### **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			2008			2009			2010			2011			2012		County % Change
indicator		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2008 to 2012									
Child Abuse Reports Reported incidents of suspected child the ChildLine and Abuse Registry. Doe General Protective Services reports, was vere general neglect reports.  (Number and rate per 1,000 children and rate per 1,000 chi	es not include which include less	824	5,409 9.7	25,655 9.2	741 7.6	5,191 9.3	9.1	773 7.9	5,171 9.3	24,615 8.8	904 9.2	5,265 9.4	24,378 8.7	9.0	5,824 10.4	9.5	6.8%
Child Abuse Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child a include the number of children determi General Protective Services.		17.0%	15.4%	16.4%	15.4%	15.5%	15.6%	14.6%	13.6%	14.9%	15.3%	13.8%	14.0%	15.6%	13.9%	13.4%	-8.4%
Repeated Child Abuse Children with another substantiated ind following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	cident of abuse	4.3% 1 in 23	6.5% 1 in 15	8.6% 1 in 12	5.3% 1 in 19	8.2% 1 in 12	8.9% 1 in 11	4.4% 1 in 23	7.1% 1 in 14	9.0% 1 in 11	8.0% 1 in 13	6.7% 1 in 15	7.9% 1 in 13	8.0% 1 in 12	7.9% 1 in 13	7.9% 1 in 13	87.3%
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### **IN-HOME SERVICES**

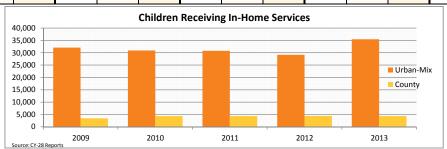
In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home.

#### 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.

	2009			2010			2011			2012			2013	
County	Urban-Mix	State												
3,402	32,108	155,264	4,334	30,896	164,099	4,311	30,804	168,821	4,404	29,162	164,842	4,341	35,484	172,807



