

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)

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		
2,231	25,342	2,198	24,615	2,246	24,378	2,590	26,664	2,575	26,944	15.4%	6.3%
10.5	9.1	10.4	8.8	10.6	8.7	12.2	9.5	12.1	9.6		

Child Abuse Substantiations

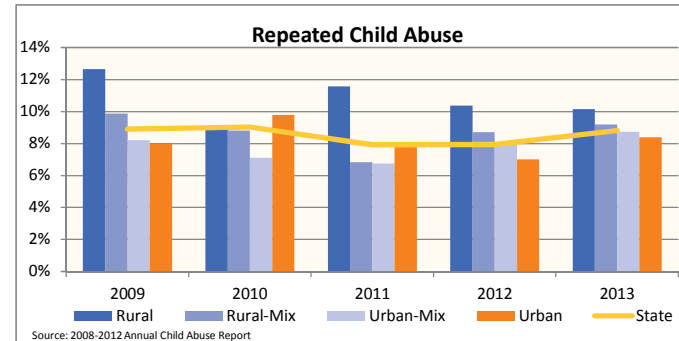
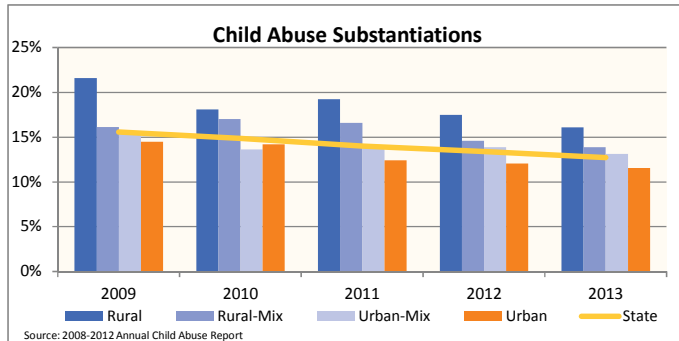
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse. Does not include the number of children determined to need General Protective Services.

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		
21.6%	15.6%	18.1%	14.9%	19.2%	14.0%	17.5%	13.4%	16.1%	12.7%	-25.6%	-18.3%

Repeated Child Abuse

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse following the first reported incident. (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		
12.7%	8.9%	9.0%	9.0%	11.6%	7.9%	10.4%	7.9%	10.1%	8.8%	-19.8%	-0.9%
1 in 8	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 9	1 in 13	1 in 10	1 in 13	1 in 10	1 in 11		



IN-HOME SERVICES

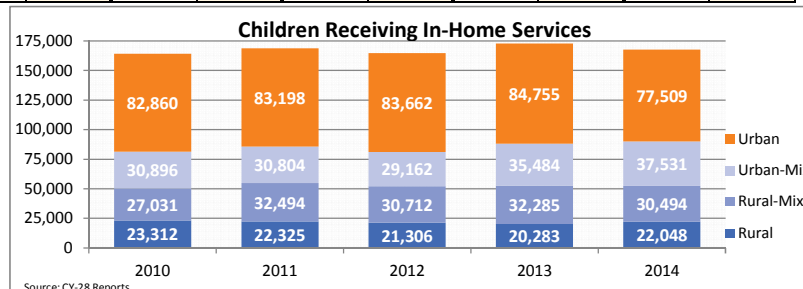
In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home.

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.

2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
23,312	164,099	22,325	168,821	21,306	164,842	20,283	172,807	22,048	167,582	-5.4%	2.1%



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 federal fiscal year.

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

Indicator	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	1,709	25,917	1,692	22,750	1,615	22,000	1,462	21,416	1,535	22,510	-10.2%	-13.1%
	6.5	7.7	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.5	5.6	6.4	5.8	6.7		

By Age

Age Group	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	17.0%	16.8%	17.0%	18.2%	16.9%	18.9%	18.5%	19.2%	20.6%	19.4%	20.9%	15.4%
3-5	14.0%	13.9%	15.6%	15.1%	16.6%	15.6%	15.7%	15.9%	15.0%	16.8%	6.7%	20.5%
6-8	10.1%	10.3%	10.8%	10.5%	10.5%	10.8%	11.7%	11.5%	12.6%	12.3%	24.9%	19.0%
9-11	9.9%	8.9%	9.1%	8.9%	9.7%	8.9%	8.8%	8.9%	8.9%	9.5%	-10.9%	6.4%
12-14	13.1%	11.9%	14.3%	12.1%	13.9%	12.0%	13.2%	11.4%	12.4%	10.9%	-5.6%	-8.3%
15-17	29.0%	27.6%	26.7%	24.8%	24.8%	23.3%	23.6%	22.3%	24.0%	21.4%	-17.2%	-22.8%
18-20	6.8%	10.5%	6.6%	10.4%	7.6%	10.5%	8.5%	10.7%	6.6%	9.8%	-3.1%	-6.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	9.8%	10.5%	11.5%	11.7%	11.4%	12.2%	12.4%	11.9%	14.2%	12.5%	44.5%	18.8%
Youth (age 13+)	45.0%	46.9%	43.7%	44.2%	42.5%	42.7%	42.2%	41.5%	39.1%	38.9%	-13.1%	-16.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
White	93.4%	49.3%	93.0%	52.8%	94.1%	56.4%	95.5%	57.1%	96.5%	58.4%	3.4%	18.4%
Black or African American	6.7%	47.4%	6.4%	46.5%	6.3%	44.1%	6.9%	45.0%	7.0%	44.8%	3.6%	-5.5%
Other	1.2%	4.4%	1.7%	2.6%	1.3%	2.9%	0.5%	2.0%	0.7%	2.0%	-44.3%	-54.7%
Hispanic or Latino	2.8%	11.3%	3.4%	11.6%	2.8%	12.0%	2.8%	12.5%	2.8%	13.1%	1.9%	16.6%

