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Executive Summary

Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress is a report created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).[1] ASFA amended section 479A of the Social Security Act to require an annual report on State performance. Child Welfare Outcomes 1998 was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006, is the eighth report since the series' inception.[2]

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports provide information on the performance of States in seven outcome categories.[3] The Department identified these outcomes prior to the first Child Welfare Outcomes Report in close consultation with State and local child welfare agency administrators, child advocacy organizations, child welfare researchers, State legislators, and other experts in the child welfare field. The outcomes used in this report reflect widely accepted performance objectives for child welfare practice.

In addition to reporting on State performance in these outcome categories, the Child Welfare Outcomes Report also includes data on contextual factors and findings of analyses conducted across States. Data for all measures in this report come from the Department's two national child welfare-related data systems—the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).

CONTEXTUAL FACTORS

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data on child welfare-related contextual factors relevant to understanding and interpreting State performance on the outcome measures. Below is a summary of the FY 2006 data for these contextual factors.

Characteristics of child victims

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- In 2006, 885,245 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment, and the median child victim rate across all States was 10.6 child victims per 1,000 children.[4] State child victim rates varied dramatically, ranging from 1.5 child victims per 1,000 children to 33.5 child victims per 1,000 children.[5]
- The percentage of child victims of a particular race/ethnicity varied among States. In 2006, there were many States in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity child victims was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the State population.[6] Disproportionate representation was found for Black child victims (31 States), Hispanic child victims of any race (7 States), and American Indian/Alaska Native child victims (16 States).

[1] See appendix A for the specifications of section 479A of the Social Security Act as amended by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

[2] There was no separate 2004 report. The Department was in the process of developing the new Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) measures during 2005 and 2006. Because it was considered important to include the new measures in all current and future Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, a decision was made to delay publication of the 2004 data until the new measures were finalized and could be included in the report. Consequently, the 2004 data were not included until Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005.

[3] In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 States.

[4] For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child having a maltreatment disposition of substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim" (Child Maltreatment 2006). The methodology for calculating the total number of child maltreatment victims differs between the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and Child Maltreatment 2006. In Child Maltreatment 2006, a victimization rate is computed by dividing the total number of victims (885,245) by the child population for the 51 States that reported this data to NCANDS (73,393,682) and multiplying by 1,000. A national estimate of 905,000 child victims was then calculated by multiplying the victimization rate by the national population for all 52 States (74,754,213), dividing by 1,000, and rounding to the nearest 1,000. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report uses the sum of the total number of child maltreatment victims (885,245).

[5] A State's rate of child victims is defined as the number of child victims reported to NCANDS per 1,000 children in the State's population. Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

[6] For the purposes of this report, we are defining representation as disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of victims constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic children (of any race). Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of States. Puerto Rico was excluded from this analysis due to unavailable data.

The number and characteristics of children in foster care[7]

- Nationally, approximately 512,000 children were in foster care on the last day of FY 2006. During that year, an estimated 303,000 children entered foster care, and 287,000 children exited foster care. The foster care entry rate ranged from 1.6 children per 1,000 to 9.7 children per 1,000 in a State's population.[8]
- The percentage of children of a particular race/ethnicity entering foster care varied among States. In 2006, there were many States in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the State population.[9] Disproportionate representation was found for Black children (40 States), Hispanic children of any race (8 States), and American Indian/Alaska Native children (20 States) entering foster care.

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STATE PERFORMANCE ON OUTCOME MEASURES

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data and analyses on seven outcome categories. A synopsis of findings for these outcome areas is provided below. The measures relevant to these outcomes are described in appendix B.

Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect

- In 2006, State performance varied considerably with regard to the percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a 6-month period (measure 1.1) (range = 1.6 to 13.7 percent).
- States with higher victim rates tended to have higher maltreatment recurrence rates within a 6-month period (Pearson's r = .67). In addition, consistent with prior research, child maltreatment recurrence was more likely to involve neglect (Pearson's r = .37) than either physical abuse (Pearson's r = -.29) or sexual abuse (Pearson's r = -.29).[10]
- Overall, 61 percent of States demonstrated improved performance between 2003 and 2006 with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). In addition, the median across States for this measure changed from 7.3 percent in 2003 to 6.0 percent in 2006, demonstrating an overall improvement in performance (a 17.8 percent change in the median State).[11]

Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

- In 2006, State performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care ranged from 0 to 1.45 percent, with a median of 0.40 percent.
- Across States, there was a slight improvement with regard to performance on maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1) between 2003 and 2006. There were a few more States that showed improved performance (21 States) compared to the number that showed a decline in performance (19 States). This is consistent with the fact that the median for this measure also improved from 0.45 percent in 2003 to 0.39 percent in 2006 (a 13.3 percent change).

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

- In 2006, States were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 87.2 percent). However, States were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 76.8 percent) and even less successful in finding permanent homes for children exiting foster care who entered care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 71.1 percent).

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[7] Data used in this report pertaining to the number of children in foster care may be different from other sources, such as data found on the Children's Bureau website, due to a number of variables, including the timing of data collection.

[8] Rate of entry is calculated by dividing the total number of children entering foster care in a State by the total child population in that State and multiplying by 1,000 [(N entering FC/child population)x1,000].

[9] For the purposes of this report, representation is considered disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of children entering foster care constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic children (of any race). Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of States. Puerto Rico was excluded from this analysis due to unavailable data.

[10] The strength of relationships in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports are assessed using correlation coefficients, specifically Pearson's r, which can range in value from -1 to +1. See the following for examples of prior research on maltreatment recurrence: (1) Drake, B., Jonson-Reid, M., Way, I., & Chung, S. (2003). Substantiation and recidivism. Child Maltreatment, 8(4), 248–260; (2) Lipien, L., & Forthofer, M. S. (2004). An event history analysis of recurrent child maltreatment reports in Florida. Child Abuse & Neglect, 28(9), 947– 966; and (3) Fluke, J. D., Shusterman, G. R., Hollinshead, D., & Yuan, Y-Y. T. (2005). Rereporting and recurrence of child maltreatment: Findings from NCANDS. Retrieved 2004 from http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/05/child-maltreat-rereporting/index.htm

[11] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change. For more information on percent change calculations, see chapter 1 of this report.

- In 2006, all States struggled to some degree with finding permanent homes for children who had been in foster care for a long period of time (measure C3.1). Measure C3.1 follows a cohort of children (those who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer as of the first of the year) from the first day of the fiscal year to the last. Only 26.2 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of the year. However, it is encouraging to note that 57 percent of the States exhibited improved performance on this measure between 2004 and 2006.
- In many States, a considerable percentage of children emancipated from foster care in 2006 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated (measures 3.4 and C3.3). In about one-half of the States, 28 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 46 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3).

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Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry

- The 2006 data suggest that, in many States, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. Across States, the median length of stay of reunified children was 7.1 months (measure C1.2), and the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was about 69 percent (measure 4.1 and C1.1).
- Overall, 54 percent of States showed a decline in performance between 2004 and 2006 with regard to the median length of stay in foster care for reunified children (measure C1.2). Consistent with this finding, the national median for this measure also showed a decline in performance from 6.5 months in 2004 to 7.1 months in 2006 (a 9.2 percent change).
- Reentry into foster care is an area needing improvement for many States, as indicated by performance on measure C1.4 (median = 13.3 percent). Measure C1.4 assesses the permanency of reunification by conducting a 12-month follow-up of a cohort of children who were discharged from foster care to reunification and identifying the percentage of those children who reentered foster care within 12 months of their prior discharge.
- There was a moderate gain in performance across States between 2004 and 2006 with regard to the number of children who reenter foster care in less than 12 months from discharge (measure C1.4). Forty-six percent of States showed improved performance for this measure. In addition, the national median for measure C1.4 improved from 15.6 percent in 2004 to 13.3 percent in 2006 (a -14.7 percent change).
- Many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 13 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's r = .56). Conversely, many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger also had a relatively low percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's r = -.55).

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

- Achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few States. The percentage of adoptions that occur in less than 12 months from the child's entry into foster care is quite low in almost all States (measure 5.1, median = 3.1 percent).
- The percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from a child's entry into foster care is fairly low (measure C2.1, median = 29.9 percent). In addition, across States, the median length of stay in foster care for children adopted is 30.8 months (measure C2.2). In about 25 percent of the States, the median length of stay of children adopted is approximately 3 years or longer.
- From 2003 to 2006, 64 percent of States demonstrated improved performance with regard to the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (measure 5.1b). The national median for this measure also improved from 23.9 percent in 2003 to 29.8 percent in 2006 (a 24.7 percent change).
- Many States (55 percent) also showed improved performance with regard to the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4). The national median for this measure increased from 9.0 percent in 2004 to 9.6 percent in 2006 (a 6.7 percent change).

From 2003 to 2006, 64 percent of States demonstrated improved performance with regard to the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months.

- Fifty-one percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). In addition, the national median improved from 45.8 percent in 2004 to 50.5 percent in 2006 (a 10.3 percent change).
- Many States with a relatively high percentage of children adopted in less than 24 months (measure C2.1) also had a relatively high percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's r = .39). This suggests that some States are more

successful than others in achieving timely permanency for children in foster care, regardless of whether it is through reunification or adoption.

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

- While most States appear to be reasonably successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, States tend to be far less successful in keeping the number of placement settings low for children in foster care for longer periods of time. The median across States declines from 83.5 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to only 59.7 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 32.1 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.
- States with a relatively long median length of stay prior to adoption (measure C2.2) also tended to have good placement setting stability, as indicated by the relatively high percentage of children in care for 24 months or longer who had no more than two placement settings (measure 6.1c) (Pearson's r = .47).

Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

- In about one-half of the States, 6 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in a group home or institution. However, in 15 States, between 10 and 22 percent of young children were placed in group homes or institutions.
- There was a substantial improvement between 2003 and 2006 (a -26.6 percent change) toward fewer placements of young children in group homes and institutions. In addition, 75 percent of States showed improved performance on this measure between 2003 and 2006.

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CONCLUSION

The findings in this report suggest that there are both strengths and areas in need of improvement with regard to achieving positive outcomes for children who come into contact with State child welfare systems. Data presented throughout the Child Welfare Outcomes Report provide further insight into where individual States are experiencing the greatest improvements and challenges.

I. Introduction to the Child Welfare Outcomes, Data, and Analysis

Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress is a report created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).[1] ASFA amended section 479A of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require an annual report that assesses State performance in operating child protection and child welfare programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act. *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006*, is the eighth report since the series' inception.[2]

The Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports provides information on the performance of States in seven outcome categories. Prior to the first Child Welfare Outcomes Report, the Department identified these outcomes in close consultation with State and local child welfare agency administrators, child advocacy organizations, child welfare researchers, State legislators, and other experts in the child welfare field. The outcomes reflect widely accepted performance objectives for child welfare practice. The seven national outcomes established by the Department through this consultation process are:

- Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect
- Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care
- Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care
- Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry
- Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption
- Outcome 6: Increase placement stability
- Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

The Department originally established 12 measures to assess performance on these national outcomes. However, starting with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002-2005*, the Department added an additional 15 measures. These measures were developed and tested in 2005 and 2006, and were finalized in FY 2007 to be used as one component of the Department's assessment of State performance during the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).[3] While these 15 newer measures were not part of the original set, they do assess critical performance areas relevant to the seven national child welfare outcomes and are consistent with the mission of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. In addition, these new measures supplement the 12 original measures to provide a more comprehensive assessment of State performance. Individual measures that are part of the composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original outcome measures.

THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT AND THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEWS

The CFSRs serve as the Department's results-oriented, comprehensive system for monitoring State performance regarding the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families who come into contact with public child welfare systems. The CFSRs were developed in response to a mandate in the Social Security Amendments of 1994 requiring the Department to promulgate regulations for review of State child and family services programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act. The CFSRs and Child Welfare Outcomes Report are separate activities within the Department. While the Child Welfare Outcomes Report includes State performance on the CFSR composite measures, this should not be confused with the CFSR process or overall CFSR performance results.

While the Child Welfare Outcomes Report includes many CFSR performance measures, it is separate and should not be confused with the full CFSR process or results.

The first round of CFSRs took place from 2001 to 2004. State performance was evaluated using a complex onsite review process that included, among other measures, six measures for which performance standards were calculated. After completion of the first round, the Department consulted with a nationwide workgroup to consider possible enhancements to the CFSR process for the second round of CFSRs. One such enhancement was the replacement of the

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[2] There was no separate 2004 report. The Department was in the process of developing the new Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) measures during 2005 and 2006. Because it was considered important to include the new measures in all current and future Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, a decision was made to delay publication of the 2004 data until the new measures were finalized and could be included in the report. Consequently, the 2004 data were not included until *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*.

[3] See appendix B for descriptions of the 27 outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. Complete information on the CFSR process is provided on the Children's Bureau website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/index.htm#cfsr

original six national standard measures with two revised safety measures and four permanency data composites. The composites incorporated a set of 15 individual measures pertaining to permanency (including reunification, adoption, and guardianship) and placement stability for children in foster care. More information on the data composites and the individual measures subsumed under each composite is detailed in appendix B.

For the second round of the CFSRs, no data composite measures were developed pertaining to children's safety. After careful consideration and analyses of several measures, the Department determined that composite measures in the area of safety were not possible given the available data elements and, in some situations, difficulty interpreting performance. However, for the CFSRs, two minor changes were made in the two existing safety measures. Maltreatment while in foster care is now evaluated on the basis of 12 months of data rather than 9, and both safety measures are stated and evaluated in a positive direction (absence of maltreatment in foster care and absence of recurrence of maltreatment). The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports have incorporated the 12-month framework for the maltreatment in foster care measure but continue to use the original wording for these measures.[4] In chapter 6 of this report, data are reported for these safety measures in both the positive direction and negative direction.

CONTEXT DATA

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data pertaining to State performance on the outcome measures as well as on child welfare-related contextual factors relevant to understanding and interpreting performance on these measures.[5] The contextual factors include the following:

- A State's estimated child population statistics with regard to the number and race/ethnicity of children[6]
- The number and characteristics (age, race/ethnicity, and type of maltreatment) of child maltreatment victims (defined as children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated abuse or neglect allegation or whose disposition was "alternative response victim")[7]
- Mean and median time to investigation (the time between the maltreatment report and the first face-to-face contact with the investigating caseworker)
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children in foster care at the start of the year and of children who entered and exited foster care during the year[8]
- The median length of stay of children in foster care
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children "waiting for adoption"[9]
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children for whom an adoption was finalized during the year

CHILD WELFARE DATA SYSTEMS

Data for both the original and newer outcome measures come from the Department's two national child welfare-related data systems—the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). States are required by law to submit AFCARS data, while NCANDS data are voluntarily submitted by States. The specific NCANDS and AFCARS data elements used to calculate each outcome measure are outlined in appendix C.

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[4] Detailed information about the safety-related measures used in the second round of the CFSRs is provided in the Federal Register announcement posted on the Children's Bureau website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[5] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2006 (October 1, 2005–September 30, 2006).

[6] These data come from the Census Bureau and reflect estimates rather than actual numbers. These data are also based on the calendar year rather than the fiscal year.

[7] *Child Maltreatment 2006* provides the following definitions: (1) "Substantiation" refers to a type of investigation disposition that concludes that the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment was supported or founded by State law or State policy; (2) "Indicated" refers to an investigation disposition that concludes that maltreatment cannot be substantiated under State law or policy, but there was reason to suspect that the child may have been maltreated or was at risk of maltreatment. This is applicable only to States that distinguish between substantiated and indicated dispositions. Some States use an alternative response rather than a standard investigation; "alternative response victim" is a possible disposition in those States.

[8] The term "foster care" as it is used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report refers to a variety of out-of-home placement settings, including foster family homes, group homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities, and similar placements for children who are under the care and supervision of a State child welfare agency for 24 hours or longer.

[9] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated, but for whom an adoption was not finalized by the end of the year. It excludes children 16 years of age or older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. This definition may differ from definitions used by individual States.

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

Through NCANDS, the Department collects and analyzes State data pertaining to children who come to the attention of public child protective services agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. Data from this system are published annually in a report titled *Child Maltreatment*. An overview of *Child Maltreatment 2006* is presented in appendix D.

The Child File is the component of NCANDS that is the primary data source for the safety-related outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. The NCANDS Child File is a data file that States submit annually. In 2006, 51 States submitted an NCANDS Child File.[10] This file contains detailed case information about children who are the subjects of an investigation or assessment in response to a maltreatment allegation. A Child File is established for all children associated with reports that have received a disposition during the year. Although the disposition usually refers to a finding regarding the allegation, it also can include those reports that were "closed without a finding."

Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

Most data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report come from AFCARS. AFCARS collects case-level information on all children in foster care for whom State child welfare agencies have responsibility for placement, care, and supervision, and on children who are adopted under the auspices of the State's public child welfare agency. States are required to submit AFCARS data on a semiannual basis. Appendix E presents the annual AFCARS report for 2006, outlining some national summary data that come from AFCARS.

DATA ANALYSES IN THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT

Chapters 2 through 5 of the Child Welfare Outcomes Report present key findings of analyses conducted across States. These findings pertain to variations across States in performance on the outcome measures, changes in performance on the measures over time, and the relationships between contextual factors and State performance.

It is important to note that medians and ranges described in this report are derived by using summary data for each State. These data points are not determined by looking at data for the country as a whole.

Percent change calculations

Change in State performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.[11] Using a percent change calculation permits an assessment of the extent of change occurring over time by taking into account the size of the percentages (or other units of measurement) being compared. For example, a change from 6 percent in 2003 to 7 percent in 2006 represents a change of only 1 percentage point; however, it reflects a +16.7 percent change. In contrast, a change from 75 percent to 80 percent represents a change of 5 percentage points, but a +6.7 percent change. Consistent with the Department's approach in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, a percent change of 5.0 or greater in either direction (i.e., positive or negative) is used as a general indicator that meaningful change occurred. That is, for purposes of the analyses presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, if the percent change in performance from 2003 to 2006 was less than 5.0 in either direction, a determination was made that there was "no change" in performance.

Correlations

Strength of relationships between measures and context variables are assessed using correlation coefficients, specifically Pearson's r. This coefficient can range from -1 to +1. In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, these coefficients are interpreted in accordance with J. P. Guilford's suggested interpretations for correlation coefficient values.[12] These are as follows:

- A coefficient of plus or minus 0.20–0.40 indicates a low correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus 0.40–0.70 indicates a moderate correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus 0.70–0.90 indicates a high correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus 0.90–1.00 indicates a very high correlation.

[10] In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 States. The State of Maryland did not submit an NCANDS Child File in 2006.

[11] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change.

[12] Guilford, J. P. (1956). Fundamental statistics in psychology and education (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

II: Keeping Children Safe

The primary responsibility of public child welfare agencies is to ensure that children who have been found to be victims of abuse or neglect are protected from further harm, whether they remain in their own homes or are placed in out-of-home care. Keeping children safe should be at the forefront of each decision made by the child welfare agency.

To understand the performance of States in keeping children safe, this chapter of the Child Welfare Outcomes Report provides contextual information about the number and characteristics of child victims as well as data on two critical safety outcome measures: (1) the percentage of child victims who experience a recurrence of maltreatment within a 6-month period and (2) of all the children in foster care, the percentage who were maltreated by a foster parent or facility staff member.

Unless otherwise noted, data reported in this chapter come from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Child File.[13] Through NCANDS, the Department collects and analyzes data on children who come into contact with public child protective services (CPS) agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. The Child File is a data file submitted on an annual basis by States that contains detailed case-level information about children who are the subjects of an investigation or assessment in response to a maltreatment allegation. The Child File contains data only for those children for whom a disposition (i.e., a "finding") has been made during the year regarding the maltreatment allegation.

Although submission of data to NCANDS is voluntary for States, the Department strongly encourages participation and provides technical assistance to help with data collection and reporting. Participation has increased considerably over the past several years. While only 45 States submitted the Child File for 2003, 51 States submitted this file for 2006.[14] Therefore, the number (N) of States included in each analysis may vary from year to year over the 4 years shown in this report.

Although the NCANDS submission is voluntary, it is strongly encouraged, and 51 States submitted it for 2006.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD VICTIMS

In 2006, 885,245 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.[15] The overall national child victim rate was 12.1 child victims per 1,000 children in the population, and the median child victim rate across all States was 10.6 child victims per 1,000 children. Child victim rates varied dramatically across States, ranging from 1.5 child victims per 1,000 children to 33.5 child victims per 1,000 children.[16]

The fact that child victim rates vary substantially should be considered when interpreting the data on recurrence of maltreatment. This is because, as has been previously reported in this series of reports *(Child Welfare Outcomes 2002: Report to Congress)*, States with a high child victim rate tend also to have a high rate of maltreatment recurrence. Similar findings have been reported in other publications, such as *Child Maltreatment 2003*.[17]

Not only are high victim rates associated with high rates of recurrence, but both of these can be influenced by a variety of factors, especially State definitions of child maltreatment, which vary widely among States.[18] It follows that, in a State with a broader

[13] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2006 (October 1, 2005–September 30, 2006).

[14] In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of up to 52 States, depending on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. Maryland was 1 of 52 States that did not submit an NCANDS Child File in 2006.

[15] For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child having a maltreatment disposition of substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim" *(Child Maltreatment 2006)*. The methodology for calculating the total number of child maltreatment victims differs between the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and *Child Maltreatment 2006*. In *Child Maltreatment 2006*, a victimization rate is computed by dividing the total number of victims (885,245) by the child population for the 51 States that reported this data to NCANDS (73,393,682) and multiplying by 1,000. A national estimate of 905,000 child victims was then calculated by multiplying the victimization rate by the national population for all 52 States (74,754,213), dividing by 1,000, and rounding to the nearest 1,000. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report uses the sum of the total number of child maltreatment victims (885,245).

[16] A State's rate of child victims is defined as the number of child victims reported to NCANDS per 1,000 children in the State's population. Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

[17] U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2005). *Child Maltreatment 2003.* Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

[18] U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2007). Definitions of child abuse and neglect: Summary of State laws. Retrieved September 16, 2009, from: www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/defineall.pdf

definition of child maltreatment, a CPS agency may reach a finding of "substantiated" for an action that would not be categorized as maltreatment in another State with narrower definitions.

Variations in the level of evidence required for substantiation also may contribute to different child victim rates among States. There also are at least five States that use "indicated" as a disposition option, which may increase their child victim rates. An indicated disposition concludes that maltreatment could not be substantiated under State law or policy, but that there was, nonetheless, reason to suspect that the child may have been maltreated or was at risk of maltreatment. These children are identified as victims in the NCANDS Child File.

Child victim rates may be *lower* in States that have implemented "alternative response" approaches to maltreatment allegations than in States that do not use this type of response system. In alternative response approaches, child welfare agencies respond to a maltreatment allegation that is considered to involve minimal risk of harm to a child with a referral for a family assessment rather than with a formal investigation to determine the validity of the allegation. Because alternative response approaches usually do not involve a finding (i.e., a disposition) regarding the validity of the allegation, many children who are the subject of an allegation referred for an alternative response may not be reported to the NCANDS Child File and thus are not counted as victims in the NCANDS data.[19]

In understanding the data, it is also helpful to know that there is a large degree of variation across States in the types of maltreatment reported. As discussed earlier in this chapter, differences among State laws and policies will have an impact on what is reported, including the type of maltreatment. Each State has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect, even though all are based on core principles established in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).[20] Most States recognize at least four major types of maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. Although any of the forms of child maltreatment may be found separately, they also can occur in combination, and a child can be identified as a victim of more than one form of maltreatment. Another possible explanation for the variation in types of maltreatment reported involves differences in how States respond to maltreatment allegations. In some States, for instance, agencies outside of CPS may respond to low-risk neglect cases. In these instances, the State may not report allegations to the NCANDS Child File unless they are considered severe neglect.[21]

Most States recognize at least four major types of maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

[19] Two States reported "alternative response victims" to NCANDS in 2006.

[20] More information about CAPTA can be found on the Children's Bureau website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/cblaws/capta03/index.htm

[21] In Pennsylvania, for instance, allegations of child neglect are addressed by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families agency. The State does not report an allegation of neglect to the NCANDS Child File unless it is determined to be "severe neglect." Consequently, Pennsylvania has the lowest percentage of children reported as victims of neglect.

Table II-1 presents 2006 information pertaining to the age, type of maltreatment experienced, and race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims. This table illustrates the considerable variation across States in child victim characteristics.

Table II-1. Characteristics of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2006

	Number of States (N) Reporting	Range Across States	Median Across States
Age of Children at Time of Maltreatment Report			
Not yet 1 year old	51	5.7%–19.4%	11.5%
At least 1 year old, but not yet 6 years old	51	19.6–42.1	32.3
At least 6 years old, but not yet 11 years old	51	21.0–29.8	26.5
At least 11 years old, but not yet 16 years old	51	18.1–36.6	23.3
At least 16 years old	51	3.5–11.9	5.8
Type of Maltreatment Experienced			
Neglect (not medical neglect)	51	3.5–91.5	68.7
Physical abuse	51	6.2–51.3	16.0
Psychological/emotional abuse	49	0.1–54.2	2.1
Sexual abuse	51	2.7–60.5	7.4
Medical neglect	40	0.0–10.3	2.4
Other	26	0.0–91.0	7.3
Children's Race/Ethnicity*			
Alaska Native/American Indian	49	0.0–51.3	0.4
Asian	49	0.0–12.2	0.3
Black	50	0.7–59.3	14.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	43	0.0–19.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	50	0.7–83.3	7.2
White	50	0.5–93.4	53.5
Multiple Races	41	0.0–37.8	2.6

* All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Disproportionate racial representation among child victims[22]

States varied in 2006 with regard to the race/ethnicity of child victims. Some of this variation s related to the population differences across States. For example, some States serve no Alaska Native/American Indian children; when there are few children of a particular race/ethnicity in a State, it is expected that there would be proportionately few children of that race/ethnicity who are child victims. However, in 2006, there also were many States in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity child victims was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the State population.[23] There were no States in which the percentage of White child victims significantly exceeded the percentage of these children in the State's population.[24]

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Black children among State child victims:

- In 31 States, the percentage of Black child victims was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population.[25]

In 2006, there were several States in which the count of minority race/ethnicity child victims was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the State population.

[22] In this report, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Hispanic ethnicity category includes children of any race.

[23] For the purposes of this report, we are defining representation as disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of victims constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic children (of any race). Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of States. Puerto Rico was excluded from this analysis due to unavailable data.

[24] No States had White child victim rates that were one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population.

[25] The 31 States in which Black child victims were overrepresented were Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

- In 5 of these 31 States, the percentage of Black child victims was at least two and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population (Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming).

Key findings with regard to the disproportionate representation of Hispanic child victims (of any race) include the following:

- In seven States, the percentage of Hispanic child victims (of any race) was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Utah).

The following findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of American Indian/Alaska Native child victims:

- In 16 States, the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native child victims was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population.[26]
- In 6 of these 16 States, the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native child victims was more than three times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population (Idaho, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington).

STATE PERFORMANCE IN 2006 ON SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOME MEASURES

State performance with regard to children's safety is addressed through Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect, and Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care. Table II-2 summarizes State performance in 2006 on the measures pertaining to these outcomes.

Table II-2. Summary of State Performance, 2006
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period? (N=51)	3.9%	5.9%	7.4%	1.6–13.7%
Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=49)	0.20	0.40	0.65	0.00–1.45

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available. For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

Recurrence of maltreatment

There are a number of variables that impact the range in performance across States (range = 1.6 to 13.7 percent) with respect to maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1). One explanation may be that the variation on this measure reflects the variation in child victim rates across States. An interesting finding, also discussed in Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005, is that there is a moderate correlation between child victim rates and maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's r = .67). The implication of this correlation is that States with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher recurrence rates.

States with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher recurrence rates (Pearson's r = .67).

The variation in State performance on maltreatment recurrence also may be related to differences in agency policies or practices regarding allegations of child maltreatment involving children who currently are being served by the CPS system (i.e., the agency has an open case involving the child). During the first round of the CFSRs, the Department learned that, in many States, when a maltreatment allegation is received on a family currently being served by the CPS system, the allegation frequently is referred to the current caseworker and/or supervisor for follow-up rather than referred for a formal investigation or assessment. Without a formal investigation or assessment of the allegation, there often is no formal disposition, and the information regarding the child who is the subject of the allegation is not reported to the NCANDS Child File. Consequently, the allegation is not counted as a possible incident of maltreatment recurrence.

[26] The 16 States in which American Indian/Alaska Native child victims were overrepresented were Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

The range in performance with regard to maltreatment recurrence in 2006 also appears to be related to differences across States with regard to the types of maltreatment experienced by children. Several relationships were found between types of maltreatment and maltreatment recurrence:

- Some States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect also had a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's r = .37).
- Some States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of sexual abuse had a relatively low percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's r = -.29).
- Some States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of physical abuse had a relatively low percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's r = -.29).

These correlations are consistent with research indicating that child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.[27] The relationships between recurrence and types of maltreatment may be due to the fact that substantiated allegations of sexual or physical abuse often are followed by legal actions against the perpetrators as well as actions designed to ensure that the perpetrator is prevented from further unsupervised contact with the victim until identified problems have been resolved. In contrast, substantiated allegations of neglect often are not followed by these actions unless the neglect is considered extremely severe.

Child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.

Maltreatment of children in foster care

Table II-2 also shows the range in State performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (range = 0 to 1.45 percent). This variation among States may be influenced by a number of factors, such as the extent to which training and services are offered to support foster families and facility staff members, variations in casework practices and the level of interaction the caseworker has with the family, or differences between States in background check requirements for those who care for children in foster care.

Variations in performance regarding maltreatment of children in foster care also may be somewhat influenced by the fact that a few maltreated children who are not in foster care are reported with a perpetrator code of "facility staff member." The perpetrator code is currently the only way to identify a child as "maltreated in foster care." When the perpetrator code indicates that the perpetrator is a facility staff member, the maltreatment incident is categorized as maltreatment in foster care. However, a fraction of these cases may include children who are not in foster care but instead are in facilities operated by the public mental health system, juvenile justice system, or in a private mental health or substance abuse treatment facility. Currently, several States do not report residential facility staff perpetrators to NCANDS, but many do. The number of these children who are victims of maltreatment while in a residential facility, yet not in foster care, is generally small, but can somewhat affect the calculation of maltreatment in foster care. This is because a few children will be in the numerator who are not in the denominator.[28] Regardless of this measurement issue, this indicator has consistently been calculated the same way each year to allow observance of change over time for each State.

Changes in State Performance on Measures of Maltreatment Recurrence and Maltreatment of Children in Foster Care

The median performance across States for the years 2003 to 2006 on measures of maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1) and maltreatment in foster care (measure 2.1) are presented in table II-3. For comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

[27] See the following for examples: (1) Drake, B., Jonson-Reid, M., Way, I., & Chung, S. (2003). Substantiation and recidivism. Child Maltreatment, 8(4), 248–260; (2) Lipien, L., & Forthofer, M. S. (2004). An event history analysis of recurrent child maltreatment reports in Florida. Child Abuse & Neglect, 28(9), 947– 966; and (3) Fluke, J. D., Shusterman, G. R., Hollinshead, D,, & Yuan, Y-Y. T. (2005). Rereporting and recurrence of child maltreatment: Findings from NCANDS. Retrieved 2004 from http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/05/child-maltreat-rereporting/index.htm

[28] As a way to address this issue, the Department introduced another system for identifying which children are maltreated in foster care. States are being encouraged to include an AFCARS ID in the NCANDS Child File so that the two files can be linked and it can be determined whether a child is in foster care at the time of the maltreatment. However, because participation in the NCANDS Child File is voluntary on the part of States, it is currently not possible to track maltreatment of children in foster care solely through this methodology. Current efforts to encourage States to supply the AFCARS ID may make it possible to use this measurement approach at some point in the future.

Table II-3. Median State Performance, 2003-2006 Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe				
Outcome Measures*	Median Performance by Year			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period? (N=44)	7.3%	6.5%	6.6%	6.0%
Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=40)	0.45	0.39	0.42	0.39

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available. For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

To determine the change in State performance for measures 1.1 and 2.1, performance in 2006 was compared to performance in 2003. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.[29] Table II-4 presents findings regarding the change in State performance on these measures.

Table II-4. Change in Performance Over Time, 2003-2006 Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe			
Outcome Measures*	States That Improved Performance	States That Declined in Performance	States That Had No Change in Performance**
Measure 1.1: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a 6-month period (N=44)	27 (61%)	12 (27%)	5 (11%)
Measure 2.1: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of children in foster care who were victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member (N=40)	21 (53%)	19 (48%)	0 (0%)

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** When a percent change in performance from 2003 to 2006 is less than 5.0 in either direction (i.e., positive or negative), a determination is made that there is "no change" in performance.

As shown in table II-4, 61 percent of all States for which adequate data were available for all years demonstrated improved performance with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). In addition, as shown in table II-3, the median across States for this measure changed from 7.3 percent in 2003 to 6.0 percent in 2006, demonstrating an overall improvement in performance (a -17.8 percent change). However, 27 percent showed a decline in performance.

Between 2003 and 2006, 61 percent of the States demonstrated improvement in recurrence of child maltreatment, and 53 percent demonstrated improvement in maltreatment in foster care.

With regard to change in performance on the measure of maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1), there were a few more States that showed improved performance (21 States) compared to the number that showed a decline in performance (19 States). This is consistent with the fact that the median for this measure also improved from 0.45 percent in 2003 to 0.39 percent in 2006 (a -13.3 percent change), although this percent fluctuated back and forth in the 4-year time period.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The data for the two safety measures indicate that, overall, fairly small percentages of child victims reported to NCANDS experienced another maltreatment incident within a 6-month period (measure 1.1, median = 5.9 percent), and even smaller percentages of children in foster care were reported to be victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member (measure 2.1, median = 0.40 percent). However, because these events have serious implications for children's safety and their immediate and future well-being, even small percentages are to be viewed with concern. Performance comparisons across States on these measures are difficult to interpret due to variations in State policies and practices that affect the measures. Nonetheless, many States improved their performance from 2003 to 2006 with regard to Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect, and some also were able to improve performance for Outcome 2: Reduce incidence of child abuse/neglect in foster care.

[29] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change. For more information on percent change calculations, see chapter 1 of this report.

III: Finding Permanent Homes for Children in Foster Care

While foster care is sometimes necessary to ensure a child's safety and well-being, it is intended to be a temporary, not permanent, living arrangement for a child.[30] Once removal occurs, State child welfare agencies (usually the child welfare agency working in conjunction with the family and the courts) strive to return the child to his or her home or to find another permanent home for the child in a timely manner. This responsibility is reflected in national child welfare Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care.

For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), a child has reached a permanent home when the child is reported to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) as discharged from foster care due to one of the following reasons: (1) reunified with parents or primary caretakers, (2) living with other relatives, (3) legally adopted, or (4) living with a legal guardian.[31] To assess State performance in achieving permanent homes for children, this report provides the following data for each State: (1) the number and characteristics of children in foster care, and (2) the percentages of children in foster care who achieve permanency. This chapter presents key findings of the analyses of these data across States.[32] With the exception of data pertaining to State child populations, which come from the American Community Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau, the source of the data presented in this chapter is AFCARS.

THE NUMBER AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE[33]

Approximately 512,000 children nationally were in foster care on the last day of Federal fiscal year 2006.[34] During that year, an estimated 303,000 children entered foster care, and 287,000 children exited foster care. States differed considerably in 2006 with respect to both the number of children in foster care and the rate of foster care entry, defined as the number of children entering foster care per 1,000 children in the State population.[35] States with a relatively low rate of foster care entry in 2006 were Illinois (1.6 children per 1,000 in the population), Puerto Rico (1.8 children per 1,000 in the population), New Hampshire (1.9 children per 1,000 in the population), and Virginia (2.2 children per 1,000 in the population). States with a relatively high rate of foster care entry in 2006 were Wyoming (9.7 children per 1,000 in the population), Nebraska (8.5 children per 1,000 in the population), Rhode Island (8.5 children per 1,000 in the population), and Iowa (7.9 children per 1,000 in the population). The median across States was 4.5 children per 1,000 children in the population.

The reasons for variations in the rate of foster care entry are difficult to ascertain. The variation cannot be attributed entirely to differences in the rate of child victims in a State because the correlation between foster care entry rates and child victim rates in 2006 was relatively low (Pearson's r = .27). Variations in entry rates also may be due to differences across States in policies regarding when children are taken out of the home and put into foster care. The existence and availability of services designed to support families and enable children to remain in the home also may impact the number of children who enter foster care within a State.

The variation among States in the rate of entry to foster care cannot be attributed entirely to differences in the rate of child victims in the States because the correlation between foster care entry rates and child victim rates in 2006 was relatively low (Pearson's r = .27).

[30] The term "foster care" as it is used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report refers to a variety of out-of-home placement settings, including foster family homes, group homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities, and similar placements for children who are under the care and supervision of a State child welfare agency for 24 hours or longer.

[31] For the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, the discharge reasons of "reunification with parents or primary caretakers" and "living with other relatives" are combined into the category of "reunification."

[32] In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of up to 52 States, depending on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

[33] Data used in this report pertaining to the number of children in foster care may be different from other sources due to a number of variables, including the timing of data collection.

[34] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2006 (October 1, 2005–September 30, 2006).

[35] Rate of entry is calculated by dividing the total number of children entering foster care in a State by the total child population in that State and multiplying by 1,000 [(N entering FC/child population)x1,000].

Table III-1 presents information for 2006 pertaining to the ages and race/ethnicity of children at the time of their entry into foster care.

Table III-1. Characteristics of Children Entering Foster Care, 2006

	Range	Median
Children's age at entry (N=52)		
Birth to age 5	26.6–58.4%	43.9%
Age 6 to 12	17.0–33.6	26.4
Age 13 to 15	9.8–32.5	18.1
Age 16 or older	3.2–32.5	10.3
Children's race/ethnicity at entry (N=52)*		
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0–52.9	0.5
Asian	0.0–12.1	0.3
Black	0.2–81.2	19.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0–21.1	<0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.4–98.7	7.5
White	0.9–92.7	48.8
Multiple races	0.0–41.9	3.5

* All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

In 2006, the age of children entering foster care varied dramatically across States, particularly with regard to children age 13 or older. In Delaware, for example, approximately 56 percent of the children entering foster care were age 13 or older at the time of entry. In contrast, in Texas only 13 percent of the children entering foster care were age 13 or older at entry. However, in 50 of 52 States, at least half of the children entering foster care were under the age of 13. In 17 States, the percentage of children under the age of 13 at the time of entry was at least 75 percent. This age difference is an important distinction because young children and adolescents have unique service and placement resource needs. The age of children entering the foster care system in a State may lead to differences in State practices and policies, including the array of services that would need to be available for these children and families.

Disproportionate racial representation among children entering foster care[36]

States varied in 2006 with regard to the race/ethnicity of children entering foster care. Some of this variation is related to the population differences across States. For example, some States serve no Alaska Native/American Indian children; when there are few children of a particular race/ethnicity in a State, it is expected that there would be proportionately few children of that race/ethnicity who enter foster care. However, in 2006, there were many States in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the State population.[37] There were no States in which the percentage of White children entering foster care significantly exceeded the percentage of these children in the State's population.[38]

In this report, representation is considered disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of children entering foster care constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State.

[36] In this report, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Hispanic ethnicity category includes children of any race.

[37] For the purposes of this report, representation is considered disproportionate when a racial/ethnic group of children entering foster care constitutes at least one and one-half times the number of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State. The analysis of disproportionate representation was conducted for Black, White, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic children (of any race). Other races were not included in the analysis because of their very small representation in the population of the majority of States. Puerto Rico was excluded from this analysis due to unavailable data.

[38] No States had percentages of White children entering foster care that were one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population.

The following findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Black children entering foster care in 2006:

- In 40 States, the percentage of Black children entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population.[39]
- In 8 of these 40 States, the percentage of Black children entering foster care was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population (Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).

In 2006, there were many States in which the number of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care was disproportionate to the percentage of these children in the State's population.

Key findings with regard to the disproportionate representation of Hispanic children (of any race) in the population of children entering foster care are as follows:

- In eight States, the percentage of Hispanic children (of any race) entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Utah).
- In five of these eight States, the percentage of Hispanic children (of any race) entering foster care was at least two times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and South Dakota).

The findings with regard to the disproportionate representation of American Indian/Alaska Native children among all children entering foster care include the following:

- In 20 States, the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native children entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population.[40]
- In 11 of these 20 States, the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native children entering foster care was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population.[41]
- In 4 of these 20 States, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care was at least four times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's child population (Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Oregon).

[39] The 40 States in which Black children entering foster care were overrepresented were Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

[40] The 20 States in which American Indian/Alaska Native children entering foster care were overrepresented were Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

[41] The 11 States in which American Indian/Alaska Native children entering foster care were overrepresented were Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin.

ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

State performance with regard to finding permanent homes for foster children is addressed through a number of measures. The original measures established to assess this performance area are shown in table III-2, along with the newer measures that are part of CFSR composite 3.[42]

Table III-2. Summary of State Performance, 2006
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? ** (N=52)	82.7%	87.2%	90.4%	62.2–95.5%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)?*** (N=51)	71.9	76.8	81.4	32.4–93.8
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=52)	62.9	71.1	76.2	31.3–90.5
Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?**** (N=52)	23.0	28.6	38.3	0.1–66.7
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=51)	22.4	26.2	30.5	9.3–40.8
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=51)	91.4	94.7	97.1	83.3–100.0
Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer? **** (N=51)	34.4	46.3	55.7	14.1–71.8

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** A discharge to a permanent home is a discharge to reunification (including living with other relatives), adoption, or guardianship.
*** New York is excluded because it does not report data to AFCARS on the data element pertaining to a "diagnosed disability."
**** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children emancipated is desirable).

Measures 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and C3.2 assess permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care. The data in table III-2 suggest that, in 2006, States were particularly successful in achieving permanent homes for children discharged from foster care who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (measure C3.2, median = 94.7 percent).[43] However, even small percentages of children legally free for adoption who do not exit foster care to a permanent home should be a focus for State administrators.

The data in table III-2 also indicate that, in 2006, States were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 87.2 percent). However, States were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 76.8 percent) and even less successful in finding permanent homes for children exiting foster care who entered care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 71.1 percent).

States tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for all children (87.2 percent) than for children with a diagnosed disability and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12.

Measure C3.1 follows a cohort of children (those who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer as of the first of the year) from the first day of the year to the last. The focus is on the percentage of these children who achieve permanency by the last day of the year. While there is a wide range in performance for measure C3.1 for 2006 (9.3 to 40.8 percent), the data indicate that all States struggle to some degree with finding permanent homes for children who have been in foster care for a long period of time. Only 26.2 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of the year. There is some evidence that States that are generally successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also are successful

[42] Additional information about the measures and composites can be found in appendix B. Composite measures are from the CFSRs and were first introduced in Child Welfare Outcomes 2002-2005. Composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original set of outcome measures.

[43] A child is considered legally free for adoption if a date for the termination of parental rights is reported to AFCARS for both mother and father.

in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a positive correlation (Pearson's r = .29) between these two measures.

Youth who exit foster care to emancipation

Measures 3.4 and C3.3 focus on youth who exit foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation. These are youth for whom the State was unable to find a permanent home. One of the issues addressed by these measures is the amount of time children were in foster care before emancipation. That is, did they spend a large portion of their formative years in foster care, or did they enter foster care in mid- or late adolescence?

In general, there is considerable variation across States regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care who are reported to AFCARS as having a discharge reason of emancipation. States with the lowest percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation are Connecticut (1.3 percent), Puerto Rico (1.8 percent), Mississippi (3.9 percent), and Wyoming (4.3 percent). States with the highest percentages are Virginia (32.2 percent), Maine (22.3 percent), Massachusetts (19.0 percent), and the District of Columbia (17.7 percent). In 2006, the median across States for children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation was 8.1 percent.[44]

The reasons for the extensive variation across States in the percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation are not known. While it might be expected that the variation would be due to differences across States in the ages of children entering foster care, this was not the case. The percentage of children discharged from foster care who were emancipated was not found to have any substantial relationship with the percentage of children entering foster care in the State who were age 13 or older (Pearson's r = -.13).

States vary substantially in the percentage of foster youth exiting to emancipation, and there is no demonstrable relationship with the number of youth entering foster care who are age 13 or older.

The data shown in table III-2 suggest that, in many States, a considerable percentage of children emancipated from foster care in 2006 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated (measures 3.4 and C3.3). In about one-half of the States, 28 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 46 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3). As would be expected, performance on these two measures is highly correlated (Pearson's r = .90).

[44] The median of 8.1 percent refers to the median across States for all children exiting foster care to emancipation. This should not be confused with the medians for measures 3.4 and C3.3, which are subpopulations of the total number of children discharged to emancipation.

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

The median performances across States for the years 2003 to 2006 on measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care are presented in table III-3. For comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

Table III-3. Median State Performance, 2003-2006
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care

Outcome Measures*	Median Performance by Year**			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=52)	86.1%	87.1%	87.3%	87.2%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=50)	79.0	78.7	78.3	76.7
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=52)	71.1	71.8	72.1	71.1
Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?*** (N=52)	29.1	28.5	28.3	28.6
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=49)		24.4	26.2	26.2
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?****(N=49)		96.6	95.2	94.7
Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?*** (N=49)		47.8	48.3	47.7

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** The last three measures were developed for the second round of the CFSRs; therefore, data for those measures are presented for 2004, 2005, and 2006 only.
*** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children emancipated is desirable).
**** A child is considered to be "legally free" for adoption if a date for the parental rights termination is reported to AFCARS for both mother and father.

Table III-4 presents a summary of findings regarding the change in State performance on the measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care. Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.[45] Analyses included only those States that provided data for a measure in all relevant years. For measures 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4, change was assessed from 2003 to 2006. For measures C3.1, C3.2, and C3.3, change was assessed from 2004 to 2006 because data for 2003 are not available for these new measures.

Table III-4. Change in Performance Over Time, 2003-2006
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care

Outcome Measures*	States That Improved Performance	States That Declined in Performance	States That Had No Change in Performance**
Measure 3.1: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of all children exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home (N=52)	8 (15%)	7 (13%)	37 (71%)
Measure 3.2: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of all children with a diagnosed disability exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home (N=50)	9 (18%)	17 (34%)	24 (48%)
Measure 3.3: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of all children who entered care when they were age 13 or older who were discharged to a permanent home (N=52)	14 (27%)	18 (35%)	20 (38%)
Measure 3.4: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of all children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger*** (N=52)	18 (35%)	28 (54%)	6 (12%)
Measure C3.1: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who were discharged to a permanent home by the end of the year (N=49)	28 (57%)	13 (27%)	8 (16%)
Measure C3.2: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the percentage of children exiting foster care who were legally free for adoption who were discharged to a permanent home (N=49)	0 (0%)	3 (6%)	46 (94%)
Measure C3.3: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the percentage of children emancipated or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for 3 years or longer*** (N=49)	22 (45%)	12 (24%)	15 (31%)

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** Change in performance for measure 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 are assessed from 2003 to 2006. Changes in performance on the individual measures under composite 3 (C3.1 through C3.3) are assessed from 2004 to 2006 because data are not available for these measures in 2003. In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there is a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination is made that there was "no change" in performance.
*** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children emancipated is desirable).

As shown in table III-4, there were no distinct patterns of change across States for most of these measures. A large majority (71 percent) of States exhibited no change in performance on measure 3.1, which assesses exits to a permanent home of all children exiting foster care. Similarly, the majority (94 percent) of States did not show a change for measure C3.2, which evaluates exits to permanent homes of children who were legally free for adoption. The absence of substantial change in performance on these measures may be due in large part to the reasonably high performance on the measures of most States for all relevant years (see table III-3).

One measure that exhibited improved performance over time pertained to the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who achieved permanency by the end of the year (measure C3.1). For this measure, 57 percent of States exhibited improvement from 2004 to 2006, while 27 percent of States exhibited a performance decline. As shown in table III-3, there also was an improvement in the national median for this measure. The median for measure C3.1 increased from 24.4 percent in 2004 to 26.2 percent in 2006 (a 7.4 percent change).

There was a decline in performance over time in the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger (measure 3.4). Fifty-four percent of States showed a decline in performance for this measure from 2004 to 2006, while 35 percent of States demonstrated an improvement in performance during this time period. However, the median across States for this measure declined minimally from 29.1 percent in 2003 to 28.6 percent in 2006.

[45] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change. For more information on percent change calculations, see chapter 1 of this report.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

The data for 2006 pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care depict a somewhat variable picture of performance. On the positive side, the measures assessing permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care indicate that, across the States, the majority of children exiting foster care in 2006 were discharged to a permanent home (measure 3.1, median = 87.2 percent). A particularly encouraging finding is that the vast majority of the children who were legally free for adoption at the time of exit from foster care were discharged to a permanent home (measure C3.2, median = 94.7 percent). This finding is critical because when a State terminates parental rights, the State is responsible for ensuring that the child has a permanent family before exiting foster care.

A less positive finding in the 2006 data is that some States experienced challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (measure 3.2, median = 76.7 percent, range = 32.4 to 93.8 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 71.1 percent, range = 31.3 to 90.5 percent). This has been a consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and suggests that greater efforts are necessary to achieve permanency for these children.

A consistent finding in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that States experience challenges in finding permanent homes for children with disabilities and children who have been in foster care for a substantial period of time.

Additional concerns are raised by State performance on the measures assessing permanency for children who are in foster care for a relatively long period of time. The percentages of children in foster care for 24 months or longer at the start of the year who achieved permanency by the end of the year were fairly small for all States (measure C3.1, median = 26.2 percent, range = 9.3 to 40.8 percent). These findings suggest that there are children in foster care who are essentially growing up in the system without a permanent home. However, it is encouraging to note that 57 percent of the States exhibited improved performance in this measure between 2004 and 2006.

IV: Achieving Timely Reunifications and Adoptions for Children in Foster Care

The general consensus in the child welfare field is that timeliness of achieving permanency for children in foster care is critical to their well-being. This emphasis is reinforced and supported by Federal policy and law. The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA) stresses the importance of the timely identification of permanent homes for children taken into foster care.

This chapter assesses the timeliness of States in achieving permanency through reunification and adoption.[46] Timeliness of guardianships is not assessed in this chapter because the percentage of children who were discharged from foster care to guardianship is very small in almost all States.

TIMELINESS OF REUNIFICATIONS[47]

The assessment of the timeliness of reunification addresses national child welfare Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. The wording of this outcome is intended to ensure that reunifications are not viewed as timely if they are not permanent (i.e., if the child reenters foster care fairly soon after being reunified).

For the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), children are considered to be reunified if the discharge reason provided to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) is either (1) reunified with parent or primary caretaker or (2) living with other relatives.

Table IV-1 presents summary data regarding State performance in 2006 on key measures assessing both the timeliness and permanency of reunification.[48] This table includes one of the measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports (measure 4.1), as well as four newer measures developed for use in the second round of the CFSRs.[49]

Table IV-I. Summary of State Performance, 2006
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=52)	58.8	69.2	77.0	38.1–90.6
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=51)	64.4	69.0	73.3	42.4–88.0
**Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=51)	5.9 mos.	7.1 mos.	8.7 mos.	2.1–14.6 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=51)	31.8	40.7	48.1	19.1–66.3
**Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=51)	9.5	13.3	17.3	1.3–29.2

* Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care and lower reentry rate are desirable).

[46] In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of up to 52 States, depending on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. The data presented throughout this chapter come from AFCARS.

[47] For the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and the CFSRs, children are considered to be reunified if the discharge reason provided to AFCARS is either (1) reunified with parent or primary caretaker or (2) living with other relatives.

[48] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2006 (October 1, 2005–September 30, 2006).

[49] These four measures comprise Composite 1: Timeliness and permanency of reunifications. More information regarding this composite is provided in appendix B. Composite measures are from the CFSRs and were first introduced in Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005. Composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original set of outcome measures.

CFSR round two calculation adjustments to length of stay in foster care: Impact of the less than 8 days exclusion and the trial home visit adjustment

Outcome measures 4.1 and C1.1 assess the percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months from a child's entry into foster care. There are two key differences between these measures. First, the calculation of measure C1.1 excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days. Measure C1.1 also incorporates the trial home visit adjustment. In this calculation, the official discharge of a child from foster care must still occur before any adjustment is made. However, after the discharge, if a child's last foster care placement setting was a trial home visit, any time in that placement setting beyond the first 30 days is subtracted when calculating the length of stay in foster care. This adjustment is done automatically by a standard calculation procedure and does not require that States make any changes to the data they submit. In contrast, the calculation of measure 4.1 does not incorporate these two adjustments.

The purpose of these two adjustments is to enhance the clarity of comparisons across States. It is known that a few States have children who are placed in care and then sent home rapidly—within a few days. On the grounds that these very short-stay children do not require the same sorts of casework, planning, and services as children in care for longer periods of time (who comprise the vast majority of children in foster care), the children in foster care for less than 8 days were eliminated from the calculation for measure C1.1. The second change, the trial home visit adjustment, is intended to recognize and account for the fact that, in some States, there are policies that do not allow children to be officially discharged from foster care even when they have been physically reunified with their parents for several months. Eliminating any time in a trial home visit beyond 30 days is a way of accounting for this so that lengths of stay across States are more comparable.

It is of interest to examine the impact of these two adjustments on the national aggregate data. The trial home visit adjustment for measure C1.1 might be expected to decrease length of stay in foster care for States that made extensive use of trial home visits. The exclusion of the children in care for less than 8 days might be expected to have the opposite effect on length of stay, causing it to rise for States with substantial numbers of children who entered and exited foster care within just a few days.

The data presented in table IV-1 indicate that these adjustments resulted in minimal differences in percentages for the national medians and percentiles in 2006. For example, the median across States for measure 4.1 was 69.2 percent, while the median for measure C1.1 was 69.0 percent. However, the national median may not provide a comprehensive picture of the impact of these adjustments. A more detailed analysis does confirm the expected impacts at the State level. In 25 States in 2006, the difference between measures 4.1 and C1.1 was more pronounced.

In round two of the CFSRs, the trial home visit adjustment and the exclusion of children in care for less than 8 days had very minimal impact on national medians, but the impact on some individual States was more pronounced.

In 8 of these 25 States (Arizona, Hawaii, Illinois, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, Washington, and Wisconsin), the percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was considerably lower when the adjustments were applied (measure C1.1, reunification, part of the composite measure) than when the adjustments were not applied (measure 4.1, the original measure).

In contrast, for the other 17 of the 25 States, the percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was substantially higher when the adjustments were applied to the measure (measure C1.1) than when the adjustments were not applied (measure 4.1).[50] Therefore, individual States were impacted by the adjustments, despite the lack of difference in the national medians.

Although some States' performances did change when the two adjustments were made, this does not imply that any States were especially advantaged or disadvantaged as they worked on their Program Improvement Plans (PIP) for the CFSR. This is because successful completion of a PIP requires only that a State improve in comparison to its own initial performance. That is, if a State has a low baseline, it could still have a successful PIP by improving by a statistically significant amount, even if it does not meet the national standard.

No State is especially advantaged or disadvantaged in the PIP process by the two calculation adjustments, given the fact that each State only needs to improve in comparison to its own initial performance on the CFSR measures.

[50] The 17 States were Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Texas, and Vermont.

Performance with regard to the timeliness of reunification and reentry rate

Timeliness of reunification is assessed through a number of approaches in order to provide a comprehensive picture of performance regarding this outcome. Beginning with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005,* a measure of reentry to foster care was included as part of the total picture of reunification, because a State's reunification speed is best understood when it also is known how many of those children reentered foster care within a short period of time. In reports prior to the 2002–2005 report, reentry was always considered as an important factor, but it was not possible to link it as closely to reunification speed as it is now that a composite measure is available that includes both reunification and reentry components. All of these closely related measures are discussed below.

Speed of reunification of foster children is best understood when it also is known how many of those children reentered foster care within a short period of time.

Three of the measures of timeliness of reunification focus on children's length of stay in foster care at the time that they are discharged to reunification (measures 4.1, C1.1, and C1.2). The 2006 data shown in table IV-1 suggest that, in many States, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. Across States, the median length of stay of reunified children was 7.1 months (measure C1.2), and the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was about 69 percent (measure 4.1 and C1.1).

One of the measures of timeliness (C1.3) provides a longitudinal view of children from the time of entry into foster care (i.e., an entry cohort) until the time of discharge. This measure follows children entering foster care *for the first time* during the last 6 months of the prior year for 12 months to determine the percentage that reunified within this time period. As shown in table IV-1, the median across States was only 40.7 percent, and the 75th percentile was only 48.1 percent. Therefore, in at least 75 percent of the States, the majority of children who entered foster care *for the first time* in the last 6 months of 2005 were still in foster care 12 months later.

Measure C1.4 assesses the permanency of reunification by conducting a 12-month follow-up of a cohort of children who were discharged from foster care to reunification and identifying the percentage of those children who reentered foster care within 12 months of their prior discharge. The data for measure C1.4 indicate that reentry into foster care is an area needing improvement for many States. The median across States for this measure is 13.3 percent, and in five States (Delaware, Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin), approximately 25 percent or more of the children exiting foster care in 2005 reentered foster care in less than 12 months. The following are additional key findings with regard to the timeliness of reunifications and reentry rate for 2006:

- *A moderate correlation was found between timeliness of reunification and reentry.* Many States with a relatively high percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months (measure C1.4) (Pearson's r = .41). The relationship between reunification and reentry is even higher (Pearson's r = .50) when the reunification measure does not exclude children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days (measure 4.1). This suggests that many children who are discharged from foster care in less than 8 days may reenter foster care within the year. However, it is difficult to draw conclusions about this relationship because there may be legitimate reasons for a State to bring children into care for a very short period of time (i.e., respite care).
- *Moderate correlations were found between the timeliness of reunification measures and foster care entry rates.* Many States with relatively high foster care entry rates also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's r = .40) and relatively low median lengths of stay (Pearson's r = -.37). Future investigation is needed to understand the reasons for these relationships.
- *Moderate correlations were found between the measure of reentry into foster care and the age of children entering foster care in a State.* Many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 13 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's r = .56). Conversely, many States with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger also had a relatively low percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's r = -.55). Compared to younger children, older children may present very different challenges to States with regard to meeting their short- and long-term needs and addressing the needs of their families.

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO ACHIEVING TIMELY REUNIFICATIONS

The median performances across States for the years 2003 to 2006 on measures pertaining to achieving timely reunifications for children in foster care are presented in table IV-2. For comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

Table IV-2. Median State Performance, 2003-2006
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications

Outcome Measures*	Median Performance by Year** (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted)			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=52)	71.2	70.6	70.8	69.2
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50)		70.3	70.6	69.3
Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)*** (N=50)		6.5 mos.	6.8 mos.	7.1 mos.
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=50)		38.3	38.7	40.8
Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?*** (N=50)		15.6	15.3	13.3

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** The last four measures were developed for the second round of the CFSRs; therefore, data for those measures are presented for 2004, 2005, and 2006 only.
*** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care and lower reentry rate are desirable).

Table IV-3 provides findings with regard to changes in performance on the measures relevant to the timeliness of reunification without increasing reentry. The change in State performance over time was assessed by calculating a percent change in performance.[51] Change in performance for measure 4.1 is assessed from 2003 to 2006. Changes in performance for the composite measures are assessed from 2004 to 2006 because data are not available for these measures in prior years.

Table IV-3. Change in Performance Over Time, 2003-2006
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications

Outcome Measures	States That Improved Performance	States That Declined in Performance	States That Had No Change in Performance*
Measure 4.1: Change in performance from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of reunifications in less than 12 months from a child's entry into foster care (N=52)	11 (21%)	16 (31%)	25 (48%)
Measure C1.1: Change in performance from 2004 to 2006 with regard to reunifications in less than 12 months with adjustments (N=50)	8 (16%)	12 (24%)	30 (60%)
Measure C1.2: Change in performance from 2004 to 2006 with regard to median length of stay in foster care for children reunified** (N=50)	11 (22%)	27 (54%)	12 (24%)
Measure C1.3: Change in performance from 2004 to 2006 with regard to reunifications in less than 12 months for children entering foster care (N=50)	18 (36%)	15 (30%)	17 (34%)
Measure C1.4: Change in performance from 2004 to 2006 with regard to reentry into foster care** (N=50)	23 (46%)	16 (32%)	11 (22%)

* Change in performance for measure 4.1 is assessed from 2003 to 2006. Changes in performance on the individual measures under the composites (C1.1 through C1.4) are assessed from 2004 to 2006 because data are not available for these measures in prior years. In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there is a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination is made that there was "no change" in performance.
** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care and lower reentry rate are desirable).

[51] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change. For more information on percent change calculations, see chapter 1 of this report.

As shown in tables IV-2 and IV-3, there were few national patterns regarding change in performance across States over time for these measures. One of the trends that did emerge concerns the median length of stay in foster care for children who are reunified (measure C1.2). For this measure, 54 percent of States showed a decline in performance from 2004 to 2006. Consistent with this finding, the national median for measure C1.2 also showed a decline in performance. The median length of stay in foster care for children prior to reunification increased from 6.5 months in 2004 to 7.1 months in 2006 (a 9.2 percent change).

There was a moderate gain in performance across States in the number of children who reenter foster care in less than 12 months from discharge (measure C1.4). Forty-six percent of States showed improved performance for this measure, while 32 percent of States exhibited a decline in performance for this measure. In addition, as indicated in table IV-2, the national median for measure C1.4 improved from 15.6 percent in 2004 to 13.3 percent in 2006 (a -14.7 percent change).

TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

Outcome 5 (reduce time in foster care to adoption) is addressed by outcome measure 5.1, and by several newer individual measures that were developed as part of the adoption composite for the second round of the CFSRs. Table IV-4 presents summary data regarding State performance in 2006 on the measures relevant to this outcome. The table includes measure 5.1 as well as the five newer individual adoption measures (measures C2.1, C2.2, C2.3, C2.4, and C2.5).[52]

Table IV-4. Summary of State Performance, 2006
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?** (N=52)	2.1	3.1	6.6	0.8–34.2
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=51)	21.5	29.9	36.4	9.2–78.1
Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? *** (N=51)	28.2 mos.	30.8 mos.	34.0 mos.	15.4–51.8 mos.
Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=51)	17.3	20.0	23.3	3.4–33.7
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? (N=51)	5.4	9.6	14.1	0.6–20.8
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=51)	40.7	50.5	59.0	11.6–82.8

* Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** Measure 5.1 was among the original outcome measures established in 1998. It is a calculation of discharges to adoption for a range of time periods. Measure 5.1a denotes a 12-month period for the measure and measure 5.1b denotes a 24-month period for the measure.
*** For this measure, fewer months indicate better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care is desirable).

Outcome measures 5.1, C2.1, and C2.2 focus on the length of time in foster care of children who are discharged to adoption. Performance on these measures in 2006 suggests that achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few States. As shown in table IV-4, the percentage of adoptions that occur in less than 12 months from the child's entry into foster care was quite low in almost all States (measure 5.1, median = 3.1 percent). In four States, however, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months was more than 10 percent. These States were Utah (34 percent), North Dakota (30 percent), Wyoming (13 percent), and Colorado (12 percent).

The data in table IV-4 indicate that the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the child's entry into foster care was higher, but still needs improvement (measure C2.1, median = 29.9 percent). There were only four States in which at least 50 percent of adoptions occurred in less than 24 months of the child's entry into foster care. These States were Utah (78 percent), Colorado (56 percent), North Dakota (53 percent), and Iowa (51 percent). In addition, across States, the median length of stay

[52] These five new measures comprise Composite 2: Timeliness of adoptions. More information on this composite is provided in appendix B.

in foster care for children adopted is 30.8 months (measure C2.2). In about 25 percent of the States, the median length of stay of children adopted is approximately 3 years or longer.

Two measures reported in table IV-4 (measures C2.3 and C2.4) assess the *progress* toward timely adoptions using a longitudinal analysis. These measures focus on children who were in foster care for at least 17 months on the first day of the year and follow them to determine: (1) the percentage adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3) and (2) the percentage who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year.[53] The data presented in table IV-3 suggest that, across States, only a small percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer at the start of FY 2006 were adopted by the end of that year (measure C2.3, median = 20.0 percent). The data also indicate that, across States, an even smaller percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2006 became legally free for adoption within the first 6 months of that year (measure C2.4, median = 9.6 percent). As shown in the range for this measure, even in the highest performing State, only 20.8 percent of the children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2006 became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year.

Measure C2.5 follows children for a 12-month period from the time that they became legally free for adoption to identify the percentage of children whose adoptions were finalized during that time period. As shown in table IV-4, the range in performance on this measure across States is extensive (11.6 to 82.8 percent). For example, in three States (Alabama, Maine, and South Dakota), less than 30 percent of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free. However, in four States (District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Utah, and Wyoming), 75 percent or more of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted in less than 12 months after becoming legally free. An additional key finding with regard to the timeliness of adoptions for 2006 was a moderate correlation between performance on the measure of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (measure C2.1) and performance on the measure of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's r = .39). Many States with a relatively high percentage of children adopted in less than 24 months also had a relatively high percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months. This suggests that some States are more successful than others in achieving timely permanency for children in foster care, regardless of whether it is through reunification or adoption.

States with a relatively high percentage of children adopted in less than 24 months also tend to have a relatively high percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months. This suggests that some States are more successful than others in achieving timely permanency for children in foster care, regardless of whether it is through reunification or adoption.

[53] Measures C2.3 and C2.4 exclude children retrospectively from the denominator if the children exited from foster care during the specified time period to either reunification or guardianship.

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

The median performances across States for the years 2003 to 2006 on measures pertaining to achieving timely adoptions for children in foster care are presented in table IV-5. For comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

Table IV-5. Median State Performance, 2003-2006
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions

Outcome Measures*	Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured as months, as noted)			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Measure 5.1b: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=50)**	23.9	25.5	28.5	29.8
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?*** (N=49)		26.8	29.2	29.9
Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption?**** (N=49)		31.7 mos.	31.6 mos.	30.8 mos.
Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?***** (N=49)		19.8	20.3	20.0
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?****** (N=49)		9.0	9.2	9.6
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=49)		45.8	48.3	50.5

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available. The last five measures were developed for the second round of the CFSRs; therefore, data for those measures are presented for 2004, 2005, and 2006 only.
** Measure 5.1 was among the original outcome measures established in 1998. It is a calculation of discharges to adoption for a range of time periods. Measure 5.1a denotes a 12-month period for the measure and measure 5.1b denotes a 24-month period for the measure.
*** Although measure C2.1 is calculated exactly the same way as measure 5.1b, the results can vary slightly because the source files are different for the composite measures. In the source files for measure C2.1, all children are excluded who were not age 17 for at least 1 day. No such exclusion exists for measure 5.1b. In addition, composites are calculated at the county level and then aggregated to the State level, which also could slightly influence performance on C2.1 compared to 5.1b. In this instance, there is the added possible impact of using only 49 States for C2.1, while 50 States were used for 5.1b.
**** For this measure, fewer months indicate better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care is desirable).
***** The denominator for this measure excludes children who, by the last day of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.
****** A child is considered to be "legally free" for adoption if a date for parental rights termination is reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. Also, the denominator for this measure excludes children who, during the first 6 months of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.

Table IV-6 provides key findings with regard to changes in performance on the measures assessing timely adoptions. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.[54] Change in performance for outcome measure 5.1b (adoptions occurring in less than 24 months) is assessed from 2003 to 2006.[55] Changes in performance on the newer outcome measures are assessed from 2004 to 2006 because data are not available for these measures in prior years.

Table IV-6. Change in Performance Over Time, 2003-2006
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions

Outcome Measures*	States That Improved Performance	States That Declined in Performance	States That Had No Change in Performance**
Measure 5.1b: Change from 2003 to 2006 in the percentage of children discharged to adoption in less than 24 months from the date of entry into foster care (N=50)	32 (64%)	11 (22%)	7 (14%)
Measure C2.2: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the median length of stay in months for children adopted ***(N=49)	22 (45%)	10 (20%)	17 (35%)
Measure C2.3: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (N=49)	24 (49%)	13 (27%)	12 (24%)
Measure C2.4: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (N=49)	27 (55%)	15 (31%)	7 (14%)
Measure C2.5: Change from 2004 to 2006 in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (N=49)	25 (51%)	10 (20%)	14 (29%)

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** Change in performance for measure 5.1b is assessed from 2003 to 2006. Changes in performance on the individual measures under composite 2 (C2.2 through C2.5) are assessed from 2004 to 2006 because data are not available for these measures in prior years. In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there is a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination is made that there was "no change" in performance.
*** For this measure, fewer months indicate better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care is desirable).

The data presented in table IV-6 reveal a national pattern of improved performance for a number of these measures. With regard to the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (measure 5.1b), 64 percent of the States demonstrated improved performance from 2003 to 2006. The national median for this measure also improved from 23.9 percent in 2003 to 29.8 percent in 2006 (a 24.7 percent change).

Many States (55 percent) showed improved performance with regard to the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4). The national median for this measure increased from 9.0 percent in 2004 to 9.6 percent in 2006 (a 6.7 percent change).

For adoptions occurring in less than 24 months, 64 percent of the States demonstrated improved performance between 2003 and 2006.

Fifty-one percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). In addition, the national median improved from 45.8 percent in 2004 to 50.5 percent in 2006 (a 10.3 percent change).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING REUNIFICATIONS AND ADOPTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER

Achieving timely reunifications

For 2006, the measures that assess the timeliness of reunification generally suggest that, in most States, many children who exit foster care to reunification are reunified in a timely manner. However, the results for the entry cohort measure (C1.3) indicate that, in most States, the majority (59.3 percent) of children entering foster care in the last 6 months of 2005 were still in foster care 12 months

[54] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change. For more information on percent change calculations, see chapter 1 of this report.

[55] Outcomes measure 5.1 incorporates a range of time periods. The 24-month time period (5.1b) was chosen for this analysis because data are available for 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006. This 24-month time period also is captured in measure C2.1, but data for measure C2.1 are only available for 2004, 2005, and 2006. Therefore, measure 5.1b is used for the calculation of change in performance over time (table IV-6).

later. Although not all of these children will eventually exit foster care to reunification, many of them will be reunified, after being in foster care for a year or longer.

The data for 2006 also suggest that many States experience challenges in ensuring that children who are reunified do not reenter foster care within the year. A consistent finding of the data analyses for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that many States that have a high percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months from the child's entry into foster care also have a high percentage of children who reenter foster care in less than 12 months from the time of reunification. This is an important finding because it raises the possibility that, at the time of reunification, not all of the problems that resulted in the child's initial entry into foster care were adequately resolved, or that new problems arose at the point of reunification that were not sufficiently addressed by the agency.

A consistent finding in Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that States with more adolescents (age 13 or older) entering foster care tend to have higher reentry rates.

An additional consistent finding is that many States with a relatively high percentage of foster care reentries also had a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were adolescents (age 13 or older). The challenges that these youth present to State child welfare systems with regard to meeting the reunification needs of the children and their families could be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families.

There was no clear pattern nationally with regard to a change in performance on most of the measures pertaining to reunification. However, the States showed a decline in performance (a 9.2 percent change) between 2004 and 2006 in the median length of stay for children who were reunified. In addition, there was also a moderate improvement in performance (a -14.7 percent change) between 2004 and 2006 across States in the number of children who reentered foster care less than 12 months after discharge.

Achieving timely adoptions

The data for 2006 with regard to timely adoptions indicate that achieving adoptions in a timely manner remains a significant challenge for almost all States. The exceptions to this pattern are Colorado, Iowa, North Dakota, and Utah, where 51 to 78 percent of the adoptions finalized in 2006 occurred in less than 24 months from the time of the child's entry into foster care. An area for future investigation is why these States are more successful than others in achieving timely adoptions.

Achieving adoptions in a timely manner remains a significant challenge for almost all States. However, a few States are particularly successful in this area.

The challenges in achieving adoptions in a timely manner are apparent from the data for all of the relevant measures. However, States are showing improved performance with regard to a number of measures in this area. Sixty-four percent of States exhibited an improvement in performance in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the child's entry into foster care; 55 percent showed improved performance with regard to the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year; and 51 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free. These positive findings indicate that, despite the challenges, many States have been able to expedite the adoption process for children.

Despite the challenges of making adoptions more timely, a large number of States demonstrated improved performance between 2003 and 2006 on several of the adoption measures contained in this report.

V: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings for Children in Foster Care

The State child welfare agency has the responsibility to ensure that children are in stable placements while they are in foster care. Placement stability is addressed through Outcome 6: Increase placement stability for children in foster care. For the purpose of the analysis in this report, if a child has two or fewer placement settings in a single foster care episode, this is considered to be evidence of placement stability.[56]

State child welfare agencies also are responsible for ensuring that children in foster care are in placements that are appropriate to their age and service needs. This is addressed through Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions. There are some instances in which a group home or institution is determined to be the most appropriate placement to meet the needs of a child. For example, young children may need a particular type of care to meet certain physical or mental health needs. Nonetheless, it is more likely that a family setting will be the most appropriate placement for most young children. Outcome 7 was established to try to discourage the inappropriate placement of young children in these larger placement settings.

There are some foster children for whom a foster family setting truly will not meet their highly specialized needs. However, a family setting generally will be the most appropriate one for young children.

Table V-1 presents the findings of State performance on measures of placement stability (measure 6.1) and placements of young children in group homes or institutions (measure 7.1).[57] For outcome measure 6.1, data are presented that measure placement stability for multiple timeframes for length of stay in foster care (i.e., less than 12 months, 12 months to less than 24 months, and 24 months or more).[58]

Table V-1. Summary of State Performance, 2006
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
Measure 6.1a: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for less than 12 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=52)	80.2%	83.5%	86.5%	51.6–99.5%
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=52)	50.9	59.7	65.2	40.1–99.4
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=52)	25.7	32.1	36.7	14.8–99.3
Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution?** (N=52)	3.9	5.9	12.1	1.5–22.1

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
**For this measure, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children in group homes or institutions is desirable).

As shown in table V-1, in most States, the majority of children in foster care for less than 12 months experienced no more than two placement settings in 2006 (measure 6.1a, median = 83.5 percent). Despite the generally positive level of performance on this measure across States, it would be preferable for no child to experience excessive placement setting changes, so there is still some room for improvement on this measure.

Although most States appear to be reasonably successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, States tend to be far less successful in keeping the number of placement settings low for children in foster care for longer

[56] A single foster care episode begins on the date when a child is removed from the home and ends when the child is discharged from foster care (is no longer under the care and placement responsibility of the State). The count of placement settings does not include temporary stays in hospitals, camps, respite care, or institutional placements.

[57] In this report, the designation of "State" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of up to 52 States, depending on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2006 (October 1, 2005–September 30, 2006).

[58] For the second round of the CFSRs, three measures were developed as part of Composite 4: Placement stability. These are not shown in this chapter because the measures are almost identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated in measure 6.1. Data for measure 6.1 are presented in this chapter because these data are available for all 4 years, as compared to only 3 years of data for the very similar individual measure under composite 4.

periods of time. As shown in table V-1, the median across States declines from 83.5 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 59.7 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 32.1 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

One variable that was found to be associated with placement stability was the median length of stay in foster care prior to adoption. The following correlations were found:

- States with a relatively long median length of stay prior to adoption (measure C2.2) also tended to have good placement setting stability, as indicated by the relatively high percentage of children in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months who had no more than two placement settings (measure 6.1b) (Pearson's r = .38).
- States with a relatively long median length of stay prior to adoption (measure C2.2) also tended to have good placement setting stability, as indicated by the relatively high percentage of children in care for 24 months or longer who had no more than two placement settings (measure 6.1c) (Pearson's r = .47).

Although more information is needed to understand these relationships, one possible explanation is that, in some States, if children are perceived as being in stable placements (possibly pre-adoptive homes), States may be less likely to make concerted efforts to finalize the adoptions than they might be if the children were not in stable placements.

The data in table V-1 also indicate that, in about one-half of the States, 6 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in a group home or institution. However, in 15 States, between 10 and 22 percent of young children were placed in group homes or institutions.[59]

CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING STABLE AND APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT SETTINGS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

The median performances across States for the years 2003 to 2006 on measures pertaining to achieving stable and appropriate placements for children in foster care are presented in table V-2. For comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

Table V-2. Median State Performance, 2003-2006
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings

Outcome Measures*	Median Performance by Year			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Measure 6.1a: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for less than 12 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=52)	84.0%	83.5%	84.4%	83.5%
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=52)	59.0	58.5	59.4	59.7
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=52)	33.5	32.1	32.0	32.1
Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution?** (N=48)	7.9	7.1	7.1	5.8

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
**For this measure, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children in group homes or institutions is desirable).

In table V-2, the single measure with the largest change over time is measure 7.1. The national percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions decreased from 7.9 percent in 2003 to 5.8 percent in 2006 (a -26.6 percent change).

The percentage of young children placed in group homes and institutions decreased substantially between 2003 and 2006.

[59] The 15 States were Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

Table V-3 provides the number and percentage of States that improved performance, declined in performance, or exhibited no change in performance with regard to key measures for outcomes 6 and 7.[60] Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.[61] Analyses included only those States that provided data for a measure in all relevant years.

Table V-3. Change in Performance Over Time, 2003-2006
Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings: Outcomes 6 and 7

Outcome Measures*	States That Improved Performance	States That Declined in Performance	States That Had No Change in Performance**
Measure 6.1a: Percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=52)	8 (15%)	10 (19%)	34 (65%)
Measure 6.1b: Percentage of children in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=52)	17 (33%)	12 (23%)	23 (44%)
Measure 6.1c: Percentage of children in foster care for at least 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=52)	15 (29%)	28 (54%)	9 (17%)
Measure 7.1: Percentage of children entering foster care when they were age 12 or younger who were placed in a group home or institution***(N=48)	36 (75%)	8 (17%)	4 (8%)

* Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.
** When a percent change in performance from 2003 to 2006 is less than 5.0 in either direction (i.e., positive or negative), a determination is made that there is "no change" in performance.
***For this measure, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children in group homes or institutions is desirable).

As shown in table V-3, the performance on measure 6.1c (percentage of children in foster care for at least 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings) declined for 54 percent of the States and improved for only 29 percent of the States between 2003 and 2006. On the other hand, the national median for this measure changed minimally, from 33.5 percent in 2003 to 32.1 percent in 2006 (a -4.2 percent change does not meet the criterion of 5.0 in either direction to qualify as a noteworthy change in performance for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report).

The data for measure 7.1 presented in table V-3 are consistent with that found in table V-2, which showed a substantial improvement (a -26.6 percent change) toward fewer placements of young children in group homes and institutions. This is illustrated in table V-3 by the fact that, between 2003 and 2006, 75 percent of States showed improved performance on measure 7.1. The 10 States with the most improvement between 2003 and 2006 were Colorado, District of Columbia, Iowa, Maine, Nevada, North Carolina, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING STABLE AND APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

A consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that, although States are fairly successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, the percentage of children who have placement stability declines considerably the longer the children are in foster care. There is an ongoing need for improvement in this area, as indicated by the fact that 54 percent of States exhibited a decline in performance from 2003 to 2006 with regard to placement stability for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

States are generally more successful in minimizing the number of placement settings for children in care for less than 12 months, but children in care for longer periods of time tend to have considerably more placement setting changes.

The national pattern of change in performance with regard to placements of young children in group homes or institutions suggests that the majority (75 percent) of States are making considerable strides in decreasing the number of young children placed in these settings.

[60] The data for the newer measures of placement stability (composite 4) are not shown because they are essentially the same as the old measures and because the data for the old measures permit a comparison from 2003 to 2006 rather than from 2004 to 2006.

[61] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing by old data, and multiplying by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2003 and 7.6 in 2006, the percent change would be [(7.6-9.2)/9.2]x100 = -17.4 percent change. For more information on percent change calculations, see chapter 1 of this report.

VI: State Performance Relevant to the Seven National Child Welfare Outcomes (State Data Pages)

The previous chapters provide key findings from an analysis of performance across States relevant to the seven national child welfare outcomes. This chapter presents tables of data for each State on the 12 measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and on an additional 15 measures more recently developed for the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). As noted in earlier chapters, the 15 additional measures are relevant to the seven national child welfare outcomes addressed in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. Data on these measures were included for the first time in the 2002-2005 report, and will be included in this and all future Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

The data pages also include the composite scores for each State for the four CFSR-related composites measures. These composite scores are based on the results of a Principal Components Analysis conducted by the Children's Bureau. This process is explained in detail in the Federal Register Announcement published on the Children's Bureau's website:

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

The data on the outcome measures are presented by State rather than by measure. This is because the focus of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is on continuous improvement in performance within each State rather than on comparisons of performance across States.

VIEWING THE STATE DATA PAGES

The State Data Pages are structured as follows:

- Data for the context variables
- Data showing State performance on the original outcome measures
- Data pertaining to State performance on the 15 new measures and the State's composite scores for 2005 and 2006 (No overall composite scores are shown for 2004 because the data from that year were used to calculate the national standards, and it would be inappropriate to evaluate State performance based on the same data set used to calculate those standards. Nonetheless, when available, the composite measure tables show performance on the individual measures in 2004.)
- State Comment Page presenting each State's comments on its own data (provided only if a State submitted a comment for publication)

The following conventions were used to distinguish among various types of data reporting:

- If a State reported a value of "zero percent" for any of the context variables or outcome measures, this is indicated by "0.0."
- If a State reported more than 0 percent but less than 0.1 percent, this is indicated by "< 0.1."
- If a particular cell is not applicable to a State, that is, there is no reason to assume that the State would have data for that cell, this is indicated by "N/A."
- If a particular cell is applicable to a State, that is, there is reason to assume that the State would have data for that cell but no data were provided, this is indicated by a dash (-).

