

Ohio

Ohio [Context Data]

A. Context Statistics ^{1 2}

General Child Population (Census Bureau) ³

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total children under 18 years	2,609,137	2,595,584	2,581,403	2,625,734	2,605,629
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴					
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
Black	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.3
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.9
White	71.4	70.8	70.4	70.0	69.7
Two or more races	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2
Child population in poverty (%)	20.1	19.5	18.4	16.8	18.6

Child Welfare Summary ⁵

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Child maltreatment victims	24,897	25,158	25,470	23,691	24,267
Foster care entry rate	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	14,961	15,730	16,387	16,017	15,449
Children adopted	1,538	1,566	1,665	1,466	1,622

Caseworker Visits ⁶

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	96	96	96	96	96
Numerator	154,896	166,321	169,116	173,766	161,155
Denominator	161,438	173,207	175,842	181,741	168,448
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	88	86	85	82	80
Numerator	135,571	142,607	144,458	141,673	129,640
Denominator	154,896	166,321	169,116	173,766	161,155

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

² Data that did not meet the quality standards for inclusion in the report are represented as DQ*. Incomplete data excluded from inclusion in the report are represented as --. For additional information on the data quality thresholds for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, please reference the full report or the Child Welfare Outcomes data site.

³ The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau <https://www.census.gov/data/tables.html> (<https://www.census.gov/data/tables.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 poverty estimates are not available on data.census.gov. The 2020 poverty estimates are considered experimental and can be found on the ACS Experimental Data webpage: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/experimental-data.html> (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/experimental-data.html>).

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report data site <http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite> (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁵ A child victim is defined as a child for whom the state determined at least one maltreatment was substantiated or indicated. This includes a child who died of child abuse and neglect. This is a change from prior years when children with dispositions of alternative response victim were included as victims. The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁶ The reporting population subject to the caseworker visits requirements includes all children under age 18 for at least the first day of the FY (October 1) who have been in foster care for at least one full calendar month during the FY. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS]) ⁷**Overview Maltreatment Information ⁸**

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	107,992	41.4 per 1,000	110,550	42.6 per 1,000	113,071	43.8 per 1,000	104,750	39.9 per 1,000	106,012	40.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	24,897	9.5 per 1,000	25,158	9.7 per 1,000	25,470	9.9 per 1,000	23,691	9.0 per 1,000	24,267	9.3 per 1,000
Child Fatalities	73	2.8 per 100,000	106	4.1 per 100,000	79	3.1 per 100,000	94	3.6 per 100,000	98	3.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Under 1 year	14.1	14.8	16.5	17.2	16.1
1 year	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.4
2 years	6.0	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.5
3 years	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.5
4 years	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4
5 years	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.4	5.4
6 years	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.3
7 years	5.6	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.3
8 years	5.3	5.4	4.8	4.6	4.9
9 years	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.6
10 years	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.4
11 years	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
12 years	4.5	4.4	5.0	4.8	5.0
13 years	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.3
14 years	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.1
15 years	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.6
16 years	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7
17 years	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Number	24,897	25,158	25,470	23,691	24,267

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	24.6	25.1	25.7	24.5	25.1
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.6	6.0	5.7	6.3	6.2
White	59.0	58.3	56.7	56.4	54.8
Two or more races	8.9	8.6	9.3	10.1	11.1
Missing data	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.4
Number	24,897	25,158	25,470	23,691	24,267

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%) ⁹

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Emotional abuse	3.8	5.9	6.7	7.1	7.0
Medical neglect	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.8
Neglect	48.4	48.3	49.2	47.5	50.1
Physical abuse	50.5	48.3	47.8	50.6	48.8
Sexual abuse	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.6
Sex trafficking	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	24,897	25,158	25,470	23,691	24,267

Time to Investigation (in hours) ¹⁰

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mean	28.2	26.7	27.0	23.9	26.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24	<24

⁷ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year.

⁸ The rates for Child Protective Services responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

