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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 created 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 2008–2011*, is the twelfth report since the series' inception.

The reports provide information on state and national performance in operating child protection and child welfare programs. The reports present performance in seven outcome categories, which were identified 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

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

CONTEXTUAL FACTORS

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data on child welfare-related contextual factors relevant to understanding and interpreting state performance on the outcome measures.² Below is a summary of fiscal year (FY) 2011 data for these contextual factors.³

Characteristics of child victims⁴

- In 2011, there were approximately 742,000 instances of confirmed child maltreatment.⁵ The overall national child victim rate was 9.9 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.⁶ State child victim rates varied dramatically, ranging from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 24.0 child victims per 1,000 children.⁷
- The national child victim rate decreased from 10.3 child victims per 1,000 children in the population in 2008 to 9.9 in 2011. This is a continuation of a long-term, downward trend in the child victimization rate that began in the early 1990s.⁸

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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 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011).

⁴ This report uses a duplicate count for child victims, which tallies a child each time he or she was found to be a victim of maltreatment. It is important to note that the Child Maltreatment report uses a unique count for child victims, which counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year.

⁵ 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 2011*). 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.

⁶ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (741,937) by the child population for all states that submitted NCANDS data (74,810,766), and multiplying by 1,000.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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

- The percentage of child victims of a particular race/ethnicity varied among states. In 2011, there were many states in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity child victims was disproportionately greater than the percentage of these children in the state population.⁹ Disproportionate representation was found for Black child victims (27 states), Alaska Native/American Indian child victims (15 states), and child victims reported as having “two or more races” (10 states).

Foster care information overview

- Nationally, there were approximately 407,000 children in foster care on the last day of 2011. During that year, an estimated 247,000 children entered foster care, and 240,000 children exited foster care. Among the states, the foster care entry rate ranged from 1.3 children per 1,000 to 8.5 children per 1,000 in a state’s population.¹⁰
- Between 2002 and 2011, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 23.3 percent, from 523,000 to 401,000.¹¹ While currently it is not possible to determine the cause of the decrease in the number of children in foster care using the AFCARS database, several states have made deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.¹²
- The percentage of children of a particular race/ethnicity entering foster care varied among states. In 2011, there were many states in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care was disproportionately greater than the percentage of these children in the state population.¹³ Disproportionate representation was found for Black children (32 states), Alaska Native/American Indian children (17 states), and children reported as having “two or more races” (20 states).
- Nationally, 240,000 children exited foster care in 2011. Of these children, 207,000 (86 percent) were discharged to a permanent home (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship).

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2011, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 23.3 percent from 523,000 to 401,000.

STATE PERFORMANCE ON OUTCOME MEASURES

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data and analyses on seven outcome categories. A synopsis of key findings for these outcome areas is provided below. The measures relevant to these outcomes are described in detail in appendix B of the full report. 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 2008 through 2011. Tables of these medians can be found at the end of this executive summary.¹⁴

⁹ For the purposes of this report, we consider representation to be disproportionate when the percentage of a racial/ethnic group of victims constitutes at least one and one-half times the percentage of children of that racial/ethnic group in a state’s child population. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, Alaska Native/American Indian, Hispanic children (of any race), and children reported as having “two or more races.” Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of states. Pennsylvania was excluded from this analysis due to unavailable child victim data, and Puerto Rico was excluded due to unavailable child population data.

¹⁰ 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].

¹¹ For more information, see *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2011* on the Children’s Bureau website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>). The data used in *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2011* were updated as of July 2012. AFCARS data from 2008 through 2011 used throughout this Child Welfare Outcomes Report were updated as of February 17, 2012.

¹² 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>

¹³ For the purposes of this report, representation is considered disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of children entering foster care constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a state. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, Alaska Native/American Indian, Hispanic children (of any race), and children reported as having “two or more races.” Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of states. Puerto Rico was excluded from the foster care entry race and ethnicity analysis due to unavailable data.

¹⁴ In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for 2011. In the 2011 “Range of State Performance” tables, national medians are calculated using all states that had adequate data available for 2011 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate 2011 national median is calculated that includes only the states that had adequate data available for all the relevant years (2008 through 2011). 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.

Change in state performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.¹⁵ The concept of percent change is used in this report to highlight the fact that some changes may appear small in absolute terms but represent large proportional changes. For example, suppose that the rate of maltreatment recurrence increased from 1.0 percent to 2.0 percent in a state. This would be a doubling of the recurrence rate, so it would be misleading to say simply that maltreatment recurrence increased by 1.0 percent. This problem of magnitude of the numbers involved in comparisons is solved by calculating the “percent change” between the two data points.

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

- In 2011, state performance varied considerably with regard to the percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a six-month period (measure 1.1) (range = 1.0 to 12.2 percent; median = 5.2 percent).
- States with higher victim rates tended to have higher maltreatment recurrence rates within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.57$).¹⁶ In addition, consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, states with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect (as opposed to other forms of maltreatment) also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.39$).
- Between 2008 and 2011, 48 percent of states demonstrated improved performance with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). However, a substantial number of states (42 percent) demonstrated a decline in performance on this measure.

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

- In 2011, state performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (measure 2.1) ranged from 0.00 to 1.59 percent, with a median of 0.32 percent.
- Between 2008 and 2011, equal numbers of states improved and declined in performance (45 states per category). Additionally, the national median performance for this measure improved only slightly, from 0.36 percent in 2008 to 0.34 percent in 2011 (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

- In 2011, states were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 87.3 percent). However, states were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 78.0 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 = 66.0 percent).
- For children who had been in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1), defined as 24 months or longer, only 31.8 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of 2011. Between 2008 and 2011, 58 percent of states exhibited an improvement in performance, and the national median for this measure increased from 28.7 percent to 32.3 percent (a 12.5 percent change).
- States that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also were successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a strong positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.67$) between these two measures in 2011.
- In many states, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2011 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, 25.0 percent or more of the children who were emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 43.4 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for three years or longer (measure C3.3). However, it is encouraging to note that between 2008 and 2011, 54 percent of states showed improved performance on both measures 3.4 and C3.3.

States tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (87.3 percent) than for children with a diagnosed disability (78.0 percent) and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (66.0 percent).

¹⁵ 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 of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is $[(0.34-0.36)/0.36] \times 100 = -5.6$ percent change.

¹⁶ 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 $+1$.

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

- The 2011 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 68.4 and 70.5 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay in foster care for reunified children was 7.6 months (measure C1.2).
- States showed improvement between 2008 and 2011 in the percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months from being reunified (measure C1.4). For this measure, 49 percent of states showed improvement over time, and the national median improved from 13.2 in 2008 to 11.8 in 2011, which amounted to a -10.6 percent change (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).
- Many states with a comparatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r=.52$). Conversely, many states with a high percentage of children entering foster care at age 11 or younger also had a relatively low percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r=-.52$).
- Several states with high foster care entry rates also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's $r=.42$) and relatively low median lengths of stay (measure C1.2) (Pearson's $r=-.45$).

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Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

- In 2011, 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 3.8 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 = 33.5 percent). However, it is encouraging to note that states are showing improvement on both measures. Between 2008 and 2011, the national median for measure 5.1a improved from 3.0 percent to 3.7 percent (a 23.3 percent change), and the national median for measure C2.1 improved from 29.0 percent to 33.6 percent (a 15.9 percent change).
- Seventy-two 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 23.0 percent in 2008 to 25.7 percent in 2011 (an 11.7 percent change).
- Many states (55 percent) showed improvement in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year (measure C2.4). In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 12.4 percent in 2008 to 13.5 percent in 2011 (an 8.9 percent change).
- Fifty-nine 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 53.0 percent in 2008 to 59.7 percent in 2011 (a 12.6 percent change).

The 2011 data indicate that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months still remains a challenge for all but a few states.

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

- In this report, adequate placement stability is defined as limiting the number of placement settings for a child to no more than two for a single foster care episode. 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 85.9 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 63.4 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declined even further to 32.8 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 eight states, between 10 percent and 20 percent of young children were placed in group homes or institutions, indicating that this is still an important issue in several states.

- Between 2008 and 2011, 66 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 4.9 percent in 2008 to 4.5 percent in 2011 (a –8.2 percent change).

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

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

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

- Between 2008 and 2011, state performance on the two safety-related outcome measures, recurrence of maltreatment and maltreatment in foster care, remained fairly consistent. For both of these safety measures, it is important to keep in mind that, while the percentages of maltreatment may be numerically small, these events have serious implications for the safety and well-being of children. Children who experience maltreatment, either at home or in out-of-home care, can experience a wide variety of consequences ranging from physical and mental health problems to issues with cognitive development and academic achievement.¹⁷ Furthermore, maltreatment recurrence is associated with an increase in trauma symptoms in children.¹⁸ States should continue to monitor performance on these two measures and work to improve upon their efforts to ensure that children remain safe.
- States continue to experience challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12. Agencies should review their data and current practices to consider what additional barriers may be preventing these older youth and children with disabilities from being placed into permanent homes.
- States that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care also were successful in achieving permanency for children who were in foster care for long periods of time. Evaluating and understanding the practices of successful states could provide useful information to states that are working to improve performance in these areas.
- There was a reduction in the number of children emancipating from foster care who entered foster care at age 12 or younger. It is encouraging 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 beneficial to know the drivers that were behind states' successes in this area, and if these drivers might be implemented in other states.
- A consistent finding in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that many states with a relatively high percentage of foster care reentries also had a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were adolescents (age 12 or older). The challenges that these youth present to state child welfare systems with regard to meeting the reunification needs of the children and their families may be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families. Consequently, states with large numbers of youth in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies that target the needs of these youth.
- 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 2008 and 2011. More work is needed on how states can

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R. K., & Turner, H. A. (2007). Polyvictimization and trauma in a national longitudinal cohort. *Development and Psychopathology*, 19, 149–166.

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.

- Overall, the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions has continued to decline, but there are some states that still struggle in this area. It would be useful to determine what specific strategies may have contributed to these improvements so that these practices could be shared with those states looking for additional assistance.

Data and analysis presented throughout the full Child Welfare Outcomes Report offer additional details regarding overall national performance. In addition, State Data Pages provide a profile of individual state performance between 2008 and 2011.

**Table 1. Median State Performance, 2008–2011
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures ¹⁹	Median Performance by Year			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
*Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a six-month period? (N=52 states)	5.2%	5.6%	4.8%	5.2%
*Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=47 states)	0.36	0.34	0.35	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=50 states)	87.7	87.3	86.7	87.3
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=42 states)	77.6	77.8	77.9	78.1
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=50 states)	67.6	66.6	65.6	66.0
*Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=50 states)	26.1	26.3	25.5	25.1
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=50 states)	67.2	67.2	68.4	68.0
Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=50 states)	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.7
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)	85.3	85.3	85.3	85.9
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 states)	61.8	60.6	61.6	63.4
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)	31.9	30.5	33.0	32.8
*Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution? (N=50 states)	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.5

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

¹⁹ Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available.

**Table 2. Median State Performance, 2008–2011
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures ²⁰	Median Performance by Year			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=49 states)	68.4%	67.5%	67.5%	70.4%
*Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=49 states)	7.9 mos.	8.0 mos.	7.8 mos.	7.7 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the six-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=48 states)	43.4	41.4	42.5	41.3
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=49 states) ²¹	13.2	12.4	12.6	11.8
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=50 states)	29.0	31.9	32.4	33.6
*Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=50 states)	31.0 mos.	30.4 mos.	29.6 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=50 states) ²²	23.0	24.7	24.9	25.7
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the year? (N=44 states) ²³	12.4	13.5	12.7	13.5
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=44 states)	53.0	54.5	59.1	59.7
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=50 states)	28.7	29.7	29.7	32.3
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=44 states) ²⁴	93.3	93.8	94.9	95.0
*Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for three years or longer? (N=50 states)	46.1	45.8	44.4	43.6

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

²⁰ 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).

²¹ 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.

²² 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.

²³ 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.

²⁴ 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 created section 479A of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require the Department to issue an annual report that assesses state performance in operating child protection and child welfare programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act.² *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011*, is the twelfth 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.³ Prior to the first report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998*, 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 identified above. However, starting with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*, the Department also began to include data on the four permanency composites (composed of 15 individual measures) used as part of the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).⁴ Therefore, the current report includes a total of 27 measures (the 12 original measures plus the 15 CFSR individual measures).⁵

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

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” throughout the report.

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

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

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

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

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

CONTEXT DATA

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

- A state's estimated child population statistics with regard to the number and race/ethnicity of children, as well as child poverty data⁷
- Caseworker visits data for children in foster care (the percentage of foster children visited monthly by their caseworker and the percentage of monthly visits occurring in the home of the child)⁸
- The number and characteristics (age, race/ethnicity, and type of maltreatment) of child maltreatment victims (defined as children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated abuse or neglect allegation or whose disposition was "alternative response victim")⁹
- 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 care¹⁰
- The median length of stay of children in foster care
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children waiting for adoption¹¹
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children for whom an adoption was finalized

DATA SOURCES

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

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

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

⁶ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011).

⁷ These data come from the Census Bureau and reflect estimates rather than actual numbers. These data are based on the calendar year and not the fiscal year. Note that the 2011 Census Bureau child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

⁸ Section 479A(6) of the Social Security Act requires states to include data on caseworker visits in this annual report. Requirements for caseworker visits data were revised in PL. 112-34 and are now defined under section 424(f)(1) and (2) of the Act. Data used in this report were collected prior to these changes and reflected guidance in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 issued April 18, 2008. Beginning in 2012, states began using the revised methodology for reporting caseworker visits data, which is detailed in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-12-01 (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi1201.pdf>). For more information, see appendix C.

⁹ *Child Maltreatment 2011* 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 could not be substantiated under state law or policy, but there was reason to suspect that at least one child may have been maltreated or was at risk of maltreatment. This is applicable only to states that distinguish between substantiated and indicated dispositions; (3) some states use an alternative response process rather than a standard investigation in selected cases; "alternative response victim" is a possible disposition in those states and indicates that at least one child in the report was a victim of maltreatment. For more information, see the full report: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2011>

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

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

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

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 were prepared on the following dates:

- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 AFCARS data: February 17, 2012
- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 NCANDS data: May 29, 2012
- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Census data: May 21, 2012
- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 caseworker visits data: April 15, 2012

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes state data pertaining to children who come to the attention of public child protective services agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. NCANDS was a result of a Departmental directive included in the 1988 amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) to establish a national data collection and analysis program on child abuse and neglect.¹³ The data are submitted voluntarily by the states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. NCANDS data are published annually in the Child Maltreatment report series. A summary of the most recent report, *Child Maltreatment 2011*, is presented in appendix E.

The NCANDS Child File is a data file that states submit annually. In 2011, all 52 states submitted an NCANDS Child File. This file contains detailed case information about each child who is the subject of an investigation or assessment in response to a maltreatment allegation. Any child that is associated with a report that has received a disposition during the year is included in the Child File. Although a disposition usually refers to a finding regarding the allegation, it also can include those reports that were closed without a finding.

The Child File is the primary data source for the safety-related data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ While alternate safety data sources sometimes are allowed for the purposes of the CFSRs, they are not used for the purposes of this report.

Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

Most data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report come from AFCARS. AFCARS collects case-level information from state and tribal title IV-E agencies on all children in foster care and those who have been adopted with title IV-E agency involvement. Title IV-E agencies are required to submit AFCARS data twice a year. The requirements for AFCARS are codified in federal regulation at 45 CFR 1355.40. Effective October 1, 2009, section 479B(b) of the Act authorized direct federal funding of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia that have an approved plan to operate a foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, a kinship guardianship assistance program under title IV-E of the Act. On January 6, 2012, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) issued an Interim Final Rule to implement statutory provisions related to the tribal title IV-E program. However, at the time the data used in the report were collected, no tribal title IV-E plans had been approved. Therefore, the present report does not account for tribal performance. Appendix F includes national AFCARS summary data for 2011.

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

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

¹⁴ The Agency File contains supplemental aggregated child abuse data from such agencies as medical examiners' offices and non-child-protective-services (CPS) providers. The number of total child fatalities is the only safety data element included in this report that includes information from both the Child File and Agency File.

¹⁵ 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.

certain state data are excluded from cross-state analyses due to incomplete or inadequate data.¹⁶ Therefore, the total number of states included may vary for each analysis.¹⁷

Percent change calculations

Change in state performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.¹⁸ 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 1.0 percent increase will depend on the magnitude of the measures being compared. An increase from 31.0 percent to 32.0 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 1.0 percent to 2.0 percent in a state. This would be a doubling of the recurrence rate, so it would be misleading to say simply that maltreatment recurrence increased by 1.0 percent.

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

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 in performance on the outcome measures occurred. Therefore, for purposes of the analyses presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, if the percent change in performance from 2008 to 2011 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.¹⁹ These are as follows:

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

THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT DATA SITE

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

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

¹⁶ While data quality has improved over time, these issues can still occur for a number of reasons. For example, states implementing new child welfare information systems may encounter some data quality issues in the transition. Additionally, data quality can be compromised by factors such as policy changes or poor data entry practices.

¹⁷ In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for 2011. In the 2011 Range of State Performance tables, national medians are calculated using data from all states that had adequate data available for 2011 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate national median is calculated for 2011 that includes only data from the states that had adequate data available for all the relevant fiscal years (2008 through 2011). 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.

¹⁸ 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 of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is $[(0.34-0.36)/0.36] \times 100 = -5.6$ percent change.

¹⁹ Guilford, J.P. (1956). *Fundamental statistics in psychology and education* (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

II: Keeping Children Safe

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

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

- Measure 1.1: The percentage of child victims who experience a recurrence of maltreatment within a six-month period
- Measure 2.1: The percentage of all children in foster care who were maltreated by a foster parent or facility staff member

Unless otherwise noted, data reported in this chapter come from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011). 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 2011.²⁰

Although the NCANDS submission is voluntary, it is strongly encouraged; 52 states submitted NCANDS data for 2011.

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 INVESTIGATION²¹

In 2011, there were approximately 742,000 instances of confirmed child maltreatment.²² The overall national child victim rate was 9.9 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.²³

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Table II-1 shows the total number of child victims and the national child victim rate between 2008 and 2011.

Table II-1. Child Victims, 2008–2011*

	2008 (N=52 states)	2009 (N=52 states)	2010 (N=52 states)	2011 (N=52 states)
Total Child Victims**	774,000	763,000	754,000	742,000
National Child Victim Rate	10.3	10.1	10.0	9.9

* 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 decline in the national child victim rate between 2008 and 2011. This is a continuation of a long-term, downward trend in the child victimization rate that began in the early 1990s.²⁴ Examining trends by maltreatment type shows that the most substantial declines in victimization rates over the past two decades 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

²⁰ 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.

²¹ This report uses a duplicate count for child victims, which tallies a child each time he or she was found to be a victim of maltreatment. It is important to note that the Child Maltreatment report uses a unique count for child victims, which counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year.

²² 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 2011*). It is important to note 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.

²³ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (741,937) by the child population for all states that submitted NCANDS data (74,810,766), and multiplying by 1,000.

²⁴ 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

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 problems.²⁵ 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.²⁶ It is noteworthy that there also were declines in other forms of maltreatment, such as neglect, during this time period.

As was discussed in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across states. In 2011, they ranged from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 24.0 child victims per 1,000 children.²⁷ There are a number of possible explanations for this variation. One explanation is that states vary in their definitions of “child maltreatment.”²⁸ States with broader definitions of what constitutes child maltreatment may have higher victim rates than states with narrower definitions. Variations in the level of evidence required for substantiation also may contribute to different child victim rates among states.

Consistent with findings in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across states in 2011, ranging from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 24.0 child victims per 1,000 children

Some factors limit the comparability of child victim rates across states. One such factor is the use of alternative response approaches.²⁹ In alternative response approaches, child welfare agencies respond with a referral for a family assessment rather than with a formal investigation when a decision is made that there are no immediate safety concerns for the child and the maltreatment allegation involves low or moderate risk. When a referral is made for a family assessment instead of an investigation, it is often the case that no determination is made as to the allegations of maltreatment and therefore the child will not be classified as a victim.³⁰ Even within states that have implemented alternative response systems, comparing outcomes for children across local jurisdictions is challenging due to varying degrees of within-state implementation. Although some states are implementing their systems statewide, others are gradually adding alternative response approaches to select jurisdictions.³¹ These methodological challenges mean that caution is warranted in comparing states that are using alternative response approaches to those that are not. Similarly, when a state begins using this type of approach, examining change in performance over time within the state may prove difficult due to the shifting responses to allegations of maltreatment.

There also is a large degree of variation across states in the types of maltreatment reported, as is shown in table II-3. One possible explanation for this variation concerns differences in how types of maltreatment are defined in state law or policy. Each state has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect based on minimum standards established in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).³² 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.³³ 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.

Time to investigation (or assessment) is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation. In 2011, as well as in

²⁵ 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

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ More information about variations in state definitions of child abuse and neglect can be found on Child Welfare Information Gateway (https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/can).

²⁹ The term “alternative response” is sometimes used interchangeably with terms such as differential response, dual track response, and multitrack response. These terms tend to refer to the provision of a response other than an investigation in regard to an allegation of maltreatment. Throughout this report, the term “alternative response” is used. For more information on alternative response, see the following: National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response in Child Protective Services. (2011). *Differential response in child protective services: A literature review*. Retrieved from http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschoo/departments/pediatrics/subs/can/DR/qicdr/General%20Resources/QIC-DR_Lit_Review%20version%20%20202.pdf

³⁰ Some states make a distinction between those referrals for which services were required or even mandated and those referrals for which services were not needed or were voluntary. In these cases, some states have chosen to report the referrals to NCANDS as either “alternative response victim” for those in which services were mandated or “alternative response nonvictim” for those in which services were voluntary or not needed.

³¹ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2008). *Differential response to reports of child abuse and neglect*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue_briefs/differential_response/differential_response.pdf

³² 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).

³³ More information about variations in state definitions of child abuse and neglect can be found on Child Welfare Information Gateway (https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/can).

previous years, there was a substantial variation among states in the median time to investigation. Of the 45 states that submitted data needed to compute median time to investigation in NCANDS in 2011, 68.9 percent had a calculated median of less than 48 hours, and all but two states reported medians of 96 hours or less (see table II-2). However, looking only at median time to investigation can be misleading, given that response timeframes can vary across states. Some states have a single timeframe that applies to responding to all reports, while others use different timeframes for responding to different types of reports. High-priority responses are often stipulated to occur within 1 to 24 hours; lower priority responses may range from 1 to several days.

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

Table II-2. Time to Investigation in Hours, 2011

Median Time*	Percent of States (N=45)
≤24 hours	28.9%
>24 but ≤48 hours	40.0
>48 but ≤72 hours	17.8
>72 but ≤96 hours	8.9
>96 but ≤120 hours	2.2
>120 but ≤144 hours	2.2

* 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 2011 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.

Sixty-nine percent of states have a median time to investigation of less than 48 hours.

Table II-3. Characteristics of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2011*

	Number of States (N) Reporting	Range Across States (Percent)	Median Across States (Percent)
Age of Children at Time of Maltreatment Report			
Under 1 year	52	2.7%–19.9%	12.1%
1–3 years	52	11.6–27.3	21.6
4–7 years	52	18.9–26.9	24.4
8–11 years	52	14.4–22.7	18.8
12–15 years	52	11.0–28.3	16.8
16+ years	52	3.3–14.7	5.5
Type of Maltreatment Reported			
Neglect**	52	3.4–93.1	70.0
Physical abuse	52	4.7–49.0	15.6
Psychological/emotional abuse	51	0.1–44.3	1.3
Sexual abuse	52	1.9–63.3	6.8
Medical neglect	42	0.1–6.9	1.9
Other	52	0.0–84.5	0.0
Children's Race/Ethnicity***			
Alaska Native/American Indian	51	0.0–45.1	0.4
Asian	51	0.0–9.3	0.3
Black	51	0.0–59.9	13.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	51	0.0–17.8	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	51	0.6–100.0	9.6
White	51	0.0–95.1	51.1
Two or more races	51	0.0–44.0	3.5

* 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.

Disproportionate racial representation among child victims³⁴

States varied in 2011 with regard to the race/ethnicity of child victims. Some of this variation is related to the population differences across states. For example, some states serve virtually no Alaska Native/American Indian children. When there only are a few children of a particular race/ethnicity in a state, it is expected that there would be proportionately few children of that race/ethnicity who are child victims. However, in 2011, there were many states in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity child victims was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the state population.³⁵ In no state did the percentage of White child victims significantly exceed the percentage of these children in the state's population. These findings are consistent with findings in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

Disproportionate representation was found for Black child victims (27 states), Alaska Native/American Indian child victims (15 states), and child victims reported as having "two or more races" (10 states).

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Black children among state child victims in 2011:

- In 27 states, the percentage of Black child victims was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population.³⁶
- In two of these 27 states, the percentage of Black child victims was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population (Oregon and Wyoming).

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Alaska Native/American Indian child victims in 2011:

- In 15 states, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian child victims was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population.³⁷
- In six of these 15 states, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian child victims was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population (Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin).

The following key finding pertains to the disproportionate representation of child victims reported as having "two or more races" in 2011:

- In 10 states, the percentage of child victims reported as having "two or more races" was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population.³⁸

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE IN 2011 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-4 summarizes state performance in 2011 on the measures pertaining to these outcomes. Note that cases identified as "alternative response victim" are not included in the calculation of these two safety outcome measures; only substantiated and indicated cases are included.

³⁴ In this report, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Hispanic ethnicity category includes children of any race.

³⁵ For the purposes of this report, we consider representation to be disproportionate when the percentage of a racial/ethnic group of victims constitutes at least one and one-half times the percentage of children of that racial/ethnic group in a state's child population. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, Alaska Native/American Indian, Hispanic children (of any race), and children reported as having "two or more races." Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of states. Pennsylvania was excluded from this analysis due to unavailable child victim data, and Puerto Rico was excluded due to unavailable child population data.

³⁶ The 27 states in which Black child victims were overrepresented were Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

³⁷ The 15 states in which Alaska Native/American Indian child victims were overrepresented were Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

³⁸ The 10 states in which child victims with two or more races were overrepresented were Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

Table II-4. Range of State Performance, 2011
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
**Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period? (N=52 states)	3.3%	5.2%	6.9%	1.0–12.2%
**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)	0.18	0.32	0.58	0.00–1.59

* 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 = 1.0 to 12.2 percent) with respect to maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1).

One explanation may be that the variation on this measure reflects the variation

in child victim rates across states. In general, states with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher rates of recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.57$ in 2011). A similar finding also was found in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

The range in performance with regard to maltreatment recurrence in 2011 also appears to be related to differences across states with regard to the types of child maltreatment reported. For example, states with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.39$).

A related finding in research indicates that child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.³⁹ The relationships between recurrence and types of maltreatment may be due to the fact that substantiated allegations of sexual or physical abuse are more likely to be followed by legal actions against the perpetrators as well as actions designed to ensure that the perpetrator is prevented from further unsupervised contact with the victim until identified problems have been resolved. In contrast, substantiated allegations of neglect often are not followed by these actions unless the neglect is considered extremely severe.

Maltreatment of children in foster care

Table II-4 (above) shows the range in state performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (range = 0.00 percent to 1.59 percent). This variation among states may be influenced by a number of factors, including but not limited to: the extent to which training and services are offered to support foster families and facility staff members; variations in casework practices and the level of interaction the caseworker has with the family; or differences among states in background check requirements for those who care for children in foster care.⁴⁰

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

The median performance across states for the years 2008 to 2011 on measures of maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1) and maltreatment in foster care (measure 2.1) are presented in table II-5. Table II-5 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 2011 was compared to performance in 2008. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁴¹

³⁹ 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>

⁴⁰ See the following for examples: (1) National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning. (2007). *Foster parent in-service training*. Retrieved from <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcp/downloads/policy-issues/Foster-Parent-In-Service-Training.pdf>; (2) Ryan, P., & Cole, K. (1993). *Maltreatment in family foster care: A survey of the states*. East Lansing, MI: National Foster Care Resource Center; and (3) Child Welfare Information Gateway State Statutes: https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state

⁴¹ 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 of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is [(0.34–0.36)/0.36]x100= –5.6 percent change.

Table II-5. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2008–2011*
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (Percent)***				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008–2011	2008–2011
****Measure 1.1: Percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a six-month period. (N=52 states)	5.2%	5.6%	4.8%	5.2%	25 states (48%)	22 states (42%)
****Measure 2.1: Percentage of children in foster care who were victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member. (N=47 states)	0.36	0.34	0.35	0.34	21 states (45%)	21 states (45%)

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

** Full descriptions for the measures in this table can be found in table II-4 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

*** The 2011 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table II-4 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-5, performance with regard to recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1) fluctuated modestly between 2008 and 2011. While many states (48 percent) showed an improvement in performance on this measure, a substantial number demonstrated a decline in performance (42 percent).

Over the time period examined for this report, national performance change was minimal regarding the maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1). Equal numbers of states improved and declined in performance between 2008 and 2011, and the national median declined only slightly.

Between 2008 and 2011, state performance on the two safety-related outcome measures remained fairly consistent.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

National performance for the two safety-related outcome measures, recurrence of maltreatment and maltreatment of children in foster care, changed minimally between 2008 and 2011. 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.⁴² Furthermore, maltreatment recurrence is associated with an increase in trauma symptoms in children.⁴³

⁴² 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.

⁴³ 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.⁴⁴ 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 as discharged from foster care to one of the following arrangements:

- Reunified with parents or primary caretakers⁴⁵
- Living with other relatives
- Living with a legal guardian
- Legally adopted

To assess state performance in finding permanent homes for children, this report provides the following data for each state: (1) the number and characteristics of children in foster care, (2) the percentage of children in foster care who achieve permanency, and (3) the percentage of children in foster care who exit to emancipation.⁴⁶ This chapter presents key findings of the analyses of these data across states.⁴⁷ The source of most of the data presented in this chapter is the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).⁴⁸

NUMBERS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

As was noted in the preceding Child Welfare Outcomes Report (2007–2010), there continues to be a 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 day of the fiscal year (FY) between 2008 and 2011. 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 February 17, 2012.

Table III-1. Number of Children in Foster Care, 2008-2011*

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children in care, last day of FY	458,000	424,000	409,000	407,000
Children entering care	268,000	250,000	250,000	247,000
Children exiting care	284,000	273,000	252,000	240,000

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

The data in table III-1 demonstrate a decline in the number of children in foster care between 2008 and 2011. An even more dramatic decline is seen when viewing the data over a longer period of time. The Department’s report, *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2011*, shows the number of children in foster care declining from 523,000 to 401,000, a 23.3 percent decrease. The data in that report are updated compared to the standard data used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report for most analyses.⁴⁹

⁴⁴ For the purposes of this report, “foster care” refers to a variety of out-of-home placement settings, including foster family homes, group homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities, and similar placements for children who are placed away from their parents or guardians in 24-hour substitute care and under the placement and care responsibility of the state child welfare agency for at least 24 hours (see 45 CFR 1355, Appendix A, Section II).

⁴⁵ 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.”

⁴⁶ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for FY 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011).

⁴⁷ 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.

⁴⁸ Data used in this report may be different from other sources for a number of reasons, especially the timing of data collection. All 2011 AFCARS data used in this report are current as of February 17, 2012.

⁴⁹ For more information, see *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2011* on the Children’s Bureau website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>). The data used in *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2011* were updated as of July 2012. AFCARS data from 2008 through 2011 used throughout this Child Welfare Outcomes Report were updated as of February 17, 2012.

The AFCARS data do not provide any information that would allow an analysis of the reasons for the decline in the number of children in foster care. However, a number of states have been making deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.⁵⁰ For example, some states have been providing more in-home services to families, increasing efforts to identify relative homes when out-of-home care is necessary, hiring more child protective services (CPS) staff, or implementing greater use of family group decision-making meetings.⁵¹

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2011, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 23.3 percent from 523,000 to 401,000.

States differed considerably in 2011 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.⁵² The foster care child entry rate ranged from 1.3 to 8.5 children per 1,000 children in the population, and the median across states was 3.7 children per 1,000 children in the population (N=51 states).

The reasons for variations in the rate of foster care entry are difficult to determine. The variation cannot be attributed to differences in the rate of child victims in a state because the correlation between foster care entry rates and child victim rates in 2011 was low (Pearson's $r=.14$). 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.⁵³ 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.

Table III-2 presents information for 2011 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 (Percent)	Median (Percent)
Under 1 year	8.0–23.8%	15.2%
1–3 years	14.2–28.3	20.3
4–7 years	13.0–26.1	19.0
8–11 years	9.2–18.5	13.8
12–15 years	11.7–31.0	19.3
16+ years	3.3–22.5	10.1
Children's Race/Ethnicity at Entry (N=52 states)*		
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0–50.4	0.3
Asian	0.0–10.9	0.3
Black	0.0–67.4	18.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0–18.9	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9–97.9	10.4
White	0.4–95.2	47.7
Two or more races	0.0–32.0	1.1

* All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

As shown in table III-2, the age of children entering foster care varied dramatically across states in 2011. In Wyoming, for example, approximately 51.2 percent of the children entering foster care were age 12 or older at the time of entry. By contrast, in Texas, only 15.0 percent of the children entering foster care were age 12 or older at entry. However, in all states except Wyoming, at least half of

⁵⁰ 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>

⁵¹ U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2011). *TANF and child welfare programs: Increased data sharing could improve access to benefits and services*. (GAO-12-2). Retrieved from <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-2>

⁵² 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].

⁵³ 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

the children entering foster care were under the age of 12. In 16 states, the percentage of children under the age of 12 at the time of entry was at least 75.0 percent.

Disproportionate racial representation among children entering foster care⁵⁴

Disproportionate racial representation of child victims of maltreatment was discussed in chapter II. Similarly, in 2011, there were many states in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the state's population.⁵⁵ There were no states in which the percentage of White children entering foster care significantly exceeded the percentage of these children in the state's population.

In 2011, disproportionate representation was found for Black children (32 states), Alaska Native/American Indian children (17 states), and children reported as having "two or more races" (20 states) entering foster care.

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Black children entering foster care in 2011:

- In 32 states, the percentage of Black children entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population.⁵⁶
- In five of these 32 states, the percentage of Black children entering foster care was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population (Iowa, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care in 2011:

- In 17 states, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population.⁵⁷
- In 10 of these 17 states, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population (Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin).

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of children reported as having "two or more races" entering foster care in 2011:

- In 20 states, the percentage of children reported as having "two or more races" entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the state's population.⁵⁸

RANGE OF PERFORMANCE IN ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Nationally, approximately 240,000 children exited foster care in 2011. Table III-3 provides a breakdown of the foster care discharge reasons reported for these children.

⁵⁴ In this report, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Hispanic ethnicity category includes children of any race.

⁵⁵ For the purposes of this report, representation is considered disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of children entering foster care constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a state. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, Alaska Native/American Indian, Hispanic children (of any race), and children reported as having "two or more races." Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of states. Puerto Rico was excluded from the foster care entry race and ethnicity analysis due to unavailable data.

⁵⁶ The 32 states in which Black children entering foster care were overrepresented were Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

⁵⁷ The 17 states in which Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care were overrepresented were Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

⁵⁸ The 20 states in which children with two or more races entering foster care were overrepresented were Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, and West Virginia.

Table III-3. Foster Care Discharge Reasons, 2011*

Discharge Reason	Number of Children	Percent of Total Exits (N=240,000)**
Adoption	49,000	20.4%
Emancipation	26,000	10.8
Guardianship	15,000	6.3
Reunification	143,000	59.6
Other	5,000	2.1

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

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

According to table III-3, 207,000 (86.3 percent) of the children exiting foster care discharged to a permanent home in 2011 (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship). 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.⁵⁹

Table III-4. Range of State Performance, 2011
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=51 states)	83.1%	87.3%	90.2%	72.8–95.4%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=47 states)	69.4	78.0	81.7	42.6–92.9
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=51 states)	58.7	66.0	71.7	33.5–91.5
**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=51 states)	19.0	25.0	33.2	5.3–52.1
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=51 states)	25.6	31.8	36.8	14.0–52.1
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=47 states)	90.9	95.0	96.8	84.8–99.1
**Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for three years or longer? (N=51 states)	34.0	43.4	50.0	12.2–75.0

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

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

Measures 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and C3.2 assess permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care. The data in table III-4 suggest that, in 2011, 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 = 95.0 percent).⁶⁰ Nonetheless, it is important to keep in mind that a central goal in child welfare is to find permanent, secure homes for 100 percent of the children who must enter foster care.

Children with disabilities and older youth in foster care

For 2011, a long-standing pattern continues in which states tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (87.3 percent) but less successful in this

States tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (87.3 percent) than for children with a diagnosed disability (78.0 percent) and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (66.0 percent).

⁵⁹ 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.

⁶⁰ 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.

effort for children with a diagnosed disability (78.0 percent) and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (66.0 percent). See measures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 in table III-4.

These disparities in finding permanent homes for children with disabilities and older children have been consistent findings in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and align with other research findings from the field.⁶¹ Because children with diagnosed disabilities often need higher levels of care, they are more likely to be placed in residential treatment centers and are therefore less likely to achieve permanent placements with families. Older children in foster care may face a number of age-specific barriers to permanency.⁶² For example, there may be a dearth of families that have been identified who are willing and able to provide permanent homes for older youth. In addition, child welfare agencies may lack the resources or commitment needed in order to establish permanency options for these older youth in care. The youth themselves also might show some resistance to permanency planning, especially if it involves the termination of their birth parents' rights. Youth also may be unaware of the long-term consequences of not having a family to turn to during their young adult years. The current findings in this report on the difficulties in establishing permanency for older children and children with disabilities suggest that agencies should continue to review their data and current practices to consider whether there are ways to increase placing these children in permanent homes.

Children in foster care for long periods of time

Measure C3.1 examines a cohort of children who have been in foster care for a long period of time (those who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer as of the first of the year). The measure follows these children from the first day of the year to the last and focuses on the percentage of children who reach permanency. While there was a wide range in performance for measure C3.1 for 2011 (14.0 percent to 52.1 percent), the data indicate that all states struggled to some degree with this measure. The median of all states' performance shows that only 31.8 percent of these children had permanent homes by the end of the year. There is some evidence that states that are generally successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also are successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a moderate positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.67$) between these two measures.

Youth emancipating from foster care

Measures 3.4 and C3.3 focus on youth who reach age 18 or exit foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation. These are youth for whom the state was unable to find a permanent home. Nationally, approximately 26,000 youth were emancipated from foster care in 2011. One of the issues addressed by these measures is the amount of time children were in foster care before emancipation.

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

In general, there was considerable variation across states regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care who were reported to AFCARS as having a discharge reason of emancipation. In 2011, states with the lowest percentages of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation were West Virginia (1.8 percent), Wyoming (2.4 percent), and Mississippi (3.4 percent). States with the highest percentages were Virginia (24.3 percent), Delaware (22.7 percent), and Maryland (22.3 percent). In 2011, the median across states for children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation was 9.6 percent.⁶³

In examining the extensive variation across states in the percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation, it might be expected that the variation would be due to differences across states in the ages of children entering foster care (i.e., that there should be a strong correlation between a state having a high number of youth entering foster care and a state having a high percentage of foster youth exiting to emancipation). This was not the case. The percentage of 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 $r=.16$). 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 2011 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated (measures 3.4 and C3.3). In about one-half of

⁶¹ Becker, M., Jordan, N., & Larsen, R. (2007). Predictors of successful permanency planning and length of stay in foster care: The role of race, diagnosis and place of residence. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 29, 1102–1113.

⁶² Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2006). *Enhancing permanency for older youth in out-of-home care*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/focus/enhancing/index.cfm>

⁶³ 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.

the states, 25.0 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4). In addition, in about one-half of the states, 43.4 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for three years or longer (measure C3.3).

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

Table III-5 presents the median performances across states for 2008 to 2011 on measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care. The table also presents a summary of the change in state performance between 2008 and 2011 on these measures. Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁶⁴ These median performances and changes in performance over time should be viewed together in order to gain a better understanding of trends over time.

Table III-5. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2008–2011*
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (Percent)***				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008–2011	2008–2011
Measure 3.1: Percentage of all children exiting foster care to a permanent home. (N=50 states)	87.7%	87.3%	86.7%	87.3%	5 states (10%)	3 states (6%)
Measure 3.2: Percentage of all children with a diagnosed disability exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home. (N=42 states)	77.6	77.8	77.9	78.1	15 states (36%)	7 states (17%)
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=50 states)	67.6	66.6	65.6	66.0	14 states (28%)	16 states (32%)
****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=50 states)	26.1	26.3	25.5	25.1	27 states (54%)	17 states (34%)
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=50 states)	28.7	29.7	29.7	32.3	29 states (58%)	8 states (16%)
*****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=44 states)	93.3	93.8	94.9	95.0	4 states (9%)	0 states (0%)
****Measure C3.3: Percentage of children emancipated or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for three years or longer. (N=50 states)	46.1	45.8	44.4	43.6	27 states (54%)	11 states (22%)

* 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-3 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

*** The 2011 data in this table may be different from the data in table III-3 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 2008 and 2011 is in the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who attained permanency by the end of the year (measure C3.1). For this measure, the majority of states (58 percent) showed improved performance, and the national median exhibited a 12.5 percent change between 2008 and 2011.

There also were improvements in the percentage of children emancipating or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for three years or longer (measure C3.3). For this measure, 54 percent of states demonstrated improvement between 2008 and 2011. Furthermore, the national median improved from 46.1 percent in 2008 to 43.6 percent in 2011, a -5.4 percent change over this time period (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).

Between 2008 and 2011, 58 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.

A slight majority of states (54 percent) demonstrated improved performance in the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger (measure 3.4). However, a significant number of states are still

⁶⁴ 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 of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is [(0.34-0.36)/0.36]x100= -5.6 percent change.

struggling in this area as well, as evidenced by 34 percent declining in performance. While the number of states with improving performance exceeds the number with declining performance between 2008 and 2011, this mix in performance is the likely reason that the national median exhibited only a slight improvement, decreasing from 26.1 percent in 2008 to 25.1 percent in 2011 (note that a lower percentage is desirable 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 (91 percent) of states exhibited no change in performance on measure C3.2, which evaluates exits to permanent homes of children who were legally free for adoption. Similarly, the majority (84 percent) of states did not show a change for measure 3.1, which assesses exits to permanent homes of all children exiting foster care.

Many states struggled to find permanent homes for children with disabilities (measure 3.2, median = 78.0 percent, range = 42.6 to 92.9 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 66.0 percent, range = 33.5 to 91.5 percent). For measure 3.2, 15 states (36 percent) showed an improvement in performance between 2008 and 2011, while seven states (17 percent) showed a performance decline. The national median for this measure changed only minimally, from 77.6 in 2008 to 78.1 in 2011. For measure 3.3, the national median changed only slightly between 2008 and 2011, and the percentage of states that showed an improvement between 2008 and 2011 was almost equivalent to the percentage that showed a decline (32 percent showed an improvement, and 28 percent showed a performance decline).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Some positive findings emerged in the data between 2008 and 2011 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, 58 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 $r=.67$) 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.

Overall, states showed progress in reducing the percentages of children exiting foster care to emancipation. The majority of states (54 percent) demonstrated improvements in the percentage of children emancipating or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for three years or longer (measure C3.3). Additionally, many states demonstrated a reduction in the number of children emancipating from foster care who entered foster care at age 12 or younger (measure 3.4, 54 percent of states showed improvement); however, the national median for this measure improved only slightly. Historically, many states have struggled in this area. Though it is encouraging to note that many states are making progress in their efforts to find permanent homes for older youth and for children in care for longer periods of time, these are still areas that call for some additional consideration from state program administrators and policy makers.

There was considerable variation across states regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation. In examining this extensive variation, it might be expected that states that take more adolescents and older youth into foster care would have more exits to emancipation. This was not the case. The percentage of children discharged from foster care who were emancipated was 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 $r=.16$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

Consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, the measures assessing permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care indicate that, across the states, the majority of children exiting foster care in 2011 were discharged to permanent homes (measure 3.1, median = 87.3 percent). In addition, the vast majority of the children who were legally free for adoption at the time of exit from foster care were discharged to permanent homes (measure C3.2, median = 95.0 percent).

A less positive finding in the 2011 data is that some states experienced challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (table III-4, measure 3.2, median = 78.0 percent, range = 42.6 to 92.9 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 66.0 percent, range = 33.5 to 91.5 percent). This has been a consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it suggests that special efforts are still needed to eliminate some of the disparities in the achievement of permanency for these two groups of children.

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

While chapter III broadly discussed the issue of permanency and noted some special issues for the diverse population of children and youth in foster care, this chapter focuses more specifically on the achievement of permanency through reunification and adoption.⁶⁵ 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.⁶⁶ 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.⁶⁷ Based in part on these findings, the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288) amended title IV-B of the Act to include requirements for states to collect data on monthly caseworker visits for children in foster care.⁶⁸ States reported caseworker visit data from 2007 to 2011 under these requirements.⁶⁹ The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-34) modified those requirements, now in section 424(f)(1) and (2) of the Act.⁷⁰ States were required to begin meeting these new performance requirements and using the new methodology for reporting caseworker visits data in 2012.⁷¹ The data regarding caseworker visits presented in this report are not CFSR onsite review data but are derived from the data that states were required to report under the original monthly caseworker visit requirements in P.L. 109-288.

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. Data for Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV) and Visits in the Home (VIH) for 2008 through 2011 are shown in table IV-1.

Table IV-1. Monthly Caseworker Visits and Visits in the Home, 2008–2011

Measure	Median Across States (Percent)			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
The percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits (MCV). (N=52 states)	46%	63%	74%	82%
The percentage of the monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child (VIH). (N=52 states)	78	82	87	88

⁶⁵ 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.

⁶⁶ 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>

⁶⁷ The CFSR onsite review instrument can be found on the Children's Bureau website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/cfsr-onsite-instrument-instructions>). Detailed information concerning Item 19 and its relationship to various other measures in the CFSR onsite reviews can be found on page 35 in the following publication: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/results/genfindings04/genfindings04.pdf>

⁶⁸ More information about the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 can be found on the Children's Bureau website (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/pi-109-288>).

⁶⁹ More information on the caseworker visits measures can be found in appendix C of this report. Information on previous caseworker visits data collection and reporting requirements can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 issued April 18, 2008 (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi0803.pdf>).

⁷⁰ More information about the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2011 can be found on the Children's Bureau website under Information Memorandum ACYF-CB-IM-11-06 (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/im1106>).

⁷¹ More detailed guidance on revised requirements for reporting the caseworker visits measures using the new methodology for reporting caseworker visits data is outlined in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-12-01 issued January 6, 2012 (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi1201.pdf>).

As is illustrated in table IV-1, the median percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits increased substantially over time, from 46 percent in 2008 to 82 percent in 2011 (a 78.3 percent change).⁷² Prior to P.L. 109-288 taking effect, there was no federal requirement regarding how often children in foster care were to be visited by their caseworkers. Though it is impossible to establish causation, communication between the Children’s Bureau and several states indicates that the substantial increase in the median percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits between 2008 and 2011 is associated with increased state utilization of resources, more accurate and complete reporting, and supervisory emphasis on caseworker visits.

There also was an increase in the median percentage of the monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child. The median for this measure increased from 78 percent in 2008 to 88 percent in 2011 (a 12.8 percent change). Though this increase was not as dramatic as the increase in percentage of monthly visits, it further indicates that states are placing increased emphasis on the importance of caseworkers making frequent home visits to the children on their caseloads.

TIMELINESS OF REUNIFICATIONS⁷³

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

Table IV-2 presents summary data regarding state performance in federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011) on key measures assessing both the timeliness and permanency of reunification. This table includes one of the measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports (measure 4.1), as well as the measures that are part of CFSR composite 1.⁷⁴

Table IV-2. Range of State Performance, 2011 Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications				
Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=51 states)	60.4%	68.4%	74.7%	39.2–88.7%
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment**) (N=50 states)	64.7	70.5	74.5	39.9–89.5
***Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50 states)	6.1 mos.	7.6 mos.	8.7 mos.	1.9–15.4 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 eight days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50 states)	32.6	41.3	46.9	14.7–66.7
***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=51 states)	8.7	11.9	15.0	2.3–27.8

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

⁷² 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 of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is [(0.34–0.36)/0.36]x100= –5.6 percent change.

⁷³ 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.

⁷⁴ 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.

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 2011 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 68.4 and 70.5 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay of reunified children was 7.6 months (measure C1.2).

The measures discussed above reflect the percentage of all children in foster care who exited to reunification regardless of when they entered care. However, another useful approach is to examine timeliness of reunification using a longitudinal measure for a cohort of children. Measure C1.3 examines only children who came into foster care for the first time (an entry cohort) during the last six months of the prior year. These children then are tracked for the following 12 months to determine the percentage that reunified before the end of that 12-month period. Because this measure reflects the percentage of first-time entries who exit to reunification rather than the percentage of all children in foster care, the results look very different from the noncohort measures, 4.1 and C1.1. As shown in table IV-2, the median across states was 41.3 percent (versus greater than 68.4 percent for both 4.1 and C1.1), and the 75th percentile was 46.9 percent (versus greater than 74.5 percent for both 4.1 and C1.1). Therefore, in at least 75.0 percent of the states, the majority of children who entered foster care *for the first time* in the last six months of 2010 were still in foster care 12 months later.

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Measure C1.4 assesses the permanency of reunification (reentry rate). It follows for 12 months the group of all children who were discharged from foster care to reunification. This measure determines the percentage of those children who reentered foster care within 12 months of their prior discharge. The median across states for this measure is 11.9 percent. The following are additional important findings with regard to the timeliness of reunifications and the reentry rate for 2011:

- *Moderate correlations were found between the measure of reentry into foster care and the age of children entering foster care.* Many states with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r=.52$). Conversely, many states with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care at age 11 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.
- *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 $r=.42$) and relatively low median lengths of stay (measure C1.2) (Pearson's $r=-.45$). 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. An alternative explanation could be that states with lower foster care entry rates might have more services in place to support families and prevent entry. This could result in the higher needs children entering foster care, which also may extend the median lengths of stay for those states. 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 $r=.52$).

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

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

Table IV-3. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2008–2011* 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
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008–2011	2008–2011
Measure 4.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care. (N=50 states)	67.2%	67.2%	68.4%	68.0%	12 states (24%)	8 states (16%)
Measure C1.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=49 states)	68.4	67.5	67.5	70.4	15 states (31%)	3 states (6%)
****Measure C1.2: Median length of stay in months for children reunified, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=49 states)	7.9 mos.	8.0 mos.	7.8 mos.	7.7 mos.	18 states (37%)	16 states (33%)
Measure C1.3: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care for children entering foster care for the first time, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=48 states)	43.4	41.4	42.5	41.3	10 states (21%)	23 states (48%)
****Measure C1.4: Percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months from being reunified. (N=49 states)	13.2	12.4	12.6	11.8	24 states (49%)	14 states (29%)

* 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 2011 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table IV-2 due to differences in the number of states included for each analysis.

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

As illustrated in table IV-3, the most notable change in performance between 2008 and 2011 is in the percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months from being reunified (measure C1.4). For this measure, 24 states (49 percent) showed improvement over time, and the median improved from 13.2 in 2008 to 11.8 in 2011, which amounted to a –10.6 percent change (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). These findings indicate that overall states are improving with regard to the permanency of reunifications.

TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

The majority of children exiting foster care are reunified with their families, not adopted (see table III-3). However, when a decision is made that adoption is in the best interest of the child, adoption should proceed rapidly so that the child is able to be placed quickly in a secure, caring, and safe environment.

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

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

For the purposes of calculating this report's related outcome measures, a 17-month timeframe was used because the AFCARS data system does not collect information pertaining to the date of the first judicial finding. The Department uses the date of the child's removal and adds to this date the 60 days and 15 months specified in the legislation to give this outcome measure its 17-month timeframe.

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

Nationally, approximately 105,000 children were waiting for adoption, and 50,000 children exited foster care to adoption in 2011.⁷⁵ 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 2011 on the measures relevant to this outcome.

**Table IV-4. Range of State Performance, 2011
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
**Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=51 states)	2.4%	3.8%	7.0%	0.0–39.8%
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=51 states)	26.2	33.5	40.3	8.0–85.6
***Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=51 states)	26.5 mos.	29.5 mos.	32.2 mos.	14.3–47.3 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=51 states)	20.4	25.1	31.4	13.0–45.9
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the year? (N=47 states)	8.5	13.5	16.5	1.5–25.9
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=47 states)	46.5	59.6	69.2	28.8–87.0

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

** 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 2011 suggests that achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few states.

As shown in table IV-4, in 2011, 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 3.8 percent. In six states, however, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months was more than 10.0 percent. These states were Utah (39.8 percent), Florida (12.3 percent), Vermont (12.0 percent), Missouri (10.7 percent), Wyoming (10.3 percent), and Colorado (10.1 percent).

Compared to adoptions occurring within 12 months, the data in table IV-4 indicate that states were more successful in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the child’s entry into foster care (measure C2.1, median = 33.5 percent) but performance on this measure still needs improvement. A positive finding is that there were four states in which at least 50.0 percent of adoptions occurred in less than 24 months of the child’s entry into foster care. These states were Utah (85.6 percent), Iowa (57.2 percent), Colorado (56.8 percent), and Florida (52.2 percent).

The 2011 data indicate that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months still remains a challenge for all but a few states

In addition to knowing the length of time it takes for children to be adopted, it is also useful to examine factors in the progress toward the final goal of adoption. For example, a child must be legally free for adoption before a finalized adoption can take place. Two measures reported in table IV-4 (measures C2.3 and C2.4) assess the progress toward timely adoptions tracking individual children over time. These measures focus on children who were in foster care for at least 17 months on the first day of the year and follow them to determine: (1) the percentage adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3), and (2) the percentage who became

⁷⁵ 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/research-data-technology/statistics-research>).

legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year (measure C2.4).⁷⁶ 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 2011 were adopted by the end of that year (measure C2.3, median = 25.1 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 2011 became legally free for adoption within the first six months of that year (measure C2.4, median = 13.5 percent). As shown in the range for this measure, even in the highest performing state, only 25.9 percent of the children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2011 became legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year. As is apparent from these data, many states have not achieved the goal of seeking adoptions for foster children in a timely way.

Another marker of progress toward adoption is how long it takes from the termination of parental rights to the finalization of the adoption. Measure C2.5 follows children for a 12-month period from the time that they became legally free for adoption to identify the percentage of children whose adoptions were finalized during that time period. Oftentimes, the practice expectation is that once parental rights have been terminated, the state should work as rapidly as possible to ensure that the child achieves a finalized adoption. As shown in table IV-4, state performance on this measure varies extensively (28.8 to 87.0 percent). For example, in four states (Illinois, Massachusetts, South Dakota, and West Virginia), fewer than 40.0 percent of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free. However, in four states (the District of Columbia, New Hampshire, Utah, and Vermont) 80.0 percent or more of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted in less than 12 months after becoming legally free.

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

The median performances across states for the years 2008 to 2011 on measures pertaining to achieving timely adoptions for children in foster care are presented in table IV-5.⁷⁷ Table IV-5 also presents a breakdown of the number of states showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2008 and 2011. Change in median state performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁷⁸

⁷⁶ 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.

⁷⁷ The 2011 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 (2008 through 2011).

⁷⁸ Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is $[(0.34-0.36)/0.36] \times 100 = -5.6$ percent change.

Table IV-5. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2008–2011*
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	States That Declined in Performance
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008–2011	2008–2011
***Measure 5.1a: Percentage of children discharged to adoption in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care. (N=50 states)	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%	29 states (58%)	15 states (30%)
Measure C2.1: Percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the date of entry into foster care. (N=50 states)	29.0	31.9	32.4	33.6	30 states (60%)	9 states (18%)
****Measure C2.2: State's median length of stay in months for children adopted. (N=50 states)	31.0 mos.	30.4 mos.	29.6 mos.	29.4 mos.	18 states (36%)	8 states (16%)
*****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=50 states)	23.0	24.7	24.9	25.7	36 states (72%)	8 states (16%)
*****Measure C2.4: Percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the fiscal year who become legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year. (N=44 states)	12.4	13.5	12.7	13.5	24 states (55%)	13 states (30%)
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=44 states)	53.0	54.5	59.1	59.7	26 states (59%)	5 states (11%)

* 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 six months of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.

For 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, 72 percent of states demonstrated improved performance between 2008 and 2011. In addition, the national median for measure C2.3 improved from 23.0 percent in 2008 to 25.7 percent in 2011 (an 11.7 percent change).

Seventy-two percent of states showed improved performance between 2008 and 2011 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.

States also made substantial improvements 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-eight percent of states experienced improved performance between 2008 and 2011 in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months (5.1a), and the national median for this measure improved from 3.0 percent in 2008 to 3.7 percent in 2011 (a 23.3 percent change). A majority of states (60 percent) also demonstrated improvements in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (C2.1). The national median for this measure improved from 29.0 percent in 2008 to 33.6 percent in 2011 (a 15.9 percent change).

Another area where states showed improvement was the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). Fifty-nine percent of states showed improved performance on this measure between 2008 and 2011. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 53.0 percent in 2008 to 59.7 percent in 2011 (a 12.6 percent change).

States also improved 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, 55 percent of states showed improved performance between 2008 and 2011. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 12.4 percent in 2008 to

13.5 percent in 2011 (an 8.9 percent change). Note, however, that the national median for this measure fluctuated over the 4 years included in this report. Specifically, there was a decline in performance between 2009 and 2010 before the median returned to 2009 levels in 2011. Additionally, a significant number of states are still struggling in this area, as 13 (30 percent) demonstrated a decline in performance between 2008 and 2011.

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 68.4 percent and 70.5 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 large number of the states (table IV-3, 49 percent of states improved performance on measure C1.4 versus 29 percent that declined in performance). It is important that areas of timeliness and permanency be reviewed together so that states can develop strategies 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 six months of 2010 were still in foster care 12 months later. While more states declined than improved on this measure between 2008 and 2011, overall national performance remains fairly static (table IV-3, median = 41.3 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.

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

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

Achieving timely adoptions

The data for 2011 indicate that achieving adoptions in a timely manner remains a challenge for many states. The exceptions to this pattern are Utah, Iowa, Colorado, and Florida, where 52.2 percent to 85.6 percent of the adoptions finalized in 2011 occurred in less than 24 months from the time of the child's entry into foster care. While the AFCARS data used in this report do 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-two percent showed improved performance in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3).
- Sixty 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).
- Fifty-nine 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-five percent showed improved performance with regard to the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year (measure C2.4).

Despite the challenges of making adoptions timelier, many states demonstrated improved performance between 2008 and 2011 on several adoption measures contained in this report.

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

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

In this report, placement setting stability is defined as a child having had two or fewer placement settings in a single foster care episode.⁷⁹ This was the approach used in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it also is consistent with the approach used for the composite measures in the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).

Outcome 7 is evaluated by examining the degree to which children age 12 or younger are placed in family foster homes rather than group homes or institutions. By Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Report System (AFCARS) definitions, relative and nonrelative family foster homes have up to six children; group homes have between seven 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 measure is that, while group homes or institutions may be appropriate for some children and youth in foster care, younger children are likely to have their needs better met in a family setting.

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

Table V-1 presents the findings of state performance on measures of placement stability (measure 6.1) and placements of young children in group homes or institutions (measure 7.1).⁸⁰ 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).⁸¹

**Table V-1. Range of State Performance, 2011
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

Outcome Measures	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
Measure 6.1a: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for less than 12 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=49 states)	81.6%	85.9%	87.5%	71.5–91.7%
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)	57.6	63.4	67.4	44.8–76.9
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)	26.6	32.8	38.6	12.1–45.8
*Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution? (N=50 states)	2.4	4.5	6.5	0.8–20.2

* 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 2011 (measure 6.1a, median = 85.9 percent). It is encouraging that 85.9 percent of the children remain in stable placements during the first year in foster care. While there may be times when a new placement setting will be in the best interest of the child, such as a move to a placement that better reflects the service needs of the child, it is generally important for states to continue to do as much as they can to keep placement setting counts to a minimum.

⁷⁹ 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.

⁸⁰ In this report, the designation of “state” includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states, depending on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011).

⁸¹ 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.

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 85.9 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 63.4 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 32.8 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

It is important to note that the relationship between time in care and placement setting stability is more nuanced than it may initially appear. Research suggests a link between placement stability and variables such as the age of the child, placement setting type, the presence of child behavioral problems, and the availability of programs and services for children and resource families.⁸² Research also indicates that children who experience early placement stability experience fewer behavioral problems and better outcomes.⁸³ Therefore, time in care is likely also linked to other variables that have an impact on its relationship to placement stability.

The data in table V-1 also indicate that in about one-half of the states in 2011, 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 eight states where the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions was between 10 percent and 20 percent.⁸⁴

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

Table V-2 provides the change in the national median over time on measures pertaining to achieving stable and appropriate placement settings for children in foster care. This table also shows the number of states with an improvement or decline in performance on these measures.⁸⁵

Table V-2. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2008–2011* Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings						
Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (Percent)				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008–2011	2008–2011
Measure 6.1a: Percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=49 states)	85.3%	85.3%	85.3%	85.9%	8 states (16%)	1 state (2%)
Measure 6.1b: Percentage of children in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=49 states)	61.8	60.6	61.6	63.4	20 states (41%)	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)	31.9	30.5	33.0	32.8	20 states (41%)	14 states (29%)
***Measure 7.1: Percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger who are placed in group homes or institutions. (N=50 states)	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	33 states (66%)	11 states (22%)

* 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-six percent of states showed improvement on this measure between 2008 and 2011. This is consistent with the fact that the national median for measure 7.1 declined from 4.9 percent in 2008 to 4.5 percent in 2011 (a –8.2 percent change).

As indicated by table V-2, there was very little change between 2008 and 2011 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 82 percent of states had no change in performance between 2008 and 2011.

⁸² Noonan, K., Rubin, D., Mekonnen, R., Zlotnik, S., & O’Reilly, A. (2009). Securing child safety, well-being, and permanency through placement stability in foster care. *Evidence to Action, 1*. Retrieved from http://policylab.us/images/pdf/evidencetoactionbrief1_csaw_final.pdf

⁸³ Rubin, D.M., O’Reilly, A.L.R., Luan, X., & Localio, R. (2007). The impact of placement stability on behavioral well-being for children in foster care. *Pediatrics, 119*(2), 336–44.

⁸⁴ The eight states were Arkansas, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

⁸⁵ 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 of children in foster care was 0.36 percent in 2008 and 0.34 percent in 2011, so the formula is [(0.34–0.36)/0.36]x100= –5.6 percent change.

Similar placement setting stability patterns emerged regarding the percentage of children in foster care between 12 and 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 fluctuated between 2008 and 2011 (see table V-2).

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. Additionally, consistent with findings from previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, the majority of states continue to progress in lowering the numbers of young children placed in group homes or institutions.

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.

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/opre/resource/federal-register-announcement-3>

VIEWING THE STATE DATA PAGES

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

- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data: February 17, 2012
- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) data: May 29, 2012
- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Census data: May 21, 2012
- 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 caseworker visits data: April 15, 2012

Information from the State Data Pages is presented as follows:

- Data for the context variables⁸⁶
- 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 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011
- State Comment page presenting each state's comments on its own data (provided only if a state submitted a comment for publication)

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

- When a state reports a value of "0.0 percent" for any of the context variables or outcome measures, this is indicated by "0.0." For the "maltreatment type" table only, there is an additional usage of 0.0. It also is used when a state reported no data for a particular maltreatment category, and the state did not provide guidance on the intended interpretation of the absence of data for that category.
- When a state reports more than 0.0 percent but less than 0.1 percent, this is indicated by "<0.1."⁸⁷
- When a particular cell is not applicable to a state, that is, there is no reason to assume that the state would have data for that cell, this is indicated by "N/A." For example, one would not expect to have fiscal year data on median length of stay for children who entered care during that fiscal year; therefore, the relevant cells contain a "N/A."
- When a particular cell is applicable to a state, that is, there is reason to assume that the state would have data for that cell but no data were provided, this is indicated by a dash (—). A dash is also used when a joint decision is made by a state and the Children's Bureau that the data are not reliable enough for publication. For example, if a state did not submit numerators and denominators for the caseworker visits measures, the relevant data cells would contain a dash.
- When a particular cell is applicable to a state, but the data for that cell are not yet available for publication, this is indicated by an "X." For example, 2011 child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in the current report; therefore, the relevant cells contain an "X."

⁸⁶ Note that the 2011 Census Bureau child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

⁸⁷ The only exception to this is the reporting of performance on measure 2.1, where data are rounded to the nearest hundredth instead of rounding to the nearest tenth.

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE

The following two tables provide the 2011 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 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 are included on tables 1 and 2 of the executive summary of this report.

**Table VI-1. Range of State Performance, 2011
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures*	National Median (50th Percentile)	Range (Percent)
**Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a six-month period? (N=52 states)	5.2%	1.0–12.2%
**Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=48 states)	0.32	0.00–1.59
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=51 states)	87.3	72.8–95.4
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=48 states)	78.0	42.6–92.9
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=51 states)	66.0	33.5–91.5
**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=51 states)	25.0	5.3–52.1
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=51 states)	68.4	39.2–88.7
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=51 states)	3.8	0.0–39.8
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=50 states)	85.9	71.5–91.7
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=50 states)	63.4	44.8–76.9
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=50 states)	32.8	12.1–45.8
**Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution? (N=50 states)	4.5	0.8–20.2

* 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, 2011
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures*	National Median (50th Percentile)**	Range (Percent)
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50 states)	70.5	39.9–89.5
***Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50 states)	7.6 mos.	1.9–15.4 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the six-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50 states)	41.3	14.7–66.7
***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=51 states)	11.9	2.3–27.8
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=51 states)	33.5	8.0–85.6
***Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=51 states)	29.5 mos.	14.3–47.3 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=51 states)	25.1	13.0–45.9
*****Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the year? (N=47 states)	13.5	1.5–25.9
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=47 states)	59.6	28.8–87.0
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=51 states)	31.8	14.0–52.1
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=47 states)	95.0	84.8–99.1
***Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for three years or longer? (N=51 states)	43.4	12.2–75.0

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

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

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

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

***** A child is considered to be "legally free" for adoption if there is a date for parental rights termination reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. Also, the denominator for this measure excludes children who, during the first six 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,129,522	1,128,864	1,130,523	1,127,143
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
Asian	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Black	30.1	30.0	30.3	30.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	5.7	6.0	6.4
White	61.2	60.8	59.6	59.2
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	21.7	24.7	27.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	9,217	8,295	9,586	8,781
Foster care entry rate	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,904	6,224	5,629	5,470
Children adopted	442	638	606	429

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	46	58	65	78
Numerator	4,058	215	240	282
Denominator	8,822	368	371	360
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	89	88	94	96
Numerator	25,591	1,483	1,639	2,058
Denominator	28,597	1,682	1,744	2,144

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	28,952	25.6 per 1,000	27,629	24.5 per 1,000	29,508	26.1 per 1,000	27,694	24.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	9,217	8.2 per 1,000	8,295	7.3 per 1,000	9,586	8.5 per 1,000	8,781	7.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	20	1.8 per 100,000	14	1.2 per 100,000	13	1.1 per 100,000	11	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	15.6	12.3	11.9	12.6
1 year	6.2	6.6	6.9	7.3
2 years	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.3
3 years	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.2
4 years	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.0
5 years	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.5
6 years	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.2
7 years	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0
8 years	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.4
9 years	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.4
10 years	3.9	4.1	4.4	3.7
11 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
12 years	4.4	3.9	4.5	4.5
13 years	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.2
14 years	6.6	6.4	6.4	5.7
15 years	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.5
16 years	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.5
17 years	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.5
Number	9,217	8,295	9,586	8,781

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	20.6	26.3	26.5	27.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.3	4.0	4.4	3.9
White	33.2	50.3	57.1	58.1
Two or more races	0.9	2.1	2.9	3.3
Missing data	42.0	17.0	8.9	7.0
Number	9,217	8,295	9,586	8,781

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	—	—
Neglect	39.8	36.5	36.7	36.7
Physical abuse	42.8	47.7	48.9	49.0
Sexual abuse	25.0	22.7	22.0	21.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,217	8,295	9,586	8,781

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	51.7	46.4	45.3	42.4
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	6,912	6,669	5,320	5,207	3,506	3,051	3,063	3,217	3,514	3,496	2,754	2,954	6,904	6,224	5,629	5,470
Median length of stay (months)	19.0	19.5	17.3	15.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.1	15.2	13.4	12.4	19.4	19.3	16.3	14.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.9	5.6	5.7	6.6	18.3	17.5	18.5	17.0	6.2	5.4	6.1	6.1	5.6	5.1	6.4	6.0
1 year	5.9	6.3	7.0	6.5	6.7	7.0	8.3	7.0	7.0	7.8	8.7	6.9	6.4	6.3	6.3	7.2
2 years	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.4	8.5	7.2	5.8	5.6	6.5	6.6
3 years	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.6	6.3	5.5	5.7	5.6	6.7	7.3	7.5	5.0	5.2	5.3	6.2
4 years	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.4	4.8	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.8	4.6	4.6	5.3	4.7
5 years	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.0	6.4	5.4	5.5	4.5	3.8	4.5	5.3
6 years	4.1	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.5	5.1	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.8
7 years	3.8	4.1	3.7	4.5	4.7	3.8	4.3	3.4	4.8	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.3	4.3	3.9
8 years	4.2	3.4	4.2	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.2
9 years	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.4	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.4	4.1	3.8
10 years	3.8	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.1
11 years	3.8	3.6	4.6	4.2	3.3	3.8	3.4	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.6	2.9	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.3
12 years	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.3	2.7	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.5
13 years	4.4	4.9	5.3	4.5	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.8	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.2	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.2
14 years	5.7	5.1	6.4	5.6	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.0	3.9	3.3	4.2	3.2	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.5
15 years	6.3	6.3	7.2	7.3	5.8	6.8	5.2	5.7	4.2	3.5	3.4	3.8	6.3	6.3	7.0	6.4
16 years	8.1	7.4	8.4	8.2	6.4	4.6	5.9	5.5	5.3	4.3	4.1	4.9	7.3	7.6	7.9	8.2
17 years	8.3	8.0	8.8	8.9	3.6	4.7	3.4	3.6	5.2	4.3	11.3	16.7	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.0
18 years	5.3	6.1	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	5.9	6.0	1.9	1.8	6.1	6.1	4.2	1.4
19 years	2.8	2.9	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	4.3	4.7	0.9	0.5	3.0	3.6	0.2	0.0
20 years	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	2.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.7	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	44.4	44.5	42.2	39.6	38.7	32.5	31.5	31.1	38.2	35.6	34.5	34.7	44.7	43.7	40.2	37.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.9	5.6	6.3	3.4	4.9	6.3	4.6	3.6	3.9	3.9	5.1
White	49.6	47.0	47.9	50.9	55.7	54.6	56.4	53.2	56.1	54.6	51.9	54.3	49.3	46.5	50.6	50.5
Two or more races	2.1	3.8	4.7	5.0	1.2	4.4	5.2	4.9	1.8	3.5	5.2	4.6	1.8	4.3	4.8	5.1
Unknown	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3	3.3	1.1	4.1	0.2	1.3	2.1	1.6	0.2	1.4	0.3	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,771	1,476	1,285	1,309
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,142	886	770	565

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.9	2.0	1.9	2.2
1 year	6.5	6.5	6.0	7.4
2 years	7.0	6.8	7.0	8.1
3 years	6.3	5.4	6.3	7.5
4 years	6.4	5.5	5.7	5.3
5 years	6.3	5.6	6.2	5.8
6 years	4.6	5.2	5.6	4.7
7 years	5.8	4.7	4.9	4.5
8 years	4.9	5.4	4.7	5.0
9 years	5.9	5.2	4.9	5.4
10 years	5.3	6.6	5.0	5.4
11 years	5.3	6.4	6.6	5.5
12 years	5.7	5.6	6.7	6.9
13 years	5.4	6.2	6.6	6.9
14 years	5.5	6.6	6.5	6.3
15 years	5.1	5.5	8.0	5.9
16 years	5.0	5.8	4.1	4.3
17 years	6.0	5.0	3.3	2.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.4
Asian	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
Black	41.7	40.5	39.4	33.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	5.4	4.6	5.3
White	51.2	49.1	50.8	54.0
Two or more races	2.7	4.5	4.7	6.3
Unknown	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	442	638	606	429

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.8	0.9	1.3	1.2
1 year	6.1	7.1	8.9	7.9
2 years	10.6	12.2	13.4	11.2
3 years	10.6	11.0	10.2	12.4
4 years	8.1	8.5	6.8	11.2
5 years	9.0	10.3	5.4	9.8
6 years	7.0	7.5	6.6	8.2
7 years	6.3	6.1	5.4	7.7
8 years	6.6	6.1	5.6	6.3
9 years	5.9	5.6	6.8	3.3
10 years	5.4	4.1	7.3	4.0
11 years	3.6	4.2	4.0	3.3
12 years	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.3
13 years	5.0	4.1	5.4	2.6
14 years	3.4	2.2	2.8	2.8
15 years	2.0	2.5	2.3	1.6
16 years	2.5	1.9	1.7	2.8
17 years	2.5	1.6	1.8	0.5
18 years	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	29.4	32.0	29.7	30.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	6.3	9.4	7.5
White	60.6	55.0	53.0	55.9
Two or more races	5.9	5.5	7.8	5.8
Unknown	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Alabama

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	98.7	98.8	98.8	98.9
Children with one or more recurrences	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Number	3,955	3,320	3,914	3,773

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.19	<.1	<.1	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.81	99.91	99.96	99.82
Number	10,418	9,720	8,383	8,424

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	12.5	19.6	19.5	14.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	77.7	65.8	66.8	65.0
Other	9.7	13.6	12.1	17.2
Missing data	<.1	1.0	1.7	3.5
Number	3,514	3,496	2,754	2,954

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.1	18.8	26.7	15.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	52.7	63.3	57.3	39.0
Other	29.2	17.2	14.5	42.9
Missing data	0.0	0.8	1.5	2.6
Number	260	128	1,988	385

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.1	2.3	1.4	1.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	78.7	60.4	60.0	49.1
Other	19.8	36.0	37.3	47.2
Missing data	0.3	1.2	1.3	2.5
Number	887	814	557	752

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	48.1	35.3	30.4	27.3
Children older than 12 at entry	51.9	64.7	69.6	72.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	233	331	276	447

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	17.8	17.2	12.4	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	16.7	66.7	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	75.0	83.3	78.4	63.1	64.7	58.3		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	16.7	11.8	17.8	16.4	24.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	1.7	4.9		
Number	6	3	0	1	3	0	4	6	1,341	1,243	949	1,025		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	23.4	29.3	23.4	13.5	19.8	19.7	14.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	80.8	70.8	63.8	62.0	77.8	67.1	68.1	68.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	4.7	4.6	10.9	8.6	12.3	10.7	14.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	2.3	3.6	<.1	0.8	1.5	2.6		
Number	2	4	0	0	120	171	174	137	1,972	1,910	1,428	1,604		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	11.4	5.3	4.3	41.3	31.4	26.1	17.0	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	85.7	88.6	86.0	91.3	55.6	56.2	63.4	70.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	14.3	0.0	5.3	2.2	3.2	10.7	7.7	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.5	2.2	0.0	1.7	2.8	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	7	44	57	46	63	121	142	135	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	61.2	60.5	63.0	66.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.4	22.9	23.0	23.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.4	8.6	8.1	6.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.0
48 or more mos.	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1
Number	2,729	2,299	1,839	1,919

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.5	81.4	85.9	83.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.0	9.2	6.1	8.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.2	6.9	8.0	8.3
Missing data	0.2	2.5	0.0	0.0
Number	3,506	3,051	3,063	3,217

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	3.1	1.7	2.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	11.8	13.5	18.3	14.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.6	28.5	25.4	33.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.2	22.5	25.4	21.1
48 or more mos.	37.2	32.5	29.3	28.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	441	684	536	422

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.6	66.6	79.8	74.6	72.7	46.4	56.6	54.6	46.0	25.7	30.1	30.9	100.0	73.9	80.0	83.3
Children with 3 or more placements	8.4	23.4	17.3	17.9	27.3	46.9	41.8	43.1	54.0	64.4	68.8	65.9	0.0	4.3	0.0	8.3
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	10.0	2.9	7.6	0.0	6.7	1.6	2.3	0.0	9.8	1.1	3.3	0.0	21.7	20.0	8.3
Number	4,174	3,664	3,532	3,829	2,202	2,019	1,819	1,854	4,033	4,014	3,022	2,729	9	23	10	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.5	1.2	2.0	2.5
Institutions	3.3	2.2	1.7	1.7
Other settings	95.0	94.6	95.4	91.4
Missing data	0.1	2.0	0.9	4.5
Number	2,258	1,663	2,324	2,395

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	117.3	118.0	119.0	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)	63.1	61.2	64.0	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)	9.0	9.1	8.3	8.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	47.2	43.0	40.2	41.6
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?	10.6	8.6	7.8	10.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	61.8	75.6	90.7	79.1
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	14.1	16.5	20.0	16.6
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?	39.5	37.7	37.9	35.9
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?	14.0	21.0	18.1	16.1
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? ¹⁷	8.8	10.4	10.3	7.7
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?	31.1	34.9	53.7	50.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	105.2	114.7	115.1	108.7
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	21.3	27.7	25.4	22.2
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?	94.6	96.9	92.9	89.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	55.2	54.0	50.2	46.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	111.0	79.5	89.2	88.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	90.9	72.3	80.8	79.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	73.1	49.8	57.5	55.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	48.4	30.7	30.8	32.3

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Alabama

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Alabama's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: 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 is from a combination of SACWIS and legacy data system sources. As such, readers are strongly cautioned that some of the data presented in this report for FFY2008 – FFY2009 may not accurately reflect Alabama's performance as we continued to transition to the new system during this period. As a result of our first Federal SACWIS and Federal AFCARS Reviews in FFY2010 and FFY2011, 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 also began implementing enhancements to its SACWIS system to fully meet federal reporting requirements. Alabama expects to resubmit prior FFY AFCARS, which is expected to significantly impact the permanency related outcomes and performance measures.

- In FY2011, Alabama finalized 428 adoptions, after a high of 676 finalized adoptions in FY2009 and 549 finalized adoptions in FY2010. This has decreased the number of Children Waiting for Adoption, substantially.
- Alabama continued to see a decline in the number of Child Fatalities over the reporting period, from a high of 20 child fatalities in FFY2009 to a low of 11 child fatalities in FFY2011.
- Alabama experienced a decline in the number of children entering foster care in FFY2009 and 2010. In FFY2011 there was an increase in the number entering foster care, however a decrease in the number of children in care at the end of the FY2011. This is a 10 year low.
- Outcome Measure 1.1: In FY2011, Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 months declined to 1.1 percent. Alabama continues to demonstrate high standards concerning child safety.
- Outcome Measure 2.1: In FY2011, Maltreatment in Foster Care is at 0.18 percent, which continues to be one of the lowest in the nation.
- Outcome Measure 4.1: In FY2011, Time to Reunification showed an increase to 66.4 percent in less than 12 months.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	180,558	183,546	188,169	188,441
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	17.7	17.2	17.7	17.3
Asian	4.3	4.7	5.2	5.2
Black	4.7	4.9	3.2	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.5
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	9.2	7.9	8.0
White	55.9	55.4	52.5	52.1
Two or more races	7.6	7.8	12.0	12.4
Child population in poverty (%)	11.0	12.8	12.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	4,522	3,959	3,147	3,241
Foster care entry rate	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,954	1,851	1,765	1,859
Children adopted	294	329	336	289

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	5	19	30	31
Numerator	132	549	720	744
Denominator	2,781	2,868	2,423	2,433
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	60	42	72	73
Numerator	285	9,752	3,407	3,555
Denominator	477	23,204	4,728	4,865

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	13,269	73.5 per 1,000	10,752	58.6 per 1,000	9,079	48.2 per 1,000	9,709	51.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	4,522	25.0 per 1,000	3,959	21.6 per 1,000	3,147	16.7 per 1,000	3,241	17.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.1 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	3	1.6 per 100,000	3	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.9	12.4	13.3	12.7
1 year	8.3	8.4	8.7	8.4
2 years	7.1	7.5	8.3	8.2
3 years	6.8	7.9	6.8	6.7
4 years	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.5
5 years	5.7	6.5	6.2	6.7
6 years	6.4	5.5	6.5	6.2
7 years	5.2	5.9	5.4	6.0
8 years	5.2	6.0	4.5	5.6
9 years	5.0	5.5	5.7	4.7
10 years	4.4	4.4	5.1	3.7
11 years	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.0
12 years	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.8
13 years	3.8	3.5	3.8	4.1
14 years	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.2
15 years	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.5
16 years	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.2
17 years	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.7
18+ years	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	2.7	1.4	1.2	1.0
Number	4,522	3,959	3,147	3,241

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	50.7	48.1	49.6	45.1
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.0
Black	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.0	2.7	1.6	2.2
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	3.0	3.4	4.1
White	23.5	22.2	23.0	24.5
Two or more races	3.3	4.5	5.6	6.8
Missing data	12.8	13.7	11.5	12.2
Number	4,522	3,959	3,147	3,241

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	20.6	18.2	16.3	16.1
Medical neglect	2.5	1.7	1.5	1.3
Neglect	73.4	79.9	79.6	80.8
Physical abuse	12.3	11.4	11.7	11.9
Sexual abuse	3.7	2.6	3.6	4.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,522	3,959	3,147	3,241

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,962	1,926	1,823	1,741	895	888	897	927	903	963	955	809	1,954	1,851	1,765	1,859
Median length of stay (months)	16.2	16.7	16.0	14.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.1	21.2	21.2	20.4	16.7	15.9	14.4	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.9	6.0	6.3	6.3	21.0	19.8	18.4	18.8	3.9	2.5	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.3	6.2	5.7
1 year	7.4	7.7	9.2	7.6	9.6	9.0	9.1	9.8	6.9	7.0	8.4	8.3	7.7	9.1	7.6	9.5
2 years	8.3	8.0	8.1	9.8	7.9	9.1	9.8	8.5	8.1	9.1	9.8	10.5	8.0	8.1	9.7	7.2
3 years	6.1	7.0	7.2	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.2	6.6	8.9	7.4	8.1	9.5	7.1	7.3	8.0	8.1
4 years	6.2	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.1	8.0	6.9	6.1	7.3	8.3	7.1	9.1	6.2	6.9	7.2	6.7
5 years	5.0	6.1	5.3	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.1	6.3	5.9	7.5	6.0	7.4	6.1	5.7	6.1	6.5
6 years	5.9	5.3	6.4	5.5	6.3	5.4	5.0	5.5	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.3	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.4
7 years	5.5	6.1	4.5	5.8	4.4	5.1	5.7	6.3	3.1	6.0	6.1	5.3	6.1	4.6	5.8	5.4
8 years	6.3	5.6	5.8	4.4	4.4	3.8	4.7	4.3	5.2	5.4	4.9	3.8	5.6	5.7	4.4	6.2
9 years	5.8	5.5	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.6	4.7	5.1	5.8	4.0	5.5	4.7	4.9	4.4
10 years	4.4	5.4	5.5	4.6	3.5	4.1	3.5	3.3	5.9	5.0	3.9	3.3	5.4	5.6	4.8	5.0
11 years	4.7	3.7	5.0	4.5	2.2	2.0	2.0	3.2	3.5	3.0	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.4	4.1
12 years	4.1	3.9	3.3	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.5	5.0	3.6	4.3	4.9	3.8	3.3	4.0	4.2
13 years	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.4	2.8	3.0	2.5	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.5
14 years	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.0	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2
15 years	5.4	4.1	4.3	4.4	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.1	4.9	2.9	3.4	3.3	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.0
16 years	5.7	5.0	4.4	4.7	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.5	2.4	3.8	5.0	4.3	4.6	4.2
17 years	4.7	5.4	4.5	4.3	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.3	6.1	2.9	6.5	6.3	5.3	4.4	4.2	3.8
18 years	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	9.2	4.3	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.4
19 years	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	52.6	53.6	54.7	50.9	53.5	53.7	46.6	50.4	52.0	51.5	53.9	50.1	53.3	54.8	51.0	51.0
Asian	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.8
Black	4.7	4.4	3.3	3.1	4.1	2.5	2.7	3.0	5.0	4.9	3.1	3.1	4.4	3.2	3.1	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.7	2.3	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.9	4.5	3.8	6.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.8	7.7	5.0	5.0	5.8	4.1
White	26.2	25.4	25.3	27.2	24.5	26.5	27.6	23.4	25.7	26.5	24.3	25.2	25.7	25.3	27.0	26.1
Two or more races	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.2	9.4	9.8	11.0	10.2	9.3	10.0	9.9	10.8	9.8	9.6	10.2	10.0
Unknown	<.1	0.3	0.4	1.1	2.0	1.4	3.0	5.2	1.6	1.0	1.8	1.1	0.3	0.4	1.0	3.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	769	714	686	719
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	431	405	369	369

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.2
1 year	6.0	9.9	9.2	7.9
2 years	7.7	8.3	9.3	7.0
3 years	9.4	6.3	8.3	8.9
4 years	5.7	7.3	7.1	8.5
5 years	5.5	4.8	6.6	7.9
6 years	6.2	6.7	6.0	5.8
7 years	6.8	5.3	4.7	6.4
8 years	7.3	6.7	4.7	6.8
9 years	7.4	6.7	6.0	4.5
10 years	6.2	6.3	5.4	5.6
11 years	4.2	6.3	5.8	5.8
12 years	5.3	4.2	5.2	4.7
13 years	4.4	5.5	3.5	3.6
14 years	4.4	3.9	4.5	3.9
15 years	4.6	3.5	4.4	3.9
16 years	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.5
17 years	3.6	2.4	3.2	3.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	54.2	55.3	52.5	54.1
Asian	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.6
Black	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.7
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	5.6	7.0	4.2
White	23.7	23.8	27.0	25.9
Two or more races	11.4	9.8	8.6	9.2
Unknown	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	294	329	336	289

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.0
1 year	8.5	9.1	8.9	9.7
2 years	15.6	9.1	13.1	13.1
3 years	9.9	12.8	9.2	13.1
4 years	7.5	9.4	8.6	8.7
5 years	8.2	8.5	5.1	8.3
6 years	7.8	7.9	6.5	5.9
7 years	3.4	5.8	6.3	4.2
8 years	6.1	7.0	6.8	5.2
9 years	5.4	5.8	8.0	6.2
10 years	5.8	5.8	5.1	4.5
11 years	2.0	3.3	5.4	4.5
12 years	6.1	4.3	3.9	5.5
13 years	5.1	2.4	3.9	2.4
14 years	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.4
15 years	3.4	2.4	1.8	4.2
16 years	1.0	1.5	2.4	0.7
17 years	1.7	1.8	1.2	0.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	53.4	53.8	53.6	47.8
Asian	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0
Black	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	1.8	0.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.9	4.8	8.0
White	22.4	24.0	25.3	29.4
Two or more races	14.3	11.6	11.3	11.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	90.9	90.5	92.9	91.8
Children with one or more recurrences	9.1	9.5	7.1	8.2
Number	1,520	1,842	1,511	1,455

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.46	1.07	0.51	0.41
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.54	98.93	99.49	99.59
Number	2,857	2,814	2,720	2,668

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	32.4	34.2	35.1	35.7
Guardianship	4.9	3.6	4.0	2.7
Reunification	51.5	49.4	50.6	54.6
Other	11.2	12.8	10.4	6.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	903	963	955	809

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	62.8	67.1	72.0	77.0
Guardianship	10.6	6.8	3.8	5.6
Reunification	13.3	6.8	12.1	10.3
Other	13.3	19.3	12.1	7.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	188	161	157	126

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	3.3	4.3	8.7	5.6
Guardianship	7.3	5.0	5.6	6.5
Reunification	45.5	39.0	42.1	52.3
Other	43.9	51.8	43.7	35.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	123	141	126	107

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35.4	28.9	29.0	21.6
Children older than 12 at entry	64.6	71.1	71.0	78.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	65	83	69	37

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	33.2	35.7	35.0	34.1	22.2	0.0	33.3	0.0	28.9	27.7	40.0	36.0		
Guardianship	3.6	1.6	3.9	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	8.9	6.4	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	51.1	46.8	49.5	54.8	77.8	100.0	66.7	50.0	40.0	61.7	53.3	56.0		
Other	12.1	15.9	11.7	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	4.3	6.7	8.0		
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	470	496	515	405	9	7	6	2	45	47	30	25		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	42.9	14.3	0.0	40.0	42.1	32.6	37.1	28.4	31.0	36.6	41.7		
Guardianship	7.1	0.0	0.0	9.1	8.6	2.6	4.3	3.2	6.0	7.5	6.0	2.9		
Reunification	92.9	57.1	71.4	90.9	45.7	47.4	54.3	58.1	54.7	51.4	48.3	49.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	5.7	7.9	8.7	1.6	10.8	10.2	9.1	5.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	14	14	14	11	35	38	46	62	232	255	232	204		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	5.9	11.1	50.0	39.6	40.0	37.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	4.2	2.1	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	92.9	80.0	82.4	88.9	36.9	44.8	49.5	52.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	7.1	20.0	11.8	0.0	7.1	11.5	8.4	3.4	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	14	10	17	9	84	96	95	87	0	0	0	4		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	48.4	45.8	50.9	48.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.2	37.2	32.3	34.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.8	13.4	12.4	10.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.7	1.5	1.0	6.1
48 or more mos.	1.9	2.1	3.3	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	465	476	483	442

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	89.2	85.4	89.2	87.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.5	5.1	4.2	5.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	4.1	6.3	5.4	6.7
Missing data	2.2	3.3	1.2	0.3
Number	895	888	897	927

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	1.7	2.4	2.7	4.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.1	20.7	26.3	20.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.8	32.2	31.0	39.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.8	27.4	19.7	19.7
48 or more mos.	26.6	17.3	20.3	15.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	293	329	335	289

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.5	92.7	93.2	87.8	71.2	76.0	76.3	75.7	38.2	37.8	40.7	42.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.5	7.3	6.8	12.2	28.8	24.0	23.7	24.3	61.8	62.2	59.3	57.6	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	998	975	1,044	1,041	773	797	713	754	1,085	1,038	961	873	1	4	2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	1.0	1.3	0.9	0.9
Other settings	99.0	98.7	99.1	99.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	773	774	757	791

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	103.8	106.1	114.6	105.0
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)	60.7	55.7	63.0	57.8
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)	9.0	10.5	8.9	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)	27.4	21.7	34.1	28.4
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?	12.6	7.4	8.5	8.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	117.8	128.8	138.5	136.2
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?	19.8	23.1	29.0	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?	34.4	33.6	32.0	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?	28.3	32.8	34.8	33.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	24.3	23.3	22.5	25.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	57.5	58.2	64.9	63.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	119.6	124.1	130.1	137.0
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?	38.0	40.1	42.7	42.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.8	93.1	94.8	96.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	58.0	48.4	51.9	44.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	105.6	109.0	111.2	107.4
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?	90.0	92.2	92.8	87.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.2	76.2	76.3	75.7
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?	38.3	37.9	41.1	42.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

A. Context Statistics. Child Welfare Summary

In the numbers of child maltreatment victims, children with more than one report of substantiated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

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

Alaska uses a safety assessment model where the decision to remove a child or provide in-home services is based on a determination that the child is unsafe, not on a substantiated finding.

