

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Child maltreatment is a serious problem that has grave and costly consequences for the child, his or her family and the community at-large. A child who has experienced abuse and neglect is more likely to have social, emotional and physical health problems and perform poorly in school.

Indicator

Child Abuse Reports

Reported incidents of suspected child abuse through the ChildLine and Abuse Registry. Does not include General Protective Services reports, which include less severe general neglect reports.
(Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)

Indicator	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		Rural % Change 2008 to 2012	State % Change 2008 to 2012
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Child Abuse Reports	2,570	25,655	2,231	25,342	2,198	24,615	2,246	24,378	2,590	26,664	0.8%	3.9%
	12.1	9.2	10.5	9.1	10.4	8.8	10.6	8.7	12.2	9.5		

Child Abuse Substantiations

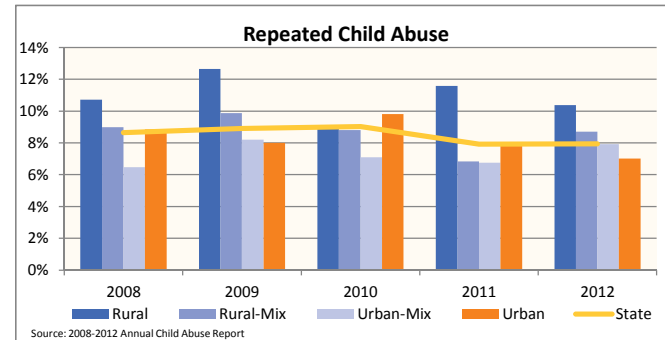
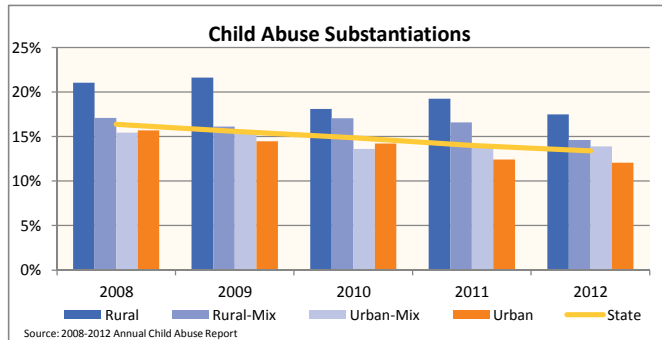
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse. Does not include the number of children determined to need General Protective Services.

Indicator	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Rural % Change 2008 to 2012	State % Change 2008 to 2012
Child Abuse Substantiations	21.1%	16.4%	21.6%	15.6%	18.1%	-16.9%	-18.4%

Repeated Child Abuse

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse following the first reported incident.
(Data may be overstated.)

Indicator	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Rural % Change 2008 to 2012	State % Change 2008 to 2012
Repeated Child Abuse	10.7%	8.6%	12.7%	8.9%	9.0%	-3.2%	-8.1%
	1 in 9	1 in 12	1 in 8	1 in 11	1 in 11		



IN-HOME SERVICES

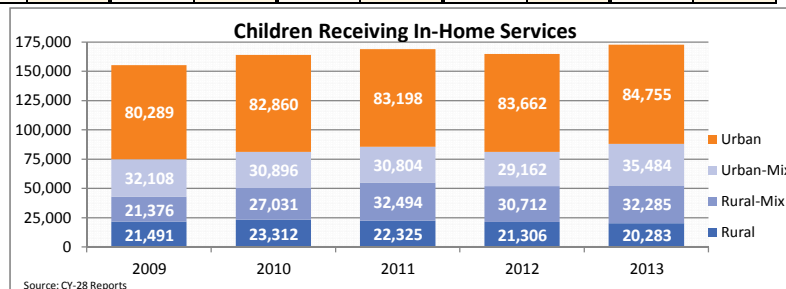
In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home.

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

Children whose families received services in their homes to address concerns related to child safety and well-being during the year.