By Gender

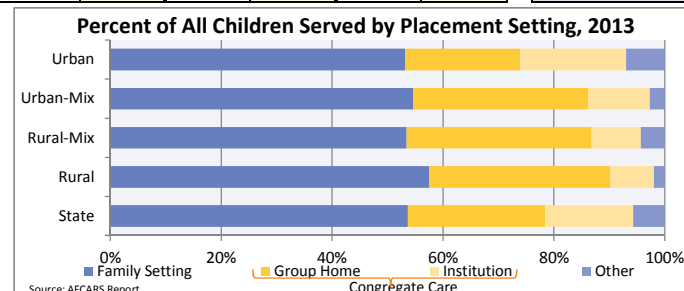
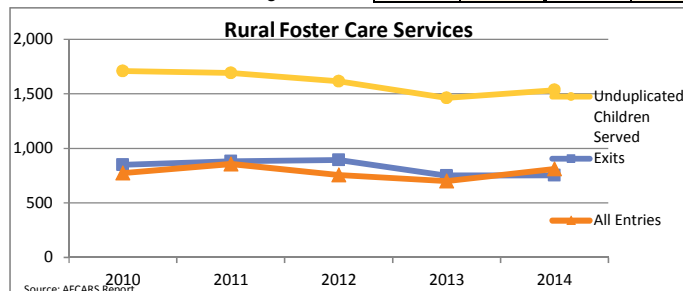
Gender	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	54.8%	53.1%	54.4%	50.7%	53.4%	50.5%	52.9%	50.8%	53.4%	50.8%	-2.6%	-4.3%
Female	45.2%	46.9%	45.6%	49.3%	46.6%	49.5%	47.1%	49.2%	46.6%	49.2%	3.1%	4.9%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	70.7%	69.2%	73.8%	72.0%	75.7%	72.8%	73.8%	73.4%	75.2%	75.8%	6.5%	9.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.7%	4.3%	3.1%	3.9%	3.0%	3.2%	4.2%	3.4%	4.0%	3.5%	7.8%	-17.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	19.1%	22.2%	20.2%	23.5%	23.1%	24.4%	22.0%	24.8%	26.6%	29.6%	39.3%	33.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.9%	42.7%	50.5%	44.5%	49.7%	45.2%	47.6%	45.2%	44.7%	42.7%	-6.7%	0.0%
Congregate Care	25.6%	24.0%	22.6%	20.6%	19.9%	20.6%	20.0%	19.6%	18.6%	18.3%	-27.4%	-23.7%
Group Home	18.7%	12.2%	16.1%	11.7%	14.7%	12.5%	14.2%	12.1%	13.9%	11.6%	-25.9%	-4.8%
Institution	6.8%	11.9%	6.4%	8.9%	5.2%	8.0%	5.7%	7.5%	4.7%	6.8%	-31.5%	-43.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.5%	2.0%	0.5%	2.2%	1.1%	1.8%	1.4%	2.0%	0.8%	1.9%	60.8%	-4.7%
Runaway	0.1%	2.1%	0.1%	2.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%	1.2%	456.7%	-43.5%
Trial Home Visit	3.2%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	4.6%	3.2%	5.0%	2.8%	58.8%	2.5%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
	774	10,898	857	9,849	757	9,793	700	9,306	811	10,364	4.8%	-4.9%



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 federal fiscal 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

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
First Time Entries During the Year	553	7,083	637	6,979	568	7,018	546	6,698	658	7,592	19.0%	7.2%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.3	13.6%	12.7%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	71.4%	65.0%	74.3%	70.9%	75.0%	71.7%	78.0%	72.0%	81.1%	73.3%		

