

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)

State				
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
25,655	25,342	24,615	24,378	26,664
9.2	9.1	8.8	8.7	9.5

% Change 2008 to 2012
3.9%

Child Abuse Substantiations

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

16.4%	15.6%	14.9%	14.0%	13.4%
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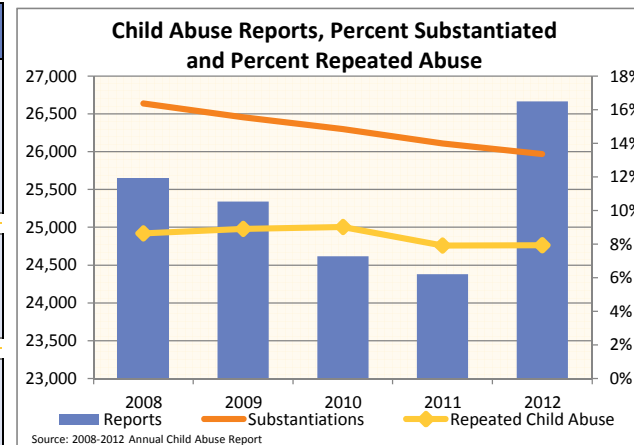
-18.4%

Repeated Child Abuse

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

8.6%	8.9%	9.0%	7.9%	7.9%
1 in 12	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 13	1 in 13

-8.1%



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.

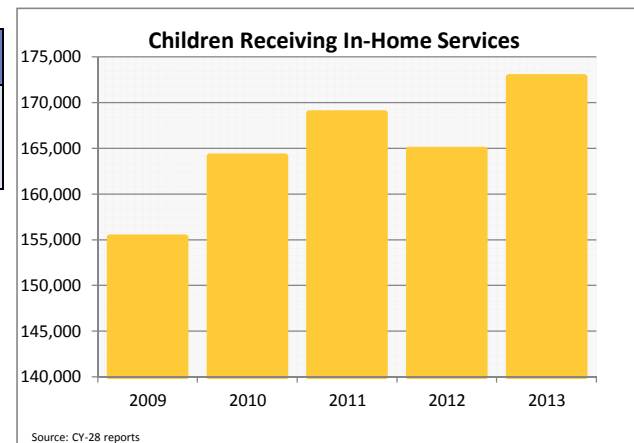
Indicator

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.

State				
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
155,264	164,099	168,821	164,842	172,807

% Change 2009 to 2013
11.3%



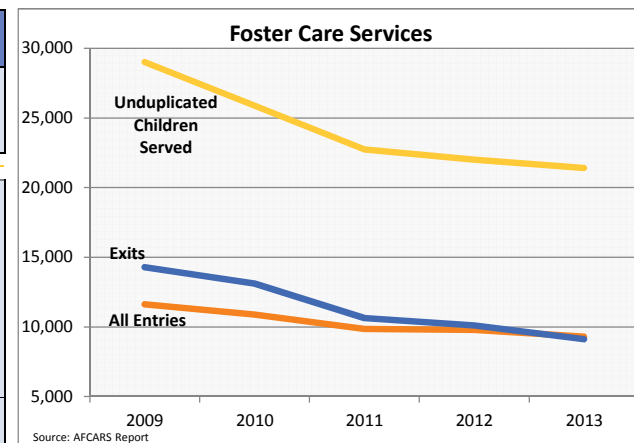
Statewide Findings

- The rate of founded or indicated reports of child abuse has been decreasing over the past five years.
- There has been an increase in the number of children being served in their homes to prevent them from entering foster care.

FOSTER CARE - SERVED

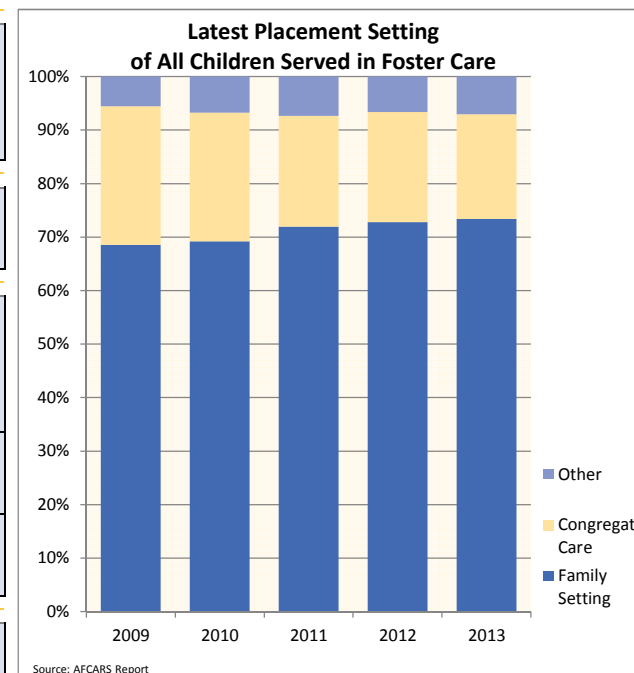
Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homeless as an adult. The following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