**County % Change** 

2009 to 2013

27.6%

# **State of Child Welfare 2014**

## Berks (Urban-Mix)

## **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.

nave mental health challenges, and expendice		2009			2010		19 00.	2011			2012	9		2013		County % Change
Indicator	County	Urban-Mix	State	County		State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2009 to 2013
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	County		- Ciuio	- County		Ciato			Ciaio	- County		Ciato	County		- Ciuio	
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	1,060	4,863	29,024	952	4,016	25,894	801	3,432	22,750	906	3,769	22,000	950	3,800	21,416	-10.4%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	9.0	7.1	8.6	8.0	5.8	7.7	6.8	5.0	6.7	7.7	5.5	6.5	8.0	5.5	6.4	
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By Age																
0-2	21.9%	18.9%	16.5%	23.2%	20.0%	16.8%	25.1%	21.5%	18.2%	26.3%	21.0%	18.9%	24.2%	21.0%	19.2%	10.6%
3-5	14.6%	13.7%	13.5%	14.3%	14.0%	13.9%	15.0%	15.4%	15.1%	15.0%	15.8%	15.6%	16.0%	17.7%	15.9%	9.4%
6-8	11.5%	10.4%	10.4%	9.3%	9.6%	10.3%	9.2%	9.8%	10.5%	10.8%	10.7%	10.8%	12.8%	11.2%	11.5%	11.6%
9-11	9.4%	8.8%	9.0%	7.6%	8.3%	8.9%	7.9%	8.3%	8.9%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%	8.2%	8.6%	8.9%	-13.0%
12-14	10.8%	12.0%	12.5%	10.9%	11.2%	11.9%	11.5%	11.0%	12.1%	10.8%	10.7%	12.0%	9.9%	10.8%	11.4%	-8.8%
15-17 18-20	23.1% 8.6%	27.6% 8.7%	28.1% 9.9%	26.4% 8.3%	28.5% 8.4%	27.6% 10.5%	23.3% 8.0%	25.5% 8.5%	24.8% 10.4%	20.1% 8.3%	24.0% 8.9%	23.3% 10.5%	22.0% 6.8%	21.6% 9.1%	22.3% 10.7%	-4.8% -20.3%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.2%	12.4%	10.3%	16.1%	13.1%	10.5%	17.5%	14.7%	11.7%	19.0%	13.8%	12.2%	17.5%	13.5%	11.9%	23.5%
Youth (age 13+)	39.5%	45.2%	47.4%	42.4%	45.3%	46.9%	41.1%	42.3%	44.2%	36.2%	41.0%	42.7%	36.1%	38.8%	41.5%	-8.7%
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By Race and Ethnicity																
White	77.8%	71.6%	48.9%	75.5%	71.7%	49.3%	75.5%	76.8%	52.8%	75.6%	79.5%	56.4%	78.2%	80.2%	57.1%	0.5%