By Age

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

	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
0-2	28.2%	30.9%	27.3%	31.7%	28.0%	32.2%	30.2%	32.8%	31.9%	32.7%	13.1%	5.8%
3-5	13.4%	12.6%	12.1%	14.1%	14.3%	14.2%	13.9%	14.6%	16.0%	15.7%	19.2%	24.5%
6-8	9.9%	8.6%	8.0%	9.3%	9.7%	10.1%	10.8%	10.0%	13.1%	11.5%	31.4%	34.9%
9-11	6.5%	7.8%	8.8%	7.9%	9.3%	8.6%	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	9.2%	35.4%	18.6%
12-14	12.8%	15.3%	17.9%	14.7%	15.1%	14.4%	15.6%	13.5%	10.9%	12.7%	-14.8%	-16.6%
15-17	29.1%	24.8%	25.9%	22.2%	23.6%	20.4%	20.5%	20.8%	19.0%	18.0%	-34.7%	-27.1%
18-20	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	-	-28.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	21.5%	25.1%	21.7%	25.7%	21.5%	26.2%	24.5%	26.4%	24.2%	26.3%	12.3%	4.7%
Youth (age 13+)	37.6%	36.8%	39.7%	33.8%	35.4%	31.2%	32.2%	31.4%	27.4%	27.6%	-27.3%	-24.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

White
Black or African American
Other
Hispanic or Latino

	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
White	94.8%	56.2%	92.3%	59.2%	93.0%	62.0%	94.9%	62.1%	96.7%	64.0%	2.0%	13.7%
Black or African American	4.9%	41.3%	6.4%	40.4%	6.7%	37.7%	7.5%	39.2%	7.4%	39.0%	52.5%	-5.5%
Other	1.4%	4.0%	1.9%	2.3%	1.2%	3.4%	0.7%	2.6%	0.8%	2.3%	-47.5%	-43.5%
Hispanic or Latino	3.6%	12.8%	3.6%	12.4%	1.8%	11.7%	2.9%	13.0%	3.3%	13.9%	-7.6%	8.4%

By Gender

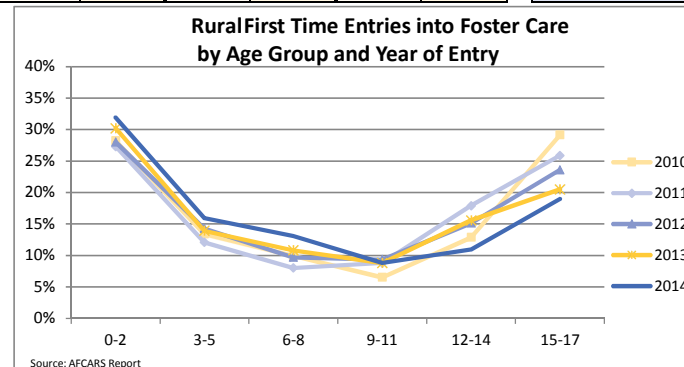
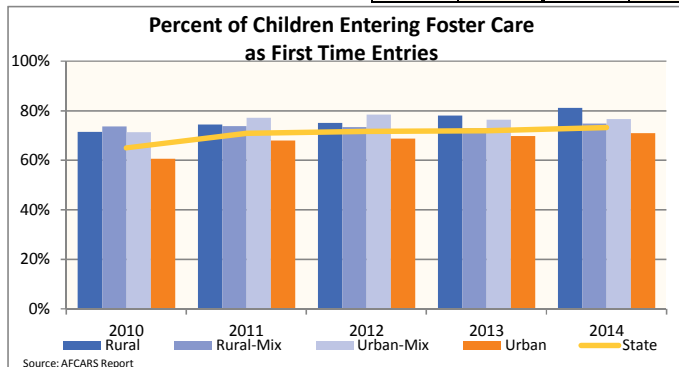
Male
Female

	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Male	52.6%	51.4%	52.9%	49.6%	49.8%	49.9%	49.5%	50.1%	53.3%	50.9%	1.4%	-0.9%
Female	47.4%	48.6%	47.1%	50.4%	50.2%	50.1%	50.5%	49.9%	46.7%	49.1%	-1.5%	0.9%

By First Placement Setting

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

	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Family Setting	69.4%	71.6%	72.1%	74.8%	77.8%	76.4%	77.5%	76.7%	79.9%	80.7%	15.1%	12.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	-16.0%	88.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	20.4%	24.1%	25.0%	25.0%	27.8%	25.8%	25.8%	27.2%	33.6%	33.1%	64.4%	37.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.6%	47.3%	47.1%	49.5%	49.8%	50.4%	51.5%	49.3%	46.0%	47.5%	-5.3%	0.2%
Congregate Care	29.5%	26.2%	26.5%	22.4%	21.1%	21.1%	21.2%	21.0%	16.6%	17.5%	-43.8%	-33.1%
Group Home	22.8%	16.3%	22.0%	14.8%	18.3%	14.7%	16.1%	15.0%	13.8%	12.1%	-39.3%	-25.8%
Institution	6.7%	9.9%	4.6%	7.6%	2.8%	6.4%	5.1%	6.0%	2.7%	5.4%	-59.1%	-45.1%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	-	-56.7%
Runaway	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	-	-44.0%
Trial Home Visit	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.9%	0.9%	1.9%	0.7%	1.5%	3.0%	1.2%	180.1%	1.5%