Alabama

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,108,511	1,106,522	1,107,079	1,114,301
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9
Black	31.7	31.6	31.5	31.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.6
White	63.0	62.8	62.5	62.3
Two or more races	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
Child population in poverty (%)	23.5	23.3	24.8	23.0

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	9,290	9,414	9,029	9,378
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,079	5,934	6,913	7,157
Children adopted	329	398	324	387

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	29,679	26.8 per 1,000	31,300	28.3 per 1,000	27,378	24.7 per 1,000	27,340	24.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	9,290	8.4 per 1,000	9,414	8.5 per 1,000	9,029	8.2 per 1,000	9,378	8.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	22	2.0 per 100,000	11	1.0 per 100,000	24	2.2 per 100,000	24	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.4	8.8	9.6	10.5
1-5 years	27.0	28.1	28.8	27.8
6-10 years	24.1	22.5	22.7	22.4
11-15 years	29.8	28.8	27.2	28.2
16+ years	5.6	5.4	4.6	5.6
Unknown	6.2	6.4	7.1	5.4
Number	**9,290**	**9,414**	**9,029**	**9,378**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	29.9	29.5	23.5	18.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	0.0	0.0	—
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.3	2.5	3.2
White	48.9	52.2	45.5	34.8
Two or more races	—	—	0.2	0.4
Unknown	16.1	15.7	28.1	42.9
Number	**9,290**	**9,414**	**9,029**	**9,378**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.9
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	39.6	43.6	44.5	41.7
Physical abuse	38.6	40.5	40.5	39.1
Sexual abuse	24.7	24.0	23.5	26.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**9,290**	**9,414**	**9,029**	**9,378**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	55.8	55.6
Median	—	—	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	5,651	5,382	6,348	6,840	3,246	3,598	3,844	3,791	2,818	3,046	3,279	3,474	6,079	5,934	6,913	7,157
Median length of stay (months)	19.7	18.1	19.9	18.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.1	8.1	9.4	10.3	18.3	17.7	19.2	18.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.9	13.3	14.5	15.2	16.2	5.4	6.1	5.5	6.2	3.9	4.2	4.9	5.0
1 year	5.0	4.3	5.3	5.2	6.2	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.2	6.4	4.4	5.2	5.2	5.6
2 years	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.3	5.5	5.8	6.8	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	4.6	4.4	5.4	5.3
3 years	4.0	4.2	4.7	4.6	5.7	5.2	5.8	5.6	6.2	6.4	7.0	6.9	4.3	4.2	4.6	5.0
4 years	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.3	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.6	5.6	5.3	4.3	3.7	4.4	4.2
5 years	3.6	3.5	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.9	3.4	4.2	3.7	4.0
6 years	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.9
7 years	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.8	3.9	4.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1
8 years	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9
9 years	4.9	4.3	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.2	4.0	4.1	4.9	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.9
10 years	4.7	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.9
11 years	5.2	5.1	4.3	3.9	4.8	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.4	3.8	3.3	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.0
12 years	5.9	6.3	5.2	4.9	5.5	4.9	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.8	5.8	5.3	4.9	4.3
13 years	6.4	7.4	6.5	5.2	6.0	6.2	5.4	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.5	3.9	6.7	6.9	5.1	5.0
14 years	6.9	7.5	6.9	7.3	5.9	5.3	6.6	5.5	4.2	4.6	4.9	4.5	7.0	7.4	7.2	5.6
15 years	7.2	8.1	7.8	7.9	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.0	5.4	4.5	4.8	5.9	7.6	8.3	7.8	7.7
16 years	7.4	8.5	8.0	7.9	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.8	5.5	6.3	5.6	5.0	7.7	8.5	7.8	8.1
17 years	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.6	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.7	5.5	4.4	5.0	4.7	7.1	7.8	7.5	7.5
18 years	4.2	3.1	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	5.7	5.4	5.7	6.6	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.3
19 years	1.9	0.0	2.3	2.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	3.4	1.3	4.0	3.6	2.1	1.3	2.3	2.4
20+ years	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.6	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.9	0.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.5	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	51.0	50.2	48.1	46.2	41.9	41.2	40.0	42.0	42.9	42.2	42.3	41.8	49.9	48.8	46.4	46.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.7	2.2	2.8	3.5	3.0	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.3
White	46.8	47.3	48.4	50.5	54.5	53.9	55.4	52.5	54.0	53.7	52.8	54.0	47.6	48.0	50.2	49.9
Two or more races	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.1	0.5	1.4	0.8	1.5	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.3
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,546	1,599	2,128	1,658
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	865	730	1,189	1,073

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.6	5.7	5.5	1.9
1 year	4.3	6.8	7.0	5.6
2 years	6.3	5.4	7.0	6.4
3 years	5.0	6.1	6.3	6.5
4 years	5.4	5.1	6.5	5.4
5 years	5.5	5.8	5.0	5.5
6 years	6.1	5.1	6.4	5.1
7 years	5.1	5.8	6.2	5.7
8 years	6.1	5.5	5.8	5.5
9 years	6.0	5.3	5.1	5.8
10 years	6.6	5.6	5.3	5.6
11 years	6.2	6.1	5.4	5.6
12 years	7.2	5.1	5.2	5.9
13 years	8.2	6.4	4.3	5.9
14 years	5.8	6.8	5.4	4.8
15 years	5.3	5.3	5.5	6.5
16 years	3.8	4.5	4.3	7.1
17 years	3.4	3.5	3.8	5.1
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	48.3	47.5	43.8	45.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	1.4	1.9	1.3
White	49.3	49.3	52.1	50.5
Two or more races	0.6	1.5	1.9	2.2
Unknown	0.5	0.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	329	398	324	387

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.2	2.0	0.3	2.1
1 year	8.2	6.8	5.2	7.8
2 years	9.7	7.0	7.7	7.8
3 years	12.5	11.6	14.8	11.9
4 years	8.5	8.3	12.0	10.6
5 years	5.5	7.5	8.0	6.7
6 years	8.8	7.3	7.1	7.5
7 years	7.3	9.0	4.9	8.5
8 years	8.5	6.3	6.5	6.5
9 years	5.5	6.5	5.2	5.9
10 years	5.5	5.8	4.3	4.1
11 years	3.6	5.8	4.6	4.4
12 years	4.9	5.5	5.2	4.4
13 years	3.0	4.5	4.9	2.3
14 years	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.3
15 years	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8
16 years	1.5	1.3	2.2	1.3
17 years	0.9	0.3	1.5	1.3
18 years	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Black	45.6	35.4	34.9	28.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.5	1.8	1.5	4.1
White	51.4	61.8	60.8	65.9
Two or more races	1.5	0.8	2.8	0.8
Unknown	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Alabama

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	98.1	98.1
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	1.9	1.9
Number	—	—	**4,012**	**4,130**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	0.14	0.28
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	99.86	99.72
Number	—	—	**10,192**	**10,631**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.7	13.0	10.2	11.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	75.7	79.9	79.0	79.2
Other	12.1	7.1	10.8	9.5
Missing data	0.6	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**2,818**	**3,046**	**3,279**	**3,474**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	14.8	17.4	20.7	15.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	59.6	68.6	56.2	61.7
Other	24.8	14.0	23.2	23.0
Missing data	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**270**	**236**	**276**	**248**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	75.1	83.8	77.0	78.5
Other	23.5	16.2	22.3	21.0
Missing data	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**758**	**742**	**915**	**962**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47.5	50.8	43.9	37.4
Children older than 12 at entry	52.5	49.2	56.1	62.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**177**	**61**	**189**	**174**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	12.4	11.0	8.4	7.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	66.7	100.0	66.7	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	71.5	81.7	77.4	79.4
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	40.0	100.0	0.0	15.1	7.3	14.3	12.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**3**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**1,208**	**1,284**	**1,388**	**1,451**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	7.1	4.3	15.5	11.1	15.0	11.8	13.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	77.8	85.7	81.7	81.6	79.1	78.3	80.3	79.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	7.1	13.9	2.9	9.5	6.8	7.9	7.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**63**	**84**	**115**	**103**	**1,523**	**1,637**	**1,732**	**1,875**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	33.3	11.1	29.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	50.0	83.3	100.0	100.0	60.0	85.2	67.7	72.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	3.7	3.2	19.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6**	**6**	**6**	**4**	**15**	**27**	**31**	**36**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	64.4	68.5	67.1	65.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.3	19.0	18.4	19.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.8	7.2	7.7	7.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.5	2.1	3.1	3.4
48 or more mos.	5.0	3.2	3.6	3.9
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,132**	**2,435**	**2,591**	**2,753**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.8	81.7	80.6	81.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.7	9.9	9.4	9.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.1	7.9	9.2	9.1
Missing data	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.4
Number	**3,246**	**3,598**	**3,844**	**3,791**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.8	2.5	0.9	2.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.4	13.1	16.7	17.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	21.3	21.0	19.1	25.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.6	28.8	26.0	19.0
48 or more mos.	41.9	34.6	37.3	35.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**329**	**396**	**335**	**389**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.6	89.3	89.1	92.8	75.7	73.1	72.4	75.4	51.9	51.0	50.0	49.7	100.0	95.5	87.5	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	7.4	10.7	10.9	7.2	24.3	26.9	27.6	24.6	48.1	49.0	50.0	50.3	0.0	4.5	12.5	25.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,726**	**4,081**	**4,412**	**4,476**	**1,787**	**1,725**	**1,907**	**2,154**	**3,369**	**3,152**	**3,865**	**3,997**	**15**	**22**	**8**	**4**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	2.3	1.4	1.1	2.0
Institutions	4.2	3.2	2.6	3.8
Other settings	92.5	94.1	93.7	93.4
Missing data	0.9	1.3	2.5	0.8
Number	**1,707**	**1,783**	**1,935**	**2,622**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.7**	**118.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	66.1	65.3	64.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.1	7.7	8.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.2	48.8	46.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	7.8	10.6	10.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**56.4**	**57.9**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	15.7	17.7	20.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	41.5	41.4	37.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	14.6	10.6	11.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.6	9.0	7.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	32.5	31.4	29.5

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**106.2**	**104.4**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	20.7	17.7	18.3
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.3	97.1	94.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	49.6	51.1	49.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**109.5**	**113.8**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	87.4	87.5	91.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	87.4	72.6	75.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	87.4	51.3	51.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Alabama

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Alabama's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003-2006: Report to Congress*.

Section B, the increase in the percentage of children for whom age and race/ethnicity information is "missing" is due to our current SACWIS system not requiring data in these fields. We are currently in the process of changing systems therefore this problem should be alleviated in the near future.

Outcome Measure 1.1: In 2006, Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 months is at 1.9 percent which is one of the lowest in the nation.

Outcome Measure 3.1: In 2006, Percentage of Children exiting to a permanent home is at 90.4 percent which equaled the national 75th percentile.

Outcome Measure 3.3: In 2006, Percentage of Children exiting foster care who were older than age 12 at the time of entry into foster care who were discharged to a permanent home is at 79.0 percent which exceeded the national 75th percentile.

Permanency Composite 1, Measure C1.1: Percentage of Reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care declined slightly to 64.4 percent, however it remains above the national 25th percentile.

Permanency Composite 2, Measure C2.1: Percentage of Adoptions occurring in less than 24 months remains in the bottom 25 percent nationally; this issue is being addressed through our Federal Program Improvement Plan.

Permanency Composite 2, Measure C2.2: Median length of stay in months for children adopted remains greater than the 75th percentile at 37.9 months; this issue is being addressed through our Federal Program Improvement Plan

Permanency Composite 2, Measure C2.3: Children in foster care for 17 months or longer, percentage of adoptions by the end of the 12-month target period remains in the bottom 25th percentile at 11.1 percent; this issue is being addressed through our Federal Program Improvement Plan.

Permanency Composite 2, Measure C2.5: Percentage of children who are legally free for adoption who are adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free remains in the bottom 25th percentile; this issue is being addressed through our Federal Program Improvement Plan.

Permanency Composite 3, Measure C3.1: For children in foster care for 24 months or longer, percentage who are discharged to a permanent home remains in the bottom 25th percentile; this issue is being addressed through our Federal Program Improvement Plan.

Permanency Composite 4: All Measures were above the national 75th percentile, Percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who had two or fewer placement settings was at 91.8 percent, those in care at least 12 months but less than 24 months was at 75.4 percent, and those in care at least 24 months was at 51.2 percent.

Alaska

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	186,907	184,731	182,990	181,434
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	18.8	18.6	18.5	18.5
Asian	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
Black	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	6.9	7.4	7.9	8.1
White	58.0	57.7	57.2	56.9
Two or more races	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.3
Child population in poverty (%)	13.8	11.2	14.5	15.1

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	7,996	—	2,693	3,481
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,040	1,825	1,790	2,017
Children adopted	208	185	204	212

B. Child Maltreatment Data[5] (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,575	56.6 per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	6,813	37.2 per 1,000	9,500	52.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[7]	7,996	42.8 per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	2,693	14.7 per 1,000	3,481	19.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.1 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	3	1.6 per 100,000	2	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.0	—	11.3	11.4
1-5 years	32.2	—	33.1	32.4
6-10 years	29.6	—	25.5	27.2
11-15 years	25.8	—	23.7	23.4
16+ years	4.4	—	3.9	3.8
Unknown	0.0	—	2.5	1.7
Number	**7,996**	**—**	**2,693**	**3,481**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	46.8	—	49.7	48.7
Asian	0.8	—	0.9	1.2
Black	6.0	—	5.0	6.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.6	—	1.0	1.2
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	—	2.8	3.5
White	37.5	—	34.0	34.0
Two or more races	—	—	3.0	2.4
Unknown	5.0	—	3.6	2.3
Number	**7,996**	**—**	**2,693**	**3,481**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[9]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	11.3	—	29.4	33.2
Medical neglect	—	—	3.7	4.4
Neglect	59.8	—	61.8	57.7
Physical abuse	21.8	—	14.6	14.2
Sexual abuse	7.2	—	4.5	4.5
Unknown	0.0	—	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**7,996**	**—**	**2,693**	**3,481**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	706.0	—
Median	—	—	>144, but <168	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] Alaska did not submit an NCANDS Child File for the 2004 Federal fiscal year.
[6] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[7] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[8] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[9] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,878	1,875	1,623	1,773	943	665	940	922	781	715	789	689	2,040	1,825	1,790	2,017
Median length of stay (months)	17.0	16.9	14.1	15.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.5	17.7	15.5	16.9	17.5	21.3	15.0	17.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.8	3.9	4.6	5.4	14.4	18.0	16.6	19.8	3.6	4.2	3.2	3.0	4.1	3.7	5.6	6.0
1 year	5.3	6.6	5.7	6.7	8.5	8.7	8.3	8.1	6.7	6.3	4.3	6.2	6.7	5.6	6.6	7.9
2 years	7.2	5.5	6.4	7.4	6.5	7.1	7.1	7.9	9.1	8.5	8.0	10.2	5.4	6.5	7.3	6.4
3 years	6.2	6.0	6.2	5.5	6.2	7.8	5.5	5.6	7.3	6.6	8.0	8.3	5.9	5.8	5.4	6.4
4 years	6.1	5.6	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.4	6.2	5.9	9.3	6.9	6.3	7.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.8
5 years	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	6.2	6.1	8.0	5.0	5.2	5.5	4.8
6 years	5.6	4.7	4.9	5.4	6.2	4.2	4.8	4.1	6.7	5.7	5.4	3.9	4.9	4.4	5.4	4.8
7 years	5.9	5.2	5.7	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.6
8 years	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.6	4.9	5.1	6.1	5.6	5.3	4.4	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.3
9 years	5.3	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.7	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.5
10 years	5.8	5.5	5.3	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.8	5.5	6.0	4.3	6.2	5.4	5.1	4.4	4.6
11 years	6.1	5.9	4.3	5.6	6.0	3.6	4.0	3.5	5.6	4.9	4.2	4.4	5.6	4.7	5.5	4.1
12 years	5.7	6.6	5.2	3.8	5.6	3.9	5.1	4.0	5.5	5.5	4.8	2.9	6.5	5.6	3.9	5.2
13 years	5.8	6.1	6.3	5.0	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.4	2.8	3.8	4.9	2.0	6.1	6.5	5.1	4.3
14 years	5.5	6.0	5.9	5.9	4.9	3.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	5.0	4.9	3.8	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.7
15 years	5.5	5.3	5.9	6.3	3.3	3.8	4.9	4.1	3.6	3.1	4.6	4.5	5.5	5.9	6.2	5.8
16 years	4.6	5.3	5.4	5.8	3.4	3.6	3.4	2.0	3.2	4.2	3.9	1.9	5.3	5.8	5.9	5.6
17 years	3.2	4.2	5.1	4.7	0.8	1.4	1.7	2.0	3.2	2.9	4.9	3.5	4.2	5.3	4.5	5.7
18 years	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.3	6.1	6.1	1.9	2.4	1.8	2.2
19 years	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	2.0	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.4
20+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[10]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	61.4	63.3	49.7	48.8	61.7	56.5	51.9	52.9	55.8	61.5	49.6	51.7	63.7	61.5	50.9	49.8
Asian	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.5	2.0	1.2	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.7
Black	9.4	7.3	6.1	4.7	6.4	8.9	5.0	7.5	10.9	7.6	6.5	6.4	7.5	7.8	5.3	5.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	2.2	4.0	4.7	3.4	1.4	4.1	3.6	1.3	2.5	5.7	4.4	2.6	1.8	3.4	4.3
White	25.5	25.5	26.9	27.8	26.1	32.5	25.9	24.3	28.4	26.7	23.7	25.4	24.7	27.6	27.7	26.9
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	12.4	12.5	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	12.3	9.3	0.0	0.0	9.1	10.5
Unknown	1.3	1.2	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.8	2.1	0.9	2.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.7	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.0

[10] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	634	649	489	722
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	363	337	104	245

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.9	1.1	3.7	3.0
1 year	5.7	5.4	7.2	8.4
2 years	4.9	7.9	7.0	6.4
3 years	7.1	5.1	9.4	7.2
4 years	6.9	6.2	8.0	6.8
5 years	5.0	5.4	5.9	6.8
6 years	6.8	4.9	6.5	5.7
7 years	6.2	6.3	6.3	7.3
8 years	6.0	6.2	8.2	6.0
9 years	6.0	6.2	4.9	6.1
10 years	5.7	6.3	6.1	5.0
11 years	7.9	5.9	6.3	5.8
12 years	7.1	7.9	3.1	5.5
13 years	6.8	6.9	4.9	4.3
14 years	6.2	7.1	4.7	4.7
15 years	4.4	5.2	4.1	5.1
16 years	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.6
17 years	2.2	2.8	0.8	2.2
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[12]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	64.0	63.0	50.7	47.2
Asian	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	8.8	9.4	6.1	5.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.3	0.9	3.1	5.4
White	25.1	25.9	29.0	26.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	10.6	16.1
Unknown	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	208	185	204	212

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.9	2.2	0.0	0.5
1 year	5.8	4.9	3.9	7.1
2 years	10.1	12.4	10.8	17.0
3 years	7.2	7.6	8.3	13.2
4 years	12.5	10.3	9.3	6.1
5 years	8.2	4.3	10.3	9.4
6 years	5.8	4.9	6.4	8.0
7 years	7.7	10.3	7.8	5.2
8 years	6.7	9.7	5.4	4.7
9 years	9.6	5.9	6.9	4.7
10 years	7.2	5.9	6.4	5.2
11 years	3.8	5.9	4.4	5.2
12 years	3.8	4.3	6.4	2.4
13 years	1.9	1.6	5.9	4.2
14 years	2.9	4.3	2.5	0.9
15 years	1.4	2.7	2.5	3.3
16 years	1.4	1.1	2.0	1.4
17 years	0.5	1.6	1.0	1.4
18 years	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	61.1	55.7	44.6	45.3
Asian	1.9	5.4	0.5	0.0
Black	5.3	9.2	8.8	5.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	4.9	4.4	1.4
White	25.5	23.8	21.6	27.4
Two or more races	0.0	1.1	20.1	20.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[11] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[12] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Alaska

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	92.0	92.6
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	8.0	7.4
Number	—	—	**1,165**	**1,393**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	0.98	0.89
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	99.02	99.11
Number	—	—	**2,563**	**2,695**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.5	24.9	29.3	25.0
Guardianship	4.1	6.2	5.1	3.9
Reunification	66.7	62.5	56.5	58.9
Other	3.5	4.3	9.1	12.2
Missing data	3.2	2.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**781**	**715**	**789**	**689**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	—	—	66.7	67.5
Guardianship	—	—	6.1	5.6
Reunification	—	—	18.6	15.0
Other	—	—	8.7	11.9
Missing data	—	—	0.0	0.0
Number	—	—	**231**	**160**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	5.2	3.0	5.0	3.8
Guardianship	6.2	7.1	7.5	6.9
Reunification	63.9	65.7	50.9	41.5
Other	21.6	23.2	36.6	47.7
Missing data	3.1	1.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**97**	**99**	**161**	**130**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.2	23.3	7.7	13.5
Children older than 12 at entry	77.8	76.7	88.5	84.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.9
Number	**27**	**30**	**52**	**52**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[13]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	25.9	24.1	27.9	21.1	11.1	100.0	50.0	0.0	12.9	27.8	33.3	22.7
Guardianship	3.9	6.8	6.6	3.1	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.9	5.9	4.5
Reunification	62.6	62.3	53.5	63.2	66.7	0.0	50.0	100.0	80.0	66.7	54.9	65.9
Other	2.5	3.9	12.0	12.6	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	3.7	5.9	6.8
Missing data	5.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**436**	**440**	**391**	**356**	**9**	**5**	**2**	**7**	**85**	**54**	**51**	**44**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	15.6	10.0	23.0	24.6	25.7	29.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	5.6	4.4	16.7	5.9	6.3	2.1	2.3
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	33.3	100.0	66.7	73.3	60.0	65.3	63.4	64.2	55.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	6.7	13.3	5.4	4.7	8.0	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**10**	**18**	**45**	**30**	**222**	**191**	**187**	**175**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.5	51.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	57.1	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	40.2	31.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	85.7
Other	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**19**	**7**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**97**	**64**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**7**

[13] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	58.7	47.9	62.1	59.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.8	34.7	25.1	29.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.9	10.7	7.6	7.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	3.1	0.7	1.5
48 or more mos.	1.3	3.6	3.4	0.7
Missing data	0.4	0.0	1.1	1.2
Number	**521**	**447**	**446**	**406**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	79.9	78.2	81.9	85.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.7	13.7	7.7	5.3
Missing data	2.4	2.9	5.4	4.0
Number	**943**	**665**	**940**	**922**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	6.8	3.9	1.3	2.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.0	11.8	23.4	25.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	29.5	33.1	28.1	36.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.6	26.4	25.1	18.0
48 or more mos.	25.0	24.7	18.2	12.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.9	4.7
Number	**176**	**178**	**231**	**172**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.2	71.7	80.7	67.2	42.0	42.1	61.3	48.2	18.9	19.7	32.3	28.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.8	28.3	19.3	32.8	58.0	57.9	38.7	51.8	81.1	80.3	67.7	71.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,083**	**773**	**1,058**	**1,017**	**709**	**672**	**666**	**714**	**1,020**	**1,093**	**838**	**961**	**9**	**2**	**1**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	2.9	2.9	7.5	0.0
Institutions	0.4	1.3	4.2	8.5
Other settings	96.7	95.8	88.2	91.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**735**	**550**	**706**	**682**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**—**	**127.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	—	69.4	68.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	—	7.1	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	—	25.2	23.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	—	—	6.4

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**85.7**	**74.6**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	—	25.7	29.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	—	34.3	29.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	—	27.0	17.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[16]	—	5.6	6.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	—	31.3	31.6

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**138.4**	**130.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	—	35.8	23.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	—	100.0	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	—	34.2	31.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[18]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**90.5**	**72.6**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	—	79.1	65.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	—	61.4	48.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	—	32.4	28.4

[14] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[15] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[17] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[18] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Arizona

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,481,584	1,522,131	1,574,856	1,628,198
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.4
Asian	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9
Black	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	38.9	39.6	40.5	41.5
White	47.7	47.0	46.1	45.1
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
Child population in poverty (%)	21.2	20.3	20.3	19.5

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	4,838	7,344	6,119	4,469
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,469	9,194	9,685	9,731
Children adopted	839	729	1,012	1,400

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	76,227	51.5 per 1,000	81,121	53.3 per 1,000	84,154	53.4 per 1,000	76,455	47.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	4,838	3.3 per 1,000	7,344	4.8 per 1,000	6,119	3.9 per 1,000	4,469	2.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	0.9 per 100,000	23	1.5 per 100,000	22	1.4 per 100,000	16	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	15.5	18.4	15.2	11.8
1-5 years	32.2	31.8	34.3	36.5
6-10 years	24.7	23.8	24.4	25.9
11-15 years	22.5	20.9	21.5	20.6
16+ years	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.2
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,838**	**7,344**	**6,119**	**4,469**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.9
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5
Black	7.3	6.8	6.3	6.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	34.9	37.1	37.8	35.7
White	46.0	44.6	43.7	45.0
Two or more races	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.1
Unknown	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8
Number	**4,838**	**7,344**	**6,119**	**4,469**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	74.4	76.6	75.0	70.6
Physical abuse	22.2	20.5	21.3	23.8
Sexual abuse	6.0	5.8	6.2	7.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**4,838**	**7,344**	**6,119**	**4,469**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	49.4	53.0	58.4	68.6
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	6,057	7,129	8,497	9,514	6,208	7,173	7,546	7,388	4,796	5,108	6,358	7,171	7,469	9,194	9,685	9,731
Median length of stay (months)	13.8	11.3	11.8	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.1	7.5	9.2	9.8	11.0	11.5	12.2	13.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.7	7.5	7.2	7.6	16.9	17.0	17.0	18.2	6.7	6.8	6.1	6.6	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.6
1 year	7.0	8.0	8.5	8.5	6.5	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.5	8.1	7.6	8.0	7.9	8.5	8.5	8.8
2 years	5.9	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.5	6.6	6.1	6.3	8.0	7.3	7.8	8.3	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.3
3 years	5.5	5.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	6.4	6.4	5.7	6.5	6.7	6.7	7.1	5.8	6.5	6.7	5.9
4 years	4.9	5.3	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.6	6.0	6.1	5.4	5.7	6.0	5.8
5 years	3.7	4.4	5.4	5.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.6	6.0	4.4	5.3	5.8	4.9
6 years	4.6	4.0	4.4	5.2	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.7	5.1	4.1	4.4	5.1	4.8
7 years	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.9	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.5
8 years	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9
9 years	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.7	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.7
10 years	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6
11 years	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.5
12 years	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.4
13 years	5.3	4.4	4.5	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.4	3.3	4.4	4.5	3.8	4.3
14 years	6.3	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.1	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.5
15 years	7.5	6.2	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.9	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.1	6.3	5.5	5.6	6.1
16 years	8.6	7.5	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.7	6.3	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.8	7.4	6.3	6.2	6.6
17 years	7.4	7.4	6.9	6.5	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.8	9.8	7.8	4.8	7.6	7.5	6.6	6.5	6.8
18 years	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.9	5.0	6.8	3.5	1.7	2.0	1.6	2.1
19 years	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
20+ years	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.1	4.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	4.2	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	9.7	8.8	8.5	8.0	7.7	7.2	7.6	8.4	8.7	7.4	8.2	7.9	8.7	8.4	7.9	8.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	34.9	35.9	38.6	40.0	36.2	38.2	38.9	38.8	35.0	36.9	37.4	39.5	35.9	37.1	39.6	39.5
White	47.4	46.0	43.9	43.0	44.6	43.5	42.5	40.8	46.0	44.5	43.5	41.1	46.0	44.9	43.1	42.8
Two or more races	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.8	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.7	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2
Unknown	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.0	3.7	3.6	3.4	2.5	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.0	2.6	2.2	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,676	2,124	2,478	2,634
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,218	1,499	1,872	2,001

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.5	3.7	3.1	3.2
1 year	11.5	12.2	12.5	12.9
2 years	8.8	10.3	11.1	10.6
3 years	7.3	8.5	9.1	8.0
4 years	6.7	6.9	8.2	8.2
5 years	5.7	6.8	7.9	7.1
6 years	5.2	6.4	7.1	7.5
7 years	6.0	5.2	5.2	6.5
8 years	6.0	6.0	4.7	5.6
9 years	5.1	5.9	5.3	4.7
10 years	5.8	4.7	5.2	4.5
11 years	5.8	5.0	4.4	4.6
12 years	5.4	4.5	4.0	3.9
13 years	5.6	4.3	3.3	3.6
14 years	5.4	4.6	3.5	3.5
15 years	4.2	3.2	3.7	3.2
16 years	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.9
17 years	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.3
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.7
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	7.8	7.2	7.4	7.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	35.4	37.3	40.6	40.4
White	48.0	46.3	44.3	43.4
Two or more races	6.0	5.6	5.0	5.3
Unknown	1.6	2.2	1.3	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	839	729	1,012	1,400

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.1	1.1	0.3	1.3
1 year	11.6	12.8	12.5	12.2
2 years	14.5	15.6	17.0	16.8
3 years	10.8	10.3	12.0	11.6
4 years	7.4	9.9	9.8	9.6
5 years	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.7
6 years	7.7	5.2	6.3	7.7
7 years	6.6	6.2	6.3	7.3
8 years	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.4
9 years	5.5	4.4	5.4	4.0
10 years	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.4
11 years	3.9	3.8	2.9	2.8
12 years	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.4
13 years	2.9	3.2	3.1	1.6
14 years	2.7	2.3	1.8	1.4
15 years	1.8	1.6	1.0	1.4
16 years	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9
17 years	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.6
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Black	6.6	6.9	4.5	6.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	38.9	42.0	40.1	44.2
White	48.2	43.1	45.8	42.5
Two or more races	5.2	6.0	7.2	4.2
Unknown	0.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Arizona

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	96.6	97.0	96.9	97.4
Children with one or more recurrences	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.6
Number	**2,237**	**3,001**	**2,340**	**1,870**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.17	0.30	0.12	0.21
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.83	99.70	99.88	99.79
Number	**12,265**	**14,302**	**16,043**	**16,902**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.6	15.3	16.8	19.5
Guardianship	12.4	13.0	14.2	14.6
Reunification	55.7	57.4	53.9	52.1
Other	14.2	14.3	15.2	13.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,796**	**5,108**	**6,358**	**7,171**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	28.7	26.3	24.2	27.7
Guardianship	11.6	11.1	14.1	14.6
Reunification	36.8	37.6	39.9	37.5
Other	22.8	25.0	21.8	20.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,555**	**1,732**	**2,625**	**2,930**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.6	0.9	0.6	1.4
Guardianship	8.1	8.5	9.0	10.6
Reunification	58.2	57.5	53.8	50.8
Other	33.1	33.1	36.6	37.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,267**	**1,422**	**1,593**	**1,735**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.9	23.0	28.8	20.8
Children older than 12 at entry	73.1	77.0	71.2	79.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**412**	**453**	**535**	**518**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	4.1	4.1	4.7	2.6	0.0	0.0	10.0	7.4	14.4	13.2	9.0	16.7
Guardianship	11.0	14.7	16.8	15.5	25.0	10.5	0.0	14.8	13.6	11.1	14.3	12.3
Reunification	67.6	62.9	57.9	52.1	75.0	73.7	90.0	77.8	53.3	53.4	56.7	54.4
Other	17.2	18.2	20.5	29.7	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.0	18.7	22.2	20.0	16.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**145**	**170**	**190**	**303**	**4**	**19**	**10**	**27**	**418**	**378**	**524**	**563**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	19.3	16.8	18.4	21.8	18.4	15.3	17.7	20.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	14.7	13.9	14.1	15.8	10.8	12.8	14.2	13.2
Reunification	100.0	80.0	100.0	43.8	53.7	57.8	53.1	50.2	55.9	56.6	53.0	53.2
Other	0.0	20.0	0.0	6.3	12.3	11.5	14.5	12.1	14.9	15.3	15.1	13.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3**	**5**	**8**	**16**	**1,677**	**1,886**	**2,376**	**2,829**	**2,204**	**2,274**	**2,768**	**2,947**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	4.1	8.3	7.4	9.1	19.6	23.7	26.2	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	11.6	10.1	12.8	18.7	10.7	13.0	14.7	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	69.4	72.8	69.5	58.9	58.5	49.3	46.6	47.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	14.9	8.9	10.3	13.4	11.2	14.0	12.5	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**121**	**169**	**203**	**209**	**224**	**207**	**279**	**277**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	85.0	84.5	81.3	79.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.1	12.3	15.3	17.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
48 or more mos.	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,673**	**2,931**	**3,424**	**3,735**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	82.8	83.4	83.4	81.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.1	9.7	9.0	11.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.1	6.8	7.6	7.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,208**	**7,173**	**7,546**	**7,388**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.5	2.7	1.4	2.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.2	35.3	32.4	31.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	35.7	37.0	46.4	46.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.8	13.4	14.0	14.6
48 or more mos.	14.8	11.6	5.7	5.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**845**	**784**	**1,070**	**1,401**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.0	81.8	84.6	85.5	50.5	55.5	56.2	58.9	20.4	21.3	26.5	28.3	100.0	87.0	96.7	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.5	15.4	14.6	13.2	49.4	44.4	43.6	41.0	79.6	78.6	73.4	71.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.5	2.8	0.9	1.3	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	13.0	3.3	0.0
Number	**6,802**	**7,849**	**8,334**	**8,334**	**2,515**	**3,438**	**4,120**	**4,479**	**2,926**	**2,992**	**3,559**	**4,086**	**22**	**23**	**30**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	9.5	10.1	9.0	6.1
Institutions	19.3	18.7	14.0	13.9
Other settings	71.3	70.8	77.1	80.1
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,631**	**5,117**	**5,507**	**5,284**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**106.3**	**104.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	75.7	72.2	68.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.5	6.3	7.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	30.0	28.2	30.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	19.3	20.0	18.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**112.7**	**122.0**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	38.1	33.8	33.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.9	26.7	27.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.6	28.1	32.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	9.6	11.1	13.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	47.1	40.3	44.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**118.7**	**130.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	22.9	27.6	33.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	94.6	94.5	94.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	42.5	45.3	39.2

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**88.5**	**91.4**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.7	82.0	83.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.7	56.4	59.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	21.8	27.5	29.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Arkansas

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	676,912	679,297	684,044	691,186
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
Black	20.2	20.0	19.8	19.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.6
White	70.2	69.8	69.3	68.8
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	23.9	25.9	24.9	24.3

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	7,232	7,276	8,382	9,180
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,014	3,124	3,238	3,434
Children adopted	385	331	316	395

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	44,521	65.8 per 1,000	44,472	65.5 per 1,000	46,939	68.6 per 1,000	52,206	75.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	7,232	10.7 per 1,000	7,276	10.7 per 1,000	8,382	12.3 per 1,000	9,180	13.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	1.5 per 100,000	12	1.8 per 100,000	16	2.3 per 100,000	19	2.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.3	5.6	6.9	8.9
1-5 years	28.3	28.7	28.3	28.3
6-10 years	27.4	26.9	27.2	25.9
11-15 years	30.5	30.6	28.5	27.8
16+ years	6.8	6.9	7.9	7.9
Unknown	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3
Number	**7,232**	**7,276**	**8,382**	**9,180**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	21.5	20.5	18.7	20.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.9	4.9	6.4
White	69.1	69.6	69.6	66.4
Two or more races	4.4	4.4	5.8	5.3
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Number	**7,232**	**7,276**	**8,382**	**9,180**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.2
Medical neglect	3.0	3.1	3.2	5.7
Neglect	54.5	56.8	58.1	56.6
Physical abuse	18.9	18.4	18.4	18.8
Sexual abuse	29.2	27.8	27.7	26.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.1
Number	**7,232**	**7,276**	**8,382**	**9,180**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	0.9	0.6	201.5	219.4
Median	<24	<24	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	2,864	2,903	2,995	3,131	3,561	3,486	3,615	3,924	3,411	3,265	3,372	3,621	3,014	3,124	3,238	3,434
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	13.1	14.1	12.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	12.5	13.4	12.5	11.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.6	4.4	4.4	5.8	12.0	11.4	12.9	13.5	6.9	6.7	7.1	7.6	4.3	4.3	5.9	6.2
1 year	6.5	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.5	7.2	8.1	7.2	6.5	6.9	7.0	7.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.9
2 years	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.5	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.7	7.3	7.4	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.4	6.7
3 years	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.6	7.0	5.4	6.3	6.3	6.9	6.0	6.7	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.3
4 years	4.0	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.9	6.4	5.7	6.4	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.4
5 years	3.9	4.0	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.3	6.0	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.8	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.6
6 years	4.2	3.7	4.6	4.1	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.6	5.4	4.3	5.4	4.7	3.6	4.7	4.1	4.9
7 years	3.9	4.4	3.6	4.8	4.3	5.2	4.5	4.7	3.9	5.4	4.1	5.0	4.4	3.7	4.8	4.6
8 years	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
9 years	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.4
10 years	4.6	3.7	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.8
11 years	5.5	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.2
12 years	4.8	5.2	4.5	3.9	5.2	4.6	4.3	3.8	4.9	4.3	4.0	3.6	5.2	4.5	4.0	4.0
13 years	5.2	5.9	5.6	4.9	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.8	3.5	4.4	4.8	3.8	6.0	5.7	5.1	4.9
14 years	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.3	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.6
15 years	8.4	8.0	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.6	6.6	5.9	5.1	5.6	5.6	8.2	7.4	6.8	7.1
16 years	8.0	8.9	9.0	7.3	5.7	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.2	8.9	8.8	7.4	7.0
17 years	8.3	7.2	7.9	8.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.1	7.1	5.5	5.6	5.6	7.1	7.8	8.7	7.0
18 years	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	3.0	4.2	5.8	5.8	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.5
19 years	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.4
20+ years	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Black	31.7	30.8	28.5	28.2	27.0	24.5	24.8	28.9	27.3	26.4	24.9	26.9	31.0	28.3	28.1	30.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.2	3.4	4.3	5.8	4.3	5.5	5.7	5.6	4.1	4.9	4.3	6.4	3.5	4.2	5.8	4.9
White	57.8	56.9	57.4	57.0	61.7	63.3	62.5	58.0	62.1	62.5	63.3	59.1	57.5	58.2	56.9	55.8
Two or more races	6.6	8.2	8.9	8.7	6.5	5.7	6.3	6.5	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.8	7.4	8.3	8.8	8.2
Unknown	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	983	949	1,188	937
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	413	386	610	559

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.2	2.5	5.5	3.2
1 year	7.1	5.4	7.5	7.0
2 years	6.9	6.5	7.1	7.4
3 years	6.5	6.4	7.8	7.8
4 years	6.9	7.4	7.3	7.0
5 years	4.4	6.3	6.6	5.9
6 years	5.6	6.0	6.6	6.4
7 years	5.6	5.5	6.1	6.0
8 years	6.6	5.9	5.1	4.7
9 years	6.3	6.2	5.7	3.9
10 years	5.5	6.4	5.1	6.6
11 years	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.1
12 years	7.9	6.6	5.6	6.0
13 years	6.1	6.6	5.6	5.7
14 years	5.6	5.8	5.2	6.2
15 years	5.7	5.9	4.0	6.0
16 years	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.8
17 years	1.1	1.7	0.8	2.3
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	28.8	27.9	23.8	26.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.8	4.1	6.1	5.3
White	59.8	58.0	60.7	58.2
Two or more races	7.9	9.4	9.1	9.0
Unknown	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	385	331	316	395

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.6	2.1	1.6	2.5
1 year	7.0	6.9	5.4	7.3
2 years	14.5	12.7	8.2	9.6
3 years	10.6	11.5	9.5	9.1
4 years	10.1	10.9	7.0	8.9
5 years	6.8	6.0	10.1	9.4
6 years	7.5	6.3	9.8	7.8
7 years	3.6	7.3	5.4	6.8
8 years	4.2	5.7	6.3	7.3
9 years	5.2	6.0	6.3	7.3
10 years	6.0	4.5	6.6	3.5
11 years	5.2	4.2	5.4	4.3
12 years	2.9	5.4	4.4	4.6
13 years	3.9	4.2	4.4	2.8
14 years	4.9	2.4	2.5	1.3
15 years	2.3	1.5	3.8	3.0
16 years	1.6	1.5	1.3	3.3
17 years	1.0	0.6	1.9	0.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Black	30.9	30.8	30.4	26.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	4.5	5.1	6.6
White	61.0	59.2	60.1	61.5
Two or more races	3.6	5.1	4.4	5.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Arkansas

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.9	95.5	94.1	95.3
Children with one or more recurrences	5.1	4.5	5.9	4.7
Number	**3,214**	**3,521**	**3,903**	**4,236**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.33	0.20	0.47	0.55
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.67	99.80	99.53	99.45
Number	**6,425**	**6,389**	**6,610**	**7,055**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.0	11.3	9.8	10.8
Guardianship	2.3	2.3	3.1	3.0
Reunification	80.3	79.8	78.5	77.8
Other	6.4	6.6	8.6	8.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,411**	**3,265**	**3,372**	**3,621**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.0	20.0	18.7	22.1
Guardianship	1.1	2.9	3.7	4.4
Reunification	61.9	62.3	55.9	53.2
Other	17.0	14.9	21.6	20.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**370**	**591**	**481**	**457**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.7
Guardianship	3.7	3.9	5.3	4.2
Reunification	76.5	75.4	71.5	71.0
Other	18.7	19.4	22.0	24.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**937**	**850**	**961**	**973**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.4	20.1	20.2	19.8
Children older than 12 at entry	83.6	79.9	79.8	80.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**195**	**199**	**252**	**278**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	11.5	10.9	10.1	8.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.4	3.0	2.2
Reunification	100.0	80.0	71.4	0.0	100.0	80.0	75.0	50.0	78.5	79.5	74.8	78.7
Other	0.0	20.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	8.3	8.2	12.1	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4**	**5**	**7**	**1**	**5**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**932**	**862**	**841**	**975**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	10.6	9.4	10.3	10.3	10.5	11.3	9.8	11.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.7	3.0	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.5
Reunification	0.0	66.7	85.7	100.0	87.9	85.5	83.6	84.1	80.7	79.7	79.7	77.2
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	3.8	5.5	2.6	6.1	6.2	7.4	7.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**3**	**7**	**2**	**141**	**159**	**146**	**233**	**2,118**	**2,040**	**2,135**	**2,141**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	45.5	23.1	11.8	0.0	12.0	14.6	9.0	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	7.7	11.8	0.0	2.5	1.1	3.3	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	54.5	69.2	70.6	94.7	80.0	78.1	78.7	72.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	5.9	5.3	5.0	6.2	9.0	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**11**	**13**	**17**	**19**	**200**	**178**	**211**	**246**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	87.9	88.1	88.9	89.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	8.2	8.4	8.8	7.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.3	1.6	1.4	2.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Missing data	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,740**	**2,605**	**2,647**	**2,816**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.8	81.3	81.6	82.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.4	10.6	10.5	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.7	7.9	7.6	8.0
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Number	**3,561**	**3,486**	**3,615**	**3,924**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	5.4	5.4	6.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	35.0	33.9	25.7	27.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	34.0	35.5	36.9	30.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.2	14.6	17.8	21.0
48 or more mos.	9.4	10.6	14.2	14.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**374**	**369**	**331**	**390**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	77.8	77.9	74.6	74.0	38.7	39.6	36.8	40.1	23.0	22.4	18.3	17.4	78.9	64.9	93.8	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.5	21.1	24.8	25.6	61.2	60.3	63.2	59.8	77.0	77.6	81.6	82.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	21.1	35.1	6.3	0.0
Number	**3,992**	**3,914**	**4,075**	**4,463**	**1,071**	**1,053**	**1,053**	**1,117**	**1,324**	**1,385**	**1,466**	**1,472**	**38**	**37**	**16**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.7
Institutions	12.8	9.3	8.2	10.2
Other settings	86.5	89.8	90.1	88.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Number	**2,540**	**2,540**	**2,613**	**2,872**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**143.2**	**145.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	89.2	85.8	86.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	1.8	2.3	2.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.9	66.5	66.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.3	14.4	12.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**90.1**	**97.9**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	39.3	31.1	34.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.1	30.5	31.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.0	22.0	24.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	5.9	7.5	6.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	46.0	42.2	42.4

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.8**	**130.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.8	23.8	30.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.6	95.2	94.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	38.8	44.1	37.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**66.9**	**68.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	74.1	70.5	69.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.3	36.7	40.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	22.2	18.5	17.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

California

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	9,476,210	9,516,270	9,532,676	9,532,614
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Asian	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9
Black	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	46.0	46.8	47.6	48.2
White	33.5	32.8	32.1	31.4
Two or more races	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	19.0	18.9	18.6	18.1

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	106,198	98,201	95,314	89,500
Children in foster care on 9/30	87,278	82,641	80,247	79,017
Children adopted	7,406	7,308	7,490	7,364

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	462,976	48.9 per 1,000	442,741	46.5 per 1,000	434,589	45.6 per 1,000	427,122	44.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	106,198	11.2 per 1,000	98,201	10.3 per 1,000	95,314	10.0 per 1,000	89,500	9.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	140	1.5 per 100,000	140	1.5 per 100,000	140	1.5 per 100,000	140	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.2	10.8	11.9	12.2
1-5 years	27.9	28.3	28.3	28.6
6-10 years	29.0	28.1	27.4	26.5
11-15 years	26.3	26.0	25.4	25.2
16+ years	6.6	6.8	7.0	7.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**106,198**	**98,201**	**95,314**	**89,500**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7
Asian	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.7
Black	15.0	15.0	13.1	13.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	44.0	44.8	48.7	49.2
White	31.7	30.6	26.5	26.4
Two or more races	—	—	3.1	3.2
Unknown	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.5
Number	**106,198**	**98,201**	**95,314**	**89,500**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.6
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	66.5	67.8	70.8	71.7
Physical abuse	14.9	13.9	12.7	12.4
Sexual abuse	8.4	8.1	7.4	7.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Number	**106,198**	**98,201**	**95,314**	**89,500**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	195.0	163.9	159.7	145.7
Median	>96, but <120	>96, but <120	>96, but <120	>96, but <120

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	88,912	84,307	79,893	77,719	39,919	39,366	41,075	40,969	41,557	41,031	40,723	39,673	87,278	82,641	80,247	79,017
Median length of stay (months)	23.4	22.1	20.8	19.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.1	15.7	14.6	13.8	22.3	20.9	19.2	18.3

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.1	4.4	4.7	5.4	15.6	15.9	17.0	16.9	4.0	4.2	4.8	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.4	5.4
1 year	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.6	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.7	5.8	6.3	6.9	7.4	5.1	5.4	5.6	6.2
2 years	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.2	6.4	6.8	7.0	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.0
3 years	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.9	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.7
4 years	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.4	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.2
5 years	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0
6 years	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
7 years	4.7	4.3	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.8
8 years	4.8	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.6	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.2	3.8	3.8
9 years	5.2	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.8
10 years	5.4	5.1	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.7	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.1
11 years	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.4
12 years	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.4	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.8
13 years	6.4	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.4	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.6
14 years	6.7	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.4
15 years	7.4	7.5	8.0	7.8	6.6	6.8	6.6	7.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.9	7.5	7.9	7.8	7.9
16 years	7.8	8.1	8.4	8.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.2	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.7	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.8
17 years	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.5	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.6	8.4	7.9	7.5	8.2	7.6	7.9	8.3	8.7
18 years	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	9.4	10.6	11.2	10.4	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Black	30.3	29.0	27.8	26.1	18.2	18.1	17.7	18.0	20.8	20.4	20.4	19.5	29.3	28.0	26.4	25.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	38.4	40.1	41.6	43.5	44.6	46.2	48.3	49.4	40.8	42.8	44.5	46.6	40.2	41.7	43.6	45.1
White	25.1	24.6	24.0	23.5	29.2	27.7	26.3	24.7	30.5	29.2	27.7	26.1	24.3	23.8	23.3	22.9
Two or more races	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.1
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	15,851	16,299	16,700	18,028
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	10,129	10,148	10,197	10,842

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.4
1 year	11.9	11.9	12.1	12.8
2 years	10.9	11.2	11.1	10.5
3 years	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.5
4 years	8.4	7.3	8.0	7.5
5 years	6.9	7.0	6.4	6.8
6 years	6.3	6.0	6.3	5.8
7 years	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.6
8 years	5.9	5.3	4.8	4.7
9 years	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.3
10 years	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.4
11 years	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.0
12 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6
13 years	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.6
14 years	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1
15 years	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.0
16 years	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.6
17 years	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Asian	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.6
Black	25.6	24.3	22.8	20.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	43.1	44.6	45.9	48.0
White	24.6	24.4	24.1	23.9
Two or more races	5.0	4.7	5.2	5.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	7,406	7,308	7,490	7,364

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8
1 year	11.3	12.8	13.3	14.3
2 years	13.0	14.4	15.6	15.5
3 years	11.1	12.0	11.8	12.2
4 years	9.7	9.5	8.9	9.2
5 years	8.1	7.7	7.3	7.2
6 years	7.1	6.3	6.5	6.7
7 years	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.8
8 years	5.7	5.0	4.9	4.7
9 years	5.1	4.7	4.4	4.4
10 years	4.7	4.0	4.1	3.8
11 years	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.5
12 years	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.6
13 years	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.2
14 years	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0
15 years	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6
16 years	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1
17 years	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.4
Black	20.2	19.6	19.0	18.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	39.8	43.0	43.8	46.0
White	31.8	30.3	30.1	27.8
Two or more races	5.7	5.2	4.9	5.2
Unknown	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

California

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	90.8	91.2	91.6	92.6
Children with one or more recurrences	9.2	8.8	8.4	7.4
Number	**49,327**	**45,799**	**44,306**	**41,654**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.28	0.31	0.44	0.43
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.72	99.69	99.56	99.57
Number	**128,831**	**123,673**	**120,968**	**118,688**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.8	17.9	18.5	18.3
Guardianship	6.4	6.0	4.5	4.3
Reunification	57.1	56.7	57.2	58.5
Other	17.7	18.3	18.8	17.9
Missing data	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Number	**41,557**	**41,031**	**40,723**	**39,673**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.9	24.7	26.7	26.6
Guardianship	6.7	6.1	4.7	4.8
Reunification	53.4	50.8	48.2	47.6
Other	15.7	17.1	19.0	19.6
Missing data	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5
Number	**13,490**	**14,325**	**14,517**	**14,625**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Guardianship	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.3
Reunification	51.7	51.3	50.5	51.8
Other	43.4	44.1	44.9	43.7
Missing data	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.3
Number	**10,729**	**10,884**	**11,106**	**10,564**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	44.3	44.0	44.0	45.7
Children older than 12 at entry	55.4	55.7	55.7	54.3
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1
Number	**4,052**	**4,167**	**4,093**	**3,865**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	9.9	6.6	11.9	8.1	12.6	11.3	14.1	12.0	17.3	17.0	17.1	17.6
Guardianship	13.8	12.3	7.5	12.6	3.7	4.7	2.7	4.8	8.0	8.1	5.6	5.0
Reunification	54.8	58.9	54.8	55.6	71.7	67.8	67.1	68.1	47.7	47.1	49.0	48.8
Other	20.7	20.1	23.5	22.8	11.1	15.1	15.6	14.2	25.5	26.4	26.9	27.1
Missing data	0.9	2.1	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.6
Number	**334**	**333**	**294**	**333**	**1,008**	**850**	**879**	**893**	**8,652**	**8,384**	**8,312**	**7,748**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.3	12.1	8.1	9.6	17.4	18.2	18.4	18.2	18.3	18.2	19.7	19.3
Guardianship	3.8	5.7	3.6	5.2	6.0	5.5	3.9	3.9	6.1	5.4	4.5	4.3
Reunification	69.8	61.4	64.9	69.6	61.2	59.9	60.7	62.3	56.5	57.5	56.8	58.3
Other	13.2	20.7	21.6	15.6	14.5	15.4	16.0	14.8	18.1	18.0	17.9	17.2
Missing data	0.9	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Number	**106**	**140**	**111**	**135**	**16,948**	**17,573**	**18,122**	**18,493**	**12,693**	**12,001**	**11,278**	**10,347**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	6.6	1.7	1.0	0.0	26.8	24.0	23.7	24.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.7	5.8	5.6	5.1	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	79.5	75.8	76.6	78.2	55.3	58.0	55.9	55.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	10.7	19.7	20.3	19.6	11.1	11.6	14.1	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.6	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**244**	**178**	**192**	**179**	**1,572**	**1,572**	**1,535**	**1,545**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	58.7	60.3	62.7	65.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.0	26.2	26.2	25.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.1	6.7	5.3	4.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
48 or more mos.	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**23,713**	**23,279**	**23,301**	**23,215**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	78.3	78.0	78.2	77.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.2	8.7	8.8	9.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.5	12.4	12.2	12.5
Missing data	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Number	**39,919**	**39,366**	**41,075**	**40,969**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.8	4.4	4.8	4.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.8	24.3	25.0	26.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	26.8	29.3	32.1	33.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.4	17.4	17.2	17.2
48 or more mos.	29.3	24.7	20.9	18.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**7,384**	**7,327**	**7,515**	**7,241**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.4	82.2	83.0	82.3	59.5	59.2	59.0	60.1	39.3	37.3	35.6	34.6	94.6	97.7	95.1	90.2
Children with 3 or more placements	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.5	40.4	40.7	40.8	39.8	60.7	62.7	64.3	65.3	5.4	2.3	4.9	9.8
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**45,163**	**44,740**	**46,514**	**46,939**	**27,307**	**26,798**	**26,182**	**26,496**	**56,232**	**52,004**	**48,088**	**45,202**	**129**	**131**	**184**	**51**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.1
Institutions	6.4	5.1	5.0	4.5
Other settings	91.9	93.3	93.8	94.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**27,947**	**27,476**	**28,889**	**28,554**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.5**	**118.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.2	68.4	69.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.2	6.4	6.6
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	35.6	36.6	35.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.0	13.0	14.0

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**91.0**	**92.9**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	28.6	29.8	30.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.2	31.2	30.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	12.9	14.0	14.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.4	5.3	4.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	52.4	55.5	55.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**105.3**	**106.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	18.2	17.8	17.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.1	97.9	97.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	52.9	53.8	52.4

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**92.6**	**91.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.6	81.4	80.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	59.0	58.9	60.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	36.8	35.0	33.7

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Colorado

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,141,412	1,145,691	1,153,869	1,169,301
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5
Black	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	25.8	26.4	27.2	27.7
White	64.1	63.4	62.6	62.0
Two or more races	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
Child population in poverty (%)	13.2	14.5	14.2	15.7

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	8,137	9,578	9,406	10,862
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,754	8,196	8,213	8,139
Children adopted	1,040	969	954	956

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	43,217	37.9 per 1,000	45,121	39.4 per 1,000	41,166	35.7 per 1,000	48,610	41.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	8,137	7.1 per 1,000	9,578	8.4 per 1,000	9,406	8.2 per 1,000	10,862	9.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	27	2.4 per 100,000	35	3.1 per 100,000	20	1.7 per 100,000	24	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.3	10.9	11.5	11.7
1-5 years	33.0	34.2	33.4	34.7
6-10 years	29.0	26.9	27.1	26.7
11-15 years	23.2	23.1	22.9	21.7
16+ years	4.5	4.8	4.9	5.1
Unknown	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Number	**8,137**	**9,578**	**9,406**	**10,862**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Asian	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
Black	7.8	7.5	6.6	7.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	34.0	36.1	37.1	36.5
White	52.7	51.5	51.0	50.3
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.7
Unknown	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.8
Number	**8,137**	**9,578**	**9,406**	**10,862**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.5
Medical neglect	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.5
Neglect	46.6	53.8	63.2	69.8
Physical abuse	21.5	19.0	17.3	15.8
Sexual abuse	11.5	10.7	10.1	9.4
Unknown	18.0	15.0	8.1	4.1
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**8,137**	**9,578**	**9,406**	**10,862**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	50.9	38.4	32.1	35.1
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	8,425	7,989	7,744	7,976	7,613	7,782	7,651	7,059	7,284	7,577	7,182	6,896	8,754	8,196	8,213	8,139
Median length of stay (months)	12.8	12.8	12.2	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.4	13.1	11.9	11.6	12.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.4	4.9	5.0	5.3	11.0	11.2	11.9	12.6	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.6	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.5
1 year	4.8	4.9	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.9	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.3	4.6	5.4	5.4	5.5
2 years	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.6	6.1	6.3	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.6
3 years	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.1
4 years	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.2	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.4	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.5
5 years	2.8	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2
6 years	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.5
7 years	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.0	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.9	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.7	2.8	3.0	3.2
8 years	3.4	3.0	3.6	2.7	3.5	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.1
9 years	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.0
10 years	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.2	2.7	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	4.1	3.5	3.0	3.3
11 years	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.0
12 years	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	2.9	4.7	4.5	4.4	3.7
13 years	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.6	5.2	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.8	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.2
14 years	7.2	6.5	6.8	6.7	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.5	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.0	6.7	7.2	7.0	6.6
15 years	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.2	9.3	9.0	9.0	8.8	7.9	7.3	6.8	6.8	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.6
16 years	9.8	9.1	9.2	10.0	9.1	8.9	9.6	8.6	9.0	7.8	7.9	8.0	9.2	9.6	10.1	9.8
17 years	9.6	10.0	9.7	10.8	6.9	7.4	7.5	7.2	9.0	8.4	8.0	8.2	9.6	9.4	10.3	10.1
18 years	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	5.9	6.9	6.5	7.0	5.4	5.6	5.4	6.2
19 years	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8
20+ years	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.2
Asian	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Black	12.9	12.2	11.2	11.0	9.6	8.9	9.2	10.2	10.7	9.4	9.3	9.6	12.0	11.7	11.0	11.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	32.2	33.2	33.7	35.6	36.0	36.4	36.8	35.2	35.2	36.8	35.1	35.2	33.0	32.9	35.4	35.6
White	50.3	49.8	49.9	48.5	50.1	50.0	49.3	48.7	50.0	49.4	50.7	50.1	50.4	50.3	48.7	47.3
Two or more races	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.9	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.5
Unknown	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,479	1,543	1,737	2,090
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	752	787	988	1,299

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.0	3.7	3.1	4.3
1 year	7.2	9.1	9.9	9.1
2 years	7.4	7.3	8.3	8.5
3 years	5.7	7.7	5.7	8.0
4 years	6.2	5.7	5.5	6.0
5 years	6.3	6.2	5.6	5.6
6 years	5.1	5.7	5.4	6.5
7 years	5.6	4.6	5.2	5.3
8 years	6.0	5.8	5.1	4.9
9 years	5.9	5.4	6.0	5.2
10 years	6.8	5.5	4.9	5.8
11 years	5.1	6.1	5.8	4.3
12 years	6.3	5.8	5.4	5.0
13 years	7.0	6.0	5.9	5.6
14 years	6.2	6.5	6.1	4.8
15 years	4.7	4.9	6.2	5.2
16 years	3.4	2.5	4.1	4.2
17 years	2.3	1.4	2.0	1.8
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.1
Asian	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	16.5	12.9	11.5	9.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	32.8	34.3	35.6	38.5
White	46.7	48.9	47.8	46.5
Two or more races	2.6	2.9	3.9	3.6
Unknown	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,040	969	954	956

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
1 year	15.6	15.6	16.7	17.4
2 years	12.1	9.9	15.0	16.7
3 years	11.2	9.3	10.8	11.0
4 years	8.8	9.2	10.9	6.8
5 years	8.2	8.3	5.9	6.2
6 years	4.5	6.5	6.5	6.8
7 years	5.8	5.2	4.7	5.8
8 years	5.0	4.0	4.2	5.1
9 years	4.0	5.8	4.6	3.9
10 years	4.4	4.4	3.2	2.4
11 years	4.9	5.3	3.6	4.0
12 years	4.7	3.4	2.6	2.5
13 years	2.6	3.0	2.4	2.3
14 years	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.3
15 years	0.6	1.7	1.8	1.3
16 years	1.5	1.8	0.6	1.3
17 years	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.3
18 years	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.4
Asian	<.1	0.5	0.3	0.1
Black	13.8	11.1	8.6	8.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	36.2	35.4	34.3	33.5
White	44.7	48.1	51.9	53.0
Two or more races	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Colorado

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	97.0	96.0	96.1	95.7
Children with one or more recurrences	3.0	4.0	3.9	4.3
Number	**3,574**	**4,739**	**4,599**	**5,018**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.54	0.68	0.87	0.59
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.46	99.32	99.13	99.41
Number	**16,038**	**15,771**	**15,395**	**15,035**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.1	12.5	13.1	13.1
Guardianship	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.1
Reunification	68.2	70.4	70.7	70.3
Other	13.7	12.9	12.0	12.4
Missing data	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.2
Number	**7,284**	**7,577**	**7,182**	**6,896**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.0	15.4	16.3	17.1
Guardianship	2.2	1.4	1.9	2.1
Reunification	49.7	56.7	54.5	50.5
Other	28.6	25.3	27.0	29.7
Missing data	2.5	1.2	0.4	0.5
Number	**1,297**	**1,122**	**842**	**753**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.8
Guardianship	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.8
Reunification	68.2	71.2	72.4	72.6
Other	27.0	26.6	25.4	24.8
Missing data	2.3	0.1	<.1	0.0
Number	**2,978**	**2,980**	**2,724**	**2,639**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.5	21.8	21.2	26.0
Children older than 12 at entry	80.5	78.2	78.8	74.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**436**	**399**	**359**	**427**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.7	4.1	5.6	5.9	2.9	3.1	7.1	2.6	17.9	13.9	11.5	12.2
Guardianship	4.5	1.4	3.3	0.0	5.9	0.0	7.1	2.6	3.4	4.9	5.2	3.8
Reunification	57.6	73.0	62.2	60.3	61.8	78.1	73.8	82.1	60.8	63.5	67.8	65.1
Other	21.2	21.6	28.9	33.8	26.5	18.8	11.9	12.8	15.9	16.5	15.4	18.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.1	0.1	0.3
Number	**66**	**74**	**90**	**68**	**34**	**32**	**42**	**39**	**776**	**713**	**670**	**664**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.2	33.3	12.5	17.6	12.6	11.8	13.0	12.7	12.0	12.5	13.4	13.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	3.8	4.4	3.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	3.8	3.0
Reunification	44.4	33.3	62.5	58.8	69.1	71.4	72.7	71.3	69.8	71.4	70.3	70.7
Other	33.3	33.3	25.0	17.6	12.8	11.5	10.5	9.9	13.7	13.2	12.1	12.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.8	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Number	**9**	**6**	**8**	**17**	**2,563**	**2,790**	**2,523**	**2,426**	**3,639**	**3,745**	**3,639**	**3,455**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	20.8	18.6	17.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	6.0	5.7	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	62.2	62.5	65.2	69.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	8.3	10.5	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**196**	**216**	**210**	**226**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	77.5	76.2	80.3	79.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.0	14.8	13.2	14.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.1
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.2
Missing data	2.1	2.9	0.7	0.0
Number	**4,968**	**5,337**	**5,078**	**4,846**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	71.2	71.5	70.6	67.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.4	15.9	16.4	15.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.7	11.9	11.6	13.5
Missing data	0.6	0.7	1.4	3.3
Number	**7,613**	**7,782**	**7,651**	**7,059**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	15.6	9.9	10.7	11.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	38.0	42.9	42.1	44.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	25.2	27.9	27.6	28.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.7	9.3	10.6	9.0
48 or more mos.	9.3	8.9	8.8	6.9
Missing data	1.3	1.1	0.1	0.0
Number	**957**	**946**	**941**	**900**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	80.6	81.5	82.0	83.3	53.1	55.5	59.7	60.0	37.2	32.0	31.6	32.2	72.0	62.3	70.7	33.3
Children with 3 or more placements	15.0	13.9	13.8	12.6	45.9	43.3	39.2	39.2	61.9	67.5	67.6	67.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.4	28.0	37.7	29.3	66.7
Number	**8,776**	**8,918**	**8,952**	**8,427**	**3,240**	**3,087**	**2,984**	**3,045**	**3,840**	**3,543**	**3,384**	**3,560**	**182**	**223**	**75**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.8
Institutions	10.0	5.4	4.5	3.8
Other settings	88.8	93.4	94.6	95.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,379**	**4,428**	**4,320**	**4,164**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**120.7**	**118.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	78.4	80.5	79.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.2	4.7	4.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.3	57.6	58.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	21.0	19.7	20.2

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**112.3**	**115.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	53.4	52.9	56.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	22.7	23.4	22.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.5	20.3	17.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	3.7	3.3	3.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	56.3	51.8	57.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**129.2**	**123.9**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	19.8	21.7	18.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.9	98.2	96.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	26.0	27.0	30.4

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**94.4**	**95.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.3	83.5	85.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	56.9	61.1	61.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	34.0	34.2	34.4

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Connecticut

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	843,135	838,707	830,770	818,286
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.5
Black	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.6	14.9	15.2	15.6
White	68.6	68.1	67.5	67.0
Two or more races	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	11.0	10.5	11.6	11.0

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	12,256	13,285	11,419	10,174
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,742	6,803	7,032	7,448
Children adopted	342	349	740	649

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	50,115	59.4 per 1,000	48,657	58.0 per 1,000	45,064	54.2 per 1,000	42,286	51.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	12,256	14.5 per 1,000	13,285	15.8 per 1,000	11,419	13.8 per 1,000	10,174	12.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	0.7 per 100,000	9	1.1 per 100,000	9	1.1 per 100,000	3	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.2	9.7	11.0	11.7
1-5 years	29.0	29.6	29.3	30.9
6-10 years	28.2	27.8	26.9	26.4
11-15 years	27.9	27.2	27.4	25.5
16+ years	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.2
Unknown	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Number	**12,256**	**13,285**	**11,419**	**10,174**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8
Black	23.8	23.7	22.8	22.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	25.7	27.2	25.6	27.9
White	44.1	42.8	44.0	41.7
Two or more races	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.8
Unknown	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.6
Number	**12,256**	**13,285**	**11,419**	**10,174**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	33.6	33.3	30.5	3.0
Medical neglect	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.8
Neglect	68.1	70.4	74.1	91.3
Physical abuse	11.5	10.4	7.1	6.2
Sexual abuse	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.4
Unknown	2.2	4.1	3.7	0.0
Other	0.9	—	—	—
Number	**12,256**	**13,285**	**11,419**	**10,174**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	50.4	50.1	41.4	39.5
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	5,755	6,000	6,080	6,292	3,130	2,922	2,856	3,126	2,143	2,119	1,904	1,970	6,742	6,803	7,032	7,448
Median length of stay (months)	21.7	19.9	21.7	22.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.1	11.3	14.7	13.7	20.0	21.6	22.1	21.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	13.7	15.0	15.0	17.8	5.2	6.6	5.9	7.5	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.7
1 year	4.4	5.0	4.3	4.7	5.8	5.4	5.1	6.9	5.9	5.9	7.0	7.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.9
2 years	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.1	5.3	5.7	4.8	5.6	6.0	6.5	6.8	6.5	4.4	4.9	4.0	4.5
3 years	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3	5.4	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.6	6.3	7.1	5.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2
4 years	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.6	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.7	5.6	6.8	5.6	4.1	3.9	3.5	4.0
5 years	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.5	5.5	4.7	5.1	4.7	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.8
6 years	3.5	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.3	5.2	3.6	3.7	4.9	5.7	5.0	5.3	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.5
7 years	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.6	4.4	4.9	3.9	4.6	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.7
8 years	4.4	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.6
9 years	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.1	4.3	4.0	3.4	4.3	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.5
10 years	4.8	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.1	3.8	3.9	4.4	3.5	4.5	4.3	3.6	3.2
11 years	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.9	3.8	3.4	4.0	5.0	4.8	4.6	3.7
12 years	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	5.7	5.3	5.3	4.9
13 years	6.4	6.5	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.1	6.1	6.5	6.0	5.6
14 years	8.5	8.2	7.5	8.3	8.2	7.7	8.6	7.9	4.4	5.8	4.2	4.9	7.5	7.1	7.7	7.1
15 years	9.7	10.0	9.4	9.7	10.3	9.0	11.4	9.8	6.2	6.2	5.9	6.4	9.8	9.1	9.5	9.4
16 years	9.2	8.5	8.6	9.2	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.6	9.7	8.6	7.8	6.7	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6
17 years	5.2	5.6	6.1	6.4	1.5	2.3	2.8	2.5	5.3	4.2	4.0	4.8	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.7
18 years	2.3	2.6	3.0	2.8	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	3.0	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.4	4.1	4.6	4.6
19 years	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.8	2.2	1.9
20+ years	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1
Missing data	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	34.4	33.0	31.7	31.0	29.5	27.3	27.8	27.9	30.1	29.6	30.0	27.5	33.4	31.7	30.6	30.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	27.4	28.2	29.9	29.5	28.8	31.4	29.8	31.5	27.2	28.6	30.3	30.4	28.1	29.5	29.7	30.2
White	33.4	33.6	32.8	33.6	35.9	34.1	36.0	32.4	36.5	34.9	33.1	34.4	33.6	33.4	34.0	32.9
Two or more races	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.5	3.4	4.6	3.6	5.6	3.5	4.2	4.6	5.3	3.5	4.1	4.1	4.7
Unknown	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.4	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,305	1,382	1,312	1,360
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	663	714	614	591

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.8	3.3	4.3	4.3
1 year	6.8	6.5	8.1	8.8
2 years	8.8	8.6	7.2	7.9
3 years	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.6
4 years	7.6	7.5	6.5	6.1
5 years	5.1	6.7	5.9	6.6
6 years	5.5	6.2	6.3	5.6
7 years	5.7	5.9	6.3	5.7
8 years	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.7
9 years	7.7	5.9	5.8	5.0
10 years	7.2	7.0	5.7	5.1
11 years	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.0
12 years	6.3	5.8	5.7	6.3
13 years	5.1	4.9	5.6	5.7
14 years	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.4
15 years	4.4	3.8	4.0	3.8
16 years	2.2	2.7	3.1	2.3
17 years	0.6	1.5	2.1	2.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	33.2	33.5	30.3	27.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	29.7	30.5	29.8	30.7
White	30.3	28.4	32.5	34.3
Two or more races	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.8
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	342	349	740	649

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.6	0.6	9.3	14.6
1 year	8.2	8.6	15.8	14.2
2 years	12.9	17.5	11.6	12.6
3 years	11.1	14.0	9.2	7.6
4 years	9.1	9.5	9.9	8.0
5 years	6.1	8.0	6.9	4.3
6 years	7.3	6.3	7.0	6.5
7 years	6.1	5.2	5.0	4.9
8 years	7.3	3.4	5.0	5.1
9 years	7.3	4.9	3.9	5.4
10 years	4.1	6.6	3.4	3.7
11 years	8.8	5.7	3.5	3.7
12 years	3.8	3.2	3.0	2.8
13 years	2.0	4.3	1.9	1.7
14 years	1.2	1.1	1.9	1.5
15 years	2.6	0.9	0.9	1.5
16 years	1.2	0.0	1.4	1.1
17 years	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	6.6	3.5
Black	25.4	27.2	30.3	29.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	31.0	26.1	32.3	27.1
White	34.8	37.8	27.4	37.1
Two or more races	8.2	8.0	1.9	1.1
Unknown	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.3

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Connecticut

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	89.9	91.1	91.6	92.8
Children with one or more recurrences	10.1	8.9	8.4	7.2
Number	**5,331**	**6,070**	**5,358**	**4,817**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	0.63
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	99.37
Number	—	—	—	**9,418**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.5	13.8	22.7	21.1
Guardianship	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.5
Reunification	73.8	76.9	67.4	65.3
Other	5.2	4.4	5.1	9.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1
Number	**2,143**	**2,119**	**1,904**	**1,970**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.7	17.2	20.4	17.0
Guardianship	4.3	4.3	2.5	1.1
Reunification	70.3	68.9	67.7	53.4
Other	8.7	9.6	9.2	28.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	**630**	**534**	**446**	**440**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.6
Guardianship	2.4	1.6	2.9	2.2
Reunification	87.2	88.2	84.7	76.5
Other	10.2	10.2	11.3	20.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	**580**	**559**	**452**	**464**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	43.5	47.1	40.0	32.0
Children older than 12 at entry	54.3	52.9	60.0	68.0
Missing data	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**46**	**34**	**40**	**25**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	50.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	12.4	22.6	20.0
Guardianship	0.0	16.7	0.0	14.3	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	7.3	6.1	6.5	5.4
Reunification	50.0	50.0	0.0	57.1	100.0	81.8	100.0	66.7	71.4	76.2	65.2	66.2
Other	0.0	16.7	0.0	28.6	0.0	9.1	0.0	33.3	5.1	5.3	5.8	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**4**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**23**	**11**	**9**	**3**	**646**	**627**	**572**	**541**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	11.9	23.2	19.4	15.9	16.2	20.9	23.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.6	2.9	2.7	4.3	4.3	5.1	5.5
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.8	81.9	69.7	70.6	72.8	73.9	68.0	59.8
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	2.6	4.0	7.4	7.0	5.5	5.9	11.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**582**	**607**	**577**	**598**	**782**	**740**	**631**	**677**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	3.3	0.0	14.8	10.0	25.3	23.3	38.6	26.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	3.3	0.0	0.0	2.5	6.7	11.1	2.3	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	93.3	100.0	85.2	75.0	66.7	63.3	54.5	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	1.3	2.2	4.5	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**30**	**38**	**27**	**40**	**75**	**90**	**88**	**104**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	60.5	63.0	58.6	58.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.3	21.9	23.4	22.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.0	5.8	6.9	7.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	2.6	2.7	3.5
48 or more mos.	6.3	4.7	5.5	6.4
Missing data	3.2	2.0	2.9	1.9
Number	**1,581**	**1,629**	**1,284**	**1,286**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	83.6	83.6	81.6	84.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.0	7.2	7.6	5.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.3	8.4	9.5	9.0
Missing data	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.0
Number	**3,130**	**2,922**	**2,856**	**3,126**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	2.4	2.5	8.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.0	17.5	21.5	26.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	30.9	28.1	25.9	24.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.6	21.2	22.9	15.2
48 or more mos.	34.5	30.5	27.3	25.1
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Number	**333**	**292**	**433**	**415**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.4	84.9	85.3	87.2	64.5	64.5	62.5	62.4	36.8	36.2	32.8	29.8	94.2	95.6	86.0	62.8
Children with 3 or more placements	14.1	14.6	14.0	12.1	32.7	33.9	33.5	31.6	59.5	59.8	59.0	56.7	5.8	4.4	11.6	16.3
Missing data	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	2.8	1.6	3.9	6.0	3.7	4.0	8.2	13.4	0.0	0.0	2.3	20.9
Number	**3,420**	**3,302**	**3,092**	**3,368**	**1,756**	**1,880**	**1,876**	**1,951**	**3,640**	**3,695**	**3,925**	**4,056**	**69**	**45**	**43**	**43**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.3
Institutions	15.9	13.6	11.3	11.3
Other settings	79.8	81.0	84.9	85.5
Missing data	1.0	1.7	0.2	0.0
Number	**2,103**	**1,988**	**1,835**	**2,111**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.6**	**99.1**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	62.7	58.2	56.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.2	9.7	10.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	33.8	27.9	26.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.8	14.0	13.2

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**71.7**	**89.6**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	19.9	24.0	35.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	37.0	36.1	31.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	8.6	11.8	9.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	6.1	4.7	4.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	32.9	42.9	53.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.8**	**93.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	13.2	16.2	13.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.7	98.7	98.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	56.6	59.5	62.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.1**	**99.6**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.6	85.2	87.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	65.5	65.0	66.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.7	35.0	34.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Delaware

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	198,662	200,003	202,195	203,366
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7
Black	24.5	24.7	24.9	25.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.4	8.8	9.3	9.9
White	62.1	61.2	60.2	59.3
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7
Child population in poverty (%)	12.5	13.8	14.5	15.8

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	1,539	1,581	1,960	1,933
Children in foster care on 9/30	814	849	962	1,074
Children adopted	101	73	78	94

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	12,213	61.5 per 1,000	12,307	61.5 per 1,000	13,878	68.6 per 1,000	13,864	68.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	1,539	7.8 per 1,000	1,581	7.9 per 1,000	1,960	9.7 per 1,000	1,933	9.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.1	9.3	8.9	10.9
1-5 years	30.2	28.7	31.2	33.5
6-10 years	31.5	26.8	28.5	27.6
11-15 years	24.1	26.6	24.0	21.7
16+ years	6.1	8.7	7.4	6.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,539**	**1,581**	**1,960**	**1,933**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Asian	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.1
Black	44.9	42.0	45.6	40.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1	0.1	—
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.7	9.3	12.0
White	45.5	49.0	44.2	46.0
Two or more races	—	—	—	1.3
Unknown	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
Number	**1,539**	**1,581**	**1,960**	**1,933**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	20.9	24.7	22.6	27.4
Medical neglect	3.6	3.2	2.0	2.5
Neglect	39.4	29.4	28.0	43.6
Physical abuse	25.7	26.2	27.8	19.2
Sexual abuse	11.6	13.2	9.3	8.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	5.3	12.2	10.4	8.3
Number	**1,539**	**1,581**	**1,960**	**1,933**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	761	716	712	843	861	880	925	1,021	810	749	681	791	814	849	962	1,074
Median length of stay (months)	13.1	12.3	11.8	10.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	11.3	10.8	9.3	10.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.1	5.0	5.9	5.6	8.8	10.8	10.3	11.3	3.8	5.2	3.8	4.0	4.5	5.2	5.1	6.3
1 year	6.8	6.0	7.3	7.1	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.1	5.4	3.9	5.4	6.5	6.4	6.3
2 years	5.1	5.6	6.2	5.6	2.3	3.8	3.9	3.1	4.1	3.9	6.2	5.6	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.7
3 years	4.2	4.3	5.2	5.8	2.3	3.0	3.8	3.0	3.5	4.0	5.0	4.9	3.9	4.7	5.0	3.9
4 years	3.7	3.2	3.4	4.0	2.0	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.5	3.2	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.4
5 years	3.9	2.7	2.7	3.6	2.3	2.6	3.2	2.7	3.2	3.1	1.9	2.7	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.4
6 years	2.5	3.9	2.5	3.2	2.2	2.0	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.5	2.5	3.7	3.4	2.4	3.0	3.2
7 years	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.4	3.1	3.6
8 years	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.9	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.1
9 years	3.4	2.8	3.5	3.4	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.7	2.7	2.0	1.2	2.0	2.7	3.3	3.3	2.7
10 years	4.5	3.8	2.4	3.4	2.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.8	2.4	1.6	2.1	3.3	2.0	3.1	3.4
11 years	4.9	4.1	3.4	2.3	1.6	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.3	1.9	2.3	4.3	3.1	2.3	2.7
12 years	4.5	5.3	4.4	4.0	2.8	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.3	4.5	4.5	3.7	2.8
13 years	5.9	5.0	5.9	5.2	6.2	5.0	6.1	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.1	2.1	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.2
14 years	7.4	8.0	7.2	7.5	9.8	10.2	8.8	7.2	6.9	6.4	5.9	5.3	8.1	8.4	7.9	7.0
15 years	8.5	9.6	9.6	9.1	12.7	14.7	12.2	12.6	9.3	11.9	10.1	10.0	11.2	11.9	10.6	9.8
16 years	11.4	9.6	11.8	10.0	15.7	14.2	14.8	15.8	14.0	11.9	15.4	13.1	11.5	13.1	11.5	12.5
17 years	11.4	12.2	9.6	11.5	16.5	13.6	13.1	15.3	18.1	16.4	12.6	16.6	12.8	10.1	12.1	13.1
18 years	2.4	2.5	3.4	2.0	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	8.8	9.3	12.6	9.7	2.8	3.3	2.2	3.4
19 years	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Black	61.4	60.1	56.2	57.7	57.1	53.5	56.8	55.1	58.6	56.1	54.5	56.6	59.7	56.9	57.8	56.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	6.1	7.0	7.5	6.5	8.0	9.1	7.9	6.7	6.9	9.1	7.6	6.5	7.3	7.7	7.8
White	31.9	33.7	36.0	34.0	35.9	38.0	33.1	35.2	34.3	36.6	35.2	34.8	33.7	35.5	33.7	34.6
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	144	216	274	302
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	84	117	141	155

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.2	4.2	6.2	9.3
1 year	9.0	11.1	11.7	12.3
2 years	9.7	10.2	9.1	10.3
3 years	11.1	10.6	8.0	6.6
4 years	5.6	5.6	6.2	6.3
5 years	5.6	2.8	5.5	5.0
6 years	6.3	4.6	4.4	5.6
7 years	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.6
8 years	4.9	4.2	5.1	4.0
9 years	6.3	6.9	5.1	4.0
10 years	4.9	3.7	6.2	5.6
11 years	6.9	6.9	1.8	3.3
12 years	6.3	6.0	5.8	3.6
13 years	6.3	6.0	5.5	4.3
14 years	2.8	6.5	4.0	4.0
15 years	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.0
16 years	2.1	0.9	2.9	4.3
17 years	0.0	0.5	2.6	3.0
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Black	63.2	63.4	59.9	62.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	6.5	5.5	4.6
White	33.3	30.1	33.9	31.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	101	73	78	94

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.0	1.4	5.1	1.1
1 year	13.9	11.0	11.5	10.6
2 years	17.8	12.3	14.1	14.9
3 years	9.9	17.8	16.7	14.9
4 years	10.9	12.3	10.3	12.8
5 years	9.9	5.5	1.3	10.6
6 years	5.0	6.8	5.1	7.4
7 years	4.0	5.5	5.1	4.3
8 years	2.0	4.1	7.7	4.3
9 years	7.9	2.7	0.0	2.1
10 years	4.0	5.5	6.4	4.3
11 years	5.0	4.1	2.6	2.1
12 years	4.0	2.7	3.8	3.2
13 years	3.0	2.7	3.8	3.2
14 years	1.0	0.0	3.8	4.3
15 years	2.0	2.7	1.3	0.0
16 years	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0
17 years	0.0	1.4	1.3	0.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Black	52.5	63.0	52.6	47.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	4.1	3.8	3.2
White	39.6	32.9	42.3	46.8
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Delaware

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	97.0	98.0	97.1	98.4
Children with one or more recurrences	3.0	2.0	2.9	1.6
Number	**675**	**740**	**870**	**902**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.43	0.19	0.12	0.05
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.57	99.81	99.88	99.95
Number	**1,622**	**1,596**	**1,637**	**1,864**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.0	9.7	11.0	11.8
Guardianship	3.8	3.9	4.8	7.5
Reunification	72.2	76.8	73.7	71.2
Other	11.0	9.6	10.4	9.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**810**	**749**	**681**	**791**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	21.7	16.7	18.4	23.6
Guardianship	10.1	7.6	3.9	7.3
Reunification	42.0	48.5	56.6	40.0
Other	26.1	27.3	21.1	29.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**69**	**66**	**76**	**110**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.6
Reunification	82.9	84.0	82.9	83.9
Other	16.1	14.1	16.1	14.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**473**	**426**	**380**	**428**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.4	12.7	11.9	18.1
Children older than 12 at entry	80.6	85.7	86.6	81.9
Missing data	3.0	1.6	1.5	0.0
Number	**67**	**63**	**67**	**72**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	12.0	11.0	10.2	10.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	4.9	7.1
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	70.7	75.2	74.7	71.9
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	9.8	10.2	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**475**	**420**	**371**	**448**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	3.8	4.8	5.0	14.4	9.1	14.2	15.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.2	3.3	4.3	4.0	5.4	9.1
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	79.6	88.5	75.8	85.0	73.0	76.6	70.8	66.9
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	5.8	16.1	6.7	8.3	10.2	9.6	8.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**54**	**52**	**62**	**60**	**278**	**274**	**240**	**275**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	83.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	92.3	89.0	89.4	87.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	5.3	9.6	6.4	9.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	0.5	0.7	2.0	1.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.9	0.2	1.0	0.2
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.4
Number	**585**	**575**	**502**	**563**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	62.7	71.1	67.4	70.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	23.5	18.2	18.2	17.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.9	10.1	13.0	11.7
Missing data	0.9	0.6	1.5	<.1
Number	**861**	**880**	**925**	**1,021**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	4.8	4.1	5.3	1.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.6	23.3	37.3	28.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	29.5	35.6	32.0	50.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.0	26.0	9.3	14.0
48 or more mos.	17.1	11.0	16.0	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**105**	**73**	**75**	**93**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	97.7	97.4	96.0	88.0	78.7	82.0	83.9	62.0	49.6	46.3	53.7	33.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	2.3	2.6	4.0	12.0	21.3	18.0	16.1	38.0	50.4	53.7	46.3	66.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,007**	**985**	**1,044**	**1,154**	**244**	**278**	**274**	**358**	**365**	**324**	**313**	**350**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**2**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.7	6.4	2.0	3.2
Institutions	2.4	0.8	1.2	1.6
Other settings	93.3	92.8	96.3	95.2
Missing data	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.0
Number	**327**	**362**	**404**	**441**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**128.6**	**114.5**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	87.7	88.5	86.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	2.9	3.0	2.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	63.1	59.7	55.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	25.3	22.8	27.8

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**103.8**	**125.2**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	27.4	42.7	29.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.5	27.9	28.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.3	22.0	24.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	11.6	10.7	20.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	45.8	38.9	53.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**140.9**	**135.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.2	27.4	24.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.8	95.1	95.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	20.7	21.0	27.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**122.3**	**97.8**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	97.1	95.6	86.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.3	83.7	62.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	46.9	54.7	33.7

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

District Of Columbia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	116,430	116,631	116,098	114,881
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Black	72.5	71.7	71.3	70.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.6
White	13.8	14.6	15.1	15.8
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	35.6	33.9	32.2	32.6

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	2,518	2,378	2,840	2,759
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,092	2,608	2,519	2,368
Children adopted	242	433	310	179

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,960	94.1 per 1,000	12,074	103.5 per 1,000	11,950	102.9 per 1,000	12,315	107.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	2,518	21.6 per 1,000	2,378	20.4 per 1,000	2,840	24.5 per 1,000	2,759	24.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	5.2 per 100,000	5	4.3 per 100,000	2	1.7 per 100,000	2	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.8	12.8	12.0	11.8
1-5 years	25.2	24.9	23.1	22.1
6-10 years	29.4	27.2	28.0	27.9
11-15 years	28.4	28.8	30.2	30.5
16+ years	6.2	6.3	6.7	7.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,518**	**2,378**	**2,840**	**2,759**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Black	55.9	60.3	62.0	59.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	2.6	3.3	5.3
White	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5
Two or more races	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.6
Unknown	40.3	36.1	33.0	34.0
Number	**2,518**	**2,378**	**2,840**	**2,759**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	—	—	—	1.9
Medical neglect	—	—	—	6.0
Neglect	82.3	85.8	84.2	57.8
Physical abuse	19.5	15.3	16.1	14.7
Sexual abuse	4.9	4.6	5.7	5.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	32.5
Number	**2,518**	**2,378**	**2,840**	**2,759**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	35.0	55.8	32.4	26.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	3,130	2,903	2,649	2,639	719	729	919	670	757	1,024	1,049	941	3,092	2,608	2,519	2,368
Median length of stay (months)	38.1	39.4	37.9	30.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36.4	40.6	36.1	28.5	42.8	37.0	30.2	30.3

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.5	12.2	11.8	12.7	12.5	2.5	2.1	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.8	2.2
1 year	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.3	5.7	7.3	5.8	6.9	2.5	2.0	1.7	4.0	2.6	2.8	3.7	3.8
2 years	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	6.3	4.0	4.6	4.8	4.4	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.9
3 years	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.3	5.6	5.2	5.7	4.6	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.4	3.2	3.6	3.4	2.7
4 years	4.7	4.1	2.6	3.3	4.5	4.3	5.1	6.3	5.5	5.0	5.8	5.2	3.6	2.7	3.5	3.5
5 years	4.7	4.3	3.8	3.0	4.5	4.7	5.5	4.0	5.4	6.0	5.0	5.1	4.2	3.7	2.9	2.9
6 years	5.0	4.7	4.0	3.4	4.5	6.0	5.2	4.3	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.7	4.6	3.9	3.5	2.6
7 years	5.4	5.0	4.6	3.5	4.7	5.5	4.4	3.7	6.5	6.0	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.7	3.5	3.1
8 years	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.1	5.1	4.3	4.0	4.6	6.3	5.1	6.9	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.0	2.9
9 years	5.8	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.5	5.0	3.7	6.9	7.6	6.1	4.7	5.3	4.3	4.0	3.5
10 years	6.4	5.7	5.1	4.4	3.5	4.1	4.9	4.0	5.4	4.3	3.7	5.0	5.4	5.0	4.2	4.1
11 years	6.4	6.2	6.2	5.2	7.0	4.9	5.9	4.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.3
12 years	6.3	5.9	5.5	6.0	5.6	6.2	5.1	6.0	6.2	6.7	5.9	4.8	6.4	5.3	6.0	5.0
13 years	6.1	5.7	6.8	5.2	6.1	7.4	5.5	5.5	6.6	5.1	5.3	4.5	6.1	6.4	5.2	6.5
14 years	5.3	6.2	5.9	7.4	6.0	5.2	6.5	6.6	4.0	5.3	4.4	5.2	6.2	5.9	7.5	5.5
15 years	5.7	6.1	6.9	6.7	7.6	5.3	5.9	5.8	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.6	6.2	7.0	6.5	8.1
16 years	5.5	5.5	6.4	7.5	4.0	3.7	4.5	5.7	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.3	6.1	6.7	7.7	8.0
17 years	5.5	5.5	6.5	7.0	2.6	3.2	2.9	4.3	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.4	5.9	5.9	6.8	8.8
18 years	4.5	5.4	5.6	6.6	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.3	1.6	2.1	2.9	3.4	5.4	5.6	6.4	7.2
19 years	3.9	4.7	5.6	5.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.3	1.7	1.7	2.2	4.4	5.5	4.9	6.4
20+ years	2.3	3.4	4.3	5.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.5	3.9	6.5	13.0	3.6	4.4	5.3	5.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.4	6.6	5.2	2.0	0.6	0.2	<.1	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	89.0	91.7	90.8	90.1	61.2	85.3	76.1	81.2	78.6	89.5	85.4	84.0	85.1	90.8	87.7	90.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.4	2.9	4.5	5.4	5.8	2.2	3.2	4.2	4.3	2.3	3.5	3.7	3.8
White	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.8	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5
Two or more races	0.5	1.0	4.6	4.9	0.8	2.3	4.4	3.0	0.7	1.8	3.9	4.7	0.6	1.0	4.8	4.5
Unknown	7.8	2.9	0.3	0.2	34.2	2.2	0.2	0.1	17.4	2.3	0.2	0.2	11.6	2.9	0.3	0.1
Missing data	<.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.0	5.2	13.4	8.7	0.1	2.5	5.8	6.3	0.0	1.5	3.2	0.9

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,124	787	619	618
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	47	57	29	111