Black or African American	19.8%	26.2%	45.6%	22.5%	28.4%	47.5%	22.2%	26.7%	46.5%	20.1%	24.8%	44.1%	20.3%	25.1%	45.0%	2.5%
Other	2.4%	2.2%	6.2%	2.0%	1.3%	4.4%	2.2%	1.0%	2.6%	4.3%	1.5%	2.9%	1.5%	1.1%	2.0%	-37.5%
Hispanic or Latino	49.5%	17.7%	10.2%	49.4%	18.5%	11.3%	49.7%	18.4%	11.6%	48.1%	18.1%	12.0%	51.2%	18.8%	12.5%	3.3%
By Gender																
Male	55.3%	54.0%	53.6%	55.0%	53.9%	53.1%	52.1%	51.5%	50.7%	49.3%	50.4%	50.5%	49.5%	50.7%	50.8%	-10.5%
Female	44.7%	46.0%	46.4%	45.0%	46.1%	46.9%	47.9%	48.5%	49.3%	50.7%	49.6%	49.5%	50.5%	49.3%	49.2%	13.0%
By First Placement Setting		l					ı									
Family Setting	75.8%	71.1%	68.5%	73.8%	71.6%	69.2%	77.7%	75.1%	72.0%	81.6%	73.7%	72.8%	79.9%	76.3%	73.4%	5.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	8.6%	7.2%	4.4%	6.4%	5.9%	4.3%	4.9%	2.9%	3.9%	3.4%	2.3%	3.2%	2.1%	2.0%	3.4%	-75.5%
Foster Family Home – Relative	14.7%	18.8%	21.5%	16.9%	20.6%	22.2%	20.0%	23.2%	23.5%	19.9%	24.1%	24.4%	19.1%	25.2%	24.8%	29.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	52.5%	45.1%	42.6%	50.5%	45.1%	42.7%	52.8%	49.0%	44.5%	58.3%	47.4%	45.2%	58.7%	49.1%	45.2%	12.0%
Congregate Care	20.3%	23.9%	25.9%	22.8%	23.5%	24.0%	18.7%	19.1%	20.6%	14.2%	19.3%	20.6%	16.6%	17.2%	19.6%	-18.0%
Group Home	11.4%	13.5%	12.7%	15.9%	13.6%	12.2%	13.4%	11.8%	11.7%	10.2%	13.0%	12.5%	12.7%	12.6%	12.1%	11.6%
Institution	8.9%	10.4%	13.2%	6.9%	9.9%	11.9%	5.4%	7.3%	8.9%	4.1%	6.4%	8.0%	3.9%	4.6%	7.5%	-56.1%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.1%	2.0%	0.1%	1.0%	2.2%	0.0%	1.2%	1.8%	0.5%	1.4%	2.0%	-
Runaway	2.1%	1.0%	0.7%	2.3%	1.1%	2.1%	2.7%	1.0%	2.0%	2.3%	0.9%	1.4%	1.9%	1.1%	1.8%	-8.7%
Trial Home Visit	1.9%	2.9%	3.1%	1.1%	2.7%	2.7%	0.7%	3.8%	3.1%	1.9%	4.8%	3.4%	1.1%	4.0%	3.2%	-44.2%
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Children Entering Foster Care	007	4 007	44.000	405	4 005	40.000	000	4 000	0.040	444	4 000	0.700	400	4 745	0.000	10.70/
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	337	1,937	11,630	405	1,695	10,898	368	1,602	9,849	444	1,829	9,793	400	1,715	9,306	18.7%
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## Berks (Urban-Mix)