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

		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
		Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
		221	3,815	220	2,870	189	2,775	154	2,608	153	2,772	-30.8%	-27.3%
		28.6%	35.0%	25.7%	29.1%	25.0%	28.3%	22.0%	28.0%	18.9%	26.7%	-33.9%	-23.6%

By Age

Age Group	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
0-2	12.7%	8.4%	13.2%	8.8%	11.1%	8.5%	5.2%	6.6%	9.2%	8.2%	-27.8%	-3.1%
3-5	12.2%	6.9%	13.2%	7.9%	16.4%	9.5%	9.1%	7.8%	7.2%	9.2%	-41.2%	31.9%
6-8	7.7%	6.4%	5.9%	7.5%	6.9%	6.5%	7.8%	7.4%	8.5%	8.8%	10.5%	36.5%
9-11	9.5%	6.9%	7.7%	6.5%	5.8%	7.4%	5.8%	6.3%	9.8%	7.5%	3.2%	8.0%
12-14	17.6%	18.3%	18.2%	19.7%	17.5%	21.7%	20.1%	18.4%	19.6%	17.1%	11.1%	-6.8%
15-17	39.8%	49.6%	41.8%	46.9%	41.8%	44.1%	45.5%	46.3%	41.2%	43.7%	3.4%	-12.0%
18-20	0.5%	3.3%	0.0%	2.6%	0.5%	2.5%	6.5%	7.1%	4.6%	5.7%	911.1%	71.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	5.9%	5.1%	9.1%	5.6%	4.8%	4.9%	2.6%	3.8%	5.9%	5.2%	0.0%	1.6%
Youth (age 13+)	54.8%	68.3%	55.9%	65.2%	55.6%	64.3%	68.2%	68.6%	63.4%	63.5%	15.8%	-7.1%

By Race and Ethnicity

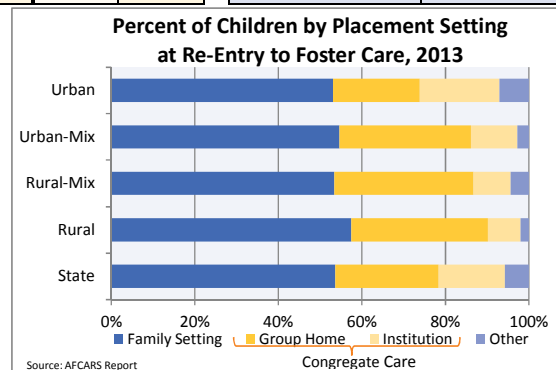
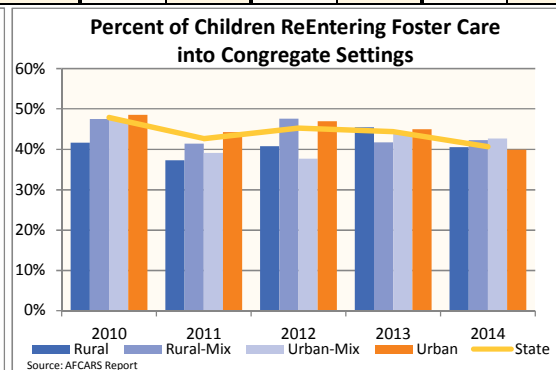
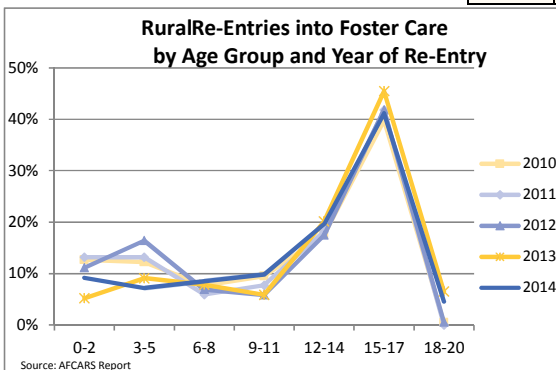
Race/Ethnicity	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
White	95.9%	37.6%	93.6%	45.3%	97.4%	47.4%	96.8%	47.3%	96.7%	50.5%	0.8%	34.4%
Black or African American	5.0%	58.3%	4.1%	54.0%	3.7%	53.7%	7.8%	54.7%	3.9%	52.3%	-21.2%	-10.3%
Other	0.0%	5.1%	2.7%	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	1.6%	0.7%	1.8%	-	-63.8%
Hispanic or Latino	0.5%	11.4%	1.4%	10.7%	3.2%	11.3%	1.9%	11.4%	2.6%	12.2%	477.8%	7.3%

