.6	3.2
Asian	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.6
Black	33.8	32.0	31.7	33.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.0	8.0	9.9	10.4
White	43.6	45.8	46.8	46.3
Two or more races	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.8
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	92.8	94.3	95.4	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	7.2	5.7	4.6	5.6
Number	3,487	2,390	2,226	2,178

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.42	0.25	0.24	0.35
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.58	99.75	99.76	99.65
Number	12,463	12,224	11,690	11,026

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	14.3	13.4	14.5	16.1
Guardianship	3.0	2.8	5.0	8.7
Reunification	68.6	69.8	67.8	62.2
Other	13.5	12.9	12.2	12.9
Missing data	0.6	1.1	0.4	<.1
Number	4,687	4,619	4,772	4,319

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	40.0	29.8	30.3	31.9
Guardianship	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.8
Reunification	39.7	47.5	47.2	45.0
Other	17.7	19.0	19.0	19.3
Missing data	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.0
Number	968	796	937	997

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.0
Guardianship	2.5	1.4	2.7	3.7
Reunification	71.3	70.1	70.3	66.6
Other	24.2	25.8	25.8	28.7
Missing data	0.9	1.8	0.7	0.0
Number	1,868	1,683	1,604	1,452

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.6	25.3	28.6	22.7
Children older than 12 at entry	71.2	74.5	71.4	77.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Number	475	487	472	449

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	8.7	15.8	12.0	10.7	6.3	10.3	8.5	7.0	17.7	15.2	16.4	18.8		
Guardianship	3.3	1.0	3.3	6.1	1.6	9.2	0.0	5.6	3.2	3.4	5.5	11.7		
Reunification	78.3	72.9	77.2	70.4	79.4	73.6	76.3	77.5	59.6	63.5	62.3	53.9		
Other	9.8	9.9	7.6	12.8	12.7	5.7	15.3	9.9	17.9	16.1	14.8	15.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.8	0.9	0.0		
Number	184	203	184	196	63	87	59	71	1,252	1,314	1,395	1,273		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.3	14.3	13.5	17.5	11.9	11.9	13.6	15.0		
Guardianship	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.4	2.9	9.7	3.0	2.3	5.5	7.3		
Reunification	100.0	66.7	60.0	100.0	69.7	71.2	76.3	63.2	71.8	72.1	68.5	65.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	8.6	9.4	6.7	9.7	12.9	12.9	12.4	12.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.1	<.1		
Number	4	3	5	2	409	406	489	424	2,510	2,335	2,353	2,106		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	2007		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	2.2	6.1	7.3	6.3	24.0	21.4	23.9	21.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.2	2.0	1.8	4.2	3.6	1.1	4.5	7.6	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0		
Reunification	86.7	81.6	81.8	81.3	63.3	68.1	60.2	61.1	87.5	100.0	90.3	92.9		
Other	8.9	8.2	9.1	8.3	9.2	9.3	10.9	10.3	12.5	0.0	3.2	7.1		
Missing data	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0		
Number	45	49	55	48	196	182	201	185	24	40	31	14		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	73.1	72.6	67.9	70.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.8	17.6	20.2	18.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.3	5.4	7.2	5.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.5
48 or more mos.	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	3,216	3,225	3,237	2,687

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	73.1	75.0	74.9	74.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.0	14.4	14.1	15.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	10.6	11.0	10.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	5,421	4,997	4,524	4,497

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	10.6	9.2	9.8	8.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.2	26.7	24.5	18.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.0	27.3	28.3	36.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.0	22.5	22.4	23.7
48 or more mos.	15.1	14.2	15.0	13.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	668	618	693	697

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.2	85.3	86.7	87.3	61.6	62.4	64.7	67.9	38.6	39.5	40.7	42.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.7
Children with 3 or more placements	14.8	14.6	13.3	12.7	38.4	37.6	35.3	32.1	61.4	60.5	59.3	57.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
Missing placement setting counts	<.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	0.0
Number	6,220	5,889	5,381	5,207	2,615	2,752	2,642	2,374	3,619	3,558	3,657	3,422	9	25	10	23

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

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	2.6	2.8	2.3	1.9
Institutions	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.7
Other settings	95.2	94.9	95.5	95.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	3,343	3,182	2,956	2,955

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	95.7	97.4	101.8	106.1
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)	68.4	69.7	65.3	67.3
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)	6.8	6.8	7.6	7.1
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)	48.6	48.0	47.8	46.1
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?	23.2	22.6	18.8	17.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	117.8	116.9	118.5	117.3
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?	36.8	35.9	34.3	26.5
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?	29.1	30.1	29.9	31.8
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	15.7	18.3	21.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	8.6	8.3	8.2	10.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	77.2	73.5	71.3	75.4

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	116.2	117.7	119.8	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?	23.9	24.6	29.8	31.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.0	97.0	94.5	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	46.4	46.7	46.6	39.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	97.2	98.1	100.6	103.7
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?	83.5	84.0	85.4	86.3
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?	61.6	62.4	64.7	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?	38.9	39.7	41.2	43.4

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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 2007–2010: Report to Congress*.

The mission of Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families (DCF) is to promote the economic and social well-being of Wisconsin's children and families. The DCF was created in July 2008 and is committed to protecting children, strengthening families, and building communities.

The five overarching goals of DCF are:

1. Children are nurtured, safe and engaged
2. We enhance prevention and early intervention efforts throughout Wisconsin
3. Families will have access to quality early care and education
4. Parents will secure and maintain meaningful jobs
5. Fathers will be more engaged in the lives of their children

Wisconsin's child welfare program is primarily a state-supervised, county-administered system. The DCF directly administers the child protective services in Milwaukee County and the special needs adoption program statewide. Child welfare services are administered at the county level and supervised by the DCF in the remaining 71 counties in the state.