## **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.

turrent system practice and			2009			2010			2011			2012			2013		County % Change
Indicator		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2009 to 2013
<b>Children Entering for the F</b>	irst Time																
First Time Entr	ries During the Year	252	1,424	7,699	302	1,209	7,083	277	1,236	6,979	362	1,433	7,018	314	1,308	6,698	24.6%
, , ,	children age 0-20)	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.1	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.7	1.9	2.0	
First Time Entries as P	ercent of All Entries	74.8%	73.5%	66.2%	74.6%	71.3%	65.0%	75.3%	77.2%	70.9%	81.5%	78.3%	71.7%	78.5%	76.3%	72.0%	5.0%
By Age					1						I						
	0-2	39.3%	32.1%	30.8%	33.8%	32.4%	30.9%	35.0%	33.4%	31.7%	42.3%	33.1%	32.2%	35.0%	33.4%	32.8%	-10.8%
	3-5	10.3%	11.7%	11.6%	12.3%	13.4%	12.6%	13.4%	15.1%	14.1%	11.9%	14.0%	14.2%	14.0%	15.1%	14.6%	35.8%
	6-8	6.0%	6.9%	8.7%	7.3%	6.9%	8.6%	8.7%	9.3%	9.3%	9.9%	10.9%	10.1%	11.5%	10.0%	10.0%	92.6%
	9-11	4.8%	7.2%	7.9%	6.0%	6.5%	7.8%	8.3%	8.0%	7.9%	9.9%	8.7%	8.6%	6.7%	7.3%	8.2%	40.4%
	12-14	15.5%	15.7%	15.2%	15.2%	14.6%	15.3%	17.0%	12.7%	14.7%	13.8%	13.0%	14.4%	17.2%	14.2%	13.5%	11.1%
	15-17	23.4%	26.1%	25.5%	25.2%	25.7%	24.8%	17.7%	21.4%	22.2%	12.2%	20.4%	20.4%	15.6%	20.0%	20.8%	-33.3%
	18-20	0.8%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-100.0%
	Infants (age 0-1)	35.7%	26.3%	25.1%	28.8%	26.6%	25.1%	27.8%	26.5%	25.7%	34.3%	26.1%	26.2%	29.3%	26.5%	26.4%	-18.0%
	Youth (age 13+)	36.9%	39.5%	38.0%	38.4%	38.0%	36.8%	32.1%	32.1%	33.8%	24.6%	30.6%	31.2%	29.6%	32.3%	31.4%	-19.7%
By Race and Ethnicity																	
	White	73.4%	71.0%	54.4%	73.8%	73.0%	56.2%	77.3%	78.2%	59.2%	77.9%	82.3%	62.0%	77.7%	81.1%	62.1%	5.8%
Black or	African American	19.0%	25.2%	37.9%	21.9%	27.7%	41.3%	18.4%	23.7%	40.4%	14.9%	20.2%	37.7%	20.1%	23.9%	39.2%	5.3%
	Other	7.5%	3.8%	8.5%	4.3%	1.7%	4.0%	4.3%	1.8%	2.3%	7.2%	2.5%	3.4%	2.2%	1.1%	2.6%	-70.4%
1	Hispanic or Latino	47.2%	14.7%	11.2%	52.6%	19.7%	12.8%	44.4%	17.6%	12.4%	48.1%	17.8%	11.7%	49.4%	18.4%	13.0%	4.5%
By Gender																	1 [
by defider	Male	58.3%	52.6%	52.8%	56.0%	52.7%	51.4%	47.7%	51.6%	49.6%	48.9%	50.3%	49.9%	49.4%	50.4%	50.1%	-15.4%
	Female	41.7%	47.4%	47.2%	44.0%	47.3%	48.6%	52.3%	48.4%	50.4%	51.1%	49.7%	50.1%	50.6%	49.6%	49.9%	21.5%
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By First Placement Setti	•																
	Family Setting	70.2%	69.7%	69.9%	68.5%	70.5%	71.6%	80.9%	78.6%	74.8%	86.2%	78.9%	76.4%	76.4%	77.4%	76.7%	8.8%
	re-adoptive Home	1.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.2%	0.8%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	-100.0%
	/ Home – Relative	15.5%	21.3%	23.7%	20.9%	23.2%	24.1%	26.0%	23.9%	25.0%	20.2%	25.8%	25.8%	17.2%	25.2%	27.2%	11.1%
Foster Family Hon		53.2%	48.0%	46.0%	47.7%	47.1%	47.3%	54.2%	54.3%	49.5%	65.2%	52.8%	50.4%	59.2%	51.5%	49.3%	11.4%
	Group Home	<b>29.4%</b> 21.0%	<b>29.2%</b> 17.6%	<b>28.2%</b> 16.1%	<b>30.5%</b> 24.2%	<b>28.0%</b> 17.2%	<b>26.2%</b> 16.3%	<b>18.4%</b> 15.5%	<b>18.4%</b> 12.2%	<b>22.4%</b> 14.8%	<b>13.5%</b> 9.7%	<b>19.1%</b> 13.7%	<b>21.1%</b> 14.7%	<b>23.6%</b> 19.4%	<b>20.9%</b> 17.1%	<b>21.0%</b> 15.0%	<b>-19.7%</b> -7.6%
	Institution	8.3%	11.7%	12.0%	6.3%	10.8%	9.9%	2.9%	6.2%	7.6%	3.9%	5.3%	6.4%	4.1%	3.7%	6.0%	-50.3%
Supervised I	ndependent Living	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-
	Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.8%	0.7%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	-
	Trial Home Visit	0.4%	0.6%	1.3%	0.7%	1.2%	1.1%	0.0%	2.4%	1.9%	0.0%	1.8%	1.9%	0.0%	1.6%	1.5%	-100.0%
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## **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.