By Gender

Gender	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Male	60.2%	53.8%	52.7%	47.0%	55.6%	47.6%	50.0%	48.1%	53.6%	50.6%	-10.9%	-5.9%
Female	39.8%	46.2%	47.3%	53.0%	44.4%	52.4%	50.0%	51.9%	46.4%	49.4%	16.5%	6.9%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Family Setting	57.5%	45.6%	61.8%	50.9%	58.7%	50.5%	52.6%	48.5%	57.5%	53.7%	0.1%	17.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	-	4.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	12.2%	16.6%	11.8%	17.2%	18.0%	16.5%	11.0%	14.9%	19.0%	20.2%	55.1%	21.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.2%	28.8%	50.0%	33.3%	40.7%	33.5%	41.6%	33.3%	38.6%	33.3%	-14.8%	15.8%
Congregate Care	41.6%	47.9%	37.3%	42.7%	40.7%	45.3%	45.5%	44.4%	40.5%	40.6%	-2.7%	-15.1%
Group Home	31.7%	24.0%	30.9%	23.8%	34.4%	26.0%	35.7%	26.7%	32.7%	24.8%	3.2%	3.3%
Institution	10.0%	23.9%	6.4%	18.9%	6.3%	19.2%	9.7%	17.7%	7.8%	15.9%	-21.2%	-33.5%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.6%	0.5%	0.8%	1.3%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%	-	22.4%
Runaway	0.0%	4.4%	0.5%	4.2%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	3.3%	-	-24.2%
Trial Home Visit	0.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%	-27.8%	-14.1%



FOSTER CARE - GOALS

All children in foster care have a court-ordered permanency goal, which directs the efforts of the child welfare agency toward a certain family outcome for each child. This data provides information on the most recent goal for every child served in foster care during the federal fiscal year.

Indicator

Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

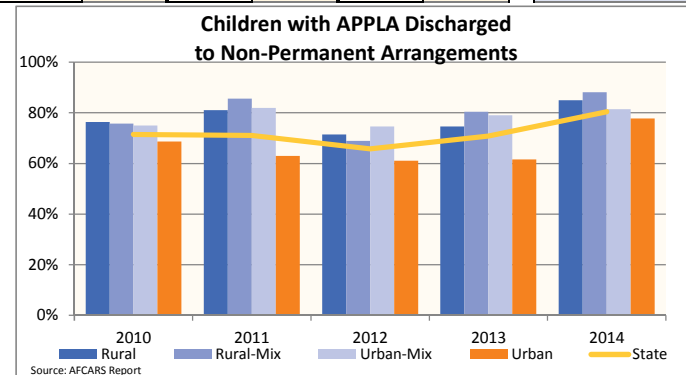
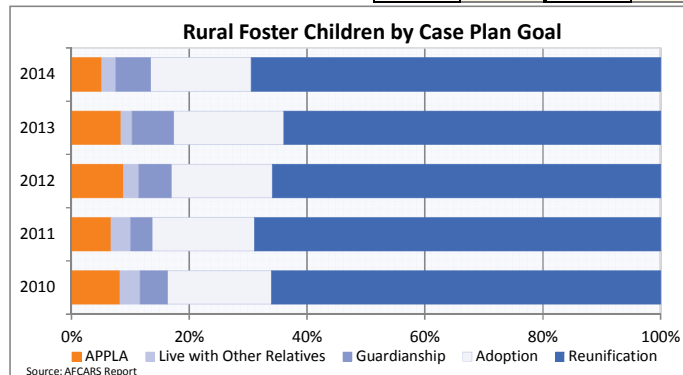
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	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Permanency Goals	91.8%	90.9%	93.3%	91.0%	91.2%	90.9%	91.7%	92.8%	94.9%	93.6%	3.3%	2.9%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	66.1%	66.6%	69.0%	68.0%	65.9%	69.6%	64.0%	70.5%	69.5%	72.6%	5.2%	9.1%
Adoption	17.5%	18.5%	17.3%	17.6%	17.1%	16.6%	18.6%	16.7%	17.0%	16.1%	-3.1%	-13.3%
Guardianship	4.7%	3.1%	3.7%	2.8%	5.6%	3.1%	7.1%	3.6%	6.0%	3.1%	26.7%	-2.2%
Live with Relative(s)	3.5%	2.7%	3.3%	2.7%	2.6%	1.6%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	1.8%	-32.0%	-33.1%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	8.2%	9.1%	6.7%	9.0%	8.8%	9.1%	8.3%	7.2%	5.1%	6.4%	-37.2%	-29.0%
Long Term Foster Care	3.8%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	4.8%	3.2%	3.3%	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%	-65.7%	-43.1%
Emancipation	4.3%	5.9%	3.4%	5.5%	4.0%	5.9%	5.0%	5.1%	3.8%	4.6%	-12.1%	-21.4%