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

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,717,156	1,732,019	1,630,756	1,625,114
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9
Asian	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Black	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	43.0	43.6	43.4	43.5
White	42.6	41.9	41.6	41.3
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	20.8	23.4	24.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	3,516	3,922	6,258	9,148
Foster care entry rate	4.7	4.3	4.8	5.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,590	9,421	9,963	10,956
Children adopted	1,695	1,706	2,045	2,275

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	45	47	62	58
Numerator	6,341	6,652	9,022	9,146
Denominator	14,036	14,298	14,619	15,702
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	83	83	86	86
Numerator	31,781	34,136	52,041	50,249
Denominator	38,340	41,332	60,550	58,304

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	67,159	39.1 per 1,000	75,064	43.3 per 1,000	59,422	36.4 per 1,000	72,438	44.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	3,516	2.0 per 1,000	3,922	2.3 per 1,000	6,258	3.8 per 1,000	9,148	5.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	11	0.6 per 100,000	30	1.7 per 100,000	20	1.2 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.9	12.7	19.0	19.9
1 year	8.5	8.9	7.7	7.5
2 years	8.0	8.6	7.5	7.4
3 years	6.8	7.4	7.0	7.0
4 years	5.7	6.7	5.9	5.8
5 years	7.3	7.1	5.7	5.4
6 years	6.0	6.3	5.1	5.2
7 years	5.2	5.4	4.9	4.5
8 years	4.5	5.5	4.1	4.8
9 years	5.1	4.3	4.0	3.6
10 years	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.6
11 years	4.6	4.0	3.8	3.5
12 years	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5
13 years	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.7
14 years	3.9	3.3	3.7	4.2
15 years	4.4	3.5	4.0	4.0
16 years	3.3	2.5	3.7	3.9
17 years	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.4
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Number	3,516	3,922	6,258	9,148

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	4.6	4.7	4.3	3.9
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Black	7.2	8.3	8.2	8.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	33.4	38.0	38.7	38.7
White	44.7	40.2	40.5	40.8
Two or more races	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.9
Missing data	4.7	3.8	3.8	4.1
Number	3,516	3,922	6,258	9,148

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.4
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
Neglect	67.2	69.8	84.0	89.3
Physical abuse	27.4	25.0	15.5	11.9
Sexual abuse	8.4	8.8	5.3	3.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,516	3,922	6,258	9,148

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	72.8	62.6	59.1	88.8
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	8,904	9,403	9,219	9,697	8,099	7,524	7,841	8,487	7,413	7,506	7,097	7,228	9,590	9,421	9,963	10,956
Median length of stay (months)	12.6	10.8	12.0	10.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3	10.9	12.7	13.0	10.7	11.9	10.7	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	7.6	8.1	7.7	8.3	16.7	17.1	16.9	16.7	5.6	5.6	4.8	4.9	8.1	7.7	8.2	8.1
1 year	9.2	9.0	9.3	9.4	7.8	8.1	8.1	7.1	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.5	8.9	9.3	9.4	8.8
2 years	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	6.7	7.4	7.5	7.0	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.4	8.5	7.8
3 years	6.3	6.7	6.8	7.5	5.7	5.7	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.8	7.8	7.9	6.7	6.8	7.5	7.3
4 years	5.4	5.4	6.2	6.2	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.9	5.3	6.3	6.2	6.7
5 years	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.5
6 years	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.2
7 years	4.5	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.6
8 years	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2
9 years	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.4
10 years	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.6
11 years	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
12 years	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.6
13 years	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9
14 years	5.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.7
15 years	5.6	6.0	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.1	4.4	4.9	4.3	3.6	6.1	5.0	5.2	5.4
16 years	6.9	6.5	6.6	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.2	5.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.3	6.6	6.6	5.8	6.1
17 years	7.8	7.8	7.0	6.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	8.0	5.1	10.1	13.4	7.7	6.9	6.8	6.6
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	6.0	9.6	3.8	0.0	<.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	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.6	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2
Black	7.9	9.6	9.8	9.8	10.1	10.0	9.2	9.9	8.2	9.7	9.3	8.8	9.6	9.9	9.7	10.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	41.4	41.4	43.6	41.8	40.2	41.8	38.6	38.8	40.4	39.1	41.4	41.5	41.2	43.5	41.1	39.7
White	41.4	38.9	37.2	38.4	37.8	37.4	39.3	38.6	40.3	39.7	38.0	38.0	39.2	37.1	38.2	38.8
Two or more races	4.5	4.6	3.8	4.3	4.6	3.5	4.1	3.7	4.4	4.4	3.7	3.7	4.6	3.9	4.1	4.2
Unknown	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.5	2.8	4.1	4.2	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.1	1.7	1.6	2.7	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

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,323	2,792	2,670	2,833
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,935	2,265	2,180	2,231

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.4	3.7	4.8	4.7
1 year	11.1	12.0	11.5	12.0
2 years	10.3	10.1	10.3	10.3
3 years	9.6	8.7	8.4	9.1
4 years	6.8	8.2	7.7	7.8
5 years	6.7	6.0	6.3	6.3
6 years	6.9	5.8	6.2	6.2
7 years	5.3	6.2	5.0	4.8
8 years	6.2	4.9	5.6	5.1
9 years	5.9	5.4	5.5	5.6
10 years	4.4	5.1	4.4	4.6
11 years	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4
12 years	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.1
13 years	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.7
14 years	3.6	4.0	4.5	3.8
15 years	3.4	3.2	3.9	4.3
16 years	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.2
17 years	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.7	2.4	3.5	3.2
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Black	9.3	9.6	10.3	12.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	40.4	43.8	41.9	41.3
White	42.3	38.8	38.7	37.3
Two or more races	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.6
Unknown	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,695	1,706	2,045	2,275

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.3
1 year	13.6	12.0	14.0	15.0
2 years	16.1	14.8	13.5	13.2
3 years	10.0	10.7	11.5	10.5
4 years	10.0	9.6	8.8	9.9
5 years	7.1	7.8	7.5	7.6
6 years	7.0	7.8	6.2	7.2
7 years	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.9
8 years	5.7	6.2	5.5	5.1
9 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.9
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.3	3.8
11 years	3.9	3.3	3.8	3.4
12 years	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.6
13 years	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.2
14 years	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.3
15 years	1.5	1.9	2.1	1.8
16 years	0.9	1.1	1.8	1.5
17 years	0.6	1.2	1.7	0.8
18 years	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
19 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	1.2	1.7	2.8
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	5.8	7.7	7.2	7.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.4	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	43.2	41.3	45.4	45.5
White	42.9	43.7	40.4	39.5
Two or more races	4.5	4.5	3.8	3.6
Unknown	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	98.3	98.5	96.7	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	1.7	1.5	3.3	4.6
Number	1,615	1,522	3,206	3,184

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.16	0.15	0.19	<.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.84	99.85	99.81	99.91
Number	17,003	16,927	17,060	18,141

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.8	22.5	28.7	31.5
Guardianship	9.4	9.7	8.1	6.6
Reunification	52.1	52.0	50.0	49.2
Other	15.7	15.8	13.2	12.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,413	7,506	7,097	7,228

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	28.3	28.7	36.5	39.9
Guardianship	9.9	11.4	8.9	7.5
Reunification	32.5	31.3	31.7	30.7
Other	29.3	28.5	22.9	21.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,372	2,617	2,487	2,711

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.7	2.2	4.5	4.5
Guardianship	8.5	9.9	9.5	9.2
Reunification	47.3	47.7	47.4	44.6
Other	42.4	40.2	38.6	41.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,939	2,016	1,755	1,697

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.2	16.4	16.4	13.4
Children older than 12 at entry	84.8	83.6	83.6	86.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	726	739	654	699

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	11.7	7.6	12.5	19.2	4.3	0.0	3.1	0.0	16.3	17.7	22.3	27.6		
Guardianship	14.3	17.3	16.8	11.4	8.7	0.0	6.3	0.0	7.4	9.5	7.8	7.0		
Reunification	52.5	53.4	45.9	44.7	69.6	100.0	78.1	70.0	56.9	54.2	50.2	47.2		
Other	21.5	21.7	24.7	24.6	17.4	0.0	12.5	30.0	19.3	18.7	19.8	18.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	265	277	279	333	23	18	32	10	606	729	658	633		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	30.8	12.5	32.0	15.4	24.4	23.8	31.4	34.6	24.3	24.7	30.5	32.5		
Guardianship	15.4	12.5	20.0	0.0	9.8	9.6	8.7	6.9	8.7	8.7	7.0	5.7		
Reunification	53.8	62.5	32.0	76.9	51.0	51.5	48.6	47.8	51.7	50.3	49.8	49.6		
Other	0.0	12.5	16.0	7.7	14.8	15.0	11.3	10.7	15.3	16.3	12.7	12.2		
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	13	16	25	13	2,992	2,937	2,941	3,002	2,987	2,982	2,698	2,748		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	10.0	12.1	10.6	8.6	23.2	23.2	29.4	31.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	12.0	12.6	3.5	7.7	10.4	10.8	6.8	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	61.0	63.7	71.9	73.0	50.8	55.4	52.1	48.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	17.0	11.6	14.1	10.8	15.6	10.5	11.7	13.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	200	215	199	222	327	332	265	267	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	78.2	79.0	76.6	76.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.3	17.1	19.3	20.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,865	3,906	3,546	3,555

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	80.6	80.4	79.8	78.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.2	10.5	10.1	8.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.2	9.1	10.2	13.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,099	7,524	7,841	8,487

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.5	3.8	4.0	4.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	36.0	36.9	43.6	42.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.4	37.6	36.1	38.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.3	13.4	10.4	9.7
48 or more mos.	7.8	8.2	6.0	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,687	1,692	2,036	2,274

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.5	87.5	87.1	87.0	63.0	66.7	69.8	69.7	31.5	32.0	37.1	39.9	97.0	100.0	86.5	93.8
Children with 3 or more placements	11.2	11.7	11.7	11.2	37.0	33.2	30.1	30.2	68.3	68.0	62.9	60.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.3	0.8	1.1	1.8	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	3.0	0.0	13.5	6.3
Number	9,014	8,741	8,866	9,691	4,195	4,618	4,609	5,034	3,761	3,544	3,548	3,427	33	24	37	32

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.7
Institutions	5.5	3.2	2.1	3.5
Other settings	91.2	93.9	95.4	93.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,891	5,556	5,855	6,267

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	93.4	99.8	98.5	99.1
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)	64.6	68.4	65.9	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)	8.4	8.3	9.0	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)	33.4	31.7	30.2	29.0
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?	20.9	19.3	17.8	18.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	141.2	151.5	166.5	173.3
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?	38.5	40.7	47.6	47.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.4	26.1	24.5	24.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	36.0	37.0	41.2	45.9
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? ¹⁷	15.6	18.2	21.4	22.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	59.8	65.0	66.9	71.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	136.0	136.1	144.9	151.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	36.3	36.7	39.8	44.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.8	93.7	95.7	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?	35.1	36.2	31.4	30.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	95.9	97.9	101.6	103.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.8	85.7	86.1	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?	63.0	66.8	69.9	69.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.6	32.0	37.2	39.9

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	706,653	709,968	711,084	710,474
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8
Asian	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Black	19.0	18.9	18.8	18.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	9.5	10.0	10.6	11.0
White	66.7	66.1	65.3	64.9
Two or more races	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	24.9	27.2	27.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	9,289	10,556	12,591	12,043
Foster care entry rate	5.3	5.8	5.6	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,544	3,697	3,802	3,789
Children adopted	505	601	595	585

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	48	53	45	43
Numerator	2,575	2,990	2,653	2,654
Denominator	5,372	5,685	5,887	6,114
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	53	70	67	69
Numerator	7,504	10,518	8,433	9,665
Denominator	14,212	14,990	12,641	14,001

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	57,925	82.0 per 1,000	64,124	90.3 per 1,000	73,257	103.0 per 1,000	71,172	100.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	9,289	13.1 per 1,000	10,556	14.9 per 1,000	12,591	17.7 per 1,000	12,043	17.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	3.0 per 100,000	13	1.8 per 100,000	19	2.7 per 100,000	12	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.5	10.3	10.8	10.7
1 year	5.3	6.0	5.8	5.9
2 years	5.6	6.3	6.3	6.2
3 years	5.4	6.2	6.2	6.2
4 years	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.1
5 years	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.3
6 years	6.0	5.7	6.1	6.3
7 years	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.8
8 years	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.1
9 years	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.9
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.6
11 years	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4
12 years	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.8
13 years	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.4
14 years	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.6
15 years	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.7
16 years	5.2	4.8	4.2	4.3
17 years	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.9
18+ years	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6
Number	9,289	10,556	12,591	12,043

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
Black	18.5	19.6	17.6	17.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	5.9	5.8	6.4
White	67.8	66.7	69.3	68.1
Two or more races	6.1	6.4	5.9	7.1
Missing data	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4
Number	9,289	10,556	12,591	12,043

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.8
Medical neglect	8.0	7.3	7.0	6.9
Neglect	57.7	61.7	64.0	65.8
Physical abuse	16.8	18.1	18.9	16.7
Sexual abuse	24.6	22.0	19.3	18.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	9,289	10,556	12,591	12,043

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	122.1	104.9	117.3	127.9
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	3,430	3,438	3,505	3,667	3,776	4,150	3,982	3,889	3,662	3,891	3,685	3,767	3,544	3,697	3,802	3,789
Median length of stay (months)	11.7	11.9	10.7	10.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.9	3.3	5.0	6.2	11.7	10.3	10.2	10.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	16.1	15.0	16.8	15.5	7.7	7.9	8.0	6.4	7.7	7.7	7.6	8.1
1 year	7.4	8.9	8.8	9.8	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.2	7.5	8.5	7.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.8	8.9
2 years	7.2	7.1	7.9	8.3	6.9	8.0	7.8	8.1	7.8	8.2	8.8	8.7	6.9	8.3	8.3	8.8
3 years	6.4	6.4	5.8	6.5	7.3	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.9	7.9	6.4	6.0	6.6	7.2
4 years	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.1	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.3	6.2
5 years	5.7	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.3	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.7	6.0	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.1
6 years	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.8	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.3
7 years	4.5	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.7	4.9	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.4	5.6	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.9
8 years	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4
9 years	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.6	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.5
10 years	3.4	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.5
11 years	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.9	4.2	3.3	4.1	3.8	3.9
12 years	4.8	4.2	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.3
13 years	4.5	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	2.9	4.5	4.2	3.8	4.2
14 years	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.1	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.3
15 years	6.5	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.8	4.3	4.7	5.0	4.3	3.9	4.2	5.5	6.0	5.2	5.1
16 years	8.3	7.4	7.1	6.1	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.1	4.8	4.1	4.5	3.6	7.3	6.9	6.2	5.8
17 years	7.2	8.7	8.3	6.8	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.1	4.3	4.1	5.1	4.4	8.7	8.0	6.7	6.5
18 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	6.3	7.4	6.6	5.3	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	<.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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.1
Black	29.2	27.0	25.8	23.9	23.7	24.3	20.1	21.1	25.6	25.2	21.8	22.5	27.1	25.9	23.8	22.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	6.6	6.7	6.2	7.8	6.3	6.4	6.4	7.1	6.2	7.1	6.6	6.2	6.7	6.0	5.9
White	56.4	56.2	57.1	60.0	60.5	60.6	64.7	63.5	59.4	59.6	62.0	61.3	57.6	57.6	60.4	62.3
Two or more races	8.5	9.4	9.8	9.4	6.8	8.3	7.7	8.3	6.9	8.3	8.0	8.9	8.4	9.3	9.3	8.7
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	875	850	879	1,006
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	422	420	472	549

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.1
1 year	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.3
2 years	6.7	7.4	7.8	8.8
3 years	8.0	7.1	6.3	6.0
4 years	6.2	5.1	4.8	6.5
5 years	6.1	5.8	5.6	4.9
6 years	6.1	4.8	5.5	5.2
7 years	4.8	7.2	6.0	5.8
8 years	5.5	5.4	6.1	5.4
9 years	5.5	5.1	5.3	6.1
10 years	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.2
11 years	4.1	4.9	5.6	5.0
12 years	5.3	4.1	5.6	5.0
13 years	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.8
14 years	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.6
15 years	5.1	5.9	5.8	6.6
16 years	5.7	5.3	4.9	4.4
17 years	4.0	5.3	4.2	3.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	28.7	29.8	31.1	24.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	5.2	4.9	6.2
White	56.9	54.2	51.8	58.5
Two or more races	8.7	10.1	12.2	10.8
Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	505	601	595	585

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.0	2.8	4.2	3.8
1 year	7.1	10.0	12.4	14.7
2 years	14.7	13.3	15.3	13.3
3 years	9.5	12.6	12.9	12.1
4 years	13.7	10.8	7.9	8.5
5 years	8.9	8.7	7.4	7.7
6 years	9.1	6.5	4.9	6.0
7 years	6.7	5.8	6.4	6.0
8 years	5.3	5.0	5.5	4.6
9 years	5.3	4.7	5.0	5.3
10 years	3.4	3.8	3.2	2.9
11 years	3.2	3.5	2.2	4.6
12 years	3.2	4.0	3.5	2.2
13 years	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.2
14 years	1.4	2.2	1.7	0.7
15 years	2.2	1.3	1.5	2.4
16 years	1.2	1.2	2.4	1.2
17 years	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.5
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
Black	29.5	27.8	25.2	22.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	5.7	5.0	6.2
White	55.8	58.4	61.8	63.6
Two or more races	9.1	7.7	7.1	6.8
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Arkansas

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	94.7	94.5	93.8	92.3
Children with one or more recurrences	5.3	5.5	6.2	7.7
Number	4,291	4,778	5,663	5,727

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.57	0.47	0.33	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.43	99.53	99.67	99.81
Number	7,206	7,588	7,487	7,556

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.5	15.1	15.6	15.0
Guardianship	2.5	3.3	2.5	2.6
Reunification	76.4	73.6	73.4	75.4
Other	7.5	8.0	8.3	6.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Number	3,662	3,891	3,685	3,767

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.5	25.4	22.2	5.7
Guardianship	2.9	4.7	4.9	3.7
Reunification	58.2	47.7	53.9	82.6
Other	21.3	22.3	18.7	7.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	<.1
Number	342	386	369	1,201

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.7	1.8	1.6	2.1
Guardianship	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.4
Reunification	71.4	66.7	65.9	66.3
Other	24.2	27.2	28.4	28.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Number	865	898	856	745

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.3	18.2	18.7	18.2
Children older than 12 at entry	79.7	81.8	81.3	81.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	256	292	294	253

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/American Indian				2008	Asian			2008	Black			2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	60.0	20.0	0.0	10.5	0.0	33.3	0.0	14.0	15.1	17.2	14.2	
Guardianship	16.7	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.4	2.0	1.9	
Reunification	83.3	40.0	50.0	25.0	73.7	83.3	66.7	100.0	75.0	73.6	70.6	74.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	16.7	0.0	0.0	9.3	8.0	10.2	9.9	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	20.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	6	5	10	4	19	6	9	9	936	981	802	846	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2008	Hispanic (of any race)			2008	White			2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	10.8	18.2	12.7	14.0	12.6	14.2	15.2	15.1	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.0	
Reunification	50.0	100.0	83.3	100.0	81.5	74.0	75.8	78.8	77.4	74.4	74.0	75.6	
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.2	10.0	5.6	7.2	8.2	7.7	6.3	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	
Number	2	2	6	3	259	242	260	250	2,175	2,318	2,284	2,309	

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races			2008	Missing Data			2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009	
Adoption	8.3	6.7	5.6	0.0	22.9	18.9	16.9	18.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	5.3	1.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	75.0	80.0	83.3	100.0	68.8	67.7	75.0	73.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	16.7	13.3	11.1	0.0	5.5	8.1	6.8	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	12	15	18	9	253	322	296	337	0	0	0	0	

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	86.0	89.6	85.7	82.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.5	8.3	11.7	15.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2
48 or more mos.	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,799	2,865	2,706	2,839

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.8	82.6	84.8	82.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.4	8.6	8.2	9.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	8.7	7.0	8.6
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1
Number	3,776	4,150	3,982	3,889

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.8	6.5	9.9	8.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	31.7	34.8	36.6	34.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	39.0	33.4	30.9	39.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.7	13.3	13.9	7.4
48 or more mos.	10.7	11.9	8.7	10.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	495	586	576	566

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75.6	74.8	76.1	75.9	39.0	44.0	45.3	44.8	19.2	16.8	20.5	20.1	82.6	88.9	82.6	78.6
Children with 3 or more placements	23.5	24.4	21.8	22.7	60.8	55.8	54.6	55.2	80.8	83.1	79.4	79.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	0.7	2.1	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	17.4	11.1	17.4	21.4
Number	4,378	4,815	4,623	4,644	1,339	1,308	1,455	1,526	1,466	1,456	1,386	1,372	23	9	23	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.8
Institutions	11.0	10.1	10.5	10.6
Other settings	87.2	87.7	86.9	86.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,885	3,179	3,108	3,093

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	146.5	154.6	155.5	153.4
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)	86.6	92.1	91.3	89.5
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)	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.9
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)	65.1	64.6	62.2	66.7
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	12.3	11.1	11.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	107.6	118.4	133.9	132.7
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?	35.9	41.0	46.6	41.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.8	26.6	25.3	25.9
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?	27.3	29.9	28.3	31.4
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? ¹⁷	6.4	5.6	7.4	8.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	46.8	53.4	65.1	66.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	125.9	130.0	128.2	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?	29.7	29.6	28.9	29.5
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?	95.5	95.5	94.9	96.1
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?	36.5	33.7	37.7	34.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	70.8	71.5	75.2	75.0
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?	72.6	71.7	75.1	74.8
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?	39.1	44.2	45.0	44.8
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?	19.4	16.8	20.5	20.2

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

California

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	9,424,028	9,435,682	9,297,344	9,271,919
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Asian	10.2	10.2	10.5	10.6
Black	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	49.6	50.2	51.3	51.6
White	30.0	29.4	27.5	27.1
Two or more races	3.4	3.5	4.2	4.4
Child population in poverty (%)	18.5	19.9	22.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	84,848	79,799	82,879	86,412
Foster care entry rate	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	66,414	59,430	55,381	56,349
Children adopted	7,777	7,438	6,459	5,351

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	63	67	71	74
Numerator	55,049	53,506	52,263	52,393
Denominator	87,117	79,357	73,876	71,018
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	71	72	73	75
Numerator	290,315	288,913	284,705	296,795
Denominator	410,382	402,780	387,694	396,261

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	470,368	49.9 per 1,000	449,388	47.6 per 1,000	439,306	47.3 per 1,000	464,366	50.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	84,848	9.0 per 1,000	79,799	8.5 per 1,000	82,879	8.9 per 1,000	86,412	9.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	185	2.0 per 100,000	185	2.0 per 100,000	120	1.3 per 100,000	123	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.3	12.7	12.9	13.1
1 year	6.8	7.2	7.5	6.9
2 years	6.2	6.7	6.8	6.7
3 years	5.6	6.0	6.4	6.5
4 years	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.3
5 years	5.4	5.7	5.6	6.0
6 years	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6
7 years	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3
8 years	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.9
9 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.7
10 years	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4
11 years	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.6
13 years	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.5
14 years	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.6
15 years	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6
16 years	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.1
17 years	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	84,848	79,799	82,879	86,412

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
Asian	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1
Black	13.3	12.9	13.1	13.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	51.0	51.7	53.0	54.0
White	25.2	25.5	24.4	23.5
Two or more races	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4
Missing data	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.2
Number	84,848	79,799	82,879	86,412

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	17.7	16.2	16.5	18.4
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	74.2	76.9	78.5	78.2
Physical abuse	11.1	10.6	10.2	9.9
Sexual abuse	7.3	6.9	6.1	5.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Number	84,848	79,799	82,879	86,412

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	188.5	125.4	136.5	143.1
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	72,735	64,680	58,816	55,851	35,233	34,031	32,668	31,456	41,555	39,282	36,105	30,959	66,414	59,430	55,381	56,349
Median length of stay (months)	17.4	17.9	16.7	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.5	14.4	13.9	13.9	18.1	17.0	15.7	15.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.8	16.5	16.2	16.3	17.0	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.9
1 year	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.7	7.9	7.4	8.0	7.8	7.4	7.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	7.0
2 years	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.7	7.3	7.6	7.4	7.7	5.6	5.9	6.4	6.2
3 years	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.6	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.7	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.9
4 years	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.5	6.0	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.1
5 years	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.7
6 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3
7 years	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
8 years	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.9
9 years	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6
10 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5
11 years	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6
12 years	4.8	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.2	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.9
13 years	5.4	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.2	5.2	5.1	4.5	4.3
14 years	6.4	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.6	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.1
15 years	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.3	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.0	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	7.6	7.5	7.3	6.6
16 years	8.9	8.9	9.2	8.9	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.3	4.9	5.4	5.6	4.9	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.2
17 years	9.0	9.5	9.7	10.0	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.5	6.6	7.1	7.4	7.0	9.9	9.5	9.7	9.4
18 years	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.8	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	11.2	11.2	10.8	11.9	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.0	2.6	2.7	1.7	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.5	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5
Black	23.8	23.9	23.3	22.1	19.0	18.5	17.7	16.7	19.5	20.1	20.0	18.7	23.9	23.3	22.1	21.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	47.2	47.4	47.9	48.4	50.2	50.9	51.8	52.1	49.9	50.0	50.4	51.2	47.2	47.7	48.5	48.9
White	21.7	21.2	21.0	21.5	22.2	22.3	22.9	23.0	22.7	22.0	22.0	21.8	21.3	21.4	21.4	22.2
Two or more races	4.4	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.1	4.8
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	17,777	15,599	14,840	13,178
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	9,836	8,517	7,229	6,944

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	7.3	8.7	10.2	6.3
1 year	11.9	11.6	11.8	12.2
2 years	11.1	10.5	11.5	10.8
3 years	9.2	9.0	9.2	10.3
4 years	7.7	7.9	7.6	8.1
5 years	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.1
6 years	6.1	5.8	5.6	6.3
7 years	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.4
8 years	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.0
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.3
10 years	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.7
11 years	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.6
12 years	3.6	3.0	2.9	3.5
13 years	3.6	3.3	2.8	2.7
14 years	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.8
15 years	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
16 years	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.8
17 years	1.8	2.2	1.9	2.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
Black	19.7	19.0	17.8	17.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	50.6	50.2	50.1	48.8
White	22.1	22.6	23.5	25.5
Two or more races	5.2	5.7	6.2	5.7
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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	7,777	7,438	6,459	5,351

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	1.9	2.7	2.7
1 year	14.2	13.3	13.1	14.1
2 years	16.2	15.8	15.2	15.9
3 years	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.5
4 years	9.2	9.5	9.0	10.0
5 years	7.0	8.0	8.1	7.9
6 years	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8
7 years	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.2
8 years	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5
9 years	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.0
10 years	3.4	3.8	3.3	3.5
11 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.9
12 years	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.6
13 years	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1
14 years	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.7
15 years	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
16 years	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.3
17 years	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.0
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Asian	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7
Black	15.4	16.8	16.6	14.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	51.3	52.0	51.3	50.4
White	25.4	23.2	23.9	26.1
Two or more races	5.4	5.5	5.9	6.6
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	92.7	93.2	93.2	93.0
Children with one or more recurrences	7.3	6.8	6.8	7.0
Number	38,645	37,354	38,653	40,448

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.30
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.71	99.69	99.68	99.70
Number	107,968	98,711	91,484	87,307

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.7	18.8	18.2	17.3
Guardianship	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.6
Reunification	57.2	55.9	57.0	57.6
Other	16.1	17.9	17.5	17.3
Missing data	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Number	41,555	39,282	36,105	30,959

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.2	25.5	23.3	21.6
Guardianship	8.3	7.2	7.7	7.5
Reunification	44.8	45.4	46.5	47.7
Other	19.9	20.4	20.8	21.6
Missing data	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.6
Number	17,651	14,084	13,793	12,158

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Guardianship	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.4
Reunification	53.2	50.1	51.4	49.9
Other	39.8	43.9	42.4	43.7
Missing data	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.9
Number	10,376	10,660	9,859	8,051

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	42.1	37.5	39.0	37.9
Children older than 12 at entry	57.9	62.5	60.9	62.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	5,148	5,474	4,917	4,400

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	11.8	11.2	13.0	11.5	16.0	15.1	14.1	14.4	14.9	15.6	15.1	13.4		
Guardianship	11.1	11.6	10.4	17.8	3.9	6.1	6.5	8.0	10.4	8.3	8.2	8.4		
Reunification	54.7	55.2	53.0	48.6	68.6	65.7	61.4	62.7	47.5	47.8	49.5	50.6		
Other	20.4	22.0	20.4	20.7	11.0	12.0	17.2	14.4	25.4	26.7	25.6	25.8		
Missing data	2.1	0.0	3.0	1.4	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.8		
Number	289	277	230	208	876	886	679	624	8,113	7,894	7,231	5,801		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.0	7.8	15.9	19.3	19.2	19.6	18.6	17.1	20.6	20.2	19.6	20.4		
Guardianship	6.9	9.3	2.3	13.6	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.7		
Reunification	71.7	70.5	70.5	62.5	61.1	58.9	60.2	61.3	55.9	55.2	56.8	56.0		
Other	5.8	11.6	11.4	4.5	12.6	14.7	14.4	14.5	16.7	18.1	17.3	16.7		
Missing data	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2		
Number	173	129	88	88	20,717	19,629	18,210	15,853	9,431	8,628	7,938	6,752		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	2.0	4.8	6.6	2.4	23.9	24.3	25.2	23.7	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.5	0.8	3.3	4.7	6.4	5.7	6.5	7.9	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.5		
Reunification	73.8	65.9	57.1	38.8	53.5	53.2	50.9	50.6	0.0	92.3	82.0	91.8		
Other	20.8	28.6	33.0	51.8	14.5	15.0	15.8	16.5	0.0	6.2	14.6	4.7		
Missing data	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	202	126	91	85	1,754	1,648	1,549	1,463	0	65	89	85		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	65.3	66.5	68.3	67.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.3	26.6	24.6	25.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.1
48 or more mos.	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	23,755	21,943	20,562	17,832

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	77.5	77.7	77.6	78.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.3	9.4	9.2	8.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.7
Missing data	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Number	35,233	34,031	32,668	31,456

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.8	4.0	5.1	4.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.7	24.8	27.2	27.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.4	34.6	31.1	34.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.1	19.4	19.6	18.0
48 or more mos.	16.0	17.2	17.0	15.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,759	7,395	6,568	5,342

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.6	83.6	84.2	83.2	61.8	60.6	62.0	63.4	33.7	32.9	32.0	33.5	100.0	100.0	0.0	33.3
Children with 3 or more placements	17.1	16.1	15.3	16.4	38.1	39.3	37.9	36.5	66.2	67.0	67.9	66.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	66.7
Missing placement setting counts	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	41,749	40,127	38,982	36,850	25,939	22,583	21,036	21,084	40,276	35,999	31,464	29,370	4	2	2	3

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Institutions	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.5
Other settings	95.4	95.6	96.1	96.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	24,115	23,165	22,085	23,103

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	108.6	110.8	111.7	111.7
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)	61.3	62.5	64.5	64.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.6
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	40.7	40.4	42.1	37.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.7	12.4	12.6	12.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	99.7	101.0	106.6	104.9
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?	29.5	28.8	32.2	32.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.2	31.0	30.6	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?	17.9	19.2	19.2	16.7
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? ¹⁷	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.4
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?	55.0	55.7	61.9	62.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	113.1	113.8	114.5	113.0
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?	22.4	22.8	23.7	20.8
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?	97.5	97.2	97.0	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?	49.0	48.8	48.9	47.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	92.9	93.0	94.1	94.4
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	81.1	82.3	83.2	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?	61.7	60.6	62.1	63.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	33.9	33.1	32.5	33.8

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Colorado

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,210,628	1,227,763	1,225,617	1,230,088
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7
Black	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	29.3	29.9	30.7	31.0
White	59.7	58.9	58.0	57.4
Two or more races	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.9
Child population in poverty (%)	15.1	17.4	17.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	11,247	11,881	11,720	11,072
Foster care entry rate	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,065	7,428	7,037	6,685
Children adopted	1,005	1,067	983	918

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	70	74	76	86
Numerator	7,377	7,480	7,672	7,389
Denominator	10,614	10,149	10,150	8,635
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	86	86	88	88
Numerator	41,486	35,386	39,997	41,975
Denominator	48,187	40,942	45,706	47,939

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	53,392	44.1 per 1,000	52,510	42.8 per 1,000	51,132	41.7 per 1,000	49,345	40.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	11,247	9.3 per 1,000	11,881	9.7 per 1,000	11,720	9.6 per 1,000	11,072	9.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	32	2.6 per 100,000	36	2.9 per 100,000	27	2.2 per 100,000	31	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.9	11.2	10.3	11.3
1 year	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.7
2 years	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.7
3 years	6.8	7.0	7.5	6.8
4 years	7.0	6.7	7.0	7.1
5 years	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.4
6 years	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2
7 years	6.1	5.8	6.4	5.8
8 years	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.6
9 years	4.8	4.9	5.5	5.2
10 years	4.3	5.2	5.3	4.9
11 years	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1
13 years	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.2
14 years	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.1
15 years	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.4
16 years	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.0
17 years	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.6
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Number	11,247	11,881	11,720	11,072

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8
Black	8.8	9.3	8.9	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	36.5	38.1	38.2	36.9
White	48.6	45.9	46.8	47.0
Two or more races	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.7
Missing data	1.4	1.7	1.2	2.2
Number	11,247	11,881	11,720	11,072

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	3.7	4.4	4.1	3.8
Medical neglect	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7
Neglect	71.2	74.8	78.7	77.6
Physical abuse	14.6	14.4	12.4	12.6
Sexual abuse	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.5
Missing data	4.9	0.7	0.3	0.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,247	11,881	11,720	11,072

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	22.7	18.3	17.1	18.0
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	7,661	7,450	7,131	6,734	6,496	6,170	5,723	5,265	6,092	6,192	5,817	5,314	8,065	7,428	7,037	6,685
Median length of stay (months)	13.5	12.2	12.6	12.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.7	12.2	12.2	12.5	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.6	6.1	5.0	5.3	13.4	13.0	13.2	13.2	5.7	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.0	5.2	5.0
1 year	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.4	6.6	6.8	7.8	8.1	7.1	8.4	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.5
2 years	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.9	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.5	7.1	7.1	6.9	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.7
3 years	3.8	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.6	5.9	5.1	6.1	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.9
4 years	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.5	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.2	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.3	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.7
5 years	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.0	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.3
6 years	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.9
7 years	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9
8 years	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.5	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.7
9 years	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.8
10 years	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.7
11 years	3.3	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.5
12 years	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.0
13 years	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.6	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0
14 years	6.0	5.5	4.9	5.3	6.2	5.8	5.6	6.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.6	5.7	5.0	5.5	5.0
15 years	7.8	7.9	7.3	6.4	8.9	8.7	8.2	7.3	6.5	5.4	4.9	4.3	8.0	7.7	6.7	7.8
16 years	10.2	10.0	10.6	10.0	9.8	10.5	10.0	9.6	7.9	7.2	6.7	5.8	9.8	11.0	10.5	9.2
17 years	11.0	11.8	12.7	12.8	8.6	9.7	8.8	8.0	8.0	6.8	7.8	7.6	11.5	12.4	12.7	11.9
18 years	6.5	7.3	9.1	9.0	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	8.0	9.2	9.6	8.8	6.9	8.8	8.7	9.1
19 years	3.5	3.0	4.1	4.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.5	3.1	4.6	4.8	2.9	3.9	4.3	4.7
20 years	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.1	1.8	2.6	3.4	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.9
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.0
Black	12.8	13.7	14.1	13.6	12.7	12.5	11.4	12.3	11.5	12.3	11.8	12.4	13.7	13.9	13.8	13.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	36.6	37.3	36.6	36.4	38.8	38.0	39.1	37.8	38.2	38.6	39.6	37.6	37.1	36.8	36.2	36.5
White	45.4	43.3	43.7	43.9	43.2	43.5	43.4	43.5	45.2	43.1	43.3	44.5	43.8	43.6	43.8	43.1
Two or more races	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.4
Unknown	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,905	1,524	1,247	1,131
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,131	1,261	777	587

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.2	3.8	3.4	2.0
1 year	8.2	10.0	8.8	8.8
2 years	7.9	7.4	8.7	7.9
3 years	6.9	6.9	6.7	5.8
4 years	5.8	6.4	5.4	5.5
5 years	5.6	6.0	5.1	6.1
6 years	4.7	5.4	5.1	5.1
7 years	5.4	6.0	4.5	5.4
8 years	5.1	4.5	5.4	4.5
9 years	5.4	5.7	4.7	6.5
10 years	5.0	5.2	6.3	5.0
11 years	5.4	4.7	5.7	6.0
12 years	6.1	4.8	5.0	5.6
13 years	4.2	6.0	5.0	4.8
14 years	5.2	4.7	6.1	4.7
15 years	5.2	4.7	4.7	6.0
16 years	4.6	3.9	4.9	4.9
17 years	5.1	3.9	4.6	5.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.4
Black	11.3	12.0	13.2	14.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	38.2	37.0	36.9	35.8
White	45.4	44.9	43.7	42.8
Two or more races	4.1	5.2	5.2	5.8
Unknown	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,005	1,067	983	918

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.7	3.3	3.3	2.7
1 year	18.8	20.7	15.0	18.7
2 years	14.6	17.2	15.6	16.0
3 years	11.9	10.8	9.8	11.2
4 years	7.6	8.9	8.2	9.3
5 years	7.4	6.5	8.7	6.0
6 years	7.7	4.8	6.3	6.0
7 years	4.6	4.7	6.2	4.5
8 years	4.1	3.9	5.4	3.7
9 years	4.5	3.7	3.9	3.9
10 years	3.5	4.2	3.4	3.6
11 years	3.9	2.2	3.3	4.2
12 years	2.3	3.1	2.5	2.6
13 years	1.7	1.0	2.6	2.7
14 years	1.4	1.5	2.3	1.9
15 years	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.1
16 years	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.8
17 years	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.5
18 years	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.4
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1
Black	8.6	8.6	10.3	10.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	39.2	37.3	36.6	36.1
White	45.7	47.1	46.0	46.8
Two or more races	5.7	5.9	6.5	6.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	94.9	95.8	95.7	95.5
Children with one or more recurrences	5.1	4.2	4.3	4.5
Number	5,350	5,494	5,676	5,076

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.54	0.39	0.54	0.66
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.46	99.61	99.46	99.34
Number	14,157	13,620	12,854	11,999

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	14.9	15.7	15.2	14.9
Guardianship	4.0	4.7	3.8	3.8
Reunification	67.0	64.5	65.9	65.9
Other	14.0	14.6	14.8	15.0
Missing data	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4
Number	6,092	6,192	5,817	5,314

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	24.5	35.9	30.5	25.6
Guardianship	2.4	1.4	2.0	2.0
Reunification	40.8	45.5	50.0	35.4
Other	32.1	15.3	17.6	35.0
Missing data	0.2	1.9	0.0	2.0
Number	546	209	256	297

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.6
Guardianship	1.5	2.2	2.2	1.9
Reunification	69.1	64.4	66.2	64.9
Other	28.7	32.4	30.7	32.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,342	2,192	2,190	1,895

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.0	20.8	21.4	20.8
Children older than 12 at entry	78.0	79.2	78.6	79.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	508	600	593	577

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.8	12.7	9.8	8.3	0.0	4.5	3.7	4.3	11.7	11.1	13.6	12.3		
Guardianship	5.3	0.0	7.3	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	5.0	3.8	3.2		
Reunification	70.2	50.7	46.3	72.9	72.7	77.3	74.1	60.9	65.4	61.3	62.1	63.9		
Other	8.8	35.2	36.6	12.5	27.3	18.2	22.2	34.8	18.2	22.1	20.4	19.8		
Missing data	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.8		
Number	57	71	41	48	22	22	27	23	702	764	686	660		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.7	0.0	12.5	12.5	14.8	15.2	14.3	14.0	15.4	17.2	16.1	15.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	5.5	4.2	5.0	3.2	4.3	3.3	3.0		
Reunification	86.7	46.2	75.0	75.0	68.0	65.8	68.3	67.2	67.0	64.8	65.9	65.4		
Other	6.7	53.8	12.5	12.5	12.5	13.3	13.0	13.5	14.3	13.4	14.5	15.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.4		
Number	15	13	8	8	2,328	2,392	2,301	1,998	2,752	2,669	2,520	2,367		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	22.7	23.5	24.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	4.3	5.7	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	66.7	50.0	0.0	57.7	63.1	55.2	63.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	33.3	50.0	0.0	12.7	9.4	15.2	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	6	4	0	213	255	230	210	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	77.1	80.6	78.2	76.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.6	14.4	15.2	16.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	2.9	4.1	4.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.2
48 or more mos.	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,080	3,995	3,832	3,500

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	70.6	62.8	68.4	69.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.8	16.1	15.7	16.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.3
Missing data	2.0	7.6	2.4	0.8
Number	6,496	6,170	5,723	5,265

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	12.5	11.8	9.8	10.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	43.5	47.4	40.6	46.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.4	28.6	31.2	26.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	9.1	7.7	10.1	9.5
48 or more mos.	9.5	4.4	8.2	7.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	910	974	887	792

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.6	82.6	84.3	84.7	63.4	64.6	56.9	62.8	33.4	32.2	33.0	30.7	78.6	81.6	79.3	90.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.9	12.2	10.7	10.5	35.7	34.5	42.3	36.6	66.4	67.5	66.6	69.0	3.6	2.6	3.4	5.0
Missing placement setting counts	4.5	5.2	5.0	4.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	17.9	15.8	17.2	5.0
Number	7,714	7,452	6,869	6,292	2,863	2,911	2,815	2,691	3,552	3,219	3,141	2,996	28	38	29	20

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3
Institutions	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.3
Other settings	96.0	95.9	95.7	95.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,811	3,555	3,411	3,230

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	121.9	121.6	131.9	123.0
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)	77.7	79.5	78.1	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)	5.8	5.4	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)	55.0	51.7	56.7	55.1
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?	17.3	17.7	13.4	17.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	113.4	119.2	119.6	119.4
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?	56.0	59.4	50.6	56.8
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?	22.4	21.5	23.7	22.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.2	21.3	23.3	20.5
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? ¹⁷	2.3	4.1	2.3	1.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	58.3	52.0	62.6	63.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	122.7	128.0	134.2	129.4
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?	19.9	20.3	25.0	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?	95.1	97.2	97.2	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?	30.2	27.0	25.3	26.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	99.5	99.5	98.6	99.9
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?	87.5	86.4	88.1	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?	64.8	66.7	60.2	66.6
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?	35.8	35.1	37.1	34.5

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Connecticut

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	814,394	807,985	815,431	803,314
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.4
Black	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	17.3	17.9	19.7	20.2
White	64.9	64.0	61.4	60.6
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	12.5	12.1	12.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	9,972	10,149	10,777	10,754
Foster care entry rate	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,438	4,827	4,541	5,012
Children adopted	772	768	665	595

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	73	77	79	77
Numerator	5,291	5,092	4,821	4,777
Denominator	7,275	6,591	6,070	6,188
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	78	80	81	80
Numerator	31,591	31,708	29,488	29,659
Denominator	40,717	39,871	36,624	37,197

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	36,966	45.4 per 1,000	37,456	46.4 per 1,000	38,812	47.6 per 1,000	44,593	55.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	9,972	12.2 per 1,000	10,149	12.6 per 1,000	10,777	13.2 per 1,000	10,754	13.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	1.0 per 100,000	4	0.5 per 100,000	4	0.5 per 100,000	8	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.2	11.2	10.9	10.9
1 year	6.4	7.1	7.3	7.0
2 years	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.9
3 years	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.2
4 years	5.3	5.6	6.3	6.3
5 years	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.8
6 years	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.7
7 years	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.4
8 years	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.2
9 years	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.1
10 years	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.0
11 years	4.9	4.5	5.1	4.5
12 years	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.2
13 years	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.6
14 years	5.7	4.9	4.9	4.6
15 years	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.9
16 years	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.5
17 years	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.5
18+ years	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6
Number	9,972	10,149	10,777	10,754

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7
Black	22.6	22.0	21.9	22.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	28.1	30.1	29.1	29.3
White	41.2	39.4	40.5	39.9
Two or more races	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.9
Missing data	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.7
Number	9,972	10,149	10,777	10,754

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	29.5	22.8	26.4	30.9
Medical neglect	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.4
Neglect	78.7	82.5	82.0	79.4
Physical abuse	6.1	6.2	5.6	5.6
Sexual abuse	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,972	10,149	10,777	10,754

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	48.2	45.3	47.5	50.9
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	5,710	5,328	4,708	4,828	2,669	2,467	2,471	2,287	2,941	2,968	2,638	2,103	5,438	4,827	4,541	5,012
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	17.7	17.7	18.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.3	17.3	17.4	15.4	17.9	17.9	16.3	19.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.8	5.6	5.3	5.8	19.7	18.8	18.8	19.4	5.1	5.7	4.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	6.3	5.2
1 year	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.4	5.9	6.4	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.7	8.9	6.1	6.5	7.0	6.1
2 years	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.4	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.2	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.4	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.1
3 years	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.7	5.4	5.2	5.8	6.1	6.0	7.6	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.9
4 years	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.6	4.5	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.7	4.9	5.8	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.1
5 years	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.9	3.5	4.6	3.8	4.8	3.3	3.0	3.6	3.7
6 years	3.9	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.3	4.6	3.3	2.6	3.4	3.0
7 years	3.2	3.8	3.1	2.5	3.4	3.2	3.7	2.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.0	2.6	2.7
8 years	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.2	2.6
9 years	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.9	3.4	3.4	2.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.1
10 years	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.9
11 years	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.5	2.8
12 years	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.1	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.3	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.1
13 years	6.2	4.9	5.0	4.5	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	2.6	2.9	2.5	3.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.3
14 years	7.8	8.1	6.6	6.0	7.0	7.8	6.4	6.4	3.4	4.0	3.3	3.7	7.9	6.5	6.5	5.4
15 years	10.7	9.8	10.9	7.7	9.8	9.8	8.3	7.2	5.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	9.7	10.8	8.5	7.0
16 years	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.0	6.3	7.0	7.9	7.9	7.7	6.3	5.0	7.6	12.3	12.3	13.3	8.1
17 years	9.1	11.1	12.5	10.6	4.0	4.7	3.4	4.6	11.9	6.5	17.1	11.0	11.2	12.3	11.7	11.4
18 years	0.5	0.3	0.7	4.5	0.6	0.2	<.1	0.3	10.6	16.3	9.0	3.4	0.6	1.6	1.1	7.3
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.9
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	<.1	0.0	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Black	29.1	28.0	27.6	27.6	26.3	26.3	25.5	23.7	28.2	26.9	27.3	23.5	28.2	27.8	26.7	27.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	32.2	32.4	33.3	33.6	31.4	32.8	32.4	35.5	31.9	32.7	31.9	36.8	32.0	32.4	33.6	33.1
White	32.0	32.6	31.4	31.5	34.6	32.8	34.0	33.0	32.8	33.9	33.3	32.0	32.8	31.9	31.7	32.0
Two or more races	5.6	5.8	6.7	6.7	5.7	6.0	6.8	6.3	5.6	5.0	6.0	7.1	5.6	6.5	7.2	6.4
Unknown	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.1	1.2	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,429	1,350	1,255	1,342
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	804	731	620	577

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.1	4.4	4.6	4.2
1 year	7.8	10.4	10.5	10.8
2 years	8.1	8.7	10.6	9.1
3 years	7.1	7.3	7.5	8.9
4 years	6.4	7.2	5.7	6.7
5 years	5.8	6.3	5.4	5.3
6 years	5.3	4.4	5.6	5.9
7 years	5.8	4.5	4.0	5.1
8 years	5.0	5.4	5.0	3.9
9 years	5.2	4.3	5.2	4.7
10 years	6.0	4.4	4.9	4.8
11 years	5.8	6.0	4.7	4.2
12 years	5.1	5.3	5.9	4.4
13 years	6.2	6.0	4.9	5.0
14 years	6.1	5.9	5.8	3.7
15 years	6.0	7.2	5.5	3.7
16 years	1.6	1.5	3.3	4.5
17 years	0.4	0.8	1.0	5.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.4
Black	24.9	24.7	24.5	25.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	33.2	34.3	36.0	32.3
White	33.4	31.0	29.1	33.4
Two or more races	7.3	8.5	9.5	8.2
Unknown	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	772	768	665	595

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	9.5	8.7	11.7	11.6
1 year	14.2	13.5	13.4	16.3
2 years	14.1	14.1	16.7	14.8
3 years	9.6	9.9	9.9	10.6
4 years	8.4	6.8	8.4	6.1
5 years	6.0	7.4	6.8	6.1
6 years	5.7	7.6	2.9	5.7
7 years	5.1	6.9	4.5	4.5
8 years	5.2	4.3	4.2	2.5
9 years	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.9
10 years	2.3	3.3	3.5	2.7
11 years	4.5	2.6	2.9	3.2
12 years	1.8	3.4	4.2	2.9
13 years	2.6	1.6	1.8	2.4
14 years	2.1	2.7	2.1	2.4
15 years	3.0	1.3	1.4	1.2
16 years	1.0	0.5	0.9	1.8
17 years	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.3
18 years	0.0	0.3	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	1.0	0.7	2.0	4.4
Black	29.3	26.6	29.6	23.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	30.7	34.9	31.4	36.5
White	35.4	35.3	34.3	32.4
Two or more races	3.1	2.1	2.4	3.0
Unknown	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Connecticut

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.7	93.6	92.6	93.4
Children with one or more recurrences	6.3	6.4	7.4	6.6
Number	4,604	4,743	4,910	5,119

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.66	1.24	0.89	0.73
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.34	98.76	99.11	99.27
Number	8,379	7,795	7,179	7,115

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	21.4	22.1	21.6	22.7
Guardianship	11.0	9.3	9.6	6.0
Reunification	44.5	48.6	45.5	53.7
Other	20.5	19.4	21.2	12.0
Missing data	2.5	0.6	2.1	5.5
Number	2,941	2,968	2,638	2,103

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.4	13.7	14.8	17.1
Guardianship	4.6	4.9	4.4	3.7
Reunification	34.5	38.1	33.4	45.7
Other	40.1	42.5	45.3	29.7
Missing data	4.5	0.9	2.2	3.7
Number	739	657	596	374

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.5	1.4	0.8	1.6
Guardianship	3.6	3.9	5.2	3.5
Reunification	44.1	50.1	45.8	60.9
Other	46.1	43.5	45.2	29.4
Missing data	5.7	1.1	2.9	4.6
Number	879	875	783	565

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	34.6	35.7	36.9	37.7
Children older than 12 at entry	65.4	64.3	63.1	62.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	459	456	463	130

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	57.1	19.0	17.8	20.0	17.2		
Guardianship	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	7.7	0.0	0.0	12.0	10.9	10.2	7.5		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	80.0	100.0	61.5	76.9	50.0	42.9	40.2	46.4	44.2	54.9		
Other	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	23.1	15.4	21.4	0.0	26.0	24.4	23.8	12.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	2.7	0.5	1.8	7.7		
Number	2	1	5	1	13	13	14	7	830	799	719	494		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.4	22.9	21.0	22.4	23.5	24.7	22.9	23.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	6.0	8.2	4.4	11.0	10.0	10.1	7.1		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	49.9	53.6	48.0	57.0	42.3	45.1	43.5	51.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	17.6	17.1	20.8	11.8	20.7	19.5	20.8	13.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.5	2.0	4.5	2.5	0.7	2.6	4.9		
Number	0	1	1	1	938	971	842	774	966	1,006	878	672		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.9	13.3	18.2	0.0	33.3	27.9	26.8	39.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	9.7	18.4	13.4	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.0	66.7	81.8	100.0	43.6	44.2	43.3	41.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	7.4	13.3	0.0	0.0	10.9	9.5	15.3	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.3	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	27	30	22	5	165	147	157	149	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	54.4	61.4	65.6	62.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	30.6	25.7	23.2	24.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.5	8.0	7.5	6.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.2	2.7	1.7	2.1
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.2	2.0	3.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Number	1,310	1,441	1,201	1,130

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.8	80.6	81.2	83.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.5	8.7	7.6	5.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.2	10.5	10.9	10.2
Missing data	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.1
Number	2,669	2,467	2,471	2,287

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	4.5	3.3	3.3	3.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	31.3	31.7	30.8	32.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.8	30.6	31.5	35.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.2	18.7	18.0	14.0
48 or more mos.	22.3	15.7	16.3	14.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	629	657	571	477

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.9	86.7	87.0	87.3	69.6	65.9	65.7	68.8	30.3	30.8	31.3	35.9	25.0	66.7	94.1	76.1
Children with 3 or more placements	14.1	13.3	13.0	10.6	30.4	34.1	34.3	28.3	65.7	66.1	66.4	61.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	75.0	33.3	5.9	17.4
Number	3,044	2,906	2,865	2,613	1,978	1,941	1,691	1,685	3,337	2,930	2,606	2,771	20	18	17	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	9.7	9.2	8.6	1.2
Institutions	3.6	4.8	3.5	4.2
Other settings	86.7	86.0	87.9	94.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,375	1,114	1,234	1,406

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	91.4	101.8	110.1	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)	50.0	58.5	62.9	60.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	12.0	10.1	8.5	9.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	29.7	32.4	36.3	30.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.9	14.0	12.6	12.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	113.6	115.7	117.4	114.7
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?	35.8	35.0	34.2	36.3
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?	30.2	30.0	28.9	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?	16.8	18.9	18.9	16.8
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? ¹⁷	10.0	10.3	9.5	8.3
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?	67.2	67.1	73.9	69.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	99.8	103.6	100.2	104.7
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	20.9	23.0	21.5	18.5
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?	90.1	92.3	88.9	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?	56.5	57.5	55.7	54.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	98.5	97.6	98.0	104.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.0	85.9	86.3	88.7
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?	69.6	66.0	65.7	70.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.6	31.9	32.2	38.5

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	206,820	206,993	205,616	204,668
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4
Black	24.1	23.9	25.3	24.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	12.1	13.2	13.7
White	58.1	57.6	53.2	52.9
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	4.7	4.7
Child population in poverty (%)	13.6	16.5	18.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	2,278	2,071	2,204	2,552
Foster care entry rate	3.3	2.2	2.0	3.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,029	820	755	1,193
Children adopted	111	125	67	95

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	63	64	75	81
Numerator	907	790	800	911
Denominator	1,445	1,225	1,065	1,122
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	87	90	86	84
Numerator	5,729	5,174	5,137	5,689
Denominator	6,597	5,723	5,955	6,810

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	15,026	72.7 per 1,000	13,936	67.3 per 1,000	15,830	77.0 per 1,000	17,388	85.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	2,278	11.0 per 1,000	2,071	10.0 per 1,000	2,204	10.7 per 1,000	2,552	12.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.0 per 100,000	3	1.4 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	10.5	10.6	11.2	9.9
1 year	6.5	8.1	8.3	7.2
2 years	7.1	6.4	6.4	8.0
3 years	6.0	8.0	6.1	7.1
4 years	7.6	6.7	6.9	5.6
5 years	6.6	6.1	6.9	5.6
6 years	5.7	6.7	7.3	6.2
7 years	6.4	5.5	6.4	6.5
8 years	6.2	5.0	5.3	5.1
9 years	5.4	5.2	4.4	4.4
10 years	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.3
11 years	5.0	4.1	4.1	4.0
12 years	3.7	4.1	3.4	3.7
13 years	3.4	4.3	4.2	4.2
14 years	4.1	3.6	3.5	4.6
15 years	4.4	4.5	3.4	4.8
16 years	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.4
17 years	3.2	2.3	3.1	3.4
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Number	2,278	2,071	2,204	2,552

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.2
Black	47.6	44.7	44.5	44.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.0	11.7	8.8	9.6
White	37.9	40.2	44.2	43.4
Two or more races	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.8
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Number	2,278	2,071	2,204	2,552

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 of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	27.8	32.0	37.0	41.3
Medical neglect	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.4
Neglect	42.1	41.4	39.9	35.0
Physical abuse	18.0	17.5	14.9	16.2
Sexual abuse	8.8	7.5	7.2	6.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.1	8.7	7.8	9.6
Number	2,278	2,071	2,204	2,552

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	172.7	167.2	187.2	188.7
Median	>96 but<120	>120 but<144	>144 but<168	>120 but<144

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,123	929	796	967	691	446	414	644	785	555	455	418	1,029	820	755	1,193
Median length of stay (months)	11.6	16.6	15.9	17.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.2	16.9	12.9	14.1	15.1	16.0	18.2	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.4	5.0	6.3	5.6	13.7	18.8	18.8	19.1	3.3	4.3	5.7	5.7	4.5	6.1	5.6	6.5
1 year	6.1	7.0	6.4	7.4	4.9	7.0	8.0	5.7	7.9	9.2	9.7	8.9	6.4	6.2	7.2	7.0
2 years	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.3	7.5	6.1	7.4	7.3	6.5	4.6	4.9	5.3	6.7
3 years	5.8	3.8	3.3	4.7	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3	7.3	5.4	5.9	6.5	3.6	3.5	4.1	5.2
4 years	3.5	5.0	3.5	2.3	4.8	3.4	2.7	3.0	4.5	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.6	3.4	2.3	3.6
5 years	3.7	4.6	4.0	3.1	3.2	4.0	4.6	3.9	3.3	4.5	4.6	3.3	4.1	3.9	2.8	2.5
6 years	3.5	3.2	4.5	5.1	2.3	5.8	3.9	5.6	3.9	4.7	3.7	4.1	3.0	4.4	4.5	3.9
7 years	3.7	2.7	4.6	4.1	2.5	2.7	4.6	4.3	2.2	1.4	5.3	4.5	2.5	4.5	3.8	5.2
8 years	3.9	4.4	2.8	4.8	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.9	4.1	3.3	3.8	4.0	2.8	4.2	3.8
9 years	2.8	3.9	3.9	3.4	1.6	3.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.4	3.8	3.8	2.8	4.3
10 years	3.6	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.0	3.9	4.3	1.7	3.1	3.7	4.3	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.8
11 years	4.1	4.5	2.1	4.0	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.5	4.5	2.4	3.3	4.0	2.1	4.0	2.8
12 years	3.7	4.6	4.4	2.3	2.7	4.5	1.4	3.0	2.4	3.1	2.0	1.9	4.5	4.4	2.0	3.4
13 years	5.5	5.1	6.5	5.2	2.9	6.5	4.3	3.4	1.5	4.0	2.2	2.9	4.5	6.7	5.2	2.7
14 years	5.6	7.4	6.4	7.5	6.5	4.5	5.1	5.7	3.9	2.3	2.6	4.8	7.0	6.3	7.9	5.8
15 years	8.0	7.4	9.2	7.1	11.3	6.5	6.0	8.4	7.1	4.5	4.0	1.9	8.0	9.0	6.9	8.2
16 years	11.0	9.3	9.0	11.6	11.9	8.7	7.7	6.2	9.2	3.6	2.9	3.3	10.5	9.0	12.1	9.2
17 years	12.0	11.9	12.7	11.9	14.2	7.4	12.1	7.6	14.4	5.2	13.0	17.0	13.3	12.7	13.0	12.2
18 years	2.8	2.0	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	12.2	18.7	13.4	9.3	4.0	2.1	2.9	3.3
19 years	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	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	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5
Black	57.1	54.7	54.8	57.5	54.4	49.1	55.1	44.6	57.5	50.5	48.6	51.0	55.0	54.5	58.7	52.8
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)	9.4	8.4	7.8	8.5	10.9	11.9	7.2	9.5	11.6	11.9	6.8	9.8	8.7	7.9	8.1	8.5
White	31.2	32.4	31.9	29.3	30.7	33.9	32.9	40.7	29.4	33.7	38.9	33.3	32.2	32.3	28.2	34.0
Two or more races	2.3	4.2	4.9	4.8	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.0	1.3	4.0	4.4	5.7	3.7	4.5	5.0	4.0
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

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	304	239	253	367
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	175	143	149	217

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.6	2.5	4.7	3.5
1 year	11.5	7.5	10.3	12.0
2 years	5.6	8.4	6.7	7.1
3 years	6.3	5.9	6.3	6.3
4 years	8.2	6.3	2.4	6.0
5 years	6.3	7.1	5.5	3.0
6 years	4.3	6.7	5.5	5.4
7 years	3.0	6.3	6.7	8.4
8 years	6.6	3.8	8.7	6.3
9 years	6.9	6.3	4.0	7.6
10 years	4.3	7.1	5.1	4.4
11 years	5.9	2.9	6.3	5.4
12 years	5.9	6.7	3.6	5.2
13 years	4.3	7.1	5.5	2.2
14 years	5.3	2.9	5.9	5.7
15 years	3.3	5.0	3.2	4.1
16 years	3.0	4.2	5.5	3.0
17 years	3.9	3.3	4.0	4.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	61.8	66.1	65.2	68.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	7.1	9.5	7.1
White	26.3	20.5	20.2	21.5
Two or more races	5.9	6.3	5.1	3.3
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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	111	125	67	95

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.0	0.8	3.0	3.2
1 year	23.4	19.2	14.9	15.8
2 years	18.9	10.4	17.9	11.6
3 years	12.6	8.8	4.5	10.5
4 years	9.9	9.6	9.0	4.2
5 years	2.7	8.8	10.4	8.4
6 years	6.3	6.4	9.0	5.3
7 years	5.4	4.0	3.0	5.3
8 years	4.5	7.2	7.5	8.4
9 years	5.4	4.8	4.5	4.2
10 years	3.6	5.6	4.5	7.4
11 years	3.6	4.0	3.0	7.4
12 years	2.7	1.6	0.0	4.2
13 years	0.0	4.8	6.0	1.1
14 years	0.0	0.8	1.5	2.1
15 years	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.1
16 years	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0
17 years	0.0	0.8	0.0	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	54.1	46.4	49.3	56.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	8.0	10.4	12.6
White	35.1	39.2	31.3	21.1
Two or more races	1.8	6.4	9.0	9.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Delaware

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	98.2	97.9	97.1	97.8
Children with one or more recurrences	1.8	2.1	2.9	2.2
Number	1,084	1,006	934	1,228

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.17	0.15	0.25	<.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.83	99.85	99.75	99.94
Number	1,814	1,375	1,210	1,611

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.9	22.5	14.7	22.7
Guardianship	9.6	14.4	17.8	14.1
Reunification	61.4	43.4	45.3	39.7
Other	14.9	19.6	22.0	23.0
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.5
Number	785	555	455	418

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.3	21.9	18.1	30.7
Guardianship	7.6	11.8	11.1	6.0
Reunification	39.5	31.5	28.5	25.9
Other	34.6	34.8	41.7	36.7
Missing data	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.6
Number	185	178	144	166

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	4.9	11.6	8.5	11.3
Reunification	68.2	34.7	33.8	30.5
Other	26.4	53.2	57.0	56.7
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.4
Number	349	173	142	141

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.1	15.5	19.1	16.8
Children older than 12 at entry	76.9	84.5	80.9	83.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	104	103	94	95

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian			2008	Black			2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	21.1	14.9	25.4	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	13.2	14.9	10.3	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	61.6	43.2	48.4	40.8	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	16.2	22.5	21.7	23.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	
Number	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	451	280	221	213	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)			2008	White			2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	13.6	22.6	29.3	16.0	25.1	11.9	15.1	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	12.1	12.9	22.0	13.0	17.6	19.2	19.4	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.9	60.6	45.2	34.1	54.5	39.0	42.9	37.4	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	13.6	19.4	14.6	15.6	18.2	26.0	27.3	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	
Number	0	0	0	0	91	66	31	41	231	187	177	139	

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races			2008	Missing Data			2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	45.5	30.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	40.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	31.8	30.0	54.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	13.6	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	10	22	20	24	0	0	0	0	

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	77.0	63.1	67.0	73.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.7	25.3	20.4	14.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.7	6.6	6.8	8.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	2.5	2.9	2.4
48 or more mos.	0.6	2.5	2.9	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
Number	482	241	206	166

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.5	88.6	85.0	90.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.7	3.8	4.8	1.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.8	7.6	10.1	7.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	691	446	414	644

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	1.8	1.6	6.0	3.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	36.7	33.6	29.9	31.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.6	40.8	35.8	27.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	15.6	16.0	23.9	23.2
48 or more mos.	8.3	8.0	4.5	14.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	109	125	67	95

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.8	82.1	84.8	83.3	52.8	59.8	63.9	68.5	29.2	28.1	26.3	30.4	90.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.0	17.7	15.2	16.7	47.2	40.2	36.1	31.5	70.8	71.9	73.7	69.6	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	833	537	506	718	492	328	274	352	479	508	426	536	10	2	4	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.6
Institutions	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.5
Other settings	97.5	98.3	97.4	97.9
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	361	290	268	439

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	122.4	122.7	132.9	136.1
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)	80.2	68.1	67.9	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)	3.7	8.6	6.2	5.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.2	38.8	36.4	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?	21.5	10.3	7.1	7.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	116.8	118.4	101.2	101.3
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?	38.5	35.2	35.8	34.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.2	27.4	26.9	30.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.3	23.6	14.4	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? ¹⁷	14.8	7.8	4.7	17.0
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?	56.9	63.6	58.4	42.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	125.9	121.0	114.0	117.2
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?	23.2	27.0	18.0	17.5
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	91.9	93.2	92.3
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?	29.4	40.5	38.2	31.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	88.4	89.9	93.5	96.0
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?	82.7	81.5	84.0	82.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.1	59.3	64.3	68.3
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?	29.4	28.2	26.4	30.6

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 Delaware's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Delaware appreciates the opportunity to review the State data, which will be included in the aforementioned report. As a result of this review, Delaware found a variety of inaccurate data elements. We are therefore requesting the following formal comments be included regarding Delaware's data.

The following data reflects updated and more accurate outcomes for Delaware's child welfare outcomes:

Child Welfare Summary, 'children in foster care 9/30' – should read 846.

Overview Foster Care Information, 'total number [in foster care 9/30] 2011' – should read 846.

2.1 Children not maltreated while in foster care, 2011 – should read 99.92 – total number for 2011 should read 1,267.

4.2 Children entering care within 12 mos. After a prior episode for 2011 – should read 7.3.

Composite and Individual Measures Established... (Most critical errors being recorded below):

Composite 1, composite score 2011 – should read 137.6.

C1.3 2011 – should read 31.4.

Composite 2, composite score 2011 – should read 112.6.

C2.3 2011 – should read 19.5.

C2.4 2011 – should read 14.6.

C2.5 2011 – should read 55.7.

Composite 3, composite score 2011 – should read 123.9.

C3.1 2011 – should read 23.4.

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CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	113,064	114,036	101,095	105,334
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.5	2.8	1.7	2.1
Black	63.8	61.5	65.4	61.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.7	12.2	12.0	12.8
White	19.2	20.5	17.6	19.5
Two or more races	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	25.9	29.4	30.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	2,645	3,407	2,810	2,529
Foster care entry rate	6.2	5.5	7.3	5.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,225	2,117	2,069	1,800
Children adopted	113	103	129	91

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	77	83	80	84
Numerator	1,687	1,609	1,691	1,633
Denominator	2,186	1,944	2,105	1,933
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	97	98	98	98
Numerator	13,270	14,537	14,642	14,776
Denominator	13,679	14,881	14,980	15,076

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,529	102.0 per 1,000	16,710	146.5 per 1,000	14,411	142.5 per 1,000	15,435	146.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	2,645	23.4 per 1,000	3,407	29.9 per 1,000	2,810	27.8 per 1,000	2,529	24.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	7.1 per 100,000	5	4.4 per 100,000	2	2.0 per 100,000	3	2.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.4	10.3	9.6	9.9
1 year	5.1	4.3	5.6	4.7
2 years	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.6
3 years	4.0	4.1	4.9	4.9
4 years	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.8
5 years	6.5	6.0	6.6	5.7
6 years	6.5	5.5	6.4	7.0
7 years	6.0	6.5	5.6	5.3
8 years	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.4
9 years	4.3	5.2	5.6	4.5
10 years	5.4	4.8	5.2	5.9
11 years	5.0	5.5	5.0	4.8
12 years	5.1	5.5	5.6	6.4
13 years	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.1
14 years	6.5	6.4	5.4	5.9
15 years	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.3
16 years	5.3	5.0	4.5	5.2
17 years	3.0	3.8	2.7	3.3
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1
Number	2,645	3,407	2,810	2,529

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	58.3	59.6	61.9	59.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.5	7.2	9.6	10.8
White	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.4
Two or more races	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	32.6	32.4	27.6	28.9
Number	2,645	3,407	2,810	2,529

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	2.2	1.1	1.6	1.3
Medical neglect	6.2	4.0	5.7	5.1
Neglect	69.8	65.0	62.3	59.5
Physical abuse	12.1	15.1	17.1	18.0
Sexual abuse	4.3	3.1	2.4	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	27.8	28.9	31.4	36.1
Number	2,645	3,407	2,810	2,529

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	26.3	27.3	17.6	15.8
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	2,192	2,198	2,095	2,042	703	622	743	561	670	703	769	803	2,225	2,117	2,069	1,800
Median length of stay (months)	32.7	33.8	33.7	29.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.7	26.6	26.7	28.4	33.8	33.5	29.6	31.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.9	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.5	3.0	3.7	3.6	2.1	3.0	2.2	2.9	1.9
1 year	3.1	3.8	4.3	3.6	6.8	7.7	6.5	6.8	3.9	4.1	2.3	3.0	3.6	4.4	3.7	5.0
2 years	3.7	3.6	4.5	4.8	6.3	8.7	6.1	5.5	8.2	6.1	7.2	5.5	3.6	4.5	4.7	4.1
3 years	3.5	3.3	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.8	5.5	7.7	5.2	4.7	5.6	6.5	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.4
4 years	2.4	3.0	3.5	4.3	5.7	7.2	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.0	5.6	7.1	3.1	3.5	4.3	4.2
5 years	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.3	4.7	5.0	6.9	4.1	3.6	4.6	5.5	5.5	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.4
6 years	2.7	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.3	3.7	4.8	5.7	4.8	3.6	4.4	4.1	3.1	3.3	4.2	3.4
7 years	2.6	3.3	2.7	3.2	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.0	5.3	3.8	4.0	3.2	2.8	3.3	4.4
8 years	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.3	4.1	3.7	5.0	5.2	3.3	3.8	3.5	4.2	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.3
9 years	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.8	4.0	6.5	4.1	4.0	4.1	5.5	4.2	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.3
10 years	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.4	4.1	2.4	3.8	4.8	1.9	3.3	2.5	4.9	2.7	3.0	3.4	3.2
11 years	4.0	3.6	2.7	3.2	4.3	3.7	5.0	4.5	3.4	2.7	4.2	4.0	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.2
12 years	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.3	4.3	5.3	2.9	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.3
13 years	4.7	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.8	3.6	3.0	2.7	4.3	3.6	4.8	3.9	4.0	4.2
14 years	6.5	4.7	5.1	4.4	5.0	5.6	4.7	5.0	3.7	3.0	3.6	3.1	4.7	5.1	4.3	4.3
15 years	6.2	7.7	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.2	4.6	5.0	2.8	4.6	2.5	3.2	7.7	5.5	5.4	4.7
16 years	9.8	7.5	8.0	6.3	7.3	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.2	2.4	3.5	2.5	7.5	7.9	6.5	6.7
17 years	9.0	9.6	8.7	8.0	3.7	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.0	2.8	3.4	3.2	9.5	8.3	8.0	7.5
18 years	9.4	8.1	9.4	8.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.7	3.7	3.6	2.9	3.5	8.3	9.4	8.1	8.2
19 years	7.0	8.3	7.9	8.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	2.2	3.4	1.4	2.6	8.3	7.8	8.7	7.8
20 years	6.3	6.4	7.5	7.5	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	9.9	14.2	20.7	18.3	6.5	7.6	7.4	9.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	11.0	7.1	1.3	1.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	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	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	89.9	88.3	88.7	86.7	65.0	77.5	75.0	67.4	83.7	83.4	82.3	83.2	83.9	86.7	86.1	82.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	6.0	7.0	8.2	8.7	8.5	10.8	12.8	5.4	5.5	7.7	8.6	5.7	6.9	8.1	9.5
White	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Two or more races	4.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	1.8	1.6	2.2	5.9	4.6	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	2.6	3.8
Unknown	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.5	1.8	0.8	1.6	22.6	10.9	11.2	12.8	5.1	6.8	5.7	4.4	6.1	2.8	2.7	3.8

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	498	486	420	357
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	26	26	23	32

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6
1 year	6.4	6.8	4.8	7.0
2 years	5.0	7.0	8.1	6.7
3 years	5.4	5.1	6.4	6.7
4 years	4.8	4.9	6.0	6.2
5 years	3.6	5.3	4.3	6.4
6 years	4.8	3.9	5.7	3.9
7 years	4.4	3.5	3.6	6.2
8 years	5.2	3.9	3.6	4.2
9 years	6.8	4.7	4.0	3.9
10 years	4.4	6.4	4.3	2.8
11 years	7.6	4.9	4.5	3.9
12 years	7.6	8.8	5.0	5.0
13 years	9.2	6.4	8.6	5.3
14 years	8.4	8.6	7.1	7.6
15 years	9.4	7.6	8.8	8.1
16 years	3.4	8.8	7.4	8.1
17 years	2.2	2.1	6.9	7.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	89.4	88.3	88.3	89.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.3	7.1	5.3
White	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.6
Two or more races	4.2	3.9	3.3	2.8
Unknown	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	1.2	0.2	1.7

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	113	103	129	91

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
1 year	1.8	4.9	1.6	1.1
2 years	20.4	14.6	20.2	13.2
3 years	11.5	9.7	10.1	11.0
4 years	9.7	6.8	7.0	9.9
5 years	6.2	6.8	8.5	9.9
6 years	8.0	5.8	6.2	5.5
7 years	6.2	8.7	5.4	8.8
8 years	1.8	6.8	3.1	1.1
9 years	6.2	10.7	5.4	5.5
10 years	3.5	6.8	4.7	4.4
11 years	6.2	1.9	3.1	6.6
12 years	4.4	2.9	6.2	2.2
13 years	1.8	6.8	7.0	6.6
14 years	4.4	1.9	3.1	2.2
15 years	2.7	1.9	2.3	3.3
16 years	1.8	1.0	3.9	3.3
17 years	2.7	0.0	2.3	2.2
18 years	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.3
19 years	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	91.2	91.3	94.6	90.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	5.8	3.9	8.8
White	4.4	1.9	1.6	1.1
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	1.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.9	96.4	94.1	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	4.1	3.6	5.9	6.2
Number	1,537	1,479	1,325	1,390

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.14	0.28	0.28	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.86	99.72	99.72	99.81
Number	2,895	2,820	2,838	2,603

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.4	15.2	16.9	13.3
Guardianship	14.9	12.2	9.4	15.7
Reunification	42.2	46.5	47.6	49.7
Other	26.4	26.0	26.0	21.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	670	703	769	803

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.0	11.4	7.4	8.7
Guardianship	12.2	11.4	11.1	8.7
Reunification	19.5	25.7	11.1	34.8
Other	46.3	51.4	70.4	47.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	41	35	27	23

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.2	0.6	1.4	1.0
Guardianship	5.8	4.4	1.4	6.7
Reunification	38.2	41.7	39.9	36.9
Other	54.9	53.3	57.2	55.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	173	180	208	195

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47.0	46.7	38.6	36.2
Children older than 12 at entry	53.0	53.3	61.4	63.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	164	167	189	163

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5	16.2	18.5	13.6	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	15.9	13.0	10.4	17.1	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.8	42.5	43.4	46.1	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	28.9	28.3	27.5	23.2	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	
Number	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	561	586	633	668	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	15.4	8.5	11.6	33.3	60.0	33.3	25.0		
Guardianship	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	2.8	5.1	6.8	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0		
Reunification	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	77.8	56.4	61.0	69.6	66.7	40.0	66.7	25.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	23.1	23.7	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	3	0	0	36	39	59	69	6	5	6	4		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.4	11.1	26.1	20.8	0.0	2.1	0.0	5.7		
Guardianship	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.8	22.2	0.0	20.8	2.9	4.2	4.5	2.9		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	25.8	38.9	47.8	37.5	88.2	87.5	84.1	88.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.0	27.8	26.1	20.8	8.8	6.3	11.4	2.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	4	2	2	31	18	23	24	34	48	44	35		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	66.4	68.8	73.8	62.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.9	18.3	13.7	18.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.7	6.4	5.7	10.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.6	2.4	1.9	1.8
48 or more mos.	6.0	3.7	4.6	7.3
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
Number	283	327	366	399

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.1	79.3	84.1	80.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	9.5	7.1	8.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	10.8	8.7	10.2
Missing data	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.4
Number	703	622	743	561

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	8.2	4.7	6.2	8.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.3	23.4	29.2	21.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.4	20.6	30.0	21.5
48 or more mos.	37.3	50.5	33.8	48.6
Missing data	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	110	107	130	107

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	77.5	78.0	80.1	81.6	50.2	55.2	53.9	58.1	22.4	21.5	22.5	22.1	40.0	0.0	80.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.8	20.7	19.4	17.9	49.5	44.8	45.9	41.9	77.0	78.0	77.2	77.7	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	40.0	100.0	20.0	0.0
Number	738	699	794	653	408	509	436	451	1,744	1,611	1,603	1,499	5	1	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	8.8	11.9	10.5	9.5
Institutions	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.7
Other settings	89.2	85.8	86.4	89.3
Missing data	0.6	1.7	2.1	0.5
Number	510	471	572	421

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	97.3	92.7	114.7	104.4
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)	61.0	63.5	66.3	54.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.1	7.1	7.8	10.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	27.6	28.1	29.7	42.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.9	22.3	12.1	11.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	86.6	71.0	91.4	80.3
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?	8.3	5.8	6.9	8.5
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?	37.9	46.9	40.4	47.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	9.7	10.1	13.5	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? ¹⁷	2.6	3.5	5.1	4.3
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?	84.0	76.7	85.5	83.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	101.4	95.2	108.6	96.5
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?	18.6	15.8	20.2	25.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0
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?	60.6	64.7	54.1	75.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	82.3	83.8	84.9	87.6
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?	76.0	76.4	77.6	78.9
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?	52.1	55.7	54.4	58.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.1	26.1	28.3	28.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Florida

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	4,070,878	4,057,773	3,996,070	3,994,431
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
Black	20.1	19.9	20.6	20.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	25.7	26.4	27.7	28.1
White	49.1	48.4	45.8	45.5
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	3.0	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	18.3	21.3	23.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	51,271	49,078	53,969	55,770
Foster care entry rate	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	22,149	19,446	18,865	19,839
Children adopted	3,870	3,735	3,391	2,927

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	90	92	90	92
Numerator	31,991	27,919	25,376	26,364
Denominator	35,663	30,492	28,060	28,643
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	97	97	98	98
Numerator	221,053	187,015	170,677	173,088
Denominator	226,864	192,586	175,012	176,978

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	374,276	91.9 per 1,000	339,289	83.6 per 1,000	332,469	83.2 per 1,000	366,863	91.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	51,271	12.6 per 1,000	49,078	12.1 per 1,000	53,969	13.5 per 1,000	55,770	14.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	185	4.5 per 100,000	156	3.8 per 100,000	180	4.5 per 100,000	133	3.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	14.1	13.3	13.5	12.9
1 year	8.7	9.2	8.9	8.8
2 years	7.9	8.6	8.7	8.4
3 years	7.1	7.4	7.8	8.0
4 years	6.5	6.6	6.7	7.1
5 years	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.5
6 years	5.9	5.5	5.8	5.9
7 years	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.4
8 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.7
9 years	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.4
11 years	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.1
12 years	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7
13 years	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6
14 years	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.4
15 years	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.2
16 years	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9
17 years	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	51,271	49,078	53,969	55,770

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	29.7	29.2	29.3	29.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.9	15.1	16.8	17.5
White	51.5	50.4	48.5	47.3
Two or more races	2.3	3.0	3.2	3.5
Missing data	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8
Number	51,271	49,078	53,969	55,770

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Medical neglect	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
Neglect	49.4	49.3	51.1	51.7
Physical abuse	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.5
Sexual abuse	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	51.9	52.5	48.6	47.5
Number	51,271	49,078	53,969	55,770

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	12.3	10.7	10.7	11.4
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	25,232	21,689	19,024	18,182	15,764	13,821	14,207	15,703	18,848	16,064	14,366	14,046	22,149	19,446	18,865	19,839
Median length of stay (months)	11.9	12.2	11.0	9.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.0	12.4	12.0	11.3	12.0	11.3	9.5	8.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.0	7.5	8.2	8.4	19.0	19.0	18.8	17.1	5.2	4.7	5.3	5.0	7.6	8.0	8.5	8.3
1 year	9.6	9.8	9.5	9.7	8.5	9.2	8.9	9.2	9.4	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.9
2 years	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.9	7.4	8.2	8.4	7.9	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.4	8.4	8.8	9.0	9.0
3 years	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.7	6.9	6.9	7.7	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.2	8.1	7.0	7.2	7.7	8.0
4 years	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.7	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.7	6.1	6.2	6.6	7.1
5 years	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.1	5.2	5.5	5.3	6.1
6 years	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.1
7 years	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.5	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.7
8 years	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.1
9 years	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8
10 years	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.8
11 years	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3
13 years	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.5
14 years	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.0	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.0
15 years	5.4	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.9	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.5
16 years	6.0	6.4	6.4	5.9	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.0	6.4	6.4	5.9	5.2
17 years	5.8	7.0	7.3	7.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	5.9	3.2	8.2	11.8	6.9	7.2	6.8	6.0
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	4.3	8.7	3.8	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	38.9	37.9	36.3	34.4	34.1	32.5	31.3	30.7	36.4	35.4	33.9	32.2	37.6	36.2	34.3	33.0
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)	11.6	12.2	13.5	14.0	13.2	13.1	13.8	14.5	12.1	12.4	13.4	14.3	12.3	12.7	13.8	14.2
White	46.0	45.9	45.4	46.5	48.2	49.3	49.3	48.8	47.8	48.1	47.6	47.7	46.1	46.5	46.7	47.4
Two or more races	2.8	3.3	4.0	4.5	3.4	3.9	4.7	4.9	2.8	3.4	4.2	4.8	3.2	3.6	4.4	4.7
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	7,927	6,655	4,999	4,945
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	4,764	3,544	2,752	2,923

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.1
1 year	9.9	8.8	8.7	9.6
2 years	9.2	8.9	8.6	9.0
3 years	7.5	7.8	7.3	7.8
4 years	6.6	6.9	6.2	6.9
5 years	5.5	6.1	5.6	6.3
6 years	5.3	4.9	5.1	4.7
7 years	5.1	4.3	3.9	4.5
8 years	4.7	4.5	4.4	3.7
9 years	4.6	4.8	4.1	3.8
10 years	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.1
11 years	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.0
12 years	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4
13 years	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9
14 years	4.7	5.0	5.5	5.1
15 years	5.4	5.2	5.8	5.8
16 years	5.2	5.8	6.2	6.3
17 years	5.2	5.3	7.1	6.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Black	39.4	39.6	38.9	37.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.8	11.8	12.5	13.5
White	44.9	44.5	43.4	44.2
Two or more races	3.3	3.6	4.7	4.4
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	3,870	3,735	3,391	2,927

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.3
1 year	12.0	12.5	12.1	13.3
2 years	16.0	15.4	13.8	13.7
3 years	11.2	11.7	10.9	10.6
4 years	9.7	8.3	9.0	9.6
5 years	7.3	7.4	8.0	6.8
6 years	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.6
7 years	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6
8 years	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.5
9 years	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.5
10 years	3.8	3.9	4.8	4.1
11 years	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.7
12 years	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.2
13 years	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.8
14 years	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2
15 years	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.8
16 years	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.6
17 years	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.7
18 years	0.2	0.1	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	32.4	31.1	32.7	29.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.8	11.0	13.6	13.0
White	52.5	53.2	48.6	51.6
Two or more races	3.6	4.2	4.5	5.5
Unknown	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.5	93.0	92.8	92.8
Children with one or more recurrences	6.5	7.0	7.2	7.2
Number	24,015	22,992	25,320	25,912

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.34	0.33	0.82	0.66
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.66	99.67	99.18	99.34
Number	40,996	35,510	33,231	33,885

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.5	21.7	23.2	20.8
Guardianship	25.2	24.0	24.1	23.5
Reunification	46.4	45.0	43.1	46.1
Other	7.9	9.3	9.6	9.4
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2
Number	18,848	16,064	14,366	14,046

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	36.8	42.6	58.8	62.9
Guardianship	14.4	10.9	8.7	5.7
Reunification	26.8	22.2	13.4	13.5
Other	21.8	24.1	19.1	17.9
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,437	1,371	1,422	1,328

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.1	3.9	4.3	5.0
Guardianship	25.0	21.2	21.0	20.7
Reunification	38.2	35.8	33.8	35.8
Other	32.2	39.1	40.9	38.4
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	3,266	2,821	2,524	2,498

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.3	25.4	23.8	25.0
Children older than 12 at entry	71.5	74.5	76.2	75.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,434	1,472	1,347	1,267

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.4	4.1	7.7	10.4	14.9	21.1	12.1	14.6	18.1	19.1	22.4	18.9		
Guardianship	44.7	18.4	34.6	22.9	4.3	31.6	18.2	6.3	27.5	25.2	23.2	22.3		
Reunification	48.9	69.4	51.9	64.6	72.3	42.1	60.6	56.3	44.3	43.2	41.7	45.8		
Other	0.0	8.2	5.8	2.1	8.5	5.3	9.1	22.9	10.0	12.4	12.8	12.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2		
Number	47	49	52	48	47	19	33	48	6,858	5,682	4,876	4,525		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	44.4	75.0	22.2	18.6	19.7	23.4	18.9	22.5	23.8	23.8	22.5		
Guardianship	33.3	0.0	0.0	11.1	18.9	19.7	18.2	18.9	25.4	24.2	26.6	26.0		
Reunification	66.7	33.3	25.0	55.6	55.4	52.1	49.5	53.5	45.3	44.2	41.6	43.5		
Other	0.0	22.2	0.0	11.1	7.0	8.5	8.9	8.6	6.7	7.8	8.1	7.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1		
Number	6	9	4	9	2,276	1,986	1,929	2,005	9,018	7,721	6,833	6,702		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.0	24.5	23.1	15.4	26.3	25.9	24.8	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	11.7	20.8	12.8	20.5	19.6	24.6	21.8	21.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	56.7	49.1	53.8	64.1	49.3	46.5	48.8	49.6	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	6.7	5.7	10.3	0.0	4.9	2.8	4.5	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	60	53	39	39	536	544	600	670	0	1	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	71.1	71.3	73.8	75.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.3	20.8	20.7	19.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.0	5.1	3.7	3.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.8	1.0	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.5	0.2	0.0	<.1
Number	8,738	7,227	6,191	6,479

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	72.7	75.2	76.5	77.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.3	9.3	8.3	7.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.8	14.7	14.5	14.6
Missing data	2.1	0.8	0.7	0.4
Number	15,764	13,821	14,207	15,703

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	10.5	9.3	11.2	12.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	32.3	31.5	32.5	39.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.3	30.7	27.7	24.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.0	15.6	14.3	11.7
48 or more mos.	12.4	12.8	14.4	12.0
Missing data	0.5	0.1	0.0	<.1
Number	3,859	3,481	3,333	2,925

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.7	84.9	85.1	85.9	60.4	60.8	63.6	64.9	31.9	30.5	28.2	26.6	96.3	96.8	98.3	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.2	14.7	14.5	13.7	39.5	39.0	36.4	35.1	68.1	69.3	71.6	73.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	3.7	3.2	1.7	0.0
Number	20,437	17,898	18,056	19,681	10,175	8,495	7,768	8,087	10,303	9,086	7,347	6,062	81	31	60	55

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.4	2.7	3.7	4.0
Institutions	3.5	1.6	1.2	1.7
Other settings	94.1	95.7	95.1	94.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	12,749	11,292	11,748	12,961

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	113.4	111.5	115.3	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)	69.7	69.5	72.3	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	8.0	7.9	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)	38.3	37.9	36.8	35.7
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?	13.2	15.1	14.1	15.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	139.1	139.2	141.4	153.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	43.0	40.8	43.6	52.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.4	26.9	26.0	23.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	29.1	30.9	33.1	31.7
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? ¹⁷	19.1	15.8	11.8	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?	61.4	65.8	66.7	71.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	128.5	126.7	129.0	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?	35.0	36.7	36.3	33.6
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?	92.5	90.7	91.9	91.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	43.7	44.4	43.8	41.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	92.1	93.3	94.0	94.3
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?	83.0	84.7	85.0	85.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.5	60.9	63.6	64.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.9	30.6	28.2	26.6

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

In October 2006 Florida implemented a statewide Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project, allowing federal Title IV-E foster care funds to be used more broadly than would have otherwise been possible to promote child safety, prevent entry into the child welfare system and placement into foster care, and to expedite permanency. As a result, Florida has significantly reduced the number of children in foster care. However, though still down more than 33% from 2006 when the waiver was implemented, the number of children in foster care has increased recently.