The out-of-home care, or foster care, population served in Wisconsin includes children who were or are placed in out-of-home care under a court order or through a formal voluntary placement agreement. Placements may be due to concerns related to child safety or to status offenses and/or delinquent behaviors that affect the child's ability to remain safely in his or her home. The inclusion of the juvenile justice population has an impact on the permanency measure, particularly the state's re-entry rate.

DCF evaluates and monitors program improvement initiatives related to the CFPSR data measures and other critical areas of system performance on a regular basis through its quality improvement program called KidStat.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2007	2008	2009	2010 ³
Total children under 18 years	126,410	128,990	132,025	X
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.3	3.3	3.3	X
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.9	X
Black	1.7	1.8	2.0	X
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	X
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	11.7	12.5	X
White	80.2	79.7	78.6	X
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.7	X
Child population in poverty (%)	11.6	11.6	12.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁵

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child maltreatment victims	772	713	727	744
Foster care entry rate	8.4	8.5	8.6	7.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,273	1,188	1,207	1,088
Children adopted	73	84	71	68

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	66	67	71	71
Numerator	1,269	1,252	1,302	1,185
Denominator	1,917	1,881	1,839	1,660
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	41	62	58	64
Numerator	3,328	4,922	4,606	4,624
Denominator	8,159	7,904	7,936	7,181

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,959	39.2 per 1,000	4,880	37.8 per 1,000	5,541	42.0 per 1,000	6,895	52.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁸	772	6.1 per 1,000	713	5.5 per 1,000	727	5.5 per 1,000	744	5.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.6 per 100,000	1	0.8 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	11.4	11.4	13.9	10.5
1 year	8.5	9.3	8.8	7.9
2 years	7.4	8.0	9.1	7.3
3 years	7.8	7.9	6.2	9.0
4 years	7.1	7.7	6.9	9.4
5 years	6.0	6.5	5.6	7.9
6 years	6.2	5.5	4.8	6.7
7 years	6.3	5.2	6.7	5.2
8 years	5.3	4.6	4.1	5.1
9 years	5.6	4.3	3.7	5.4
10 years	4.3	3.4	5.6	4.3
11 years	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3
12 years	4.3	5.3	5.1	2.7
13 years	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.2
14 years	3.2	4.5	4.3	2.8
15 years	4.5	5.0	2.8	2.8
16 years	2.2	2.2	2.9	3.2
17 years	2.1	1.8	1.2	1.9
18+ years	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	772	713	727	744

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.7	2.2	1.5	0.8
Asian	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.1
Black	2.6	3.4	2.8	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.7	9.4	10.7	13.3
White	77.1	74.9	73.5	74.6
Two or more races	0.8	1.5	0.1	0.1
Missing data	8.0	8.0	11.3	9.3
Number	772	713	727	744

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 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 and are available at <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

³ The 2010 Census Bureau general child population estimates were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2008–2011 report. All 2010 rate calculations use 2009 child population estimates.

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁵ 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. 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. The 2010 foster care entry rate was calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁶ Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

⁷ The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18. The 2010 rates were calculated using 2009 child population estimates from the Census Bureau.

⁸ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁹

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Emotional abuse	7.5	9.5	12.7	18.5
Medical neglect	0.8	1.7	1.2	0.7
Neglect	74.4	74.1	68.8	68.8
Physical abuse	8.0	6.2	7.8	6.5
Sexual abuse	9.6	10.7	12.2	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.5	2.8	3.7	3.5
Number	772	713	727	744

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mean	19.3	17.0	17.5	15.0
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 Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total number	1,215	1,148	1,100	1,057	1,061	1,094	1,137	995	1,003	1,054	1,030	964	1,273	1,188	1,207	1,088
Median length of stay (months)	10.1	10.8	9.5	8.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.3	9.5	8.1	8.2	10.5	9.6	9.5	10.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	3.0	3.0	4.0	2.9	6.9	7.0	7.7	7.3	2.4	2.1	3.7	2.7	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.8
1 year	5.7	4.2	4.4	5.6	4.9	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.5	5.6	4.0
2 years	5.1	5.4	4.3	5.7	4.9	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.4	6.4	5.3	5.9	5.4	4.1	5.1	6.6
3 years	5.6	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.1	5.5	4.0	5.2	4.8	4.4	5.2	4.6	5.2	4.8	4.7
4 years	5.2	4.6	4.7	5.6	4.1	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.2	4.1	5.2	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.4	5.1
5 years	4.8	4.9	3.5	4.5	2.7	3.8	3.5	3.8	4.7	5.6	3.8	4.5	4.6	3.3	4.3	5.0
6 years	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.6	2.8	2.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.2	2.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	4.1
7 years	4.7	3.5	2.8	4.1	3.4	2.5	4.0	3.2	3.6	2.1	2.2	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.8
8 years	3.4	4.1	3.2	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.4	4.1	3.1	2.8	3.8	4.1	3.0	3.3	3.4
9 years	3.5	2.6	3.4	3.2	2.5	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.6
10 years	2.8	4.2	2.8	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.7	2.1	3.7	3.1	3.2	4.0	2.6	3.6	4.0
11 years	3.0	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.2	2.5	3.1	1.9	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.9	3.7
12 years	2.6	3.7	3.6	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.0	1.7	3.2	3.5	3.3	4.1	3.1
13 years	5.1	3.7	4.4	4.6	5.0	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.6	5.3
14 years	6.7	6.8	7.8	7.0	9.9	8.8	8.0	7.8	5.8	4.5	6.5	5.9	6.6	7.6	7.0	4.8
15 years	9.5	9.8	10.6	8.0	14.0	14.4	11.2	10.3	9.9	9.1	10.1	7.4	10.1	10.8	8.5	11.2
16 years	11.1	12.9	13.1	10.6	14.5	13.5	14.2	13.5	10.8	11.9	14.3	11.8	13.0	13.7	11.5	9.8
17 years	10.1	11.8	11.1	10.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	8.2	11.0	12.1	12.3	13.8	11.7	11.5	10.7	8.8
18 years	2.5	2.7	3.7	3.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.9	8.7	8.0	6.8	7.4	2.9	4.0	3.5	2.9
19 years	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.4
20 years	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	<.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.5	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.3	<.1	0.6