APPLA By Age

Age Group	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
0-15	2.2%	2.0%	1.7%	1.6%	2.7%	1.7%	2.1%	1.1%	0.7%	0.8%	-69.0%	-62.1%
16-20	22.0%	24.4%	18.5%	27.0%	24.6%	28.4%	25.8%	23.6%	18.4%	23.1%	-16.1%	-5.5%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	23.6%	28.2%	18.9%	28.8%	28.6%	34.1%	25.4%	28.9%	15.0%	19.4%	-36.5%	-31.2%
Reunification	12.7%	21.3%	16.2%	23.9%	20.6%	29.6%	6.8%	22.8%	10.0%	14.5%	-21.4%	-31.9%
(number of months until reunification)	15.3	32.5	28.7	36.2	54.0	37.2	16.5	27.8	33.4	36.2	117.7%	11.5%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	-	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.0	0.0	41.1	0.0	149.3	-	-
Guardianship	10.9%	3.2%	2.7%	2.1%	6.3%	1.7%	16.9%	3.4%	5.0%	2.5%	-54.2%	-21.5%
(number of month until guardianship)	46.0	41.0	27.1	38.7	21.7	35.3	23.6	32.0	17.8	27.8	-61.3%	-32.1%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	2.8%	1.6%	2.6%	1.7%	2.2%	0.0%	2.1%	-	-44.4%
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	47.7	0.0	30.8	19.8	25.8	11.3	30.6	0.0	15.9	-	-66.7%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	76.4%	71.4%	81.1%	71.0%	71.4%	65.8%	74.6%	70.8%	85.0%	80.4%	11.3%	12.6%
Emancipation	74.5%	63.9%	78.4%	63.8%	69.8%	60.5%	71.2%	64.2%	82.5%	73.0%	10.7%	14.2%
(number of months until emancipation)	35.5	37.5	35.7	40.4	35.1	40.6	43.5	33.1	44.3	33.5	25.0%	-10.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.8%	4.6%	2.7%	4.4%	1.6%	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	2.5%	5.5%	37.5%	18.9%
(number of months until transfer)	0.3	20.5	17.9	80.7	98.6	51.5	41.6	46.4	20.2	13.0	6721.9%	-36.8%
Runaway	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.9%	-	-33.8%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	27.2	0.0	37.9	0.0	8.9	0.0	26.5	0.0	16.3	-	-40.0%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	-	-55.8%
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	29.7	0.0	142.5	0.0	42.8	0.0	92.4	0.0	129.8	-	337.1%



FOSTER CARE - EXITS

Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the federal fiscal 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

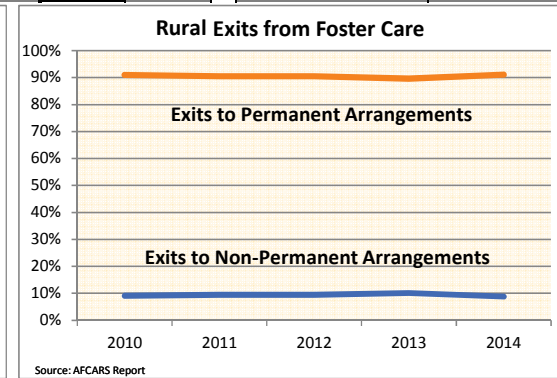
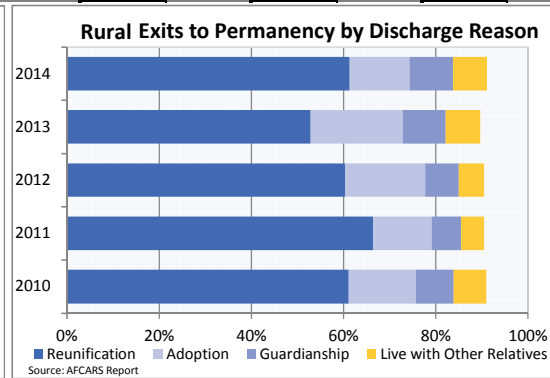
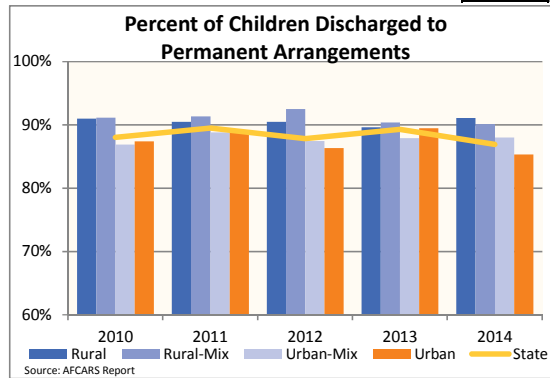
Total Children Leaving Foster Care
 Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care
 (number of months until leaving)

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	851	13,119	881	10,630	893	10,098	751	9,123	752	9,769	-11.6%	-25.5%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	49.8%	50.6%	52.1%	46.7%	55.3%	45.9%	51.4%	42.6%	49.0%	43.4%	-1.6%	-14.3%
(number of months until leaving)	10.1	11.5	7.9	11.7	11.0	11.9	10.6	11.9	9.1	10.7	-10.4%	-6.9%