Indicator	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	21,491	155,264	23,312	164,099	22,325	168,821	21,306	164,842	20,283	172,807	-5.6%	11.3%



State of Child Welfare 2014

Rural

FOSTER CARE - SERVED

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

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

All Children in Foster Care During the Year
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	1,951	29,024	1,709	25,894	1,692	22,750	1,615	22,000	1,462	21,416	-25.1%	-26.2%
	7.4	8.6	6.5	7.7	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.5	5.6	6.4		

By Age

Age Group	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	16.8%	16.5%	17.0%	16.8%	17.0%	18.2%	16.9%	18.9%	18.5%	19.2%	10.2%	16.8%
3-5	12.4%	13.5%	14.0%	13.9%	15.6%	15.1%	16.6%	15.6%	15.7%	15.9%	26.8%	17.3%
6-8	10.1%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	10.8%	10.5%	10.5%	10.8%	11.7%	11.5%	15.8%	10.4%
9-11	9.0%	9.0%	9.9%	8.9%	9.1%	8.9%	9.7%	8.9%	8.8%	8.9%	-1.6%	-1.1%
12-14	14.8%	12.5%	13.1%	11.9%	14.3%	12.1%	13.9%	12.0%	13.2%	11.4%	-10.6%	-8.5%
15-17	29.1%	28.1%	29.0%	27.6%	26.7%	24.8%	24.8%	23.3%	23.6%	22.3%	-18.8%	-20.6%
18-20	8.0%	9.9%	6.8%	10.5%	6.6%	10.4%	7.6%	10.5%	8.5%	10.7%	6.9%	7.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.5%	10.3%	9.8%	10.5%	11.5%	11.7%	11.4%	12.2%	12.4%	11.9%	18.5%	15.9%
Youth (age 13+)	48.6%	47.4%	45.0%	46.9%	43.7%	44.2%	42.5%	42.7%	42.2%	41.5%	-13.2%	-12.4%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
White	92.3%	48.9%	93.4%	49.3%	93.0%	52.8%	94.1%	56.4%	95.5%	57.1%	3.4%	16.7%
Black or African American	7.2%	45.6%	6.7%	47.5%	6.4%	46.5%	6.3%	44.1%	6.9%	45.0%	-3.7%	-1.3%
Other	1.5%	6.2%	1.2%	4.4%	1.7%	2.6%	1.3%	2.9%	0.5%	2.0%	-64.4%	-68.1%
Hispanic or Latino	2.7%	10.2%	2.8%	11.3%	3.4%	11.6%	2.8%	12.0%	2.8%	12.5%	5.2%	21.7%

By Gender

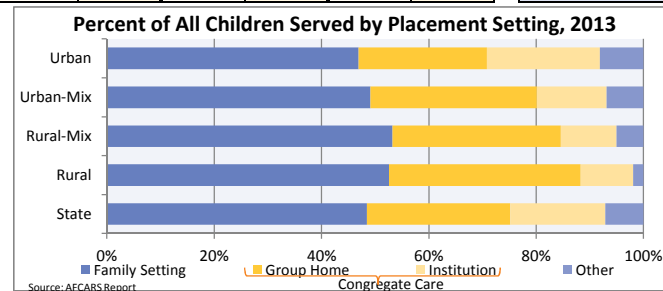
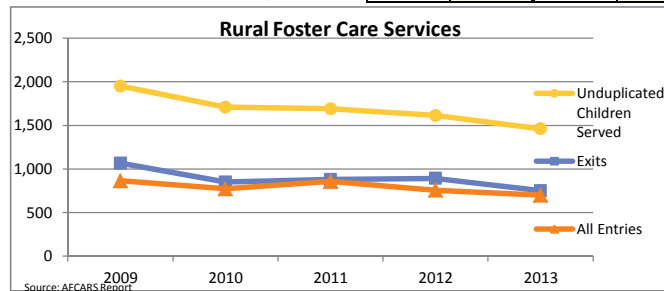
Gender	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	54.9%	53.6%	54.8%	53.1%	54.4%	50.7%	53.4%	50.5%	52.9%	50.8%	-3.6%	-5.3%
Female	45.1%	46.4%	45.2%	46.9%	45.6%	49.3%	46.6%	49.5%	47.1%	49.2%	4.5%	6.1%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	69.9%	68.5%	70.7%	69.2%	73.8%	72.0%	75.7%	72.8%	73.8%	73.4%	5.6%	7.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	4.0%	4.4%	3.7%	4.3%	3.1%	3.9%	3.0%	3.2%	4.2%	3.4%	6.1%	-22.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative	16.5%	21.5%	19.1%	22.2%	20.2%	23.5%	23.1%	24.4%	22.0%	24.8%	33.0%	15.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	49.4%	42.6%	47.9%	42.7%	50.5%	44.5%	49.7%	45.2%	47.6%	45.2%	-3.7%	6.1%
Congregate Care	25.3%	25.9%	25.6%	24.0%	22.6%	20.6%	19.9%	20.6%	20.0%	19.6%	-21.1%	-24.5%
Group Home	17.5%	12.7%	18.7%	12.2%	16.1%	11.7%	14.7%	12.5%	14.2%	12.1%	-18.6%	-5.0%
Institution	7.8%	13.2%	6.8%	11.9%	6.4%	8.9%	5.2%	8.0%	5.7%	7.5%	-26.7%	-43.3%
Supervised Independent Living	0.3%	1.8%	0.5%	2.0%	0.5%	2.2%	1.1%	1.8%	1.4%	2.0%	460.5%	14.6%
Runaway	0.3%	0.7%	0.1%	2.1%	0.1%	2.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.2%	1.8%	-19.9%	176.8%
Trial Home Visit	4.3%	3.1%	3.2%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	4.6%	3.2%	7.7%	1.5%