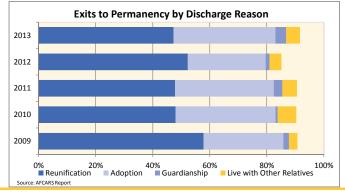
	2009 2010								71		2012	0. 10 0.00		2013		County % Change
Indicator	County		State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	2011 Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County		State	2009 to 2013
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	County	OIDAII-WIX	State	County	OTDATI-WITA	State	County	OI Dail-IVII X	State	County	OI Dail-Wilk	State	County	OI Dail-Wilk	State	
Re-Entries During the Yo	ar 85	513	3,931	103	486	3.815	91	366	2.870	82	396	2.775	86	407	2,608	1.2%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entr		26.5%	33.8%	25.4%	28.7%	35.0%	24.7%	22.8%	29.1%	18.5%	21.7%	28.3%	21.5%	23.7%	28.0%	-14.8%
The Entires as I creem of All Entire	25 25.270	20.070	00.070	25.470	20.770	00.070	24.770	22.070	20.170	10.570	21.770	20.070	21.570	20.770	20.070	14.070
By Age																
0-	11.8%	9.9%	8.1%	6.8%	9.1%	8.4%	15.4%	13.1%	8.8%	13.4%	8.6%	8.5%	5.8%	7.4%	6.6%	-50.6%
3-	3.5%	9.0%	7.1%	4.9%	7.4%	6.9%	8.8%	8.7%	7.9%	14.6%	14.1%	9.5%	4.7%	8.1%	7.8%	31.8%
6-	1.2%	6.0%	6.2%	2.9%	7.6%	6.4%	7.7%	9.3%	7.5%	13.4%	9.8%	6.5%	3.5%	6.1%	7.4%	196.5%
9-1	3.5%	3.9%	6.1%	5.8%	6.8%	6.9%	5.5%	8.5%	6.5%	9.8%	9.8%	7.4%	3.5%	5.2%	6.3%	-1.2%
12-1	16.5%	17.7%	18.8%	17.5%	17.1%	18.3%	13.2%	16.7%	19.7%	15.9%	17.9%	21.7%	22.1%	18.4%	18.4%	34.1%
15-1	62.4%	51.5%	50.6%	62.1%	50.4%	49.6%	46.2%	42.6%	46.9%	32.9%	38.4%	44.1%	51.2%	44.2%	46.3%	-17.9%
18-2	1.2%	1.9%	3.1%	0.0%	1.6%	3.3%	3.3%	1.1%	2.6%	0.0%	1.3%	2.5%	9.3%	10.6%	7.1%	690.7%
Infants (age 0-1	8.2%	6.6%	5.4%	4.9%	6.0%	5.1%	12.1%	9.0%	5.6%	11.0%	4.0%	4.9%	3.5%	4.4%	3.8%	-57.6%
Youth (age 13-	77.6%	68.6%	69.2%	79.6%	67.9%	68.3%	58.2%	56.0%	65.2%	47.6%	54.0%	64.3%	80.2%	70.3%	68.6%	3.3%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Whit		66.9%	39.4%	74.8%	63.6%	37.6%	70.3%	68.6%	45.3%	74.4%	72.0%	47.4%	69.8%	72.0%	47.3%	-7.3%
Black or African America		32.2%	55.1%	24.3%	36.4%	58.3%	25.3%	33.9%	54.0%	23.2%	32.3%	53.7%	29.1%	31.9%	54.7%	17.7%
Othe	0.0%	1.0%	6.3%	1.0%	0.4%	5.1%	4.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.4%	1.3%	2.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.6%	-
Hispanic or Latin	60.0%	15.6%	9.0%	54.4%	18.3%	11.4%	60.4%	21.0%	10.7%	58.5%	17.4%	11.3%	59.3%	20.1%	11.4%	-1.2%
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By Gender									.=			.=				
Mal		54.4%	55.1%	58.3%	55.3%	53.8%	42.9%	45.4%	47.0%	42.7%	52.0%	47.6%	46.5%	52.8%	48.1%	-30.6%
Femal	32.9%	45.6%	44.9%	41.7%	44.7%	46.2%	57.1%	54.6%	53.0%	57.3%	48.0%	52.4%	53.5%	47.2%	51.9%	62.4%
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry				ı	1		1			1			ı			
Family Setting at Re-Entry	g 30.6%	44.2%	45.2%	35.0%	49.2%	45.6%	52.7%	58.7%	50.9%	67.1%	59.3%	50.5%	39.5%	49.1%	48.5%	29.2%
Pre-adoptive Hom		0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	2.2%	0.8%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	29.270
Foster Family Home – Relativ		12.1%	15.1%	6.8%	12.6%	16.6%	11.0%	19.1%	17.2%	15.9%	18.7%	16.5%	4.7%	8.6%	14.9%	295.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relativ		32.2%	29.9%	28.2%	36.6%	28.8%	39.6%	38.8%	33.3%	51.2%	40.2%	33.5%	34.9%	40.3%	33.3%	18.6%
Congregate Ca		53.2%	52.4%	62.1%	47.3%	47.9%	44.0%	39.1%	42.7%	29.3%	37.6%	45.3%	54.7%	44.0%	44.4%	-19.9%
Group Hom		34.7%	25.1%	45.6%	28.2%	24.0%	38.5%	25.4%	23.8%	22.0%	24.5%	26.0%	45.3%	31.0%	26.7%	16.8%
Institutio		18.5%	27.3%	16.5%	19.1%	23.9%	5.5%	13.7%	18.9%	7.3%	13.1%	19.2%	9.3%	13.0%	17.7%	-68.4%
Supervised Independent Livi		0.6%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	2.3%	3.2%	1.6%	-
Runaw	3	0.8%	0.5%	2.9%	1.6%	4.4%	3.3%	1.1%	4.2%	2.4%	0.8%	2.5%	2.3%	1.5%	4.3%	97.7%
Trial Home V	-	1.2%	0.9%	0.0%	1.2%	0.9%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	1.2%	1.8%	1.0%	1.2%	2.2%	1.2%	-
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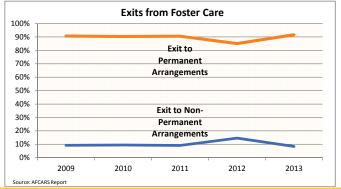
## **FOSTER CARE - EXITS**