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.3	1.0	1.9	1.9
1 year	2.3	3.0	4.7	7.6
2 years	2.9	5.6	4.8	8.1
3 years	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.2
4 years	5.6	4.6	5.7	6.6
5 years	6.9	5.7	3.9	4.7
6 years	6.6	6.0	3.9	3.9
7 years	6.9	8.1	4.8	5.2
8 years	7.5	7.4	6.8	5.2
9 years	8.2	7.2	7.1	6.3
10 years	8.8	7.6	7.6	7.6
11 years	9.6	10.2	8.7	6.8
12 years	8.4	7.9	9.9	8.4
13 years	8.0	7.0	8.4	11.0
14 years	5.6	6.4	7.6	3.9
15 years	4.4	3.8	4.7	4.4
16 years	2.2	3.4	3.2	2.6
17 years	1.4	1.3	2.1	1.6
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	90.6	92.5	94.0	92.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.5	1.6	1.6
White	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6
Two or more races	0.6	1.0	3.2	4.9
Unknown	6.5	3.3	0.5	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	242	433	310	179

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
1 year	0.4	0.2	1.6	2.8
2 years	4.5	4.6	7.7	12.3
3 years	4.5	6.0	6.5	9.5
4 years	5.4	8.1	5.8	11.7
5 years	6.2	9.0	6.5	6.7
6 years	11.2	5.5	10.3	6.7
7 years	10.3	5.3	7.4	4.5
8 years	7.9	7.2	9.7	4.5
9 years	9.5	10.6	9.0	10.1
10 years	9.5	5.3	6.8	6.7
11 years	7.4	8.8	6.8	6.1
12 years	8.7	8.8	6.1	5.6
13 years	5.4	8.3	4.8	2.8
14 years	2.5	5.1	4.8	5.6
15 years	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.2
16 years	1.7	2.3	1.9	0.6
17 years	1.2	1.8	0.3	1.7
18 years	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0
Black	97.9	97.5	96.8	96.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.4	0.9	1.9	3.4
White	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.6
Unknown	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

District Of Columbia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.9	87.4	94.7	93.0
Children with one or more recurrences	8.1	12.6	5.3	7.0
Number	**1,215**	**1,131**	**1,333**	**1,410**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.70	0.30	0.34	0.21
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.30	99.70	99.66	99.79
Number	**3,849**	**3,632**	**3,568**	**3,309**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	37.1	35.2	29.6	18.4
Guardianship	7.9	23.7	20.5	18.9
Reunification	44.5	27.1	34.4	42.5
Other	10.4	13.8	15.5	20.1
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Number	**757**	**1,024**	**1,049**	**941**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	58.6	40.3	23.7	23.2
Guardianship	6.1	13.9	8.5	28.6
Reunification	23.2	27.5	40.7	23.2
Other	12.1	18.3	27.1	25.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**99**	**295**	**59**	**56**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	5.4	1.9	2.0	1.9
Guardianship	1.8	11.8	5.9	5.8
Reunification	49.1	31.1	33.5	39.3
Other	43.8	55.3	58.6	52.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**112**	**161**	**203**	**206**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	29.6	34.7	25.0	41.6
Children older than 12 at entry	67.6	65.3	75.0	58.4
Missing data	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**71**	**118**	**148**	**166**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	50.0	0.0	45.2	37.0	31.0	21.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	24.7	22.0	19.5
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	50.0	66.7	34.5	23.8	30.4	38.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	20.0	0.0	33.3	11.8	14.2	16.6	21.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Number	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**595**	**916**	**896**	**790**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	9.1	15.9	7.5	16.7	0.0	100.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	6.8	7.5	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	70.6	54.5	61.4	67.5	66.7	50.0	0.0	100.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6	18.2	15.9	17.5	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**17**	**33**	**44**	**40**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**1**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	5.3	29.2	0.0	0.0	40.0	50.0	46.3	6.8	0.0	0.0	6.6	1.7
Guardianship	5.3	16.7	50.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	19.5	36.4	100.0	23.1	9.8	8.5
Reunification	87.1	41.7	50.0	50.0	20.0	50.0	19.5	34.1	0.0	73.1	82.0	86.4
Other	2.3	12.5	0.0	50.0	20.0	0.0	14.6	22.7	0.0	3.8	1.6	3.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**132**	**24**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**18**	**41**	**44**	**1**	**26**	**61**	**59**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	62.3	54.2	74.5	65.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.1	18.4	10.5	20.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	11.0	13.7	5.0	6.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.6	3.6	1.7	3.3
48 or more mos.	8.0	9.7	8.3	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3
Number	**337**	**277**	**361**	**400**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	74.4	73.1	80.5	72.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.8	14.8	8.1	11.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.2	11.4	10.1	13.3
Missing data	0.6	0.7	1.3	3.0
Number	**719**	**729**	**919**	**670**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.1	1.9	1.6	1.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	3.9	5.6	5.8	11.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	11.0	13.3	20.0	20.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.2	18.1	21.0	19.7
48 or more mos.	64.4	61.1	51.6	46.2
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**281**	**360**	**310**	**173**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.2	85.0	81.9	80.2	62.0	69.8	60.2	54.4	41.9	48.9	38.7	30.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	8.8	11.0	16.4	18.7	38.0	24.0	34.6	43.5	58.1	50.7	60.4	67.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	4.0	1.7	1.1	0.0	6.3	5.2	2.1	0.0	0.4	0.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**753**	**754**	**1,007**	**788**	**513**	**496**	**497**	**630**	**2,578**	**2,366**	**2,056**	**1,890**	**5**	**16**	**8**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.8	9.4	12.2	10.8
Institutions	28.0	1.5	0.3	1.4
Other settings	68.9	89.0	87.5	87.8
Missing data	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**489**	**456**	**625**	**427**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.4**	**111.9**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.3	71.3	62.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	11.5	5.3	7.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	29.2	29.4	31.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	18.8	24.8	12.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**91.9**	**86.5**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	7.5	7.4	13.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	53.0	50.8	43.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.8	21.2	13.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	7.4	7.4	5.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	76.7	87.7	79.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**116.8**	**104.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.4	32.9	24.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	99.7	99.7	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	61.1	60.5	64.0

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.2**	**89.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	88.1	81.9	79.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	74.5	63.6	56.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.6	43.0	34.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Florida

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	3,824,062	3,893,303	3,968,247	4,021,555
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2
Black	21.1	21.0	20.9	21.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	21.5	22.3	23.1	23.9
White	53.4	52.5	51.6	50.7
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
Child population in poverty (%)	19.0	17.7	17.9	17.5

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	138,499	129,914	130,633	134,567
Children in foster care on 9/30	30,677	28,864	29,312	29,229
Children adopted	2,786	3,264	3,019	3,046

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	350,385	91.6 per 1,000	329,158	84.5 per 1,000	334,293	84.2 per 1,000	340,672	84.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	138,499	36.2 per 1,000	129,914	33.4 per 1,000	130,633	32.9 per 1,000	134,567	33.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	101	2.6 per 100,000	86	2.2 per 100,000	117	3.0 per 100,000	140	3.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.3	9.5	9.9	10.5
1-5 years	32.3	33.0	33.3	33.8
6-10 years	27.7	26.7	26.3	26.2
11-15 years	24.6	24.4	23.8	22.9
16+ years	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**138,499**	**129,914**	**130,633**	**134,567**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	31.2	29.9	29.7	29.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	12.4	12.9	13.6
White	57.8	55.2	54.8	53.7
Two or more races	0.1	1.2	1.4	1.6
Unknown	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6
Number	**138,499**	**129,914**	**130,633**	**134,567**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.8
Medical neglect	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6
Neglect	30.2	29.8	30.2	32.4
Physical abuse	13.9	13.2	12.0	11.3
Sexual abuse	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	67.3	67.5	69.2	68.3
Number	**138,499**	**129,914**	**130,633**	**134,567**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	13.0	11.8	10.7	9.2
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	31,713	30,029	27,704	28,468	20,549	19,932	22,147	21,999	21,585	21,097	20,539	21,238	30,677	28,864	29,312	29,229
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	12.5	12.6	10.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.2	12.4	12.2	10.2	10.3

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.2	6.8	6.8	7.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	17.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	5.1	6.8	6.9	7.7	8.1
1 year	7.6	7.9	8.5	8.8	7.5	8.2	8.1	8.4	7.2	7.8	8.3	8.7	8.0	8.5	8.8	9.3
2 years	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.4	7.6	7.6	7.8	8.1
3 years	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.5	6.4	6.9	6.4	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0
4 years	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.0
5 years	5.7	5.6	5.4	6.0	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.7
6 years	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.3
7 years	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6
8 years	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5
9 years	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.0	4.1
10 years	5.1	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.2	4.1	3.6
11 years	5.1	4.9	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.9	4.6	3.9	3.8
12 years	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.7	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.1
13 years	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.6	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.5
14 years	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.9
15 years	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.6
16 years	4.6	5.1	5.7	5.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.4	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.4
17 years	4.1	4.6	5.0	5.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.3	6.1	4.7	3.3	6.5	4.4	4.8	5.2	5.4
18 years	0.9	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	2.7	4.0	5.8	3.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
20+ years	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	42.7	42.6	40.8	39.0	37.7	36.1	34.7	35.7	38.4	39.1	37.4	36.2	42.4	40.7	38.7	38.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	9.3	9.5	10.2	8.7	8.9	9.9	10.8	8.2	8.8	9.1	10.3	9.0	9.3	10.1	10.6
White	45.5	45.3	46.6	47.8	51.0	52.1	52.4	50.4	50.3	49.3	50.6	50.4	45.8	47.0	48.1	47.9
Two or more races	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.4	1.3	1.9	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.4
Unknown	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	8,166	7,684	7,374	7,478
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	4,331	3,996	3,958	3,759

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.7
1 year	5.7	7.2	7.2	8.3
2 years	7.2	7.7	7.6	8.2
3 years	7.1	7.1	6.7	7.0
4 years	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.0
5 years	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.6
6 years	5.0	5.0	5.4	5.4
7 years	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.7
8 years	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.5
9 years	5.9	4.7	4.1	4.5
10 years	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.2
11 years	6.3	5.6	5.0	4.7
12 years	6.7	6.0	6.0	5.0
13 years	6.4	6.5	6.1	6.2
14 years	5.9	6.5	7.0	6.1
15 years	5.9	5.9	6.3	6.9
16 years	4.5	5.4	5.1	5.2
17 years	2.9	3.5	4.0	3.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	45.4	44.8	42.2	40.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	8.9	8.8	9.6
White	41.2	42.6	45.0	46.4
Two or more races	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.2
Unknown	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	2,786	3,264	3,019	3,046

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.3	1.3	2.0	1.9
1 year	7.7	7.3	10.1	10.3
2 years	11.8	10.5	12.6	13.2
3 years	12.4	11.6	12.9	11.1
4 years	11.0	9.8	9.7	9.8
5 years	8.3	9.0	8.8	7.7
6 years	7.4	6.6	6.9	7.6
7 years	5.5	6.6	5.2	5.6
8 years	5.6	5.8	4.7	5.5
9 years	5.1	5.8	4.3	4.2
10 years	4.7	5.3	3.9	3.8
11 years	5.0	4.2	3.8	3.8
12 years	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.7
13 years	3.2	4.2	3.5	3.3
14 years	2.0	3.0	3.1	3.2
15 years	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.4
16 years	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
17 years	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.2
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.2	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	34.1	35.4	35.2	32.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	9.5	7.5	8.4
White	51.8	50.6	52.8	55.2
Two or more races	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.2
Unknown	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Florida

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	90.8	90.8	88.7	89.1
Children with one or more recurrences	9.2	9.2	11.3	10.9
Number	**57,625**	**58,497**	**60,963**	**61,315**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.47	0.45	0.53	0.55
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.53	99.55	99.47	99.45
Number	**52,262**	**49,961**	**49,851**	**50,467**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.9	15.2	14.6	14.3
Guardianship	3.8	4.0	3.9	5.8
Reunification	73.3	73.7	74.1	72.1
Other	8.7	7.1	7.3	7.8
Missing data	1.3	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	**21,585**	**21,097**	**20,539**	**21,238**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	29.8	34.7	33.7	32.8
Guardianship	3.9	3.5	2.9	3.7
Reunification	46.0	46.0	44.4	42.6
Other	19.4	15.8	18.9	20.8
Missing data	0.9	0.0	<.1	0.1
Number	**2,574**	**2,463**	**2,264**	**2,177**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.2
Guardianship	4.7	6.1	6.5	7.5
Reunification	60.2	64.6	64.8	60.5
Other	32.3	27.6	26.9	29.5
Missing data	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**4,092**	**3,765**	**3,786**	**3,830**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.9	27.8	28.7	28.4
Children older than 12 at entry	73.1	72.2	71.3	71.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,594**	**1,332**	**1,344**	**1,488**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	28.1	15.7	8.8	9.4	6.7	4.8	8.2	8.8	11.4	13.7	13.7	12.9
Guardianship	1.6	13.7	10.5	9.4	4.4	6.3	2.0	5.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	6.0
Reunification	65.6	64.7	78.9	68.8	77.8	81.0	79.6	77.9	72.1	74.1	73.2	71.4
Other	1.6	5.9	1.8	12.5	11.1	7.9	10.2	7.4	10.7	8.0	8.9	9.8
Missing data	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**64**	**51**	**57**	**32**	**45**	**63**	**49**	**68**	**8,282**	**8,252**	**7,672**	**7,685**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.7	26.7	0.0	0.0	13.8	16.7	12.0	11.7	13.2	15.7	15.3	15.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	3.3	3.2	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.8	6.1
Reunification	92.3	73.3	0.0	100.0	70.5	71.4	76.4	76.0	74.8	74.1	74.7	71.8
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	11.2	8.7	7.6	8.2	7.0	6.3	6.2	6.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**13**	**15**	**2**	**6**	**1,770**	**1,866**	**1,872**	**2,189**	**10,866**	**10,405**	**10,397**	**10,699**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.4	22.5	24.5	17.9	24.9	28.2	25.2	19.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	2.1	3.8	0.0	7.5	1.2	1.6	2.5	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	77.1	68.8	69.8	70.1	67.4	64.9	68.2	70.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	2.9	5.0	5.7	4.5	5.7	5.2	4.1	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**140**	**80**	**53**	**67**	**405**	**365**	**437**	**492**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	60.7	62.7	63.3	66.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.1	26.8	27.4	25.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.7	6.5	6.3	5.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.5
48 or more mos.	2.4	1.7	1.3	1.1
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**15,817**	**15,540**	**15,228**	**15,308**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	84.0	82.3	80.8	80.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.2	9.1	9.4	9.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.1	6.5	8.3	9.5
Missing data	2.7	2.1	1.5	1.2
Number	**20,549**	**19,932**	**22,147**	**21,999**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	4.3	4.0	5.8	8.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.4	19.8	23.9	25.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	28.3	28.4	29.4	27.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	20.7	19.0	19.1	18.4
48 or more mos.	28.3	28.7	21.8	19.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,775**	**3,212**	**3,002**	**3,033**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.4	82.8	81.4	80.8	69.9	65.6	61.6	59.2	47.0	39.9	34.2	28.9	77.1	80.4	82.1	88.9
Children with 3 or more placements	13.9	15.5	17.2	18.1	29.9	34.3	38.4	40.7	52.9	60.0	65.8	71.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.6	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	22.1	19.6	17.9	11.1
Number	**25,668**	**24,829**	**26,541**	**27,578**	**12,133**	**11,869**	**11,119**	**11,789**	**14,321**	**13,161**	**12,085**	**11,082**	**140**	**102**	**106**	**18**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
Institutions	5.0	5.3	5.3	4.9
Other settings	93.1	93.0	92.8	93.2
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**16,353**	**15,915**	**17,781**	**17,740**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**110.7**	**112.2**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	60.8	61.2	65.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.3	10.0	9.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	45.3	46.0	47.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.1	10.9	12.5

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**111.2**	**120.4**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	23.9	29.7	34.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.1	32.2	30.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.9	24.0	24.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.5	12.5	12.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	47.4	54.0	58.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**123.4**	**123.3**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	35.2	32.5	32.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.7	91.9	90.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	46.8	48.8	46.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**92.8**	**88.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.7	81.7	81.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	65.7	61.6	59.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.9	34.2	28.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Georgia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	2,310,562	2,353,893	2,400,364	2,455,020
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
Black	34.0	33.9	33.8	33.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.1	8.8	9.5	10.1
White	53.8	53.0	52.2	51.3
Two or more races	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Child population in poverty (%)	18.7	21.3	20.2	20.2

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	43,923	52,851	47,158	39,802
Children in foster care on 9/30	13,578	14,216	13,965	13,175
Children adopted	1,109	1,283	1,127	1,250

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	121,269	52.5 per 1,000	203,671	86.5 per 1,000	174,409	72.7 per 1,000	142,268	58.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	43,923	19.0 per 1,000	52,851	22.5 per 1,000	47,158	19.7 per 1,000	39,802	16.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	49	2.1 per 100,000	98	4.2 per 100,000	76	3.2 per 100,000	63	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.4	9.7	10.6	11.4
1-5 years	32.2	31.8	32.3	31.9
6-10 years	27.9	28.8	28.2	27.8
11-15 years	23.9	24.5	24.0	23.6
16+ years	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.3
Unknown	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**43,923**	**52,851**	**47,158**	**39,802**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	—	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3
Black	41.4	42.4	39.7	41.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	6.9	6.7	6.7
White	49.6	55.6	51.4	50.1
Two or more races	—	—	1.0	1.2
Unknown	2.7	0.0	0.8	0.5
Number	**43,923**	**52,851**	**47,158**	**39,802**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	3.5	21.1	21.4	21.9
Medical neglect	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.0
Neglect	79.6	69.0	70.3	71.3
Physical abuse	9.9	10.8	10.4	10.4
Sexual abuse	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.3	1.2	1.1	0.5
Number	**43,923**	**52,851**	**47,158**	**39,802**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	12,955	13,610	14,142	13,924	10,568	11,699	10,887	9,764	9,946	11,094	11,064	10,513	13,578	14,216	13,965	13,175
Median length of stay (months)	14.9	13.9	13.1	13.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.7	7.1	9.4	10.2	13.8	13.1	13.5	14.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.6	16.0	15.7	16.2	17.1	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.5
1 year	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.8	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.5
2 years	7.0	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.8	5.9	6.0	7.6	7.7	7.2	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.8
3 years	6.4	6.2	6.7	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.9	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.7	6.0	5.9
4 years	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	6.1	6.0	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.5
5 years	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.5	4.6	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.4	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.0
6 years	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.3	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.3	4.5	4.5	5.2	4.8
7 years	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.1	4.4	4.0	4.8	5.1	4.7	4.4	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.9
8 years	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.5	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.5
9 years	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.6	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.4
10 years	5.1	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.3	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.6	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.8
11 years	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.6	4.5	4.1	3.4	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.0
12 years	5.2	5.3	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.9	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.2
13 years	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.3	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.4
14 years	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.4	5.2	5.6	6.0	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.1
15 years	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.9	5.3	5.4	6.6	7.0	5.1	4.9	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.5	7.0	7.2
16 years	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.8	4.1	4.2	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.4	6.0	6.2	6.8	7.4
17 years	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.9	5.1	4.6	3.4	7.2	4.5	5.0	5.6	6.0
18 years	0.4	1.4	0.4	0.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.9	4.0	5.5	3.6	1.5	0.3	0.4	<.1
19 years	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	<.1	0.0
20+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	53.2	51.3	49.3	47.0	46.6	46.5	45.1	47.8	49.0	48.7	48.2	46.6	51.1	49.4	46.9	47.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.9	4.7	4.8	5.8	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.9	4.0	4.6	4.8	4.7
White	40.0	41.3	42.7	44.9	43.8	44.0	45.7	43.2	42.2	42.4	42.6	44.2	41.3	42.7	45.0	44.3
Two or more races	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.6
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	2,474	2,507	2,370	2,305
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,413	1,374	1,409	1,540

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.3	3.0	2.8	2.3
1 year	5.4	6.5	7.1	7.6
2 years	9.1	8.0	8.4	7.1
3 years	8.6	9.2	7.2	7.1
4 years	6.0	6.7	7.4	6.9
5 years	5.9	5.8	5.2	6.7
6 years	5.3	5.1	6.3	5.2
7 years	5.4	4.5	4.8	5.7
8 years	5.5	5.9	4.6	5.7
9 years	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.6
10 years	4.7	5.1	5.4	5.6
11 years	6.6	5.4	5.2	5.8
12 years	6.8	5.9	5.4	4.6
13 years	6.3	6.8	7.2	5.8
14 years	5.5	5.5	6.5	6.6
15 years	5.8	4.8	5.4	5.9
16 years	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.3
17 years	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Black	53.8	53.4	50.8	47.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	4.0	4.9	5.0
White	38.9	39.0	40.1	43.4
Two or more races	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.4
Unknown	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,109	1,283	1,127	1,250

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.5
1 year	7.4	7.6	9.8	10.2
2 years	12.9	13.7	13.7	14.2
3 years	11.7	13.4	12.5	11.3
4 years	8.0	11.6	11.0	10.1
5 years	8.6	7.2	7.8	8.5
6 years	5.5	6.8	6.4	6.8
7 years	6.3	6.5	5.0	5.5
8 years	5.5	4.1	4.4	4.4
9 years	5.8	5.2	5.8	3.1
10 years	6.0	3.4	4.3	4.2
11 years	5.0	3.8	3.1	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8
13 years	4.2	3.4	2.8	3.3
14 years	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0
15 years	2.0	3.0	2.6	2.2
16 years	2.2	1.3	2.3	1.8
17 years	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	50.5	45.8	45.8	42.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	4.0	4.5	5.8
White	36.7	42.2	40.3	44.8
Two or more races	5.7	7.1	8.4	6.6
Unknown	2.3	0.5	0.9	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Georgia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	93.0	95.3
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	7.0	4.7
Number	—	—	**20,713**	**20,251**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	10.8	11.3	12.0	11.8
Guardianship	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.2
Reunification	77.8	76.1	74.5	72.8
Other	9.4	10.2	11.2	13.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**9,946**	**11,094**	**11,064**	**10,513**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	18.5	19.0	19.7	18.1
Guardianship	1.6	1.9	1.6	1.3
Reunification	62.1	58.0	58.6	57.5
Other	17.9	21.1	20.1	23.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,542**	**1,903**	**2,507**	**2,911**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.0
Guardianship	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.4
Reunification	74.3	69.4	68.3	66.3
Other	22.6	26.9	28.3	30.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,969**	**2,349**	**2,462**	**2,548**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.5	36.1	33.1	33.8
Children older than 12 at entry	59.5	63.9	66.9	66.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**402**	**621**	**683**	**790**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	6.5	5.6	0.0	0.0	11.0	10.7	11.8	10.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.6	0.0	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.7
Reunification	75.0	66.7	100.0	71.4	78.3	83.3	89.3	91.7	77.6	76.2	73.2	71.9
Other	25.0	33.3	0.0	14.3	15.2	8.3	7.1	8.3	9.0	10.8	12.5	14.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**8**	**3**	**8**	**7**	**46**	**36**	**28**	**36**	**4,872**	**5,400**	**5,334**	**4,899**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	30.0	0.0	50.0	10.2	8.7	8.6	12.1	10.3	11.8	12.2	12.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.1	1.9
Reunification	100.0	70.0	66.7	50.0	80.6	84.4	80.2	78.4	78.0	75.4	75.6	73.4
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	7.9	5.8	9.9	8.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	12.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3**	**10**	**6**	**2**	**532**	**608**	**625**	**620**	**4,202**	**4,703**	**4,715**	**4,646**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	4.9	12.5	7.5	11.3	22.1	21.8	23.1	28.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	1.4	5.0	1.9	0.9	2.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	83.6	75.0	78.8	77.4	71.6	64.9	66.0	64.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	11.5	11.1	8.8	9.4	5.4	11.1	7.8	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**61**	**72**	**80**	**53**	**222**	**262**	**268**	**250**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	73.5	74.6	70.5	70.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.0	16.8	19.9	19.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	4.9	5.8	6.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1
48 or more mos.	2.1	1.6	1.8	1.4
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Number	**7,742**	**8,440**	**8,244**	**7,658**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	86.0	85.5	85.1	85.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.8
Missing data	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	**10,568**	**11,699**	**10,887**	**9,764**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.4	2.1	1.9	2.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.7	15.7	18.5	19.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.2	31.2	31.8	34.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	22.4	24.5	20.2	18.7
48 or more mos.	27.3	26.6	27.6	25.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,076**	**1,257**	**1,324**	**1,239**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.3	89.4	88.5	86.5	74.8	72.7	71.3	65.5	55.1	53.7	49.5	46.8	92.9	96.2	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	8.7	10.6	11.5	13.5	25.2	27.3	28.7	34.5	44.9	46.3	50.5	53.2	7.1	3.8	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**12,390**	**13,567**	**12,937**	**11,826**	**4,445**	**5,015**	**5,452**	**5,284**	**6,632**	**6,674**	**6,599**	**6,568**	**56**	**53**	**41**	**10**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	4.1	4.2	4.8	3.2
Institutions	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.7
Other settings	93.7	93.2	92.4	94.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**8,170**	**8,984**	**8,085**	**7,186**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**129.1**	**127.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	72.3	68.2	68.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.7	7.4	7.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.9	51.2	49.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	9.1	9.2	8.8

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**94.5**	**99.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	17.8	20.4	21.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	36.3	35.0	33.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.1	21.8	20.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.3	11.2	11.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	50.4	55.0	59.0

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.1**	**115.6**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.5	30.7	30.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	94.1	94.1	92.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	50.7	48.6	49.9

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**107.3**	**102.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	87.9	86.8	84.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.6	71.3	65.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.9	49.6	46.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Hawaii

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	298,392	297,856	298,637	298,081
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	28.7	28.5	28.4	28.2
Black	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	11.1	10.9	10.7	10.5
Hispanic (of any race)	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
White	17.0	17.4	17.6	17.8
Two or more races	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8
Child population in poverty (%)	15.3	14.4	12.7	11.4

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	4,046	3,629	2,762	2,045
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,886	2,948	2,745	2,355
Children adopted	318	375	452	397

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	8,230	27.6 per 1,000	7,186	24.1 per 1,000	5,426	18.2 per 1,000	4,261	14.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	4,046	13.6 per 1,000	3,629	12.2 per 1,000	2,762	9.3 per 1,000	2,045	6.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	2.0 per 100,000	6	2.0 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	4	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	13.6	15.3	18.4	19.4
1-5 years	28.2	28.5	28.7	28.3
6-10 years	27.1	25.3	23.2	21.0
11-15 years	24.1	24.8	24.2	23.2
16+ years	6.5	5.8	5.0	7.6
Unknown	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5
Number	**4,046**	**3,629**	**2,762**	**2,045**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Asian	11.5	11.0	10.8	12.2
Black	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	19.8	20.4	18.0	19.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
White	9.5	11.0	9.8	12.0
Two or more races	32.3	36.0	40.4	37.8
Unknown	23.4	17.1	16.7	14.8
Number	**4,046**	**3,629**	**2,762**	**2,045**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	2.5	1.8	0.9	1.3
Medical neglect	1.6	1.5	2.2	1.3
Neglect	16.9	15.1	15.0	15.8
Physical abuse	11.9	11.0	11.1	11.4
Sexual abuse	5.7	5.4	5.6	4.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	88.2	87.4	89.6	91.0
Number	**4,046**	**3,629**	**2,762**	**2,045**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	80.2	51.2	31.0	125.9
Median	>24, but <48	<24	<24	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	2,675	2,842	2,871	2,690	2,327	2,305	1,891	1,673	2,116	2,199	2,017	2,008	2,886	2,948	2,745	2,355
Median length of stay (months)	11.7	12.4	13.7	15.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.1	8.1	11.8	11.0	12.6	13.4	15.0	16.2

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.6	7.1	7.0	7.5	15.9	16.9	19.4	17.6	7.8	6.4	6.7	6.2	7.2	7.2	7.7	7.2
1 year	8.2	7.6	8.0	7.7	6.1	6.9	6.5	6.3	7.2	8.0	7.0	7.2	7.6	8.0	7.7	7.6
2 years	5.8	7.2	6.4	7.0	5.1	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.2	6.3	6.9	6.7
3 years	5.4	5.0	6.9	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.9	4.9	6.9	5.7	6.1
4 years	5.9	5.8	4.5	6.2	5.8	3.9	5.0	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.5	6.2	5.5	4.4	6.3	5.3
5 years	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.9	4.5	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.3	4.8	5.4	4.8	4.3	5.9
6 years	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.7	5.2	4.7	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.4	4.7	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.6
7 years	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.3
8 years	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.1	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.3
9 years	5.1	5.8	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.8	3.9	5.2	4.7	4.3	4.1	5.9	5.0	4.7	4.6
10 years	4.6	4.6	5.2	4.3	4.9	4.8	3.7	3.8	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.3	4.6	5.3	4.2	4.3
11 years	5.0	5.1	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.8	5.3	3.4	5.3	4.5	4.8	4.4
12 years	5.8	5.2	5.6	3.8	5.5	4.7	3.5	4.2	6.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	5.1	5.7	4.0	4.6
13 years	5.2	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.7	4.9	5.1	4.1
14 years	4.6	5.0	5.6	6.2	5.0	5.0	6.8	6.2	4.4	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.8	6.0	5.8
15 years	5.8	5.1	5.5	6.5	4.9	4.9	5.8	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.5	5.4	5.1	5.3	6.6	5.9
16 years	5.0	5.8	5.5	6.6	4.9	4.8	4.8	6.2	4.5	3.7	3.8	5.3	5.8	5.4	6.5	7.5
17 years	4.9	4.9	6.0	5.6	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.3	8.8	5.9	2.9	6.5	4.8	5.8	5.5	6.5
18 years	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	4.5	8.2	4.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2
Asian	16.3	14.1	11.6	10.4	13.2	10.9	10.9	12.1	15.5	12.9	12.5	11.8	14.4	12.5	10.4	10.5
Black	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	31.2	28.8	25.4	23.5	25.9	23.2	19.8	21.1	28.2	25.6	23.1	22.8	29.2	26.8	23.3	22.4
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.3	4.1	5.1	1.8	3.0	4.6	2.9	2.1	3.0	3.1	4.2	1.7	2.3	5.1	4.3
White	9.6	8.6	8.6	8.3	10.3	11.9	10.2	13.3	11.2	12.1	10.4	10.8	9.0	8.5	8.4	9.7
Two or more races	34.7	39.6	46.3	49.1	34.6	37.3	46.0	41.9	32.3	34.7	42.1	43.8	36.3	41.5	49.1	48.5
Unknown	2.6	2.9	1.9	1.7	4.1	4.2	2.8	3.8	3.3	3.8	2.9	2.5	3.3	3.2	1.8	2.5
Missing data	1.6	2.1	1.0	0.9	8.5	7.7	3.5	2.6	5.1	5.5	3.4	2.2	4.5	4.0	1.1	1.1

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	764	922	910	752
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	692	839	853	703

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.7
1 year	6.8	7.9	7.9	6.5
2 years	6.4	6.4	7.4	7.0
3 years	4.8	6.8	5.8	7.0
4 years	5.4	3.9	7.3	5.3
5 years	5.0	4.7	3.0	5.9
6 years	5.6	5.5	4.2	3.9
7 years	3.9	4.7	4.9	4.0
8 years	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.5
9 years	6.2	5.2	4.6	4.4
10 years	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.5
11 years	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.2
12 years	5.5	6.2	4.3	6.5
13 years	6.5	5.5	6.7	4.3
14 years	6.5	6.9	6.7	6.3
15 years	4.7	6.1	8.0	7.6
16 years	7.9	5.1	6.6	9.3
17 years	6.7	7.5	5.8	7.2
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.5
Asian	15.3	14.2	12.2	10.0
Black	2.0	1.7	0.9	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	34.9	29.3	24.9	25.7
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	2.1	5.5	4.7
White	7.5	6.4	5.7	10.1
Two or more races	35.3	44.8	48.7	46.4
Unknown	1.4	0.9	1.5	1.2
Missing data	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	318	375	452	397

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.7	4.5	4.4	3.5
1 year	14.5	15.5	15.0	15.9
2 years	14.8	16.3	14.8	17.1
3 years	11.3	9.3	11.1	10.1
4 years	9.1	8.0	9.1	10.1
5 years	6.6	7.5	5.8	5.0
6 years	4.4	8.8	8.4	5.3
7 years	4.4	6.4	4.4	7.1
8 years	4.7	5.6	7.3	5.5
9 years	6.0	2.1	3.8	3.5
10 years	5.3	4.5	3.8	4.3
11 years	4.4	2.1	3.5	2.8
12 years	2.5	2.1	3.3	2.8
13 years	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.8
14 years	1.3	2.7	1.5	1.8
15 years	1.6	1.3	0.2	0.8
16 years	0.3	0.3	1.1	1.5
17 years	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0
Asian	23.9	13.1	12.6	12.6
Black	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	27.7	23.2	21.7	19.9
Hispanic (of any race)	0.6	4.3	3.8	7.8
White	4.7	5.9	7.5	4.3
Two or more races	39.6	49.6	51.5	53.1
Unknown	0.9	1.3	1.1	2.3
Missing data	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Hawaii

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.0	95.5	97.3	97.3
Children with one or more recurrences	6.0	4.5	2.7	2.7
Number	**1,988**	**1,827**	**1,319**	**1,068**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.30	0.70	0.80	0.87
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.70	99.30	99.20	99.13
Number	**5,002**	**5,147**	**4,762**	**4,363**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.6	17.1	22.4	20.9
Guardianship	10.7	10.3	11.4	10.4
Reunification	62.6	61.8	54.6	58.8
Other	8.3	9.3	11.4	9.5
Missing data	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.4
Number	**2,116**	**2,199**	**2,017**	**2,008**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	45.9	47.8	43.7	45.5
Guardianship	11.3	8.2	12.5	10.4
Reunification	27.8	27.2	26.1	33.7
Other	10.8	12.5	17.3	9.9
Missing data	4.1	4.3	0.3	0.5
Number	**194**	**184**	**295**	**374**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.4	0.2	1.3	1.4
Guardianship	6.9	10.3	8.3	9.2
Reunification	64.0	57.8	56.0	61.0
Other	23.8	29.6	34.0	28.1
Missing data	3.9	2.1	0.4	0.4
Number	**491**	**514**	**468**	**502**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.8	18.1	12.4	15.1
Children older than 12 at entry	79.2	81.9	87.6	84.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**120**	**149**	**161**	**152**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	28.6	16.7	0.0	24.7	17.3	20.6	23.3	11.9	8.5	13.0	0.0
Guardianship	12.5	14.3	16.7	11.1	10.1	9.9	7.5	11.0	0.0	2.1	4.3	0.0
Reunification	62.5	42.9	0.0	88.9	54.6	60.2	62.8	54.2	78.6	83.0	73.9	89.7
Other	25.0	14.3	66.7	0.0	10.1	10.9	9.1	11.0	7.1	6.4	8.7	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.8	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**8**	**7**	**6**	**9**	**328**	**284**	**253**	**236**	**42**	**47**	**46**	**29**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.6	16.3	20.4	17.0	4.4	24.2	27.0	41.2	10.5	9.0	16.3	7.4
Guardianship	14.3	13.1	17.4	10.0	11.1	4.5	6.3	11.8	11.0	11.2	12.0	6.9
Reunification	56.9	56.1	45.4	59.2	71.1	65.2	49.2	41.2	64.1	65.9	58.4	74.5
Other	11.2	13.0	16.6	13.1	11.1	6.1	17.5	5.9	8.4	10.1	13.4	10.6
Missing data	2.0	1.4	0.2	0.7	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	3.7	0.0	0.5
Number	**596**	**563**	**465**	**458**	**45**	**66**	**63**	**85**	**237**	**267**	**209**	**216**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.2	9.6	6.9	17.6	20.2	23.1	28.4	25.8	1.9	5.0	2.9	0.0
Guardianship	14.5	15.7	12.1	13.7	8.9	9.2	9.8	11.5	5.6	5.8	11.8	4.5
Reunification	66.7	62.7	72.4	62.7	65.2	60.1	52.5	54.4	87.0	85.0	82.4	90.9
Other	10.1	12.0	6.9	5.9	4.8	6.7	9.1	7.8	4.6	4.2	2.9	4.5
Missing data	1.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**69**	**83**	**58**	**51**	**683**	**762**	**849**	**880**	**108**	**120**	**68**	**44**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	81.2	80.0	78.3	78.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.2	14.9	16.1	15.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.0	4.3	4.5	4.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,325**	**1,360**	**1,101**	**1,180**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	76.9	76.9	73.6	75.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	11.2	10.5	10.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.4	11.3	15.2	13.6
Missing data	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.4
Number	**2,327**	**2,305**	**1,891**	**1,673**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	9.4	8.0	9.7	7.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	39.9	43.5	29.9	35.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	36.8	28.9	38.7	34.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.0	11.7	13.1	13.1
48 or more mos.	4.0	8.0	8.6	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**351**	**377**	**452**	**420**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.4	85.2	87.3	85.3	66.3	64.4	66.8	66.0	38.1	41.7	42.8	41.4	0.0	85.7	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.8	12.3	12.2	13.0	32.9	35.0	33.1	33.9	61.4	58.2	57.1	58.6	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.8	2.5	0.5	1.7	0.7	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.5	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,634**	**2,607**	**2,180**	**1,938**	**1,263**	**1,290**	**1,173**	**1,064**	**1,105**	**1,243**	**1,405**	**1,359**	**0**	**7**	**4**	**2**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2
Institutions	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.0
Other settings	95.9	96.4	97.6	96.0
Missing data	2.8	1.9	0.6	1.7
Number	**1,781**	**1,741**	**1,395**	**1,229**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**116.0**	**118.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	71.7	70.6	71.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.0	6.3	5.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.3	37.8	40.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.4	15.0	15.3

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**116.4**	**116.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	51.5	39.6	42.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	23.5	26.4	25.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.0	27.5	25.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	16.2	13.1	14.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	35.1	36.5	39.7

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**125.2**	**130.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	31.6	34.8	37.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	84.9	83.9	88.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	35.7	39.0	38.6

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**102.2**	**100.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.0	85.6	84.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.8	67.0	66.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	41.9	42.9	41.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Idaho

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	375,396	379,401	386,653	394,280
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Asian	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Black	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.8
White	82.4	82.0	81.6	81.1
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
Child population in poverty (%)	17.6	19.6	17.7	15.1

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	1,527	1,856	1,912	1,651
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,401	1,565	1,818	1,850
Children adopted	138	176	149	177

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,458	25.2 per 1,000	9,669	25.5 per 1,000	9,646	25.0 per 1,000	9,924	25.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	1,527	4.1 per 1,000	1,856	4.9 per 1,000	1,912	5.0 per 1,000	1,651	4.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.5 per 100,000	4	1.1 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	12.0	14.4	14.7	15.9
1-5 years	34.6	31.5	33.8	33.2
6-10 years	26.0	24.7	23.9	25.1
11-15 years	22.3	23.0	22.1	19.5
16+ years	5.1	6.4	5.5	6.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,527**	**1,856**	**1,912**	**1,651**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.5	4.2	4.5	4.7
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
Black	1.0	1.0	0.4	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.0	12.9	14.4	16.1
White	77.1	76.6	75.5	74.0
Two or more races	1.2	0.7	1.6	2.0
Unknown	3.7	4.1	3.4	1.8
Number	**1,527**	**1,856**	**1,912**	**1,651**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1
Medical neglect	2.0	1.5	1.6	0.7
Neglect	70.1	69.7	71.9	75.7
Physical abuse	16.9	18.9	18.0	16.0
Sexual abuse	7.7	6.3	6.1	4.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.4	8.6	7.4	7.3
Number	**1,527**	**1,856**	**1,912**	**1,651**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	89.9	64.8	60.3	59.3
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,210	1,345	1,505	1,769	1,292	1,557	1,722	1,552	1,101	1,337	1,409	1,471	1,401	1,565	1,818	1,850
Median length of stay (months)	12.4	13.2	12.0	10.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2	4.4	5.3	7.3	12.9	11.8	10.8	12.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.2	5.5	5.9	6.1	13.1	14.5	14.6	15.0	6.4	7.5	7.3	5.4	5.6	6.0	6.2	7.1
1 year	6.9	6.2	7.5	8.3	7.0	6.1	7.5	7.7	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.7	6.0	7.4	8.4	7.7
2 years	6.1	5.5	5.6	6.9	6.5	4.9	6.4	6.9	8.0	5.8	6.5	8.1	5.5	5.6	6.9	7.8
3 years	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.2	7.0	7.2	5.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.7	7.3	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.4
4 years	5.6	6.3	5.6	6.2	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.3	5.8	6.1	6.1	5.4	6.1	5.5	6.1	5.9
5 years	4.0	6.1	6.0	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.7	4.6	6.1	5.6	7.0	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.6
6 years	5.1	4.6	4.9	5.7	4.5	3.4	5.3	4.6	3.9	4.3	5.8	4.3	4.8	4.8	5.6	4.8
7 years	4.1	5.1	4.7	5.6	4.5	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.5	5.5
8 years	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.0	5.2
9 years	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.5	3.4	4.4	5.3	4.8	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.4	3.6
10 years	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.1	3.7	4.8	3.1	3.0	4.3	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1
11 years	5.2	5.1	4.1	3.8	4.0	5.1	4.2	3.4	4.2	4.6	3.6	3.3	5.1	4.3	3.9	3.8
12 years	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.2	4.3	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.2	3.9	4.9	5.4	5.0	3.6
13 years	6.6	4.8	6.4	5.1	3.9	5.7	5.1	3.0	5.4	4.5	5.3	4.1	4.8	6.3	5.2	5.2
14 years	5.2	6.5	4.5	5.7	5.7	4.7	5.7	5.7	5.3	4.9	5.5	4.9	6.4	4.7	5.6	4.8
15 years	6.9	6.2	6.4	5.2	6.7	5.4	4.8	6.6	5.7	4.9	4.3	6.0	6.1	6.4	5.3	5.5
16 years	7.6	7.1	6.4	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.4	7.5	6.6	6.4	6.4
17 years	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.9	3.2	4.1	3.7	3.9	10.1	6.2	4.6	7.5	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.7
18 years	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	4.4	6.7	3.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	10.0	9.2	8.8	7.4	4.4	5.1	5.3	4.7	4.4	5.6	7.4	5.6	9.3	8.2	6.6	6.6
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.1	<.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	1.3	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.4	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.0	14.2	14.6	16.4	14.5	13.7	15.7	17.3	12.3	13.5	13.3	16.3	14.1	14.4	16.7	17.2
White	74.8	72.2	72.3	71.5	77.0	77.0	75.7	73.0	80.3	76.7	75.9	74.2	72.5	73.1	72.7	70.6
Two or more races	1.4	2.2	2.5	3.5	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.6	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.4	2.4	4.2
Unknown	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	254	310	373	545
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	192	243	278	369

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.8	1.9	3.5	4.2
1 year	4.3	5.5	6.4	8.1
2 years	6.3	5.5	9.7	9.7
3 years	6.3	5.8	5.1	7.3
4 years	8.7	7.4	5.4	7.0
5 years	7.9	6.1	6.2	6.6
6 years	6.7	7.1	5.4	5.9
7 years	7.1	4.5	5.1	5.5
8 years	6.7	5.5	4.0	4.6
9 years	6.3	5.5	5.9	4.4
10 years	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.0
11 years	6.7	4.5	5.4	4.6
12 years	5.9	6.8	4.6	4.2
13 years	4.3	6.8	6.4	5.1
14 years	6.3	5.8	6.2	4.0
15 years	3.9	5.8	5.1	5.1
16 years	5.1	4.5	4.0	5.1
17 years	1.6	5.2	5.9	3.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	13.4	11.0	7.2	8.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	17.7	16.8	20.9	18.9
White	65.4	67.4	65.7	67.9
Two or more races	2.8	3.5	4.8	3.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	138	176	149	177

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.6	0.6	2.7	5.6
1 year	8.7	8.0	3.4	9.0
2 years	12.3	6.3	8.7	12.4
3 years	12.3	10.8	8.1	9.6
4 years	8.7	11.4	8.1	6.8
5 years	5.8	8.5	6.7	9.0
6 years	5.1	5.7	7.4	5.1
7 years	6.5	4.5	8.1	7.3
8 years	5.1	8.0	5.4	4.0
9 years	1.4	8.5	2.7	6.8
10 years	6.5	5.1	5.4	5.6
11 years	5.8	4.0	3.4	1.7
12 years	3.6	5.7	5.4	5.1
13 years	5.1	3.4	6.7	4.5
14 years	4.3	5.1	4.7	2.3
15 years	1.4	0.6	4.0	2.3
16 years	0.7	2.8	4.0	0.0
17 years	2.9	1.1	4.0	2.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.0	9.7	13.4	6.2
Asian	2.2	1.1	0.0	0.0
Black	2.2	0.0	0.7	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	18.2	14.8	24.3
White	80.4	68.2	69.1	63.3
Two or more races	0.0	2.8	2.0	5.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Idaho

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	93.5	93.9	96.2	96.1
Children with one or more recurrences	6.5	6.1	3.8	3.9
Number	**633**	**902**	**912**	**779**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.12	0.31	0.19	0.42
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.88	99.69	99.81	99.58
Number	**2,502**	**2,902**	**3,227**	**3,321**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.0	12.1	10.4	11.6
Guardianship	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.3
Reunification	80.5	79.2	80.6	79.1
Other	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**1,101**	**1,337**	**1,409**	**1,471**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	58.1	67.4	28.4	25.8
Guardianship	0.8	2.8	1.7	1.9
Reunification	31.0	20.6	53.8	56.1
Other	10.1	9.2	16.2	16.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**129**	**141**	**359**	**431**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.0	1.7	2.0	1.6
Guardianship	0.3	0.3	0.6	2.1
Reunification	77.0	74.9	76.1	74.4
Other	21.7	23.1	21.4	21.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**304**	**351**	**351**	**379**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.7	16.9	25.8	21.4
Children older than 12 at entry	80.3	83.1	74.2	78.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**66**	**77**	**89**	**98**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.9	22.7	19.2	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	10.5
Guardianship	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3
Reunification	64.6	60.0	65.4	73.2	100.0	100.0	75.0	100.0	90.9	89.5	72.7	73.7
Other	12.5	16.0	15.4	13.4	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	9.1	10.5	18.2	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**48**	**75**	**104**	**82**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**1**	**11**	**19**	**11**	**19**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	17.8	11.2	17.9	11.4	10.5	9.4	9.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.6	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.7	1.4
Reunification	0.0	50.0	100.0	100.0	85.2	75.0	79.8	72.9	80.2	81.2	82.3	81.4
Other	100.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	7.2	7.4	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**1**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**135**	**180**	**188**	**240**	**884**	**1,026**	**1,070**	**1,091**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.7	12.5	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	90.9	92.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	57.1	75.0	52.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.1	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	12.5	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**11**	**14**	**5**	**12**	**7**	**14**	**24**	**25**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	84.5	83.9	79.0	76.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.4	11.4	16.0	19.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.2	2.5	2.6	2.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	1.0	1.1	1.6
48 or more mos.	0.2	1.0	1.1	0.7
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	**886**	**1,059**	**1,136**	**1,164**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.0	81.4	83.2	82.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.9	10.1	8.9	9.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.0	8.5	7.8	8.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3
Number	**1,292**	**1,557**	**1,722**	**1,552**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.7	2.5	6.2	3.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.8	19.8	19.2	28.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	44.6	40.1	30.1	33.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.5	19.8	22.6	16.5
48 or more mos.	12.4	17.9	21.9	18.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**121**	**162**	**146**	**170**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.5	86.6	86.2	84.9	53.2	57.7	56.4	59.9	35.8	32.2	31.7	32.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.5	13.4	13.5	14.7	46.8	42.3	43.6	40.1	64.2	67.8	68.3	68.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,448**	**1,733**	**1,927**	**1,823**	**506**	**513**	**637**	**793**	**542**	**650**	**654**	**704**	**6**	**6**	**9**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.3	4.0	4.2	1.7
Institutions	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.1
Other settings	94.3	93.2	93.0	95.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**952**	**1,152**	**1,299**	**1,146**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**125.4**	**145.9**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	81.5	76.0	84.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.0	4.8	3.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	60.5	55.0	55.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.0	15.5	12.0

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**87.9**	**102.6**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	22.2	25.3	31.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.2	34.4	28.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.6	22.7	22.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	15.1	10.9	15.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	38.0	41.4	44.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.1**	**122.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.0	31.3	29.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.7	90.4	88.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	33.7	43.6	36.9

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**91.5**	**92.5**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.0	84.2	83.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	57.8	56.3	60.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	32.2	31.6	32.1

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Illinois

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	3,236,597	3,233,171	3,225,149	3,215,244
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
Black	18.3	18.1	18.0	17.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	18.8	19.4	19.9	20.4
White	57.7	57.0	56.4	55.9
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	15.8	16.8	16.4	17.1

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	28,344	29,150	29,325	27,756
Children in foster care on 9/30	21,608	19,931	19,431	18,371
Children adopted	2,707	2,227	1,837	1,740

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	134,919	41.7 per 1,000	142,727	44.1 per 1,000	146,091	45.3 per 1,000	145,633	45.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	28,344	8.8 per 1,000	29,150	9.0 per 1,000	29,325	9.1 per 1,000	27,756	8.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	61	1.9 per 100,000	85	2.6 per 100,000	68	2.1 per 100,000	58	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	13.4	13.7	13.6	14.1
1-5 years	33.5	34.2	35.0	34.8
6-10 years	28.1	27.3	26.8	27.0
11-15 years	20.7	20.9	20.7	19.7
16+ years	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.3
Unknown	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	**28,344**	**29,150**	**29,325**	**27,756**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Black	35.2	33.9	33.1	33.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	10.1	10.1	10.8
White	52.1	53.4	54.1	53.5
Two or more races	—	—	—	0.0
Unknown	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.9
Number	**28,344**	**29,150**	**29,325**	**27,756**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Medical neglect	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.7
Neglect	58.3	63.5	66.2	68.0
Physical abuse	34.8	28.3	26.5	24.7
Sexual abuse	19.2	20.3	18.9	17.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	—	—	—
Number	**28,344**	**29,150**	**29,325**	**27,756**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	14.1	13.8	12.8	13.0
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	22,814	20,693	19,819	18,899	5,794	5,669	5,718	5,004	7,002	6,472	6,106	5,533	21,608	19,931	19,431	18,371
Median length of stay (months)	39.3	35.4	33.6	31.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.1	34.5	31.0	32.3	36.2	33.6	31.7	30.7

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.6	23.0	22.8	23.7	24.1	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.3	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.3
1 year	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.4	7.5	8.3	8.2	8.0	5.8	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.3	6.4
2 years	5.2	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.4	7.2	7.5	7.3	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.6
3 years	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	6.0	5.6	5.6	6.6	7.3	6.9	7.5	5.0	5.7	5.6	5.8
4 years	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.5	6.3	5.8	6.7	6.9	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.1
5 years	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.7	5.8	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.1	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.0
6 years	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.8	5.3	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.3
7 years	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.0
8 years	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.6
9 years	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.7	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5
10 years	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.2	3.3	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.9	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.3
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.2	3.3	2.7	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.4
12 years	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.1	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.5
13 years	4.6	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.0
14 years	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.4	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.4
15 years	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.5	3.8	3.9	4.4	3.8	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.0
16 years	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.8	5.9	5.4	5.5	5.8
17 years	6.2	5.8	6.3	6.0	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.0	2.2	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
18 years	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.2	5.7	5.1	5.9	5.7
19 years	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	3.4	2.8	2.5	2.3	4.7	4.8	4.5	5.2
20+ years	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	8.3	5.0	5.6	8.1	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.3
Missing data	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	3.1	5.3	4.5	2.3	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.5	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	69.6	67.6	65.4	63.5	53.6	49.9	48.7	49.2	62.4	58.9	55.5	55.4	67.7	65.4	63.6	62.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.5	4.9	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.8
White	22.4	24.6	26.8	28.5	38.1	43.0	42.7	42.5	29.2	33.6	36.6	37.0	24.4	27.0	28.4	29.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	3,780	3,432	3,347	3,042
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,169	2,882	2,811	2,545

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.2
1 year	3.5	3.0	3.9	3.8
2 years	6.3	6.1	6.8	7.9
3 years	6.2	7.5	8.6	8.0
4 years	6.3	6.7	8.2	8.3
5 years	6.3	6.7	6.9	8.1
6 years	5.4	6.3	6.1	6.1
7 years	5.9	5.3	6.1	6.0
8 years	5.6	6.1	4.2	5.6
9 years	6.3	6.0	5.9	4.8
10 years	6.5	6.4	5.6	5.0
11 years	6.8	6.2	6.3	5.0
12 years	7.2	6.9	6.0	6.6
13 years	8.1	7.3	6.6	6.0
14 years	7.5	7.7	7.1	6.2
15 years	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2
16 years	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.8
17 years	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	69.6	67.8	64.1	63.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	4.3	5.2	6.0
White	24.6	25.4	28.1	28.2
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	2,707	2,227	1,837	1,740

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3
1 year	6.2	5.6	5.9	6.0
2 years	9.5	11.7	11.9	10.9
3 years	9.9	12.3	11.1	12.8
4 years	10.0	9.3	10.3	11.4
5 years	8.9	7.9	9.4	9.5
6 years	7.4	7.8	8.2	7.4
7 years	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.1
8 years	6.7	5.9	7.0	4.9
9 years	6.3	5.5	5.8	5.8
10 years	6.6	5.4	5.2	5.3
11 years	5.5	5.3	4.2	4.2
12 years	5.4	4.3	3.6	3.6
13 years	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.8
14 years	3.0	3.2	2.2	3.1
15 years	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.2
16 years	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.3
17 years	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.1
18 years	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
20+ years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
Black	68.4	66.1	60.5	56.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.9
White	24.0	27.3	32.6	35.9
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Unknown	3.1	2.3	2.4	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Illinois

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	92.5	92.4	92.2	92.7
Children with one or more recurrences	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.3
Number	**13,172**	**13,299**	**13,124**	**12,486**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.69	0.60	0.54	0.53
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.31	99.40	99.46	99.47
Number	**28,608**	**26,362**	**25,537**	**23,903**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	37.8	32.6	29.6	31.8
Guardianship	0.3	8.7	9.5	9.3
Reunification	41.5	41.3	44.4	42.9
Other	18.3	16.2	15.3	14.6
Missing data	2.1	1.2	1.1	1.4
Number	**7,002**	**6,472**	**6,106**	**5,533**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	38.0	31.6	30.7	27.9
Guardianship	0.4	8.3	8.9	8.0
Reunification	27.8	25.3	21.8	25.2
Other	31.7	32.1	36.6	36.1
Missing data	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.7
Number	**2,070**	**1,797**	**1,466**	**1,320**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	3.0	4.5	2.5	5.0
Guardianship	0.3	5.0	5.0	3.8
Reunification	47.4	45.0	47.3	46.8
Other	45.3	42.6	42.9	39.2
Missing data	4.1	2.9	2.4	5.2
Number	**981**	**892**	**844**	**784**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	65.1	63.4	61.1	61.4
Children older than 12 at entry	34.9	36.4	38.8	38.6
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Number	**1,238**	**1,020**	**916**	**783**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	21.4	31.6	25.0	0.0	41.8	36.5	32.1	33.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	10.9	11.9	11.4
Reunification	40.0	92.9	40.0	100.0	42.9	57.9	37.5	84.6	33.9	31.4	35.0	36.1
Other	60.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	25.0	7.7	22.0	19.7	19.5	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	12.5	7.7	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.7
Number	**5**	**14**	**5**	**2**	**14**	**19**	**8**	**13**	**4,368**	**3,812**	**3,389**	**3,067**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.0	25.2	22.5	26.8	30.2	26.8	26.5	30.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	5.6	6.4	8.4	0.5	5.2	6.5	6.4
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.0	56.7	58.3	47.7	54.9	55.7	56.4	52.5
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	12.2	12.5	16.4	12.2	11.2	9.7	9.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.7	2.2	1.1	0.8	1.1
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**377**	**337**	**360**	**298**	**2,046**	**2,174**	**2,236**	**2,047**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	43.2	36.2	38.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	7.8	8.3	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	50.0	44.8	48.1	39.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	5.7	10.3	5.6	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.0	0.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**192**	**116**	**108**	**105**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	58.5	56.6	58.8	52.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.5	17.9	18.4	20.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.2	9.9	10.1	11.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.5	4.6	5.3	5.9
48 or more mos.	9.0	8.6	6.3	7.7
Missing data	1.3	2.4	1.0	1.3
Number	**2,904**	**2,673**	**2,714**	**2,376**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.5	83.0	83.1	85.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.1	8.6	8.4	7.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	8.1	8.2	7.6
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Number	**5,794**	**5,669**	**5,718**	**5,004**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	2.4	2.2	3.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.9	10.2	11.2	11.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	18.3	23.0	23.9	22.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.3	20.0	20.4	24.2
48 or more mos.	49.3	44.4	42.3	38.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,646**	**2,110**	**1,805**	**1,758**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.6	82.3	83.4	83.0	63.7	64.4	65.2	66.2	29.9	30.1	29.8	31.4	93.2	87.1	98.1	88.9
Children with 3 or more placements	17.3	17.7	16.6	17.0	36.3	35.6	34.8	33.8	70.1	69.9	70.2	68.6	6.8	12.9	1.9	11.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,231**	**5,998**	**6,112**	**5,398**	**4,349**	**4,192**	**4,267**	**4,299**	**17,955**	**16,102**	**15,104**	**14,170**	**73**	**70**	**54**	**36**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Institutions	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.8
Other settings	98.0	98.2	98.5	98.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,680**	**4,581**	**4,554**	**3,973**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**45.7**	**51.9**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.0	46.6	42.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	13.7	13.2	14.6
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	17.7	19.8	19.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.4	16.2	15.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**77.5**	**76.9**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	12.6	13.4	14.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	43.7	43.3	41.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	16.9	15.4	16.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.0	9.6	9.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	61.6	56.8	50.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.3**	**102.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.2	23.3	24.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	99.0	98.8	98.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	77.0	76.1	71.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**91.4**	**92.7**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.4	81.0	81.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.6	65.4	66.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	34.4	34.6	36.8

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Illinois

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Illinois's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Under Data Questions, it was noted that for a small percentage of exits from foster care, the reason for discharge is missing. As a result of technical assistance received from the National Resource Center in 2007, we are in the process of fine-tuning our AFCARS submission to prevent problems such as this one from occurring in the future.

Also, under Areas Where Improvements May Be Needed, it is noted that for composite 3.2, Illinois performance in 2006 was lower than the national 25th percentile. In fact, Illinois' score of 98.8 is not only higher than the 25th percentile of 91.4 but also higher than the national median and 75th percentile scores.

The two Areas of High or Improved Performance identified for Illinois both relate to our Child and Youth Investment Team (CAYIT) program results. CAYIT, which has been fully implemented since July 2005, identifies children who are or may become unstable in their current placement setting. Based on the child's needs, the CAYIT team makes recommendations not only for placement changes but also services which may stabilize and benefit the youth.

There were several areas identified as potentially needing improvement. Most of the areas needing improvement relate to timely permanency achievement. Illinois is currently in the process of rolling out a new reunification model that will train both casework staff and foster parents to look at reunification in a different way. Additional work with birth parents before reunification and frequent involvement by case workers after reunification will allow children to return home sooner while increasing the likelihood that they will remain safely at home. For children whose goal is to return home, placement decisions will, in part, be based on whether the available foster homes will be willing to participate in the reunification process. While this new reunification model is still in its infancy, the initial data results of our focus on reunification show an improved composite score, primarily because Illinois has a low re-entry rate that has improved every year.

In addition, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) staff has had on-going dialog with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and many individual court jurisdictions in the state to discuss practices related to facilitating adoptions such as timely setting of permanency goals, permanency hearings, and ways to reduce time from termination of parental rights to finalized adoptions. Comprehensive data by court jurisdiction, including outcome results, are being prepared by the University of Illinois Child and Family Research Center. With it, both DCFS and our court partners can assess progress as well as on-going deficiencies in specific areas of the state.

Indiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,569,753	1,569,727	1,573,346	1,577,629
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Black	10.7	10.8	10.9	11.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.0	6.4	6.8
White	80.4	79.8	79.2	78.7
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1
Child population in poverty (%)	13.5	14.8	16.7	17.9

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	21,205	18,869	19,062	20,925
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,815	9,778	11,243	11,384
Children adopted	771	1,006	1,010	1,183

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	52,071	33.2 per 1,000	54,679	34.8 per 1,000	57,752	36.7 per 1,000	67,511	42.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	21,205	13.5 per 1,000	18,869	12.0 per 1,000	19,062	12.1 per 1,000	20,925	13.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	49	3.1 per 100,000	77	4.9 per 100,000	29	1.8 per 100,000	42	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.7	10.3	11.1	11.6
1-5 years	30.4	30.8	30.4	30.1
6-10 years	28.1	26.5	26.0	25.9
11-15 years	27.5	27.0	27.2	26.5
16+ years	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.8
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	**21,205**	**18,869**	**19,062**	**20,925**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	16.0	16.6	17.6	16.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	5.0	5.7	5.9
White	75.1	74.2	72.1	72.2
Two or more races	3.0	3.2	3.7	4.6
Unknown	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
Number	**21,205**	**18,869**	**19,062**	**20,925**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	—	—	—	—
Medical neglect	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.5
Neglect	66.9	70.3	70.6	72.9
Physical abuse	17.6	14.6	13.8	12.5
Sexual abuse	20.3	20.8	21.3	20.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**21,205**	**18,869**	**19,062**	**20,925**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	139.4	131.2	102.1	84.0
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	7,577	8,224	9,870	10,746	6,084	7,026	7,541	7,354	4,846	5,472	6,168	6,716	8,815	9,778	11,243	11,384
Median length of stay (months)	13.0	12.3	12.3	12.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.7	9.9	10.4	10.8	12.4	11.3	12.6	13.5

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.9	6.4	6.0	6.8	15.1	15.0	16.0	15.8	4.6	5.3	5.1	5.3	6.4	6.2	6.7	5.8
1 year	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.4	6.8	6.7	7.3	7.1	6.8	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.4	7.2	7.9
2 years	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.5	8.0	8.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.1
3 years	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.8	6.0	5.8	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.1
4 years	4.5	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.8	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.2
5 years	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.7	4.7	5.2	5.3	5.1
6 years	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.0
7 years	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.7
8 years	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.9	4.1	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5
9 years	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.1	3.9	4.9	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.3
10 years	4.6	4.7	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.4	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.9
11 years	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.4	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.0
12 years	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.5	3.7	3.7	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.2
13 years	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.0	5.3	5.3	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.0
14 years	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.3	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.7
15 years	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.1
16 years	7.0	6.6	6.0	6.0	4.8	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.6	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.8
17 years	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.4	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.2	5.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.9
18 years	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	5.0	5.8	5.6	5.7	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0
19 years	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
20+ years	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.3	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	1.7	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	1.6	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	35.9	34.7	32.4	32.2	28.0	27.8	27.6	24.7	28.7	29.9	27.2	26.2	34.4	32.4	32.1	31.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	5.3	5.2	6.0	6.3	5.5	6.3	7.1	6.2	5.8	5.2	6.4	5.4	5.2	5.9	6.5
White	54.7	55.5	57.5	56.5	61.1	61.7	60.2	61.7	61.2	59.9	62.4	62.0	55.6	57.5	56.7	56.6
Two or more races	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.8	3.8	4.2	5.3	5.8	3.2	3.7	4.6	4.9	4.0	4.2	4.8	5.4
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	2,396	2,550	3,194	3,343
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,072	977	1,642	1,556

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.1
1 year	7.2	8.5	8.1	9.9
2 years	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.6
3 years	7.5	8.0	7.3	7.3
4 years	7.0	8.3	6.9	6.4
5 years	5.8	6.2	7.1	6.4
6 years	6.2	5.7	5.5	5.9
7 years	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.7
8 years	5.3	5.1	5.6	4.7
9 years	5.1	5.4	4.9	5.4
10 years	6.3	5.2	5.1	4.6
11 years	5.4	6.2	5.1	5.4
12 years	6.4	4.9	6.0	5.2
13 years	6.0	6.0	5.1	5.7
14 years	5.5	4.8	5.4	4.8
15 years	4.8	4.9	4.4	5.0
16 years	3.3	2.7	4.6	4.5
17 years	1.8	2.1	3.1	3.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	39.9	37.6	37.0	33.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	4.7	4.7	6.1
White	49.5	52.1	53.0	53.7
Two or more races	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.9
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	771	1,006	1,010	1,183

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
1 year	5.3	8.2	7.5	7.9
2 years	11.8	12.9	16.6	14.8
3 years	9.7	10.8	10.4	11.4
4 years	7.0	8.6	9.8	9.5
5 years	5.7	7.2	7.9	8.5
6 years	7.0	6.2	6.9	7.8
7 years	5.8	6.8	6.6	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.9	6.1	6.9
9 years	5.8	4.0	4.5	4.6
10 years	6.2	4.7	4.9	3.6
11 years	6.6	5.3	4.8	3.8
12 years	5.8	4.1	3.9	3.7
13 years	5.1	3.7	2.4	3.3
14 years	4.4	3.5	2.4	2.9
15 years	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.5
16 years	2.5	2.7	1.7	1.0
17 years	1.6	1.7	0.7	1.2
18 years	0.4	0.5	<.1	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.5	0.7	<.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Black	43.8	35.0	31.8	33.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	4.2	4.1	5.5
White	49.2	53.3	56.0	54.2
Two or more races	1.9	6.8	6.8	5.7
Unknown	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Indiana

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	93.0	93.7	92.7	92.3
Children with one or more recurrences	7.0	6.3	7.3	7.7
Number	**9,485**	**8,699**	**8,502**	**9,151**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.55	0.68	0.70	0.96
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.45	99.32	99.30	99.04
Number	**13,661**	**15,250**	**17,411**	**18,100**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.9	18.0	16.2	17.6
Guardianship	8.3	7.8	8.0	7.7
Reunification	62.3	62.6	64.7	63.1
Other	6.6	7.4	11.1	11.6
Missing data	4.9	4.2	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,846**	**5,472**	**6,168**	**6,716**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	24.9	28.1	28.0	28.8
Guardianship	5.9	4.7	6.0	7.0
Reunification	48.9	49.5	50.4	44.0
Other	14.5	13.2	15.6	20.2
Missing data	5.9	4.4	0.0	0.0
Number	**442**	**612**	**583**	**598**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.1	2.8	1.9	1.6
Guardianship	7.4	6.4	6.1	6.8
Reunification	62.4	61.2	63.2	61.1
Other	18.1	21.9	28.8	30.4
Missing data	10.0	7.7	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,184**	**1,279**	**1,471**	**1,595**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.0	28.4	26.5	23.2
Children older than 12 at entry	68.3	71.2	73.5	76.2
Missing data	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.6
Number	**252**	**313**	**302**	**328**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	25.0	71.4	58.3	0.0	5.9	0.0	14.3	0.0	26.5	21.6	18.6	22.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	5.9	0.0	14.3	0.0	7.3	4.8	5.6	4.6
Reunification	50.0	14.3	33.3	50.0	82.4	81.8	64.3	66.7	55.8	61.3	62.2	59.9
Other	0.0	14.3	8.3	20.0	0.0	18.2	7.1	33.3	7.1	9.2	13.6	12.9
Missing data	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**4**	**7**	**12**	**10**	**17**	**11**	**14**	**3**	**1,392**	**1,637**	**1,675**	**1,760**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.4	13.5	13.8	15.4	14.5	16.0	14.6	15.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	4.3	7.2	7.8	4.7	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.2
Reunification	100.0	85.7	100.0	50.0	69.6	69.5	69.0	69.9	64.0	62.6	65.7	63.8
Other	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	5.4	5.7	9.4	10.0	6.8	7.1	10.4	11.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	4.1	0.0	0.0	5.6	5.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2**	**7**	**2**	**2**	**299**	**318**	**319**	**429**	**2,964**	**3,276**	**3,848**	**4,167**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	9.1	18.2	25.0	37.5	14.0	28.3	24.5	21.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	9.1	6.3	0.0	10.2	7.3	5.0	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	90.9	72.7	37.5	56.3	68.8	61.5	63.8	63.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	31.3	6.3	2.5	1.0	6.7	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**11**	**11**	**16**	**16**	**157**	**205**	**282**	**329**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	76.3	74.4	72.2	70.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.0	19.6	20.7	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	4.0	5.0	5.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	**3,018**	**3,424**	**3,992**	**4,240**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	80.9	81.2	82.1	80.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.0	9.0	7.5	8.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	9.3	9.9	10.0
Missing data	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.6
Number	**6,084**	**7,026**	**7,541**	**7,354**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.1	3.6	4.3	2.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.4	28.8	27.6	23.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.9	36.0	40.1	41.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.2	13.7	16.8	18.8
48 or more mos.	21.4	17.9	11.1	13.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**866**	**985**	**999**	**1,183**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.7	83.5	84.5	85.8	62.8	61.5	61.0	63.4	35.5	33.9	36.7	35.8	100.0	95.0	82.9	78.6
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	15.5	15.4	14.1	37.0	37.5	38.9	36.6	64.5	65.0	63.3	64.2	0.0	5.0	17.1	21.4
Missing data	0.2	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	1.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**7,093**	**8,150**	**8,909**	**8,766**	**2,959**	**3,371**	**3,976**	**4,497**	**3,586**	**3,709**	**4,491**	**4,823**	**23**	**20**	**35**	**14**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.3
Institutions	6.8	9.1	7.8	6.7
Other settings	92.0	89.5	91.4	91.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,574**	**5,301**	**5,656**	**5,488**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**121.7**	**123.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	75.5	74.3	73.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.4	6.9	6.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	40.8	41.8	41.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.9	14.0	12.4

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**115.5**	**110.4**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	32.4	31.9	26.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.3	28.2	29.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.1	22.6	25.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	15.9	15.6	14.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.2	57.3	55.5

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**120.0**	**132.8**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.1	26.4	31.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.9	94.3	95.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	41.5	45.6	39.1

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**95.6**	**97.5**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.4	83.3	84.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	62.1	61.1	63.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	34.8	37.0	36.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Iowa

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	714,436	711,234	709,859	710,194
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Black	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	5.6	5.9	6.2
White	87.7	87.2	86.7	86.3
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1
Child population in poverty (%)	12.1	12.4	14.0	13.7

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	13,303	13,804	14,016	14,589
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,011	5,384	6,794	9,040
Children adopted	1,130	1,061	947	984

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	36,544	51.2 per 1,000	37,163	52.3 per 1,000	38,038	53.6 per 1,000	38,767	54.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	13,303	18.6 per 1,000	13,804	19.4 per 1,000	14,016	19.7 per 1,000	14,589	20.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	16	2.2 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000	9	1.3 per 100,000	6	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.2	9.8	10.4	11.5
1-5 years	37.2	38.0	39.1	38.3
6-10 years	26.2	26.2	26.0	26.5
11-15 years	20.5	20.5	19.8	18.7
16+ years	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.0
Unknown	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.0
Number	**13,303**	**13,804**	**14,016**	**14,589**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0
Asian	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8
Black	8.3	7.9	8.8	9.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	4.7	5.6	5.6
White	69.8	69.4	67.0	64.7
Two or more races	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.2
Unknown	13.9	14.6	15.1	17.2
Number	**13,303**	**13,804**	**14,016**	**14,589**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.7
Medical neglect	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.0
Neglect	74.0	75.4	78.5	79.4
Physical abuse	15.5	14.2	13.4	12.9
Sexual abuse	6.7	6.2	5.8	5.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.4	11.1	9.9	10.4
Number	**13,303**	**13,804**	**14,016**	**14,589**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	2.9	2.3	2.1	1.2
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	4,998	4,906	4,738	8,728	5,736	5,962	6,781	5,591	5,723	5,484	4,725	5,279	5,011	5,384	6,794	9,040
Median length of stay (months)	11.5	10.5	11.1	11.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.9	3.9	5.3	14.1	9.9	10.4	7.7	11.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.4	8.0	8.8	9.8	12.1	3.4	4.2	3.8	1.8	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.7
1 year	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.9	5.2	4.9	6.2	6.6	5.4	5.3	5.6	6.0	5.2	4.7	6.1	6.7
2 years	4.8	4.4	4.6	5.7	4.4	4.6	5.8	6.1	5.1	5.2	5.5	6.0	4.4	4.6	5.6	5.8
3 years	3.8	3.7	3.9	5.5	3.7	4.0	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.5	5.0	5.7	3.7	3.8	5.2	5.7
4 years	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.6	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.9
5 years	3.1	3.2	3.4	4.5	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.6	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.6	3.4	3.3	4.2	4.3
6 years	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.9	3.0	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.2
7 years	2.8	3.2	2.9	4.0	2.7	2.9	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.0	3.1	2.8	3.8	3.8
8 years	2.9	2.6	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.3	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.9	4.0	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.3
9 years	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.4	3.1	3.5	2.7	3.3	3.3
10 years	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.2
11 years	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.2	3.9	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.0	3.0	4.2	3.9	3.2	3.3
12 years	5.3	5.2	4.7	4.5	5.5	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.3	3.3	5.3	4.5	4.5	3.4
13 years	6.5	6.7	6.6	5.2	7.5	7.3	5.8	5.0	6.1	6.0	4.3	3.6	6.6	6.2	5.5	4.9
14 years	8.8	8.5	9.0	7.2	9.8	10.0	8.2	7.8	7.3	7.6	7.2	5.0	8.8	9.2	7.2	6.7
15 years	10.8	11.3	10.1	9.7	11.3	11.4	10.5	9.3	10.2	9.0	9.7	6.6	11.4	10.9	9.7	8.9
16 years	10.8	12.6	12.5	11.4	11.6	11.9	10.0	9.9	11.0	11.3	10.8	8.6	12.2	13.0	11.0	11.2
17 years	10.2	10.2	11.2	9.9	7.7	8.3	5.9	6.0	14.0	13.4	12.3	15.6	9.8	11.5	9.5	10.4
18 years	1.2	1.3	1.4	0.8	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	2.9	4.6	6.1	7.2	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.2
19 years	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
20+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.6	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.2	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.7
Asian	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Black	11.9	13.1	13.6	13.0	11.2	11.3	12.6	12.8	10.9	10.8	11.9	11.2	12.3	13.5	13.8	13.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.6	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.2	6.2	6.3	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.0	5.1	5.6	5.7
White	70.1	74.8	75.4	73.6	71.0	75.9	71.5	68.0	70.2	75.8	73.9	73.8	71.0	75.0	72.6	70.0
Two or more races	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.8
Unknown	1.6	0.6	1.3	2.9	3.1	2.2	4.1	6.8	2.5	1.8	2.7	3.7	2.3	1.2	3.2	4.8
Missing data	7.4	0.9	0.1	0.5	5.2	1.1	0.6	1.0	7.0	1.2	0.4	0.6	5.4	0.8	0.5	0.7

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,131	1,139	1,265	1,432
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	947	945	1,027	1,142

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.7	3.1	4.1	2.9
1 year	7.3	8.4	8.4	10.1
2 years	8.4	7.3	8.5	9.1
3 years	5.7	6.4	7.9	9.1
4 years	6.5	6.6	6.9	7.8
5 years	4.7	6.3	5.6	5.4
6 years	5.8	5.4	4.9	6.7
7 years	5.2	4.7	5.5	5.9
8 years	5.0	5.4	5.1	6.1
9 years	5.6	5.0	5.5	4.1
10 years	4.9	5.6	4.6	4.0
11 years	6.0	5.6	4.1	4.5
12 years	6.2	5.3	5.5	3.2
13 years	5.7	5.3	4.7	4.4
14 years	6.2	5.2	4.7	4.2
15 years	5.2	6.0	5.4	3.8
16 years	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.6
17 years	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.1
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.8	2.9	1.9	2.9
Asian	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6
Black	13.4	18.8	17.5	16.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	5.6	7.5	7.3
White	67.8	69.1	67.7	66.1
Two or more races	1.0	1.9	1.9	2.2
Unknown	2.2	0.5	2.4	3.6
Missing data	5.7	0.5	0.2	0.5

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,130	1,061	947	984

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.9	2.4	2.9	1.4
1 year	12.0	11.8	12.2	12.4
2 years	11.7	12.7	12.9	14.1
3 years	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.6
4 years	9.6	8.8	9.6	10.5
5 years	8.4	7.3	8.1	6.0
6 years	6.5	7.2	7.9	6.4
7 years	5.3	5.7	6.0	7.3
8 years	4.5	6.1	4.9	5.6
9 years	4.9	5.3	5.5	6.2
10 years	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.4
11 years	4.4	3.8	3.1	3.2
12 years	4.2	3.9	3.4	2.9
13 years	3.2	4.1	2.4	2.4
14 years	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.0
15 years	1.9	1.4	2.0	1.6
16 years	1.3	0.9	0.6	1.1
17 years	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.8
18 years	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.5	2.6	2.4	1.9
Asian	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.8
Black	15.0	11.5	16.2	15.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	7.4	9.2	6.0	8.8
White	67.9	71.3	69.8	65.7
Two or more races	1.9	3.8	3.0	4.9
Unknown	1.5	0.5	1.2	2.0
Missing data	1.8	0.3	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Iowa

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	88.6	90.0	90.6	90.1
Children with one or more recurrences	11.4	10.0	9.4	9.9
Number	**5,808**	**6,358**	**6,116**	**6,518**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.68	0.37	0.30	0.30
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.32	99.63	99.70	99.70
Number	**10,734**	**10,868**	**11,519**	**14,319**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	18.9	18.5	19.1	17.6
Guardianship	0.7	0.6	1.1	5.9
Reunification	72.6	74.3	72.5	68.2
Other	7.7	6.7	7.3	8.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**5,723**	**5,484**	**4,725**	**5,279**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	36.8	30.5	32.8	28.3
Guardianship	0.1	1.0	0.5	4.4
Reunification	50.3	57.1	51.3	51.6
Other	12.7	11.4	15.4	15.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,400**	**1,467**	**928**	**1,613**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.6	1.2	1.5	0.9
Guardianship	0.4	0.7	0.7	3.4
Reunification	84.5	86.6	84.4	79.4
Other	13.4	11.5	13.3	16.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,641**	**2,599**	**2,181**	**2,099**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.0	18.5	15.2	20.8
Children older than 12 at entry	79.0	81.5	84.8	79.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**291**	**319**	**342**	**433**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	33.1	22.1	22.3	24.4	14.9	7.9	17.6	15.4	24.8	19.2	25.2	25.6
Guardianship	1.7	2.9	1.0	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	0.3	0.8	1.1	4.7
Reunification	53.7	63.5	71.8	53.8	76.6	76.2	70.6	65.4	66.0	73.1	67.7	61.0
Other	11.6	11.5	4.9	11.5	8.5	15.9	11.8	5.8	8.9	6.9	6.0	8.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**121**	**104**	**103**	**78**	**47**	**63**	**51**	**52**	**621**	**594**	**563**	**590**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.0	16.7	21.4	14.3	24.2	30.0	19.4	22.8	17.2	17.0	18.1	15.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.3	0.0	1.4	6.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	6.0
Reunification	80.0	75.0	78.6	78.6	71.0	65.5	73.7	67.3	74.4	75.7	72.9	69.4
Other	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	4.5	4.5	5.5	3.1	7.6	6.7	7.9	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**10**	**12**	**14**	**14**	**310**	**313**	**289**	**324**	**4,020**	**4,156**	**3,491**	**3,898**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.8	12.4	9.4	15.7	25.5	44.2	37.7	35.9	20.9	30.9	0.0	5.9
Guardianship	1.4	0.0	3.9	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	4.3	0.5	1.5	0.0	5.9
Reunification	77.2	86.6	84.3	78.7	72.5	51.9	56.5	54.3	70.4	58.8	100.0	76.5
Other	7.6	1.0	2.4	2.5	2.0	3.9	4.3	5.4	8.3	8.8	0.0	11.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**145**	**97**	**127**	**197**	**51**	**77**	**69**	**92**	**398**	**68**	**18**	**34**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	81.3	85.0	80.8	58.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.6	10.7	14.5	30.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.0	2.2	2.4	7.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	0.6	0.8	2.1
48 or more mos.	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.9
Missing data	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.0
Number	**4,157**	**4,072**	**3,425**	**3,601**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	65.2	66.1	70.9	82.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	24.5	22.6	18.4	10.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.4	10.8	10.1	6.6
Missing data	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.1
Number	**5,736**	**5,962**	**6,781**	**5,591**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	23.7	31.6	32.3	6.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.6	33.5	34.2	44.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	24.3	23.6	21.2	31.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	8.4	5.2	6.8	11.5
48 or more mos.	5.7	5.5	4.5	6.3
Missing data	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.1
Number	**1,084**	**1,013**	**903**	**927**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.2	89.3	91.3	86.8	56.6	57.2	57.4	61.7	28.3	27.0	27.7	31.1	97.8	98.1	98.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.8	10.7	8.7	13.2	43.4	42.8	42.6	38.3	71.7	73.0	72.3	68.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,621**	**6,876**	**7,539**	**6,846**	**2,071**	**2,020**	**2,058**	**4,177**	**1,996**	**1,919**	**1,871**	**3,293**	**46**	**53**	**51**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	16.7	15.2	10.2	2.0
Institutions	4.2	4.0	2.8	1.5
Other settings	79.1	80.8	87.1	96.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,941**	**3,005**	**3,677**	**3,388**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**100.9**	**87.6**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	82.1	76.0	68.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.5	5.0	7.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	61.3	57.2	39.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	29.8	28.1	27.3

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.0**	**99.2**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	65.4	67.4	51.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	18.4	18.2	23.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.2	22.6	22.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.5	3.8	1.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	51.2	43.0	32.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**123.9**	**133.3**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.0	22.7	30.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.2	97.8	96.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.0	34.1	32.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**94.7**	**94.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	87.6	90.3	85.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	57.1	57.3	61.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.8	27.4	31.0

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Iowa

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Iowa's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

The Iowa Department of Human Services has implemented Better Results for Kids, a redesign of its child welfare system that emphasizes family engagement, improved assessment and increased flexibility. As a result we have begun to see improvements in some of the CFSR outcome measures but there is still room for improvement.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): Iowa has been experiencing a rise in the number of child victims in recent years. Recent data suggests that this trend is leveling off or reversing, but it is still too early to be sure.

Recent policy clarifications on reporting of race and ethnicity have been made to better reflect federal guidance. Workers are no longer making assumptions about race causing an increase in the unknown category.

Section C (Children in Foster Care): The increase in the number of children in care between the last day of FY2005 (6794) and the first day of FY2006 (8728) is due to changes in the SACWIS system that brought reporting in line with the federal definition of foster care, including the addition of children in kinship care.

Outcome Measure 1.1: Recurrence of maltreatment was noted as a problem in the CFSR. Iowa has been working hard to reduce reabuse rates. Data shows some progress but there is still work to be done.

Outcome Measure 3.4: The state has initiated programs to support children who age out of foster care, including after care, education and training vouchers (ETV), preparation for adult living (PAL) and Medicaid for independent young adults (MIYA). This may be causing some children to remain in foster care till age 18 to take advantage of these programs. Further research is needed in this area.

Outcome Measure 7.1: The state instituted a Medicaid waiver that provided SED children access to mental health services. Previously these children would have entered child welfare to access needed mental health services. In addition, a cap on funding for group care created a focus on group care. As a result, alternative services have been identified and used more frequently thereby reducing group care usage over all and for younger children in particular.

Permanency Composite 1 measure C1.1: The change in the rate of reunification in less than twelve months has dropped in part due to changes in the SACWIS that allowed better reporting of a child's experience in out of home care including trial home visit periods.

Permanency Composite 1 measure C1.4: Foster care re¬entry is decreasing, however there is still need for improvement. We have recently redesigned safety and permanency service contracts in an effort to focus on timely permanency and reduce re¬entry.

Permanency Composite 2, measure C2.1: Substance abuse related cases, particularly methamphetamine, are contributing to the increased time to adoption as families, courts, case managers and others try to strike a balance between reunification and other permanency options for children.

Permanency Composite 2, measure C2.4 and C2.5: Past success in adoptions for children have left Iowa with a greater proportion of children with higher needs that are more difficult to place.