Children Entering Foster Care

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Rural % Change	State % Change					
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	865	11,630	774	10,898	857	9,849	757	9,793	700	9,306	-19.1%	-20.0%



FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

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

Indicator

Children Entering for the First Time

First Time Entries During the Year
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries

Indicator	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	615	7,699	553	7,083	637	6,979	568	7,018	546	6,698	-11.2%	-13.0%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	71.1%	66.2%	71.4%	65.0%	74.3%	70.9%	75.0%	71.7%	78.0%	72.0%	9.7%	8.7%

By Age

Age Group	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
0-2	29.9%	30.8%	28.2%	30.9%	27.3%	31.7%	28.0%	32.2%	30.2%	32.8%	1.0%	6.2%
3-5	8.3%	11.6%	13.4%	12.6%	12.1%	14.1%	14.3%	14.2%	13.9%	14.6%	67.9%	26.4%
6-8	10.1%	8.7%	9.9%	8.6%	8.0%	9.3%	9.7%	10.1%	10.8%	10.0%	7.2%	15.6%
9-11	7.5%	7.9%	6.5%	7.8%	8.8%	7.9%	9.3%	8.6%	8.8%	8.2%	17.5%	4.2%
12-14	17.4%	15.2%	12.8%	15.3%	17.9%	14.7%	15.1%	14.4%	15.6%	13.5%	-10.5%	-11.8%
15-17	26.7%	25.5%	29.1%	24.8%	25.9%	22.2%	23.6%	20.4%	20.5%	20.8%	-23.1%	-18.2%
18-20	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	12.6%	-75.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	23.1%	25.1%	21.5%	25.1%	21.7%	25.7%	21.5%	26.2%	24.5%	26.4%	6.3%	5.1%
Youth (age 13+)	40.8%	38.0%	37.6%	36.8%	39.7%	33.8%	35.4%	31.2%	32.2%	31.4%	-21.0%	-17.2%

By Race and Ethnicity

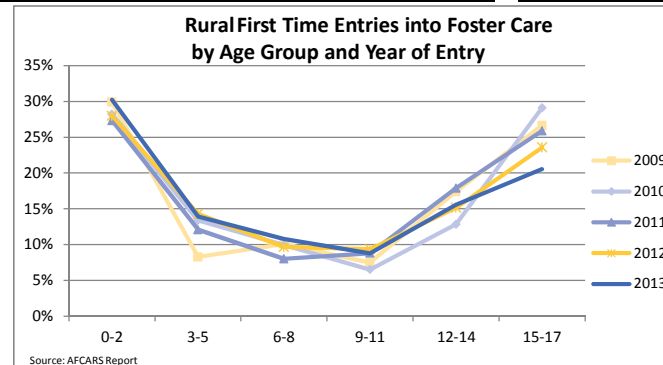
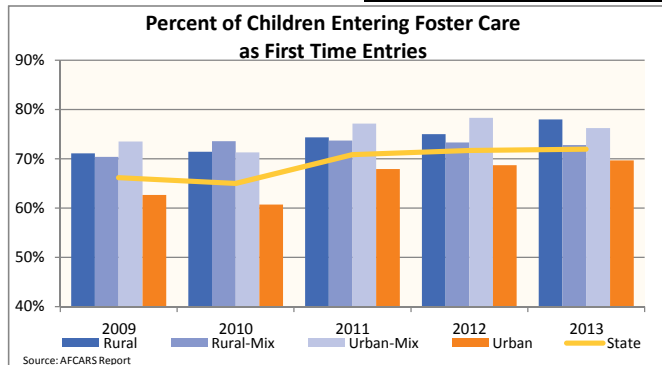
Race/Ethnicity	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
White	93.2%	54.4%	94.8%	56.2%	92.3%	59.2%	93.0%	62.0%	94.9%	62.1%	1.8%	14.2%
Black or African American	5.2%	37.9%	4.9%	41.3%	6.4%	40.4%	6.7%	37.7%	7.5%	39.2%	44.3%	3.5%
Other	2.4%	8.5%	1.4%	4.0%	1.9%	2.3%	1.6%	3.4%	1.8%	2.6%	-24.9%	-69.0%
Hispanic or Latino	2.1%	11.2%	3.6%	12.8%	3.6%	12.4%	1.8%	11.7%	2.9%	13.0%	38.6%	16.6%