By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements
 Reunification
 (number of months until reunification)
 Adoption
 (number of months until adoption)
 Guardianship
 (number of month until guardianship)
 Live with Other Relatives
 (number of months until living with relatives)
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements
 Emancipation
 (number of months until emancipation)
 Transfer to Another Agency
 (number of months until transfer)
 Runaway
 (number of months until running away)
Death of Child
 (number of months until death of a child)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	91.0%	88.0%	90.5%	89.5%	90.5%	87.9%	89.6%	89.3%	91.1%	86.9%	0.2%	-1.3%
Reunification	61.1%	56.9%	66.4%	59.3%	60.4%	60.1%	52.9%	57.3%	61.3%	57.2%	0.3%	0.5%
(number of months until reunification)	4.7	6.1	3.0	5.9	5.8	6.1	4.8	6.0	5.6	5.5	20.1%	-9.2%
Adoption	14.6%	17.9%	12.7%	18.8%	17.4%	18.0%	20.0%	20.2%	13.0%	18.6%	-10.6%	3.9%
(number of months until adoption)	20.9	31.1	29.6	29.6	31.5	27.6	28.2	26.7	27.3	27.4	30.7%	-12.0%
Guardianship	8.2%	7.4%	6.4%	6.0%	7.3%	5.4%	9.3%	6.4%	9.4%	6.1%	14.8%	-17.2%
(number of month until guardianship)	21.2	23.3	19.6	22.2	17.8	20.4	18.7	21.2	21.4	20.8	0.9%	-10.7%
Live with Other Relatives	7.1%	5.8%	5.0%	5.4%	5.5%	4.4%	7.5%	5.5%	7.3%	5.0%	3.7%	-14.3%
(number of months until living with relatives)	8.3	3.6	5.1	2.7	4.3	2.7	4.7	2.6	10.7	1.0	28.3%	-71.8%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	9.0%	11.9%	9.4%	10.4%	9.5%	12.0%	10.1%	10.5%	8.8%	13.0%	-3.0%	9.7%
Emancipation	8.0%	6.7%	7.6%	7.8%	8.5%	8.0%	7.7%	8.1%	7.3%	7.7%	-8.5%	15.1%
(number of months until emancipation)	28.7	33.6	25.8	36.8	32.3	37.4	36.2	31.4	31.4	29.6	9.4%	-11.8%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.1%	4.1%	1.8%	2.2%	1.0%	1.6%	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%	4.3%	13.2%	2.7%
(number of months until transfer)	0.6	4.4	6.6	5.9	11.0	5.3	10.4	6.0	10.3	5.0	1558.4%	13.4%
Runaway	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	2.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	1.1%	-	3.4%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	9.6	0.0	18.6	0.0	4.8	41.6	14.9	25.2	13.2	-	37.3%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	-	-37.3%
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	4.7	19.9	12.7	0.0	4.7	5.1	11.9	13.7	30.9	-	558.0%



FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

Data on children 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)

Indicator	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Remaining in Foster Care	929	14,826	917	13,701	816	13,566	774	13,697	840	14,162	-9.6%	-4.5%
	14.4	14.2	14.6	13.6	12.7	13.0	12.6	13.1	12.4	12.6	-13.5%	-11.6%

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	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	18.4%	17.9%	16.9%	18.9%	17.6%	19.5%	20.0%	19.9%	22.5%	20.0%	22.2%	11.7%
3-5	15.2%	13.7%	15.6%	14.6%	16.7%	15.3%	13.8%	15.6%	14.9%	16.7%	-2.0%	21.9%
6-8	11.8%	10.5%	11.8%	10.3%	10.4%	10.9%	10.2%	11.6%	12.6%	12.4%	6.6%	18.6%
9-11	10.5%	9.1%	9.5%	8.7%	10.5%	9.2%	9.7%	9.1%	9.6%	9.6%	-8.6%	6.4%
12-14	12.9%	12.5%	15.0%	12.7%	14.2%	12.4%	15.6%	11.7%	12.3%	11.5%	-5.1%	-7.9%
15-17	26.7%	27.1%	24.8%	25.2%	24.9%	23.4%	23.6%	22.6%	24.3%	21.1%	-9.0%	-22.1%
18-20	4.4%	9.1%	6.4%	9.7%	5.6%	9.4%	7.0%	9.5%	3.8%	8.4%	-13.7%	-7.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.3%	11.7%	11.3%	12.6%	11.9%	13.2%	14.3%	12.7%	15.5%	13.2%	36.9%	13.2%
Youth (age 13+)	40.2%	45.3%	41.9%	44.4%	41.1%	41.9%	41.7%	40.7%	37.0%	37.8%	-7.8%	-16.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

White
Black or African American
Other
Hispanic or Latino

Race/Ethnicity	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
White	93.9%	48.3%	93.8%	51.8%	94.7%	54.2%	95.9%	54.2%	96.7%	55.5%	3.0%	15.1%
Black or African American	6.6%	48.9%	6.5%	48.0%	6.4%	46.6%	6.7%	47.9%	8.1%	47.4%	23.3%	-3.2%
Other	1.2%	4.2%	1.3%	2.3%	0.9%	2.7%	0.5%	1.9%	0.5%	2.0%	-59.8%	-52.7%
Hispanic or Latino	3.4%	11.2%	3.7%	11.7%	2.3%	12.2%	2.6%	12.7%	2.4%	13.0%	-30.9%	16.3%