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

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.5	1.2	2.2	1.7	1.5	2.6	1.8	1.3	2.2	2.0	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.8	2.6
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0
Black	3.1	3.1	4.2	5.0	3.2	3.7	4.0	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.7	4.8	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	12.2	12.8	10.8	13.9	11.4	13.0	12.5	12.0	11.4	13.7	11.2	12.0	12.2	12.3	11.9
White	79.8	76.6	76.8	76.1	72.7	74.0	71.2	75.5	75.8	74.5	73.6	77.1	77.0	76.1	74.2	74.6
Two or more races	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.9
Unknown	4.0	5.1	3.6	4.4	7.4	8.0	8.3	6.6	6.2	7.6	6.5	5.1	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.8
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

⁹ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total waiting children	156	97	79	85
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	55	48	38	30

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.3	0.0	3.8	1.2
1 year	3.8	2.1	2.5	5.9
2 years	4.5	5.2	6.3	1.2
3 years	5.1	5.2	3.8	4.7
4 years	6.4	8.2	2.5	3.5
5 years	8.3	5.2	2.5	5.9
6 years	7.1	5.2	5.1	7.1
7 years	7.7	7.2	5.1	8.2
8 years	9.0	8.2	7.6	4.7
9 years	5.8	8.2	8.9	3.5
10 years	6.4	4.1	7.6	10.6
11 years	5.1	8.2	3.8	7.1
12 years	6.4	5.2	7.6	3.5
13 years	3.2	5.2	7.6	5.9
14 years	3.8	7.2	7.6	8.2
15 years	5.8	5.2	7.6	7.1
16 years	3.8	6.2	5.1	7.1
17 years	6.4	4.1	5.1	4.7

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.2	3.1	2.5	16.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	12.4	6.3	7.1
White	81.4	83.5	87.3	70.6
Two or more races	3.2	1.0	1.3	3.5
Unknown	1.9	0.0	2.5	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total children adopted	73	84	71	68

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under 1 year	1.4	2.4	1.4	0.0
1 year	12.3	7.1	8.5	10.3
2 years	13.7	8.3	8.5	16.2
3 years	17.8	11.9	14.1	17.6
4 years	6.8	7.1	15.5	4.4
5 years	9.6	11.9	7.0	7.4
6 years	6.8	8.3	9.9	4.4
7 years	9.6	3.6	1.4	7.4
8 years	5.5	10.7	7.0	5.9
9 years	5.5	4.8	5.6	4.4
10 years	4.1	6.0	5.6	4.4
11 years	0.0	3.6	4.2	4.4
12 years	2.7	3.6	0.0	1.5
13 years	1.4	4.8	1.4	2.9
14 years	2.7	1.2	4.2	4.4
15 years	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.5
16 years	0.0	1.2	1.4	1.5
17 years	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.5
18 years	0.0	2.4	1.4	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	5.5	2.4	4.2	4.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.7	17.9	14.1	2.9
White	78.1	71.4	78.9	89.7
Two or more races	1.4	4.8	0.0	0.0
Unknown	1.4	3.6	0.0	2.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children without a recurrence	97.3	95.0	97.1	98.0
Children with one or more recurrences	2.7	5.0	2.9	2.0
Number	338	357	340	356

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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.53	0.45	0.13	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.47	99.55	99.87	100.00
Number	2,276	2,242	2,237	2,052

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	7.1	8.4	6.6	6.5
Guardianship	4.1	8.3	4.8	5.5
Reunification	81.0	75.8	82.4	76.7
Other	7.6	6.3	5.7	10.6
Missing data	0.3	1.1	0.5	0.7
Number	1,003	1,054	1,030	964

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	13.8	19.9	13.3	16.5
Guardianship	6.2	8.9	6.2	6.1
Reunification	68.3	59.6	69.9	60.9
Other	11.7	9.6	10.6	15.7
Missing data	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.9
Number	145	146	113	115

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.4
Guardianship	1.7	3.2	2.3	2.4
Reunification	84.1	83.0	87.1	81.5
Other	13.6	12.4	9.3	14.4
Missing data	0.6	1.1	0.8	1.3
Number	471	476	529	459

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14.5	4.7	8.1	10.0
Children older than 12 at entry	85.5	95.3	91.9	90.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	55	43	37	40