By Gender

Gender	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Male	55.9%	52.8%	52.6%	51.4%	52.9%	49.6%	49.8%	49.9%	49.5%	50.1%	-11.6%	-5.1%
Female	44.1%	47.2%	47.4%	48.6%	47.1%	50.4%	50.2%	50.1%	50.5%	49.9%	14.7%	5.7%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Family Setting	71.4%	69.9%	69.4%	71.6%	72.1%	74.8%	77.8%	76.4%	77.5%	76.7%	8.5%	9.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	-	62.8%
Foster Family Home – Relative	17.2%	23.7%	20.4%	24.1%	25.0%	25.0%	27.8%	25.8%	25.8%	27.2%	49.8%	14.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.1%	46.0%	48.6%	47.3%	47.1%	49.5%	49.8%	50.4%	51.5%	49.3%	-5.0%	7.1%
Congregate Care	27.5%	28.2%	29.5%	26.2%	26.5%	22.4%	21.1%	21.1%	21.2%	21.0%	-22.7%	-25.3%
Group Home	21.6%	16.1%	22.8%	16.3%	22.0%	14.8%	18.3%	14.7%	16.1%	15.0%	-25.5%	-6.6%
Institution	5.9%	12.0%	6.7%	9.9%	4.6%	7.6%	2.8%	6.4%	5.1%	6.0%	-12.4%	-50.3%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	-	-48.3%
Runaway	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	-	70.3%
Trial Home Visit	1.1%	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.9%	0.9%	1.9%	0.7%	1.5%	-35.6%	12.7%



FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

Data on re-entries provides information on children who come back into foster care because of new or continuing challenges at home. Some children experience numerous foster care episodes or cycle in an out of the system. Others can experience large spans of time between foster care episodes, which is why the age of children who typically re-enter is older.

Indicator

Children Re-Entering Foster Care

Re-Entries During the Year
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Re-Entries During the Year	250	3,931	221	3,815	220	2,870	189	2,775	154	2,608	-38.4%	-33.7%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	28.9%	33.8%	28.6%	35.0%	25.7%	29.1%	25.0%	28.3%	22.0%	28.0%	-23.9%	-17.1%

By Age

0-2
3-5
6-8
9-11
12-14
15-17
18-20
Infants (age 0-1)
Youth (age 13+)

Age Group	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
0-2	11.6%	8.1%	12.7%	8.4%	13.2%	8.8%	11.1%	8.5%	5.2%	6.6%	-55.2%	-17.7%
3-5	8.0%	7.1%	12.2%	6.9%	13.2%	7.9%	16.4%	9.5%	9.1%	7.8%	13.6%	10.6%
6-8	7.6%	6.2%	7.7%	6.4%	5.9%	7.5%	6.9%	6.5%	7.8%	7.4%	2.5%	20.3%
9-11	7.6%	6.1%	9.5%	6.9%	7.7%	6.5%	5.8%	7.4%	5.8%	6.3%	-23.1%	3.2%
12-14	20.8%	18.8%	17.6%	18.3%	18.2%	19.7%	17.5%	21.7%	20.1%	18.4%	-3.2%	-2.2%
15-17	44.0%	50.6%	39.8%	49.6%	41.8%	46.9%	41.8%	44.1%	45.5%	46.3%	3.3%	-8.6%
18-20	0.4%	3.1%	0.5%	3.3%	0.0%	2.6%	0.5%	2.5%	6.5%	7.1%	1523.4%	127.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	6.0%	5.4%	5.9%	5.1%	9.1%	5.6%	4.8%	4.9%	2.6%	3.8%	-56.7%	-29.6%
Youth (age 13+)	60.4%	69.2%	54.8%	68.3%	55.9%	65.2%	55.6%	64.3%	68.2%	68.6%	12.9%	-0.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