Section A: The number and rate of children with verified maltreatment in Florida has increased, likely due to a number of factors including increased reporting in the wake of high profile child deaths, increases in substance misuse – particularly prescription drugs, and a lagged impact of the recession.

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 in 2011 were primarily due to fewer drowning and unsafe sleep deaths, which may be partially attributable to expanded public education campaigns in Florida.

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 some of Florida's success in reducing the number of children in foster care since 2006. This reduction also explains why the number of children who exited foster care has declined.

Section D: The trend showing reductions in the number of children adopted or awaiting adoption is largely explained by the reduction in the number of children in foster care and reduction in the time it takes to finalize an adoption.

Composite Measures: Florida continues to show strong performance on nearly all adoption 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 potentially reducing the proportion of children removed from the home for whom reunification is the appropriate permanency goal or for whom permanency can be achieved quickly.

C2.4: During FY 2009 and 2010 data on termination of parental rights were incomplete, in part due to implementation of changes to Florida's SACWIS. Changes in this measure from 2009 through 2011 may be primarily explained by changes in the completeness of this data.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	2,565,577	2,583,792	2,490,955	2,489,858
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.2
Black	32.3	32.1	33.8	33.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.0	12.6	12.7	13.3
White	50.4	49.9	47.2	46.8
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.9	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	20.1	22.3	24.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	26,330	23,921	20,567	19,199
Foster care entry rate	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,964	8,221	7,023	7,633
Children adopted	1,340	1,397	1,196	1,048

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	58	86	96	97
Numerator	218	11,656	10,812	10,814
Denominator	377	13,498	11,207	11,164
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	87	86	91	90
Numerator	1,554	74,489	73,879	71,029
Denominator	1,791	86,503	80,895	78,715

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	77,466	30.2 per 1,000	67,686	26.2 per 1,000	64,019	25.7 per 1,000	55,485	22.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	26,330	10.3 per 1,000	23,921	9.3 per 1,000	20,567	8.3 per 1,000	19,199	7.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	68	2.7 per 100,000	60	2.3 per 100,000	77	3.1 per 100,000	65	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.3	14.1	14.0	13.4
1 year	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.3
2 years	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.2
3 years	6.2	6.3	6.0	6.6
4 years	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.7
5 years	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.3
6 years	6.1	6.1	5.8	6.0
7 years	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.6
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.4
12 years	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.1
13 years	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.4
14 years	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.3
15 years	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.0
16 years	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.5
17 years	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	26,330	23,921	20,567	19,199

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	41.4	41.1	42.1	40.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	6.8	7.0	6.7
White	49.2	47.9	46.9	48.4
Two or more races	2.1	3.5	3.3	3.7
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Number	26,330	23,921	20,567	19,199

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	18.6	20.2	24.1	23.6
Medical neglect	4.8	4.5	5.2	5.3
Neglect	71.4	67.2	62.2	64.3
Physical abuse	11.7	12.8	13.5	12.4
Sexual abuse	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	26,330	23,921	20,567	19,199

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	—	—	24.2	26.2
Median	—	—	<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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	12,127	9,967	7,865	6,793	6,671	5,737	5,466	6,406	8,834	7,483	6,308	5,566	9,964	8,221	7,023	7,633
Median length of stay (months)	14.0	15.6	13.8	12.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.1	13.6	11.9	11.0	15.7	13.7	12.4	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.7	7.0	7.1	6.8	18.5	18.1	16.6	16.0	5.6	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.5
1 year	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.3	7.4	8.1	7.0	7.6	8.3	8.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	8.6	8.2	8.4
2 years	6.8	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.7	6.8	6.7	7.1	8.0	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.2
3 years	5.9	5.7	6.2	6.7	5.3	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.7	5.7	6.3	6.7	6.7
4 years	5.4	5.3	4.9	5.6	4.8	5.5	5.0	6.4	5.5	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.2	4.9	5.5	6.3
5 years	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.5
6 years	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.6	4.3	4.6	5.1	5.5	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.6
7 years	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.5	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.5
8 years	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.3	3.5	4.1	4.9	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.2
9 years	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.1
10 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1
11 years	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0
12 years	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.1
13 years	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.9	4.4	3.7	3.0	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.5
14 years	6.3	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.4	4.6	5.7	5.3	4.3	3.7	4.3	4.6	5.6	5.2	5.9	5.1
15 years	6.8	6.8	6.8	5.9	6.1	6.9	6.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.5	6.9	6.8	5.9	6.0
16 years	7.6	8.2	8.6	7.9	6.2	6.4	7.2	5.6	4.9	5.6	5.8	4.9	8.2	8.4	8.0	6.3
17 years	7.0	8.1	8.1	8.8	2.7	3.0	3.4	2.5	9.3	9.7	11.3	12.9	8.1	8.1	8.6	7.0
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	3.4	4.6	2.9	1.3	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	47.4	48.3	47.6	46.4	47.9	45.6	45.6	43.5	47.0	47.3	47.4	45.0	48.2	47.4	46.3	45.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.9	8.7	8.2	7.1	6.7	8.0	7.9	8.4	6.8	7.1	7.3	6.4
White	42.1	39.7	40.2	40.7	39.1	41.0	40.9	44.7	42.1	39.6	39.7	41.8	40.1	40.7	41.3	43.3
Two or more races	4.1	4.8	4.6	5.3	4.2	4.0	4.9	4.2	3.7	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.9	5.1
Unknown	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,245	1,823	1,724	1,585
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,639	847	838	845

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.6	3.3	4.6	3.5
1 year	7.3	6.9	8.3	7.1
2 years	8.1	7.6	7.4	7.4
3 years	6.9	6.6	7.1	6.9
4 years	6.1	5.2	6.1	7.1
5 years	6.0	4.9	5.3	5.9
6 years	5.0	6.3	4.5	4.9
7 years	5.0	5.6	4.6	4.9
8 years	5.7	6.1	4.8	4.9
9 years	5.6	5.4	4.6	5.4
10 years	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.7
11 years	5.3	5.7	5.7	4.6
12 years	5.2	5.3	5.0	5.3
13 years	5.3	6.1	6.0	5.6
14 years	5.5	5.4	6.1	6.2
15 years	5.8	6.0	5.7	6.7
16 years	4.9	4.6	5.2	3.9
17 years	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.5	0.1	<.1
Black	43.3	43.9	40.9	42.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	8.0	8.8	8.2
White	44.4	42.2	44.8	44.1
Two or more races	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.0
Unknown	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,340	1,397	1,196	1,048

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.2
1 year	9.5	10.5	10.8	11.4
2 years	14.2	13.5	12.4	13.0
3 years	10.3	11.7	8.9	12.1
4 years	8.3	8.4	8.3	9.4
5 years	8.2	7.9	6.4	7.3
6 years	7.3	4.9	7.3	4.9
7 years	5.7	5.4	6.3	4.7
8 years	6.3	5.5	6.9	5.1
9 years	5.0	5.5	4.8	4.3
10 years	4.3	4.8	4.1	5.2
11 years	4.6	3.9	5.1	3.9
12 years	2.8	3.5	3.7	3.7
13 years	3.3	2.6	4.1	3.1
14 years	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.0
15 years	2.5	2.7	2.2	3.1
16 years	1.7	2.4	2.0	2.2
17 years	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.5
18 years	0.2	0.3	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	—	—	0.0
Asian	1.3	—	—	<.1
Black	38.0	—	—	35.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	—	—	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	—	—	9.0
White	47.5	—	—	46.8
Two or more races	5.9	—	—	9.1
Unknown	0.8	—	—	<.1
Missing data	0.0	—	—	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.8	97.8	97.2	96.8
Children with one or more recurrences	2.2	2.2	2.8	3.2
Number	12,907	11,601	10,351	8,774

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	14.4	17.4	18.4	18.5
Guardianship	10.9	7.6	7.2	6.3
Reunification	64.0	63.2	63.0	63.1
Other	10.4	11.5	11.5	12.2
Missing data	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0
Number	8,834	7,483	6,308	5,566

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.1	21.6	25.7	23.4
Guardianship	10.1	7.3	7.0	6.6
Reunification	51.8	49.9	47.5	51.3
Other	20.7	21.2	19.8	18.6
Missing data	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,795	2,568	2,355	2,672

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.2	2.2	1.9	2.1
Guardianship	10.0	8.0	7.8	6.6
Reunification	56.6	56.4	60.1	58.0
Other	32.0	33.3	30.1	33.3
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	1,999	1,718	1,548	1,369

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.4	26.7	28.5	25.1
Children older than 12 at entry	71.6	73.3	71.5	74.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	764	708	571	533

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	31.8	6.7	11.7	13.4	14.7	14.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	8.9	8.6	6.4		
Reunification	0.0	66.7	50.0	40.0	86.7	70.0	63.6	93.3	63.6	64.6	64.2	65.1		
Other	0.0	22.2	50.0	0.0	10.0	5.0	4.5	0.0	12.1	13.0	12.5	14.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	9	2	5	30	20	22	15	4,149	3,537	2,987	2,503		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	16.5	21.4	20.2	17.1	21.2	21.5	20.6		
Guardianship	20.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	10.0	6.2	7.0	4.3	9.8	6.7	5.5	6.6		
Reunification	80.0	66.7	100.0	50.0	69.2	68.4	61.9	66.5	63.3	61.0	61.9	61.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	6.6	8.7	9.6	9.0	9.5	10.7	11.0	11.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0		
Number	5	3	1	2	588	595	501	465	3,717	2,963	2,504	2,329		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	10.5	14.3	0.0	14.3	18.4	27.8	23.0	39.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3	4.9	8.5	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	78.9	85.7	100.0	85.7	63.2	57.9	60.4	47.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	8.6	8.1	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	19	7	8	7	326	349	283	240	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	64.1	62.2	70.2	74.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.5	24.6	21.1	18.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.4	8.7	4.8	3.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.7	2.7	2.0	1.2
48 or more mos.	2.2	1.7	1.8	1.5
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Number	5,652	4,730	3,973	3,513

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	86.4	87.7	81.8	85.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.2	4.6	6.7	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.0	6.4	10.4	8.6
Missing data	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.1
Number	6,671	5,737	5,466	6,406

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.6	3.6	3.2	4.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.5	23.0	25.4	29.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.2	30.5	27.0	33.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.2	20.7	19.7	15.0
48 or more mos.	20.5	22.2	24.7	17.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,269	1,300	1,158	1,028

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.7	74.3	75.2	80.4	53.8	52.7	48.1	54.8	30.2	27.2	25.7	27.5	75.0	76.7	81.6	92.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.2	23.7	23.8	18.5	46.1	47.1	51.7	45.1	69.8	72.7	74.3	72.2	6.3	16.7	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.2	2.0	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	18.8	6.7	18.4	8.0
Number	8,529	7,218	6,681	7,441	4,532	3,602	2,976	2,840	5,721	4,854	3,636	2,893	16	30	38	25

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.7
Institutions	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.4
Other settings	94.1	94.5	95.0	95.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,795	4,210	3,932	4,890

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	116.5	122.8	127.4	127.0
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)	60.5	58.2	66.4	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)	10.3	10.7	9.0	7.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	49.0	46.3	44.7	46.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	7.9	3.5	6.1	8.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	103.2	104.0	119.0	125.9
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?	24.1	26.6	28.6	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?	32.4	32.1	33.1	29.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.2	27.4	30.5	31.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	12.5	8.1	9.6	12.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	49.9	55.3	66.7	60.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	123.3	123.6	129.2	131.0
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?	35.1	37.7	38.7	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?	91.5	92.5	92.6	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?	47.3	48.8	47.8	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	81.1	81.0	77.8	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?	72.1	73.8	73.4	79.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.9	52.8	48.2	54.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	30.2	27.2	25.7	27.6

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 Georgia's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Georgia has instituted several initiatives to improve our child welfare data quality, including utilizing a team of Data Integrity Specialists (DIS) to work closely with case managers to ensure accurate and timely information is being entered into the system. In addition, they are also responsible for resolving any discrepancies. We also have Quality Assurance staff reviewing the quality of the data entered during their case review process. Georgia is currently under an AFCARS Improvement Plan (AIP) and is diligently working to make all necessary improvements to our SACWIS as well as practice and procedures related to data entry. Upon successful completion of the AIP Georgia will resubmit its data for this report.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	289,851	290,361	304,573	304,604
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2
Asian	27.1	26.9	26.1	25.2
Black	3.9	4.1	1.4	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	10.5	10.3	12.4	12.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.2
White	18.7	18.8	13.1	13.8
Two or more races	24.4	24.5	31.9	31.6
Child population in poverty (%)	10.0	13.8	13.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,902	2,072	1,795	1,376
Foster care entry rate	4.7	4.5	3.2	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,630	1,506	1,227	1,123
Children adopted	361	279	216	193

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	37	62	33	37
Numerator	137	201	121	125
Denominator	368	325	364	337
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	71	69	74	68
Numerator	496	879	546	506
Denominator	694	1,268	736	748

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,576	15.8 per 1,000	5,404	18.6 per 1,000	5,096	16.7 per 1,000	3,480	11.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,902	6.6 per 1,000	2,072	7.1 per 1,000	1,795	5.9 per 1,000	1,376	4.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.7 per 100,000	3	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	16.3	13.7	13.3	15.6
1 year	7.6	8.0	6.9	7.1
2 years	6.4	6.8	6.7	6.5
3 years	5.4	5.6	6.7	7.2
4 years	4.6	7.0	7.0	6.8
5 years	5.3	5.9	5.2	6.9
6 years	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.3
7 years	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.3
8 years	5.6	4.9	5.3	3.0
9 years	4.6	4.2	4.8	3.7
10 years	3.7	5.0	4.8	3.9
11 years	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.8
12 years	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.2
13 years	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.1
14 years	5.3	4.9	4.6	5.2
15 years	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0
16 years	5.0	3.6	3.6	4.0
17 years	3.0	3.0	3.6	2.8
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5
Number	1,902	2,072	1,795	1,376

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.4	<.1
Asian	10.3	11.8	9.5	9.3
Black	1.5	1.8	1.1	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	19.7	17.2	18.7	17.8
Hispanic (of any race)	3.3	3.6	3.3	1.8
White	12.1	11.9	10.9	10.8
Two or more races	36.6	40.7	40.9	44.0
Missing data	16.5	12.8	15.3	14.2
Number	1,902	2,072	1,795	1,376

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.9
Medical neglect	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2
Neglect	14.8	14.9	11.7	16.6
Physical abuse	11.9	9.3	11.3	13.3
Sexual abuse	6.0	3.7	5.1	6.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	91.5	91.9	93.5	84.5
Number	1,902	2,072	1,795	1,376

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	78.2	92.1	137.0	149.8
Median	>24 but<48	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,900	1,572	1,447	1,216	1,350	1,303	983	997	1,620	1,369	1,203	1,090	1,630	1,506	1,227	1,123
Median length of stay (months)	19.3	16.7	13.1	15.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1	8.6	8.1	6.3	16.7	13.7	15.3	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.9	6.4	7.0	4.9	14.5	15.1	14.6	14.8	4.8	6.3	4.9	5.0	6.3	6.9	4.7	7.1
1 year	7.2	7.5	7.2	9.4	7.2	6.8	5.8	6.0	7.0	6.3	6.7	5.9	7.7	7.4	9.4	7.1
2 years	6.2	6.4	7.1	7.0	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.6	7.3	7.2	6.9	8.2	6.4	7.2	7.1	8.2
3 years	5.8	5.7	6.9	5.7	4.4	5.7	6.5	7.0	5.4	5.3	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.7	6.0	5.3
4 years	4.8	4.8	5.4	6.5	4.5	5.8	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.9	6.2	4.8	5.3	6.5	7.0
5 years	5.3	4.1	5.8	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.6	4.9	4.6	5.6	5.5	4.2	5.9	5.5	5.5
6 years	5.4	5.4	4.2	5.1	5.9	5.5	4.2	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.5	4.1	5.1	5.0
7 years	4.4	4.5	4.6	3.8	3.4	4.5	5.4	5.0	4.3	5.3	5.7	4.1	4.6	4.6	3.8	6.8
8 years	3.6	4.4	4.8	4.6	5.0	3.9	4.7	3.8	4.3	3.7	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.2
9 years	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.9	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.6
10 years	5.0	3.4	4.0	4.5	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.3	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.1	4.1	4.3	3.5
11 years	3.9	5.2	3.3	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.5	3.4	3.7	5.2	3.6	3.7	3.8
12 years	5.2	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.9	3.7	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.8	3.9	4.3
13 years	5.6	5.2	4.0	4.6	4.3	3.7	5.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.0	4.7	3.3
14 years	5.5	5.9	5.0	4.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.0	5.8	4.6	4.2	5.8	4.8	4.7	5.6
15 years	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.3	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.4	4.5	4.4	5.5	6.6	6.4	6.0	5.6
16 years	7.4	8.0	6.8	7.5	7.3	5.3	5.1	4.6	6.0	5.3	4.8	5.5	7.7	6.9	7.5	6.0
17 years	8.3	8.5	8.5	7.8	4.1	6.1	4.3	4.5	8.1	5.3	9.2	12.9	8.3	8.1	7.6	6.9
18 years	0.6	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	9.5	4.4	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.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	<.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 (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.6	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.4
Asian	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.8	11.8	11.6	10.9	10.9	11.4	11.0	9.5	10.1	9.1	9.2	10.1	10.5
Black	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.7	2.1	1.9	1.5	2.6	1.9	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	20.0	20.9	19.8	19.1	21.3	17.3	19.8	18.9	19.5	18.2	20.6	19.5	21.6	20.3	19.1	18.4
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	6.1	6.2	4.9	4.7	4.4	2.3	2.7	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.6	5.1	5.8	5.2	3.2
White	10.6	11.1	9.4	8.9	14.5	13.2	14.4	13.5	12.8	14.4	14.1	13.7	11.6	10.0	8.8	8.4
Two or more races	51.7	50.7	53.3	54.6	41.0	49.1	46.2	47.9	45.1	47.0	46.6	46.9	49.4	52.7	54.1	56.2
Unknown	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	2.6	1.5	2.2	2.5	2.8	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.7	0.9	1.0	1.4
Missing data	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.2	1.3	1.2	1.9	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	572	441	350	280
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	545	414	314	242

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.4
1 year	7.5	2.7	6.3	4.3
2 years	4.7	5.0	6.0	9.3
3 years	5.2	6.3	5.4	5.0
4 years	5.2	4.3	7.1	5.0
5 years	3.7	5.0	4.3	5.0
6 years	4.9	2.9	4.0	5.0
7 years	4.5	5.9	0.9	6.4
8 years	4.4	4.1	4.6	3.2
9 years	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.9
10 years	3.7	4.1	5.7	2.9
11 years	5.8	4.5	4.0	5.0
12 years	3.8	7.5	5.7	4.6
13 years	6.5	4.8	7.7	4.6
14 years	6.5	6.6	5.4	7.9
15 years	7.5	7.9	8.9	7.1
16 years	9.3	11.1	7.7	10.7
17 years	11.5	12.5	12.0	8.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4
Asian	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.6
Black	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	21.9	22.2	18.9	21.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	9.5	9.4	7.1
White	11.0	9.1	8.0	3.9
Two or more races	50.5	49.4	53.4	56.8
Unknown	1.2	0.2	0.9	0.7
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	361	279	216	193

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.6
1 year	12.7	14.0	6.9	10.4
2 years	15.5	15.8	16.7	17.6
3 years	10.8	7.9	13.4	7.8
4 years	7.8	9.7	9.7	9.8
5 years	7.8	8.2	6.0	6.7
6 years	7.2	7.2	6.9	5.2
7 years	6.4	5.4	6.0	3.1
8 years	4.7	6.1	6.9	3.1
9 years	3.0	3.9	6.9	7.3
10 years	5.0	2.9	3.2	6.7
11 years	4.2	3.2	1.9	3.1
12 years	2.8	3.2	2.8	5.2
13 years	2.8	2.9	2.8	5.2
14 years	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.6
15 years	2.2	1.4	3.2	0.5
16 years	2.5	2.9	0.9	2.6
17 years	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.5
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.9	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0
Asian	6.9	8.6	6.9	11.4
Black	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	20.2	16.8	19.0	14.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	6.5	9.3	9.8
White	4.4	11.8	7.9	8.3
Two or more races	57.3	54.8	55.6	53.4
Unknown	3.9	1.1	0.5	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	96.7	96.1	97.6	97.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.3	3.9	2.4	2.4
Number	943	942	1,018	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.18	0.45	0.74	0.59
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.82	99.55	99.26	99.41
Number	3,250	2,875	2,430	2,213

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.3	19.6	17.1	19.5
Guardianship	8.5	8.3	7.4	6.8
Reunification	57.2	60.1	64.3	63.3
Other	11.2	11.5	11.0	9.7
Missing data	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.6
Number	1,620	1,369	1,203	1,090

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	38.4	44.1	33.5	32.3
Guardianship	13.7	13.0	13.7	9.7
Reunification	33.2	28.3	32.6	39.8
Other	13.7	14.2	20.3	17.3
Missing data	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.9
Number	307	247	227	226

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.1	2.4	1.7	2.2
Guardianship	8.9	9.4	8.5	5.0
Reunification	56.6	59.8	61.4	66.3
Other	29.5	28.0	28.1	26.2
Missing data	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.4
Number	440	371	295	279

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.4	30.1	32.8	24.7
Children older than 12 at entry	76.6	69.9	67.2	75.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	154	133	116	93

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	15.2	15.9	12.3	22.7	4.2	0.0	4.3	12.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	6.0	9.6	6.4	0.0	5.6	8.7	4.2		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	50.0	80.0	66.8	60.3	64.9	62.7	87.5	88.9	82.6	62.5		
Other	25.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	9.8	17.9	12.3	8.2	8.3	5.6	4.3	20.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	4	1	2	5	184	151	114	110	24	36	23	24		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	23.1	15.7	15.7	11.7	32.1	28.8	38.8	38.0	7.7	15.2	9.4	10.7		
Guardianship	6.3	13.7	6.9	8.5	7.7	1.5	12.2	12.0	9.1	8.6	10.0	4.7		
Reunification	52.8	57.0	64.5	63.4	55.1	57.6	32.7	42.0	70.7	66.5	69.4	75.8		
Other	16.5	13.3	12.9	15.5	5.1	12.1	14.3	6.0	12.0	9.6	11.2	8.1		
Missing data	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.7		
Number	316	249	248	213	78	66	49	50	208	197	170	149		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	28.3	14.3	4.3	21.1	28.1	24.0	20.5	23.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	6.5	4.8	0.0	5.3	10.4	7.8	6.4	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.9	66.7	82.6	73.7	50.4	57.4	63.3	60.7	93.3	100.0	84.6	100.0		
Other	4.3	9.5	13.0	0.0	10.3	10.4	9.6	8.4	6.7	0.0	15.4	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	46	21	23	19	730	643	561	511	30	5	13	9		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	84.0	86.1	82.1	84.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	10.1	9.6	12.3	11.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.8	2.6	4.4	3.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	927	823	773	690

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	75.5	74.8	77.1	77.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.5	9.3	8.5	7.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	15.0	15.6	14.0	13.5
Missing data	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.2
Number	1,350	1,303	983	997

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	9.1	7.4	6.3	9.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.6	27.1	27.7	30.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.2	32.0	25.7	36.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.3	19.0	18.9	12.2
48 or more mos.	12.7	14.5	21.4	11.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	362	269	206	213

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.9	88.5	89.5	91.2	71.2	67.2	69.3	68.6	38.5	39.9	36.4	43.2	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.8	10.3	9.3	7.3	28.8	32.2	30.0	31.4	61.2	60.1	63.6	56.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,540	1,497	1,188	1,122	611	549	580	488	1,099	825	662	602	0	4	0	1

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.5	1.2	6.0	7.0
Institutions	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.7
Other settings	96.9	96.4	90.3	88.9
Missing data	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3
Number	962	962	721	742

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	131.5	141.0	127.3	137.6
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)	74.9	78.6	75.8	74.5
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)	4.8	4.6	5.8	4.5
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)	52.3	55.4	45.6	51.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.2	10.4	13.4	10.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	131.2	120.4	130.6	148.1
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?	36.7	34.6	34.0	39.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.5	29.8	31.2	27.3
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?	27.9	25.8	27.7	30.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	24.1	13.4	19.8	21.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	52.0	55.6	57.9	69.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	121.8	119.8	121.6	124.8
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?	38.3	34.6	36.6	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?	85.1	83.4	83.9	84.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	50.3	46.4	47.9	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	102.4	102.2	102.7	106.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.8	86.7	88.6	90.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.1	67.5	69.8	68.6
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?	38.8	39.9	36.4	43.3

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	415,823	419,190	428,721	428,116
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2
Asian	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1
Black	1.3	1.4	0.8	0.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	16.0	16.4	17.1	17.4
White	77.4	76.8	76.9	76.2
Two or more races	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	15.8	18.1	19.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,836	1,634	1,664	1,515
Foster care entry rate	3.2	2.9	3.2	2.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,736	1,451	1,483	1,368
Children adopted	236	353	313	257

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	57	76	88	91
Numerator	—	253	292	297
Denominator	—	333	332	328
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	81	80	81	80
Numerator	—	1,346	1,643	1,653
Denominator	—	1,673	2,032	2,062

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,631	25.6 per 1,000	11,027	26.3 per 1,000	10,614	24.8 per 1,000	10,587	24.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,836	4.4 per 1,000	1,634	3.9 per 1,000	1,664	3.9 per 1,000	1,515	3.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.5 per 100,000	4	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.5 per 100,000	3	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	14.7	14.9	13.6	13.8
1 year	7.2	7.3	7.8	7.3
2 years	6.8	8.3	6.7	7.4
3 years	6.2	5.6	7.3	7.6
4 years	5.8	6.4	5.3	5.6
5 years	6.3	5.3	5.8	5.9
6 years	5.1	5.4	5.9	5.0
7 years	5.2	4.8	6.2	5.7
8 years	4.7	5.3	5.3	4.7
9 years	5.2	3.8	5.1	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.8	3.2	4.4
11 years	4.4	4.5	4.1	3.6
12 years	3.6	3.5	4.3	5.4
13 years	4.3	4.3	3.7	5.0
14 years	4.0	4.1	4.7	3.6
15 years	4.6	5.0	4.0	4.4
16 years	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.3
17 years	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.5
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	1,836	1,634	1,664	1,515

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	4.6	4.8	3.1	2.3
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2
Black	1.5	1.4	1.1	2.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.1	10.3	12.1	13.3
White	72.8	76.2	76.9	77.2
Two or more races	3.5	3.8	3.8	2.6
Missing data	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.4
Number	1,836	1,634	1,664	1,515

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.1	<.1	0.5	0.2
Medical neglect	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7
Neglect	73.7	72.0	76.9	73.7
Physical abuse	19.1	20.0	16.3	18.8
Sexual abuse	4.6	5.7	5.2	6.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	6.5	8.3	6.6	7.0
Number	1,836	1,634	1,664	1,515

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	60.5	59.2	53.3	57.5
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,852	1,691	1,423	1,426	1,351	1,206	1,388	1,229	1,467	1,446	1,328	1,287	1,736	1,451	1,483	1,368
Median length of stay (months)	12.5	12.9	11.9	9.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.1	11.3	9.5	10.0	12.8	11.9	9.2	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.7	6.3	6.3	5.3	13.9	13.1	12.5	12.6	4.5	3.9	5.2	4.0	6.2	6.1	5.3	6.5
1 year	8.5	7.9	9.4	8.4	7.8	8.1	8.2	8.0	7.0	6.2	7.9	7.6	7.8	9.6	8.8	6.2
2 years	8.5	8.7	7.5	7.4	6.9	8.4	7.1	7.8	8.2	9.5	8.7	6.6	8.8	7.6	7.6	9.5
3 years	7.2	7.6	7.4	6.5	6.4	5.1	6.3	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.3	8.0	7.5	7.3	6.5	8.3
4 years	5.9	6.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.0	6.1	6.7	5.7	5.7	6.7
5 years	5.6	5.9	5.6	4.8	5.3	4.2	5.7	5.5	5.5	6.4	6.2	4.8	5.8	5.3	4.8	4.7
6 years	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.8
7 years	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.0	4.6	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.3
8 years	5.0	4.4	4.9	5.2	4.3	4.5	5.5	4.7	5.5	3.8	6.0	5.7	4.4	5.2	4.9	4.7
9 years	5.0	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.9	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.5	3.9	4.3	4.3	3.5
10 years	3.8	4.0	3.3	5.6	4.1	4.9	3.2	4.5	5.1	5.0	2.8	5.1	4.0	3.3	5.5	3.9
11 years	4.2	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.1	4.5	2.7	3.5	4.0	3.1	3.7	3.7	5.3
12 years	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.8	3.6	3.6	4.5	4.9	3.5	3.9	3.5	4.9	4.5	3.9	4.9	3.4
13 years	3.3	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.2	5.0	3.7	4.1	3.2	3.9	4.9	4.5	4.4	5.0
14 years	5.5	3.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.0	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.8	4.5	5.0
15 years	5.3	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.7	6.1	4.8	4.6	5.7	4.8	3.8	4.0	5.9	5.0	5.1	4.2
16 years	5.5	5.9	7.0	6.2	6.4	6.1	5.7	4.1	4.6	4.7	5.2	4.3	5.8	7.0	6.4	6.1
17 years	5.3	6.8	6.8	7.7	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.9	6.8	4.2	7.1	11.7	6.9	6.8	7.6	6.9
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	7.2	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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 (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.2	6.7	7.6	4.8	5.6	6.6	3.5	2.6	5.3	5.7	6.1	4.3	6.5	7.7	5.1	3.3
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	<.1	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.1
Black	1.2	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.1	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	16.5	15.5	13.1	14.0	14.2	13.1	13.8	14.4	16.0	16.0	13.2	12.5	15.1	13.0	13.7	15.7
White	70.8	69.1	69.5	72.4	72.1	74.1	75.1	77.2	72.3	72.3	71.8	76.3	70.5	70.1	72.7	73.0
Two or more races	4.8	5.8	6.5	6.0	4.5	4.4	5.0	2.5	4.2	4.3	5.9	4.5	5.0	6.1	5.6	4.2
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	578	500	390	335
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	449	380	299	262

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.3	1.4	1.5	5.1
1 year	6.9	9.0	8.5	4.8
2 years	10.4	7.6	8.5	11.0
3 years	8.3	8.0	7.4	7.8
4 years	6.4	8.4	6.7	7.2
5 years	7.1	7.8	5.6	5.7
6 years	5.4	5.4	6.9	4.2
7 years	5.2	5.4	4.9	5.7
8 years	6.4	5.0	5.1	5.4
9 years	4.5	6.2	5.4	3.6
10 years	5.2	4.2	8.5	3.9
11 years	4.5	3.6	3.8	8.4
12 years	4.5	4.4	3.3	4.2
13 years	5.0	4.6	5.4	6.0
14 years	4.2	5.2	5.1	6.3
15 years	4.8	5.0	5.4	3.9
16 years	4.3	5.8	4.4	4.5
17 years	3.6	3.0	3.6	2.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	7.6	7.0	3.8	5.1
Asian	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0
Black	2.1	3.8	3.8	5.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	19.0	15.2	13.8	17.9
White	65.7	66.6	72.3	67.8
Two or more races	5.4	6.2	5.4	4.2
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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	236	353	313	257

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.5	1.7	1.0	1.9
1 year	6.4	6.5	11.5	9.3
2 years	15.3	13.6	11.8	9.3
3 years	12.7	11.6	12.5	12.8
4 years	9.3	9.9	9.3	8.9
5 years	9.3	9.6	8.6	5.1
6 years	5.9	7.6	8.0	8.2
7 years	5.1	5.7	4.8	6.2
8 years	7.6	5.4	5.8	7.0
9 years	3.4	4.5	4.5	3.1
10 years	5.5	5.1	3.5	7.0
11 years	4.7	2.5	3.5	4.7
12 years	2.5	4.2	3.2	3.5
13 years	1.3	2.0	2.2	1.9
14 years	1.7	3.7	2.9	4.7
15 years	3.4	1.7	2.6	0.8
16 years	2.1	2.3	3.2	2.7
17 years	1.3	2.0	1.0	2.7
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	4.7	7.9	5.8	3.1
Asian	1.3	1.1	1.6	0.0
Black	0.8	2.5	3.8	2.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.2
Hispanic (of any race)	20.3	21.5	15.3	11.3
White	66.9	61.5	65.5	74.7
Two or more races	5.9	5.4	7.7	7.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.0	96.6	97.0	96.7
Children with one or more recurrences	5.0	3.4	3.0	3.3
Number	893	785	796	736

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.12	0.35	<.1	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.88	99.65	99.93	99.89
Number	3,203	2,897	2,811	2,655

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.4	23.3	23.1	19.8
Guardianship	3.7	6.1	6.9	6.9
Reunification	72.1	61.2	61.1	63.5
Other	8.7	9.4	9.0	9.8
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,467	1,446	1,328	1,287

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	30.3	40.2	41.6	38.5
Guardianship	4.0	6.4	6.2	4.7
Reunification	51.6	38.8	37.6	38.1
Other	14.1	14.5	14.6	18.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	531	564	481	467

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.8	3.8	3.5	3.8
Guardianship	3.6	3.8	8.5	7.7
Reunification	69.7	60.9	56.9	59.2
Other	24.8	31.4	31.1	29.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	330	338	283	287

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.9	16.7	20.6	32.6
Children older than 12 at entry	76.1	83.3	79.4	67.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	88	108	97	92

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	12.8	34.1	22.2	14.5	11.1	0.0	38.5	0.0	13.3	28.6	40.0	35.0		
Guardianship	1.3	9.8	6.2	14.5	0.0	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	10.0		
Reunification	66.7	41.5	49.4	56.4	77.8	100.0	46.2	66.7	73.3	47.6	55.0	45.0		
Other	19.2	14.6	22.2	14.5	11.1	0.0	0.0	33.3	13.3	19.0	5.0	10.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	78	82	81	55	9	1	13	6	15	21	20	20		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	50.0	75.0	20.4	30.6	26.9	18.0	14.3	20.4	21.4	19.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	2.6	6.5	9.1	6.2	4.1	5.9	6.7	6.5		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	73.2	56.0	54.3	62.1	72.7	64.6	63.7	65.8		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	6.9	9.7	13.7	8.7	9.1	8.2	8.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	4	2	2	4	235	232	175	161	1,061	1,045	953	982		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	30.6	30.4	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	3.2	3.8	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	59.7	53.2	59.5	44.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	12.9	6.3	17.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	1	5	1	62	62	79	58	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	72.8	75.1	82.1	80.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.3	19.8	13.9	16.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.8	4.5	3.6	2.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.0
48 or more mos.	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,057	885	811	817

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	82.8	80.8	82.2	79.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.6	8.3	7.8	7.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.5	10.9	9.9	13.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	1,351	1,206	1,388	1,229

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	1.8	1.8	4.2	3.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	15.9	17.2	28.0	37.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.2	33.2	37.8	38.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	27.0	25.2	16.3	14.9
48 or more mos.	18.1	22.6	13.7	5.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	226	337	307	255

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.3	88.2	88.5	90.2	64.6	61.9	63.7	61.4	33.9	35.3	34.3	29.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.4	11.8	11.5	9.8	35.1	38.1	36.3	38.6	66.1	64.7	65.7	71.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,661	1,496	1,652	1,552	712	638	557	674	827	759	595	421	3	4	7	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.7	2.5	3.7	2.8
Institutions	2.1	1.3	1.6	2.0
Other settings	95.2	96.2	94.7	95.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	993	896	1,076	958

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	137.9	129.7	134.4	136.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.6	69.9	77.7	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)	4.4	8.5	6.5	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)	52.3	54.4	56.7	49.1
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?	10.0	8.3	11.0	8.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	110.3	139.4	164.7	169.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	17.7	19.0	32.2	41.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	33.3	34.9	29.6	26.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	30.2	44.6	46.4	45.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	29.6	33.9	30.8	18.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	28.8	40.4	57.0	74.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	133.5	149.1	148.9	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?	39.1	49.7	49.2	43.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.0	92.0	93.1	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?	41.6	31.8	35.4	38.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	97.3	97.7	99.3	95.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.8	86.4	86.9	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?	64.8	62.0	63.8	61.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	33.9	35.3	34.3	29.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	3,182,952	3,177,377	3,123,630	3,098,125
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Asian	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3
Black	17.1	16.9	16.5	16.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	21.6	22.2	23.2	23.7
White	54.9	54.3	53.0	52.7
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	2.9	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	17.0	18.9	19.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	29,788	29,836	28,530	27,907
Foster care entry rate	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	18,391	17,798	18,205	18,141
Children adopted	1,472	1,429	1,214	1,140

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	9	48	72	75
Numerator	1,450	8,730	12,882	13,429
Denominator	16,989	18,179	17,848	17,868
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	66	94	95	95
Numerator	14,786	68,855	106,873	114,496
Denominator	22,430	72,972	112,660	120,538

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	147,280	46.3 per 1,000	150,304	47.3 per 1,000	142,816	45.7 per 1,000	135,584	43.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	29,788	9.4 per 1,000	29,836	9.4 per 1,000	28,530	9.1 per 1,000	27,907	9.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	69	2.2 per 100,000	77	2.4 per 100,000	73	2.3 per 100,000	82	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	14.2	13.6	13.9	13.2
1 year	8.3	8.7	8.5	8.3
2 years	8.1	8.2	8.1	7.9
3 years	7.3	7.3	7.8	7.4
4 years	6.5	6.8	6.7	7.1
5 years	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.7
6 years	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.0
7 years	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.7
8 years	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4
9 years	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.9
10 years	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4
11 years	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.1
12 years	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.9
13 years	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.7
14 years	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.7
15 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2
16 years	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7
17 years	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Number	29,788	29,836	28,530	27,907

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Black	33.4	33.0	31.3	31.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	10.8	11.2	11.5
White	52.7	53.2	54.2	54.2
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.3
Number	29,788	29,836	28,530	27,907

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Medical neglect	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9
Neglect	68.3	68.1	68.9	70.0
Physical abuse	19.8	20.7	19.9	18.5
Sexual abuse	15.9	15.0	15.3	15.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	29,788	29,836	28,530	27,907

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	13.4	13.1	13.1	12.6
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	17,868	17,827	17,285	17,767	5,747	5,093	5,188	4,672	5,224	5,123	4,268	4,298	18,391	17,798	18,205	18,141
Median length of stay (months)	31.9	29.3	28.1	28.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33.7	32.8	32.2	35.5	29.3	27.3	28.6	29.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.6	23.7	23.5	24.3	23.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.0	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.1
1 year	6.2	6.6	7.1	6.7	8.1	9.2	9.1	9.0	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.5	6.5	7.1	6.7	6.5
2 years	6.4	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.6	6.8	6.5	7.1	7.5	7.2
3 years	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.3	6.3	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.1	6.1	6.3	6.7	7.3
4 years	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.8	6.5	7.0	7.1	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.2
5 years	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.8	6.4	6.3	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.7
6 years	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.9	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.7	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.8
7 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.6	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
8 years	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.0
9 years	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.7	4.5	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8
10 years	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.5	3.0	2.7	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.4
11 years	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3
12 years	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2
13 years	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.2
14 years	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.2	3.6	4.0	2.8	3.5	3.0	2.8	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.6
15 years	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	4.6	4.5	4.1	3.8
16 years	5.6	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.1	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.7
17 years	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.5	1.8	2.2	3.0	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.6	3.1	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.1
18 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9
19 years	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3
20 years	4.6	4.3	3.9	4.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	5.5	6.9	8.7	10.7	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.8
Missing data	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	7.7	5.1	4.0	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	61.0	59.2	57.3	55.4	45.8	44.6	43.2	42.2	52.5	53.2	51.2	48.3	58.7	56.7	54.7	53.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.6	5.2	7.0	6.7	5.2	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5
White	30.7	32.5	35.3	37.2	44.3	46.6	48.1	50.0	37.4	37.8	40.4	43.6	33.0	35.0	37.7	39.0
Two or more races	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown	1.8	1.9	0.5	0.3	2.9	2.9	0.6	0.6	2.3	2.0	1.3	0.3	2.0	2.2	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	4,677	2,794	2,988	3,330
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,657	2,475	2,648	2,970

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.6	0.5	0.9	1.0
1 year	8.6	5.2	3.9	3.8
2 years	10.4	7.7	8.8	7.9
3 years	10.3	9.4	10.0	10.2
4 years	8.7	9.5	9.4	9.3
5 years	7.5	7.5	8.4	9.2
6 years	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.9
7 years	6.3	6.9	7.2	7.2
8 years	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.8
9 years	5.2	6.2	6.0	6.2
10 years	4.5	5.8	5.7	5.9
11 years	4.1	4.8	5.6	5.0
12 years	3.9	4.7	4.4	5.0
13 years	3.8	4.6	5.1	3.9
14 years	4.2	5.0	4.0	4.4
15 years	3.7	5.7	4.1	3.5
16 years	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.7
17 years	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	56.1	57.3	53.2	53.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.0
White	36.9	35.9	40.4	40.5
Two or more races	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0
Unknown	2.0	2.0	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.7

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,472	1,429	1,214	1,140

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1
1 year	7.1	6.6	4.3	4.3
2 years	11.4	12.3	12.3	8.9
3 years	13.5	12.9	12.9	13.6
4 years	12.0	10.8	13.4	11.7
5 years	9.1	9.7	10.4	11.8
6 years	8.1	8.0	8.8	7.5
7 years	7.3	8.0	6.7	7.4
8 years	7.4	5.9	6.3	5.5
9 years	4.8	4.1	6.1	5.3
10 years	4.6	4.7	4.1	5.5
11 years	3.5	4.2	4.0	5.0
12 years	3.1	3.2	2.6	3.0
13 years	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.9
14 years	1.6	2.9	2.2	3.1
15 years	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.9
16 years	0.8	1.3	0.8	1.1
17 years	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1
18 years	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.5	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	50.7	53.0	51.9	40.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.9
White	39.8	39.7	40.6	53.3
Two or more races	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.2
Unknown	2.7	1.6	2.1	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	92.5	92.9	93.4	93.4
Children with one or more recurrences	7.5	7.1	6.6	6.6
Number	13,357	13,530	13,138	12,463

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.58	0.60	0.57	0.63
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.42	99.40	99.43	99.37
Number	23,615	22,920	22,473	22,439

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	28.0	27.5	28.3	28.6
Guardianship	7.6	10.0	7.3	4.8
Reunification	41.7	40.2	42.5	43.7
Other	21.6	21.4	20.1	21.6
Missing data	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.3
Number	5,224	5,123	4,268	4,298

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.5	21.0	19.1	22.0
Guardianship	5.0	7.9	7.7	2.6
Reunification	17.1	14.2	18.6	17.9
Other	56.7	56.1	53.4	56.2
Missing data	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.3
Number	1,266	1,278	1,078	1,081

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.1	2.4	2.0	1.1
Guardianship	3.0	6.3	2.0	0.5
Reunification	37.8	31.7	34.2	31.9
Other	55.7	57.7	58.7	64.3
Missing data	2.5	1.9	3.0	2.2
Number	857	860	733	728

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	57.5	54.6	50.2	49.1
Children older than 12 at entry	42.5	45.4	49.8	50.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,116	1,093	850	902

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.7	14.3	14.3	0.0	34.8	0.0	0.0	7.7	26.8	27.3	28.3	25.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	10.0	25.0	0.0	9.6	11.1	8.8	6.0		
Reunification	50.0	28.6	14.3	83.3	56.5	80.0	62.5	61.5	35.5	33.1	35.0	39.6		
Other	8.3	42.9	57.1	16.7	8.7	10.0	12.5	30.8	26.7	27.3	25.5	27.4		
Missing data	25.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.2	2.4	1.8		
Number	12	7	7	6	23	10	8	13	2,741	2,723	2,185	2,074		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	33.3	50.0	22.9	21.4	26.8	23.4	30.1	29.4	29.1	33.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	6.5	8.0	4.3	5.2	9.1	5.0	3.5		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	66.7	50.0	48.0	52.8	45.1	51.6	48.9	47.2	51.1	46.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	19.1	19.2	19.5	15.3	14.0	13.9	15.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.5		
Number	0	0	3	2	367	341	224	256	1,953	1,934	1,726	1,876		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	33.6	22.5	21.4	33.3	55.6	0.0	20.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	9.6		
Guardianship	5.9	10.8	16.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	9.6		
Reunification	45.4	51.0	46.4	60.0	11.1	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.1	51.9		
Other	13.4	12.7	12.5	6.7	33.3	16.7	40.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	23.1		
Missing data	1.7	2.9	3.6	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	5.8		
Number	119	102	56	15	9	6	5	4	0	0	54	52		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	57.6	57.7	58.7	47.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.6	21.6	20.1	24.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.9	8.7	10.7	14.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	6.0	5.0	3.7	7.4
48 or more mos.	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.6
Missing data	2.6	1.7	1.5	0.7
Number	2,177	2,059	1,814	1,878

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	88.3	87.5	88.5	88.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.8	5.7	5.2	5.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.0
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.1	<.1
Number	5,747	5,093	5,188	4,672

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	13.3	11.6	9.5	7.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.2	25.3	23.6	18.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.4	23.4	24.5	27.0
48 or more mos.	38.4	38.6	41.2	46.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,462	1,409	1,209	1,231

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.2	83.0	82.7	81.8	69.7	68.7	67.2	63.5	33.8	35.6	38.2	36.5	85.1	71.7	72.5	51.5
Children with 3 or more placements	14.8	17.0	17.3	18.2	30.3	31.3	32.8	36.5	66.2	64.4	61.8	63.5	14.9	28.3	27.5	48.5
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	6,020	5,473	5,517	4,897	4,005	4,589	4,016	4,411	13,516	12,805	12,900	13,098	74	53	40	33

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Institutions	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.7
Other settings	97.9	97.7	97.4	97.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,641	4,108	4,230	3,798

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	55.5	75.0	79.0	64.7
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)	42.2	45.0	45.5	39.9
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)	14.8	13.5	13.9	15.4
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)	15.6	16.4	16.6	14.7
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?	10.6	10.8	9.6	12.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	77.0	64.5	59.2	48.2
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?	14.0	12.7	10.8	8.0
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?	41.1	41.5	43.2	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?	14.7	15.5	13.0	13.6
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? ¹⁷	9.2	8.8	10.0	9.0
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?	52.9	43.5	38.7	31.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	102.9	105.9	106.3	106.2
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?	22.7	23.5	20.4	20.3
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?	98.3	98.6	98.7	99.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	69.9	64.6	60.2	59.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	98.7	97.2	97.8	94.8
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?	83.2	81.0	81.0	79.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.9	69.0	67.7	64.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	40.7	42.7	45.1	43.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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The following are Illinois's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Illinois underwent a Federal review of our AFCARS data in August 2010. Various data related issues were identified as the result of this review, with the most significant issues identified being the lack of available data for many of the required AFCARS elements as well as issues in how certain types of child welfare data are both collected and recorded in the State's information systems. IDCFS subsequently developed and is in the process of implementing an AFCARS Improvement Plan (AIP) aimed at addressing these issues. Examples of specific data issues we are still in the process of addressing include:

- Dropped cases – the process in how the State codes clients who turn 18 and remain in care needs to be corrected. IDCFS will work with ACF to address this coding issue.
- Data entry issues related to termination of parental rights.
- Adoption discrepancy count – Due to changes made to the AFCARS extraction file for our AIP, IDCFS is no longer defaulting the data element that identifies who placed a child up for adoption to the agency. Previously, we had been defaulting this value because it was not being collected in any of our information systems. While this is an area currently in the process of being addressed as part of our AIP, it will unfortunately in the near term appear that Illinois has a discrepancy between the Foster Care and Adoption files.

As Director, I am committed to ensuring that these and other data related issues are successfully addressed. The Department of Children and Family Services is also committed to improving our State's performance in outcomes relating to child safety, permanency and well-being.

Indiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,591,833	1,589,365	1,605,298	1,597,603
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7
Black	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	8.7	9.7	9.9
White	76.7	76.2	74.1	73.7
Two or more races	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	18.3	20.0	21.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	21,846	24,108	23,095	19,300
Foster care entry rate	5.9	5.9	5.7	4.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,094	12,348	12,542	11,164
Children adopted	1,501	1,484	1,458	1,549

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	70	85	88	96
Numerator	11,344	14,408	15,216	15,096
Denominator	16,278	16,995	17,361	15,775
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	90	89	88	91
Numerator	66,744	86,338	91,097	97,906
Denominator	74,050	97,328	103,835	107,128

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	104,005	65.3 per 1,000	104,677	65.9 per 1,000	104,287	65.0 per 1,000	90,578	56.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	21,846	13.7 per 1,000	24,108	15.2 per 1,000	23,095	14.4 per 1,000	19,300	12.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	34	2.1 per 100,000	50	3.1 per 100,000	24	1.5 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.5	12.4	13.3	14.0
1 year	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.7
2 years	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.1
3 years	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.5
4 years	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.6
5 years	5.7	6.0	5.9	5.8
6 years	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.6
7 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5
8 years	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.9
9 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.9
10 years	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.3
11 years	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2
13 years	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.9
14 years	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.5
15 years	5.3	5.4	4.7	4.8
16 years	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.3
17 years	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	21,846	24,108	23,095	19,300

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	17.3	16.6	16.8	17.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	6.9	7.6	7.4
White	69.8	70.3	69.3	65.2
Two or more races	4.6	5.0	5.4	5.9
Missing data	0.9	0.9	0.6	3.2
Number	21,846	24,108	23,095	19,300

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.4
Medical neglect	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.0
Neglect	79.0	81.0	82.4	80.9
Physical abuse	12.2	11.2	10.3	10.5
Sexual abuse	17.5	16.4	15.0	15.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	21,846	24,108	23,095	19,300

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	65.4	44.5	28.1	74.9
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	10,748	11,668	12,058	12,087	9,391	9,424	9,161	7,457	8,045	8,744	8,677	8,380	12,094	12,348	12,542	11,164
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	10.7	11.1	11.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.2	9.8	10.8	11.8	10.9	11.2	11.4	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.4	6.9	6.5	6.4	15.4	15.5	15.7	15.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.3	6.8	6.4	6.4	5.5
1 year	7.6	8.6	9.2	8.8	8.2	8.9	8.1	8.2	7.7	8.7	7.8	8.3	8.5	9.1	8.6	8.4
2 years	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.7	7.3	7.8	7.6	8.2	8.3	9.3	9.1	9.7	7.4	8.1	8.4	8.3
3 years	6.7	6.5	6.9	7.1	5.7	7.0	6.7	6.9	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.4	6.4	6.9	7.0	7.6
4 years	5.8	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.1	5.8	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.0	5.7	6.1	6.5
5 years	5.2	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.9	5.7	5.6	6.1	6.7	6.4	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.8
6 years	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.2
7 years	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.7	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.8
8 years	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.5
9 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.9
10 years	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
11 years	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9
12 years	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.0
13 years	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.6	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.2
14 years	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.7	5.5	4.6	4.4	3.8	4.7	3.9	3.7	3.5	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.3
15 years	6.6	6.2	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.3	5.5	4.7	4.0	3.8	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.0
16 years	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.1	5.4	4.8	4.5	4.0	5.5	4.4	4.5	3.9	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.0
17 years	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.5	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.9	7.3	4.6	5.1	7.1	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.2
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	3.7	5.3	4.6	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	29.4	29.0	27.7	26.1	23.7	23.5	21.1	21.3	23.3	24.6	23.1	22.5	29.0	27.9	26.1	25.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.2	7.5	8.1	7.5	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.9
White	56.6	56.4	58.0	59.4	61.7	62.2	63.7	62.9	62.8	60.5	62.0	63.0	56.4	57.9	59.4	59.1
Two or more races	6.1	6.5	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.8	6.4	7.1	5.9	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.4	5.9	6.2	6.8
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	3,095	3,223	3,193	2,922
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,022	2,059	1,982	1,426

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.2
1 year	7.9	8.9	8.0	7.9
2 years	7.9	9.2	10.7	9.7
3 years	7.9	7.3	7.8	8.4
4 years	7.0	6.4	6.9	7.6
5 years	6.0	6.9	5.9	7.2
6 years	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.7
7 years	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.0
9 years	5.5	5.3	6.0	4.6
10 years	5.1	5.4	4.7	5.1
11 years	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.1
12 years	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.2
13 years	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.7
14 years	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.6
15 years	5.7	4.6	5.0	4.3
16 years	4.5	5.1	3.9	4.5
17 years	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	32.1	29.5	29.2	28.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.8	7.7	6.8	7.6
White	53.3	56.2	56.9	56.3
Two or more races	7.3	6.3	6.9	7.6
Unknown	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,501	1,484	1,458	1,549

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0
1 year	8.3	8.6	8.0	8.3
2 years	13.9	14.9	16.5	17.2
3 years	11.6	11.7	13.2	11.9
4 years	8.8	9.2	8.4	8.1
5 years	6.9	7.8	9.6	7.6
6 years	7.0	7.8	6.9	6.1
7 years	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.2
8 years	6.0	5.5	4.9	5.7
9 years	4.9	5.1	4.2	5.3
10 years	5.0	4.4	4.0	4.3
11 years	4.7	3.2	3.6	4.3
12 years	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.6
13 years	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.7
14 years	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.3
15 years	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.1
16 years	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.0
17 years	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.9
18 years	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Black	29.8	28.5	24.0	21.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	8.2	8.8	7.7
White	54.3	54.0	58.5	64.0
Two or more races	8.1	8.8	8.2	7.0
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Indiana

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.6	92.7	93.2	93.3
Children with one or more recurrences	6.4	7.3	6.8	6.7
Number	8,619	10,632	10,884	8,700

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.42	0.44	0.37	0.23
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.58	99.56	99.63	99.77
Number	20,139	21,092	21,219	19,544

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.5	17.0	16.7	18.2
Guardianship	7.6	8.2	10.6	10.6
Reunification	62.2	63.7	62.5	61.9
Other	11.7	11.1	10.3	9.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,045	8,744	8,677	8,380

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	28.9	27.4	27.4	26.9
Guardianship	6.5	7.0	9.9	7.1
Reunification	47.3	47.6	47.9	51.3
Other	17.4	18.0	14.8	14.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	634	718	796	1,158

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.3
Guardianship	5.5	7.6	9.0	9.5
Reunification	62.9	60.2	59.7	57.4
Other	29.6	30.5	29.0	30.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,987	1,852	1,746	1,555

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.1	18.0	18.4	17.5
Children older than 12 at entry	79.9	82.0	81.6	82.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	374	338	365	372

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.0	38.5	14.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	23.5	19.7	17.4	17.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	5.1	7.2	5.3		
Reunification	73.3	38.5	57.1	20.0	92.9	76.5	73.9	55.0	57.3	62.8	62.5	64.8		
Other	6.7	23.1	28.6	40.0	7.1	23.5	21.7	45.0	14.6	12.4	12.9	12.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	15	13	7	5	14	17	23	20	1,878	2,152	2,004	1,885		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	18.4	18.4	19.1	15.9	15.1	15.7	18.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.3	7.4	9.6	9.1	10.1	12.5	13.0		
Reunification	40.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	65.3	65.3	65.0	65.6	63.6	64.0	62.1	60.1		
Other	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	10.9	9.2	5.7	11.4	10.8	9.7	8.4		
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	0	1	3	579	658	706	628	5,054	5,293	5,380	5,277		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.7	16.7	11.1	8.0	25.2	22.6	22.7	20.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.2	0.0	22.2	0.0	6.9	6.4	8.3	8.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	75.0	80.0	55.6	76.0	61.1	61.7	62.4	64.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.2	3.3	11.1	16.0	6.7	9.3	6.6	6.9	0.0	100.0	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	24	30	27	25	476	580	529	537	0	1	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	72.0	73.4	68.5	65.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.8	20.5	24.9	27.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	4.0	4.9	5.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.9
48 or more mos.	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	5,002	5,569	5,419	5,185

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	80.8	81.9	81.6	82.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.7	8.0	7.7	6.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.6	9.3	10.0	10.1
Missing data	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.4
Number	9,391	9,424	9,161	7,457

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.2	3.2	2.4	3.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.4	24.0	28.2	26.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.6	34.5	36.2	37.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.3	20.1	19.0	15.6
48 or more mos.	16.5	18.2	14.2	16.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,485	1,485	1,449	1,529

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.8	89.6	88.3	89.1	67.4	67.1	67.0	67.4	38.8	38.3	37.9	39.0	100.0	95.3	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.2	10.4	11.7	10.9	32.6	32.9	33.0	32.6	61.2	61.7	62.1	61.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	0.0	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
Number	10,860	11,493	11,146	9,608	4,195	4,878	5,359	5,199	5,051	4,678	4,688	4,713	33	43	26	24

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Institutions	4.7	3.5	2.8	1.8
Other settings	94.7	96.0	96.8	98.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	6,773	7,106	7,019	5,995

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	123.6	125.5	124.1	126.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.4	77.0	73.4	72.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.5	6.1	6.7	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)	43.4	47.1	43.4	44.2
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?	12.5	14.0	11.8	9.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	121.4	131.9	133.5	128.1
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?	23.6	27.2	30.6	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?	32.7	31.2	29.1	29.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	29.5	30.4	29.4	30.3
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? ¹⁷	20.0	22.6	20.1	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?	54.6	60.5	56.5	61.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	133.5	135.6	135.0	137.5
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?	36.2	35.9	34.7	35.9
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?	95.1	93.9	94.2	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?	37.7	36.8	36.2	36.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	102.1	102.1	101.2	103.0
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?	87.7	88.6	87.5	88.5
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?	67.4	67.1	67.0	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?	38.8	38.3	37.9	39.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Foster Care: During FFY 2011, Indiana began a statewide initiative, Safely Home, Families First. This was the beginning of a focused effort to ensure programs, policies and procedures all support flexibility to ensure every effort is made to keep children safely home. Homebuilders was implemented statewide. Additional programs were implemented to support youth with significant behavioral health challenges in their transition home. In addition, all local management teams were trained on the importance of keeping children safely at home and the trauma associated with removal. When children cannot stay at home, the goal is to look to family members first as a placement option. This initiative is reflected in the data showing fewer entries into foster care, more exits from foster care, and an overall decrease in the number of children in foster care.

Assessments: On 1-1-10, Indiana instituted a hotline which receives all reports of child abuse and neglect and assigns them to local offices for assessment. FFY2011 is the first full FFY under the new system. CIU gradually took over the intake functions of counties during the first eight months of calendar year 2010, with the final (and second largest) county, Lake, added in August, 2010.

It should be noted that when Indiana generally reports this information, it utilizes reports assigned from the hotline to the field offices. This information reported shows those reports assessed by the field. The field offices often link reports together if the allegations are the same. These reports become one for the purpose of this report. Consequently, the internal data reports Indiana utilizes and reports locally are showing an increase in the number of assessments. This is likely due to the hotline receiving numerous calls about the same incident and those being then linked together by the field offices.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	712,516	713,155	726,778	724,370
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9
Black	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.9	8.7	9.0
White	83.7	83.1	81.5	81.0
Two or more races	2.5	2.5	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	14.4	15.7	16.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	11,200	13,007	13,449	12,590
Foster care entry rate	6.4	6.6	6.4	5.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,786	6,610	6,558	6,373
Children adopted	1,041	967	801	854

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	42	53	47	48
Numerator	4,593	5,407	4,690	4,655
Denominator	11,035	10,156	9,948	9,665
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	83	82	78	82
Numerator	30,664	36,742	29,677	31,507
Denominator	37,091	44,788	38,079	38,545

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	33,080	46.4 per 1,000	38,623	54.2 per 1,000	39,257	54.0 per 1,000	40,902	56.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	11,200	15.7 per 1,000	13,007	18.2 per 1,000	13,449	18.5 per 1,000	12,590	17.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	11	1.5 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	7	1.0 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.2	12.0	11.7	10.1
1 year	9.2	9.8	9.1	8.4
2 years	9.3	8.9	9.0	8.9
3 years	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.9
4 years	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.9
5 years	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.9
6 years	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.4
7 years	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.6
8 years	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.1
9 years	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.7
10 years	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.5
11 years	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.2
12 years	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.6
13 years	2.9	3.3	3.9	3.9
14 years	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.5
15 years	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.9
16 years	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.6
17 years	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	11,200	13,007	13,449	12,590

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
Asian	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.8
Black	9.1	8.4	9.3	9.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	5.6	5.7	6.0	8.3
White	57.6	56.2	57.7	63.9
Two or more races	1.6	1.4	2.1	2.9
Missing data	24.0	26.2	22.8	13.3
Number	11,200	13,007	13,449	12,590

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Medical neglect	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1
Neglect	79.1	82.5	83.0	81.6
Physical abuse	13.7	11.8	11.2	11.6
Sexual abuse	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	5.4	5.0	5.9	6.3
Number	11,200	13,007	13,449	12,590

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	7,774	6,561	6,366	6,352	4,544	4,735	4,618	4,296	5,532	4,686	4,426	4,275	6,786	6,610	6,558	6,373
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	12.7	10.8	10.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.9	14.2	12.8	13.9	12.6	10.6	10.6	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.6	4.9	5.3	5.5	12.7	12.3	12.7	11.9	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.1	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.1
1 year	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.3	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.1	6.6	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.1
2 years	5.9	5.7	6.4	6.9	5.5	5.7	6.8	6.0	6.7	6.7	7.1	7.6	5.7	6.4	7.0	6.7
3 years	5.1	5.1	5.1	6.0	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.5	6.0	6.3	5.1	5.1	6.0	6.0
4 years	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.6	4.9	4.5	4.6	5.6
5 years	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.1	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.7
6 years	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.0	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.4
7 years	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.7	2.7	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.3
8 years	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.9	2.4	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.8	2.9	3.3	3.8	3.7
9 years	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.9
10 years	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.4
11 years	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.0
12 years	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.0	2.9	2.4	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.7
13 years	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.9	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.0	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.5
14 years	6.7	6.0	6.4	5.7	8.0	7.4	6.6	7.8	5.1	4.6	4.1	5.2	6.1	6.3	5.7	6.1
15 years	9.0	9.1	8.4	8.1	10.8	9.8	8.9	8.6	6.8	6.2	6.1	5.3	9.0	8.6	8.1	8.0
16 years	11.9	11.8	11.0	10.6	12.0	10.3	10.2	8.8	8.6	7.8	8.3	7.3	11.8	10.9	10.3	9.6
17 years	11.6	13.0	12.2	10.7	7.9	7.1	6.4	7.0	14.8	11.4	15.2	17.8	13.0	12.0	10.7	10.5
18 years	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	8.6	14.0	9.5	4.7	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.5
19 years	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
20 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8
Asian	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Black	14.4	15.5	15.5	14.3	14.4	13.6	12.2	12.8	13.4	14.0	14.3	13.2	15.2	15.3	13.9	14.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	8.0	9.1	9.7	8.2	9.4	9.4	10.8	7.0	7.7	9.3	10.1	8.0	9.2	9.2	10.2
White	68.4	66.3	64.1	66.1	64.1	62.6	63.8	65.9	67.1	65.9	62.9	65.7	66.6	64.0	64.7	66.2
Two or more races	2.3	2.5	3.3	4.3	2.2	3.1	3.1	3.5	2.0	2.0	3.1	3.3	2.5	3.3	3.3	4.4
Unknown	4.7	4.1	4.7	2.6	7.6	7.9	7.4	3.6	7.7	6.7	6.4	4.6	4.2	4.9	5.5	2.0
Missing data	0.5	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,171	1,030	1,088	1,104
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	981	861	838	881

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.8	4.4	3.3	2.8
1 year	10.9	11.4	12.1	13.1
2 years	8.2	11.4	13.3	12.0
3 years	7.6	9.1	9.7	9.5
4 years	8.5	7.1	7.2	9.1
5 years	7.3	5.9	6.3	6.7
6 years	4.9	6.2	6.5	6.7
7 years	6.2	4.5	5.1	4.7
8 years	5.5	4.8	6.1	5.0
9 years	6.1	5.1	4.6	4.4
10 years	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.8
11 years	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.4
12 years	4.2	3.1	3.2	4.0
13 years	3.1	4.0	2.4	2.9
14 years	3.9	3.1	3.3	2.7
15 years	4.4	4.0	2.5	3.2
16 years	4.0	4.6	3.0	2.8
17 years	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.7	1.7	1.6	2.1
Asian	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.7
Black	18.4	18.5	18.1	16.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	10.4	9.4	11.2
White	60.5	56.3	58.3	60.4
Two or more races	4.6	6.0	6.3	7.6
Unknown	4.4	5.5	6.0	1.2
Missing data	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,041	967	801	854

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.0	2.5	3.4	2.3
1 year	14.8	12.7	13.4	13.1
2 years	14.6	14.2	15.7	18.1
3 years	11.4	10.8	12.0	13.2
4 years	10.1	9.7	9.5	10.9
5 years	7.1	8.8	7.4	5.3
6 years	6.7	7.1	7.5	6.6
7 years	7.7	7.1	4.7	6.2
8 years	4.1	5.7	4.0	5.0
9 years	4.8	4.6	4.2	4.8
10 years	4.0	4.9	3.9	4.1
11 years	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.8
12 years	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.1
13 years	1.8	2.0	3.1	1.4
14 years	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8
15 years	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.1
16 years	0.7	0.9	1.4	0.5
17 years	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.7
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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	2.1	2.1	1.6
Asian	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.1
Black	15.6	16.0	18.2	19.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	8.9	10.0	10.5
White	62.2	63.6	57.2	59.8
Two or more races	7.7	5.6	8.5	6.4
Unknown	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.2
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	91.9	91.0	90.7	91.5
Children with one or more recurrences	8.1	9.0	9.3	8.5
Number	5,124	5,731	6,222	5,675

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.29	0.87	0.37	0.54
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.71	99.13	99.63	99.46
Number	12,318	11,296	10,984	10,648

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.3	19.6	17.0	19.8
Guardianship	5.7	6.8	6.2	7.7
Reunification	66.9	62.9	65.5	62.5
Other	9.1	10.8	11.3	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,532	4,686	4,426	4,275

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	35.0	38.6	32.5	37.0
Guardianship	4.4	3.9	5.0	2.9
Reunification	41.5	35.1	37.5	38.1
Other	19.1	22.5	25.0	22.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,190	1,027	776	759

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
Guardianship	2.8	3.0	2.6	4.5
Reunification	79.0	76.4	74.7	74.2
Other	17.5	19.9	21.9	20.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,276	1,916	1,774	1,546

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.1	23.9	22.4	23.8
Children older than 12 at entry	79.9	76.1	77.6	76.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	493	489	496	420

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.0	18.7	15.7	15.9	21.4	19.4	21.7	0.0	21.5	22.3	20.3	26.4		
Guardianship	14.7	30.8	26.5	26.1	14.3	0.0	0.0	13.0	6.3	5.5	4.3	6.0		
Reunification	61.3	38.3	47.1	46.6	59.5	77.8	67.4	82.6	64.6	61.5	65.8	57.8		
Other	8.0	12.1	10.8	11.4	4.8	2.8	10.9	4.3	7.6	10.7	9.6	9.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	75	107	102	88	42	36	46	23	741	655	635	564		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.0	30.8	25.0	16.7	16.8	22.4	18.4	20.0	16.8	18.4	15.0	18.1		
Guardianship	0.0	23.1	0.0	33.3	1.3	7.2	5.1	7.9	6.1	6.5	6.5	7.4		
Reunification	75.0	46.2	62.5	50.0	77.8	63.8	68.2	64.7	66.5	63.3	65.5	63.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	4.1	6.6	8.3	7.4	10.6	11.8	13.0	11.1		
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	16	13	16	12	387	362	412	431	3,711	3,086	2,783	2,808		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.6	17.1	16.5	18.2	46.8	38.3	37.2	37.3	12.5	11.1	10.0	11.1		
Guardianship	4.0	4.8	3.5	4.5	1.8	2.1	5.1	9.9	8.3	5.6	10.0	0.0		
Reunification	71.0	72.4	74.4	74.7	45.9	46.8	50.4	47.9	75.0	72.2	80.0	77.8		
Other	4.4	5.7	5.6	2.5	5.5	12.8	7.3	4.9	4.2	11.1	0.0	11.1		
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	427	315	285	198	109	94	137	142	24	18	10	9		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	58.8	59.4	63.6	59.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.7	29.2	26.1	30.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.1	6.7	6.2	5.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.6
48 or more mos.	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,703	2,946	2,899	2,674

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	76.7	77.2	77.5	77.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.9	11.9	11.6	11.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.5	9.9	10.3	9.8
Missing data	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7
Number	4,544	4,735	4,618	4,296

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	9.1	7.2	10.5	8.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	45.9	47.3	48.9	48.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.0	29.2	26.2	27.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	7.3	11.1	7.6	9.2
48 or more mos.	4.7	5.1	6.8	5.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,013	917	752	848

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.6	87.9	88.3	87.5	60.9	60.9	61.3	64.3	27.4	26.0	25.7	26.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.4	12.1	11.7	12.5	39.1	39.1	38.7	35.7	72.6	74.0	74.3	73.5	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	5,678	5,632	5,631	5,268	3,596	2,973	3,001	3,150	3,026	2,678	2,342	2,207	18	13	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.5
Institutions	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3
Other settings	96.8	96.1	96.7	96.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,478	2,782	2,869	2,680

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	115.9	112.7	117.6	108.4
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)	67.1	67.9	73.9	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)	7.9	8.0	6.7	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)	46.0	42.7	44.6	40.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.6	15.2	16.0	17.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	141.6	135.0	133.9	138.0
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?	55.0	54.5	59.4	57.2
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?	22.8	23.4	21.9	22.2
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?	25.0	24.8	21.6	26.3
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? ¹⁷	8.3	7.4	5.3	7.8
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?	71.9	69.2	70.7	69.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	132.6	131.4	125.2	136.3
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?	33.2	30.9	27.9	34.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.1	96.7	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?	36.8	34.8	35.8	35.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	94.0	93.3	93.3	94.8
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?	87.0	86.6	87.1	86.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	61.0	60.9	61.2	64.4
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?	27.6	26.0	25.8	26.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: 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 through 2011. The economic downturn and the soft recovery are the most likely driving factors in the increase. State efforts to improve reporting of race and ethnicity have resulted in an approximate 10% reduction in the amount of missing data.

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): Iowa's population of children who are adopted annually has begun to level off after initially declining as the foster care population decreased. It is still too early to tell if the adoption rate will continue to level off or fall going forward.

Outcome Measure 1.1: Iowa's top priority is child safety. We have continued to focus on strengthening risk and safety assessment, developing strong safety plans, and engaging providers in safety and risk discussions.

Outcome Measure 3.1: In Iowa the number of children exiting from care has continued to decline in step with the reduced number of children in foster care. This trend is expected to continue as the State takes more steps to strengthen efforts to prevent removal.

Outcome Measure 3: One of our more significant challenges remains the number of children, especially those under age 12, that 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	700,577	704,951	726,079	723,922
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Asian	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Black	7.1	7.1	6.5	6.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.3	14.8	16.9	17.2
White	72.1	71.5	68.6	68.1
Two or more races	3.2	3.3	4.8	4.9
Child population in poverty (%)	14.5	17.6	18.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,685	1,363	1,552	1,809
Foster care entry rate	5.0	4.5	4.9	4.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,329	5,701	5,989	5,858
Children adopted	721	836	694	781

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	66	89	93	93
Numerator	6,398	8,225	7,466	7,434
Denominator	9,648	9,283	8,002	7,991
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	73	77	79	81
Numerator	32,285	44,824	43,302	43,922
Denominator	44,170	57,841	54,488	54,414

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	25,031	35.7 per 1,000	26,645	37.8 per 1,000	26,155	36.0 per 1,000	31,036	42.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,685	2.4 per 1,000	1,363	1.9 per 1,000	1,552	2.1 per 1,000	1,809	2.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	1.4 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000	6	0.8 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.6	9.0	8.6	6.2
1 year	6.2	6.7	6.1	5.9
2 years	6.6	6.2	7.2	6.2
3 years	7.1	6.4	7.3	6.7
4 years	6.6	7.3	7.0	6.2
5 years	6.1	6.7	6.9	6.7
6 years	7.4	5.6	7.0	6.1
7 years	7.1	5.8	5.7	6.9
8 years	5.3	5.5	4.7	4.3
9 years	5.3	5.5	5.2	6.1
10 years	4.6	5.6	5.5	4.3
11 years	3.7	3.8	4.2	5.1
12 years	4.3	4.3	5.6	6.0
13 years	4.5	4.3	4.0	5.9
14 years	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.9
15 years	5.6	5.7	4.3	5.7
16 years	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.2
17 years	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.1
18+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	1,685	1,363	1,552	1,809

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.8
Asian	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.8
Black	13.6	12.8	13.7	11.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	8.4	10.9	11.9
White	75.3	73.1	70.9	69.4
Two or more races	3.0	3.2	3.4	5.5
Missing data	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.2
Number	1,685	1,363	1,552	1,809

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	10.9	10.2	9.9	10.7
Medical neglect	2.0	3.1	2.2	1.8
Neglect	22.2	17.1	21.6	16.6
Physical abuse	19.5	21.5	21.6	19.8
Sexual abuse	31.8	34.6	33.5	37.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	22.2	22.5	19.1	20.8
Number	1,685	1,363	1,552	1,809

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	61.2	60.8	62.7	63.7
Median	>24 but<48	>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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	6,592	6,169	5,601	5,899	3,496	3,147	3,560	3,428	3,759	3,615	3,172	3,469	6,329	5,701	5,989	5,858
Median length of stay (months)	11.7	13.4	13.8	12.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0	16.9	15.8	15.8	13.5	14.1	12.2	12.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.6	5.0	4.9	5.0	14.7	13.9	13.6	13.2	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.8
1 year	6.7	7.7	6.5	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.9	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.1	6.3	7.6	6.4	6.7	7.1
2 years	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.5	5.4	4.5	6.5	6.9	6.1	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.6
3 years	5.0	6.0	5.4	6.3	4.9	4.7	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.6	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.6
4 years	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.5	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.9	4.9	5.2	5.8	5.9
5 years	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.3
6 years	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.3	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.3	5.0
7 years	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.9	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.4
8 years	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.5	4.3	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.6
9 years	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3
10 years	4.0	3.6	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.0	3.9	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.8
11 years	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.5	2.6	3.5	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.9
12 years	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.1	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.4
13 years	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3	3.6	2.9	3.6	3.0	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6
14 years	6.0	5.6	5.9	5.5	6.5	6.9	6.2	6.2	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.5	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.7
15 years	7.9	7.4	7.8	7.4	8.7	9.5	7.6	7.4	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.3	7.5	7.8	7.3	6.6
16 years	9.4	9.1	9.0	8.3	8.5	8.6	6.8	7.2	7.5	6.9	7.0	6.9	9.2	9.0	8.3	8.2
17 years	9.6	9.6	9.2	8.6	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.0	10.4	8.0	10.9	12.9	9.4	9.1	8.5	7.8
18 years	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	11.6	14.3	10.9	6.7	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Black	20.2	20.4	20.4	18.0	17.9	16.4	15.0	13.1	17.5	16.5	18.7	14.9	20.5	20.6	18.1	16.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	8.4	9.6	11.1	7.5	9.8	10.8	13.0	8.0	8.8	9.2	12.7	7.9	8.9	10.6	11.2
White	66.8	66.4	64.1	64.4	71.3	68.9	68.6	67.1	70.4	70.5	66.0	66.4	67.2	65.2	65.8	64.8
Two or more races	2.9	3.2	4.4	5.4	1.9	2.9	3.8	4.9	2.3	2.7	3.9	4.7	2.6	3.3	4.3	5.5
Unknown	0.7	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,971	1,855	1,827	1,816
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,302	1,244	1,293	1,265

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.1	2.7	1.6	2.9
1 year	9.2	7.1	6.8	8.3
2 years	7.1	8.9	8.0	8.1
3 years	8.0	7.0	7.4	6.3
4 years	5.4	7.5	7.0	6.7
5 years	6.3	5.7	7.1	6.5
6 years	5.8	6.6	5.1	5.9
7 years	5.2	5.9	6.6	5.1
8 years	4.3	5.1	5.5	6.3
9 years	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.9
10 years	4.7	5.4	5.4	4.7
11 years	4.8	4.7	6.0	5.0
12 years	4.4	5.3	4.9	6.4
13 years	6.0	4.7	6.1	5.2
14 years	5.9	6.1	5.2	6.1
15 years	6.8	6.2	6.6	4.8
16 years	5.0	4.4	3.8	4.1
17 years	2.9	1.7	1.7	1.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
Asian	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.3
Black	24.7	25.8	22.5	22.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	8.4	9.3	9.8
White	62.5	60.3	62.3	59.6
Two or more races	3.3	3.9	4.8	6.6
Unknown	0.8	0.5	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	721	836	694	781

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.1	1.3	2.0	0.6
1 year	10.3	13.3	9.5	8.5
2 years	11.4	15.2	15.0	12.0
3 years	11.7	10.9	11.2	11.3
4 years	8.3	9.3	10.4	9.7
5 years	7.5	7.1	7.9	8.1
6 years	6.7	7.1	8.6	7.4
7 years	6.9	5.9	5.3	6.9
8 years	5.8	5.9	5.3	6.8
9 years	5.0	3.9	4.8	5.5
10 years	4.3	3.6	3.9	5.5
11 years	5.0	3.8	3.3	3.6
12 years	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.2
13 years	4.3	2.9	2.0	3.2
14 years	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.6
15 years	3.1	2.2	1.4	2.0
16 years	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.7
17 years	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.3
18 years	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.9
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Black	21.6	19.9	25.1	17.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	9.2	7.8	11.5
White	69.5	65.2	62.1	65.0
Two or more races	3.2	3.7	4.3	5.2
Unknown	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	96.5	98.5	97.3	94.0
Children with one or more recurrences	3.5	1.5	2.7	6.0
Number	800	600	633	697

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.99	99.95	99.91	99.89
Number	10,088	9,316	9,161	9,327

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.6	22.8	21.7	22.5
Guardianship	8.7	7.1	7.5	8.3
Reunification	57.0	54.0	53.9	54.4
Other	15.7	16.0	16.8	14.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Number	3,759	3,615	3,172	3,469

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	42.3	43.6	38.1	41.7
Guardianship	7.5	4.9	6.4	6.3
Reunification	33.6	31.8	35.6	33.7
Other	16.6	19.8	19.8	18.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,034	1,154	1,025	1,246

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.8
Guardianship	7.7	7.0	8.1	9.7
Reunification	54.1	53.3	49.8	51.3
Other	37.1	38.5	40.6	36.9
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Number	1,291	1,224	1,073	1,098

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.5	17.0	15.9	19.8
Children older than 12 at entry	84.5	83.0	84.1	80.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	489	476	454	444

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	5.0	45.5	5.4	25.9	7.7	10.0	0.0	0.0	23.4	27.3	29.3	25.9		
Guardianship	20.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	7.7	15.0	11.1	0.0	9.3	6.0	6.2	7.5		
Reunification	50.0	27.3	70.3	48.1	61.5	60.0	66.7	75.0	48.5	48.5	46.0	45.5		
Other	25.0	27.3	24.3	22.2	23.1	15.0	22.2	25.0	18.8	18.0	18.4	20.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6		
Number	20	22	37	27	13	20	18	12	658	596	594	517		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	33.3	33.3	50.0	50.0	9.7	24.3	18.5	20.5	18.2	21.2	20.3	22.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.6	3.8	4.1	8.9	7.6	8.3	9.5		
Reunification	0.0	66.7	0.0	50.0	62.7	49.5	55.5	63.0	58.4	55.8	55.7	54.3		
Other	66.7	0.0	50.0	0.0	21.7	19.6	21.6	12.5	14.4	15.3	15.7	14.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1		
Number	3	3	2	2	300	317	292	440	2,645	2,548	2,094	2,305		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	26.5	10.0	20.0	0.0	25.6	31.3	24.0	25.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	3.0	12.8	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	64.7	80.0	40.0	100.0	58.1	56.6	52.0	59.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.9	10.0	40.0	0.0	8.1	9.1	11.2	8.6	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	34	10	10	4	86	99	125	162	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	55.2	51.7	57.7	53.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.9	35.5	32.5	38.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.4	10.0	7.3	6.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.5
48 or more mos.	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	2,142	1,952	1,709	1,887

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	86.8	82.5	84.7	85.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.0	6.5	5.6	4.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.7	10.6	9.6	10.6
Missing data	0.5	0.4	0.1	<.1
Number	3,496	3,147	3,560	3,428

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.0	2.7	3.8	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.9	35.3	27.1	24.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.2	32.6	40.2	37.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.3	14.7	16.8	23.0
48 or more mos.	16.5	14.8	12.0	13.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	698	825	689	779

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75.3	78.5	82.5	83.4	49.3	52.3	56.7	63.4	25.7	28.8	27.7	27.3	91.7	88.2	75.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	24.1	21.0	17.2	16.0	47.3	45.5	43.3	36.4	70.5	69.8	72.3	72.6	8.3	8.8	25.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.6	3.4	2.2	0.0	0.1	3.8	1.4	<.1	<.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0
Number	4,274	3,823	4,211	4,168	3,086	2,684	2,355	2,696	2,704	2,775	2,579	2,456	24	34	16	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.3	<.1	0.1	<.1
Institutions	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.7
Other settings	98.5	98.9	98.6	99.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,287	2,014	2,436	2,376

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	124.7	116.9	117.3	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)	69.5	63.2	67.2	67.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.2	9.0	8.8	9.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	36.9	35.3	34.3	33.9
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	7.4	8.8	8.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.3	112.0	107.2	112.2
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	28.9	37.9	30.9	26.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.8	27.9	29.4	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?	25.2	27.4	25.2	31.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	9.5	15.6	16.8	18.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	44.4	42.6	41.6	41.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	127.8	132.1	127.7	135.5
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?	32.1	33.7	30.5	36.1
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?	88.3	89.0	87.1	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?	32.7	30.3	31.8	32.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	80.8	84.9	89.0	92.7
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?	75.2	78.3	82.1	83.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	51.2	53.4	56.7	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?	26.9	29.5	27.8	27.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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The following are Kansas's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The total number of all child reports received increased by 7% from FFY 2010 to 2011. The number of children subject of an investigative report alleging child maltreatment increased by nearly 19% from FFY 2010 to 2011. With this increase, there was an increase in the number of child maltreatment victims from FFY 2010.