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2007	Asian				2007	Black			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	6.1	8.8	8.8	
Guardianship	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	6.1	2.9	2.9	
Reunification	92.3	95.7	76.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.0	79.4	72.7	82.4	76.5		
Other	7.7	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	5.9	15.2	5.9	8.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9		
Number	13	23	21	13	1	2	4	5	34	33	34	34		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2007	Hispanic (of any race)				2007	White			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	11.7	6.4	2.8	7.2	8.4	7.1	7.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	5.8	5.7	8.3	4.3	9.3	5.0	5.7		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	83.3	77.5	83.0	75.0	79.7	75.0	81.7	76.0		
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	4.2	3.5	12.0	8.3	6.1	5.8	10.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.4	1.9	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.4		
Number	0	1	1	0	120	120	141	108	760	785	758	743		
	Unable to Determine				2007	Two or More Races				2007	Missing Data			
	2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010		2007	2008	2009	2010
Adoption	1.6	3.8	0.0	4.1	7.7	40.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.8	6.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	88.7	80.0	91.0	83.7	84.6	50.0	75.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.8	7.5	7.5	12.2	7.7	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	62	80	67	49	13	10	4	12	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	69.0	68.3	72.2	74.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.5	23.0	20.8	18.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.2	5.0	3.4	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	1.6	0.9	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.9	0.8	1.6	1.5
Missing data	1.0	1.3	0.9	0.7
Number	812	799	849	739

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children entering care for the first time	74.3	73.4	72.8	70.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.5	12.1	12.2	16.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.1	11.3	12.1	11.5
Missing data	3.1	3.2	2.8	1.3
Number	1,061	1,094	1,137	995

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Less than 12 mos.	2.8	3.4	8.8	4.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.4	24.7	27.9	28.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.8	28.1	25.0	33.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.7	28.1	20.6	12.7
48 or more mos.	11.3	15.7	17.6	19.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Number	71	89	68	63

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			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.5	84.7	82.9	85.5	65.8	60.8	59.1	57.7	37.9	38.7	38.5	37.0	100.0	92.9	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	12.8	13.7	11.7	33.1	39.2	39.6	40.7	62.1	61.3	61.5	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.4	2.5	3.4	2.8	1.2	0.0	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,300	1,312	1,354	1,219	511	487	508	459	456	429	364	365	9	14	11	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 (%)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group homes	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.3
Institutions	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.1
Other settings	92.8	93.5	93.5	93.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	513	538	611	517

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score¹⁷	119.8	116.6	122.0	125.1
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)	70.8	71.3	73.4	74.2
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)	6.8	7.4	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)	59.6	57.5	56.1	57.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.9	15.3	15.2	14.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	127.4	130.2	127.8	118.1
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?	28.2	28.1	36.8	33.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.9	32.9	31.1	28.9
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?	18.1	24.9	20.5	19.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	4.8	7.0	7.1	7.6
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?	80.8	78.3	73.5	83.0

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	136.7	157.0	152.3	144.0
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?	29.0	40.1	35.2	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	95.8	98.1	82.5
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?	20.6	18.9	17.7	14.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Composite Score	99.3	97.0	96.1	96.9
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?	85.3	85.7	84.2	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?	66.7	60.8	60.2	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?	38.2	38.5	40.0	38.7

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 include 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 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

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?

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.

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
 - (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 Department on the Children's Bureau website at:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

Permanency Composite 1: Timeliness and permanency of reunifications

This composite addresses issues relevant to Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. The Department considers children as discharged from foster care to reunification if the reason for discharge reported to AFCARS is either "reunification with parent or primary caretaker" or "living with other relative." It is important to note that the discharge reason of living with other relatives only applies to children discharged from foster care to the care of a relative. It does not apply to

children in the foster care system in out-of-home placements with relatives, and it does not apply to children discharged from foster care to a legal guardian, even if the legal guardian is a relative.

The calculation of three of the measures included in permanency composite 1 (C1) excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days, and incorporates a “trial home visit” adjustment, when relevant. These are explained below.

- *Exclusions of children discharged from foster care in less than 8 days.* The calculation of some of the CFSR measures excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days from the time of entry. This exclusion was not part of the calculation of any of the original child welfare outcomes measures. When the exclusion is incorporated, it is stated explicitly in the wording of the measure. The decision to exclude these children from the calculation of some of the measures, particularly the timeliness of reunification measures, was based on two factors:
 - (1) the extensive variation across States in the percentages of children discharged from foster care after having been in foster care for very short periods of time (i.e., less than 8 days); and
 - (2) the fact that the kinds of case practices and agency efforts necessary to achieve a timely reunification for a child who has been removed from home and placed in foster care usually are not applicable for these very short-term placements.

The Department believes that the exclusion of these very short-term placements from measures of timeliness of reunification and placement stability provides a more accurate portrait of State performance in these areas.

- *The trial home visit adjustment.* The CFSR timeliness of reunification measures incorporate a trial home visit adjustment. The use of this adjustment is stated explicitly in all measures to which it applies. The trial home visit adjustment addresses the variation across States with regard to the practice of returning children in foster care to their families without discharging them from foster care for a period of time in order to provide continued monitoring and/or services. This practice often is referred to as “physical reunification” and may be required in State statute, written into agency policy, or simply reflect standard case practice in a State. To allow for greater uniformity across States in measuring length of stay in foster care, the Department developed the trial home visit adjustment as a proxy for physical reunification.

The adjustment works in the following way: When a child is discharged from foster care to reunification, if the child’s current placement setting is a trial home visit, any trial home visit in excess of 30 days is excluded when calculating length of stay in foster care.² An important feature of this adjustment, however, is that the child must have been discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification or living with other relatives before the trial home visit adjustment is considered.

The individual measures included in permanency composite 1 (C1) are as follows:

- **Individual Measure C1.1:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)
- **Individual Measure C1.2:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)
- **Individual Measure C1.3:** Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)
- **Individual Measure C1.4:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?

Because this longitudinal measure of reentry into foster care is a more direct measure than the original reentry measure, it now replaces the original measure as the assessment of reentry.

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.

Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of adoptions

This composite addresses Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption. The following measures are included in permanency composite 2 (C2).