By Gender

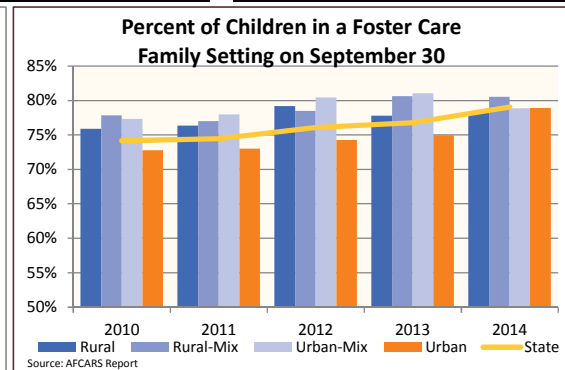
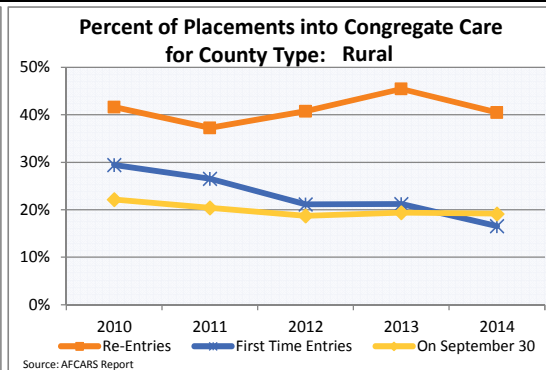
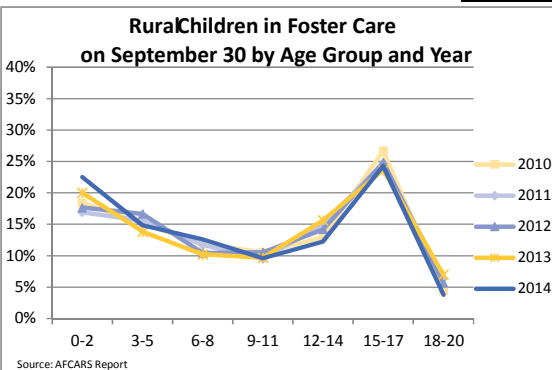
Male
Female

Gender	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	55.7%	52.0%	55.6%	50.7%	56.0%	50.8%	52.7%	50.7%	53.7%	50.9%	-3.5%	-2.1%
Female	44.3%	48.0%	44.4%	49.3%	44.0%	49.2%	47.3%	49.3%	46.3%	49.1%	4.4%	2.3%

By Latest Placement Setting

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	2010 Rural	2010 State	2011 Rural	2011 State	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	75.9%	74.2%	76.3%	74.4%	79.2%	76.1%	77.8%	76.8%	78.2%	79.0%	3.1%	6.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	2.6%	3.9%	2.3%	3.5%	2.3%	3.0%	1.9%	3.2%	3.7%	3.9%	42.9%	2.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	17.2%	23.0%	18.6%	23.6%	22.3%	25.2%	22.5%	25.7%	25.8%	30.0%	50.0%	30.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	56.1%	47.4%	55.4%	47.3%	54.5%	47.9%	53.4%	47.9%	48.7%	45.1%	-13.2%	-4.7%
Congregate Care	22.2%	21.0%	20.4%	20.3%	18.8%	19.2%	19.4%	18.7%	19.2%	17.3%	-13.6%	-17.7%
Group Home	15.0%	10.6%	12.9%	10.7%	12.5%	11.0%	12.8%	10.8%	13.8%	10.6%	-7.7%	0.7%
Institution	7.2%	10.5%	7.5%	9.5%	6.3%	8.2%	6.6%	7.8%	5.4%	6.7%	-25.7%	-36.3%
Supervised Independent Living	0.5%	2.0%	0.7%	2.2%	1.2%	1.9%	1.4%	2.1%	0.8%	1.7%	54.8%	-14.9%
Runaway	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	1.1%	-	-39.2%
Trial Home Visit	1.4%	0.9%	2.6%	1.2%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.8%	0.8%	27.6%	-14.1%



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.

2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State
32.7%	37.4%	35.4%	36.1%	36.7%	36.9%	37.4%	34.1%	33.7%	32.7%

Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
3.2%	-12.7%

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.

2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State
57.3%	46.8%	54.9%	48.2%	56.0%	44.6%	52.1%	41.3%	44.2%	39.7%

Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
-23.0%	-15.3%

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.)

2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State
23.0%	25.8%	19.2%	27.7%	19.7%	26.3%	20.3%	26.4%	20.9%	26.9%

Rural % Change 2010 to 2014	State % Change 2010 to 2014
-9.2%	4.1%



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