Indicator	State					% Change 2009 to 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served						
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	29,024	25,894	22,750	22,000	21,416	-26.2%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	8.6	7.7	6.7	6.5	6.4	



By Age		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
0-2		16.5%	16.8%	18.2%	18.9%	19.2%	16.8%
3-5		13.5%	13.9%	15.1%	15.6%	15.9%	17.3%
6-8		10.4%	10.3%	10.5%	10.8%	11.5%	10.4%
9-11		9.0%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%	-1.1%
12-14		12.5%	11.9%	12.1%	12.0%	11.4%	-8.5%
15-17		28.1%	27.6%	24.8%	23.3%	22.3%	-20.6%
18-20		9.9%	10.5%	10.4%	10.50%	10.7%	7.7%
Infants (age 0-1)		10.3%	10.5%	11.7%	12.2%	11.9%	15.9%
Youth (age 13+)		47.4%	46.9%	44.2%	42.7%	41.5%	-12.4%

By Race and Ethnicity		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
White		48.9%	49.3%	52.8%	56.4%	57.1%	16.7%
Black or African American		45.6%	47.5%	46.5%	44.1%	45.0%	-1.3%
Other		6.2%	4.4%	2.6%	2.9%	2.0%	-68.1%
Hispanic or Latino		10.2%	11.3%	11.6%	12.0%	12.5%	21.7%



By Gender		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
Male		53.6%	53.1%	50.7%	50.5%	50.8%	-5.3%
Female		46.4%	46.9%	49.3%	49.5%	49.2%	6.1%

By Latest Placement Setting		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
Family Setting		68.5%	69.2%	72.0%	72.8%	73.4%	7.1%
Pre-adoptive Home		4.4%	4.3%	3.9%	3.2%	3.4%	-22.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative		21.5%	22.2%	23.5%	24.4%	24.8%	15.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative		42.6%	42.7%	44.5%	45.2%	45.2%	6.1%
Congregate Care		25.9%	24.0%	20.6%	20.6%	19.6%	-24.5%
Group Home		12.7%	12.2%	11.7%	12.5%	12.1%	-5.0%
Institution		13.2%	11.9%	8.9%	8.0%	7.5%	-43.3%
Supervised Independent Living		1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	1.8%	2.0%	14.6%
Runaway		0.7%	2.1%	2.0%	1.4%	1.8%	176.8%
Trial Home Visit		3.1%	2.7%	3.1%	3.4%	3.2%	1.5%

Children Entering Foster Care		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year		11,630	10,898	9,849	9,793	9,306	-20.0%

Statewide Findings

The unduplicated number of children served in foster care has decreased at a faster rate between 2009 and 2013 than the number of children entering foster care. Although the numbers were decreasing, in 2013 the number of children entering foster care has begun to outpace the number of children exiting foster care.

FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

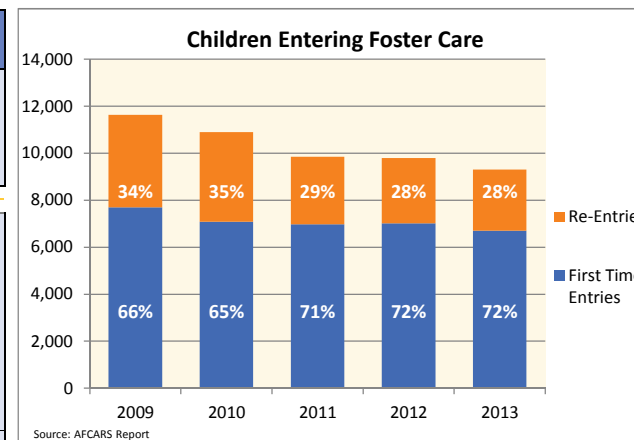
Data on first time entries provides information on children who have just begun their foster care experience during the past year. How the child welfare system is serving them may say something about current system practice and decision making.