Kansas

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	703,669	699,975	696,417	695,837
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Asian	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1
Black	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	11.9	12.4	12.8
White	75.7	75.2	74.6	74.2
Two or more races	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	14.2	12.5	15.1	15.6

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	5,682	4,895	2,775	2,630
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,781	6,060	5,835	6,393
Children adopted	546	653	649	524

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	24,250	34.5 per 1,000	24,140	34.5 per 1,000	21,240	30.5 per 1,000	22,688	32.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	5,682	8.1 per 1,000	4,895	7.0 per 1,000	2,775	4.0 per 1,000	2,630	3.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	0.7 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000	6	0.9 per 100,000	5	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.8	7.2	7.0	6.7
1-5 years	34.7	34.3	36.5	33.4
6-10 years	28.9	27.8	27.9	27.6
11-15 years	24.1	24.6	23.5	26.0
16+ years	5.1	5.6	4.8	6.2
Unknown	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2
Number	**5,682**	**4,895**	**2,775**	**2,630**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.3
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	14.9	12.1	13.3	13.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.7	3.9	3.9
White	73.7	75.4	75.4	76.3
Two or more races	2.1	2.5	2.6	3.1
Unknown	5.9	6.3	3.7	1.9
Number	**5,682**	**4,895**	**2,775**	**2,630**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	18.2	16.0	15.4	17.2
Medical neglect	2.5	2.4	2.9	2.6
Neglect	26.5	25.7	21.4	22.3
Physical abuse	25.7	25.3	21.7	19.9
Sexual abuse	15.2	16.6	23.4	25.5
Unknown	0.8	1.2	2.3	1.5
Other	22.2	23.8	22.8	23.7
Number	**5,682**	**4,895**	**2,775**	**2,630**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	18.4	18.3	69.4	67.2
Median	<24	<24	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	5,389	5,237	5,656	5,539	2,677	3,038	3,119	3,506	2,285	2,216	2,940	2,652	5,781	6,060	5,835	6,393
Median length of stay (months)	16.8	15.8	14.3	13.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.7	20.0	17.5	15.8	16.1	14.3	13.6	13.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.3	10.9	11.9	11.9	12.3	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.1	3.1	3.6	4.2	4.5
1 year	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.8	6.0	5.6	6.6	5.8	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.9	6.1
2 years	5.0	5.3	5.4	6.0	4.7	5.3	6.0	5.1	6.0	5.7	5.3	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.9	5.2
3 years	5.3	4.6	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.8	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.5
4 years	5.2	4.7	4.6	5.1	3.7	4.3	4.9	4.3	5.6	4.6	5.4	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.9
5 years	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.2	5.1
6 years	4.0	3.9	4.6	4.2	3.0	3.9	3.7	4.6	3.0	4.6	4.9	4.5	3.8	4.5	4.1	4.2
7 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.4
8 years	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.2	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.0	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9
9 years	4.8	4.0	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.9	3.9	2.9	3.8	3.7	3.1	4.1
10 years	5.1	4.7	3.9	3.8	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	2.6	4.5	3.7	3.8	3.3
11 years	4.9	5.1	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.4	2.8	5.0	4.3	3.6	3.8
12 years	4.9	5.4	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.0	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.2
13 years	5.3	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.8	6.2	6.1	5.1	3.7	4.2	4.1	3.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.3
14 years	7.4	6.7	7.2	7.3	9.0	8.4	7.8	7.4	5.8	5.1	5.2	5.7	6.8	7.2	7.0	6.4
15 years	8.1	8.6	7.8	8.6	10.2	9.5	9.6	9.5	6.9	5.4	6.1	6.8	8.6	8.0	8.7	8.3
16 years	9.8	9.2	9.9	9.3	9.2	8.8	8.3	8.9	8.1	8.5	8.1	7.7	9.2	10.0	9.2	9.7
17 years	7.8	8.8	8.5	9.2	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.7	11.1	8.9	7.4	11.2	9.3	8.6	9.3	9.4
18 years	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.8	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	9.9	13.0	12.6	13.8	2.1	2.4	2.0	1.4
19 years	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2
20+ years	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Black	20.5	21.4	20.1	20.6	16.3	14.3	14.5	15.0	13.6	15.3	14.9	15.6	21.3	20.0	19.8	19.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	5.2	5.9	6.6	4.2	5.7	5.6	7.2	4.5	4.6	6.0	6.0	4.9	5.7	5.7	7.1
White	68.0	66.0	66.8	67.2	68.5	72.0	72.6	72.2	74.9	72.6	72.8	71.5	65.5	66.5	66.9	68.1
Two or more races	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.6	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.4	2.7	3.3	2.4
Unknown	3.2	3.9	3.1	1.6	5.9	3.9	2.4	1.0	3.3	4.4	2.9	1.8	4.5	3.7	2.8	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,958	1,924	1,811	2,032
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,403	1,370	1,188	1,359

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.8
1 year	5.4	5.1	5.2	6.4
2 years	5.6	5.7	7.0	5.9
3 years	5.3	5.8	6.1	7.5
4 years	6.1	5.1	6.0	6.1
5 years	5.8	6.0	5.5	6.7
6 years	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.0
7 years	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.5
8 years	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.3
9 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.4
10 years	7.0	5.3	5.4	4.7
11 years	7.6	7.1	5.2	5.5
12 years	7.2	7.9	6.8	5.4
13 years	6.2	6.8	7.9	6.5
14 years	5.6	7.5	7.0	7.2
15 years	7.2	5.9	7.2	6.7
16 years	4.3	5.4	4.1	5.0
17 years	4.3	2.7	3.3	2.6
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3
Asian	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1
Black	29.9	27.8	28.5	26.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.6	5.1	5.6
White	59.3	60.3	58.0	62.6
Two or more races	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.5
Unknown	2.9	2.7	3.1	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	546	653	649	524

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.3
1 year	7.0	6.9	7.9	8.2
2 years	11.9	9.8	9.4	13.9
3 years	11.7	9.5	9.4	10.5
4 years	12.1	8.9	9.1	10.3
5 years	9.9	9.2	8.2	6.9
6 years	5.5	8.7	7.2	8.2
7 years	5.1	6.7	8.0	6.7
8 years	4.8	6.1	6.5	5.0
9 years	3.8	6.6	5.1	5.0
10 years	4.0	5.1	4.6	5.2
11 years	5.1	6.9	5.4	3.2
12 years	5.5	5.4	5.2	3.4
13 years	2.9	3.7	3.9	4.6
14 years	5.1	2.5	3.7	3.4
15 years	2.2	2.1	2.8	1.7
16 years	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.3
17 years	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.4
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3	1.5	1.5
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.2
Black	21.1	23.9	20.8	22.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.8	3.7	4.5	5.0
White	68.3	68.8	71.6	66.6
Two or more races	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.6
Unknown	4.2	2.1	0.3	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Kansas

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	92.9	93.5	94.6	96.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	6.5	5.4	3.2
Number	**2,555**	**2,540**	**1,225**	**1,242**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.57	0.53	0.13	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.43	99.47	99.87	99.89
Number	**8,066**	**8,275**	**8,775**	**9,045**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	19.2	25.3	22.1	18.9
Guardianship	9.1	6.5	6.7	8.5
Reunification	56.8	52.7	57.3	53.2
Other	14.1	15.5	13.7	19.2
Missing data	0.9	<.1	0.2	0.2
Number	**2,285**	**2,216**	**2,940**	**2,652**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	90.8	94.5	88.2	70.7
Guardianship	0.4	1.4	1.1	2.8
Reunification	5.4	1.7	6.1	13.0
Other	2.3	2.5	4.6	13.5
Missing data	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**260**	**363**	**458**	**399**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.6
Guardianship	6.4	5.3	7.3	9.0
Reunification	59.6	61.7	61.1	53.7
Other	30.5	32.1	29.3	36.4
Missing data	2.4	0.1	0.6	0.4
Number	**859**	**812**	**1,040**	**1,048**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.7	20.8	21.4	24.5
Children older than 12 at entry	83.3	79.2	78.6	75.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**233**	**259**	**299**	**421**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	5.3	11.1	35.7	19.5	0.0	22.2	27.8	6.3	24.8	39.2	31.1	27.7
Guardianship	15.8	11.1	3.6	9.8	0.0	22.2	0.0	12.5	10.3	4.4	6.4	6.7
Reunification	31.6	44.4	50.0	43.9	60.0	33.3	66.7	62.5	48.2	40.4	44.2	41.4
Other	47.4	33.3	10.7	24.4	20.0	22.2	5.6	18.8	15.4	15.9	18.3	23.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**19**	**18**	**28**	**41**	**5**	**9**	**18**	**16**	**311**	**339**	**437**	**415**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	13.9	17.7	16.3	18.5	23.9	21.6	17.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	3.0	5.7	3.8	9.1	7.3	6.9	9.0
Reunification	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	60.2	64.4	61.1	56.3	57.9	53.4	58.3	55.6
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	15.5	18.8	14.9	23.8	13.7	15.4	13.0	18.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.8	<.1	0.2	0.1
Number	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**103**	**101**	**175**	**160**	**1,711**	**1,609**	**2,139**	**1,897**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	19.7	19.4	2.4	42.9	20.0	15.0	5.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	7.9	3.1	6.0	0.0	6.7	2.5	10.2	20.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	59.2	69.4	82.1	44.9	66.7	67.5	76.3	59.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	13.2	8.2	9.5	12.2	6.7	15.0	8.5	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**76**	**98**	**84**	**49**	**60**	**40**	**59**	**74**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	43.9	44.9	46.9	56.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	36.2	35.8	36.5	32.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.1	10.7	11.3	8.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.9	5.0	2.7	1.9
48 or more mos.	2.6	3.1	2.3	1.3
Missing data	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0
Number	**1,297**	**1,168**	**1,686**	**1,411**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	88.2	86.7	87.3	86.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.4	3.6	3.9	5.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.5	6.5	6.2	7.2
Missing data	2.9	3.3	2.6	1.7
Number	**2,677**	**3,038**	**3,119**	**3,506**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	3.8	3.1	2.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.4	18.8	26.0	23.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	32.9	28.4	31.7	36.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	30.4	25.2	18.6	19.9
48 or more mos.	21.5	23.9	20.5	17.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**438**	**560**	**649**	**502**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	69.4	70.1	73.6	73.0	47.5	45.7	47.9	50.4	22.1	21.3	21.9	23.4	69.6	82.1	63.6	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	29.3	27.3	25.1	26.3	50.9	51.4	49.1	47.0	75.1	75.3	75.5	73.9	30.4	17.9	27.3	100.0
Missing data	1.3	2.6	1.3	0.7	1.6	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.8	3.4	2.7	2.6	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0
Number	**3,010**	**3,330**	**3,602**	**4,041**	**2,047**	**2,112**	**2,401**	**2,343**	**2,986**	**2,805**	**2,750**	**2,658**	**23**	**28**	**22**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.4
Institutions	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.4
Other settings	97.3	98.0	98.8	98.1
Missing data	0.1	0.5	<.1	<.1
Number	**1,457**	**1,679**	**1,772**	**2,040**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**115.9**	**119.8**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	57.2	61.0	66.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.5	9.3	8.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	20.6	28.9	28.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	6.7	7.0	7.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**86.4**	**85.0**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	22.5	29.2	25.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.6	30.9	31.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.6	23.7	18.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	9.2	7.4	10.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	25.8	28.1	30.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**123.9**	**113.5**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.2	29.8	22.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	88.6	90.9	84.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	38.8	36.7	35.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**77.1**	**78.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.0	73.7	72.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.3	49.3	52.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	22.3	22.9	24.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Kentucky

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	992,383	993,209	995,888	999,531
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Black	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.8
White	85.7	85.4	85.2	85.0
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0
Child population in poverty (%)	23.9	25.0	22.5	22.8

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	18,178	19,186	19,474	19,833
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,888	6,998	7,220	7,606
Children adopted	612	805	876	759

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	69,201	69.7 per 1,000	73,375	73.9 per 1,000	75,625	75.9 per 1,000	77,035	77.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	18,178	18.3 per 1,000	19,186	19.3 per 1,000	19,474	19.6 per 1,000	19,833	19.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	0.6 per 100,000	38	3.8 per 100,000	29	2.9 per 100,000	36	3.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.7	10.2	11.0	11.8
1-5 years	34.4	34.8	35.3	34.8
6-10 years	27.7	27.6	26.8	26.5
11-15 years	22.9	22.3	22.0	21.4
16+ years	5.3	5.1	4.9	5.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**18,178**	**19,186**	**19,474**	**19,833**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	12.9	12.5	13.1	14.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.3	1.5	1.9	2.1
White	73.4	74.5	73.1	72.4
Two or more races	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.8
Unknown	10.7	8.9	9.0	8.5
Number	**18,178**	**19,186**	**19,474**	**19,833**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	79.2	82.8	85.0	87.2
Physical abuse	17.5	14.9	12.4	11.0
Sexual abuse	5.9	4.8	5.1	4.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**18,178**	**19,186**	**19,474**	**19,833**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	56.5	41.8	44.9	41.4
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	6,392	6,529	6,764	6,981	5,476	5,561	5,950	6,315	4,980	5,092	5,494	5,690	6,888	6,998	7,220	7,606
Median length of stay (months)	14.5	13.8	13.1	12.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.9	7.6	7.6	7.1	13.0	12.8	11.8	12.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.9	4.7	5.3	5.4	12.6	13.3	13.6	14.5	5.4	6.1	6.2	7.3	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.6
1 year	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.2	7.1	7.0	5.3	5.7	6.0	5.8
2 years	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.9	5.9	5.3	5.4	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.6	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.2
3 years	4.6	4.2	4.7	4.1	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.0	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.8	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.0
4 years	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.1	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.8
5 years	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.3	4.9	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5
6 years	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.6
7 years	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.6	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.8	4.4	4.6	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.5
8 years	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.2	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.3
9 years	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.1
10 years	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.2
11 years	4.6	3.9	4.1	3.5	3.9	4.2	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6
12 years	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.3	4.9	4.6	4.5	3.7
13 years	5.6	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.4	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.0
14 years	7.0	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.3	4.8	5.2	4.5	4.6	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.1
15 years	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.3	7.3	7.6	9.0	6.0	5.4	5.6	5.7	8.6	8.5	8.7	9.4
16 years	8.9	10.0	9.7	10.0	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.9	6.5	6.0	6.1	6.1	9.7	9.6	9.7	10.7
17 years	8.9	9.1	10.1	10.4	5.7	5.1	5.1	6.1	10.8	7.5	6.7	9.8	9.2	10.4	10.4	10.5
18 years	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	3.9	7.3	8.8	6.4	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.5
19 years	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4
20+ years	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	18.1	17.7	18.4	19.1	14.0	14.5	15.7	16.3	14.4	13.5	14.7	15.7	17.5	18.2	19.0	19.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	0.8	0.8	3.0	0.5	0.6	0.6	3.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	3.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	3.5
White	74.3	74.9	74.5	71.5	75.8	76.9	74.5	72.5	75.6	78.1	76.8	74.3	74.6	74.1	72.8	70.2
Two or more races	3.4	4.4	4.1	4.7	3.5	2.7	4.2	4.0	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.7
Unknown	3.1	1.9	1.9	1.6	5.8	5.0	4.7	3.2	6.1	3.7	3.8	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.8	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	2,035	1,969	2,125	2,083
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	14	13	1,213	1,257

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8
1 year	4.3	5.9	5.4	5.9
2 years	5.8	5.5	5.5	6.5
3 years	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.8
4 years	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.3
5 years	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.7
6 years	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.6
7 years	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.9
8 years	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.7
9 years	6.0	5.0	4.1	4.6
10 years	6.0	4.9	5.2	4.6
11 years	6.7	6.1	4.8	5.7
12 years	7.1	6.0	6.5	5.3
13 years	7.7	7.7	7.2	6.9
14 years	7.9	8.7	9.4	7.1
15 years	7.6	8.7	9.2	10.0
16 years	5.7	6.4	7.8	8.3
17 years	2.3	3.7	4.6	5.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	17.4	18.3	20.4	20.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	0.8	1.0	3.7
White	74.3	72.8	70.8	68.0
Two or more races	5.1	5.7	5.0	5.3
Unknown	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	612	805	876	759

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.8	1.4	0.9	1.3
1 year	6.2	5.7	8.3	9.2
2 years	7.0	9.2	11.1	10.8
3 years	8.3	9.1	8.7	9.2
4 years	8.2	7.6	8.0	8.3
5 years	8.8	7.0	7.0	7.6
6 years	5.1	6.2	8.0	5.7
7 years	5.7	8.4	6.1	7.0
8 years	5.6	6.0	5.0	4.9
9 years	6.0	6.0	4.7	4.3
10 years	5.4	6.6	5.0	4.5
11 years	6.0	5.8	5.0	5.0
12 years	6.9	4.5	5.8	3.0
13 years	5.1	4.8	2.5	5.0
14 years	4.2	3.6	2.7	4.3
15 years	3.4	3.7	4.6	3.8
16 years	2.6	2.9	3.8	2.6
17 years	2.3	1.5	2.5	2.9
18 years	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Black	26.1	17.8	13.1	16.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.8	4.2	3.3	4.0
White	70.6	71.9	74.7	71.3
Two or more races	0.2	5.6	6.8	5.3
Unknown	0.2	0.5	1.6	2.6
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Kentucky

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.6	92.2	93.0	93.0
Children with one or more recurrences	8.4	7.8	7.0	7.0
Number	**6,738**	**7,343**	**7,438**	**7,486**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.57	0.37	0.53	0.23
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.43	99.63	99.47	99.77
Number	**11,868**	**12,090**	**12,714**	**13,296**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.6	14.3	16.0	13.3
Guardianship	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Reunification	68.8	68.4	72.4	74.4
Other	9.7	10.0	11.0	11.7
Missing data	8.3	6.7	0.0	<.1
Number	**4,980**	**5,092**	**5,494**	**5,690**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	30.9	27.3	29.5	33.8
Guardianship	6.5	2.3	2.1	1.4
Reunification	38.1	43.8	36.3	35.8
Other	19.4	23.4	32.2	29.1
Missing data	5.0	3.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**139**	**128**	**146**	**148**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.5
Guardianship	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.6
Reunification	68.2	68.2	69.0	68.6
Other	23.9	25.4	27.6	29.2
Missing data	5.4	3.8	0.0	<.1
Number	**1,596**	**1,599**	**1,724**	**1,851**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.9	20.1	19.1	15.6
Children older than 12 at entry	81.1	79.9	80.9	84.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**419**	**472**	**544**	**591**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	18.3	16.8	14.4	14.4
Guardianship	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.2
Reunification	87.5	66.7	50.0	50.0	66.7	88.9	66.7	66.7	56.1	59.6	68.7	71.5
Other	0.0	0.0	20.0	50.0	0.0	11.1	16.7	33.3	12.4	15.8	16.0	13.8
Missing data	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3	7.2	0.0	0.1
Number	**8**	**9**	**10**	**4**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**6**	**715**	**685**	**806**	**891**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.9	35.0	25.0	17.4	11.9	13.8	16.0	12.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	51.3	55.0	66.7	76.2	70.4	69.5	72.9	74.9
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	10.0	8.3	6.4	9.7	9.4	10.5	11.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	6.6	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**39**	**40**	**36**	**172**	**3,765**	**3,979**	**4,219**	**4,230**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.6	4.8	8.2	12.1	22.9	22.2	29.0	17.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	1.0	2.7	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	82.8	85.1	86.5	80.6	61.8	61.1	63.8	71.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.3	3.7	4.8	6.7	8.3	6.1	6.3	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	9.2	3.7	0.0	0.0	6.9	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**303**	**188**	**208**	**165**	**144**	**180**	**207**	**219**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	79.4	78.6	79.2	80.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.8	15.4	15.3	15.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.7
48 or more mos.	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.4
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1
Number	**3,424**	**3,481**	**3,975**	**4,235**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.3	79.7	80.7	80.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	11.6	9.4	9.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.7	8.4	9.6	9.2
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Number	**5,476**	**5,561**	**5,950**	**6,315**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	4.9	4.1	3.2	3.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.9	18.3	25.8	27.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.1	28.2	35.6	33.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.4	22.0	17.6	16.5
48 or more mos.	37.6	25.7	17.8	20.2
Missing data	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0
Number	**628**	**728**	**880**	**758**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.5	87.5	87.4	86.2	59.0	58.5	57.7	57.1	33.1	31.5	29.4	25.5	90.5	97.6	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.5	12.5	12.6	13.6	41.0	41.5	42.3	42.9	66.9	68.5	70.6	74.5	9.5	2.4	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,411**	**6,441**	**6,997**	**7,433**	**2,199**	**2,384**	**2,522**	**2,727**	**3,237**	**3,223**	**3,174**	**3,128**	**21**	**42**	**21**	**8**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Institutions	10.6	11.1	11.8	13.5
Other settings	89.4	88.9	88.2	86.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,487**	**3,666**	**3,889**	**3,992**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.1**	**129.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	75.7	76.9	77.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.5	5.3	5.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.6	33.4	55.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.9	15.9	13.4

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**123.1**	**129.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	22.8	29.0	30.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.4	31.3	30.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.0	27.4	24.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	0.1	23.6	20.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	100.0	44.3	56.4

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**129.4**	**127.5**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.0	30.4	26.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	94.1	91.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	33.9	33.6	30.1

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**92.5**	**89.8**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.1	86.2	85.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	58.6	57.7	57.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	30.9	29.1	25.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Louisiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,181,619	1,174,289	1,167,629	1,090,001
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Black	40.0	40.0	40.1	38.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0
White	54.1	53.8	53.6	55.2
Two or more races	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Child population in poverty (%)	29.8	30.0	28.4	27.8

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	11,432	10,862	12,366	12,472
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,541	4,397	4,833	5,213
Children adopted	497	455	469	466

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	41,726	35.3 per 1,000	39,337	33.5 per 1,000	44,630	38.2 per 1,000	41,795	38.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	11,432	9.7 per 1,000	10,862	9.3 per 1,000	12,366	10.6 per 1,000	12,472	11.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	43	3.6 per 100,000	18	1.5 per 100,000	21	1.8 per 100,000	37	3.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.5	8.4	9.3	11.0
1-5 years	32.8	33.6	32.4	32.8
6-10 years	28.8	28.4	27.2	26.4
11-15 years	25.0	24.8	23.8	23.3
16+ years	5.0	4.8	5.4	4.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.8
Number	**11,432**	**10,862**	**12,366**	**12,472**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	48.6	46.6	44.4	42.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.8
White	47.9	49.6	52.5	53.5
Two or more races	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Unknown	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.8
Number	**11,432**	**10,862**	**12,366**	**12,472**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	3.9	3.9	3.4	2.6
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	76.9	75.0	76.2	78.9
Physical abuse	22.0	29.6	27.7	25.5
Sexual abuse	7.4	7.1	7.2	7.2
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Number	**11,432**	**10,862**	**12,366**	**12,472**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	166.5	157.4	162.7	140.7
Median	>48, but <72	>48, but <72	>48, but <72	>48, but <72

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	4,598	4,314	4,224	4,634	2,809	2,754	3,371	3,965	2,866	2,671	2,762	3,386	4,541	4,397	4,833	5,213
Median length of stay (months)	16.2	15.5	15.3	12.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.9	11.8	11.4	8.7	14.5	14.8	11.9	11.8

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.9	4.5	4.0	5.6	12.2	11.7	14.0	14.2	3.1	2.9	4.6	4.9	4.4	4.0	5.5	5.8
1 year	4.7	5.8	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.2	8.1	5.3	6.1	6.3	6.3	5.6	6.7	6.3	8.3
2 years	5.3	5.5	5.4	6.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.9	6.0	6.5	7.1	6.4	5.4	5.4	6.6	7.0
3 years	5.0	5.6	5.3	5.3	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.0	5.6	6.8	5.5	5.2	5.3	6.3
4 years	4.1	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.3	4.0	5.6	5.0	6.1	5.8	5.9	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.2
5 years	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.6	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.9	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.7
6 years	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.7	5.8	4.0	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.9
7 years	4.2	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.8	4.5	3.5	4.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.3
8 years	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.2	3.4	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.5	4.1	4.0
9 years	4.7	3.6	4.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.5	4.0
10 years	4.3	5.0	3.7	4.2	3.8	3.2	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.4	4.9	3.7	4.1	3.7
11 years	5.9	4.8	5.0	4.1	4.1	4.6	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.7	4.9	4.1	4.3
12 years	5.6	6.4	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.1	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	6.4	4.7	4.9	4.3
13 years	6.4	5.9	7.1	5.8	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.3	4.7	4.5	3.9	4.5	6.1	7.2	6.0	5.0
14 years	8.3	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.2	7.4	7.4	6.5	5.9	4.7	5.4	5.2	7.8	7.5	8.0	6.6
15 years	9.4	8.3	9.6	8.2	8.3	9.6	6.9	6.3	8.6	5.9	6.8	5.9	8.6	9.8	8.5	8.3
16 years	8.9	8.7	9.5	8.5	6.7	6.9	7.1	5.8	8.4	6.5	7.9	7.1	9.0	9.7	8.8	7.5
17 years	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.7	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.2	15.5	10.2	5.2	10.9	7.1	7.1	7.7	6.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	9.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1
Black	57.4	56.3	55.9	51.1	55.6	53.8	48.4	48.0	56.8	53.5	54.3	49.3	56.7	56.4	51.5	49.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.0
White	39.6	40.5	41.3	45.8	41.3	43.2	48.3	49.0	40.2	42.7	42.6	47.4	40.3	40.9	45.5	47.2
Two or more races	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,315	1,179	1,162	1,079
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	830	790	809	722

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.9
1 year	5.6	6.2	4.4	6.7
2 years	5.4	6.4	7.8	6.9
3 years	6.8	5.3	6.1	8.2
4 years	5.5	6.1	6.7	5.3
5 years	5.4	4.5	4.5	5.0
6 years	5.2	4.6	4.0	3.8
7 years	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.3
8 years	5.9	3.2	5.4	4.7
9 years	4.5	6.4	4.5	4.9
10 years	7.1	4.7	6.3	4.0
11 years	6.6	6.5	4.8	6.0
12 years	8.1	6.6	6.3	5.2
13 years	5.9	8.7	7.1	5.7
14 years	7.7	5.9	9.1	6.8
15 years	6.5	8.3	5.4	8.8
16 years	5.8	6.2	7.1	5.5
17 years	3.0	4.8	4.7	6.4
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.3	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0
Black	59.6	58.2	57.1	56.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.5
White	37.5	38.5	39.9	40.2
Two or more races	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.1
Unknown	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	497	455	469	466

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
1 year	6.0	7.5	7.2	6.2
2 years	11.5	11.6	16.4	13.5
3 years	11.3	9.5	10.0	12.7
4 years	8.0	10.8	11.5	13.5
5 years	8.7	10.3	9.2	7.5
6 years	6.2	9.0	6.2	8.2
7 years	7.0	5.7	6.6	5.2
8 years	9.3	6.8	5.3	7.9
9 years	7.6	3.7	5.1	4.3
10 years	5.2	6.2	5.5	4.3
11 years	6.6	5.5	5.1	4.5
12 years	3.6	2.2	3.0	2.8
13 years	4.4	3.3	3.6	3.9
14 years	1.4	2.6	0.9	1.9
15 years	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.9
16 years	0.4	1.5	1.5	0.6
17 years	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.4
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.4
Asian	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.9
Black	54.1	54.1	51.6	43.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9
White	41.9	42.9	44.8	52.6
Two or more races	2.2	0.4	1.7	1.7
Unknown	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.3	93.5	93.4	94.1
Children with one or more recurrences	8.7	6.5	6.6	5.9
Number	**4,908**	**4,799**	**5,294**	**5,554**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.27	0.59	0.59
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.73	99.41	99.41
Number	—	**7,068**	**7,595**	**8,599**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.2	17.0	16.4	13.9
Guardianship	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.1
Reunification	67.5	69.4	70.3	73.4
Other	13.6	12.5	11.9	11.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,866**	**2,671**	**2,762**	**3,386**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.7	23.1	24.6	23.5
Guardianship	1.3	0.9	2.0	0.9
Reunification	56.3	46.3	51.5	50.6
Other	24.7	29.7	21.9	25.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**531**	**451**	**447**	**464**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	1.6	0.9	0.4
Guardianship	1.4	1.1	2.0	2.2
Reunification	74.1	71.3	74.6	72.8
Other	24.3	26.0	22.6	24.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**931**	**705**	**807**	**959**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	49.1	47.2	46.4	42.0
Children older than 12 at entry	50.9	52.8	53.6	58.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**279**	**265**	**263**	**293**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	27.3	22.2	14.3	0.0	16.7	0.0	36.4	16.4	17.2	15.3	12.3
Guardianship	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.8	1.1	1.2
Reunification	25.0	63.6	55.6	78.6	81.0	72.2	100.0	63.6	67.4	68.7	69.7	71.1
Other	75.0	0.0	22.2	7.1	19.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	14.6	13.2	13.8	15.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4**	**11**	**9**	**14**	**21**	**18**	**4**	**11**	**1,627**	**1,429**	**1,500**	**1,668**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.8	10.5	17.6	12.1	17.8	17.0	17.4	15.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.3	1.9	1.1
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.9	84.2	70.6	84.8	68.1	69.7	71.3	75.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	5.3	11.8	3.0	12.2	11.9	9.4	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**23**	**38**	**17**	**33**	**1,151**	**1,140**	**1,177**	**1,606**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.7	14.3	20.0	2.9	40.7	9.5	26.7	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	30.8	7.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	46.2	78.6	72.0	88.2	55.6	71.4	60.0	55.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	15.4	0.0	8.0	5.9	3.7	19.0	13.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**13**	**14**	**25**	**34**	**27**	**21**	**30**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	68.6	68.6	71.1	77.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.4	23.1	21.5	16.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.4	3.7	4.0	2.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	2.2	1.2	1.5
48 or more mos.	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.2
Missing data	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3
Number	**1,934**	**1,855**	**1,942**	**2,484**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	84.1	82.5	85.1	87.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.1	8.6	6.6	5.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	8.9	8.3	7.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,809**	**2,754**	**3,371**	**3,965**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.3	19.6	22.5	17.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.1	31.9	41.1	38.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.5	23.1	20.8	22.4
48 or more mos.	28.5	22.9	13.7	19.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**492**	**454**	**453**	**469**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	80.9	82.0	82.1	81.2	56.8	58.5	54.3	55.1	31.3	27.2	28.2	28.2	78.9	83.3	93.3	85.7
Children with 3 or more placements	18.0	16.8	15.9	17.0	43.2	41.5	45.7	44.7	68.7	72.8	71.8	71.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.1	1.2	2.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.1	12.5	6.7	14.3
Number	**3,443**	**3,261**	**3,898**	**4,689**	**1,516**	**1,536**	**1,473**	**1,771**	**2,429**	**2,247**	**2,209**	**2,132**	**19**	**24**	**15**	**7**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.5
Institutions	3.2	4.3	2.5	2.0
Other settings	95.8	94.3	96.4	97.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,894**	**1,817**	**2,299**	**2,887**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**118.5**	**127.5**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.4	68.2	74.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.0	8.3	6.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	44.1	47.3	47.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	9.4	11.5	11.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**104.9**	**95.7**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	22.0	24.5	19.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	34.5	31.0	32.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.5	18.5	21.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	9.2	9.0	7.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	49.9	50.0	50.5

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**74.9**	**83.9**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.5	21.8	26.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.8	87.4	88.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	63.9	62.9	57.5

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**88.0**	**87.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	81.4	82.4	81.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	58.5	54.3	55.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.2	28.2	28.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	292,440	289,112	285,170	280,994
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Black	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
White	94.2	94.0	93.8	93.6
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	13.3	17.1	17.5	17.6

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	4,719	4,235	3,349	3,548
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,760	2,584	2,309	2,076
Children adopted	287	308	316	331

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,413	32.2 per 1,000	9,543	33.0 per 1,000	9,241	32.4 per 1,000	9,788	34.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	4,719	16.1 per 1,000	4,235	14.7 per 1,000	3,349	11.7 per 1,000	3,548	12.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	11.8	12.0	12.6	13.4
1-5 years	33.5	33.9	32.6	33.8
6-10 years	29.5	27.5	28.1	27.0
11-15 years	21.8	23.1	22.7	21.5
16+ years	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,719**	**4,235**	**3,349**	**3,548**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.2
Asian	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2
Black	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	—	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.9
White	57.4	61.3	63.5	64.9
Two or more races	0.9	1.3	1.7	1.7
Unknown	38.7	34.6	30.5	29.7
Number	**4,719**	**4,235**	**3,349**	**3,548**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	58.0	54.0	44.9	38.9
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	71.9	70.7	65.9	68.4
Physical abuse	27.2	26.9	22.4	17.8
Sexual abuse	14.3	12.3	12.7	10.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**4,719**	**4,235**	**3,349**	**3,548**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	380.7	358.8	253.2	123.8
Median	>264, but <288	>240, but <264	>168, but <192	>96, but <120

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	2,789	2,743	2,573	2,306	904	808	727	737	933	967	991	967	2,760	2,584	2,309	2,076
Median length of stay (months)	24.4	26.0	27.0	27.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.7	26.5	30.1	29.7	25.8	26.7	26.5	23.8

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.9	3.8	3.3	4.2	16.8	18.2	20.1	21.0	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.2	3.8	3.4	4.2	5.0
1 year	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.2	7.4	7.4	6.6	8.4	4.9	5.6	4.6	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.3	6.2
2 years	5.1	5.0	5.8	5.2	6.4	5.1	7.0	7.7	8.0	6.7	7.6	6.7	5.0	5.8	5.3	5.5
3 years	3.9	5.0	4.5	4.6	6.4	5.0	5.9	4.9	4.9	5.1	7.1	7.1	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.7
4 years	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.6	6.0	4.5	5.9	5.2	6.8	7.1	4.7	5.6	4.2	4.4	4.6	3.9
5 years	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.8	5.2	3.6	4.3	6.6	5.6	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.2
6 years	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.7	3.5	4.3	5.1	2.8	5.1	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.8
7 years	4.1	3.4	3.9	4.2	6.4	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.6	3.7	4.9	4.6	3.4	3.9	4.2	3.3
8 years	4.2	4.3	3.4	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.0	3.7	4.9	3.5	3.3	5.2	4.3	3.5	3.8	4.1
9 years	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.3	4.4	4.1	2.6	4.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	2.2	4.2	4.4	3.3	3.6
10 years	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.2	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.0
11 years	5.9	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.4	3.6	3.2	2.4	4.4	3.8	2.9	3.8	5.0	4.3	4.8	4.1
12 years	6.0	6.1	5.4	4.5	5.9	3.8	4.3	2.4	3.3	4.3	3.5	4.0	6.2	5.4	4.5	4.1
13 years	7.3	6.9	6.6	6.0	4.4	6.4	5.8	5.3	2.7	3.5	2.7	2.3	6.9	6.6	5.9	5.1
14 years	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.9	5.0	7.1	5.5	6.2	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.0	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.6
15 years	8.3	8.9	9.3	9.6	6.1	6.9	6.6	5.0	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.4	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.2
16 years	8.8	9.0	9.9	10.4	3.3	6.4	4.8	5.3	3.8	4.3	5.5	4.6	8.9	9.9	10.3	10.5
17 years	7.9	7.9	8.8	9.8	2.0	0.9	1.2	2.0	25.8	13.1	5.1	18.0	8.0	8.8	9.8	10.6
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	11.6	19.7	8.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.9	0.7	2.2	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Black	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.4	1.7	2.6	2.6	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	4.4	2.2	2.5	2.5	4.3	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9
White	81.8	83.1	82.9	83.7	80.0	77.6	73.2	77.7	76.2	79.3	80.9	83.5	83.1	82.8	80.7	81.6
Two or more races	1.9	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.9	1.1	2.2	4.3	2.6	1.0	1.5	2.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.9
Unknown	10.5	9.7	9.6	7.3	12.9	14.6	15.0	11.0	15.0	13.8	10.0	7.3	9.7	9.7	11.1	8.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	756	781	754	691
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	605	610	562	510

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0
1 year	4.9	3.6	5.6	5.5
2 years	7.7	9.2	7.2	6.4
3 years	7.4	6.1	6.9	5.6
4 years	5.7	6.4	6.4	4.1
5 years	6.7	5.1	5.8	6.5
6 years	5.4	6.1	6.0	5.5
7 years	5.4	6.5	5.8	5.5
8 years	5.2	5.4	6.1	6.5
9 years	6.1	6.7	5.2	6.4
10 years	6.9	6.4	7.6	6.5
11 years	8.6	6.4	6.8	6.9
12 years	7.4	6.9	6.2	6.9
13 years	8.3	7.2	5.7	5.8
14 years	6.5	8.2	6.2	6.5
15 years	2.5	5.0	7.0	6.8
16 years	2.8	2.6	2.8	4.9
17 years	1.3	1.4	1.7	2.6
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	1.3	1.6	0.9
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3
Black	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	3.7	2.3	2.6
White	82.5	84.3	82.9	84.1
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.7
Unknown	9.7	6.7	9.3	7.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	287	308	316	331

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.0
1 year	6.6	7.5	5.4	8.2
2 years	11.5	11.0	12.3	10.3
3 years	7.3	11.4	12.7	13.0
4 years	9.8	11.0	6.0	9.7
5 years	5.6	7.8	8.9	8.2
6 years	9.1	7.5	5.4	6.3
7 years	5.9	5.2	8.2	5.1
8 years	8.7	5.8	5.7	6.6
9 years	5.9	5.5	5.7	3.3
10 years	5.6	5.2	4.4	4.8
11 years	7.3	4.5	3.8	5.1
12 years	4.2	7.5	5.7	6.6
13 years	4.2	2.9	3.8	2.1
14 years	1.7	2.9	4.1	3.9
15 years	2.8	1.9	3.8	2.7
16 years	1.0	1.0	0.9	2.7
17 years	1.4	0.6	2.5	0.3
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.9
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	1.0	1.9	2.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
Black	1.4	0.3	1.6	1.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	3.2	4.1	2.4
White	76.0	79.5	83.9	89.7
Two or more races	3.1	2.3	0.9	3.0
Unknown	15.7	13.6	6.0	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.6	91.8	91.6	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	8.4	8.2	8.4	6.3
Number	**1,996**	**2,016**	**1,615**	**1,671**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.16	0.28	0.30	0.03
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.84	99.72	99.70	99.97
Number	**3,693**	**3,551**	**3,300**	**3,043**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	30.1	29.1	31.5	34.2
Guardianship	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.4
Reunification	46.1	49.2	46.1	40.1
Other	23.5	21.5	21.4	23.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.0
Number	**933**	**967**	**991**	**967**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	32.7	27.7	41.1	46.6
Guardianship	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.6
Reunification	29.1	35.0	23.3	23.6
Other	37.6	36.5	33.9	28.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
Number	**165**	**137**	**180**	**191**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.3	1.3	2.2	2.5
Guardianship	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.0
Reunification	36.7	45.7	41.8	41.1
Other	61.6	52.6	53.8	54.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.0
Number	**237**	**230**	**225**	**197**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.1	39.3	42.0	51.9
Children older than 12 at entry	68.9	60.7	58.0	48.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**209**	**196**	**205**	**216**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	26.7	11.1	42.9	38.1	0.0	0.0	83.3	0.0	26.7	7.7	26.3	29.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	26.7	66.7	57.1	57.1	40.0	100.0	16.7	0.0	40.0	69.2	57.9	41.2
Other	46.7	22.2	0.0	4.8	60.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	26.7	23.1	15.8	29.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**15**	**18**	**7**	**21**	**5**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**15**	**13**	**19**	**17**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.4	41.7	30.2	30.8	29.8	28.7	32.9	36.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	4.3	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.5
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.9	37.5	62.8	50.0	44.2	47.3	43.5	36.8
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	20.8	4.7	19.2	25.9	23.7	22.7	24.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.6
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**23**	**24**	**43**	**26**	**711**	**767**	**802**	**807**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	32.1	30.8	19.2	5.6	37.5	70.0	20.0	43.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	55.7	58.6	56.6	71.8	50.0	30.0	60.0	34.8	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other	12.1	10.5	22.2	14.1	12.5	0.0	20.0	21.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**140**	**133**	**99**	**71**	**24**	**10**	**15**	**23**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	50.2	40.8	41.6	42.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.9	34.2	30.2	33.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.3	13.2	12.5	10.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.3	5.0	7.2	5.9
48 or more mos.	3.7	6.1	8.5	8.2
Missing data	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0
Number	**430**	**476**	**457**	**388**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	89.5	86.4	87.6	86.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.4	6.9	6.1	4.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.1	6.7	6.3	8.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**904**	**808**	**727**	**737**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.8	2.5	1.3	1.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.3	14.6	10.9	13.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.1	27.0	23.4	27.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	24.2	26.0	24.0	26.0
48 or more mos.	35.6	29.9	40.4	31.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**281**	**281**	**312**	**331**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81.8	79.4	82.1	82.9	52.9	56.9	56.1	57.6	23.3	22.8	22.1	19.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.9	18.7	16.6	15.4	46.9	43.0	43.8	42.4	76.6	77.2	77.9	80.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Number	**982**	**889**	**814**	**805**	**765**	**745**	**676**	**648**	**1,942**	**1,912**	**1,808**	**1,589**	**4**	**5**	**2**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.9	2.6	0.6	1.3
Institutions	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.2
Other settings	79.6	90.3	98.9	97.8
Missing data	17.7	6.4	0.2	0.7
Number	**701**	**575**	**545**	**540**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**82.4**	**90.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.3	42.7	47.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	13.1	14.5	13.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	29.6	25.3	22.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	6.3	9.3	7.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**88.9**	**69.5**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	17.1	12.2	15.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	38.9	42.8	38.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	14.7	18.3	20.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	6.7	7.1	8.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	21.6	21.0	28.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**50.8**	**58.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	19.7	25.3	25.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.4	92.6	93.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	69.2	73.6	68.5

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**86.1**	**87.2**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.2	82.4	83.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	57.0	56.1	57.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	22.9	22.2	19.7

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Maryland

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,375,688	1,374,600	1,369,633	1,360,531
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.5
Black	32.6	32.8	32.9	33.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.7
White	54.2	53.4	52.6	51.8
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
Child population in poverty (%)	10.4	11.4	10.8	9.7

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	16,688	15,180	14,603	—
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,521	11,111	10,867	11,505
Children adopted	742	915	620	364

B. Child Maltreatment Data[5] (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	31,919	23.2 per 1,000	30,538	22.2 per 1,000	29,289	21.4 per 1,000	—	— per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[7]	16,688	12.1 per 1,000	15,180	11.0 per 1,000	14,603	10.7 per 1,000	—	— per 1,000
Child fatalities	27	2.0 per 100,000	28	2.0 per 100,000	28	2.0 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.6	8.2	9.8	—
1-5 years	27.4	28.0	28.8	—
6-10 years	28.7	28.5	26.5	—
11-15 years	28.9	27.9	26.9	—
16+ years	7.4	7.4	8.0	—
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
Number	**16,688**	**15,180**	**14,603**	**—**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	—
Asian	0.7	0.9	0.9	—
Black	50.4	47.5	48.1	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	—
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	4.8	5.4	—
White	38.7	40.0	39.2	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	5.8	6.5	6.3	—
Number	**16,688**	**15,180**	**14,603**	**—**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[9]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.3	0.3	0.3	—
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	57.5	59.2	61.8	—
Physical abuse	32.0	30.4	26.7	—
Sexual abuse	12.5	12.4	13.4	—
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**16,688**	**15,180**	**14,603**	**—**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	<24	—	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] Maryland did not submit an NCANDS Child File for the 2006 Federal fiscal year.
[6] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[7] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[8] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[9] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	11,113	10,749	10,193	9,660	3,470	3,564	3,353	3,174	3,062	3,265	2,679	1,329	11,521	11,111	10,867	11,505
Median length of stay (months)	33.3	32.4	30.6	32.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.2	21.4	17.7	14.9	32.3	31.1	30.4	31.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.0	18.4	18.3	20.5	21.6	4.9	5.4	7.1	6.8	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.5
1 year	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.8	5.0	6.6	6.1	6.7	5.1	5.4	5.8	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7
2 years	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.8	7.5	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.5
3 years	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.9	4.7	4.0	4.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.0	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.2
4 years	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.3	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.8	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.6
5 years	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.4	4.6	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.4
6 years	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.8	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.5
7 years	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.4
8 years	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.3	4.4	3.4	3.0	3.3	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.7
9 years	4.6	4.2	3.5	3.6	4.4	3.9	3.0	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.3	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.4
10 years	5.7	4.8	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.6	3.9	3.3	5.1	3.7	3.7	3.3	4.6	4.2	3.5	3.5
11 years	5.7	5.7	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.5	4.2	4.3	3.8	2.8	5.5	5.0	4.2	3.7
12 years	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.1	4.3	3.9	5.8	5.7	5.3	4.6
13 years	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	5.8	6.3	5.8	5.7	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.4	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.5
14 years	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.6	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.4	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.6	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.6
15 years	7.4	8.0	8.0	8.2	6.3	6.4	7.2	6.6	5.2	4.7	4.7	5.3	7.9	7.7	8.0	7.8
16 years	7.1	7.5	8.8	8.4	5.0	5.9	6.9	5.0	5.6	5.8	7.3	5.1	7.4	8.3	8.2	7.7
17 years	7.3	6.7	7.4	7.8	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.6	6.7	7.0	8.2	7.8
18 years	4.8	5.4	5.2	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	7.6	6.2	7.2	7.4	5.6	5.3	5.6	6.2
19 years	3.7	3.4	4.1	3.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	3.1	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.5
20+ years	0.2	1.4	<.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.9	1.7	1.2	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.8	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	1.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[10]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	76.7	75.7	74.9	74.2	63.2	62.7	63.7	60.7	66.6	65.2	66.3	60.9	75.3	74.5	73.6	72.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.4	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.2	2.7	3.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8
White	19.6	20.1	20.8	20.1	28.7	28.9	28.5	30.4	27.5	27.2	26.8	31.5	20.3	20.8	21.6	21.7
Two or more races	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.4	3.5	1.5	1.9	1.4	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	2.6
Unknown	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.1	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	2,500	2,202	1,954	2,148
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,336	1,200	1,093	155

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.6	0.8	0.8	4.7
1 year	4.1	4.5	4.4	7.2
2 years	5.1	6.9	7.4	8.5
3 years	6.4	4.8	5.9	9.4
4 years	5.4	5.2	4.7	7.0
5 years	5.8	5.1	4.7	6.3
6 years	5.1	5.7	5.6	6.0
7 years	5.1	5.2	5.2	6.0
8 years	5.6	4.8	5.2	6.1
9 years	6.0	4.8	4.9	4.9
10 years	6.0	5.9	4.4	4.9
11 years	7.9	6.4	6.1	4.9
12 years	6.9	7.8	6.4	5.4
13 years	7.7	6.7	7.8	4.4
14 years	6.8	7.8	6.9	4.5
15 years	6.8	7.4	8.1	3.6
16 years	4.8	5.8	6.1	3.5
17 years	3.9	4.4	5.5	2.7
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[12]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1
Black	79.7	77.2	74.5	65.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0	1.1	1.2	2.1
White	16.8	18.4	20.9	25.6
Two or more races	1.0	1.1	1.2	3.5
Unknown	1.1	1.9	2.0	2.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	742	915	620	364

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.9	0.5	1.8	0.3
1 year	6.5	6.1	4.8	4.1
2 years	9.7	10.5	13.5	16.8
3 years	10.2	9.5	11.3	14.8
4 years	10.0	10.3	7.9	7.4
5 years	7.4	9.7	8.9	6.9
6 years	5.7	6.6	7.3	6.6
7 years	5.7	5.9	7.9	5.2
8 years	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.3
9 years	5.8	5.0	5.5	5.2
10 years	7.4	6.2	4.0	5.2
11 years	3.6	4.7	3.1	3.0
12 years	5.0	5.6	4.5	4.7
13 years	4.0	2.1	2.4	2.2
14 years	4.2	4.7	4.4	2.7
15 years	3.2	1.7	2.3	2.7
16 years	1.6	3.1	3.4	2.5
17 years	2.0	1.5	1.0	2.7
18 years	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.0
Black	69.1	71.0	62.1	68.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.6
White	25.6	21.4	31.0	25.8
Two or more races	2.7	3.5	3.1	1.4
Unknown	1.2	2.8	2.3	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[11] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[12] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Maryland

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	93.1	93.0	92.8	—
Children with one or more recurrences	6.9	7.0	7.2	—
Number	**7,862**	**7,000**	**6,651**	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.03	0.10	0.12	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.97	99.90	99.88	—
Number	**14,583**	**14,313**	**13,546**	—

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	21.6	20.2	13.8	15.3
Guardianship	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.9
Reunification	52.7	57.9	47.1	55.7
Other	14.6	15.9	8.7	13.0
Missing data	9.9	4.8	29.7	15.0
Number	**3,062**	**3,265**	**2,679**	**1,329**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.9	21.6	14.5	19.2
Guardianship	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.9
Reunification	48.0	47.4	42.8	47.1
Other	21.4	24.4	11.8	16.3
Missing data	8.7	5.4	29.9	16.6
Number	**631**	**755**	**663**	**344**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.0	1.9	1.0	0.9
Guardianship	1.4	1.7	0.4	1.7
Reunification	49.6	51.5	48.5	49.0
Other	34.2	36.5	18.3	27.4
Missing data	12.7	8.4	31.7	21.0
Number	**695**	**776**	**703**	**343**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	44.7	42.7	39.3	42.2
Children older than 12 at entry	55.3	57.3	60.7	57.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**295**	**361**	**140**	**116**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[13]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.4	33.3	0.0	0.0	23.0	23.3	14.6	16.7
Guardianship	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.6
Reunification	60.0	66.7	33.3	100.0	33.3	33.3	53.8	66.7	49.1	55.5	46.3	54.4
Other	0.0	16.7	33.3	0.0	11.1	11.1	7.7	0.0	14.8	16.1	8.8	14.0
Missing data	40.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	11.1	22.2	38.5	33.3	11.9	4.1	29.6	14.3
Number	**5**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**9**	**9**	**13**	**6**	**2,039**	**2,129**	**1,776**	**810**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	8.5	5.6	4.3	19.7	14.9	13.0	14.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.6	1.7
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.0	58.5	48.6	67.4	59.9	62.3	49.3	55.7
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	15.1	13.9	17.4	14.5	16.1	8.9	11.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	17.9	31.9	10.9	5.0	5.2	28.3	16.7
Number	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**77**	**106**	**72**	**46**	**841**	**887**	**718**	**418**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.0	13.6	13.6	15.0	15.6	21.3	13.2	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	60.9	68.2	49.2	65.0	64.4	68.9	36.8	59.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.3	12.1	0.0	10.0	20.0	8.2	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	21.7	6.1	35.6	10.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	18.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**46**	**66**	**59**	**20**	**45**	**61**	**38**	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[13] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	45.1	48.4	50.0	58.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.1	23.1	24.2	22.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	11.4	12.1	10.9	8.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.9	4.1	5.6	4.1
48 or more mos.	11.5	9.4	9.4	5.8
Missing data	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.3
Number	**1,615**	**1,891**	**1,262**	**740**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	79.3	80.5	78.7	61.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.8	7.3	8.5	2.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.8	12.2	12.5	1.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.2	34.5
Number	**3,470**	**3,564**	**3,353**	**3,174**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	4.1	3.5	7.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.7	10.6	15.1	12.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	20.9	22.4	21.9	23.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.1	16.6	17.8	16.2
48 or more mos.	45.8	46.1	41.6	40.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	**660**	**661**	**370**	**204**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	94.4	93.5	89.7	51.6	80.1	79.8	77.5	46.7	50.8	50.5	51.2	36.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	47.1
Children with 3 or more placements	5.6	6.5	10.3	2.0	19.9	20.2	22.5	3.3	49.2	49.5	48.8	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.9
Number	**3,844**	**3,898**	**3,705**	**3,417**	**2,552**	**2,504**	**2,537**	**2,204**	**8,178**	**7,895**	**7,285**	**7,196**	**9**	**16**	**19**	**17**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	6.2	7.4	11.6	9.6
Institutions	0.6	1.3	2.8	0.6
Other settings	90.9	90.2	84.3	61.3
Missing data	2.3	1.1	1.3	28.5
Number	**2,492**	**2,503**	**2,279**	**1,070**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**99.7**	**105.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	54.7	55.5	65.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.3	9.9	6.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	22.4	23.9	16.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.4	11.6	14.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**46.4**	**53.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	14.8	18.7	20.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	44.5	42.3	42.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	9.8	5.7	8.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[16]	4.2	3.9	1.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.9	40.0	34.1

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**89.7**	**92.9**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	16.1	10.4	13.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.2	98.7	97.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	63.1	62.6	62.6

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[18]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**112.4**	**141.7**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	93.1	89.2	96.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.7	77.4	93.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	51.0	51.7	93.1

[14] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[15] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[17] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[18] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Massachusetts

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,490,523	1,476,886	1,463,169	1,448,884
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0
Black	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.5
White	74.7	74.3	73.8	73.4
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Child population in poverty (%)	12.3	12.5	13.6	12.4

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	36,500	36,201	35,887	36,151
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,608	12,562	12,197	11,499
Children adopted	733	812	832	874

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	83,258	55.9 per 1,000	81,219	55.0 per 1,000	79,909	54.6 per 1,000	79,855	55.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	36,500	24.5 per 1,000	36,201	24.5 per 1,000	35,887	24.5 per 1,000	36,151	25.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	0.9 per 100,000	11	0.7 per 100,000	7	0.5 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.2	8.7	9.2	9.9
1-5 years	29.5	29.7	29.1	29.6
6-10 years	28.6	27.8	27.7	27.5
11-15 years	27.2	27.2	27.2	25.8
16+ years	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.9
Unknown	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Number	**36,500**	**36,201**	**35,887**	**36,151**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.7
Black	14.1	14.0	13.5	12.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	20.7	21.2	20.8	21.9
White	47.3	45.6	45.4	45.3
Two or more races	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.8
Unknown	14.0	15.1	15.7	15.7
Number	**36,500**	**36,201**	**35,887**	**36,151**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	89.8	90.5	91.1	91.5
Physical abuse	16.2	15.0	14.1	12.9
Sexual abuse	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**36,500**	**36,201**	**35,887**	**36,151**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	19.8	19.0	18.6	—
Median	<24	<24	<24	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	12,240	12,293	12,274	11,869	6,507	6,616	6,252	6,377	6,139	6,347	6,329	6,747	12,608	12,562	12,197	11,499
Median length of stay (months)	19.2	19.1	18.9	18.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.0	12.6	13.4	14.8	18.7	18.4	18.5	16.8

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	10.8	10.9	11.0	12.1	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.4	4.0
1 year	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.6
2 years	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.9	4.2	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9
3 years	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.3	5.1	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.7
4 years	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5
5 years	3.7	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.3
6 years	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.1
7 years	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.0
8 years	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.3
9 years	4.1	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
10 years	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.8	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.9	4.1	3.6	3.2	3.4
11 years	4.4	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.2	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.3	2.9	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.3
12 years	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.7	3.7	4.1	3.2	3.3	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.5
13 years	6.8	6.2	6.4	6.0	7.7	8.2	6.8	6.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	3.8	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.4
14 years	7.8	8.5	7.8	7.5	10.7	10.3	9.5	9.3	6.6	6.7	6.0	5.2	8.6	8.0	7.7	7.8
15 years	9.6	9.7	10.2	9.8	11.6	12.0	12.7	11.3	8.8	9.2	8.9	7.9	9.9	10.3	10.0	10.0
16 years	9.9	9.8	10.0	10.9	9.9	9.5	10.0	10.8	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.1	9.9	10.1	11.0	11.0
17 years	8.3	9.0	9.0	9.2	3.6	3.6	3.2	4.3	12.3	9.5	8.0	14.1	8.9	8.9	9.1	10.9
18 years	3.2	3.3	4.0	4.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.1	5.2	7.2	8.7	8.9	3.2	3.9	4.3	0.4
19 years	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.8	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.7	1.8	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.8	3.2
20+ years	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.8	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.4
Missing data	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.1	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.2	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4
Black	17.9	17.9	17.3	17.5	16.1	15.3	15.6	15.6	15.8	16.5	15.3	16.9	18.0	17.2	17.4	16.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	25.3	25.0	24.8	24.9	24.3	25.0	24.4	24.1	25.4	26.1	24.5	24.1	24.7	24.4	24.7	24.9
White	49.6	49.5	49.6	49.4	49.5	48.9	50.0	49.0	50.0	48.5	50.0	49.4	49.4	49.7	49.6	49.1
Two or more races	2.4	2.7	3.2	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.9	2.3	2.6	3.3	3.6	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.5
Unknown	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.8	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.6	1.4	0.7	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.4

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	3,052	3,006	2,924	2,704
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	957	1,159	1,628	1,278

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.2	3.7	3.8	5.4
1 year	7.9	8.8	9.4	10.1
2 years	8.4	8.7	8.3	8.4
3 years	8.2	8.1	7.5	7.9
4 years	8.0	8.1	7.7	7.1
5 years	8.4	7.2	7.1	6.7
6 years	6.7	8.2	6.6	6.3
7 years	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.0
8 years	7.0	6.0	6.4	6.6
9 years	6.3	6.6	5.9	5.9
10 years	6.9	5.8	5.4	5.3
11 years	5.9	5.8	5.4	4.7
12 years	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.0
13 years	4.2	4.0	4.8	4.2
14 years	3.3	3.4	4.0	4.1
15 years	1.8	2.7	3.5	3.6
16 years	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.8
17 years	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Asian	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.6
Black	16.2	15.3	15.2	14.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	29.9	29.6	28.3	28.3
White	45.0	45.6	46.7	46.0
Two or more races	3.6	4.3	4.7	5.4
Unknown	3.6	4.0	4.0	5.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	733	812	832	874

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.0
1 year	11.1	10.0	12.7	11.8
2 years	11.6	11.6	14.4	15.6
3 years	9.7	10.2	12.4	11.4
4 years	10.4	10.6	10.7	9.3
5 years	8.0	7.6	8.3	9.3
6 years	8.0	9.6	7.6	6.6
7 years	6.3	5.0	7.0	7.9
8 years	6.4	6.7	5.5	5.8
9 years	6.0	4.9	5.2	4.5
10 years	6.5	5.8	4.3	4.8
11 years	4.2	5.5	3.1	2.4
12 years	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.7
13 years	2.5	3.4	1.6	1.7
14 years	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.5
15 years	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.0
16 years	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9
17 years	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Asian	2.2	1.1	0.4	0.8
Black	11.3	16.3	15.4	14.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	28.4	25.9	27.4	25.2
White	50.5	49.3	46.6	50.8
Two or more races	3.4	3.9	4.7	5.4
Unknown	4.0	3.6	5.2	3.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Massachusetts

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	89.0	89.4	89.4	88.0
Children with one or more recurrences	11.0	10.6	10.6	12.0
Number	**17,359**	**17,484**	**16,957**	**17,066**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.32	1.13	1.27	0.95
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.68	98.87	98.73	99.05
Number	**18,747**	**18,909**	**18,526**	**18,246**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.5	12.6	14.1	13.3
Guardianship	8.0	8.8	8.0	6.8
Reunification	65.1	65.5	64.2	59.3
Other	14.3	13.1	13.7	20.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,139**	**6,347**	**6,329**	**6,747**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	37.6	46.5	44.6	40.1
Guardianship	6.6	6.1	7.5	4.8
Reunification	39.2	35.0	32.5	29.0
Other	16.5	12.4	15.4	26.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**587**	**637**	**747**	**937**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Guardianship	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3
Reunification	69.7	72.2	70.1	61.4
Other	26.7	24.4	26.4	35.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,527**	**2,600**	**2,568**	**2,884**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.3	23.7	21.9	26.2
Children older than 12 at entry	76.5	76.2	78.1	73.5
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
Number	**759**	**731**	**773**	**1,283**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.1	0.0	0.0	15.8	7.1	9.6	3.1	4.3	10.0	11.8	13.6	11.7
Guardianship	0.0	11.1	0.0	5.3	3.1	9.6	7.5	10.1	11.2	8.4	8.7	7.5
Reunification	50.0	77.8	40.0	68.4	74.8	68.9	82.0	64.5	63.8	64.0	61.3	54.1
Other	42.9	11.1	60.0	10.5	15.0	11.9	7.5	21.0	15.0	15.7	16.5	26.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**14**	**9**	**5**	**19**	**127**	**135**	**161**	**138**	**973**	**1,048**	**971**	**1,140**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	13.7	13.0	16.0	14.3	12.5	12.7	13.2	13.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	7.6	6.5	4.9	8.9	9.9	8.6	7.5
Reunification	50.0	100.0	50.0	0.0	67.8	68.3	64.8	62.9	62.9	63.8	63.8	58.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	12.8	11.0	12.7	17.9	15.6	13.7	14.3	20.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1,562**	**1,657**	**1,553**	**1,629**	**3,068**	**3,078**	**3,164**	**3,335**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.9	14.2	20.0	15.2	20.9	15.8	21.9	18.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	2.1	4.6	7.3	7.4	10.1	10.9	7.6	6.2	0.0	1.8	4.7	5.0
Reunification	72.3	66.5	62.3	62.7	61.2	65.5	63.8	61.4	98.3	91.2	83.7	80.0
Other	9.7	14.7	10.5	14.7	7.9	7.9	6.7	13.7	1.7	7.0	11.6	15.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**195**	**197**	**220**	**204**	**139**	**165**	**210**	**241**	**59**	**57**	**43**	**40**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	66.7	68.4	66.9	65.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.7	18.7	20.2	20.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.6	6.3	6.7	7.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.6	2.5	2.7	2.9
48 or more mos.	3.0	3.8	3.6	4.3
Missing data	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,998**	**4,158**	**4,062**	**3,998**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	75.8	76.6	76.2	74.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.7	11.4	11.2	11.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.5	12.0	12.5	13.9
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,507**	**6,616**	**6,252**	**6,377**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.0	17.6	22.3	21.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	26.7	29.6	23.8	28.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	22.0	24.3	20.8	20.2
48 or more mos.	31.7	26.7	31.8	28.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**767**	**797**	**895**	**897**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75.8	79.6	75.3	75.3	51.9	52.8	48.5	49.3	28.7	26.5	23.8	22.8	34.0	90.7	96.4	57.1
Children with 3 or more placements	21.5	20.0	24.7	24.5	48.0	47.2	51.5	50.7	71.3	73.5	76.2	77.2	0.0	0.0	3.6	42.9
Missing data	2.7	0.4	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.0	9.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**7,584**	**7,746**	**7,438**	**7,590**	**3,838**	**3,867**	**3,918**	**3,701**	**7,278**	**7,253**	**7,142**	**6,948**	**47**	**43**	**28**	**7**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.3	3.7	3.0	4.0
Institutions	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.6
Other settings	93.2	92.7	93.8	92.4
Missing data	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**3,476**	**3,517**	**3,409**	**3,433**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.8**	**118.5**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	71.7	70.9	70.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.1	6.3	6.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.3	45.8	46.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.9	15.7	15.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**75.1**	**79.4**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	19.3	23.6	23.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	36.5	37.0	35.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	13.0	14.7	16.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	5.7	6.7	4.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	51.3	44.8	47.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**118.9**	**113.6**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	22.7	24.7	24.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	99.2	97.7	95.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.0	44.1	47.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**77.5**	**77.4**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	78.5	73.3	73.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	52.6	48.4	48.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.1	24.3	22.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Massachusetts

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Massachusetts's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Outcome measure 2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%) and Outcome measure 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months do not accurately represent the foster care maltreatment rate or the recurrence rate for Massachusetts as compared to most other states. Massachusetts law requires that investigations be completed within 10 days. Most other states allow for investigations of 30-60 days before a finding must be made. Investigations that start in one report period and end in another are never included in either safety outcome measure. Because of the short investigation period, more Massachusetts investigations meet the criteria of having both the report date and the disposition date fall within a reporting period. For Maltreatment in Foster Care, this simply means that more records qualify for inclusion. For Recurrence of Maltreatment, the percentage of children found to have a recurrence is necessarily higher relative to these other states, as nearly a full 6 months worth of supported investigations is included in the measure for Massachusetts rather than the 4-5 months included for states with longer investigation periods. This significantly increases the pool of children who are potentially subject to a recurrence. Additionally, Massachusetts policy requires that all reports of child abuse/neglect be screened and investigated based upon the merit of the report, without regard to whether the child is currently receiving services from DSS, so it is likely that more reports received on open cases are investigated, leading to a greater chance that a recurrence will be included in the measure.

Michigan

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	2,552,161	2,533,054	2,509,307	2,478,356
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4
Black	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.6
White	72.1	71.8	71.5	71.4
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
Child population in poverty (%)	15.7	17.6	18.5	18.3

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	28,690	28,035	24,603	27,148
Children in foster care on 9/30	21,376	21,173	20,498	20,142
Children adopted	2,622	2,801	2,883	2,591

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	194,813	76.3 per 1,000	196,873	77.7 per 1,000	173,806	69.3 per 1,000	186,754	75.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	28,690	11.2 per 1,000	28,035	11.1 per 1,000	24,603	9.8 per 1,000	27,148	11.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	55	2.2 per 100,000	52	2.1 per 100,000	48	1.9 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	12.3	12.6	14.5	15.0
1-5 years	28.5	27.9	28.1	29.4
6-10 years	26.9	26.3	25.0	24.9
11-15 years	27.0	27.5	26.9	24.7
16+ years	5.4	5.7	5.6	6.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**28,690**	**28,035**	**24,603**	**27,148**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
Asian	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	34.7	34.5	35.4	33.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.2
White	59.1	59.5	58.4	60.6
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.4
Number	**28,690**	**28,035**	**24,603**	**27,148**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	4.1	3.3	2.2	2.1
Medical neglect	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.7
Neglect	70.5	71.9	75.1	76.0
Physical abuse	20.1	19.6	17.9	17.4
Sexual abuse	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.2	3.4	2.6	2.6
Number	**28,690**	**28,035**	**24,603**	**27,148**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	20,710	20,664	20,747	19,826	9,650	9,741	9,296	9,005	8,979	9,234	9,546	8,695	21,376	21,173	20,498	20,142
Median length of stay (months)	16.1	15.8	15.4	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.6	20.2	19.5	20.1	15.6	15.2	15.7	15.5

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.2	15.7	15.0	16.1	17.5	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.7
1 year	6.0	5.9	5.7	6.3	5.7	5.4	6.0	6.1	5.7	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.0	5.7	6.2	6.5
2 years	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.4	6.5	6.7	6.3	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.3	6.1
3 years	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.2	6.2	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.9
4 years	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.7	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.7
5 years	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.5
6 years	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.0
7 years	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7
8 years	4.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.7	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.7
9 years	5.0	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.6
10 years	5.1	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.4	4.3	3.5	3.4	4.7	4.9	4.0	3.6	4.6	4.2	3.7	3.6
11 years	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.1	5.0	4.6	4.1	3.7
12 years	5.5	5.1	5.2	4.8	5.3	5.3	4.8	4.1	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.1	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.0
13 years	5.3	6.1	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	6.0	5.6	5.4	5.0
14 years	5.7	6.4	7.2	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.1	6.2	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.5	6.2	7.0	6.6	6.1
15 years	6.8	7.1	8.0	8.4	7.1	7.9	8.1	8.2	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.3	6.9	7.8	8.4	7.6
16 years	7.5	7.9	8.4	9.0	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.5	4.7	4.9	5.7	5.9	7.8	8.2	9.1	9.6
17 years	6.8	6.9	7.4	7.3	2.7	2.6	2.3	3.1	5.6	6.1	6.7	6.4	6.9	7.5	7.6	8.5
18 years	3.6	3.8	3.2	4.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	9.9	8.5	7.6	7.6	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	4.2	3.7	6.2	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	52.3	50.8	50.7	48.4	43.5	44.9	41.3	39.8	46.5	44.2	45.0	40.7	50.7	51.0	49.1	47.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.5	4.1	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.6
White	39.4	40.4	40.0	41.5	46.3	44.9	47.4	48.4	43.8	45.3	45.2	47.8	40.6	40.4	41.0	41.9
Two or more races	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.3	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.7
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	6,968	6,486	7,061	6,164
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	6,605	6,223	5,913	5,840

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.1	2.7	4.3	2.8
1 year	5.6	5.3	6.7	6.3
2 years	6.1	5.8	6.0	6.7
3 years	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5
4 years	4.9	4.6	5.1	5.3
5 years	5.0	4.2	4.7	4.8
6 years	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.0
7 years	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.6
8 years	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.2
9 years	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.4
10 years	6.1	5.5	4.8	4.6
11 years	6.3	6.2	5.5	4.9
12 years	6.6	6.5	6.2	5.4
13 years	7.0	7.3	6.9	7.0
14 years	6.9	8.3	7.9	8.1
15 years	6.9	7.8	8.5	9.0
16 years	5.9	6.5	5.9	7.2
17 years	4.8	4.9	4.1	5.3
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0
Asian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	58.0	55.5	51.6	52.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.4	3.9	4.4
White	34.3	36.4	38.6	38.1
Two or more races	2.8	3.4	3.8	3.6
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	2,622	2,801	2,883	2,591

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.2
1 year	8.5	9.8	10.5	10.8
2 years	10.3	10.6	9.9	9.9
3 years	9.0	9.3	9.4	10.0
4 years	7.8	8.2	8.3	7.0
5 years	6.4	7.6	6.7	7.4
6 years	7.6	6.8	6.3	6.6
7 years	6.5	5.8	6.3	5.9
8 years	7.3	4.7	5.9	5.6
9 years	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.9
10 years	6.3	6.4	5.7	4.4
11 years	5.7	5.5	4.7	5.2
12 years	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.4
13 years	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.6
14 years	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.3
15 years	2.2	2.2	2.6	3.3
16 years	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.9
17 years	1.1	1.5	1.0	1.4
18 years	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	46.3	44.9	42.2	39.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.8
White	41.8	42.5	46.2	47.3
Two or more races	6.1	6.5	5.4	6.9
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Michigan

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	93.0	94.5	95.4	94.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.0	5.5	4.6	5.2
Number	**12,705**	**11,460**	**9,900**	**11,070**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.40	0.32	0.12	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.60	99.68	99.88	99.81
Number	**30,360**	**30,405**	**30,043**	**28,831**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	28.4	29.3	29.1	28.6
Guardianship	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.1
Reunification	54.8	54.1	55.0	54.2
Other	11.8	11.2	10.5	12.3
Missing data	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Number	**8,979**	**9,234**	**9,546**	**8,695**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	39.3	39.0	35.9	31.7
Guardianship	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.0
Reunification	38.5	38.2	39.1	39.5
Other	18.2	17.9	20.2	24.2
Missing data	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6
Number	**1,375**	**1,323**	**1,296**	**1,180**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.8
Guardianship	4.4	5.8	5.5	5.8
Reunification	58.7	58.5	60.7	58.8
Other	31.6	29.7	28.0	29.3
Missing data	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.3
Number	**2,391**	**2,458**	**2,679**	**2,460**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.6	31.3	29.0	36.5
Children older than 12 at entry	71.2	68.7	71.0	63.5
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**664**	**667**	**514**	**718**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	33.6	28.7	33.0	24.2	0.0	13.8	8.3	4.3	27.6	29.5	27.2	27.4
Guardianship	0.9	5.2	3.8	7.3	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	4.1	4.5	3.4
Reunification	59.3	58.3	51.9	56.5	63.6	72.4	83.3	87.0	55.0	53.3	56.4	53.5
Other	5.3	7.0	10.4	12.1	27.3	13.8	8.3	8.7	12.6	12.3	11.2	14.8
Missing data	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.8
Number	**113**	**115**	**106**	**124**	**11**	**29**	**12**	**23**	**4,173**	**4,084**	**4,295**	**3,542**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	30.0	10.0	57.1	42.1	31.2	28.8	27.9	29.2	28.2	29.0	29.9	28.6
Guardianship	0.0	5.0	14.3	0.0	4.4	3.6	5.2	8.0	4.4	5.1	4.7	4.0
Reunification	60.0	80.0	28.6	57.9	56.2	58.3	57.5	52.4	54.6	54.1	54.3	55.8
Other	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	8.9	8.4	10.3	11.7	10.7	10.2	10.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Number	**10**	**20**	**14**	**19**	**365**	**448**	**463**	**435**	**3,933**	**4,182**	**4,311**	**4,155**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.8	4.0	11.8	39.1	36.5	34.4	44.5	41.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	4.0	0.0	6.3	5.5	5.4	3.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	72.4	76.0	41.2	45.3	49.9	52.3	45.7	42.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	10.3	16.0	47.1	9.4	8.1	6.9	6.4	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**29**	**25**	**17**	**64**	**345**	**331**	**328**	**333**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	40.6	39.6	37.7	38.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	36.9	40.5	42.3	41.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.7	12.3	12.0	13.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.7	4.6	4.3	3.9
48 or more mos.	3.9	2.8	3.5	2.8
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	**4,920**	**4,995**	**5,255**	**4,715**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	93.9	92.0	92.2	91.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.1	3.7	2.8	2.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	2.1	3.3	3.3	3.7
Missing data	0.9	1.0	1.8	1.4
Number	**9,650**	**9,741**	**9,296**	**9,005**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.9	3.8	4.2	5.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.4	26.4	28.3	29.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	35.9	33.8	32.2	31.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.1	18.5	18.5	18.0
48 or more mos.	17.4	17.5	16.8	15.3
Missing data	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2
Number	**2,546**	**2,702**	**2,779**	**2,490**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.5	83.9	86.1	86.4	65.0	61.6	69.1	70.1	36.2	31.2	39.6	39.1	70.2	80.9	90.6	95.2
Children with 3 or more placements	15.5	16.1	13.9	13.6	35.0	38.4	30.9	29.9	63.8	68.8	60.4	60.9	29.8	19.1	9.4	4.8
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**10,967**	**11,021**	**10,741**	**10,371**	**8,082**	**8,310**	**8,472**	**8,052**	**11,227**	**11,027**	**10,798**	**10,387**	**84**	**47**	**32**	**21**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	2.4	2.0	2.3	1.8
Other settings	97.6	98.0	97.7	98.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,577**	**6,538**	**6,295**	**6,093**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.2**	**99.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	44.2	41.7	42.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	13.1	13.5	13.6
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	22.3	24.1	22.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	3.5	4.3	3.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**92.3**	**99.7**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	30.2	32.5	34.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.7	29.9	29.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.5	24.7	23.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	14.5	11.7	15.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	22.2	32.1	35.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**123.2**	**118.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.8	31.0	27.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.7	96.6	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	46.2	48.3	49.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**102.4**	**103.2**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.8	85.9	86.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	61.9	69.3	70.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	32.2	40.9	40.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Minnesota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,271,464	1,265,837	1,260,953	1,257,264
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Asian	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6
Black	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.8
White	80.4	79.8	79.2	78.6
Two or more races	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	9.4	10.7	11.6	12.2

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	9,230	8,183	8,499	7,623
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,770	6,540	6,978	7,156
Children adopted	644	603	732	664

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	25,878	20.4 per 1,000	25,595	20.2 per 1,000	27,682	22.0 per 1,000	29,521	23.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	9,230	7.3 per 1,000	8,183	6.5 per 1,000	8,499	6.7 per 1,000	7,623	6.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	15	1.2 per 100,000	10	0.8 per 100,000	15	1.2 per 100,000	14	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.0	11.6	10.9	11.5
1-5 years	32.0	32.1	31.6	33.5
6-10 years	29.9	28.8	29.1	27.5
11-15 years	24.2	22.7	23.2	22.2
16+ years	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**9,230**	**8,183**	**8,499**	**7,623**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.8	6.4	6.5	7.4
Asian	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.3
Black	23.4	23.8	22.1	21.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.1	8.9	9.7	9.5
White	48.5	45.9	47.7	46.5
Two or more races	7.6	8.7	8.4	9.7
Unknown	1.9	4.0	3.5	3.3
Number	**9,230**	**8,183**	**8,499**	**7,623**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7
Medical neglect	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5
Neglect	72.8	75.4	76.4	75.8
Physical abuse	19.7	17.9	16.9	15.7
Sexual abuse	10.3	10.4	10.7	12.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**9,230**	**8,183**	**8,499**	**7,623**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	113.2	94.7	86.7	70.8
Median	>48, but <72	>48, but <72	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	6,885	6,288	6,120	6,386	8,080	7,806	8,166	8,017	8,195	7,554	7,308	7,248	6,770	6,540	6,978	7,156
Median length of stay (months)	13.0	14.3	12.7	10.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2	3.2	3.4	4.3	13.3	11.8	9.9	9.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.8	4.2	4.9	5.1	7.6	9.0	10.2	11.4	3.5	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.9	6.0	7.3
1 year	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.5	4.2	4.4	5.3	5.5
2 years	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.5	5.0	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.6
3 years	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.9	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9
4 years	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.4	4.0	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.5
5 years	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.6	2.9	3.2
6 years	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.9	3.7	3.7	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.8
7 years	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.2
8 years	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.0
9 years	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9
10 years	4.6	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.9
11 years	5.1	5.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	4.8	3.8	3.5	3.4
12 years	5.9	5.9	5.2	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.4	5.8	5.2	4.4	4.1
13 years	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.5	7.7	6.8	6.4	6.3	5.9	5.5	5.2	4.6	7.4	7.1	6.4	5.5
14 years	8.9	9.1	8.8	8.2	9.3	9.4	8.6	8.9	8.1	7.6	7.3	7.0	9.2	8.9	8.3	8.5
15 years	10.4	10.3	10.9	10.4	11.7	11.1	11.2	11.1	10.2	9.4	9.7	8.8	10.5	11.2	10.6	10.2
16 years	12.7	11.6	12.1	12.2	11.7	11.3	10.8	10.9	11.4	10.0	10.2	10.1	11.9	12.4	12.2	12.3
17 years	11.3	12.4	12.5	12.5	9.7	8.7	8.3	8.4	16.3	12.2	9.3	13.5	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.7
18 years	<.1	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	2.9	6.8	9.9	6.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	12.0	12.3	10.8	12.2	9.8	8.9	10.3	9.8	9.6	10.0	9.0	9.5	12.3	11.0	12.2	12.3
Asian	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.2	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.3	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5
Black	21.3	22.1	21.3	19.4	20.0	20.2	19.0	20.7	19.3	20.7	20.5	19.9	22.2	21.4	19.4	20.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	7.6	7.5	8.2	7.7	7.7	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.8	7.6	8.5	7.4	7.4	8.4	7.6
White	50.4	49.1	50.2	50.1	52.6	51.0	51.2	47.6	53.7	50.3	51.6	49.9	49.0	50.0	49.9	47.5
Two or more races	7.3	7.0	7.5	7.1	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.9	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.2	7.0	7.4	7.2	7.8
Unknown	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.3	1.3	2.8	2.3	3.9	1.2	2.3	2.2	3.2	0.5	1.1	1.4	2.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.9	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.6

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,918	1,795	1,553	1,353
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,402	1,379	1,271	1,176

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.7	6.3	5.6	5.9
1 year	7.6	6.9	8.4	7.2
2 years	6.9	6.1	6.6	6.1
3 years	5.5	6.5	5.3	5.8
4 years	6.2	4.3	5.3	3.8
5 years	5.5	5.3	3.4	4.8
6 years	4.4	4.8	4.2	3.4
7 years	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3
8 years	4.2	3.8	3.4	3.7
9 years	4.6	4.7	3.5	4.1
10 years	4.8	4.4	4.2	3.5
11 years	7.0	5.0	4.4	4.3
12 years	6.7	6.8	5.0	4.5
13 years	5.9	6.7	7.4	5.0
14 years	6.8	6.4	7.4	8.1
15 years	5.4	7.0	7.5	8.4
16 years	4.8	5.6	7.8	8.2
17 years	3.8	5.0	6.3	8.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.5
Asian	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9
Black	29.2	28.1	26.9	28.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.1	8.7	10.6	9.1
White	43.1	44.6	43.8	45.2
Two or more races	9.1	8.9	9.0	7.3
Unknown	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	644	603	732	664

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.4	2.5	7.4	5.4
1 year	14.1	13.3	15.7	15.1
2 years	13.2	10.9	10.9	15.1
3 years	9.6	10.9	10.9	10.5
4 years	8.5	8.5	6.1	8.6
5 years	7.1	8.3	7.2	5.0
6 years	6.5	7.8	7.0	6.3
7 years	6.2	5.5	5.7	4.2
8 years	6.2	4.8	5.6	5.3
9 years	4.7	5.3	4.0	3.8
10 years	5.3	4.6	4.2	3.2
11 years	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.8
12 years	4.2	4.6	2.7	3.9
13 years	2.2	3.2	3.3	2.4
14 years	1.4	2.7	1.8	3.5
15 years	1.2	1.3	2.3	2.0
16 years	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.8
17 years	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	4.1	2.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.6
Black	20.7	23.7	17.1	18.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.1	11.9	7.5	11.7
White	53.0	49.3	55.2	51.4
Two or more races	15.1	10.4	13.9	14.0
Unknown	3.3	4.5	1.1	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Minnesota

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.6	94.8	94.4	94.7
Children with one or more recurrences	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.3
Number	**4,372**	**4,025**	**4,066**	**3,722**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.33	0.30	0.42	0.40
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.67	99.70	99.58	99.60
Number	**14,965**	**14,094**	**14,286**	**14,403**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.8	8.0	9.5	9.0
Guardianship	6.7	7.6	6.7	8.1
Reunification	73.6	72.0	70.6	69.3
Other	11.9	12.4	13.2	13.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**8,195**	**7,554**	**7,308**	**7,248**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.4	8.4	10.0	10.8
Guardianship	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.1
Reunification	69.7	66.0	61.6	63.3
Other	17.5	21.0	23.8	21.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,333**	**2,073**	**1,976**	**1,899**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Guardianship	2.2	2.8	2.2	2.7
Reunification	78.9	77.1	76.0	74.8
Other	18.7	19.9	21.5	22.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,099**	**3,480**	**3,400**	**3,292**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.1	28.6	26.1	26.5
Children older than 12 at entry	76.9	71.4	73.9	73.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**584**	**630**	**655**	**698**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	4.7	5.6	7.0	5.4	1.6	1.4	3.6	1.8	9.7	8.9	10.1	9.3
Guardianship	9.8	13.6	12.5	16.9	8.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	8.4	9.1	5.4	5.1
Reunification	69.0	66.2	64.7	59.8	82.0	87.0	85.8	84.4	70.3	70.7	71.7	71.8
Other	16.5	14.6	15.7	17.9	7.8	9.6	8.6	12.0	11.6	11.2	12.8	13.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**788**	**755**	**655**	**686**	**244**	**208**	**197**	**167**	**1,579**	**1,565**	**1,498**	**1,441**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	11.7	7.6	12.5	7.1	7.6	10.1	8.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	7.6	9.6	9.1	5.4	6.0	5.8	7.3
Reunification	50.0	50.0	100.0	100.0	76.5	72.1	73.5	66.9	75.0	72.9	70.0	70.2
Other	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.6	9.4	11.4	12.5	13.5	14.1	13.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**600**	**592**	**554**	**614**	**4,403**	**3,803**	**3,771**	**3,620**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.0	2.8	3.8	3.8	16.8	13.1	13.4	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	5.0	5.7	8.1	6.8	7.3	8.0	8.2	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	82.0	83.5	79.4	80.9	68.8	67.3	66.3	60.1	100.0	75.0	85.7	72.7
Other	11.0	8.0	8.8	8.5	7.1	11.6	12.1	9.3	0.0	25.0	14.3	27.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**100**	**176**	**160**	**235**	**477**	**449**	**463**	**451**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**33**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	90.8	91.4	91.8	90.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	7.0	6.3	6.1	7.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.2	1.4	1.0	0.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,028**	**5,439**	**5,156**	**5,024**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	63.4	65.3	67.3	68.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	26.1	23.0	20.5	19.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.2	11.0	11.5	11.5
Missing data	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.7
Number	**8,080**	**7,806**	**8,166**	**8,017**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	6.2	5.6	6.2	4.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	35.9	38.6	39.5	42.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	24.7	28.0	28.8	30.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.4	13.5	15.4	12.8
48 or more mos.	15.7	14.3	10.1	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**643**	**607**	**694**	**654**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.4	87.9	83.1	82.8	58.6	57.8	51.5	44.5	32.9	32.2	30.3	27.3	100.0	100.0	98.5	93.1
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	12.1	16.8	17.1	41.4	42.2	48.5	55.4	67.0	67.8	69.7	72.7	0.0	0.0	1.5	6.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**9,527**	**9,047**	**9,359**	**9,431**	**2,122**	**1,906**	**1,991**	**2,272**	**3,271**	**3,081**	**2,869**	**2,671**	**45**	**60**	**67**	**29**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.1
Institutions	14.4	13.9	11.1	11.4
Other settings	82.5	83.0	85.2	85.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	**3,963**	**4,058**	**4,354**	**4,212**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.1**	**117.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	87.8	89.0	88.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.3	3.3	3.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	66.4	62.8	63.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	28.0	27.9	26.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**89.8**	**100.1**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	44.2	45.7	47.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	25.8	26.4	24.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	14.2	16.8	16.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	2.1	2.7	3.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.5	40.1	47.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**105.8**	**106.8**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	15.3	17.0	17.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	90.5	91.1	90.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	45.2	42.6	40.5

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**85.9**	**82.0**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.8	79.7	80.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	57.7	51.4	44.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	32.2	30.2	27.1

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Mississippi

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	761,991	761,628	762,072	759,405
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	44.5	44.4	44.3	44.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1
White	51.5	51.5	51.3	50.9
Two or more races	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Child population in poverty (%)	28.6	31.0	30.9	29.5

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	5,940	5,674	6,154	6,272
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,721	2,989	3,269	3,203
Children adopted	183	270	242	248

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	24,503	32.2 per 1,000	24,546	32.2 per 1,000	24,648	32.3 per 1,000	26,306	34.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	5,940	7.8 per 1,000	5,674	7.5 per 1,000	6,154	8.1 per 1,000	6,272	8.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	1.7 per 100,000	19	2.5 per 100,000	14	1.8 per 100,000	4	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.0	9.1	9.2	9.9
1-5 years	28.9	30.4	29.3	29.0
6-10 years	30.4	29.2	29.2	28.3
11-15 years	26.8	25.6	26.7	26.5
16+ years	6.0	5.6	5.5	6.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**5,940**	**5,674**	**6,154**	**6,272**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Black	41.5	40.4	41.0	46.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.6
White	39.3	40.1	42.5	43.9
Two or more races	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.0
Unknown	17.5	17.5	14.2	6.9
Number	**5,940**	**5,674**	**6,154**	**6,272**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	9.3	11.7	11.0	9.3
Medical neglect	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.1
Neglect	55.0	52.5	56.6	59.4
Physical abuse	22.8	22.6	21.2	19.9
Sexual abuse	15.1	15.9	15.0	14.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4
Number	**5,940**	**5,674**	**6,154**	**6,272**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	177.2	137.6	111.7	77.8
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	2,675	2,697	2,880	3,194	1,570	1,852	2,048	1,952	1,525	1,560	1,659	1,943	2,721	2,989	3,269	3,203
Median length of stay (months)	17.3	17.1	13.9	13.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.8	12.3	11.1	11.7	17.2	13.9	13.1	14.1

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.4	13.7	13.3	14.5	14.5	4.3	3.5	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.6	5.5	5.7
1 year	4.9	5.3	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.6	7.7	7.0	6.6	5.5	5.8	6.3	5.4	6.3	6.4	6.2
2 years	5.7	5.3	5.6	6.4	5.9	5.7	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.4	6.9	5.2	5.5	6.5	6.4
3 years	4.6	5.3	5.9	6.4	5.4	6.9	5.9	5.2	6.0	5.4	6.8	6.6	5.4	6.0	6.2	5.8
4 years	5.0	4.7	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.6	5.3	6.0	5.8	6.0	4.6	5.4	5.3	5.3
5 years	5.0	4.6	5.8	5.2	4.3	6.5	5.4	4.8	6.0	4.7	5.8	6.6	4.4	5.5	5.3	5.2
6 years	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.8	4.7	5.5	6.0	5.9	4.9	5.1	5.5	4.5
7 years	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.2	5.1	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.3	5.2
8 years	5.0	4.7	4.3	3.9	5.0	4.8	3.9	4.9	4.5	4.5	5.5	4.4	4.8	4.3	3.9	4.7
9 years	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.9	4.6	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.6	3.9	3.8
10 years	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.5	3.6	5.4	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	3.8
11 years	4.9	5.6	5.1	4.0	5.4	5.3	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.9	3.5	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.1
12 years	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.4	4.6	5.6	5.4	4.8	4.6	6.2	4.1	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3	4.9
13 years	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.8	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.5	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.8	5.6
14 years	5.1	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.2	5.1	5.7	6.4	4.5	5.2	4.6	5.2	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
15 years	7.1	5.6	5.9	5.8	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.7	4.7	3.9	5.0	4.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.7
16 years	6.7	6.8	5.9	6.2	5.0	4.5	4.1	5.1	4.8	4.4	3.7	4.9	6.6	5.9	6.1	5.9
17 years	6.5	6.2	6.1	5.1	3.2	2.4	2.1	1.6	5.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	6.5	6.0	5.0	5.6
18 years	3.3	3.5	3.0	2.9	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.9	5.2	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.6
19 years	2.4	1.5	1.6	1.3	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.7
20+ years	0.4	1.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	2.4	1.6	1.2	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.0
Black	53.3	53.7	50.1	50.8	45.9	44.0	45.9	49.6	48.9	51.2	43.8	46.7	51.5	49.0	50.7	52.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.5	0.8	2.2	2.4	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.4	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.6
White	41.4	41.6	45.7	44.6	40.0	48.1	48.4	45.2	41.8	42.1	50.8	47.7	40.4	45.4	44.8	43.1
Two or more races	0.6	1.4	1.4	2.2	1.2	1.5	2.1	1.8	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.9	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.1
Unknown	1.8	0.2	0.4	0.5	2.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	4.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5
Missing data	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.0	8.9	4.4	0.3	<.1	2.8	3.6	1.6	0.0	5.3	2.0	<.1	<.1