⁹ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

¹⁰ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY					Entered Foster Care in FY					Exited Foster Care in FY					In Foster Care on 9/30 FY				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total number	13,350	14,419	15,030	15,755	15,268	11,845	12,325	12,410	10,720	10,505	10,234	11,014	11,053	10,458	10,323	14,961	15,730	16,387	16,011	16,011
Median length of stay (months)	10.6	10.0	10.5	10.6	12.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8	10.8	11.5	11.8	12.8	9.8	10.4	10.5	10.5	11.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY					Entered Foster Care in FY					Exited Foster Care in FY					In Foster Care on 9/30 FY				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Under 1 year	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.5	7.8	16.7	17.6	17.4	18.4	17.5	6.0	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.6	7.9	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.4
1 year	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.1	8.7	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.7	6.7	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.0	8.5	8.5	8.0	8.5	8.3
2 years	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.9	7.2	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.4	7.6	8.0	7.4	7.0	8.0	7.0	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.8
3 years	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.3	4.6	4.9	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.6	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.7
4 years	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5
5 years	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.9	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.9
6 years	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.4
7 years	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2
8 years	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2
9 years	4.1	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.9
10 years	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.6
11 years	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.8
12 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.1
13 years	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6
14 years	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.3	4.7	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.1
15 years	6.4	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6
16 years	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.3	5.6	5.5	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.4	7.1	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.9
17 years	7.8	6.4	5.9	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.8	5.7	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.4	7.3	7.1	6.1	6.0	6.2
18 years	0.5	0.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	<.1	1.7	2.8	3.3	4.0	10.2	8.3	8.6	8.5	6.0	<.1	1.1	1.4	1.3	2.4
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.1	2.5	0.2	<.1	0.7	1.2	2.1	0.0	0.8	1.5	1.8	1.6
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.6	0.0	<.1	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.6	1.1	1.5	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.9	1.6	2.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY					Entered Foster Care in FY					Exited Foster Care in FY					In Foster Care on 9/30 FY				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alaska Native / American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	29.8	29.3	30.2	31.3	29.6	29.5	29.9	30.6	28.4	28.1	30.2	28.8	28.9	30.7	29.3	29.3	30.1	31.3	29.7	28.8
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.2	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2	5.9	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.9	6.2
White	53.1	52.9	52.3	50.3	50.5	53.1	52.5	51.0	52.4	52.0	53.2	53.0	53.5	51.8	51.8	53.0	52.5	50.5	50.7	50.6
Two or more races	11.5	11.9	11.7	12.4	13.2	11.0	10.5	11.2	12.4	13.1	10.7	11.3	10.9	11.6	12.6	11.7	11.3	11.9	12.9	13.6
Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption" ¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Children Waiting for Adoption**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total waiting children	3,373	3,579	3,677	3,472	3,526
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,936	3,117	3,290	3,269	3,353

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%) ¹²

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Under 1 year	2.3	2.4	2.6	1.8	1.6
1 year	7.1	7.1	6.4	6.8	6.6
2 years	6.8	6.0	6.7	6.9	7.5
3 years	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.3	6.0
4 years	5.6	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.4
5 years	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.7
6 years	4.8	5.5	4.4	4.6	4.4
7 years	4.9	4.4	6.0	4.4	4.1
8 years	5.5	5.1	4.0	5.0	4.9
9 years	5.2	5.4	5.2	4.4	4.4
10 years	5.0	5.8	4.9	4.6	4.7
11 years	4.4	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.9
12 years	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.7	5.1
13 years	5.4	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.9
14 years	5.8	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.6
15 years	6.4	6.8	7.6	7.4	7.9
16 years	7.9	7.3	7.2	8.0	7.9
17 years	6.9	7.3	6.5	7.1	7.5

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	27.8	27.0	27.8	27.5	27.6
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.4
White	54.1	55.7	53.2	52.6	52.3
Two or more races	12.5	11.9	13.3	14.0	14.2
Unknown	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)**Children Adopted**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total children adopted	1,538	1,566	1,665	1,466	1,622

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Under 1 year	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.0	1.4
1 year	12.7	14.2	12.4	10.9	9.7
2 years	16.1	14.9	14.0	14.2	14.5
3 years	10.7	10.1	8.3	10.5	12.7
4 years	6.7	7.4	8.0	7.6	8.3
5 years	6.5	7.8	7.1	7.1	7.8
6 years	5.9	6.4	6.8	6.3	6.2
7 years	6.0	4.9	5.8	5.9	6.2
8 years	4.7	5.8	4.7	5.3	4.6
9 years	5.0	5.7	5.2	4.7	4.3
10 years	4.9	4.2	5.0	4.0	4.6
11 years	4.1	3.5	4.7	4.5	3.9
12 years	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.3
13 years	2.5	2.5	3.2	4.4	3.1
14 years	2.3	2.6	2.4	1.8	3.1
15 years	2.0	1.3	2.1	2.4	2.1
16 years	2.2	1.4	2.3	2.2	1.9
17 years	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.5	1.8
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.4	<.1	<.1
Black	19.3	18.3	17.9	18.1	19.7
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.8	6.1	4.7	6.3	5.7
White	64.0	59.7	63.2	59.9	57.8
Two or more races	12.3	15.3	13.7	14.8	16.2
Unknown	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.3	0.4	<.1	0.6	0.2

Ohio [Outcomes Data]

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

Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 12 Months (%) ¹³

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Children without a recurrence	90.3	89.9	90.4	89.7	N/A
Children with one or more recurrences	9.7	10.1	9.6	10.3	N/A
Number	24,896	25,052	25,429	23,515	N/A

¹³ At the time of this analysis, data were not available to calculate the recurrence of maltreatment for children who were victims of maltreatment in 2021.