Indicator

Children Entering for the First Time

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
First Time Entries During the Year	7,699	7,083	6,979	7,018	6,698
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	66.2%	65.0%	70.9%	71.7%	72.0%

% Change 2009 to 2013
-13.0%
8.7%



By Age

Age Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
0-2	30.8%	30.9%	31.7%	32.2%	32.8%
3-5	11.6%	12.6%	14.1%	14.2%	14.6%
6-8	8.7%	8.6%	9.3%	10.1%	10.0%
9-11	7.9%	7.8%	7.9%	8.6%	8.2%
12-14	15.2%	15.3%	14.7%	14.4%	13.5%
15-17	25.5%	24.8%	22.2%	20.4%	20.8%
18-20	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.03%	0.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	25.1%	25.1%	25.7%	26.2%	26.4%
Youth (age 13+)	38.0%	36.8%	33.8%	31.2%	31.4%

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By Race and Ethnicity

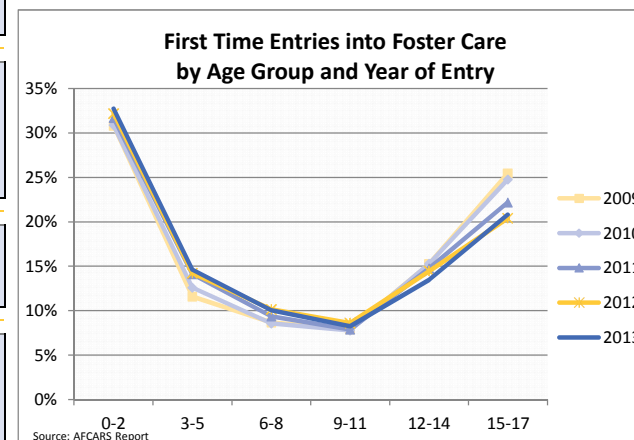
Race/Ethnicity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
White	54.4%	56.2%	59.2%	62.0%	62.1%
Black or African American	37.9%	41.3%	40.4%	37.7%	39.2%
Other	8.5%	4.0%	2.3%	3.4%	2.6%
Hispanic or Latino	11.2%	12.8%	12.4%	11.7%	13.0%

14.2%
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-69.0%
16.6%

By Gender

Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Male	52.8%	51.4%	49.6%	49.9%	50.1%
Female	47.2%	48.6%	50.4%	50.1%	49.9%

-5.1%
5.7%



By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Family Setting	69.9%	71.6%	74.8%	76.4%	76.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	23.7%	24.1%	25.0%	25.8%	27.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	46.0%	47.3%	49.5%	50.4%	49.3%
Congregate Care	28.2%	26.2%	22.4%	21.1%	21.0%
Group Home	16.1%	16.3%	14.8%	14.7%	15.0%
Institution	12.0%	9.9%	7.6%	6.4%	6.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
Runaway	0.4%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%
Trial Home Visit	1.3%	1.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.5%

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-48.3%
70.3%
12.7%

Statewide Findings

- The proportion of children entering foster care as first time entries has increased over the past five years.
- The majority of children entering foster care as first time entries are age 0-2. The proportion of children entering foster care as first time entries has increased over the past five years for children age 0-12.
- Greater than one in five children entering foster care as first time entries are placed in congregate settings. Of those children, more than 25 percent are placed in an institution.

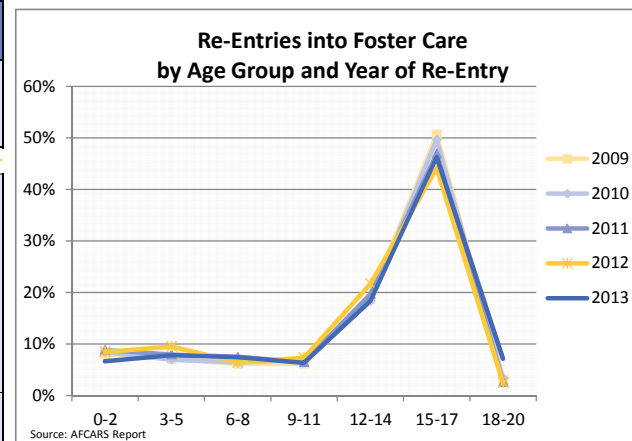
FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