In FFY 2010, Kansas's Protection Report Center was consolidated into two units, from six units. With this consolidation, practice, policy and training for staff regarding initial assessment decisions were made more consistent.

Section 1.1 (Outcomes Data): Recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months performance has decreased from FFY 2010 to 2011.

Kentucky

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,015,949	1,014,323	1,023,118	1,020,955
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3
Black	9.4	9.4	9.1	9.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.1
White	82.7	82.3	81.1	80.7
Two or more races	2.3	2.3	3.4	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	23.5	25.6	26.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	18,252	17,470	18,332	18,251
Foster care entry rate	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,389	7,119	7,023	6,779
Children adopted	772	842	754	818

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	38	52	69	68
Numerator	4,034	5,322	6,776	6,585
Denominator	10,640	10,330	9,854	9,616
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	96	97	98	98
Numerator	21,453	32,016	45,316	45,408
Denominator	22,406	33,160	46,206	46,166

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	77,119	75.9 per 1,000	73,029	72.0 per 1,000	74,864	73.2 per 1,000	74,945	73.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	18,252	18.0 per 1,000	17,470	17.2 per 1,000	18,332	17.9 per 1,000	18,251	17.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	22	2.2 per 100,000	34	3.4 per 100,000	30	2.9 per 100,000	32	3.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.7
1 year	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.0
2 years	7.3	7.8	7.6	8.1
3 years	6.8	7.0	7.4	7.6
4 years	6.0	6.5	6.2	7.0
5 years	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5
6 years	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.8
7 years	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.4
8 years	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.0
9 years	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.6
10 years	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6
11 years	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.2
12 years	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.0
13 years	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.6
14 years	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.4
15 years	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.3
16 years	3.7	3.4	3.5	2.9
17 years	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	18,252	17,470	18,332	18,251

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	11.8	10.4	10.3	11.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.6	2.3	2.9
White	70.7	69.8	69.6	63.9
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.5
Missing data	13.2	14.7	14.9	19.0
Number	18,252	17,470	18,332	18,251

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	87.9	88.3	89.6	89.8
Physical abuse	10.3	9.3	7.9	8.0
Sexual abuse	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	18,252	17,470	18,332	18,251

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	43.8	38.4	42.3	48.0
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	7,001	6,934	6,650	6,703	5,718	5,368	5,497	5,098	5,330	5,183	5,124	5,022	7,389	7,119	7,023	6,779
Median length of stay (months)	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.5	9.4	9.2	9.6	12.2	12.6	12.2	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.3	14.5	14.1	13.1	14.4	6.6	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.8
1 year	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.2
2 years	5.6	6.1	6.1	6.8	5.5	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.4	7.2	6.1	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.7	6.3
3 years	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.8	5.1	5.0	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.6	4.8	5.0	5.6	6.4
4 years	4.0	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	5.5	4.8	4.4	5.0	5.9	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.2
5 years	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.8	3.5	4.3	4.6	4.6
6 years	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.4	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.2
7 years	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.7
8 years	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.1
9 years	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
10 years	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.5	2.7	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.4
11 years	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.5
12 years	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1
13 years	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.6	5.2	4.3	4.6	4.8	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.3	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.5
14 years	6.9	6.2	5.7	5.1	6.8	6.0	5.9	5.9	4.2	4.4	4.2	3.5	6.3	5.6	5.1	5.9
15 years	9.2	8.8	8.2	7.9	8.6	8.5	7.1	7.4	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.4	8.8	8.2	7.8	6.9
16 years	11.5	11.1	11.1	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.4	8.1	7.6	6.8	6.9	6.5	11.2	10.8	9.5	9.5
17 years	11.4	12.4	12.5	11.8	6.9	7.7	7.8	7.6	12.2	8.3	13.5	16.8	12.0	12.4	11.8	10.4
18 years	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	9.4	14.7	8.6	3.8	0.5	0.8	1.7	1.9
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	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	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	18.0	17.0	15.4	14.2	13.8	13.0	12.4	12.1	15.2	15.3	13.4	13.8	16.8	15.3	14.5	13.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.7	5.6	3.2	4.0	4.7	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.4	5.1
White	71.0	71.7	73.7	74.1	75.7	76.7	75.7	73.9	75.0	74.2	75.2	73.5	71.8	73.7	74.2	74.4
Two or more races	5.4	4.7	4.6	5.3	3.5	3.4	4.5	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.9	4.6
Unknown	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	3.6	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.2	1.8	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.8	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.4

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,127	2,082	1,952	1,920
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,445	1,187	1,233	1,098

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.5
1 year	6.6	6.6	5.8	5.6
2 years	6.3	6.0	7.9	7.7
3 years	5.9	5.3	6.5	7.2
4 years	5.4	5.1	6.1	5.9
5 years	4.2	5.1	6.1	5.5
6 years	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.8
7 years	4.4	4.7	5.4	4.4
8 years	4.8	5.4	4.8	5.4
9 years	4.9	4.3	5.0	4.7
10 years	4.4	5.3	3.8	4.6
11 years	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.1
12 years	5.3	5.0	4.7	5.7
13 years	6.1	5.6	5.9	5.4
14 years	6.3	6.4	5.9	6.4
15 years	8.9	8.0	7.1	7.3
16 years	8.8	9.0	8.2	7.3
17 years	7.1	7.3	5.9	5.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	18.5	18.6	14.9	13.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	5.0	4.7	5.0
White	69.0	68.7	72.8	74.0
Two or more races	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.6
Unknown	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	772	842	754	818

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.4	0.6	0.8	0.2
1 year	11.1	10.7	8.9	6.8
2 years	12.8	12.7	10.6	12.3
3 years	10.1	11.0	10.3	11.2
4 years	8.9	7.2	6.0	10.1
5 years	6.3	6.8	6.5	8.1
6 years	6.1	5.6	6.5	6.7
7 years	5.2	4.6	6.2	6.0
8 years	6.1	6.3	5.3	5.0
9 years	4.5	4.9	7.2	5.4
10 years	4.4	5.1	5.3	3.3
11 years	5.1	4.2	4.2	3.7
12 years	3.4	4.6	3.8	5.3
13 years	3.4	3.2	4.9	2.2
14 years	2.3	3.7	2.9	2.4
15 years	3.4	3.4	2.8	3.5
16 years	3.9	2.5	4.8	3.8
17 years	1.4	2.6	2.7	3.1
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.7
19 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	13.6	16.3	16.4	13.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	6.4	7.3	5.6
White	71.9	66.4	69.5	70.8
Two or more races	7.5	8.1	4.4	7.6
Unknown	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	94.2	94.7	94.7	94.9
Children with one or more recurrences	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.1
Number	7,068	6,813	7,290	7,002

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.24	0.45	0.47	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.76	99.55	99.53	99.66
Number	12,719	12,302	12,147	11,801

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	14.1	15.6	14.7	16.3
Guardianship	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.9
Reunification	69.3	66.8	68.7	69.1
Other	16.2	17.4	15.8	13.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,330	5,183	5,124	5,022

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	21.6	22.4	21.2	28.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7
Reunification	48.3	47.2	51.4	49.3
Other	30.0	30.4	26.9	21.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	416	483	562	735

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.6	1.4	1.4	2.7
Guardianship	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.8
Reunification	61.5	58.8	58.8	61.7
Other	36.4	39.6	38.7	34.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,975	1,910	1,822	1,698

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14.8	14.8	12.3	12.9
Children older than 12 at entry	85.2	85.2	87.7	87.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	806	865	779	658

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	50.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	50.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	12.7	16.6	18.0	16.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.9		
Reunification	50.0	71.4	28.6	100.0	0.0	71.4	90.0	80.0	64.6	61.4	60.5	65.4		
Other	0.0	28.6	57.1	0.0	50.0	14.3	10.0	20.0	22.5	22.0	20.6	17.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	7	7	1	2	7	10	5	808	791	689	691		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	23.8	25.4	22.9	18.9	13.4	14.0	13.6	15.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.9		
Reunification	75.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	66.3	61.0	66.7	70.5	70.4	68.8	70.1	69.6		
Other	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	13.7	10.0	9.8	15.7	17.0	15.5	13.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	4	6	2	2	172	205	240	244	3,995	3,844	3,853	3,693		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.3	14.3	14.8	12.1	25.2	31.0	16.1	26.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.8	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.3	78.2	73.0	79.5	62.4	51.2	69.8	63.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	6.5	6.7	11.3	6.8	12.4	17.7	13.7	9.0	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	107	119	115	132	234	203	205	234	6	1	3	20		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	78.8	76.9	76.1	75.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.2	16.4	17.5	19.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.0	4.5	4.4	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	1.3	1.4	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.7
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Number	3,693	3,462	3,520	3,472

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	78.8	79.3	79.4	78.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.3	10.1	8.6	9.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.7	10.4	11.8	12.0
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
Number	5,718	5,368	5,497	5,098

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.5	1.9	1.7	0.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.5	21.8	19.9	20.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.2	33.2	34.7	37.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.9	24.0	24.1	23.7
48 or more mos.	13.8	19.2	19.5	17.7
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	752	808	754	820

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.5	86.6	88.4	88.4	61.9	60.1	61.9	64.4	27.6	29.6	31.3	32.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.5	13.4	11.2	11.2	38.1	39.9	37.8	35.4	72.4	70.4	68.7	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,856	6,423	6,460	6,080	2,689	2,612	2,541	2,708	3,156	3,224	3,121	2,985	18	43	25	28

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Institutions	8.5	5.7	5.4	5.1
Other settings	91.5	94.2	94.6	94.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,586	3,424	3,616	3,344

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	135.1	134.4	134.3	134.9
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)	82.4	79.5	79.9	78.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.5
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)	55.7	55.0	52.5	51.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.0	13.6	13.5	12.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	113.4	121.6	120.3	114.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	29.0	23.6	21.6	21.2
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?	31.7	33.4	32.7	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?	22.1	24.9	25.1	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? ¹⁷	18.5	16.2	19.6	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?	52.1	55.2	59.7	58.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	116.2	110.7	120.1	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?	26.1	30.7	29.8	32.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	82.6	82.5	86.2	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?	31.9	30.8	31.1	30.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	94.7	93.8	96.7	98.5
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?	86.4	85.6	87.7	87.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	62.1	60.1	62.1	64.5
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?	27.7	29.7	31.5	33.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,120,742	1,123,386	1,116,293	1,118,196
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Black	37.6	37.5	37.9	37.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.2
White	54.1	53.9	52.6	52.4
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	24.7	24.2	27.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	10,173	9,660	8,848	10,118
Foster care entry rate	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,102	4,794	4,451	4,577
Children adopted	596	578	641	581

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	61	80	86	83
Numerator	223	291	316	304
Denominator	368	363	369	365
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	89	98	99	98
Numerator	1,461	2,013	2,268	2,077
Denominator	1,645	2,061	2,292	2,112

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	34,420	30.7 per 1,000	37,255	33.2 per 1,000	35,443	31.8 per 1,000	43,486	38.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	10,173	9.1 per 1,000	9,660	8.6 per 1,000	8,848	7.9 per 1,000	10,118	9.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	2.7 per 100,000	40	3.6 per 100,000	30	2.7 per 100,000	45	4.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	15.6	14.5	15.9	16.9
1 year	7.1	7.4	7.5	6.9
2 years	7.2	7.2	6.7	7.1
3 years	6.6	6.7	6.2	6.5
4 years	6.0	6.8	6.4	6.3
5 years	5.8	6.6	6.2	5.9
6 years	6.1	5.5	6.3	5.6
7 years	5.6	5.4	5.1	5.2
8 years	5.6	5.6	5.2	4.5
9 years	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
11 years	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.2
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6
13 years	4.8	4.0	4.1	4.2
14 years	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1
15 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
16 years	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.9
17 years	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.9
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	10,173	9,660	8,848	10,118

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Black	45.0	44.1	44.4	44.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.2
White	49.3	50.1	50.1	49.6
Two or more races	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.6
Missing data	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.6
Number	10,173	9,660	8,848	10,118

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	77.5	77.7	77.2	76.9
Physical abuse	26.4	26.3	25.8	26.5
Sexual abuse	7.3	7.3	7.2	8.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
Number	10,173	9,660	8,848	10,118

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	170.9	183.6	167.2	195.7
Median	>48 but<72	>24 but<48	>48 but<72	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	5,184	4,854	4,783	4,353	3,384	3,586	3,297	3,757	3,466	3,660	3,629	3,533	5,102	4,794	4,451	4,577
Median length of stay (months)	12.8	13.4	12.2	12.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.0	11.7	11.4	11.2	13.1	12.4	12.9	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.3	16.8	16.5	16.4	14.4	4.4	4.1	4.8	5.0	6.2	6.8	6.4	6.0
1 year	7.9	8.8	9.4	8.8	7.9	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.8	8.4	7.9	7.6	8.7	9.5	8.8	8.2
2 years	8.1	8.2	8.3	9.2	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.6	8.1	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.3	9.1	8.1
3 years	7.1	7.3	7.0	7.7	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.5	8.3	8.3	7.7	7.4	7.1	7.2	7.7	8.0
4 years	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.4	5.9	5.8	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.4	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.8
5 years	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.5	4.8	5.2	6.0	6.3	5.6	5.5	6.6	6.4	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.7
6 years	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.6	4.1	5.1	5.2	4.7	5.0	5.6	4.5	5.6	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.4
7 years	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.0	5.1	5.0	4.2	4.9	4.8	5.0
8 years	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.8	4.1	4.9	4.9	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.1
9 years	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.2	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.2	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
10 years	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.2	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.4
11 years	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.6	2.5	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.7
12 years	4.4	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.0	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.8
13 years	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.8	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.5	3.9	4.1	3.9
14 years	5.5	5.7	5.0	4.1	5.8	4.9	4.5	5.3	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.3	5.9	5.0	4.1	5.0
15 years	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.7	6.7	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.2	6.4	4.7	5.5	6.7	5.7	5.6	5.0
16 years	7.9	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.4	5.1	5.6	5.5	6.7	5.3	5.0	7.3	6.3	6.6	6.6
17 years	6.0	7.1	5.8	6.3	1.5	1.5	2.7	2.3	6.9	4.5	8.5	10.2	7.2	5.8	6.3	6.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	8.0	2.6	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Black	48.2	49.2	48.7	46.5	49.8	48.2	46.6	47.8	47.9	49.9	49.2	47.4	49.5	48.0	46.6	46.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9
White	47.7	46.1	46.4	47.6	44.6	46.0	47.3	46.8	47.5	45.0	46.2	46.6	45.8	46.9	47.3	47.7
Two or more races	1.1	1.5	1.7	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.6	2.1	1.7
Unknown	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,070	1,096	1,091	1,156
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	749	738	728	806

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.5
1 year	8.3	6.7	7.8	7.4
2 years	9.8	8.8	10.4	8.3
3 years	7.5	7.9	7.9	10.7
4 years	8.8	6.8	7.1	8.8
5 years	6.3	6.3	7.0	6.6
6 years	4.6	6.0	5.9	5.2
7 years	5.3	6.4	4.5	6.0
8 years	3.3	5.8	5.4	4.6
9 years	3.6	4.4	4.5	3.9
10 years	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.9
11 years	4.4	4.9	3.9	3.9
12 years	3.5	5.1	6.0	4.1
13 years	5.0	3.7	4.9	5.4
14 years	6.4	5.7	3.8	5.1
15 years	5.5	5.7	5.1	4.0
16 years	5.6	4.9	5.1	4.7
17 years	7.1	4.5	4.7	4.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.5	1.2	0.5
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.3
Black	48.7	49.1	47.3	46.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.9
White	47.3	44.9	45.2	45.6
Two or more races	1.2	2.4	2.8	2.6
Unknown	1.0	1.3	1.4	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	596	578	641	581

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.9
1 year	8.6	12.6	7.6	7.4
2 years	14.6	17.3	12.9	17.0
3 years	15.4	12.6	12.3	12.7
4 years	11.4	12.1	10.8	10.8
5 years	8.9	10.0	9.0	9.8
6 years	7.6	6.9	8.0	7.2
7 years	6.4	5.9	8.0	5.5
8 years	7.4	4.0	8.1	7.9
9 years	4.0	2.1	4.5	2.6
10 years	2.9	3.3	4.4	4.3
11 years	4.0	2.8	3.1	2.8
12 years	2.5	2.2	2.2	3.8
13 years	2.0	2.6	3.1	2.1
14 years	1.3	1.7	2.5	1.0
15 years	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.2
16 years	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.2
17 years	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.7
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Black	39.8	36.2	47.1	38.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.1	1.2	1.5
White	56.9	59.3	50.4	55.8
Two or more races	1.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Louisiana

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.5	94.0	95.4	94.8
Children with one or more recurrences	6.5	6.0	4.6	5.2
Number	4,665	4,243	4,058	4,354

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.47	0.71	0.48	0.72
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.53	99.29	99.52	99.28
Number	8,568	8,440	8,080	8,110

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.1	15.8	17.6	18.2
Guardianship	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.2
Reunification	71.7	73.9	73.3	72.3
Other	10.2	9.4	7.7	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,466	3,660	3,629	3,533

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	21.4	27.7	34.8	34.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.9	2.2	1.4
Reunification	43.6	49.3	42.8	40.0
Other	35.0	22.1	20.1	24.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	243	339	313	280

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.7
Guardianship	1.4	1.1	1.2	2.1
Reunification	67.0	75.8	75.7	70.5
Other	31.3	22.4	22.8	25.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	787	935	815	762

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.4	39.6	32.0	31.6
Children older than 12 at entry	68.6	60.4	68.0	68.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	280	293	244	237

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.7	25.0	25.0	36.4	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	14.2	11.4	16.8	14.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0		
Reunification	66.7	75.0	75.0	54.5	80.0	80.0	71.4	100.0	71.5	75.8	73.7	74.8		
Other	16.7	0.0	0.0	9.1	20.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	13.3	11.8	8.3	9.5		
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	6	4	4	11	5	5	7	3	1,660	1,825	1,787	1,675		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5	14.5	12.7	11.7	20.4	20.8	19.3	22.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.6	1.7	1.2		
Reunification	100.0	66.7	100.0	0.0	73.0	83.1	81.0	77.9	71.2	71.1	72.0	69.5		
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	6.3	2.4	6.3	10.4	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	5	3	2	0	63	83	63	77	1,647	1,646	1,677	1,648		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	2.6	4.3	2.0	1.9	17.1	25.5	13.2	32.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	4.3	2.0	7.7	4.9	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	92.3	87.2	88.2	84.6	70.7	68.1	76.3	62.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.1	4.3	7.8	5.8	7.3	0.0	10.5	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	39	47	51	52	41	47	38	67	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	66.2	65.7	69.5	71.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.3	23.6	21.8	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.3	5.1	4.1	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.2
Missing data	0.3	3.1	1.2	0.5
Number	2,484	2,706	2,660	2,553

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	87.0	82.6	83.4	81.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.9	8.3	6.2	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.2	8.0	9.2	9.2
Missing data	0.0	1.1	1.2	0.0
Number	3,384	3,586	3,297	3,757

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	0.5	1.7	2.2	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.2	26.0	21.9	24.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.1	37.3	32.9	35.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.7	24.4	26.0	22.7
48 or more mos.	15.6	10.6	17.1	15.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	591	577	639	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.7	78.9	78.5	79.1	54.4	54.3	51.8	56.4	28.3	28.3	27.8	35.7	77.8	61.4	71.7	58.3
Children with 3 or more placements	19.1	20.3	21.1	18.9	45.6	45.7	48.2	43.4	71.7	71.7	72.2	64.3	0.0	27.7	26.1	8.3
Missing placement setting counts	1.2	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	10.8	2.2	33.3
Number	4,141	4,201	4,046	4,387	2,065	1,903	1,891	1,781	2,353	2,253	2,097	1,918	9	83	46	24

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

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Institutions	1.6	1.4	2.1	0.8
Other settings	97.7	98.2	97.7	98.7
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,474	2,728	2,515	2,842

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	123.6	121.2	121.6	126.6
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)	65.3	65.9	67.5	67.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.6	9.2	8.7	8.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	45.7	47.1	49.0	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?	6.7	8.4	9.8	7.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	108.2	128.1	137.1	144.8
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?	23.7	27.7	24.1	26.4
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?	32.4	30.7	33.5	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?	25.5	24.7	30.5	31.9
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? ¹⁷	11.3	13.8	16.9	21.2
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?	53.1	55.2	67.4	61.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	97.1	91.2	115.4	107.7
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?	30.4	29.4	38.3	37.2
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?	92.0	89.6	93.4	93.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	54.8	58.3	49.2	49.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	86.4	84.5	82.1	88.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.1	77.7	76.8	78.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.4	54.3	51.8	56.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	28.3	28.3	27.8	35.7

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Louisiana's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Louisiana implemented Alternative Response statewide in 2009. This was followed in 2010 by implementation of a structured decision tool at intake to improve consistency in assigning accepted intakes to Investigation or Alternate Response interventions. These initiatives resulted in a decrease in the number of children reported as victims. In 2010 a statewide effort to enter closure information in the data system for a backlog of completed investigations resulted in an increase in the reported number of victims in 2011. Louisiana data for victims based on report open date do not reflect the level of increase contained in the Outcomes report for FFY 2011.

Louisiana implemented a statewide Centralized Intake in July 2011. There has been an increase in the number of intakes accepted for intervention which will likely influence future Outcomes Reports.

In FFY 2011 Louisiana finalized 645 Adoptions.

In Louisiana youth are not considered 'in care' on their 18th birthday. The Outcomes report indicates that 18 year olds exited care in FFY 2008, 2009 and 2010. These data are incorrect.

Louisiana is in the process of improving the data extraction syntax for AFCARS which is expected to improve data quality and reliability. These changes will be reflected in future submissions.

The increase in the reported number of child fatalities from 2010 to 2011 was likely due to improved monitoring and follow-up on cases of suspected parental culpability in child deaths. This may also be due to an increase in the reporting of child deaths to the agency.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	275,741	271,176	273,457	269,218
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Black	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4
White	91.0	90.6	90.2	89.8
Two or more races	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	15.8	17.1	17.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	4,033	4,073	3,483	3,270
Foster care entry rate	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,866	1,648	1,547	1,300
Children adopted	322	323	276	293

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	73	87	87	83
Numerator	1,964	2,140	1,957	1,607
Denominator	2,679	2,457	2,239	1,940
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	67	85	89	88
Numerator	14,328	17,054	15,859	13,928
Denominator	21,283	20,101	17,807	15,784

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,319	37.4 per 1,000	10,596	39.1 per 1,000	10,187	37.3 per 1,000	10,937	40.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	4,033	14.6 per 1,000	4,073	15.0 per 1,000	3,483	12.7 per 1,000	3,270	12.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	1.5 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.6	13.2	13.2	13.8
1 year	8.6	8.8	8.3	7.3
2 years	6.9	7.5	7.3	8.3
3 years	7.2	6.6	6.7	7.3
4 years	7.1	6.9	7.7	6.8
5 years	6.7	6.0	6.0	6.3
6 years	5.5	6.0	6.0	5.5
7 years	6.1	5.3	5.9	5.6
8 years	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.7
9 years	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.3
10 years	5.1	4.8	4.2	4.4
11 years	4.1	4.6	4.5	3.7
12 years	3.8	4.0	4.6	5.0
13 years	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.2
14 years	3.7	4.6	4.0	3.8
15 years	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.6
16 years	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8
17 years	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	4,033	4,073	3,483	3,270

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.0
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.4	1.9	2.7	2.9
White	65.8	69.6	65.9	62.5
Two or more races	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.0
Missing data	25.8	21.9	24.8	28.6
Number	4,033	4,073	3,483	3,270

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	40.6	43.1	37.5	39.1
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	68.9	70.5	72.2	69.9
Physical abuse	16.6	16.4	15.1	15.8
Sexual abuse	8.3	6.7	6.3	5.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,033	4,073	3,483	3,270

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	76.8	75.0	69.5	63.5
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,953	1,860	1,630	1,530	892	747	750	546	979	959	833	776	1,866	1,648	1,547	1,300
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	15.6	16.2	14.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.7	20.6	21.6	21.1	15.6	16.3	14.5	16.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.7	7.4	6.9	7.5	24.2	21.7	21.9	23.6	3.6	3.2	2.5	2.8	7.3	6.5	7.4	6.5
1 year	7.4	8.4	9.8	9.7	11.2	9.6	10.0	11.0	9.1	9.3	8.2	10.2	8.5	9.8	9.8	10.9
2 years	6.5	7.8	8.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	6.9	7.3	9.8	9.1	9.6	10.4	7.8	8.3	9.2	8.0
3 years	5.7	6.2	6.6	6.7	5.8	6.4	7.5	6.8	6.5	8.0	9.4	8.9	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.3
4 years	4.5	5.6	6.8	6.4	6.5	7.4	6.4	5.9	6.2	5.9	7.7	7.2	5.6	6.7	6.5	6.8
5 years	4.3	4.6	5.1	6.7	4.7	3.7	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.3	7.1	4.7	5.0	6.6	5.5
6 years	3.9	3.7	4.7	4.4	4.1	6.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	5.4	6.7	6.4	3.7	4.7	4.4	5.7
7 years	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.3	4.0	2.7	2.9	4.5	3.1	4.4	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	4.2
8 years	3.1	4.1	4.2	2.9	4.0	4.1	2.8	3.8	2.1	4.3	4.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	2.8	3.4
9 years	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.0	4.4	4.2	5.0	3.8	3.8	3.2	2.6
10 years	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.4	2.2	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	2.2
11 years	3.9	3.7	3.5	4.2	2.7	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.2	2.4	2.6	3.7	3.5	4.2	3.8
12 years	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.5
13 years	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	2.9	3.9	4.0	2.7	2.8	2.3	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.6	5.0
14 years	5.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.8	3.0	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
15 years	8.2	5.8	5.7	6.3	3.9	4.4	4.7	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.4	2.7	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.3
16 years	10.6	9.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	2.9	3.5	4.0	4.5	3.0	3.4	3.7	8.9	6.5	6.1	6.6
17 years	10.2	9.8	8.6	6.3	1.7	0.9	1.2	1.1	10.2	5.0	10.0	11.5	9.7	8.5	6.2	6.7
18 years	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	15.6	8.2	2.2	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	2.0	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Asian	0.5	0.5	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.5	<.1	0.3	0.3
Black	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.9	3.6	1.3	0.7	2.8	3.1	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	3.3	4.2	6.4	7.9	4.6	5.6	7.6	13.0	2.6	4.3	7.9	7.9	4.3	4.8	6.2	10.1
White	85.0	82.9	82.3	76.4	79.9	79.9	67.9	63.0	84.7	79.6	79.4	77.4	82.8	83.5	76.9	70.2
Two or more races	5.3	6.1	4.7	7.3	7.1	4.7	8.9	4.9	5.5	7.0	4.8	7.0	6.1	4.9	6.7	6.5
Unknown	2.6	3.0	3.2	5.0	3.8	4.7	11.5	16.5	2.8	4.0	4.3	4.6	3.1	3.2	6.6	10.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	619	570	581	514
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	561	514	494	452

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.4
1 year	7.9	8.6	10.3	10.7
2 years	7.6	9.6	11.0	8.9
3 years	7.4	7.0	7.2	8.0
4 years	7.1	6.1	6.2	6.6
5 years	5.0	5.1	6.0	5.4
6 years	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6
7 years	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.9
8 years	4.7	5.4	3.1	3.7
9 years	4.7	5.6	4.1	2.9
10 years	5.7	4.7	4.8	2.7
11 years	5.0	4.4	4.3	5.6
12 years	6.3	5.3	4.3	5.8
13 years	5.2	6.7	5.9	4.7
14 years	5.8	6.0	6.0	5.8
15 years	6.0	6.7	6.5	7.2
16 years	6.1	4.4	5.7	5.1
17 years	4.7	4.0	4.0	3.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.4
Asian	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2
Black	0.8	3.3	2.9	1.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.0	4.6	5.1
White	85.1	83.7	81.6	76.3
Two or more races	5.8	5.8	6.7	7.2
Unknown	2.9	3.0	3.4	8.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	322	323	276	293

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.0	0.9	1.1	0.7
1 year	10.9	13.0	12.0	11.9
2 years	14.6	13.3	14.9	19.1
3 years	9.9	13.3	13.0	13.7
4 years	8.7	9.6	10.1	9.9
5 years	7.5	8.4	8.3	9.2
6 years	7.5	7.1	8.7	8.5
7 years	8.4	3.7	4.3	2.4
8 years	3.1	5.9	4.7	3.4
9 years	4.0	3.1	4.7	5.8
10 years	4.7	6.2	4.7	1.7
11 years	5.6	3.7	2.2	2.4
12 years	2.2	3.7	2.9	2.0
13 years	3.4	3.4	1.8	4.4
14 years	2.5	0.9	2.9	1.4
15 years	1.9	0.6	1.8	1.0
16 years	2.2	1.2	1.1	1.4
17 years	2.5	1.2	0.0	0.3
18 years	0.6	0.6	0.7	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0
Black	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	5.0	9.8	7.8
White	80.4	80.5	77.2	77.5
Two or more races	6.8	7.1	5.1	7.5
Unknown	4.7	4.0	4.7	4.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	92.3	92.8	93.8	95.7
Children with one or more recurrences	7.7	7.2	6.2	4.3
Number	1,995	1,927	1,747	1,642

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	0.12	0.55	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.96	99.88	99.45	99.66
Number	2,845	2,607	2,380	2,076

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	32.5	33.8	32.4	37.9
Guardianship	6.7	8.2	7.8	9.7
Reunification	41.3	39.9	43.6	41.9
Other	19.5	18.0	15.7	10.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Number	979	959	833	776

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	36.3	34.9	32.1	35.2
Guardianship	8.0	7.1	5.6	10.7
Reunification	25.4	25.1	27.8	29.6
Other	30.3	32.9	34.4	24.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	465	410	302	253

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.3	3.8	2.8	4.1
Guardianship	3.8	10.9	9.2	16.3
Reunification	40.5	34.8	34.5	43.9
Other	51.4	50.5	53.5	35.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	185	184	142	123

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	48.0	43.0	42.0	46.3
Children older than 12 at entry	52.0	57.0	58.0	53.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	179	158	131	82

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	35.7	33.3	33.3	16.7	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	18.5	13.3	27.8	53.3		
Guardianship	0.0	11.1	16.7	66.7	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	11.1	6.7	5.6	6.7		
Reunification	28.6	44.4	50.0	16.7	33.3	33.3	0.0	100.0	55.6	63.3	50.0	26.7		
Other	35.7	11.1	0.0	0.0	33.3	22.2	0.0	0.0	14.8	16.7	16.7	13.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	14	9	12	6	3	9	0	1	27	30	18	15		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.0	39.0	40.9	36.1	31.0	34.2	31.3	38.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	2.4	7.6	4.9	7.0	8.3	8.0	9.3		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	24.0	34.1	42.4	50.8	41.6	38.1	43.0	41.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	24.4	9.1	8.2	20.4	19.4	17.1	11.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0		
Number	0	1	0	2	25	41	66	61	829	763	661	601		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	55.6	36.8	36.1	33.3	40.7	34.3	35.0	40.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.7	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	13.4	5.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	40.7	55.3	44.4	55.6	40.7	43.3	50.0	35.2	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	2.6	13.9	5.6	13.0	9.0	10.0	7.4	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	27	38	36	36	54	67	40	54	0	1	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	50.7	48.3	47.1	48.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.4	40.7	38.6	39.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.4	6.0	9.9	9.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.0	2.5	1.2
48 or more mos.	4.7	3.9	1.9	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	404	383	363	325

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	87.0	87.8	85.5	84.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.9	7.1	4.9	6.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.1	5.1	9.5	8.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Number	892	747	750	546

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	1.6	1.9	4.1	1.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	33.3	38.3	30.0	35.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.2	31.2	41.1	36.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.7	15.4	14.8	17.7
48 or more mos.	18.2	13.3	10.0	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	318	324	270	294

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.3	86.0	88.1	82.6	64.4	69.3	67.3	68.9	25.9	26.2	34.3	35.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.5	13.7	11.4	16.7	35.6	30.8	32.7	31.1	74.1	73.8	65.7	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Number	987	860	872	677	781	800	666	678	1,075	945	840	717	2	2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.8	3.3	3.9	4.0
Institutions	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4
Other settings	85.0	95.4	95.9	95.2
Missing data	12.1	1.3	0.0	0.4
Number	752	634	610	455

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	99.0	104.9	104.1	118.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.8	58.3	61.0	60.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.1	9.7	10.1	10.4
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)	22.6	28.7	30.0	32.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.2	10.7	12.0	6.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	107.0	124.3	120.4	134.3
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?	34.9	40.1	34.1	36.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.6	26.9	28.3	28.4
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?	24.0	26.4	28.2	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? ¹⁷	12.6	13.6	16.5	21.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	48.0	51.8	48.9	45.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	98.6	95.8	95.9	109.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.2	27.8	29.0	35.5
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?	88.5	87.3	87.0	90.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	65.3	66.7	67.4	62.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	94.4	96.7	100.9	97.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.9	85.8	88.3	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?	64.4	69.4	67.4	68.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.0	26.3	34.4	35.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Maryland

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,356,198	1,351,935	1,352,083	1,346,635
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.5
Black	31.5	31.4	32.3	31.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.9	10.5	11.0	11.6
White	50.3	49.7	46.6	46.2
Two or more races	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.6
Child population in poverty (%)	10.2	11.6	13.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	15,519	16,771	13,955	14,928
Foster care entry rate	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,607	6,997	6,141	5,704
Children adopted	610	734	644	529

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	45	49	73	91
Numerator	159	4,202	6,342	7,156
Denominator	353	8,513	8,701	7,887
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	71	80	94	90
Numerator	1,094	28,867	51,472	55,883
Denominator	1,531	36,049	54,770	62,413

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	38,775	28.6 per 1,000	41,611	30.8 per 1,000	37,109	27.4 per 1,000	36,996	27.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	15,519	11.4 per 1,000	16,771	12.4 per 1,000	13,955	10.3 per 1,000	14,928	11.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	20	1.5 per 100,000	17	1.3 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000	10	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.0	11.0	11.5	11.4
1 year	5.8	6.4	6.6	5.9
2 years	5.7	6.2	6.5	7.0
3 years	5.8	6.0	6.4	6.6
4 years	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.4
5 years	6.0	6.2	5.9	6.4
6 years	6.1	6.2	5.9	6.0
7 years	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.6
8 years	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.2
9 years	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.7	4.4	5.0
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.4
12 years	4.3	4.2	4.7	4.4
13 years	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.3
14 years	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.6
15 years	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.5
16 years	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.0
17 years	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.1
18+ years	<.1	0.3	0.2	<.1
Missing data	2.3	0.1	<.1	0.4
Number	15,519	16,771	13,955	14,928

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
Black	50.3	48.2	45.8	44.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.0	7.0	7.4	7.4
White	32.7	33.1	34.3	34.6
Two or more races	1.9	2.1	2.6	2.2
Missing data	8.3	8.7	8.9	10.8
Number	15,519	16,771	13,955	14,928

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	65.0	66.3	67.0	66.5
Physical abuse	23.3	23.5	23.7	23.2
Sexual abuse	12.8	11.3	12.3	12.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	15,519	16,771	13,955	14,928

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	273.4	193.5	147.9	42.4
Median	>24 but<48	<24	>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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	8,346	7,553	6,996	5,995	2,692	2,710	2,794	2,839	3,431	3,266	3,649	3,130	7,607	6,997	6,141	5,704
Median length of stay (months)	29.1	28.1	26.4	23.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.5	26.0	22.0	20.7	28.1	25.5	23.1	18.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.2	4.4	4.7	5.2	20.4	20.0	18.0	16.4	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.3	4.9
1 year	6.0	5.6	5.9	5.9	7.0	7.4	6.8	6.6	6.0	5.3	6.2	5.3	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.6
2 years	5.3	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.9	6.6	6.0	7.1	6.8	7.6	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.8
3 years	4.6	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.4	5.6	5.7	7.1	6.7	6.3	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.3
4 years	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.9	5.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.0
5 years	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.0	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.7	4.9	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.3	4.1
6 years	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.2
7 years	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.2
8 years	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.3
9 years	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.5
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.1	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.2	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.8
11 years	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.0	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2
12 years	4.8	4.3	4.6	5.2	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.1	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.3	4.2	4.9	5.2	4.9
13 years	6.1	5.8	4.7	5.8	6.2	5.1	4.8	5.4	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.8	5.9	4.8	5.8	5.9
14 years	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.2	6.6	5.9	6.8	6.5	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	6.9	7.0	6.1	6.9
15 years	9.1	8.9	8.0	8.3	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.2	4.5	3.4	3.8	4.0	8.9	8.2	8.3	7.4
16 years	9.8	10.2	10.5	10.4	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.7	4.8	4.1	3.5	4.8	10.2	10.5	10.3	9.8
17 years	9.8	10.6	11.6	12.6	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.3	13.4	3.9	10.4	17.4	10.6	11.5	12.3	11.7
18 years	0.5	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	15.2	24.1	14.7	9.9	0.2	0.3	1.8	1.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	71.6	70.9	69.8	65.9	59.1	57.0	55.8	56.1	63.5	63.0	66.0	61.1	70.8	69.2	65.7	63.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.8	5.1	4.3	4.7	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.8	2.9	3.6	3.9	4.4
White	21.4	21.2	20.9	23.8	28.3	28.0	31.6	29.6	27.1	26.8	24.1	27.3	21.3	21.3	23.9	24.8
Two or more races	3.0	3.3	3.8	3.9	4.4	5.2	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.6
Unknown	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.4	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.3
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,505	1,218	883	719
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	445	366	236	136

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.5
1 year	5.8	5.6	6.9	9.2
2 years	9.5	7.3	9.9	7.6
3 years	9.4	8.6	7.6	8.2
4 years	6.9	6.6	7.2	6.3
5 years	5.8	5.3	4.4	5.6
6 years	5.2	5.1	4.9	3.1
7 years	4.8	4.8	5.7	3.9
8 years	5.2	4.4	4.4	4.7
9 years	5.6	5.2	4.6	4.9
10 years	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.4
11 years	5.6	5.3	6.2	6.3
12 years	4.5	5.3	4.3	6.8
13 years	4.9	4.5	6.0	5.1
14 years	6.0	6.2	5.2	6.7
15 years	4.8	7.2	6.1	5.3
16 years	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.0
17 years	3.9	5.7	5.0	4.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Black	67.4	65.1	60.8	57.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	3.4	4.6	5.3
White	23.9	24.0	25.6	28.2
Two or more races	3.7	5.2	6.6	5.6
Unknown	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.9
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.7

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	610	734	644	529

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.7	0.3	1.1	1.7
1 year	7.4	5.2	7.3	7.6
2 years	13.1	12.3	12.9	15.3
3 years	13.1	14.0	12.6	14.0
4 years	10.3	11.7	14.0	8.5
5 years	8.9	9.8	7.9	7.0
6 years	7.9	7.1	5.9	6.2
7 years	5.6	6.3	7.0	5.9
8 years	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.5
9 years	5.6	4.5	4.3	2.8
10 years	3.4	5.2	4.5	3.4
11 years	4.4	5.6	4.0	3.0
12 years	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.4
13 years	0.7	3.0	2.3	2.6
14 years	3.9	1.9	2.8	3.4
15 years	3.0	1.4	1.9	2.1
16 years	1.3	1.8	0.8	3.4
17 years	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.6
18 years	0.8	0.1	0.3	1.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Black	54.4	62.1	60.2	55.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	2.9	3.4	4.9
White	35.7	29.2	26.1	28.2
Two or more races	5.9	3.4	5.7	8.9
Unknown	2.0	1.8	4.0	2.1
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	96.3	95.1	96.6	93.1
Children with one or more recurrences	3.7	4.9	3.4	6.9
Number	4,798	6,091	4,929	6,269

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.40	0.44	0.25	0.69
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.60	99.56	99.75	99.31
Number	11,038	10,263	9,790	8,834

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.3	23.0	20.0	17.0
Guardianship	6.1	7.3	1.2	2.1
Reunification	46.2	39.9	55.4	57.5
Other	27.0	26.1	22.4	23.3
Missing data	1.3	3.7	1.0	0.0
Number	3,431	3,266	3,649	3,130

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.4	22.7	22.2	18.3
Guardianship	4.4	4.8	0.7	1.5
Reunification	35.2	27.7	40.1	40.0
Other	39.1	42.5	36.1	40.1
Missing data	1.0	2.4	1.0	0.0
Number	896	842	1,253	1,047

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.2
Guardianship	2.5	2.1	1.2	2.1
Reunification	37.9	34.6	44.6	46.2
Other	57.1	58.4	51.3	50.5
Missing data	1.8	3.9	1.4	0.0
Number	889	803	869	846

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	45.8	45.1	46.4	42.1
Children older than 12 at entry	54.2	54.9	53.4	57.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	864	818	769	699

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	5.0	12.5	14.3	13.3	16.5	22.2	19.3	15.7		
Guardianship	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	7.1	9.0	0.8	2.3		
Reunification	33.3	25.0	25.0	100.0	45.0	25.0	57.1	66.7	42.5	34.7	52.4	53.3		
Other	33.3	50.0	25.0	0.0	35.0	62.5	28.6	13.3	32.7	30.9	26.5	28.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	3.2	1.0	0.0		
Number	3	4	4	2	20	8	7	15	2,177	2,059	2,408	1,911		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	24.0	19.2	21.2	25.3	25.4	20.2	17.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	2.9	0.8	2.5	3.6	4.3	2.3	1.8		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	61.3	44.2	64.8	54.2	50.9	48.1	60.0	65.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	18.0	15.4	13.6	22.0	18.7	19.1	16.5	15.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	13.5	1.6	0.0	1.5	3.1	1.0	0.0		
Number	0	2	0	2	111	104	125	118	929	874	878	855		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.4	21.1	29.8	17.6	32.8	21.3	28.2	32.1	21.4	4.5	5.3	4.5		
Guardianship	5.2	7.0	0.0	1.5	6.7	4.9	0.8	2.9	7.1	9.1	5.3	0.0		
Reunification	67.2	56.3	65.5	76.5	50.4	51.6	60.5	54.7	64.3	77.3	84.2	90.9		
Other	5.2	8.5	3.6	4.4	8.4	16.4	9.7	10.2	0.0	4.5	5.3	4.5		
Missing data	0.0	7.0	1.2	0.0	1.7	5.7	0.8	0.0	7.1	4.5	0.0	0.0		
Number	58	71	84	68	119	122	124	137	14	22	19	22		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	53.6	56.0	54.1	53.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.7	23.9	21.2	22.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.0	9.1	10.8	9.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.9	4.1	5.2	6.1
48 or more mos.	9.7	6.8	8.7	8.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,584	1,303	2,021	1,800

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	78.7	80.4	78.6	76.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.2	8.2	8.1	10.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.8	11.3	13.4	13.6
Missing data	0.4	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	2,692	2,710	2,794	2,839

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	1.2	1.9	2.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	15.4	11.3	11.5	11.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	22.5	23.6	20.5	30.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.5	22.3	22.5	19.1
48 or more mos.	40.4	41.6	43.6	36.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	663	750	730	533

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81.6	81.7	85.3	86.0	66.8	71.5	72.1	68.8	27.0	29.3	46.1	44.2	72.7	94.7	90.9	80.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.6	11.4	9.6	9.6	29.4	25.5	26.8	29.8	72.7	70.0	51.9	54.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Missing placement setting counts	8.8	6.9	5.1	4.3	3.8	3.0	1.1	1.4	0.3	0.7	2.1	1.2	27.3	5.3	9.1	10.0
Number	3,005	3,006	3,207	3,188	2,010	1,920	1,849	1,801	6,001	5,318	4,723	3,835	22	19	11	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	3.4	3.9	1.3	2.0
Institutions	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7
Other settings	93.5	92.8	97.6	97.3
Missing data	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Number	1,838	1,884	1,661	1,834

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	90.9	97.9	94.9	97.4
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)	53.4	55.8	52.9	51.3
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)	10.8	10.3	11.0	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)	31.7	30.0	33.8	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?	14.4	13.0	13.4	11.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	71.7	80.9	85.9	95.9
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?	17.6	12.5	13.4	14.1
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?	41.2	43.1	44.6	39.1
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?	11.0	14.9	16.5	15.4
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? ¹⁷	3.0	4.2	2.3	2.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	67.1	71.5	79.4	82.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	97.7	98.7	105.4	106.4
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?	19.0	21.2	25.1	24.9
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?	93.4	93.6	93.9	94.6
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?	62.2	63.0	60.0	58.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.0	101.9	110.2	107.5
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?	88.9	86.8	89.2	89.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.5	73.7	73.0	69.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.2	29.6	47.5	45.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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STATE COMMENT

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The following are Maryland's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Maryland has successfully reduced the number of children in care.

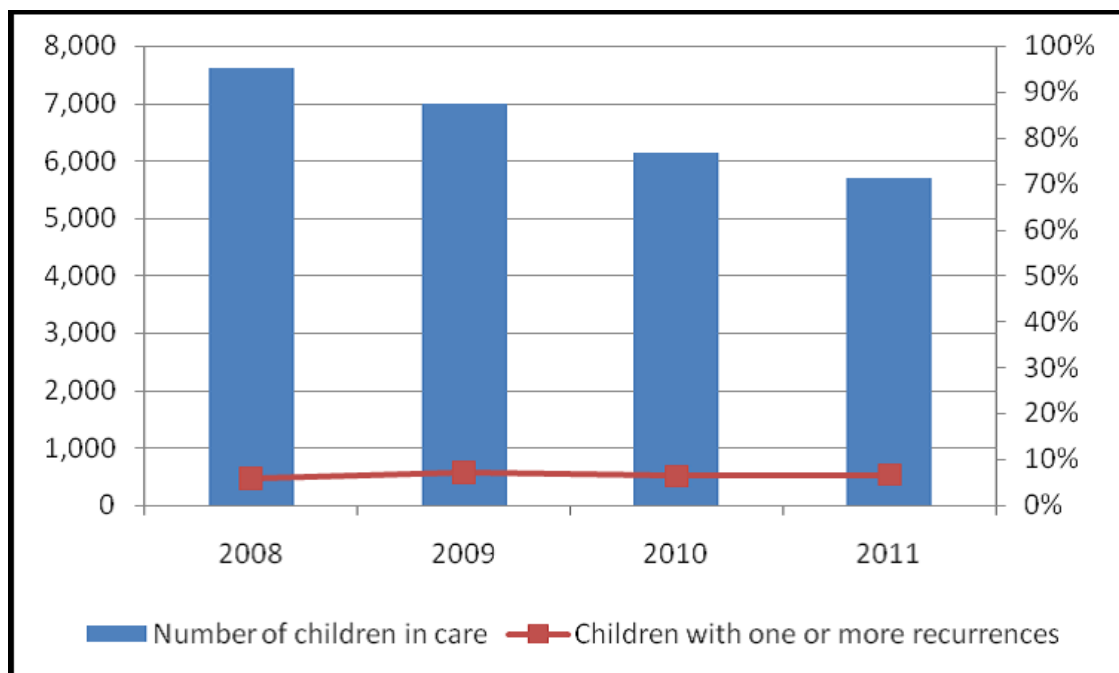
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of children in care	7,607	6,997	6,141	5,704
Percent decrease versus prior year	9.5%	8.0%	12.2%	7.1%

Number of children in care is number of children under 18 on September 30.

As reflected in the Child Welfare Outcomes report for this time period, Maryland continues to reduce the number of children in foster care. The report shows a downward trend in foster care placements, averaging 7.5% annual decreases. As part of Maryland's "Place Matters" initiative, DHR is in the process of institutionalizing a family-centered practice model, 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. Maryland's efforts to implement its family-centered practice model often results in identifying relatives and other community resources for families struggling with child maltreatment. The State expects continued success with this approach.

Based on technical assistance concerning the State's federal reporting of child maltreatment and after making adjustments to its NCANDS (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System) report file for FFY2011, Maryland has updated its methodology and now reports that recurrence of maltreatment has been approximately 1 percent higher than reported in the last few years, averaging 6.6%. The FFY2011 statistic published in this report is 6.9%, and next year's report will be updated to reflect improved recurrence of maltreatment measurements for the time periods FFY2009 and FFY2010. As shown in the following graph, the newly corrected child safety data continues to show that, through the implementation of the Place Matters initiative, Maryland is reducing its caseload without reducing safety of children or increasing the rate of maltreatment recurrence rate of children.

Children in Foster Care on 9/30 and Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect 2008-2011



Among foster children, the absence of maltreatment for these years has averaged 99.5% and is very close to the federal standard of 99.68%. 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 86% of those foster children experience two or fewer placement settings.

Maryland has experienced considerable success with its Place Matters initiative featuring Family-Centered Practice, will continue to monitor child safety as it continues to implement Place Matters, and looks forward to continued and increasing success in child welfare during the coming years.

Massachusetts

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,438,671	1,433,002	1,417,262	1,405,015
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9
Black	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.2	13.6	14.9	15.2
White	71.1	70.4	68.1	67.5
Two or more races	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	12.0	13.1	14.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	41,596	38,958	26,588	21,948
Foster care entry rate	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,405	9,639	8,945	8,640
Children adopted	712	790	725	722

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	43	45	47	50
Numerator	6,574	6,663	6,264	6,398
Denominator	15,174	14,669	13,433	12,822
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	79	79	78	78
Numerator	31,374	32,294	30,164	32,914
Denominator	39,709	41,033	38,431	41,955

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	89,003	61.9 per 1,000	84,424	58.9 per 1,000	77,863	54.9 per 1,000	73,358	52.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	41,596	28.9 per 1,000	38,958	27.2 per 1,000	26,588	18.8 per 1,000	21,948	15.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	1.5 per 100,000	17	1.2 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	—	- per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	10.9	10.8	11.6	11.9
1 year	7.1	7.4	7.9	7.5
2 years	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.0
3 years	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.9
4 years	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.4
5 years	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.1
6 years	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.1
7 years	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.4
8 years	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.1
9 years	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.1
10 years	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.5
11 years	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.5
12 years	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.4
13 years	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.5
14 years	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.1
15 years	5.0	4.7	4.2	3.9
16 years	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.9
17 years	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.4
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	41,596	38,958	26,588	21,948

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.4
Black	13.2	13.3	12.8	12.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	24.2	23.7	23.9	25.0
White	44.1	41.9	40.9	40.2
Two or more races	2.9	3.2	3.6	3.6
Missing data	13.8	15.7	17.2	17.3
Number	41,596	38,958	26,588	21,948

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	92.4	92.1	91.2	90.0
Physical abuse	12.6	12.3	12.9	13.8
Sexual abuse	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	41,596	38,958	26,588	21,948

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	10,224	10,158	9,406	8,719	6,654	6,139	5,474	5,311	6,473	6,658	5,935	5,390	10,405	9,639	8,945	8,640
Median length of stay (months)	14.7	14.5	15.2	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.8	11.5	12.3	12.6	14.2	14.9	15.4	14.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.3	13.8	13.5	12.6	13.4	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.0	5.3	4.9	4.1	5.1
1 year	5.4	6.2	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.3	5.5	6.2	6.7	6.3	5.8
2 years	4.6	5.3	5.5	6.4	5.1	4.7	5.4	4.5	5.5	5.3	6.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	6.4	6.1
3 years	4.1	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.3	5.5	4.5	4.8	4.9	5.8
4 years	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.3	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.4	5.0	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.4
5 years	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.4	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.1
6 years	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5
7 years	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5
8 years	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.6
9 years	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.6	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.1
10 years	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.3
11 years	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	4.0
12 years	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.8	4.4	2.8	3.2	2.9	3.2	4.2	4.4	4.6	3.7
13 years	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.3	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.7	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.7
14 years	8.1	7.2	6.8	6.8	8.5	9.3	8.3	8.2	5.6	5.3	4.7	4.9	7.4	6.9	7.1	7.2
15 years	10.8	10.0	9.7	9.2	11.4	11.1	12.1	11.7	8.5	7.9	8.4	7.2	10.2	9.9	9.4	9.4
16 years	11.8	11.2	11.4	11.1	8.9	9.5	9.7	10.5	9.3	8.5	9.0	9.4	11.3	11.4	11.2	11.0
17 years	11.5	11.3	11.1	11.2	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.8	13.8	7.3	16.5	24.2	11.2	11.0	11.0	10.5
18 years	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	10.3	15.8	6.8	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.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	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.8
Black	16.2	16.4	16.5	16.2	15.8	15.7	14.6	14.5	15.4	15.7	15.4	15.6	16.4	16.5	16.0	15.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	26.3	26.3	27.1	27.3	27.4	28.1	28.5	27.5	28.0	27.0	28.1	28.7	26.0	27.0	27.3	26.6
White	48.1	48.0	46.3	45.6	46.2	45.4	45.4	46.4	46.2	47.9	46.3	44.4	48.0	46.4	45.7	46.8
Two or more races	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.3	3.7	4.4	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.9
Unknown	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.9	3.5	3.6	5.0	5.1	3.5	3.1	3.6	4.7	3.3	3.4	4.1	4.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,840	2,834	2,757	2,663
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,606	1,503	1,524	1,424

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4
1 year	11.2	10.7	10.3	9.5
2 years	9.4	9.7	10.7	10.5
3 years	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.4
4 years	6.4	7.3	7.8	7.5
5 years	6.6	5.6	6.5	7.1
6 years	6.3	6.4	5.3	6.0
7 years	6.1	6.3	6.4	5.9
8 years	5.3	5.3	5.7	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.4	4.7	4.8
10 years	5.9	4.8	5.4	4.4
11 years	5.5	5.4	4.2	5.1
12 years	4.2	5.1	5.0	3.9
13 years	3.9	3.5	4.5	4.8
14 years	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.3
15 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4
16 years	2.2	2.8	3.0	2.7
17 years	1.4	1.6	2.1	2.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.5
Black	14.7	15.3	15.4	14.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.3	26.7	27.5	26.5
White	48.8	45.7	44.8	46.7
Two or more races	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.1
Unknown	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	712	790	725	722

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
1 year	17.3	17.6	16.1	12.3
2 years	17.0	16.2	16.1	15.4
3 years	11.0	11.6	13.4	13.7
4 years	7.4	9.7	9.1	9.7
5 years	8.8	10.5	7.7	8.4
6 years	8.6	4.9	6.2	6.1
7 years	5.5	5.9	6.2	7.5
8 years	4.8	5.1	4.8	5.4
9 years	3.4	2.7	3.7	4.4
10 years	3.1	4.3	4.0	5.1
11 years	2.7	2.2	3.6	3.9
12 years	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.2
13 years	1.0	1.5	2.1	1.7
14 years	1.3	1.9	1.1	1.0
15 years	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.7
16 years	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.8
17 years	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.7
18 years	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.1	1.3	1.0	1.0
Black	13.1	12.5	12.1	13.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.6	19.5	22.6	24.4
White	49.2	54.1	51.4	49.6
Two or more races	7.3	7.5	7.9	7.2
Unknown	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	88.1	88.6	91.5	91.9
Children with one or more recurrences	11.9	11.4	8.5	8.1
Number	18,825	19,498	13,301	10,873

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.07	0.84	0.78	0.71
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.93	99.16	99.22	99.29
Number	16,878	16,297	14,880	14,030

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	11.3	11.7	11.9	13.1
Guardianship	7.4	7.0	4.5	6.2
Reunification	63.1	64.4	65.5	62.2
Other	18.2	16.9	18.1	18.5
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	6,473	6,658	5,935	5,390

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	36.0	35.5	35.1	39.8
Guardianship	7.3	5.5	2.1	4.1
Reunification	29.8	31.5	34.9	28.9
Other	26.9	27.4	27.9	27.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	763	723	717	706

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Guardianship	3.0	2.3	1.8	1.9
Reunification	64.2	65.1	63.7	62.9
Other	32.6	32.3	34.3	34.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,698	2,622	2,367	2,175

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.0	25.2	25.0	24.2
Children older than 12 at entry	74.0	74.8	75.0	75.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,098	1,075	1,017	932

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	7.7	14.3	11.1	0.7	7.2	7.1	4.9	9.1	9.5	9.5	10.8		
Guardianship	0.0	15.4	28.6	11.1	6.9	8.0	3.6	1.0	6.4	7.8	3.1	5.1		
Reunification	44.4	76.9	42.9	77.8	75.9	62.4	69.6	61.2	59.5	61.6	61.9	61.6		
Other	55.6	0.0	14.3	0.0	16.6	22.4	19.6	33.0	25.0	21.1	25.6	22.5		
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	9	13	7	9	145	125	112	103	999	1,045	915	843		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	8.7	9.2	11.5	11.9	13.0	13.5	14.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	5.0	2.8	3.8	8.3	7.7	6.1	7.9		
Reunification	83.3	50.0	100.0	100.0	66.5	70.7	69.3	65.5	61.7	62.1	63.7	59.7		
Other	16.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	16.8	15.6	18.6	19.1	18.1	17.1	16.6	18.0		
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	6	2	1	1	1,813	1,799	1,670	1,546	2,991	3,190	2,750	2,392		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.4	17.9	14.0	14.7	21.7	23.1	21.9	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	7.5	8.7	1.9	7.9	8.4	7.8	4.2	7.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	10.0		
Reunification	62.4	63.8	72.4	66.7	61.0	58.0	64.6	60.7	77.1	95.5	100.0	90.0		
Other	9.7	9.2	11.7	10.7	8.8	11.0	9.2	9.4	20.0	4.5	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	226	207	214	252	249	255	260	234	35	22	6	10		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	72.4	71.8	68.0	70.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.2	20.1	22.2	19.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.8	4.8	5.6	5.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.7	2.2	2.5
48 or more mos.	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,084	4,286	3,888	3,351

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	77.3	75.7	75.2	75.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.6	11.8	12.3	12.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.1	12.5	12.5	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,654	6,139	5,474	5,311

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.4	1.4	1.3	0.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.8	28.4	25.7	21.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.8	31.9	31.2	31.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	15.4	21.9	20.5	24.6
48 or more mos.	19.5	16.5	21.3	21.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	732	778	708	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.6	73.9	75.4	78.5	48.6	48.7	48.9	49.2	22.9	23.3	23.4	24.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.3	26.0	24.6	21.4	51.3	51.3	51.1	50.8	77.1	76.7	76.6	75.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,952	7,592	6,687	6,383	3,845	3,751	3,417	3,096	5,075	4,942	4,766	4,541	6	12	10	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	4.7	5.0	5.2	4.5
Institutions	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.2
Other settings	93.5	93.8	93.1	94.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	3,941	3,596	3,155	3,053

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	122.9	124.0	120.7	122.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	76.7	75.4	71.7	74.3
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)	5.2	5.5	6.4	5.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.7	51.2	50.4	48.4
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?	17.1	16.2	15.3	15.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	85.0	86.3	83.7	76.2
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	29.8	27.0	21.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.3	31.5	32.6	34.6
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?	12.9	15.4	14.7	16.0
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? ¹⁷	5.1	6.5	6.0	6.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.8	41.5	45.0	38.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	109.8	114.7	112.9	115.0
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?	21.4	23.7	23.0	25.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.9	92.2	91.0	90.0
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?	45.6	43.6	44.7	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	76.9	76.7	77.9	80.9
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?	73.3	72.6	74.0	77.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	48.6	48.8	48.9	49.2
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?	22.9	23.3	23.4	24.2

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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The following are Massachusetts's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Safety

In August of 2009, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) implemented a differential response process for handling reports of child maltreatment in its SACWIS (FamilyNet). With differential response, reports can be screened-in for a CPS investigation or for an assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An assessment response allows DCF to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation. An assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse or serious neglect. From October of 2009 through September of 2010, the use of the assessment response increased from 20% of the combined CPS investigations and assessment responses to 33% where it has remained. Assessment responses do not result in findings of support or unsupport and have been reported on NCANDS as "Other." This has resulted in fewer supported and unsupported reports and allegations as well as fewer identified perpetrators.

Some timeframes have changed. Non-emergency reports are generally screened within 24 hours, however, in certain circumstances the time may be extended to up to 3 days. Emergency investigations must still be initiated within 2 hours, but the time for completion has been extended from 24 hours to 5 business days. Non-emergency investigations and assessment responses must be initiated within 2 business days and completed within 15 business days unless an extension is approved.

Placement

- The number of children in care has significantly decreased since 2008.
 - Children in care at any time during the year decreased by 16.9% from FFY 2008 to FFY 2011 [16,881/14,030]
 - Admissions decreased by 20.2% from FFY 2008 to FFY 2011 [6,654/5,311]
 - Reentries to foster care decreased from 17.1% of entries in FFY 2008 to 15.6% in FFY 2011
- Placement stability slowly and steadily increased from 2007 to 2011.

Adoption

Massachusetts reports the date of discharge from the foster care placement on the AFCARS Foster Care file and, in the case of children discharged to adoption, the foster care discharge date can be significantly later than the actual date of adoption. This delay in closing foster care placements accounts in part for the difference between the count of children discharged to adoption on the AFCARS Foster Care file and the count of children listed on the AFCARS Adoption file.

Michigan

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	2,392,899	2,349,892	2,333,718	2,295,812
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7
Black	16.9	16.7	16.5	16.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	6.7	7.4	7.5
White	70.6	70.4	68.7	68.5
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	4.1	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	19.4	22.5	23.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	29,643	32,463	35,497	36,577
Foster care entry rate	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	19,821	17,684	16,492	15,035
Children adopted	2,731	3,209	2,597	2,438

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	27	43	71	84
Numerator	112	162	290	342
Denominator	410	380	409	408
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	74	85	85	85
Numerator	614	1,096	2,811	2,779
Denominator	833	1,297	3,292	3,283

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	177,871	74.3 per 1,000	188,341	80.1 per 1,000	194,719	83.4 per 1,000	212,018	92.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	29,643	12.4 per 1,000	32,463	13.8 per 1,000	35,497	15.2 per 1,000	36,577	15.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	59	2.5 per 100,000	58	2.5 per 100,000	71	3.0 per 100,000	75	3.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	15.9	15.3	15.1	14.9
1 year	7.0	6.7	7.2	7.0
2 years	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7
3 years	6.4	6.2	6.6	6.7
4 years	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.4
5 years	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.9
6 years	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.6
7 years	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.6
8 years	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.8
9 years	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.6
10 years	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.7
11 years	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.5
12 years	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3
13 years	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.3
14 years	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.2
15 years	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.2
16 years	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.5
17 years	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.0
18+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1
Number	29,643	32,463	35,497	36,577

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Black	30.1	28.1	26.2	24.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.2	4.4	4.2
White	57.5	58.7	60.8	61.9
Two or more races	5.3	6.1	6.7	7.4
Missing data	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9
Number	29,643	32,463	35,497	36,577

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	15.0	26.0	31.4	35.6
Medical neglect	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8
Neglect	82.3	83.2	83.8	84.1
Physical abuse	19.6	21.8	21.1	21.6
Sexual abuse	4.1	3.9	3.3	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	18.7	29.8	33.7	35.4
Number	29,643	32,463	35,497	36,577

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	104.4	114.0	63.0	78.5
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	20,902	20,122	17,658	16,335	8,044	7,493	8,021	7,111	9,125	9,932	9,187	8,418	19,821	17,684	16,492	15,035
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	16.1	15.7	14.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.1	21.9	20.6	19.9	17.1	16.4	14.5	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.4	5.8	6.0	6.3	19.0	19.4	18.9	18.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.1
1 year	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.6	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.4	7.4	6.9	7.0	7.7	7.8
2 years	5.7	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.2	5.7	6.5	6.6	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.3	6.6	7.2
3 years	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.9	6.1	5.4	5.8	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.2
4 years	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.7	5.7	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.3
5 years	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.3	4.7	4.6	5.1
6 years	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.5
7 years	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.4
8 years	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8
9 years	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.5
10 years	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.5
11 years	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.1
12 years	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.2
13 years	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.5
14 years	5.7	5.3	4.8	4.8	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.5	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.4
15 years	7.2	7.4	6.8	6.5	6.4	7.2	6.6	6.7	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	6.8	6.6	6.2	5.9
16 years	9.5	9.1	9.2	8.5	6.4	7.0	7.0	6.4	5.0	4.6	5.2	4.8	8.3	9.0	8.3	8.0
17 years	9.8	9.3	9.3	9.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	5.6	6.6	7.5	6.8	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.3
18 years	5.7	6.6	6.3	5.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	11.1	8.3	9.1	11.5	7.3	6.6	5.8	5.9
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	7.0	10.1	7.9	4.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3
20 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	48.0	46.8	45.3	42.3	36.6	37.5	35.4	32.7	41.7	42.3	43.0	39.1	46.3	45.3	41.8	39.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	5.4	5.8	5.8	7.2	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.9
White	41.3	40.3	40.2	42.4	46.7	46.2	48.2	49.9	46.7	44.5	42.3	45.6	41.1	40.4	42.9	44.2
Two or more races	4.4	6.2	7.6	8.3	8.0	8.9	9.0	10.4	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	5.9	7.3	8.3	9.1
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption	2008 2009 2010 2011			
	Total waiting children	5,870	4,971	5,284
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	5,600	4,845	4,339	3,677

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.0	3.2	5.2	5.0
1 year	7.3	7.9	9.6	9.0
2 years	7.8	7.4	8.2	9.3
3 years	6.6	7.1	7.5	7.2
4 years	5.9	6.4	6.5	6.8
5 years	5.3	6.0	5.7	6.1
6 years	5.5	4.9	5.4	5.0
7 years	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8
8 years	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.6
9 years	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.3
10 years	4.4	4.5	3.7	4.6
11 years	4.9	4.3	4.4	3.2
12 years	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.2
13 years	5.8	5.2	5.0	4.6
14 years	6.5	6.5	5.2	5.6
15 years	7.8	7.1	6.2	5.9
16 years	6.0	5.8	5.1	5.8
17 years	4.4	4.8	3.7	4.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.9
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	44.8	42.6	38.7	38.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	5.9	6.6	6.7
White	42.7	42.6	44.7	44.6
Two or more races	5.8	8.0	9.2	9.4
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted	2008 2009 2010 2011			
	Total children adopted	2,731	3,209	2,597

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.3	2.3	1.6	1.8
1 year	10.7	10.8	11.5	11.6
2 years	12.1	12.5	12.1	12.9
3 years	10.3	9.6	10.9	11.2
4 years	7.3	8.4	9.1	8.2
5 years	7.5	7.0	7.7	7.8
6 years	6.9	6.6	7.4	7.5
7 years	6.4	6.6	5.4	6.1
8 years	5.7	5.9	5.1	5.3
9 years	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.2
11 years	4.8	4.1	4.1	3.1
12 years	3.4	3.0	3.7	4.5
13 years	3.2	4.0	3.3	2.4
14 years	3.4	3.3	2.5	3.2
15 years	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
16 years	2.5	1.9	2.0	1.5
17 years	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.5
18 years	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.4
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	38.2	34.6	30.8	29.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	7.2	7.0	7.5
White	48.2	49.3	51.6	51.1
Two or more races	7.4	7.7	9.6	11.3
Unknown	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Michigan

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	92.9	93.3	91.7	91.4
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	6.7	8.3	8.6
Number	13,819	14,346	16,592	16,340

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.38	0.71	0.94	1.03
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.62	99.29	99.06	98.97
Number	28,946	27,615	25,679	23,446

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	28.7	29.7	28.0	28.9
Guardianship	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.9
Reunification	50.6	47.5	53.8	53.3
Other	15.7	18.5	13.2	12.7
Missing data	1.3	0.6	1.4	0.2
Number	9,125	9,932	9,187	8,418

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	31.7	28.2	30.3	33.3
Guardianship	2.8	3.4	3.3	6.1
Reunification	36.3	34.8	42.1	39.4
Other	27.1	32.9	22.2	20.9
Missing data	2.1	0.6	2.2	0.3
Number	1,266	1,392	1,344	1,364

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	2.8	3.4	3.6	2.9
Guardianship	4.5	4.2	3.6	5.8
Reunification	48.5	44.2	58.3	59.6
Other	40.2	46.5	30.4	30.9
Missing data	4.0	1.7	4.1	0.9
Number	2,601	2,872	2,705	2,306

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.2	30.5	33.7	33.8
Children older than 12 at entry	72.8	69.3	66.3	66.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	1,095	1,143	908	878

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	29.0	22.7	21.5	17.9	7.7	25.0	23.1	66.7	27.1	24.6	19.8	21.9		
Guardianship	4.0	4.1	4.6	8.9	0.0	4.2	7.7	0.0	2.7	2.7	3.2	4.1		
Reunification	54.0	66.0	55.4	55.4	61.5	37.5	61.5	33.3	47.6	44.4	58.0	55.6		
Other	12.9	6.2	16.9	17.9	30.8	33.3	7.7	0.0	20.9	27.6	16.7	17.9		
Missing data	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.6	2.3	0.5		
Number	124	97	65	56	13	24	13	3	3,801	4,203	3,948	3,294		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	37.5	54.5	75.0	0.0	25.5	38.2	33.3	37.2	30.0	33.3	34.0	32.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	5.4	2.9	3.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	5.5		
Reunification	50.0	9.1	25.0	100.0	58.6	44.1	50.5	48.0	52.3	49.5	50.1	52.6		
Other	12.5	36.4	0.0	0.0	11.0	12.0	12.3	11.6	12.1	12.0	11.0	9.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.1		
Number	8	11	4	1	498	542	543	492	4,257	4,420	3,889	3,841		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	5.6	8.0	8.7	0.0	36.5	33.1	37.0	38.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.9	3.1	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	28.0	60.9	100.0	49.0	55.6	53.6	48.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	27.8	64.0	26.1	0.0	10.3	7.0	5.8	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	18	25	23	15	406	610	702	716	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	36.6	36.5	35.8	39.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	44.6	43.7	43.3	42.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.3	12.9	13.3	11.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.5
48 or more mos.	2.8	3.0	3.6	2.9
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Number	4,616	4,714	4,944	4,484

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	91.7	82.8	88.6	85.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.9	2.6	3.1	3.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.9	0.8	2.0	3.2
Missing data	4.5	13.9	6.3	7.7
Number	8,044	7,493	8,021	7,111

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	5.4	4.7	4.0	3.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.0	30.1	29.8	31.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.9	34.7	34.3	34.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.1	16.2	17.8	17.5
48 or more mos.	16.4	14.3	13.9	13.2
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1
Number	2,623	2,953	2,569	2,429

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.9	85.8	87.8	88.1	72.4	72.7	73.6	74.4	43.7	46.0	44.6	44.7	92.1	96.9	87.5	96.8
Children with 3 or more placements	14.1	14.2	12.2	11.9	27.6	27.3	26.4	25.6	56.3	54.0	55.4	55.3	7.9	3.1	12.5	3.2
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	9,319	8,850	9,203	8,311	8,478	8,219	7,368	7,165	11,111	10,514	9,060	7,877	38	32	48	93

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5
Institutions	2.1	2.2	1.0	1.1
Other settings	97.9	97.8	98.5	98.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Number	5,932	5,435	5,840	5,292

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	106.8	111.0	113.4	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)	47.7	52.0	53.4	56.5
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)	12.5	11.6	11.4	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)	24.4	25.2	24.0	28.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	3.2	3.3	3.8	6.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	95.6	108.3	111.0	119.9
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?	30.6	34.8	34.0	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?	29.5	28.7	29.1	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?	23.7	27.9	28.8	31.4
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? ¹⁷	11.8	14.0	16.4	14.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	33.5	38.8	40.1	44.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	118.5	125.5	124.4	131.7
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.6	31.4	33.4	36.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.4	96.7	96.8	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?	48.7	46.2	48.8	44.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	105.4	106.3	107.8	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?	85.8	85.6	87.6	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?	72.5	73.0	74.0	74.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	45.3	47.7	46.3	46.7

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,262,103	1,260,797	1,282,527	1,277,526
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
Asian	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.4
Black	6.6	6.6	7.4	7.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	7.5	7.9	8.2
White	76.5	76.1	73.5	73.1
Two or more races	3.2	3.2	4.5	4.6
Child population in poverty (%)	11.4	14.1	15.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	5,824	4,961	4,668	4,552
Foster care entry rate	5.7	4.7	4.4	4.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,071	5,471	5,107	5,090
Children adopted	785	660	627	572

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	40	47	55	57
Numerator	3,270	3,786	4,117	4,329
Denominator	8,169	8,069	7,455	7,558
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	86	88	88	87
Numerator	14,304	19,447	16,572	22,180
Denominator	16,565	22,046	18,831	25,386

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	26,483	21.0 per 1,000	25,083	19.9 per 1,000	25,341	19.8 per 1,000	25,703	20.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	5,824	4.6 per 1,000	4,961	3.9 per 1,000	4,668	3.6 per 1,000	4,552	3.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	16	1.3 per 100,000	21	1.7 per 100,000	14	1.1 per 100,000	15	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.2	12.1	11.9	12.2
1 year	7.2	6.8	6.9	6.6
2 years	6.3	7.1	6.5	6.9
3 years	6.8	6.5	6.4	7.2
4 years	6.5	6.1	7.2	6.7
5 years	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.7
6 years	7.3	6.3	6.6	6.3
7 years	5.8	6.2	6.0	6.4
8 years	6.0	5.0	5.9	5.4
9 years	5.3	5.3	5.9	5.2
10 years	4.8	5.3	5.0	4.5
11 years	4.1	4.9	5.0	4.5
12 years	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.5
13 years	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.2
14 years	4.3	4.0	3.2	4.0
15 years	3.6	4.3	3.4	3.5
16 years	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.0
17 years	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.0
18+ years	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2
Number	5,824	4,961	4,668	4,552

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	7.8	7.8	7.5	9.1
Asian	2.6	2.7	1.8	2.7
Black	22.4	21.9	20.4	19.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	11.2	11.5	11.6
White	41.4	39.2	45.5	44.5
Two or more races	10.1	10.7	12.4	12.1
Missing data	5.3	6.6	0.7	0.7
Number	5,824	4,961	4,668	4,552

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 of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1
Medical neglect	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.0
Neglect	71.7	70.7	69.0	68.9
Physical abuse	17.7	19.3	19.5	20.6
Sexual abuse	16.1	15.9	17.7	17.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,824	4,961	4,668	4,552

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	59.4	49.5	43.1	44.9
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	6,387	5,733	5,141	4,790	7,182	5,961	5,587	5,885	7,498	6,223	5,621	5,585	6,071	5,471	5,107	5,090
Median length of stay (months)	11.4	11.6	12.2	10.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.5	11.2	11.7	10.5	8.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.5	9.8	10.5	10.2	9.6	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.2	5.1	5.3	5.4	6.0
1 year	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.8	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.7
2 years	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.4	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.3	4.9
3 years	4.8	4.1	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.8	5.0
4 years	4.5	4.2	3.8	4.3	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.2
5 years	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	4.1
6 years	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.6
7 years	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.5
8 years	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.0	3.7
9 years	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.7
10 years	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.1	2.6	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.7
11 years	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.3	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.4	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.4	4.2	3.8
12 years	3.8	4.1	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.3	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.8
13 years	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.7	5.8	5.2	6.0	5.5	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.6	5.1	5.1	5.9	5.2
14 years	7.5	7.3	6.5	7.3	8.7	7.7	7.9	7.7	6.4	6.3	5.6	6.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	7.3
15 years	10.6	9.6	9.0	7.9	11.3	11.0	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.0	7.9	7.6	9.9	9.1	8.2	8.4
16 years	11.9	12.8	11.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	10.4	9.9	10.1	10.5	8.6	9.0	13.0	11.6	11.0	9.6
17 years	12.5	14.0	14.3	12.8	9.4	9.8	9.4	9.0	12.2	10.2	15.2	16.6	13.6	14.1	12.7	11.6
18 years	1.2	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.8	7.4	11.4	7.0	4.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.1	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	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	12.0	12.8	15.9	15.5	10.6	10.5	9.6	11.2	10.0	8.2	10.5	10.4	12.8	15.6	15.0	16.1
Asian	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.3	2.6	3.0	2.0	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.4	2.2
Black	22.0	20.8	18.5	18.2	20.9	19.8	22.1	22.2	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	20.9	18.3	18.6	18.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	8.9	9.9	9.2	9.6	10.6	9.1	10.0	9.1	9.9	9.5	9.6	8.8	9.6	9.5	9.7
White	45.6	44.4	43.5	46.0	44.4	42.5	46.0	43.0	45.6	44.4	43.8	45.3	44.2	42.3	45.9	43.4
Two or more races	8.7	9.5	8.9	9.5	7.5	7.5	9.2	9.8	7.0	8.1	9.0	9.7	9.3	8.9	9.2	9.6
Unknown	1.8	1.9	1.2	0.1	4.3	5.8	1.7	0.7	3.8	4.4	2.5	0.4	2.2	3.3	0.4	0.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,391	1,227	1,083	960
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,189	1,138	1,007	907

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.0	4.1	4.8	3.0
1 year	8.7	8.0	7.8	8.1
2 years	7.8	9.0	8.2	5.9
3 years	6.4	5.6	7.7	7.1
4 years	6.3	5.6	5.5	7.6
5 years	5.0	5.7	4.5	5.5
6 years	5.7	5.2	5.0	4.5
7 years	3.4	5.4	5.1	5.2
8 years	4.3	4.2	4.5	3.6
9 years	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.6
10 years	3.9	4.5	4.0	4.6
11 years	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.7
12 years	4.4	4.0	4.5	4.7
13 years	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.1
14 years	4.7	4.6	6.0	4.9
15 years	5.3	5.7	5.3	6.0
16 years	7.9	6.7	6.7	7.8
17 years	8.1	8.4	7.2	8.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	5.8	6.1	8.6	10.5
Asian	1.7	1.4	0.7	0.6
Black	29.6	29.7	24.8	22.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.5	9.8	11.4	12.5
White	39.2	40.7	43.3	42.6
Two or more races	12.7	10.5	11.1	10.9
Unknown	1.4	1.8	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	785	660	627	572

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.9	5.0	2.7	3.5
1 year	15.8	14.5	14.2	14.9
2 years	16.9	16.7	14.7	13.6
3 years	10.3	9.2	10.0	8.9
4 years	10.2	8.6	7.3	8.7
5 years	6.6	7.6	8.6	7.0
6 years	6.1	5.6	6.2	5.9
7 years	5.6	5.2	5.4	6.5
8 years	4.8	3.6	4.9	4.9
9 years	3.8	5.3	5.4	4.7
10 years	3.2	2.7	4.5	3.7
11 years	2.3	3.6	3.5	3.1
12 years	2.2	2.7	2.6	3.0
13 years	1.5	3.5	2.9	2.6
14 years	1.8	1.7	1.6	3.5
15 years	1.7	1.4	2.1	1.9
16 years	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.0
17 years	1.5	0.9	1.8	1.6
18 years	0.9	0.5	0.3	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.6	5.0	5.7	7.2
Asian	1.1	1.4	1.8	0.9
Black	20.0	23.8	26.3	20.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.9	10.2	10.0	8.9
White	51.7	43.3	41.6	51.2
Two or more races	9.3	14.4	13.1	11.4
Unknown	2.3	2.0	1.4	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	94.0	94.3	95.0	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	6.0	5.7	5.0	5.6
Number	2,922	2,428	2,265	2,196

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.29	0.34	0.23	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.71	99.66	99.77	99.66
Number	13,569	11,694	10,728	10,675

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	10.5	10.6	11.0	10.2
Guardianship	7.8	8.6	9.2	9.3
Reunification	69.4	66.8	65.7	67.1
Other	12.3	14.0	14.1	13.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,498	6,223	5,621	5,585

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	12.1	11.6	14.4	13.6
Guardianship	4.9	5.9	4.8	4.4
Reunification	61.1	59.3	56.2	58.9
Other	21.9	23.1	24.6	23.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,331	2,182	2,041	2,004

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6
Guardianship	2.1	3.6	3.2	3.0
Reunification	77.1	72.7	70.4	72.7
Other	20.3	23.3	25.7	23.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,325	2,867	2,450	2,427

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	29.1	25.8	22.4	22.4
Children older than 12 at entry	70.9	74.2	77.6	77.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	687	666	608	558

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	7.0	6.3	5.8	6.9	4.7	5.3	7.8	3.8	9.5	11.3	13.3	9.4		
Guardianship	14.8	16.9	20.0	18.4	5.7	8.2	12.1	4.6	7.3	7.3	5.7	6.4		
Reunification	65.5	61.8	57.7	58.1	82.3	77.6	69.5	77.9	68.8	67.6	67.7	70.7		
Other	12.7	15.1	16.6	16.7	7.3	8.8	10.6	13.7	14.3	13.8	13.2	13.5		
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	748	510	591	582	192	170	141	131	1,636	1,375	1,237	1,241		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	10.9	11.0	9.6	12.0	10.4	10.6	11.6		
Guardianship	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	9.2	9.9	10.3	6.8	7.6	7.8	8.5		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	50.0	100.0	74.2	71.3	66.9	70.6	68.4	65.7	66.2	66.2		
Other	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	9.4	8.6	12.2	9.6	12.9	16.3	15.5	13.6		
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	4	1	2	1	681	617	534	534	3,416	2,762	2,464	2,528		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.3	5.1	6.4	0.0	13.6	18.6	16.0	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	8.0	5.1	4.3	4.2	8.3	10.9	11.9	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	79.4	83.6	80.7	83.3	67.4	57.4	61.0	66.3	71.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	6.3	6.2	8.6	12.5	10.6	13.1	11.1	11.4	28.6	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	286	275	140	24	528	505	505	543	7	8	7	1		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	89.3	87.9	88.4	88.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	8.7	9.7	8.8	8.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.0	1.7	1.5	1.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,205	4,160	3,693	3,750

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	63.7	62.5	63.3	65.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	21.3	20.7	19.3	19.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.7	16.2	16.9	14.2
Missing data	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3
Number	7,182	5,961	5,587	5,885

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	6.7	9.1	5.3	7.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	44.7	42.8	38.1	39.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.8	28.5	31.5	30.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	9.3	11.0	15.3	12.1
48 or more mos.	7.5	8.7	9.7	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	786	657	619	572

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.5	86.8	87.8	86.6	54.3	58.4	60.0	61.1	28.8	28.2	29.9	30.5	98.1	96.9	97.4	97.5
Children with 3 or more placements	12.5	13.2	12.2	13.4	45.7	41.6	40.0	38.9	71.2	71.8	70.1	69.5	1.9	3.1	2.6	2.5
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,555	7,124	6,629	6,950	2,311	2,106	1,793	1,719	2,651	2,432	2,267	1,966	52	32	39	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	3.2	8.6	8.4	6.9
Institutions	12.4	7.4	5.3	6.1
Other settings	84.5	84.0	86.2	87.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,740	3,187	3,097	3,358

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	115.8	115.9	117.0	116.1
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)	87.4	84.2	85.3	87.0
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	4.1	3.7	4.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	61.6	59.5	57.0	57.4
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?	26.5	24.2	24.5	25.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.2	102.5	98.4	97.5
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?	51.5	51.8	43.4	47.7
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?	23.7	23.4	26.6	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?	20.0	17.8	20.2	20.3
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? ¹⁷	2.3	3.3	2.8	2.9
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?	40.8	45.5	38.0	43.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	110.4	105.3	110.3	113.1
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?	19.3	18.0	21.2	20.3
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?	90.5	88.4	89.4	90.9
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?	41.1	42.2	42.0	38.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	90.6	91.6	93.4	92.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.6	83.8	85.2	83.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.3	58.4	60.0	61.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	29.2	28.5	30.0	31.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 Minnesota's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Minnesota is a State supervised county/tribal administered child welfare system with a comprehensive differential response child welfare continuum of Family Assessment and Family Investigation Responses. Additionally, one third of Minnesota counties/tribes provide early intervention supports and services through the Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) to families with at least one child under age 10 who are “screened-out” from the child protection system or are otherwise at risk. The differential response child welfare continuum has influenced Minnesota's continued decline in the number of child maltreatment victims and reduction in the rates of recurrence of child maltreatment. Seventy percent of all accepted child maltreatment reports receive a Family Assessment Response. Family Assessment Response is a strength-based family centered approach that does not result in determinations of child maltreatment, but rather focuses on parent engagement and partnership to achieve child safety.