- **Individual Measure C2.1:** Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?
- **Individual Measure C2.2:** Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption?
- **Individual Measure C2.3:** Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?
- **Individual Measure C2.4:** Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?

Similar to the entry cohort measure of reunification and the CFSR measure of reentry, individual measures C2.3 and C2.4 capture State performance in achieving timely adoptions from a longitudinal perspective, rather than from the point of discharge from foster care. The measures reflect the statutory requirement of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997 that States pursue adoption as a permanency goal for any child who has been in foster care for 15 of 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.

³ ASFA requires State child welfare agencies to file a petition to terminate parental rights and pursue adoption for a child who has been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, unless the agency documents a compelling reason why such action would not be in the best interests of the child. A 17-month rather than a 15-month timeframe was chosen for the measure because, in accordance with ASFA, a child is considered to have “entered foster care” (for purposes of starting the clock for the 15 of 22 months) on the earlier of:

(1) the first judicial finding that the child has been subjected to abuse and neglect, or
(2) the date that is 60 days after the date on which the child is removed from the home.

The 17-month timeframe is used in the measure because AFCARS does not collect information pertaining to the date of the first judicial finding.

⁴ The 24-month period was chosen because nationally about 50 percent of the children in foster care on any given day have been in foster care for approximately 2 years or longer.

- **Individual Measure C3.3:** Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?

This measure and the original measure 3.4 in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports are both intended to assess whether children are spending large parts of their childhoods in foster care without ever being discharged to permanent homes.

Permanency Composite 4: Placement stability

Permanency composite 4 (C4) is consistent with the objectives of Outcome 6: Increase placement stability. The three individual measures included in this composite are similar to the original measure 6.1 in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. As previously noted, however, one difference is that the measures included in this composite exclude children who were age 18 or older on the first day of the fiscal year. Measure 6.1 does not exclude these children. In addition, measure C4.1 excludes children who were not in foster care for at least 8 days. (See C1 for an explanation of the 8-day exclusion.)

- **Individual Measure C4.1:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?
- **Individual Measure C4.2:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?
- **Individual Measure C4.3:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?

Appendix C

Caseworker Visits

The Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288) amended section IV-B of the Social Security Act (the Act) to include new funding to partially support monthly caseworker visits with children who are in State foster care. Under section 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Act, States are required to collect and report the following data on caseworker visits, beginning with Federal fiscal year (FY) 2007:

- The percentage of children in foster care who were visited on a monthly basis by the caseworker handling the case of the child
- The percentage of these monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child

For both of these percentages, the submission of numerators and denominators was not required for FY 2007 or FY 2008, although it was encouraged for FY 2008, and the majority of States did submit numerators and denominators for that year. Beginning with FY 2009, the numerators and denominators were required. In all years, the Child Welfare Outcomes Report prints any numerators and denominators that are available.

For more detailed information on the collection and reporting of caseworker visits data, please see Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 (issued April 18, 2008):

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0803.htm

In addition, Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-09-06 (issued June 3, 2009) provides additional reporting requirement information:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2009/pi0906.htm

Calculation of Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV)¹

To calculate the percentage of children in foster care who were visited on a monthly basis by a social worker, the following data are required:

- Denominator: the aggregate number of children served in foster care for at least 1 full calendar month during the FY²
- Numerator: the number of children visited each and every full calendar month that they were reported to be in foster care during the FY

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 total number of visit months aggregated for all children who were visited each and every full calendar month they were in foster care during the FY³
- Numerator: the total number of visit months in which at least one child visit occurred in the child's home⁴

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.

¹ 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 fiscal year (October 1) are included in this calculation.

² The FY is the 12-month period beginning October 1 and ending September 30. For example, FY 2010 began October 1, 2009 and ended September 30, 2010.

³ A visit month is defined as a month in which a child was visited at least once (only children in foster care for at least 1 calendar month are included in this calculation).

⁴ 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.

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 developed by the Children’s Bureau Data Team, or one that has been approved by the Children’s Bureau Regional Office in consultation with the Children’s Bureau Data Team.

The following States elected to submit sample data for FY 2007, FY 2008, FY 2009, and/or FY 2010:

State	Used Sample in FY 2007	Used Sample in FY 2008	Used Sample in FY 2009	Used Sample in FY 2010
Alabama	X	X	X	X
Georgia		X		
Hawaii	X	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	X	X
Iowa ⁵	X			
Kansas	X	X		
Louisiana	X	X	X	X
Maryland	X	X		
Michigan	X	X	X	X
Minnesota ⁶		X		X
Missouri	X	X		
Montana	X			
Nebraska	X			
North Carolina	X			
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X
Texas	X	X	X	X

⁵ Iowa used a sample in FY 2007 to calculate the “visits in the home” percentage only.

⁶ Minnesota provided data establishing that through its sampling of non-visit cases it learned that some visits were made but not recorded in the State’s automated system. A revised numerator based on this information was accepted by the Children’s Bureau.

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; or (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; or (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; or (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; or (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; or (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; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.1, Child Victims by Type of Maltreatment
Time to investigation	Mean time to investigation 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 time to investigation 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

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
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
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; and 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

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
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
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
Composite 2. Timeliness of Adoptions	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 2 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 2, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C2.1 Adoptions in less than 24 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.2 Median length of stay to adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.3 Adoption of children in care for 17 months or longer	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.4 Achieving legal freedom of children in care for 17 months or longer	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
C2.5 Adoption of children who are legally free	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
Composite 3. Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 3 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 3, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C3.1 Permanency for children in foster care for 24 + months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C3.2 Permanency for children who are legally free	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
C3.3 Children emancipated or 18 years old in foster care for 3 years or longer	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 18, Date of First Removal From Home
Composite 4. Placement Stability While in Foster Care	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 4 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 4, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C4.1 Placement stability for children in care for less than 12 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode
C4.2 Placement stability for children in care for 12 to 24 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode
C4.3 Placement stability for children in care for 24 + months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode

Appendix E

Child Maltreatment 2010: Summary of Key Findings

The following are key findings from *Child Maltreatment 2010*. 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 2010* report is available on the Children's Bureau website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm10/index.htm>

What is NCANDS?