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

	State					% Change 2009 to 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Re-Entries During the Year	3,931	3,815	2,870	2,775	2,608	-33.7%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	33.8%	35.0%	29.1%	28.3%	28.0%	-17.1%



By Age

Age Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
0-2	8.1%	8.4%	8.8%	8.5%	6.6%	-17.7%
3-5	7.1%	6.9%	7.9%	9.5%	7.8%	10.6%
6-8	6.2%	6.4%	7.5%	6.5%	7.4%	20.3%
9-11	6.1%	6.9%	6.5%	7.4%	6.3%	3.2%
12-14	18.8%	18.3%	19.7%	21.7%	18.4%	-2.2%
15-17	50.6%	49.6%	46.9%	44.1%	46.3%	-8.6%
18-20	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%	2.5%	7.1%	127.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	5.4%	5.1%	5.6%	4.9%	3.8%	-29.6%
Youth (age 13+)	69.2%	68.3%	65.2%	64.3%	68.6%	-0.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
White	39.4%	37.6%	45.3%	47.4%	47.3%	20.0%
Black or African American	55.1%	58.3%	54.0%	53.7%	54.7%	-0.7%
Other	6.3%	5.1%	2.2%	2.2%	1.6%	-73.8%
Hispanic or Latino	9.0%	11.4%	10.7%	11.3%	11.4%	27.6%

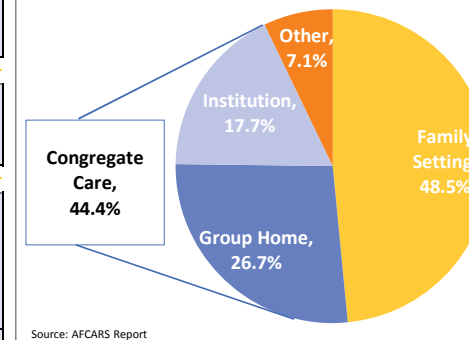
By Gender

Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
Male	55.1%	53.8%	47.0%	47.6%	48.1%	-12.7%
Female	44.9%	46.2%	53.0%	52.4%	51.9%	15.6%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
Family Setting	45.2%	45.6%	50.9%	50.5%	48.5%	7.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	80.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	15.1%	16.6%	17.2%	16.5%	14.9%	-1.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	29.9%	28.8%	33.3%	33.5%	33.3%	11.3%
Congregate Care	52.4%	47.9%	42.7%	45.3%	44.4%	-15.3%
Group Home	25.1%	24.0%	23.8%	26.0%	26.7%	6.5%
Institution	27.3%	23.9%	18.9%	19.2%	17.7%	-35.4%
Supervised Independent Living	0.9%	1.3%	1.6%	0.8%	1.6%	80.0%
Runaway	0.5%	4.4%	4.2%	2.5%	4.3%	711.1%
Trial Home Visit	0.9%	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%	1.2%	22.2%

Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2013



Statewide Findings

- The proportion of children re-entering foster care has decreased over the past five years.
- The majority of re-entries are youth age 13-20, specifically children age 15-17.
- In 2013, four in nine children re-entering foster care were placed in congregated settings. Of those children, 40 percent were placed in an institution.

FOSTER CARE - EXITS

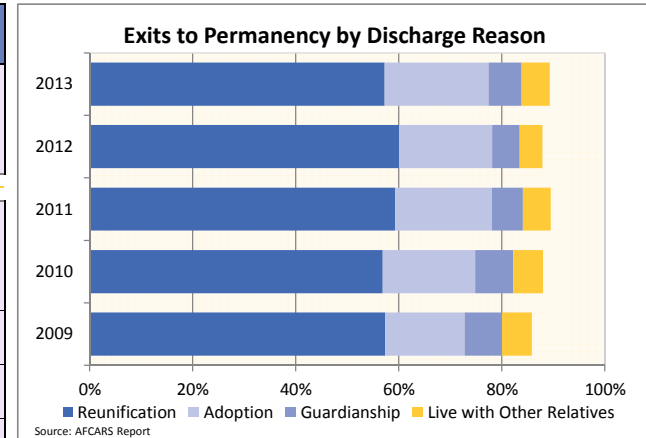
Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to assure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