Minnesota has a steady ten-year declining trend in the number of children entering out of home care. Timeliness of Reunification rates are consistently above the federal performance standard. Despite small reductions year-to-year in the rate of reentry into out of home care, the percentage of children who reenter continues to be a challenge. Recent data analysis and technical assistance practice efforts are expected to demonstrate future improvement in the rate of reentry for Minnesota children.

In 2009 the Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard was implemented to provide information to the public as well as county and tribal decision makers on 10 key measures used to monitor the status of children served by Minnesota's child welfare system. These performance measures help monitor the outcomes of children touched by the child welfare system to assure children are safe, remain within their families when safe to do so, receive services so children can return home and be supported to remain in their home, live in safe, stable homes with relatives whenever possible, and achieve permanency through adoption, if needed. Several of the federal performance measures are represented on the Dashboard, updated on a quarterly basis. County and tribal decision makers utilize the Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard to monitor local agency performance and engage in practice improvements with local stakeholders and community partners.

Mississippi

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	767,660	767,742	754,068	750,239
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Black	43.2	43.2	43.6	43.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.8
White	50.3	50.1	49.5	49.3
Two or more races	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0
Child population in poverty (%)	30.4	31.0	32.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	7,976	7,883	7,968	7,246
Foster care entry rate	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,374	3,340	3,716	3,684
Children adopted	281	306	355	334

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	74	77	81	74
Numerator	3,735	3,566	4,094	3,785
Denominator	5,078	4,614	5,057	5,111
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	68	87	92	93
Numerator	24,025	28,823	33,434	33,259
Denominator	35,531	32,945	36,235	35,948

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	29,888	38.9 per 1,000	31,284	40.7 per 1,000	32,108	42.6 per 1,000	32,822	43.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	7,976	10.4 per 1,000	7,883	10.3 per 1,000	7,968	10.6 per 1,000	7,246	9.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	2.2 per 100,000	14	1.8 per 100,000	17	2.3 per 100,000	13	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	10.9	11.0	9.6	10.2
1 year	5.9	6.4	6.5	6.4
2 years	6.4	6.1	5.9	6.6
3 years	5.5	6.2	6.3	5.9
4 years	5.9	5.8	5.6	6.5
5 years	5.8	5.7	6.2	6.0
6 years	6.0	5.8	6.4	5.7
7 years	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.2
8 years	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.1
9 years	4.8	5.2	5.7	5.3
10 years	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.2
11 years	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8
12 years	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.2
13 years	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.8
14 years	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.6
15 years	5.3	5.5	4.9	4.9
16 years	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.7
17 years	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.8
18+ years	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,976	7,883	7,968	7,246

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	43.4	46.0	41.3	43.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.3	1.8	2.2	2.9
White	47.0	45.5	51.0	48.5
Two or more races	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.4
Missing data	5.4	5.0	4.0	3.5
Number	7,976	7,883	7,968	7,246

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	10.8	10.3	10.5	11.5
Medical neglect	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.6
Neglect	59.4	60.9	63.6	67.3
Physical abuse	18.2	17.8	19.5	18.7
Sexual abuse	14.0	13.8	12.2	11.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Number	7,976	7,883	7,968	7,246

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	85.9	136.2	79.3	116.0
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	3,309	3,282	3,318	3,588	2,023	1,968	2,474	2,244	1,958	1,910	2,076	2,148	3,374	3,340	3,716	3,684
Median length of stay (months)	13.1	13.0	12.9	12.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.8	12.7	11.8	12.0	13.2	13.5	11.7	13.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.8	16.0	16.1	14.9	15.2	3.6	4.2	5.0	3.7	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.9
1 year	7.0	8.5	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.6	8.3	7.9	7.4	8.5	7.4	7.6	7.5
2 years	5.6	6.8	7.5	7.2	6.9	6.5	7.3	7.0	6.5	8.4	8.8	8.7	6.7	7.7	7.2	6.9
3 years	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.8	5.8	6.1	6.5	5.4	6.5	7.2	6.9	7.4	6.2	6.0	6.7	6.4
4 years	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.7	5.6	5.1	6.2	5.9	6.8	6.1	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.6
5 years	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.3	6.5	4.8	6.3	5.9	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.2
6 years	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.5	4.7	6.1	4.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	4.7	4.1	4.2	5.0	4.7
7 years	4.9	4.8	4.3	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.4	6.1	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.8	4.5	3.9	4.1
8 years	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.8	4.5	3.6	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.0	5.1	3.7
9 years	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.4	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.6	4.4
10 years	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.4	5.0	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.3
11 years	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.8	3.8	4.4
12 years	4.4	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.2	4.4	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	4.1	3.8
13 years	4.4	4.6	3.8	3.3	5.3	4.4	3.9	4.7	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.8	4.8	3.8	3.5	4.5
14 years	6.0	5.6	4.7	4.3	5.9	5.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.5	3.6	5.6	4.8	4.4	3.7
15 years	6.7	6.9	6.9	5.1	5.8	6.4	4.9	5.7	5.1	5.4	4.2	4.2	6.8	6.6	5.1	5.3
16 years	7.1	7.0	7.5	7.6	5.6	6.6	6.0	5.3	5.9	5.9	4.7	4.8	6.9	7.4	7.5	5.8
17 years	5.3	6.0	6.2	7.1	2.2	2.5	3.3	3.7	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.9	7.2
18 years	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.3	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.6	5.4	4.3	4.8	2.9	3.3	3.4	4.1
19 years	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.0
20 years	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.3
Black	51.2	52.7	53.0	48.5	48.0	47.8	41.6	46.5	45.8	47.5	45.9	44.6	52.4	52.8	49.3	49.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.8	4.1	2.7	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.2	2.3	3.0
White	44.1	42.2	42.1	46.4	46.0	46.1	52.8	46.0	48.7	46.3	48.4	50.1	42.6	42.2	45.7	44.0
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.4	1.6	1.5	2.2	1.7	1.6	2.1
Unknown	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.9
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,025	985	861	905
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	483	532	470	483

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.7	3.6	1.7	1.7
1 year	9.4	7.4	6.5	7.6
2 years	9.1	10.2	8.0	8.4
3 years	6.5	6.9	9.2	6.6
4 years	6.3	5.9	5.7	7.8
5 years	5.2	6.3	4.9	6.3
6 years	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.9
7 years	5.9	5.2	4.9	4.8
8 years	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.0
9 years	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.7
10 years	4.7	4.9	6.3	4.8
11 years	4.0	4.7	5.5	5.6
12 years	3.3	3.9	5.7	5.4
13 years	5.4	3.6	4.5	5.2
14 years	6.4	5.6	4.1	4.1
15 years	5.4	7.3	6.9	5.3
16 years	4.5	6.2	6.4	6.1
17 years	3.5	3.0	4.2	4.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	52.0	52.7	53.1	49.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	2.5	1.6	1.9
White	41.4	41.1	41.6	45.1
Two or more races	3.1	2.4	3.4	2.4
Unknown	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	281	306	355	334

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.4	0.0	1.1	0.9
1 year	7.8	9.2	8.7	6.6
2 years	11.0	16.7	14.9	13.5
3 years	9.6	11.4	13.8	14.7
4 years	9.6	9.5	9.9	7.5
5 years	8.2	5.9	9.0	6.6
6 years	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.9
7 years	7.8	7.5	4.5	6.3
8 years	7.5	5.2	5.6	6.9
9 years	3.9	4.6	3.4	4.2
10 years	6.4	5.9	4.5	4.8
11 years	4.3	2.6	4.5	5.1
12 years	3.6	3.9	2.8	3.3
13 years	2.5	2.3	3.7	3.3
14 years	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.4
15 years	1.8	2.9	2.3	3.3
16 years	3.9	1.6	1.7	1.8
17 years	1.8	1.6	0.6	1.2
18 years	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.9
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	38.4	40.2	42.5	38.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.2	2.9	3.7	2.7
White	55.5	50.7	50.1	55.7
Two or more races	2.8	4.9	2.5	3.3
Unknown	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.9	94.6	94.0	92.6
Children with one or more recurrences	6.1	5.4	6.0	7.4
Number	3,645	3,624	3,691	3,310

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.46	1.81	1.88	1.59
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.54	98.19	98.12	98.41
Number	5,332	5,250	5,792	5,832

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	14.9	15.0	16.2	15.7
Guardianship	6.8	4.9	4.3	5.6
Reunification	71.6	74.0	73.1	73.5
Other	6.0	6.0	6.1	4.9
Missing data	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.3
Number	1,958	1,910	2,076	2,148

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	26.8	31.5	40.7	38.6
Guardianship	8.7	2.8	3.7	3.3
Reunification	53.2	57.3	46.5	48.4
Other	10.8	8.5	9.1	8.8
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9
Number	231	213	241	215

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.5	2.8	1.3	2.3
Guardianship	4.1	3.6	4.4	4.5
Reunification	76.6	77.5	76.5	78.2
Other	16.6	15.9	17.6	14.8
Missing data	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	458	472	459	514

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	37.1	27.6	30.4	21.6
Children older than 12 at entry	62.9	72.4	69.6	78.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	89	76	79	74

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.6	12.2	15.0	13.4	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	4.7	3.4	4.0	
Reunification	100.0	80.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	73.4	75.9	73.5	76.1		
Other	0.0	20.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	8.0	7.1	7.9	6.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.3		
Number	2	5	2	0	1	0	3	2	896	907	953	958		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	100.0	66.7	0.0	17.3	20.0	20.3	14.5	17.1	16.7	16.7	17.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	2.2	3.1	1.6	8.3	5.1	5.1	7.3		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	73.1	60.0	76.6	80.6	69.7	73.6	73.0	71.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	17.8	0.0	3.2	4.4	4.4	5.0	3.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3		
Number	0	1	3	0	52	45	64	62	953	884	1,005	1,076		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	15.8	15.4	0.0	16.3	32.6	27.3	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	10.0	5.3	7.7	0.0	14.0	6.5	9.1	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	90.0	78.9	76.9	100.0	67.4	56.5	63.6	50.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	4.3	0.0	3.1	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	10	19	13	18	43	46	33	32	1	3	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	60.6	60.5	66.7	63.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.3	27.2	21.7	25.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	2.8	2.0	1.8
48 or more mos.	3.6	2.5	3.0	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,402	1,414	1,518	1,578

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	89.4	86.8	89.0	88.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.4	5.4	4.7	4.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.1	7.7	6.2	7.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,023	1,968	2,474	2,244

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.8	3.5	4.5	3.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	14.7	28.2	30.0	23.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.6	30.3	31.2	32.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.9	17.4	21.7	21.6
48 or more mos.	25.0	20.6	12.8	19.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	292	287	337	338

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.2	81.0	80.5	77.8	56.5	56.9	56.0	52.5	28.1	26.8	28.1	29.7	0.0	0.0	75.0	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	19.9	18.7	18.2	20.1	43.1	43.0	43.5	47.4	71.9	73.2	71.9	70.3	0.0	0.0	25.0	33.3
Missing placement setting counts	0.9	0.3	1.3	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,490	2,451	2,970	2,786	1,300	1,310	1,315	1,503	1,542	1,489	1,503	1,540	0	0	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	10.2	13.9	7.4	4.3
Institutions	1.5	2.2	1.1	1.9
Other settings	88.4	83.9	91.6	93.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,485	1,443	1,876	1,644

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	126.6	130.1	133.4	134.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.0	67.3	72.6	70.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.9	7.8	6.5	7.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.2	51.8	48.3	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?	5.1	6.9	7.2	6.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	115.5	120.9	114.9	116.3
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?	18.6	31.8	34.5	26.7
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?	35.1	30.3	29.5	32.1
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?	24.2	21.7	24.5	23.7
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? ¹⁷	20.3	16.8	11.7	17.8
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?	57.4	58.5	60.0	56.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	119.8	129.6	138.2	137.1
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?	36.6	32.0	33.9	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?	95.2	94.9	95.9	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?	49.7	42.0	36.9	34.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	88.4	87.9	88.8	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?	79.4	80.6	80.9	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?	57.1	57.1	56.3	52.8
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?	29.7	27.9	29.8	31.3

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Walter R. McDonald & Associates (WRMA) – MACWIS Alternatives Analysis Project

The Division of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) collaborated with Walter R. McDonald & Associates (WRMA) to analyze DFCS' use of the Mississippi Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS) in order to recommend strategies to improve its utility to the department. DFCS entered a contract with WRMA in December 2010 which was finalized in January 2011. The WRMA contract provided professional services and assisted department staffing in analyzing alternatives in enhancing or replacing the technologies which comprise the MACWIS system. This project began April 2011.

The MACWIS Alternative Analysis Project was comprised of phases of development:

The first phase was an assessment of the MACWIS system; to identify deficiencies in the existing system, business processes, policies, regulations and practices. WRMA held sessions at State Office for discussion from May 2011 – July 2011 with users of the MACWIS system. All program areas, three region offices (I-S, III-S, and IV-S) and county staff utilized the MACWIS system in all the functional and program areas. In addition, WRMA held similar sessions with Management Information System (MIS) to assess current system architecture and needs for a future system. The assessment phases and work of this project commenced in June 2011.

The second phase of the project was to develop current and future system requirements derived from the assessments. These requirements are to support DFCS' current and planned business processes, which are requirements of the *Olivia Y. et al. v. Barbour* Lawsuit, Reform Plan (Settlement Agreement), Annual Implementation Plans, Council on Accreditation (COA) and Federal State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).

A review session for final requirements was held in December 2011. Reviewers included key State office management staff and some county staff that had participated in previous review sessions. This team reviewed and approved the final set of requirements. The final recommendations provided DFCS with available alternatives which included a cost benefit analysis and a proposed solution.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,434,930	1,431,338	1,423,109	1,412,121
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7
Black	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.9
White	75.9	75.6	74.5	74.3
Two or more races	2.7	2.7	3.7	3.8
Child population in poverty (%)	18.6	20.7	20.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	5,528	5,451	5,509	6,085
Foster care entry rate	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,790	8,552	9,635	10,772
Children adopted	873	1,095	1,236	1,199

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	48	76	82	87
Numerator	180	9,820	11,043	12,562
Denominator	375	12,843	13,499	14,402
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	93	96	98	99
Numerator	1,124	72,722	84,813	98,998
Denominator	1,206	76,096	86,756	100,121

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	70,743	49.3 per 1,000	71,849	50.2 per 1,000	74,026	52.0 per 1,000	87,259	61.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	5,528	3.9 per 1,000	5,451	3.8 per 1,000	5,509	3.9 per 1,000	6,085	4.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	42	2.9 per 100,000	39	2.7 per 100,000	31	2.2 per 100,000	36	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.2
1 year	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.8
2 years	6.6	7.3	6.8	7.9
3 years	6.5	6.8	7.1	7.8
4 years	5.9	6.3	6.4	7.2
5 years	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.7
6 years	6.6	5.6	6.0	5.8
7 years	6.0	5.0	5.9	5.6
8 years	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.0
9 years	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.2
10 years	4.4	4.9	4.4	5.2
11 years	4.5	4.7	3.7	4.4
12 years	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.7
13 years	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.5
14 years	6.3	6.0	5.1	5.2
15 years	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.0
16 years	5.1	5.2	5.3	3.6
17 years	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.2
18+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,528	5,451	5,509	6,085

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
Black	19.6	19.8	17.8	16.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.5
White	74.1	73.9	76.0	76.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.8	1.5	1.9	2.6
Number	5,528	5,451	5,509	6,085

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	5.8	5.2	3.8	3.9
Medical neglect	—	2.7	2.9	2.9
Neglect	52.6	51.3	55.0	58.3
Physical abuse	29.1	31.8	29.7	28.6
Sexual abuse	27.6	27.4	27.1	23.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,528	5,451	5,509	6,085

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	31.1	30.1	27.8	28.8
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	7,845	8,217	8,999	9,952	4,236	4,857	5,471	5,875	4,297	4,524	4,838	5,059	7,790	8,552	9,635	10,772
Median length of stay (months)	16.8	16.2	15.2	13.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4	13.6	14.9	15.2	17.0	15.7	13.9	14.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.1	5.8	5.5	5.9	16.9	15.8	16.0	16.0	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.5
1 year	5.7	7.0	6.5	6.8	7.7	7.9	8.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9	8.0	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.8
2 years	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.7	6.5	7.0	7.4	6.6	6.7	8.6	7.4	8.1	5.6	6.1	6.7	6.2
3 years	4.7	5.3	5.4	6.0	5.9	5.7	6.4	7.1	6.4	6.3	7.1	7.2	5.5	5.3	5.8	6.2
4 years	4.9	4.0	5.2	5.5	4.7	5.2	6.1	6.5	6.4	5.9	5.7	7.2	4.0	5.0	5.5	5.9
5 years	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.9	4.3	4.1	5.0	5.0
6 years	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.2	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.5	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.7
7 years	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.3	5.2	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.4
8 years	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.5
9 years	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8
10 years	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9
11 years	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.9
12 years	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.8
13 years	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.4	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.2	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.4
14 years	6.0	5.8	5.2	4.8	5.6	5.5	4.6	5.4	3.9	4.0	3.6	4.2	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.0
15 years	7.4	7.2	6.6	5.6	6.8	6.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.1	4.1	3.8	7.1	6.6	5.7	5.5
16 years	8.3	8.1	8.1	6.7	6.1	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.8	4.2	8.0	8.0	6.7	6.3
17 years	7.6	7.3	7.2	6.6	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7	4.7	4.3	4.7	4.0	7.7	7.3	6.7	5.8
18 years	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.5	4.7	4.4	3.8
19 years	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.8	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.4	2.3	1.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	2.7
20 years	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.9	3.7	3.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.7	1.0	0.8	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	31.2	30.9	28.9	26.8	25.5	23.7	20.3	20.2	23.4	26.9	23.6	24.3	32.4	29.0	26.7	24.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0
White	63.7	63.7	65.7	68.0	67.7	69.8	72.8	72.5	70.5	66.7	69.5	70.0	62.1	65.6	67.8	69.5
Two or more races	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1
Unknown	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.4	2.0	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,907	2,020	1,955	2,013
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	950	896	912	850

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.0	3.3	2.5	2.0
1 year	7.8	7.8	7.3	6.9
2 years	7.0	7.4	8.1	7.4
3 years	7.8	6.3	6.1	6.6
4 years	5.1	7.2	6.1	6.8
5 years	6.2	5.4	6.6	5.8
6 years	4.7	6.0	4.7	6.0
7 years	4.8	5.6	5.9	5.3
8 years	5.2	4.7	4.6	5.7
9 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1
10 years	6.2	4.8	5.2	5.0
11 years	4.7	5.5	4.9	5.6
12 years	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.4
13 years	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.0
14 years	6.3	5.5	6.1	6.2
15 years	7.9	6.8	7.2	6.2
16 years	5.0	5.0	5.6	5.5
17 years	2.6	3.4	3.5	3.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Black	37.1	33.0	34.1	30.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	3.2	2.7	1.8	3.1
White	56.7	61.8	62.2	62.9
Two or more races	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.8
Unknown	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	873	1,095	1,236	1,199

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.7	2.6	3.1	4.0
1 year	12.4	14.1	12.5	13.5
2 years	10.1	13.7	12.2	13.8
3 years	10.7	9.4	10.3	9.5
4 years	8.6	7.7	7.6	9.6
5 years	6.8	7.1	8.1	7.9
6 years	8.0	6.3	5.8	6.8
7 years	5.8	5.8	5.3	6.2
8 years	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.3
9 years	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.2
10 years	4.2	4.7	3.7	3.7
11 years	3.9	3.8	3.7	2.5
12 years	3.9	3.3	4.1	2.9
13 years	3.4	2.5	2.9	2.7
14 years	2.7	2.2	2.5	1.8
15 years	2.7	2.3	2.3	1.8
16 years	1.5	2.6	3.1	2.0
17 years	1.8	1.5	2.2	1.4
18 years	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3
Asian	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3
Black	24.4	28.4	24.3	27.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	4.1	4.3	2.8
White	68.8	63.7	68.4	67.5
Two or more races	0.6	1.4	1.4	0.9
Unknown	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.1	96.1	97.3	96.7
Children with one or more recurrences	2.9	3.9	2.7	3.3
Number	2,455	2,586	2,482	2,625

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.36	0.32	0.39	0.20
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.64	99.68	99.61	99.80
Number	12,081	13,074	14,470	15,827

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.9	21.4	22.7	21.8
Guardianship	7.4	3.7	4.6	7.1
Reunification	62.9	65.0	60.8	60.1
Other	9.8	9.9	11.9	11.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,297	4,524	4,838	5,059

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.5	21.4	25.3	23.3
Guardianship	6.8	3.8	4.5	7.7
Reunification	61.3	60.4	51.2	50.4
Other	14.4	14.3	19.0	18.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,135	1,418	1,567	1,592

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.4
Guardianship	6.7	4.1	3.9	6.3
Reunification	62.5	64.4	59.2	59.3
Other	26.8	27.7	32.6	31.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,005	1,035	1,202	1,136

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.8	32.9	30.7	36.6
Children older than 12 at entry	65.9	67.1	69.3	63.4
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	299	340	430	424

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	33.3	41.2	23.1	50.0	13.3	28.6	80.0	22.2	19.4	23.0	23.4	24.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	2.9	3.1	4.5		
Reunification	66.7	58.8	61.5	37.5	73.3	50.0	20.0	77.8	59.4	60.4	55.7	53.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	15.4	12.5	13.3	21.4	0.0	0.0	14.7	13.7	17.7	18.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	6	17	13	8	15	14	10	9	1,006	1,215	1,144	1,228		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.0	60.0	16.7	0.0	25.0	20.2	27.5	18.0	19.9	20.5	22.1	21.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	3.7	2.1	3.7	8.1	4.0	5.2	8.2		
Reunification	75.0	40.0	66.7	88.9	67.1	72.4	62.7	73.3	63.7	66.7	62.4	61.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	16.7	11.1	6.1	3.7	7.8	5.0	8.3	8.8	10.2	9.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	4	5	6	9	164	163	193	161	3,029	3,017	3,360	3,541		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.4	28.9	13.0	15.0	12.8	25.0	22.7	27.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	7.7	2.2	4.3	8.3	10.6	6.3	4.5	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	55.6	63.0	71.7	74.5	66.7	68.2	65.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	26.9	13.3	19.6	5.0	2.1	2.1	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	26	45	46	60	47	48	66	43	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	64.2	64.6	61.2	61.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.3	24.3	26.8	27.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.3	3.0	1.5
48 or more mos.	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.2
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	2,703	2,941	2,943	3,042

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	84.5	82.7	83.0	82.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.6	6.2	6.8	6.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	11.1	10.2	11.0
Missing data	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	4,236	4,857	5,471	5,875

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	11.6	10.3	7.9	10.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.1	30.1	29.1	35.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.0	30.7	31.0	28.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.3	13.4	18.1	11.8
48 or more mos.	15.1	15.5	13.8	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	855	969	1,098	1,102

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	67.5	69.4	74.7	80.3	51.2	52.6	54.1	60.7	19.8	22.6	23.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	83.3	77.8
Children with 3 or more placements	31.8	29.7	24.5	18.9	48.6	47.3	45.7	39.1	80.0	77.3	76.9	74.9	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	16.7	22.2
Number	5,012	5,682	6,326	6,874	2,800	3,011	3,563	4,263	4,266	4,381	4,575	4,681	3	0	6	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3
Institutions	6.4	5.8	5.9	6.0
Other settings	93.0	93.6	93.8	93.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,114	3,660	4,248	4,578

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	118.1	120.3	109.3	121.2
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)	68.6	66.0	64.0	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)	7.2	7.8	8.3	8.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	32.3	40.5	34.3	32.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.7	9.0	11.5	7.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	110.7	122.9	125.5	129.7
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	39.8	40.5	37.2	46.3
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?	27.3	26.7	28.6	25.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.2	21.2	25.0	23.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	13.6	13.8	15.2	13.7
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?	44.1	57.4	56.9	56.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	109.2	115.7	119.1	124.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.9	25.3	29.7	27.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.4	96.6	97.1	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?	58.2	55.0	51.7	46.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	72.5	75.6	80.8	89.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.5	68.6	74.1	80.0
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?	51.6	52.9	54.6	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?	22.0	25.7	26.6	29.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Missouri continues to be dedicated to providing the most accurate data possible. 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 2011; therefore, changes may be reflected in data from past reports.

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 improved the percent 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. The improvement in placement stability is likely contributed in part to the increased visits.

Missouri has experienced a growth in the foster care population. As entries have increased, exits have declined. Consequently, the agency sought out technical assistance from the National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues (NRCLJI) and recently held permanency summits with multidisciplinary partners to identify causes and incorporate targeted strategies across the State's 45 judicial circuits to address factors contributing to the foster care growth.

While the rate of children entering care for the first time has remained relatively steady, there has been a decrease in children re-entering care within twelve months of a prior episode. Missouri strives to continue increasing permanency of older youth including increasing guardianships.

Missouri has seen an increase in the percentage of children adopted within 24 months of entering foster care. 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 likely to be 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 the State's Program Improvement Plan. Missouri's increased performance in these areas will undoubtedly improve the lives of the children we serve.

Montana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	220,377	219,828	222,979	222,354
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.3
Asian	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.6
Black	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.2
White	80.1	79.8	80.3	79.8
Two or more races	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.3
Child population in poverty (%)	20.6	21.4	20.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,625	1,628	1,442	1,107
Foster care entry rate	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,600	1,643	1,741	1,805
Children adopted	242	192	191	200

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	35	51	71	50
Numerator	694	936	1,364	1,205
Denominator	2,007	1,845	1,934	2,393
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	96	96	96	93
Numerator	—	6,735	10,258	8,289
Denominator	—	7,007	10,715	8,951

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	13,366	60.7 per 1,000	13,901	63.2 per 1,000	12,904	57.9 per 1,000	13,041	58.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,625	7.4 per 1,000	1,628	7.4 per 1,000	1,442	6.5 per 1,000	1,107	5.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.5 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.6	11.8	11.2	12.4
1 year	8.4	8.5	7.4	7.9
2 years	8.9	8.2	8.3	7.8
3 years	6.8	7.0	8.2	8.2
4 years	6.2	6.9	6.4	6.6
5 years	4.9	5.2	5.8	7.1
6 years	6.2	6.7	6.7	7.0
7 years	5.2	5.2	6.0	4.8
8 years	5.5	5.3	5.8	6.3
9 years	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.0
10 years	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.3
11 years	4.6	3.6	3.8	3.2
12 years	4.1	3.6	4.6	4.2
13 years	4.2	3.4	3.7	2.6
14 years	3.0	3.8	3.0	3.1
15 years	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.0
16 years	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.5
17 years	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.5
18+ years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	4.7	4.5	2.9	3.5
Number	1,625	1,628	1,442	1,107

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	19.9	18.6	21.8	22.1
Asian	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Black	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	4.4	5.8	5.3
White	52.5	55.9	59.8	60.9
Two or more races	3.6	4.4	4.2	4.6
Missing data	17.0	15.5	7.4	6.3
Number	1,625	1,628	1,442	1,107

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	27.0	21.3	13.3	9.6
Medical neglect	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.0
Neglect	70.3	78.6	85.4	88.4
Physical abuse	12.9	12.8	11.6	12.1
Sexual abuse	6.2	5.8	6.0	4.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.5
Number	1,625	1,628	1,442	1,107

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	212.6	173.2	128.6	129.9
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,705	1,613	1,662	1,747	995	942	955	996	1,100	912	876	938	1,600	1,643	1,741	1,805
Median length of stay (months)	18.8	16.9	16.6	15.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.5	12.3	16.1	15.6	16.8	16.4	15.2	16.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.6	7.3	5.1	4.4	18.7	16.0	14.8	18.6	4.5	3.9	4.1	3.3	6.9	4.9	4.3	7.1
1 year	7.8	7.7	9.9	7.3	8.5	9.6	8.0	9.9	8.3	9.1	8.0	7.0	7.6	9.6	7.5	7.0
2 years	7.7	7.9	7.2	8.8	8.8	7.4	8.5	8.5	9.1	8.6	8.9	8.4	8.1	7.3	8.8	8.0
3 years	7.8	6.8	7.9	7.4	7.1	5.8	7.4	8.0	8.8	7.5	8.0	8.5	6.8	7.7	7.4	8.2
4 years	5.5	6.0	5.9	7.4	4.9	5.6	6.4	6.3	6.9	5.9	7.6	7.7	6.1	6.0	7.4	7.6
5 years	5.6	5.3	5.7	5.0	4.4	4.8	6.2	5.2	5.2	6.4	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	6.5
6 years	5.5	4.9	5.2	6.1	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.3	6.1	4.8	5.1	6.0	5.3
7 years	5.3	4.7	4.5	5.4	3.9	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.7	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.8
8 years	3.6	4.8	5.2	4.9	3.0	4.0	5.1	4.3	2.6	5.0	5.3	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.8	4.8
9 years	4.9	4.3	4.8	5.1	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.3	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.0	5.2
10 years	3.7	5.3	4.0	4.6	3.5	3.1	3.9	2.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	4.4	5.3	4.1	4.7	4.5
11 years	3.2	3.5	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.8	3.0	1.7	3.5	5.4	3.2	3.6	3.5	4.7	3.8	4.2
12 years	4.8	3.8	3.7	5.0	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.5	2.7	3.8	3.7	3.5	4.7	3.7
13 years	4.5	5.6	3.4	4.5	4.7	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.6	4.9	2.5	3.2	5.2	3.3	4.4	4.5
14 years	4.8	4.5	5.7	3.8	3.8	5.1	4.1	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.5	4.4	4.8	5.8	3.9	3.9
15 years	6.4	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.0	3.6	4.7	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.6	3.8
16 years	5.6	6.5	4.8	5.3	3.6	4.7	3.9	4.0	4.4	3.7	3.3	5.0	6.4	5.1	5.4	4.6
17 years	6.9	4.8	6.3	4.6	1.8	3.2	2.3	1.7	5.3	5.5	7.6	7.0	5.2	6.5	4.9	4.8
18 years	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	5.4	6.1	3.4	0.9	1.6	1.1	0.7
19 years	0.2	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1
20 years	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	33.6	36.6	36.2	36.3	32.1	27.7	34.0	30.9	30.1	29.4	32.2	27.9	35.1	35.5	37.0	37.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.4	2.1	1.0	1.7	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.4	6.3	7.2	6.6	4.9	5.0	7.6	5.7	6.5	4.9	7.9	6.3	5.5	6.3	7.1
White	52.9	47.7	47.8	47.1	51.0	56.4	51.5	54.3	56.5	54.7	52.3	54.7	49.2	48.8	47.6	47.1
Two or more races	5.1	6.1	6.9	7.3	5.2	7.2	5.5	5.0	4.1	6.0	6.4	6.7	5.9	6.8	6.4	6.3
Unknown	1.9	1.8	1.7	0.6	2.8	2.9	1.6	1.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.0	2.3	2.1	1.4	0.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	528	535	495	461
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	441	439	350	313

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	1.3	0.6	2.4
1 year	6.1	7.3	4.8	4.1
2 years	5.5	6.5	8.3	6.7
3 years	5.7	6.2	5.5	8.0
4 years	5.9	6.4	6.3	5.9
5 years	5.5	5.0	6.1	4.6
6 years	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.4
7 years	4.5	4.5	4.8	5.2
8 years	5.1	5.4	4.4	4.8
9 years	3.8	5.8	4.8	3.9
10 years	5.9	3.6	5.3	5.2
11 years	3.8	6.0	4.4	5.2
12 years	3.4	3.4	7.7	5.2
13 years	7.2	5.0	4.6	7.6
14 years	5.9	8.0	5.7	4.8
15 years	7.8	5.6	8.5	5.0
16 years	10.0	6.5	7.5	7.8
17 years	8.0	9.2	5.9	8.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	26.3	30.5	25.7	26.9
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Black	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	5.8	7.5	7.6
White	58.1	52.7	54.7	54.4
Two or more races	5.5	7.7	9.1	9.3
Unknown	1.9	1.7	1.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	242	192	191	200

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.7	1.0	2.6	0.0
1 year	9.9	15.1	8.9	5.5
2 years	15.3	12.5	14.7	10.5
3 years	14.0	9.9	13.6	13.5
4 years	9.1	10.9	13.1	11.5
5 years	7.4	10.9	4.2	8.5
6 years	6.2	2.6	7.3	6.5
7 years	6.2	6.3	6.8	6.0
8 years	5.0	5.2	4.7	4.5
9 years	2.9	3.1	7.3	5.0
10 years	5.4	4.7	3.7	6.5
11 years	3.7	3.1	3.7	4.0
12 years	3.3	2.6	1.0	5.5
13 years	1.7	4.7	2.1	2.5
14 years	2.1	0.5	2.1	2.5
15 years	0.8	2.6	1.6	3.0
16 years	2.1	1.6	1.6	3.0
17 years	2.5	2.1	1.0	1.5
18 years	0.8	0.5	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	11.6	13.5	25.7	19.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Black	0.4	1.0	1.0	2.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.1	8.3	4.2	9.5
White	71.9	68.2	59.2	58.5
Two or more races	7.0	8.3	8.9	10.5
Unknown	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	94.8	94.1	96.3	96.2
Children with one or more recurrences	5.2	5.9	3.7	3.8
Number	768	760	699	557

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.26	0.47	0.11	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.74	99.53	99.89	99.82
Number	2,700	2,555	2,617	2,743

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.0	20.2	21.2	25.4
Guardianship	6.2	5.0	4.6	4.8
Reunification	58.5	63.6	59.9	57.9
Other	12.1	7.3	12.6	9.6
Missing data	1.3	3.8	1.7	2.3
Number	1,100	912	876	938

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	35.6	31.9	37.4	48.2
Guardianship	2.5	4.3	3.0	3.6
Reunification	37.3	42.6	32.3	30.9
Other	22.9	17.0	26.3	14.4
Missing data	1.7	4.3	1.0	2.9
Number	118	94	99	139

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.9	1.3	0.7	2.5
Guardianship	4.3	5.3	4.0	5.6
Reunification	57.6	60.0	57.3	63.8
Other	31.9	23.3	36.0	24.4
Missing data	4.3	10.0	2.0	3.8
Number	210	150	150	160

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	46.2	43.1	48.4	52.1
Children older than 12 at entry	53.8	56.9	51.6	47.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	104	51	93	73

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.4	9.3	17.7	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	22.2	16.7	30.8		
Guardianship	10.9	7.5	6.0	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	64.7	69.8	63.1	64.1	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	64.3	66.7	75.0	53.8		
Other	13.3	9.0	11.3	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	11.1	8.3	15.4		
Missing data	1.8	4.5	1.8	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	331	268	282	262	0	0	4	0	14	9	12	13		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	34.9	27.1	18.6	29.7	27.5	25.3	23.4	26.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	8.5	0.0	1.4	3.5	4.0	5.0	4.3		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	50.0	66.7	52.4	55.9	67.4	62.2	55.3	60.1	57.2	56.9		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	7.9	8.5	11.6	4.1	12.7	6.8	12.7	10.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.7	1.0	3.8	1.7	1.2		
Number	0	0	2	3	63	59	43	74	622	499	458	513		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	37.8	27.3	30.4	44.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.2	4.8	0.0	22.2	8.9	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	83.3	90.5	68.4	33.3	48.9	61.8	51.8	38.1	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	12.5	0.0	26.3	33.3	2.2	5.5	16.1	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	4.8	0.0	11.1	2.2	5.5	1.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	24	21	19	9	45	55	56	63	1	1	0	1		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	69.2	69.8	61.0	62.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.0	18.1	27.2	26.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.5	5.9	6.1	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.8	1.7	1.1
48 or more mos.	2.8	3.4	4.0	6.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	643	580	525	543

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	70.4	72.7	71.5	77.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	14.2	10.6	9.3	8.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.8	16.3	18.5	14.2
Missing data	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.8
Number	995	942	955	996

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.7	2.7	4.8	1.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.1	29.3	18.8	25.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	38.4	26.6	33.9	29.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.1	25.0	18.8	22.3
48 or more mos.	13.6	16.3	23.7	21.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	242	184	186	238

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.6	87.1	87.0	87.2	66.6	63.9	60.6	64.8	38.1	34.9	35.7	34.6	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.4	12.9	13.0	12.8	33.4	36.1	39.4	35.2	61.9	65.1	64.3	65.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,159	1,072	1,054	1,125	563	635	640	648	978	846	917	964	0	2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	6.5	11.2	8.8	8.3
Institutions	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.6
Other settings	93.1	87.6	91.1	91.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	800	749	774	827

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	106.4	107.5	101.4	111.0
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)	68.4	68.4	60.6	67.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.0	6.9	8.3	7.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.0	36.2	32.1	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?	17.4	15.0	15.1	13.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	115.8	119.7	92.9	106.8
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?	26.9	32.1	23.8	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?	30.5	30.6	32.2	34.1
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?	23.8	20.8	21.0	25.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	16.8	19.1	12.4	13.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.1	53.7	39.8	56.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	98.7	95.2	97.8	110.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.7	25.5	26.0	33.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	86.7	89.0	87.7	93.6
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?	66.1	70.1	63.5	66.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.4	97.9	96.5	97.7
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?	87.1	85.6	85.5	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?	66.7	64.1	60.4	64.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	38.3	35.2	36.4	34.6

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Nebraska

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	448,361	451,641	458,894	460,065
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Asian	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Black	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.5	14.1	15.2	15.6
White	74.9	74.2	72.5	72.0
Two or more races	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	13.4	15.2	18.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	4,668	5,448	5,051	4,747
Foster care entry rate	7.4	7.9	7.2	6.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,595	5,376	5,334	5,103
Children adopted	520	588	437	409

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	40	44	50	45
Numerator	2,980	3,282	3,645	3,202
Denominator	7,444	7,444	7,245	7,140
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	79	80	87	90
Numerator	12,620	13,776	17,360	16,009
Denominator	15,953	17,290	20,068	17,881

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	29,327	65.4 per 1,000	31,375	69.5 per 1,000	30,994	67.5 per 1,000	31,876	69.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	4,668	10.4 per 1,000	5,448	12.1 per 1,000	5,051	11.0 per 1,000	4,747	10.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	3.8 per 100,000	10	2.2 per 100,000	7	1.5 per 100,000	7	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.2	11.0	11.3	11.7
1 year	8.4	8.8	8.4	8.1
2 years	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.7
3 years	6.6	8.0	7.4	7.6
4 years	6.7	6.9	7.7	7.6
5 years	6.7	6.9	6.0	6.5
6 years	6.8	5.5	5.8	6.3
7 years	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.5
8 years	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.9
9 years	4.4	4.6	5.2	4.7
10 years	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.5
11 years	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.1
12 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8
13 years	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5
14 years	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.1
15 years	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.6
16 years	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1
17 years	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1
18+ years	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.5	0.5	<.1	0.2
Number	4,668	5,448	5,051	4,747

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.0	7.2	4.9	4.4
Asian	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8
Black	12.7	15.3	16.8	15.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.9	11.1	12.9	13.1
White	60.9	58.0	56.8	58.3
Two or more races	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.0
Missing data	7.8	6.3	5.8	5.7
Number	4,668	5,448	5,051	4,747

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.7	0.4	0.6	1.1
Medical neglect	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Neglect	85.0	87.1	87.3	88.5
Physical abuse	11.4	10.6	10.6	9.9
Sexual abuse	8.5	7.3	6.2	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,668	5,448	5,051	4,747

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	183.9	208.4	185.9	199.7
Median	>24 but<48	>96 but<120	>96 but<120	>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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	5,728	5,417	5,187	5,225	3,301	3,557	3,303	3,101	3,434	3,598	3,156	3,223	5,595	5,376	5,334	5,103
Median length of stay (months)	12.6	13.1	11.3	11.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.4	14.7	15.0	14.4	13.1	11.4	11.7	12.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.4	11.3	10.0	11.0	10.4	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.9	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.1
1 year	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.3	5.8	6.5	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.8	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.8
2 years	5.4	5.9	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.1	5.2	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.5
3 years	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.4	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.2	5.3	5.9
4 years	4.7	4.4	4.3	5.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.8	5.2	4.3	4.4	5.0	5.3
5 years	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.1	3.8	4.5	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.8
6 years	4.7	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.9	3.6	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0
7 years	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.0	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6
8 years	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.9	2.6	3.2	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.1	4.1
9 years	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.0
10 years	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.2	3.3
11 years	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.9	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.7	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.0
12 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.3
13 years	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.8	5.2	5.0	4.8	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.9
14 years	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.3	7.7	6.3	5.8	6.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.5
15 years	8.1	8.5	7.8	7.4	9.9	9.8	8.8	8.7	4.9	5.4	4.7	4.6	8.4	7.9	7.5	7.6
16 years	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.0	11.4	10.1	10.8	9.8	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.4	11.2	10.8	10.2	9.6
17 years	11.3	11.8	12.3	11.8	8.6	9.6	9.0	8.6	10.1	9.9	10.1	9.8	11.6	12.2	11.9	10.6
18 years	6.1	7.2	7.8	7.5	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.9	13.4	12.0	13.7	17.4	7.2	7.7	7.4	7.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	6.0	7.1	2.9	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.7	8.8	7.5	7.1	9.1	7.3	6.6	6.4	8.5	8.9	7.7	5.8	9.1	7.7	6.8	7.5
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	16.7	18.3	19.3	20.5	15.3	17.1	16.8	17.5	13.0	16.1	15.7	18.2	18.1	19.0	20.0	20.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	11.8	13.3	13.4	11.0	13.1	15.1	15.0	11.4	11.5	14.6	15.1	9.7	12.9	13.6	13.3
White	59.8	55.8	54.1	54.0	58.8	56.1	55.3	55.9	62.3	57.8	57.0	56.1	57.6	54.7	53.1	53.8
Two or more races	1.2	1.9	2.6	3.2	1.0	1.9	2.4	2.1	0.9	1.2	2.1	2.3	1.3	2.4	2.8	3.1
Unknown	3.2	2.9	2.5	0.8	4.2	3.5	3.2	1.7	3.3	4.0	2.6	1.4	3.7	2.6	2.9	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.4

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	877	838	773	833
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	575	544	464	488

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.2	2.3	3.0	3.1
1 year	6.0	7.6	6.5	6.0
2 years	8.1	6.9	8.0	8.4
3 years	6.6	8.4	6.5	9.8
4 years	5.6	6.2	7.5	6.8
5 years	6.5	6.8	6.1	6.4
6 years	5.9	6.1	4.8	5.3
7 years	6.4	6.1	6.2	4.7
8 years	6.4	5.7	5.2	6.6
9 years	4.7	5.4	5.2	4.7
10 years	5.9	4.2	4.8	4.1
11 years	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8
12 years	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.3
13 years	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.2
14 years	5.5	5.1	4.4	5.6
15 years	6.2	5.3	6.2	5.4
16 years	5.6	5.7	6.0	5.9
17 years	3.6	4.2	5.7	3.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	7.0	8.0	6.6	5.6
Asian	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.2
Black	18.9	20.2	20.4	27.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	15.6	15.3	9.1
White	56.1	50.1	51.7	52.2
Two or more races	2.4	3.7	2.8	5.2
Unknown	4.0	2.0	2.7	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	520	588	437	409

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.0
1 year	11.0	10.5	11.7	13.4
2 years	12.5	14.5	13.5	13.2
3 years	9.0	10.4	10.3	9.8
4 years	8.7	8.2	10.5	9.0
5 years	10.0	7.7	6.6	9.0
6 years	6.9	8.3	8.2	6.6
7 years	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.1
8 years	5.2	6.8	5.3	5.9
9 years	5.8	4.1	5.3	3.9
10 years	5.0	4.9	3.7	5.1
11 years	4.8	3.9	4.6	3.7
12 years	3.3	2.9	3.7	2.9
13 years	2.9	3.4	2.5	3.4
14 years	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0
15 years	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.2
16 years	1.0	0.5	1.1	1.0
17 years	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.5
18 years	0.4	0.2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.7	6.0	5.7	3.9
Asian	1.0	1.7	0.7	0.0
Black	15.8	11.7	15.8	15.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.7	10.0	17.6	15.2
White	62.1	62.2	55.6	60.1
Two or more races	2.1	3.9	3.4	2.9
Unknown	2.7	4.4	1.1	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	89.4	90.4	92.1	92.3
Children with one or more recurrences	10.6	9.6	7.9	7.7
Number	1,791	2,364	2,035	2,026

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.55	0.31	0.39	0.28
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.45	99.69	99.61	99.72
Number	9,029	8,974	8,490	8,326

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	14.6	15.1	13.3	12.5
Guardianship	6.6	8.0	8.9	7.4
Reunification	66.4	64.8	64.1	67.2
Other	12.3	12.0	13.6	12.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.4
Number	3,434	3,598	3,156	3,223

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.8	19.8	15.7	15.8
Guardianship	7.0	8.9	9.4	9.5
Reunification	54.0	51.8	55.1	56.5
Other	19.2	19.4	19.8	18.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,492	1,577	1,431	1,415

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4
Guardianship	5.8	8.0	7.3	6.4
Reunification	68.7	66.1	66.1	68.5
Other	25.2	25.5	26.0	24.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	1,345	1,487	1,401	1,379

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.3	11.8	12.2	11.0
Children older than 12 at entry	84.7	88.2	87.8	89.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	326	330	304	301

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.2	9.4	9.9	9.0	35.7	47.6	22.2	0.0	17.2	11.7	12.8	10.6		
Guardianship	16.2	19.1	18.9	14.9	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	5.8	6.0	7.9	7.2		
Reunification	60.5	58.8	59.3	49.5	64.3	33.3	44.4	89.7	57.6	68.4	60.5	66.4		
Other	16.8	12.8	10.7	20.2	0.0	14.3	33.3	10.3	19.4	13.8	18.8	15.9		
Missing data	0.3	0.0	1.2	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	291	320	243	188	14	21	9	29	448	579	494	586		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.6	12.8	15.8	12.5	14.7	16.4	13.3	13.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	9.7	8.0	8.4	6.0	6.8	8.4	6.6		
Reunification	66.7	100.0	0.0	100.0	68.5	67.6	65.2	68.6	68.2	64.8	65.4	68.4		
Other	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	9.9	11.0	10.5	11.1	12.0	12.9	11.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	1	0	4	391	413	462	488	2,141	2,079	1,800	1,807		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	12.2	16.8	4.9	18.2	29.0	47.6	20.9	16.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.7	4.2	4.9	4.5	0.0	9.5	6.0	8.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	76.5	67.8	72.8	75.0	54.8	38.1	56.7	64.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	9.6	11.2	17.3	2.3	16.1	4.8	16.4	11.0	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	115	143	81	44	31	42	67	73	0	0	0	4		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	53.2	55.1	52.1	53.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	31.3	28.7	34.0	34.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.5	10.2	9.0	8.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.9	4.4	3.0	2.6
48 or more mos.	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,279	2,332	2,022	2,167

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	77.5	77.1	76.6	76.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.7	9.6	9.4	8.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.8	13.3	14.0	14.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,301	3,557	3,303	3,101

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.2	6.6	5.5	7.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.1	28.8	29.0	28.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.2	31.4	33.3	30.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.5	17.6	17.1	16.6
48 or more mos.	22.1	15.6	15.0	16.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	503	545	420	404

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.4	84.2	85.1	85.6	55.6	55.5	57.4	58.5	25.4	26.0	26.3	29.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.2
Children with 3 or more placements	14.6	15.8	14.9	14.1	44.4	44.5	42.6	41.5	74.6	74.0	73.7	70.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.8
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0	0.0
Number	3,989	4,270	4,005	3,823	2,513	2,301	2,416	2,419	2,517	2,377	2,063	2,055	10	26	6	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.4	2.2	2.3	1.6
Institutions	0.7	1.5	0.9	0.8
Other settings	96.9	96.3	96.8	96.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Number	1,839	2,006	1,919	1,817

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	107.5	113.6	110.6	111.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	63.3	66.0	64.6	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)	8.5	8.0	8.7	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)	41.8	41.7	41.7	44.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.8	13.2	12.9	14.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	111.6	129.1	122.4	118.6
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?	27.3	35.6	34.8	36.4
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	29.4	27.7	28.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.2	28.7	24.9	22.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	13.6	14.9	10.6	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?	60.9	67.9	64.0	59.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	150.0	160.1	148.5	153.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	38.1	43.6	37.7	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?	97.0	98.6	95.4	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?	22.3	20.1	21.2	18.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	89.7	89.5	91.4	93.8
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	83.7	84.9	85.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	56.2	56.8	58.4	59.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.8	27.3	27.6	31.5

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: 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 2011, Nebraska moved toward utilizing Structured Decision Making which is an evidence-based model used to assess safety and risk in two of Nebraska's five Service Areas. Statewide implementation began July 2012. The implementation of Structured Decision Making is conducive to providing more in-home services and therefore the possibility of keeping children in their family homes with robust safety and risk interventions 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 nations' highest. Nebraska continues to have a high percentage (29%) of 16-18 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.

Nebraska is proud of our achievement of improving placement stability for children who required out-of-home care. We are also proud of our continued success in obtaining permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time. This outcome is even more remarkable because almost 25% of our foster care population is in our juvenile justice population.

Nevada

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	676,837	681,033	664,456	663,775
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9
Asian	4.8	4.9	5.6	5.6
Black	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	37.9	38.7	39.5	40.0
White	43.3	42.5	39.6	38.9
Two or more races	4.2	4.2	5.4	5.6
Child population in poverty (%)	15.0	17.6	22.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	4,877	4,708	4,947	5,682
Foster care entry rate	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,021	4,794	4,811	4,654
Children adopted	470	525	644	818

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	40	52	55	52
Numerator	2,804	3,541	3,693	3,417
Denominator	7,039	6,775	6,704	6,561
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	69	74	79	80
Numerator	13,038	19,130	21,307	19,425
Denominator	18,783	25,907	26,826	24,139

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	29,760	44.0 per 1,000	25,192	37.0 per 1,000	24,743	37.2 per 1,000	27,874	42.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	4,877	7.2 per 1,000	4,708	6.9 per 1,000	4,947	7.4 per 1,000	5,682	8.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	2.5 per 100,000	29	4.3 per 100,000	15	2.3 per 100,000	19	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	16.9	15.7	16.3	16.1
1 year	8.3	8.4	7.9	8.0
2 years	8.8	8.9	8.3	7.8
3 years	7.2	6.9	7.6	8.0
4 years	6.9	6.5	7.0	7.0
5 years	5.5	6.0	6.1	6.6
6 years	5.4	5.6	5.9	5.4
7 years	5.7	5.7	5.2	4.9
8 years	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.5
9 years	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5
10 years	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.2
11 years	3.8	3.2	4.0	4.0
12 years	3.4	3.9	3.3	3.7
13 years	3.4	4.1	3.4	3.6
14 years	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.8
15 years	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2
16 years	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.0
17 years	1.6	1.9	1.6	1.7
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Number	4,877	4,708	4,947	5,682

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8
Asian	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.9
Black	17.8	21.4	18.3	18.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	27.2	28.0	29.2	29.0
White	44.2	40.3	41.8	42.1
Two or more races	7.0	6.5	6.8	7.0
Missing data	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1
Number	4,877	4,708	4,947	5,682

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	13.5	2.9	1.6	1.5
Medical neglect	2.1	1.7	2.0	1.3
Neglect	80.0	71.5	71.7	69.8
Physical abuse	19.2	27.9	30.8	34.8
Sexual abuse	4.9	7.8	7.1	6.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,877	4,708	4,947	5,682

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	31.0	18.5	18.4	15.7
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	5,048	4,983	4,758	4,748	3,335	2,903	2,881	2,773	3,362	3,092	2,828	2,867	5,021	4,794	4,811	4,654
Median length of stay (months)	13.3	14.8	15.7	14.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.8	12.4	15.5	17.3	14.8	15.8	14.8	13.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	9.0	7.5	6.4	6.6	19.7	18.4	18.6	17.6	6.2	4.8	4.1	3.5	7.5	6.4	6.7	6.6
1 year	10.6	9.9	9.7	9.5	7.5	8.7	8.5	8.3	9.6	9.0	7.6	7.2	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.0
2 years	8.1	9.4	9.2	8.6	8.1	8.3	7.9	7.0	8.8	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.2	8.8	8.9
3 years	7.1	7.7	8.0	7.8	6.0	6.3	7.0	7.1	7.1	8.2	9.7	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.7
4 years	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.9	5.5	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.5	7.2	8.2	8.0	6.2	6.9	6.9	7.4
5 years	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.4	6.4	5.9	5.5	6.0	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.9	6.1
6 years	5.9	5.1	5.9	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.3	4.7	6.0	5.1	6.0	6.1	5.0	6.0	5.7	5.6
7 years	4.5	5.5	5.0	5.8	4.7	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.9	5.6	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.8	5.0
8 years	4.5	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.4	5.0	4.7	5.3
9 years	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.7	3.9	3.9	4.8	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3
10 years	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.4	3.1	3.4	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.9	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.1
11 years	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.2
12 years	3.6	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.2	4.0	3.0	3.6	3.7	3.3	2.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.4
13 years	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.6	4.1
14 years	3.8	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.2	4.3	4.0	4.2	3.9
15 years	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.8	2.4	3.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5
16 years	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.5
17 years	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.2	2.8	5.1	2.4	7.2	8.4	5.3	5.4	5.1	4.7
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	5.9	9.0	4.9	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5
19 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.8
Asian	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8
Black	23.5	23.7	25.1	23.7	23.1	24.5	21.0	22.5	22.9	22.3	23.2	23.4	23.6	25.0	23.8	23.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.1	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	22.9	24.2	25.1	26.9	27.5	27.4	27.9	25.8	25.5	26.1	24.9	28.5	24.2	24.9	26.8	25.2
White	44.8	42.7	39.4	39.6	39.5	37.9	41.0	41.5	42.6	42.5	40.8	38.4	42.7	39.8	39.5	41.4
Two or more races	6.8	7.4	7.5	7.7	6.7	6.5	7.5	7.9	5.8	6.6	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.0
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.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

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,198	2,099	2,096	1,655
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	884	958	1,089	790

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.9	5.3	6.0	3.6
1 year	11.6	11.4	10.9	9.5
2 years	12.3	9.9	10.1	11.7
3 years	8.9	9.5	9.1	8.3
4 years	7.4	7.9	7.5	8.3
5 years	7.1	7.2	6.6	6.0
6 years	6.1	7.0	7.0	6.5
7 years	6.2	5.7	7.1	6.3
8 years	4.8	5.8	5.7	6.9
9 years	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.8
10 years	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.5
11 years	4.2	4.7	3.9	4.7
12 years	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.3
13 years	3.2	4.4	3.5	4.2
14 years	2.8	3.2	4.0	3.4
15 years	2.1	2.5	2.8	4.2
16 years	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.5
17 years	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.9
Asian	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.9
Black	25.0	25.8	24.4	24.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	23.8	24.4	26.2	26.0
White	41.1	39.6	39.5	39.8
Two or more races	8.1	7.9	8.0	7.3
Unknown	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	470	525	644	818

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.6
1 year	12.8	9.5	7.5	8.4
2 years	12.3	18.1	16.5	12.8
3 years	12.3	13.9	14.1	10.9
4 years	8.9	8.8	12.0	10.4
5 years	6.8	7.0	7.8	7.9
6 years	8.5	7.6	7.0	7.1
7 years	6.0	6.5	5.6	7.7
8 years	5.3	6.9	4.2	5.9
9 years	4.3	3.6	4.7	5.3
10 years	5.7	2.3	3.6	4.9
11 years	4.3	3.2	3.1	3.4
12 years	4.7	2.7	3.4	3.4
13 years	2.3	3.0	3.4	2.9
14 years	1.5	1.9	2.6	2.8
15 years	1.7	2.3	1.4	2.0
16 years	0.4	1.5	1.1	1.7
17 years	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.6
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.5
Asian	0.9	0.0	1.2	0.4
Black	21.1	18.7	21.6	22.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	20.6	23.2	25.9	30.4
White	51.3	48.8	42.1	39.4
Two or more races	4.7	8.4	8.1	7.1
Unknown	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.1	93.9	94.5	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	4.9	6.1	5.5	6.3
Number	2,227	2,101	2,263	2,558

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.46	0.60	0.57
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.54	99.40	99.43
Number	8,383	7,886	7,639	7,521

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.7	17.2	22.8	28.3
Guardianship	8.7	3.8	2.8	3.6
Reunification	67.7	67.8	63.5	59.1
Other	9.8	11.3	10.8	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	3,362	3,092	2,828	2,867

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	36.9	26.2	32.1	37.6
Guardianship	5.0	2.6	2.0	3.5
Reunification	24.7	39.2	37.2	37.0
Other	33.5	32.0	28.7	22.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	442	541	564	633

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.8	1.0	0.6	3.0
Guardianship	4.9	2.5	3.4	4.4
Reunification	58.1	56.9	54.7	54.3
Other	36.3	39.7	41.1	38.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	656	605	530	473

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.3	19.4	20.3	24.9
Children older than 12 at entry	78.7	80.6	79.7	75.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	267	268	251	221

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	5.0	2.9	18.8	20.0	14.0	10.5	39.4	4.2	13.4	14.2	21.5	25.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	16.7	10.0	3.0	1.7	2.2		
Reunification	70.0	50.0	53.1	65.0	76.7	84.2	36.4	70.8	66.7	70.3	65.0	63.3		
Other	25.0	47.1	28.1	15.0	9.3	5.3	21.2	8.3	10.0	12.4	11.8	8.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1		
Number	20	34	32	20	43	19	33	24	771	691	655	671		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.1	13.6	2.4	14.3	10.2	16.3	21.0	28.6	16.5	19.2	25.4	29.5		
Guardianship	12.1	0.0	0.0	4.8	9.7	3.7	3.4	3.8	7.6	4.3	3.5	3.6		
Reunification	72.7	77.3	92.7	71.4	74.2	71.6	66.4	60.4	63.6	64.6	60.4	56.7		
Other	6.1	9.1	4.9	9.5	6.0	8.4	9.2	7.2	12.3	12.0	10.7	10.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0		
Number	33	22	41	21	857	806	705	818	1,433	1,315	1,154	1,100		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	100.0	40.0	33.3	12.9	21.1	19.7	34.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	4.4	2.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	72.7	0.0	60.0	66.7	70.6	65.7	67.0	49.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	8.8	11.3	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	11	1	5	3	194	204	203	210	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	67.9	63.4	60.8	61.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.1	23.9	25.2	25.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.9	9.0	8.2	10.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	2.4	4.2	2.2
48 or more mos.	0.5	1.1	1.6	0.6
Missing data	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,277	2,096	1,797	1,693

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	81.8	82.5	81.8	80.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.0	5.5	5.2	4.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.8	11.9	12.9	14.7
Missing data	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0
Number	3,335	2,903	2,881	2,773

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	0.9	2.0	1.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	15.4	15.4	12.6	16.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.5	33.5	34.8	34.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	27.3	21.8	23.3	24.9
48 or more mos.	26.0	28.2	27.3	22.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	462	531	644	811

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81.6	83.7	83.7	81.6	51.8	58.2	61.6	61.5	24.0	27.9	31.2	31.9	50.0	0.0	80.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.1	15.8	15.1	17.8	47.7	41.1	38.1	38.2	75.8	72.1	68.6	67.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.3	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	50.0	100.0	20.0	0.0
Number	3,907	3,415	3,328	3,169	2,129	1,950	1,786	1,973	2,343	2,518	2,515	2,376	4	3	10	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	3.4	4.2	0.5	0.7
Institutions	11.0	4.8	5.2	6.0
Other settings	85.5	91.0	94.2	93.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	2,627	2,337	2,362	2,274

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	145.9	136.0	134.4	133.7
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)	81.1	70.5	69.3	72.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.0	5.6	6.4	5.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	40.9	41.3	43.5	33.9
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?	8.7	7.4	6.8	7.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	79.5	86.3	108.9	113.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	16.2	16.4	14.6	18.1
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?	36.8	36.2	36.3	35.4
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?	22.8	24.3	29.5	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? ¹⁷	12.4	14.0	21.8	14.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	29.2	33.9	42.6	46.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	127.9	135.1	141.6	144.3
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?	32.9	34.2	39.9	46.9
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?	95.2	96.4	95.8	97.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	41.0	36.9	37.2	43.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	84.5	90.1	93.3	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?	80.9	82.0	82.8	79.9
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?	52.0	58.7	62.0	61.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	24.2	27.9	31.4	32.1

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Hampshire

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	294,001	289,071	286,377	279,984
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.8
Black	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0
White	88.8	88.3	87.9	87.4
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	9.0	10.8	10.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,129	984	899	921
Foster care entry rate	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,063	916	833	776
Children adopted	167	135	173	144

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	45	76	81	84
Numerator	903	963	974	912
Denominator	1,994	1,268	1,197	1,087
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	81	92	87	91
Numerator	5,073	6,890	6,520	6,013
Denominator	6,297	7,464	7,463	6,588

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,868	40.4 per 1,000	11,649	40.3 per 1,000	11,646	40.7 per 1,000	13,082	46.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,129	3.8 per 1,000	984	3.4 per 1,000	899	3.1 per 1,000	921	3.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.3 per 100,000	1	0.3 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.4	11.3	11.0	11.6
1 year	7.2	6.5	6.8	6.7
2 years	4.9	5.3	7.5	7.4
3 years	5.4	6.0	5.8	6.7
4 years	6.7	4.9	6.2	6.9
5 years	5.7	6.4	6.7	6.7
6 years	5.1	6.3	3.6	6.8
7 years	5.1	6.1	5.7	6.4
8 years	5.1	5.4	3.7	4.2
9 years	5.7	6.5	5.5	3.8
10 years	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.6
11 years	4.6	4.8	4.9	3.8
12 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.1
13 years	5.9	4.7	5.2	5.1
14 years	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.5
15 years	4.8	4.5	6.3	4.7
16 years	4.1	3.6	3.8	2.8
17 years	2.0	2.9	3.1	1.8
18+ years	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1
Number	1,129	984	899	921

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.1
Black	2.1	2.1	2.8	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	7.8	7.9	6.8
White	84.2	78.4	78.9	77.2
Two or more races	1.5	3.3	2.1	4.8
Missing data	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.4
Number	1,129	984	899	921

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.5
Medical neglect	3.7	3.0	2.7	3.3
Neglect	76.4	75.5	76.2	80.1
Physical abuse	13.8	11.3	13.6	9.0
Sexual abuse	12.5	15.1	13.0	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,129	984	899	921

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	19.4	19.2	17.3	14.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,046	974	865	759	570	482	497	492	553	540	529	475	1,063	916	833	776
Median length of stay (months)	19.7	17.9	19.2	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.5	15.2	16.4	13.3	16.3	18.2	15.2	13.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.4	4.4	3.6	3.7	16.0	11.2	10.9	13.0	4.2	2.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.5	4.6
1 year	5.3	5.2	6.0	6.1	6.3	7.1	6.6	7.7	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.9	4.8
2 years	6.8	5.9	6.6	4.9	5.8	6.2	5.6	6.3	7.4	6.9	7.0	6.9	5.7	6.4	4.6	6.8
3 years	3.5	6.1	4.9	6.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	6.7	6.5	5.7	5.3	7.6	5.6	5.0	6.0	4.3
4 years	4.5	3.1	5.3	4.6	4.9	3.9	3.6	3.5	5.1	4.3	6.2	6.1	3.0	4.8	4.4	5.5
5 years	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.2	3.5	5.4	4.8	3.7	5.1	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.0
6 years	3.8	4.0	4.2	5.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.3	3.5	4.7	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	3.9
7 years	4.7	3.6	3.9	3.0	3.7	5.0	3.4	4.1	4.9	5.2	4.5	5.3	3.3	3.9	2.9	4.4
8 years	2.4	3.4	3.7	4.3	3.5	4.4	3.6	2.2	4.2	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.3	3.7	4.1	2.6
9 years	4.3	3.3	3.4	2.2	3.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.1	4.2	2.5	3.0	3.4	2.3	3.5
10 years	4.8	4.1	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.9	3.6	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.9	4.0	3.4	2.6	3.0
11 years	3.3	5.0	3.9	4.3	4.6	3.1	2.2	3.0	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.8	4.9	3.7	4.2	2.8
12 years	4.3	4.4	5.9	3.8	2.6	3.3	4.4	4.1	1.8	2.6	3.6	4.4	4.3	5.7	3.6	3.5
13 years	4.6	5.0	4.5	6.6	5.4	4.6	4.4	4.7	2.9	4.6	4.5	3.4	4.9	4.5	6.4	5.0
14 years	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.9	6.0	5.6	8.5	6.5	4.9	4.4	3.4	4.4	6.0	5.1	5.5	7.3
15 years	9.5	5.7	7.9	9.2	9.6	8.9	11.1	8.7	4.5	5.2	6.0	5.5	7.6	7.0	9.5	6.4
16 years	9.7	10.1	6.5	8.2	7.4	10.2	11.3	11.6	7.2	7.6	6.4	9.3	10.5	7.9	9.6	10.7
17 years	9.6	9.9	9.5	7.2	4.9	6.0	3.8	2.2	6.9	9.1	8.5	5.5	9.5	10.2	7.3	9.3
18 years	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.7	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.4	11.6	12.2	7.6	5.1	3.3	3.1	4.4	3.4
19 years	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9
20 years	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.3	2.6	3.2	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.2
Missing data	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5
Asian	0.7	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.3	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4
Black	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.0	4.9	1.7	3.0	3.5	4.7	2.4	1.9	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.6	2.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	8.1	8.8	9.0	10.2	7.3	9.7	10.0	7.4	6.3	9.5	10.9	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.4
White	76.3	77.2	79.0	77.1	74.0	82.0	74.0	74.0	72.5	78.3	78.3	73.7	77.0	79.0	76.5	77.2
Two or more races	3.5	3.3	2.9	4.6	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.7	1.5	3.2	3.4	2.8	4.2	4.8
Unknown	8.8	7.3	5.5	4.3	7.0	5.4	7.6	7.5	10.7	8.7	8.3	5.5	6.9	5.5	5.0	5.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	299	275	230	168
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	110	75	66	25

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.3	0.0	0.4	0.6
1 year	5.7	6.9	6.1	6.0
2 years	8.0	9.8	9.1	11.3
3 years	10.4	8.0	8.3	5.4
4 years	4.0	8.4	6.1	7.7
5 years	5.7	4.4	7.8	6.0
6 years	5.0	6.5	7.0	4.2
7 years	4.3	5.8	6.1	7.1
8 years	5.7	5.5	7.0	3.0
9 years	4.3	4.7	3.9	7.7
10 years	7.4	5.1	4.3	5.4
11 years	7.0	5.8	8.7	5.4
12 years	5.7	8.4	5.7	6.0
13 years	5.7	5.5	8.7	6.5
14 years	4.3	4.7	2.6	8.9
15 years	4.7	3.6	3.9	3.0
16 years	6.0	2.9	3.5	3.6
17 years	3.7	4.0	0.9	2.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Black	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	10.5	13.0	10.1
White	80.6	77.1	75.2	73.2
Two or more races	5.0	3.6	4.8	7.1
Unknown	3.0	4.4	1.7	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	167	135	173	144

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.2	3.0	0.6	0.7
1 year	3.6	4.4	5.2	2.8
2 years	12.0	12.6	11.6	11.8
3 years	13.2	14.1	11.0	13.2
4 years	3.6	6.7	11.6	10.4
5 years	9.6	4.4	6.9	6.3
6 years	7.2	5.2	5.8	9.0
7 years	10.2	7.4	8.1	9.7
8 years	6.6	5.2	5.2	9.7
9 years	5.4	5.9	5.2	4.9
10 years	7.2	5.9	5.2	1.4
11 years	3.0	3.7	1.2	5.6
12 years	4.2	3.0	6.4	6.3
13 years	3.0	3.7	4.6	2.1
14 years	3.6	4.4	5.2	1.4
15 years	1.2	2.2	3.5	2.1
16 years	4.8	3.0	1.2	2.1
17 years	0.6	4.4	1.7	0.7
18 years	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.8	2.2	1.2	4.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	5.2	9.2	17.4
White	80.2	88.1	84.4	74.3
Two or more races	6.0	3.0	1.7	3.5
Unknown	4.2	1.5	3.5	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.8	92.2	97.2	95.3
Children with one or more recurrences	4.2	7.8	2.8	4.7
Number	453	371	352	381

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.12	<.1	0.00	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.88	99.93	100.00	100.00
Number	1,616	1,456	1,362	1,251

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	29.8	26.9	30.6	30.7
Guardianship	2.9	2.2	5.1	2.3
Reunification	46.5	50.2	47.4	49.9
Other	19.3	19.1	12.3	10.9
Missing data	1.4	1.7	4.5	6.1
Number	553	540	529	475

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.7	12.2	16.1	13.0
Guardianship	3.1	2.4	6.5	2.6
Reunification	34.0	50.0	40.9	37.7
Other	36.1	34.1	24.7	31.2
Missing data	4.1	1.2	11.8	15.6
Number	97	82	93	77

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.2	3.4	1.4	2.3
Guardianship	3.0	1.7	3.5	3.0
Reunification	47.3	52.8	62.5	52.6
Other	46.1	39.2	23.6	24.8
Missing data	2.4	2.8	9.0	17.3
Number	165	176	144	133

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.1	29.4	40.8	38.0
Children older than 12 at entry	67.9	70.6	59.2	62.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	81	68	49	50

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/American Indian				2008	Asian			2008	Black		
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	11.5	23.1	20.0	27.8
Guardianship	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	57.1	100.0	50.0	77.8	57.7	38.5	50.0	38.9
Other	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	50.0	11.1	30.8	38.5	10.0	11.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2
Number	0	1	1	3	7	2	2	9	26	13	10	18
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2008	Hispanic (of any race)			2008	White		
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.1	26.5	34.0	40.4	31.2	28.4	31.6	31.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.2	2.4	5.6	2.9
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	48.8	44.1	54.0	46.2	46.9	53.2	46.6	48.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	29.4	10.0	5.8	18.0	14.2	11.6	12.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.0	5.8	1.7	1.9	4.6	5.1
Number	0	0	0	1	41	34	50	52	401	423	414	350
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races			2008	Missing Data		
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009
Adoption	23.7	8.5	18.2	11.5	47.4	45.0	50.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	1.7	2.1	4.5	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	40.7	29.8	50.0	76.9	31.6	50.0	37.5	46.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	33.9	59.6	18.2	3.8	5.3	0.0	12.5	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	9.1	7.7	0.0	5.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Number	59	47	44	26	19	20	8	15	0	0	0	1

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	73.5	72.3	77.3	72.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.9	18.8	15.9	21.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.9	2.2	3.2	2.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.7	1.5	1.2	0.8
48 or more mos.	1.6	4.1	2.4	3.0
Missing data	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.8
Number	257	271	251	237

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	66.3	69.5	63.8	66.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	18.8	18.3	20.5	16.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.5	6.2	6.8	7.7
Missing data	8.4	6.0	8.9	10.2
Number	570	482	497	492

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.0	2.8	1.2	4.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	17.0	18.6	18.5	29.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	41.8	36.6	47.5	32.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.4	24.8	17.9	17.1
48 or more mos.	15.8	17.2	14.8	17.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	165	145	162	146

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.6	86.2	83.9	82.8	67.4	62.9	64.1	63.4	43.6	42.9	38.5	35.1	75.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.8	12.9	15.4	16.7	32.6	36.7	35.5	36.6	56.4	57.1	61.5	64.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	644	565	591	563	347	313	251	295	621	573	520	390	4	5	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	6.5	3.5	6.8	6.5
Institutions	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Other settings	93.3	96.1	92.2	93.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Number	372	310	293	321

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	99.5	102.0	108.7	104.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	70.5	71.5	76.4	72.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.2	8.1	7.0	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)	35.7	40.2	48.7	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?	20.3	22.0	20.8	23.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	125.1	120.0	143.7	145.2
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?	20.0	20.8	19.8	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?	31.1	31.8	30.1	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?	26.8	25.8	34.8	36.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	18.3	10.6	15.4	10.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	74.4	77.7	81.9	87.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	108.2	117.9	115.9	129.5
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.2	27.1	32.3	34.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.8	97.9	99.4	98.6
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?	60.4	47.2	58.5	41.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	101.4	101.0	97.5	93.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.2	85.8	83.6	82.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	67.2	62.9	64.3	63.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	44.1	44.1	39.1	36.2

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Hampshire

STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Hampshire's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Our work with families, the courts, public and private agencies, faith-based organizations, elected officials, businesses and community advocates, is part of an intentional effort to truly transform practice. In order to identify priorities, target resources, and redesign the way in which services are delivered in New Hampshire true partnership and collaboration is a must. The data reflects our on-going process and commitment to examining and improving our own capacity and performance.

New Hampshire continues to successfully focus on reducing the risk of harm to children, as evidenced by the data on repeat maltreatment and the absence of maltreatment in foster care. NCANDS Data for Absence of Child Abuse and Neglect in Foster Care was at 100% in 2011 and has exceeded the National Standard (99.68%) for the last 2 years.

New Hampshire has been above the national standard of 94.6% for Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment in FY 2007 and 2008 as reported in the NCANDS data. In FY 2009 the data showed New Hampshire's performance as slightly below the standard at 92.2% but once again demonstrated improvement at 97.2% in FY 2010 and 95.2% in FY 2011.

We are proud of the work establishing cross-system relationships and activities that promote a common vision on behalf of children and their families. We have focused specific attention to permanency in an effort to assure all children have healthy permanent connections. As a result, New Hampshire continues to improve in placement stability, rating slightly below the National Standard (101.5) with a score of 93.9.

New Hampshire has worked diligently to improve outcomes relative to timely reunification. We continue to show improvement in this area as noted in the Permanency Composite for Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification [standard: 122.6 or higher] and New Hampshire is at 104.9. Although New Hampshire is not yet at or above the standard, the data continues to demonstrate a trend that is consistently moving toward achievement of that standard.

New Hampshire's efforts to improve its adoption practice has resulted in the most notable achievements in the numbers of adoptions as well as a decrease in median length of stay for children exiting to adoption. Based on the Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions (standard: 106.4 or higher), our State score for FFY 2011 is 145.2, which is well over average. New Hampshire has made significant improvements in most areas, specifically:

- The length of time to achieve adoption has decreased from 35.4 months in FFY 2007 to 31.3 months in FFY 2011.
- New Hampshire ranks 7th highest for the Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time composite with a score of 129.5, the National Standard being 121.7.
- In FFY 2011, 87.0% of legally free children were adopted in less than 12 months compared to the national median of 45.8%.

New Jersey

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	2,053,346	2,045,848	2,062,462	2,042,810
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.8
Black	14.7	14.6	14.3	14.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	20.8	21.6	22.4	23.0
White	54.2	53.2	51.8	51.0
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.8
Child population in poverty (%)	12.5	13.5	14.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	9,089	9,293	9,546	8,752
Foster care entry rate	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,763	7,853	6,971	6,708
Children adopted	1,265	1,348	1,275	1,052

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	30	54	73	81
Numerator	3,898	6,418	7,876	7,973
Denominator	12,869	11,800	10,742	9,787
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	93	95	95	97
Numerator	20,148	42,146	54,370	56,002
Denominator	21,644	44,274	57,016	57,851

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	83,064	40.5 per 1,000	86,379	42.2 per 1,000	93,833	45.5 per 1,000	87,923	43.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	9,089	4.4 per 1,000	9,293	4.5 per 1,000	9,546	4.6 per 1,000	8,752	4.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	29	1.4 per 100,000	24	1.2 per 100,000	18	0.9 per 100,000	22	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.9	14.9	13.5	15.0
1 year	6.9	6.8	7.1	6.8
2 years	5.6	6.3	6.6	6.8
3 years	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.6
4 years	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.0
5 years	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.7
6 years	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.0
7 years	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.5
8 years	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.9
9 years	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.6
10 years	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.8
11 years	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.4
12 years	4.1	4.0	4.6	4.1
13 years	4.7	4.5	4.4	3.9
14 years	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.1
15 years	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.2
16 years	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.4
17 years	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Number	9,089	9,293	9,546	8,752

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.0
Black	30.2	29.3	30.5	28.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	16.6	17.4	19.8	21.1
White	32.8	31.7	29.0	30.8
Two or more races	0.9	1.3	1.7	2.0
Missing data	18.7	19.0	17.8	16.5
Number	9,089	9,293	9,546	8,752

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Medical neglect	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.1
Neglect	72.3	74.2	76.1	77.7
Physical abuse	19.4	17.6	15.4	13.6
Sexual abuse	9.3	9.7	10.3	10.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,089	9,293	9,546	8,752

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	80.7	41.9	20.9	17.8
Median	>24 but <48	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	8,948	8,380	7,480	6,701	5,249	4,788	4,676	4,491	5,519	5,386	5,236	4,517	8,763	7,853	6,971	6,708
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	15.8	15.4	14.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.8	14.0	13.4	12.7	15.8	15.6	14.3	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.7	8.1	8.9	8.9	21.7	23.6	21.7	22.3	5.7	6.2	6.1	6.6	8.1	8.8	9.0	9.0
1 year	9.4	10.1	10.3	10.6	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.4	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	10.0	10.1	10.5	10.6
2 years	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.9	5.4	6.4	6.3	6.9	9.1	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.1	8.4	8.9	9.1
3 years	5.8	6.3	7.2	7.0	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.5	7.2	7.9	7.3	8.1	6.2	7.0	6.9	7.9
4 years	5.2	5.0	5.6	6.0	4.3	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.9	4.8	5.5	6.1	5.6
5 years	4.3	4.7	4.5	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.2	4.6	4.3	5.1	5.3
6 years	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.9	5.1	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.5
7 years	4.2	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.1
8 years	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.4	2.8	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8
9 years	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.6
10 years	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.1
11 years	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.5	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.3
12 years	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.5
13 years	4.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.6
14 years	5.9	5.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.7	4.0	3.1	3.7	4.9	4.1	4.1	3.9
15 years	6.2	6.4	5.4	5.0	6.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.0	3.8	3.8	6.3	5.3	4.9	4.5
16 years	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.8	4.7	5.1	5.4	4.2	4.6	6.9	6.7	6.5	5.5
17 years	6.4	7.1	7.2	7.6	6.1	5.2	5.0	4.7	6.7	5.6	5.1	5.0	6.9	7.2	7.7	6.5
18 years	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	6.4	6.7	9.2	7.2	2.5	3.0	0.6	2.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Black	53.0	51.3	50.2	48.2	42.2	39.9	40.5	37.8	45.1	43.9	44.2	43.3	51.4	49.4	48.3	44.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.0	15.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	17.8	19.9	23.0	14.8	16.4	19.1	19.8	15.0	16.0	17.9	20.1
White	24.6	24.6	24.3	25.5	28.1	27.7	28.3	27.0	28.0	27.9	26.4	26.9	24.6	24.2	25.4	25.6
Two or more races	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.6	1.6	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.0	3.1	2.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	3.5	3.2
Unknown	6.0	5.6	4.4	4.3	9.0	11.4	7.6	9.1	9.3	7.9	7.1	6.4	5.8	7.5	4.5	6.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	3,029	2,696	2,473	2,308
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,322	938	976	697

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.8	3.1	3.4	2.9
1 year	12.4	12.2	12.8	14.7
2 years	11.7	11.4	13.5	12.7
3 years	8.8	9.9	9.3	10.3
4 years	6.5	7.3	8.2	7.3
5 years	6.2	5.3	6.4	7.5
6 years	4.7	5.5	5.0	5.6
7 years	5.4	4.6	4.6	5.2
8 years	5.2	5.1	4.2	4.7
9 years	5.0	4.6	4.2	3.9
10 years	4.8	5.2	3.9	3.5
11 years	3.9	4.9	4.4	4.0
12 years	4.8	4.4	4.6	3.9
13 years	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.7
14 years	4.6	3.2	3.9	3.5
15 years	4.1	4.0	3.1	2.9
16 years	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.1
17 years	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
Black	54.8	54.0	50.8	47.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.5	14.2	17.6	18.3
White	23.4	23.2	24.3	24.6
Two or more races	4.4	3.0	4.1	4.4
Unknown	3.7	5.2	2.7	4.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,265	1,348	1,275	1,052

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.7	1.4	1.7	1.9
1 year	10.8	12.5	10.6	10.0
2 years	20.2	18.0	17.6	17.9
3 years	12.8	12.6	12.2	14.2
4 years	8.5	8.2	8.5	9.2
5 years	7.2	5.4	6.9	7.3
6 years	5.2	6.3	5.2	5.6
7 years	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.1
8 years	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.2
9 years	4.0	4.1	5.3	4.7
10 years	3.9	3.3	4.5	2.7
11 years	2.9	2.7	4.4	3.2
12 years	3.2	3.0	2.7	4.1
13 years	2.9	2.8	3.5	2.9
14 years	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.6
15 years	2.3	2.7	1.6	1.9
16 years	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.0
17 years	0.7	2.1	1.3	1.5
18 years	0.2	0.2	<.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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Black	50.9	48.4	49.6	45.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.6	15.4	18.5	18.3
White	26.9	26.5	25.6	28.6
Two or more races	3.7	5.7	3.5	5.1
Unknown	5.4	3.5	2.4	2.2
Missing data	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

New Jersey

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.4	94.4	94.3	94.8
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	5.6	5.7	5.2
Number	4,147	4,191	4,473	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	0.16	0.15	0.13
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.91	99.84	99.85	99.87
Number	14,197	13,168	12,156	11,192

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.2	26.3	24.8	23.7
Guardianship	6.7	5.5	4.4	4.4
Reunification	57.9	58.6	58.6	62.5
Other	10.1	9.5	12.2	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,519	5,386	5,236	4,517

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	49.1	43.4	30.7	26.7
Guardianship	4.9	2.0	2.9	1.3
Reunification	32.6	40.3	44.5	53.7
Other	13.3	14.3	21.9	18.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	631	539	548	454

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	2.0	3.5	2.3	3.0
Guardianship	7.6	6.3	4.4	3.9
Reunification	55.8	59.0	52.1	59.1
Other	34.5	31.3	41.2	34.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,275	1,199	1,114	934

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.4	22.8	25.9	22.2
Children older than 12 at entry	77.1	73.5	72.3	76.3
Missing data	1.5	3.8	1.8	1.5
Number	411	373	513	333

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	7.1	11.4	9.1	28.9	29.3	28.1	25.0		
Guardianship	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	4.5	7.9	6.3	4.8	4.7		
Reunification	20.0	100.0	33.3	100.0	82.9	89.3	77.1	81.8	49.9	53.1	51.4	58.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	5.7	3.6	5.7	4.5	13.2	11.2	15.7	11.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	5	3	3	4	35	28	35	22	2,491	2,366	2,314	1,956		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	100.0	20.0	0.0	20.7	26.4	23.7	22.1	23.7	23.7	23.8	25.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	3.9	3.2	3.0	6.8	5.8	5.0	5.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	60.0	100.0	66.4	61.4	63.1	66.4	61.4	60.9	61.0	62.2		
Other	100.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	8.3	8.4	10.1	8.5	8.1	9.6	10.1	7.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	2	5	1	816	883	1,002	896	1,546	1,505	1,380	1,214		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.6	11.9	8.4	8.4	46.4	47.9	37.8	39.4	66.7	20.0	14.3	0.0		
Guardianship	3.9	3.5	2.4	2.8	6.4	6.6	5.0	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	74.6	78.7	81.9	82.6	43.6	43.7	53.8	51.1	33.3	80.0	85.7	0.0		
Other	5.9	5.9	7.3	6.3	3.6	1.8	3.4	3.6	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	512	427	371	287	110	167	119	137	3	5	7	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	68.9	69.6	71.8	70.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.1	18.8	19.9	19.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.9	6.1	4.1	5.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	2.2	1.9	2.4
48 or more mos.	2.8	1.9	1.7	1.7
Missing data	1.8	1.4	0.8	0.7
Number	3,196	3,157	3,068	2,825

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.9	82.0	81.8	81.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.6	7.1	8.4	8.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.3	10.7	9.8	9.8
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.0	<.1
Number	5,249	4,788	4,676	4,491

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.0	3.7	3.2	2.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	20.8	22.8	21.5	22.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.2	33.6	32.0	34.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.2	22.2	21.7	21.4
48 or more mos.	22.7	16.6	20.5	17.8
Missing data	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.8
Number	1,393	1,418	1,299	1,072

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.0	87.3	86.9	87.9	71.1	72.2	72.6	72.5	46.7	45.6	44.7	45.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.0	12.7	13.1	12.1	28.9	27.8	27.4	27.5	53.3	54.4	55.3	54.2	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	6,076	5,643	5,511	5,188	3,306	3,090	2,728	2,633	4,797	4,410	3,904	3,355	18	25	13	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.4
Institutions	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.3
Other settings	96.8	97.6	97.4	98.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,839	3,611	3,584	3,519

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	117.7	118.8	119.7	116.6
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)	66.2	65.6	67.3	65.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.4	43.6	46.4	42.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.1	10.1	10.4	11.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	115.1	122.6	130.1	133.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	24.1	26.9	24.9	26.1
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?	32.7	32.2	32.6	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?	30.1	31.7	33.3	31.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	12.7	11.8	17.0	14.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.5	63.2	63.7	73.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	143.8	143.4	136.6	138.8
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	37.2	39.5	38.4	38.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	99.1	99.2	97.5	97.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	32.3	36.8	40.3	36.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	106.6	105.8	105.4	106.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.9	85.9	85.4	86.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.1	72.2	72.6	72.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	46.8	45.6	44.9	46.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Performance

NJ continues to reduce the number of children entering foster care. The number of children who entered foster care in 2011 was 4,491 compared to 5,249 in 2008. In fact, more children exited foster care than entered for the past four years. Additionally, exits to reunification increased by 7% since 2010 from 59% to 63% in 2011.

NJ continues to make significant improvements in reducing the use of congregate care placements for young children over the past four years. The percent of young children placed in congregate care decreased from 2.6% in 2010 to 1.7% in 2011.

Over the years, NJ has shown significant improvement in placement stability for children in foster care. In 2011, 72.6% of children in foster care between 12 and 24 months had 2 or fewer placements compared to 66.1% in 2007.