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes annual data on child abuse and neglect. The 1988 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to establish a national data collection and analysis program. The Children's Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families within the Department collects and analyzes the data.

The data are submitted voluntarily by the States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The first Child Maltreatment report from NCANDS was based on data for 1990; the report for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2010 data is the 21st issuance of this annual report.

How are the data used?

NCANDS data are used for the annual report, *Child Maltreatment*. 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) of the States, in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports to Congress, and to measure the performance of several Federal programs.

What data are collected?

Once an allegation (called a referral) of abuse and neglect is received by a child protective services (CPS) agency, it is either screened in for further attention by CPS or it is screened out. A screened-in referral is called a report. CPS agencies conduct a response for all reports. The majority of reports receive investigations, which determine if a child was maltreated or is at-risk of maltreatment and establish whether or not an intervention is needed. Some reports receive an alternative response, which focuses primarily upon the needs of the family and may or may not include a determination regarding the alleged 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. States that are unable to provide case-level data submit aggregated counts of key indicators.

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 that are alleged, 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/stats_research/index.htm#can.

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 can contact NDACAN at <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu>.

How many allegations of maltreatment were reported and received an investigation or assessment for abuse and neglect?

During FY 2010, an estimated 3.3 million referrals, involving the alleged maltreatment of approximately 5.9 million children, were received by CPS agencies. Of these referrals 45 States reported counts of both screened-in and screened-out referrals. Based on these data, 60.7 percent were screened in, with a range of 25.2 to 98.7 percent among the States and 39.3 percent were screened out, with a range of 1.3 to 74.8 percent among the States.

Of the nearly 2 million reports that were screened in and received a CPS response, 90.3 percent received an investigation response and 9.7 percent received an alternative response. Of the 1,793,724 reports that received an investigation, 436,321 were substantiated; 24,976 were found to be indicated; and 1,262,118 were found to be unsubstantiated.

Who reported child maltreatment?

For FY 2010, three-fifths of reports of alleged child abuse and neglect were made by professionals. The term “professional” means that the person had contact with the alleged child maltreatment victim as part of the report source’s job. This term includes teachers, police officers, lawyers, and social services staff. “Other” and unknown report sources submitted 13.7 percent of reports. An “other” report source includes any State code that does not fit into one of the NCANDS codes. The remaining reports were made by nonprofessionals, including friends, neighbors, and relatives:

- The three largest percentages of report sources were from such professionals as teachers (16.4 percent), law enforcement and legal personnel (16.7 percent), and social services staff (11.5 percent).
- Anonymous sources (9.0 percent), other relatives (7.0 percent), parents (6.8 percent), and friends and neighbors (4.4 percent), accounted for nearly all of the nonprofessional reporters.

Who were the child victims?

All 52 States submitted data to NCANDS about the dispositions of children who received one or more CPS responses. For FY 2010, more than 3.6 million (duplicate) children were subjects of at least one report and received one or more dispositions. The duplicate count of child victims counts a child each time he or she was found to be a victim. 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. One-fifth of these children were found to be victims with dispositions of substantiated (19.5 percent), indicated (1.0 percent), and alternative response victim (0.5 percent).

The duplicate victim rate was 10.0 victims per 1,000 children in the population, while the unique victim rate was 9.2 victims per 1,000 children in the population. The number of nationally estimated duplicate victims was 754,000, and the number of nationally estimated unique victims was 695,000. Other victim demographics include:

- Victims in the age group of birth to 1 year had the highest rate of victimization at 20.6 per 1,000 children of the same age group in the national population.
- Victimization was split between the sexes with boys accounting for 48.5 percent and girls accounting for 51.2 percent. Fewer than 1 percent of victims had an unknown sex.
- Eighty-eight percent of victims were comprised of three races or ethnicities – African-American (21.9 percent), Hispanic (21.4 percent), and White (44.8 percent).

What were the most common types of maltreatment?

As in prior years, the greatest percentage of children were neglected. A child may have suffered from multiple forms of maltreatment and was counted once for each maltreatment type. CPS investigations or assessments determined that for unique victims:

- More than 75 percent (78.3 percent) suffered neglect
- More than 15 percent (17.6 percent) suffered physical abuse
- Less than 10 percent (9.2 percent) suffered sexual abuse

How many children died from abuse or neglect?

Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment. Yet, each year children die from abuse and neglect. Fifty-one States reported a total of 1,537 fatalities. Based on these data, a nationally estimated 1,560 children died from abuse and neglect. Analyses are performed on the number of child fatalities for whom case-level data were obtained. Of the reported fatalities:

- The overall rate of child fatalities was 2.07 deaths per 100,000 children
- Nearly 80 percent (79.4 percent) of all child fatalities were younger than 4 years old
- Boys had a higher child fatality rate than girls at 2.51 boys per 100,000 boys in the population. Girls died of abuse and neglect at a rate of 1.73 per 100,000 girls in the population
- More than 30 percent (32.6 percent) of child fatalities were attributed exclusively to neglect
- More than 40 percent (40.8 percent) of child fatalities were caused by multiple maltreatment types

Who abused and neglected children?