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	810	914	857	897
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	212	329	302	289

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.6	4.6	2.5	2.6
1 year	5.2	6.5	6.7	5.8
2 years	5.8	6.6	7.9	7.1
3 years	7.2	7.0	6.2	7.2
4 years	4.4	6.6	5.8	7.4
5 years	4.9	6.0	6.2	5.4
6 years	5.8	5.1	6.5	5.5
7 years	5.9	4.3	4.9	6.1
8 years	6.2	5.0	5.1	5.1
9 years	6.0	6.8	5.0	4.7
10 years	6.2	4.8	6.0	5.0
11 years	7.0	5.5	4.7	5.2
12 years	7.0	6.3	5.7	4.2
13 years	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.7
14 years	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.5
15 years	5.1	5.7	5.6	6.9
16 years	5.2	4.4	5.1	5.2
17 years	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.3
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Black	53.3	51.0	52.9	53.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0	2.2	1.8	1.4
White	41.9	42.8	42.6	41.7
Two or more races	1.0	2.5	2.1	2.8
Unknown	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4
Missing data	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	183	270	242	248

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.8
1 year	4.9	5.2	5.0	6.5
2 years	7.1	6.7	8.3	12.1
3 years	8.2	8.9	10.7	10.9
4 years	8.7	9.6	8.3	7.3
5 years	10.4	4.1	10.3	8.9
6 years	6.0	7.8	7.4	8.5
7 years	8.2	10.7	5.8	7.3
8 years	7.1	5.2	5.4	6.9
9 years	5.5	4.1	7.0	4.0
10 years	4.9	8.9	7.4	4.8
11 years	4.4	7.0	5.4	4.8
12 years	6.0	7.0	5.4	3.2
13 years	7.1	5.6	3.3	3.2
14 years	4.9	3.7	4.5	3.2
15 years	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.4
16 years	1.1	1.1	1.7	2.8
17 years	2.2	1.9	1.2	2.0
18 years	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Black	45.4	46.7	41.3	40.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	2.6	2.9	2.8
White	50.8	48.1	52.9	53.2
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	1.7	2.4
Unknown	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Mississippi

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	95.7	95.5	94.7	94.3
Children with one or more recurrences	4.3	4.5	5.3	5.7
Number	**2,604**	**2,646**	**2,805**	**2,816**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.57	0.48	0.49	0.76
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.43	99.52	99.51	99.24
Number	**4,245**	**4,549**	**4,928**	**5,146**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.9	17.4	14.0	13.0
Guardianship	1.3	3.7	6.4	4.1
Reunification	44.9	67.5	71.8	77.1
Other	6.1	10.2	6.8	5.4
Missing data	35.7	1.3	1.0	0.4
Number	**1,525**	**1,560**	**1,659**	**1,943**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.1	30.5	27.6	16.3
Guardianship	3.3	2.0	3.9	4.1
Reunification	50.0	52.2	55.5	68.8
Other	11.0	15.1	11.5	10.4
Missing data	23.6	0.2	1.4	0.5
Number	**182**	**456**	**355**	**221**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.3	1.7	1.3	2.1
Guardianship	1.1	3.5	5.2	4.6
Reunification	44.4	67.1	72.8	77.9
Other	16.2	26.7	20.1	14.6
Missing data	37.9	1.0	0.5	0.9
Number	**351**	**401**	**383**	**438**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.3	26.7	28.6	37.3
Children older than 12 at entry	67.7	73.3	71.4	62.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**62**	**116**	**98**	**75**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	11.3	15.9	12.7	11.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.3	5.8	3.5
Reunification	50.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	75.0	77.8	100.0	46.2	66.2	71.9	77.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	13.7	8.1	6.7
Missing data	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.1	1.0	1.5	0.7
Number	**2**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**9**	**5**	**746**	**798**	**726**	**908**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	10.5	35.0	25.9	14.9	14.3	19.8	15.1	14.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	4.1	7.4	5.0
Reunification	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.9	55.0	70.4	83.0	43.1	67.7	70.8	76.2
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.7	2.1	6.6	6.9	6.1	4.3
Missing data	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.6	5.0	0.0	0.0	34.2	1.5	0.7	0.2
Number	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**19**	**20**	**27**	**47**	**638**	**656**	**842**	**927**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.5	0.0	0.0	20.0	40.0	28.6	20.0	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	12.5	6.7	0.0	4.8	0.0	2.7	0.0	5.4	3.8	0.0
Reunification	33.8	100.0	87.5	73.3	40.0	57.1	80.0	78.4	60.5	91.1	92.3	0.0
Other	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	9.5	0.0	5.4	4.7	1.8	3.8	0.0
Missing data	63.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.9	1.8	0.0	0.0
Number	**65**	**4**	**8**	**15**	**10**	**21**	**20**	**37**	**43**	**56**	**26**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	64.5	66.5	69.4	63.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.3	21.3	20.6	25.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.2	7.3	5.2	5.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.6
48 or more mos.	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.0
Number	**685**	**1,053**	**1,191**	**1,498**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	91.3	90.8	90.5	90.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.1	5.2	4.3	4.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.9	4.0	5.1	5.2
Missing data	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,570**	**1,852**	**2,048**	**1,952**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	0.0	1.5	0.0	2.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.7	9.6	17.2	18.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	21.4	23.6	29.2	29.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.8	22.9	26.6	25.7
48 or more mos.	45.1	42.4	27.0	23.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**182**	**271**	**233**	**253**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	58.1	79.7	80.8	78.0	51.8	58.5	55.6	53.4	33.0	39.5	35.5	32.8	23.5	100.0	87.5	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.8	15.8	18.6	20.1	28.6	37.7	44.1	46.6	56.1	58.0	63.9	66.9	5.9	0.0	12.5	0.0
Missing data	31.1	4.4	0.7	1.8	19.6	3.8	0.3	0.0	10.9	2.5	0.6	0.3	70.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,825**	**2,090**	**2,422**	**2,455**	**920**	**939**	**1,033**	**1,139**	**1,483**	**1,518**	**1,465**	**1,551**	**17**	**2**	**8**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	21.6	20.3	17.4	12.9
Institutions	0.2	0.7	1.8	2.3
Other settings	78.1	78.9	80.8	84.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**810**	**1,368**	**1,550**	**1,406**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**125.4**	**122.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	63.3	69.2	63.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.3	7.6	9.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	33.2	43.4	47.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.9	8.2	6.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**103.9**	**103.5**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	11.1	16.8	21.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	42.8	38.0	35.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.1	19.6	19.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.5	10.2	14.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	36.4	64.9	58.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**118.6**	**106.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	31.2	26.5	27.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.3	96.5	95.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	41.1	54.2	52.2

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**90.6**	**87.2**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.1	80.8	78.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.7	55.8	53.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	40.9	36.4	34.0

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Missouri

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,415,504	1,413,662	1,414,887	1,416,592
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4
Black	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0
White	78.2	77.9	77.5	77.3
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4
Child population in poverty (%)	15.7	16.2	19.0	18.6

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	10,183	9,616	8,945	7,108
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,900	11,778	11,433	10,181
Children adopted	1,405	1,391	1,309	1,253

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	84,383	59.6 per 1,000	82,442	58.3 per 1,000	82,252	58.1 per 1,000	70,270	49.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	10,183	7.2 per 1,000	9,616	6.8 per 1,000	8,945	6.3 per 1,000	7,108	5.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	45	3.2 per 100,000	48	3.4 per 100,000	42	3.0 per 100,000	43	3.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8
1-5 years	30.3	30.7	29.9	30.6
6-10 years	27.1	27.3	26.4	25.1
11-15 years	30.5	29.1	30.3	30.1
16+ years	5.6	6.1	6.7	7.2
Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Number	**10,183**	**9,616**	**8,945**	**7,108**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	18.8	22.3	19.5	21.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.8	3.0	3.2
White	76.6	72.6	75.6	73.1
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.4
Number	**10,183**	**9,616**	**8,945**	**7,108**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.7
Medical neglect	3.2	3.0	3.8	—
Neglect	50.4	50.5	51.7	51.7
Physical abuse	27.9	28.8	27.5	31.2
Sexual abuse	27.9	27.2	26.2	28.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	2.6	2.3	2.1	—
Number	**10,183**	**9,616**	**8,945**	**7,108**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	49.9	54.3	57.2	55.3
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	12,118	11,188	11,195	10,900	6,342	6,618	6,451	5,657	6,560	6,028	6,213	6,376	11,900	11,778	11,433	10,181
Median length of stay (months)	16.3	17.4	16.8	16.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.4	14.3	15.0	14.1	16.8	16.1	15.7	16.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.2	14.5	14.9	15.1	15.8	3.7	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.7	5.1	5.4	5.2
1 year	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.8	6.2	6.8	7.1	7.7	6.4	6.8	6.5	7.1	5.3	5.5	5.9	6.1
2 years	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.8	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.6	5.9	7.3	5.1	5.2	5.8	5.5
3 years	4.6	4.9	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.6	5.6	6.8	5.0	4.6	5.1	5.2
4 years	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.9	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.5
5 years	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
6 years	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.3	5.2	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1
7 years	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.7	5.1	3.7	4.0	4.4	3.6
8 years	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0
9 years	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.6	4.8	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.6
10 years	4.9	4.6	4.3	3.7	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.6	4.1	3.5	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.7
11 years	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.5	4.1	3.7	5.2	4.5	4.5	3.7	4.7	4.5	4.1	3.7
12 years	5.5	5.6	4.9	4.7	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.8	3.9	4.0	5.6	4.9	4.6	4.4
13 years	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.6	6.2	5.5	6.0	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.2	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.5
14 years	6.6	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.5	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.6	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6
15 years	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.7	6.4	5.7	5.2	5.9	4.9	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.8
16 years	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.6	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.7	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.5	7.7	7.8	7.6	8.2
17 years	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	5.7	4.6	5.4	5.2	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.4
18 years	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.9
19 years	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.4
20+ years	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.3	2.5	2.9	3.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	34.4	33.7	32.0	30.9	24.9	23.8	24.0	26.0	25.6	25.9	24.9	25.4	34.2	32.2	31.3	31.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.4	3.1	3.3	3.4	2.0	2.7	2.9	3.0	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.6
White	62.4	63.0	64.2	65.1	70.5	71.4	70.8	68.3	70.4	69.8	70.2	70.0	62.3	64.3	64.7	63.8
Two or more races	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5
Unknown	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	3,351	3,225	3,512	2,714
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,658	1,516	1,365	1,293

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.0	5.7	6.3	4.3
1 year	6.9	6.4	8.3	5.9
2 years	6.1	6.3	7.8	6.6
3 years	6.9	6.0	6.5	6.2
4 years	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.3
5 years	5.0	4.8	5.7	5.5
6 years	4.9	4.5	5.3	5.0
7 years	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.0
8 years	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.2
9 years	6.0	4.8	5.1	5.3
10 years	6.1	6.1	4.9	5.4
11 years	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.2
12 years	6.9	6.4	5.7	6.5
13 years	7.1	7.1	5.7	6.9
14 years	7.3	7.2	6.6	6.9
15 years	6.0	6.9	6.4	8.2
16 years	3.6	3.8	2.8	4.2
17 years	1.9	2.6	1.3	2.2
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1
Black	38.3	37.9	35.4	36.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.2	2.7	3.2
White	58.0	58.5	60.3	58.8
Two or more races	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6
Unknown	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,405	1,391	1,309	1,253

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.6	3.7	4.9	4.1
1 year	10.3	11.2	10.9	12.2
2 years	11.2	10.9	11.2	12.8
3 years	8.1	9.9	8.3	10.1
4 years	7.7	7.8	8.4	9.3
5 years	6.0	7.3	6.5	7.0
6 years	5.7	5.2	6.2	7.1
7 years	6.0	5.1	6.0	5.3
8 years	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.8
9 years	6.7	4.8	5.0	4.5
10 years	4.7	5.1	3.9	4.2
11 years	6.2	4.7	4.7	4.2
12 years	5.3	4.9	4.4	3.8
13 years	4.5	4.2	2.9	3.0
14 years	3.3	3.6	3.4	2.1
15 years	2.8	2.8	3.0	1.4
16 years	1.8	2.7	2.4	2.4
17 years	1.4	0.8	2.4	1.0
18 years	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.2
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.3
Black	31.2	31.3	28.1	25.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.3	4.0	3.7	2.9
White	64.8	63.0	67.0	69.7
Two or more races	<.1	0.5	0.7	0.6
Unknown	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Missouri

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.7	91.5	93.4	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	8.3	8.5	6.6	5.6
Number	**4,268**	**4,191**	**3,841**	**3,199**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.51	0.55	0.37	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.49	99.45	99.63	99.66
Number	**18,460**	**17,806**	**17,646**	**16,557**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.7	22.0	21.1	19.6
Guardianship	10.8	11.9	12.6	12.8
Reunification	60.3	57.9	56.8	58.2
Other	8.2	8.2	9.5	9.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	**6,560**	**6,028**	**6,213**	**6,376**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.6	21.1	21.2	21.3
Guardianship	8.7	8.8	10.6	11.0
Reunification	56.1	54.6	53.1	52.1
Other	14.6	15.5	15.1	15.6
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**1,395**	**1,268**	**1,368**	**1,212**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.0
Guardianship	5.4	8.0	6.9	8.5
Reunification	70.0	64.9	65.3	64.0
Other	21.9	24.3	24.5	24.3
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**1,671**	**1,476**	**1,645**	**1,596**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.0	26.1	28.8	32.5
Children older than 12 at entry	70.0	73.9	71.2	67.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**337**	**329**	**354**	**379**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.6	14.8	23.5	17.9	39.1	43.8	0.0	28.6	25.2	26.5	23.4	19.8
Guardianship	6.3	0.0	5.9	3.6	4.3	0.0	15.4	0.0	15.0	16.9	15.3	12.2
Reunification	68.8	77.8	52.9	60.7	47.8	56.3	76.9	64.3	48.7	44.2	47.9	53.9
Other	9.4	7.4	17.6	17.9	8.7	0.0	7.7	7.1	11.1	12.3	13.4	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**32**	**27**	**34**	**28**	**23**	**16**	**13**	**14**	**1,682**	**1,560**	**1,548**	**1,619**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	22.9	33.5	26.9	18.9	19.1	19.9	20.1	19.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	3.7	8.2	13.7	9.6	10.5	12.1	13.1
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	64.1	59.1	57.7	59.5	64.3	62.7	59.6	59.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	3.7	7.1	7.9	7.0	6.9	8.2	7.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**3**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**131**	**164**	**182**	**190**	**4,617**	**4,207**	**4,364**	**4,461**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.0	8.8	8.9	18.8	8.3	36.8	34.6	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	5.0	5.9	4.4	9.4	16.7	10.5	3.8	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	60.0	79.4	80.0	59.4	75.0	52.6	57.7	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	20.0	5.9	6.7	12.5	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**60**	**34**	**45**	**32**	**12**	**19**	**26**	**32**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	59.5	65.0	61.6	65.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.1	21.3	22.6	20.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.2	5.6	7.1	6.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.7
48 or more mos.	4.4	4.2	4.5	3.4
Missing data	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.8
Number	**3,954**	**3,491**	**3,528**	**3,714**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	74.2	76.1	74.0	77.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.9	8.1	8.1	7.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	9.1	11.6	11.4
Missing data	6.8	6.7	6.3	3.8
Number	**6,342**	**6,618**	**6,451**	**5,657**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	7.2	7.3	9.9	8.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.8	25.9	25.5	30.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	31.8	31.7	29.5	30.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.3	19.0	18.2	16.4
48 or more mos.	16.6	15.8	16.9	14.0
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,358**	**1,328**	**1,311**	**1,252**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.6	79.5	86.8	85.9	51.8	51.7	60.1	59.6	26.2	24.2	28.5	25.5	98.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.4	20.5	13.2	14.1	48.2	48.3	39.9	40.4	73.8	75.8	71.5	74.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**7,399**	**7,503**	**7,395**	**6,868**	**4,422**	**3,959**	**4,026**	**3,925**	**6,566**	**6,262**	**6,158**	**5,730**	**73**	**82**	**67**	**34**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.7
Institutions	5.6	4.3	4.8	5.0
Other settings	93.2	94.9	94.3	94.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,986**	**3,176**	**2,193**	**2,625**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.7**	**119.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.8	66.6	69.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.0	7.8	7.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.2	36.6	40.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.3	8.7	9.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**126.9**	**133.0**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	33.3	35.4	39.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.0	29.3	28.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.5	21.5	21.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	13.0	13.3	15.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	67.2	67.7	74.7

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**114.7**	**117.8**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.7	29.4	28.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.3	97.2	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	55.4	57.4	52.9

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**94.3**	**92.3**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	77.4	85.6	84.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	51.7	60.2	59.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	25.5	30.6	27.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Missouri

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Missouri's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Missouri is committed to providing the most accurate data possible through NCANDS and AFCARS transmissions. We continue to enhance our data systems to more completely detail our compliance with the mandates of ASFA and to better serve the families of Missouri. We have seen a decrease in the recurrence of abuse within six months from 2003 to 2006 and an increase in the number of children safely returned home in less than 12 months.

Missouri has also intensified our efforts to lower the percentage of children re-entering foster care in less than 12 months. Our commitment is to ensure that each child finds permanency in a safe environment in a timely manner. As a result of this effort, we have seen an increase in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months, from 33.3 percent in 2003 to 39 percent in 2006.

Missouri continues their aggressive pursuit to ensure that the families they serve are provided with the quality services they deserve and that the safety of children is the primary goal. We will continue to provide timely and accurate data to ACF that will reflect our efforts toward these continued goals.

Montana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	221,073	219,775	218,731	217,848
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.8
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Black	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7
White	83.2	82.9	82.6	82.5
Two or more races	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Child population in poverty (%)	18.0	19.2	20.1	17.3

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	1,951	1,753	2,095	1,775
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,866	2,030	2,222	1,962
Children adopted	224	192	244	272

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	14,966	67.7 per 1,000	12,406	56.5 per 1,000	13,793	63.1 per 1,000	14,171	65.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	1,951	8.8 per 1,000	1,753	8.0 per 1,000	2,095	9.6 per 1,000	1,775	8.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.4 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.7	10.0	13.9	13.0
1-5 years	35.0	36.6	35.7	34.1
6-10 years	24.1	26.1	24.0	25.3
11-15 years	22.1	19.3	19.9	19.7
16+ years	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.6
Unknown	5.4	4.0	2.4	3.3
Number	**1,951**	**1,753**	**2,095**	**1,775**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	21.4	22.2	23.7	17.1
Asian	—	0.3	0.3	0.1
Black	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	4.4	4.1	4.6
White	52.5	52.0	48.0	54.2
Two or more races	3.0	3.1	4.0	4.1
Unknown	19.3	17.1	18.9	19.0
Number	**1,951**	**1,753**	**2,095**	**1,775**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	15.5	22.2	20.4	19.8
Medical neglect	1.6	1.6	2.4	1.7
Neglect	38.7	69.4	74.3	70.3
Physical abuse	59.1	12.6	10.7	12.1
Sexual abuse	8.7	8.7	6.9	8.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
Number	**1,951**	**1,753**	**2,095**	**1,775**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	316.5	198.2	245.9	204.1
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,777	1,794	1,939	2,071	1,175	1,228	1,432	1,179	1,087	992	1,149	1,288	1,866	2,030	2,222	1,962
Median length of stay (months)	17.4	17.2	16.3	14.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1	9.4	12.3	12.0	16.2	15.9	13.5	15.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.6	4.3	4.8	6.5	13.9	15.4	17.8	16.7	4.9	5.2	5.9	4.9	4.7	4.7	6.6	5.5
1 year	6.0	6.6	6.7	7.9	8.3	8.2	9.1	9.5	7.2	8.1	6.5	8.8	6.8	6.7	7.8	8.3
2 years	5.8	6.8	6.4	7.6	8.4	8.0	7.1	8.4	7.5	6.6	7.2	9.4	6.8	6.6	7.6	7.9
3 years	5.5	6.0	7.5	5.8	6.6	6.0	6.8	6.7	7.2	5.7	7.7	6.4	5.9	7.4	5.9	7.3
4 years	5.5	5.2	6.2	6.0	5.4	6.4	5.9	6.4	6.2	7.4	8.2	7.2	5.3	6.2	6.3	5.6
5 years	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.9	5.0	4.7	5.7	5.2	5.0	6.2	6.2	4.6	5.0	5.3	5.4
6 years	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	3.9	5.8	5.5	5.1	6.6	4.6	5.5	6.4	3.9	4.7	4.6	5.0
7 years	4.7	4.0	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.7	3.7	4.6	5.0	3.9	4.6	5.0	3.7
8 years	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.9
9 years	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.8	4.6	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.9	3.5	4.1	3.6	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.1
10 years	6.5	5.6	4.7	4.2	5.3	4.5	3.3	3.3	4.3	4.5	3.7	3.0	5.5	4.6	4.1	4.4
11 years	5.1	6.6	4.7	4.3	4.4	3.5	3.4	3.1	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.1	6.4	4.8	4.2	4.4
12 years	6.5	5.3	6.0	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.9	5.1	4.2	3.2	5.3	5.9	4.3	3.7
13 years	5.7	6.2	5.1	6.4	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.7	6.3	5.1	6.2	4.3
14 years	6.6	6.1	6.4	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.8	4.4	4.8	6.1	6.2	5.2	6.1
15 years	6.3	6.4	5.4	6.7	5.0	3.5	4.1	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	6.3	5.5	6.5	5.6
16 years	5.6	5.8	6.2	5.7	3.6	4.4	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.0	6.0	5.9	5.4	6.8
17 years	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.0	1.7	2.6	2.2	1.9	5.8	5.4	4.4	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.6
18 years	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.9	6.2	4.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3
19 years	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.3	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.3
20+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	31.6	33.7	32.6	32.7	29.8	29.9	32.6	31.9	26.6	28.7	30.7	32.4	33.4	33.8	33.6	32.4
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.5	5.8	4.9	5.2	6.0	4.9	6.4	4.0	5.7	6.7	4.7	5.7	5.7	4.7	5.9
White	57.4	54.6	53.8	54.1	52.4	53.6	51.0	52.0	60.5	57.8	53.4	54.0	52.4	52.4	52.2	52.9
Two or more races	1.3	2.0	3.7	4.8	4.4	4.9	5.6	4.9	2.7	2.7	3.5	4.7	2.5	3.3	5.0	4.9
Unknown	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.2	6.6	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.3	3.4	3.7	3.0	4.4	3.3	3.1	2.5
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	639	713	646	608
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	545	596	550	537

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.3	0.4	1.7	1.5
1 year	4.5	4.3	4.6	6.1
2 years	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.9
3 years	6.3	7.2	6.3	6.6
4 years	5.0	6.2	6.5	3.8
5 years	4.9	6.2	5.4	4.9
6 years	4.2	6.2	3.1	3.8
7 years	3.3	3.5	4.8	3.6
8 years	4.7	3.4	3.9	4.4
9 years	3.8	4.1	4.2	5.1
10 years	5.5	4.3	3.9	4.4
11 years	8.5	5.6	4.6	5.3
12 years	6.9	8.0	6.0	4.8
13 years	8.5	6.6	8.5	5.8
14 years	6.6	8.6	6.5	9.4
15 years	7.7	6.5	9.8	7.6
16 years	6.6	7.6	7.1	10.2
17 years	5.5	5.6	7.1	6.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	26.9	29.9	24.5	22.9
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	4.9	5.3	6.6
White	60.6	58.5	61.1	62.2
Two or more races	1.1	2.1	4.0	4.1
Unknown	3.3	2.8	2.9	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	224	192	244	272

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.3	2.6	2.5	0.0
1 year	11.2	9.9	8.2	11.8
2 years	8.9	16.1	9.8	14.0
3 years	10.7	12.0	12.3	8.1
4 years	8.5	8.3	12.7	11.4
5 years	8.5	3.6	11.5	10.7
6 years	8.0	7.8	9.8	7.4
7 years	7.1	5.7	4.9	5.5
8 years	7.6	7.8	4.9	5.1
9 years	5.4	4.2	3.7	5.1
10 years	3.1	3.6	4.9	4.4
11 years	4.5	5.7	3.3	3.3
12 years	4.5	6.3	4.1	2.6
13 years	3.1	0.5	4.1	3.7
14 years	3.1	1.6	2.0	2.2
15 years	0.9	2.1	0.4	3.3
16 years	2.2	1.6	0.8	0.7
17 years	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.7
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	17.0	17.2	24.6	25.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Black	1.8	0.0	1.2	2.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	13.5	9.8	7.4
White	73.7	68.2	60.2	60.3
Two or more races	3.6	1.0	3.3	5.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Montana

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	90.5	93.5	92.8	94.6
Children with one or more recurrences	9.5	6.5	7.2	5.4
Number	**814**	**815**	**1,001**	**900**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.24	0.23	0.36	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.76	99.77	99.64	99.66
Number	**2,952**	**3,022**	**3,371**	**3,250**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.8	17.9	20.8	20.8
Guardianship	5.1	4.4	8.0	6.5
Reunification	57.7	57.8	57.4	59.8
Other	9.5	13.2	9.9	8.6
Missing data	7.0	6.7	3.9	4.3
Number	**1,087**	**992**	**1,149**	**1,288**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	38.6	31.6	29.6	35.6
Guardianship	2.3	0.0	11.3	5.0
Reunification	25.0	31.6	27.8	29.7
Other	22.7	25.3	22.6	19.8
Missing data	11.4	11.4	8.7	9.9
Number	**88**	**79**	**115**	**101**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.3	1.3	1.4	2.6
Guardianship	4.7	4.4	3.6	4.3
Reunification	48.1	47.3	55.4	56.0
Other	28.0	30.1	31.5	25.2
Missing data	16.8	16.8	8.1	12.0
Number	**214**	**226**	**222**	**234**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	38.2	34.8	34.4	38.5
Children older than 12 at entry	61.8	65.2	65.6	61.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**76**	**92**	**90**	**91**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	14.5	10.5	17.3	16.1	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	21.1	0.0	21.4	46.2
Guardianship	6.2	6.7	10.2	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	9.1	0.0	7.7
Reunification	59.9	57.2	57.8	60.0	0.0	66.7	87.5	50.0	57.9	90.9	64.3	38.5
Other	11.8	18.2	10.5	8.6	100.0	33.3	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	7.7
Missing data	7.6	7.4	4.2	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**289**	**285**	**353**	**417**	**1**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**19**	**11**	**14**	**13**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.9	43.9	29.9	31.1	24.6	21.1	23.3	23.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	3.5	11.7	1.6	5.0	3.3	7.0	5.3
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	69.8	38.6	46.8	54.1	53.6	57.1	56.0	58.3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	8.8	6.5	4.9	9.6	12.0	10.0	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	5.3	5.2	8.2	7.1	6.5	3.8	3.7
Number	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**43**	**57**	**77**	**61**	**658**	**573**	**613**	**695**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.0	7.4	20.0	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	5.9	4.8	7.7	3.4	3.7	5.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	89.4	82.4	76.2	87.2	58.6	70.4	65.0	68.9	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Other	4.3	5.9	11.9	5.1	6.9	7.4	10.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	6.4	5.9	7.1	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**47**	**34**	**42**	**39**	**29**	**27**	**40**	**61**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	77.5	75.7	75.4	73.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.6	18.2	18.4	20.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.8	3.0	3.0	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.8	0.9	1.2	0.1
48 or more mos.	1.1	2.3	2.0	2.3
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**627**	**573**	**659**	**770**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	69.0	72.2	76.9	72.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	18.8	13.4	10.1	13.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.4	12.4	11.5	12.2
Missing data	0.8	2.0	1.5	1.0
Number	**1,175**	**1,228**	**1,432**	**1,179**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.1	6.2	2.5	1.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	30.1	32.0	23.4	35.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	28.3	33.1	37.7	35.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.7	12.9	20.5	14.6
48 or more mos.	20.8	15.7	15.9	13.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**226**	**178**	**239**	**268**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.8	86.4	86.4	87.6	68.4	63.8	68.8	66.6	36.5	37.0	37.5	37.5	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.2	13.6	13.6	12.4	31.6	36.2	31.2	33.4	63.5	63.0	62.5	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,365**	**1,371**	**1,581**	**1,400**	**561**	**647**	**731**	**826**	**1,026**	**998**	**1,050**	**1,024**	**0**	**6**	**9**	**0**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	7.8	5.2	5.2	4.3
Institutions	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8
Other settings	91.7	94.3	94.3	94.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**928**	**961**	**1,132**	**950**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**102.8**	**108.3**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	74.5	75.5	73.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.1	5.4	6.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.0	38.2	41.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	26.0	23.0	19.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.1**	**114.2**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	38.2	25.9	36.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.6	31.7	28.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	14.3	21.0	22.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	13.3	16.8	16.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	37.8	34.1	42.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**103.2**	**99.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	16.8	27.5	26.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	86.1	87.7	88.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	48.5	62.8	63.1

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**100.5**	**100.7**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.8	85.0	86.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	63.9	68.9	66.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	36.8	37.8	37.7

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Nebraska

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	445,283	445,141	445,087	445,033
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Asian	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Black	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.5
White	79.5	78.9	78.4	77.8
Two or more races	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	12.6	13.1	14.8	14.4

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	3,875	4,785	6,630	6,160
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,148	6,292	6,231	6,187
Children adopted	286	367	352	534

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	14,767	33.2 per 1,000	24,235	54.4 per 1,000	35,621	80.0 per 1,000	30,500	68.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	3,875	8.7 per 1,000	4,785	10.8 per 1,000	6,630	14.9 per 1,000	6,160	13.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	16	3.6 per 100,000	11	2.5 per 100,000	6	1.4 per 100,000	15	3.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	11.4	10.0	11.0	11.2
1-5 years	34.1	36.2	35.4	37.1
6-10 years	27.0	26.3	26.9	26.0
11-15 years	22.0	21.6	21.0	20.2
16+ years	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.9
Unknown	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.5
Number	**3,875**	**4,785**	**6,630**	**6,160**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.9	5.8	5.7	5.8
Asian	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
Black	9.7	11.3	12.9	14.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.4	10.2	9.0	9.7
White	66.7	64.0	62.2	61.2
Two or more races	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.8
Unknown	6.9	7.9	8.8	7.8
Number	**3,875**	**4,785**	**6,630**	**6,160**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	8.0	5.7	5.5	6.3
Medical neglect	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Neglect	72.7	79.2	83.1	85.0
Physical abuse	21.2	18.2	14.0	13.0
Sexual abuse	10.0	8.0	8.9	9.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**3,875**	**4,785**	**6,630**	**6,160**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	328.0	239.2	207.4	171.7
Median	>48, but <72	>48, but <72	>24, but <48	>48, but <72

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	5,388	5,255	5,714	6,046	2,907	4,155	3,942	3,799	3,147	3,118	3,425	3,658	5,148	6,292	6,231	6,187
Median length of stay (months)	14.7	14.7	12.2	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.6	14.2	12.6	14.2	15.0	11.1	12.5	12.8

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.8	2.9	3.6	4.0	8.8	9.0	10.4	10.5	2.1	2.1	3.0	2.2	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.1
1 year	4.3	4.2	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.6	3.9	3.3	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.9	5.0	5.3
2 years	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.3	4.4	4.3	5.1	4.4	3.8	4.6	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	5.3	5.2
3 years	4.0	4.3	4.9	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.7	5.0	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.1
4 years	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.7	3.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.7	4.5
5 years	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.6
6 years	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.8
7 years	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.9	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.8	4.0
8 years	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.4	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.6
9 years	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.2
10 years	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.2
11 years	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.3
12 years	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.7
13 years	4.9	5.8	4.7	4.8	6.4	5.4	6.1	5.8	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.4	5.6	4.7	4.9	4.4
14 years	6.5	6.6	7.0	6.5	8.6	8.5	8.1	7.3	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.4	6.5	7.2	6.5	6.6
15 years	9.2	9.6	9.2	9.3	11.1	11.2	9.1	9.5	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.3	9.5	9.4	9.4	8.9
16 years	12.1	11.0	11.3	10.5	10.8	11.2	10.5	10.1	9.0	8.7	8.6	8.1	11.1	12.1	10.7	11.0
17 years	11.4	11.6	10.4	10.8	9.0	8.6	7.5	8.3	13.5	11.4	11.3	11.6	11.8	11.0	10.7	9.9
18 years	6.9	5.9	5.5	5.5	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	16.4	14.4	10.8	11.8	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.1	5.6	5.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	7.3	8.2	7.7	8.9	8.6	8.4	9.9	7.8	7.2	9.3	7.8	8.9	8.1	7.8	9.0	8.3
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	17.1	15.6	15.2	15.4	11.6	13.1	12.7	15.2	14.6	12.9	12.3	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.2	15.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.2	10.0	10.1	10.0	11.6	10.9	10.8	9.5	8.7	11.4	11.4	8.3	10.2	9.8	9.8
White	65.1	65.3	63.7	61.7	66.9	63.0	61.7	61.5	66.1	66.6	63.9	61.4	65.5	63.2	62.3	61.7
Two or more races	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.3
Unknown	1.6	1.6	2.5	2.6	2.0	3.0	3.4	3.3	1.9	1.6	3.4	3.2	1.6	2.5	2.6	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	787	902	913	971
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	622	554	488	647

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.8	1.3	1.8	2.8
1 year	4.3	6.8	4.7	7.3
2 years	6.9	6.8	7.3	7.3
3 years	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.0
4 years	7.6	6.4	7.0	6.6
5 years	7.4	7.0	6.8	6.5
6 years	7.5	6.5	6.6	5.6
7 years	6.1	8.2	5.3	6.4
8 years	5.7	5.2	6.6	5.1
9 years	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.5
10 years	6.4	6.4	5.4	4.6
11 years	7.0	5.9	6.8	4.7
12 years	5.6	6.8	6.1	6.0
13 years	4.7	5.2	6.6	6.1
14 years	5.7	4.2	5.5	6.8
15 years	4.3	4.9	3.9	4.9
16 years	4.3	3.3	3.7	4.1
17 years	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.7
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.9	8.9	8.7	7.6
Asian	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.4
Black	23.1	20.3	19.6	17.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	9.5	11.7	9.8
White	59.6	57.2	56.0	60.2
Two or more races	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.5
Unknown	2.7	2.3	2.0	2.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	286	367	352	534

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.7
1 year	7.3	3.3	8.2	8.1
2 years	12.2	10.1	11.9	11.6
3 years	10.5	12.5	9.1	12.4
4 years	9.1	9.0	11.1	11.0
5 years	8.0	10.9	7.4	7.3
6 years	8.7	7.9	8.0	7.7
7 years	8.0	6.3	9.7	5.6
8 years	5.9	8.2	6.3	7.5
9 years	8.0	4.1	6.3	5.1
10 years	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.6
11 years	4.9	6.0	4.8	4.7
12 years	3.8	4.6	3.4	5.1
13 years	2.8	3.8	2.6	3.0
14 years	1.7	3.0	1.1	2.4
15 years	1.0	2.2	1.4	1.1
16 years	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.9
17 years	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.2
18 years	0.3	1.1	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.3	5.4	5.1	7.5
Asian	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.2
Black	17.8	18.3	17.9	18.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.6	6.8	6.8	8.6
White	58.4	67.6	66.2	62.9
Two or more races	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.7
Unknown	2.8	0.8	3.4	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Nebraska

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	92.9	91.2	90.1	90.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	8.8	9.9	9.2
Number	**1,566**	**1,883**	**2,509**	**2,370**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.13	0.17	0.42	0.48
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.87	99.83	99.58	99.52
Number	**8,295**	**9,410**	**9,656**	**9,845**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.9	11.5	10.0	11.3
Guardianship	8.3	9.3	7.8	7.2
Reunification	74.1	69.4	73.2	67.6
Other	5.1	5.5	6.9	14.0
Missing data	3.7	4.2	2.2	0.0
Number	**3,147**	**3,118**	**3,425**	**3,658**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	28.1	27.8	16.1	15.6
Guardianship	7.8	7.2	7.9	7.2
Reunification	54.8	56.5	64.7	58.8
Other	6.4	5.7	10.7	18.4
Missing data	2.9	2.8	0.7	0.0
Number	**409**	**460**	**878**	**1,809**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	0.4	0.2	<.1
Guardianship	5.0	7.2	5.9	5.9
Reunification	81.4	78.1	78.9	67.1
Other	8.2	9.1	12.5	26.9
Missing data	5.2	5.2	2.5	0.0
Number	**1,546**	**1,410**	**1,465**	**1,597**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	2.3	5.9	15.2	12.1
Children older than 12 at entry	97.7	94.1	84.8	87.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**86**	**101**	**158**	**405**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.8	6.2	7.5	10.5	22.2	0.0	4.8	12.5	11.5	15.6	13.6	14.5
Guardianship	14.6	11.4	7.5	14.8	0.0	12.5	0.0	12.5	8.0	9.7	9.3	5.3
Reunification	67.7	74.4	77.2	58.0	66.7	87.5	90.5	62.5	70.9	67.2	65.2	66.7
Other	3.5	3.1	7.1	16.7	11.1	0.0	4.8	12.5	3.7	2.2	9.0	13.5
Missing data	5.3	4.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	5.2	2.9	0.0
Number	**226**	**289**	**268**	**324**	**9**	**8**	**21**	**8**	**460**	**403**	**420**	**525**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.7	7.7	6.2	9.6	7.7	12.0	10.4	11.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	8.9	9.0	7.9	8.3	9.2	7.4	6.5
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0	74.2	73.1	77.2	70.0	75.4	68.4	73.3	68.3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	4.0	5.5	4.1	12.5	5.7	6.4	6.9	14.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.8	3.6	0.0	2.9	4.0	2.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**299**	**271**	**390**	**416**	**2,079**	**2,078**	**2,188**	**2,246**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	9.8	6.0	9.6	6.0	8.3	23.5	4.8	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	1.6	2.0	4.3	5.1	0.0	11.8	19.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	75.4	78.0	76.5	76.1	83.3	64.7	66.7	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.9	12.0	8.7	12.8	0.0	0.0	4.8	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	8.2	2.0	0.9	0.0	8.3	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**61**	**50**	**115**	**117**	**12**	**17**	**21**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	52.4	54.2	58.2	56.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.6	24.4	26.6	29.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.0	10.7	8.6	9.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.6	4.5	3.4	2.6
48 or more mos.	6.3	6.1	3.3	1.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,331**	**2,165**	**2,508**	**2,471**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.7	80.1	80.9	80.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.8	9.9	9.3	8.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.6	9.8	9.8	10.1
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,907**	**4,155**	**3,942**	**3,799**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.2	2.5	4.7	1.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.6	12.8	17.3	15.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	24.6	31.8	27.6	29.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	25.3	25.4	22.3	23.4
48 or more mos.	26.3	27.4	28.2	30.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**281**	**358**	**341**	**414**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.9	81.6	82.3	83.2	50.1	50.6	47.9	54.0	28.5	28.1	28.4	26.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.1	18.4	17.7	16.8	49.9	49.4	52.1	46.0	71.5	71.9	71.6	73.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,591**	**4,683**	**4,701**	**4,525**	**2,002**	**2,083**	**2,418**	**2,594**	**2,698**	**2,620**	**2,529**	**2,724**	**4**	**24**	**8**	**2**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	5.2	4.2	5.4	3.3
Institutions	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.0
Other settings	93.4	94.9	93.7	95.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,557**	**2,216**	**2,234**	**2,181**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**110.9**	**112.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	64.1	68.4	66.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.4	6.9	8.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	33.2	39.2	42.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.9	16.6	14.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**81.0**	**80.9**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	15.4	22.1	16.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	37.0	36.4	37.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.5	17.2	21.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	8.8	6.0	9.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	38.1	42.2	39.5

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**142.2**	**151.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	33.4	30.4	36.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.6	97.8	99.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	22.5	25.5	22.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**85.8**	**88.2**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.6	81.6	82.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	50.9	48.4	54.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	29.4	29.4	27.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Nebraska

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Nebraska's comments on the State's data presented in the *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Nebraska continues to be dedicated to providing the most accurate data possible. We persist in efforts to enhance our data systems and maintain data integrity. We promote transparency in government and encourage access and review of our data for continuous evaluation and improvement toward achievement of the outcomes of child safety, permanency and well-being.

Section B (Maltreatment Overview): Comparing 2003 to 2006, Nebraska had a 106% increase in the number of children who were subjects of a report of child maltreatment and a 58.9% increase in the total number of child maltreatment victims. In July 2003, a child abuse and neglect awareness "You Have the Power to Protect a Child" campaign was launched. Additionally in 2003 DHHS implemented a new Intake reporting tool that guides decision making and clarified the work process, including guidance on the decision to accept a CAN report for further assessment. The media campaign, as well as the implementation of the new Intake tool and process resulted in more reports accepted for assessment which resulted in an increase in child victims.

Section D (Children Waiting to be Adopted): In 2006 only 57% of children waiting to be adopted were reported as having TPR for both parents. Nebraska allows for the TPR of absent parents at the adoption finalization hearing in cases where there is an absent parent that is either not known or cannot be located. We also recognize we have a data entry issue as staff do not always properly record TPR or relinquishment information timely. We continue to work with CFS staff to improve data quality.

Section E (Children Adopted): The number of adoptions increased substantially from 286 in 2003 to 534 in 2006, which is an 86.7% increase. The State continues to make concerted efforts to move children to permanency. There was a focused effort in 2006 to finalize the adoption of children that had been waiting for final paperwork. There continues to be a concentrated effort on obtaining timely permanency for all children.

Outcome Measure 1.1 (Recurrence of Maltreatment): Increases from 2003 through 2006 are reflective of the changes and media exposure described in Section B. In 2005 and 2006 the numbers peaked and are becoming more stable, which will be reflected in the 2007 data.

Permanency Composite 2 (Adoption): Nebraska continues to work collaboratively with the judicial system to improve the timeliness of finalizing adoptions and focusing on internal issues that delay the pursuit of adoption in cases where reunification is not an option.

Permanency Composite 3 and Outcome 3.4 (Exits to Emancipation): The State is exceeding the national standard and leading the nation in the achievement of permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time. The State has been working diligently to achieve permanency for youth that have been lingering in the foster care system. Concerted efforts to safely achieve permanency for youth are shown in these numbers.

Nevada

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	571,319	593,717	613,756	634,520
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Asian	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.9
Black	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	31.8	32.7	33.9	35.1
White	50.3	49.0	47.5	46.0
Two or more races	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0
Child population in poverty (%)	15.2	18.8	14.9	13.9

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	4,578	4,462	5,230	5,345
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,599	4,025	4,623	5,047
Children adopted	300	287	412	444

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,329	47.8 per 1,000	24,695	41.6 per 1,000	28,576	46.6 per 1,000	30,475	48.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	4,578	8.0 per 1,000	4,462	7.5 per 1,000	5,230	8.5 per 1,000	5,345	8.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	0.5 per 100,000	2	0.3 per 100,000	17	2.8 per 100,000	14	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	16.0	17.3	17.6	18.0
1-5 years	36.2	34.7	36.0	34.1
6-10 years	25.6	25.4	23.8	25.8
11-15 years	18.3	19.1	19.0	18.1
16+ years	3.8	3.4	3.6	4.1
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,578**	**4,462**	**5,230**	**5,345**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.6
Asian	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Black	17.4	16.6	14.6	20.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	21.7	20.8	22.9	24.9
White	48.3	52.2	51.6	44.0
Two or more races	4.3	4.1	5.0	6.6
Unknown	5.3	3.7	3.4	1.9
Number	**4,578**	**4,462**	**5,230**	**5,345**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	6.8	5.1	7.9	8.4
Medical neglect	1.2	1.9	1.6	2.1
Neglect	82.1	82.0	83.0	84.8
Physical abuse	16.0	18.0	17.4	17.8
Sexual abuse	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**4,578**	**4,462**	**5,230**	**5,345**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	44.6	48.4	47.5	45.5
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	3,266	3,592	4,057	4,565	3,197	3,488	3,630	3,950	2,864	3,055	3,064	3,468	3,599	4,025	4,623	5,047
Median length of stay (months)	15.0	15.4	13.9	13.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7	4.2	7.3	9.8	15.3	13.6	12.9	12.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.3	8.8	8.8	9.6	18.9	18.7	20.2	20.2	7.8	8.3	7.5	7.6	8.9	8.9	9.6	9.1
1 year	8.0	8.3	9.0	9.4	7.9	7.3	7.8	8.4	7.5	8.3	8.8	9.7	8.4	9.1	9.5	10.4
2 years	7.3	8.3	7.3	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.5	6.9	8.3	8.4	7.9	9.0	8.3	7.4	8.1	7.5
3 years	6.8	6.7	7.5	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.8	6.3	6.6	6.6	7.5	7.0	6.7	7.6	7.0	7.1
4 years	5.3	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.9	7.3	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.7	6.4
5 years	6.5	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.3	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.5	6.1
6 years	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.0	5.2	6.0	6.5	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.5
7 years	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.8	5.6	4.8	4.9	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.8
8 years	6.0	4.0	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.5	5.2	4.2	4.7	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.9
9 years	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.5	3.9	4.7	4.1
10 years	4.6	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.8	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.5	3.9	4.6
11 years	4.9	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.0
12 years	4.6	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.7	3.8	4.1
13 years	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.2	3.1	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.1
14 years	5.2	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.9	4.6	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.5	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.0
15 years	4.6	5.1	4.7	4.4	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.5	5.1	4.6	4.3	4.2
16 years	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.3	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.4
17 years	4.3	3.6	3.5	4.3	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.9	3.1	1.9	1.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.3	4.0
18 years	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	2.2	3.1	3.8	4.2	1.9	1.6	1.1	0.5
19 years	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	<.1
20+ years	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
Black	22.4	21.9	22.4	21.6	20.7	21.2	20.0	22.6	20.8	21.0	20.9	21.9	22.1	22.0	21.5	22.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	14.7	16.7	17.2	20.4	20.7	22.1	24.4	25.0	19.3	21.9	20.7	23.1	16.3	17.4	20.4	22.1
White	55.1	53.6	52.8	50.6	49.4	49.0	46.3	42.1	50.5	49.1	48.8	46.3	53.6	53.0	50.3	46.9
Two or more races	4.0	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.1	4.7	5.7	6.7	4.7	4.6	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	6.5
Unknown	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.5	2.0	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,232	1,543	1,724	1,815
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	465	624	688	770

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	11.7	10.6	10.4	10.2
1 year	11.0	12.4	11.1	11.9
2 years	10.9	10.0	9.2	9.1
3 years	8.1	10.5	8.9	7.9
4 years	6.9	7.3	8.5	7.8
5 years	7.0	6.4	6.9	7.6
6 years	7.5	6.4	6.2	6.0
7 years	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.2
8 years	4.6	6.1	5.2	5.5
9 years	5.8	4.3	6.0	4.6
10 years	4.9	5.1	4.4	5.4
11 years	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.5
12 years	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.8
13 years	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.5
14 years	1.8	2.2	2.4	3.3
15 years	2.1	1.4	1.9	1.9
16 years	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.2
17 years	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.8
Asian	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
Black	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	16.5	17.3	18.1	19.4
White	53.2	53.1	52.6	50.1
Two or more races	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.1
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	300	287	412	444

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	0.7	2.7	1.6
1 year	11.0	14.3	14.8	13.5
2 years	12.7	17.8	16.7	15.3
3 years	12.3	8.0	9.7	9.0
4 years	9.7	9.1	10.4	8.1
5 years	6.0	7.3	7.0	8.6
6 years	6.3	9.1	6.1	6.3
7 years	9.3	5.6	7.0	7.4
8 years	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.1
9 years	7.3	6.3	3.6	5.9
10 years	6.0	0.7	3.9	4.1
11 years	4.0	4.9	3.6	3.6
12 years	4.0	3.5	2.9	4.5
13 years	2.3	4.2	3.2	2.9
14 years	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.0
15 years	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.8
16 years	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.5
17 years	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.7
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	1.7	0.5	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7
Black	21.3	20.6	21.4	19.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.7	1.0	1.7	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	15.7	14.3	19.4
White	60.0	57.1	53.2	53.6
Two or more races	6.0	3.1	6.3	6.1
Unknown	0.7	0.3	1.9	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.7	94.7	93.4	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	5.3	5.3	6.6	6.2
Number	**2,056**	**2,108**	**2,379**	**2,561**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.02	0.23	0.23	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.98	99.77	99.77	99.89
Number	**6,463**	**7,080**	**7,687**	**8,515**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	10.8	9.8	13.3	13.0
Guardianship	3.7	12.1	9.9	12.7
Reunification	77.6	71.1	68.9	66.4
Other	7.3	6.7	7.7	7.8
Missing data	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.0
Number	**2,864**	**3,055**	**3,064**	**3,468**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	29.5	33.1	41.4	34.9
Guardianship	3.4	11.8	7.7	7.5
Reunification	45.5	29.8	31.3	30.9
Other	19.3	24.7	19.2	26.7
Missing data	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.0
Number	**176**	**178**	**297**	**375**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Guardianship	2.3	7.8	5.8	7.9
Reunification	79.7	71.1	70.3	67.3
Other	17.5	20.8	23.5	24.6
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
Number	**474**	**501**	**519**	**568**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.0	39.7	45.1	41.7
Children older than 12 at entry	66.0	59.5	54.9	58.3
Missing data	1.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Number	**103**	**116**	**144**	**204**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.3	29.4	12.5	0.0	14.3	3.4	10.7	7.1	9.7	8.9	13.1	11.2
Guardianship	12.5	0.0	0.0	14.3	10.7	6.9	7.1	11.9	3.4	15.6	11.7	13.3
Reunification	58.3	70.6	56.3	28.6	67.9	82.8	71.4	73.8	77.2	67.7	64.9	65.7
Other	20.8	0.0	31.3	57.1	7.1	6.9	10.7	7.1	9.4	7.8	9.7	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0
Number	**24**	**17**	**16**	**14**	**28**	**29**	**28**	**42**	**596**	**641**	**639**	**760**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.8	12.0	17.8	7.9	5.8	6.6	9.1	10.7	12.9	11.7	14.9	15.3
Guardianship	0.0	8.0	17.8	7.9	3.1	10.0	9.4	13.1	3.7	12.0	8.9	12.5
Reunification	58.3	72.0	53.3	78.9	86.8	80.1	76.7	72.3	75.4	67.7	67.8	63.2
Other	20.8	8.0	11.1	5.3	4.3	2.7	4.7	3.9	6.9	8.3	8.1	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
Number	**24**	**25**	**45**	**38**	**553**	**670**	**635**	**801**	**1,447**	**1,500**	**1,494**	**1,604**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	5.3	3.2	13.5	4.2	13.3	9.9	14.8	14.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	7.0	6.5	5.4	4.2	3.7	12.0	13.0	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	78.9	80.6	78.4	87.5	74.1	73.9	66.3	67.6	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Other	8.8	9.7	2.7	4.2	8.9	4.2	5.9	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**57**	**31**	**37**	**24**	**135**	**142**	**169**	**185**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	76.8	77.9	73.6	74.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.4	13.7	17.3	17.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.7	5.4	5.5	5.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.1
48 or more mos.	2.2	0.8	1.5	1.6
Missing data	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.6
Number	**2,223**	**2,171**	**2,110**	**2,303**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	84.9	86.0	85.0	83.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.0	7.5	8.4	10.1
Missing data	2.7	0.4	0.4	0.2
Number	**3,197**	**3,488**	**3,630**	**3,950**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.9	4.0	4.7	2.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.3	21.0	21.6	21.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.7	31.0	30.9	29.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.8	17.3	18.4	22.2
48 or more mos.	40.3	26.7	24.5	24.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**308**	**300**	**408**	**451**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.1	80.2	79.3	79.3	58.5	51.0	47.5	49.0	48.8	37.4	28.8	24.5	35.3	47.7	41.9	42.3
Children with 3 or more placements	9.7	14.4	16.5	17.5	34.0	45.0	50.4	49.4	39.7	60.5	70.1	74.7	5.9	4.5	3.2	3.8
Missing data	6.2	5.4	4.1	3.2	7.5	4.0	2.1	1.6	11.5	2.1	1.1	0.8	58.8	47.7	54.8	53.8
Number	**3,447**	**3,822**	**3,995**	**4,450**	**1,280**	**1,406**	**1,690**	**1,946**	**1,719**	**1,808**	**1,971**	**2,093**	**17**	**44**	**31**	**26**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.1
Institutions	51.1	38.8	26.9	21.0
Other settings	47.8	60.1	72.4	77.8
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Number	**2,492**	**2,750**	**2,953**	**3,245**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**136.3**	**148.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.9	73.1	86.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.1	3.9	2.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	38.8	36.5	38.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.8	9.0	10.2

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**90.9**	**100.2**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	24.9	26.2	23.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.7	32.8	34.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.5	21.9	24.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	8.8	11.8	14.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	28.6	35.5	42.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**109.2**	**120.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.8	31.5	32.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.6	98.5	97.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	65.7	68.3	52.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**82.9**	**81.7**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.3	77.8	77.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	52.9	48.8	49.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.8	29.2	25.0

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Nevada

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Nevada's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Nevada acknowledges the importance of accurate data and is in the midst of several data clean-up projects that will improve our data results and bring them into alignment with good practice. Recent years' data has shown significant improvement in all areas and future reports will reflect the strides made through the implementation of a statewide quality improvement process, development of new policies and increased case worker training implemented as part of our Program Improvement Plan.

New Hampshire

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	308,171	304,909	301,727	297,625
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0
Black	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.3
White	92.5	92.2	91.9	91.6
Two or more races	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8
Child population in poverty (%)	8.3	9.7	9.4	9.6

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	1,043	948	941	822
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,217	1,236	1,178	1,146
Children adopted	131	102	124	135

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,697	31.5 per 1,000	9,037	29.6 per 1,000	9,275	30.7 per 1,000	9,399	31.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	1,043	3.4 per 1,000	948	3.1 per 1,000	941	3.1 per 1,000	822	2.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	3	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.5	8.5	10.6	12.5
1-5 years	27.7	30.3	28.1	26.4
6-10 years	28.7	27.6	27.1	24.2
11-15 years	28.2	27.3	29.5	29.3
16+ years	5.8	6.2	4.7	7.3
Unknown	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**1,043**	**948**	**941**	**822**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.2	—	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.7
Black	1.8	3.0	2.1	2.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	0.2	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	5.6	6.0	6.2
White	86.8	82.2	82.0	82.6
Two or more races	1.6	2.8	2.9	1.1
Unknown	5.0	5.9	6.2	6.4
Number	**1,043**	**948**	**941**	**822**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.8
Medical neglect	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.8
Neglect	62.9	63.8	66.4	68.7
Physical abuse	19.4	21.3	20.4	16.8
Sexual abuse	20.8	18.6	19.7	19.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**1,043**	**948**	**941**	**822**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	14.3	17.5	19.2	19.1
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,252	1,199	1,178	1,146	578	560	548	557	613	523	549	557	1,217	1,236	1,178	1,146
Median length of stay (months)	23.9	25.4	25.4	23.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.8	13.1	16.3	16.1	24.0	24.0	22.4	20.2

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.3	1.8	3.0	3.1	8.5	11.4	12.8	13.3	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.3	1.7	3.0	3.1	3.1
1 year	4.2	4.0	3.1	4.4	5.2	3.8	5.5	7.5	2.9	2.9	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.3	6.8
2 years	3.9	4.9	4.0	3.9	5.0	5.4	4.7	3.9	5.5	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.0	3.8	4.0
3 years	4.2	3.7	4.8	4.4	5.7	5.2	4.7	6.3	4.7	5.4	5.3	6.6	4.0	4.9	4.2	4.3
4 years	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.3	5.2	3.5	4.1	4.2	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.0
5 years	4.3	4.7	4.2	3.2	4.0	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.4	3.8	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.1	3.2	4.0
6 years	3.4	3.4	4.8	4.0	2.4	3.4	3.8	2.9	3.4	2.7	4.0	2.5	3.5	4.8	3.9	3.7
7 years	3.8	2.8	4.1	3.8	2.9	3.8	3.8	2.7	4.7	3.1	6.2	3.4	2.9	4.0	4.0	3.1
8 years	3.8	3.3	3.1	4.4	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.1	1.6	2.9	3.3	2.8	4.2	4.5
9 years	5.3	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.6	2.7	2.4	2.7	4.1	3.8	2.7	2.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	4.0
10 years	5.0	5.3	3.1	3.7	3.1	3.0	1.6	3.8	3.3	4.0	1.5	3.4	5.3	3.0	3.7	3.6
11 years	5.8	5.5	5.4	3.0	5.9	3.9	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	5.9	5.3	3.0	3.5
12 years	6.4	6.8	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.2	2.2	3.9	6.7	5.3	5.6	3.2
13 years	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.2	6.4	7.3	8.4	5.6	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.7	6.7	7.8	7.0	5.2
14 years	8.2	8.6	7.0	7.9	10.0	8.0	10.6	7.7	6.4	4.2	6.6	6.5	8.9	7.4	8.1	7.9
15 years	9.3	9.8	10.7	10.5	11.1	12.5	13.0	11.8	8.8	8.4	8.4	9.5	9.3	11.2	10.9	9.3
16 years	8.5	10.0	9.6	10.5	7.3	7.3	5.8	9.2	9.8	11.9	8.9	11.0	9.7	9.9	10.7	10.8
17 years	6.9	7.4	8.7	8.4	4.7	4.6	3.3	2.5	9.0	8.8	7.8	8.4	7.5	8.0	7.9	9.2
18 years	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.8	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	6.0	10.5	11.8	7.5	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.2
19 years	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.4	1.0	1.6	1.4	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.6
20+ years	0.6	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.2	0.7	2.0	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.7	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.3
Black	3.8	3.3	4.1	3.8	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.4	3.4	2.9	3.8	2.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	4.9	5.2	6.3	6.6	5.5	6.8	8.4	7.2	4.6	5.3	7.5	5.0	5.3	5.9	6.7
White	85.0	81.1	80.6	81.0	78.5	81.4	77.6	77.2	83.0	79.7	76.9	77.4	82.9	81.8	80.8	80.9
Two or more races	3.2	4.3	4.4	3.6	2.9	3.6	2.9	2.2	2.1	4.2	5.1	4.1	3.6	4.0	3.4	2.6
Unknown	1.7	5.7	5.3	5.0	7.8	5.0	8.4	7.0	2.9	7.8	8.4	6.5	3.9	4.4	5.4	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	175	239	272	250
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	20	73	24	23

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
1 year	1.7	3.3	4.4	2.4
2 years	7.4	6.7	3.3	6.0
3 years	5.7	9.2	7.4	5.6
4 years	7.4	7.5	7.4	3.6
5 years	6.9	9.2	5.1	8.8
6 years	5.7	10.5	7.7	5.2
7 years	4.0	6.7	7.7	4.8
8 years	5.1	3.8	6.3	10.0
9 years	7.4	5.4	7.4	6.8
10 years	10.9	4.2	7.0	5.6
11 years	8.6	7.1	5.5	4.0
12 years	9.1	3.8	6.6	4.0
13 years	7.4	7.9	4.8	7.6
14 years	5.7	5.0	8.1	5.2
15 years	4.0	5.0	4.4	9.6
16 years	1.7	2.5	4.8	6.4
17 years	1.1	0.8	2.2	4.4
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.1	2.5	2.2	4.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.7	8.4	7.7	6.4
White	82.3	81.6	81.3	80.4
Two or more races	5.7	5.9	4.8	4.4
Unknown	0.6	1.7	4.0	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	131	102	124	135

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.8	0.0	2.4	0.7
1 year	2.3	3.9	5.6	3.0
2 years	9.2	12.7	6.5	7.4
3 years	11.5	9.8	16.1	11.9
4 years	8.4	7.8	8.9	11.1
5 years	6.1	3.9	13.7	11.1
6 years	9.2	4.9	9.7	6.7
7 years	11.5	7.8	12.1	6.7
8 years	6.1	5.9	0.8	3.7
9 years	11.5	3.9	4.0	4.4
10 years	4.6	11.8	0.8	8.1
11 years	2.3	5.9	3.2	3.7
12 years	7.6	5.9	4.0	3.0
13 years	3.1	6.9	4.8	5.2
14 years	3.1	3.9	1.6	5.2
15 years	2.3	2.9	1.6	3.7
16 years	0.0	2.0	2.4	1.5
17 years	0.8	0.0	1.6	3.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Black	1.5	2.9	2.4	0.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.0	1.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	2.9	8.1	8.1
White	88.5	91.2	82.3	81.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	4.0	5.9
Unknown	3.1	2.0	1.6	3.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

New Hampshire

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	95.4	95.4	94.0	97.2
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	4.6	6.0	2.8
Number	**413**	**436**	**401**	**362**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
Children not maltreated while in foster care	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.88
Number	**1,830**	**1,759**	**1,726**	**1,703**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.4	18.9	22.4	23.9
Guardianship	4.9	2.7	1.3	3.2
Reunification	50.6	56.0	51.5	52.6
Other	18.9	20.7	22.8	18.3
Missing data	5.2	1.7	2.0	2.0
Number	**613**	**523**	**549**	**557**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	27.2	15.1	21.1	26.5
Guardianship	4.0	0.5	0.0	3.4
Reunification	38.4	60.0	49.8	44.1
Other	22.5	23.2	27.8	25.2
Missing data	7.9	1.1	1.4	0.8
Number	**151**	**185**	**209**	**238**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.6
Guardianship	4.1	2.1	1.0	3.1
Reunification	58.6	58.0	60.0	64.8
Other	31.8	38.3	35.1	28.1
Missing data	5.0	1.0	2.9	1.5
Number	**220**	**193**	**205**	**196**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.4	30.0	50.7	55.6
Children older than 12 at entry	67.6	70.0	49.3	44.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**71**	**60**	**73**	**63**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	50.0	50.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	20.0	19.0	6.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	4.8	6.3
Reunification	25.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	75.0	57.1	33.3	42.9	62.5
Other	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	14.3	46.7	28.6	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	4.8	12.5
Number	**4**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**21**	**15**	**21**	**16**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.3	20.8	37.9	31.0	20.2	19.7	21.8	24.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	3.1	1.2	3.9
Reunification	33.3	50.0	0.0	0.0	43.2	79.2	48.3	40.5	52.5	56.6	53.8	53.8
Other	33.3	50.0	0.0	100.0	15.9	0.0	13.8	26.2	18.5	18.7	20.9	17.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.7	1.9	2.4	0.7
Number	**3**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**44**	**24**	**29**	**42**	**509**	**417**	**422**	**431**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.1	4.9	8.7	16.7	23.1	27.3	39.3	39.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	4.5	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	38.9	58.5	41.3	50.0	23.1	36.4	46.4	39.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	33.3	34.1	50.0	30.6	23.1	31.8	10.7	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	5.6	2.4	0.0	2.8	15.4	0.0	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**18**	**41**	**46**	**36**	**13**	**22**	**28**	**23**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	62.3	65.5	63.6	67.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.2	21.5	20.5	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.5	3.1	6.0	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.2	2.4	4.9	1.7
48 or more mos.	4.2	6.5	3.9	5.8
Missing data	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.0
Number	**310**	**293**	**283**	**293**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	74.0	71.3	75.0	75.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	16.6	17.1	13.5	14.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.4	6.1	6.4	5.6
Missing data	2.9	5.5	5.1	4.8
Number	**578**	**560**	**548**	**557**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	0.0	1.0	4.1	3.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.8	12.1	11.4	10.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	25.6	20.2	38.2	34.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.4	27.3	27.6	19.5
48 or more mos.	39.2	39.4	18.7	31.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**125**	**99**	**123**	**133**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.9	82.6	81.2	81.6	72.4	65.3	65.0	66.1	39.7	39.2	38.2	36.8	100.0	87.5	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.1	17.4	18.8	18.4	27.6	34.7	35.0	33.9	60.3	60.8	61.8	63.2	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**660**	**649**	**618**	**629**	**341**	**303**	**323**	**339**	**824**	**799**	**783**	**734**	**5**	**8**	**2**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	10.6	8.5	9.2	12.4
Institutions	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.9
Other settings	88.5	91.5	90.2	86.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**340**	**331**	**315**	**347**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**92.0**	**92.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.3	61.9	65.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.1	8.9	7.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	32.3	34.6	32.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	18.5	20.9	20.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.5**	**92.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	13.1	15.4	14.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	41.5	34.9	36.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	13.5	16.1	19.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.8	4.5	6.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	73.9	84.4	72.0

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.0**	**95.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	17.0	18.5	21.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	99.2	99.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	61.9	65.2	70.5

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**95.5**	**95.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.1	80.1	80.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	65.3	64.9	66.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.5	39.2	37.0

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Hampshire

STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Hampshire's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

New Hampshire is in the process of revising our data in accordance with an AFCARS Improvement Plan. We expect the revised data submissions will result in changes in performance on the outcomes.

We are also implementing changes in the collection of permanency related information, including details regarding Terminations of Parental Rights (TPRs), surrenders, and mediated adoptions. We anticipate data resubmissions to have a significant impact on the permanency-related outcomes and performance measures.

Readers are strongly cautioned that the data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003-2006: Report to Congress* may not accurately reflect New Hampshire's performance in these areas.

New Jersey

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	2,113,185	2,114,289	2,105,574	2,089,338
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.4
Black	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	17.5	18.0	18.5	19.0
White	58.1	57.4	56.7	56.1
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	8,123	8,159	9,812	11,680
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,816	12,289	11,211	10,594
Children adopted	973	1,317	1,377	1,325

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	77,915	36.9 per 1,000	79,057	37.4 per 1,000	61,041	29.0 per 1,000	47,172	22.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	8,123	3.8 per 1,000	8,159	3.9 per 1,000	9,812	4.7 per 1,000	11,680	5.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	34	1.6 per 100,000	34	1.6 per 100,000	30	1.4 per 100,000	32	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	13.9	13.0	12.4	11.8
1-5 years	27.8	27.2	28.0	28.4
6-10 years	27.3	27.5	27.5	27.9
11-15 years	24.6	25.5	24.9	24.3
16+ years	6.4	6.7	7.1	7.3
Unknown	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	**8,123**	**8,159**	**9,812**	**11,680**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.9
Black	41.6	37.4	33.2	31.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.8	5.8	6.8
White	36.6	35.9	33.3	34.9
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	16.3	19.7	26.5	25.3
Number	**8,123**	**8,159**	**9,812**	**11,680**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	4.2	4.0	1.5	0.8
Medical neglect	12.5	11.7	9.4	6.1
Neglect	51.9	52.3	49.6	57.9
Physical abuse	25.6	26.6	33.4	29.0
Sexual abuse	9.3	8.1	8.8	8.8
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**8,123**	**8,159**	**9,812**	**11,680**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	11,252	12,328	12,404	11,253	6,994	6,673	5,827	6,298	5,485	6,746	7,053	6,993	12,816	12,289	11,211	10,594
Median length of stay (months)	18.0	17.7	18.0	19.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.9	12.6	15.3	15.3	17.4	17.9	19.3	16.7

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.5	7.6	7.2	7.3	20.1	20.6	21.6	20.1	5.7	4.7	4.7	5.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.6
1 year	7.8	8.3	8.6	8.2	6.0	5.5	5.5	6.1	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.7	8.1	8.7	8.4	8.6
2 years	6.7	7.0	6.9	7.4	5.3	4.4	5.3	5.4	6.6	7.4	7.6	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.2
3 years	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.9	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.4	6.4	6.7	6.3	7.0	5.7	5.6	6.0	6.0
4 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0
5 years	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.6	4.7	4.8	4.2	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.3
6 years	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
7 years	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
8 years	4.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.9	3.8	3.7	4.0
9 years	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.5
10 years	5.1	4.4	4.5	3.6	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.1	4.7	4.5	3.6	3.8
11 years	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.9	4.3	4.5	3.8
12 years	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.7
13 years	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.5	3.8	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.0
14 years	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.0	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.4	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.5
15 years	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.2	5.7	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.3	6.4
16 years	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.3
17 years	5.4	5.4	5.8	6.5	4.1	4.9	4.8	4.5	6.8	6.2	5.7	6.5	5.4	5.7	6.5	6.2
18 years	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	7.7	7.6	8.0	7.2	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.6
19 years	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9
20+ years	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	62.1	60.9	59.9	57.4	50.3	46.6	44.5	40.7	50.7	49.4	51.3	48.3	60.5	59.4	57.2	53.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.4	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.8	6.9	7.5	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.5
White	22.6	23.3	23.7	24.0	30.2	30.8	29.5	31.5	29.8	29.5	27.8	28.4	23.7	23.9	24.2	25.5
Two or more races	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.8
Unknown	6.3	6.9	7.7	9.8	11.0	13.0	16.7	18.6	9.9	11.3	11.9	14.0	7.3	7.8	9.8	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	5,218	5,111	4,845	4,672
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,847	2,005	1,912	2,169

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.3	10.0	10.8	9.3
1 year	11.6	12.8	12.0	13.1
2 years	10.4	11.2	11.4	10.4
3 years	8.3	8.6	8.9	8.6
4 years	7.3	6.5	6.6	6.5
5 years	6.0	6.2	5.4	5.5
6 years	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.0
7 years	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.6
8 years	4.7	4.8	4.2	4.5
9 years	5.3	4.5	4.1	3.8
10 years	5.1	4.9	3.9	4.2
11 years	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.0
12 years	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.7
13 years	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.3
14 years	3.3	3.0	3.7	4.0
15 years	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.8
16 years	1.6	1.3	1.7	2.2
17 years	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.3
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	65.7	64.6	60.8	56.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.6
White	18.8	19.8	21.4	23.2
Two or more races	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.4
Unknown	6.2	6.6	9.2	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	973	1,317	1,377	1,325

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.2
1 year	8.0	6.8	9.5	7.5
2 years	14.3	14.7	16.6	17.8
3 years	16.6	14.7	14.7	16.2
4 years	10.4	9.9	9.9	10.5
5 years	8.2	8.7	9.2	7.1
6 years	7.8	8.0	6.8	6.8
7 years	6.8	6.7	5.4	4.8
8 years	6.4	5.5	5.2	5.4
9 years	3.9	5.1	4.4	3.5
10 years	5.5	4.3	3.5	3.1
11 years	3.0	4.5	4.2	3.7
12 years	2.3	3.7	2.7	3.2
13 years	1.1	2.3	2.3	3.3
14 years	2.0	1.5	1.6	2.0
15 years	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.3
16 years	0.3	0.9	0.8	1.0
17 years	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.5
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2
19 years	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	58.9	57.7	64.6	57.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	7.7	5.7	5.8
White	22.4	23.2	18.8	24.2
Two or more races	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.9
Unknown	8.3	8.3	7.0	9.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

New Jersey

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.4	95.0	95.1	93.9
Children with one or more recurrences	5.6	5.0	4.9	6.1
Number	**3,815**	**3,927**	**3,962**	**5,878**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.76	0.79	0.68	0.68
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.24	99.21	99.32	99.32
Number	**18,246**	**19,001**	**18,231**	**17,551**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.5	19.3	18.8	18.9
Guardianship	0.3	5.5	9.1	9.4
Reunification	67.5	57.9	56.2	53.6
Other	10.2	16.1	13.6	13.4
Missing data	5.5	1.3	2.3	4.7
Number	**5,485**	**6,746**	**7,053**	**6,993**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	35.2	39.2	38.2	42.8
Guardianship	0.1	2.0	2.9	3.6
Reunification	50.9	36.2	36.0	29.0
Other	11.2	19.7	19.1	19.4
Missing data	2.6	3.0	3.9	5.2
Number	**949**	**1,144**	**1,087**	**1,083**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.1
Guardianship	0.2	2.6	4.4	5.7
Reunification	71.0	54.5	56.0	51.3
Other	24.9	41.2	36.9	36.4
Missing data	3.6	1.1	2.3	5.5
Number	**1,686**	**1,965**	**1,901**	**1,840**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.7	21.7	25.2	28.3
Children older than 12 at entry	72.8	78.1	74.4	71.6
Missing data	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.2
Number	**331**	**581**	**527**	**552**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.3	0.0	10.0	11.1	3.8	12.9	12.5	15.8	19.5	22.6	23.4	22.2
Guardianship	0.0	22.2	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	6.2	9.7	10.9
Reunification	75.0	55.6	60.0	66.7	76.9	64.5	70.8	52.6	63.9	52.1	48.5	45.3
Other	16.7	22.2	10.0	11.1	15.4	19.4	12.5	26.3	10.4	17.4	15.8	15.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	10.0	11.1	3.8	3.2	4.2	5.3	5.8	1.6	2.5	6.1
Number	**12**	**9**	**10**	**9**	**26**	**31**	**24**	**19**	**2,781**	**3,331**	**3,617**	**3,378**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	16.4	18.7	15.4	15.0	12.3	15.0	13.4	16.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.3	4.7	7.8	0.3	5.8	9.8	8.8
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.2	54.5	60.0	53.5	72.1	63.6	63.9	60.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	22.4	18.1	18.6	9.9	14.6	11.1	12.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	2.1	1.8	5.1	5.4	1.0	1.9	2.8
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**385**	**523**	**487**	**527**	**1,636**	**1,992**	**1,960**	**1,983**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.8	14.1	10.8	12.7	27.0	40.6	37.3	42.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	3.8	7.9	7.3	0.0	1.0	9.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	74.5	71.3	70.5	69.5	63.0	45.8	43.2	46.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	7.5	10.1	8.2	7.1	4.0	11.5	9.3	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	5.1	0.7	2.6	3.5	6.0	1.0	0.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**545**	**764**	**837**	**978**	**100**	**96**	**118**	**98**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	62.6	69.0	62.6	64.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.6	18.7	23.4	20.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.2	6.6	7.2	6.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.4	1.9	2.7	2.8
48 or more mos.	4.8	2.8	3.5	4.2
Missing data	3.5	1.1	0.6	2.1
Number	**3,702**	**3,903**	**3,963**	**3,746**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	83.4	84.4	83.2	82.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.8	6.7	7.1	7.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.4	7.6	8.1	8.0
Missing data	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.7
Number	**6,994**	**6,673**	**5,827**	**6,298**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.9	12.2	14.1	11.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.6	23.8	25.9	25.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.5	24.9	23.2	24.1
48 or more mos.	33.4	35.7	34.2	34.6
Missing data	0.8	<.1	0.4	2.5
Number	**906**	**1,301**	**1,323**	**1,322**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.1	80.6	82.1	82.1	60.3	55.2	59.1	63.2	44.5	41.1	36.3	35.4	97.7	80.0	85.7	74.1
Children with 3 or more placements	15.9	18.3	16.8	16.6	38.5	44.0	40.4	36.1	53.0	56.9	62.3	63.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.1
Missing data	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.1	0.0	20.0	14.3	23.8
Number	**7,760**	**7,790**	**6,900**	**7,126**	**3,776**	**4,140**	**4,226**	**3,666**	**6,582**	**7,036**	**7,070**	**6,616**	**128**	**35**	**35**	**143**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9
Institutions	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.2
Other settings	92.6	92.6	93.0	92.9
Missing data	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	**4,868**	**4,538**	**4,118**	**4,465**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**114.3**	**115.5**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.8	61.0	62.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.2	8.9	8.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.4	42.6	39.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.0	9.9	9.5

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**95.9**	**95.6**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	15.5	16.5	13.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	40.4	39.6	39.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.8	20.8	22.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	9.8	12.8	14.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	34.5	59.4	57.4

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**124.5**	**125.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	26.2	28.6	31.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.8	95.2	94.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	40.7	40.4	43.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**93.9**	**95.2**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.4	82.0	81.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.5	59.2	63.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	42.1	36.9	36.0

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Jersey

STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Jersey's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Improved Performance

There has been a steady decline in the percentage of children under age one who are victims of abuse/neglect. In 2003, 13.9% of the victims were under age one. In 2006, it was 11.8%.

In 2003, New Jersey had 12,816 children in foster care. The number has steadily declined, reaching 10,594 in 2006. Since 2004, New Jersey has seen more children exit the foster care system then entered in any given year.

For children in foster care at the end of the FFY, the median length of stay was 16.7 months in 2006, the lowest in the last four years.

New Jersey continues to show a decline in the number of children re-entering foster care within 12 months of their previous stay. At 9.5 % in 2006, New Jersey is within the top 25% of the states who have 9.6% or fewer children re-enter within 12 months.

New Jersey exceeds the national median for three of the adoption performance measures. In 2006, 57.4% of the children who became legally free were then adopted in less than 12 months in New Jersey. The 75th percentile, nationally, is 59%.

For children who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer at the beginning of the FFY, 31.6% exited to permanency by age 18 or at the end of FFY 2006. This exceeds the national 75th percentile.

Where Improvement Mav Be Needed

New Jersey continues to review its case practice with regard to timely reunification. Data clean up and resubmission has occurred which will show increased performance. Our performance in the area of timely reunification should be viewed in the context of the overall declining numbers of children in foster care. We believe that only children most appropriate for placement are entering care, and thus longer stays reflect the complexity of their family situations. New Jersey continues to track and analyze our performance in this area.

New Jersey continues to work diligently to improve its adoption performance. As noted above, we exceed the 50th percentile for three adoption measures. Currently, New Jersey is focused on the number of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months as well as the median length of stay in care for children who are adopted. A record number of adoptions occurred in 2007, and will positively impact next year's report.

Data Issues

The number of children waiting for adoption is misleading as it includes children for whom a goal of adoption has been set at the 12 month "Permanency Hearing," as well as those for whom TPR has been granted.

The number of children for whom an investigated report was received in 2006 is under-reported due to coding errors. Analysis indicates the number of children is 74,000, which is comparable to prior years.

The increase in child maltreatment victims is primarily tied to moving from 3 to 2 levels of investigation disposition (substantiated and unfounded). The FFY 06 data reflects a full 12 month period of the policy change. FFY 05 was a partial year.