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		2009			2010			2011			2012			2013		County % Change
ilidicator	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2009 to 2013									
Children Exiting Foster Care																
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	507	2,571	14,297	508	2,198	13,119	330	1,530	10,630	363	1,641	10,098	395	1,710	9,123	-22.1%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	47.8%	52.9%	49.3%	53.4%	54.7%	50.7%	41.2%	44.6%	46.7%	40.1%	43.5%	45.9%	41.6%	45.0%	42.6%	-13.1%
(number of months until leaving)	16.6	11.8	11.0	15.4	13.5	11.5	13.4	11.4	11.7	12.7	13.3	11.9	14.0	12.4	11.9	-15.4%

By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	90.7%	89.0%	85.9%	90.4%	86.9%	88.0%	90.6%	88.8%	89.5%	85.1%	87.4%	87.9%	91.6%	87.9%	89.3%	1.0%
Reunification	57.8%	56.0%	57.4%	48.0%	49.3%	56.9%	47.9%	55.0%	59.3%	52.3%	58.3%	60.1%	47.3%	53.1%	57.3%	-18.1%
	8.6	5.7	6.3	5.5	5.4	6.1	5.5	4.5	5.9	3.9	8.4	6.1	47.3%	5.8	6.0	-50.6%
(number of months until reunification)						_						_	_			
Adoption	28.0%	21.9%	15.4%	35.0%	25.9%	17.9%	34.5%	22.2%	18.8%	27.3%	21.6%	18.0%	35.7%	24.1%	20.2%	27.5%
(number of months until adoption)	31.8	27.5	31.6	27.5	27.9	31.1	23.1	25.5	29.6	21.7	26.7	27.6	22.1	22.6	26.7	-30.5%
Guardianship	2.0%	4.5%	7.3%	0.8%	6.0%	7.4%	3.0%	4.9%	6.0%	1.4%	3.2%	5.4%	3.8%	4.8%	6.4%	92.5%
(number of month until guardianship)	44.8	21.2	23.5	83.6	29.8	23.3	32.7	23.6	22.2	26.4	21.3	20.4	24.4	23.9	21.2	-45.5%
Live with Other Relatives	3.0%	6.6%	5.8%	6.5%	5.7%	5.8%	5.2%	6.7%	5.4%	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%	4.8%	5.9%	5.5%	62.6%
(number of months until living with relatives)	2.9	9.9	3.3	1.0	3.6	3.6	1.0	5.7	2.7	1.0	9.5	2.7	0.9	4.0	2.6	-67.8%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	9.3%	10.9%	14.1%	9.4%	13.1%	11.9%	9.1%	11.0%	10.4%	14.6%	12.4%	12.0%	8.4%	12.0%	10.5%	-9.9%
Emancipation	6.9%	7.9%	6.5%	6.9%	6.7%	6.7%	7.3%	8.2%	7.8%	11.6%	9.9%	8.0%	6.8%	9.8%	8.1%	-1.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	52.3	34.1	36.8	33.8	35.0	33.6	36.6	37.9	36.8	42.0	36.7	37.4	30.5	24.5	31.4	-41.8%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.4%	2.5%	3.7%	2.0%	5.9%	4.1%	1.5%	2.2%	2.2%	1.9%	2.0%	1.6%	0.3%	1.6%	2.0%	-81.7%
(number of months until transfer)	3.2	7.2	5.2	1.4	10.1	4.4	2.3	10.5	5.9	3.4	7.9	5.3	4.0	25.4	6.0	24.5%
Runaway	1.0%	0.6%	3.9%	0.6%	0.5%	1.1%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%	1.1%	0.5%	2.4%	1.3%	0.6%	0.5%	28.4%
(number of months until running away)	8.0	17.7	6.8	49.2	25.0	9.6	6.9	19.2	18.6	35.5	33.5	4.8	17.2	25.3	14.9	116.5%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	27.1	9.5	3.9	3.9	4.7	142.5	76.7	12.7	12.5	7.1	4.7	0.0	12.3	11.9	-