For the analyses included in this report, a perpetrator is the person who is responsible for the abuse or neglect of a child. Fifty States reported case-level data about perpetrators using unique identifiers. In these States, the total duplicate count of perpetrators was 891,218, and the total unique count of perpetrators was 510,824. For FFY 2010:

- More than 80 percent (81.2 percent) of duplicate perpetrators of child maltreatment were parents, and another 6.1 percent were other relatives of the victim
- Of the perpetrators who were parents, more than 80 percent (84.2 percent) were the biological parents of the victim
- More than two-fifths (45.2 percent) of unique perpetrators were men, and more than one-half (53.6 percent) were women
- More than one-third (36.3 percent) of unique perpetrators were in the age group of 20-29 years. More than 80 percent (84.2 percent) of unique perpetrators were between the ages of 20 and 49 years

Who received services?

CPS agencies provide services to children and their families, both in their homes and in foster care. Reasons for the provision of services may include 1) preventing future instances of child maltreatment and 2) remedying conditions that brought the children and their family to the attention of the agency. During FY 2010, for the duplicate count of children:

- Forty-seven States reported approximately 3.4 million children received prevention services
- Forty-seven States reported approximately 1 million children received postresponse services
- Three-fifths (61.2 percent) of victims and more than one-quarter (26.2 percent) of nonvictims received postresponse services

Appendix F

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The AFCARS Report

Preliminary FY 2010 Estimates as of June 2011 (18)

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2010 data (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010).

NOTE: Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by June 1, 2011 are included in the information below. Missing data are excluded from the distributions presented below. 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).

How many children were in foster care on September 30, 2010? 408,425

What were the ages of the children in foster care?

Mean Age	9.4	
Median Age	9.2	
Less than 1 Year	6%	24,634
1 Year	7%	30,385
2 Years	7%	28,765
3 Years	6%	24,945
4 Years	5%	21,885
5 Years	5%	19,327
6 Years	4%	17,824
7 Years	4%	16,727
8 Years	4%	15,861
9 Years	4%	15,184
10 Years	4%	14,994
11 Years	4%	14,952
12 Years	4%	15,769
13 Years	4%	17,484
14 Years	5%	20,716
15 Years	6%	26,060
16 Years	8%	31,667
17 Years	8%	33,993
18 Years	3%	10,589
19 Years	1%	3,609
20 Years	1%	2,514

What were the lengths of stay of children in foster care?

Mean Months	25.3
Median Months	14.0
Less than 1 Month	5% 21,147
1 - 5 Months	21% 86,081
6 - 11 Months	19% 75,684
12 - 17 Months	13% 54,231
18 - 23 Months	9% 36,395
24 - 29 Months	7% 28,384
30 - 35 Months	5% 19,026
3 - 4 Years	11% 44,379
5 Years or More	11% 43,083

What were the placement settings of children in foster care?

Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	14,886
Foster Family Home (Relative)	26%	103,943
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	48%	194,900
Group Home	6%	25,066
Institution	9%	36,607
Supervised Independent Living	1%	4,050
Runaway	2%	6,563
Trial Home Visit	5%	21,340

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Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2010 (continued)

What were the case goals of the children in foster care?

Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	51%	202,389
Live with Other Relative(s)	4%	14,092
Adoption	25%	96,772
Long Term Foster Care	6%	24,697
Emancipation	6%	24,131
Guardianship	4%	14,574
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	5%	18,102

What was the race/ethnicity of the children in foster care?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	7,839
Asian	1%	2,469
Black	29%	117,610
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	718
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	84,727
White	41%	165,135
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	6,820
Two or more races	5%	21,830

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

What was the gender of the children in foster care?

Male	52%	214,354
Female	48%	193,998

**How many children entered foster care during FY 2010?
254,375**

What were the ages of the children who entered care during FY 2010?

Mean Age	7.7	
Median Age	6.7	
Less than 1 Year	16%	40,857
1 Year	8%	19,419
2 Years	7%	17,497
3 Years	6%	15,256
4 Years	5%	13,252
5 Years	5%	12,140
6 Years	4%	10,956
7 Years	4%	10,133
8 Years	4%	9,168
9 Years	3%	8,685
10 Years	3%	8,414
11 Years	3%	8,364
12 Years	4%	9,115
13 Years	4%	10,864
14 Years	5%	13,384
15 Years	7%	16,505
16 Years	7%	17,011
17 Years	5%	11,755
18 Years	0%	558
19 Years	0%	94
20 Years	0%	37

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who entered care during FY 2010?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	5,072
Asian	1%	1,839
Black	24%	61,375
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	544
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	51,805
White	45%	113,510
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	5,515
Two or more races	5%	13,038

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many children exited foster care during FY 2010? 254,114

What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during FY 2010?

Mean Months	21.7	
Median Months	13.5	
Less than 1 Month	13%	32,104
1 - 5 Months	15%	39,080
6 - 11 Months	18%	46,060
12 - 17 Months	14%	35,710
18 - 23 Months	10%	25,605
24 - 29 Months	7%	18,517
30 - 35 Months	5%	12,989
3 - 4 Years	10%	26,529
5 Years or More	7%	17,359

What were the ages of the children who exited care during FY 2010?

Mean Age	9.6	
Median Age	8.8	
Less than 1 Year	5%	11,561
1 Year	7%	18,934
2 Years	8%	19,774
3 Years	7%	17,449
4 Years	6%	14,740
5 Years	5%	13,190
6 Years	5%	11,774
7 Years	4%	10,865
8 Years	4%	10,297
9 Years	4%	9,466
10 Years	3%	8,705
11 Years	3%	8,345
12 Years	3%	8,123
13 Years	3%	8,367
14 Years	4%	9,463
15 Years	5%	11,574
16 Years	6%	14,205
17 Years	9%	22,823
18 Years	7%	18,030
19 Years	1%	3,791
20 Years	1%	2,162

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during FY 2010?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	5,002
Asian	1%	1,890
Black	27%	68,101
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	590
Hispanic (of any race)	20%	50,974
White	43%	109,169
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	4,481
Two or more races	5%	13,177

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during FY 2010?

Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	51%	128,913
Living with Other Relative(s)	8%	20,423
Adoption	21%	52,340
Emancipation	11%	27,854
Guardianship	6%	16,208
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	5,114
Runaway	1%	1,504
Death of Child	0%	338

NOTE: Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents, and homicide.

How many children were waiting to be adopted on September 30, 2010? 107,011

NOTE: Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose 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.

How old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?

Mean Age	5.0	
Median Age	4.1	
Less than 1 Year	25%	26,291
1 Year	9%	9,764
2 Years	8%	8,455
3 Years	7%	7,499
4 Years	7%	7,209
5 Years	6%	6,730
6 Years	6%	6,687
7 Years	6%	6,111
8 Years	5%	5,704
9 Years	5%	4,952
10 Years	4%	4,397
11 Years	4%	3,718
12 Years	3%	3,090
13 Years	2%	2,436
14 Years	2%	1,704
15 Years	1%	963
16 Years	0%	403
17 Years	0%	90

What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?

Male	53%	56,404
Female	47%	50,596

How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?

Mean Months	37.3
Median Months	28.3
Less than 1 Month	0% 455
1 - 5 Months	4% 4,126
6 - 11 Months	9% 9,506
12 - 17 Months	14% 14,748
18 - 23 Months	14% 14,825
24 - 29 Months	13% 13,624
30 - 35 Months	9% 9,538
36 - 59 Months	21% 22,571
60 or more Months	16% 17,618

What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	1,801
Asian	0%	464
Black	29%	30,812
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	187
Hispanic (of any race)	22%	23,389
White	39%	42,059
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	1,457
Two or more races	6%	6,771

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

Children waiting to be adopted in FY 2010 (continued)

Where were the waiting children living on September 30, 2010?

Pre-Adoptive Home	13%	13,603
Foster Family Home (Relative)	22%	23,739
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	55%	58,681
Group Home	4%	3,872
Institution	5%	5,814
Supervised Independent Living	0%	84
Runaway	0%	466
Trial Home Visit	1%	622

How old were the waiting children on September 30, 2010?

Mean Age	8.1	
Median Age	7.4	
Less than 1 Year	4%	3,795
1 Year	8%	9,070
2 Years	9%	9,746
3 Years	8%	8,551
4 Years	7%	7,408
5 Years	6%	6,582
6 Years	6%	6,025
7 Years	5%	5,627
8 Years	5%	5,519
9 Years	5%	5,333
10 Years	5%	5,260
11 Years	5%	5,115
12 Years	5%	5,057
13 Years	5%	5,050
14 Years	5%	5,095
15 Years	5%	5,452
16 Years	4%	4,637
17 Years	3%	3,689

How many children in foster care on the last day of the year had their parental rights terminated for all living parents? 64,084

As of September 30, 2010, how many months had elapsed since the parental rights of these foster children were terminated?

Mean Months	24.3
Median Months	12.5

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How many children were adopted with public agency involvement in FY 2010? 52,891

SOURCE: Adoptions can be reported to the AFCARS adoption database at any time after the adoption has been finalized. This report includes adoptions finalized in FY 2010 reported in regular and revised submissions by June 1, 2011.

NOTE: The number of adoptions reported here do not equal the number of adoption discharges reported under foster care exits because the adoptions reported here include adoptions of some children who were not in foster care but received other support from the public agency. Missing data are not used in the calculation of the percentages.

What is the gender distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Male	51%	26,750
Female	49%	26,132

What percentage of the children adopted receive an adoption subsidy?

Yes	90%	47,553
No	10%	5,257

How old were the children when they were adopted from the public foster care system?

Mean Age	6.4
Median Age	5.2
Less than 1 Year	2% 1,126
1 Year	11% 5,823
2 Years	14% 7,461
3 Years	12% 6,103
4 Years	9% 4,833
5 Years	8% 4,182
6 Years	7% 3,587
7 Years	6% 3,107
8 Years	5% 2,813
9 Years	5% 2,531
10 Years	4% 2,183
11 Years	4% 1,981
12 Years	3% 1,702
13 Years	3% 1,528
14 Years	2% 1,190
15 Years	2% 973
16 Years	2% 903
17 Years	1% 675
18 Years	0% 151
19 Years	0% 25
20 Years	0% 7

What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Alaska Native/American Indian	3%	1,822
Asian	0%	219
Black	24%	12,795
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	94
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	11,192
White	43%	22,764
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	536
Two or more races	7%	3,464

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many months did it take after termination of parental rights for the children to be adopted?

Mean Months	13.7
Median Months	9.9
Less than 1 Month	3% 1,389
1 - 5 Months	25% 12,778
6 - 11 Months	33% 17,075
12 - 17 Months	18% 9,067
18 - 23 Months	9% 4,498
24 - 29 Months	5% 2,464
30 - 35 Months	3% 1,481
3 - 4 Years	4% 2,177
5 Years or More	2% 813

Children Adopted in FY 2010 (continued)

What is the family structure of the child's adoptive family?

Married Couple	67%	34,973
Unmarried Couple	2%	1,140
Single Female	28%	14,465
Single Male	3%	1,392

What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child prior to the adoption?

Non-Relative	15%	7,383
Foster Parent	53%	26,308
Stepparent	0%	49
Other Relative	32%	15,714