NJ continues to make significant improvements in accomplishing permanency through adoption in less than 24 months. The percentage of children exiting to adoption in less than 24 months increased by 30% from 20.1% in 2007 to 26.1% in 2011.

Overall, NJ has increased its composite score for timeliness of adoption from 115.1 in 2008 to 133.0 in 2011. NJ exceeded the 75th percentile (69.2%) for children reaching adoption finalization within 12 months of being legally free. 73.9 percent of the children who became legally free were adopted in less than 12 months in 2011 compared to 63.7% in 2010. This is the highest it has been in the past 4 years.

NJ significantly reduced the number of children whose parental rights have been terminated and waiting for adoption by 29% from 976 in 2010 to 697 in 2011. This is the lowest it has been in four years.

NJ data demonstrates strong performance in achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time. In 2011, NJ exceeded the 75th percentile in the first two composite measures (38.0% in composite 3.1 and 97.5% in composite 3.2).

NJ has shown an 11% increase in Caseworker Visits with children in foster care from 73% in FFY10 to 81% in FFY11. NJ also wishes to note that its own data for monthly visits for CY2011 was 96%.

Finally, NJ continues to reduce “time to investigate” A/N reports. In 2011, the average response time was 18.2 hours.

New Mexico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	506,235	510,238	518,998	519,419
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.1
Asian	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1
Black	2.7	2.8	1.6	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	54.8	55.3	58.4	58.6
White	28.6	28.1	26.3	26.0
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
Child population in poverty (%)	24.2	25.3	30.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231
Foster care entry rate	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,269	2,022	1,872	1,895
Children adopted	427	437	420	350

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	79	85	90	91
Numerator	2,490	2,486	2,468	2,417
Denominator	3,171	2,942	2,739	2,667
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	98	98	99	98
Numerator	18,993	18,465	18,618	18,345
Denominator	19,455	18,920	18,886	18,632

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,178	45.8 per 1,000	23,277	45.6 per 1,000	27,122	52.3 per 1,000	27,729	53.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	5,656	11.2 per 1,000	5,368	10.5 per 1,000	6,018	11.6 per 1,000	6,231	12.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	19	3.8 per 100,000	10	2.0 per 100,000	19	3.7 per 100,000	15	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.6	10.9	10.4	10.5
1 year	6.8	7.3	7.7	7.6
2 years	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.6
3 years	6.3	6.4	6.3	7.1
4 years	5.5	6.3	6.5	6.9
5 years	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.1
6 years	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.7
7 years	6.1	6.2	6.8	6.2
8 years	5.3	5.7	5.8	6.2
9 years	5.3	5.6	5.4	4.9
10 years	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.7
11 years	4.6	4.1	4.7	4.7
12 years	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.4
13 years	4.3	4.6	4.0	3.8
14 years	4.0	3.4	4.3	4.0
15 years	4.5	3.9	3.2	2.5
16 years	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.7
17 years	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.3	1.7	0.5	0.5
Number	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.0	8.2	9.0	5.8
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	59.4	57.8	57.4	59.1
White	24.8	25.6	26.1	27.6
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2
Missing data	4.2	3.2	2.5	2.5
Number	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	16.9	16.7	18.9	19.8
Medical neglect	2.8	2.4	1.6	2.2
Neglect	76.8	76.4	78.2	77.1
Physical abuse	14.3	13.6	12.6	12.1
Sexual abuse	3.9	4.5	3.3	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	74.6	70.8	—	—
Median	>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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	2,381	2,182	1,950	1,858	2,137	1,989	1,766	1,775	2,249	2,149	1,844	1,738	2,269	2,022	1,872	1,895
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	14.1	13.3	12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.4	6.4	8.9	4.9	14.4	13.1	12.8	13.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.1	13.8	13.9	13.0	13.7	5.8	6.1	5.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.1	6.1
1 year	8.9	8.4	8.4	8.4	9.2	8.7	9.9	10.0	8.3	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.5	8.5
2 years	8.2	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.0	9.2	9.3	8.8	8.6	9.6	9.8	8.5	9.0	8.7	8.1	9.0
3 years	7.2	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.1	6.9	7.4	7.8	7.6	7.4	8.5	8.2	7.7	8.1	8.2	8.2
4 years	6.1	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.9	7.3	6.4	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.7	8.3
5 years	5.9	5.6	5.7	6.4	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.4	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.3	6.5
6 years	6.2	5.6	6.4	6.0	6.6	6.1	5.7	6.9	7.1	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.1	6.1
7 years	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.0	5.5	5.6	4.6	4.7	6.1	5.5	6.1	5.5	6.0	6.4	5.0	6.4
8 years	4.8	5.3	5.4	6.5	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.5	6.5	4.9
9 years	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.4	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.3	6.0
10 years	4.3	4.8	4.6	5.1	3.6	3.7	4.8	3.5	3.6	4.2	4.2	5.1	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.5
11 years	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.6	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.2	4.0	3.5	4.6	4.5	3.8	4.2	4.6	3.2
12 years	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.2
13 years	4.7	3.2	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.3	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.7
14 years	5.0	4.4	3.2	4.3	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.9	4.0	3.0	3.3	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.3
15 years	4.8	4.8	4.3	3.2	3.8	4.1	2.7	3.0	3.9	4.0	3.1	3.3	4.7	4.1	3.2	3.7
16 years	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.0	4.0	5.1	4.9	4.1	2.6
17 years	4.7	5.2	4.8	5.5	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.4	5.8	5.8	6.5	7.9	5.0	4.7	5.5	4.4
18 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.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	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 (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.0	7.9	9.9	9.4	9.6	13.0	10.4	7.7	9.6	10.9	10.8	8.5	8.0	9.7	9.4	8.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	3.6	4.1	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.7	4.6	2.7	3.6	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.4	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	58.3	59.8	58.9	59.0	57.5	53.7	54.1	54.9	56.4	55.3	54.8	57.9	59.4	58.6	58.4	56.1
White	25.9	24.2	23.8	25.0	23.0	24.6	28.3	28.6	25.1	25.0	26.4	24.7	23.9	23.8	25.5	28.6
Two or more races	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.2	2.4
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.6	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	911	876	780	790
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	588	545	467	443

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.3
1 year	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.5
2 years	8.0	8.8	6.4	8.2
3 years	7.5	8.8	7.6	7.2
4 years	8.3	8.0	7.2	8.6
5 years	6.1	6.2	6.8	6.3
6 years	5.8	6.5	6.7	7.8
7 years	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.3
8 years	6.0	6.3	7.4	4.9
9 years	5.7	5.5	6.2	7.6
10 years	5.4	5.4	5.6	4.9
11 years	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.6
12 years	4.3	5.0	5.1	6.1
13 years	3.6	4.9	5.3	5.1
14 years	5.7	3.9	5.6	4.8
15 years	5.8	5.1	4.9	5.1
16 years	4.4	4.7	4.1	2.8
17 years	1.5	1.1	1.4	0.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.9	9.7	10.9	11.1
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Black	4.8	3.9	2.9	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	57.6	60.6	59.2	58.6
White	22.3	22.4	22.9	23.2
Two or more races	4.0	3.2	4.0	2.9
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	427	437	420	350

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.2	2.1	1.9	0.6
1 year	9.8	8.2	9.5	8.6
2 years	11.9	9.2	13.8	8.6
3 years	10.5	8.9	10.7	9.7
4 years	7.0	9.4	9.5	8.9
5 years	7.0	7.3	7.6	6.6
6 years	9.1	6.9	7.1	7.7
7 years	8.7	4.6	6.7	6.3
8 years	4.9	7.8	4.8	6.3
9 years	5.4	6.4	5.2	6.3
10 years	3.7	5.5	3.3	8.0
11 years	4.0	5.3	5.5	6.9
12 years	4.7	5.0	2.9	2.3
13 years	3.3	3.9	3.3	5.1
14 years	2.3	3.0	2.9	2.6
15 years	2.8	2.1	1.7	3.1
16 years	2.1	2.5	1.9	1.7
17 years	1.2	1.8	1.4	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.0	6.6	5.0	7.1
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.7	3.7	5.7	2.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	62.3	61.6	56.0	68.9
White	31.4	24.9	27.9	18.0
Two or more races	2.3	3.2	5.5	3.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

New Mexico

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	91.8	91.4	91.7	90.1
Children with one or more recurrences	8.2	8.6	8.3	9.9
Number	2,549	2,540	2,746	2,790

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.24	0.32	0.36
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.76	99.68	99.64
Number	4,518	4,171	3,716	3,633

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.0	23.1	22.8	20.4
Guardianship	2.0	1.5	0.9	2.4
Reunification	70.8	68.2	68.4	69.3
Other	7.2	7.3	7.9	7.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,249	2,149	1,844	1,738

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	40.7	42.2	43.1	40.9
Guardianship	3.0	2.5	1.2	3.4
Reunification	45.3	45.0	45.5	43.6
Other	11.0	10.3	10.2	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	634	669	655	567

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.4	6.0	3.6	4.4
Guardianship	1.5	0.8	0.4	3.2
Reunification	68.0	69.5	68.8	64.0
Other	26.2	23.8	27.2	28.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	409	383	279	317

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	12.3	22.6	24.5	23.7
Children older than 12 at entry	87.7	77.4	75.5	76.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	106	106	94	97

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	7.4	18.4	13.0	19.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	31.2	39.3	8.7		
Guardianship	1.4	0.9	2.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.4		
Reunification	73.5	63.2	64.5	62.6	50.0	66.7	100.0	75.0	72.1	58.4	52.5	82.6		
Other	17.7	17.5	20.5	15.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	25.0	18.0	10.4	8.2	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	215	234	200	147	2	3	1	4	61	77	61	69		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	24.8	24.9	23.3	23.0	21.2	20.7	15.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	1.1	2.7	2.3	0.7	0.4	2.3		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	70.2	67.9	68.1	66.7	69.6	71.9	72.3	75.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	5.2	5.9	7.2	5.1	6.1	6.6	6.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	2	1	0	1,269	1,189	1,011	1,007	565	537	487	429		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	28.2	25.0	27.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	85.7	90.0	100.0	67.9	60.6	64.7	60.0	83.3	93.3	100.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	14.3	10.0	0.0	8.6	9.9	10.3	12.3	16.7	6.7	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	23	21	10	13	81	71	68	65	30	15	5	4		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	79.4	80.3	76.0	80.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.6	14.7	18.9	17.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.7	3.5	3.9	1.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,593	1,465	1,261	1,205

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	83.5	83.3	84.0	83.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.7	8.4	7.4	6.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	8.2	8.6	9.9
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,137	1,989	1,766	1,775

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.0	3.6	2.9	3.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.8	27.8	35.0	29.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.7	34.3	33.8	34.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.7	17.3	17.1	19.7
48 or more mos.	8.7	16.9	11.2	13.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	449	496	420	355

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.9	88.5	89.4	87.6	51.2	55.1	60.6	57.6	26.5	25.3	22.0	20.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	11.5	10.6	12.3	48.8	44.9	39.4	42.4	73.5	74.7	78.0	79.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,303	2,199	1,925	1,927	1,105	927	925	902	1,097	1,039	860	803	13	6	6	1

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	9.4	8.6	7.0	3.4
Institutions	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5
Other settings	89.4	90.4	92.3	96.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,781	1,648	1,494	1,498

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	109.5	113.7	109.6	116.4
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)	60.0	62.2	61.0	71.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.0	9.7	10.0	9.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	34.1	33.9	38.1	29.1
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?	10.5	9.0	8.4	10.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	139.9	139.6	144.8	138.7
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?	29.8	31.5	37.9	32.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.9	29.2	27.8	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?	37.5	42.4	41.3	36.1
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? ¹⁷	25.1	22.1	17.4	16.1
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?	55.4	52.6	57.8	54.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	140.5	138.0	130.2	124.9
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?	41.5	45.9	42.4	40.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.4	94.8	93.0	91.5
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?	43.5	45.0	47.4	46.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	82.2	85.8	87.6	84.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	76.6	80.2	82.2	79.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	51.2	55.1	60.6	57.6
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?	26.6	25.3	22.0	20.9

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New York

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	4,453,218	4,424,083	4,317,426	4,286,008
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Asian	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.0
Black	16.8	16.7	16.2	16.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	21.3	21.7	22.6	22.9
White	52.4	51.7	51.2	50.6
Two or more races	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	19.1	20.0	21.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	84,074	90,031	88,842	83,678
Foster care entry rate	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	29,762	28,215	26,774	25,044
Children adopted	2,394	2,398	2,205	2,152

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	21	47	67	82
Numerator	7,385	15,673	21,974	24,946
Denominator	34,727	33,145	32,571	30,604
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	75	88	92	94
Numerator	36,059	102,846	159,120	192,471
Denominator	47,804	116,292	173,157	203,685

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	265,544	59.6 per 1,000	282,373	63.8 per 1,000	282,132	65.3 per 1,000	279,610	65.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	84,074	18.9 per 1,000	90,031	20.4 per 1,000	88,842	20.6 per 1,000	83,678	19.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	100	2.2 per 100,000	99	2.2 per 100,000	114	2.6 per 100,000	83	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2
1 year	5.9	6.2	6.6	6.5
2 years	5.7	5.6	6.1	6.3
3 years	5.2	5.2	5.8	5.9
4 years	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.5
5 years	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.5
6 years	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.7
7 years	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.6
8 years	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4
9 years	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.0
10 years	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7
11 years	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7
12 years	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.7
13 years	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.0
14 years	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.3
15 years	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.8
16 years	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.7
17 years	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	84,074	90,031	88,842	83,678

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Asian	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3
Black	28.9	28.4	28.1	28.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.7	24.0	24.0	24.3
White	33.8	33.8	33.8	34.0
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.5
Missing data	9.4	9.7	9.4	9.4
Number	84,074	90,031	88,842	83,678

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Medical neglect	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.7
Neglect	91.8	92.2	92.4	93.1
Physical abuse	10.1	9.8	9.9	9.5
Sexual abuse	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	25.8	25.6	27.7	27.2
Number	84,074	90,031	88,842	83,678

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	5.1	4.2	3.4	3.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	29,394	28,846	27,495	26,305	12,720	12,177	11,782	10,468	12,352	12,808	12,503	11,729	29,762	28,215	26,774	25,044
Median length of stay (months)	20.9	22.0	22.5	22.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.5	15.2	16.0	16.8	22.5	22.8	23.1	23.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	14.9	15.6	15.9	15.8	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9
1 year	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.7	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.3	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.6
2 years	4.9	5.7	5.5	6.1	4.9	4.5	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.4	6.0	6.2
3 years	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.8
4 years	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	5.2	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.9
5 years	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.5
6 years	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2
7 years	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9
8 years	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.5
9 years	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4
10 years	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4
11 years	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
12 years	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4
13 years	4.6	4.2	4.1	3.9	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.4	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.0
14 years	6.1	5.7	5.0	5.1	8.2	7.9	7.4	6.9	5.2	5.3	4.7	4.6	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.8
15 years	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.7	11.5	11.0	11.0	10.7	7.8	7.3	6.7	6.5	7.4	7.0	6.6	6.4
16 years	9.1	8.7	8.5	8.1	8.9	9.5	8.6	8.3	9.2	8.8	8.8	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.2	7.6
17 years	8.2	7.9	8.0	7.5	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.5	7.9	7.0	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.2	7.8	7.3
18 years	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.5
19 years	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4
20 years	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	4.1	4.7	6.1	6.8	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.4
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.4	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Black	45.9	47.7	48.7	48.0	42.3	42.7	42.6	28.2	41.2	41.7	43.9	41.2	46.3	48.3	48.3	42.9
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)	20.5	21.2	21.7	21.5	20.9	21.9	21.6	13.5	20.1	20.5	21.5	19.6	20.9	21.8	21.7	19.1
White	17.3	18.5	18.5	18.7	21.1	21.0	22.4	21.8	21.1	20.9	21.7	21.7	17.3	18.4	18.7	18.5
Two or more races	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.1	3.8	3.9	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.3	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.3
Unknown	13.4	9.4	7.5	7.9	12.2	10.4	8.4	32.0	14.0	13.3	8.3	13.3	12.6	8.1	7.5	15.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	7,126	6,963	6,669	6,480
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,947	3,470	3,421	3,330

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.4
1 year	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.3
2 years	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.5
3 years	6.8	8.5	8.3	9.0
4 years	6.8	6.8	8.0	7.9
5 years	6.5	6.9	6.6	7.3
6 years	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.4
7 years	6.0	5.7	5.5	6.0
8 years	6.0	6.3	5.8	5.6
9 years	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.7
10 years	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.6
11 years	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.1
12 years	5.6	5.0	5.5	5.3
13 years	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.1
14 years	6.2	5.1	5.2	5.0
15 years	6.8	5.8	5.3	5.4
16 years	5.4	5.3	4.5	4.3
17 years	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	45.7	50.6	52.2	51.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	19.9	21.2	19.9	21.3
White	15.1	16.6	16.7	15.6
Two or more races	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.1
Unknown	16.3	8.3	7.8	8.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	2,394	2,398	2,205	2,152

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7
1 year	4.1	3.3	4.5	4.5
2 years	9.3	10.6	9.4	9.1
3 years	9.7	10.5	11.2	11.2
4 years	9.1	8.8	9.8	10.3
5 years	7.3	7.5	8.8	8.8
6 years	6.7	7.0	7.4	7.9
7 years	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.1
8 years	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.6
9 years	5.5	6.0	6.2	5.9
10 years	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.6
11 years	5.1	4.8	3.7	4.9
12 years	4.7	5.2	4.7	3.6
13 years	5.5	4.2	4.0	4.8
14 years	3.8	3.6	3.4	2.6
15 years	3.7	3.6	2.9	2.4
16 years	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5
17 years	2.3	2.0	1.6	2.2
18 years	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3
19 years	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.7
20 years	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	41.6	41.0	42.1	44.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.3	18.1	19.1	18.6
White	19.6	21.7	25.1	26.0
Two or more races	3.3	2.8	4.6	3.7
Unknown	20.3	16.2	8.7	6.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	87.9	87.8	87.7	87.8
Children with one or more recurrences	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.2
Number	39,013	41,345	41,086	39,144

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.44	2.04	1.91	1.38
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.56	97.96	98.09	98.62
Number	42,114	41,023	39,277	36,773

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.3	18.1	17.0	18.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	64.9	66.0	67.0	64.8
Other	16.7	15.7	14.9	15.7
Missing data	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.2
Number	12,352	12,808	12,503	11,729

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	23.1	22.7	20.9	22.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	56.7	57.3	57.0	54.2
Other	20.2	19.9	21.9	23.1
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Number	2,833	4,075	4,529	4,640

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	68.1	67.7	66.2	64.0
Other	30.9	30.7	30.3	31.6
Missing data	<.1	0.2	2.6	2.9
Number	4,520	4,493	4,366	4,229

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	38.5	38.8	33.9	31.1
Children older than 12 at entry	61.4	61.1	66.1	68.9
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,448	1,397	1,389	1,349

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.0	4.4	16.7	3.7	20.9	7.3	5.9	10.9	18.6	17.8	16.5	19.9		
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	68.0	86.7	70.0	88.9	65.7	72.7	82.4	71.9	63.3	63.4	66.4	60.0		
Other	12.0	8.9	10.0	0.0	13.4	16.4	11.8	15.6	17.9	18.6	17.0	19.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.3	7.4	0.0	3.6	0.0	1.6	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.8		
Number	25	45	30	27	67	55	68	64	5,094	5,340	5,485	4,833		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	16.0	15.3	17.4	16.9	18.5	19.0	22.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.5	71.0	71.1	65.4	68.7	69.9	67.5	64.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	12.7	13.5	16.9	14.3	11.3	12.0	11.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.7		
Number	0	0	0	0	2,480	2,628	2,686	2,295	2,610	2,681	2,714	2,546		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	26.3	22.2	18.1	9.1	20.8	17.9	21.8	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	55.2	57.7	64.4	79.2	66.4	73.2	55.3	64.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	18.5	19.9	17.4	11.4	12.9	8.7	11.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	11.9	7.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0		
Number	1,734	1,701	1,040	1,561	342	358	454	386	0	0	26	17		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	60.2	60.7	58.2	56.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.7	20.7	21.4	22.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.6	10.2	9.8	9.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.3	3.9	5.6	5.0
48 or more mos.	5.1	4.5	5.0	5.5
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Number	8,013	8,448	8,381	7,601

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	76.6	77.0	77.4	75.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.1	11.0	11.3	12.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.3	11.5	11.2	12.0
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Number	12,720	12,177	11,782	10,468

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	1.5	1.6	1.3	2.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	9.3	8.6	9.1	11.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	18.3	23.6	19.0	20.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.3	21.0	24.9	20.6
48 or more mos.	51.6	45.2	45.8	46.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,266	2,317	2,127	2,152

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.9	89.1	89.9	90.1	74.0	72.4	71.7	72.3	42.6	43.9	43.8	44.1	71.4	73.9	68.8	76.5
Children with 3 or more placements	9.1	10.2	10.1	9.9	26.0	27.5	28.3	27.7	57.4	56.1	56.2	55.9	28.6	26.1	31.3	23.5
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	14,514	14,229	13,636	12,419	8,710	8,211	7,744	7,531	18,876	18,560	17,881	16,806	14	23	16	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Institutions	3.7	4.6	4.3	3.4
Other settings	95.4	94.5	94.8	95.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,789	7,453	7,414	6,616

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	99.4	95.7	97.3	96.3
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)	56.4	56.6	54.7	54.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.6	10.6	10.9	11.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	35.4	39.0	39.8	40.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.4	16.0	14.3	14.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	56.5	66.5	66.4	72.0
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?	11.0	10.5	10.5	13.1
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?	48.9	43.6	45.6	45.5
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?	16.5	17.2	16.9	17.6
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? ¹⁷	9.2	9.9	10.4	11.1
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?	42.0	46.9	45.0	49.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	113.7	118.6	121.6	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?	24.3	25.8	26.7	27.0
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?	94.9	96.2	95.7	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?	48.5	45.9	44.0	44.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	109.9	108.6	108.5	109.2
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?	90.2	88.8	89.2	89.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	74.1	72.5	71.7	72.4
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?	45.8	47.3	47.5	47.8

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Carolina

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	2,254,288	2,277,967	2,279,498	2,287,593
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Asian	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
Black	23.6	23.4	23.8	23.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.3	13.0	13.6	14.1
White	58.2	57.6	55.4	54.9
Two or more races	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	19.9	22.5	24.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	24,618	24,506	23,938	24,883
Foster care entry rate	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,065	9,645	9,079	8,732
Children adopted	1,694	1,725	1,615	1,452

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	30	67	81	90
Numerator	4,300	9,077	10,283	11,170
Denominator	14,206	13,520	12,674	12,460
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	79	82	85	87
Numerator	22,739	57,466	68,417	75,627
Denominator	28,814	69,714	80,622	86,560

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	139,640	61.9 per 1,000	138,229	60.7 per 1,000	137,672	60.4 per 1,000	144,481	63.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	24,618	10.9 per 1,000	24,506	10.8 per 1,000	23,938	10.5 per 1,000	24,883	10.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	- per 100,000	—	- per 100,000	17	0.7 per 100,000	19	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.0	12.3	12.4	11.4
1 year	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.1
2 years	7.2	7.6	7.7	7.8
3 years	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.4
4 years	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.9
5 years	6.0	6.4	6.2	6.6
6 years	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.8
7 years	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.2
9 years	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.8
10 years	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.8
11 years	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.6
12 years	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.3
13 years	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3
14 years	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.0
15 years	4.5	4.4	3.8	3.9
16 years	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.2
17 years	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	24,618	24,506	23,938	24,883

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.2
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Black	31.4	31.2	30.2	29.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	10.1	9.8	9.6
White	51.8	51.1	52.1	52.3
Two or more races	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.8
Missing data	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Number	24,618	24,506	23,938	24,883

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
Medical neglect	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9
Neglect	79.0	79.8	79.6	79.7
Physical abuse	9.4	9.8	9.1	9.0
Sexual abuse	8.0	7.5	7.8	7.6
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.9
Other	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.4
Number	24,618	24,506	23,938	24,883

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	44.6	46.8	41.7	48.8
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	10,577	9,704	9,150	8,466	5,084	4,911	4,708	5,071	5,596	4,970	4,779	4,805	10,065	9,645	9,079	8,732
Median length of stay (months)	13.9	15.4	14.5	13.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.4	17.2	16.4	15.2	15.8	15.2	14.8	13.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.4	6.0	6.1	6.1	18.9	18.4	18.3	15.3	4.3	3.3	4.1	3.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.4
1 year	8.3	8.1	7.7	8.2	8.4	7.4	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.7	7.8
2 years	6.9	7.7	7.3	7.9	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.9	8.0	8.6	7.9	9.4	7.7	7.3	7.7	7.8
3 years	5.9	5.8	6.7	6.5	5.4	5.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.8	8.3	7.8	5.8	6.9	6.5	7.2
4 years	5.0	5.6	5.1	6.0	4.9	4.9	5.3	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.5	5.6	5.1	6.0	6.4
5 years	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.4	4.9	5.8	5.4	6.2	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.5
6 years	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.3	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.8	5.1	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.5
7 years	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.5
8 years	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.5	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.1
9 years	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.0	3.4	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.8
10 years	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.6
11 years	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.7
13 years	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.4
14 years	5.5	4.8	5.1	4.8	5.1	5.5	4.4	4.7	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.2	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.6
15 years	7.2	6.6	5.8	6.3	7.2	6.3	5.1	4.7	4.5	3.9	3.7	3.4	6.6	5.8	6.0	5.5
16 years	7.2	7.9	7.6	6.9	4.5	5.4	4.7	4.1	5.2	5.3	4.6	4.6	7.9	7.3	6.5	6.4
17 years	6.6	6.7	7.0	5.9	2.5	3.2	3.1	2.8	6.0	5.1	7.8	9.1	6.9	7.4	7.1	6.7
18 years	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.7	0.7	1.0	1.4	2.9	7.4	9.1	7.1	4.0	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.2
19 years	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.0
20 years	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	0.9	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.9
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	40.2	39.9	39.8	37.8	36.1	35.1	32.3	32.8	36.9	35.6	36.2	34.6	40.0	39.7	37.9	36.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.4	9.5	9.6	8.6	8.5	9.2	9.2	8.5	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.7
White	45.2	45.3	45.3	46.3	48.3	48.8	50.2	49.3	47.7	48.3	47.7	48.8	45.4	45.5	46.5	46.7
Two or more races	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.9	6.0	4.1	4.8	4.7	5.5	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.2
Unknown	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,946	2,746	2,468	2,263
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,612	1,470	1,250	1,149

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.7
1 year	7.9	7.5	6.9	7.3
2 years	8.9	8.5	8.8	8.1
3 years	6.2	7.7	7.0	7.0
4 years	6.4	5.3	7.1	6.1
5 years	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.9
6 years	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.7
7 years	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.4
8 years	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.0
9 years	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.7
10 years	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.9
11 years	5.4	5.4	5.6	6.1
12 years	4.3	4.9	5.9	5.6
13 years	5.0	4.7	4.5	6.1
14 years	4.8	5.6	4.5	4.5
15 years	5.2	4.7	5.9	4.6
16 years	6.3	4.9	4.7	5.9
17 years	5.3	5.4	5.1	4.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	41.1	40.9	37.5	35.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	7.2	8.2	10.4
White	44.8	45.0	46.6	46.3
Two or more races	5.3	5.4	6.2	5.7
Unknown	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,694	1,725	1,615	1,452

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.5	3.5	3.0	2.1
1 year	12.1	11.0	10.5	8.9
2 years	13.2	12.7	11.5	13.7
3 years	10.5	11.1	12.0	10.2
4 years	10.0	8.9	8.1	9.0
5 years	6.4	7.9	6.7	9.1
6 years	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.9
7 years	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.6
8 years	6.8	5.9	6.1	5.4
9 years	4.0	5.7	5.4	4.4
10 years	4.5	4.1	4.8	4.9
11 years	3.5	3.4	3.2	4.1
12 years	3.3	3.5	4.0	3.9
13 years	2.4	2.7	3.6	3.1
14 years	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.9
15 years	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8
16 years	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
17 years	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.7
18 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	0.8	1.7	1.4
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	35.1	31.9	34.0	36.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.6	8.7	4.5	4.2
White	44.2	45.9	50.1	46.8
Two or more races	10.3	12.4	9.2	11.4
Unknown	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.5	97.6	97.5	96.7
Children with one or more recurrences	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3
Number	4,520	4,442	4,189	4,463

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.66	0.50	0.35	0.47
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.34	99.50	99.65	99.53
Number	15,661	14,615	13,858	13,537

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	26.1	29.2	27.3	26.5
Guardianship	13.4	12.4	12.7	14.2
Reunification	48.5	46.7	46.8	46.5
Other	12.0	11.7	13.0	12.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Number	5,596	4,970	4,779	4,805

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.6	25.5	20.5	22.7
Guardianship	12.3	12.0	10.0	10.6
Reunification	42.4	41.3	45.0	42.6
Other	22.8	21.3	24.3	24.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	602	550	560	538

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	2.9	3.7	2.8	3.5
Guardianship	10.2	10.4	8.3	9.1
Reunification	54.2	50.9	48.8	45.3
Other	32.6	35.1	39.8	41.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.4
Number	1,369	1,176	1,119	1,106

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.8	23.4	23.6	15.7
Children older than 12 at entry	77.2	76.4	76.4	84.3
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	514	492	552	515

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.2	22.4	20.9	15.8	14.3	0.0	15.4	0.0	26.3	26.9	27.6	27.0		
Guardianship	24.2	16.3	11.9	6.6	0.0	0.0	7.7	5.3	14.4	13.5	11.7	13.7		
Reunification	48.5	51.0	55.2	75.0	42.9	50.0	69.2	84.2	44.8	43.4	42.9	44.2		
Other	10.1	10.2	11.9	2.6	42.9	50.0	7.7	10.5	14.4	16.2	17.7	15.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1		
Number	99	49	67	76	7	2	13	19	2,063	1,770	1,728	1,661		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	53.8	50.0	45.5	100.0	24.1	28.2	23.2	26.7	25.8	29.8	27.8	25.3		
Guardianship	15.4	31.3	18.2	0.0	12.6	11.8	9.3	10.5	12.6	12.0	14.0	15.5		
Reunification	30.8	18.8	36.4	0.0	58.6	50.1	59.2	53.8	49.6	48.4	46.7	46.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	9.8	8.2	8.8	12.0	9.7	11.2	12.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1		
Number	13	16	11	5	478	457	439	409	2,669	2,401	2,278	2,346		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	36.1	22.2	33.3	28.0	34.2	43.9	29.8	38.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.8	11.1	5.6	4.0	11.7	7.5	14.2	15.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	52.8	63.9	55.6	60.0	48.1	44.8	48.4	35.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	8.3	2.8	5.6	8.0	6.1	3.8	7.1	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	36	36	18	25	231	239	225	264	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	56.7	52.3	54.5	55.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	30.2	31.7	31.6	32.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.8	9.5	8.0	6.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.1	3.7	2.9	2.2
48 or more mos.	2.1	2.8	3.0	2.6
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	2,714	2,320	2,235	2,233

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	97.5	96.7	96.7	96.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.1	1.8	1.7	2.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	5,084	4,911	4,708	5,071

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	4.9	5.5	6.2	6.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.2	28.3	30.0	27.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.0	32.6	30.7	36.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.4	18.8	18.9	15.3
48 or more mos.	12.6	14.8	14.2	14.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,463	1,452	1,306	1,275

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.7	92.8	92.2	91.7	76.8	75.7	76.2	76.9	44.7	44.6	42.7	41.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.3
Children with 3 or more placements	8.3	7.2	7.8	8.3	23.2	24.3	23.8	23.1	55.3	55.4	57.3	58.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7
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	6,192	5,754	5,600	5,936	4,311	3,843	3,745	3,540	5,145	5,009	4,504	4,035	13	9	9	26

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.9
Institutions	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.7
Other settings	94.0	93.6	94.6	94.9
Missing data	2.8	3.2	2.9	2.5
Number	3,799	3,604	3,576	3,818

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	125.7	117.2	119.8	123.0
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)	60.2	55.8	57.7	60.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.9	10.5	10.3	9.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	28.6	23.3	23.6	26.1
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?	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	122.3	127.4	123.9	122.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	34.0	33.8	36.2	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?	28.8	28.5	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?	25.9	27.2	26.4	29.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	14.8	13.9	10.7	12.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	58.9	64.9	64.6	59.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	121.9	124.5	120.0	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?	31.3	32.1	31.1	33.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.7	95.2	95.4	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.7	47.0	48.4	42.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	111.8	112.2	110.9	110.8
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?	91.5	92.7	92.1	91.7
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?	76.9	75.9	76.3	77.2
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?	45.0	45.0	43.4	42.5

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Carolina

STATE COMMENT

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The following are North Carolina's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

- In Section A, North Carolina is pleased to have achieved the benchmark of 90% for Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care.
- In regard to Section B, North Carolina has experienced an increase in the amount of time to investigation from 41.7 hours in 2010 to 48.8 hours in 2011. Several factors have contributed to this increase including a sharp increase of actual reports alleging maltreatment investigated in 2011 after a 3 year decline. With family-centered practice, every effort is made to meet with the entire family when appropriate for the initial contact. The increase in reports, a planful approach to intervening on behalf of children, and anecdotal reports from county departments regarding extended staff vacancies due to budgetary constraints were contributing factors in the increase in time to initiating investigations. This is an area that will be monitored to identify opportunities to provide technical assistance to county departments.
- North Carolina is pleased to see continued decreases in the total number of children in foster care and their median length of stay in foster care. Contributing factors include expanded efforts in family finding, focused prevention activities in providing In Home Services, and creative use of the courts in many counties in our State supervised county administered system.
- In regard to Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 Months, North Carolina is disappointed in the increase to the 2011 rate. High profile child fatalities and improved media coverage of child abuse awareness campaigns have contributed to increased reporting of suspected maltreatment, including reports on recently served families. Economic issues and a significant number of military personnel returning from deployments have also been suggested as possible contributors. Further evaluation of additional data is needed regarding factors influencing this outcome.
- In regard to Time to Reunification in Section 4 of the outcomes data, North Carolina is pleased to see the length of time to reunification decrease.
- In regard to the rate of children reentering foster care within 12 months of a prior episode, a practice has emerged in which custody is granted to the relative/kin while the county departments work with parents to ameliorate those conditions that created the need for the intervention. When the parent is ready for the safe return of the children to their home, the county departments will reassume custody of the children, making it appear that it is a reentry to care. This practice is being evaluated for its effectiveness at fully engaging families.

North Dakota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	143,017	143,971	149,771	151,156
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.1	9.1	8.5	8.4
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Black	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.9
White	81.8	81.5	81.7	81.1
Two or more races	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.7
Child population in poverty (%)	15.3	13.0	16.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,285	1,254	1,144	1,323
Foster care entry rate	6.6	6.5	5.3	5.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,308	1,283	1,131	1,105
Children adopted	159	142	145	119

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	13	46	68	78
Numerator	222	753	1,088	1,169
Denominator	1,667	1,624	1,596	1,507
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	65	70	79	82
Numerator	—	3,366	5,989	6,836
Denominator	—	4,775	7,625	8,329

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	6,984	48.8 per 1,000	6,936	48.2 per 1,000	6,915	46.2 per 1,000	6,900	45.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,285	9.0 per 1,000	1,254	8.7 per 1,000	1,144	7.6 per 1,000	1,323	8.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	2.1 per 100,000	2	1.4 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.1	8.1	7.2	9.1
1 year	7.7	7.7	7.5	6.7
2 years	7.9	7.7	7.1	7.1
3 years	7.2	5.5	7.8	7.7
4 years	5.9	6.7	6.0	7.3
5 years	5.1	6.5	5.6	6.3
6 years	5.4	6.2	5.6	6.7
7 years	5.6	5.7	5.4	4.5
8 years	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.2
10 years	5.9	4.8	4.2	5.3
11 years	3.7	4.9	3.5	5.0
12 years	4.0	4.9	5.2	4.9
13 years	5.1	4.6	4.2	5.7
14 years	4.5	5.1	3.2	4.2
15 years	5.0	5.7	3.5	4.3
16 years	5.2	3.6	3.9	2.6
17 years	3.1	2.2	2.2	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	8.1	1.6
Number	1,285	1,254	1,144	1,323

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	29.4	29.8	18.0	24.1
Asian	0.0	0.4	<.1	<.1
Black	5.9	4.5	1.2	3.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	5.9	4.6	2.8
White	63.8	57.4	52.3	52.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	5.1	6.3
Missing data	0.9	2.0	18.4	10.0
Number	1,285	1,254	1,144	1,323

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	54.6	46.5	42.2	36.3
Medical neglect	0.0	3.9	3.4	2.3
Neglect	91.7	89.2	66.5	68.9
Physical abuse	15.2	20.8	15.7	15.5
Sexual abuse	7.7	5.2	4.0	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,285	1,254	1,144	1,323

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	—	—	53.3	33.0
Median	—	—	<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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,195	1,178	1,098	983	947	941	796	780	834	836	763	658	1,308	1,283	1,131	1,105
Median length of stay (months)	12.6	11.5	11.5	13.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8	9.5	10.0	10.8	11.4	11.5	13.2	11.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.4	5.3	3.9	3.0	14.3	12.4	11.1	11.0	10.0	5.6	4.5	4.7	5.6	5.8	3.1	3.9
1 year	4.4	4.8	5.3	5.7	5.1	6.4	4.6	6.2	5.8	5.5	4.3	4.6	4.4	6.0	5.7	4.7
2 years	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.9	5.8	5.5	4.6	5.0	6.6	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.7	5.4
3 years	4.5	5.0	4.6	5.6	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.9	3.7	4.9	4.2	6.1	5.3	4.5	5.7	4.6
4 years	4.0	3.9	4.7	4.1	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	5.1	4.1	5.4
5 years	3.7	3.2	3.7	4.3	2.6	2.2	4.4	4.7	3.8	2.4	3.9	3.2	3.1	3.4	4.7	4.6
6 years	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.7	2.5	4.5	3.2	3.0	3.5	4.1	3.5	3.4	4.3	4.6
7 years	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.1	3.7	2.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	2.4	3.0	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.2	4.1
8 years	4.3	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.6	4.2	2.2	2.4	3.4	3.4	4.2	3.4
9 years	3.8	4.2	2.7	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.6	1.6	2.7	4.2	3.1	2.7	3.8
10 years	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.3	4.1	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.0
11 years	3.2	4.2	4.5	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.7	2.3	4.3	4.1	2.6	4.2
12 years	3.3	2.9	4.0	4.9	2.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	2.0	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.8	4.0	4.2	2.6
13 years	5.5	4.5	4.4	6.1	3.8	6.6	5.5	4.7	2.5	3.2	2.8	3.0	4.4	4.5	5.6	5.0
14 years	6.6	6.1	7.0	6.4	6.0	7.2	7.5	6.9	4.2	4.1	3.9	5.3	6.2	6.5	6.5	7.0
15 years	9.4	8.3	8.7	9.3	10.5	8.5	10.9	11.7	5.4	5.4	8.5	7.0	9.0	8.3	8.8	10.0
16 years	11.0	13.1	12.2	11.5	13.6	11.3	11.2	9.7	7.4	9.4	9.4	8.7	13.3	11.1	10.7	10.2
17 years	11.9	13.2	13.2	11.5	8.8	9.7	8.7	7.7	16.1	11.7	18.1	18.2	12.3	12.5	11.1	11.1
18 years	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	15.6	9.0	6.8	1.5	1.8	2.5	1.8
19 years	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4
20 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.5	<.1
Missing data	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	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	24.5	25.5	25.5	28.5	22.8	22.2	23.4	27.9	20.6	21.7	22.8	25.2	25.8	25.6	25.8	30.0
Asian	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.3
Black	2.0	2.5	4.2	3.4	4.8	5.7	4.1	3.3	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.0	2.6	4.0	4.2	3.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.0	6.7	5.6	4.1	4.5	6.7	7.1	5.8	5.2	6.6	5.4	5.0	4.5
White	56.9	55.0	53.5	51.4	55.2	54.4	56.4	52.7	57.9	55.9	57.5	54.0	55.0	54.0	52.8	50.8
Two or more races	9.0	9.3	9.3	10.6	9.5	10.1	7.8	6.3	9.7	10.0	7.1	9.9	8.9	9.4	9.7	8.0
Unknown	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.8	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.0	<.1	0.5	0.4	2.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	312	334	234	245
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	240	239	136	129

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.1	12.0	3.4	2.4
1 year	5.8	9.3	8.5	6.9
2 years	6.7	5.1	9.4	7.3
3 years	9.9	6.0	9.4	7.8
4 years	5.8	10.2	6.4	8.2
5 years	5.1	6.3	9.4	6.9
6 years	4.8	6.0	4.3	6.5
7 years	6.7	6.0	7.7	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.4	8.5	6.5
9 years	6.7	5.1	4.7	4.9
10 years	4.5	5.7	3.4	4.9
11 years	6.7	5.1	3.4	4.9
12 years	2.6	5.1	4.3	2.9
13 years	2.6	2.4	4.7	6.5
14 years	5.1	3.0	2.1	5.7
15 years	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.3
16 years	2.9	2.4	3.4	4.5
17 years	2.6	1.8	3.4	4.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	19.6	23.1	24.4	35.9
Asian	3.8	3.3	3.8	0.4
Black	4.8	5.1	9.8	6.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	6.6	7.7	5.7
White	46.2	49.7	44.4	33.5
Two or more races	15.4	12.3	9.8	17.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	159	142	145	119

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	28.9	27.5	21.4	15.1
1 year	10.7	7.0	10.3	9.2
2 years	5.7	9.2	6.9	5.9
3 years	6.3	9.2	6.2	10.9
4 years	6.3	4.2	4.1	10.1
5 years	6.3	5.6	7.6	6.7
6 years	4.4	3.5	8.3	5.0
7 years	9.4	1.4	4.1	4.2
8 years	3.1	7.7	5.5	8.4
9 years	5.7	3.5	4.1	5.0
10 years	1.9	6.3	7.6	2.5
11 years	1.9	4.2	4.8	2.5
12 years	1.3	4.9	5.5	3.4
13 years	0.6	1.4	0.0	1.7
14 years	3.8	2.1	1.4	5.0
15 years	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.8
16 years	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.8
17 years	1.9	0.7	0.0	2.5
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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	9.4	16.9	9.0	12.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.1	3.5	2.8	9.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.1	10.6	9.0	7.6
White	59.1	48.6	69.7	58.0
Two or more races	18.2	20.4	9.7	12.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	96.5	96.8	98.6	98.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.5	3.2	1.4	1.4
Number	594	593	576	703

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.19	—	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.81	—	—	—
Number	2,142	—	—	—

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.1	13.0	15.6	14.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0
Reunification	58.6	65.1	50.7	64.7
Other	19.3	20.7	12.1	20.2
Missing data	1.9	1.2	17.6	0.2
Number	834	836	763	658

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	12.6	9.7	16.9	11.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
Reunification	51.9	56.5	42.8	60.1
Other	34.0	33.1	15.5	28.3
Missing data	1.5	0.7	22.1	0.0
Number	262	269	290	321

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.2	0.0	0.6	2.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
Reunification	60.8	63.8	56.5	65.6
Other	35.5	35.4	17.1	31.9
Missing data	2.4	0.8	23.0	0.3
Number	332	367	356	288

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.0	15.2	22.0	16.1
Children older than 12 at entry	75.0	84.8	78.0	83.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	88	92	50	62

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.3	6.6	6.3	10.8	85.7	60.0	57.1	0.0	17.1	21.2	21.9	35.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	59.3	56.9	48.9	60.8	14.3	10.0	42.9	100.0	62.9	66.7	37.5	55.0		
Other	30.2	34.3	19.0	27.7	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	12.1	25.0	10.0		
Missing data	1.2	2.2	20.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	0.0		
Number	172	181	174	166	7	10	7	3	35	33	32	20		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.1	23.7	29.5	23.5	18.6	10.9	16.6	14.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	50.0	50.0	100.0	60.7	66.1	40.9	64.7	59.8	69.6	56.3	67.0		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	8.5	15.9	11.8	18.6	18.4	8.9	18.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	9.1	0.0	2.9	1.1	15.7	0.0		
Number	0	2	2	2	56	59	44	34	483	467	439	355		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.5	22.6	20.4	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	50.0	84.6	50.6	63.1	33.3	58.5	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	15.4	9.9	14.3	5.6	18.5	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0		
Number	0	0	2	13	81	84	54	65	0	0	9	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	61.8	73.2	76.0	70.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.2	19.7	17.6	21.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.3	4.0	2.8	4.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	2.2	1.3	1.2
48 or more mos.	3.9	0.9	2.1	2.1
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
Number	489	544	387	426

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	76.9	74.9	72.5	75.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.8	8.1	8.9	11.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	12.9	9.8	12.2
Missing data	3.4	4.1	8.8	0.8
Number	947	941	796	780

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	42.9	33.9	22.7	5.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	22.0	22.0	23.5	27.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	19.6	19.3	22.7	35.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	7.1	14.7	22.7	24.5
48 or more mos.	8.3	9.2	8.4	7.1
Missing data	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Number	168	109	119	98

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.9	85.3	84.1	82.3	54.9	54.1	60.9	51.5	38.4	37.1	40.1	45.0	100.0	100.0	88.9	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.1	14.7	15.9	17.7	45.1	45.9	39.1	48.5	61.6	62.9	59.9	55.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	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	1,124	1,173	996	916	488	442	435	404	521	493	454	440	9	11	9	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.5	1.3	0.2	1.5
Institutions	6.7	5.9	4.3	6.3
Other settings	90.8	92.6	93.6	92.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	1.9	0.0
Number	523	524	421	459

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	93.0	118.8	122.0	114.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	61.5	73.5	76.7	71.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.3	8.0	6.6	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)	40.6	41.3	34.4	40.6
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?	18.6	13.2	13.3	13.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	120.9	127.1	108.1	114.3
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?	64.7	56.1	46.6	32.7
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?	17.0	22.0	25.6	29.7
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?	15.3	13.8	18.5	22.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	8.5	5.1	6.8	7.5
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?	50.0	66.1	43.2	43.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	124.5	132.9	131.3	138.8
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?	25.5	21.0	23.8	25.7
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?	95.2	96.3	97.3	96.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	29.2	25.0	29.3	22.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	93.9	92.6	96.7	92.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.6	83.6	82.9	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?	54.8	53.8	61.0	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?	39.6	37.7	40.9	45.3

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Context Data: In the “Child Welfare Summary” chart (and again in Section E) we believe that all the data reported in “Children Adopted” are inaccurate and unreliable due to an error recently discovered in mapping and consequent reporting in this field. Error will be addressed so that reporting is accurate in the next submission (or possible resubmission in 2011). However, even a resubmission will not assist a reader for purposes of like comparison in this field/item.

Section 3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care:

- 3.4 Exits to Emancipation: Emancipation is not an option in ND. Those youth with an exit “reason” of emancipation would be more accurately described as youth who are living independently.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	2,738,630	2,714,341	2,723,536	2,693,092
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Black	14.6	14.5	14.6	14.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.1
White	76.5	76.2	74.5	74.3
Two or more races	2.7	2.8	4.0	4.1
Child population in poverty (%)	18.5	21.9	23.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	36,106	34,084	33,947	33,509
Foster care entry rate	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	13,672	12,124	11,881	12,088
Children adopted	1,638	1,453	1,438	1,397

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	34	67	81	87
Numerator	8,822	13,123	14,700	16,107
Denominator	25,768	19,523	18,110	18,601
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	46	61	87	91
Numerator	12,441	56,322	88,946	103,273
Denominator	26,832	92,650	102,760	113,261

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	129,952	47.5 per 1,000	119,306	44.0 per 1,000	108,854	40.0 per 1,000	124,778	46.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	36,106	13.2 per 1,000	34,084	12.6 per 1,000	33,947	12.5 per 1,000	33,509	12.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	74	2.7 per 100,000	79	2.9 per 100,000	83	3.0 per 100,000	67	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.5	11.6	11.8	12.1
1 year	6.5	7.2	7.0	6.6
2 years	6.5	7.0	6.9	7.0
3 years	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.9
4 years	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.6
5 years	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.0
6 years	6.3	5.7	5.7	6.0
7 years	5.9	5.3	5.4	5.5
8 years	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
11 years	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3
12 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3
13 years	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4
14 years	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.5
15 years	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.5
16 years	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7
17 years	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.8
18+ years	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5
Number	36,106	34,084	33,947	33,509

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	23.2	19.4	18.7	18.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.6	2.7	2.6	3.0
White	55.3	53.8	52.5	48.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
Missing data	18.5	23.8	26.0	26.1
Number	36,106	34,084	33,947	33,509

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 of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.7
Medical neglect	0.9	1.4	1.7	1.5
Neglect	46.1	43.7	43.7	45.8
Physical abuse	31.6	34.4	36.1	36.8
Sexual abuse	17.5	17.8	17.1	16.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	36,106	34,084	33,947	33,509

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	47.2	34.5	27.7	33.3
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	14,340	13,531	11,768	11,672	10,136	8,668	9,199	9,859	10,804	10,075	9,086	9,443	13,672	12,124	11,881	12,088
Median length of stay (months)	13.5	13.5	14.3	12.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.9	11.3	10.6	10.2	13.3	14.1	11.9	11.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.9	18.7	18.3	18.1	16.9	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.7
1 year	7.6	8.0	8.0	8.3	7.0	7.9	7.6	7.4	8.2	8.9	8.3	8.5	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.3
2 years	5.8	6.5	7.0	7.2	6.0	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.9	6.6	7.0	7.1	7.3
3 years	5.0	4.8	5.2	6.1	5.0	4.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.8	4.8	5.3	6.1	6.4
4 years	4.6	4.5	4.3	5.0	4.3	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.7	4.5	4.4	5.0	5.5
5 years	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.5
6 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0
7 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.4	4.1	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6
8 years	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.5
9 years	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.2
10 years	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2
11 years	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.4
12 years	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.7
13 years	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.9
14 years	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.7	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.5
15 years	8.3	7.7	7.2	6.9	7.0	7.5	6.8	6.7	5.1	5.1	4.2	4.4	7.8	7.2	7.2	6.9
16 years	9.8	9.5	9.4	8.3	7.4	7.9	7.3	7.6	6.4	6.1	6.2	5.9	9.6	9.4	8.3	8.5
17 years	9.6	10.6	10.7	10.4	6.0	6.4	5.9	6.6	9.0	6.7	10.0	12.2	10.4	10.4	10.2	9.4
18 years	1.7	1.9	1.4	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	9.3	13.3	9.6	7.5	1.8	1.1	0.8	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.9	0.2	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	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	39.4	38.5	38.0	36.1	35.0	34.2	32.4	30.3	36.6	35.7	35.2	32.6	38.3	37.7	35.8	34.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.6
White	51.6	51.6	51.0	51.9	52.5	52.1	51.5	48.2	52.2	52.7	50.3	52.0	51.8	51.0	51.9	48.7
Two or more races	4.4	4.7	6.1	6.0	3.8	4.4	5.6	6.2	3.5	3.9	5.7	6.1	4.6	5.1	6.0	6.1
Unknown	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.4
Missing data	0.3	0.8	0.3	1.1	2.8	3.6	5.1	9.4	2.2	2.5	3.9	3.6	0.7	1.3	1.3	5.9

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	3,474	3,376	3,014	2,749
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,989	2,960	2,688	2,393

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.7	3.6	3.0	2.9
1 year	7.9	8.2	7.4	6.9
2 years	7.5	8.0	7.9	7.5
3 years	5.5	6.4	6.6	6.7
4 years	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.7
5 years	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.8
6 years	4.9	5.3	4.8	4.7
7 years	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.0
8 years	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.8
9 years	4.0	4.9	5.1	3.8
10 years	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.7
11 years	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.7
12 years	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.0
13 years	5.4	5.6	5.4	6.1
14 years	6.5	5.7	6.2	5.7
15 years	7.4	6.8	6.9	7.6
16 years	7.3	6.2	7.0	6.3
17 years	6.2	6.0	6.1	7.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	37.8	37.0	34.5	34.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.8	3.3	3.7	4.1
White	52.3	52.3	54.0	52.6
Two or more races	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.9
Unknown	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.0
Missing data	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.9

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,638	1,453	1,438	1,397

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.0
1 year	12.5	13.1	15.0	13.4
2 years	13.8	16.0	15.2	13.4
3 years	9.2	10.0	11.5	11.5
4 years	8.9	7.8	9.3	9.0
5 years	7.0	6.3	5.3	6.7
6 years	6.5	5.6	5.5	5.2
7 years	5.7	5.3	6.6	5.0
8 years	3.5	4.8	4.2	4.5
9 years	4.4	3.6	4.2	5.7
10 years	4.9	3.2	3.3	4.7
11 years	4.3	3.4	3.3	3.7
12 years	3.2	2.8	3.1	3.9
13 years	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.6
14 years	3.4	2.8	2.0	2.1
15 years	2.3	2.6	2.4	1.5
16 years	2.4	3.5	1.5	2.7
17 years	1.7	1.8	1.0	0.8
18 years	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	34.5	30.7	29.8	23.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.8	4.9	5.9
White	54.0	57.5	56.4	61.2
Two or more races	5.7	6.4	8.6	8.2
Unknown	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.7	92.7	93.0	92.3
Children with one or more recurrences	6.3	7.3	7.0	7.7
Number	16,561	15,347	15,297	14,953

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.31	0.41	0.39	0.39
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.69	99.59	99.61	99.61
Number	24,476	22,199	20,967	21,531

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.1	14.4	15.8	14.8
Guardianship	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.4
Reunification	65.9	64.5	64.2	64.8
Other	13.9	16.1	16.2	15.9
Missing data	0.9	1.2	0.3	1.1
Number	10,804	10,075	9,086	9,443

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	24.8	30.8	22.5	31.1
Guardianship	2.6	3.9	2.0	2.0
Reunification	42.6	35.0	39.9	34.1
Other	27.9	29.1	35.4	32.4
Missing data	2.1	1.1	0.2	0.5
Number	613	611	556	646

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2
Guardianship	3.5	3.8	3.1	2.4
Reunification	59.4	55.3	56.2	57.3
Other	34.7	38.2	38.9	38.0
Missing data	1.1	1.4	0.4	1.2
Number	3,246	3,192	2,772	2,867

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.2	25.7	27.2	27.9
Children older than 12 at entry	74.7	74.3	72.8	72.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,330	1,453	1,301	1,377

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.2	20.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.2	12.4	13.4	10.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	14.3	7.1	9.1	26.7	15.4	9.1	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.9		
Reunification	54.5	40.0	57.1	78.6	81.8	60.0	76.9	86.4	64.1	64.4	62.0	63.4		
Other	27.3	40.0	28.6	14.3	0.0	13.3	7.7	4.5	16.8	19.0	21.4	21.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.4	0.5	1.3		
Number	11	5	7	14	22	15	13	22	3,955	3,595	3,194	3,077		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.8	19.1	21.7	22.7	15.6	15.7	17.7	17.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.3	1.5	3.0	4.5	4.2	4.0	3.3		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	66.7	0.0	68.1	64.6	65.6	63.0	66.1	63.3	63.3	63.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	10.9	12.5	11.1	10.2	12.9	15.6	14.9	14.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.9		
Number	3	1	6	0	411	367	323	362	5,643	5,308	4,572	4,911		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.2	5.1	4.8	8.0	24.5	23.5	24.1	19.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3		
Guardianship	3.4	8.0	7.6	5.8	2.1	2.5	2.9	4.7	3.8	6.0	4.0	5.6		
Reunification	74.5	82.5	81.9	78.1	61.1	60.8	61.9	64.4	89.7	88.5	93.2	88.9		
Other	5.5	4.4	4.8	6.6	11.6	12.7	11.1	10.2	4.7	4.0	2.6	2.9		
Missing data	1.4	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.3	2.3		
Number	145	137	105	137	380	395	515	579	234	252	351	341		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	71.9	70.0	73.5	74.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.4	23.2	19.7	20.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.5	4.6	4.7	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.8
48 or more mos.	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,123	6,499	5,835	6,123

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	74.5	75.0	73.4	73.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.8	10.8	10.8	9.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.0	13.1	13.2	13.2
Missing data	1.8	1.1	2.6	3.6
Number	10,136	8,668	9,199	9,859

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	5.6	6.1	4.6	5.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.5	28.1	28.5	25.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.2	29.9	32.2	27.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.5	17.8	18.6	19.3
48 or more mos.	19.2	18.1	16.1	22.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,632	1,453	1,436	1,397

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.0	91.1	91.1	91.0	70.7	70.4	72.4	72.2	35.3	37.0	37.6	39.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.5	8.6	8.5	8.7	29.2	29.6	27.6	27.8	64.7	63.0	62.4	60.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	12,339	10,825	10,943	11,755	5,465	5,097	4,377	4,778	6,672	6,277	5,647	4,998	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Institutions	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9
Other settings	97.8	97.9	97.7	97.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,957	5,904	6,452	6,747

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	118.7	121.0	123.6	119.3
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)	69.9	68.5	71.4	72.9
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)	7.3	7.9	6.2	6.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.4	50.7	49.5	50.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.2	12.3	13.1	14.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	102.3	107.2	109.2	103.3
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	32.0	34.2	33.1	31.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.4	30.1	29.8	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?	22.5	20.6	22.6	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? ¹⁷	10.3	15.3	12.9	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?	45.2	45.3	45.0	46.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	117.4	112.4	114.4	123.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	26.3	24.4	26.1	28.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	90.7	89.2	87.4	86.5
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?	42.7	43.5	43.2	35.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	103.9	105.0	106.0	106.7
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?	89.6	90.6	90.6	90.4
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?	70.8	70.4	72.5	72.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.8	37.5	38.0	40.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	907,488	918,849	929,314	936,159
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.3	9.0	10.8	10.5
Asian	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
Black	9.3	9.3	8.3	8.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.6	13.1	14.3	14.7
White	61.3	60.8	55.9	55.5
Two or more races	5.9	6.0	8.8	9.1
Child population in poverty (%)	22.6	22.2	24.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	11,169	7,630	7,728	8,364
Foster care entry rate	6.4	5.1	4.6	5.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,592	8,780	7,848	8,262
Children adopted	1,516	1,564	1,628	1,286

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	73	76	82	82
Numerator	11,336	10,284	9,553	9,298
Denominator	15,516	13,589	11,711	11,337
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	99	97	96	96
Numerator	92,021	67,925	72,369	70,948
Denominator	92,549	69,941	75,396	74,223

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	62,682	69.1 per 1,000	51,861	56.4 per 1,000	48,895	52.6 per 1,000	50,911	54.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	11,169	12.3 per 1,000	7,630	8.3 per 1,000	7,728	8.3 per 1,000	8,364	8.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	31	3.4 per 100,000	23	2.5 per 100,000	27	2.9 per 100,000	38	4.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	18.0	17.9	18.6	16.3
1 year	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.0
2 years	7.7	8.0	8.4	8.4
3 years	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5
4 years	6.7	7.0	6.5	7.4
5 years	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.8
6 years	5.9	6.3	5.3	6.1
7 years	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.4
8 years	4.9	4.5	4.6	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.7
10 years	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.0
11 years	3.2	3.8	4.2	3.3
12 years	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.5
13 years	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.2
14 years	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0
15 years	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7
16 years	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.0
17 years	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Number	11,169	7,630	7,728	8,364

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.1	6.1	7.1	7.4
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	12.7	12.5	10.9	9.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.7	15.0	13.8	15.1
White	45.5	44.1	44.1	44.1
Two or more races	20.6	21.9	23.7	23.5
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	11,169	7,630	7,728	8,364

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	20.3	18.8	17.1	19.2
Medical neglect	2.9	2.4	2.1	1.8
Neglect	83.4	83.4	82.4	72.6
Physical abuse	16.9	18.3	14.4	27.8
Sexual abuse	6.3	7.2	7.2	7.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,169	7,630	7,728	8,364

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	95.0	79.9	77.9	79.1
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	11,703	10,583	8,731	7,814	5,800	4,662	4,259	4,719	6,911	6,465	5,142	4,271	10,592	8,780	7,848	8,262
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	16.9	17.2	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.2	18.7	19.8	18.6	16.7	17.0	15.1	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	7.7	7.0	6.9	8.3	20.5	20.1	22.4	20.0	4.2	3.3	3.7	4.4	7.0	6.9	8.3	7.5
1 year	8.8	10.1	9.4	8.9	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.3	8.0	8.8	9.4	8.4	10.2	9.5	8.8	10.1
2 years	8.6	8.6	9.7	8.8	7.1	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.7	10.6	9.5	8.6	9.6	8.8	8.8
3 years	8.2	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.4	8.1	8.6	9.5	8.7	7.8	7.6	7.9	8.0
4 years	7.5	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.9	7.9	7.8	7.2	7.9	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.2
5 years	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.4	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.4	6.8	6.8	6.0	6.0	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.6
6 years	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.3	5.5	4.6	5.4	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.4
7 years	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.8	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.5
8 years	4.9	5.2	4.5	5.1	4.7	3.7	4.3	4.4	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.2	4.6	5.1	5.3
9 years	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.6	3.9	4.2	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.5
10 years	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.2	4.3	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.0
11 years	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.1	2.9	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.7
12 years	3.6	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	3.1	3.7	4.1	3.7
13 years	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.9
14 years	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.5
15 years	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.8	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.7
16 years	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.0	3.3	3.4	2.6	1.9	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0
17 years	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.0	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	4.1	2.7	4.8	6.2	4.5	4.4	4.0	3.7
18 years	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	5.9	7.2	5.1	3.6	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.4	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 (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.9	9.2	8.3	8.4	9.3	8.0	9.1	9.0	8.3	8.9	8.3	7.8	9.5	8.7	8.7	9.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	16.3	17.2	17.7	15.0	15.6	16.1	11.4	11.2	14.7	15.9	16.4	14.4	17.0	17.6	15.2	13.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.6	15.0	15.5	15.7	14.6	15.3	13.9	15.1	14.3	15.1	14.7	16.7	14.9	15.1	15.2	14.8
White	38.1	36.6	35.1	35.9	40.2	39.3	43.1	41.2	41.6	39.2	38.8	36.9	37.0	36.1	37.0	38.4
Two or more races	22.0	22.0	23.2	24.8	19.9	20.8	22.3	23.2	20.9	20.6	21.6	23.9	21.6	22.4	23.7	24.4
Unknown	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
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	3,776	3,438	2,869	2,953
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,547	2,294	1,919	1,871

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.3	3.2	3.9	4.0
1 year	8.8	7.8	7.5	9.4
2 years	8.5	9.4	8.4	7.8
3 years	7.2	7.1	7.6	7.6
4 years	7.9	6.3	7.5	6.9
5 years	7.0	7.3	5.8	6.0
6 years	6.1	6.7	5.9	6.0
7 years	5.3	6.0	6.1	5.5
8 years	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.9
9 years	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.3
10 years	5.1	5.4	5.5	4.9
11 years	4.6	5.1	5.1	4.5
12 years	4.3	5.1	5.2	4.7
13 years	4.4	4.5	5.2	5.1
14 years	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.9
15 years	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.3
16 years	3.8	3.3	3.3	4.0
17 years	2.5	2.4	1.6	2.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.2	7.7	7.2	7.7
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Black	20.2	20.9	19.2	17.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.0	16.4	16.9	15.0
White	35.3	34.1	33.4	36.4
Two or more races	21.3	20.9	23.1	23.4
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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,516	1,564	1,628	1,286

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.6
1 year	9.2	10.8	11.2	10.5
2 years	13.1	14.8	14.6	13.5
3 years	12.9	11.6	12.8	12.6
4 years	10.0	10.2	8.5	11.3
5 years	8.8	9.8	7.9	7.5
6 years	8.3	7.8	7.6	6.5
7 years	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.8
8 years	6.2	4.8	5.3	4.8
9 years	4.0	4.4	3.4	5.3
10 years	4.4	4.0	3.7	4.2
11 years	4.0	3.4	4.3	4.4
12 years	2.8	2.4	2.9	3.0
13 years	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.8
14 years	2.4	1.9	1.7	2.3
15 years	2.0	2.1	2.5	1.1
16 years	1.6	1.9	1.6	0.9
17 years	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.4	<.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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.9	12.1	9.6	9.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	17.5	13.4	17.9	13.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	13.7	14.3	15.9	20.5
White	41.3	41.1	37.8	36.4
Two or more races	16.6	19.1	18.8	20.0
Unknown	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	91.8	94.1	94.1	93.1
Children with one or more recurrences	8.2	5.9	5.9	6.9
Number	5,172	3,613	3,517	3,740

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.92	0.57	0.79	0.48
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.08	99.43	99.21	99.52
Number	17,503	15,245	12,990	12,533

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	21.1	23.1	30.5	28.7
Guardianship	6.7	7.6	7.7	6.7
Reunification	62.4	59.3	51.2	52.9
Other	9.8	10.0	10.7	11.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,911	6,465	5,142	4,271

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	23.2	21.8	31.2	31.2
Guardianship	8.6	8.6	7.1	8.2
Reunification	40.6	44.6	37.8	37.4
Other	27.6	25.0	23.9	23.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	909	1,107	1,165	1,026

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	3.1	4.0	6.4	2.9
Guardianship	7.3	8.4	9.6	8.6
Reunification	55.9	54.5	47.9	47.5
Other	33.8	33.1	36.1	41.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,110	967	668	547

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.9	39.8	43.7	38.6
Children older than 12 at entry	67.1	60.2	56.3	61.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	502	485	380	324

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	21.5	22.0	24.6	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	25.6	20.1	34.9	28.8		
Guardianship	6.1	6.8	7.3	7.5	4.8	0.0	10.0	16.7	4.5	7.0	8.2	5.5		
Reunification	55.2	51.9	47.3	42.5	90.5	100.0	90.0	66.7	59.5	61.4	46.2	55.1		
Other	17.2	19.3	20.8	25.9	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	11.5	10.7	10.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	571	576	427	332	21	17	10	6	1,016	1,027	842	617		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	20.0	0.0	75.0	20.6	22.2	33.7	35.2	21.2	25.0	30.7	29.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	7.5	5.0	5.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	6.7		
Reunification	100.0	80.0	0.0	25.0	64.3	63.1	52.7	49.9	62.3	59.1	53.1	55.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	7.2	8.6	9.7	8.7	8.2	8.5	8.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	5	0	4	985	974	754	713	2,873	2,535	1,996	1,577		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	23.2	27.1	24.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	8.4	9.1	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.5	57.8	51.7	53.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	10.6	12.1	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	0	0	0	0	1,442	1,331	1,113	1,022	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	54.4	47.9	47.1	52.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.8	34.3	34.2	31.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.9	11.7	11.8	10.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.2	4.6	4.7	3.2
48 or more mos.	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2
Number	4,310	3,834	2,632	2,261

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	84.8	83.1	84.4	84.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	9.9	9.9	10.5
Missing data	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	5,800	4,662	4,259	4,719

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.1	2.3	3.6	3.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.7	24.1	24.6	24.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.7	31.9	30.6	29.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.6	22.2	21.7	19.1
48 or more mos.	19.8	19.5	19.5	24.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,457	1,492	1,567	1,226

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	73.3	73.7	72.1	73.8	48.1	47.2	47.2	47.6	26.2	25.3	22.8	21.8	100.0	100.0	87.5	91.2
Children with 3 or more placements	25.6	25.4	27.8	26.0	51.8	52.8	52.7	52.4	73.8	74.6	77.2	78.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.1	0.9	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	8.8
Number	6,611	5,408	4,857	5,188	4,767	4,088	3,336	3,338	6,120	5,741	4,781	3,973	5	8	16	34

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	15.0	14.3	8.0	8.5
Institutions	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.3
Other settings	82.3	83.4	89.7	89.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,824	3,924	3,667	4,064

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	114.7	109.0	112.4	115.2
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	61.3	54.8	57.1	63.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.2	10.7	10.2	8.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	33.3	34.6	30.8	27.9
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?	8.2	8.3	6.3	7.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	103.9	106.3	124.1	124.0
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?	23.8	26.4	28.1	27.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	33.3	32.2	32.5	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?	24.5	26.7	30.4	28.8
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? ¹⁷	18.6	16.3	23.0	21.9
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?	40.2	42.2	47.9	50.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	113.0	109.6	111.0	110.6
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?	34.4	36.3	38.4	35.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	87.3	86.3	88.2	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?	55.9	61.2	64.6	59.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	73.8	73.7	72.8	74.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	68.9	69.6	69.5	71.7
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?	48.1	47.2	47.2	47.6
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?	26.2	25.5	22.8	21.9

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	870,586	872,811	865,169	863,767
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Asian	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7
Black	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	19.2	19.8	20.9	21.3
White	68.8	68.0	66.2	65.5
Two or more races	4.2	4.3	5.4	5.6
Child population in poverty (%)	18.1	19.2	21.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	11,042	11,802	11,734	12,214
Foster care entry rate	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,058	8,689	9,012	9,230
Children adopted	1,050	1,101	780	637

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	39	44	47	37
Numerator	4,820	5,212	5,448	3,643
Denominator	12,425	11,857	11,708	9,881
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	69	64	68	27
Numerator	21,623	20,443	23,471	6,377
Denominator	31,217	31,820	34,641	23,196

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	43,703	50.2 per 1,000	46,592	53.4 per 1,000	46,478	53.7 per 1,000	52,597	60.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	11,042	12.7 per 1,000	11,802	13.5 per 1,000	11,734	13.6 per 1,000	12,214	14.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	1.6 per 100,000	13	1.5 per 100,000	22	2.5 per 100,000	19	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.5	12.2	12.1	12.0
1 year	8.1	7.8	8.0	8.1
2 years	7.3	8.2	7.7	7.8
3 years	7.1	7.0	7.5	7.2
4 years	6.5	6.9	6.5	7.2
5 years	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.2
6 years	5.7	6.0	5.7	6.0
7 years	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.5
8 years	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.4
9 years	5.7	5.7	4.9	4.9
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8
11 years	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.4
12 years	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.1
13 years	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.9
14 years	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.8
15 years	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.3
16 years	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.3
17 years	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Number	11,042	11,802	11,734	12,214

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.3	2.5	2.1	8.0
Asian	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1
Black	4.8	4.8	4.3	6.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	15.2	16.6	15.3	16.7
White	55.1	54.7	56.6	73.3
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	16.4	20.3	20.5	18.2
Number	11,042	11,802	11,734	12,214

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.5
Medical neglect	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.6
Neglect	36.9	36.9	37.4	38.8
Physical abuse	9.2	8.5	7.8	8.0
Sexual abuse	9.8	8.5	8.5	7.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	56.9	60.5	60.2	59.6
Number	11,042	11,802	11,734	12,214

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	9,408	8,827	8,459	8,814	4,557	4,607	4,816	4,344	4,907	4,745	4,263	3,929	9,058	8,689	9,012	9,230
Median length of stay (months)	18.6	18.2	15.4	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.3	16.6	15.3	13.7	18.1	15.4	14.9	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.3	18.6	16.7	16.2	16.9	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.7	6.0	5.4	5.4	5.0
1 year	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.4	8.9	9.1	9.0	8.7	8.0	8.4	8.0	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.1
2 years	7.7	7.6	7.1	7.9	7.3	8.1	8.6	7.2	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.1	7.6	7.1	7.8	7.5
3 years	6.9	6.3	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.7	7.8	6.8	8.5	8.7	8.3	8.5	6.3	6.7	6.8	7.0
4 years	5.8	6.1	5.7	6.7	6.0	7.0	6.9	5.9	7.4	7.7	7.4	8.2	6.1	5.8	6.6	6.0
5 years	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.8	4.8	5.8	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.9	6.6	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.8
6 years	5.1	4.9	4.6	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.9	5.9	5.1	6.0	4.9	4.6	5.2	5.0
7 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.1	6.0	4.6	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.4	5.0
8 years	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.0	4.0	5.1	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.4
9 years	4.7	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.3
10 years	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.9
11 years	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.0
13 years	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.2	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.6
14 years	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.1	3.9	4.5	4.1	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.0	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.5
15 years	4.9	5.5	5.4	5.0	3.8	3.8	3.5	4.2	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.1
16 years	5.4	5.1	5.9	5.2	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.3	5.0	5.8	5.3	5.4
17 years	5.2	5.4	5.3	4.8	1.7	2.0	1.5	2.2	2.8	2.9	3.5	2.6	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.2
18 years	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.9	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.8	4.9	5.1	5.5	4.9	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.2
19 years	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7
20 years	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.8	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.9	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.2	1.4	0.8	2.9	1.4	1.5	1.3	3.8	2.1	1.6	1.0	2.2	1.9	1.3	1.0	3.7
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5
Black	1.1	0.7	0.6	4.5	1.1	1.2	1.1	3.8	1.1	0.9	0.7	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.8	4.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	10.6	13.4	13.6	13.6	15.0	14.0	15.2	10.7	12.4	15.8	16.2	9.3	12.0	12.6	13.2
White	60.1	57.8	57.6	58.5	54.7	53.0	59.5	55.6	59.2	57.2	57.9	56.8	57.9	55.5	58.4	57.8
Two or more races	18.8	21.8	23.8	16.1	14.7	17.3	15.8	11.9	14.6	17.0	19.0	16.3	19.0	22.1	21.7	14.0
Unknown	9.4	7.3	3.4	3.7	13.7	11.4	7.7	8.5	11.6	10.3	5.3	4.9	10.3	7.7	4.8	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	2,218	1,845	1,828	1,778
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,461	1,241	1,070	699

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.8	2.4	1.9	1.3
1 year	8.2	8.9	8.9	6.9
2 years	11.5	10.6	11.0	11.8
3 years	9.4	9.9	9.5	9.9
4 years	8.7	7.8	8.5	9.0
5 years	8.3	7.7	7.3	8.3
6 years	7.0	6.9	7.6	7.1
7 years	6.2	6.7	6.2	6.8
8 years	6.2	6.2	5.6	6.6
9 years	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.2
10 years	5.6	4.6	4.4	4.4
11 years	3.8	5.1	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.1	3.5	4.6	4.0
13 years	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.3
14 years	2.4	3.1	3.7	3.1
15 years	3.1	2.2	3.0	2.9
16 years	3.0	3.1	2.2	2.3
17 years	2.3	3.0	2.4	1.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	0.7	0.4	1.1
Asian	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2
Black	1.0	0.7	0.7	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	8.1	12.6	13.5	14.5
White	58.8	56.3	59.4	59.0
Two or more races	18.6	22.6	22.8	17.2
Unknown	11.2	7.1	2.8	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,050	1,101	780	637

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.0
1 year	7.4	8.4	9.6	7.7
2 years	14.9	14.1	15.0	17.0
3 years	13.0	13.2	15.3	13.3
4 years	10.9	11.8	10.3	11.6
5 years	10.5	8.4	9.6	10.0
6 years	8.5	8.4	7.9	8.9
7 years	7.1	6.1	4.9	6.3
8 years	6.1	6.6	7.6	5.3
9 years	5.6	5.5	5.3	4.9
10 years	3.7	4.4	4.0	5.0
11 years	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.5
12 years	2.8	3.4	3.1	2.5
13 years	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.6
14 years	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.4
15 years	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.5
16 years	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.5
17 years	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.0
18 years	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
Black	3.5	4.4	3.7	3.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	19.3	20.4	21.0	16.8
White	69.7	67.2	65.9	63.4
Two or more races	7.0	7.4	9.0	14.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.7	93.5	95.8	95.1
Children with one or more recurrences	6.3	6.5	4.2	4.9
Number	5,117	5,681	5,626	5,618

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.59	0.41	0.48	0.59
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.41	99.59	99.52	99.41
Number	13,965	13,434	13,275	13,158

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	21.5	23.2	18.4	15.2
Guardianship	6.5	6.1	4.7	5.6
Reunification	60.6	59.0	64.0	68.3
Other	9.3	9.4	10.8	10.5
Missing data	2.0	2.3	2.1	0.3
Number	4,907	4,745	4,263	3,929

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	26.3	29.2	23.5	34.2
Guardianship	5.4	5.4	5.8	7.5
Reunification	45.4	41.1	42.4	35.3
Other	19.9	20.4	24.5	22.7
Missing data	3.0	4.0	3.8	0.3
Number	1,057	1,025	1,003	705

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.4	1.3	0.7	0.3
Guardianship	5.3	5.0	3.0	5.4
Reunification	55.6	52.5	55.1	51.7
Other	33.0	35.3	35.9	41.4
Missing data	4.7	5.9	5.4	1.2
Number	719	706	728	671

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47.6	43.1	49.6	28.5
Children older than 12 at entry	52.4	56.9	50.4	71.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Number	294	255	240	235

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	32.7	26.9	2.3	2.3	35.7	50.0	0.0	8.7	50.9	21.4	10.0	9.3		
Guardianship	18.8	15.4	14.0	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	7.3	0.0	0.0	4.7		
Reunification	34.7	52.6	79.1	72.7	42.9	20.0	85.7	78.3	29.1	64.3	73.3	67.3		
Other	11.9	3.8	2.3	10.2	14.3	20.0	0.0	8.7	3.6	7.1	16.7	18.7		
Missing data	2.0	1.3	2.3	0.0	7.1	10.0	14.3	0.0	9.1	7.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	101	78	43	88	14	10	7	23	55	42	30	107		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.5	8.3	0.0	10.0	10.2	15.6	17.7	15.6	22.5	23.9	18.0	15.9		
Guardianship	0.0	8.3	14.3	0.0	6.6	2.5	5.0	6.3	6.5	6.1	4.7	4.6		
Reunification	76.2	50.0	57.1	80.0	76.3	74.9	69.6	71.7	58.6	57.4	63.7	67.3		
Other	4.8	25.0	14.3	10.0	5.3	5.1	5.5	6.0	10.5	10.3	11.5	11.9		
Missing data	9.5	8.3	14.3	0.0	1.5	1.9	2.2	0.5	1.9	2.3	2.1	0.4		
Number	21	12	7	10	527	589	674	635	2,904	2,716	2,468	2,233		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	27.7	29.3	18.3	6.3	17.2	22.1	21.7	18.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	6.1	5.3	0.4	2.6	5.5	8.8	5.4	8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	58.8	53.8	65.6	80.6	64.5	56.9	58.8	64.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.6	8.6	13.8	10.5	10.6	10.4	12.2	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	1.8	3.1	1.8	0.0	2.2	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	570	491	224	191	715	807	810	642	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	58.5	59.4	57.8	60.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.0	28.1	31.3	28.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.1	7.4	7.0	6.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.4
48 or more mos.	2.2	3.1	2.3	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,974	2,800	2,730	2,684

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	80.9	80.5	79.8	75.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.1	7.9	8.2	11.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.0	11.6	12.0	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Number	4,557	4,607	4,816	4,344

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	14.8	16.7	20.8	18.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.8	33.6	35.8	34.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	31.9	25.6	23.2	23.2
48 or more mos.	19.0	23.0	19.2	23.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,055	1,099	785	599

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.4	87.4	88.0	53.0	62.4	63.6	68.1	35.6	36.0	33.4	32.8	17.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.6	12.6	12.0	47.0	37.6	36.4	31.9	64.4	64.0	66.6	67.2	82.2	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	5,452	5,477	5,636	5,247	3,066	3,062	3,190	3,419	5,438	4,874	4,418	4,472	9	21	31	20

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Institutions	3.3	0.9	0.9	1.0
Other settings	96.4	99.0	99.0	99.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	3,743	3,772	4,000	3,500

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	121.4	125.0	116.8	130.8
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)	68.7	71.4	70.6	77.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.3	6.9	6.9	4.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	45.2	43.5	42.9	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?	11.9	10.2	13.0	11.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	96.8	109.1	97.9	83.2
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?	15.3	17.8	21.8	19.2
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?	36.2	35.5	33.0	34.5
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?	22.7	26.2	20.7	16.7
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? ¹⁷	11.5	12.3	8.7	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?	55.2	61.0	56.1	49.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	108.3	113.2	108.5	106.6
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?	29.2	32.2	25.3	23.3
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?	98.2	98.9	97.9	98.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	66.5	63.8	59.6	59.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	96.0	98.1	100.7	52.7
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	86.8	87.4	51.2
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?	62.4	63.8	68.2	35.5
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?	36.7	34.0	33.9	17.7

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Oregon fully implemented its new State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) in late August 2011. While Oregon successfully submitted both AFCARS and NCANDS files within months of system start using its new SACWIS system, Oregon realized there were significant data conversion issues affecting the AFCARS files.

The AFCARS files undercount discharges and over-represent entries to care, impacting all related counts and measures. Therefore, readers are strongly cautioned to not use the 2011 foster care-related data reported in sections C, D and E or the Outcomes data items 2 – 7 that are calculated from the AFCARS Foster Care and AFCARS Adoption files.

Oregon's NCANDS data is accurate and reliable. For FFY 2011 Oregon submitted the Summary Data File (SDC), Agency file, and Child file (Victims Only). Starting with FFY 2012, Oregon will be able to submit a fully compliant Child File instead of the Summary Data (SDC) file, allowing for more complete reporting in the Outcomes report.

The following data notes are important to understand when interpreting Oregon's NCANDS data:

- The number of children subjects of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment is an estimate. The Oregon legacy system did not collect data at the child level on non-victims.
- Oregon's maltreatment type "threat of harm" is captured in the category of "Other."
- Victims by Race/Ethnicity show a large increase in Native Americans. This change is due to reporting according to the Summary Data instructions where a child victim is being counted and reported separately for all categories that apply. Additionally, there are data conversion issues that impacted race data in the new SACWIS system.
- In Oregon, all reports of child abuse/neglect that are referred for investigation are assigned a response time. There are two types of response times in Oregon – "within 24 hours" and "within 5 days." As reported to NCANDS via the SDC file, the mean time to investigate for all investigations is:
 - 2008: 89.5 hours;
 - 2009: 100.5 hours;
 - 2010: 99.3 hours.
- Oregon was unable to report the average time to investigation starting in the FFY 2011 SDC file due to data conversion issues.

Oregon is committed to providing the most accurate data possible through AFCARS and NCANDS transmissions. Oregon has been diligently fixing the data conversion issues related to AFCARS and will be resubmitting the 2011B AFCARS file. Oregon anticipates that the resubmitted data will have a significant impact on the basic counts and related foster care outcomes compared to the currently shown 2011 data.