Indicator

Children Exiting Foster Care

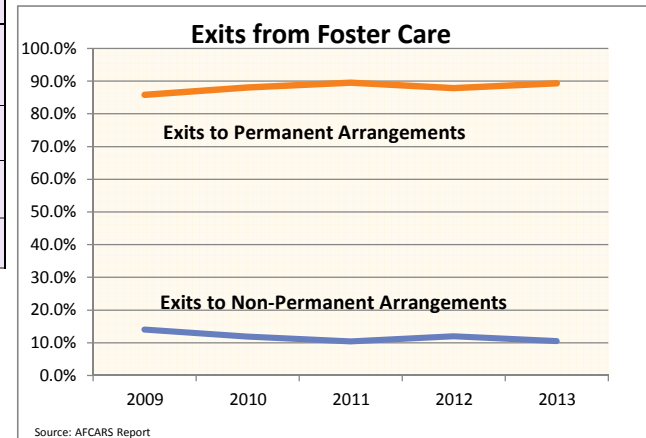
	State				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	14,297	13,119	10,630	10,098	9,123
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	49.3%	50.7%	46.7%	45.9%	42.6%
(number of months until leaving)	11.0	11.5	11.7	11.9	11.9

% Change 2009 to 2013
-36.2%
-13.5%
7.4%



By Discharge Reason

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	85.9%	88.0%	89.5%	87.9%	89.3%	4.0%
Reunification (number of months until reunification)	57.4% 6.3	56.9% 6.1	59.3% 5.9	60.1% 6.1	57.3% 6.0	-0.2% -4.2%
Adoption (number of months until adoption)	15.4% 31.6	17.9% 31.1	18.8% 29.6	18.0% 27.6	20.2% 26.7	31.0% -15.6%
Guardianship (number of month until guardianship)	7.3% 23.5	7.4% 23.3	6.0% 22.2	5.4% 20.4	6.4% 21.2	-11.9% -9.9%
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)	5.8% 3.3	5.8% 3.6	5.4% 2.7	4.4% 2.7	5.5% 2.6	-5.9% -19.7%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	14.1%	11.9%	10.4%	12.0%	10.5%	-25.5%
Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)	6.5% 36.8	6.7% 33.6	7.8% 36.8	8.0% 37.4	8.1% 31.4	24.3% -14.5%
Transfer to Another Agency (number of months until transfer)	3.7% 5.2	4.1% 4.4	2.2% 5.9	1.6% 5.3	2.0% 6.0	-46.8% 15.1%
Runaway (number of months until running away)	3.9% 6.8	1.1% 9.6	0.5% 18.6	2.4% 4.8	0.5% 14.9	-88.2% 118.1%
Death of Child (number of months until death of a child)	0.1% 9.5	0.1% 4.7	0.1% 12.7	0.1% 4.7	0.2% 11.9	156.4% 24.8%



Statewide Findings

The trend of exits to permanent arrangements is increasing, with the majority of exits due to reunification and adoption.

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.

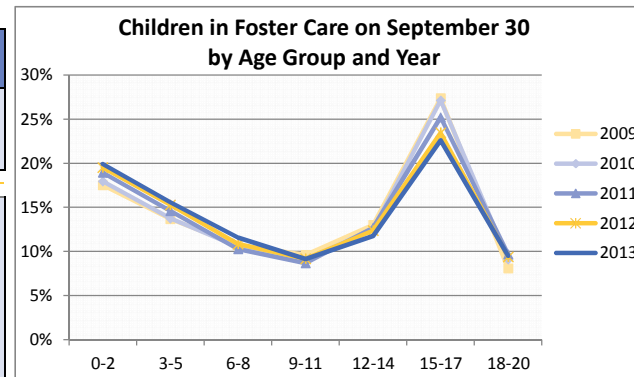
Indicator

Children Remaining in Foster Care

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

State				
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
16,605	14,826	13,701	13,566	13,697
15.6	14.2	13.6	13.0	13.1

% Change 2009 to 2013
-17.5%
-16.0%



By Age

Age Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
0-2	17.5%	17.9%	18.9%	19.5%	19.9%	13.7%
3-5	13.7%	13.7%	14.6%	15.3%	15.6%	13.8%
6-8	10.7%	10.5%	10.3%	10.9%	11.6%	8.4%
9-11	9.6%	9.1%	8.7%	9.2%	9.1%	-5.1%
12-14	13.0%	12.5%	12.7%	12.4%	11.7%	-9.9%
15-17	27.4%	27.1%	25.2%	23.4%	22.6%	-17.6%
18-20	8.1%	9.1%	9.7%	9.4%	9.5%	17.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.4%	11.7%	12.6%	13.2%	12.7%	11.1%
Youth (age 13+)	45.1%	45.3%	44.4%	41.9%	40.7%	-9.8%