New Mexico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	504,293	504,848	506,377	508,930
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	11.8	11.7	11.5	11.2
Asian	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Black	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	51.9	52.2	52.6	52.9
White	31.7	31.5	31.2	31.0
Two or more races	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	25.6	27.7	26.0	25.6

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	6,238	6,333	7,285	5,926
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,122	2,157	2,316	2,357
Children adopted	220	265	289	338

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	25,259	50.1 per 1,000	26,324	52.1 per 1,000	32,950	65.1 per 1,000	26,471	52.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	6,238	12.4 per 1,000	6,333	12.5 per 1,000	7,285	14.4 per 1,000	5,926	11.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	0.8 per 100,000	11	2.2 per 100,000	12	2.4 per 100,000	14	2.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.0	9.4	10.2	12.3
1-5 years	26.8	29.1	29.6	28.9
6-10 years	28.6	28.8	27.7	28.1
11-15 years	24.7	24.0	22.7	22.1
16+ years	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.9
Unknown	5.9	4.0	5.1	3.8
Number	**6,238**	**6,333**	**7,285**	**5,926**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.0	8.7	6.5	7.8
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Black	2.7	2.4	3.2	2.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	46.6	48.5	50.5	51.8
White	28.8	28.7	24.4	23.8
Two or more races	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.3
Unknown	11.8	9.5	13.3	11.8
Number	**6,238**	**6,333**	**7,285**	**5,926**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	5.5	22.8	22.1	18.6
Medical neglect	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Neglect	67.6	70.6	70.4	74.3
Physical abuse	32.2	12.9	14.5	13.3
Sexual abuse	6.2	5.4	5.3	4.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.1	0.2	—
Number	**6,238**	**6,333**	**7,285**	**5,926**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	162.2	—	—	138.6
Median	>48, but <72	—	—	>48, but <72

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,534	1,749	2,114	2,296	1,941	2,243	2,241	2,121	1,426	1,842	2,039	2,061	2,122	2,157	2,316	2,357
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	11.8	11.5	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.3	0.5	2.1	2.1	12.0	11.5	12.3	14.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.0	6.5	5.3	6.0	13.5	11.8	13.8	14.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.2	6.0	5.8
1 year	7.2	7.3	7.4	8.2	8.1	8.4	9.8	7.4	8.4	9.0	7.8	8.0	6.9	7.2	8.2	8.2
2 years	5.7	7.2	7.0	7.7	6.9	7.1	8.1	7.2	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.7	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.4
3 years	6.1	5.1	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	6.4	6.6	7.9	7.7	6.8	7.2	5.7	6.8	7.3	6.6
4 years	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.9	6.1	5.7	6.0	7.3	6.2	5.3	6.2	7.7	6.1	5.7	6.8	6.7
5 years	4.4	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.9	4.9	5.6	6.3	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.6	5.6	5.0	5.7	6.2
6 years	3.5	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.6	5.3	4.5	6.4	5.9	5.6	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.6
7 years	4.7	4.3	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.8	4.9	4.8	5.0	3.9	4.5	5.0	5.1
8 years	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.1	5.5	4.8	4.7	3.7	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.0
9 years	5.2	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.0	4.3	4.1	5.8	4.7	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.1	5.1
10 years	5.5	5.1	4.4	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.0	5.1	4.6	4.8	3.4	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.9
11 years	5.8	5.3	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.6	3.6	4.0	5.0	5.1	4.4	4.0
12 years	5.0	5.9	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.6	3.9	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.0	5.7	5.2	4.5	4.4
13 years	6.6	5.3	5.6	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.9	5.6	4.7	4.7
14 years	7.3	6.5	5.6	5.2	4.4	5.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.3	6.0	5.5	5.1	5.0
15 years	6.1	7.3	6.6	5.4	4.3	4.9	4.4	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	6.6	6.5	5.3	5.3
16 years	7.0	5.6	6.5	6.0	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.0	5.3	6.3	5.9	4.8
17 years	3.9	4.5	5.0	5.4	2.2	1.3	2.0	2.3	3.4	2.7	4.9	7.1	5.7	4.8	5.6	6.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.4	2.6	1.4	1.7	1.6	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	9.9	6.6	5.2	5.9	9.1	8.4	9.1	10.4	12.0	10.5	8.7	9.1	7.4	5.1	5.8	7.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.4	3.0	2.6	3.4	2.5	3.5	2.7	3.7	3.3	5.1	4.9	4.4	3.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	54.0	53.1	55.0	57.7	46.5	48.9	54.9	51.4	46.1	46.6	51.9	51.0	52.1	54.4	57.7	57.8
White	27.0	31.2	31.4	28.3	31.7	30.0	23.8	24.4	29.5	28.8	26.6	27.6	29.9	31.8	28.2	25.4
Two or more races	2.2	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.1	2.9	2.3	4.2	1.9	3.4	2.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	3.8
Unknown	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	2.8	2.6	1.7	1.7	3.0	2.8	2.0	1.7	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.4
Missing data	<.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	5.3	3.7	5.1	4.7	4.4	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.7

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	583	633	711	858
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	5	445	461	476

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.1	1.6	2.3	1.5
1 year	6.3	5.8	7.2	8.3
2 years	7.4	6.8	7.2	7.8
3 years	5.8	7.6	7.7	7.5
4 years	7.2	5.5	7.7	8.4
5 years	6.7	5.5	6.5	7.7
6 years	4.6	6.2	5.3	7.2
7 years	3.4	4.3	5.3	5.5
8 years	5.7	4.1	5.2	5.1
9 years	6.0	6.0	4.8	5.0
10 years	6.9	4.7	4.6	4.8
11 years	6.9	6.6	5.5	4.3
12 years	8.1	7.0	6.8	5.7
13 years	6.0	7.4	5.8	5.5
14 years	7.7	6.2	5.8	5.2
15 years	5.8	7.9	5.1	4.9
16 years	2.4	6.3	5.8	3.8
17 years	0.0	0.5	1.5	1.7
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.9	5.7	3.8	4.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Black	6.5	8.5	5.6	3.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	56.8	54.5	58.8	61.4
White	26.9	29.4	28.3	25.8
Two or more races	2.1	1.4	3.4	3.5
Unknown	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.8

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	220	265	289	338

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.4	3.4	2.1	0.9
1 year	7.7	17.0	8.0	11.2
2 years	10.0	10.9	7.6	10.7
3 years	10.0	9.8	8.0	10.1
4 years	5.0	6.8	8.0	9.5
5 years	4.5	7.2	7.6	6.8
6 years	5.9	5.3	6.2	6.8
7 years	5.0	6.4	5.2	5.0
8 years	4.5	2.6	4.2	4.4
9 years	8.6	3.0	3.8	6.2
10 years	7.3	3.0	7.6	3.0
11 years	3.6	5.3	5.5	5.3
12 years	4.1	5.7	5.2	3.8
13 years	4.5	3.0	7.6	4.7
14 years	5.5	3.0	2.4	3.0
15 years	3.2	3.8	5.5	3.3
16 years	2.7	3.4	3.8	3.0
17 years	1.4	0.4	1.7	2.1
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.6	0.8	4.5	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	6.4	5.7	5.9	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	53.2	55.8	48.1	41.7
White	29.5	34.0	39.1	54.4
Two or more races	1.8	2.6	1.7	2.1
Unknown	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

New Mexico

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	92.4	90.0	91.4	91.0
Children with one or more recurrences	7.6	10.0	8.6	9.0
Number	**2,883**	**2,881**	**2,950**	**2,750**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.47	0.60	0.34	0.38
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.53	99.40	99.66	99.62
Number	**3,475**	**3,992**	**4,355**	**4,417**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.1	13.7	14.3	17.1
Guardianship	4.0	6.3	5.8	4.4
Reunification	69.8	73.5	72.4	69.3
Other	4.8	5.2	7.3	9.1
Missing data	5.3	1.4	0.2	<.1
Number	**1,426**	**1,842**	**2,039**	**2,061**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	31.3	15.5	41.3	38.8
Guardianship	3.8	12.7	6.8	5.9
Reunification	46.3	57.3	38.5	39.6
Other	15.0	11.8	12.8	15.6
Missing data	3.8	2.7	0.8	0.2
Number	**80**	**110**	**400**	**508**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.4	1.5	3.2	2.9
Guardianship	5.4	5.7	6.6	2.7
Reunification	78.1	80.6	68.0	68.3
Other	12.1	11.0	21.8	25.7
Missing data	4.0	1.2	0.5	0.5
Number	**224**	**335**	**412**	**413**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50.0	43.9	28.3	28.9
Children older than 12 at entry	50.0	56.1	71.7	70.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Number	**22**	**41**	**106**	**121**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.7	2.1	9.6	8.5	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	26.0	30.3	26.5
Guardianship	2.9	8.8	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	8.0	3.9	7.4
Reunification	55.0	73.7	74.7	68.1	33.3	100.0	100.0	0.0	56.0	52.0	53.9	61.8
Other	11.1	11.9	15.7	19.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	14.0	11.8	4.4
Missing data	19.3	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**171**	**194**	**178**	**188**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**50**	**50**	**76**	**68**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	19.5	16.8	15.5	18.7	13.8	15.1	14.4	18.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	5.7	7.8	4.5	2.9	6.6	5.2	4.9
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	68.5	71.8	69.9	66.9	74.3	75.1	74.2	69.8
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	4.3	6.5	9.8	5.0	2.4	6.1	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	1.4	0.3	<.1	4.0	0.8	0.2	0.0
Number	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**657**	**858**	**1,058**	**1,051**	**421**	**531**	**543**	**569**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	3.9	2.5	2.9	11.1	11.1	7.1	22.0	0.0	2.1	4.2	1.1
Guardianship	2.3	2.0	10.0	0.0	14.8	14.3	2.4	6.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Reunification	95.3	80.4	85.0	94.3	70.4	58.7	83.3	67.8	90.6	95.7	89.5	93.3
Other	2.3	7.8	2.5	2.9	3.7	15.9	7.1	3.4	5.7	1.1	6.3	4.4
Missing data	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	1.1
Number	**43**	**51**	**40**	**35**	**27**	**63**	**42**	**59**	**53**	**94**	**95**	**90**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	86.4	89.6	82.9	82.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	5.2	8.6	14.5	12.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	0.7	0.9	2.2	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
48 or more mos.	0.7	<.1	0.2	0.4
Missing data	6.6	0.4	0.0	0.1
Number	**995**	**1,353**	**1,476**	**1,428**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	85.6	85.8	84.4	82.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.4	6.7	7.5	9.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.8	7.2	8.0	8.4
Missing data	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1
Number	**1,941**	**2,243**	**2,241**	**2,121**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	6.1	6.7	3.8	3.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.9	38.1	28.1	29.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	28.4	27.4	33.6	39.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	11.8	13.1	19.5	18.1
48 or more mos.	20.5	14.3	15.1	9.9
Missing data	5.2	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	**229**	**252**	**292**	**353**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.2	85.0	86.5	88.5	56.5	48.3	51.0	55.9	40.7	15.5	19.2	24.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.8	15.0	13.5	11.5	43.5	51.7	49.0	44.1	59.3	84.5	80.8	75.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,049**	**2,459**	**2,445**	**2,282**	**682**	**786**	**1,044**	**1,119**	**723**	**740**	**860**	**1,002**	**21**	**7**	**6**	**14**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	9.6	10.0	5.3	5.5
Institutions	2.2	3.3	6.4	6.9
Other settings	88.2	86.7	88.3	87.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,556**	**1,773**	**1,806**	**1,684**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.1**	**109.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.1	69.4	62.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.4	7.7	9.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	27.6	31.2	31.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.9	9.7	11.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**115.2**	**124.4**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	45.0	31.8	32.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.5	31.3	28.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.2	30.9	33.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	17.7	10.7	14.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	39.8	51.3	51.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**114.3**	**125.8**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.2	35.9	40.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.5	91.0	91.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	60.8	50.9	52.0

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**80.3**	**85.0**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	76.1	78.6	80.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	48.3	51.0	55.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	15.5	19.2	24.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New York

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	4,628,087	4,600,581	4,565,760	4,514,342
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Asian	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.3
Black	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	19.7	19.8	20.1	20.2
White	54.4	54.1	53.8	53.6
Two or more races	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	19.4	20.7	19.4	20.0

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	75,784	74,483	70,878	80,077
Children in foster care on 9/30	37,067	33,445	30,458	29,973
Children adopted	3,874	4,532	3,407	2,810

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	253,866	54.9 per 1,000	250,459	54.4 per 1,000	236,897	51.9 per 1,000	253,436	56.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	75,784	16.4 per 1,000	74,483	16.2 per 1,000	70,878	15.5 per 1,000	80,077	17.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	62	1.3 per 100,000	71	1.5 per 100,000	75	1.6 per 100,000	73	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.6
1-5 years	27.3	26.8	27.3	26.6
6-10 years	28.8	28.3	27.5	27.3
11-15 years	28.9	29.2	29.2	29.1
16+ years	6.7	7.1	7.7	8.3
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	**75,784**	**74,483**	**70,878**	**80,077**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Asian	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0
Black	27.5	26.9	26.6	28.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	18.5	18.9	19.1	22.5
White	41.0	40.8	40.9	35.2
Two or more races	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.4
Unknown	9.7	10.0	10.1	9.7
Number	**75,784**	**74,483**	**70,878**	**80,077**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Medical neglect	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.4
Neglect	90.4	90.8	91.5	91.5
Physical abuse	12.8	12.1	11.2	10.6
Sexual abuse	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	25.1	25.4	24.8	25.6
Number	**75,784**	**74,483**	**70,878**	**80,077**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	9.3	8.7	6.0	5.8
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	40,322	36,766	33,771	29,838	13,598	12,705	11,283	13,353	16,905	16,085	14,667	13,289	37,067	33,445	30,458	29,973
Median length of stay (months)	28.8	28.6	28.3	27.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.6	23.6	22.2	19.6	28.0	27.8	27.9	24.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	13.1	13.5	13.4	14.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.9
1 year	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.3	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.4	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.5
2 years	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.8
3 years	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.5
4 years	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.1
5 years	4.5	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.1
6 years	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.7
7 years	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.6	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.1	3.5	3.7
8 years	4.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6
9 years	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.0	2.7	3.2	4.4	3.8	3.5	3.0	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.6
10 years	4.8	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	2.6	3.3	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.1	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.6
11 years	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.7	4.6	4.0	3.6
12 years	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.1
13 years	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.3	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.0	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.3	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.0
14 years	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.7	10.0	10.3	10.4	9.0	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.4
15 years	7.5	7.7	8.2	8.9	12.4	13.0	14.1	11.5	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.0	7.8	8.2	8.9	8.2
16 years	7.4	8.3	9.0	9.4	8.3	8.6	10.1	8.7	9.0	9.3	10.3	10.3	8.4	8.8	9.4	9.5
17 years	5.9	6.6	7.4	7.8	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.2	6.7	7.2	7.8	8.5	6.6	7.4	7.8	7.8
18 years	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	4.6	5.4	6.2	5.7	4.1	4.5	5.1	4.8
19 years	2.6	2.7	3.3	3.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.2	3.6	3.6
20+ years	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.7	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	5.3	4.4	4.5	6.6	2.0	2.1	2.7	2.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.7	1.5	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Black	47.5	47.4	47.5	47.1	41.9	40.5	41.3	43.4	43.5	41.9	42.0	41.8	47.2	47.4	47.8	47.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	17.8	18.9	19.2	19.1	20.5	19.5	18.1	20.9	17.6	18.6	17.6	18.3	18.9	19.3	19.6	20.3
White	17.5	18.4	18.8	19.6	27.8	28.3	28.6	23.0	23.3	24.2	24.3	23.9	18.6	19.3	19.8	19.2
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	16.6	14.7	13.8	13.5	8.9	10.7	11.2	11.7	14.8	14.5	15.3	15.1	14.6	13.3	12.1	12.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	12,529	10,650	9,238	8,040
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	7,147	5,482	4,987	4,622

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9
1 year	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.5
2 years	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.5
3 years	6.5	6.1	6.2	6.0
4 years	6.7	6.1	5.9	5.8
5 years	6.4	6.4	5.7	5.6
6 years	6.5	5.9	5.7	5.6
7 years	6.2	6.5	5.6	5.5
8 years	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.4
9 years	6.7	5.8	5.5	5.6
10 years	6.8	6.7	5.4	5.6
11 years	6.8	6.7	6.4	5.5
12 years	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.4
13 years	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.9
14 years	6.2	6.6	7.2	6.9
15 years	5.8	6.4	7.5	7.6
16 years	3.4	4.5	5.7	6.6
17 years	2.0	3.0	4.1	5.2
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Black	49.4	50.1	49.9	47.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	17.3	18.2	19.5	18.5
White	13.2	14.0	15.3	17.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	19.8	17.1	14.8	16.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	3,874	4,532	3,407	2,810

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6
1 year	1.7	1.9	3.0	2.9
2 years	6.0	6.4	7.1	8.4
3 years	8.4	9.4	8.5	9.2
4 years	8.8	8.4	7.9	8.4
5 years	8.0	8.5	7.4	7.4
6 years	7.9	7.1	8.2	7.4
7 years	7.9	7.5	7.1	6.2
8 years	6.6	6.4	7.0	5.9
9 years	7.6	6.5	6.2	5.7
10 years	6.8	6.9	6.4	5.7
11 years	6.1	5.6	6.3	6.3
12 years	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.3
13 years	5.0	5.9	5.2	5.6
14 years	4.3	4.1	4.3	5.1
15 years	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.8
16 years	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5
17 years	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.2
18 years	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1
19 years	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
20+ years	0.3	0.1	0.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	47.0	45.8	45.7	42.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.4	15.6	15.8	17.8
White	16.3	17.1	18.2	19.9
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	21.9	21.0	20.0	19.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

New York

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	85.7	86.0	87.3	86.3
Children with one or more recurrences	14.3	14.0	12.7	13.7
Number	**31,504**	**31,698**	**31,343**	**36,930**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.76	0.71	1.07	1.25
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.24	99.29	98.93	98.75
Number	**53,920**	**49,471**	**45,054**	**43,191**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.8	24.8	23.3	20.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	61.2	58.3	60.4	60.0
Other	13.9	14.8	15.6	17.6
Missing data	2.0	2.1	0.7	1.6
Number	**16,905**	**16,085**	**14,667**	**13,289**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—
Missing data	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	68.8	67.1	69.1	65.5
Other	27.3	28.8	28.9	30.9
Missing data	3.1	3.0	1.1	2.5
Number	**5,595**	**5,422**	**5,349**	**5,060**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	39.6	37.7	36.7	37.8
Children older than 12 at entry	58.6	59.8	60.5	58.7
Missing data	1.8	2.4	2.7	3.5
Number	**1,471**	**1,481**	**1,437**	**1,551**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.4	18.5	5.4	20.0	14.1	13.3	11.5	9.1	24.7	27.5	25.3	20.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	77.3	68.5	83.9	57.8	71.7	69.3	67.9	80.5	58.2	54.6	57.5	58.0
Other	9.1	13.0	3.6	13.3	13.0	14.7	20.5	9.1	15.2	15.9	16.7	19.5
Missing data	2.3	0.0	7.1	8.9	1.1	2.7	0.0	1.3	1.9	2.0	0.6	1.7
Number	**44**	**54**	**56**	**45**	**92**	**75**	**78**	**77**	**7,354**	**6,732**	**6,155**	**5,561**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.8	20.4	20.7	20.0	15.8	17.8	17.7	17.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.3	61.3	63.0	60.6	72.5	69.9	70.0	68.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.2	15.4	15.9	18.0	10.1	10.4	11.2	12.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.8	0.3	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.1	1.2
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,972**	**2,994**	**2,583**	**2,429**	**3,936**	**3,896**	**3,558**	**3,176**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	33.7	35.0	30.4	27.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	48.2	45.0	49.4	50.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	15.9	18.1	19.4	20.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.2	1.9	0.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,507**	**2,334**	**2,237**	**2,001**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	52.1	51.8	50.2	56.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.5	22.4	23.1	21.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.4	10.5	10.9	9.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	6.2	6.3	6.5	5.5
48 or more mos.	9.4	8.8	9.1	8.0
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Number	**10,353**	**9,375**	**8,861**	**7,974**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	74.8	74.4	74.6	76.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.5	14.9	14.2	13.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.7	0.4
Number	**13,598**	**12,705**	**11,283**	**13,353**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	0.6	1.3	1.4	1.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	4.5	5.0	6.6	7.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.8	14.5	17.3	16.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	16.4	18.3	18.0	19.0
48 or more mos.	65.6	60.8	56.5	55.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3
Number	**3,858**	**3,996**	**3,414**	**2,758**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.3	91.7	90.5	89.5	75.2	74.1	72.8	72.3	50.2	48.6	44.1	41.4	100.0	100.0	93.5	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	8.7	8.3	8.9	9.7	24.8	25.9	27.2	27.7	49.8	51.4	55.9	58.6	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
Number	**15,650**	**14,614**	**13,188**	**15,107**	**9,689**	**8,570**	**8,174**	**7,162**	**28,517**	**26,220**	**23,630**	**20,902**	**64**	**67**	**62**	**20**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.7
Institutions	6.9	6.3	6.3	4.9
Other settings	91.2	91.8	91.4	93.4
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	**7,873**	**7,137**	**6,036**	**7,977**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**83.7**	**94.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.8	47.3	52.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	12.3	12.9	11.6
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.6	35.9	35.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.4	12.0	11.7

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**59.2**	**58.0**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	6.4	8.0	9.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	55.7	52.9	50.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.8	19.0	17.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	9.0	10.3	9.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	44.1	44.0	40.1

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**113.3**	**110.4**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.9	28.0	25.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.3	96.5	96.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	54.8	54.9	55.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**109.3**	**107.6**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	91.1	90.4	89.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	74.0	72.8	72.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	50.5	46.0	43.7

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Carolina

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	2,055,521	2,078,868	2,112,577	2,155,387
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
Asian	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
Black	25.7	25.5	25.3	25.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.6	9.3	10.0
White	61.2	60.7	60.1	59.6
Two or more races	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0
Child population in poverty (%)	18.8	21.9	21.3	20.2

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	32,847	33,849	33,250	28,422
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,534	10,077	10,698	11,115
Children adopted	1,296	1,198	1,203	1,234

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	120,194	58.5 per 1,000	134,436	64.7 per 1,000	135,809	64.3 per 1,000	130,966	60.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	32,847	16.0 per 1,000	33,849	16.3 per 1,000	33,250	15.7 per 1,000	28,422	13.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.9	9.7	10.4	10.8
1-5 years	33.6	34.1	33.9	33.4
6-10 years	27.4	27.3	26.6	27.1
11-15 years	24.9	24.5	24.4	23.9
16+ years	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**32,847**	**33,849**	**33,250**	**28,422**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.4
Asian	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3
Black	33.7	33.2	33.0	31.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	8.9	9.0	9.3
White	53.6	52.3	52.2	52.1
Two or more races	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.6
Unknown	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.3
Number	**32,847**	**33,849**	**33,250**	**28,422**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.4	—	0.4	0.3
Medical neglect	2.1	—	1.5	1.3
Neglect	90.3	0.0	64.3	52.1
Physical abuse	3.1	—	3.5	6.4
Sexual abuse	3.6	—	3.8	4.8
Unknown	0.0	100.0	25.9	34.2
Other	0.5	—	0.7	0.8
Number	**32,847**	**33,849**	**33,250**	**28,422**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	52.9	49.5	49.7	47.2
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	9,140	9,182	9,651	10,279	5,461	6,089	6,529	6,413	5,067	5,194	5,482	5,577	9,534	10,077	10,698	11,115
Median length of stay (months)	13.8	14.0	13.2	13.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.2	13.6	12.8	14.0	14.0	13.1	13.1	13.5

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.9	5.5	6.0	6.2	16.2	16.1	16.6	17.7	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.4	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.5
1 year	6.4	7.5	6.8	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.4	8.3	7.2	7.9	7.8	8.3	7.5	6.8	7.5	7.6
2 years	5.9	6.3	7.0	6.4	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.7	7.4	7.6	6.9	6.3	7.0	6.3	7.5
3 years	5.2	5.7	5.5	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.9	6.5	6.8	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.8
4 years	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.4	5.5	6.1	6.2	5.0	5.6	5.6	5.3
5 years	4.4	4.8	4.8	5.2	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.3	6.0	4.8	4.9	5.3	4.9
6 years	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.9	4.2	4.4	5.1	5.3	4.2	4.5	4.7	5.0
7 years	4.3	3.6	4.0	4.3	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.4	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.5
8 years	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.7	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.0
9 years	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.8	4.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.7	4.1
10 years	5.2	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.5	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.2	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.8
11 years	5.1	5.1	4.2	3.9	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.4	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.4	5.0	4.2	3.9	3.7
12 years	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.5	5.0	4.9	4.3	4.1
13 years	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.4	5.5	5.3	5.1	4.7
14 years	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.0	6.6	6.6	6.0	5.8	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.9
15 years	7.1	7.7	7.9	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.4	5.2	5.5	5.4	4.9	7.7	7.7	7.4	6.6
16 years	7.4	7.1	7.4	7.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4	7.1	7.4	7.5	7.4
17 years	5.7	6.0	5.6	6.0	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.5	8.9	5.9	4.2	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.2	6.2
18 years	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	3.4	5.8	7.6	6.1	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.6
19 years	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6
20+ years	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.4	2.4	2.7	1.8	2.7	1.6	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.5	1.9
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	44.8	43.1	43.5	41.8	37.4	38.4	36.1	36.6	40.0	38.0	38.3	36.9	43.1	42.9	41.7	41.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	5.9	6.5	7.2	7.6	9.0	8.8	8.7	7.0	7.9	8.2	7.7	6.1	6.7	7.0	7.8
White	45.1	45.9	44.1	45.6	49.6	46.3	49.0	47.1	48.5	48.5	46.6	49.4	45.9	44.8	45.9	44.5
Two or more races	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.8	2.6	3.0	3.7	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.2	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.5
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	3,087	3,074	3,137	3,115
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,786	1,607	1,654	1,636

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.9	3.4	3.7	4.1
1 year	6.7	6.6	6.9	7.4
2 years	6.9	7.8	7.0	8.3
3 years	6.0	6.3	7.3	6.7
4 years	5.1	5.6	6.2	6.2
5 years	5.2	4.6	6.3	5.9
6 years	4.3	5.3	5.1	5.5
7 years	3.8	4.4	4.6	5.3
8 years	4.7	3.8	4.7	4.9
9 years	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.8
10 years	5.2	4.9	4.8	3.8
11 years	6.7	4.8	4.7	4.8
12 years	6.3	6.5	4.7	4.2
13 years	6.1	6.2	6.0	4.8
14 years	7.5	6.2	5.9	6.0
15 years	7.5	7.3	6.1	5.8
16 years	5.9	6.7	6.3	6.0
17 years	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.7	1.8	0.9	0.7
Asian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Black	44.6	43.8	42.5	42.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	5.7	6.1	6.9
White	44.4	44.5	45.8	44.4
Two or more races	2.9	3.6	3.9	4.0
Unknown	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,296	1,198	1,203	1,234

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.7	4.1	3.8	4.3
1 year	10.3	11.8	12.1	13.5
2 years	11.0	12.2	11.6	10.2
3 years	8.1	10.2	11.2	11.1
4 years	7.5	7.1	8.5	8.8
5 years	8.0	8.2	7.1	8.1
6 years	5.6	5.9	6.7	8.2
7 years	5.0	4.8	5.6	6.1
8 years	5.5	5.7	5.1	4.9
9 years	5.7	4.0	3.3	4.3
10 years	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.1
11 years	5.6	5.3	4.1	3.5
12 years	5.1	3.6	3.6	2.8
13 years	4.0	3.8	3.0	2.2
14 years	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.9
15 years	2.7	1.6	2.7	1.9
16 years	2.0	3.1	2.9	2.0
17 years	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	1.5	2.3	1.1
Asian	0.4	<.1	0.4	<.1
Black	41.4	34.2	35.7	33.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	8.3	8.0	7.1
White	43.4	49.0	45.0	47.7
Two or more races	9.0	6.8	8.2	10.3
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

North Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.8	92.1	93.3	95.6
Children with one or more recurrences	8.2	7.9	6.7	4.4
Number	**14,556**	**13,311**	**11,275**	**8,861**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.01	1.00	0.82	0.75
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.99	99.00	99.18	99.25
Number	**14,601**	**15,271**	**16,180**	**16,692**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	23.4	23.3	20.7	22.4
Guardianship	10.8	12.9	13.1	14.8
Reunification	54.9	52.9	55.6	51.3
Other	10.9	10.9	10.6	11.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	**5,067**	**5,194**	**5,482**	**5,577**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	26.9	23.0	19.2	18.1
Guardianship	9.0	11.3	10.0	16.0
Reunification	42.7	47.3	51.0	46.6
Other	21.4	18.4	19.8	19.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**599**	**575**	**551**	**575**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.1
Guardianship	8.2	9.8	9.6	14.0
Reunification	62.2	60.3	60.9	56.3
Other	26.8	26.9	26.4	27.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**1,240**	**1,261**	**1,380**	**1,435**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.7	29.6	27.6	24.3
Children older than 12 at entry	69.3	70.4	72.2	75.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	**387**	**389**	**417**	**469**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	18.5	15.2	16.3	12.4	25.0	0.0	11.9	8.3	25.3	22.2	19.3	20.1
Guardianship	16.0	34.5	16.3	19.5	5.0	33.3	2.4	0.0	12.0	11.1	14.5	16.3
Reunification	56.8	45.5	62.7	56.6	65.0	50.0	71.4	83.3	50.4	53.6	54.1	49.4
Other	8.6	4.8	4.8	11.5	5.0	16.7	14.3	8.3	12.3	13.1	12.1	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	**81**	**145**	**166**	**113**	**20**	**12**	**42**	**12**	**2,028**	**1,974**	**2,098**	**2,057**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	27.3	16.7	42.9	28.6	16.9	19.9	18.9	22.7	21.9	24.5	21.7	23.2
Guardianship	0.0	8.3	28.6	28.6	6.5	10.8	8.9	9.8	10.3	13.4	12.4	14.4
Reunification	72.7	75.0	28.6	35.7	68.6	59.6	63.5	58.9	57.2	52.3	55.4	52.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	7.9	9.8	8.7	8.6	10.6	9.8	10.4	10.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	**11**	**12**	**14**	**14**	**354**	**408**	**449**	**428**	**2,460**	**2,518**	**2,552**	**2,753**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	37.5	15.4	12.5	42.9	45.4	42.0	35.2	39.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	25.0	7.7	25.0	19.0	10.3	12.5	15.9	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	25.0	69.2	56.3	33.3	41.2	35.7	45.5	42.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	12.5	7.7	6.3	4.8	3.1	9.8	3.4	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**16**	**13**	**16**	**21**	**97**	**112**	**145**	**179**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	64.0	60.8	62.9	60.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.4	27.1	24.9	27.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.5	6.8	6.7	7.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.9	2.1	2.5	2.9
48 or more mos.	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8
Missing data	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Number	**2,784**	**2,749**	**3,047**	**2,861**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	96.9	97.2	96.8	97.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	**5,461**	**6,089**	**6,529**	**6,413**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.8	33.9	32.4	30.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	28.2	28.2	31.3	29.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	15.9	16.1	14.3	18.8
48 or more mos.	21.3	15.7	15.5	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	**1,185**	**1,208**	**1,135**	**1,249**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	52.3	56.6	56.6	86.7	30.2	27.1	32.3	67.9	14.4	13.8	11.6	39.3	97.4	94.3	93.3	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	47.7	43.4	43.4	13.3	69.8	72.9	67.7	32.1	85.6	86.2	88.4	60.7	2.6	5.7	6.7	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,525**	**7,057**	**7,655**	**7,561**	**3,574**	**3,702**	**3,995**	**4,362**	**4,463**	**4,477**	**4,500**	**4,762**	**39**	**35**	**30**	**7**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	2.9	2.2	2.3	1.7
Institutions	5.0	6.6	5.8	2.1
Other settings	92.1	91.2	91.9	94.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2
Number	**3,965**	**4,399**	**4,782**	**4,735**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**139.3**	**129.9**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.7	72.0	66.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.7	6.4	7.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	29.9	30.2	26.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	1.6	2.3	2.4

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**123.7**	**121.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	39.9	38.9	37.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.8	27.6	28.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.4	22.5	23.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	13.5	14.3	13.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	60.1	62.1	59.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.3**	**122.9**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.6	27.5	30.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.1	94.0	93.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	50.6	49.6	44.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**52.4**	**102.0**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.0	55.4	86.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.0	32.2	68.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	13.7	11.6	39.6

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Carolina

STATE COMMENT

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The following are North Carolina's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

With regard to Section B, Overview Maltreatment Information, North Carolina has experienced a steady decline in the rate of child maltreatment victims. The state attributes this decline to the implementation of North Carolina's alternative response system, the Multiple Response System (MRS). The major impact of MRS to date with regard to maltreatment data has been to shift a significant portion of assessment findings from "Neglect" to "Alternative Response Victim." This finding is not associated with a Maltreatment Type, hence the large percentage of "Unknown" in the Maltreatment Type data.

With regard to Section D, Children Waiting for Adoption, it appears that only 53% of children waiting to be adopted in North Carolina were reported to have a termination of parental rights. We believe that this may be an error in our AFCARS program with regard to the handling of dates. As such, we have engaged in technical assistance with the National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology (NRC-CWDT). Based on their guidance, North Carolina is currently reviewing our mapping program to improve accuracy for future submissions.

With regard to our Outcomes Data, North Carolina is proud to show many areas of improved performance including: the percentage of children experiencing maltreatment recurrence; the percentage of children aged 12 and under upon entering foster care who exited to emancipation; the percentage of children aged 12 and under placed in group or institutional care; the percentage of children re-entering foster care within twelve months of a prior episode; the percentage of adoptions occurring within 24 months of a child's entry into foster care; and the percentage of those adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free. In addition, North Carolina, with the assistance of the NRC-CWDT, corrected a coding issue impacting placement stability data, resulting in performance scores for 2006 that exceed the 75th percentiles for all three stability measures. We believe many of the observed improvements in outcomes are tied to the MRS initiative, which seeks to instill family-centered practice at every level of North Carolina's child welfare system.

The occurrence of Maltreatment in Foster Care continues to be of concern for North Carolina; however, the data shows a steady improvement in this outcome and efforts continue to reduce the rate of occurrence.

With regard to the percent of reunifications that occurred within 12 months of a child's entry into foster care, North Carolina falls under the national 25th percentile. In an effort to improve reunification outcomes, North Carolina is currently engaging with the court system to build a more collaborative relationship that will help ensure permanency for children in a timely manner. Further, North Carolina has had a historically low rate of re-entry into foster care, which we believe is in part due to our social workers taking adequate time to prepare children and families for the return home.

North Dakota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	150,044	148,229	146,437	144,934
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.9
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Black	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5
White	85.5	85.0	84.6	84.2
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	13.8	15.5	13.5	13.0

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	1,494	1,668	1,547	1,438
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,238	1,314	1,370	1,331
Children adopted	120	128	152	150

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	5,900	39.3 per 1,000	6,818	46.0 per 1,000	6,972	47.6 per 1,000	6,722	46.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	1,494	10.0 per 1,000	1,668	11.3 per 1,000	1,547	10.6 per 1,000	1,438	9.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.9	6.9	8.1	8.4
1-5 years	30.9	31.6	32.2	31.7
6-10 years	29.9	27.1	26.8	27.1
11-15 years	26.6	27.9	25.1	26.2
16+ years	5.5	6.5	7.6	6.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Number	**1,494**	**1,668**	**1,547**	**1,438**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	22.2	20.0	23.8	22.0
Asian	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	4.4	5.2	3.8	4.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.0	0.2	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	6.1	6.3	7.9
White	70.6	73.6	70.5	64.7
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Number	**1,494**	**1,668**	**1,547**	**1,438**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	53.0	51.3	53.3	54.2
Medical neglect	—	—	—	1.7
Neglect	88.2	87.8	80.1	63.5
Physical abuse	22.1	17.6	16.7	11.0
Sexual abuse	11.8	9.4	7.7	5.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**1,494**	**1,668**	**1,547**	**1,438**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	31.0
Median	—	—	—	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,066	1,140	1,183	1,264	1,050	1,048	1,098	948	878	874	911	881	1,238	1,314	1,370	1,331
Median length of stay (months)	11.3	10.7	10.7	11.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.0	9.0	8.8	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.9	12.2

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.9	2.8	3.9	5.8	9.0	11.9	14.2	13.1	3.2	3.8	4.4	6.7	4.5	5.9	6.9	4.1
1 year	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.6	3.9	5.7	4.8	5.1	3.6	4.2	3.6	5.9	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.8
2 years	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.9	5.4	4.8	6.6	4.4	4.8	5.4	6.1	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7	4.7
3 years	3.6	4.1	4.5	5.1	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.0	3.8	4.3	5.6	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.5
4 years	3.6	4.1	4.5	4.8	3.3	4.2	3.9	2.6	2.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.5	3.8
5 years	3.6	3.2	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.3	3.0	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.9	4.2
6 years	2.3	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.4	3.3	3.6	2.7	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.5
7 years	2.6	2.7	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.8	4.2	3.2	3.8	3.1	3.2	2.9	4.0	3.8	3.8
8 years	3.6	2.5	2.5	4.5	2.3	3.1	3.4	2.8	3.8	1.8	3.7	2.8	2.5	2.3	4.3	4.1
9 years	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.5	4.0	3.5	2.3	2.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	4.5
10 years	3.6	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.7	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.5	3.2
11 years	4.8	4.2	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.2	2.5	4.7	2.3	3.2	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.1	3.0
12 years	5.5	4.7	5.1	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.3	1.9	4.6	4.6	4.5	3.5
13 years	7.7	7.0	6.2	4.8	6.3	6.3	4.5	6.4	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.4	6.7	6.2	4.7	5.2
14 years	7.3	9.4	7.9	8.4	8.6	7.5	7.6	6.3	6.3	5.3	4.5	5.2	9.4	7.6	8.5	6.8
15 years	9.8	10.2	10.6	9.7	9.7	11.4	10.1	13.3	7.6	8.7	7.6	7.2	9.5	10.6	10.0	11.3
16 years	13.2	10.0	10.7	10.6	10.5	8.9	10.0	10.7	10.8	10.6	9.8	10.1	9.8	10.7	10.7	11.0
17 years	10.6	13.6	11.2	9.5	9.7	7.8	7.0	9.5	15.5	13.5	13.3	15.0	13.0	10.4	9.1	11.3
18 years	2.2	2.4	3.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	9.5	12.1	7.0	2.3	2.8	1.3	1.4
19 years	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
20+ years	0.0	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	31.1	28.8	27.2	26.8	22.9	20.5	25.5	23.6	25.4	21.5	26.5	23.4	28.1	27.0	26.4	26.8
Asian	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.2
Black	2.5	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.6	3.0	2.2	2.7	3.9	2.3	2.3	4.4	2.5	3.0	2.9	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	3.9	4.2	5.7	5.6	6.0	7.5	6.4	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.0	4.0	4.3	5.5	6.7
White	57.5	60.0	59.3	57.1	63.0	64.1	58.6	60.0	59.8	66.1	60.5	61.5	60.6	59.2	58.0	56.3
Two or more races	4.0	3.4	4.1	6.2	3.7	4.9	5.3	6.4	4.8	3.8	3.2	5.0	3.2	4.3	5.7	7.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	316	277	344	321
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	185	162	223	214

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	11.4	14.4	16.3	9.0
1 year	10.4	7.9	8.7	12.1
2 years	7.3	6.5	7.3	8.1
3 years	6.0	8.3	7.3	7.8
4 years	5.4	6.5	6.7	7.5
5 years	7.3	5.8	6.1	5.0
6 years	4.1	6.5	5.5	5.3
7 years	3.2	5.4	6.7	6.2
8 years	3.8	2.9	7.0	6.2
9 years	4.4	4.3	3.5	7.8
10 years	6.3	3.6	2.6	4.7
11 years	5.4	5.1	3.8	2.5
12 years	5.7	4.7	4.1	3.1
13 years	5.4	4.7	4.1	3.7
14 years	7.3	5.1	3.5	3.7
15 years	2.5	5.1	3.2	2.8
16 years	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.5
17 years	2.2	1.1	1.2	1.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	27.5	27.4	18.0	19.9
Asian	3.2	5.4	4.7	4.4
Black	2.8	4.3	4.4	2.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	5.1	7.8	12.1
White	57.0	49.8	56.7	52.0
Two or more races	4.7	7.9	8.4	8.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	120	128	152	150

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	27.5	25.0	28.9	22.7
1 year	5.0	10.2	7.2	10.0
2 years	6.7	7.0	6.6	6.0
3 years	7.5	8.6	5.9	8.0
4 years	2.5	8.6	9.2	9.3
5 years	2.5	6.3	4.6	8.0
6 years	4.2	5.5	6.6	6.7
7 years	3.3	3.1	5.3	3.3
8 years	2.5	0.8	5.3	6.0
9 years	7.5	6.3	2.6	6.0
10 years	5.0	3.1	2.0	2.7
11 years	10.0	3.1	3.9	2.7
12 years	5.0	1.6	2.6	3.3
13 years	4.2	5.5	2.6	2.7
14 years	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.3
15 years	3.3	3.1	2.0	1.3
16 years	0.8	0.0	1.3	0.0
17 years	0.0	0.8	1.3	0.0
18 years	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.8	3.9	19.7	9.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Black	0.8	3.1	3.9	4.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	7.8	7.2	4.7
White	71.7	72.7	57.2	67.3
Two or more races	14.2	12.5	9.9	14.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

North Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	—	97.0
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	—	3.0
Number	—	—	—	**742**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.9	10.1	9.5	16.3
Guardianship	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7
Reunification	66.2	60.4	57.8	52.8
Other	23.3	27.5	29.3	29.4
Missing data	1.3	1.8	2.9	0.8
Number	**878**	**874**	**911**	**881**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.0	11.6	11.0	12.9
Guardianship	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.7
Reunification	59.2	51.2	51.3	47.0
Other	28.4	34.9	37.5	38.8
Missing data	1.2	1.8	0.0	0.5
Number	**419**	**447**	**429**	**402**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5
Guardianship	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0
Reunification	64.3	57.7	54.8	52.8
Other	33.7	39.6	42.6	44.8
Missing data	1.5	2.2	2.1	0.8
Number	**401**	**402**	**425**	**386**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	11.7	19.4	13.4	14.8
Children older than 12 at entry	88.3	80.6	86.6	85.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**60**	**62**	**67**	**61**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	5.4	2.7	7.9	5.3	0.0	0.0	30.0	83.3	2.9	10.0	14.3	25.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Reunification	66.8	59.0	52.7	55.8	100.0	66.7	50.0	0.0	70.6	65.0	61.9	64.1
Other	26.5	36.2	36.9	35.4	0.0	0.0	20.0	16.7	26.5	25.0	9.5	7.7
Missing data	1.3	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0
Number	**223**	**188**	**241**	**206**	**2**	**3**	**10**	**6**	**34**	**20**	**21**	**39**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	17.6	10.7	25.0	10.3	11.4	9.3	16.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4
Reunification	0.0	100.0	33.3	0.0	71.2	68.6	67.9	43.2	64.8	60.0	59.9	53.5
Other	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	25.0	11.8	16.1	31.8	23.2	26.5	27.9	28.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.0	3.6	0.0	1.1	1.7	2.7	0.6
Number	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**52**	**51**	**56**	**44**	**525**	**578**	**551**	**542**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.8	18.2	17.2	36.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.0	57.6	44.8	36.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	24.2	31.0	27.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**42**	**33**	**29**	**44**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	80.2	77.5	76.3	70.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.3	16.7	17.6	22.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	3.4	4.0	5.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.2
Missing data	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.6
Number	**581**	**528**	**527**	**465**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	72.2	76.6	77.9	75.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.7	12.1	9.6	12.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	9.4	11.2	11.1
Missing data	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.2
Number	**1,050**	**1,048**	**1,098**	**948**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	5.1	10.2	5.7	29.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.9	25.0	28.7	23.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	42.3	37.5	34.5	34.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.9	21.6	24.1	10.4
48 or more mos.	16.7	5.7	6.9	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**78**	**88**	**87**	**144**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.0	83.6	84.7	84.3	58.9	55.3	52.1	58.3	45.1	43.3	39.2	35.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.0	16.4	15.3	15.7	41.1	44.7	47.9	41.7	54.9	56.7	60.8	64.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,262**	**1,256**	**1,293**	**1,170**	**375**	**463**	**501**	**523**	**474**	**462**	**480**	**515**	**5**	**7**	**7**	**4**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.2	1.2	0.6	2.4
Institutions	7.8	5.3	6.5	2.8
Other settings	91.0	93.5	92.9	94.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**566**	**586**	**646**	**502**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**111.8**	**106.2**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	74.1	73.0	69.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.5	7.2	7.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.6	40.9	36.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	20.3	16.9	16.2

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**81.6**	**117.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	35.2	34.5	53.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.5	29.0	23.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	17.3	16.8	17.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.9	7.0	5.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	32.1	29.8	43.1

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**129.3**	**132.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.6	20.9	20.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.5	95.6	95.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	31.7	25.0	28.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**92.3**	**93.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	81.9	83.4	83.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.6	51.8	57.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	43.9	39.8	36.4

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Ohio

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	2,829,458	2,810,418	2,790,677	2,770,035
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5
Black	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3
White	78.5	78.2	77.9	77.7
Two or more races	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	17.9	18.3	18.6	18.7

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	47,444	43,093	42,483	41,449
Children in foster care on 9/30	19,323	18,004	17,446	16,631
Children adopted	2,420	2,201	2,044	1,803

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	108,816	38.5 per 1,000	110,972	39.5 per 1,000	112,600	40.4 per 1,000	116,129	41.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	47,444	16.8 per 1,000	43,093	15.3 per 1,000	42,483	15.2 per 1,000	41,449	15.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	68	2.4 per 100,000	61	2.2 per 100,000	83	3.0 per 100,000	74	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	8.2	9.0	9.6	10.1
1-5 years	31.2	31.4	31.3	32.0
6-10 years	27.3	26.9	26.0	26.5
11-15 years	25.2	25.3	25.7	24.2
16+ years	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.8
Unknown	1.6	1.1	0.6	0.3
Number	**47,444**	**43,093**	**42,483**	**41,449**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	28.3	26.1	26.3	26.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5
White	62.7	63.9	64.8	65.7
Two or more races	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
Unknown	6.0	6.9	5.8	4.5
Number	**47,444**	**43,093**	**42,483**	**41,449**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	13.9	10.4	9.9	10.0
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Neglect	53.6	56.0	55.0	54.3
Physical abuse	22.9	21.3	20.9	22.2
Sexual abuse	15.5	17.5	18.6	17.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**47,444**	**43,093**	**42,483**	**41,449**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	36.9	34.9	34.9	29.2
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	19,763	18,426	17,336	15,900	13,997	13,152	12,311	12,016	14,437	13,574	12,201	11,285	19,323	18,004	17,446	16,631
Median length of stay (months)	14.4	14.9	15.0	15.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.1	14.6	14.6	14.5	13.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.6	5.7	6.2	6.0	14.4	15.2	15.8	16.8	5.8	6.0	6.4	6.5	5.6	6.2	6.0	7.0
1 year	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.5	6.5	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.7	7.4	7.2	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.7
2 years	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.0	6.3	7.0	6.5	7.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.6
3 years	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.0	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.7
4 years	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4
5 years	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.9
6 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.7
7 years	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.3
8 years	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.5
9 years	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5
10 years	4.6	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.9	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.2
11 years	4.9	4.4	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.1	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.0	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.4
12 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.5	5.1	4.9	4.5	3.7
13 years	5.6	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.4	3.7	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.2
14 years	6.5	6.6	6.4	7.1	7.0	6.4	7.1	6.7	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.9	6.5	6.5	7.1	6.8
15 years	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	6.7	6.0	5.5	5.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.2
16 years	8.2	8.3	8.9	9.0	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.3	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.0	8.3	8.9	8.9	8.9
17 years	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.5	4.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	7.5	6.5	5.6	7.5	8.1	8.7	9.2	9.1
18 years	2.6	3.0	2.9	3.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	6.2	8.3	9.3	8.8	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0
19 years	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
20+ years	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Black	46.3	44.7	42.8	42.9	38.7	38.3	36.7	37.4	41.5	41.2	39.0	38.8	44.3	42.6	41.1	41.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.6	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.9
White	46.3	48.2	50.1	49.7	53.5	54.4	55.0	54.9	50.6	51.3	53.4	53.2	48.3	50.4	51.2	51.1
Two or more races	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.6	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.6	3.4
Unknown	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	5,099	4,814	4,350	4,011
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,955	3,784	3,340	3,303

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.8	3.4	3.3	4.6
1 year	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.7
2 years	6.4	5.9	6.3	6.8
3 years	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.9
4 years	5.0	5.7	5.1	5.2
5 years	5.1	4.5	5.1	4.2
6 years	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.3
7 years	4.8	4.6	5.2	4.2
8 years	4.7	5.0	4.5	5.1
9 years	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8
10 years	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.7
11 years	6.6	5.9	5.6	5.1
12 years	6.5	6.8	6.1	5.8
13 years	6.8	7.2	6.7	6.3
14 years	6.7	6.8	7.7	7.4
15 years	6.7	7.1	7.3	8.0
16 years	5.0	5.2	5.8	6.0
17 years	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	51.1	49.1	46.9	46.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	3.3	3.8	3.6
White	40.7	43.4	45.0	46.0
Two or more races	4.3	3.4	3.3	3.6
Unknown	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	2,420	2,201	2,044	1,803

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.5	5.6	3.9	3.4
1 year	11.2	9.9	11.4	11.2
2 years	11.4	12.0	11.5	12.6
3 years	8.3	10.0	8.9	8.9
4 years	6.7	7.9	7.8	8.2
5 years	6.7	6.9	6.6	7.6
6 years	5.3	5.8	6.2	5.2
7 years	4.9	5.5	5.1	4.6
8 years	5.0	4.4	5.8	4.7
9 years	5.6	4.6	4.2	4.6
10 years	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.8
11 years	5.3	4.7	4.5	3.8
12 years	4.6	4.3	3.7	4.5
13 years	3.7	3.6	4.5	3.7
14 years	3.1	3.4	3.2	4.5
15 years	3.1	2.4	3.2	2.9
16 years	2.7	1.8	2.5	2.4
17 years	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.8
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0
Black	45.0	41.2	40.4	38.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	2.5	3.7	4.2
White	45.5	49.8	50.4	53.5
Two or more races	5.6	5.7	4.7	3.2
Unknown	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Ohio

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	91.6	92.5	93.2	92.7
Children with one or more recurrences	8.4	7.5	6.8	7.3
Number	**21,770**	**20,059**	**19,336**	**19,103**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.30	0.32	0.43	0.48
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.70	99.68	99.57	99.52
Number	**33,760**	**31,578**	**29,647**	**27,916**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.3	15.2	15.9	15.1
Guardianship	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.6
Reunification	63.9	63.2	65.9	68.8
Other	9.4	10.6	10.9	12.2
Missing data	7.5	7.4	3.6	0.3
Number	**14,437**	**13,574**	**12,201**	**11,285**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.0	20.2	23.4	21.5
Guardianship	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9
Reunification	53.9	50.7	48.6	47.5
Other	16.8	20.5	22.6	27.9
Missing data	6.8	5.8	2.6	0.1
Number	**3,936**	**3,417**	**2,659**	**2,277**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.0
Guardianship	3.5	2.7	3.5	3.0
Reunification	57.2	57.4	62.7	65.6
Other	23.4	25.6	27.0	29.8
Missing data	14.9	13.5	5.3	0.6
Number	**4,524**	**4,228**	**3,617**	**3,465**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.5	24.7	26.3	24.9
Children older than 12 at entry	78.4	75.3	73.7	75.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,211**	**1,293**	**1,214**	**1,255**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.1	25.0	16.7	7.7	0.0	8.7	5.4	0.0	16.4	15.1	16.3	14.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	4.7	3.7	3.1	3.0
Reunification	78.6	58.3	58.3	84.6	72.7	73.9	78.4	90.9	59.8	60.6	63.9	68.0
Other	14.3	16.7	8.3	7.7	18.2	17.4	2.7	9.1	9.4	11.3	12.7	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	9.1	0.0	10.8	0.0	9.7	9.3	3.9	0.3
Number	**14**	**12**	**12**	**13**	**22**	**23**	**37**	**22**	**5,996**	**5,593**	**4,759**	**4,380**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	14.5	18.3	18.7	14.1	14.7	15.0	15.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	2.9	2.7	4.5	3.2	3.5	4.2	3.8
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	83.3	66.1	68.3	67.7	68.7	67.2	65.5	67.5	69.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	9.0	7.7	7.4	8.0	9.4	10.3	9.9	11.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	6.6	4.0	0.2	6.1	6.0	3.4	0.3
Number	**6**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**443**	**379**	**405**	**402**	**7,307**	**6,963**	**6,520**	**6,006**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.3	6.8	7.7	12.1	23.9	26.3	25.0	14.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	3.8	3.0	6.6	7.6	1.6	4.2	3.2	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	68.6	72.0	72.5	72.7	58.8	55.4	59.6	70.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	10.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	10.0	9.3	10.6	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	5.7	13.6	8.8	3.0	5.7	4.7	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**159**	**132**	**91**	**66**	**490**	**471**	**376**	**390**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	72.1	71.4	72.9	72.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.1	21.0	19.6	19.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	4.6	4.4	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
48 or more mos.	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4
Missing data	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2
Number	**9,220**	**8,585**	**8,046**	**7,759**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	71.0	70.4	73.0	72.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.9	14.5	12.4	12.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.0	13.9	13.5	13.6
Missing data	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.5
Number	**13,997**	**13,152**	**12,311**	**12,016**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	4.8	6.3	5.7	6.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.7	22.0	25.1	23.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	26.4	31.5	30.7	30.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.3	18.6	17.7	16.3
48 or more mos.	25.9	21.7	20.8	23.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	**2,215**	**2,064**	**1,936**	**1,708**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.9	86.2	86.7	86.9	62.0	61.1	61.8	64.0	31.7	30.8	30.6	33.6	82.0	76.3	79.9	92.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.5	12.2	12.4	12.4	37.8	38.6	37.8	35.9	68.0	69.0	69.1	66.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.9
Missing data	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	17.3	23.8	19.5	7.1
Number	**16,706**	**15,547**	**14,541**	**14,100**	**7,200**	**6,610**	**6,151**	**5,592**	**9,704**	**9,261**	**8,781**	**8,111**	**150**	**160**	**174**	**113**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.2
Institutions	2.4	3.0	2.2	3.2
Other settings	96.4	96.3	97.2	95.6
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**9,239**	**8,702**	**8,190**	**8,072**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**107.8**	**115.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.0	70.7	70.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.3	7.0	7.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	44.6	46.8	48.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	17.7	18.2	15.8

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**99.5**	**96.5**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	28.3	30.9	29.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.6	31.6	32.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.3	20.6	20.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	11.2	9.2	9.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	40.8	43.2	43.6

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**116.2**	**116.9**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.4	24.0	24.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.2	93.2	91.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.3	44.0	45.4

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**95.7**	**97.6**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.2	86.1	86.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	61.4	62.2	64.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.3	31.0	33.6

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Ohio

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Ohio's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

The purpose of Ohio's adoption and foster care program is to strengthen the shield placed around children. On behalf of those children, we are committed to establishing standards for our county partners; increasing responsiveness of our services; building strong, supportive communities to prevent the need for placement; and if needed, placing children in safe, loving and permanent homes. Ohio has strengthened the shield and fulfilled its commitment to children in the following ways:

- Ohio has the highest number of counties in the nation that are accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services.
- In 2006, 87% of emergency investigations were initiated within one hour, compared to 43% in 2002.
- Between 2001 and 2006, 24% fewer children entered out-of-home care for the first time. In 2001, there were 12,671 children entering care; in 2006, there were 9,575.

These measurements demonstrate proof of Ohio's ability to provide solutions to temporary challenges our children and families may experience. Ohio is willing to be held accountable for performance measurements that accurately reflect protection, progress, success, or the improvement of children's lives. Unfortunately, existing methodology utilized by HHS falls short in measuring true impact. We are encouraged that HHS has realized that Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) regulations do not accurately measure progress, and we applaud their existing effort to amend this methodology in the recent Federal Register posting of Friday, January 11, 2008.

That being said, we remain disappointed that HHS continues to financially penalize states using measurements that do not withstand fundamental statistical scrutiny. Evaluation methodology must accurately reflect real and substantive progress to strengthen the shield all states seek to place around children. Absent this standard, financial penalties are merely punitive and lack the intended purpose of improved systemic capability, responsiveness, and the true prioritization of child safety.

Oklahoma

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	885,621	883,691	886,369	894,034
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.0
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
Black	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.1	9.5	10.0	10.4
White	63.9	63.6	63.2	62.9
Two or more races	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
Child population in poverty (%)	22.3	20.7	23.0	24.3

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	12,529	12,483	13,941	13,414
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,252	11,325	11,393	11,816
Children adopted	1,153	1,152	1,013	1,141

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	63,935	72.2 per 1,000	63,684	72.1 per 1,000	65,716	74.1 per 1,000	64,962	72.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	12,529	14.2 per 1,000	12,483	14.1 per 1,000	13,941	15.7 per 1,000	13,414	15.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	29	3.3 per 100,000	39	4.4 per 100,000	41	4.6 per 100,000	26	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	12.9	14.0	15.1	15.5
1-5 years	35.6	35.7	37.1	36.7
6-10 years	25.4	24.8	24.3	25.1
11-15 years	21.8	20.9	19.1	18.4
16+ years	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.2
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	**12,529**	**12,483**	**13,941**	**13,414**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	15.5	15.7	9.1	7.9
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	12.8	13.7	11.6	11.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	10.7	11.1	12.6
White	57.9	56.5	51.7	49.7
Two or more races	2.9	2.6	16.0	17.8
Unknown	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1
Number	**12,529**	**12,483**	**13,941**	**13,414**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	4.4	4.3	22.6	22.9
Medical neglect	3.6	2.8	3.5	3.5
Neglect	86.5	88.0	82.4	83.1
Physical abuse	18.8	19.0	18.3	17.9
Sexual abuse	7.4	6.9	6.4	6.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**12,529**	**12,483**	**13,941**	**13,414**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	235.5	206.4	161.5	141.1
Median	>96, but <120	>72, but <96	>72, but <96	>48, but <72

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	8,301	10,021	10,285	11,202	6,713	6,507	7,129	6,927	5,762	5,203	6,021	6,313	9,252	11,325	11,393	11,816
Median length of stay (months)	14.9	16.0	14.1	13.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.7	12.7	13.8	14.3	13.3	15.5	13.4	14.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.7	5.4	5.9	7.2	14.9	16.2	18.0	18.6	5.9	4.5	4.4	4.6	6.0	5.5	7.3	6.8
1 year	7.2	6.2	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.6	8.2	8.0	8.1	7.0	6.9	7.3	6.9	7.3	7.8	9.0
2 years	7.6	6.4	7.4	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.6	8.3	8.2	7.7	8.2	7.7	7.0	6.9	7.8	8.1
3 years	6.7	6.3	6.8	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.7	8.0	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.4	7.4	7.9
4 years	6.1	5.7	6.4	6.8	6.3	6.1	7.0	6.0	6.8	6.7	7.1	7.1	6.2	5.9	6.8	7.1
5 years	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.7	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.3	5.8	5.6	6.0	6.3
6 years	5.1	5.1	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.4	6.0	6.0	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.8
7 years	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.2	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.3
8 years	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.8	4.2	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.7
9 years	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.2	3.9	4.1	5.1	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.8
10 years	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.9	4.7	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.0
11 years	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.1	3.6	3.5	4.6	4.0	4.6	3.7	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.0
12 years	5.7	5.7	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.5	4.5	4.4	4.3	3.9	5.3	5.0	4.4	3.9
13 years	5.4	5.9	5.0	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.1	5.3	5.4	4.4	3.9
14 years	5.4	5.8	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.3
15 years	5.1	5.8	5.2	5.0	4.2	3.7	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.1	5.5	5.7	5.0	4.7
16 years	5.5	5.5	5.2	4.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.8	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.8
17 years	4.4	5.4	4.3	4.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9	5.2	5.6	3.5	6.8	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4
18 years	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.3	6.7	6.4	3.8	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	1.4	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	13.1	11.0	11.2	10.9	12.1	10.1	10.2	9.1	12.6	10.6	10.4	10.1	12.7	10.7	11.0	10.3
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	18.5	17.1	15.8	16.6	14.6	15.2	16.6	15.6	16.4	16.4	15.5	14.9	16.9	16.3	16.5	16.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	10.0	11.1	11.7	9.7	12.0	12.2	13.6	8.6	10.3	11.2	12.1	8.9	11.0	11.7	12.6
White	46.9	45.4	44.1	42.2	48.3	45.2	42.8	44.3	49.4	47.5	46.3	46.3	46.3	44.3	42.2	41.2
Two or more races	13.2	16.3	17.6	18.5	14.6	17.3	17.9	17.1	12.3	14.9	16.2	16.3	14.7	17.5	18.5	18.9
Unknown	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	2,595	4,409	3,191	3,587
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,492	1,744	1,879	2,122

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.6	6.9	5.2	3.0
1 year	5.4	9.1	7.6	8.7
2 years	7.2	7.9	7.6	8.0
3 years	7.2	7.6	7.1	8.4
4 years	6.7	7.1	6.5	7.3
5 years	5.8	6.5	5.7	6.2
6 years	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.7
7 years	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.4
8 years	4.6	5.2	4.7	5.2
9 years	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.0
10 years	5.6	5.0	4.7	4.7
11 years	6.0	5.4	4.9	4.7
12 years	6.3	5.5	5.5	4.7
13 years	6.4	5.5	6.3	5.0
14 years	6.0	5.1	6.8	5.8
15 years	5.6	4.3	6.8	6.5
16 years	4.4	1.6	3.2	3.7
17 years	3.4	0.7	1.8	2.0
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	11.6	10.6	10.0	9.5
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	22.5	18.0	17.8	21.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.9	10.8	11.2	11.4
White	46.4	44.3	44.4	39.7
Two or more races	12.4	16.3	16.5	17.9
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,153	1,152	1,013	1,141

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.6
1 year	9.1	8.2	8.6	9.7
2 years	9.8	11.8	11.5	12.0
3 years	11.4	9.5	10.6	9.3
4 years	9.8	11.1	9.3	9.2
5 years	9.3	8.7	9.6	8.5
6 years	7.5	7.6	8.6	6.7
7 years	6.0	5.6	6.9	7.3
8 years	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.3
9 years	6.2	5.2	4.5	5.2
10 years	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.4
11 years	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.4	3.8	2.8
13 years	3.3	4.1	3.8	4.5
14 years	3.4	3.0	2.8	2.7
15 years	2.5	1.8	2.1	2.4
16 years	1.0	1.6	1.6	2.2
17 years	1.0	1.6	1.4	1.8
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.7	13.9	13.1	13.4
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4
Black	18.6	19.2	15.9	11.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	6.1	7.7	10.3
White	53.4	49.9	52.0	50.3
Two or more races	12.4	10.4	10.6	13.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Oklahoma

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	90.4	91.8	91.4	91.9
Children with one or more recurrences	9.6	8.2	8.6	8.1
Number	**5,609**	**5,808**	**6,258**	**6,114**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.25	1.16	1.18	1.05
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.75	98.84	98.82	98.95
Number	**15,014**	**16,528**	**17,414**	**18,129**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.5	22.3	17.3	17.9
Guardianship	7.7	11.1	7.3	7.4
Reunification	63.3	55.0	66.2	65.0
Other	8.5	11.4	9.1	9.6
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	**5,762**	**5,203**	**6,021**	**6,313**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	29.2	22.1	16.8	18.6
Guardianship	5.2	10.3	5.8	7.1
Reunification	44.9	38.0	50.8	47.4
Other	20.4	29.3	26.4	26.8
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0
Number	**790**	**679**	**689**	**784**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.7
Guardianship	6.4	13.7	6.6	6.5
Reunification	65.7	50.0	60.0	59.5
Other	25.3	33.6	31.4	31.2
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**967**	**1,076**	**1,099**	**1,213**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	37.6	31.7	28.3	29.8
Children older than 12 at entry	62.4	68.3	71.7	70.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**298**	**451**	**420**	**477**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.3	25.7	21.8	19.3	5.9	0.0	0.0	8.3	21.6	23.6	16.1	12.8
Guardianship	6.2	11.8	11.7	8.6	5.9	0.0	23.5	8.3	6.6	10.8	4.5	6.6
Reunification	59.3	41.7	52.3	58.0	82.4	83.3	64.7	50.0	64.1	53.6	70.1	68.7
Other	18.2	19.6	14.2	14.1	5.9	16.7	11.8	33.3	7.5	12.0	9.3	11.9
Missing data	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**724**	**552**	**625**	**638**	**17**	**6**	**17**	**12**	**944**	**852**	**935**	**939**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	18.2	0.0	20.0	16.0	16.1	15.2	20.5	21.3	23.2	18.6	19.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	6.9	5.8	5.4	8.6	11.4	7.5	7.8
Reunification	100.0	63.6	60.0	60.0	71.2	67.8	72.3	67.6	63.4	54.8	65.0	63.6
Other	0.0	18.2	40.0	20.0	7.1	9.0	6.7	6.5	6.7	10.4	8.9	9.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	**9**	**11**	**5**	**5**	**493**	**534**	**672**	**765**	**2,849**	**2,470**	**2,785**	**2,924**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	23.5	0.0	33.3	0.0	23.6	20.1	13.7	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	5.9	100.0	16.7	0.0	8.7	12.6	7.7	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	70.6	0.0	50.0	100.0	59.4	57.8	70.6	68.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	9.5	8.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**17**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**709**	**777**	**976**	**1,029**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	83.1	73.0	58.9	58.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.0	18.1	27.3	28.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.8	5.7	10.2	9.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	2.1	2.5	2.4
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	**3,646**	**2,864**	**3,984**	**4,102**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	76.0	83.5	86.6	86.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	14.9	6.0	5.4	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	10.0	7.5	7.6
Missing data	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3
Number	**6,713**	**6,507**	**7,129**	**6,927**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	4.1	4.4	2.5	3.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.4	23.2	25.1	26.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.1	33.6	32.1	33.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	18.8	20.4	18.2	18.6
48 or more mos.	21.6	18.3	22.1	18.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,181**	**1,159**	**1,044**	**1,131**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	73.3	72.4	71.2	71.8	43.9	47.2	48.1	46.6	24.4	37.3	25.8	26.4	100.0	88.9	90.6	80.0
Children with 3 or more placements	24.9	25.9	27.2	26.6	55.8	52.3	51.4	53.3	75.5	62.5	74.0	73.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0	11.1	9.4	20.0
Number	**7,664**	**7,066**	**7,851**	**7,776**	**3,082**	**3,888**	**4,520**	**4,979**	**4,243**	**5,547**	**5,011**	**5,364**	**25**	**27**	**32**	**10**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	14.0	11.1	12.0	11.3
Institutions	1.2	2.4	2.9	2.0
Other settings	84.8	86.5	85.1	86.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	**5,279**	**5,250**	**5,825**	**5,619**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**120.1**	**119.3**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.9	66.6	66.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.4	8.0	8.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	28.8	28.1	27.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	18.3	8.9	8.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**104.4**	**101.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	27.6	27.6	29.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.2	31.9	30.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.9	20.8	19.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.2	13.1	13.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.5	51.3	43.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**112.2**	**116.1**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	22.0	30.5	30.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	87.8	88.5	88.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	60.0	53.8	50.1

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**73.3**	**73.2**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.0	67.6	68.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.4	48.3	46.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	36.3	25.8	26.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Oklahoma

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Oklahoma's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Data questions

Outcome measure 3.4: The 2003 data for this measure may have been impacted in part by data entry errors, which are now being addressed by SACWIS edits.

Areas where improvements may be needed

Outcome measure 2.1: There continues to be difficulty in reaching the national median due to 1) the increased number of children entering foster care and 2) the entry of inappropriate confirmations that are actually not maltreatment. Oklahoma made changes to the SACWIS system in 12/2007 that should help workers identify when a referral should be entered as a foster home policy violation rather than investigation.

Outcome measure 7.1: Oklahoma includes brief stays in shelters in the group home category of placement settings. This may account for Oklahoma's higher percentage of children in group home settings as compared to other states.

Permanency Composite 1, measure C1.1: Prior to 2004, when the child was returned home, whether in OKDHS custody or not, the removal was end dated. Currently, the child's removal remains open until the end of Trial Reunification, extending the period of time the child is reflected as being in out of home care. Expediency of permanency and reunification continues to be a focus area for improvement for Oklahoma.

Permanency Composite 1, measure C1.3: Prior to 2004, when the child was returned home, whether in OKDHS custody or not, the removal was end dated. Currently, the child's removal remains open until the end of the Trial Reunification, extending the period of time the child is reflected as being in out of home care. Expediency of permanency and reunification continues to be a focus area for improvement for Oklahoma.

Permanency Composite 3, measure C3.2: This measure may be impacted by children exiting to care without documentation of the termination of parental rights as the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who exited to a permanent home by the end of the year exceeded the national percentile.

Permanency Composite 4, all measures: Standing orders in Oklahoma's two largest metropolitan counties require children entering care to do so through admission to OKDHS operated shelters. Policy mandates that any child under the age of 6 be placed in Emergency Foster Care following shelter admission. This results in higher numbers of placements for metro area children who comprise nearly half of all children in out of home care. Emphasis on placement of siblings together, search for relative placements and placement in the child's home community may in addition cause some degree of placement unrest but results in greater well-being.

Oregon

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	849,551	846,869	849,598	856,259
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Asian	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Black	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	14.6	15.3	16.0	16.6
White	74.5	73.7	72.9	72.1
Two or more races	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0
Child population in poverty (%)	17.5	19.1	18.4	16.8

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	10,368	11,759	12,414	12,927
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,117	10,048	11,020	10,661
Children adopted	849	943	1,030	1,095

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,694	38.5 per 1,000	37,865	44.7 per 1,000	40,110	47.2 per 1,000	41,245	48.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	10,368	12.2 per 1,000	11,759	13.9 per 1,000	12,414	14.6 per 1,000	12,927	15.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	1.7 per 100,000	8	0.9 per 100,000	18	2.1 per 100,000	17	2.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	12.9	13.6	14.3	13.9
1-5 years	36.2	35.7	35.4	35.9
6-10 years	27.8	27.1	27.4	27.1
11-15 years	19.9	19.9	19.2	19.2
16+ years	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**10,368**	**11,759**	**12,414**	**12,927**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.9	8.6	7.8	5.0
Asian	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0
Black	4.5	5.1	5.0	5.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	11.6	13.3	14.3	15.0
White	63.8	63.4	64.0	58.3
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	13.0	8.5	7.9	15.4
Number	**10,368**	**11,759**	**12,414**	**12,927**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	3.9	4.0	2.8	2.5
Medical neglect	4.5	4.5	2.5	2.0
Neglect	25.6	26.8	30.8	36.9
Physical abuse	11.1	9.7	8.6	7.6
Sexual abuse	10.7	9.8	8.7	9.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	57.7	59.0	58.9	59.3
Number	**10,368**	**11,759**	**12,414**	**12,927**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	89.2
Median	—	—	—	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	8,454	8,959	9,842	10,842	4,976	5,544	6,197	5,294	4,313	4,455	5,019	5,475	9,117	10,048	11,020	10,661
Median length of stay (months)	17.4	16.6	15.2	14.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.1	13.6	13.8	15.1	16.4	14.8	14.4	16.2

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.2	5.5	6.2	6.2	16.2	17.0	17.9	19.5	3.9	3.5	4.1	4.3	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.1
1 year	6.7	6.7	7.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.1	6.7	7.2	7.4	8.6	6.6	7.3	8.3	7.9
2 years	6.4	7.2	7.1	7.5	7.3	7.3	8.0	7.6	7.1	7.9	8.4	8.8	7.3	7.1	7.5	7.3
3 years	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.7	6.0	7.0	7.3	7.8	7.8	8.2	6.4	6.7	6.4	6.8
4 years	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.0	7.1	6.8	6.9	7.4	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.8
5 years	5.0	5.9	5.4	5.9	5.6	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.9	5.8	6.5	5.8	5.5	6.0	5.6
6 years	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.1	6.0	5.5	5.9	5.8	6.4	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.5
7 years	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.6	5.2	5.1
8 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.9
9 years	5.1	4.3	4.4	4.8	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.2
10 years	4.8	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.5
11 years	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.1
12 years	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.9	5.1	3.7	3.9	3.3	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.2
13 years	6.0	5.6	5.3	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.5	3.2	5.6	5.3	4.5	4.8
14 years	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.9	3.7	4.6	4.4	4.4	3.8	6.0	5.5	5.4	4.8
15 years	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.4	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	3.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.3
16 years	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.1	3.4	3.5	3.1	2.8	4.5	3.6	4.3	3.4	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.3
17 years	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.3	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5
18 years	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	4.1	5.8	4.6	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1
19 years	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9
20+ years	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.1	9.2	11.4	11.2	9.7	12.6	10.3	7.4	7.6	8.4	10.3	10.2	9.2	11.4	11.3	9.8
Asian	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	8.3	7.3	6.8	6.4	4.3	5.1	5.4	4.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	4.7	7.3	6.8	6.5	6.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.3	10.8	11.2	11.5	12.6	13.3	14.3	11.5	11.9	13.0	12.7	10.3	10.9	11.2	12.0
White	60.8	59.1	56.7	55.9	56.5	54.5	54.2	53.9	59.4	59.0	55.6	55.8	59.1	56.7	55.8	54.9
Two or more races	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.6	0.6	0.8	2.3	3.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.7	1.6	2.6
Unknown	11.3	12.6	12.6	12.8	16.3	13.4	13.7	15.4	14.4	13.6	13.8	14.3	12.5	12.6	12.7	13.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	3,164	3,302	3,441	2,776
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,509	1,485	1,493	1,387

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.3	7.0	7.1	3.0
1 year	10.1	10.5	11.6	10.2
2 years	11.1	10.7	10.5	10.8
3 years	9.3	10.1	8.9	9.7
4 years	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.5
5 years	8.8	7.5	8.5	8.2
6 years	7.1	7.7	6.2	7.9
7 years	6.0	5.9	7.0	5.7
8 years	5.8	6.0	5.0	6.8
9 years	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.0
10 years	4.6	4.2	4.4	5.2
11 years	4.3	4.0	3.7	4.0
12 years	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.3
13 years	2.9	2.6	2.6	3.4
14 years	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.8
15 years	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.3
16 years	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.8
17 years	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	7.9	8.7	8.6	8.5
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0
Black	7.8	6.1	6.0	6.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.5
White	56.9	55.3	55.1	53.7
Two or more races	0.6	0.9	1.6	2.4
Unknown	14.3	16.3	16.6	16.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	849	943	1,030	1,095

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4
1 year	5.7	6.4	8.2	9.3
2 years	10.7	12.4	15.6	16.3
3 years	14.3	13.6	13.6	13.4
4 years	11.2	10.4	11.0	9.9
5 years	9.4	10.9	9.0	9.9
6 years	8.7	10.1	9.6	8.0
7 years	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.4
8 years	5.8	5.4	5.0	5.8
9 years	7.2	5.9	4.8	4.5
10 years	4.9	4.2	4.2	3.9
11 years	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.0
12 years	4.4	3.1	2.3	2.3
13 years	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.4
14 years	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.0
15 years	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.9
16 years	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.3
17 years	0.6	0.6	<.1	0.4
18 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.3	0.3	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.3
Black	3.4	6.7	2.9	2.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.6	13.3	18.8	17.0
White	73.4	72.4	68.4	72.9
Two or more races	9.7	7.2	8.8	6.8
Unknown	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Oregon

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	—	93.5
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	—	6.5
Number	—	—	—	**6,098**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	0.66
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	99.34
Number	—	—	—	**16,136**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	19.9	21.2	20.6	20.1
Guardianship	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.7
Reunification	63.0	62.7	63.5	64.5
Other	9.5	8.5	9.1	8.6
Missing data	3.2	3.2	1.9	2.1
Number	**4,313**	**4,455**	**5,019**	**5,475**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	28.6	26.2	26.3	24.7
Guardianship	4.0	3.9	4.7	4.5
Reunification	47.3	52.1	50.4	50.4
Other	16.5	14.1	16.2	17.7
Missing data	3.6	3.7	2.4	2.7
Number	**1,253**	**1,287**	**1,310**	**1,391**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.7
Guardianship	3.6	4.2	3.3	5.9
Reunification	59.8	62.2	64.0	59.3
Other	28.8	25.3	27.5	29.6
Missing data	7.0	7.5	4.8	4.6
Number	**805**	**817**	**953**	**869**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	42.6	47.5	42.7	47.8
Children older than 12 at entry	57.4	52.5	57.3	52.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**202**	**198**	**253**	**295**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.6	16.0	20.1	19.1	6.1	0.0	29.7	9.1	17.4	26.6	15.7	15.5
Guardianship	13.1	8.5	11.4	9.3	3.0	14.3	10.8	9.1	4.5	3.5	0.0	5.0
Reunification	60.5	64.5	60.7	62.0	78.8	66.7	56.8	68.2	55.5	47.9	61.2	57.4
Other	10.0	7.2	6.6	7.5	12.1	9.5	2.7	13.6	18.2	15.8	19.9	17.1
Missing data	4.9	3.7	1.2	2.1	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	4.5	6.2	3.1	5.0
Number	**329**	**375**	**517**	**560**	**33**	**21**	**37**	**44**	**247**	**259**	**286**	**258**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	9.1	20.0	50.0	22.2	14.7	17.6	21.0	18.2	21.3	21.9	20.0	20.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.6	3.4	4.9	3.9	4.3	4.4	3.9
Reunification	90.9	75.0	50.0	55.6	74.5	71.1	65.6	70.1	61.1	61.0	63.8	64.2
Other	0.0	5.0	0.0	22.2	4.6	5.7	7.8	5.7	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.1	2.1	1.0	3.3	3.1	2.0	2.0
Number	**11**	**20**	**8**	**9**	**498**	**529**	**652**	**696**	**2,561**	**2,627**	**2,792**	**3,057**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	23.9	22.8	24.2	24.5	42.9	16.7	24.2	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	2.7	3.1	4.9	4.5	0.0	5.6	3.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	65.2	67.7	63.5	62.6	50.0	66.7	69.7	85.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	6.3	3.5	5.8	5.5	7.1	11.1	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	3.0	1.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**620**	**606**	**694**	**781**	**14**	**18**	**33**	**70**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	65.9	64.4	65.1	58.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.1	27.5	27.3	33.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.7	4.3	4.5	5.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,719**	**2,795**	**3,186**	**3,531**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	80.4	81.7	81.7	82.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.8	8.4	8.3	8.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.8	9.8	10.0	9.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	**4,976**	**5,544**	**6,197**	**5,294**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.5	16.4	17.3	21.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	37.0	35.8	41.1	40.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	26.5	25.7	25.6	23.4
48 or more mos.	22.6	20.9	15.3	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**857**	**943**	**1,036**	**1,103**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.4	85.4	84.3	84.1	65.5	64.5	65.9	64.0	31.4	33.1	33.7	35.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.6	14.6	15.7	15.9	34.5	35.5	34.1	36.0	68.6	66.9	66.3	64.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**5,726**	**6,318**	**7,143**	**6,380**	**2,951**	**3,292**	**3,734**	**4,361**	**4,729**	**4,866**	**5,134**	**5,389**	**24**	**27**	**28**	**6**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Institutions	4.0	4.0	3.9	2.5
Other settings	95.7	95.7	95.8	97.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,990**	**4,440**	**5,033**	**4,446**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**118.5**	**114.0**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.6	76.1	71.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.5	6.3	7.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.6	40.6	42.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.1	15.9	14.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**96.4**	**109.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	17.6	18.0	21.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.0	33.3	32.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.0	21.9	22.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.1	11.9	11.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	45.8	48.3	59.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**107.8**	**111.8**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.3	25.8	26.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.8	98.4	97.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	61.4	62.7	58.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**96.7**	**96.5**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.4	83.4	83.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.5	65.9	64.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	33.5	34.4	36.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Oregon

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Oregon's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Data questions

Section B (Overview Child Maltreatment Information): The number and rate of child maltreatment victims increased substantially from 2003 to 2006.

Between 2003 and 2006 the victim rate increased by 27.5 percent. During this same period the reports of child abuse/neglect increased by 43.1 percent. The family stressors most commonly associated with child abuse/neglect are parental substance abuse and parental criminal behavior.

Section B (Maltreatment Types of Child Victims): For over one-half of the child victims, the maltreatment type is reported as "Other."

The federal reporting category of "Other" maltreatment type is Oregon's maltreatment type "Threat of Harm." Threat of Harm for FFY 2006 can be broken down as follows:

Type of Threat of Harm	Percent of all Threat of Harm
Physical	11%
Sexual	13%
Neglect	37%
Mental Injury	5%
Domestic Violence	34%

Section D (Children Waiting for Adoption): In 2006, only 50 percent of the children waiting to be adopted were reported to have a termination of parental rights for both parents.

Oregon's concurrent planning practices allow for plans of adoption to be opened prior to termination of parental rights, and Oregon includes such plans in AFCARS reporting.

We do not feel that a comment for the following two sections are necessary.

Areas of high or improved performance

Outcome measure 7.1: The percentage of children age 12 and younger who were placed in a group home or institution decreased from 4.3 percent in 2003 to 2.7 percent in 2006. In addition, the 2006 percentage is less than the national 25th percentile of 3.8 percent.

Permanency Composite 1, measure C1.1 and C1.2: In 2006, Oregon's performance on both of these measures was in the top 25 percent of States nationally.

Permanency Composite 3, measure C3.2: In 2006, the percentage of children legally free for adoption who exited foster care to a permanent home (96.8 percent) was equal to the national 75th percentile.

Areas where improvements may be needed

Outcome measure 2.1: In 2006, the percentage of children maltreated while in foster care (0.67 percent) exceeded the 75th percentile of 0.61 percent.

Outcome measure 3.4: In 2006, the percentage of children exiting to emancipation who were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (47.2 percent) exceeds the national 75th percentile for this measure of 38.0 percent.

Permanency Composite 3, measure C3.3: In 2006, the percentage of children emancipated or reaching age 18 while in foster care that had been in foster care for at least 3 years (58.9 percent) exceeded the 75th percentile of 56.1 percent.

Pennsylvania

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	2,858,851	2,840,739	2,821,095	2,804,873
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
Black	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.6
White	77.0	76.4	75.8	75.3
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	15.7	16.8	16.7	16.9

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	4,571	4,647	4,353	4,177
Children in foster care on 9/30	20,845	21,944	21,691	21,135
Children adopted	1,946	1,898	2,065	1,926

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,601	8.3 per 1,000	23,862	8.4 per 1,000	23,114	8.2 per 1,000	23,071	8.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	4,571	1.6 per 1,000	4,647	1.6 per 1,000	4,353	1.5 per 1,000	4,177	1.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	46	1.6 per 100,000	42	1.5 per 100,000	40	1.4 per 100,000	33	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.7
1-5 years	20.2	18.9	19.5	19.6
6-10 years	26.9	26.0	26.4	26.2
11-15 years	35.3	37.6	36.7	36.6
16+ years	12.1	12.3	12.3	11.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,571**	**4,647**	**4,353**	**4,177**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—
Number	**4,571**	**4,647**	**4,353**	**4,177**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.3
Medical neglect	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.4
Neglect	3.9	2.6	3.5	3.5
Physical abuse	36.6	34.3	32.4	34.0
Sexual abuse	57.2	60.7	62.5	60.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**4,571**	**4,647**	**4,353**	**4,177**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Pennsylvania does not report the race/ethnicity of child victims.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	19,791	19,995	20,613	20,233	13,039	14,574	14,658	14,209	11,985	12,625	13,582	13,307	20,845	21,944	21,691	21,135
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	17.1	15.5	15.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.4	10.6	10.9	11.7	17.0	14.6	14.4	13.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.1	10.1	11.5	11.2	12.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.5	4.8	5.1
1 year	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.5
2 years	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.1	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0
3 years	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.3	3.5	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.5
4 years	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.1
5 years	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	4.1
6 years	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
7 years	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4
8 years	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.5	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.2
9 years	4.4	4.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.6	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.2
10 years	4.8	4.6	4.1	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.3	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	4.6	4.0	3.2	3.1
11 years	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.2
12 years	5.6	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.4	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.3
13 years	6.2	6.4	6.2	5.6	6.6	6.6	6.3	5.7	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.7	6.4	6.3	5.6	5.2
14 years	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.0	10.2	9.5	9.5	9.0	7.1	7.4	6.9	6.4	7.7	7.5	7.3	6.5
15 years	8.8	9.1	8.8	8.8	12.4	13.0	12.2	12.8	9.7	10.4	9.6	8.7	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.2
16 years	9.3	9.5	10.2	10.0	11.3	12.0	13.0	12.4	11.1	11.4	11.7	11.7	9.8	10.4	10.3	10.5
17 years	8.1	8.6	9.5	9.9	7.2	8.2	8.1	8.7	12.6	11.5	11.5	12.8	8.8	9.4	9.8	9.9
18 years	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	6.6	7.8	9.5	9.0	3.1	3.4	4.0	4.0
19 years	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6
20+ years	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Black	49.8	48.5	47.8	47.1	38.4	41.0	41.7	41.1	39.6	40.9	42.7	42.3	48.6	47.8	46.9	46.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.4	8.3	8.4	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	9.0	7.9	8.9	8.2	8.9	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.9
White	39.9	39.6	40.2	40.8	48.5	45.9	45.3	44.4	50.1	46.5	45.4	45.1	39.4	39.8	40.4	40.5
Two or more races	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Unknown	2.2	2.8	2.9	2.3	3.5	3.5	3.4	4.3	1.6	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	4,032	3,996	3,679	3,559
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	868	1,165	1,561	1,666

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.6	2.7	3.5	3.3
1 year	5.2	6.5	7.2	7.5
2 years	7.1	7.1	8.3	8.7
3 years	6.4	7.3	8.0	8.0
4 years	6.5	6.5	6.4	7.2
5 years	6.2	6.1	5.9	7.2
6 years	5.5	6.1	5.8	5.9
7 years	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.9
8 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.4
9 years	6.7	5.1	5.1	5.1
10 years	6.6	6.7	4.3	4.8
11 years	6.6	6.1	6.2	4.5
12 years	6.6	5.9	6.0	6.0
13 years	6.1	6.2	5.4	4.7
14 years	5.7	5.5	5.2	4.6
15 years	5.4	4.7	5.0	4.4
16 years	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.0
17 years	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.8
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5
Black	51.1	46.4	45.0	43.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.5	8.9	10.0	10.4
White	35.1	40.2	40.1	41.2
Two or more races	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Unknown	3.4	4.0	4.1	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,946	1,898	2,065	1,926

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.9
1 year	6.7	7.1	7.9	10.0
2 years	8.3	10.7	11.2	13.4
3 years	9.8	8.4	9.2	11.8
4 years	8.3	9.3	9.9	8.0
5 years	8.6	8.0	8.0	7.2
6 years	7.8	6.5	7.3	7.5
7 years	5.7	6.4	6.1	5.5
8 years	6.5	6.2	4.9	4.8
9 years	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.0
10 years	5.9	4.9	6.5	4.8
11 years	6.1	6.3	5.0	3.7
12 years	5.3	4.8	4.6	3.7
13 years	3.8	4.2	3.6	4.4
14 years	4.3	2.8	3.3	3.3
15 years	2.6	3.0	2.6	1.8
16 years	1.6	2.4	1.1	2.2
17 years	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.7
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
19 years	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1
Black	52.5	51.1	45.2	44.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	10.7	9.4	9.3
White	40.0	37.0	44.2	45.2
Two or more races	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Pennsylvania

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	96.9	97.1	97.2	97.8
Children with one or more recurrences	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.2
Number	**2,166**	**2,245**	**2,036**	**2,010**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.82	99.80	99.81	99.81
Number	**32,830**	**34,569**	**35,271**	**34,442**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.0	15.1	15.2	14.6
Guardianship	2.3	6.2	6.7	7.0
Reunification	67.6	64.1	63.5	62.3
Other	14.0	14.5	14.6	16.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**11,985**	**12,625**	**13,582**	**13,307**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	21.4	17.8	16.7	15.2
Guardianship	1.7	3.8	3.7	4.3
Reunification	54.0	56.6	57.0	57.1
Other	22.6	21.7	22.6	23.3
Missing data	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0
Number	**2,063**	**2,251**	**2,568**	**2,583**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6
Guardianship	1.1	2.1	2.3	2.6
Reunification	76.0	73.8	73.7	70.3
Other	22.1	23.3	23.4	26.3
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**5,545**	**5,910**	**6,440**	**6,304**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	29.6	27.0	29.6	24.3
Children older than 12 at entry	70.4	73.0	70.4	75.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**844**	**1,025**	**949**	**1,051**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	25.0	36.4	10.5	7.1	12.5	10.4	10.2	5.2	20.8	18.0	14.9	14.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	10.5	28.6	2.1	0.0	1.7	10.4	2.8	10.2	10.1	9.5
Reunification	56.3	50.0	73.7	64.3	60.4	61.2	57.6	57.1	59.3	55.0	57.6	56.5
Other	18.8	13.6	5.3	0.0	25.0	28.4	30.5	27.3	17.1	16.6	17.2	19.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Number	**16**	**22**	**19**	**14**	**48**	**67**	**59**	**77**	**4,745**	**5,167**	**5,800**	**5,635**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	15.7	14.2	13.7	13.3	12.4	15.2	14.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.2	4.9	3.0	1.9	3.2	3.8	5.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	69.3	68.1	64.3	68.5	73.8	71.5	69.2	67.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	17.6	13.0	16.6	14.6	10.9	12.9	11.8	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**950**	**1,123**	**1,120**	**1,182**	**6,006**	**5,876**	**6,164**	**6,002**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	6.7	16.9	22.0	18.1	15.4	10.3	8.3	38.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	3.6	7.9	7.8	11.8	0.0	5.1	12.5	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	72.2	62.2	57.3	57.1	84.6	79.5	75.0	54.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	17.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	0.0	2.6	4.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**194**	**331**	**396**	**364**	**26**	**39**	**24**	**31**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	72.9	72.2	71.7	69.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.9	17.5	18.2	19.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.7
48 or more mos.	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.8
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1
Number	**8,103**	**8,096**	**8,619**	**8,290**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	68.2	67.6	67.9	68.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	22.7	22.6	22.9	22.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	9.7	9.1	9.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	**13,039**	**14,574**	**14,658**	**14,209**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.5	18.3	18.5	22.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	25.5	27.6	32.9	33.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.9	20.4	20.6	21.2
48 or more mos.	34.4	30.3	25.2	20.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,912**	**1,910**	**2,060**	**1,942**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.8	87.2	86.7	87.1	65.1	66.7	66.1	66.5	44.6	44.5	43.1	42.0	100.0	100.0	97.2	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.2	12.8	13.3	12.9	34.9	33.3	33.9	33.5	55.4	55.5	56.9	58.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**14,936**	**16,304**	**16,708**	**16,337**	**6,433**	**6,904**	**7,442**	**7,487**	**11,405**	**11,263**	**11,013**	**10,588**	**56**	**98**	**108**	**30**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.5	3.4	3.3	2.7
Institutions	6.5	5.2	4.4	3.2
Other settings	90.0	91.4	92.3	94.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,659**	**7,091**	**7,194**	**6,998**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**82.6**	**82.8**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.5	69.7	67.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.5	6.7	7.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.3	44.7	45.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	28.4	30.0	29.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.2**	**105.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	21.8	21.3	25.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	36.3	34.8	32.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.9	21.5	20.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.2	8.2	9.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	68.5	60.8	62.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**132.5**	**134.6**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.2	31.5	30.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.8	96.9	97.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.0	35.8	33.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**101.8**	**102.3**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.0	85.5	86.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.7	66.0	66.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	45.1	43.9	42.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Pennsylvania

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Pennsylvania's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Section B (Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims)

Data on the race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims is not available because Pennsylvania's Child Protection Services Law prohibits the collection of this information.

Section D (Children Waiting to be Adopted)

AFCARS data indicates that as of 9/30/06, parental rights had been terminated for 44% of the 3,348 children waiting to be adopted. We believe the AFCARS foster care data does not provide a complete account of the number of children waiting to be adopted who have had termination of parental rights (TPR).

A separate report produced from the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network indicates that from the period ending 9/30/06 there were 3,426 children with a goal of adoption and of those 1,553 (45%) had a TPR completed, 1,779 (52%) had a TPR pending, and 122 (3%) had a TPR appeal.

A delay in entering the TPR dates into AFCARS by county child welfare agencies may be contributing to the discrepancies between the two sets of data. The state continues to improve the quality of the AFCARS data in this area.

Outcome Measure 4.2

Pennsylvania had identified outcome measure 4.2 and composite measure C1.4, foster care re-entry, as an area needing improvement. This is an area we will continue to monitor.