Pennsylvania

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	2,795,791	2,775,132	2,789,150	2,761,159
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1
Black	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	8.7	9.4	9.7
White	73.3	72.8	71.1	70.7
Two or more races	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	16.8	17.1	19.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	4,055	4,084	3,706	3,388
Foster care entry rate	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	19,380	16,618	15,211	14,737
Children adopted	2,090	2,243	2,365	2,013

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	81	92	92	96
Numerator	307	350	347	363
Denominator	381	380	379	377
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	97	97	99	99
Numerator	2,401	2,553	2,646	2,770
Denominator	2,473	2,625	2,660	2,798

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	25,051	9.0 per 1,000	25,839	9.3 per 1,000	24,840	8.9 per 1,000	23,937	8.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	4,055	1.5 per 1,000	4,084	1.5 per 1,000	3,706	1.3 per 1,000	3,388	1.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	45	1.6 per 100,000	40	1.4 per 100,000	29	1.0 per 100,000	37	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.7	6.7	6.5	3.7
1 year	3.9	4.1	3.0	3.4
2 years	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.6
3 years	4.1	3.5	4.0	4.6
4 years	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.0
5 years	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.5
6 years	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.8
7 years	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.6
8 years	4.8	4.6	5.6	4.9
9 years	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.8
10 years	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.3
11 years	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.8
12 years	5.4	5.2	5.7	5.4
13 years	7.4	6.7	6.5	6.8
14 years	7.8	7.3	7.4	7.6
15 years	8.3	8.5	9.4	8.4
16 years	7.2	7.7	6.6	7.2
17 years	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.3
18+ years	1.8	2.3	2.1	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	2.9
Number	4,055	4,084	3,706	3,388

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Missing data	—	—	—	—
Number	4,055	4,084	3,706	3,388

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.8
Medical neglect	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.2
Neglect	3.9	3.7	2.7	3.4
Physical abuse	31.5	32.6	31.8	31.2
Sexual abuse	61.7	61.5	62.8	63.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,055	4,084	3,706	3,388

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	19,693	18,039	15,823	14,077	12,421	10,660	9,908	9,932	12,734	12,081	10,520	9,272	19,380	16,618	15,211	14,737
Median length of stay (months)	14.7	15.6	15.5	14.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.7	12.7	13.5	12.4	15.6	15.5	14.3	13.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.2	13.0	13.3	13.3	13.2	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.1
1 year	6.2	6.5	6.9	6.8	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.9	5.3	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.7
2 years	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.5	4.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	6.3	6.7	6.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.0
3 years	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.4	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.5	5.7	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.3
4 years	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.7
5 years	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8
6 years	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.6
7 years	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.1
8 years	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0
9 years	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.7
10 years	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.6
11 years	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.9
12 years	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1
13 years	5.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.0	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.1
14 years	6.4	6.2	5.3	5.0	8.1	7.6	7.4	7.5	5.8	5.3	4.8	4.9	6.2	5.5	5.1	5.4
15 years	8.0	8.2	7.5	6.8	11.9	11.3	10.7	10.4	8.5	7.7	6.5	6.7	8.4	7.7	7.3	6.9
16 years	10.1	9.3	10.0	8.8	12.5	12.6	12.4	12.1	11.1	10.3	9.9	8.4	9.6	10.4	9.4	9.6
17 years	9.5	9.9	10.0	10.5	9.2	9.5	9.2	8.7	12.5	10.4	10.9	10.2	9.9	9.9	11.1	10.3
18 years	3.4	3.8	4.7	4.6	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.2	8.0	9.0	8.1	7.1	4.6	5.3	5.6	6.3
19 years	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7	2.2	2.9	2.9
20 years	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.6	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Black	46.0	44.4	45.1	44.4	40.1	40.4	42.3	40.7	42.0	40.5	41.4	39.8	44.8	44.6	45.9	44.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	10.2	10.8	11.5	10.3	10.4	12.0	12.2	9.1	10.4	11.2	12.0	9.7	10.1	11.2	11.7
White	40.2	41.1	40.2	40.5	44.4	43.1	41.5	43.3	44.7	44.9	43.5	44.6	39.9	39.7	38.7	39.8
Two or more races	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.9
Unknown	3.6	3.1	2.5	1.2	4.1	4.7	2.0	1.1	3.0	2.8	2.2	1.2	4.3	4.4	2.4	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	3,121	2,963	2,460	2,102
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,709	1,634	1,461	1,311

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8
1 year	7.5	9.0	7.7	8.7
2 years	10.1	9.6	10.4	10.2
3 years	9.3	8.6	8.5	8.6
4 years	7.4	8.2	8.3	7.8
5 years	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.0
6 years	6.0	6.7	6.1	5.6
7 years	6.7	5.9	6.2	4.9
8 years	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.2
9 years	5.8	5.3	4.9	5.0
10 years	4.2	5.2	4.5	4.6
11 years	4.2	3.9	5.1	5.2
12 years	4.8	4.5	3.9	4.7
13 years	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.0
14 years	4.7	3.7	3.4	4.4
15 years	4.8	4.7	4.1	3.8
16 years	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.0
17 years	3.0	2.5	3.5	4.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2
Black	43.4	39.8	38.7	36.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	11.2	11.4	13.3
White	41.5	42.1	45.1	45.2
Two or more races	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.6
Unknown	3.4	5.6	3.5	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	2,090	2,243	2,365	2,013

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.2
1 year	10.6	10.2	11.3	12.1
2 years	14.2	15.2	14.4	15.3
3 years	11.8	12.2	12.7	11.5
4 years	9.8	9.8	9.5	10.2
5 years	8.5	9.1	8.5	8.5
6 years	7.1	6.6	7.1	7.2
7 years	6.8	7.3	6.0	6.2
8 years	5.0	5.9	6.0	4.9
9 years	4.2	4.4	4.7	5.5
10 years	4.5	4.0	4.5	3.6
11 years	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.1	2.7	2.7
13 years	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.6
14 years	2.6	1.6	2.0	1.7
15 years	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.3
16 years	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3
17 years	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.3
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.5	<.1	0.2
Black	39.0	38.7	40.6	40.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	10.4	13.3	12.6
White	49.3	47.8	44.1	45.2
Two or more races	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.6
Unknown	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.6	97.4	97.4	98.0
Children with one or more recurrences	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.0
Number	1,912	1,919	1,750	1,621

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.21	0.19	0.13	<.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.79	99.81	99.87	99.93
Number	32,114	29,362	26,101	24,151

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.3	18.3	22.1	21.6
Guardianship	6.6	8.3	8.6	6.9
Reunification	60.7	58.4	55.8	58.8
Other	16.4	15.0	13.4	12.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	12,734	12,081	10,520	9,272

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.2	21.4	24.2	21.7
Guardianship	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6
Reunification	54.7	51.6	50.8	52.0
Other	23.6	22.4	20.5	21.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	2,528	2,351	2,118	1,690

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.2
Guardianship	2.8	3.7	4.2	3.9
Reunification	68.7	67.6	68.9	68.8
Other	28.0	27.9	26.0	26.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	5,743	5,101	4,319	3,615

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.0	23.3	18.6	17.7
Children older than 12 at entry	75.0	76.7	81.4	82.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,003	941	878	854

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.8	15.8	30.4	0.0	10.8	16.9	0.0	8.3	14.7	17.0	20.3	21.4		
Guardianship	10.5	0.0	4.3	6.7	4.6	1.7	10.3	6.7	8.2	10.5	10.7	8.3		
Reunification	52.6	78.9	47.8	80.0	55.4	59.3	82.8	78.3	55.7	53.0	52.9	55.7		
Other	21.1	5.3	17.4	13.3	29.2	22.0	5.2	6.7	21.4	19.5	16.1	14.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1		
Number	19	19	23	15	65	59	58	60	5,351	4,892	4,360	3,693		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	15.9	18.0	25.1	21.4	18.2	19.6	22.9	22.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	4.8	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.8	7.5	5.8		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	64.8	62.0	57.5	61.2	64.3	62.4	57.7	60.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.4	15.0	11.3	11.8	12.0	11.1	11.9	11.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1		
Number	0	0	2	2	1,158	1,259	1,181	1,117	5,693	5,422	4,575	4,131		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	7.8	8.9	24.1	15.9	35.9	41.9	37.6	24.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	10.4	17.5	7.9	15.9	4.7	0.0	2.2	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	67.7	59.3	61.4	56.1	54.7	51.6	50.5	61.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	14.1	14.2	6.6	12.1	4.7	6.5	9.7	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	384	337	228	107	64	93	93	147	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	70.7	69.2	70.8	72.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.1	20.0	19.6	17.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.9	6.2	5.3	5.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	2.1	2.2	1.8
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.4	1.9	2.5
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
Number	7,728	7,055	5,874	5,448

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	68.0	67.1	66.8	70.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	22.4	23.3	23.3	20.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	12,421	10,660	9,908	9,932

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.6	3.5	2.9	4.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.0	22.2	27.5	29.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.4	36.1	32.0	33.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.0	20.3	21.8	18.0
48 or more mos.	19.0	17.8	15.8	15.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,073	2,205	2,327	2,005

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.0	86.9	86.3	86.1	68.1	64.3	64.9	66.1	42.8	42.5	40.5	38.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.3
Children with 3 or more placements	13.0	13.1	13.7	13.9	31.9	35.7	35.1	33.9	57.2	57.5	59.5	61.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	14,393	12,655	11,524	11,308	7,483	6,540	5,889	5,554	10,173	9,462	8,277	7,088	65	42	41	59

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.9	2.3	1.9	2.6
Institutions	2.6	1.8	1.8	2.1
Other settings	94.6	95.9	96.4	95.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,404	5,581	5,326	5,400

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	88.6	97.6	89.6	89.4
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.0	67.5	69.4	70.8
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)	6.9	7.6	7.4	6.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.4	31.7	46.3	42.2
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?	27.6	20.3	25.8	27.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	108.2	108.5	134.7	132.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	28.6	25.7	30.4	33.5
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?	31.4	31.6	30.9	29.7
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?	22.9	26.9	30.7	31.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	9.8	12.1	14.5	11.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	65.2	49.8	73.9	68.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	136.2	143.3	148.5	145.3
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?	32.4	36.5	39.5	37.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.4	97.6	98.7	98.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	34.2	30.7	28.4	29.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	103.1	101.5	100.7	100.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.9	85.9	85.4	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?	68.1	64.3	64.9	66.2
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?	44.4	44.2	42.1	40.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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The following are Pennsylvania's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

- Section B (Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims)

Data on the race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims is not available because Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law prohibits the collection of this information.

- Section B (Time to Investigation)

Although response time is not reported at the State level, Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law mandates that upon receipt of a report of suspected child abuse, the investigating agency shall immediately commence an appropriate investigation and see the child immediately if emergency protective custody is required or has been taken, or if it cannot be determined from the report whether emergency protective custody is needed, the agency must see the child within 24 hours of the receipt of the report. The county agency, which is responsible for the investigation, documents all contacts with the alleged victim.

OCYF and the County Children and Youth Agencies (CCYAs) have established a locally-driven continuous quality improvement process called the Quality Service Review (QSR). The QSR process is based on our practice model and standards which define quality practice. The evaluative process is driven by both internal and external quality reviews. Implementation is individualized for each county in collaboration with the regional OCYF staff and technical assistance providers/collaborators that support the county. This measure is included in that review process and CCYAs are able to identify strengths and needs and resulting action steps for necessary improvements. Additionally, as part of the State's licensing of CCYAs, timely response to reports is an area reviewed for compliance with applicable law.

- Outcome Measure C.1.4 –

Pennsylvania has identified composite measure C.1.4, foster care reentry, as an area needing improvement. As part of our yearly Needs-Based Plan and Budget (NBPB) process, CCYAs are provided with county-specific data packages. These include information in regard to population flow, reunification, adoption, permanency and reentry. Each indicator is described along with a brief outline of the breakdowns and data sources. A series of questions are posed to assist CCYAs in connecting the information to their planning efforts.

As part of our Program Improvement Plan (PIP), we have developed a guide for CCYAs to use to explore their reentry data. This guide includes CFSR measure 1.4 county-specific data, a detailed description of how the measure is calculated, and a template and instructions for how the counties can do a "reentry self assessment." The CCYAs must validate this information and address their own county-specific issues in their NBPB. This will help identify CCYAs that have a legitimate reentry problem. State OCYF central office and regional office staff will review the feedback received from the CCYAs, and work with them to develop plans with specific action steps for addressing the systemic concerns identified, prioritizing those that will result in the highest return of investment.

Puerto Rico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	981,918	963,847	897,920	876,494
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Child population in poverty (%)	56.4	57.1	56.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	14,109	11,891	11,723	11,186
Foster care entry rate	1.9	1.2	0.9	0.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,515	5,748	5,376	4,938
Children adopted	152	202	116	48

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	50	18	28	16
Numerator	43,685	1,072	1,570	932
Denominator	86,664	5,809	5,627	5,978
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	50	76	70	79
Numerator	—	7,251	7,803	4,487
Denominator	—	9,501	11,184	5,695

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	35,899	36.6 per 1,000	40,712	42.2 per 1,000	32,490	36.2 per 1,000	31,976	36.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	14,109	14.4 per 1,000	11,891	12.3 per 1,000	11,723	13.1 per 1,000	11,186	12.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.2 per 100,000	5	0.5 per 100,000	8	0.9 per 100,000	18	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.6	2.2	2.7	2.7
1 year	5.0	4.6	5.5	5.8
2 years	5.2	7.1	6.8	7.1
3 years	5.6	6.6	6.4	6.6
4 years	5.9	6.7	6.1	5.8
5 years	6.2	6.4	6.4	5.9
6 years	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.1
7 years	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.6
8 years	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.2
9 years	5.6	5.2	5.8	5.1
10 years	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.5
11 years	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.4
12 years	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.4
13 years	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.3
14 years	6.5	5.8	5.7	6.1
15 years	6.2	5.7	6.1	6.1
16 years	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.3
17 years	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9
18+ years	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.2
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	14,109	11,891	11,723	11,186

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	14,109	11,891	11,723	11,186

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	34.1	36.3	36.8	37.8
Medical neglect	5.6	5.9	5.3	4.7
Neglect	61.7	59.6	52.4	56.6
Physical abuse	20.3	20.0	23.1	20.7
Sexual abuse	4.5	2.1	2.1	2.4
Missing data	14.1	14.8	17.8	13.3
Other	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
Number	14,109	11,891	11,723	11,186

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	6,107	6,022	5,336	4,557	1,825	1,178	819	757	1,419	1,452	779	376	6,515	5,748	5,376	4,938
Median length of stay (months)	28.9	27.0	34.5	42.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.7	18.8	21.8	20.0	29.3	35.1	43.1	47.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.6	3.0	2.4	2.0	14.7	13.8	14.2	11.2	4.9	2.3	3.7	4.0	2.8	2.1	1.5	1.1
1 year	3.3	4.5	3.7	3.4	5.9	5.9	6.7	7.1	6.4	7.0	6.4	5.6	4.2	3.5	2.9	2.6
2 years	4.1	3.5	4.5	3.9	5.4	6.1	5.1	5.0	5.6	5.8	8.2	8.8	3.2	4.1	3.6	3.6
3 years	4.1	4.5	3.8	4.0	5.4	4.9	5.4	6.2	6.7	6.5	8.2	6.9	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.7
4 years	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.9	5.4	5.5	4.3	5.5	7.4	6.7	5.0	3.2	3.9	3.8	3.6	4.1
5 years	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.5	6.0	4.2	4.6	4.5	5.6	5.8	6.0	4.8	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.4
6 years	4.7	5.1	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.8	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.2	6.1	4.6	3.7	4.1	4.4
7 years	5.0	4.8	5.4	4.2	5.2	4.7	3.8	5.0	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.6	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.5
8 years	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.4	4.6	3.8	3.2	5.5	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.3	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.2
9 years	6.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.5	5.2	6.0	4.6	4.3	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.6
10 years	6.3	6.3	5.4	5.6	3.9	3.3	3.5	4.1	5.4	5.9	6.4	4.8	5.8	4.9	5.0	5.2
11 years	6.1	6.3	6.3	5.9	3.3	3.9	5.0	3.4	4.4	5.2	5.0	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.3	5.3
12 years	6.8	6.6	7.1	6.8	5.3	4.6	3.9	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.1	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.2	5.7
13 years	7.1	7.1	7.1	8.1	4.7	6.2	6.0	3.8	4.9	4.8	5.3	4.3	6.6	6.6	7.1	6.5
14 years	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.4	5.4	6.2	7.7	6.3	4.7	5.0	4.2	4.5	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.9
15 years	8.8	8.2	9.1	10.1	6.2	7.0	6.2	7.3	5.4	5.9	6.2	8.0	7.5	8.4	8.5	8.2
16 years	6.8	7.4	6.7	7.8	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.3	5.1	7.2	8.7	8.4	9.2	9.9
17 years	6.0	6.2	6.5	5.8	3.1	3.1	1.7	4.1	4.6	4.0	2.7	2.1	6.3	7.4	6.5	7.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.8	1.6	1.4	0.5	5.2	5.8	6.3	5.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	2.1	5.0	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.8	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.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	99.1	98.8	98.5	99.1	97.4	97.7	97.9	98.7	98.7	98.8	97.6	99.1	98.8	98.6	98.5
White	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.7	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7
Two or more races	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	0.0
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	2.1	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.6	2.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,148	1,039	1,061	997
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	128	57	34	77

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.7	2.3	1.4	0.5
1 year	7.0	3.8	2.2	2.0
2 years	5.1	6.8	3.9	3.0
3 years	5.7	4.7	5.6	3.4
4 years	5.7	4.8	4.9	5.0
5 years	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.2
6 years	7.8	5.1	5.6	5.7
7 years	8.3	7.8	5.4	5.1
8 years	8.4	8.8	7.4	4.8
9 years	8.5	7.7	8.7	8.0
10 years	9.0	8.4	8.2	9.3
11 years	7.5	8.7	7.7	8.9
12 years	5.9	8.4	8.7	8.6
13 years	4.5	6.2	9.0	9.0
14 years	3.0	4.5	6.2	8.1
15 years	2.0	3.2	4.6	6.6
16 years	1.6	2.0	3.1	4.4
17 years	1.0	1.3	2.0	2.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Black	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	99.3	99.3	99.1	98.9
White	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	152	202	116	48

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.0	3.0	3.4	4.2
1 year	6.6	8.4	8.6	10.4
2 years	9.2	5.9	12.9	6.3
3 years	6.6	6.9	9.5	12.5
4 years	9.9	7.4	4.3	4.2
5 years	10.5	6.9	12.9	8.3
6 years	7.9	6.4	9.5	8.3
7 years	7.9	6.9	6.0	10.4
8 years	11.2	5.4	6.0	4.2
9 years	4.6	5.9	3.4	4.2
10 years	7.2	3.0	7.8	8.3
11 years	6.6	6.9	5.2	10.4
12 years	3.9	8.4	3.4	2.1
13 years	2.0	5.9	0.9	2.1
14 years	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
15 years	2.0	3.0	3.4	4.2
16 years	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0
17 years	0.7	1.5	0.0	0.0
18 years	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Black	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	100.0	99.0	99.1	100.0
White	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.7	97.2	97.3	95.5
Children with one or more recurrences	2.3	2.8	2.7	4.5
Number	6,319	4,768	6,226	5,037

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	0.26	0.32	<.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.96	99.74	99.68	99.96
Number	7,932	7,200	6,155	5,314

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.6	9.2	11.7	10.6
Guardianship	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3
Reunification	85.0	85.4	84.7	85.1
Other	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.1
Missing data	2.3	2.3	1.5	2.9
Number	1,419	1,452	779	376

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.5	9.4	17.9	2.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	85.0	84.8	71.8	94.0
Other	6.5	2.9	6.4	2.0
Missing data	2.0	2.9	3.8	2.0
Number	153	171	78	50

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	87.6	89.3	94.1	100.0
Other	9.9	9.4	4.9	0.0
Missing data	2.6	1.3	1.0	0.0
Number	233	234	102	60

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	45.8	54.5	42.9	100.0
Children older than 12 at entry	50.0	45.5	42.9	0.0
Missing data	4.2	0.0	14.3	0.0
Number	24	22	7	2

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	9.3	11.8	10.9	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.8	85.3	84.7	85.6	100.0	85.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	1,400	1,433	770	367	16	7	3	0	0	

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	100.0	90.9	80.0	62.5	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	9.1	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	20.0	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	3	11	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	38.6	26.5	27.7	31.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.0	44.0	35.0	34.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.3	16.5	22.4	12.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	4.2	5.5	11.6
48 or more mos.	9.7	8.5	9.1	10.0
Missing data	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.0
Number	1,206	1,240	660	320

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	94.7	90.5	90.4	94.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.3	2.0	1.7	0.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	2.8	6.5	5.6	3.8
Missing data	1.2	1.0	2.3	1.5
Number	1,825	1,178	819	757

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	0.7	0.7	3.3	2.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	13.2	9.0	8.8	7.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	16.9	16.4	23.1	7.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.7	20.9	16.5	27.5
48 or more mos.	54.4	53.0	48.4	55.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	136	134	91	40

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	99.7	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.8	99.3	99.9	100.0	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.6	<.1	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.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	0.0
Number	2,129	1,417	940	842	1,760	1,620	1,065	835	4,029	4,159	4,147	3,637	14	4	3	0

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

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.5
Institutions	4.0	9.0	10.1	11.5
Other settings	94.6	89.4	88.1	87.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	994	786	546	550

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	104.9	94.7	78.6	102.9
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)	47.6	39.6	35.6	39.0
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)	12.6	14.9	17.0	15.5
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)	27.2	20.1	11.7	12.5
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?	1.9	0.8	1.4	0.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	53.4	42.6	55.6	16.8
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?	14.0	9.7	12.1	10.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	54.2	49.7	46.1	53.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	3.5	3.5	2.2	1.1
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? ¹⁷	0.8	0.2	<.1	<.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.3	53.5	57.1	53.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	85.5	88.1	80.5	73.4
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?	9.7	10.7	7.3	3.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	67.7	67.5	73.0	71.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	150.2	150.1	150.4	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	99.9	99.9	100.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	99.8	99.4	99.9	100.0
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?	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.2

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	229,788	226,825	223,542	219,536
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Asian	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2
Black	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	19.3	20.0	20.6	21.0
White	66.9	66.1	64.5	64.0
Two or more races	2.9	3.0	4.1	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	15.5	16.9	19.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	3,082	3,065	3,554	3,422
Foster care entry rate	6.3	6.3	6.2	5.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,503	2,204	2,157	1,850
Children adopted	260	272	184	201

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	28	38	45	58
Numerator	916	1,164	1,378	1,708
Denominator	3,258	3,080	3,051	2,942
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	23	43	47	58
Numerator	1,033	2,608	3,814	6,551
Denominator	4,447	6,022	8,143	11,216

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,821	42.7 per 1,000	9,319	41.1 per 1,000	10,361	46.3 per 1,000	9,849	44.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	3,082	13.4 per 1,000	3,065	13.5 per 1,000	3,554	15.9 per 1,000	3,422	15.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	3	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	15.3	15.1	14.8	14.5
1 year	7.3	8.5	8.0	7.5
2 years	7.8	7.9	8.4	8.7
3 years	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.9
4 years	6.3	6.1	6.6	7.1
5 years	6.3	6.6	6.0	5.6
6 years	6.4	5.8	5.8	5.4
7 years	5.7	5.0	5.9	5.6
8 years	5.5	5.2	4.5	4.9
9 years	5.1	4.6	4.1	3.8
10 years	4.1	4.8	4.2	4.4
11 years	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.2
12 years	3.3	4.2	3.8	4.1
13 years	3.7	3.1	3.7	4.0
14 years	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.3
15 years	3.6	3.5	2.8	3.5
16 years	3.2	2.5	3.2	3.1
17 years	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.1
18+ years	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.4	0.1	0.3
Number	3,082	3,065	3,554	3,422

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4
Asian	0.8	1.7	0.8	1.0
Black	12.1	9.3	11.6	11.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	22.3	22.5	23.4	22.6
White	53.1	53.8	51.6	51.2
Two or more races	6.5	6.0	7.1	7.0
Missing data	4.7	6.1	4.9	6.8
Number	3,082	3,065	3,554	3,422

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Medical neglect	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.2
Neglect	87.4	85.2	86.4	85.9
Physical abuse	9.9	13.2	12.8	13.1
Sexual abuse	5.2	3.9	3.9	3.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.1	1.6	0.8	0.9
Number	3,082	3,065	3,554	3,422

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	54.8	47.6	48.5	48.3
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	2,578	2,275	2,031	1,991	1,443	1,422	1,380	1,170	1,518	1,493	1,254	1,311	2,503	2,204	2,157	1,850
Median length of stay (months)	15.0	15.9	14.3	13.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.8	12.8	11.5	12.2	15.9	14.2	14.0	13.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.8	5.2	6.1	7.0	14.8	15.8	15.4	15.3	5.3	5.5	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.8	6.3	5.8
1 year	5.4	6.6	6.2	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.4	7.7	6.8	6.9	6.1	5.9	6.8	7.1
2 years	5.4	4.7	4.5	5.1	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.2	6.5	5.7	5.3	6.6	4.6	4.3	4.8	6.1
3 years	3.7	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.1	2.8	2.9	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.1	5.4	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.5
4 years	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.7	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.9
5 years	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.9	3.1	4.4	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.7
6 years	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	2.3	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.5	3.4
7 years	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	2.6	2.3	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.8	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.0	2.4
8 years	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.2	2.1	2.6	3.2	2.3	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.4
9 years	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.7	1.7	1.7	3.4	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.2	2.8
10 years	3.3	3.0	4.2	2.9	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.0	2.4	3.0	2.2	1.9	3.1	3.9	2.8	2.6
11 years	3.0	3.3	3.3	4.2	2.1	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.9	2.4
12 years	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.5	3.9	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.2	4.5
13 years	4.6	4.9	3.8	3.5	5.7	4.8	5.0	4.4	3.0	4.2	4.1	3.4	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.8
14 years	7.1	6.7	5.8	5.3	8.6	9.6	8.4	7.2	5.8	6.4	4.1	4.6	6.6	5.9	5.4	4.8
15 years	8.8	9.7	9.5	7.9	12.9	11.0	10.4	10.8	7.6	6.0	7.5	6.8	9.5	9.8	8.3	7.1
16 years	10.0	10.2	11.8	11.3	12.5	11.7	13.6	12.1	9.5	9.0	9.5	9.1	11.2	12.2	11.8	10.5
17 years	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.3	8.3	10.1	10.2	8.6	8.5	9.4	11.0	11.4	11.6	12.2	13.2	12.0
18 years	5.2	4.7	4.2	4.6	0.4	1.4	0.9	0.8	8.2	11.6	11.6	11.0	5.7	5.3	5.9	6.6
19 years	3.2	2.1	1.9	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.0	2.2	1.6	1.4	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.6
20 years	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	3.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
Missing data	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.6	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9
Asian	1.7	1.9	2.4	1.4	2.4	2.5	1.2	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.6	1.2	2.0	2.4	1.6	1.6
Black	18.7	17.6	15.6	15.8	14.8	14.4	15.7	14.5	16.3	17.7	14.1	16.3	17.9	15.5	16.5	14.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	23.4	23.0	24.1	26.0	25.2	25.0	27.0	25.5	24.8	23.6	25.1	27.3	23.5	23.8	25.4	24.7
White	47.1	48.0	48.1	47.1	48.2	47.6	44.9	47.2	48.2	47.4	47.3	44.9	47.0	48.1	46.5	48.8
Two or more races	6.5	6.7	7.4	7.6	6.2	7.0	6.9	7.9	6.1	6.5	7.6	8.3	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.2
Unknown	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.3	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	427	336	318	270
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	230	203	183	150

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.5	1.5	0.3	1.1
1 year	7.7	5.4	6.0	7.0
2 years	6.8	6.8	7.2	9.3
3 years	7.5	4.2	6.3	5.9
4 years	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.2
5 years	4.9	3.9	4.1	4.1
6 years	3.5	4.5	5.3	5.2
7 years	4.2	5.7	3.5	4.1
8 years	4.7	5.1	6.3	4.8
9 years	8.2	5.7	6.0	5.2
10 years	4.7	9.2	5.7	5.6
11 years	6.8	5.7	9.7	5.2
12 years	5.4	7.4	5.0	9.6
13 years	6.8	5.4	6.9	4.8
14 years	5.2	5.4	5.7	7.0
15 years	9.4	5.7	5.7	5.9
16 years	6.1	10.1	4.4	5.9
17 years	2.1	3.6	6.6	4.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	0.9	0.6	0.7
Asian	0.9	1.8	1.9	3.0
Black	19.9	16.4	15.7	13.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	25.3	26.5	36.8	30.4
White	42.9	43.8	35.2	43.0
Two or more races	8.2	9.5	8.8	7.8
Unknown	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	260	272	184	201

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	3.3	3.3	3.0
1 year	12.7	19.5	19.6	16.9
2 years	16.9	16.2	15.2	18.9
3 years	11.2	9.9	10.3	12.9
4 years	7.7	8.5	7.1	8.5
5 years	8.8	5.5	9.2	4.0
6 years	6.9	4.8	2.7	2.5
7 years	2.3	5.1	3.3	3.5
8 years	6.9	4.0	5.4	3.0
9 years	5.0	4.4	2.7	6.0
10 years	3.5	3.7	3.3	2.5
11 years	2.3	4.4	3.3	5.5
12 years	1.9	2.6	3.8	4.0
13 years	1.5	2.6	4.3	3.0
14 years	3.5	1.8	1.1	2.5
15 years	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.0
16 years	3.8	1.5	2.7	1.0
17 years	1.2	0.4	0.5	1.5
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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.3	0.7	0.5	0.0
Asian	0.4	0.4	1.6	1.0
Black	20.4	19.1	10.3	10.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	26.2	26.5	24.5	34.8
White	38.8	39.3	50.0	40.3
Two or more races	11.2	12.9	12.5	11.9
Unknown	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	90.3	93.0	92.3	91.5
Children with one or more recurrences	9.7	7.0	7.7	8.5
Number	1,471	1,397	1,556	1,700

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.72	1.35	0.97	1.23
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.28	98.65	99.03	98.77
Number	4,021	3,697	3,411	3,161

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.8	18.7	14.6	15.3
Guardianship	4.2	5.5	7.6	9.6
Reunification	63.2	60.3	63.2	59.6
Other	15.8	15.5	14.7	15.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,518	1,493	1,254	1,311

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.4	23.4	16.8	17.2
Guardianship	1.9	2.3	5.3	5.4
Reunification	56.8	50.0	55.5	54.0
Other	22.0	24.3	22.4	23.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	532	470	416	389

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.7
Guardianship	2.1	1.9	3.3	3.0
Reunification	68.1	69.7	69.3	67.8
Other	28.6	27.4	27.0	28.5
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	658	628	548	569

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.6	35.1	23.4	25.6
Children older than 12 at entry	72.8	64.9	76.6	74.4
Missing data	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	158	151	111	129

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	44.4	16.7	5.6	0.0	3.4	3.7	9.4	12.5	21.5	19.3	9.6	10.3		
Guardianship	0.0	8.3	11.1	37.5	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	6.9	3.8	4.0	14.5		
Reunification	55.6	50.0	66.7	37.5	86.2	81.5	62.5	68.8	49.0	52.3	66.7	57.9		
Other	0.0	25.0	16.7	25.0	10.3	14.8	15.6	18.8	22.7	24.6	19.8	17.3		
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	9	12	18	8	29	27	32	16	247	264	177	214		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	50.0	0.0	100.0	17.0	20.4	14.0	19.3	13.7	15.8	15.7	13.9		
Guardianship	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	6.2	5.4	5.9	4.1	6.4	8.9	8.3		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.0	62.9	67.3	60.1	64.3	62.6	60.2	62.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	10.5	13.3	14.8	17.8	15.3	15.2	15.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	2	0	1	377	353	315	358	731	708	593	588		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.3	10.7	4.3	6.3	33.7	38.1	25.3	22.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	7.1	4.3	6.3	6.5	1.0	11.6	19.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	84.4	60.7	91.3	68.8	54.3	52.6	53.7	47.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	9.4	21.4	0.0	18.8	5.4	8.2	9.5	11.0	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	32	28	23	16	92	97	95	109	1	2	1	1		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	65.7	68.3	71.3	68.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.1	19.5	19.1	21.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.8	8.1	5.7	5.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.1
48 or more mos.	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	959	901	792	782

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	68.5	69.9	71.6	70.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.9	16.2	15.3	16.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.3	13.5	13.1	12.8
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	1,443	1,422	1,380	1,170

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	5.5	8.2	6.6	7.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	32.9	34.4	34.4	31.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	38.8	39.8	26.8	29.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	10.2	10.0	13.7	11.9
48 or more mos.	12.5	7.5	18.6	19.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	255	279	183	201

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.0	88.4	86.5	87.2	64.0	62.0	65.6	62.5	34.9	34.7	34.7	34.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.0	11.6	13.5	12.8	36.0	38.0	34.4	37.5	65.1	65.3	65.3	65.6	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	1,734	1,684	1,657	1,488	980	828	735	773	1,305	1,180	1,017	895	2	5	2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	17.4	15.7	18.4	11.8
Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other settings	82.6	84.3	81.6	88.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	736	721	706	650

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	91.1	98.0	98.1	100.2
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.3	67.2	70.2	68.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.4	7.7	7.4	8.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.5	43.8	43.5	44.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	24.5	21.9	23.4	21.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	132.6	141.7	134.5	134.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	38.4	42.7	41.0	38.8
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?	26.5	26.4	26.0	26.3
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?	19.7	22.0	18.1	20.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	12.1	16.8	14.5	16.0
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?	81.0	78.4	77.6	76.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	122.9	130.2	127.9	130.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.5	25.2	24.5	28.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.3	96.9	96.4	95.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	37.7	30.8	32.6	33.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	95.9	99.2	99.6	98.9
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?	82.2	88.1	86.2	86.8
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?	64.3	62.3	66.3	63.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	36.2	35.8	36.0	36.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,075,249	1,080,732	1,079,569	1,080,555
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Black	32.2	31.8	32.2	31.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	7.5	7.6	8.0
White	56.9	56.7	55.4	55.2
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	21.7	24.4	26.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	12,549	12,707	12,191	11,709
Foster care entry rate	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,054	4,978	4,488	3,841
Children adopted	525	513	529	585

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	85	90	90	90
Numerator	6,318	6,576	6,117	5,485
Denominator	7,413	7,270	6,760	6,117
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	66	77	81	79
Numerator	32,247	33,031	38,196	32,802
Denominator	48,794	42,650	47,423	41,564

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	41,398	38.5 per 1,000	40,966	37.9 per 1,000	43,155	40.0 per 1,000	39,618	36.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	12,549	11.7 per 1,000	12,707	11.8 per 1,000	12,191	11.3 per 1,000	11,709	10.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	2.0 per 100,000	28	2.6 per 100,000	25	2.3 per 100,000	15	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.1	12.1	12.7	12.3
1 year	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.3
2 years	6.8	6.9	7.9	7.4
3 years	6.1	6.2	7.2	6.8
4 years	5.6	5.9	6.1	7.0
5 years	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.6
6 years	5.9	5.6	5.8	6.0
7 years	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.6
8 years	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.6
11 years	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.4
12 years	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
13 years	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1
14 years	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9
15 years	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.7
16 years	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.2
17 years	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Missing data	3.2	3.1	1.8	1.9
Number	12,549	12,707	12,191	11,709

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	37.6	38.0	36.3	35.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1
White	50.3	50.4	51.8	52.3
Two or more races	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.7
Missing data	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.4
Number	12,549	12,707	12,191	11,709

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.9
Medical neglect	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.3
Neglect	71.2	70.5	66.1	66.3
Physical abuse	31.9	33.4	35.9	37.2
Sexual abuse	5.4	6.3	5.3	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Number	12,549	12,707	12,191	11,709

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	51.0	41.5	42.7	47.0
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	5,092	5,003	4,898	4,430	3,862	3,722	3,393	2,939	3,900	3,747	3,803	3,528	5,054	4,978	4,488	3,841
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	15.9	15.6	16.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.0	7.8	8.5	9.0	15.8	15.1	16.6	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.5	5.8	6.4	5.7	14.8	16.1	15.1	15.0	6.0	5.9	6.3	5.6	6.0	6.5	5.7	5.4
1 year	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.5	8.0	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.8	7.1	8.2	7.2	7.2	7.5	6.5
2 years	6.6	6.2	7.3	6.6	6.2	6.6	7.6	7.1	7.5	7.7	8.1	6.8	6.3	7.3	6.6	7.1
3 years	5.9	5.7	5.3	6.5	5.5	6.1	6.0	6.9	7.1	6.8	7.0	7.9	5.7	5.3	6.6	6.1
4 years	4.4	5.3	5.5	4.7	5.0	5.9	5.0	6.2	5.3	5.7	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.4	4.7	5.5
5 years	4.8	4.4	5.0	4.8	6.2	5.2	5.4	6.0	5.8	5.2	5.9	5.7	4.3	5.0	4.8	4.8
6 years	4.3	4.8	4.1	4.4	5.9	4.4	4.5	5.6	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.8	4.8	4.1	4.4	4.5
7 years	4.2	4.9	4.4	3.7	5.6	4.4	4.4	5.1	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	3.7	4.6
8 years	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.2	4.4	3.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.3	3.9
9 years	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3
10 years	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.4	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2
11 years	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.6	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.4
12 years	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.5
13 years	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.5	3.2	4.0	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.2
14 years	6.9	5.4	5.0	5.9	5.0	4.3	5.7	4.7	4.2	3.5	4.3	3.9	5.4	5.0	5.9	5.5
15 years	7.1	7.3	6.6	6.1	5.2	6.1	6.1	5.1	4.2	4.2	4.7	3.8	7.3	6.5	6.1	6.6
16 years	9.0	8.5	8.9	7.7	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.3	4.3	4.6	4.6	3.8	8.4	8.8	7.7	7.8
17 years	8.8	8.9	8.1	9.3	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.9	6.0	3.5	7.1	11.3	8.8	8.0	9.2	8.0
18 years	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	11.0	5.5	2.5	<.1	0.2	0.4	1.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	45.2	45.0	44.3	42.4	42.5	42.6	38.8	39.4	43.0	43.5	41.9	42.1	44.8	44.3	42.1	40.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.7	5.7	6.9	5.1	5.8	5.4	5.3	5.5	4.1	4.3	5.4	5.0
White	44.1	44.1	44.2	44.3	45.7	44.3	45.9	47.2	45.7	44.2	45.1	44.9	44.1	44.2	44.7	45.9
Two or more races	6.3	6.4	6.8	7.1	5.3	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.0	5.6	6.2	5.8	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.4
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.7	1.6	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,823	1,862	1,699	1,413
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	917	923	857	675

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.1	3.0	3.4	2.2
1 year	8.3	8.1	7.3	6.0
2 years	8.9	9.0	7.7	7.0
3 years	7.4	6.8	7.8	7.0
4 years	7.1	6.1	5.7	6.8
5 years	5.4	5.9	6.1	5.1
6 years	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.7
7 years	5.0	6.2	5.1	5.1
8 years	5.0	6.0	5.5	5.2
9 years	4.9	5.1	5.7	5.2
10 years	6.1	4.9	5.4	5.3
11 years	5.5	5.9	4.9	5.9
12 years	5.2	6.1	5.8	5.2
13 years	5.0	5.2	6.3	6.7
14 years	5.4	5.1	5.5	6.4
15 years	6.7	5.2	5.5	6.6
16 years	3.2	4.3	4.4	5.5
17 years	1.6	1.9	2.9	3.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	44.5	45.1	43.3	41.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.7	4.8	4.7
White	43.3	42.3	42.6	44.7
Two or more races	8.6	8.8	8.9	8.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	525	513	529	585

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	0.6	1.3	2.4
1 year	10.3	8.4	9.3	12.3
2 years	13.5	17.3	15.3	11.3
3 years	13.3	13.6	13.0	12.3
4 years	9.0	8.8	9.1	10.6
5 years	8.2	9.2	8.9	8.7
6 years	6.5	7.6	6.0	7.9
7 years	6.5	4.5	8.1	4.8
8 years	5.1	5.7	5.1	4.3
9 years	3.6	5.5	4.5	5.0
10 years	4.4	2.9	2.6	5.0
11 years	3.2	4.1	3.8	3.4
12 years	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.1
13 years	3.2	2.5	2.3	3.4
14 years	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.6
15 years	2.1	2.5	2.3	1.4
16 years	2.3	0.6	1.5	0.9
17 years	1.5	0.2	0.6	0.9
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	31.4	32.6	33.5	35.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	3.5	3.4	6.2
White	53.5	53.2	53.1	48.4
Two or more races	9.1	10.7	9.8	10.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.4	97.6	96.8	96.6
Children with one or more recurrences	2.6	2.4	3.2	3.4
Number	6,502	5,952	5,754	5,705

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	0.11	0.43	0.41
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.93	99.89	99.57	99.59
Number	8,954	8,725	8,291	7,369

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.5	14.2	14.0	16.6
Guardianship	1.2	0.9	1.6	2.0
Reunification	73.5	72.5	73.6	70.3
Other	11.7	12.5	10.8	11.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,900	3,747	3,803	3,528

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	5.9	12.7	17.2	16.1
Guardianship	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Reunification	30.7	33.1	40.2	31.5
Other	61.4	54.2	42.6	51.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	101	142	169	124

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.4
Guardianship	0.8	1.5	1.3	1.7
Reunification	66.4	63.6	64.8	64.5
Other	31.8	34.6	33.2	33.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	908	878	856	780

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	36.4	34.1	29.1	31.4
Children older than 12 at entry	63.6	65.9	70.9	68.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	428	428	385	366

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian			2008	Black			2008	2009	2010	2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	10.6	11.4	13.8				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	25.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	1.6	1.3				
Reunification	100.0	100.0	75.0	72.7	50.0	100.0	85.7	75.0	74.9	71.5	74.2	71.0				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	50.0	0.0	14.3	25.0	14.7	17.1	12.9	13.9				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Number	3	17	4	11	2	6	7	4	1,678	1,630	1,594	1,484				
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)			2008	White			2008	2009	2010	2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.7	8.9	9.4	18.6	15.8	17.3	16.6	17.9				
Guardianship	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.1	1.6	2.5				
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	78.4	84.7	83.3	72.7	71.9	71.5	71.2	70.2				
Other	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	6.4	5.9	7.2	10.5	10.1	10.6	9.4				
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	0	2	7	227	203	203	194	1,783	1,656	1,714	1,585				
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races			2008	Missing Data			2008	2009	2010	2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010		2011	2008	2009				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	2.2	2.7	25.0	26.7	20.1	29.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	0.5	0.0	0.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Reunification	100.0	96.0	97.8	89.2	70.4	70.0	73.9	59.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	3.3	5.1	9.2	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	8	25	45	37	196	210	234	206	0	0	0	0				

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	79.6	78.7	77.0	78.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.4	15.3	16.5	15.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,866	2,716	2,799	2,481

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	85.7	85.2	84.4	83.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.1	6.4	7.6	7.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.0	8.3	7.9	9.2
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	3,862	3,722	3,393	2,939

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.0	1.3	2.4	3.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	17.2	18.0	19.5	21.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.3	32.3	31.3	28.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.3	25.0	23.6	24.6
48 or more mos.	27.1	23.3	23.2	21.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	528	532	534	586

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.2	78.7	79.9	81.2	47.0	46.2	45.8	48.9	25.1	25.4	25.1	26.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.8	21.3	20.1	18.7	53.0	53.8	54.2	51.0	74.9	74.6	74.9	73.9	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	4,495	4,311	4,075	3,600	1,726	1,762	1,634	1,380	2,713	2,646	2,554	2,377	20	6	28	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	9.8	9.4	10.5	9.4
Institutions	9.1	10.1	10.4	10.8
Other settings	81.1	80.4	79.1	79.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,979	2,838	2,589	2,300

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	140.2	135.6	138.8	139.8
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)	76.6	75.2	73.0	75.0
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)	4.6	4.6	6.2	5.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	54.6	57.0	61.5	60.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.1	9.3	8.2	8.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	109.1	103.5	123.7	115.7
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?	20.3	19.4	21.9	25.1
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?	35.9	35.1	34.8	35.0
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?	19.9	20.8	20.3	23.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	13.0	15.4	13.8	13.2
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?	46.3	53.6	53.0	59.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	80.2	86.8	84.1	89.6
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	24.1	26.5	27.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	87.6	89.6	92.5	90.6
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?	55.7	55.2	52.0	57.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	78.2	78.8	80.0	83.5
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?	75.7	76.3	77.1	79.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.0	46.2	45.9	48.9
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?	25.1	25.4	25.2	26.2

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	198,582	199,616	202,892	203,156
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	13.2	13.0	13.4	13.1
Asian	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1
Black	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.8
White	76.1	75.8	75.2	74.9
Two or more races	2.9	2.9	4.0	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	17.6	18.5	18.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	1,394	1,513	1,435	1,436
Foster care entry rate	6.8	7.2	7.2	6.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,484	1,490	1,493	1,404
Children adopted	176	167	133	168

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	70	86	86	92
Numerator	1,523	1,872	1,866	1,966
Denominator	2,165	2,183	2,160	2,135
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	68	88	92	94
Numerator	—	12,491	13,841	14,753
Denominator	—	14,127	15,108	15,627

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	6,865	34.6 per 1,000	7,186	36.0 per 1,000	7,208	35.5 per 1,000	7,264	35.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	1,394	7.0 per 1,000	1,513	7.6 per 1,000	1,435	7.1 per 1,000	1,436	7.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.0 per 100,000	4	2.0 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000	3	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	15.0	15.2	13.4	13.8
1 year	9.7	9.8	10.4	9.5
2 years	8.8	9.8	8.4	9.1
3 years	8.2	7.5	9.0	8.8
4 years	6.8	7.5	8.6	7.0
5 years	4.9	7.1	6.5	7.2
6 years	6.0	5.6	5.3	7.0
7 years	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.4
8 years	4.8	4.0	4.7	5.2
9 years	3.9	4.2	5.0	5.1
10 years	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.4
11 years	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.6
12 years	4.4	3.1	3.6	3.2
13 years	3.4	2.8	2.9	3.0
14 years	3.6	2.8	3.1	2.6
15 years	2.7	3.4	2.5	2.2
16 years	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.0
17 years	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.3
18+ years	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Number	1,394	1,513	1,435	1,436

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	49.6	48.9	48.0	45.1
Asian	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	3.4	2.4	3.1	3.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	5.2	6.2	7.2
White	30.3	33.4	32.9	34.0
Two or more races	6.8	6.7	7.2	8.5
Missing data	2.3	3.0	2.1	1.1
Number	1,394	1,513	1,435	1,436

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	2.0	3.0	1.9	0.9
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	87.3	89.3	90.8	88.8
Physical abuse	10.3	12.0	8.9	11.9
Sexual abuse	5.2	4.6	3.7	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,394	1,513	1,435	1,436

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	114.4	119.4	139.3	116.8
Median	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>96 but<120	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,516	1,420	1,435	1,436	1,347	1,444	1,455	1,396	1,379	1,374	1,397	1,428	1,484	1,490	1,493	1,404
Median length of stay (months)	14.0	14.1	11.8	13.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2	5.5	3.5	3.7	13.8	11.7	13.3	13.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.7	5.5	5.9	4.2	15.4	16.1	12.7	13.5	7.3	8.7	7.4	6.8	5.9	6.0	4.2	4.8
1 year	7.4	8.7	7.7	7.1	10.7	10.2	9.3	9.4	8.3	9.6	8.2	8.1	9.0	7.9	7.1	6.7
2 years	8.1	7.5	8.2	8.8	8.5	10.7	8.2	9.7	8.6	11.6	9.3	10.3	7.8	8.2	8.8	7.1
3 years	6.7	7.3	6.8	7.5	7.6	7.3	9.0	9.2	7.7	8.4	8.9	9.1	7.3	7.0	7.6	8.3
4 years	5.5	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.8	7.5	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.9	7.2	7.8	6.6	6.2	6.6	7.5
5 years	5.2	5.0	6.3	6.9	5.1	6.6	6.3	7.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	7.1	4.9	6.5	6.8	5.7
6 years	6.2	3.9	5.2	5.6	5.0	5.3	5.1	7.1	6.7	5.3	5.4	7.7	3.8	5.1	5.8	6.4
7 years	4.8	5.6	4.1	5.2	5.0	4.9	6.0	4.7	5.9	4.7	5.2	5.7	5.6	4.4	5.1	5.6
8 years	4.2	4.2	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.4	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.9	4.9	4.1	5.6	4.5	3.8
9 years	5.1	4.4	3.9	5.4	3.9	3.5	4.3	4.2	5.4	3.3	4.1	4.7	4.2	3.8	5.4	4.7
10 years	4.9	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.0	2.8	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.8
11 years	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.8	4.4	4.0	4.2	3.8
12 years	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.5	4.1	2.9	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.3
13 years	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.7	3.5	4.3	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.9	2.7	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3
14 years	5.8	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.1	2.7	3.8	2.9	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.3	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.2
15 years	6.1	7.0	4.6	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.8	3.4	3.4	2.2	6.7	4.5	4.6	5.3
16 years	5.4	6.3	6.2	4.7	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.6	2.6	2.2	6.1	6.2	4.6	5.1
17 years	5.5	5.5	6.3	5.7	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.7	3.2	1.5	5.1	4.6	5.5	6.0	5.5	4.9
18 years	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	5.1	3.4	2.2	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.1
19 years	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.4
20 years	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	52.4	52.8	52.6	51.5	49.1	48.5	48.9	48.6	47.1	48.3	49.1	48.1	54.3	52.8	52.2	52.0
Asian	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	<.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.8
Black	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.4	4.1	4.3	5.4	5.4	4.8	4.1	5.7	4.6	2.4	2.8	2.4	3.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	7.3	6.7	6.9	8.4	7.2	6.5	8.5	8.6	8.0	6.9	9.1	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.2
White	30.2	29.8	29.8	30.4	30.7	31.4	30.7	27.9	31.4	31.9	30.1	30.0	29.6	29.5	30.3	28.2
Two or more races	7.5	7.0	8.0	8.4	6.7	7.9	7.8	8.7	7.7	6.7	7.5	7.6	6.6	8.1	8.3	9.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	423	381	420	381
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	358	310	339	320

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.9	3.1	1.0	1.0
1 year	7.8	3.7	5.7	3.9
2 years	9.5	7.3	9.0	7.3
3 years	7.3	8.7	5.7	6.8
4 years	6.9	6.0	7.6	7.1
5 years	4.7	6.6	5.5	6.8
6 years	4.5	4.7	6.7	5.2
7 years	6.4	3.7	4.5	6.8
8 years	4.7	7.6	3.3	4.2
9 years	4.7	5.5	6.4	5.2
10 years	5.4	5.2	5.5	7.9
11 years	6.6	5.2	7.1	3.9
12 years	3.8	5.8	5.0	7.1
13 years	4.0	3.9	5.0	4.7
14 years	4.0	4.5	4.8	5.8
15 years	6.1	5.2	5.7	5.5
16 years	5.2	7.3	5.5	5.5
17 years	6.4	5.8	6.0	5.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	43.5	45.9	48.3	48.6
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	3.8	2.4	1.9	2.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	10.5	8.3	6.8
White	37.8	30.7	29.3	30.4
Two or more races	8.5	10.0	11.7	11.5
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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	176	167	133	168

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.1	2.4	1.5	0.6
1 year	6.8	6.6	4.5	8.3
2 years	11.4	18.0	17.3	14.9
3 years	11.9	8.4	11.3	10.7
4 years	11.4	15.6	15.8	14.3
5 years	11.9	7.8	8.3	9.5
6 years	9.7	4.8	9.0	6.5
7 years	7.4	7.8	3.0	6.5
8 years	6.8	3.6	2.3	4.2
9 years	5.7	3.6	10.5	4.2
10 years	2.8	3.6	1.5	6.0
11 years	3.4	4.2	3.0	4.2
12 years	2.8	4.2	5.3	2.4
13 years	2.8	0.6	3.0	2.4
14 years	2.3	3.0	0.8	1.2
15 years	0.6	3.0	2.3	0.6
16 years	0.6	2.4	0.8	1.8
17 years	0.6	0.6	0.0	1.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	36.4	38.9	44.4	44.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Black	2.3	5.4	2.3	1.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	5.4	9.0	8.9
White	38.6	41.3	36.8	30.4
Two or more races	12.5	9.0	7.5	13.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	96.1	94.3	95.4	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	3.9	5.7	4.6	5.6
Number	689	706	680	643

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	0.28	0.10	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.93	99.72	99.90	100.00
Number	2,863	2,864	2,890	2,832

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	12.6	12.1	9.4	11.7
Guardianship	5.2	5.4	5.7	7.9
Reunification	62.9	60.7	60.5	57.9
Other	19.3	21.8	24.3	22.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,379	1,374	1,397	1,428

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	23.5	31.8	26.9	23.8
Guardianship	7.5	7.0	11.2	8.9
Reunification	35.6	34.5	27.3	34.5
Other	33.5	26.7	34.5	32.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	281	258	249	235

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.5	2.6	1.2	2.3
Guardianship	6.6	3.1	6.5	8.0
Reunification	57.3	59.9	57.5	53.4
Other	35.5	34.4	34.8	36.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	211	192	247	174

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35.8	40.3	32.1	41.0
Children older than 12 at entry	64.2	59.7	67.9	59.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	81	72	81	78

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	10.0	9.9	8.7	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	6.1	15.8	3.8	3.1		
Guardianship	6.5	6.8	6.4	8.2	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	5.1	1.5		
Reunification	55.2	50.5	48.8	48.3	100.0	100.0	60.0	75.0	89.4	77.2	82.3	93.8		
Other	28.4	32.8	36.0	32.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	7.0	8.9	1.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	649	664	686	687	1	7	5	4	66	57	79	65		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.1	7.3	12.4	11.5	15.2	15.8	11.2	11.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	2.5	5.5	6.2	7.7	5.1	3.4	5.2	9.8		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	33.3	68.1	68.2	64.9	48.5	67.7	71.2	72.2	70.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	14.3	19.1	16.5	32.3	12.0	9.6	11.4	7.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	3	1	3	119	110	97	130	433	438	421	429		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.8	15.2	9.5	21.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	8.7	1.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	67.0	59.8	67.6	58.7	80.0	100.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	16.3	21.0	17.4	20.0	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	1	2	1	106	92	105	109	5	2	1	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	83.6	81.8	81.5	83.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.7	14.7	13.7	14.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.8	2.4	2.5	1.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	867	834	845	827

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	73.9	73.7	72.5	73.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.9	12.0	11.7	11.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.0	14.1	15.0	15.0
Missing data	1.3	0.1	0.8	<.1
Number	1,347	1,444	1,455	1,396

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	4.2	2.3	1.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.3	27.1	30.3	32.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	42.5	34.9	34.1	31.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.9	16.9	22.0	18.6
48 or more mos.	14.9	16.9	11.4	15.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	174	166	132	167

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.3	87.1	88.5	86.6	53.2	55.7	56.6	60.1	19.5	19.0	21.0	18.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.7	12.9	11.5	13.4	46.8	44.3	43.4	39.9	80.5	81.0	79.0	81.3	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	1,572	1,694	1,667	1,602	551	467	579	566	737	695	638	656	3	8	6	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	15.9	13.2	11.2	15.0
Other settings	84.1	86.8	88.8	85.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,120	1,236	1,217	1,209

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	133.0	133.3	125.3	129.9
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)	82.0	80.5	80.6	84.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.9	4.1	3.0	2.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.8	59.2	47.0	41.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.3	14.7	16.8	15.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	69.3	49.4	59.7	77.3
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?	27.6	31.3	32.6	34.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.4	30.5	29.1	29.3
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?	21.1	21.0	19.2	22.3
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? ¹⁷	3.5	3.8	11.6	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?	25.9	34.3	35.0	35.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	85.3	74.4	94.9	66.3
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?	24.9	25.3	24.3	24.6
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?	82.2	84.2	84.2	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?	62.8	59.3	54.0	59.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	83.2	84.9	87.4	85.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.4	84.2	86.1	83.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.2	55.7	56.6	60.3
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?	19.6	19.3	21.2	19.2

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,491,242	1,493,252	1,494,958	1,492,136
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6
Black	20.2	20.0	20.1	19.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.7
White	69.2	68.7	67.8	67.5
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	3.0	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	21.8	23.9	25.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	11,586	9,186	9,066	9,629
Foster care entry rate	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,151	6,691	6,644	7,696
Children adopted	1,046	1,001	972	772

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	90	91	86	79
Numerator	10,411	10,465	9,909	8,645
Denominator	11,529	11,528	11,543	11,012
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	82	81	71	71
Numerator	58,362	58,372	44,387	38,166
Denominator	71,565	71,928	62,346	53,849

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	99,918	67.0 per 1,000	90,857	60.8 per 1,000	95,541	63.9 per 1,000	94,320	63.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	11,586	7.8 per 1,000	9,186	6.2 per 1,000	9,066	6.1 per 1,000	9,629	6.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	55	3.7 per 100,000	46	3.1 per 100,000	38	2.5 per 100,000	29	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.6	17.6	16.2	15.9
1 year	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.8
2 years	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.6
3 years	5.5	5.4	5.6	6.2
4 years	5.5	5.8	5.7	6.1
5 years	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.8
6 years	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.0
7 years	5.8	4.9	4.4	4.6
8 years	5.5	4.4	4.9	4.6
9 years	5.4	4.7	4.4	4.4
10 years	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.7
11 years	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2
12 years	5.0	4.8	5.7	5.3
13 years	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.7
14 years	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.3
15 years	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.1
16 years	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.1
17 years	3.0	3.2	3.5	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.4	1.5
Number	11,586	9,186	9,066	9,629

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.2	<.1	0.3	<.1
Black	30.7	22.9	25.9	12.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	3.3	4.2	2.8
White	58.1	47.7	62.8	47.1
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Missing data	6.7	25.8	6.7	36.3
Number	11,586	9,186	9,066	9,629

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.0	2.3	2.4	2.8
Medical neglect	2.6	2.8	1.2	1.8
Neglect	49.2	56.7	55.3	61.1
Physical abuse	23.8	14.7	16.7	14.0
Sexual abuse	31.2	30.0	29.1	27.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,586	9,186	9,066	9,629

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	9.2	5.0	0.0	76.2
Median	<24	>48 but<72	<24	>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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	7,531	7,008	6,511	6,535	6,076	5,901	6,221	6,525	6,456	6,218	6,088	5,364	7,151	6,691	6,644	7,696
Median length of stay (months)	10.1	10.3	8.9	8.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.4	10.4	8.8	9.7	10.2	8.8	8.4	8.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.8	10.9	11.5	12.1	12.6	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	5.8	6.4
1 year	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.2	4.9	4.9	5.7	5.9	5.1	5.2	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.5
2 years	5.4	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.2	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.0	5.8
3 years	4.6	4.8	4.4	5.0	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.8	4.3	5.0	4.9
4 years	3.5	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.9	5.0
5 years	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.1	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.3
6 years	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5
7 years	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.4
8 years	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.4
9 years	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.1
10 years	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.4	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.4
11 years	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1
12 years	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.6	3.2	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.8
13 years	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.1	5.0	4.3	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.2	4.1	3.9	4.6	4.1
14 years	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.1	7.4	7.0	6.0	6.1	4.2	4.0	3.5	4.2	6.2	6.3	5.2	5.6
15 years	9.1	9.0	8.2	8.5	11.2	10.3	9.4	8.3	6.8	6.4	6.2	5.1	9.2	8.6	8.9	7.3
16 years	13.0	12.9	12.7	11.1	14.0	15.2	11.6	10.9	9.6	10.1	8.7	8.2	13.2	13.0	11.4	10.6
17 years	14.9	15.8	15.9	14.2	13.3	13.2	12.0	11.2	16.7	13.9	18.1	18.8	15.5	15.6	13.9	12.3
18 years	3.0	2.5	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	13.4	16.2	10.9	9.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.0
19 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2
20 years	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	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	29.4	27.6	29.2	26.5	26.4	30.6	27.8	22.2	28.5	29.5	31.1	25.2	27.6	28.5	26.2	23.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.2	5.7	5.2	4.5	5.8	5.1	4.4	4.7	4.3	5.7	4.5	4.1	5.6	5.2	4.9
White	61.3	62.7	61.1	64.3	63.6	58.1	61.4	57.8	61.6	60.7	58.2	61.1	63.0	60.5	64.1	61.0
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	0.9	0.0	2.5	2.2	0.2	0.0	2.6	2.5	1.2	0.0	2.8	2.6	<.1	0.0
Unknown	1.9	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.7	2.8	4.8	15.2	2.2	2.5	3.3	8.6	2.3	2.4	4.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,473	1,326	1,692	2,014
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	764	751	562	484

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.6	1.5	3.5	5.6
1 year	5.4	4.8	6.1	8.3
2 years	5.5	4.8	6.8	7.2
3 years	5.6	4.7	6.7	6.4
4 years	4.5	5.4	5.3	6.9
5 years	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.5
6 years	4.2	3.7	5.0	4.0
7 years	4.2	3.8	4.5	4.1
8 years	5.2	3.7	3.6	4.3
9 years	3.7	5.1	4.0	4.5
10 years	4.3	4.2	4.8	3.8
11 years	4.3	4.9	4.3	4.8
12 years	3.9	5.1	4.3	4.5
13 years	4.5	5.1	4.7	4.8
14 years	6.0	6.6	5.4	5.2
15 years	8.1	8.4	7.4	5.8
16 years	11.7	11.2	9.5	7.6
17 years	12.6	12.7	9.4	6.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.4	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0
Black	30.8	26.8	22.8	18.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.6	5.7	6.2
White	59.0	63.0	68.1	69.4
Two or more races	2.8	3.7	0.0	0.0
Unknown	2.2	1.6	2.9	6.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,046	1,001	972	772

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.6
1 year	9.4	10.5	11.2	11.7
2 years	11.8	10.7	9.8	11.0
3 years	8.6	9.1	7.3	8.4
4 years	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.9
5 years	5.1	7.2	7.6	7.5
6 years	5.0	6.6	5.8	5.2
7 years	4.8	6.7	3.8	5.7
8 years	5.7	4.6	4.7	3.2
9 years	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.9
10 years	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.1
11 years	3.9	4.4	3.4	3.4
12 years	3.5	3.7	4.3	3.1
13 years	3.8	2.9	4.9	3.8
14 years	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.8
15 years	4.3	2.6	4.3	3.5
16 years	5.2	2.9	3.9	4.8
17 years	5.2	4.3	4.1	3.8
18 years	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Black	26.6	21.8	17.8	16.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.6	5.4	6.5	6.0
White	62.2	66.2	70.0	70.3
Two or more races	3.2	3.3	4.2	4.1
Unknown	2.2	2.9	1.1	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.4	96.8	96.7	97.0
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	3.2	3.3	3.0
Number	5,173	4,388	4,430	4,566

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.52	0.42	<.1	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.48	99.58	99.96	99.89
Number	13,607	12,909	12,732	13,060

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.2	16.1	16.0	14.5
Guardianship	2.4	2.3	1.6	2.9
Reunification	69.1	70.2	71.6	70.2
Other	12.3	11.4	10.8	12.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.4
Number	6,456	6,218	6,088	5,364

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	29.9	26.4	13.3	16.7
Guardianship	5.1	3.6	2.6	2.5
Reunification	35.5	40.9	62.2	55.7
Other	29.6	29.0	21.7	24.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
Number	335	276	608	711

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	3.2	2.7	3.0	3.0
Guardianship	1.8	1.6	0.7	1.4
Reunification	72.6	75.1	75.0	71.0
Other	22.4	20.5	21.2	24.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3
Number	3,153	3,061	2,854	2,421

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	8.7	10.2	6.3	5.3
Children older than 12 at entry	91.3	89.8	93.7	94.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	678	587	556	508

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.1	50.0	8.3	25.0	10.0	7.7	12.5	7.7	15.1	11.9	9.8	10.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	3.2	3.3	1.6	4.4		
Reunification	81.8	33.3	83.3	50.0	70.0	69.2	75.0	76.9	66.8	71.4	76.8	68.9		
Other	9.1	16.7	8.3	8.3	20.0	23.1	12.5	7.7	14.9	13.4	11.8	15.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5		
Number	11	6	12	12	10	13	16	13	1,841	1,834	1,896	1,352		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	19.5	20.2	18.3	18.9	16.4	17.6	19.3	17.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.1	2.0	1.2	2.2	2.1	1.6	2.7		
Reunification	60.0	100.0	80.0	75.0	68.6	70.4	70.1	69.3	70.1	69.4	68.4	68.5		
Other	40.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	11.2	8.2	9.3	10.7	11.3	11.0	10.7	11.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5		
Number	5	6	5	4	303	267	344	244	3,976	3,777	3,543	3,276		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.0	18.5	5.5	6.0	19.9	20.9	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.1	0.6	1.0	1.1	3.6	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	72.2	75.8	83.0	86.4	68.1	69.6	61.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	9.7	5.1	10.5	6.5	8.4	8.2	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	144	157	200	463	166	158	72	0	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	70.8	70.8	76.7	74.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.8	22.0	17.5	18.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.0	4.4	3.9	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.6
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.5	0.7	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,462	4,364	4,358	3,763

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	80.0	80.2	81.7	83.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.8	10.6	9.3	7.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Number	6,076	5,901	6,221	6,525

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	7.5	8.0	6.3	7.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.5	33.1	38.2	40.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.2	33.2	30.1	29.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.2	12.3	16.3	12.8
48 or more mos.	16.6	13.5	9.2	10.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,046	1,001	972	776

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.1	79.8	77.2	82.4	53.8	54.8	52.0	59.0	34.0	35.8	34.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.6	19.7	22.6	17.3	46.2	45.2	48.0	41.0	66.0	64.2	66.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	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	7,580	7,389	7,724	7,907	3,322	3,101	2,875	3,111	2,705	2,419	2,128	2,042	0	0	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6
Institutions	1.4	2.0	1.0	1.4
Other settings	98.3	97.8	98.7	98.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,924	2,905	3,430	3,808

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	123.0	123.5	128.2	129.4
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	72.6	78.2	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)	7.1	7.4	6.5	6.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	53.6	55.2	56.4	49.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.4	13.0	13.5	11.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	160.0	155.9	157.3	146.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	37.0	41.1	44.4	47.3
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?	28.2	26.7	25.3	24.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	36.6	36.0	37.1	31.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	25.0	23.3	20.9	12.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	74.8	71.4	73.3	77.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	159.0	157.3	161.2	152.6
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?	43.2	44.1	45.1	38.1
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?	92.0	91.5	91.1	91.7
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?	16.2	15.0	13.5	12.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	87.7	89.3	84.4	92.2
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?	78.3	79.1	75.8	81.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.0	55.7	52.9	59.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.0	36.8	34.6	34.0

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	6,765,835	6,895,969	6,879,384	6,960,738
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5
Black	11.6	11.4	11.8	11.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	46.4	47.1	48.5	48.9
White	36.7	36.0	33.8	33.4
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	22.5	24.4	25.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	70,976	69,169	67,269	65,740
Foster care entry rate	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	28,007	26,503	28,860	30,189
Children adopted	4,526	4,976	4,709	4,626

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	61	77	81	91
Numerator	255	324	343	383
Denominator	421	421	421	421
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	77	81	80	78
Numerator	1,369	1,906	2,114	2,390
Denominator	1,774	2,349	2,639	3,046

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	288,034	42.6 per 1,000	292,109	42.4 per 1,000	297,188	43.2 per 1,000	302,621	43.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	70,976	10.5 per 1,000	69,169	10.0 per 1,000	67,269	9.8 per 1,000	65,740	9.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	223	3.3 per 100,000	279	4.0 per 100,000	222	3.2 per 100,000	246	3.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	13.9	13.6	14.1	14.7
1 year	8.7	9.0	8.7	8.6
2 years	8.1	8.6	8.5	8.2
3 years	7.6	7.6	7.9	8.0
4 years	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.5
5 years	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8
6 years	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1
7 years	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.4
8 years	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.0
9 years	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.6
10 years	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2
11 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8
12 years	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
13 years	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4
14 years	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2
15 years	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9
16 years	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.5
17 years	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Number	70,976	69,169	67,269	65,740

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	16.6	17.1	16.4	16.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	45.6	45.9	46.1	47.4
White	31.6	31.1	31.5	30.5
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.1
Missing data	2.9	2.4	2.2	2.5
Number	70,976	69,169	67,269	65,740

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Medical neglect	3.1	3.2	2.8	2.6
Neglect	77.7	78.5	79.7	80.2
Physical abuse	20.7	20.5	20.3	19.1
Sexual abuse	9.3	9.1	9.0	9.5
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	70,976	69,169	67,269	65,740

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	58.5	57.6	69.9	76.8
Median	>24 but<48	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	30,110	28,091	26,591	28,980	13,464	12,574	15,888	16,746	15,567	14,162	13,619	15,537	28,007	26,503	28,860	30,189
Median length of stay (months)	14.0	15.6	15.0	12.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4	17.6	17.6	15.9	15.7	15.1	12.0	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	7.5	7.1	7.1	7.2	22.5	21.9	20.9	20.4	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.2	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.2
1 year	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.8	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.1	11.1	11.2	10.5	11.3	9.4	9.2	9.9	9.4
2 years	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.1	9.0	9.3	8.5	10.7	11.6	11.1	10.9	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.7
3 years	6.8	6.6	6.8	7.5	7.6	7.0	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.6	9.1	9.3	6.7	6.8	7.6	7.8
4 years	6.0	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.8	7.0	7.2	7.7	6.8	8.0	6.4	5.9	6.5	6.9
5 years	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.9	6.2	6.2	6.6	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.2
6 years	5.2	5.6	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.6	6.1	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.3	5.5
7 years	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.9
8 years	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.5
9 years	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5
10 years	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.0
11 years	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.0
12 years	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.1	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.7
13 years	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0
14 years	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.1	2.9	3.5	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.4	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.1
15 years	5.3	5.0	5.1	4.7	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.2	5.0	5.2	4.7	4.3
16 years	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.0	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.3	5.7	5.5	5.1	4.9
17 years	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.1	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.9	5.9	2.0	8.7	8.5	5.6	5.8	5.1	4.7
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	10.5	4.4	1.6	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1
20 years	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	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	23.5	24.2	25.0	24.3	19.8	22.7	21.6	19.8	19.3	21.6	22.7	20.6	24.1	24.9	24.3	23.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	40.9	41.2	41.1	40.8	40.4	40.0	40.2	43.9	41.0	40.4	41.2	42.2	40.6	41.1	40.6	41.8
White	30.1	29.0	28.5	29.2	33.4	31.4	31.9	29.9	33.9	31.9	30.3	31.1	29.6	28.6	29.5	28.5
Two or more races	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.6	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2
Unknown	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	2.1	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	13,374	12,784	13,083	13,418
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	9,919	9,314	8,771	8,995

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.9
1 year	9.7	9.2	9.5	9.6
2 years	8.9	8.2	8.4	9.0
3 years	6.9	7.2	7.6	7.6
4 years	6.8	6.1	6.2	7.1
5 years	5.9	6.1	5.7	6.0
6 years	6.3	5.5	5.7	5.5
7 years	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.2
8 years	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.7
9 years	5.0	5.6	5.0	5.1
10 years	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.7
11 years	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.6
12 years	4.7	5.1	5.0	4.6
13 years	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
14 years	4.9	5.4	4.8	5.1
15 years	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.0
16 years	3.9	3.7	4.3	3.9
17 years	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	27.4	28.4	28.5	29.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	39.0	40.5	39.5	38.8
White	27.6	25.7	26.4	26.1
Two or more races	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.3
Unknown	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	4,526	4,976	4,709	4,626

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4
1 year	13.5	12.0	10.7	12.6
2 years	16.4	16.8	16.1	15.0
3 years	11.4	11.0	11.5	11.3
4 years	9.4	9.1	8.2	9.3
5 years	8.3	7.5	7.8	7.2
6 years	6.4	7.2	7.1	6.2
7 years	5.6	6.3	6.6	5.4
8 years	5.0	5.8	5.6	5.3
9 years	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.4
10 years	4.1	4.2	3.9	5.1
11 years	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.5
12 years	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.4
13 years	2.2	2.3	2.8	3.1
14 years	2.2	2.0	2.3	1.8
15 years	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.5
16 years	1.1	1.4	1.4	2.1
17 years	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.4
18 years	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	17.7	22.8	22.5	21.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	45.2	40.3	42.2	45.3
White	30.2	29.7	28.4	27.0
Two or more races	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.2
Unknown	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	96.2	96.3	97.2	97.1
Children with one or more recurrences	3.8	3.7	2.8	2.9
Number	33,972	32,296	32,674	29,816

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.36	0.20	0.10	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.64	99.80	99.90	99.81
Number	43,574	40,665	42,479	45,726

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	28.9	35.0	34.3	30.2
Guardianship	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.0
Reunification	57.6	50.6	51.3	58.5
Other	11.2	12.1	12.5	9.3
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	15,567	14,162	13,619	15,537

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	33.3	38.3	37.7	37.6
Guardianship	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0
Reunification	43.3	36.2	37.5	41.1
Other	21.3	23.6	23.0	19.2
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,371	4,201	3,922	4,204

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.0	5.1	5.2	6.3
Guardianship	2.4	2.1	1.3	1.7
Reunification	43.1	36.9	38.5	45.2
Other	49.6	55.8	55.0	46.9
Missing data	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,087	1,771	1,837	1,871

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.1	41.5	40.3	38.0
Children older than 12 at entry	59.9	58.5	59.7	62.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,504	1,522	1,533	1,283

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.4	33.3	55.0	36.8	23.5	16.7	12.8	17.6	26.6	37.1	33.8	31.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	3.9	6.7	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.3	2.1		
Reunification	54.8	46.7	30.0	42.1	47.1	56.7	69.2	72.5	55.7	45.4	48.5	55.4		
Other	25.8	20.0	15.0	15.8	21.6	20.0	17.9	7.8	15.1	14.6	15.4	11.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	31	15	20	19	51	30	39	51	3,003	3,061	3,085	3,205		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	31.8	34.9	35.1	32.3	25.7	32.6	32.3	26.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.2		
Reunification	50.0	75.0	71.4	75.0	56.3	52.4	51.9	57.8	60.6	52.4	53.0	61.9		
Other	50.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	9.5	10.8	11.4	8.2	11.5	12.7	12.7	9.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	8	7	8	6,382	5,721	5,614	6,557	5,271	4,524	4,124	4,836		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	32.6	39.5	32.1	24.2	36.1	44.4	44.6	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.2	1.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.2	52.5	60.6	71.2	53.3	45.2	46.5	51.8	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	4.2	5.5	4.2	2.0	7.6	7.3	7.4	8.8	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	264	200	165	198	563	602	565	662	0	1	0	1		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	52.5	49.0	53.5	51.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	39.7	43.1	37.4	43.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.6	4.4	4.2	2.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.8	1.9	2.7	1.4
48 or more mos.	1.4	1.5	2.2	1.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	8,960	7,169	6,993	9,094

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	90.3	90.3	90.5	85.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.6	2.9	2.9	2.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.1	5.9	6.0	6.2
Missing data	0.9	0.9	0.7	5.4
Number	13,464	12,574	15,888	16,746

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	40.3	36.6	35.4	42.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.9	35.4	34.4	28.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.4	14.4	13.5	12.0
48 or more mos.	9.7	10.3	13.8	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,492	4,961	4,669	4,696

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	80.1	82.0	84.3	83.5	54.3	54.3	56.6	57.2	22.1	22.0	21.0	21.4	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	19.9	18.0	15.7	16.5	45.7	45.7	43.4	42.8	77.9	78.0	79.0	78.6	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	16,755	15,494	18,638	20,179	12,547	11,108	11,024	13,641	14,269	14,063	12,815	11,901	3	0	2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.7
Institutions	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.0
Other settings	89.5	90.1	92.3	92.1
Missing data	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.2
Number	11,691	10,849	13,893	14,659

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	115.3	115.5	114.3	116.3
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)	60.8	59.2	62.0	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)	10.8	11.2	10.8	11.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	31.9	37.8	30.0	32.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	4.5	4.0	5.2	5.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	99.7	104.1	112.3	113.5
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?	43.9	39.9	38.3	46.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	25.7	26.5	26.9	25.0
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?	23.1	26.2	28.1	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? ¹⁷	5.0	7.7	8.7	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?	37.8	41.0	44.4	43.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	94.5	95.7	97.2	102.5
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?	23.5	25.4	27.9	26.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	88.7	89.5	88.1	90.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	65.1	67.1	65.8	60.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	84.0	85.0	87.5	87.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.9	81.5	84.0	83.2
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?	54.3	54.3	56.7	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?	22.1	22.0	21.0	21.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	850,682	868,824	871,474	880,309
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5
Black	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.9	16.3	16.6	16.9
White	76.1	75.5	75.6	75.1
Two or more races	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	10.5	12.2	15.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	13,179	13,693	13,712	11,257
Foster care entry rate	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,688	2,754	2,885	2,711
Children adopted	536	502	574	576

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	95	96	94	93
Numerator	2,496	3,736	3,819	3,864
Denominator	2,617	3,891	4,055	4,161
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	100	100	100	99
Numerator	—	24,117	23,859	23,813
Denominator	—	24,117	23,859	23,971

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	31,382	36.9 per 1,000	32,517	37.4 per 1,000	32,299	37.1 per 1,000	29,655	33.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	13,179	15.5 per 1,000	13,693	15.8 per 1,000	13,712	15.7 per 1,000	11,257	12.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	15	1.8 per 100,000	8	0.9 per 100,000	13	1.5 per 100,000	11	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.9	8.5	8.8	7.7
1 year	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.0
2 years	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.1
3 years	6.4	6.7	7.0	6.9
4 years	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.6
5 years	6.7	6.1	6.3	6.0
6 years	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.0
7 years	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.0
9 years	5.3	5.1	4.9	5.1
10 years	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.0
11 years	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.6
12 years	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.5
13 years	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.6
14 years	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.3
15 years	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6
16 years	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2
17 years	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	13,179	13,693	13,712	11,257

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.7
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Black	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7
Hispanic (of any race)	23.8	23.0	22.9	22.4
White	66.4	67.3	67.8	68.2
Two or more races	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.8
Missing data	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.0
Number	13,179	13,693	13,712	11,257

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	45.8	47.7	48.3	44.3
Medical neglect	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Neglect	20.1	19.5	20.2	21.1
Physical abuse	12.9	12.1	12.4	13.7
Sexual abuse	17.1	16.5	14.9	14.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	20.6	20.4	22.2	24.8
Number	13,179	13,693	13,712	11,257

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	106.4	98.2	95.8	98.9
Median	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

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

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	2,698	2,669	2,705	2,830	2,015	2,047	2,211	2,021	2,025	1,962	2,031	2,140	2,688	2,754	2,885	2,711
Median length of stay (months)	10.0	10.1	10.4	9.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.2	11.0	11.3	11.5	10.2	10.5	9.7	10.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.4	5.6	5.0	5.6	13.6	13.1	14.2	11.9	6.2	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.1	5.6	4.7
1 year	5.4	5.1	6.5	5.9	6.9	7.6	8.0	6.8	9.2	8.7	9.2	8.8	4.9	6.3	5.9	4.9
2 years	5.0	4.6	4.6	5.1	6.1	6.8	7.5	7.0	7.7	7.0	7.5	7.4	4.5	4.5	5.2	4.6
3 years	4.6	3.4	4.0	4.8	4.7	5.9	6.4	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.9	7.5	3.4	4.1	4.8	4.9
4 years	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.0	5.6	5.6	6.0	3.9	3.4	4.3	4.5
5 years	3.6	4.0	3.1	3.6	5.2	4.0	4.7	4.2	4.8	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.1	3.2	3.5	3.9
6 years	3.0	4.2	3.0	3.1	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.0	5.1	3.4	3.4	4.2	3.0	3.1	3.2
7 years	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.4	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.4	2.9	3.4	3.4
8 years	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.4
9 years	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.8	3.8	2.8	3.4	4.3	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1
10 years	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.6	2.8	2.4	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.6	2.9
11 years	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	2.4	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.5
12 years	3.3	4.3	3.7	3.4	4.6	4.4	3.5	3.9	2.3	3.1	2.5	2.9	4.2	3.8	3.3	4.0
13 years	5.6	4.8	5.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	3.7	5.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.8	4.9	5.3	4.8	4.9
14 years	6.6	7.2	6.0	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.3	6.2	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.6	7.4	6.1	6.4	7.3
15 years	9.3	8.8	9.1	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.7	6.9	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.1	8.9	9.2	8.6	7.7
16 years	10.6	10.8	10.3	10.2	7.5	8.5	6.6	7.1	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.2	10.8	10.6	10.2	10.4
17 years	10.5	10.8	11.2	9.9	4.9	5.9	4.6	5.6	5.3	6.5	5.8	5.1	10.8	11.1	9.7	11.3
18 years	4.4	5.4	6.5	5.8	0.2	0.3	0.1	<.1	10.8	10.2	10.6	10.6	5.4	6.4	5.7	5.5
19 years	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.8	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.6	0.8	1.5	1.8	1.5
20 years	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.7	2.3	3.2	3.9	3.9	2.7	2.9	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.6
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Black	4.1	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.4	4.6	4.6	2.7	4.0	4.8	4.3	3.3	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.5	23.7	23.3	24.2	26.5	25.4	26.6	24.4	27.6	25.4	25.8	26.7	23.7	23.7	24.2	22.4
White	62.3	62.4	63.9	62.8	60.3	62.3	62.9	66.2	59.9	61.3	63.8	62.4	62.7	63.1	63.2	65.6
Two or more races	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.0	3.1	2.6	2.3	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.5	1.9
Unknown	0.4	1.2	<.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.0	<.1	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.1
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	548	564	555	566
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	360	338	311	339

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.1	6.7	6.7	6.4
1 year	9.9	9.4	7.0	6.0
2 years	6.6	5.5	5.9	6.0
3 years	5.7	5.3	5.2	4.4
4 years	5.8	5.5	5.2	6.2
5 years	5.8	4.4	5.6	5.8
6 years	6.2	5.7	3.8	4.6
7 years	5.3	3.4	6.1	4.9
8 years	5.1	6.7	4.3	6.0
9 years	4.4	6.2	5.0	4.2
10 years	4.4	5.0	6.1	4.2
11 years	4.7	5.3	5.4	6.2
12 years	5.7	5.5	6.1	5.7
13 years	4.6	5.7	5.4	5.3
14 years	5.8	5.5	5.0	6.2
15 years	5.3	6.0	6.8	6.7
16 years	5.3	4.4	5.9	6.2
17 years	4.4	3.7	4.1	4.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.5	0.4	3.1	2.3
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.6
Black	5.3	5.0	5.8	6.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.1
Hispanic (of any race)	27.2	25.2	27.0	22.6
White	62.2	65.4	59.1	62.9
Two or more races	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	536	502	574	576

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.6	7.2	8.7	10.8
1 year	19.6	17.9	18.8	16.7
2 years	12.9	12.4	12.5	11.1
3 years	10.4	10.8	10.5	12.0
4 years	7.6	10.8	7.7	9.0
5 years	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.5
6 years	6.7	6.0	4.9	4.2
7 years	4.9	7.6	6.3	5.2
8 years	4.9	4.6	4.7	5.2
9 years	4.7	3.2	4.2	3.1
10 years	3.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
11 years	2.6	1.8	2.1	3.0
12 years	1.7	2.4	1.4	1.9
13 years	1.3	1.4	2.1	1.9
14 years	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.9
15 years	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.0
16 years	0.4	0.2	1.4	1.4
17 years	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.7
18 years	0.4	0.8	0.3	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	1.6	0.3	3.0
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.5
Black	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	31.7	30.9	24.6	29.5
White	58.8	60.0	68.5	58.9
Two or more races	3.4	3.0	3.0	4.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.9	92.3	93.1	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	6.1	7.7	6.9	5.6
Number	6,405	6,635	6,421	5,761

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.45	0.55	0.55	0.39
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.55	99.45	99.45	99.61
Number	4,713	4,716	4,916	4,851

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	24.5	24.2	27.0	24.8
Guardianship	8.6	8.8	8.4	8.2
Reunification	49.8	52.2	49.3	51.1
Other	17.1	14.8	15.2	15.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3
Number	2,025	1,962	2,031	2,140

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	24.1	24.7	25.3	23.4
Guardianship	10.5	9.5	9.6	8.2
Reunification	40.9	43.9	41.0	43.5
Other	24.5	22.0	24.1	24.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,195	1,174	1,172	1,207

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.1	1.3	1.9	1.9
Guardianship	8.5	9.3	9.7	6.2
Reunification	42.9	49.1	46.2	48.3
Other	47.5	40.3	42.2	43.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Number	623	615	619	646

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14.3	13.0	14.7	14.4
Children older than 12 at entry	85.7	87.0	85.3	85.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	224	193	204	215

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	10.1	11.7	3.6	26.2	0.0	11.1	40.0	33.3	22.5	16.0	15.9	27.1		
Guardianship	12.7	14.3	18.2	8.2	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	2.5	8.5	3.4	17.1		
Reunification	50.6	49.4	54.5	39.3	94.1	55.6	40.0	44.4	57.5	67.0	53.4	34.3		
Other	26.6	24.7	23.6	26.2	5.9	22.2	20.0	22.2	17.5	8.5	25.0	21.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0		
Number	79	77	55	61	17	9	10	9	80	94	88	70		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	22.2	27.3	0.0	17.6	28.3	29.7	26.6	27.6	24.2	23.5	28.8	23.1		
Guardianship	11.1	9.1	8.3	11.8	7.3	9.4	11.5	6.5	9.6	8.0	7.3	8.1		
Reunification	44.4	45.5	66.7	35.3	51.4	47.8	48.4	50.5	47.6	53.7	48.8	53.4		
Other	22.2	18.2	25.0	35.3	12.9	13.1	13.6	15.4	18.6	14.7	15.1	15.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3		
Number	9	11	12	17	558	498	523	572	1,212	1,202	1,295	1,336		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	27.4	29.4	34.0	29.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	8.1	7.8	6.4	14.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	30.0	100.0	25.0	51.6	47.1	55.3	43.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	33.3	45.0	0.0	25.0	12.9	15.7	4.3	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	6	20	1	4	62	51	47	71	2	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	74.0	74.7	74.4	69.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.5	20.5	20.9	25.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.3	2.3	3.0	2.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.9	0.7	1.5
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.6	1.0	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,008	1,025	1,001	1,093

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	85.5	83.1	87.2	83.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.2	7.3	5.7	6.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.2	9.1	7.0	9.3
Missing data	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.5
Number	2,015	2,047	2,211	2,021

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	32.7	28.3	32.8	39.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	52.0	52.1	53.3	45.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	10.9	15.4	7.8	9.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	1.6	2.1	3.8	1.5
48 or more mos.	2.8	2.1	2.2	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	496	474	548	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.3	77.2	79.9	79.9	42.9	41.2	44.1	50.0	15.9	17.0	13.6	12.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.2	21.4	17.7	17.9	57.1	58.8	55.3	49.5	84.1	83.0	86.4	87.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	1.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,584	2,614	2,758	2,677	1,169	1,117	1,177	1,176	958	983	979	993	2	2	2	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.0
Institutions	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.4
Other settings	95.9	97.1	98.0	97.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,354	1,362	1,550	1,368

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	118.1	118.5	123.1	123.5
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)	75.8	76.4	77.7	77.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.7	7.6	7.5	8.6
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	35.8	41.4	35.6	40.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.3	14.4	11.7	11.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	159.0	147.6	155.8	149.8
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?	84.7	80.5	86.1	85.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	14.7	16.2	14.4	14.3
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?	13.8	15.0	14.9	13.1
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? ¹⁷	5.5	3.8	3.2	2.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	81.1	80.7	82.3	80.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	120.1	115.7	119.9	118.9
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	12.7	13.7	13.5	14.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.9	96.9	98.7	97.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	27.3	34.4	32.3	32.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	71.9	74.2	77.9	79.4
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?	73.4	77.0	80.9	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?	43.8	41.8	45.3	51.1
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?	15.9	17.2	14.9	12.7

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Utah utilizes SACWIS system data and Case Reviews regularly to evaluate performance outcomes and services to children and families. For more information on Utah's Child and Family Services, as well as our performance and regular reports please visit our website at www.hsddfs.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 abuse allegations in Utah. Additionally, Utah may have a broader definition of abuse and neglect than is found in some States which results in investigations of incidents that would be unaccepted in other States. These include investigations where the perpetrator is out of the home or unrelated and the child is not currently at risk, dirty houses, alleged juvenile perpetrators, and domestic violence related child abuse. The consequence of Utah's possibly broader legal definitions of abuse is a seemingly higher victimization rate per capita although some changes in the definitions during the last year have resulted in some reductions which can be seen in the most recent year's data.

In Utah, time to investigation is calculated as the time to the initial face-to-face visit with the alleged child victim.