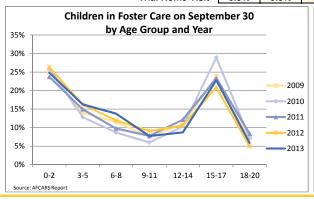
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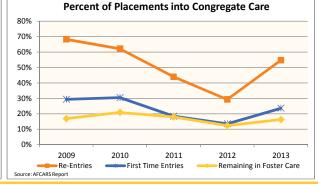
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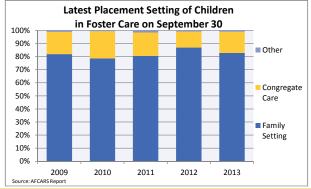
## **FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE**

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		2009			2010			2011			2012			2013		County % Change
indicator	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2009 to 2013
Children Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	592	2,503	16,605	484	2,010	14,826	502	2,058	13,701	585	2,301	13,566	596	2,304	13,697	0.7%
(number of months children have been in care)	18.9	16.5	15.6	12.4	14.4	14.2	11.0	12.9	13.6	10.9	11.9	13.0	12.8	12.5	13.1	-32.2%
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By Age 0-2	25.0%	20.9%	17.5%	26.0%	21.9%	17.9%	23.7%	21.6%	18.9%	26.3%	22.2%	19.5%	24.8%	21.7%	19.9%	-0.7%
0-2 3-5	14.0%	13.6%	17.5%	12.8%	12.8%	17.9%	14.9%	14.9%	14.6%	26.3% 16.2%	16.9%	15.3%	16.3%	17.5%	15.6%	16.1%
6-8	11.5%	10.3%	10.7%	8.7%	9.6%	10.5%	9.8%	9.5%	10.3%	12.0%	11.3%	10.9%	13.8%	11.8%	11.6%	19.8%
9-11	7.6%	9.0%	9.6%	6.0%	7.7%	9.1%	7.8%	8.4%	8.7%	9.1%	9.3%	9.2%	7.7%	9.2%	9.1%	1.5%
12-14	11.0%	12.8%	13.0%	10.3%	12.1%	12.5%	12.2%	11.7%	12.7%	10.6%	10.8%	12.4%	8.7%	11.3%	11.7%	-20.5%
15-17	23.8%	27.8%	27.4%	28.9%	30.0%	27.1%	23.3%	26.3%	25.2%	20.9%	23.3%	23.4%	22.8%	21.7%	22.6%	-4.2%
18-20	7.1%	5.7%	8.1%	7.2%	6.0%	9.1%	8.4%	7.7%	9.7%	5.0%	6.1%	9.4%	5.9%	6.8%	9.5%	-17.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	17.9%	14.7%	11.4%	18.8%	15.0%	11.7%	16.7%	15.0%	12.6%	20.0%	14.7%	13.2%	19.5%	14.5%	12.7%	8.7%
Youth (age 13+)	38.5%	43.1%	45.1%	43.6%	44.8%	45.3%	41.8%	42.9%	44.4%	33.2%	37.4%	41.9%	34.7%	36.8%	40.7%	-9.8%
																-
By Race and Ethnicity																
White	75.2%	71.3%	46.9%	75.6%	73.6%	48.3%	73.7%	77.5%	51.8%	73.8%	79.1%	54.2%	79.5%	80.7%	54.2%	5.8%
Black or African American	21.6%	25.9%	47.2%	22.9%	27.2%	48.9%	23.3%	26.2%	48.0%	21.4%	24.7%	46.6%	19.8%	25.0%	47.9%	-8.4%
Other	3.2%	2.8%	6.7%	1.4%	1.1%	4.2%	3.0%	1.1%	2.3%	4.8%	1.6%	2.7%	0.7%	1.0%	1.9%	-79.1%
Hispanic or Latino	47.1%	17.9%	10.1%	51.9%	18.7%	11.2%	47.6%	18.3%	11.7%	50.1%	18.2%	12.2%	52.0%	19.7%	12.7%	10.4%
By Gender																