White
Black or African American
Other
Hispanic or Latino

Race/Ethnicity	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
White	91.6%	39.4%	95.9%	37.6%	93.6%	45.3%	97.4%	47.4%	96.8%	47.3%	5.6%	20.0%
Black or African American	6.4%	55.1%	5.0%	58.3%	4.1%	54.0%	3.7%	53.7%	7.8%	54.7%	21.8%	-0.7%
Other	2.4%	6.3%	0.0%	5.1%	2.7%	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	1.6%	-100.0%	-73.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.8%	9.0%	0.5%	11.4%	1.4%	10.7%	3.2%	11.3%	1.9%	11.4%	-30.4%	27.6%

By Gender

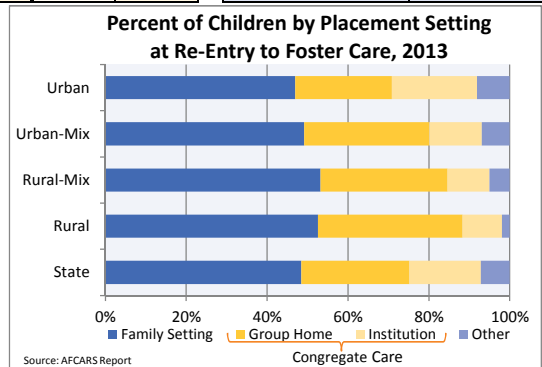
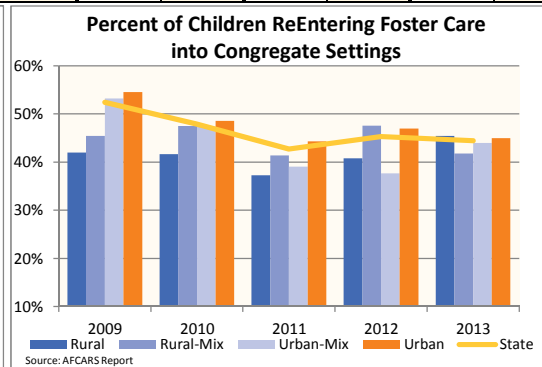
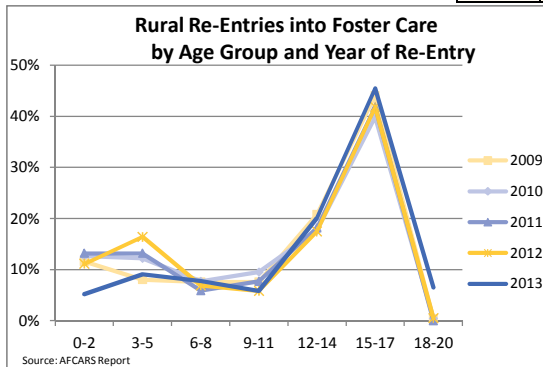
Male
Female

Gender	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Male	54.8%	55.1%	60.2%	53.8%	52.7%	47.0%	55.6%	47.6%	50.0%	48.1%	-8.8%	-12.7%
Female	45.2%	44.9%	39.8%	46.2%	47.3%	53.0%	44.4%	52.4%	50.0%	51.9%	10.6%	15.6%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Family Setting
Pre-adoptive Home
Foster Family Home – Relative
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative
Congregate Care
Group Home
Institution
Supervised Independent Living
Runaway
Trial Home Visit

Placement Setting	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Family Setting	57.6%	45.2%	57.5%	45.6%	61.8%	50.9%	58.7%	50.5%	52.6%	48.5%	-8.7%	7.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	-	80.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	12.4%	15.1%	12.2%	16.6%	11.8%	17.2%	18.0%	16.5%	11.0%	14.9%	-11.0%	-1.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.2%	29.9%	45.2%	28.8%	50.0%	33.3%	40.7%	33.5%	41.6%	33.3%	-8.1%	11.3%
Congregate Care	42.0%	52.4%	41.6%	47.9%	37.3%	42.7%	40.7%	45.3%	45.5%	44.4%	8.2%	-15.3%
Group Home	32.4%	25.1%	31.7%	24.0%	30.9%	23.8%	34.4%	26.0%	35.7%	26.7%	10.2%	6.5%
Institution	9.6%	27.3%	10.0%	23.9%	6.4%	18.9%	6.3%	19.2%	9.7%	17.7%	1.5%	-35.4%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.6%	0.5%	0.8%	1.3%	1.6%	-	80.0%
Runaway	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	4.4%	0.5%	4.2%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	4.3%	-	711.1%
Trial Home Visit	0.4%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	1.2%	62.3%	22.2%