By Race and Ethnicity

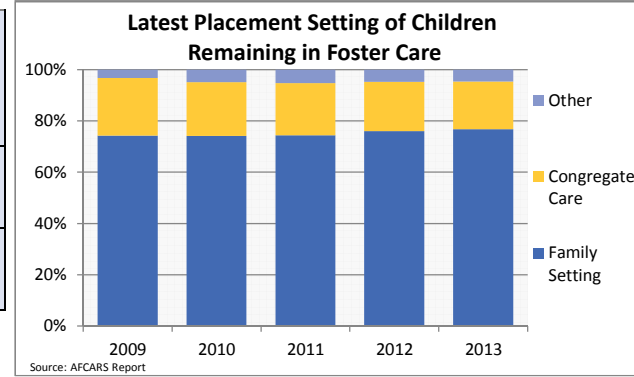
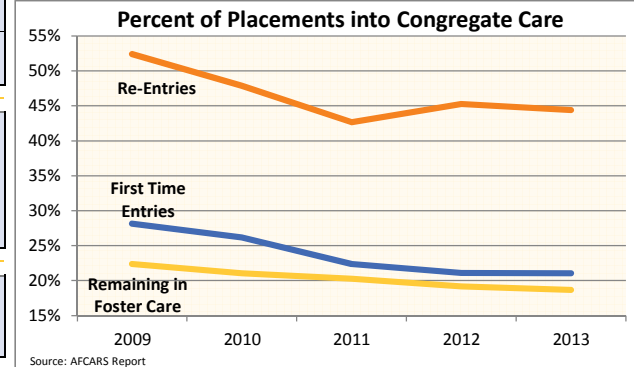
Race/Ethnicity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
White	46.9%	48.3%	51.8%	54.2%	54.2%	15.4%
Black or African American	47.2%	48.9%	48.0%	46.6%	47.9%	1.7%
Other	6.7%	4.2%	2.3%	2.7%	1.9%	-72.1%
Hispanic or Latino	10.1%	11.2%	11.7%	12.2%	12.7%	26.3%

By Gender

Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
Male	52.9%	52.0%	50.7%	50.8%	50.7%	-4.2%
Female	47.1%	48.0%	49.3%	49.2%	49.3%	4.7%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 2009 to 2013
Family Setting	74.3%	74.2%	74.4%	76.1%	76.8%	3.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%	3.0%	3.2%	-18.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	23.0%	23.0%	23.6%	25.2%	25.7%	11.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.3%	47.4%	47.3%	47.9%	47.9%	1.1%
Congregate Care	22.4%	21.0%	20.3%	19.2%	18.7%	-16.6%
Group Home	10.5%	10.6%	10.7%	11.0%	10.8%	3.1%
Institution	11.9%	10.5%	9.5%	8.2%	7.8%	-34.1%
Supervised Independent Living	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	1.9%	2.1%	21.2%
Runaway	0.3%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	1.4%	313.9%
Trial Home Visit	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	-16.3%



Statewide Findings

- 60 percent of the children remaining in foster care are less than 13 years old.
- Almost 50 percent of the children remaining in foster care are placed in a non-relative foster family home.
- The proportion of children remaining in care in a family setting, supervised independent living or on run away has increased from 2009 to 2013.

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.

State					% Change 2009 to 2013
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
37.1%	37.4%	36.1%	36.9%	34.1%	-8.1%

Statewide Findings

From 2009 to 2013, stability for children in foster care has improved.

FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

A child's separation 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.

State					% Change 2009 to 2013
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
47.9%	46.8%	48.2%	44.6%	41.3%	-13.6%

Statewide Findings

In 2013, only 2 in 5 children were reunified with their parents or relatives within 12 months of entering foster care. This is down from almost 50 percent of children in 2011.

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.)

State					% Change 2009 to 2013
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
27.2%	25.8%	27.7%	26.3%	26.4%	-2.7%

Statewide Findings

The rate of failed reunification has decreased over the past five years, but Pennsylvania maintains the highest rate in the country.

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