Puerto Rico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,059,181	1,045,234	1,031,914	1,018,651
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Child population in poverty (%)	—	—	54.7	56.3

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	—	—	15,807	15,066
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,585	7,663	6,786	6,661
Children adopted	674	490	207	236

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	49,507	48.0 per 1,000	31,849	31.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	15,807	15.3 per 1,000	15,066	14.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	4	0.4 per 100,000	5	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	—	—	—	6.3
1-5 years	—	—	—	28.0
6-10 years	—	—	—	29.8
11-15 years	—	—	—	26.9
16+ years	—	—	—	6.6
Unknown	—	—	—	2.4
Number	—	—	**15,807**	**15,066**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	—	—	—	0.4
Asian	—	—	—	0.2
Black	—	—	—	1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	83.3
White	—	—	—	7.7
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	7.5
Number	—	—	**15,807**	**15,066**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	—	—	16.3	27.1
Medical neglect	—	—	—	10.3
Neglect	—	—	51.0	56.7
Physical abuse	—	—	24.1	23.4
Sexual abuse	—	—	4.3	3.9
Unknown	—	—	0.2	0.0
Other	—	—	4.2	12.3
Number	—	—	**15,807**	**15,066**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	—	360.6
Median	—	—	—	>48, but <72

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Puerto Rico does not report race/ethnicity data for its general child population.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	7,566	7,463	6,598	6,303	2,652	2,138	1,936	1,877	2,624	1,937	1,748	1,521	7,585	7,663	6,786	6,661
Median length of stay (months)	21.8	27.9	31.5	36.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.1	13.4	14.5	14.0	27.5	34.9	37.6	39.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.5	2.8	3.0	2.8	12.9	12.6	13.9	13.6	3.6	4.2	5.5	4.5	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.7
1 year	4.6	4.4	3.4	3.4	6.2	5.8	6.5	5.1	6.8	7.2	6.4	6.1	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.0
2 years	5.1	4.5	4.0	3.7	6.1	6.3	5.5	6.2	6.6	8.1	6.2	6.9	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.5
3 years	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.3	5.8	6.2	6.1	5.6	7.2	7.5	7.4	6.0	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.6
4 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.8	8.1	6.6	6.9	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.1
5 years	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.2	6.9	5.9	5.5	5.8	7.3	7.1	7.5	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.4
6 years	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.2	6.9	5.6	5.1	5.4	7.1	6.8	6.2	7.4	5.5	5.5	5.0	4.7
7 years	6.4	5.6	6.3	5.7	5.3	5.4	4.8	5.9	7.7	6.2	6.9	6.4	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.1
8 years	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.0	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	5.7	6.2	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.9	5.6
9 years	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.8	4.4	3.4	3.9	4.7	5.8	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.6
10 years	6.4	5.8	6.1	6.0	4.9	5.0	3.7	4.5	6.0	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.7	5.7
11 years	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.0	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.5	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.3	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.0
12 years	6.4	6.7	7.1	6.7	4.4	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.4	5.0	3.8	4.5	6.3	6.3	6.4	5.9
13 years	6.5	7.0	7.8	7.7	4.6	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	3.9	4.6	3.8	6.4	6.9	7.3	6.5
14 years	6.0	6.8	8.2	8.3	3.8	5.9	5.0	5.3	4.2	4.5	4.2	5.1	6.4	7.0	8.0	7.5
15 years	6.3	6.9	8.3	8.4	4.3	4.3	5.2	5.5	3.0	3.8	5.4	5.5	6.0	7.3	8.0	8.2
16 years	4.0	5.1	4.8	5.9	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.9	2.8	3.4	2.4	4.8	6.3	6.6	8.2	8.3
17 years	3.8	4.0	0.7	4.2	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.9	1.3	1.4	2.1	3.1	3.9	5.1	4.9	5.4
18 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.9	1.1	3.8	3.7	<.1	3.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.3	4.9	5.3	6.5	2.0	1.0	2.2	2.6	0.6	1.5	1.3	1.7	0.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	99.1	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.3	99.0	98.8	98.7	99.4	98.7	98.5	98.8	99.1	99.0	99.1	99.0
White	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,404	1,599	1,542	1,432
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	33	28	26	37

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.0	1.9	1.5	2.0
1 year	6.3	3.9	3.0	2.7
2 years	7.2	6.0	3.7	3.9
3 years	8.4	6.1	5.8	3.9
4 years	8.8	7.3	6.2	6.6
5 years	8.2	8.8	7.7	6.2
6 years	9.4	8.8	8.2	8.0
7 years	9.5	10.1	9.3	8.9
8 years	9.6	9.4	9.6	10.1
9 years	8.3	9.4	8.9	9.3
10 years	5.9	7.3	9.3	9.4
11 years	5.1	6.5	7.5	7.8
12 years	3.5	5.7	6.9	6.4
13 years	2.3	3.6	5.3	5.7
14 years	1.7	2.6	3.2	4.5
15 years	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.7
16 years	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.5
17 years	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	99.2	98.9	98.8	99.1
White	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.6
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	674	490	207	236

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.0	2.7	2.9	1.7
1 year	14.1	14.7	9.7	6.4
2 years	10.2	11.8	12.6	5.5
3 years	9.9	6.5	6.3	5.9
4 years	9.6	13.5	9.7	13.6
5 years	7.6	7.6	10.6	13.6
6 years	12.0	6.3	10.6	9.3
7 years	9.2	6.3	7.7	5.5
8 years	6.8	6.1	6.3	8.9
9 years	3.7	3.9	4.3	7.6
10 years	3.6	4.7	2.9	5.9
11 years	4.0	3.9	2.9	6.8
12 years	0.4	3.9	2.4	2.1
13 years	0.9	2.2	2.9	0.8
14 years	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.7
15 years	0.9	2.0	1.4	0.4
16 years	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.7
17 years	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.4
18 years	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.4
19 years	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.9
White	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Puerto Rico

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	—	98.0
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	—	2.0
Number	—	—	—	**5,979**

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

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	99.82
Number	—	—	—	**8,180**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	6.5	7.4	8.7	9.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3
Reunification	89.6	88.1	86.8	85.8
Other	1.4	2.0	2.1	3.4
Missing data	2.5	2.5	2.3	1.1
Number	**2,624**	**1,937**	**1,748**	**1,521**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	7.2	7.3	6.2	6.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Reunification	85.2	85.0	85.6	82.1
Other	4.5	4.7	4.8	8.7
Missing data	3.1	3.1	3.4	2.2
Number	**223**	**193**	**146**	**184**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	90.1	90.7	88.3	90.5
Other	7.3	6.4	7.4	8.7
Missing data	2.6	2.9	4.3	0.9
Number	**274**	**204**	**188**	**231**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.0	73.9	43.5	66.7
Children older than 12 at entry	56.0	26.1	52.2	33.3
Missing data	4.0	0.0	4.3	0.0
Number	**25**	**23**	**23**	**27**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	66.7	100.0	100.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**2**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	7.5	8.8	9.5	0.0	0.0	5.6	6.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	89.6	88.1	86.8	85.8	100.0	100.0	88.9	87.5
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.9	2.1	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0
Number	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2,608**	**1,912**	**1,722**	**1,503**	**13**	**17**	**18**	**16**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	83.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	52.8	46.5	44.8	45.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	32.1	33.5	32.3	30.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.0	11.0	11.3	9.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	3.4	3.8	6.2
48 or more mos.	4.0	5.3	7.5	7.7
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Number	**2,352**	**1,707**	**1,518**	**1,305**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	91.2	89.7	92.6	91.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.9	3.4	1.9	1.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.1	5.2	4.5	5.7
Missing data	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.0
Number	**2,652**	**2,138**	**1,936**	**1,877**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	5.3	2.8	2.6	2.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.1	20.8	15.1	8.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.4	27.1	19.7	17.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.0	16.0	17.8	17.4
48 or more mos.	38.2	33.3	44.7	54.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**170**	**144**	**152**	**144**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.4	98.8	99.0	99.3	99.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,436**	**2,624**	**2,364**	**2,261**	**2,123**	**1,804**	**1,464**	**1,396**	**4,634**	**5,157**	**4,690**	**4,518**	**25**	**16**	**16**	**5**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.9
Institutions	5.2	8.1	6.8	7.6
Other settings	94.4	91.3	92.8	91.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,053**	**1,555**	**1,396**	**1,401**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**118.3**	**114.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	60.0	57.9	56.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.9	10.1	10.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	22.3	19.4	19.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	0.6	1.4	1.3

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**38.6**	**66.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	23.6	17.8	10.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.8	45.1	51.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	2.4	3.1	3.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	0.1	0.0	0.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	77.4	65.0	79.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**142.7**	**82.4**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	8.1	9.1	9.3
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	100.0	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	73.5	50.0	71.4

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**150.1**	**150.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	99.7	99.7	99.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	99.8	99.7	99.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	98.9	99.3	99.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Puerto Rico

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Puerto Rico's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Currently Puerto Rico does not have an automated system that collects AFCARS data. The data is collected manually by the local offices, which leads to discrepancies between the files and subsequent AFCARS reports. For example, an explanation for the discrepancy between the AFCARS Adoption file and the AFCARS Foster Care file on the number of minors discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption is that every time a minor is adopted the worker needs to fill a report so that the system can register the change. However, sometimes the regions do not submit the reports on time or they do not include all the minors that were adopted in that time period. As a consequence, the data on the two files does not concur.

Since the current system is unable to satisfy our needs we are in the process of developing a new SACWIS System that provides more accurate information. This system is based on the Wisconsin SACWIS System and will provide improved automated support and intelligence for the administration of services provided by the Administration of Children and Families (ADFAN). Through the implementation of this system the Agency will align its case management process to full compliance with AFCARS and ascertain compliance with matching federal requirements.

The system should be implemented Island wide by September 2008. We hope that the April 1 through September 30 AFCARS report will be sent using the new system, thus resolving the data errors and discrepancies that are present in the submitted files.

Adoption Data

ADFAN has designed a plan to strengthen the adoption services. The plan includes, among other things, improving by 10% the number of finalized adoptions attained during last year; providing training to social workers and lawyers on the rules, procedures and legal dispositions related to adoption; and obtaining the termination of parental rights, especially of minors that have an identified resource.

Rhode Island

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	247,632	245,808	241,839	237,451
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Asian	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Black	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	16.1	16.7	17.3	17.8
White	71.3	70.5	69.8	69.2
Two or more races	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	16.7	21.0	19.5	15.1

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	3,290	3,068	3,366	4,400
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,357	2,414	2,509	2,842
Children adopted	264	235	217	258

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,362	41.8 per 1,000	9,920	40.4 per 1,000	10,734	44.4 per 1,000	12,996	54.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	3,290	13.3 per 1,000	3,068	12.5 per 1,000	3,366	13.9 per 1,000	4,400	18.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.4 per 100,000	3	1.2 per 100,000	5	2.1 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.6	12.2	12.5	12.0
1-5 years	30.3	28.7	30.2	32.3
6-10 years	27.0	27.2	26.0	26.8
11-15 years	25.3	25.2	23.7	22.1
16+ years	6.7	6.6	7.2	6.7
Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Number	**3,290**	**3,068**	**3,366**	**4,400**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.6
Asian	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.5
Black	12.0	12.2	11.6	12.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	—	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	20.3	22.1	21.6	21.0
White	58.8	55.4	55.9	55.5
Two or more races	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.8
Unknown	2.5	3.9	4.8	4.3
Number	**3,290**	**3,068**	**3,366**	**4,400**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.1
Medical neglect	2.2	1.8	2.5	1.5
Neglect	78.5	77.0	82.9	85.7
Physical abuse	17.9	19.4	14.2	12.5
Sexual abuse	6.8	5.3	5.0	5.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	2.3	2.8	2.4	1.0
Number	**3,290**	**3,068**	**3,366**	**4,400**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	22.2	33.5	36.9	45.7
Median	<24	<24	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	2,132	2,227	2,306	2,400	1,567	1,649	1,561	2,024	1,347	1,462	1,358	1,582	2,357	2,414	2,509	2,842
Median length of stay (months)	14.2	14.7	15.1	15.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.7	9.9	10.7	9.6	13.9	14.7	15.2	12.5

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.4	4.3	5.8	5.3	10.3	12.2	14.3	12.2	4.1	4.0	6.0	4.6	4.3	5.8	5.4	5.4
1 year	4.5	5.2	4.1	5.3	5.4	3.4	3.7	5.5	4.9	4.7	6.7	6.1	4.8	4.0	5.1	5.9
2 years	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	4.4	4.0	4.3	5.5	5.7	3.7	5.1	3.9	3.6	3.3	4.0
3 years	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.9	4.7	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.5
4 years	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3
5 years	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.4	2.5	3.3	2.7	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.5
6 years	2.8	2.9	2.6	3.4	2.4	1.9	2.7	3.3	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.5	3.3	3.2
7 years	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.9	3.5
8 years	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.7	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.9
9 years	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.7	3.0
10 years	3.3	4.2	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.6
11 years	3.9	3.7	4.4	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.8	2.3	3.0	2.0	3.4	4.2	2.9	3.2
12 years	4.4	4.9	4.0	4.7	5.1	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.0	4.6	3.6
13 years	5.7	5.6	5.4	4.8	8.9	7.8	6.6	5.9	5.0	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.9	5.3	4.8	5.0
14 years	7.8	7.9	7.5	6.9	10.6	9.4	9.2	9.2	8.0	7.3	6.8	6.4	7.8	7.7	6.9	6.5
15 years	10.0	9.0	9.3	8.6	12.4	13.2	11.9	11.0	10.2	10.7	9.8	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.0	8.6
16 years	10.5	10.3	10.4	10.9	10.8	11.5	11.7	11.0	11.6	8.6	8.4	12.0	10.7	10.6	11.1	10.0
17 years	9.3	9.4	10.2	9.9	7.5	8.8	7.6	7.8	9.7	12.5	11.0	9.6	9.8	10.7	10.4	10.2
18 years	4.6	5.9	5.7	6.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.1	5.3	4.7	6.9	6.6	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.2
19 years	2.8	3.1	4.0	3.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.6	2.4	2.9	2.5	3.1	4.1	3.3	3.2
20+ years	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.7	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.9	1.8	2.9	3.0	1.7	2.1	2.6	2.0
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.5	<.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.1
Asian	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.9	2.2	1.7	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.2	1.5	2.7	1.9	1.5	2.0	1.6
Black	19.4	18.6	17.3	17.6	16.0	15.3	15.6	18.1	16.9	16.9	14.7	15.4	18.5	17.4	17.6	19.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	17.8	18.4	19.0	20.9	20.0	19.7	21.7	23.3	19.4	19.9	20.2	21.5	18.3	18.4	20.0	22.2
White	54.7	54.7	54.2	51.4	55.1	54.2	52.0	48.9	56.3	53.8	56.3	52.1	54.1	54.9	51.8	49.2
Two or more races	3.4	4.1	5.1	4.6	3.6	4.2	3.9	4.7	2.5	3.8	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5
Unknown	1.3	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.8	3.4	3.2	2.2	1.0	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.0
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.4	<.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	304	309	382	397
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	157	150	190	194

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.6	2.9	1.3	0.5
1 year	6.6	5.5	8.1	7.6
2 years	4.9	6.1	2.6	6.3
3 years	7.2	4.2	5.8	4.5
4 years	4.9	5.2	6.0	4.3
5 years	3.6	4.5	5.2	6.3
6 years	5.3	4.2	5.5	6.3
7 years	4.6	4.2	5.8	7.1
8 years	6.6	4.5	4.5	5.3
9 years	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.0
10 years	5.9	5.5	6.0	3.8
11 years	6.9	7.8	6.5	7.1
12 years	7.9	7.4	7.9	5.5
13 years	7.9	5.5	7.3	9.8
14 years	7.9	8.7	5.5	7.3
15 years	7.9	8.1	7.6	5.8
16 years	4.3	6.5	5.5	5.8
17 years	1.3	4.2	4.2	2.8
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	1.9	3.9	3.0
Asian	1.3	0.3	0.8	1.0
Black	21.1	20.7	20.4	21.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	23.0	19.7	21.7	27.0
White	49.3	49.2	44.5	37.5
Two or more races	3.3	4.9	5.8	8.6
Unknown	1.0	2.3	2.9	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	264	235	217	258

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.3
1 year	12.1	11.5	16.1	17.4
2 years	15.5	14.9	12.9	14.3
3 years	11.0	13.6	9.7	8.9
4 years	9.8	7.7	9.7	8.5
5 years	8.3	7.2	5.1	5.4
6 years	2.3	6.4	6.0	5.4
7 years	5.7	4.7	6.0	8.5
8 years	3.8	3.0	2.3	6.2
9 years	6.4	6.8	4.1	6.2
10 years	4.2	3.0	2.3	2.7
11 years	3.4	3.8	6.5	1.9
12 years	3.0	4.7	3.7	4.7
13 years	1.9	3.8	3.7	1.9
14 years	2.7	1.7	1.8	0.8
15 years	2.7	2.6	4.1	0.4
16 years	3.8	1.3	1.4	0.8
17 years	0.4	0.9	0.5	2.3
18 years	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.0	0.9	3.1
Asian	0.4	0.9	1.4	1.2
Black	17.8	18.3	18.4	14.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	16.7	18.7	22.1	20.5
White	55.7	50.6	48.4	51.9
Two or more races	7.6	8.1	6.0	7.4
Unknown	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.8
Missing data	0.0	3.0	1.4	0.8

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Rhode Island

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	88.9	92.2	91.1	87.3
Children with one or more recurrences	11.1	7.8	8.9	12.7
Number	**1,500**	**1,416**	**1,548**	**1,880**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.73	1.29	1.55	1.45
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.27	98.71	98.45	98.55
Number	**3,699**	**3,876**	**3,867**	**4,424**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.6	16.2	16.1	16.2
Guardianship	2.5	2.1	1.6	2.0
Reunification	64.0	64.9	66.0	67.3
Other	16.9	16.8	16.3	14.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,347**	**1,462**	**1,358**	**1,582**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.4	16.2	19.7	20.6
Guardianship	2.5	0.4	0.6	1.2
Reunification	60.2	61.1	55.2	54.9
Other	22.0	22.3	24.5	23.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**364**	**475**	**466**	**495**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.9
Guardianship	1.7	0.7	1.1	1.4
Reunification	66.9	70.3	71.1	73.7
Other	30.0	28.7	27.0	23.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**647**	**698**	**651**	**773**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.0	35.4	25.2	25.2
Children older than 12 at entry	78.8	64.6	74.8	74.8
Missing data	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**85**	**82**	**103**	**119**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.7	0.0	0.0	41.2	2.9	6.3	15.0	7.0	16.3	17.4	19.5	14.4
Guardianship	25.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.4	1.6	0.5	2.5
Reunification	50.0	62.5	100.0	29.4	76.5	71.9	65.0	65.1	65.6	61.9	59.0	70.0
Other	8.3	37.5	0.0	17.6	20.6	21.9	20.0	23.3	17.6	19.0	21.0	13.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**12**	**8**	**1**	**17**	**34**	**32**	**20**	**43**	**227**	**247**	**200**	**243**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	75.0	100.0	16.5	17.2	15.3	18.8	16.2	15.5	14.1	15.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.1	1.5	1.2	3.8	2.2	2.2	1.8
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.5	62.2	68.6	70.3	63.4	67.0	67.0	66.0
Other	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	17.6	18.6	14.6	9.7	16.6	15.4	16.6	16.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**261**	**291**	**274**	**340**	**759**	**787**	**764**	**824**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.4	9.1	7.4	2.9	47.1	30.4	30.9	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	7.1	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	69.2	63.6	88.9	80.0	41.2	55.4	58.8	64.9	85.7	100.0	0.0	50.0
Other	15.4	27.3	3.7	11.4	11.8	7.1	10.3	7.8	14.3	0.0	0.0	50.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**13**	**33**	**27**	**35**	**34**	**56**	**68**	**77**	**7**	**8**	**0**	**2**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	68.3	70.6	73.5	75.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.3	19.7	18.1	14.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.0	6.2	5.2	4.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	1.7	1.5	2.3
48 or more mos.	1.9	1.3	1.7	2.4
Missing data	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0
Number	**862**	**949**	**896**	**1,065**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	60.3	64.4	68.9	72.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	20.3	21.0	16.4	13.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.1	13.9	13.8	13.4
Missing data	6.3	0.7	0.8	0.9
Number	**1,567**	**1,649**	**1,561**	**2,024**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	9.8	7.6	6.9	8.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	40.6	42.2	41.7	39.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	21.4	27.0	28.4	25.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.7	9.7	12.4	12.8
48 or more mos.	16.5	13.1	10.6	14.0
Missing data	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	**224**	**237**	**218**	**257**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	71.1	85.3	86.9	85.7	57.6	63.3	68.6	67.5	27.1	32.1	32.0	33.3	85.7	90.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	28.9	13.4	13.0	14.2	42.4	36.7	31.4	32.5	72.9	67.8	68.0	66.5	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	1.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,786**	**1,886**	**1,830**	**2,306**	**833**	**840**	**856**	**881**	**1,066**	**1,130**	**1,174**	**1,237**	**14**	**20**	**7**	**0**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	18.9	17.9	16.7	14.8
Institutions	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3
Other settings	80.6	81.9	83.0	85.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**756**	**781**	**792**	**1,064**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**101.8**	**108.5**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.8	73.5	76.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.6	6.3	5.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	48.6	48.6	46.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	21.2	24.9	22.6

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**134.9**	**127.6**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	50.0	48.6	47.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	24.1	25.0	24.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.8	16.2	19.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	8.9	12.2	11.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	79.9	78.8	68.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**114.4**	**125.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	20.3	17.8	22.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.6	97.0	98.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.2	40.5	33.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**99.9**	**99.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.7	86.2	85.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	63.6	69.2	67.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	33.5	33.4	36.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,019,266	1,023,278	1,030,036	1,039,653
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Black	35.4	34.9	34.5	34.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.7
White	58.1	58.1	58.1	58.0
Two or more races	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
Child population in poverty (%)	18.7	22.8	22.7	22.1

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	11,143	9,950	10,759	10,795
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,801	4,635	4,757	4,920
Children adopted	281	366	382	425

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	39,368	38.6 per 1,000	38,462	37.6 per 1,000	38,238	37.1 per 1,000	37,922	36.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	11,143	10.9 per 1,000	9,950	9.7 per 1,000	10,759	10.5 per 1,000	10,795	10.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	20	2.0 per 100,000	21	2.1 per 100,000	23	2.2 per 100,000	19	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	11.0	12.7	13.4	13.7
1-5 years	28.3	30.4	31.3	31.2
6-10 years	26.7	25.9	24.9	25.5
11-15 years	25.1	25.0	24.5	23.1
16+ years	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.9
Unknown	4.3	1.2	1.0	1.8
Number	**11,143**	**9,950**	**10,759**	**10,795**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	39.9	39.1	36.9	37.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.4
White	52.3	53.2	54.0	52.4
Two or more races	2.7	2.9	3.0	4.0
Unknown	2.1	1.6	2.4	2.2
Number	**11,143**	**9,950**	**10,759**	**10,795**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Medical neglect	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.9
Neglect	64.8	67.5	69.8	72.2
Physical abuse	34.7	32.3	30.0	30.3
Sexual abuse	7.8	8.5	8.4	7.2
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	**11,143**	**9,950**	**10,759**	**10,795**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	20.7	13.8	14.1	50.2
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	4,738	4,678	4,594	4,694	3,416	3,108	3,234	3,485	3,353	3,151	3,071	3,259	4,801	4,635	4,757	4,920
Median length of stay (months)	18.8	18.2	18.7	17.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.1	18.3	18.6	17.3	16.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.1	4.4	5.2	5.6	13.6	14.8	15.4	16.4	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.9	4.4	5.2	5.7	6.6
1 year	5.6	6.0	5.4	6.5	6.4	7.2	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.0	5.5	6.7	6.5
2 years	5.5	5.8	6.2	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.9	7.1	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.3
3 years	4.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.3	6.7	5.8	6.1	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.1
4 years	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.6	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.8	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.9
5 years	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.7	4.3	4.9	5.3	5.9	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.4
6 years	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.4	5.7	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2
7 years	3.3	3.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.2	5.1	4.1	4.3	4.7	5.0	3.5	4.5	3.9	3.9
8 years	3.9	3.7	3.4	4.1	4.8	4.3	3.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.3	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.0
9 years	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.2	3.9
10 years	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.7	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.2	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.6
11 years	4.7	4.6	5.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.6	3.3	4.3	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.4	5.0	4.3	3.6
12 years	5.7	5.6	5.1	5.4	6.0	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	5.4	5.1	5.3	4.3
13 years	6.0	7.2	6.2	5.6	7.1	6.2	6.2	5.3	5.0	5.4	4.4	3.8	7.0	6.2	5.6	6.0
14 years	6.7	7.5	7.9	7.4	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.3	4.9	5.1	5.2	4.8	7.4	8.0	7.3	6.3
15 years	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.7	6.1	6.5	7.2	6.7	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.2	7.7	8.5	8.8	8.5
16 years	8.8	9.3	8.5	9.3	5.4	5.2	5.4	4.7	4.6	5.3	4.9	4.3	8.8	8.5	9.2	9.3
17 years	7.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	7.8	7.0	3.5	8.1	7.9	8.2	8.0	8.5
18 years	3.0	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	8.5	11.6	5.9	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.1
19 years	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Black	55.1	53.4	50.3	48.4	43.4	41.5	41.0	42.4	44.7	46.2	43.5	43.1	54.0	50.3	48.3	47.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	2.2	2.8	3.8	3.5	4.4	6.2	4.2	3.8	3.5	4.7	4.6	2.2	2.8	3.8	3.6
White	40.2	41.1	42.6	42.5	49.2	48.8	47.2	46.8	48.3	46.6	47.6	47.0	40.9	42.5	42.5	42.6
Two or more races	2.0	2.9	3.9	4.7	3.0	4.2	5.0	5.6	2.5	2.9	3.7	4.4	2.4	3.9	4.8	5.5
Unknown	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,493	1,769	1,819	1,750
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	587	834	844	788

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.0
1 year	6.6	6.5	7.5	6.9
2 years	8.5	7.8	6.9	7.8
3 years	6.8	7.8	7.6	6.3
4 years	5.4	5.8	7.0	6.7
5 years	4.6	5.8	5.2	5.9
6 years	6.4	4.2	5.1	4.8
7 years	4.6	5.9	4.7	5.1
8 years	3.6	4.4	5.8	4.7
9 years	5.4	5.2	4.0	5.3
10 years	6.6	4.9	5.9	4.5
11 years	5.9	6.7	5.3	5.4
12 years	6.4	6.1	7.1	6.1
13 years	8.0	6.5	6.4	7.5
14 years	6.6	7.2	5.7	5.9
15 years	7.0	6.3	6.9	5.9
16 years	3.3	4.0	3.9	5.2
17 years	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	60.9	55.8	50.9	47.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	2.4	3.6	3.9
White	34.7	37.0	39.9	41.5
Two or more races	2.9	4.5	5.4	6.2
Unknown	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	281	366	382	425

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.8	2.7	2.1	1.9
1 year	6.4	8.2	8.4	7.8
2 years	10.7	14.2	11.8	11.8
3 years	13.2	15.3	10.7	10.4
4 years	13.5	9.0	10.5	11.5
5 years	10.0	6.6	11.3	11.1
6 years	5.7	5.7	6.5	7.5
7 years	4.3	5.7	5.8	4.7
8 years	6.4	5.2	5.8	5.2
9 years	5.0	4.1	5.0	4.7
10 years	5.3	5.2	4.2	4.5
11 years	3.9	3.6	2.4	4.7
12 years	6.0	3.6	6.5	3.8
13 years	2.5	3.3	3.9	4.2
14 years	0.7	3.3	2.9	2.6
15 years	2.1	1.4	1.0	2.1
16 years	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.5
17 years	1.4	1.6	0.5	0.9
18 years	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Black	51.2	45.9	48.7	42.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	1.1	4.5	3.5
White	43.4	48.4	41.1	47.3
Two or more races	2.5	4.6	5.0	6.4
Unknown	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	97.1	97.8	97.2	97.4
Children with one or more recurrences	2.9	2.2	2.8	2.6
Number	**5,463**	**4,777**	**5,199**	**5,114**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.38	0.49	0.57	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.62	99.51	99.43	99.82
Number	**8,154**	**7,786**	**7,828**	**8,179**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.8	11.9	13.6	13.2
Guardianship	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.1
Reunification	75.7	74.3	71.7	73.9
Other	14.7	12.8	13.3	11.8
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,353**	**3,151**	**3,071**	**3,259**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	10.2	13.5	19.0	5.6
Guardianship	1.3	0.0	1.3	1.4
Reunification	17.2	18.3	13.9	25.4
Other	71.3	68.3	65.8	67.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**157**	**104**	**79**	**71**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.5
Guardianship	0.2	1.9	1.2	0.8
Reunification	67.5	68.5	67.6	69.3
Other	31.7	28.9	31.2	29.4
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**906**	**851**	**821**	**788**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	42.4	39.1	36.6	38.9
Children older than 12 at entry	57.6	60.9	63.4	61.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**432**	**348**	**361**	**347**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	9.8	11.7	15.4	13.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.1
Reunification	77.8	100.0	0.0	75.0	88.9	85.7	80.0	70.0	71.4	71.6	67.2	70.0
Other	22.2	0.0	25.0	25.0	11.1	0.0	20.0	0.0	17.9	15.9	16.3	16.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**9**	**6**	**4**	**4**	**9**	**7**	**5**	**10**	**1,498**	**1,456**	**1,336**	**1,405**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	3.6	11.7	10.1	8.2	12.5	11.8	13.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.0	0.7	1.4	1.5	1.0
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	50.0	87.3	90.0	75.2	82.6	78.1	75.5	75.2	76.5
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	7.1	6.4	11.7	5.4	12.9	10.6	11.5	9.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**126**	**110**	**145**	**149**	**1,621**	**1,467**	**1,461**	**1,533**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	18.7	18.3	18.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	85.5	73.6	76.5	74.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	7.7	3.5	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**7**	**10**	**5**	**12**	**83**	**91**	**115**	**144**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	81.4	79.0	80.8	79.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.9	13.9	12.3	15.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.5	4.5	4.0	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.6
48 or more mos.	1.0	1.5	1.1	0.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,539**	**2,340**	**2,203**	**2,408**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	82.1	83.6	84.1	86.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.8	6.5	5.2	5.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.7	9.7	10.2	7.9
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.4	<.1
Number	**3,416**	**3,108**	**3,234**	**3,485**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.1	3.2	2.1	2.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.5	16.5	13.4	13.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	25.4	25.5	28.4	28.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	25.4	24.5	20.8	21.6
48 or more mos.	34.6	30.3	35.3	33.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**295**	**376**	**419**	**430**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.9	81.2	80.1	79.8	80.6	46.4	46.9	45.4	79.2	25.3	25.9	25.0	92.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.3	18.7	19.9	20.1	18.0	53.6	53.1	54.6	19.6	74.7	74.1	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	<.1	0.0	<.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,970**	**3,601**	**3,726**	**3,990**	**1,379**	**1,439**	**1,357**	**1,504**	**2,792**	**2,732**	**2,738**	**2,684**	**13**	**14**	**7**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.7	10.9	10.2	9.0
Institutions	20.1	9.6	9.1	13.0
Other settings	79.2	79.4	80.7	78.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,424**	**2,295**	**2,352**	**2,608**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**140.4**	**140.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	74.7	76.8	74.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.3	4.2	4.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	59.0	55.8	55.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	9.8	7.3	7.6

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**88.9**	**66.6**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	19.7	15.5	16.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	37.1	39.5	38.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	13.5	16.2	16.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.6	10.6	9.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	41.6	51.3	46.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**77.0**	**72.3**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	17.9	20.4	20.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	86.7	91.0	85.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	62.4	61.3	60.6

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**79.3**	**78.3**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	78.6	77.2	77.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	46.4	46.9	45.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	25.3	26.0	25.0

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

South Carolina

STATE COMMENT

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The following are South Carolina's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Outcome Measure 3.2: Percentage of children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability who were discharged to a permanent home. The percentage may be due to underreporting of children with a diagnosed disability.

Outcome Measure 3.4: Percentage of children exiting foster care to emancipation who were older than age 12 at the time of entry into foster care who were discharged to a permanent home. The age of majority in South Carolina is age 18; however, children who remain in care past age 18 are coded for AFCARS reporting as having exited care due to "emancipation" on their 18th birthday (per federal requirements).

Outcome Measure 7.1: Percentage of children age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement who were placed in a group home or institution. The Governor's Task Force on Children in Foster Care and Adoption Services has recommended a statewide recruitment plan which utilizes proven marketing techniques. South Carolina will implement the recommendation and monitor the progress.

Composite 2: Timeliness of adoption measures C2.1, C2.2, C2.3 The Governor's Task Force on Children in Foster Care and Adoption Services has issued several recommendations regarding the timeliness of adoption. South Carolina has implemented processes focused on improving timeliness of adoption and will continue to monitor the progress in this area.

Permanency Composite 3: Percentage of children exiting foster care who were older than age 12 at the time of entry in foster care who were discharged to a permanent home, all measures. South Carolina has implemented processes focused on achieving permanency for children and will monitor progress. South Carolina provides transitional services to youth who remain.

Permanency Composite 4: Placement stability while in foster care, all measures. South Carolina has continued to review the stability in foster care placement issue. The Governor's Task Force on Children in Foster Care and Adoption Services has recommended a statewide recruitment plan which utilizes proven marketing techniques. South Carolina will implement the recommendation and monitor the progress.

South Dakota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	196,300	195,335	194,619	194,681
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Black	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.3
White	79.1	78.6	78.2	77.9
Two or more races	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
Child population in poverty (%)	13.7	14.8	18.2	16.8

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	4,346	1,917	1,617	1,529
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,537	1,582	1,704	1,657
Children adopted	144	176	113	150

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,925	50.6 per 1,000	8,355	42.8 per 1,000	8,048	41.4 per 1,000	7,135	36.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	4,346	22.1 per 1,000	1,917	9.8 per 1,000	1,617	8.3 per 1,000	1,529	7.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	2.6 per 100,000	3	1.5 per 100,000	5	2.6 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.2	11.8	16.6	15.6
1-5 years	33.3	37.0	37.5	37.3
6-10 years	30.0	26.4	23.0	24.8
11-15 years	21.1	19.2	17.7	18.3
16+ years	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.5
Unknown	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.5
Number	**4,346**	**1,917**	**1,617**	**1,529**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	35.6	40.4	50.8	51.3
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.3	—
Black	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	5.1	4.6	6.3
White	44.0	40.6	34.4	30.2
Two or more races	3.5	3.8	4.8	5.4
Unknown	10.7	7.9	2.4	3.9
Number	**4,346**	**1,917**	**1,617**	**1,529**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	17.7	14.1	3.4	3.0
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	73.1	79.0	87.7	88.2
Physical abuse	20.8	14.6	12.2	12.2
Sexual abuse	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.3
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**4,346**	**1,917**	**1,617**	**1,529**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	431.4	277.8	194.0	196.6
Median	>216, but <240	>168, but <192	>120, but <144	>120, but <144

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,253	1,447	1,516	1,654	1,375	1,274	1,368	1,360	1,091	1,139	1,180	1,357	1,537	1,582	1,704	1,657
Median length of stay (months)	16.1	13.7	14.6	12.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.1	6.3	7.3	6.3	12.7	14.2	12.5	15.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.8	4.1	4.6	5.6	11.6	13.0	14.5	14.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.9	4.4	4.9	5.6	4.6
1 year	5.8	6.8	5.5	7.1	10.5	8.8	8.5	10.3	8.2	8.2	7.0	8.6	7.2	5.9	7.3	7.5
2 years	5.9	6.9	6.4	6.9	9.0	6.8	8.8	9.2	8.2	8.1	9.2	10.1	7.0	6.4	6.7	7.4
3 years	5.5	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.5	7.5	7.5	6.5	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.6	6.6	6.5	5.8	6.3
4 years	4.9	4.7	6.1	5.6	6.7	6.4	7.2	6.1	7.1	6.2	10.0	5.7	4.7	6.0	5.4	5.7
5 years	5.8	3.9	4.9	5.1	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.5	6.8	5.5	4.2	6.5	4.0	4.8	5.0	5.6
6 years	5.1	5.7	4.9	5.7	6.5	6.7	5.3	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.5	5.8	6.0	4.8	5.8	4.3
7 years	4.7	5.2	6.5	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.6	4.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	6.3	4.8	5.5
8 years	5.0	4.8	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.3	5.0	5.5	6.6	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.5	5.1
9 years	4.9	4.4	4.9	4.2	4.6	3.7	3.7	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.4	5.4
10 years	5.6	5.0	3.9	4.5	3.9	5.0	3.9	3.6	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.4	5.2	3.9	4.5	3.9
11 years	5.1	5.7	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.9	4.6	3.8	3.8	4.9	3.5	3.3	5.6	4.9	4.0	3.9
12 years	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.7	4.7	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.5	4.8	3.3	3.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	4.1
13 years	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.6	3.6	5.1	3.9	4.9	2.7	4.3	4.5	4.6	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.8
14 years	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.5	4.1	3.1	3.9	3.3	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.5	6.1	6.0	5.5	6.0
15 years	6.9	6.2	6.2	6.0	3.1	3.8	3.9	2.7	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.3	5.8	6.3	6.1	5.7
16 years	5.8	6.6	6.1	6.1	2.3	2.1	2.8	3.2	1.8	2.7	3.1	3.6	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.1
17 years	6.0	4.8	5.7	5.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	6.5	3.1	2.8	4.1	4.4	5.5	5.0	5.9
18 years	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	4.4	6.4	3.3	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7
19 years	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	<.1
20+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	55.6	53.4	53.4	51.4	54.0	53.4	51.9	50.4	54.0	52.2	53.6	50.5	55.3	54.2	52.0	51.4
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	3.4	4.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	4.3	2.1	1.5	2.2	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.0	7.3	7.3	6.3	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.2	5.3	7.3	6.0	5.9	7.1	7.1	7.8
White	32.1	32.9	33.1	33.0	32.5	33.8	32.0	31.1	33.5	34.4	32.2	32.9	31.4	32.5	32.9	31.5
Two or more races	4.2	5.6	4.6	6.0	4.7	3.7	5.3	7.0	3.5	5.0	3.6	5.8	5.1	4.5	5.8	7.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	443	480	472	507
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	418	423	392	446

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.1	2.7	1.3	1.8
1 year	2.7	2.9	5.9	5.9
2 years	6.1	5.2	5.1	8.5
3 years	6.1	5.0	6.1	7.9
4 years	4.3	5.8	4.4	7.1
5 years	3.6	4.8	6.8	4.7
6 years	7.2	3.1	5.7	5.3
7 years	5.0	8.3	4.2	5.3
8 years	4.5	6.5	6.1	4.9
9 years	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.1
10 years	6.3	5.0	5.5	3.2
11 years	6.5	5.8	4.0	5.1
12 years	6.5	6.3	7.6	4.5
13 years	6.3	5.4	5.1	5.9
14 years	9.0	8.3	5.5	5.3
15 years	6.8	8.5	8.5	6.1
16 years	7.2	5.4	7.4	6.5
17 years	4.3	5.0	4.9	6.7
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	47.9	40.8	42.8	42.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Black	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	10.8	10.0	11.2
White	37.2	41.3	39.2	37.5
Two or more races	6.8	5.2	5.5	6.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	144	176	113	150

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.7
1 year	4.2	9.1	5.3	5.3
2 years	9.7	14.8	10.6	10.0
3 years	18.1	10.2	8.8	11.3
4 years	12.5	9.1	13.3	9.3
5 years	9.0	7.4	3.5	6.0
6 years	6.9	5.1	6.2	11.3
7 years	9.0	5.7	10.6	8.0
8 years	4.9	6.3	8.8	8.0
9 years	6.3	11.4	1.8	9.3
10 years	4.2	3.4	3.5	4.7
11 years	4.2	5.7	6.2	3.3
12 years	3.5	2.8	6.2	4.0
13 years	2.1	4.5	5.3	3.3
14 years	3.5	0.0	5.3	0.7
15 years	1.4	2.3	1.8	0.0
16 years	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.7
17 years	0.7	0.0	2.7	1.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	53.5	43.8	23.9	35.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
Black	4.9	0.6	0.9	4.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	8.0	8.8	11.3
White	29.9	37.5	61.1	40.0
Two or more races	5.6	10.2	4.4	8.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

South Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	85.6	93.1	93.6	95.3
Children with one or more recurrences	14.4	6.9	6.4	4.7
Number	**1,757**	**839**	**717**	**686**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.99	0.11	0.28	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.01	99.89	99.72	100.00
Number	**2,628**	**2,721**	**2,884**	**3,014**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.7	11.5	9.6	10.9
Guardianship	5.4	6.9	10.8	9.1
Reunification	66.7	65.2	59.8	62.3
Other	14.1	16.3	19.8	17.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	**1,091**	**1,139**	**1,180**	**1,357**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	21.9	33.3	24.1	27.9
Guardianship	7.7	8.7	12.7	9.3
Reunification	37.9	31.9	27.8	36.8
Other	32.5	26.1	35.4	25.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Number	**169**	**138**	**158**	**280**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.9
Guardianship	4.7	7.0	5.6	7.0
Reunification	60.0	55.6	54.4	63.8
Other	34.7	36.9	39.0	27.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	**170**	**187**	**195**	**213**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.3	22.7	34.9	43.2
Children older than 12 at entry	66.7	77.3	65.1	56.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**63**	**66**	**83**	**74**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	12.9	9.9	4.1	7.9	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	25.9	3.4	3.3	11.9
Guardianship	8.1	10.4	14.8	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	3.3	3.4
Reunification	63.0	59.3	55.8	58.4	100.0	100.0	20.0	0.0	70.4	89.7	86.7	81.4
Other	16.0	20.3	25.3	23.9	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	6.7	3.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**589**	**595**	**633**	**685**	**2**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**27**	**29**	**30**	**59**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	21.7	11.6	19.5	13.7	11.7	18.2	13.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	9.3	7.3	1.6	3.6	5.8	9.2
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	67.6	55.0	61.6	52.4	73.0	73.7	64.2	68.4
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6	23.3	17.4	19.5	11.7	11.0	11.8	9.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**68**	**60**	**86**	**82**	**366**	**392**	**380**	**446**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.1	21.1	14.0	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	5.3	4.7	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	60.5	63.2	60.5	55.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	10.5	20.9	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**38**	**57**	**43**	**79**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	85.2	84.1	80.6	84.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	6.7	13.7	15.6	11.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.5	1.7	2.8	2.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5
48 or more mos.	1.1	0.1	0.7	1.2
Missing data	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**728**	**743**	**706**	**846**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	74.2	77.9	77.8	80.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	16.9	13.5	13.5	8.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.9	7.7	8.2	10.1
Missing data	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.4
Number	**1,375**	**1,274**	**1,368**	**1,360**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	8.7	1.5	0.9	0.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.7	29.0	25.7	19.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	29.3	37.4	39.8	39.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	24.0	21.4	21.2	26.4
48 or more mos.	13.3	10.7	12.4	13.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**150**	**131**	**113**	**148**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.3	82.7	78.9	81.0	51.5	49.9	49.9	41.0	23.4	21.5	19.2	22.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.7	17.3	21.1	19.0	48.5	50.1	50.1	59.0	76.2	78.5	80.8	77.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,494**	**1,476**	**1,586**	**1,618**	**404**	**525**	**533**	**600**	**688**	**716**	**761**	**794**	**42**	**4**	**4**	**2**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	17.4	16.4	14.4	12.9
Other settings	80.2	83.6	85.6	87.1
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,154**	**1,063**	**1,123**	**1,133**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**120.5**	**124.3**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	85.0	79.3	83.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.9	5.0	4.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.3	44.9	41.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	21.4	19.2	17.8

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**74.0**	**70.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	30.5	26.5	20.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.5	31.2	33.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	17.7	14.5	18.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.7	2.1	3.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	25.1	17.7	11.6

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**74.7**	**78.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	20.4	22.7	23.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	87.1	81.6	83.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	49.4	62.8	64.9

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**77.5**	**76.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.2	75.0	77.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	49.9	49.8	41.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	21.3	18.6	22.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

South Dakota

STATE COMMENT

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The following are South Dakota's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Child Maltreatment

Section B (Maltreatment information overview)

The Division of Child Protection Services (CPS) implemented a number of new policies and tools since 2002 in an effort to improve safety outcomes including repeat maltreatment. Those include.

- A new policy to improve time frames for submission of abuse and neglect reports to the supervisor for screening.
- A new policy to address assignment of duplicate reports.
- A tool, Child Maltreatment Screening Guideline and Response Decision, for screening and determining CPS response to reports.
- A new process to intervene with families when a report is assigned, Initial Family Assessment (IFA), which is based on identified safety and risk factors rather than the maltreatment determination.
- The deletion of the indicated category as a maltreatment outcome disposition, because of the use of safety as a determiner for service provision. The only dispositions now used are unsubstantiated and substantiated.

Children in Foster Care

3.4 Exits to Emancipation

This is an area that South Dakota is currently reviewing to determine where efforts need to be focused.

7.1 Most recent placement settings of children who entered care during the fiscal year and were age 12 or younger at the time of placement

South Dakota will continue to monitor the trend of children who entered a group home or institution at or prior to age 12. The report shows that South Dakota has decreased this number from 19.5 percent in 2003 to 12.9 percent in 2006. This is a 6.6 percent decrease in this population, which is substantial.

Composite 1 (Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification), measure C1.4

South Dakota has consistently decreased in the percentage of children re-entering foster care in less than twelve months; declining from 21.4 percent in 2004 to 17.8 percent in 2006. The most recent Permanency Data from the Child and Family Services Review Data Profile (report period ending March 31, 2007) indicates South Dakota has declined even further in this category to 12 percent. From 2004 to March 31, 2007 South Dakota has decreased 9.4 percent in children re-entering foster care.

Composite 2 (Timeliness of Adoptions), measures C2.1, C2.4, C2.5

Composite 3 (Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time), measures C3.2, C3.3

Composite 4 (Placement Stability While in Foster Care), all measures

South Dakota is examining this information currently to define what steps need to be taken to produce better outcomes. Part of the Child and Family Services Review process encourages South Dakota to identify goals to improve on these areas.

Tennessee

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,410,172	1,416,415	1,428,285	1,442,593
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4
Black	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.9	4.3	4.6
White	72.0	71.5	71.1	70.7
Two or more races	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8
Child population in poverty (%)	19.9	21.1	21.4	22.7

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	9,421	14,840	18,376	19,182
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,487	9,590	9,017	8,618
Children adopted	954	891	1,114	994

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	46,522	33.0 per 1,000	74,835	52.8 per 1,000	94,469	66.1 per 1,000	98,163	68.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	9,421	6.7 per 1,000	14,840	10.5 per 1,000	18,376	12.9 per 1,000	19,182	13.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	1.7 per 100,000	15	1.1 per 100,000	34	2.4 per 100,000	22	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	12.3	12.9	12.8	13.1
1-5 years	30.4	30.4	31.2	31.3
6-10 years	27.4	25.8	25.8	25.9
11-15 years	24.0	24.6	23.8	23.1
16+ years	5.5	6.2	6.1	6.4
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Number	**9,421**	**14,840**	**18,376**	**19,182**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	25.6	26.7	24.7	25.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.7
White	57.4	58.0	62.6	62.8
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	13.5	11.4	9.2	7.7
Number	**9,421**	**14,840**	**18,376**	**19,182**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4
Medical neglect	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.2
Neglect	49.3	51.9	53.3	53.1
Physical abuse	32.7	31.6	33.3	34.1
Sexual abuse	24.6	24.1	20.4	20.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	—	—	—
Number	**9,421**	**14,840**	**18,376**	**19,182**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	51.3	139.4	23.7	9.7
Median	<24	>24, but <48	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	7,470	7,752	8,382	8,847	6,305	6,715	7,056	6,612	4,288	4,877	6,421	6,841	9,487	9,590	9,017	8,618
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	12.9	12.9	11.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.3	10.4	10.2	10.5	11.4	12.0	11.3	11.4

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.6	4.2	4.3	4.4	9.3	11.1	11.1	11.2	3.5	5.6	4.6	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.6
1 year	4.0	4.6	4.9	5.4	4.3	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.0	4.2	4.8	5.4	5.3
2 years	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.1	5.0
3 years	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.7	4.1	5.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	3.7
4 years	3.9	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.9
5 years	3.5	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7
6 years	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.9	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.8
7 years	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.4	3.1	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.6
8 years	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1
9 years	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.8
10 years	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.1	3.4	3.6	2.4	2.3	3.6	3.1	3.2	2.7
11 years	4.6	4.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.3	2.2	2.7	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.2
12 years	5.0	4.8	4.4	3.7	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.0	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.8
13 years	6.3	6.0	5.6	5.1	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.0	5.6	5.5	5.1	4.7
14 years	7.3	7.3	6.9	7.0	8.1	7.6	7.9	7.9	4.2	4.9	4.8	4.6	7.5	6.9	7.2	6.6
15 years	9.1	8.8	9.5	9.4	11.0	10.2	10.9	11.6	5.6	5.6	6.9	7.1	10.1	9.6	9.7	10.0
16 years	11.8	10.8	11.2	12.3	12.6	12.2	13.3	13.1	6.9	6.6	8.9	9.8	12.4	12.0	12.8	12.2
17 years	12.2	12.2	13.9	13.6	10.5	10.8	11.7	12.2	20.6	12.8	11.3	17.2	13.7	13.6	13.3	14.6
18 years	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.9	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	9.4	14.2	17.6	11.1	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.5	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	35.1	33.8	33.7	31.2	27.1	27.3	26.4	27.1	27.8	27.5	29.1	26.8	33.1	32.5	31.2	31.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	2.9	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.2	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	2.8	3.5	3.7	4.0
White	59.0	59.4	58.8	60.6	65.2	63.8	64.3	63.2	65.1	63.8	62.5	64.2	60.4	60.3	60.5	59.8
Two or more races	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.7	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.7
Unknown	0.3	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.3	1.7	2.4	2.1	0.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,964	1,775	1,717	1,786
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	460	484	743	794

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.2	0.7	1.7	1.1
1 year	3.3	3.6	4.9	4.6
2 years	4.8	4.4	4.0	5.4
3 years	4.6	4.6	5.3	3.8
4 years	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.8
5 years	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.3
6 years	5.0	3.9	4.5	4.7
7 years	4.8	4.1	4.0	4.6
8 years	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.4
9 years	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.9
10 years	5.5	3.9	4.5	4.4
11 years	6.5	5.2	4.4	4.1
12 years	7.1	6.6	4.7	5.5
13 years	7.6	8.6	5.9	5.8
14 years	8.7	9.0	9.0	6.8
15 years	7.9	9.4	9.3	10.1
16 years	8.2	9.5	11.5	10.0
17 years	6.1	7.7	8.7	11.9
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1
Black	40.7	39.6	35.2	39.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	3.0	4.1	3.7
White	51.8	53.2	56.2	52.5
Two or more races	3.7	2.9	3.0	3.4
Unknown	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	954	891	1,114	994

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.0	1.5	1.4	2.4
1 year	4.8	4.9	7.5	8.4
2 years	5.8	8.2	10.4	8.0
3 years	6.3	8.2	7.3	8.4
4 years	8.0	6.3	7.5	7.4
5 years	8.0	7.4	6.1	6.3
6 years	7.1	6.4	5.6	5.9
7 years	6.5	5.8	6.3	4.5
8 years	6.8	6.4	5.1	6.1
9 years	7.2	5.2	4.5	5.0
10 years	6.6	5.7	4.7	4.4
11 years	6.7	5.5	3.8	5.0
12 years	5.9	5.8	5.7	4.0
13 years	5.2	4.5	6.2	4.3
14 years	3.5	5.3	5.4	4.8
15 years	4.2	4.7	4.8	5.2
16 years	2.8	3.5	4.1	5.8
17 years	2.4	4.2	3.5	3.7
18 years	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Black	30.2	25.4	28.5	23.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	3.4	4.7	5.5
White	57.0	63.3	61.1	65.2
Two or more races	8.1	7.7	4.8	3.7
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Tennessee

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	96.6	96.4	91.9	91.7
Children with one or more recurrences	3.4	3.6	8.1	8.3
Number	**3,992**	**5,794**	**7,870**	**9,160**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.24	0.87	0.73
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.76	99.13	99.27
Number	—	**14,467**	**15,438**	**15,459**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.0	18.2	17.5	14.5
Guardianship	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4
Reunification	58.9	63.4	67.5	71.7
Other	18.6	17.9	14.5	13.3
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,288**	**4,877**	**6,421**	**6,841**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	50.4	47.8	42.7	29.5
Guardianship	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.8
Reunification	27.1	27.9	37.1	45.8
Other	21.9	24.2	19.7	23.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**494**	**542**	**628**	**491**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.4	1.6	2.4	2.4
Guardianship	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.4
Reunification	61.3	61.6	71.0	73.4
Other	36.9	36.1	25.7	23.8
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,832**	**1,944**	**3,035**	**3,343**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.7	19.3	16.1	12.7
Children older than 12 at entry	84.3	80.7	83.9	87.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**658**	**735**	**753**	**718**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	30.8	7.1	33.3	9.1	0.0	13.0	21.4	10.0	26.1	18.6	17.1	12.8
Guardianship	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
Reunification	69.2	71.4	66.7	36.4	80.0	78.3	71.4	80.0	52.4	60.6	65.4	70.3
Other	0.0	14.3	0.0	54.5	20.0	8.7	7.1	10.0	20.8	20.3	17.0	16.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**13**	**14**	**9**	**11**	**5**	**23**	**14**	**20**	**1,190**	**1,340**	**1,870**	**1,834**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	11.3	20.4	18.4	19.8	18.2	17.3	14.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.4
Reunification	0.0	100.0	66.7	0.0	61.7	71.1	68.4	65.6	61.4	64.0	68.1	72.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	16.7	9.7	15.4	18.5	17.4	14.1	12.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**0**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**180**	**204**	**269**	**299**	**2,791**	**3,113**	**4,010**	**4,395**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	3.6	9.1	9.4	13.7	38.3	40.4	28.7	23.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	89.3	79.2	82.9	78.2	51.9	47.5	62.8	69.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	7.1	11.7	6.8	7.3	9.9	12.1	8.5	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**28**	**77**	**117**	**124**	**81**	**99**	**129**	**158**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	72.4	76.0	73.7	69.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.2	16.7	18.4	21.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.8	1.3	1.6	2.2
48 or more mos.	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Number	**2,527**	**3,093**	**4,332**	**4,905**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	82.8	84.4	81.9	80.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.5	8.6	10.8	11.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.6	7.0	7.3	8.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,305**	**6,715**	**7,056**	**6,612**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.8	2.8	4.1	5.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.0	18.2	23.5	24.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	18.2	25.7	28.4	32.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.8	19.2	17.2	19.2
48 or more mos.	50.2	34.0	26.9	19.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**944**	**890**	**1,121**	**995**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.3	73.7	72.9	75.9	39.1	45.8	45.2	48.5	31.4	26.0	26.8	34.4	83.3	84.8	96.9	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	26.8	25.3	26.3	23.8	60.4	53.9	54.6	51.5	68.2	73.9	73.2	65.6	4.8	4.3	3.1	0.0
Missing data	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	11.9	10.9	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,998**	**7,469**	**8,257**	**8,210**	**2,706**	**3,188**	**3,295**	**3,517**	**4,029**	**3,764**	**3,854**	**3,729**	**42**	**46**	**32**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5
Institutions	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.6
Other settings	97.5	97.7	98.1	97.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,191**	**3,483**	**3,464**	**3,200**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.7**	**118.1**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	74.0	72.9	71.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.2	7.1	7.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	32.2	25.0	55.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.6	11.1	15.0

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**91.1**	**122.0**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	21.0	27.6	29.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	37.9	32.5	30.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.9	28.4	25.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	5.2	8.6	14.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	50.8	36.7	62.7

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**140.0**	**147.2**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.7	34.0	34.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.3	93.0	92.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	25.2	22.1	20.9

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**75.2**	**82.5**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.7	71.8	74.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	46.5	46.2	49.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.3	27.2	35.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Texas

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	6,162,780	6,245,791	6,337,618	6,493,965
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
Black	12.2	12.1	12.0	12.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	42.9	43.7	44.5	45.0
White	40.5	39.7	38.9	38.1
Two or more races	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5
Child population in poverty (%)	22.8	22.9	24.9	23.9

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	50,522	50,891	61,994	69,065
Children in foster care on 9/30	21,880	24,529	28,883	30,848
Children adopted	2,504	2,556	3,181	3,409

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	215,602	35.0 per 1,000	226,614	36.3 per 1,000	269,122	42.5 per 1,000	280,913	43.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	50,522	8.2 per 1,000	50,891	8.2 per 1,000	61,994	9.8 per 1,000	69,065	10.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	203	3.3 per 100,000	212	3.4 per 100,000	197	3.1 per 100,000	257	4.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	13.2	13.7	13.8	13.8
1-5 years	36.3	37.1	37.5	37.7
6-10 years	26.8	25.9	26.1	26.3
11-15 years	20.2	20.0	18.8	18.6
16+ years	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5
Unknown	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	**50,522**	**50,891**	**61,994**	**69,065**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	17.8	17.3	16.4	16.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	40.4	40.9	43.3	43.4
White	37.3	37.2	35.2	34.6
Two or more races	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7
Unknown	1.4	1.3	1.7	2.5
Number	**50,522**	**50,891**	**61,994**	**69,065**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.5
Medical neglect	4.8	4.6	4.4	3.8
Neglect	63.8	66.3	70.7	73.9
Physical abuse	26.9	26.2	23.4	22.3
Sexual abuse	14.6	13.4	11.9	10.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**50,522**	**50,891**	**61,994**	**69,065**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	161.6	167.7	186.8	191.3
Median	>120, but <144	>120, but <144	>120, but <144	>120, but <144

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	20,612	21,758	24,110	28,615	11,513	13,613	16,933	16,928	10,245	10,842	12,160	14,695	21,880	24,529	28,883	30,848
Median length of stay (months)	13.6	13.9	12.9	11.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.4	14.0	14.2	13.8	14.0	12.8	11.5	12.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.6	7.6	8.0	8.4	21.9	21.0	21.7	21.2	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.0	7.4	8.0	8.3	7.9
1 year	8.0	8.4	8.0	8.9	9.4	9.0	9.3	9.2	11.9	11.6	11.7	11.4	8.4	8.1	8.9	9.2
2 years	6.5	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.4	8.1	10.1	10.0	10.1	9.6	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.7
3 years	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.6	7.2	6.8	7.1	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.6	8.5	6.1	6.2	6.7	6.5
4 years	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.7	7.7	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.2
5 years	4.5	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.0	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.5
6 years	4.7	4.5	4.7	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.3	5.9	4.5	4.7	5.4	5.2
7 years	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.5	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.9	5.1
8 years	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.8
9 years	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.5
10 years	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.1
11 years	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.0
12 years	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.0
13 years	5.5	5.6	5.2	4.7	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3
14 years	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.3	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.7	5.7	5.8	5.2	4.9
15 years	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.8	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.6	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.5
16 years	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	6.3	6.3	5.6	5.6
17 years	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	12.7	6.7	2.4	7.6	5.6	5.5	5.2	4.9
18 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	10.4	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	27.7	25.8	24.6	23.7	22.0	21.6	21.1	20.1	25.8	23.4	22.3	21.4	25.6	24.5	23.5	22.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	35.8	36.8	38.9	39.4	37.9	40.0	40.2	40.3	36.2	36.6	39.4	38.9	36.8	38.6	39.4	40.2
White	32.2	33.0	32.3	32.3	35.1	34.1	33.5	34.1	33.3	35.3	33.7	34.9	33.2	32.6	32.4	32.0
Two or more races	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.6
Unknown	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	8,625	9,913	10,768	12,191
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	6,398	7,132	7,965	8,943

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.5	5.4	5.2	4.9
1 year	9.2	8.9	9.5	10.0
2 years	7.2	7.8	7.4	8.1
3 years	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.6
4 years	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.3
5 years	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.8
6 years	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.6
7 years	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.7
8 years	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.5
9 years	5.2	5.1	4.6	5.3
10 years	5.5	5.5	5.1	4.7
11 years	6.4	5.6	5.2	5.1
12 years	6.1	6.0	5.4	4.9
13 years	6.3	5.7	5.6	4.9
14 years	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.4
15 years	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.3
16 years	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.8
17 years	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.1
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	28.6	28.2	27.2	27.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	36.5	37.4	37.8	38.5
White	30.1	29.6	29.8	28.9
Two or more races	3.6	3.7	4.2	4.3
Unknown	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	2,504	2,556	3,181	3,409

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.4	3.2	3.2	3.1
1 year	15.2	17.8	15.7	15.5
2 years	16.1	16.7	15.8	14.5
3 years	10.7	11.2	11.8	11.1
4 years	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.8
5 years	7.5	6.7	8.0	7.3
6 years	7.0	5.2	6.5	7.2
7 years	5.2	6.2	4.8	6.4
8 years	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.6
9 years	4.8	3.8	3.6	4.3
10 years	4.3	3.1	3.9	3.5
11 years	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.2
12 years	3.2	3.6	3.1	2.8
13 years	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2
14 years	2.1	1.5	1.8	2.1
15 years	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5
16 years	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2
17 years	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.7
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2
Black	24.2	23.6	21.3	21.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	39.1	38.2	44.4	41.3
White	31.7	32.3	28.3	31.2
Two or more races	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.2
Unknown	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Texas

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	95.5	96.0	95.9	95.7
Children with one or more recurrences	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.3
Number	**24,031**	**24,224**	**29,158**	**31,393**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.30	0.25	0.55	0.32
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.70	99.75	99.45	99.68
Number	**32,125**	**35,371**	**41,043**	**45,543**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	24.0	23.3	26.0	23.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	62.3	62.4	59.7	64.9
Other	5.8	5.9	12.4	11.1
Missing data	7.8	8.5	1.9	0.7
Number	**10,245**	**10,842**	**12,160**	**14,695**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	32.7	31.3	32.7	29.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	46.8	47.3	45.5	49.9
Other	8.3	8.6	20.2	19.6
Missing data	12.2	12.9	1.6	0.7
Number	**2,665**	**2,947**	**3,533**	**3,963**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	49.8	49.5	42.7	46.6
Other	25.0	25.2	50.8	50.3
Missing data	22.8	23.6	4.2	0.8
Number	**1,527**	**1,615**	**1,772**	**2,117**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.0	40.0	41.1	36.2
Children older than 12 at entry	67.0	60.0	58.9	63.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**297**	**325**	**1,368**	**1,399**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	10.7	33.3	33.3	20.0	18.4	28.0	48.6	18.8	22.5	23.6	24.9	23.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	75.0	33.3	37.0	52.0	78.9	64.0	40.5	59.4	63.4	61.0	58.4	62.2
Other	10.7	4.8	29.6	12.0	2.6	2.0	10.8	12.5	5.4	6.0	14.8	13.6
Missing data	3.6	28.6	0.0	16.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	9.4	8.7	9.4	2.0	0.4
Number	**28**	**21**	**27**	**25**	**38**	**50**	**37**	**32**	**2,644**	**2,534**	**2,714**	**3,148**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.0	24.4	29.2	24.7	22.7	21.2	21.9	21.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	80.0	66.7	75.0	60.0	60.7	62.3	57.6	65.0	62.6	63.6	63.4	66.7
Other	20.0	33.3	25.0	40.0	6.3	5.8	11.4	9.8	6.0	6.3	12.7	11.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	7.5	1.8	0.6	8.7	8.9	2.0	0.7
Number	**5**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**3,707**	**3,965**	**4,791**	**5,716**	**3,409**	**3,824**	**4,097**	**5,133**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	21.0	22.8	32.8	27.0	29.8	30.7	33.8	29.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	71.6	62.0	58.2	62.8	64.7	60.5	59.8	62.5	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	2.5	6.3	9.0	8.0	1.5	2.5	5.7	7.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	4.9	8.9	0.0	2.2	4.0	6.3	0.7	1.2	50.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**81**	**79**	**67**	**137**	**329**	**365**	**423**	**499**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	59.5	61.2	63.7	60.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	33.6	31.7	31.1	34.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.3	3.8	2.8	2.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.9	1.5	1.0	1.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	**6,387**	**6,760**	**7,261**	**9,531**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	91.5	90.6	91.3	91.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.8	4.5	4.4	4.5
Missing data	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.4
Number	**11,513**	**13,613**	**16,933**	**16,928**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	5.6	6.2	6.9	6.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	40.6	42.5	42.2	42.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	31.6	30.0	28.5	27.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	12.0	11.0	11.4	13.2
48 or more mos.	10.2	10.3	10.9	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,459**	**2,526**	**3,165**	**3,433**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	69.7	71.4	77.9	80.1	37.3	38.6	48.0	52.2	15.0	14.4	16.9	19.3	100.0	92.3	92.7	87.5
Children with 3 or more placements	30.2	28.4	22.1	19.9	62.7	61.4	52.0	47.8	85.0	85.6	83.1	80.7	0.0	3.1	7.3	12.5
Missing data	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0
Number	**14,060**	**16,458**	**20,073**	**21,217**	**8,278**	**8,383**	**9,980**	**12,454**	**9,783**	**10,465**	**10,908**	**11,864**	**4**	**65**	**82**	**8**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	4.8	5.7	4.6	4.4
Institutions	7.3	6.7	4.7	4.3
Other settings	86.4	86.1	89.8	90.8
Missing data	1.6	1.5	1.0	0.5
Number	**9,798**	**11,296**	**14,328**	**14,498**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**127.5**	**123.6**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.6	70.8	68.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.8	9.7	10.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.9	33.6	37.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	3.5	4.5	5.5

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.7**	**100.3**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	48.7	49.2	49.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	24.3	24.2	24.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	16.0	18.6	19.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	5.3	4.2	5.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	37.4	37.6	38.3

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**87.8**	**94.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	16.3	17.9	19.3
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.5	87.3	87.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	65.0	63.3	60.8

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**77.7**	**81.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	70.8	77.5	79.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	38.6	48.0	52.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	14.4	16.9	19.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Utah

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	736,661	755,550	775,353	791,198
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
Black	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Hispanic (of any race)	12.5	13.0	13.4	13.9
White	80.8	80.3	79.9	79.3
Two or more races	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
Child population in poverty (%)	11.8	13.3	10.9	11.9

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	12,366	13,559	13,152	13,043
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,033	2,108	2,285	2,427
Children adopted	311	300	346	503

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	31,529	42.8 per 1,000	33,746	44.7 per 1,000	33,684	43.4 per 1,000	32,181	40.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	12,366	16.8 per 1,000	13,559	18.0 per 1,000	13,152	17.0 per 1,000	13,043	16.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	9	1.2 per 100,000	10	1.3 per 100,000	10	1.3 per 100,000	13	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.7
1-5 years	32.7	34.3	34.1	34.2
6-10 years	27.1	26.6	26.7	26.9
11-15 years	26.0	24.9	24.5	23.3
16+ years	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.9
Unknown	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0
Number	**12,366**	**13,559**	**13,152**	**13,043**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4
Asian	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Black	2.7	2.5	3.1	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7
Hispanic (of any race)	21.6	23.0	23.8	21.9
White	69.6	67.8	65.9	67.9
Two or more races	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7
Unknown	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Number	**12,366**	**13,559**	**13,152**	**13,043**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	44.0	45.0	42.5	43.4
Medical neglect	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Neglect	20.9	21.0	20.7	21.1
Physical abuse	14.2	12.6	14.7	14.9
Sexual abuse	19.6	18.8	19.3	17.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	15.8	17.6	19.2	20.2
Number	**12,366**	**13,559**	**13,152**	**13,043**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	141.5	136.4	125.8	118.1
Median	>72, but <96	>96, but <120	>72, but <96	>72, but <96

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,926	1,943	2,054	2,210	1,928	1,954	2,215	2,173	1,821	1,791	1,984	1,956	2,033	2,108	2,285	2,427
Median length of stay (months)	11.0	10.8	11.3	10.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.9	7.1	7.5	8.5	10.3	10.9	9.7	9.9

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.0	4.4	5.4	4.6	10.5	13.8	12.4	12.8	7.9	8.5	8.8	7.2	4.0	5.5	4.6	5.2
1 year	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.1	6.6	7.1	6.7	8.3	7.0	7.1	7.7	8.5	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.8
2 years	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.4	6.4	6.8	6.6	7.4	6.7	7.5	7.2	8.0	3.5	3.5	4.4	4.1
3 years	3.5	3.4	3.7	2.9	4.7	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.4	6.0	6.6	5.1	3.4	3.8	2.8	4.2
4 years	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.6	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.0	6.4	5.0	5.2	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.2
5 years	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.2	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.1	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.6
6 years	2.9	2.6	3.4	3.1	4.2	4.4	4.3	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.7	2.5	3.3	3.2	2.8
7 years	2.7	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.6
8 years	3.2	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.2	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.1
9 years	3.8	3.4	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.8	2.8	2.6	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.4
10 years	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.2	2.7	3.0	3.9	3.8	2.9	3.2
11 years	4.9	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.4	3.4	3.0	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.3
12 years	5.8	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.5	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.3	2.8	5.1	5.3	4.4	4.6
13 years	6.0	6.9	6.6	6.2	6.2	5.7	6.2	4.9	4.0	4.4	3.8	3.0	7.0	6.8	6.4	5.5
14 years	9.2	8.7	7.7	9.4	7.8	6.6	6.5	5.9	5.0	4.7	3.5	3.8	8.9	8.2	9.2	7.7
15 years	10.5	10.6	9.8	9.7	8.9	7.1	7.4	7.3	6.4	6.1	5.8	5.9	11.3	9.9	10.0	10.2
16 years	12.5	11.2	10.7	10.8	7.5	5.8	7.0	7.8	7.0	5.6	5.0	6.0	12.0	10.7	11.0	11.4
17 years	9.5	11.7	11.8	11.3	5.2	4.1	6.1	5.9	7.0	4.7	6.1	5.0	12.2	11.5	11.3	12.0
18 years	2.2	2.7	4.6	4.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	7.0	8.2	10.4	10.6	2.7	4.4	4.2	4.2
19 years	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8
20+ years	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	5.2	6.0	5.4	5.7	4.7	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.9	4.1	2.7	4.2	6.0	5.3	5.7	4.5
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6
Black	5.7	3.8	4.6	4.8	3.7	4.0	4.6	5.3	5.5	3.0	4.4	5.1	3.9	4.6	4.7	5.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.3	0.5	1.1	2.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2
Hispanic (of any race)	21.1	20.6	21.2	22.2	23.7	26.4	26.5	25.0	23.4	26.7	25.6	25.2	21.4	20.8	22.5	22.3
White	64.2	67.3	65.6	63.8	65.6	64.3	61.1	62.1	63.8	64.5	63.0	61.9	65.8	66.9	63.5	63.9
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	2.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.2
Unknown	2.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	446	437	436	475
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	175	141	142	194

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.9	7.3	7.3	7.2
1 year	5.2	8.5	7.6	7.4
2 years	6.7	6.6	8.9	5.3
3 years	6.5	6.4	5.0	6.9
4 years	4.9	3.9	5.7	4.8
5 years	6.1	3.9	7.1	5.5
6 years	4.9	6.6	4.4	5.1
7 years	5.2	5.5	6.2	4.8
8 years	5.2	5.9	5.7	5.3
9 years	6.7	4.3	5.3	5.1
10 years	6.3	7.3	5.0	5.9
11 years	7.2	6.6	7.3	4.0
12 years	7.2	6.4	5.7	6.7
13 years	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.5
14 years	5.6	4.8	5.7	6.5
15 years	4.5	6.2	4.4	6.5
16 years	4.0	1.4	1.6	4.4
17 years	2.2	2.1	0.9	3.2
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.7	4.8	2.3	1.3
Asian	2.0	1.1	1.4	1.1
Black	2.9	5.0	5.7	5.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	24.4	24.0	25.2	24.8
White	67.5	64.5	64.2	65.1
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.9
Unknown	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	311	300	346	503

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	10.9	8.0	8.7	8.3
1 year	17.4	15.0	18.2	16.9
2 years	11.9	13.0	12.1	14.1
3 years	9.3	10.3	11.6	9.7
4 years	7.7	11.3	4.9	8.0
5 years	7.4	6.3	5.2	8.7
6 years	8.4	5.7	6.4	6.0
7 years	4.5	5.7	6.6	6.2
8 years	4.2	4.0	6.1	2.4
9 years	4.8	3.7	4.9	4.8
10 years	3.9	5.3	3.8	2.8
11 years	3.5	2.7	3.2	2.2
12 years	0.6	3.0	2.6	2.6
13 years	2.3	1.3	2.0	1.6
14 years	0.6	3.0	0.6	1.6
15 years	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.2
16 years	1.3	0.7	0.9	2.0
17 years	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.5	1.7	4.0	2.4
Asian	1.6	1.0	0.0	0.6
Black	7.4	1.0	5.5	5.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.0	0.6	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.4	29.0	31.2	31.2
White	57.9	67.0	57.5	57.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.8
Unknown	4.5	0.3	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Utah

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	92.3	92.8	93.4	93.5
Children with one or more recurrences	7.7	7.2	6.6	6.5
Number	**5,664**	**6,373**	**6,221**	**6,342**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.39	0.51	0.42	0.27
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.61	99.49	99.58	99.73
Number	**3,854**	**3,897**	**4,269**	**4,383**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	17.0	16.2	18.0	21.8
Guardianship	1.5	1.5	1.6	5.1
Reunification	65.0	69.1	61.8	54.5
Other	16.4	13.2	18.3	14.9
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.2	3.7
Number	**1,821**	**1,791**	**1,984**	**1,956**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	23.4	17.7	22.3	24.0
Guardianship	1.8	1.7	2.0	5.4
Reunification	53.1	57.1	51.0	45.9
Other	21.8	23.5	24.6	22.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	1.9
Number	**556**	**716**	**1,111**	**1,122**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.3	1.0	1.3	2.3
Guardianship	1.7	2.1	2.2	5.4
Reunification	53.1	57.2	48.6	41.9
Other	44.6	39.5	47.6	39.3
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.3	11.1
Number	**572**	**512**	**597**	**596**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14.4	13.0	24.1	23.0
Children older than 12 at entry	85.6	87.0	75.9	77.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**146**	**162**	**216**	**209**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.5	6.8	26.4	15.9	83.3	20.0	0.0	10.0	22.8	5.7	22.7	20.0
Guardianship	5.6	4.1	3.8	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.8	0.0	4.0
Reunification	63.4	67.1	37.7	57.3	0.0	70.0	57.1	40.0	57.4	71.7	56.8	56.0
Other	15.5	21.9	32.1	18.3	16.7	10.0	42.9	40.0	16.8	18.9	20.5	15.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Number	**71**	**73**	**53**	**82**	**6**	**10**	**7**	**10**	**101**	**53**	**88**	**100**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.2	0.0	4.8	26.3	17.8	17.8	21.5	26.0	15.4	16.9	16.7	20.7
Guardianship	0.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	1.2	0.8	1.8	3.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	6.4
Reunification	77.8	80.0	81.0	42.1	66.5	72.0	63.5	55.3	66.1	67.7	61.6	54.3
Other	0.0	15.0	9.5	15.8	14.1	9.4	13.0	10.8	17.1	13.9	20.0	16.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	4.7	<.1	<.1	0.2	2.1
Number	**9**	**20**	**42**	**19**	**427**	**478**	**507**	**492**	**1,162**	**1,155**	**1,249**	**1,210**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	31.1	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	27.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	46.7	50.0	54.5	30.0	0.0	0.0	81.5	57.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	22.2	0.0	45.5	10.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**45**	**2**	**11**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**27**	**33**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	82.3	85.3	86.3	82.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.4	10.8	10.8	13.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
48 or more mos.	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.1
Missing data	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Number	**1,183**	**1,237**	**1,227**	**1,066**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	77.0	75.7	76.4	77.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.2	12.8	13.3	10.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.6	11.2	9.1	11.0
Missing data	3.3	0.3	1.1	1.0
Number	**1,928**	**1,954**	**2,215**	**2,173**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	38.7	36.4	34.1	34.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.1	38.5	47.2	43.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.9	16.2	9.8	13.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	7.1	5.8	3.9	4.4
48 or more mos.	3.2	3.1	5.0	4.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**310**	**291**	**358**	**427**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.5	71.7	74.2	80.3	33.8	37.5	36.2	45.8	15.3	14.3	15.8	14.8	94.4	70.0	90.0	50.0
Children with 3 or more placements	26.7	26.0	22.8	18.8	65.9	62.4	63.8	54.2	84.7	85.7	84.2	85.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.8	2.2	3.0	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	30.0	10.0	50.0
Number	**2,325**	**2,342**	**2,605**	**2,618**	**716**	**742**	**821**	**928**	**795**	**803**	**833**	**833**	**18**	**10**	**10**	**4**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	1.8	1.3	0.7	1.1
Institutions	9.4	2.5	2.7	1.7
Other settings	86.9	96.1	96.6	97.2
Missing data	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,193**	**1,335**	**1,442**	**1,457**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**127.6**	**123.6**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	87.4	84.7	83.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	3.0	4.1	4.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.4	55.6	49.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.4	19.3	19.3

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**147.7**	**157.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	74.9	81.3	78.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	16.2	15.4	15.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	15.3	12.1	16.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	1.9	3.3	4.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	84.3	80.3	82.8

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**121.9**	**123.4**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	16.4	15.7	18.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.3	94.7	97.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	32.0	29.1	30.3

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**68.8**	**77.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.1	74.1	79.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.7	36.1	46.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	14.1	15.9	15.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Utah

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Utah's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Utah utilizes SACWIS system data and Case Reviews regularly to evaluate performance outcomes and services to children and families. For more information on Utah's Child and Family Services, as well as our performance and regular reports please visit our website at www.hsdcfs.utah.gov. Below is some information to help in understanding our data.

Utah has a law defining child witnessing, or knowledge of, domestic violence as a type of child abuse. This allegation type is mapped to emotional abuse in NCANDS and accounts for the large percentage of emotional abuse allegations in Utah.

When children have to be placed in protective custody, judges may order custody with DCFS or may order temporary custody with a kinship provider with DCFS supervision and provision of in-home services while working towards reunification. We serve a large number of kinship cases through this less intensive service that are not reflected in our AFCARS data. If reunification efforts are unsuccessful children may be adopted by kin providers from these in-home services. These numbers are reflected in our adoption file numbers but not in the numbers of children adopted from foster care.

Utah has a practice improvement team that focuses on key areas needing improvement in the state. Currently they are focusing on improving placement stability and reducing re-entry.

Vermont

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	140,452	138,247	135,814	133,389
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Black	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
White	94.8	94.7	94.5	94.5
Two or more races	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
Child population in poverty (%)	11.7	11.7	15.4	13.2

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	1,233	1,138	1,080	861
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,409	1,432	1,436	1,379
Children adopted	167	220	166	164

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	3,632	25.9 per 1,000	3,361	24.3 per 1,000	3,099	22.8 per 1,000	2,841	21.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	1,233	8.8 per 1,000	1,138	8.2 per 1,000	1,080	8.0 per 1,000	861	6.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.7 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.8	6.8	8.0	6.2
1-5 years	26.3	26.8	25.6	26.1
6-10 years	27.7	26.0	27.2	28.3
11-15 years	32.4	32.2	30.9	28.9
16+ years	6.7	8.3	8.2	10.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,233**	**1,138**	**1,080**	**861**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	—	—	—
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Black	0.9	2.8	1.3	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	0.1	—
Hispanic (of any race)	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7
White	94.6	93.0	94.8	93.4
Two or more races	0.3	0.2	—	0.5
Unknown	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.0
Number	**1,233**	**1,138**	**1,080**	**861**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.9
Medical neglect	3.2	2.6	1.9	2.3
Neglect	4.8	5.7	5.6	4.9
Physical abuse	52.8	49.4	48.4	51.3
Sexual abuse	42.1	45.7	46.5	43.2
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	—	—	—
Number	**1,233**	**1,138**	**1,080**	**861**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	100.0	81.5	82.1	100.7
Median	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	1,442	1,350	1,375	1,405	725	840	770	701	760	763	714	729	1,409	1,432	1,436	1,379
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	17.7	15.3	15.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.8	19.9	14.8	19.0	17.5	15.5	16.0	16.5

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.8	1.6	2.8	3.6	6.5	8.0	11.2	11.1	1.7	2.5	3.1	2.1	1.6	2.7	3.5	3.9
1 year	4.1	4.7	2.5	3.3	5.4	4.6	4.0	5.7	3.4	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.5	2.4	3.4	5.1
2 years	4.0	4.4	3.7	3.0	4.1	3.2	3.9	4.6	3.9	5.4	3.9	3.3	4.3	3.6	2.9	3.4
3 years	2.8	3.8	2.9	3.1	3.6	4.4	3.1	4.3	4.6	6.3	3.6	4.3	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.9
4 years	3.3	2.4	3.9	2.8	3.4	4.0	3.1	3.3	2.6	4.2	4.9	4.0	2.5	3.7	2.7	3.5
5 years	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.9	1.9	2.5	3.4	2.9	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.1	1.9	2.7	2.7
6 years	2.8	3.4	3.5	2.2	4.8	3.8	3.2	4.9	3.0	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.3	3.3	2.2	3.0
7 years	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.3	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.6	2.9	3.0
8 years	2.6	3.6	2.8	3.8	2.8	3.2	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.4	2.7	3.8	2.8
9 years	3.7	2.4	3.0	2.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.4	3.1	2.0	3.1
10 years	4.0	3.8	2.5	3.5	4.7	3.5	3.1	2.9	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	3.8	2.4	3.4	2.5
11 years	4.2	4.6	4.4	2.8	4.8	2.7	2.5	3.0	4.2	3.1	2.7	1.8	4.5	4.3	3.0	3.5
12 years	3.7	5.5	5.7	4.9	5.4	7.0	5.5	4.6	3.0	4.3	3.2	3.4	5.5	5.6	4.7	3.8
13 years	6.6	4.8	7.3	7.1	8.3	9.8	9.6	5.7	5.1	4.3	4.9	5.2	5.0	7.3	6.8	5.7
14 years	8.0	8.4	8.7	10.3	14.8	10.8	10.5	11.1	8.0	3.8	4.9	5.2	8.4	8.6	10.3	8.3
15 years	13.0	12.5	12.4	12.2	13.7	14.3	15.2	15.7	8.3	8.4	6.6	9.5	12.1	12.6	12.4	13.6
16 years	14.1	13.0	14.0	14.4	7.4	9.0	8.7	9.1	10.5	6.4	9.9	9.6	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.7
17 years	11.9	13.3	12.1	13.2	2.6	3.7	4.9	4.0	14.9	12.5	10.6	17.3	12.5	12.2	12.7	12.5
18 years	2.2	1.6	2.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	10.7	14.5	17.8	12.8	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.8	1.7	2.9	2.3	4.4	1.8	1.8	1.5	3.2	1.6	2.3	2.7	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.7	0.4	0.3	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.7
White	96.5	96.2	95.5	95.1	95.9	94.0	94.5	92.7	96.6	95.5	95.5	94.1	96.2	95.3	95.0	94.4
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.2	<.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.7	<.1	0.8	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	367	267	265	251
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	284	231	215	220

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.6	1.5	1.5	2.8
1 year	9.8	3.7	4.5	8.0
2 years	7.1	6.4	4.5	6.0
3 years	7.6	5.2	6.8	3.2
4 years	4.9	7.5	6.4	3.2
5 years	6.5	1.5	4.5	4.4
6 years	3.8	5.2	2.3	4.4
7 years	6.0	5.2	4.2	4.8
8 years	5.2	5.6	7.2	4.4
9 years	3.5	4.9	3.8	8.4
10 years	4.1	4.5	6.0	2.8
11 years	4.6	5.2	5.3	7.6
12 years	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.4
13 years	3.5	8.2	6.8	7.6
14 years	3.5	5.2	8.3	5.2
15 years	8.7	5.6	6.0	8.4
16 years	5.4	9.7	6.0	6.8
17 years	7.1	7.9	9.4	6.0
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.1	0.7	2.3	0.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	0.4	1.1	0.8
White	95.9	98.1	95.8	98.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	167	220	166	164

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.6	1.4	1.8	0.6
1 year	5.4	8.6	8.4	11.0
2 years	9.6	11.4	9.0	7.9
3 years	10.2	13.6	10.2	11.6
4 years	5.4	8.6	10.2	12.2
5 years	9.6	10.9	9.0	9.1
6 years	6.0	7.3	7.2	2.4
7 years	5.4	6.4	7.8	6.7
8 years	7.8	6.8	7.2	3.7
9 years	8.4	5.0	1.2	6.7
10 years	3.6	3.2	4.8	4.9
11 years	4.8	4.5	3.6	3.7
12 years	4.8	3.2	6.0	3.7
13 years	5.4	2.3	3.0	5.5
14 years	6.6	0.5	4.8	3.0
15 years	3.0	4.1	1.2	4.9
16 years	3.0	0.9	1.2	1.2
17 years	0.6	1.4	3.0	1.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.6	1.4	2.4	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.3	0.6	0.6
White	94.0	92.3	89.8	94.5
Two or more races	3.6	3.6	6.0	3.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.5	1.2	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.5	95.5	96.0	94.8
Children with one or more recurrences	5.5	4.5	4.0	5.2
Number	**563**	**550**	**499**	**387**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.14	0.73	0.14	0.05
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.86	99.27	99.86	99.95
Number	**2,167**	**2,190**	**2,145**	**2,106**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	20.4	27.8	21.8	20.9
Guardianship	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.5
Reunification	61.6	55.8	61.3	60.8
Other	17.0	14.9	15.7	15.9
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**760**	**763**	**714**	**729**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	6.4	23.8	23.4	24.9
Guardianship	2.1	1.3	1.7	1.0
Reunification	53.2	49.0	46.0	41.3
Other	38.3	25.2	28.9	32.8
Missing data	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Number	**47**	**151**	**239**	**201**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.4	2.3	2.2	1.4
Guardianship	0.8	1.0	0.3	1.1
Reunification	69.6	69.1	71.9	72.3
Other	28.1	26.8	25.6	25.1
Missing data	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Number	**359**	**298**	**320**	**354**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.7	28.7	21.9	23.1
Children older than 12 at entry	77.3	71.3	77.1	76.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Number	**119**	**108**	**96**	**104**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	14.3	27.3	8.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
Reunification	50.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	100.0	57.1	71.4	72.7	69.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	14.3	14.3	0.0	17.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**14**	**14**	**11**	**23**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	55.6	0.0	14.3	20.0	28.0	21.8	21.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	2.5
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	22.2	77.8	85.7	61.7	55.6	61.0	59.5
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	11.1	0.0	17.2	15.0	16.1	16.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**9**	**9**	**7**	**734**	**729**	**682**	**686**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	50.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	0.0	50.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	88.9	50.0	100.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3**	**0**	**4**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**4**	**3**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	70.3	65.7	63.2	52.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.2	18.5	21.7	26.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.4	8.0	6.6	13.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	2.3	3.4	4.1
48 or more mos.	2.4	4.7	4.3	3.6
Missing data	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.2
Number	**468**	**426**	**438**	**443**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	81.5	78.6	79.5	81.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.5	11.7	10.3	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	9.8	10.3	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**725**	**840**	**770**	**701**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	1.9	3.8	7.7	2.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.7	26.9	28.2	34.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.5	46.2	34.0	34.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	29.0	12.7	22.4	15.1
48 or more mos.	16.8	9.9	7.7	13.2
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.7
Number	**155**	**212**	**156**	**152**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	63.2	68.5	66.5	67.8	40.4	36.8	39.3	42.2	21.1	23.5	19.4	18.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	36.8	31.5	33.5	32.2	59.6	63.2	60.7	57.8	78.9	76.5	80.6	81.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**845**	**914**	**887**	**796**	**539**	**475**	**545**	**566**	**781**	**797**	**712**	**743**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**1**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	4.5	4.2	6.3	2.9
Institutions	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.5
Other settings	95.0	94.4	92.7	96.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**378**	**430**	**382**	**375**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**107.9**	**94.9**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.0	66.0	58.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.1	7.8	9.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	42.1	35.2	32.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	18.9	15.6	17.1

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**107.5**	**106.4**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	30.8	35.5	36.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.8	28.4	27.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.3	20.0	18.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.3	8.5	7.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	59.2	59.0	58.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**113.8**	**108.0**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	26.6	26.2	25.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.1	93.5	92.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	59.6	47.2	51.7

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**64.0**	**66.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	65.0	63.4	64.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.0	39.4	42.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	23.9	19.8	19.1

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Vermont

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Vermont's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

The Vermont Department for Children and Families, Family Services Division is an integrated system delivering child protection, child welfare and juvenile justice services through 12 district offices. The department is responsible for about 1,500 children in custody for abuse and neglect (61% of children in custody), for delinquency (25%), or because they are beyond parental control (14%). In addition, social work staff supervise about 300 youth on juvenile probation.