FOSTER CARE - EXITS

Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to assure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

Indicator

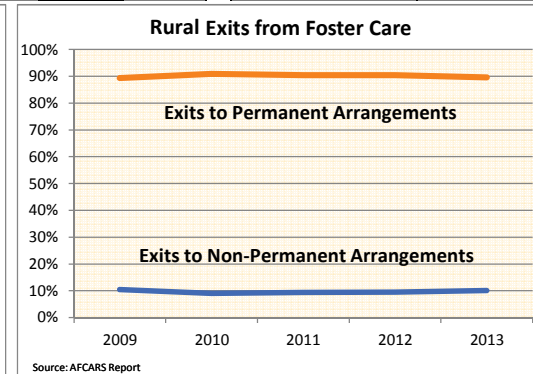
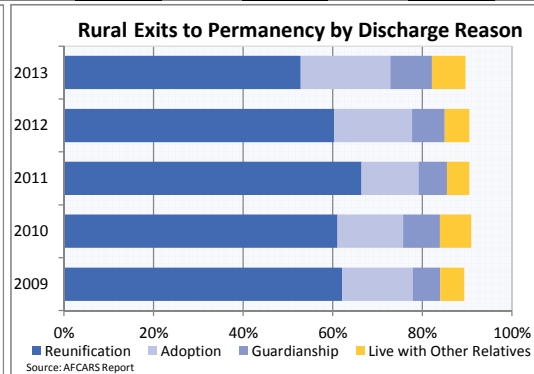
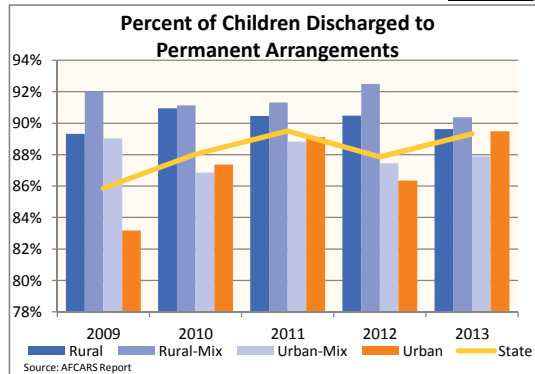
Children Exiting Foster Care

Total Children Leaving Foster Care
 Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care
 (number of months until leaving)

Indicator	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	1,067	14,297	851	13,119	881	10,630	893	10,098	751	9,123	-29.6%	-36.2%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	54.7%	49.3%	49.8%	50.7%	52.1%	46.7%	55.3%	45.9%	51.4%	42.6%	-6.1%	-13.5%
(number of months until leaving)	10.5	11.0	10.1	11.5	7.9	11.7	11.0	11.9	10.6	11.9	1.2%	7.4%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	89.3%	85.9%	91.0%	88.0%	90.5%	89.5%	90.5%	87.9%	89.6%	89.3%	0.3%	4.0%
Reunification	62.0%	57.4%	61.1%	56.9%	66.4%	59.3%	60.4%	60.1%	52.9%	57.3%	-14.8%	-0.2%
(number of months until reunification)	5.1	6.3	4.7	6.1	3.0	5.9	5.8	6.1	4.8	6.0	-5.7%	-4.2%
Adoption	15.8%	15.4%	14.6%	17.9%	12.7%	18.8%	17.4%	18.0%	20.0%	20.2%	26.1%	31.0%
(number of months until adoption)	39.0	31.6	20.9	31.1	29.6	29.6	31.5	27.6	28.2	26.7	-27.8%	-15.6%
Guardianship	6.1%	7.3%	8.2%	7.4%	6.4%	6.0%	7.3%	5.4%	9.3%	6.4%	53.0%	-11.9%
(number of month until guardianship)	20.7	23.5	21.2	23.3	19.6	22.2	17.8	20.4	18.7	21.2	-9.5%	-9.9%
Live with Other Relatives	5.3%	5.8%	7.1%	5.8%	5.0%	5.4%	5.5%	4.4%	7.5%	5.5%	39.6%	-5.9%
(number of months until living with relatives)	9.9	3.3	8.3	3.6	5.1	2.7	4.3	2.7	4.7	2.6	-53.1%	-19.7%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	10.4%	14.1%	9.0%	11.9%	9.4%	10.4%	9.5%	12.0%	10.1%	10.5%	-2.7%	-25.5%
Emancipation	8.2%	6.5%	8.0%	6.7%	7.6%	7.8%	8.5%	8.0%	7.7%	8.1%	-6.4%	24.3%
(number of months until emancipation)	24.9	36.8	28.7	33.6	25.8	36.8	32.3	37.4	36.2	31.4	45.3%	-14.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	2.0%	3.7%	1.1%	4.1%	1.8%	2.2%	1.0%	1.6%	2.1%	2.0%	8.2%	-46.8%
(number of months until transfer)	10.3	5.2	0.6	4.4	6.6	5.9	11.0	5.3	10.4	6.0	1.2%	15.1%
Runaway	0.2%	3.9%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	2.4%	0.3%	0.5%	42.1%	-88.2%
(number of months until running away)	48.6	6.8	0.0	9.6	0.0	18.6	0.0	4.8	41.6	14.9	-14.4%	118.1%
Death of Child	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	-5.3%	156.4%
(number of months until death of a child)	7.4	9.5	0.0	4.7	19.9	12.7	0.0	4.7	5.1	11.9	-30.9%	24.8%



FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

Data on remaining in foster care provides information on children who did not leave foster care during the year but are still in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. This data includes all children in foster care on September 30. Some of these children may have just entered foster care days prior to the end of the fiscal year and others may have been in foster care for many years.

Indicator

Children Remaining in Foster Care

Children in Foster Care on Last Day
(number of months children have been in care)

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	992	16,605	929	14,826	917	13,701	816	13,566	774	13,697	-22.0%	-17.5%
	13.0	15.6	14.4	14.2	14.6	13.6	12.7	13.0	12.6	13.1	-3.0%	-16.0%

By Age

Age Group	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	17.1%	17.5%	18.4%	17.9%	16.9%	18.9%	17.6%	19.5%	20.0%	19.9%	16.9%	13.7%
3-5	12.9%	13.7%	15.2%	13.7%	15.6%	14.6%	16.7%	15.3%	13.8%	15.6%	7.1%	13.8%
6-8	10.2%	10.7%	11.8%	10.5%	11.8%	10.3%	10.4%	10.9%	10.2%	11.6%	0.2%	8.4%
9-11	11.0%	9.6%	10.5%	9.1%	9.5%	8.7%	10.5%	9.2%	9.7%	9.1%	-11.8%	-5.1%
12-14	16.3%	13.0%	12.9%	12.5%	15.0%	12.7%	14.2%	12.4%	15.6%	11.7%	-4.3%	-9.9%
15-17	27.9%	27.4%	26.7%	27.1%	24.8%	25.2%	24.9%	23.4%	23.6%	22.6%	-15.3%	-17.6%
18-20	4.5%	8.1%	4.4%	9.1%	6.4%	9.7%	5.6%	9.4%	7.0%	9.5%	53.8%	17.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.1%	11.4%	11.3%	11.7%	11.3%	12.6%	11.9%	13.2%	14.3%	12.7%	42.3%	11.1%
Youth (age 13+)	44.7%	45.1%	40.2%	45.3%	41.9%	44.4%	41.1%	41.9%	41.7%	40.7%	-6.6%	-9.8%