Male	54.6%	53.8%	52.9%	57.4%	53.2%	52.0%	50.8%	51.2%	50.7%	49.9%	50.8%	50.8%	48.3%	49.9%	50.7%	-11.4%
Female	45.4%	46.2%	47.1%	42.6%	46.8%	48.0%	49.2%	48.8%	49.3%	50.1%	49.2%	49.2%	51.7%	50.1%	49.3%	13.7%
Declarate Planament Catting				1	1			1		1	1		1	1		
By Latest Placement Setting Family Setting	81.9%	78.0%	74.3%	78.5%	77.3%	74.2%	80.5%	78.0%	74.4%	86.8%	80.4%	76.1%	82.7%	81.1%	76.8%	1.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	6.6%	2.6%	4.0%	3.1%	1.5%	3.9%	2.2%	1.7%	3.5%	2.4%	1.7%	3.0%	0.3%	1.2%	3.2%	-94.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	14.9%	21.2%	23.0%	18.8%	20.7%	23.0%	21.1%	23.2%	23.6%	21.9%	26.3%	25.2%	19.3%	25.9%	25.7%	29.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	60.5%	54.2%	47.3%	56.6%	55.0%	47.4%	57.2%	53.0%	47.3%	62.6%	52.4%	47.9%	63.1%	54.0%	47.9%	4.3%
Congregate Care	16.9%	19.9%	22.4%	20.9%	20.3%	21.0%	17.9%	18.8%	20.3%	12.3%	16.6%	19.2%	16.3%	15.6%	18.7%	-3.7%
Group Home	9.5%	11.3%	10.5%	14.5%	12.3%	10.6%	12.4%	11.5%	10.7%	8.4%	11.0%	11.0%	11.4%	11.1%	10.8%	20.6%
Institution	7.4%	8.5%	11.9%	6.4%	8.1%	10.5%	5.6%	7.3%	9.5%	3.9%	5.6%	8.2%	4.9%	4.6%	7.8%	-34.5%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.8%	1.8%	0.0%	0.8%	2.0%	0.2%	1.1%	2.2%	0.0%	1.2%	1.9%	0.5%	1.1%	2.1%	-
Runaway	0.8%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%	1.8%	0.9%	0.5%	1.8%	0.5%	0.6%	1.4%	-40.4%
Trial Home Visit	0.3%	0.9%	1.2%	0.0%	1.1%	0.9%	0.0%	1.6%	1.2%	0.0%	1.2%	1.1%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	-100.0%
Children in Foster Care on Sente	mbor 20										-	Latest	Diacomo	nt Cottine	of Childr	on







#### **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	
County	Urban-Mix	State												
32.3%	37.4%	37.1%	35.4%	38.0%	37.4%	29.3%	38.6%	36.1%	39.3%	40.9%	36.9%	31.3%	37.6%	34.1%

County % Change 2009 to 2013
-3.2%

County % Change

2009 to 2013

-21.5%

#### **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	
County	Urban-Mix	State												
38.7%	50.2%	47.9%	47.2%	52.3%	46.8%	46.0%	47.4%	48.2%	33.0%	39.0%	44.6%	30.4%	38.1%	41.3%

### **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	
County	Urban-Mix	State												
19.1%	22.4%	27.2%	19.3%	19.7%	25.8%	22.4%	20.1%	27.7%	26.1%	22.7%	26.3%	27.4%	25.0%	26.4%

County % Change 2009 to 2013 42.9%

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