When children have to be placed in protective custody, judges may order custody with DCFS or may order temporary custody with a kinship provider with DCFS supervision and provision of in-home services while working towards reunification. We serve a large number of kinship cases through this intensive service that are not reflected in our AFCARS data. Utah is dedicated to keeping family connections and placing with kinship providers whenever a child cannot remain with their parents. People interested in Utah's utilization of kinship providers will need to contact the State for more information since AFCARS information does not reflect all kinship placements in Utah, thus it is incomplete. If reunification efforts are unsuccessful, children may be adopted by kin providers from these in-home services. Adoptions from in-home services are reflected in our AFCARS adoption file numbers but not in the numbers of children adopted from foster care.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	128,637	126,275	128,735	126,018
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
Black	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
White	92.2	91.9	91.1	90.8
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	13.2	13.3	16.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	677	762	705	687
Foster care entry rate	5.0	4.3	4.3	5.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,214	1,078	953	1,027
Children adopted	182	156	161	134

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	20	19	27	38
Numerator	365	281	394	533
Denominator	1,781	1,518	1,434	1,387
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	58	63	64	61
Numerator	—	946	1,538	2,036
Denominator	—	1,504	2,402	3,312

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	2,948	22.9 per 1,000	4,109	32.5 per 1,000	4,834	37.6 per 1,000	4,325	34.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	677	5.3 per 1,000	762	6.0 per 1,000	705	5.5 per 1,000	687	5.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.8 per 100,000	3	2.4 per 100,000	4	3.1 per 100,000	2	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.5	6.8	4.1	4.8
1 year	4.6	5.4	4.4	6.3
2 years	4.1	4.3	3.1	4.1
3 years	6.6	5.2	4.8	6.7
4 years	5.3	5.9	3.5	6.4
5 years	6.2	4.5	4.3	4.9
6 years	5.6	5.9	6.0	4.1
7 years	5.2	5.8	4.1	4.8
8 years	5.0	4.2	6.5	3.6
9 years	5.6	5.2	7.0	5.7
10 years	5.6	4.7	4.8	5.5
11 years	4.4	5.2	5.5	3.9
12 years	6.2	6.2	4.5	5.4
13 years	7.7	7.1	6.7	5.7
14 years	6.4	8.1	10.6	7.6
15 years	6.9	8.8	8.1	9.5
16 years	5.6	3.4	6.7	5.5
17 years	3.2	2.9	5.2	5.4
18+ years	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	677	762	705	687

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1
Black	1.9	0.7	1.8	1.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.6
White	94.7	96.1	94.3	95.1
Two or more races	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.4
Missing data	1.6	1.7	2.6	2.0
Number	677	762	705	687

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.9
Medical neglect	2.7	1.8	2.7	2.8
Neglect	4.1	3.7	2.1	4.8
Physical abuse	46.1	47.8	34.6	42.2
Sexual abuse	48.4	48.3	62.6	51.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	677	762	705	687

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	110.0	104.4	115.9	79.1
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,281	1,171	1,047	900	642	549	552	661	710	644	653	540	1,214	1,078	953	1,027
Median length of stay (months)	16.8	17.0	16.8	16.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2	18.5	17.8	15.9	17.4	16.7	16.8	13.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.9	3.2	3.8	4.1	10.7	13.5	13.6	11.3	4.1	2.5	4.4	4.4	3.2	3.8	4.0	4.1
1 year	3.5	4.1	4.9	5.8	4.7	5.8	7.1	6.8	5.4	5.6	6.7	6.1	4.1	4.7	5.8	5.6
2 years	4.4	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.6	6.0	4.7	7.7	5.1	6.2	5.5	9.1	3.0	3.9	3.9	5.2
3 years	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.9	4.0	5.7	5.1	4.5	3.8	4.8	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.4
4 years	3.0	3.8	3.2	3.0	4.5	5.5	4.9	4.5	3.9	4.3	5.7	4.1	3.7	3.1	2.7	4.3
5 years	3.1	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.3	5.3	3.4	3.0	4.2	6.1	3.4	4.6	2.7	3.6	3.1	2.3
6 years	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.7	2.5	2.4	5.1	2.0	3.4	3.9	4.3	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.7	2.6
7 years	2.8	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.7	4.0	2.4	3.6	3.1	2.3	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	3.8
8 years	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.2	3.4	1.8	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.3
9 years	2.5	2.8	3.6	3.3	4.4	3.1	3.4	3.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.3	2.9
10 years	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.9	2.8	1.5	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.0	3.1	2.9	3.9	3.3
11 years	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	4.0
12 years	3.2	4.0	4.3	3.9	5.5	2.7	4.0	5.4	3.0	2.0	3.1	2.4	3.9	4.4	3.6	4.1
13 years	5.3	4.2	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.7	6.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.4	5.0	5.5
14 years	7.7	7.3	6.1	7.0	10.6	9.5	10.1	8.2	4.9	2.3	4.3	5.7	7.5	6.1	6.7	5.7
15 years	12.3	11.7	11.6	11.0	14.2	12.4	12.3	11.5	7.6	7.1	6.7	6.9	11.1	11.4	10.9	9.3
16 years	15.6	16.3	13.7	13.6	10.9	8.0	6.0	8.9	7.3	7.9	6.3	8.3	15.8	13.9	12.8	13.1
17 years	13.2	15.9	15.9	13.6	4.4	4.9	3.6	4.1	11.5	11.8	12.4	13.0	15.7	15.2	13.2	12.0
18 years	3.5	1.9	3.7	2.9	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.2	16.6	18.3	15.8	9.8	2.6	4.4	4.1	4.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.6	1.6	1.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.6
Black	3.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	2.5	2.1	3.4	3.0	2.1	3.1	2.1	1.8	2.2	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.4	1.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.3	1.0
White	94.1	95.7	95.9	95.6	96.7	96.4	94.2	95.2	94.1	95.0	94.9	94.6	95.6	96.5	95.6	95.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8
Missing data	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	225	233	177	196
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	180	168	137	136

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.3	3.4	4.0	1.0
1 year	4.9	7.7	10.2	7.7
2 years	6.7	3.9	5.1	6.6
3 years	5.8	3.4	5.1	9.2
4 years	3.6	5.2	3.4	3.6
5 years	4.9	4.3	4.5	5.6
6 years	5.3	4.3	4.0	1.5
7 years	2.7	4.3	3.4	3.6
8 years	5.8	4.3	4.0	2.6
9 years	5.3	6.9	3.4	3.6
10 years	4.9	5.6	7.3	5.6
11 years	5.8	5.6	4.5	8.7
12 years	4.9	5.6	4.5	6.1
13 years	6.7	5.2	5.6	7.1
14 years	8.0	6.4	6.8	5.6
15 years	8.0	9.0	6.8	7.1
16 years	8.9	6.9	10.2	5.6
17 years	6.7	8.2	7.3	9.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5
Black	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	1.7	1.1	2.6
White	94.7	95.7	95.5	94.9
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	182	156	161	134

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.8	1.3	3.1	5.2
1 year	12.1	10.3	13.0	13.4
2 years	10.4	13.5	10.6	14.2
3 years	9.9	9.0	8.7	6.0
4 years	8.8	7.1	8.1	7.5
5 years	7.1	9.6	8.1	8.2
6 years	6.6	7.7	6.8	5.2
7 years	7.1	3.2	6.2	7.5
8 years	6.6	6.4	1.9	5.2
9 years	3.3	5.1	8.1	3.0
10 years	3.8	5.1	1.9	4.5
11 years	6.0	3.2	5.6	6.0
12 years	4.9	3.8	3.7	0.7
13 years	2.2	3.8	3.1	2.2
14 years	1.6	1.9	2.5	2.2
15 years	1.6	4.5	2.5	2.2
16 years	3.3	1.3	3.1	2.2
17 years	0.5	3.2	3.1	4.5
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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	6.0	1.3	0.6	6.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.0	1.9	0.6	1.5
White	87.4	91.7	96.3	88.8
Two or more races	6.0	5.1	2.5	3.7
Unknown	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	98.4	96.2	98.4	95.2
Children with one or more recurrences	1.6	3.8	1.6	4.8
Number	319	373	304	310

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.00	<.1	<.1	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	100.00	99.94	99.94	99.81
Number	1,923	1,720	1,599	1,561

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.6	23.8	24.2	24.6
Guardianship	1.0	2.8	2.8	3.9
Reunification	56.3	57.0	56.7	58.0
Other	17.0	16.1	16.4	13.3
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Number	710	644	653	540

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	17.4	16.2	11.6	23.5
Guardianship	0.0	5.9	2.3	0.0
Reunification	43.0	35.3	37.2	23.5
Other	39.5	42.6	48.8	52.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	86	68	43	34

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.6	2.6	2.4	3.0
Guardianship	1.0	2.2	3.1	3.0
Reunification	65.7	62.8	63.1	68.5
Other	31.7	32.3	31.4	25.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	309	269	255	200

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.1	17.0	22.7	28.3
Children older than 12 at entry	81.9	83.0	77.3	71.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	105	88	97	60

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.5	15.8	7.1	47.1	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	66.7	100.0	0.0	41.7	68.4	42.9	35.3	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	20.8	10.5	50.0	17.6	
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	
Number	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	24	19	14	17		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	12.5	33.3	0.0	25.6	24.0	24.7	23.9	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	1.0	2.8	2.9	3.9	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.1	33.3	62.5	16.7	0.0	56.7	56.9	56.8	58.9	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.9	16.7	25.0	33.3	0.0	16.6	16.0	15.6	13.1	
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	0.2	
Number	0	0	0	0	7	6	8	6	668	612	620	511		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	25.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	75.0	50.0	50.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	50.0	75.0	100.0	
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	4	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	6	4	4	1		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	55.8	59.4	55.9	64.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.0	18.8	21.9	18.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.8	9.3	10.8	8.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.5	5.4	5.4	3.5
48 or more mos.	3.8	6.5	4.1	3.8
Missing data	0.3	0.5	1.9	1.6
Number	400	367	370	313

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	76.2	76.7	76.8	78.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.6	13.7	10.7	10.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.3	9.7	12.5	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	642	549	552	661

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	6.6	2.6	10.8	12.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	47.3	39.2	42.4	31.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.9	32.7	31.0	31.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	8.8	13.7	6.3	16.5
48 or more mos.	5.5	11.8	9.5	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	182	153	158	133

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	69.1	72.2	73.6	71.5	43.7	43.9	45.1	45.3	19.8	18.5	20.9	24.6	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	30.9	27.8	26.4	28.5	56.3	56.1	54.9	54.7	80.2	81.5	79.1	75.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	718	633	622	715	513	449	401	371	692	637	574	472	0	1	2	3

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	4.3	3.4	5.4	5.5
Institutions	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Other settings	94.8	95.7	93.7	93.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	345	328	334	402

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	102.1	95.7	89.9	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)	59.9	60.5	54.6	61.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.9	9.1	10.1	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)	30.9	35.6	35.9	27.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.8	18.2	18.4	15.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	139.2	120.5	133.2	142.4
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?	53.8	41.8	53.2	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?	22.8	27.1	23.5	26.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.0	21.7	18.9	21.9
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? ¹⁷	11.4	9.7	8.5	13.5
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?	80.9	68.4	76.5	83.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	116.8	106.5	115.1	111.4
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.3	27.8	28.9	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?	95.2	93.9	95.8	93.7
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?	44.3	57.7	46.9	50.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	68.2	69.5	72.0	71.0
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?	66.1	68.2	69.7	67.0
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?	43.4	43.8	45.3	45.2
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?	20.4	18.8	21.6	25.1

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 Vermont's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

The Vermont Department for Children and Family's Family Services Division is an integrated system delivering child protection, child welfare and juvenile justice services through 12 district offices. The department is responsible for about 1000 children in custody for abuse and neglect (88% of children in custody), delinquency (18%), or because they are beyond parental control (14%). In addition, social work staff supervise about 200 youth on juvenile probation.

We investigate reports of sexual abuse by any person, not just caregivers. For this reason, 51.8% of substantiated abuse in 2011 was sexual abuse. Also, substantiated physical abuse includes both actual physical abuse and risk of physical harm.

Children can "exit" one part of our system as an abused child and "reenter" as a delinquent child, making our rate of reentry appear quite high. About 63% of children in custody are age 12 and older. This reality has substantial impact on placement stability, length of stay and permanency outcomes.

Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,838,921	1,847,182	1,853,407	1,853,546
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Asian	4.9	5.0	5.6	5.8
Black	21.7	21.6	21.1	21.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.1	10.7	11.1	11.6
White	59.6	58.9	57.0	56.4
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	4.8	5.0
Child population in poverty (%)	13.8	13.9	14.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	5,912	6,068	6,621	6,096
Foster care entry rate	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,206	6,034	5,499	4,861
Children adopted	664	663	747	755

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	19	59	69	75
Numerator	1,776	4,712	5,129	5,071
Denominator	9,358	7,922	7,403	6,744
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	41	75	65	75
Numerator	726	25,913	39,524	29,433
Denominator	1,776	34,566	61,110	39,433

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	59,956	32.6 per 1,000	62,596	33.9 per 1,000	69,952	37.7 per 1,000	66,042	35.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	5,912	3.2 per 1,000	6,068	3.3 per 1,000	6,621	3.6 per 1,000	6,096	3.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	37	2.0 per 100,000	28	1.5 per 100,000	38	2.1 per 100,000	36	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.3	11.6	10.7	10.1
1 year	7.4	7.3	7.3	6.9
2 years	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.6
3 years	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.2
4 years	5.6	6.0	6.5	6.8
5 years	5.9	6.0	6.3	5.8
6 years	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.5
7 years	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.3
8 years	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.1
9 years	4.4	5.0	4.4	4.8
10 years	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.2
11 years	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.5
12 years	3.4	3.9	4.0	4.2
13 years	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6
14 years	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2
15 years	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.2
16 years	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.7
17 years	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.3
Number	5,912	6,068	6,621	6,096

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.8
Black	31.4	30.4	27.9	27.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	10.3	10.7	11.0
White	50.9	50.5	51.4	52.9
Two or more races	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.9
Missing data	3.1	3.6	4.3	3.2
Number	5,912	6,068	6,621	6,096

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.5
Medical neglect	2.8	2.6	2.3	1.9
Neglect	59.5	61.8	62.9	61.0
Physical abuse	27.6	27.3	28.2	28.9
Sexual abuse	16.4	15.5	14.3	14.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	5,912	6,068	6,621	6,096

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	204.4	175.6	190.3	154.6
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	6,935	6,716	5,778	5,232	3,073	2,477	2,677	2,416	2,805	3,159	2,956	2,788	7,206	6,034	5,499	4,861
Median length of stay (months)	17.2	18.4	18.8	17.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.8	19.7	19.1	19.1	18.8	19.8	17.9	16.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	13.5	14.7	13.6	12.9	3.5	3.3	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.8
1 year	4.6	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.6	6.7	7.4	7.2	5.5	5.4	6.3	5.7	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.9
2 years	4.3	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.0	6.6	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.4	6.0	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.4
3 years	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.5	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.3	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.8
4 years	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.4
5 years	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.3
6 years	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.8	4.5	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.8
7 years	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6	4.0
8 years	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.0	4.0	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.7
9 years	3.3	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.8	3.1
10 years	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.5	3.4	3.3	4.0	4.3	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.1
11 years	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.9	3.9	2.5	2.6	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.4
12 years	4.6	3.7	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.5
13 years	5.3	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.7	5.2	4.6	5.1	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.4	5.4	4.5	5.2	4.9
14 years	7.8	6.4	6.7	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.8	3.3	3.3	2.5	3.3	6.4	6.6	6.0	6.1
15 years	9.4	9.3	8.2	8.4	9.4	7.4	6.3	8.4	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.6	9.4	8.2	8.4	7.5
16 years	12.9	11.3	12.0	10.4	9.0	9.5	8.0	8.4	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.3	11.2	11.9	10.3	10.8
17 years	13.8	14.7	13.6	13.6	6.5	6.3	6.2	5.8	15.5	4.0	15.5	22.6	14.0	13.3	13.2	12.7
18 years	1.2	1.8	1.9	1.9	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	19.0	26.7	12.1	4.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	3.5	3.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3
Black	41.4	40.1	36.9	36.0	34.5	31.0	31.7	29.4	37.1	38.3	34.2	34.5	40.1	37.3	35.8	33.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	8.3	9.6	10.1	9.1	11.4	9.2	7.7	7.7	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.1	9.4	9.9	9.7
White	43.9	43.9	45.8	46.7	48.1	51.0	52.2	54.7	48.0	45.4	49.4	48.6	44.1	46.1	47.0	49.6
Two or more races	6.0	6.2	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.2	5.5	7.0	5.7	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.3
Unknown	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,807	1,646	1,622	1,413
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,372	1,097	1,326	1,007

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.6
1 year	5.5	6.2	5.9	5.0
2 years	6.5	8.2	6.0	8.0
3 years	6.5	5.6	6.7	6.5
4 years	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.3
5 years	6.0	5.5	4.9	5.5
6 years	6.2	5.3	5.5	5.2
7 years	6.2	5.3	4.7	5.4
8 years	5.4	5.7	5.1	4.5
9 years	6.6	6.3	5.7	4.0
10 years	5.9	6.1	6.4	5.5
11 years	5.6	6.0	5.8	5.9
12 years	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.2
13 years	6.4	5.1	6.8	5.6
14 years	5.9	7.2	5.8	6.7
15 years	6.2	5.7	7.9	6.9
16 years	4.5	5.2	6.2	7.5
17 years	3.1	2.8	4.2	5.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3
Black	40.3	38.9	35.8	34.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	9.2	10.7	10.8
White	40.5	42.7	44.2	47.3
Two or more races	9.5	7.7	7.7	6.6
Unknown	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	664	663	747	755

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.1	0.9	1.5	0.8
1 year	10.4	8.0	7.8	8.9
2 years	14.5	11.9	11.5	9.1
3 years	9.8	8.6	8.8	9.7
4 years	8.3	7.8	8.7	7.8
5 years	7.4	8.1	7.2	7.8
6 years	8.6	7.5	7.1	5.2
7 years	6.0	6.6	6.2	5.7
8 years	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0
9 years	3.8	5.7	6.0	6.5
10 years	4.5	6.2	5.1	4.9
11 years	4.8	4.5	5.6	5.4
12 years	2.9	4.8	4.7	4.2
13 years	4.5	3.2	3.9	4.5
14 years	3.6	3.6	2.5	3.6
15 years	1.7	2.6	3.2	3.6
16 years	1.4	1.4	2.0	3.8
17 years	0.9	2.4	1.7	2.0
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.4	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.9
Black	34.0	35.0	32.9	32.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	7.5	10.2	8.1
White	47.7	47.5	48.7	48.1
Two or more races	11.3	9.0	7.8	10.1
Unknown	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	97.8	98.0	97.6	97.7
Children with one or more recurrences	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.3
Number	2,566	2,720	2,807	2,696

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.25	0.25	0.18	0.26
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.75	99.75	99.82	99.74
Number	10,008	9,193	8,455	7,648

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.8	20.9	23.4	27.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	46.3	46.9	47.0	45.9
Other	33.9	32.3	29.0	27.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2
Number	2,805	3,159	2,956	2,788

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	24.4	27.2	35.2	37.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	19.8	23.5	16.8	19.3
Other	55.8	49.3	46.3	43.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
Number	328	349	315	285

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.7	1.0	1.6	2.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	34.5	32.5	31.8	35.3
Other	64.8	66.5	65.8	61.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1
Number	1,088	1,166	1,005	875

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	24.9	22.4	20.7	25.4
Children older than 12 at entry	74.8	77.6	79.3	74.6
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	910	952	783	678

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	5.6	36.8	17.9	17.5	21.1	25.0		
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	50.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	50.0	70.8	66.7	42.1	43.3	45.7	41.9	40.6		
Other	25.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	8.3	27.8	21.1	38.9	36.8	36.0	34.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.2		
Number	4	3	0	0	8	24	18	19	1,042	1,211	1,011	963		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.3	21.3	32.3	24.2	20.3	21.3	22.3	27.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	42.6	48.7	41.2	51.2	48.6	47.5	50.8	48.5		
Other	0.0	100.0	33.3	0.0	36.1	30.0	25.0	24.6	31.1	31.2	26.6	23.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2		
Number	1	1	3	0	216	267	260	244	1,345	1,433	1,460	1,354		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.8	19.4	61.9	27.3	28.1	39.7	29.5	36.2	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	69.0	58.1	28.6	57.6	47.5	42.3	52.5	44.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	17.2	22.6	4.8	15.2	24.4	18.0	17.5	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	29	31	21	33	160	189	183	174	0	0	0	1		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	63.3	56.6	58.2	60.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.2	29.8	29.2	28.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.9	9.3	8.3	7.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	2.4	3.0	2.4
48 or more mos.	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	1,300	1,480	1,388	1,279

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	87.8	87.0	87.6	88.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.5	4.4	4.0	5.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.4	4.9	5.6	5.7
Missing data	4.3	3.6	2.8	0.6
Number	3,073	2,477	2,677	2,416

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	2.6	3.6	2.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	22.2	21.5	22.1	24.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	38.6	38.2	29.1	32.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.0	18.0	27.2	18.8
48 or more mos.	18.9	19.7	17.9	21.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	555	660	691	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.5	87.6	89.0	88.5	66.3	69.0	71.4	67.1	39.8	38.4	38.8	36.3	0.0	33.3	50.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.7	11.7	10.5	11.3	33.3	30.5	28.0	32.6	59.7	61.1	60.7	63.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	100.0	66.7	50.0	0.0
Number	3,451	2,951	3,057	2,812	2,502	2,325	1,972	1,935	4,054	3,914	3,424	2,900	1	3	2	1

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8
Institutions	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.7
Other settings	96.7	96.5	97.3	96.4
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.2	<.1
Number	1,391	1,320	1,470	1,566

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	118.6	110.2	120.2	123.0
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)	61.1	55.8	58.7	61.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.2	10.1	8.5	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)	26.4	31.0	28.7	32.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	3.9	6.2	3.2	4.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	71.6	73.5	83.7	93.5
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	24.5	24.1	25.8	27.1
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	32.1	33.0	31.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	13.0	16.0	19.1	23.6
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? ¹⁷	5.8	4.7	7.8	8.6
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?	33.1	37.1	40.6	46.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.0	107.9	108.4	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?	15.0	20.1	21.5	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?	88.1	90.0	90.8	91.5
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?	44.3	45.8	44.1	49.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	103.9	103.1	104.9	101.3
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?	89.8	87.7	88.9	88.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.7	69.4	72.0	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?	40.2	39.0	39.6	36.7

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 Virginia's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) is a State supervised and locally administered child welfare system. Currently, there are 120 local Departments of Social Service (LDSS) providing services in VA. Over the past four years, VDSS has seen reductions in children in care due to several major combined efforts by the State and Local DSS. These major efforts include:¹

- Continuing ongoing data quality management to ensure accurate information in client case records
- Providing financial incentives to place children in community-based settings
- Reducing the number of children in congregate care
- Increasing the reliance on foster family homes
- Increasing discharges of children to permanency based settings
- Developing and expanding real-time access to social services data for State and local staff (SafeMeasures)
- Integrating DSS data with data from other State programs as deemed appropriate
- Implementing select evidence based best practices for State-wide policy and guidance changes

As a result of these combined efforts, VDSS has been able to greatly impact the lives of the children entrusted to our care and ultimately achieve better outcomes. In Virginia today,² there are 2,399 fewer children in foster care than in 2008; a reduction of 32.5%.

Through a combination of data integrity initiatives, managing by data, and enhanced practice, Virginia has improved – by 294% – the number of children receiving monthly visits; helping to ensure that Virginia's children are in safe and stable homes that are meeting their emotional, physical, and mental needs.

Virginia has also seen a marked improvement in the number of children being adopted annually. From 2008 – 2011 annual adoptions increased by 13.7% from 664 in 2008 to 755 in 2011. As a result, the ratio of children waiting to be adopted to those adopted during the year has gone from 48.4% in 2008 to 25% in 2011; a ~50% improvement.

Where child safety is concerned, Virginia has improved the response time to CPS investigations by 24.1% from 2008.

¹ http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/annual_progress_services/apsr2010.pdf

² Based upon *Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011: Report to Congress*

Washington

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,558,023	1,569,592	1,580,986	1,581,757
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5
Asian	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.6
Black	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	16.9	17.6	19.0	19.5
White	64.9	64.0	60.8	60.0
Two or more races	5.4	5.5	7.4	7.6
Child population in poverty (%)	14.3	16.2	18.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	6,738	6,560	7,108	7,113
Foster care entry rate	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,133	11,824	10,886	9,857
Children adopted	1,261	1,634	1,633	1,568

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	13	18	73	81
Numerator	2,045	2,332	9,125	9,464
Denominator	15,781	13,009	12,520	11,643
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	42	52	88	89
Numerator	32,699	7,250	59,647	62,142
Denominator	77,640	13,949	67,587	69,714

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	52,972	34.0 per 1,000	44,900	28.6 per 1,000	51,037	32.3 per 1,000	52,723	33.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	6,738	4.3 per 1,000	6,560	4.2 per 1,000	7,108	4.5 per 1,000	7,113	4.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	23	1.5 per 100,000	21	1.3 per 100,000	12	0.8 per 100,000	20	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	12.8	11.9	11.0	10.2
1 year	7.8	7.6	8.6	7.9
2 years	6.8	7.6	8.0	7.9
3 years	6.8	6.8	7.8	7.6
4 years	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.4
5 years	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.4
6 years	6.5	5.9	6.2	6.0
7 years	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.9
8 years	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.6
9 years	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.9
11 years	4.2	4.7	4.1	3.9
12 years	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.5
13 years	4.3	3.6	4.6	4.5
14 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.9
15 years	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.9
16 years	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.3
17 years	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.2
Number	6,738	6,560	7,108	7,113

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.2	6.6	5.8	5.1
Asian	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4
Black	8.2	7.0	6.9	7.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Hispanic (of any race)	15.9	15.7	15.2	15.5
White	61.9	53.0	54.3	54.4
Two or more races	0.0	8.9	8.8	9.7
Missing data	3.4	6.4	6.3	6.0
Number	6,738	6,560	7,108	7,113

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	77.7	76.5	77.2	79.4
Physical abuse	20.7	22.8	21.6	19.2
Sexual abuse	7.3	6.8	6.6	6.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,738	6,560	7,108	7,113

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	4.8	59.9	53.9	44.5
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	10,940	11,529	9,847	9,460	6,323	5,880	6,254	5,589	6,130	5,585	5,215	5,192	11,133	11,824	10,886	9,857
Median length of stay (months)	16.3	19.2	17.9	14.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.5	17.2	17.9	17.1	17.9	19.1	15.9	15.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	8.1	6.6	7.1	8.3	19.8	20.5	21.1	21.7	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.7	7.0	6.4	7.7	8.8
1 year	9.8	9.2	9.4	10.0	7.8	8.3	8.7	8.1	8.6	7.3	8.1	8.5	9.7	8.7	9.5	9.4
2 years	8.7	8.1	8.8	9.2	6.4	6.4	8.3	7.5	8.7	9.5	9.8	9.2	8.6	8.5	9.0	9.2
3 years	7.0	7.2	7.0	8.1	5.9	6.0	7.3	6.4	7.3	8.4	8.0	9.2	7.6	6.7	8.1	8.2
4 years	6.4	5.6	6.2	6.3	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.5	6.3	7.0	6.5	7.0	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.8
5 years	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.4	6.1	5.9	6.0	4.8	5.4	5.6
6 years	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.8	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.8
7 years	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.6	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.4
8 years	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.1	3.8	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.3	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.3
9 years	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.5	3.8	3.9
10 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.6
11 years	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.2	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.5
12 years	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.5
13 years	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.8
14 years	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.0	3.9	4.7	4.4	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3
15 years	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	6.2	5.1	4.5	4.5	5.7	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.8
16 years	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.8	5.6	4.0	4.0	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.5	5.0	5.4	4.9	4.7
17 years	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.0	4.0	3.1	2.6	5.6	4.2	6.3	7.9	5.2	5.3	5.3	4.8
18 years	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	6.6	5.1	3.0	1.1	2.3	1.4	1.3
19 years	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.5	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	1.7	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	1.9	0.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.4	6.2	7.0	6.4	5.3	6.2	6.4	5.5	4.7	8.2	8.5	8.5	7.7
Asian	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Black	10.0	9.3	9.5	9.0	8.4	8.9	8.8	9.1	8.9	8.8	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.3	9.0	8.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	15.8	16.2	15.8	16.9	15.3	15.1	16.8	17.6	15.4	16.2	15.5	18.4	15.7	15.6	16.5	16.5
White	53.2	52.5	51.6	52.2	53.9	53.0	54.3	52.3	55.5	54.2	54.9	52.4	52.3	52.0	51.6	52.1
Two or more races	10.2	12.1	13.0	12.4	10.7	10.2	10.1	11.3	9.6	10.5	11.2	11.7	10.8	11.9	12.2	12.1
Unknown	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.7	2.7	1.0	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.6	0.0	<.1	<.1	2.2	0.6	0.3	1.6	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.2	<.1	0.7

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	3,015	3,287	3,150	2,813
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,406	2,139	1,785	1,360

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.1	2.4	3.2	2.7
1 year	8.0	9.6	10.5	11.3
2 years	9.7	10.3	10.8	11.0
3 years	9.5	8.2	10.2	9.7
4 years	7.6	7.9	6.9	8.1
5 years	7.0	5.9	6.8	5.7
6 years	6.5	5.9	5.1	5.6
7 years	6.0	5.6	4.8	4.3
8 years	6.2	5.0	4.8	4.7
9 years	5.1	5.7	4.3	4.4
10 years	4.6	5.1	4.7	3.8
11 years	4.7	4.9	3.9	4.4
12 years	4.2	4.5	4.0	3.9
13 years	3.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
14 years	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.4
15 years	4.1	3.6	3.7	4.1
16 years	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.1
17 years	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.2	5.2	4.7	5.4
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4
Black	11.4	9.9	10.1	9.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	18.3	17.2	17.1	18.3
White	52.6	54.1	53.3	53.8
Two or more races	9.7	12.3	13.1	11.5
Unknown	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.6	<.1	<.1	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	1,261	1,634	1,633	1,568

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.1	0.2	1.0	1.0
1 year	13.3	9.7	11.7	13.3
2 years	19.1	17.3	16.1	14.7
3 years	12.8	13.5	10.7	14.1
4 years	10.5	10.6	9.7	10.6
5 years	8.1	8.0	8.9	7.8
6 years	6.9	7.9	6.3	7.3
7 years	4.4	6.9	6.3	5.4
8 years	4.8	7.1	5.3	4.7
9 years	4.4	4.3	5.3	3.9
10 years	4.0	4.5	4.8	3.5
11 years	3.0	2.8	3.9	3.5
12 years	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6
13 years	1.3	1.8	2.3	2.0
14 years	1.8	1.0	1.8	2.1
15 years	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.5
16 years	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9
17 years	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.9
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.4	3.9	4.0	2.6
Asian	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.0
Black	9.7	8.4	8.1	7.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	13.6	18.1	16.4	14.7
White	61.1	55.4	55.0	54.3
Two or more races	9.4	12.5	15.7	18.8
Unknown	2.1	0.4	<.1	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	93.9	93.7	93.7	94.2
Children with one or more recurrences	6.1	6.3	6.3	5.8
Number	2,962	3,204	3,061	3,097

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.38	0.18	0.20	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.62	99.82	99.80	99.81
Number	17,263	17,409	16,101	15,049

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.0	27.6	30.2	30.2
Guardianship	5.2	8.8	10.0	7.4
Reunification	67.3	54.3	50.3	53.4
Other	8.4	9.3	9.3	8.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3
Number	6,130	5,585	5,215	5,192

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	24.5	28.4	31.5	40.8
Guardianship	9.2	11.1	9.2	9.3
Reunification	39.6	34.9	35.2	32.0
Other	26.7	25.7	23.6	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Number	584	416	466	547

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.6	1.4	1.9	1.8
Guardianship	3.6	3.5	6.0	5.3
Reunification	74.7	67.9	60.0	62.5
Other	21.1	27.0	31.8	30.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2
Number	1,586	1,188	1,056	992

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.3	32.6	26.4	27.8
Children older than 12 at entry	73.7	67.4	73.6	72.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	429	454	444	407

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	9.9	18.1	27.7	20.3	2.6	14.7	11.9	17.7	21.9	25.9	26.6	26.9		
Guardianship	11.7	15.0	18.3	10.6	7.7	10.3	6.0	5.1	5.3	10.3	12.7	4.1		
Reunification	60.1	49.4	35.3	52.8	78.2	70.6	71.6	68.4	59.0	50.4	51.7	57.4		
Other	18.0	17.2	15.6	11.0	11.5	4.4	10.4	8.9	13.7	13.4	9.0	11.6		
Missing data	0.3	0.3	3.1	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	383	360	289	246	78	68	67	79	547	494	511	491		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.6	11.5	15.6	30.6	16.8	30.8	31.1	24.3	20.8	28.9	30.9	32.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	3.0	10.2	9.1	8.4	5.2	7.5	8.5	7.7		
Reunification	84.4	86.5	84.4	63.9	74.0	51.2	51.4	57.7	66.6	55.0	50.7	51.9		
Other	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	6.3	7.9	8.4	9.5	7.3	8.6	9.9	8.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0		
Number	32	52	32	36	942	903	806	957	3,401	3,027	2,861	2,723		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.9	10.8	7.8	34.4	18.9	28.5	35.2	40.1	16.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.8	3.6	0.0	3.1	4.8	9.8	14.0	6.6	2.5	0.0	0.0	9.1		
Reunification	77.2	79.5	86.3	56.3	68.2	52.5	44.4	46.9	77.5	88.9	100.0	72.7		
Other	5.1	6.0	5.9	6.3	8.2	9.2	6.0	6.1	3.8	11.1	0.0	13.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5		
Number	79	83	51	32	588	589	586	606	80	9	12	22		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	67.9	70.9	71.3	68.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.8	16.9	15.8	17.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.7	7.2	6.9	8.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.1
48 or more mos.	2.4	2.0	2.3	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,127	3,030	2,622	2,772

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	79.5	77.3	82.0	83.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.6	10.4	7.8	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.4	11.2	9.9	11.0
Missing data	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.2
Number	6,323	5,880	6,254	5,589

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	1.1	1.4	2.3	2.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.4	17.1	21.9	26.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.5	37.9	36.1	32.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.3	25.1	22.4	19.8
48 or more mos.	16.7	18.5	17.3	18.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,167	1,539	1,573	1,569

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.8	87.5	87.6	86.4	61.9	65.1	67.5	67.6	38.4	41.1	39.2	37.4	100.0	78.6	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.2	12.4	12.4	13.6	38.1	34.9	32.5	32.4	61.6	58.9	60.8	62.6	0.0	21.4	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	<.1	<.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	7,005	6,482	6,635	6,170	4,202	3,792	3,687	4,055	6,054	7,121	5,753	4,802	2	14	26	22

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

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	1.9	1.3	0.9	1.1
Institutions	0.5	0.1	<.1	<.1
Other settings	97.5	98.6	99.0	98.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,689	4,467	5,019	4,502

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	108.5	120.1	122.4	119.0
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)	63.8	69.6	72.3	70.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.0	4.4	2.4	5.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	36.0	32.7	30.6	31.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.0	14.3	15.5	13.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	96.0	100.0	116.1	126.5
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	24.5	18.4	24.2	29.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.8	33.4	32.6	31.5
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	25.0	27.9	31.4
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? ¹⁷	15.3	12.8	14.5	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?	43.2	46.6	60.2	64.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	120.0	124.3	123.4	127.6
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?	31.9	32.9	35.7	40.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.3	95.0	97.0	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?	49.9	47.5	52.7	54.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	95.8	100.6	100.9	98.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.3	85.3	85.5	83.2
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?	61.9	65.3	67.4	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?	38.4	41.2	39.3	37.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

Child safety is at the forefront of all 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; and
- Safely decrease the over-representation of children of color involved in the child welfare system.

Washington State exceeded three of the six national standards in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010. This is an 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 – 2011 cannot be compared with prior periods.

In 2011, the percentage of children who did not have a recurrence of abuse increased to 94.2%, while the maltreatment of children in foster care remained very low at 0.19%.

For the same period, the children with disabilities who exited to adoption, rather than another permanent plan increased to 40.8%. The time children spend in foster care before adoption has decreased, with 29.2% adopted between 12 and 24 months after entering foster care. Fewer children wait more than 24 months than any of the previous years in the report.

The Governor and Washington State Legislature are committed to management accountability and performance measurement. Children's Administration tracks performance and reports publicly on safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes and uses data for decision-making.

While we support the federal effort to evaluate States' performance compared to federal standards, some unique characteristics of Washington State's child welfare system make this comparison difficult. Because the scope of this report does not permit clarification of laws and policies that may influence the data, some of the results presented may be misleading without policy context.

We support the federal government's efforts to explore State differences which may impact comparability of the data. This work will assist the federal government and States in using accurate data to support and guide continued improvement of child welfare practice for all children and their families.

West Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	387,394	386,449	386,435	384,794
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	4.7	4.9	3.7	3.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
White	90.3	90.0	90.3	89.9
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	23.0	23.6	25.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	6,077	5,473	4,133	4,139
Foster care entry rate	8.3	7.4	7.4	8.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,447	4,226	4,104	4,377
Children adopted	523	541	662	698

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	22	54	76	91
Numerator	1,601	3,403	4,631	5,751
Denominator	7,239	6,312	6,130	6,351
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	63	80	83	80
Numerator	4,917	17,948	26,706	32,069
Denominator	7,761	22,315	32,076	40,182

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	52,418	135.3 per 1,000	50,280	130.1 per 1,000	39,469	102.1 per 1,000	38,151	99.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	6,077	15.7 per 1,000	5,473	14.2 per 1,000	4,133	10.7 per 1,000	4,139	10.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	1.3 per 100,000	6	1.6 per 100,000	8	2.1 per 100,000	16	4.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.0	10.8	12.0	12.8
1 year	7.3	6.9	7.3	7.7
2 years	7.2	6.9	6.7	7.5
3 years	6.7	7.0	6.9	7.0
4 years	6.0	6.6	7.2	7.2
5 years	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.2
6 years	5.8	6.3	5.6	6.0
7 years	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.7
8 years	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.6
10 years	4.6	4.0	5.0	4.6
11 years	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.6
12 years	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.6
13 years	4.6	3.7	4.0	3.4
14 years	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.7
15 years	3.2	4.0	3.4	3.9
16 years	3.3	3.3	3.2	2.8
17 years	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.4
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	2.6	2.3	1.6	2.1
Number	6,077	5,473	4,133	4,139

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.2
White	86.1	86.2	87.0	87.3
Two or more races	4.4	4.5	4.3	5.1
Missing data	5.2	5.4	4.5	4.1
Number	6,077	5,473	4,133	4,139

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	25.1	29.5	28.9	28.7
Medical neglect	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.4
Neglect	54.8	51.1	51.3	51.6
Physical abuse	24.2	27.6	28.8	33.2
Sexual abuse	5.3	4.5	5.3	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	10.3	11.0	9.4	10.5
Number	6,077	5,473	4,133	4,139

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	4,281	4,285	4,136	3,999	3,205	2,869	2,841	3,277	3,039	2,928	2,873	2,899	4,447	4,226	4,104	4,377
Median length of stay (months)	11.5	11.0	11.6	10.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.5	11.8	13.0	12.4	11.0	11.9	10.9	9.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.6	6.4	5.0	5.8	13.4	11.8	12.3	11.7	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.2	6.1	4.9	5.5	6.1
1 year	6.4	7.0	7.3	6.7	5.5	5.0	5.3	6.0	5.7	6.0	4.9	5.8	7.1	7.2	6.5	6.8
2 years	6.2	6.0	6.6	6.9	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.8
3 years	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	5.5	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.4	5.4	6.2
4 years	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.0	3.2	3.8	5.1	4.2	3.5	5.3	5.5	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.7
5 years	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.8
6 years	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.3	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.4
7 years	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.5	3.0	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2
8 years	3.4	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.6	3.5	3.3	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.8
9 years	3.2	3.5	3.3	4.0	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.7	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.3
10 years	2.7	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.4	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.5	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.7
11 years	3.3	3.0	3.8	3.3	2.2	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.0	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.7	3.2	3.4
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.0	4.1	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.7	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7
13 years	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.1	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6
14 years	6.9	5.8	6.0	6.3	7.1	8.1	8.1	6.8	5.4	5.1	4.5	5.2	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.0
15 years	8.4	7.9	7.6	8.0	10.2	11.6	10.2	9.0	8.1	7.9	6.1	7.5	8.5	8.0	8.4	7.2
16 years	10.0	9.0	9.8	9.1	11.4	13.1	11.5	10.9	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.3	9.4	10.3	9.5	9.4
17 years	9.6	10.1	9.5	9.7	7.9	9.1	9.4	7.2	12.9	11.3	16.9	20.5	10.1	9.7	9.9	9.0
18 years	2.7	2.2	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.7	10.1	14.7	7.1	2.9	2.2	1.2	1.8	0.7
19 years	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	1.3	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.9	6.3	4.6	5.0	5.8	5.2	5.5	4.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5
White	86.1	85.0	85.3	84.9	85.1	85.2	85.7	86.3	87.4	85.1	86.5	85.4	84.5	85.1	84.7	85.6
Two or more races	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.6	6.9	6.2	6.3	6.6	5.8	6.4	6.4	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.3	7.2
Unknown	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.6

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,311	1,229	1,230	1,379
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,047	1,076	1,025	1,087

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.1	2.4	4.0	5.3
1 year	8.7	9.8	7.7	9.4
2 years	8.2	8.8	9.4	8.8
3 years	7.7	7.4	8.1	8.5
4 years	6.3	8.1	7.3	6.8
5 years	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.1
6 years	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.8
7 years	5.7	4.9	5.1	5.8
8 years	5.3	5.7	4.8	5.6
9 years	5.0	3.8	5.8	4.5
10 years	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.4
11 years	4.7	5.3	4.4	4.4
12 years	5.0	4.1	4.9	3.8
13 years	4.6	5.1	3.9	3.9
14 years	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.1
15 years	5.0	5.5	5.2	5.4
16 years	4.0	5.0	4.7	4.6
17 years	4.1	3.9	4.0	2.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	4.6	4.5	5.3	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.9
White	85.8	86.8	82.8	85.9
Two or more races	6.9	5.7	9.3	7.6
Unknown	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	523	541	662	698

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.6
1 year	12.0	12.4	7.4	12.2
2 years	16.3	13.3	15.4	14.2
3 years	11.9	11.5	9.8	10.5
4 years	9.6	7.9	11.8	11.2
5 years	7.1	8.5	8.5	8.5
6 years	7.6	6.1	7.3	6.2
7 years	7.6	7.4	5.6	5.7
8 years	6.1	4.4	6.2	5.3
9 years	4.2	7.4	5.3	5.2
10 years	3.4	5.2	3.6	3.2
11 years	2.3	2.8	5.1	4.2
12 years	1.9	3.9	3.3	3.0
13 years	1.9	3.9	3.8	2.9
14 years	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.1
15 years	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.9
16 years	1.9	0.7	1.8	1.9
17 years	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.4
18 years	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	5.0	3.5	2.6	2.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	0.9	2.0	2.6
White	82.8	86.3	89.1	85.0
Two or more races	9.6	8.5	5.9	10.0
Unknown	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	89.3	91.5	95.6	97.6
Children with one or more recurrences	10.7	8.5	4.4	2.4
Number	2,593	2,507	2,068	1,971

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	<.1	0.25	0.30	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.91	99.75	99.70	99.81
Number	7,486	7,154	6,977	7,276

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	16.8	17.9	22.4	22.9
Guardianship	4.3	5.2	5.3	5.8
Reunification	70.0	71.6	67.6	66.7
Other	8.4	5.1	4.5	4.1
Missing data	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Number	3,039	2,928	2,873	2,899

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	18.9	17.8	18.2	16.7
Guardianship	3.1	2.5	2.2	3.9
Reunification	64.9	70.9	72.8	71.2
Other	12.9	8.6	6.8	8.0
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
Number	966	914	1,108	1,157

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	1.0	0.5	1.1	1.5
Guardianship	2.6	3.3	2.9	3.3
Reunification	81.3	87.1	86.6	86.7
Other	14.8	8.9	9.3	8.3
Missing data	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.2
Number	1,383	1,354	1,202	1,259

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.7	20.8	12.5	11.3
Children older than 12 at entry	76.3	79.2	85.9	88.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
Number	173	72	64	53

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	14.8	10.3	12.0	10.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.9	8.3	6.8		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	70.5	80.0	71.4	76.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	4.9	8.3	6.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	149	185	133	146		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.7	8.0	26.0	28.8	16.1	18.2	23.0	22.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	2.0	1.9	4.5	5.2	5.3	5.9		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	63.8	60.0	62.0	65.4	70.6	71.5	67.3	66.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	20.0	10.0	3.8	8.3	4.9	4.3	4.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5		
Number	3	0	1	1	47	50	50	52	2,655	2,492	2,485	2,475		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	18.2	23.1	33.3	26.0	24.1	21.9	32.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	5.1	4.3	3.8	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	81.8	61.5	66.7	62.1	67.4	69.4	59.3	100.0	100.0	85.7	100.0		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	3.7	3.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	11	13	3	177	187	183	209	4	1	7	12		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	62.4	63.8	62.6	65.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.9	23.8	25.5	25.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.9	5.9	5.8	4.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.7
48 or more mos.	4.4	4.4	4.2	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1
Number	2,128	2,097	1,941	1,934

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	80.5	77.7	78.7	81.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.9	13.3	12.1	10.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.1	8.2	8.8	7.8
Missing data	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.5
Number	3,205	2,869	2,841	3,277

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	2.7	1.4	3.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	33.9	34.9	32.7	33.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	41.0	35.9	37.8	39.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.1	17.6	17.6	14.8
48 or more mos.	6.3	9.0	10.6	9.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	510	524	643	663

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.7	86.7	87.8	86.8	65.4	66.2	65.2	65.1	34.5	36.2	39.1	37.6	100.0	84.6	93.3	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.3	13.3	12.2	13.2	34.6	33.8	34.8	34.9	65.5	63.8	60.9	62.4	0.0	15.4	6.7	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,866	3,603	3,521	3,940	1,860	1,879	1,768	1,815	1,756	1,659	1,673	1,507	4	13	15	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.9	3.6	3.2	2.9
Institutions	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.8
Other settings	95.9	95.1	95.4	96.0
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	1,671	1,482	1,526	1,903

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	110.0	111.3	110.4	115.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.3	68.8	67.0	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)	7.9	8.4	8.9	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)	50.2	47.4	48.5	42.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	17.4	15.4	15.3	13.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.5	101.4	110.8	122.6
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?	36.7	37.7	34.1	36.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.6	27.3	28.2	28.0
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?	28.4	29.4	37.7	41.1
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? ¹⁷	12.9	12.2	15.5	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?	25.5	25.0	25.5	28.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	133.9	134.2	157.8	168.7
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?	32.5	32.0	44.8	52.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.4	89.2	95.5	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?	28.9	29.0	24.6	22.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	100.2	99.5	100.2	99.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	88.1	86.4	87.4	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?	65.6	66.3	65.3	65.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.5	36.4	39.4	37.7

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	1,316,468	1,310,250	1,336,617	1,326,208
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0
Asian	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
Black	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.6	9.0	10.2	10.5
White	75.9	75.5	73.5	73.2
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	13.3	16.7	19.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	5,787	4,947	4,876	5,033
Foster care entry rate	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,610	6,919	6,710	6,637
Children adopted	722	769	755	669

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	29	58	78	92
Numerator	3,092	5,987	7,481	8,682
Denominator	10,556	10,239	9,628	9,486
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	88	75	88	88
Numerator	17,430	31,705	48,230	62,921
Denominator	19,695	42,557	55,013	71,198

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	38,557	29.3 per 1,000	37,550	28.7 per 1,000	39,494	29.5 per 1,000	40,094	30.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	5,787	4.4 per 1,000	4,947	3.8 per 1,000	4,876	3.6 per 1,000	5,033	3.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	2.3 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000	21	1.6 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	10.4	10.3	9.6	9.3
1 year	6.0	6.1	6.9	7.0
2 years	6.3	6.6	7.2	7.3
3 years	6.1	6.4	7.1	6.6
4 years	6.4	6.1	6.3	6.7
5 years	6.4	6.2	6.1	7.2
6 years	5.9	5.7	6.0	6.1
7 years	6.5	5.3	6.0	5.8
8 years	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1
10 years	4.0	5.1	4.6	4.5
11 years	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.2
12 years	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.6
13 years	5.1	5.6	3.9	4.4
14 years	4.9	5.4	5.3	4.8
15 years	5.9	5.3	4.0	4.6
16 years	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.5
17 years	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Number	5,787	4,947	4,876	5,033

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.1	3.4	3.5	4.2
Asian	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.0
Black	18.5	20.4	21.4	21.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	8.0	8.6	9.3
White	53.2	53.2	52.5	51.1
Two or more races	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.0
Missing data	11.8	11.2	9.1	10.0
Number	5,787	4,947	4,876	5,033

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	0.6	1.2	0.9	1.0
Medical neglect	2.0	1.4	1.3	<.1
Neglect	49.0	52.1	53.4	53.2
Physical abuse	19.3	20.9	19.5	20.9
Sexual abuse	28.4	28.1	28.3	28.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,787	4,947	4,876	5,033

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	146.9	168.5	151.0	131.4
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	7,227	7,166	6,529	6,397	4,997	4,524	4,497	4,413	4,619	4,772	4,319	4,179	7,610	6,919	6,710	6,637
Median length of stay (months)	13.9	14.7	15.4	14.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.8	11.2	11.9	11.2	14.5	15.0	13.8	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.1	14.0	15.0	13.7	14.1	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.3	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.2
1 year	6.4	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.7	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.0
2 years	6.1	6.5	6.8	7.0	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.6	5.3	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.4
3 years	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.2	4.5	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.7	6.5	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2
4 years	4.8	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.9
5 years	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.3	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.5	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.2
6 years	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.9
7 years	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.5
8 years	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.6	4.5	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0
9 years	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7
10 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7
11 years	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.5
13 years	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.6	5.3	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.6
14 years	6.4	6.2	5.1	5.0	7.6	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.4	6.2	5.2	5.1	5.5
15 years	8.2	8.1	8.1	6.7	9.9	9.0	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.5	6.0	5.8	8.2	8.3	6.9	6.4
16 years	9.7	9.7	9.0	9.3	9.9	9.4	9.4	8.4	9.5	9.3	8.2	7.6	9.9	9.2	9.4	7.9
17 years	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.3	3.4	4.0	4.3	3.6	11.1	9.8	11.6	10.9	8.2	8.4	8.2	8.2
18 years	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	6.6	7.0	5.9	6.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9
19 years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
20 years	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.5	4.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.1
Asian	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.9	1.2	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5
Black	37.2	37.0	37.1	35.9	28.0	27.7	27.2	30.8	28.4	29.2	29.5	31.9	36.5	36.2	35.4	35.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.8	10.0	9.9	11.1	8.8	10.2	9.8	10.9	8.9	8.9	9.3	9.6
White	44.4	43.9	43.1	44.2	50.0	49.2	50.2	45.6	50.6	49.3	48.8	45.9	44.4	43.6	44.2	44.0
Two or more races	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.9
Unknown	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.7

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	1,361	1,281	1,169	1,179
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	746	641	567	654

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.9
1 year	8.5	6.7	6.6	5.9
2 years	8.3	10.3	9.0	10.1
3 years	8.0	9.1	9.6	10.5
4 years	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.7
5 years	7.2	7.5	8.4	6.9
6 years	6.8	6.2	7.2	6.8
7 years	4.8	6.9	6.2	6.7
8 years	5.7	5.5	6.1	4.7
9 years	5.7	5.5	5.0	4.8
10 years	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.7
11 years	4.5	5.1	3.9	4.0
12 years	4.5	3.4	3.8	4.0
13 years	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.4
14 years	4.6	2.8	3.8	3.9
15 years	4.0	4.8	3.2	3.1
16 years	3.4	3.7	5.1	3.4
17 years	4.0	2.8	2.7	4.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.6	3.4	3.1	2.4
Asian	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.4
Black	43.6	44.3	42.7	42.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	10.9	11.6	10.9
White	37.8	34.6	35.2	37.5
Two or more races	5.8	4.8	5.6	5.3
Unknown	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.6
Missing data	<.1	0.5	0.4	0.3

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	722	769	755	669

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	6.6	6.6	6.2	7.8
1 year	11.4	12.1	8.2	11.5
2 years	11.4	11.7	13.5	11.8
3 years	13.0	11.2	10.3	9.3
4 years	8.3	10.3	11.1	8.5
5 years	6.6	7.4	8.2	8.4
6 years	7.5	8.2	7.2	7.8
7 years	4.7	4.0	6.1	6.1
8 years	5.3	3.8	4.6	6.4
9 years	4.6	5.9	5.0	4.2
10 years	3.7	3.8	4.6	4.5
11 years	3.3	3.4	4.6	4.3
12 years	2.8	4.4	2.9	2.1
13 years	3.6	2.2	2.5	1.8
14 years	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.8
15 years	1.8	1.3	0.9	1.3
16 years	1.9	1.3	1.3	0.9
17 years	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.2
18 years	0.6	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	5.5	3.6	3.4	3.6
Asian	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.4
Black	32.0	31.7	32.6	32.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	9.9	10.7	11.7
White	45.8	46.8	46.1	43.6
Two or more races	6.6	6.6	5.8	7.3
Unknown	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	94.3	95.4	94.4	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	5.7	4.6	5.6	4.6
Number	2,390	2,226	2,178	2,208

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.25	0.24	0.35	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.75	99.76	99.65	99.66
Number	12,224	11,690	11,026	10,810

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	13.4	14.5	16.1	15.6
Guardianship	2.8	5.0	8.7	9.2
Reunification	69.8	67.8	62.2	62.4
Other	12.9	12.2	12.9	12.8
Missing data	1.1	0.4	<.1	<.1
Number	4,619	4,772	4,319	4,179

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	29.8	30.3	31.9	33.1
Guardianship	2.5	3.2	3.8	4.6
Reunification	47.5	47.2	45.0	42.2
Other	19.0	19.0	19.3	20.2
Missing data	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	796	937	997	965

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.8
Guardianship	1.4	2.7	3.7	3.4
Reunification	70.1	70.3	66.6	65.2
Other	25.8	25.8	28.7	30.6
Missing data	1.8	0.7	0.0	<.1
Number	1,683	1,604	1,452	1,343

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.3	28.6	22.7	21.9
Children older than 12 at entry	74.5	71.4	77.1	78.1
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	487	472	449	448

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	15.8	12.0	10.7	15.2	10.3	8.5	7.0	7.3	15.2	16.4	18.8	16.0		
Guardianship	1.0	3.3	6.1	2.8	9.2	0.0	5.6	2.4	3.4	5.5	11.7	11.4		
Reunification	72.9	77.2	70.4	71.9	73.6	76.3	77.5	87.8	63.5	62.3	53.9	56.3		
Other	9.9	7.6	12.8	10.1	5.7	15.3	9.9	2.4	16.1	14.8	15.6	16.3		
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.9	0.0	<.1		
Number	203	184	196	178	87	59	71	41	1,314	1,395	1,273	1,335		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	13.5	17.5	15.5	11.9	13.6	15.0	14.6		
Guardianship	33.3	0.0	0.0	50.0	4.4	2.9	9.7	10.7	2.3	5.5	7.3	8.2		
Reunification	66.7	60.0	100.0	25.0	71.2	76.3	63.2	66.3	72.1	68.5	65.2	64.6		
Other	0.0	40.0	0.0	25.0	9.4	6.7	9.7	7.4	12.9	12.4	12.4	12.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	<.1	0.0		
Number	3	5	2	4	406	489	424	457	2,335	2,353	2,106	1,919		

	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	6.1	7.3	6.3	17.4	21.4	23.9	21.1	26.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.0	1.8	4.2	2.2	1.1	4.5	7.6	9.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.6	81.8	81.3	71.7	68.1	60.2	61.1	52.5	100.0	90.3	92.9	100.0		
Other	8.2	9.1	8.3	8.7	9.3	10.9	10.3	11.2	0.0	3.2	7.1	0.0		
Missing data	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0		
Number	49	55	48	46	182	201	185	179	40	31	14	20		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	72.6	67.9	70.6	74.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.6	20.2	18.8	16.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.4	7.2	5.3	4.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.1
48 or more mos.	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.1
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	3,225	3,237	2,687	2,606

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	75.0	74.9	74.4	76.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	14.4	14.1	15.4	13.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.6	11.0	10.1	10.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,997	4,524	4,497	4,413

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	9.2	9.8	8.5	7.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.7	24.5	18.2	23.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	27.3	28.3	36.0	28.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.5	22.4	23.7	21.0
48 or more mos.	14.2	15.0	13.6	20.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	618	693	697	651

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.3	86.7	87.3	87.5	62.4	64.7	67.9	66.7	39.5	40.7	42.5	44.6	100.0	100.0	95.7	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.6	13.3	12.7	12.5	37.6	35.3	32.1	33.3	60.5	59.3	57.5	55.4	0.0	0.0	4.3	25.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.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	0.0
Number	5,889	5,381	5,207	5,258	2,752	2,642	2,374	2,382	3,558	3,657	3,422	3,162	25	10	23	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.3
Institutions	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.0
Other settings	94.9	95.5	95.5	96.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	3,182	2,956	2,955	3,025

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	97.4	101.8	106.1	103.9
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)	69.7	65.3	67.3	72.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.8	7.6	7.1	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)	48.0	47.8	46.1	47.2
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?	22.6	18.8	17.9	21.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	116.9	118.5	117.3	119.8
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?	35.9	34.3	26.5	30.4
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?	30.1	29.9	31.8	32.1
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?	15.7	18.3	21.3	20.5
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? ¹⁷	8.3	8.2	10.5	13.0
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?	73.5	71.3	75.4	75.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	117.7	119.8	129.1	128.1
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?	24.6	29.8	31.8	31.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.0	94.5	96.7	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?	46.7	46.6	39.8	38.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	98.1	100.6	103.7	103.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.0	85.4	86.3	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?	62.4	64.7	68.1	66.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.7	41.2	43.4	45.4

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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 2008–2011: Report to Congress*.

The mission of the Department is to improve the economic and social well-being of Wisconsin's children, youth and families. The Department is committed to protecting children and youth, strengthening families, and supporting communities.

The five overarching goals are:

1. Make certain children and youth are nurtured, safe and engaged.
2. Engage fathers in the lives of their children.
3. Provide families access to quality early care and education.
4. Promote economic security and stability for parents.
5. Enhance prevention and early intervention efforts throughout Wisconsin.

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 reentry rate.

DCF evaluates and monitors program improvement initiatives related to the CFSR 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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	128,990	132,025	135,155	134,937
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0
Asian	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7
Black	1.8	2.0	0.8	1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.0	12.5	13.5	13.8
White	79.3	78.6	79.3	78.5
Two or more races	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.9
Child population in poverty (%)	11.6	12.6	14.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	713	727	744	718
Foster care entry rate	8.5	8.6	7.3	7.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,188	1,207	1,025	918
Children adopted	84	71	69	66

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	67	71	71	82
Numerator	1,252	1,302	1,185	1,283
Denominator	1,881	1,839	1,660	1,573
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	62	58	64	64
Numerator	4,922	4,606	4,624	5,013
Denominator	7,904	7,936	7,181	7,851

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,880	37.8 per 1,000	5,541	42.0 per 1,000	6,895	51.0 per 1,000	6,478	48.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	713	5.5 per 1,000	727	5.5 per 1,000	744	5.5 per 1,000	718	5.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.8 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.4	13.9	10.5	11.6
1 year	9.3	8.8	7.9	7.7
2 years	8.0	9.1	7.3	7.2
3 years	7.9	6.2	9.0	8.8
4 years	7.7	6.9	9.4	6.8
5 years	6.5	5.6	7.9	7.2
6 years	5.5	4.8	6.7	4.5
7 years	5.2	6.7	5.2	5.8
8 years	4.6	4.1	5.1	5.2
9 years	4.3	3.7	5.4	6.8
10 years	3.4	5.6	4.3	5.0
11 years	3.9	4.0	4.3	5.7
12 years	5.3	5.1	2.7	4.3
13 years	3.4	4.0	3.2	3.1
14 years	4.5	4.3	2.8	2.9
15 years	5.0	2.8	2.8	2.1
16 years	2.2	2.9	3.2	2.8
17 years	1.8	1.2	1.9	2.1
18+ years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Number	713	727	744	718

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.2	1.5	0.8	1.8
Asian	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0
Black	3.4	2.8	1.7	3.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	10.7	13.3	13.1
White	74.9	73.5	74.6	74.5
Two or more races	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.4
Missing data	8.0	11.3	9.3	6.4
Number	713	727	744	718

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (%)⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	9.5	12.7	18.5	18.0
Medical neglect	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.7
Neglect	74.1	68.8	68.8	73.5
Physical abuse	6.2	7.8	6.5	4.7
Sexual abuse	10.7	12.2	9.0	9.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	2.8	3.7	3.5	1.3
Number	713	727	744	718

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	17.0	17.5	15.0	21.4
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	1,148	1,100	1,018	913	1,094	1,137	990	998	1,054	1,030	983	993	1,188	1,207	1,025	918
Median length of stay (months)	10.8	9.5	8.4	9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.5	8.1	8.1	6.9	9.6	9.5	9.3	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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.3	7.0	7.7	7.2	8.0	2.1	3.7	2.6	3.3	3.6	2.8	3.9	4.0
1 year	4.2	4.4	5.7	4.3	5.7	6.0	5.8	4.3	4.9	5.0	4.7	3.8	4.5	5.6	4.0	5.6
2 years	5.4	4.3	5.5	7.1	5.7	5.8	5.5	4.3	6.4	5.3	5.8	4.5	4.1	5.1	6.7	4.7
3 years	4.6	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.1	5.5	4.0	5.6	4.8	4.4	5.0	6.4	5.2	4.8	4.5	5.4
4 years	4.6	4.7	5.7	5.3	4.2	4.7	4.9	3.5	4.1	5.2	4.7	4.0	4.6	5.4	5.4	3.9
5 years	4.9	3.5	4.6	5.4	3.8	3.5	3.8	4.7	5.6	3.8	4.5	5.2	3.3	4.3	4.8	4.7
6 years	3.7	3.5	3.4	4.2	2.4	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.6	3.2	2.8	4.2	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.5
7 years	3.5	2.8	4.0	3.8	2.5	4.0	3.1	3.7	2.1	2.2	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.8	3.4
8 years	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.8	2.4	2.3	3.3	2.4	3.1	2.8	3.9	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.5
9 years	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.3	2.4	2.2	3.1	4.5	3.3	2.2	2.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	4.2
10 years	4.2	2.8	3.4	4.3	2.9	3.2	3.7	2.6	3.7	3.1	3.2	2.4	2.6	3.6	4.0	3.8
11 years	2.8	2.7	3.4	4.3	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.5	3.1	1.9	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.8	4.0
12 years	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.5	4.1	3.3	3.6	5.0	3.0	1.7	3.4	3.6	3.3	4.1	3.2	4.7
13 years	3.7	4.4	4.9	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.1	5.8	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.1
14 years	6.8	7.8	7.1	4.4	8.8	8.0	7.8	8.4	4.5	6.5	5.7	5.9	7.6	7.0	5.0	7.1
15 years	9.8	10.6	8.1	11.1	14.4	11.2	10.6	10.8	9.1	10.1	7.9	8.3	10.8	8.5	11.6	9.3
16 years	12.9	13.1	10.6	9.5	13.5	14.2	13.3	12.0	11.9	14.3	11.3	12.8	13.7	11.5	10.0	10.3
17 years	11.8	11.1	10.1	8.3	6.9	6.6	8.4	8.2	12.1	12.3	13.7	12.0	11.5	10.7	9.0	7.6
18 years	2.7	3.7	2.8	2.1	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	8.0	6.8	7.4	4.9	4.0	3.5	2.3	2.5
19 years	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.2	0.7
20 years	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.9
Missing data	0.3	<.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.6	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)⁹

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.5	1.2	2.2	2.7	1.5	2.6	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.0	1.5	2.7	0.8	1.8	2.4	1.6
Asian	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.0
Black	3.1	4.2	5.1	4.4	3.7	4.0	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.8	4.2	4.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.2	12.8	11.2	12.9	11.4	13.0	12.5	12.4	11.4	13.7	11.0	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.7	13.2
White	76.6	76.8	75.6	74.0	74.0	71.2	75.8	74.9	74.5	73.6	77.2	73.3	76.1	74.2	74.2	75.8
Two or more races	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.1
Unknown	5.1	3.6	4.2	4.7	8.0	8.3	6.2	6.6	7.6	6.5	5.1	7.5	5.6	5.6	5.3	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

⁹ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	97	79	91	100
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	48	38	40	28

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	0.0	3.8	1.1	0.0
1 year	2.1	2.5	4.4	6.0
2 years	5.2	6.3	2.2	5.0
3 years	5.2	3.8	5.5	10.0
4 years	8.2	2.5	5.5	7.0
5 years	5.2	2.5	5.5	6.0
6 years	5.2	5.1	6.6	4.0
7 years	7.2	5.1	8.8	3.0
8 years	8.2	7.6	5.5	4.0
9 years	8.2	8.9	4.4	7.0
10 years	4.1	7.6	9.9	3.0
11 years	8.2	3.8	5.5	8.0
12 years	5.2	7.6	3.3	7.0
13 years	5.2	7.6	6.6	4.0
14 years	7.2	7.6	8.8	6.0
15 years	5.2	7.6	6.6	9.0
16 years	6.2	5.1	5.5	6.0
17 years	4.1	5.1	4.4	5.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.1	2.5	16.5	12.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.4	6.3	5.5	9.0
White	83.5	87.3	68.1	67.0
Two or more races	1.0	1.3	3.3	1.0
Unknown	0.0	2.5	6.6	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	84	71	69	66

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.4	1.4	0.0	3.0
1 year	7.1	8.5	10.1	12.1
2 years	8.3	8.5	15.9	7.6
3 years	11.9	14.1	18.8	9.1
4 years	7.1	15.5	4.3	7.6
5 years	11.9	7.0	7.2	9.1
6 years	8.3	9.9	4.3	10.6
7 years	3.6	1.4	7.2	10.6
8 years	10.7	7.0	5.8	4.5
9 years	4.8	5.6	5.8	7.6
10 years	6.0	5.6	2.9	1.5
11 years	3.6	4.2	2.9	4.5
12 years	3.6	0.0	1.4	6.1
13 years	4.8	1.4	2.9	4.5
14 years	1.2	4.2	5.8	0.0
15 years	1.2	0.0	1.4	1.5
16 years	1.2	1.4	1.4	0.0
17 years	0.0	2.8	1.4	0.0
18 years	2.4	1.4	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	2.8	0.0	1.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	2.4	4.2	5.8	10.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	17.9	14.1	4.3	3.0
White	71.4	78.9	85.5	74.2
Two or more races	4.8	0.0	1.4	3.0
Unknown	3.6	0.0	2.9	7.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹² 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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	95.0	97.1	98.0	99.0
Children with one or more recurrences	5.0	2.9	2.0	1.0
Number	357	340	356	311

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.45	0.13	0.00	<.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.55	99.87	100.00	99.95
Number	2,242	2,237	2,008	1,911

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	8.4	6.6	6.7	6.8
Guardianship	8.3	4.8	5.3	7.8
Reunification	75.8	82.4	76.9	73.2
Other	6.3	5.7	11.1	12.2
Missing data	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Number	1,054	1,030	983	993

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	19.9	13.3	16.7	14.5
Guardianship	8.9	6.2	5.0	6.9
Reunification	59.6	69.9	61.7	65.3
Other	9.6	10.6	16.7	13.3
Missing data	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	146	113	120	173

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2
Guardianship	3.2	2.3	2.2	3.3
Reunification	83.0	87.1	82.0	74.4
Other	12.4	9.3	15.4	22.0
Missing data	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.0
Number	476	529	462	450

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	4.7	8.1	8.1	8.3
Children older than 12 at entry	95.3	91.9	91.9	91.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	43	37	37	24

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	9.5	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	8.8	8.3	20.6		
Guardianship	4.3	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	2.9	5.6	5.9		
Reunification	95.7	76.2	93.3	48.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	72.7	82.4	75.0	58.8		
Other	0.0	14.3	6.7	25.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2	5.9	11.1	14.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	23	21	15	27	2	4	4	1	33	34	36	34		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	6.4	1.9	1.7	8.4	7.1	7.8	7.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	5.7	8.3	12.4	9.3	5.0	5.4	6.7		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	77.5	83.0	79.6	71.9	75.0	81.7	75.4	74.6		
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	3.5	10.2	14.0	6.1	5.8	11.5	11.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	1	0	1	120	141	108	121	785	758	759	728		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	3.8	0.0	2.0	4.1	40.0	0.0	9.1	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	6.3	1.5	0.0	5.4	0.0	25.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.0	91.0	86.0	79.7	50.0	75.0	90.9	42.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	7.5	7.5	12.0	10.8	10.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	80	67	50	74	10	4	11	7	0	0	0	0		

¹³ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	68.3	72.2	74.6	77.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.0	20.8	19.0	15.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.0	3.4	3.6	3.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	0.9	0.7	1.7
48 or more mos.	0.8	1.6	1.5	0.7
Missing data	1.3	0.9	0.7	1.4
Number	799	849	756	727

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	73.4	72.8	70.8	69.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.1	12.2	15.6	14.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.3	12.1	11.0	14.6
Missing data	3.2	2.8	2.6	1.2
Number	1,094	1,137	990	998

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	3.4	8.8	3.0	10.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.7	27.9	31.8	32.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.1	25.0	30.3	29.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	28.1	20.6	15.2	16.2
48 or more mos.	15.7	17.6	18.2	11.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
Number	89	68	66	68

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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.7	82.9	86.2	87.1	60.8	59.1	56.5	60.2	38.7	38.5	36.5	32.7	92.9	100.0	100.0	92.9
Children with 3 or more placements	12.8	13.7	12.0	11.8	39.2	39.6	42.9	39.8	61.3	61.5	63.2	67.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.5	3.4	1.8	1.2	0.0	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	7.1
Number	1,312	1,354	1,226	1,217	487	508	434	377	429	364	337	303	14	11	11	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.4
Institutions	3.3	3.1	3.5	2.7
Other settings	93.5	93.5	93.8	93.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	538	611	516	525

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	116.6	122.0	129.0	123.3
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)	71.3	73.4	75.0	76.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	57.5	56.1	59.8	55.4
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?	15.3	15.2	13.6	15.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	130.2	127.8	119.0	135.5
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?	28.1	36.8	35.4	42.6
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?	32.9	31.1	28.7	25.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.9	20.5	20.9	19.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁷	7.0	7.1	10.7	9.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	78.3	73.5	79.3	78.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	157.0	152.3	156.2	144.4
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?	40.1	35.2	41.6	31.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.8	98.1	92.3	92.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	18.9	17.7	16.0	20.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	97.0	96.1	95.6	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?	85.7	84.2	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?	60.8	60.2	57.1	60.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	38.5	40.0	37.4	34.3

¹⁴ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁵ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁶ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm).

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

¹⁹ 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:

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 2008, although it was encouraged, and the majority of states did submit numerators and denominators for that year. Beginning in 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

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 FY (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 2011 began October 1, 2010 and ended September 30, 2011.

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 2008, 2009, 2010, and/or 2011:

State	Used Sample in 2008	Used Sample in 2009	Used Sample in 2010	Used Sample in 2011
Alabama	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X			
Hawaii	X	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X			
Louisiana	X	X	X	X
Maryland	X			
Michigan	X	X	X	X
Minnesota ⁵	X		X	
Missouri	X			
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X
Texas	X	X	X	X

⁵ Minnesota provided data establishing that, through its sampling of nonvisit cases, it learned that some visits were made but not recorded in the state’s automated system for 2008. 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
<i>Section A. Context Statistics</i>	
Total children under 18 years	U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau
Race/ethnicity (%)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau
Child population in poverty (%)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau
Caseworker visits for children in foster care	States submit data in conjunction with Child and Family Services Plans and Annual Progress and Services Reports
<i>Section B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System)</i>	
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level; 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.
<i>Section C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System)</i>	
Total number (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Median length of stay (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Age of children (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Race/ethnicity of children (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
<i>Section D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption on 9/30 (AFCARS)</i>	
Total waiting children	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Age of children waiting for adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Race/ethnicity of children waiting for adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; 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
<i>Section E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS)</i>	
Total children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 21, Date Adoption Legalized
Age of children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 5, Child's Date of Birth; and Element 21, Date Adoption Legalized
Race/ethnicity of children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 7, Race; and Element 8, Hispanic Origin

OUTCOME INFORMATION

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
<i>Outcome 1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)</i>	
1.1 Recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months	NCANDS Child File: Field 4, Child ID; Field 6, Report Date; Fields 27, 29, 31, and 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level(s); and Field 34, Maltreatment Death
<i>Outcome 2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS)</i>	
2.1 Maltreatment in foster care	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; and Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care NCANDS Child File: Field 4, Child ID; Field 6, Report Date; Fields 27, 29, 31, and 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level(s); Field 34, Maltreatment Death; and Fields 89,108, 127, Perpetrator Relationship
<i>Outcome 3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS)</i>	
3.1 Exits of children from foster care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.2 Exits of children with a diagnosed disability	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 10, Child Diagnosed With Disabilities; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.3 Exits of children older than age 12 at entry	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.4 Exits to emancipation	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.5 Exits by race/ethnicity	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
<i>Outcome 4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS)</i>	
4.1 Time to reunification	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
4.2 Children reentering foster care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 20, Date of Discharge From Last Foster Care Episode; and Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
<i>Outcome 5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS)</i>	
5.1 Time to adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
<i>Outcome 6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS)</i>	
6.1 Number of placements by time in care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Settings in Episode; and Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
<i>Outcome 7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS)</i>	
7.1 Most recent placement settings of children age 12 or younger who entered care during FY	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 41, Current Placement Setting

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
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 2011: Summary of Key Findings

The following are key findings from *Child Maltreatment 2011*. 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 2011* report is available on the Children's Bureau website at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2011>

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 report from NCANDS was based on data for 1990; this report for federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 data is the 22nd issuance of this annual report.

How are the data used?

NCANDS data are used for the Child Maltreatment report. In addition, data collected by NCANDS are a critical source of information for many publications, reports, and activities of the Federal Government and other groups. Data from NCANDS are used in the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) of the states, in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and to measure the performance of several federal programs.

What data are collected?

Once an allegation (called a referral) of abuse and neglect is received by a child protective services (CPS) agency, it is either screened in for further attention by CPS or it is screened out. A screened-in referral is called a report. CPS agencies 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 usually do not determine if a child was maltreated or is at risk of maltreatment.

NCANDS collects case-level data on all children who received a CPS agency response in the form of an investigation response or an alternative response. 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 they suffered, the dispositions of the CPS responses, the risk factors of the child and the caregivers, the services that are provided, and the perpetrators.

Where are the data available?

The Child Maltreatment reports are available on the Children's Bureau website at:

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

Restricted use files of the NCANDS data are archived at the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) at Cornell University. Researchers who are interested in using these data for statistical analyses can contact NDACAN at www.ndacan.cornell.edu

How many allegations of maltreatment were reported and received an investigation or assessment for abuse and neglect?

During 2011, an estimated 3.4 million referrals were received by CPS agencies. The national estimate of 3.4 million referrals also were estimated to include 6.2 million children. Of these referrals, 45 states reported counts of both screened-in and screened-out referrals. Based on these data, 60.8 percent were screened in, and 39.2 percent were screened out.

For 2011, more than 2 million reports were screened in, had a CPS response, and received a disposition. The national rate of reports that received a disposition was 27.4 per 1,000 children in the national population. An analysis of 5 years' worth of data on reports that received a response and resulted in a disposition reveals only slight fluctuations in the number and rate of reports.

Who reported child maltreatment?

For 2011, three-fifths (57.6 percent) 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. Nonprofessionals—including friends, neighbors, and relatives—submitted one-fifth of reports (18.2 percent). Unclassified sources submitted the remainder of reports (24.3 percent). Unclassified includes anonymous, “other,” and unknown report sources. States use the code of “other” for a report source that does not have an NCANDS-designated code.

The three largest percentages of report sources were from such professionals as teachers (16.0 percent), legal and law enforcement personnel (16.7 percent), and social services personnel (10.6 percent).

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 2011, more than 3.7 million children (duplicate count) were the subjects of at least one report. One-fifth of these children were found to be victims with dispositions of substantiated (18.5 percent), indicated (1.0 percent), and “alternative response victim” (0.5 percent). The duplicate count of child victims tallies 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.

For 2011, 51 states reported 676,569 victims (unique count) of child abuse and neglect. The unique victim rate was 9.1 victims per 1,000 children in the population. Using this rate, the national estimate of unique victims for 2011 was 681,000. Comparing 2011 unique count victim data to 2010 data, 42 states reported a decreased number of victims. Other victim demographics include:

- Victims in the age group of birth to 1 year had the highest rate of victimization at 21.2 per 1,000 children of the same age group in the national population.
- Victimization was split between the sexes with boys accounting for 48.6 percent and girls accounting for 51.1 percent. Less than 1 percent of victims had an unknown sex.
- Eighty-seven percent of unique count victims were comprised of three races or ethnicities—African-American (21.5 percent); Hispanic, of any race (22.1 percent); and White (43.9 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 (78.5 percent) suffered neglect
- More than 15 percent (17.6 percent) suffered physical abuse
- Less than 10 percent (9.1 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. For 2011, fifty-one states reported a total of 1,545 fatalities. Based on these data, a nationally estimated 1,570 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 2.10 deaths per 100,000 children.
- Four-fifths (81.6 percent) of all child fatalities were younger than 4 years old.
- Boys had a higher child fatality rate than girls at 2.47 boys per 100,000 boys in the population. Girls died of abuse and neglect at a rate of 1.77 per 100,000 girls in the population.
- Nearly 90 percent (86.5 percent) of child fatalities were composed of African-American (28.2 percent); Hispanic, of any race (17.8 percent); and White (40.5 percent) victims.
- Four-fifths (78.3 percent) of child fatalities were caused by one or more parents.

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 885,003 and the total unique count of perpetrators was 508,849. For 2011:

- Four-fifths (84.6 percent) of unique perpetrators were between the ages of 20 and 49 years.
- More than one-half (53.6 percent) of perpetrators were women, and 45.1 percent of perpetrators were men; 1.3 percent were of unknown sex.
- Four-fifths (80.8 percent) of duplicate perpetrators were parents.
- Of the duplicate perpetrators who were parents, 87.6 percent were the biological parents.

Who received services?

CPS agencies provide services to children and their families, both in their homes and in foster care. Reasons for the provision of services may include (1) preventing future instances of child maltreatment and (2) remedying conditions that brought the children and their family to the attention of the agency. During 2011, for the duplicate count of children:

- Forty-six states reported approximately 3.3 million children received prevention services.
- Based on data from 40 states, 1,046,947 duplicate children received postresponse services from a CPS agency.
- Three-fifths (61.2 percent) of duplicate victims and nearly one-third (30.1 percent) of duplicate nonvictims received postresponse services.

Appendix F

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The AFCARS Report

Preliminary FY¹ 2011 Estimates as of July 2012 • No. 19

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2011 data²

Numbers At A Glance					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	488,285	463,799	421,350	406,412	400,540
Number entered foster care during FY	293,276	280,384	255,161	255,402	252,320
Number exited foster care during FY	294,989	288,762	278,157	257,481	245,260
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	133,682	125,741	114,450	109,456	104,236
Number waiting to be adopted whose parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated during FY	82,020	79,376	71,093	65,611	61,361
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during FY	52,686	55,236	57,115	53,591	50,516

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2011 • N=400,540

Age as of September 30th			Sex	
Mean Age	9.3		Male	52% 209,532
Median Age	8.8		Female	48% 190,932
Less than 1 Year	6%	24,439		
1 Year	7%	29,980		
2 Years	7%	28,235		
3 Years	7%	26,010		
4 Years	6%	22,756		
5 Years	5%	20,279		
6 Years	5%	18,250		
7 Years	4%	16,926		
8 Years	4%	15,895		
9 Years	4%	14,964		
10 Years	4%	14,509		
11 Years	4%	14,583		
12 Years	4%	14,977		
13 Years	4%	17,101		
14 Years	5%	19,993		
15 Years	6%	24,220		
16 Years	7%	29,264		
17 Years	8%	31,101		
18 Years	3%	10,396		
19 Years	1%	3,639		
20 Years	1%	2,619		
			Placement Settings	
			Pre-Adoptive Home	4% 14,213
			Foster Family Home (Relative)	27% 107,995
			Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	47% 188,222
			Group Home	6% 23,624
			Institution	9% 34,656
			Supervised Independent Living	1% 3,868
			Runaway	1% 5,870
			Trial Home Visit	5% 20,568
			Case Goals	
			Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	52% 199,123
			Live with Other Relative(s)	3% 13,420
			Adoption	25% 94,629
			Long Term Foster Care	6% 22,744
			Emancipation	5% 20,635
			Guardianship	4% 14,593
			Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	5% 19,324

¹ 'FY' refers to the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1st through September 30th.

² Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by July 12, 2012 are included in this report. Missing data are excluded from each table. Therefore, the totals within each distribution may not equal the total provided for that subpopulation (e.g. number in care on September 30th may not match the sum across ages for that group).

Race and Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	8,020
Asian	1%	2,296
Black or African American	27%	109,775
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	752
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	83,810
White	41%	164,406
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	8,703
Two or more Races	5%	21,837

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Time in Care		
Mean Months	23.9	
Median Months	13.5	
Less than 1 Month	5%	21,278
1 - 5 Months	21%	85,691
6 - 11 Months	19%	77,015
12 - 17 Months	14%	56,803
18 - 23 Months	9%	36,881
24 - 29 Months	7%	26,314
30 - 35 Months	4%	17,979
3 - 4 Years	10%	40,265
5 Years or More	10%	38,303

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2011 • N=252,320

Age at Entry		
Mean Age	7.7	
Median Age	6.6	
Less than 1 Year	16%	39,697
1 Year	8%	18,920
2 Years	7%	17,028
3 Years	6%	15,670
4 Years	6%	14,160
5 Years	5%	12,379
6 Years	5%	11,320
7 Years	4%	10,202
8 Years	4%	9,339
9 Years	4%	8,973
10 Years	3%	8,303
11 Years	3%	8,118
12 Years	4%	9,141
13 Years	4%	10,741
14 Years	5%	13,132
15 Years	6%	15,878
16 Years	6%	16,288
17 Years	4%	11,220
18 Years	0%	708
19 Years	0%	157
20 Years	0%	59

Race and Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	5,206
Asian	1%	1,744
Black or African American	23%	58,276
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	605
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	51,969
White	44%	111,563
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	8,252
Two or more Races	5%	13,491

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Children Exiting Foster Care during FY 2011 • N=245,260

Age at Exit		
Mean Age	9.4	
Median Age	8.6	
Less than 1 Year	4%	10,780
1 Year	8%	18,542
2 Years	8%	19,190
3 Years	7%	17,448
4 Years	6%	15,221
5 Years	5%	12,932
6 Years	5%	11,756
7 Years	4%	10,627
8 Years	4%	9,722
9 Years	4%	9,178
10 Years	3%	8,558
11 Years	3%	8,032
12 Years	3%	8,040
13 Years	3%	8,196
14 Years	4%	9,238
15 Years	4%	10,874
16 Years	5%	13,070
17 Years	10%	25,183
18 Years	5%	13,370
19 Years	1%	2,540
20 Years	1%	2,345

Time in Care		
Mean Months	21.1	
Median Months	13.2	
Less than 1 Month	12%	30,109
1 - 5 Months	15%	37,413
6 - 11 Months	19%	47,250
12 - 17 Months	15%	36,290
18 - 23 Months	10%	25,237
24 - 29 Months	7%	17,363
30 - 35 Months	5%	12,210
3 - 4 Years	9%	23,288
5 Years or More	7%	16,028

Race and Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	4,656
Asian	1%	1,769
Black or African American	26%	62,454
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	540
Hispanic (of any race)	20%	50,061
White	44%	106,982
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	4,825
Two or more Races	5%	13,318

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Reasons for Discharge		
Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	52%	125,908
Living with Other Relative(s)	8%	20,076
Adoption	20%	49,866
Emancipation	11%	26,286
Guardianship	6%	15,707
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	4,560
Runaway	1%	1,387
Death of Child	0%	343

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2011 • N=104,236

Age as of September 30th		
Mean Age	8.0	
Median Age	7.2	
Less than 1 Year	4%	3,761
1 Year	9%	9,169
2 Years	9%	9,462
3 Years	8%	8,623
4 Years	7%	7,582
5 Years	6%	6,643
6 Years	6%	5,942
7 Years	5%	5,534
8 Years	5%	5,266
9 Years	5%	5,075
10 Years	5%	4,814
11 Years	5%	4,823
12 Years	5%	4,810
13 Years	5%	4,800
14 Years	5%	4,902
15 Years	5%	5,012
16 Years	4%	4,474
17 Years	3%	3,544

Age at Entry into Foster Care		
Mean Age	5.0	
Median Age	4.1	
Less than 1 Year	25%	25,525
1 Year	9%	9,546
2 Years	8%	8,345
3 Years	7%	7,551
4 Years	7%	7,085
5 Years	6%	6,682
6 Years	6%	6,309
7 Years	6%	5,755
8 Years	5%	5,286
9 Years	5%	4,866
10 Years	4%	4,188
11 Years	3%	3,607
12 Years	3%	3,042
13 Years	2%	2,379
14 Years	2%	1,750
15 Years	1%	1,051
16 Years	0%	464
17 Years	0%	99

Placement Types		
Pre-Adoptive Home	12%	12,961
Foster Family Home (Relative)	23%	24,148
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	54%	56,471
Group Home	4%	3,701
Institution	5%	5,534
Supervised Independent Living	0%	85
Runaway	1%	542
Trial Home Visit	1%	617

Race and Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	1,856
Asian	0%	439
Black or African American	28%	29,164
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	190
Hispanic (of any race)	22%	22,929
White	40%	41,655
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	1,440
Two or more Races	6%	6,513

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Sex	
Male	53%
Female	47%

³ Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

Time in Care		
Mean Months	35.8	
Median Months	26.5	
Less than 1 Month	0%	444
1 - 5 Months	4%	4,346
6 - 11 Months	10%	10,207
12 - 17 Months	15%	16,156
18 - 23 Months	15%	15,234
24 - 29 Months	12%	12,450
30 - 35 Months	9%	8,988
3 - 4 Years	19%	20,079
5 Years or More	16%	16,331

Of Children Waiting for Adoption whose Parents' Parental Rights have been Terminated (N=61,361), Time elapsed since termination of parental rights as of September 30, 2011

Mean Months	23.6
Median Months	11.5

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2011 • N=50,516

Age at Adoption		
Mean Age	6.4	
Median Age	5.2	
Less than 1 Year	2%	1,059
1 Year	11%	5,806
2 Years	14%	7,011
3 Years	12%	5,855
4 Years	10%	4,831
5 Years	8%	3,937
6 Years	7%	3,357
7 Years	6%	2,914
8 Years	5%	2,555
9 Years	5%	2,373
10 Years	4%	2,143
11 Years	4%	1,871
12 Years	3%	1,645
13 Years	3%	1,387
14 Years	2%	1,132
15 Years	2%	919
16 Years	2%	898
17 Years	1%	641
18 Years	0%	149
19 Years	0%	20
20 Years	0%	6

Time elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		
Mean Months	13.6	
Median Months	9.7	
Less than 1 Month	3%	1,275
1-5 Months	25%	12,622
6-11 Months	33%	16,510
12-17 Months	17%	8,491
18-23 Months	9%	4,276
24-29 Months	5%	2,418
30-35 Months	3%	1,383
3-4 Years	4%	2,019
5 Years or more	2%	803

Race and Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	773
Asian	0%	233
Black or African American	23%	11,719
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	82
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	10,757
White	45%	22,864
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	451
Two or more Races	7%	3,634

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Adoptive Family Structure		
Married Couple	68%	33,718
Unmarried Couple	2%	1,114
Single Female	27%	13,331
Single Male	3%	1,415

Sex	
Male	51%
Female	49%

Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption		
Non-Relative	15%	7,196
Foster Parent	54%	25,610
Stepparent	0%	49
Other Relative	31%	14,462

Receive Adoption Subsidy		
Yes	90%	45,504
No	10%	5,003