By Race and Ethnicity

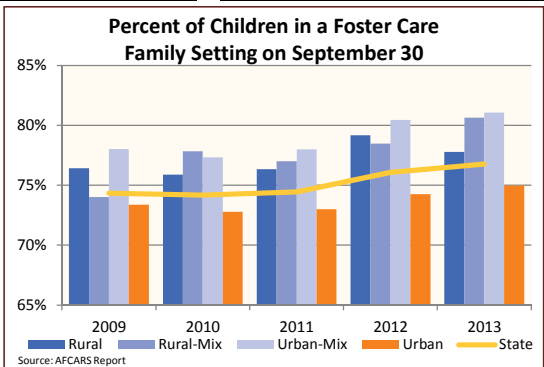
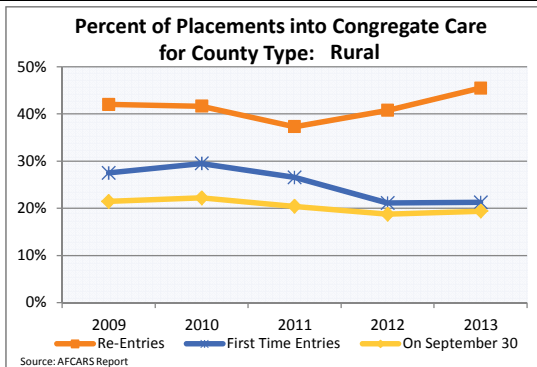
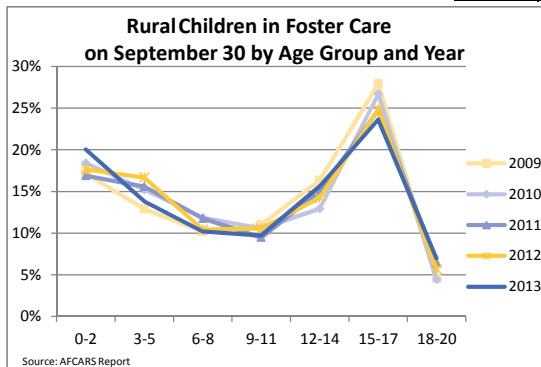
Race/Ethnicity	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
White	92.3%	46.9%	93.9%	48.3%	93.8%	51.8%	94.7%	54.2%	95.9%	54.2%	3.8%	15.4%
Black or African American	7.2%	47.2%	6.6%	48.9%	6.5%	48.0%	6.4%	46.6%	6.7%	47.9%	-6.1%	1.7%
Other	1.5%	6.7%	1.2%	4.2%	1.3%	2.3%	0.9%	2.7%	0.5%	1.9%	-65.8%	-72.1%
Hispanic or Latino	2.4%	10.1%	3.4%	11.2%	3.7%	11.7%	2.3%	12.2%	2.6%	12.7%	6.8%	26.3%

By Gender

Gender	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	55.2%	52.9%	55.7%	52.0%	55.6%	50.7%	56.0%	50.8%	52.7%	50.7%	-4.6%	-4.2%
Female	44.8%	47.1%	44.3%	48.0%	44.4%	49.3%	44.0%	49.2%	47.3%	49.3%	5.6%	4.7%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2009 Rural	2009 State	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	76.4%	74.3%	75.9%	74.2%	76.3%	74.4%	79.2%	76.1%	77.8%	76.8%	1.8%	3.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	1.6%	4.0%	2.6%	3.9%	2.3%	3.5%	2.3%	3.0%	1.9%	3.2%	20.2%	-18.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	18.5%	23.0%	17.2%	23.0%	18.6%	23.6%	22.3%	25.2%	22.5%	25.7%	21.2%	11.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	56.3%	47.3%	56.1%	47.4%	55.4%	47.3%	54.5%	47.9%	53.4%	47.9%	-5.1%	1.1%
Congregate Care	21.5%	22.4%	22.2%	21.0%	20.4%	20.3%	18.8%	19.2%	19.4%	18.7%	-9.7%	-16.6%
Group Home	13.7%	10.5%	15.0%	10.6%	12.9%	10.7%	12.5%	11.0%	12.8%	10.8%	-6.7%	3.1%
Institution	7.8%	11.9%	7.2%	10.5%	7.5%	9.5%	6.3%	8.2%	6.6%	7.8%	-15.1%	-34.1%
Supervised Independent Living	0.3%	1.8%	0.5%	2.0%	0.7%	2.2%	1.2%	1.9%	1.4%	2.1%	369.9%	21.2%
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.1%	1.4%	-	313.9%
Trial Home Visit	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	0.9%	2.6%	1.2%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	-28.8%	-16.3%



FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

Every time a child moves, the trauma caused by separation and lack of continuity grows. A child who faces multiple placements struggles to build and maintain healthy relationships and faces academic challenges due to school changes.

Indicator

Foster Care Placement Stability

Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.

2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
40.5%	37.1%	32.7%	37.4%	35.4%	36.1%	36.7%	36.9%	37.4%	34.1%	-7.6%	-8.1%

FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

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

Indicator

Timely Reunification with Parents or Relatives

Children who entered foster care for the first time who were reunified with their parents or discharged to relatives within the next 12 months.

2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
58.8%	47.9%	57.3%	46.8%	54.9%	48.2%	56.0%	44.6%	52.1%	41.3%	-11.4%	-13.6%

FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION

A child re-entering foster care following a return to his or her family signals a breakdown in the family and a potential failure on the part of the child welfare system to appropriately address family needs.

Indicator

Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)

Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives. (Data may be overstated.)

2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		Rural % Change 2009 to 2013	State % Change 2009 to 2013
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
22.7%	27.2%	23.0%	25.8%	19.2%	27.7%	19.7%	26.3%	20.3%	26.4%	-10.7%	-2.7%

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