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.42	0.43	0.49	0.37	0.35
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.58	99.57	99.51	99.63	99.65
Number	25,195	26,744	27,440	26,475	25,773

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	14.7	13.8	14.8	13.7	15.4
Guardianship	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.7
Reunification	68.9	71.6	68.2	68.1	66.5
Other	11.2	9.3	11.2	13.1	12.6
Missing data	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.7
Number	10,234	11,014	11,053	10,458	10,324

Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	23.9	22.4	23.6	22.4	25.8
Guardianship	3.1	3.5	3.9	3.0	4.3
Reunification	51.5	55.9	51.6	49.6	48.0
Other	20.9	17.7	20.1	24.3	21.3
Missing data	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7
Number	3,047	3,110	3,106	3,048	3,316

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
Guardianship	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8
Reunification	58.6	61.6	55.3	51.3	50.3
Other	34.7	32.3	37.9	42.0	43.6
Missing data	1.3	0.9	1.4	0.7	0.9
Number	2,864	2,791	2,956	2,969	2,786

Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (Continued)**Exits to Emancipation (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children age 12 or younger at entry	13.3	12.7	9.0	8.3	5.7
Children older than 12 at entry	86.7	87.3	91.0	91.7	94.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,030	902	1,127	1,265	1,173

Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Alaska Native / American Indian					Asian					Black (non-Hispanic)				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	4.5	12.5	22.2	0.0	0.0	9.4	8.8	9.3	8.2	10.4
Guardianship	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	7.7	0.0	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.6
Reunification	100.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	81.8	81.3	70.4	84.6	90.0	71.9	74.9	70.9	71.6	71.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	13.6	6.3	3.7	7.7	10.0	14.1	11.9	14.7	16.7	14.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.1	1.8	0.7	0.8
Number	3	4	0	0	6	22	16	27	26	40	3,091	3,173	3,195	3,212	3,022

Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White (non-Hispanic)				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	14.7	12.0	16.8	15.9	17.8	15.5	17.4	16.0	17.2
Guardianship	20.0	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.5	4.5	4.4	6.4	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.1
Reunification	60.0	88.9	88.9	100.0	100.0	73.6	71.5	72.5	68.1	63.7	66.9	70.3	66.3	66.5	64.5
Other	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	7.1	10.3	10.7	12.6	10.2	8.7	10.2	11.8	12.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.5
Number	5	9	9	3	4	530	648	651	542	565	5,446	5,840	5,917	5,420	5,351

Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	15.4	3.6	6.7	10.0	15.4	16.8	19.1	18.8	17.6	20.2	6.9	5.5	3.1	0.0	4.0
Guardianship	7.7	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.6	5.7	5.7	6.3	4.9	13.8	0.0	3.1	4.5	4.0
Reunification	69.2	89.3	86.7	90.0	84.6	67.6	67.7	66.8	65.1	64.3	75.9	89.1	84.4	86.4	92.0
Other	7.7	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	7.2	7.4	10.6	9.5	3.4	5.5	9.4	9.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.3	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	13	28	15	20	13	1,095	1,241	1,207	1,213	1,298	29	55	32	22	25

Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Time to Reunification (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Less than 12 mos.	69.1	67.9	64.1	61.5	55.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.3	26.1	30.0	31.2	33.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	5.0	5.2	6.2	9.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.3
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,050	7,884	7,534	7,125	6,870

Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children entering care for the first time	79.5	77.0	75.5	74.2	72.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.9	10.9	12.6	13.6	14.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.6	12.1	11.8	12.2	13.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	11,845	12,325	12,410	10,720	10,505

Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Time to Adoption (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Less than 12 mos.	4.2	4.5	3.4	3.0	2.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.2	27.6	27.3	22.3	18.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	35.8	35.5	33.9	39.7	35.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.6	18.5	18.2	21.0	23.6
48 or more mos.	14.1	13.8	17.3	14.0	20.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,509	1,524	1,640	1,434	1,592

Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)**

	In Care Less Than 12 Months					In Care at Least 12 months but Less Than 24 months					In Care for 24 Months or Longer					Time in Care Missing or Out of Range				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.2	88.9	89.3	88.5	89.0	70.3	70.2	70.7	71.7	71.2	44.9	44.8	44.0	46.2	47.4	100.0	100.0	98.1	94.6	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.7	10.9	10.5	11.3	10.7	29.7	29.8	29.3	28.3	28.7	55.1	55.2	56.0	53.8	52.6	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.7	0.0
Missing Placement setting counts	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0
Total number	14,175	14,962	14,838	13,103	12,461	6,121	6,761	7,257	7,471	6,733	4,887	5,016	5,292	5,864	6,546	12	5	53	37	33

Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Group homes	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0
Institution	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.6
Other settings	97.6	97.4	97.3	97.1	97.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	8,674	8,945	8,767	7,423	7,250