We investigate reports of sexual abuse by out-of-home perpetrators. This accounts for the high rate of substantiated sexual abuse in Vermont.

Children can "exit" one part of our system as an abused child and "re-enter" as a delinquent child, making our rate of re-entry appear quite high. About 60% of children in custody are age 12 and older. This reality has substantial impact on placement stability, length of stay and permanency outcomes.

Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,783,369	1,791,792	1,803,450	1,806,847
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5
Black	22.9	22.8	22.6	22.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	7.5	8.0	8.4
White	62.9	62.4	61.8	61.2
Two or more races	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	11.6	12.9	13.3	12.2

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	6,485	6,959	6,469	6,828
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,046	6,869	7,022	7,843
Children adopted	487	525	510	551

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	31,813	17.8 per 1,000	56,088	31.3 per 1,000	56,156	31.1 per 1,000	58,826	32.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	6,485	3.6 per 1,000	6,959	3.9 per 1,000	6,469	3.6 per 1,000	6,828	3.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	31	1.7 per 100,000	28	1.6 per 100,000	26	1.4 per 100,000	20	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.1	10.2	9.7	10.2
1-5 years	30.7	32.0	33.6	32.7
6-10 years	27.6	25.1	25.5	24.8
11-15 years	24.7	24.1	23.4	23.3
16+ years	6.9	6.5	6.4	7.2
Unknown	1.1	2.1	1.4	1.7
Number	**6,485**	**6,959**	**6,469**	**6,828**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Black	36.8	33.2	37.7	34.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	8.0	7.9	7.5
White	48.3	49.0	46.5	50.6
Two or more races	4.1	5.5	4.9	4.2
Unknown	3.5	3.7	2.4	2.3
Number	**6,485**	**6,959**	**6,469**	**6,828**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1
Medical neglect	2.9	2.4	2.7	2.5
Neglect	59.9	61.8	59.8	61.6
Physical abuse	24.5	24.6	27.4	27.9
Sexual abuse	16.7	15.8	15.0	13.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,485**	**6,959**	**6,469**	**6,828**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	167.2	176.1	209.1	184.1
Median	>48, but <72	>48, but <72	>48, but <72	>48, but <72

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	6,152	6,221	6,920	6,951	3,351	3,418	3,518	3,936	2,459	2,772	3,417	3,044	7,046	6,869	7,022	7,843
Median length of stay (months)	20.0	19.5	18.5	18.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.2	14.7	14.6	18.4	18.8	18.2	18.3	16.0

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.3	11.3	12.1	11.9	12.8	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.9
1 year	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.5	5.8	5.2	5.6	5.3	4.3	4.4	5.1	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.9
2 years	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.2	5.1	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.5	4.5	5.7	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.6
3 years	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.7	4.4	5.5	4.5	4.2	4.5	5.0	5.1	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9
4 years	3.1	3.1	3.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.5	3.1	3.4	4.1	4.0
5 years	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.7
6 years	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.7	3.8	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.5
7 years	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.9	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.5
8 years	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.2	3.5	2.8	4.4	3.3	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.0
9 years	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.0
10 years	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.5	2.6	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.3
11 years	5.4	5.0	4.4	3.7	4.2	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.8	4.8	4.4	3.7	3.6
12 years	6.1	5.9	5.0	4.7	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.9	3.7	3.2	3.5	2.7	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.2
13 years	7.8	7.8	7.1	6.0	7.4	6.5	7.2	6.4	3.8	4.0	4.0	2.6	7.4	7.1	6.1	5.9
14 years	8.2	9.4	8.9	8.5	8.1	9.7	8.2	8.0	5.2	5.8	4.8	3.7	8.9	8.8	8.5	7.7
15 years	11.0	10.4	11.2	10.6	9.5	9.9	9.4	9.6	5.4	6.3	7.0	4.7	9.9	11.0	10.6	10.6
16 years	12.1	12.4	11.7	12.7	8.2	9.2	9.6	9.4	5.5	7.4	7.1	4.4	11.8	11.6	12.6	12.5
17 years	10.8	10.5	12.4	12.4	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.9	28.5	13.5	5.4	19.5	11.7	12.3	12.2	13.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	1.0	12.8	21.0	12.1	1.3	1.2	2.3	1.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	48.5	47.0	43.4	42.5	38.7	36.0	37.3	36.5	43.7	43.3	39.4	39.6	45.5	43.0	42.3	40.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.9	5.9	6.2	6.4	7.6	7.0	8.1	5.0	6.4	6.6	6.3	4.9	5.6	6.1	7.1
White	42.9	42.9	44.4	44.8	48.7	49.3	49.3	48.5	46.5	45.7	48.0	47.1	44.4	45.0	45.1	45.7
Two or more races	3.7	4.3	5.5	5.6	5.0	6.1	5.0	5.3	3.9	3.6	5.0	5.6	4.2	5.5	5.6	5.5
Unknown	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,571	1,611	1,822	1,794
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	99	84	941	963

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.1	3.1	2.0	2.6
1 year	5.3	6.2	5.4	6.9
2 years	7.2	5.6	6.9	6.1
3 years	7.3	7.0	5.5	6.9
4 years	5.0	7.0	6.1	5.9
5 years	5.5	5.0	5.7	5.7
6 years	5.9	5.7	4.5	5.0
7 years	6.2	6.0	4.7	4.4
8 years	6.6	5.9	5.2	4.8
9 years	7.4	6.5	5.7	5.5
10 years	8.5	7.5	5.8	5.5
11 years	7.1	7.9	7.3	6.1
12 years	7.5	6.2	6.9	6.4
13 years	6.4	7.3	6.6	6.2
14 years	5.1	5.5	7.2	6.7
15 years	3.7	4.7	6.9	6.9
16 years	2.5	2.2	5.2	4.9
17 years	0.9	0.7	2.4	3.5
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	51.6	46.9	46.0	43.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.4
White	37.9	39.9	41.4	43.3
Two or more races	5.1	7.3	7.3	6.7
Unknown	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	487	525	510	551

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.4
1 year	6.0	5.3	8.2	6.5
2 years	8.6	11.0	10.2	10.3
3 years	9.9	8.0	9.2	9.3
4 years	8.6	7.4	10.8	8.5
5 years	8.0	6.3	7.8	9.1
6 years	8.8	6.3	5.5	6.7
7 years	5.7	5.3	6.9	7.3
8 years	6.6	6.7	4.3	6.2
9 years	6.0	5.5	6.7	6.7
10 years	8.6	6.7	5.3	4.4
11 years	4.1	6.7	5.5	5.4
12 years	6.0	6.7	4.5	4.5
13 years	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.7
14 years	3.1	5.3	3.9	3.4
15 years	3.5	2.9	3.3	2.9
16 years	0.4	2.7	1.4	2.4
17 years	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.1
18 years	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.1
Black	42.5	47.8	46.7	34.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.6	3.5	3.8
White	44.8	39.0	40.8	48.5
Two or more races	8.0	7.6	8.2	11.8
Unknown	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Virginia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	97.9	97.0	97.6	98.0
Children with one or more recurrences	2.1	3.0	2.4	2.0
Number	**2,659**	**2,938**	**3,078**	**3,148**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.27	0.40	0.24	0.36
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.73	99.60	99.76	99.64
Number	**9,503**	**9,639**	**10,438**	**10,887**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	19.5	21.3	19.1	20.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	52.5	53.8	50.0	41.5
Other	28.1	25.0	26.3	34.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	4.6	3.4
Number	**2,459**	**2,772**	**3,417**	**3,044**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	24.8	28.5	26.6	24.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	31.8	32.2	23.4	17.7
Other	43.4	39.3	46.9	54.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.1	3.6
Number	**553**	**575**	**616**	**475**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	43.2	49.3	45.1	30.7
Other	56.3	49.8	50.3	66.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.7	2.5
Number	**945**	**1,040**	**1,326**	**1,190**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.0	24.1	26.8	24.8
Children older than 12 at entry	78.0	75.8	73.1	75.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Number	**587**	**586**	**770**	**979**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	16.7	75.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	41.7	19.8	23.7	20.3	19.1
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	66.7	25.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	40.0	50.0	50.0	48.3	49.3	43.4	37.1
Other	16.7	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	60.0	25.0	8.3	31.9	27.0	32.5	41.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	2.7
Number	**6**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**10**	**12**	**12**	**1,075**	**1,201**	**1,347**	**1,205**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.3	17.4	14.3	17.8	18.5	19.0	17.3	20.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.8	59.6	62.1	46.1	55.0	56.9	54.3	44.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.9	23.0	17.4	28.3	26.5	24.1	23.6	31.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	7.9	0.0	0.0	4.8	3.5
Number	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**123**	**178**	**224**	**191**	**1,143**	**1,268**	**1,641**	**1,435**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	8.3	9.1	25.0	10.0	29.5	29.0	31.8	38.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	58.3	81.8	60.0	73.3	52.6	57.0	45.9	38.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	33.3	9.1	10.0	10.0	17.9	14.0	15.9	20.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.5	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**12**	**11**	**20**	**30**	**95**	**100**	**170**	**170**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	72.0	69.3	68.1	72.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.3	19.8	23.4	20.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	6.2	4.9	5.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.8	1.8	0.8
48 or more mos.	1.5	2.2	1.5	1.1
Missing data	0.2	0.6	0.3	<.1
Number	**1,290**	**1,490**	**1,710**	**1,262**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	90.3	91.3	88.8	89.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.3	4.6	4.4	4.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	2.9	2.6	4.7	4.1
Missing data	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.0
Number	**3,351**	**3,418**	**3,518**	**3,936**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	3.1	2.2	3.2	0.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.0	18.0	19.9	27.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	28.2	28.6	29.0	29.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.7	20.0	20.9	21.4
48 or more mos.	31.9	31.0	27.0	20.6
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	**479**	**590**	**652**	**632**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.6	84.8	85.7	86.7	62.3	59.2	61.3	61.8	47.2	42.0	39.3	37.6	83.3	73.7	88.5	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.2	15.0	14.0	12.9	37.6	40.6	38.6	38.1	52.7	57.9	60.6	62.3	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	16.7	26.3	7.7	0.0
Number	**3,718**	**3,771**	**3,985**	**4,411**	**1,971**	**2,058**	**2,343**	**2,383**	**3,808**	**3,791**	**4,084**	**4,090**	**6**	**19**	**26**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.1
Institutions	6.7	7.6	6.1	4.9
Other settings	92.2	91.5	92.9	93.4
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6
Number	**1,983**	**1,985**	**1,979**	**2,233**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**128.3**	**126.2**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	70.9	70.8	71.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.7	5.8	5.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	25.3	28.7	29.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	11.3	7.7	8.4

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**65.3**	**75.1**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	20.2	23.2	28.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	36.5	34.4	33.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	14.6	14.7	14.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	2.2	2.5	4.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	52.3	37.3	40.7

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**101.7**	**103.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	17.1	17.3	15.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	99.8	92.6	90.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.8	49.4	42.2

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.6**	**97.9**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.0	84.9	86.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	59.3	61.4	61.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	42.0	39.6	37.9

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,517,018	1,516,468	1,519,924	1,526,267
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7
Asian	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.9
Black	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	13.0	13.5	14.1	14.6
White	70.1	69.5	68.8	68.1
Two or more races	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3
Child population in poverty (%)	13.9	17.2	15.1	15.4

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	6,020	6,730	7,932	7,294
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,213	9,368	10,068	10,457
Children adopted	1,317	1,250	1,305	1,196

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	47,713	31.5 per 1,000	50,865	33.5 per 1,000	53,124	35.0 per 1,000	53,576	35.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	6,020	4.0 per 1,000	6,730	4.4 per 1,000	7,932	5.2 per 1,000	7,294	4.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	9	0.6 per 100,000	7	0.5 per 100,000	9	0.6 per 100,000	21	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	13.6	13.8	15.4	15.1
1-5 years	34.5	36.1	34.5	33.4
6-10 years	25.7	25.2	26.3	26.9
11-15 years	21.1	19.7	19.0	19.5
16+ years	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.1
Unknown	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.0
Number	**6,020**	**6,730**	**7,932**	**7,294**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.3
Asian	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.3
Black	9.3	8.9	6.0	8.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	14.3	15.7	15.4	16.7
White	63.8	62.5	65.9	62.4
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.6
Number	**6,020**	**6,730**	**7,932**	**7,294**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	1.1	—	—	—
Medical neglect	0.7	—	—	—
Neglect	78.2	80.1	83.1	81.9
Physical abuse	19.8	18.9	16.5	17.3
Sexual abuse	7.6	6.9	6.0	6.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.1	—	—	—
Number	**6,020**	**6,730**	**7,932**	**7,294**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	10.8	12.0	12.8	5.8
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	9,320	8,896	9,188	9,882	6,196	6,554	7,004	6,738	6,303	6,082	6,124	6,163	9,213	9,368	10,068	10,457
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	16.1	14.7	14.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.2	9.4	9.4	10.4	16.3	14.9	14.8	15.7

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.3	7.8	7.5	9.2	18.2	17.3	20.7	21.3	4.8	4.9	5.9	6.6	7.6	7.5	9.2	8.5
1 year	8.7	8.7	9.3	9.1	6.0	7.4	7.1	7.3	6.9	7.3	7.4	8.2	8.6	9.2	9.1	10.0
2 years	7.6	7.9	7.7	8.3	5.8	5.7	6.2	6.0	7.2	7.5	7.0	7.8	7.8	7.6	8.3	8.0
3 years	6.6	6.4	7.3	7.0	5.4	5.9	5.6	5.5	6.7	6.4	6.4	7.0	6.5	7.3	7.0	7.2
4 years	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.4	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.8	5.0	6.0	5.8	5.8	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.3
5 years	5.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.9
6 years	5.6	4.7	5.3	4.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.2
7 years	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.7	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.8	4.8
8 years	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.3	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.5
9 years	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.4	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.0
10 years	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.2	2.9	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.4	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.2
11 years	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.7	3.5	3.5	3.4	4.5	3.9	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.6
12 years	4.7	4.7	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.4	3.3	3.3	4.7	4.3	3.5	3.2	4.7	4.4	3.8	3.9
13 years	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.3	5.6	5.4	4.4	4.4	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.4	3.9
14 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.7	6.7	6.5	5.5	4.9	6.1	6.2	6.2	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.3
15 years	4.8	5.4	5.5	5.0	7.1	7.3	6.5	6.4	6.5	7.1	6.9	6.3	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.8
16 years	5.3	5.0	5.6	5.2	6.2	5.9	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.1	7.2	6.1	5.0	5.6	5.1	5.2
17 years	5.0	5.1	4.5	4.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.7	7.9	5.6	4.6	6.4	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.7
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	2.7	5.2	5.9	4.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.2	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.0
Asian	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Black	11.2	11.5	11.6	10.3	9.6	8.6	6.7	8.0	9.4	8.2	8.1	7.6	11.3	11.6	10.3	10.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	11.9	12.7	13.8	14.1	13.4	14.9	14.4	15.9	12.3	13.5	14.5	14.9	12.7	13.7	13.8	14.8
White	59.8	58.2	55.6	56.1	59.3	57.0	59.0	56.2	61.5	60.9	59.2	59.1	58.3	55.6	55.8	54.5
Two or more races	6.7	6.7	7.7	8.7	6.3	7.6	8.1	8.5	6.1	6.5	7.0	7.7	6.8	7.5	8.5	9.2
Unknown	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0
Missing data	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.9	1.8	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	2,366	2,317	2,167	2,361
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,829	1,871	1,810	1,933

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.4
1 year	9.9	9.0	7.8	8.9
2 years	9.1	9.5	9.7	8.6
3 years	8.2	8.5	8.9	8.4
4 years	7.9	6.9	7.5	7.4
5 years	7.4	7.1	6.6	7.3
6 years	5.5	6.5	5.7	5.9
7 years	5.7	4.7	6.0	5.5
8 years	4.7	5.6	4.2	5.7
9 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.7
10 years	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.9
11 years	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.4
12 years	4.8	4.5	4.8	3.8
13 years	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.3
14 years	4.6	4.1	4.7	3.9
15 years	4.2	4.7	4.5	5.0
16 years	3.3	4.1	4.7	4.5
17 years	2.6	3.2	4.2	4.4
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.3	5.6	5.6	5.5
Asian	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.6
Black	13.5	13.2	13.3	12.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	12.9	13.7	14.4	15.4
White	58.5	57.7	55.9	55.3
Two or more races	7.5	8.1	7.9	9.0
Unknown	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.7
Missing data	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,317	1,250	1,305	1,196

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.3
1 year	13.3	15.2	14.3	15.6
2 years	15.8	15.9	15.6	15.8
3 years	13.4	11.1	11.9	13.5
4 years	9.2	11.4	11.0	10.1
5 years	8.3	9.3	7.9	8.7
6 years	7.4	6.9	8.1	7.4
7 years	5.8	5.4	5.4	6.2
8 years	4.7	4.7	5.7	4.5
9 years	4.7	3.3	4.4	3.2
10 years	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.0
11 years	4.0	3.6	3.1	2.9
12 years	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.5
13 years	1.8	2.3	1.6	2.0
14 years	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.3
15 years	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1
16 years	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7
17 years	0.7	0.5	<.1	0.2
18 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	5.1	4.1	5.1	4.5
Asian	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.3
Black	9.4	7.4	8.4	6.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	12.5	14.4	14.1
White	65.1	69.0	63.5	64.6
Two or more races	6.5	4.9	6.2	6.1
Unknown	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Washington

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	89.2	90.4	89.9	92.0
Children with one or more recurrences	10.8	9.6	10.1	8.0
Number	**2,407**	**2,779**	**3,050**	**3,240**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.23	0.36	0.27	0.42
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.77	99.64	99.73	99.58
Number	**15,516**	**15,450**	**16,192**	**16,620**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	19.4	18.6	19.3	17.6
Guardianship	8.4	6.5	5.6	6.1
Reunification	61.4	61.8	61.6	62.1
Other	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.8
Missing data	3.1	5.3	6.1	6.3
Number	**6,303**	**6,082**	**6,124**	**6,163**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	11.5	15.7	19.3	31.1
Guardianship	19.2	8.6	21.1	16.6
Reunification	48.7	57.1	39.4	34.4
Other	14.1	15.7	15.6	14.6
Missing data	6.4	2.9	4.6	3.3
Number	**78**	**70**	**109**	**151**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5
Guardianship	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9
Reunification	78.2	77.4	77.7	75.8
Other	15.3	16.4	16.4	17.1
Missing data	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.6
Number	**1,806**	**1,764**	**1,787**	**1,633**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.7	28.6	25.6	31.4
Children older than 12 at entry	74.3	71.4	74.4	68.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**338**	**357**	**344**	**382**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	14.7	10.5	14.4	12.2	14.6	9.6	10.9	22.4	18.5	17.3	19.8	17.3
Guardianship	13.0	13.8	15.6	14.6	6.1	9.6	1.8	1.5	9.8	6.0	7.5	8.6
Reunification	51.1	53.8	47.1	44.7	63.4	67.1	72.7	67.2	57.7	59.0	59.4	59.5
Other	19.1	19.3	16.0	18.9	8.5	12.3	3.6	4.5	10.6	11.5	9.3	10.1
Missing data	2.1	2.6	6.9	9.6	7.3	1.4	10.9	4.5	3.4	6.2	4.0	4.5
Number	**423**	**420**	**418**	**418**	**82**	**73**	**55**	**67**	**593**	**497**	**495**	**467**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	24.0	6.9	8.6	13.3	18.1	17.6	19.3	16.2	20.5	21.0	20.8	19.0
Guardianship	8.0	6.9	2.9	3.3	9.8	5.4	3.3	4.5	7.6	6.0	4.9	5.1
Reunification	64.0	58.6	80.0	80.0	62.9	64.0	63.9	66.2	62.0	61.1	61.8	62.6
Other	4.0	10.3	0.0	3.3	6.8	6.6	5.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.8
Missing data	0.0	17.2	8.6	0.0	2.3	6.5	7.9	6.4	3.4	5.4	5.7	6.5
Number	**25**	**29**	**35**	**30**	**774**	**819**	**891**	**918**	**3,879**	**3,703**	**3,627**	**3,641**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	13.2	11.1	10.6	12.5	21.2	13.9	16.9	14.3	6.0	10.8	9.6	17.6
Guardianship	8.8	0.0	2.9	3.8	8.3	7.6	6.1	8.6	0.0	0.0	1.4	7.4
Reunification	73.6	87.7	76.9	78.8	62.4	66.3	61.0	63.1	88.0	80.0	80.8	64.7
Other	3.3	1.2	6.7	2.5	5.2	8.4	7.7	8.2	4.0	3.1	6.8	5.9
Missing data	1.1	0.0	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.8	8.2	5.7	2.0	6.2	1.4	4.4
Number	**91**	**81**	**104**	**80**	**386**	**395**	**426**	**474**	**50**	**65**	**73**	**68**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	75.1	76.4	75.7	72.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.7	13.0	14.3	16.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.7	6.8	5.8	7.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.1
48 or more mos.	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,870**	**3,756**	**3,770**	**3,827**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	76.2	77.1	78.3	78.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.2	11.2	10.9	11.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.2	11.3	10.5	10.2
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
Number	**6,196**	**6,554**	**7,004**	**6,738**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.5	26.8	28.8	29.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	35.5	36.2	33.6	34.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	22.8	18.5	19.5	20.5
48 or more mos.	17.0	15.6	15.4	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,221**	**1,130**	**1,183**	**1,083**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.3	84.7	85.5	84.8	59.1	60.8	59.1	61.2	31.6	32.1	33.1	35.2	100.0	100.0	92.9	87.5
Children with 3 or more placements	14.7	15.3	14.5	15.2	40.9	39.2	40.9	38.8	68.4	67.9	66.9	64.8	0.0	0.0	7.1	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**6,783**	**7,122**	**7,557**	**7,366**	**3,748**	**3,452**	**3,851**	**4,217**	**4,968**	**4,857**	**4,756**	**5,029**	**17**	**19**	**28**	**8**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	3.2	2.3	1.7	2.0
Institutions	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.4
Other settings	96.1	96.8	97.7	97.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**4,284**	**4,582**	**5,054**	**4,960**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**105.3**	**106.2**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.4	65.6	64.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.7	5.8	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	30.7	27.1	25.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.4	17.3	15.9

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**115.9**	**110.1**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	29.7	31.5	32.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.1	29.8	30.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.1	23.5	20.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	15.9	15.2	13.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	51.8	54.9	53.7

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**124.6**	**115.5**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.6	33.5	30.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.9	95.6	93.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	54.3	48.2	51.1

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**91.3**	**92.8**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.9	81.3	80.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.8	59.1	61.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	32.1	33.1	35.2

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Washington

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Washington's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Washington State's focus is on achieving safety for all children we serve and on securing stable permanent homes for children in out-of-home care in the shortest time possible. To ensure the safety of children returning home, a reunification assessment is used to evaluate their safety before returning home and transition and safety plans are used when children are reunified with their parents. These tools continue to reduce our re-entry rate for children exiting to reunification. While our foster care re-entry rate continues to decline for children exiting care to reunification, the percent of children re-entering care from all exits has increased slightly in 2006.

Our performance in completing adoptions within target time frames continued to increase, from 24.7 percent in 2002 to 32.3 percent in 2006. Additionally, the 2006 percent exceeds the national median of 29.1 percent. Washington shows continued improvement in outcome measure 7.1, the percentage of children 12 and under who were placed in a group home or institution declined from 4.0 in 2003 to 2.4 in 2006. Furthermore, in permanency composite three, measure C3.1, the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who exited to permanency by the end of the year exceeded the 75th percentile of 30.5% in 2006.

In an effort to improve practice and statewide consistency, new initiatives are underway to better engage families in order to prevent placement of children in out-of-home care, to safely reunite children with their parents, and to increase relative involvement.

Washington State continues to use a safety assessment and safety plan during investigation of abuse and neglect. We have reduced response times during investigations and focused our attention on children who remained in their own homes following the investigation and successfully reduced our maltreatment recurrence rate.

The Governor and legislature of Washington State are committed to management accountability and performance measurement. The Children's Administration tracks performance on safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes and uses outcome data in making decisions. While we support the federal effort to evaluate states' performance in comparison to federal standards, some unique characteristics of Washington's child welfare system make this comparison difficult. Because the scope of this report does not permit clarification of laws and policies that may influence the data, some of the results presented may be misleading.

We support the federal government's efforts to explore state differences which may impact comparability of the data. This work will assist the federal government and individual states toward efforts to improve child welfare services for all children and their families.

West Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	391,377	390,144	389,162	389,071
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Black	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
White	92.9	92.8	92.6	92.4
Two or more races	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
Child population in poverty (%)	25.5	24.4	25.6	25.2

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	8,875	8,446	9,511	8,345
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,069	3,990	4,295	4,226
Children adopted	322	384	368	419

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	43,437	111.0 per 1,000	40,916	104.9 per 1,000	50,249	129.1 per 1,000	51,674	132.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	8,875	22.7 per 1,000	8,446	21.7 per 1,000	9,511	24.4 per 1,000	8,345	21.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	7.7 per 100,000	12	3.1 per 100,000	16	4.1 per 100,000	15	3.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	7.4	7.3	8.2	9.1
1-5 years	29.6	29.6	31.2	31.6
6-10 years	26.8	27.2	27.0	26.9
11-15 years	25.6	24.6	23.5	23.4
16+ years	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.8
Unknown	5.2	5.5	4.2	3.3
Number	**8,875**	**8,446**	**9,511**	**8,345**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	—	0.0	0.0
Asian	—	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.2
White	82.9	82.6	83.1	83.9
Two or more races	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.3
Unknown	8.9	9.1	8.9	7.0
Number	**8,875**	**8,446**	**9,511**	**8,345**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	21.0	20.9	22.8	24.5
Medical neglect	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.5
Neglect	53.7	54.7	54.9	55.5
Physical abuse	32.0	27.6	27.2	24.5
Sexual abuse	6.6	5.3	4.7	4.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	5.3	7.4	7.9	8.0
Number	**8,875**	**8,446**	**9,511**	**8,345**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	266.0	281.5	474.7	499.4
Median	>192, but <216	>192, but <216	>216, but <240	>168, but <192

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	2,990	2,871	3,727	3,765	2,347	2,402	3,052	3,042	1,268	1,283	2,483	2,581	4,069	3,990	4,295	4,226
Median length of stay (months)	18.2	17.4	14.6	11.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.5	15.7	11.3	11.3	12.8	11.7	11.1	10.7

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.9	3.1	3.1	5.1	9.0	9.3	9.8	13.2	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.8	4.8	6.7
1 year	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.1	4.1	5.2	4.5	4.2	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.3	6.3
2 years	3.8	3.3	3.7	4.9	3.5	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.3	5.2	4.6	4.5	3.3	3.9	4.5	5.0
3 years	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.5	2.9	4.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.4	4.3
4 years	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	4.7	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.6
5 years	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.6	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.7	4.2
6 years	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.9	2.4	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.7	2.5	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.5	4.0
7 years	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.6	3.5	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.8	3.3	2.9
8 years	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.1	3.2	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.2
9 years	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.7	1.9	3.2	2.9	2.3	2.2	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.7
10 years	3.2	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.3	1.7	3.0	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.0
11 years	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.7	2.6	2.2	2.0	3.5	2.4	2.1	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.8
12 years	4.6	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.7	3.7	4.6	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.9	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.6
13 years	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.3	8.0	6.8	5.9	7.5	4.3	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.7	5.8	5.1	5.4
14 years	9.1	8.6	6.7	8.0	10.6	9.0	9.2	8.5	8.0	5.3	5.5	6.0	8.4	7.2	7.8	6.8
15 years	11.6	10.4	10.9	9.2	12.4	13.1	12.3	11.8	9.5	7.2	9.5	8.6	10.5	11.1	9.5	10.2
16 years	12.6	12.4	12.4	11.5	12.2	12.9	12.0	12.1	9.0	9.7	13.2	12.6	12.9	13.0	11.5	10.7
17 years	9.3	11.2	11.4	10.3	8.9	7.8	8.1	8.8	15.5	14.0	14.1	16.8	13.2	12.3	10.1	9.6
18 years	3.9	3.1	3.9	3.6	0.8	1.3	0.9	0.8	9.5	11.1	11.3	8.0	3.9	4.7	3.8	3.0
19 years	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.3	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
20+ years	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	2.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.2	<.1	<.1	2.8	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Black	6.9	7.6	7.6	7.1	6.9	6.6	7.1	6.1	7.9	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.6	7.3	7.7	6.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	1.1	1.3	2.0	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.7	0.7	1.3	0.9	2.4	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.5
White	81.2	84.5	84.2	84.2	77.8	83.2	84.3	81.5	80.6	83.6	85.3	83.3	79.4	84.0	83.6	82.7
Two or more races	8.1	4.9	5.1	5.9	6.9	4.0	4.8	5.7	6.5	4.8	4.0	5.2	7.9	4.4	5.6	6.2
Unknown	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.2
Missing data	1.8	1.1	1.0	0.5	6.0	3.8	1.5	4.4	3.5	2.7	2.3	1.5	3.7	2.2	0.7	2.7

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,012	973	1,036	1,063
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	724	656	703	728

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	4.7	4.1	6.2	7.3
1 year	5.9	6.9	6.6	9.7
2 years	5.3	5.4	8.5	6.4
3 years	5.6	6.4	5.7	7.1
4 years	4.8	6.0	5.5	4.7
5 years	4.9	5.1	5.9	6.2
6 years	5.9	6.1	5.1	5.1
7 years	5.1	5.0	6.8	4.1
8 years	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.9
9 years	5.4	5.7	4.7	4.3
10 years	4.6	4.7	4.1	4.1
11 years	6.4	6.2	4.7	3.8
12 years	7.3	6.0	5.5	4.5
13 years	5.8	7.0	6.1	6.3
14 years	7.0	5.4	6.8	6.7
15 years	7.4	6.3	5.3	7.5
16 years	4.1	5.9	4.0	4.0
17 years	3.9	3.0	4.0	3.1
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	6.6	6.8	7.4	6.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	0.9	2.5	2.3
White	79.3	85.3	80.7	81.7
Two or more races	9.7	5.7	8.1	8.2
Unknown	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.2
Missing data	0.9	0.3	0.2	1.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	322	384	368	419

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.0
1 year	10.9	6.8	9.8	12.2
2 years	11.5	12.0	10.9	12.2
3 years	6.5	9.6	8.2	8.4
4 years	9.0	8.9	9.8	9.1
5 years	7.8	8.1	8.7	8.4
6 years	8.1	8.6	6.5	7.6
7 years	8.4	6.3	6.3	6.9
8 years	4.0	7.6	7.1	7.6
9 years	4.7	6.0	4.3	3.1
10 years	3.1	5.7	5.4	5.3
11 years	4.0	5.7	4.6	4.3
12 years	4.7	3.6	5.2	3.1
13 years	4.7	3.9	2.2	2.9
14 years	5.6	2.9	2.2	2.6
15 years	3.4	2.1	2.7	1.2
16 years	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.4
17 years	1.2	0.3	2.4	2.6
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	9.3	6.0	7.9	4.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	2.3	0.8	5.0
White	81.4	83.6	84.8	82.6
Two or more races	7.5	7.3	6.3	7.4
Unknown	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

West Virginia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	89.9	88.9	86.6	88.7
Children with one or more recurrences	10.1	11.1	13.4	11.3
Number	**4,031**	**4,100**	**3,905**	**3,851**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.77	0.66	0.53	0.50
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.23	99.34	99.47	99.50
Number	**5,337**	**5,273**	**6,779**	**6,807**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.5	28.0	14.5	16.4
Guardianship	2.1	3.8	2.9	4.6
Reunification	53.5	51.1	50.7	63.6
Other	12.1	13.8	11.7	12.9
Missing data	9.7	3.3	20.1	2.6
Number	**1,268**	**1,283**	**2,483**	**2,581**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	37.4	43.7	20.0	19.9
Guardianship	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.3
Reunification	36.8	32.3	42.5	57.5
Other	13.6	18.2	15.3	18.7
Missing data	10.2	3.4	19.9	1.5
Number	**361**	**412**	**784**	**777**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.1
Guardianship	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.9
Reunification	66.3	71.0	56.4	74.3
Other	17.3	20.9	16.3	18.7
Missing data	13.1	5.4	24.6	3.0
Number	**624**	**556**	**1,291**	**1,323**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.7	38.8	29.1	29.8
Children older than 12 at entry	69.3	61.2	70.9	70.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**137**	**152**	**230**	**208**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	24.1	17.2	10.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.6	0.6	6.7
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	52.0	52.9	54.4	69.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	17.2	6.5	11.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	1.1	21.3	1.7
Number	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**100**	**87**	**169**	**180**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	52.9	13.6	34.9	23.1	27.9	14.4	16.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	2.5	4.1	3.1	4.6
Reunification	50.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	44.4	23.5	59.1	50.8	52.6	50.6	50.1	63.3
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	23.5	13.6	9.5	12.2	14.0	12.5	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	13.6	3.2	9.5	3.4	20.0	2.8
Number	**2**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**9**	**17**	**22**	**63**	**1,022**	**1,073**	**2,119**	**2,150**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	25.0	37.5	6.3	7.1	24.4	43.5	22.2	23.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	12.5	14.3	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.8	0.0	2.9	1.8	0.0
Reunification	50.0	50.0	62.5	64.3	54.9	46.8	48.5	57.1	79.5	82.9	59.6	92.1
Other	12.5	12.5	0.0	14.3	11.0	6.5	8.1	15.0	6.8	8.6	8.8	5.3
Missing data	12.5	0.0	18.8	0.0	9.8	3.2	18.2	0.8	13.6	5.7	29.8	2.6
Number	**8**	**8**	**16**	**14**	**82**	**62**	**99**	**133**	**44**	**35**	**57**	**38**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	72.9	74.2	70.2	69.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.6	17.5	21.1	23.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.2	4.3	5.1	4.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.8	1.8	1.5	0.9
48 or more mos.	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Number	**679**	**656**	**1,260**	**1,641**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	84.2	81.8	82.0	80.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.2	8.8	7.1	8.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.3	4.2	4.2	5.8
Missing data	5.3	5.2	6.7	5.5
Number	**2,347**	**2,402**	**3,052**	**3,042**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	2.5	1.1	2.2	5.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.3	24.8	31.1	34.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	36.5	34.3	33.3	35.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	16.8	24.8	17.2	12.6
48 or more mos.	17.9	15.0	16.1	12.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**285**	**359**	**360**	**422**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.0	86.2	87.9	83.7	57.2	60.3	63.5	65.6	33.8	28.8	35.9	30.5	100.0	92.9	57.1	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.9	13.8	11.7	15.3	42.8	39.7	36.2	34.2	66.2	71.2	64.1	69.5	0.0	0.0	14.3	25.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	7.1	28.6	0.0
Number	**2,536**	**2,574**	**3,535**	**3,666**	**1,041**	**1,048**	**1,355**	**1,607**	**1,751**	**1,637**	**1,875**	**1,530**	**9**	**14**	**14**	**4**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	7.8	5.9	6.0	4.1
Institutions	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.4
Other settings	87.9	92.3	91.4	94.6
Missing data	3.3	1.0	1.4	0.9
Number	**1,019**	**1,069**	**1,374**	**1,378**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**98.7**	**118.7**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.2	70.5	71.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.8	7.5	7.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	20.7	33.6	39.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.1	20.0	13.3

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**81.8**	**100.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	25.9	33.2	40.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.4	29.9	27.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.1	19.5	24.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.1	5.3	5.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	20.8	22.3	33.9

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.2**	**124.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.5	23.6	28.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.2	92.1	93.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	40.9	38.2	34.4

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**97.5**	**95.0**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.4	87.5	83.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	59.9	63.4	65.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	28.6	33.0	30.3

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Wisconsin

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	1,340,100	1,330,485	1,320,899	1,312,530
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
Black	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	6.6	6.9	7.2
White	79.4	79.0	78.6	78.3
Two or more races	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	14.4	14.0	13.9	14.9

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	10,174	9,325	9,686	8,583
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,824	7,812	8,109	7,641
Children adopted	1,187	1,152	906	885

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	41,377	30.9 per 1,000	40,205	30.2 per 1,000	41,430	31.4 per 1,000	41,230	31.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	10,174	7.6 per 1,000	9,325	7.0 per 1,000	9,686	7.3 per 1,000	8,583	6.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	0.9 per 100,000	11	0.8 per 100,000	13	1.0 per 100,000	13	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	6.2	6.5	7.7	8.2
1-5 years	23.0	22.8	25.9	27.0
6-10 years	24.1	22.4	24.1	24.6
11-15 years	37.6	37.5	32.1	30.4
16+ years	8.3	9.5	9.1	8.9
Unknown	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.8
Number	**10,174**	**9,325**	**9,686**	**8,583**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.1	2.5	3.5	2.6
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1
Black	21.0	21.3	22.8	20.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	—	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.2	4.3	7.1	6.7
White	65.0	58.7	53.5	55.6
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Unknown	6.3	11.7	11.9	13.0
Number	**10,174**	**9,325**	**9,686**	**8,583**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5
Medical neglect	0.7	0.6	—	—
Neglect	25.0	28.2	28.4	29.9
Physical abuse	13.8	14.0	12.7	14.2
Sexual abuse	41.4	43.3	37.8	35.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	23.1	17.4	25.0	25.4
Number	**10,174**	**9,325**	**9,686**	**8,583**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	—	—	97.5	103.3
Median	—	—	>24, but <48	>24, but <48

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	7,641	7,183	7,444	7,342	5,010	5,643	6,099	5,490	5,832	5,682	5,754	5,276	7,824	7,812	8,109	7,641
Median length of stay (months)	23.5	19.5	15.7	15.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.5	9.4	7.4	8.7	18.3	13.5	14.1	14.6

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	10.8	10.5	10.6	12.5	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.8
1 year	4.4	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.8	4.6	4.0	4.8	5.5	4.3	5.1	5.3	5.6
2 years	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.8	5.8	4.9	4.4	4.9	5.4	4.6	5.0	4.8	5.8
3 years	4.8	3.9	4.6	4.7	3.9	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.4	5.3	3.9	4.5	4.8	4.5
4 years	4.8	4.6	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.1	3.7	4.2	5.2	4.6	3.7	4.7	4.8	3.8	4.1	4.1
5 years	4.3	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.0	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.5	4.3	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.9
6 years	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.3	3.7	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9
7 years	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.2	4.0	3.3	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.8
8 years	5.1	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.5	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.9	4.2	3.5	3.9	3.9
9 years	5.1	4.7	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.6	4.1	3.4	2.9	3.3	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.4
10 years	5.6	4.9	4.6	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.3	4.9	4.3	4.0	3.4
11 years	5.9	5.5	4.7	4.6	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.2	4.5	4.4	3.4	3.4	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.9
12 years	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.0	3.6	4.9	5.1	3.6	3.8	5.7	5.5	5.0	4.5
13 years	7.1	6.7	6.5	5.7	7.6	6.6	6.7	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.9	4.6	6.7	6.7	5.8	5.3
14 years	7.6	8.1	7.7	7.5	8.5	9.9	9.2	8.8	6.4	7.5	7.3	5.8	8.2	7.6	7.7	7.1
15 years	7.8	9.0	9.9	9.1	11.4	10.6	12.6	11.3	8.6	8.6	10.4	8.7	9.1	10.0	9.6	9.5
16 years	8.3	8.0	9.6	10.9	9.9	10.8	12.9	10.7	9.5	10.7	12.1	10.4	8.3	10.1	11.0	10.7
17 years	5.7	6.7	7.1	8.7	4.0	3.3	3.8	3.2	9.6	7.9	8.9	10.6	6.8	7.1	8.5	9.1
18 years	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.7	0.3	0.3	<.1	<.1	4.1	5.9	5.5	5.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	2.0
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.7	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.4
20+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.8	2.2	2.8	3.6	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.9	2.4	2.8	3.8	3.6
Asian	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0
Black	50.1	44.4	41.6	39.6	25.3	28.4	27.4	27.7	33.7	33.1	30.7	30.3	44.0	40.1	38.0	37.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.5	8.0	8.2	7.6	8.8	7.5	7.4	7.9	8.4	7.6	8.1	7.3	7.8
White	35.2	39.7	42.1	42.7	55.8	51.3	53.5	52.0	49.4	48.9	52.0	50.1	40.1	42.4	43.9	44.3
Two or more races	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.6
Unknown	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0
Missing data	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	1,707	1,341	1,280	1,205
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	611	571	666	619

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.3	4.0	3.2	3.5
1 year	4.7	6.6	6.3	7.1
2 years	5.9	7.3	6.8	8.5
3 years	5.9	6.4	6.3	5.5
4 years	6.7	4.5	7.1	5.6
5 years	7.3	6.3	4.8	6.2
6 years	6.1	6.4	6.4	5.8
7 years	6.6	6.0	5.6	5.7
8 years	6.1	5.1	5.4	5.8
9 years	6.9	6.2	5.2	5.3
10 years	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.4
11 years	7.4	6.6	6.7	5.8
12 years	7.8	7.2	6.6	7.0
13 years	5.8	7.2	5.5	6.1
14 years	4.6	4.6	5.8	4.6
15 years	4.1	4.5	5.2	5.2
16 years	2.3	3.4	4.0	4.1
17 years	1.2	1.3	2.7	2.7
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.6	1.6	2.5	3.2
Asian	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.9
Black	59.4	52.1	47.3	44.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.8
White	23.9	30.1	33.1	35.9
Two or more races	4.4	5.0	5.9	5.6
Unknown	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	1,187	1,152	906	885

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	5.4	2.7	4.7	4.6
1 year	7.8	7.6	8.9	8.7
2 years	7.4	7.6	10.5	11.0
3 years	7.5	7.9	8.3	10.2
4 years	9.6	8.2	6.5	9.0
5 years	6.0	6.9	5.3	6.8
6 years	6.8	7.9	6.5	6.3
7 years	6.7	6.3	8.2	6.4
8 years	6.8	6.0	5.8	7.1
9 years	7.8	6.1	4.6	4.9
10 years	5.7	6.0	5.0	4.1
11 years	5.2	6.6	5.0	3.7
12 years	5.1	5.7	4.5	4.1
13 years	4.1	4.7	6.5	4.1
14 years	3.1	3.8	3.3	2.3
15 years	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.3
16 years	1.3	2.2	2.4	2.8
17 years	0.3	0.9	1.3	1.6
18 years	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.2	2.2	1.2	2.4
Asian	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.9
Black	43.7	51.2	45.1	39.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.0	10.5	11.6
White	39.9	33.2	36.8	38.8
Two or more races	5.9	4.6	5.0	6.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

Wisconsin

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	—	—	92.6	93.9
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	7.4	6.1
Number	—	—	**4,263**	**3,728**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	0.54	0.30
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	99.46	99.70
Number	—	—	**13,543**	**12,832**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	22.1	21.8	15.2	15.7
Guardianship	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.8
Reunification	58.0	60.6	68.3	65.7
Other	11.4	11.4	11.0	12.7
Missing data	2.9	0.2	0.0	<.1
Number	**5,832**	**5,682**	**5,754**	**5,276**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	41.9	40.7	36.9	37.8
Guardianship	1.7	2.4	2.9	4.0
Reunification	39.6	41.8	45.9	39.6
Other	14.7	14.8	14.3	18.5
Missing data	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Number	**1,304**	**973**	**918**	**940**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.5
Guardianship	1.1	1.7	2.4	2.2
Reunification	70.2	75.5	77.8	73.2
Other	22.6	21.3	18.9	23.0
Missing data	5.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	**1,796**	**1,836**	**2,265**	**1,917**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.1	27.4	29.9	31.4
Children older than 12 at entry	71.0	59.4	63.9	64.7
Missing data	10.9	13.3	6.2	3.9
Number	**238**	**475**	**438**	**513**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	15.2	10.8	4.4	9.2	4.5	9.8	5.4	7.8	26.9	32.2	23.0	20.9
Guardianship	1.8	1.8	1.9	11.2	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	10.9	8.7	8.1	10.5
Reunification	61.0	69.3	80.4	65.5	71.4	79.3	83.8	80.0	50.3	47.3	56.0	53.4
Other	19.5	13.9	13.3	14.1	19.6	10.9	5.4	12.2	8.0	11.7	12.9	15.2
Missing data	2.4	4.2	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**164**	**166**	**158**	**206**	**112**	**92**	**74**	**90**	**1,966**	**1,881**	**1,766**	**1,596**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	33.3	0.0	16.7	24.1	26.5	17.5	20.7	18.8	15.0	10.8	11.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	9.8	10.0	8.1	3.8	1.5	4.2	3.6	3.4
Reunification	100.0	66.7	100.0	66.7	57.4	53.3	67.0	66.7	63.5	68.9	74.9	72.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	10.2	7.4	8.8	13.6	11.7	10.7	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	**2**	**3**	**5**	**6**	**439**	**422**	**457**	**445**	**2,879**	**2,779**	**2,990**	**2,643**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	2.9	6.0	6.9	6.5	37.3	34.0	25.1	29.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	11.8	4.5	4.2	1.6	7.3	7.4	9.2	3.5	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0
Reunification	82.4	79.1	83.3	79.0	41.8	54.0	53.8	58.5	87.5	89.5	100.0	96.4
Other	0.0	10.4	5.6	12.9	11.8	4.7	11.8	9.0	0.0	8.8	0.0	3.6
Missing data	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**34**	**67**	**72**	**62**	**220**	**215**	**195**	**200**	**16**	**57**	**37**	**28**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	66.4	70.6	74.5	77.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.1	12.2	12.4	14.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.0	1.5	1.4	1.2
48 or more mos.	5.2	3.7	2.7	2.4
Missing data	7.5	8.7	5.5	0.6
Number	**3,383**	**3,441**	**3,931**	**3,466**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	70.7	71.9	69.4	71.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	21.1	19.2	22.5	19.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.0	4.2	6.7	8.5
Missing data	3.3	4.7	1.4	0.6
Number	**5,010**	**5,643**	**6,099**	**5,490**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	6.2	7.9	8.0	8.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	7.6	13.7	20.0	20.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.6	16.0	23.7	29.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.2	10.3	13.1	14.9
48 or more mos.	17.0	31.5	28.9	21.6
Missing data	49.5	20.5	6.3	4.1
Number	**1,290**	**1,241**	**875**	**830**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.6	90.5	88.9	84.9	72.4	71.0	65.4	62.7	52.1	47.7	39.9	36.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	7.4	9.5	11.1	15.0	27.6	29.0	34.6	37.3	47.9	52.3	60.1	63.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**5,743**	**6,364**	**6,851**	**6,387**	**2,131**	**2,277**	**2,729**	**2,532**	**4,752**	**4,166**	**3,937**	**3,910**	**25**	**19**	**26**	**3**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	6.7	4.2	2.7	2.3
Institutions	3.0	2.6	3.5	2.6
Other settings	89.6	93.2	93.8	94.5
Missing data	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Number	**2,862**	**3,226**	**3,297**	**3,253**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**94.9**	**92.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	71.6	72.7	73.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.8	5.7	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	28.6	48.8	48.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	29.3	26.0	29.2

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**117.0**	**116.1**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	26.8	29.7	30.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	38.5	33.6	31.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.7	19.6	19.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	10.9	9.9	10.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	44.5	78.5	73.2

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**119.5**	**120.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.3	26.2	28.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.5	98.4	97.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	54.1	46.1	45.6

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**101.9**	**97.1**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	89.2	87.0	82.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.0	65.3	62.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.5	39.9	37.1

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Wisconsin

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Wisconsin's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006: Report to Congress*.

Wisconsin's child welfare program is primarily a state-supervised, county-administered system. The state directly administers the child protective services in Milwaukee County and the special needs adoption program statewide. Child welfare services are administered at the county level in the remaining 71 counties in the state.

Wisconsin fully implemented its SACWIS system in July 2004 and submitted its first NCANDS Child File for FFY 2005. As such, data for FFY 2003 and FFY 2004 is from a combination of SACWIS and legacy data system sources. In the absence of the state's submission of the NCANDS Child File for these periods, the state used an approved alternate methodology to calculate performance on the federal safety measures. The resulting performance for these periods is as follows:

Performance Standards	WI Data 2003 (Percent)	WI Data 2004 (Percent)
Safety Outcome 1 – Recurrence of Maltreatment Of all children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment reports, what percent were victims of another substantiated report within a 6-month period?	7.13	5.25
Safety Outcome 2 – Maltreatment While in Care Of all children in out-of-home care, what percent experienced maltreatment by foster parents or facility staff members?	0.30	0.57

The out-of-home care, or foster care, population served in Wisconsin includes children who were or are placed in out-of-home care under a court order or through a formal voluntary placement agreement. Placements may be due to concerns related to child safety or to status offenses and/or delinquent behaviors that affect the child's ability to remain safely in his or her home. The inclusion of the juvenile justice population has an impact on the permanency measure, particularly the state's re-entry rate.

Wyoming

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children under 18 years	123,151	122,399	121,519	121,794
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Asian	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Black	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	9.5	9.6	9.6
White	84.2	83.9	83.7	83.5
Two or more races	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	12.3	14.0	11.1	12.0

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child maltreatment victims	786	678	853	786
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,052	1,184	1,244	1,301
Children adopted	58	64	61	57

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS])

Overview Maltreatment Information[5]

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,529	36.8 per 1,000	3,734	30.5 per 1,000	3,936	32.4 per 1,000	4,819	39.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims[6]	786	6.4 per 1,000	678	5.5 per 1,000	853	7.0 per 1,000	786	6.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	6.5 per 100,000	4	3.3 per 100,000	2	1.7 per 100,000	1	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	9.7	10.9	14.9	11.2
1-5 years	35.1	34.1	40.4	42.1
6-10 years	27.2	26.3	25.0	24.8
11-15 years	24.4	25.4	16.3	18.2
16+ years	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.7
Unknown	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	**786**	**678**	**853**	**786**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)[7]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.5
Asian	0.3	—	—	0.5
Black	2.8	2.2	1.6	2.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	9.9	8.6	10.8
White	78.1	77.7	76.8	75.2
Two or more races	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.4
Unknown	8.1	8.0	11.6	9.3
Number	**786**	**678**	**853**	**786**

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Emotional abuse	10.3	15.9	13.2	12.0
Medical neglect	1.1	2.5	1.6	0.9
Neglect	65.0	62.8	71.0	70.9
Physical abuse	14.8	8.3	7.0	6.4
Sexual abuse	11.3	10.6	7.4	7.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Other	5.6	4.7	5.9	7.3
Number	**786**	**678**	**853**	**786**

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	22.8	21.6	23.9	13.8
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

[1] A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. All other data on these pages are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.
[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html (released May 1, 2008). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
[3] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Data on children in foster care on 9/30 and children adopted are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim."
[5] The rate for maltreatment investigations and victims is per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.
[6] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[7] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.
[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total number	907	970	1,106	1,162	1,029	1,168	1,208	1,184	884	954	1,070	1,045	1,052	1,184	1,244	1,301
Median length of stay (months)	11.2	10.5	10.0	9.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.0	6.3	7.3	7.9	10.5	9.8	9.1	9.8

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			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	5.3	7.1	9.7	6.8	1.9	2.2	4.6	3.1	1.7	3.7	4.3	3.0
1 year	3.5	3.8	4.2	5.9	3.5	4.7	7.8	5.5	4.4	3.7	5.8	5.3	3.8	4.1	5.6	5.3
2 years	3.2	3.7	3.9	5.5	4.6	3.8	5.3	5.4	4.1	4.9	5.6	6.4	3.7	3.8	5.4	4.9
3 years	3.6	3.4	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.8	5.1	4.1	3.5	3.9	5.3	3.3	3.8	4.7	5.4
4 years	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.4	3.4	3.9	4.6	4.6	3.6	3.6	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.5	4.3	4.8
5 years	2.6	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.3	3.9	4.4	3.8	4.7
6 years	2.2	2.7	3.6	4.5	2.6	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.4	2.5	3.5	4.3	4.0
7 years	2.2	2.5	2.8	4.3	2.2	3.3	3.9	4.0	2.0	3.6	3.1	5.0	2.3	2.9	4.3	4.5
8 years	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	1.9	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.3
9 years	3.0	3.5	2.2	2.9	2.3	3.0	2.2	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.1	2.6	3.5	2.3	3.0	3.5
10 years	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.2	3.7	1.9	2.1	2.9	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.1	2.8
11 years	4.2	5.1	3.5	2.6	4.7	3.1	2.2	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.3	2.2	4.8	3.3	2.6	2.7
12 years	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.2	5.0	3.9	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.8	2.7	2.9	4.8	4.3	4.1	2.6
13 years	7.7	6.5	6.1	4.4	9.0	7.3	5.5	6.9	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.7	6.8	5.7	4.5	5.3
14 years	7.2	10.5	7.4	7.9	10.9	9.1	9.2	9.1	8.4	7.9	5.4	5.5	10.3	7.8	8.4	7.2
15 years	10.4	9.1	12.1	11.5	11.5	14.9	11.2	13.0	8.3	10.0	10.3	11.1	10.0	12.9	11.5	10.1
16 years	13.1	13.1	12.3	10.5	12.8	12.8	10.8	10.1	12.9	12.4	10.7	11.3	13.1	12.7	11.2	11.8
17 years	14.9	11.3	10.8	9.2	7.3	6.8	6.3	7.0	13.8	12.3	11.9	10.8	11.2	10.9	8.9	10.0
18 years	3.3	4.2	3.1	2.7	<.1	0.6	0.4	0.8	9.0	9.0	8.4	7.2	4.0	3.1	2.7	2.4
19 years	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.6
20+ years	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)[9]

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY				Entered Foster Care in FY				Exited Foster Care in FY				In Foster Care on 9/30 FY			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/ American Indian	2.0	1.9	0.8	1.2	2.6	2.6	2.3	1.9	2.7	3.9	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.9	1.2	1.2
Asian	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2
Black	3.4	3.8	3.0	4.6	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.3	1.9	2.7	1.7	4.8	3.8	3.3	4.3	3.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.7	10.2	10.3	8.6	11.0	10.7	12.2	8.1	8.5	10.5	12.0	8.1	10.4	10.5	10.7
White	84.5	82.0	82.0	77.0	80.2	77.1	75.4	74.8	82.7	76.5	80.0	72.3	81.7	81.5	77.3	78.8
Two or more races	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.3
Unknown	1.9	3.2	3.0	5.8	4.5	6.4	7.6	6.6	3.5	7.4	5.2	8.1	3.0	3.0	5.5	4.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption"[10] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total waiting children	155	171	200	209
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	62	55	58	73

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	3.2	4.1	5.5	3.8
1 year	5.2	5.3	5.0	6.2
2 years	5.2	7.6	7.5	4.8
3 years	6.5	6.4	7.0	8.1
4 years	8.4	7.0	7.0	6.7
5 years	5.8	9.4	8.5	6.7
6 years	3.9	5.8	10.0	8.6
7 years	3.9	4.7	6.0	10.0
8 years	5.8	5.8	6.5	5.7
9 years	8.4	5.3	5.0	6.2
10 years	7.1	6.4	5.0	4.3
11 years	9.0	5.8	4.0	5.3
12 years	7.7	7.6	4.5	3.3
13 years	5.8	6.4	4.5	3.3
14 years	5.8	4.7	5.0	4.8
15 years	3.9	5.3	4.0	4.3
16 years	4.5	1.2	3.0	4.3
17 years	0.0	1.2	2.0	3.3
18 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20+ years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	2.6	2.3	3.0	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.9	11.1	9.5	11.5
White	80.6	80.7	82.5	81.3
Two or more races	2.6	3.5	3.0	2.9
Unknown	1.3	2.3	2.0	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total children adopted	58	64	61	57

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 year	0.0	3.1	6.6	1.8
1 year	10.3	10.9	4.9	5.3
2 years	8.6	4.7	8.2	17.5
3 years	5.2	7.8	11.5	17.5
4 years	13.8	6.3	6.6	1.8
5 years	15.5	4.7	13.1	10.5
6 years	8.6	9.4	6.6	3.5
7 years	3.4	1.6	6.6	14.0
8 years	3.4	9.4	1.6	1.8
9 years	6.9	4.7	4.9	8.8
10 years	3.4	6.3	4.9	3.5
11 years	3.4	7.8	3.3	3.5
12 years	3.4	4.7	3.3	1.8
13 years	3.4	1.6	4.9	1.8
14 years	3.4	7.8	1.6	1.8
15 years	5.2	4.7	6.6	1.8
16 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
17 years	1.7	4.7	4.9	1.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.8
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	6.9	4.7	3.3	8.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	9.4	14.8	10.5
White	91.4	82.8	78.7	77.2
Two or more races	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[10] There is no Federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Furthermore, some numbers in these tables may be lower than the numbers reported in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Only children with terminations prior to the end of the fiscal year of interest are included in the current tables.

[11] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children without a recurrence	94.4	96.9	95.5	96.1
Children with one or more recurrences	5.6	3.1	4.5	3.9
Number	**355**	**325**	**421**	**362**

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.05	—	—	0.17
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.95	—	—	99.83
Number	**1,936**	**—**	**—**	**2,346**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	6.4	6.9	5.9	5.4
Guardianship	3.4	4.1	6.4	6.6
Reunification	76.7	81.0	79.5	81.0
Other	12.8	7.7	7.6	7.1
Missing data	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.0
Number	**884**	**954**	**1,070**	**1,045**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	19.9	17.6	9.2	12.5
Guardianship	2.9	4.6	8.0	5.0
Reunification	56.6	66.0	71.3	76.3
Other	19.1	10.5	10.9	6.3
Missing data	1.5	1.3	0.6	0.0
Number	**136**	**153**	**174**	**160**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.2	1.2	0.4	0.4
Guardianship	2.1	2.0	3.7	3.9
Reunification	76.6	84.1	82.8	83.4
Other	20.0	12.2	12.5	12.3
Missing data	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.0
Number	**466**	**508**	**511**	**487**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children age 12 or younger at entry	11.8	6.4	7.7	9.1
Children older than 12 at entry	88.2	93.6	92.3	90.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**68**	**47**	**52**	**44**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[12]

	Alaska Native/Am. In.				Asian				Black			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	11.5	11.1	10.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	22.2	4.0
Reunification	91.7	78.4	68.2	85.7	50.0	100.0	100.0	33.3	58.8	80.8	61.1	74.0
Other	8.3	18.9	27.3	9.5	25.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	17.6	3.8	5.6	12.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**24**	**37**	**22**	**21**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**17**	**26**	**18**	**50**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	7.4	8.0	4.8	7.1	7.5	5.8	5.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.5	4.5	10.4	3.7	4.7	6.8	6.7
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.9	82.7	83.0	79.2	74.8	80.1	79.6	80.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	7.4	3.6	5.6	13.5	7.4	7.4	6.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.0
Number	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**72**	**81**	**112**	**125**	**731**	**730**	**856**	**756**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adoption	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.2	0.0	20.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	2.8	3.6	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	93.5	88.7	83.9	90.6	75.0	80.0	33.3	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	6.5	7.0	10.7	5.9	25.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**31**	**71**	**56**	**85**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[12] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	77.1	75.0	72.5	72.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.4	17.3	19.6	19.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.8	4.4	4.3	5.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.6
Missing data	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.7
Number	**678**	**773**	**851**	**846**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children entering care for the first time	76.5	72.3	75.3	75.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.9	14.3	13.9	12.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	10.0	8.0	9.2
Missing data	2.9	3.3	2.7	2.3
Number	**1,029**	**1,168**	**1,208**	**1,184**

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Less than 12 mos.	10.5	7.6	20.6	12.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.1	37.9	12.7	23.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	26.3	28.8	38.1	33.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.3	15.2	15.9	12.5
48 or more mos.	15.8	10.6	12.7	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**57**	**66**	**63**	**56**

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 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				Missing Time in Care			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.5	89.0	85.7	83.0	61.1	62.1	61.6	58.9	31.1	32.7	32.0	38.1	100.0	100.0	85.2	88.2
Children with 3 or more placements	10.6	9.8	12.9	13.5	38.1	37.9	38.2	40.7	68.9	67.3	68.0	61.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	1.3	1.3	3.5	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	11.8
Number	**1,179**	**1,332**	**1,416**	**1,414**	**370**	**435**	**484**	**511**	**373**	**358**	**387**	**404**	**14**	**13**	**27**	**17**

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 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 (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Group homes	7.7	4.3	2.5	2.3
Institutions	4.5	4.5	2.4	2.4
Other settings	87.8	91.3	95.1	95.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**493**	**560**	**676**	**622**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[13]

Composite One: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[14]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**113.2**	**115.4**
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	71.9	69.5	72.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.5	6.7	6.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	56.9	60.6	51.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.7	18.7	17.3

Composite Two: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**121.1**	**125.2**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	45.5	33.3	35.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	25.7	30.7	29.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	16.3	18.5	15.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?[15]	4.9	9.3	10.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	66.0	72.0	75.4

Composite Three: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[16]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**151.1**	**151.7**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	28.4	32.3	30.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.1	100.0	96.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	12.1	22.9	14.1

Composite Four: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[17]

	2004	2005	2006
Composite Score	**N/A**	**95.9**	**95.6**
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	88.5	84.9	84.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	61.9	62.0	58.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	32.0	31.7	38.5

[13] No data are shown for 2003 because the composites were not in use at that time. State composite scores for 2004 are not provided because that year's data served as the source data for the establishment of the national standards. Composite scores were not used for performance assessment purposes until 2005; therefore, composite scores are only provided for 2005 and 2006. Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the State did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[14] Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 include a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[15] Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

[16] A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

[17] The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Appendix A

Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997
(Public Law 105-89)

SEC. 203. Performance of States in Protecting Children.
(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON STATE PERFORMANCE.—Part E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) is amended by addition at the end of the following:

SEC. 479A. Annual Report.
The Secretary, in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, shall:

(1) develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the performance of States in operating child protection and child welfare programs pursuant to parts B and E to ensure the safety of children;

(2) to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed from data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System;

(3) develop a system for rating the performance of States with respect to the outcome measures and provide to the States an explanation of the rating system and how scores are determined under the rating system;

(4) prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to ensure that States provide to the Secretary the data necessary to determine State performance with respect to each outcome measure, as a condition of the State receiving funds under this part; and

(5) on May 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, prepare and submit to the Congress a report on the performance of each State on each outcome measure, which shall examine the reasons for high performance and low performance and, where possible, make recommendations as to how State performance could be improved.

Appendix B

Child Welfare Outcomes Report: Outcomes and Measures

The 12 Original Outcome Measures for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report

Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect

- **Measure 1.1:** Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period?[1]

Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

- **Measure 2.1:** Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

- **Measure 3.1:** Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?
- **Measure 3.2:** Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?
- **Measure 3.3:** Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?
- **Measure 3.4:** Of all children exiting foster care during the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?
- **Measure 3.5:** Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry

- **Measure 4.1:** Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in the following time periods?

  (a) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home

  (b) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months

  (c) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months

  (d) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months

  (e) 48 or more months

- **Measure 4.2:** Of all children who entered foster care during the year, what percentage reentered care:

  (a) Within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?

  (b) More than 12 months after a prior foster care episode?

1 In this report, all references to "year" indicate a federal fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th). Although alternate years are never used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) sometimes use alternate 12-month time periods in order to track progress over time.

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

- **Measure 5.1:** Of all children discharged from foster care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

  (a) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home

  (b) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months

  (c) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months

  (d) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months

  (e) 48 or more months

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

- **Measure 6.1:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who had been in care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

  (a) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home

  (b) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months

  (c) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months

  (d) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months

  (e) 48 or more months

Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

- **Measure 7.1:** Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or an institution?

The 15 New Outcome Measures Developed for the Second Round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs)

Although some of the 15 newer measures are similar to the original ones, an important difference is that the calculation for all newer measures excludes children who were age 18 or older on the first day of the year. The calculation for the original measures does not exclude this population. A key reason for the exclusion of these children in the new measures is to ensure greater consistency across States. States vary considerably with regard to their reporting of children age 18 or older to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Some States do not report these children, some States report all children in foster care regardless of age, and some States report only some of the children age 18 or older in foster care.

The 15 new outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report are incorporated into four separate data composites. The measures subsumed under each composite are presented below. The detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department on the Children's Bureau's website at:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

Permanency composite 1: Timeliness and permanency of reunifications

This composite addresses issues relevant to Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. The Department considers children as discharged from foster care to reunification if the reason for discharge reported to AFCARS is either "reunification with parent or primary caretaker" or "living with other relative." It is important to note that the discharge reason of living with other relatives only applies to children discharged from foster care to the care of a relative. It does not apply to children in the foster care system in out-of-home placements with relatives, and it does not apply to children discharged from foster care to a legal guardian, even if the legal guardian is a relative.

The calculation of three of the measures included in permanency composite 1 excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days, and incorporates a "trial home visit" adjustment, when relevant. These are explained below.

Exclusions of children discharged from foster care in less than 8 days. The calculation of some of the new measures excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days from the time of entry. This exclusion was not part of the calculation of any of the original child welfare outcomes measures. When the exclusion is incorporated, it is stated explicitly in the wording of the measure. The decision to exclude these children from the calculation of some of the measures, particularly the timeliness of reunification measures, was based on two factors: (1) the extensive variation across States in the percentages of children discharged from foster care after having been in foster care for very short periods of time (i.e., less than 8 days); and (2) the fact that the kinds of case practices and agency efforts necessary to achieve a timely reunification for a child who has been removed from home and placed in foster care are not usually applicable for these very short-term placements. The Department believes that the exclusion of these very short-term placements from measures of timeliness of reunification and placement stability provides a more accurate portrait of State performance in these areas.

The trial home visit adjustment. The new timeliness of reunification measures incorporate what is referred to as the trial home visit adjustment. The use of this adjustment is stated explicitly in all measures to which it applies. The trial home visit adjustment addresses the variation across States with regard to the practice of returning children in foster care to their families without discharging them from foster care for a period of time in order to provide continued monitoring and/or services. This practice often is referred to as "physical reunification," and may be required in State statute, written into agency policy, or simply reflect standard case practice in a State. To allow for greater uniformity across States in measuring length of stay in foster care, the Department developed the trial home visit adjustment as a proxy for physical reunification.

The adjustment works in the following way: When a child is discharged from foster care to reunification, if the child's current placement setting is a "trial home visit," any trial home visit in excess of 30 days is excluded when calculating length of stay in foster care.[2] An important feature of this adjustment, however, is that the child must have been discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification or living with other relatives before the trial home visit adjustment is considered.

The individual measures included in permanency composite 1 (C1) are as follows:

- **Individual Measure C1.1:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)
- **Individual Measure C1.2:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)
- **Individual Measure C1.3:** Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)
- **Individual Measure C1.4:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?

  Because this longitudinal measure of reentry into foster care is a more direct measure than the original reentry measure, it now replaces the original measure as the assessment of reentry.

2 More information on this adjustment is provided in the Federal Registers of November 9, 2005 and June 7, 2006 and on the Children's Bureau website.

Permanency composite 2: Timeliness of adoptions

This composite addresses Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption. The following measures are included in permanency composite 2 (C2).

- **Individual Measure C2.1:** Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?
- **Individual Measure C2.2:** Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption?
- **Individual Measure C2.3:** Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?
- **Individual Measure C2.4:** Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?

  Similar to the entry cohort measure of reunification and the new measure of reentry, individual measures C2.3 and C2.4 capture State performance in achieving timely adoptions from a longitudinal perspective, rather than from the point of discharge from foster care. The measures reflect the statutory requirement of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997 that States pursue adoption as a permanency goal for any child who has been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, unless the agency documents a compelling reason why such action would not be in the best interests of the child.[3]

- **Individual Measure C2.5:** Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?

  This is another longitudinal measure that became possible when States began reporting unique encrypted identifiers for children that permitted tracking them over time.

Permanency composite 3: Achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time

This composite addresses issues relevant to Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. The following measures are included in permanency composite 3 (C3):

- **Individual Measure C3.1:** Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?[4]
- **Individual Measure C3.2:** Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?

  This measure reflects the concern of the field that, by pursuing termination of parental rights for children who have been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, child welfare agencies may be creating "legal orphans," that is, children who, at the time of discharge from foster care, have no legal parents and no permanent home.

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3 ASFA requires State child welfare agencies to file a petition to terminate parental rights and pursue adoption for a child who has been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, unless the agency documents a compelling reason why such action would not be in the best interests of the child. A 17-month rather than a 15-month time frame was chosen for the measure because, in accordance with ASFA, a child is considered to have "entered foster care" (for purposes of starting the clock for the 15 of 22 months) on the earlier of:

(1) the first judicial finding that the child has been subjected to abuse and neglect, or

(2) the date that is 60 days after the date on which the child is removed from the home.

The 17-month time frame is used in the measure because AFCARS does not collect information pertaining to the date of the first judicial finding.

4 The 24-month period was chosen because nationally, about 50 percent of the children in foster care on any given day have been in foster care for approximately 2 years or longer.

- **Individual Measure C3.3:** Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?

  This measure, and the original measure 3.4 in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, are both intended to assess whether children are spending a large part of their childhood in foster care without ever being discharged to a permanent home.

Permanency composite 4: Placement stability

Permanency composite 4 (C4) is consistent with the objectives of Outcome 6: Increase placement stability. The three individual measures included in this composite are similar to the original measure 6.1 in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. As previously noted, however, one difference is that the measures included in this composite exclude children who were age 18 or older on the first day of the fiscal year. Measure 6.1 does not exclude these children. In addition, measure C4.1 excludes children who were not in foster care for at least 8 days. (See composite 1 for an explanation of the 8-day exclusion.)

- **Individual Measure C4.1:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?
- **Individual Measure C4.2:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?
- **Individual Measure C4.3:** Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?

Appendix C

Child Welfare Outcomes Report: Data Sources and Elements (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)

Context Information

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
Section A. Context Statistics	
Total children under 18 years	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
Race/ethnicity (%)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
Child population in poverty (%)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
Section B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse And Neglect Data System)	
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 3.1, Children Subject of a CPS Investigation or Assessment by Disposition
Total child maltreatment victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Sum of Item 3.1A, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Substantiated; 3.1B, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Indicated; and 3.1C, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Given an Alternative Response That Identified Child Victim(s)
Child fatalities	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Element 34, Maltreatment Death; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 5.1, Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment
Age of child victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Element 12, Child Age at Report, or a combination of Element 6, Report Date and Element 13, Child Date of Birth; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.2, Child Victims By Age
Race/ethnicity of child victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 15 through 20, Child Race, and Element 21, Child Ethnicity; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.4, Child Victims by Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity, and Item 4.5, Child Victims by Race
Maltreatment type of child victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 26 through 33, Maltreatment Type, Maltreatment Disposition Level; or (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.1, Child Victims by Type of Maltreatment
Time to investigation	Mean time to investigation in hours is computed from the Child File records using the Report Date, Field 6; and the Investigation Start Date, Field 7. The result is converted to hours by multiplying by 24. Median time to investigation in hours is computed from the NCANDS Child File records using the Report Date, Field 6; and the Investigation Start Date, Field 7. The result is converted to hours by multiplying by 24.
Section C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System)	
Total number (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Median length of stay (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Age of children (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
Race/ethnicity of children (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin
Section D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting For Adoption" on 9/30 (AFCARS)	
Total waiting children	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Age of children waiting for adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Race/ethnicity of children waiting for adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Section E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS)	
Total children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 21, Date Adoption Legalized
Age of children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 5, Child's Date of Birth; and Element 21, Date Adoption Legalized
Race/ethnicity of children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 7, Race; and Element 8, Hispanic Origin

Outcome Information

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
Outcome 1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)	
1.1 Recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months	NCANDS Child File: Field 4, Child ID; Field 6, Report Date; Fields 27, 29, 31, and 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level(s); and Field 34, Maltreatment Death
Outcome 2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS)	
2.1 Maltreatment in foster care	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; and Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care NCANDS Child File: Field 4, Child ID; Field 6, Report Date; Fields 27, 29, 31, and 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level(s); Field 34, Maltreatment Death; and Fields 89,108, 127, Perpetrator Relationship
Outcome 3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS)	
3.1 Exits of children from foster care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.2 Exits of children with a diagnosed disability	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 10, Child Diagnosed With Disabilities; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.3 Exits of children older than age 12 at entry	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.4 Exits to emancipation	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.5 Exits by race/ethnicity	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
Outcome 4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS)	
4.1 Time to reunification	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
4.2 Children reentering foster care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 20, Date of Discharge From Last Foster Care Episode; and Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
Outcome 5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS)	
5.1 Time to adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
Outcome 6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS)	
6.1 Number of placements by time in care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Settings in Episode; and Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Outcome 7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS)	
7.1 Most recent placement settings of children age 12 or younger who entered care during FY	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 41, Current Placement Setting
Composite 1. Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification *Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 1 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 1, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.*	
C1.1 Reunification in less than 12 months	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 41, Current Placement Setting; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting
C1.2 Median length of stay to reunification	Element 56; Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 41, Current Placement Setting; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting
C1.3 Entry cohort reunification	Element 18, Date of First Removal From Home; Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 41, Current Placement Setting; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting
C1.4 Reentry of children exiting	Element 56; Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 19, Total Number of Removals
Composite 2. Timeliness of Adoptions *Please Note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 2 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 2, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.*	
C2.1 Adoptions in less than 24 months	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.2 Median length of stay to adoption	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.3 Adoption of children in care for 17 months or longer	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.4 Achieving legal freedom of children in care for 17 months or longer	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
C2.5 Adoption of children who are legally free	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
Composite 3. Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time *Please Note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 3 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 3, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.*	
C3.1 Permanency for children in foster care for 24 + months	Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C3.2 Permanency for children who are legally free	Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
C3.3 Children emancipated or 18 years old in foster care for 3 years or longer	Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 18, Date of First Removal From Home
Composite 4. Placement Stability While in Foster Care *Please Note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 4 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 4, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.*	
C4.1 Placement stability for children in care for less than 12 months	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode
C4.2 Placement stability for children in care for 12 to 24 months	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode
C4.3 Placement stability for children in care for 24 + months	Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode

Appendix D

Child Maltreatment 2006: Summary of Key Findings

The following are key findings from *Child Maltreatment 2006*. The statistics in the *Child Maltreatment* series of reports are based on data submitted to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS).

The *Child Maltreatment* reports are available on the Children's Bureau website at: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#can

What is NCANDS?

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes annual data on child abuse and neglect. The 1988 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a national data collection and analysis program. The Children's Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, HHS, collects and analyzes the data.

The data are submitted voluntarily by the States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The first *Child Maltreatment* report from NCANDS was based on data for 1990; the report for 2006 data is the 17th issuance of this annual report.

How are the data used?

Data are used for the annual report, *Child Maltreatment*, which is released each spring. In addition, data are used in several efforts by the Children's Bureau to measure the impact and effectiveness of child protective services (CPS). Data from NCANDS are used in the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) of the States, in the *Child Welfare Outcomes* series of reports to Congress, and in the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART).

What data are collected?

NCANDS collects case-level data on all children who received an investigation or assessment by a CPS agency. States that are unable to provide case-level data submit aggregated counts of key indicators.

Case-level data include information on the characteristics of referrals of abuse or neglect that are made to CPS agencies, the children referred, the types of maltreatment that are alleged, the dispositions (or findings) of the investigations, the risk factors of the child and the caregivers, the services that are provided, and the perpetrators.

Where are the data available?

Restricted usage files of State case-level data are available for researchers from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect at www.ndacan.cornell.edu. In addition, aggregated counts of key indicators by State are available for 1990–2006.

How many children were reported and received an investigation or assessment for abuse and neglect?

During Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2006, an estimated 3.3 million referrals, involving the alleged maltreatment of approximately 6.0 million children, were made to CPS agencies. An estimated 3.6 million children received an investigation or assessment.

- Approximately 60 percent (61.7%) of referrals were screened in for investigation or assessment by CPS agencies.
- Approximately 30 percent of the investigations or assessments found at least one child to be a victim of abuse or neglect, with the following report dispositions: 25.2 percent substantiated, 3.0 percent indicated, and 0.4 percent alternative response victim.
- More than 70 percent of the investigations or assessments determined that the child was not a victim of maltreatment, with the following dispositions: 60.4 percent unsubstantiated, 5.9 percent alternative response nonvictim, 3.2 percent "other," 1.7 percent closed with no finding, and 0.1 percent intentionally false.

Who reported child maltreatment?

For 2006, more than one-half (56.3%) of all reports of alleged child abuse or neglect were made by professionals. The term professional means that the person had contact with the alleged child maltreatment victim as part of the report source's job. The remaining reports were made by nonprofessionals, including friends, neighbors, sports coaches, and relatives.

The three largest percentages of report sources were from teachers (16.5%), lawyers or police officers (15.8%), and social services staff (10.0%).

Who were the child victims?

During 2006, an estimated 905,000 children were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect. Among the children confirmed as victims by CPS agencies in 2006:

- Children in the age group of birth to 1 year had the highest rate of victimization at 24.4 per 1,000 children of the same age group in the national population.
- Just over one-half (51.5%) of the child victims were girls, and 48.2 percent were boys.
- Approximately one-half (48.8%) of all victims were White; one-quarter (22.8%) were African-American; and 18.4 percent were Hispanic.

What were the most common types of maltreatment?

As in prior years, neglect was the most common form of child maltreatment. CPS investigations determined that:

- More than 60 percent (64.1%) of victims suffered neglect.
- More than 15 percent (16.0%) of the victims suffered physical abuse.
- Less than 10 percent (8.8%) of the victims suffered sexual abuse.
- Less than 10 percent (6.6%) of the victims suffered from emotional maltreatment.

How many children died from abuse or neglect?

Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment. During 2006, an estimated 1,530 children died due to child abuse or neglect. The overall rate of child fatalities was 2.04 deaths per 100,000 children.

- More than 40 percent (41.1%) were attributed to neglect; physical abuse also was a major contributor to child fatalities.
- More than three-quarters (78.0%) of the children who died due to child abuse and neglect were younger than 4 years old.
- Infant boys (younger than 1 year) had the highest rate of fatalities, at 18.5 deaths per 100,000 boys of the same age in the national population.
- Infant girls had a rate of 14.7 deaths per 100,000 girls of the same age in the national poplulation.

Who abused and neglected children?

In FFY 2006, nearly 80 percent (79.4%) of perpetrators of child maltreatment were parents, and another 6.7 percent were other relatives of the victim. Women comprised a larger percentage of all perpetrators than men, 57.9 percent compared to 42.1 percent. More than three-quarters (77.5%) of all perpetrators were younger than age 40.

- Of the perpetrators who maltreated children, less than 10 percent (7.0%) committed sexual abuse, while 60.4 percent committed neglect.
- Of the perpetrators who were parents, more than 90 percent (91.5%) were the biological parent of the victim.

Who received services?

During an investigation, CPS agencies provide services to children and their families, both in the home and in foster care.

- Nearly 60 percent (58.9%) of child victims received postinvestigation services. Of the children who were not found to be victims of maltreatment, 30.3 percent received such services.
- Approximately one-fifth (21.5 percent) of victims were placed in foster care. In addition, 4.4 percent of nonvictims were removed from their homes.

Appendix E

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb

The AFCARS Report

Preliminary FY 2006 Estimates as of January 2008 (14)

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for FY 2006, 10/1/05 through 9/30/06.

NOTES: Data from both the regular and revised submissions received by January 16, 2008 are included in the information below. Missing data are not used in the calculation of percentages. Due to rounding, percentages in some tables may not total 100% and numbers in some tables may not equal the total number of children in the population described.

There are significant differences between some of the national estimates reported in this FY 2006 report and the FY 2005 AFCARS Report as of September 2006. In 2007, California resubmitted foster care data for FY 2002 through FY 2007, which dramatically changed some of the national estimates. This is because California's revised data excludes groups of children it previously included as being in foster care. These groups did not meet the AFCARS population definition. In addition, the numbers reported for children waiting to be adopted, and whose parental rights have been terminated, is much higher than previously reported. This is because California's revised data more comprehensively identify children with a goal of adoption, and children for whom parental rights had been terminated, both of which are factors in the definition commonly used by the Children's Bureau to identify children waiting to be adopted.

How many children were in foster care on September 30, 2006? 510,000

What were the ages of the children in foster care?

Mean Years	9.8	
Median Years	10.2	
Less than 1 Year	6%	30,418
1 Year	7%	34,344
2 Years	6%	30,367
3 Years	5%	26,966
4 Years	5%	24,384
5 Years	5%	23,021
6 Years	4%	21,574
7 Years	4%	20,760
8 Years	4%	20,025
9 Years	4%	19,263
10 Years	4%	18,958
11 Years	4%	19,475
12 Years	4%	21,532
13 Years	5%	25,706
14 Years	6%	30,949
15 Years	8%	38,259
16 Years	8%	42,272
17 Years	8%	39,624
18 Years	3%	13,303
19 Years	1%	5,488
20 Years	1%	3,316

What were the lengths of stay in foster care?

Mean Months	28.3	
Median Months	15.5	
Less than 1 Month	5%	24,312
1 to 5 Months	19%	97,990
6 to 11 Months	18%	90,875
12 to 17 Months	13%	67,689
18 to 23 Months	9%	46,109
24 to 29 Months	7%	35,047
30 to 35 Months	5%	25,219
3 to 4 Years	11%	55,671
5 Years or More	13%	67,088

What were the placement settings of children in foster care?

Pre-Adoptive Home	3%	17,351
Foster Family Home (Relative)	24%	124,571
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	46%	236,911
Group Home	7%	33,433
Institution	10%	53,042
Supervised Independent Living	1%	5,872
Runaway	2%	12,213
Trial Home Visit	5%	26,606

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2006 (continued)

What were the case goals of the children in foster care?

Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	49%	248,054
Live with Other Relative(s)	4%	20,359
Adoption	23%	117,380
Long Term Foster Care	9%	43,773
Emancipation	6%	30,662
Guardianship	4%	20,945
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	6%	28,827

What was the race/ethnicity of the children in foster care?

Alaska Native/American Indian	10,1682%
Asian	2,9781%
Black	162,72232%
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1,1040%
Hispanic (of any race)	96,96719%
White	205,66240%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	11,2862%
Two or more races	19,1124%

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

What was the gender of the children in foster care?

Male	52%	267,027
Female	48%	242,973

How many children entered foster care during FY 2006? 303,000

What were the ages of the children who entered care during FY 2006?

Mean Years	8.1	
Median Years	7.5	
Less than 1 Year	16%	47,536
1 Year	7%	20,646
2 Years	6%	18,234
3 Years	5%	16,145
4 Years	5%	14,919
5 Years	5%	14,159
6 Years	4%	13,196
7 Years	4%	12,380
8 Years	4%	11,312
9 Years	4%	10,649
10 Years	3%	10,136
11 Years	3%	10,316
12 Years	4%	11,910
13 Years	5%	14,944
14 Years	6%	18,981
15 Years	8%	22,729
16 Years	7%	21,062
17 Years	4%	12,829
18 Years	0%	702
19 Years	0%	154
20 Years	0%	62

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who entered care during FY 2006?

Alaska Native/American Indian	6,4302%
Asian	2,4201%
Black	80,21226%
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	7720%
Hispanic (of any race)	57,44419%
White	136,35445%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	7,7933%
Two or more races	11,5754%

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many children exited foster care during FY 2006? 289,000

What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during FY 2006?

Mean Months	20.9	
Median Months	12.2	
Less than 1 Month	15%	42,960
1 to 5 Months	16%	47,506
6 to 11 Months	18%	52,921
12 to 17 Months	14%	39,485
18 to 23 Months	9%	26,487
24 to 29 Months	7%	19,128
30 to 35 Months	5%	13,604
3 to 4 Years	9%	26,415
5 Years or More	7%	20,492

What were the ages of the children who exited care during FY 2006?

Mean Years	9.8	
Median Years	9.5	
Less than 1 Year	5%	13,948
1 Year	7%	19,929
2 Years	7%	19,851
3 Years	6%	17,770
4 Years	6%	15,960
5 Years	5%	14,355
6 Years	5%	13,279
7 Years	4%	12,776
8 Years	4%	11,402
9 Years	4%	10,584
10 Years	3%	10,044
11 Years	3%	9,803
12 Years	4%	10,201
13 Years	4%	11,128
14 Years	5%	13,364
15 Years	6%	16,355
16 Years	6%	18,264
17 Years	9%	24,597
18 Years	7%	19,230
19 Years	1%	3,599
20 Years	1%	2,561

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during FY 2006?

Alaska Native/American Indian	6,2432%
Asian	2,3841%
Black	77,72027%
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	8400%
Hispanic (of any race)	51,71118%
White	130,94546%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	6,9102%
Two or more races	10,2464%

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during FY 2006?

Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	53%	154,103
Living with Other Relative(s)	11%	30,751
Adoption	17%	50,379
Emancipation	9%	26,517
Guardianship	5%	15,010
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	6,683
Runaway	2%	5,049
Death of Child	0%	509

NOTE: Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents, and homicide.

How many children were waiting to be adopted on September 30, 2006? 129,000

NOTES: Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

How old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?

Mean Years	4.9	
Median Years	4.2	
Less than 1 Year	25%	32,082
1 Year	9%	11,270
2 Years	8%	9,920
3 Years	7%	9,139
4 Years	7%	8,836
5 Years	7%	8,449
6 Years	6%	8,269
7 Years	6%	7,645
8 Years	5%	6,956
9 Years	5%	6,220
10 Years	4%	5,552
11 Years	4%	4,647
12 Years	3%	3,811
13 Years	2%	2,850
14 Years	1%	1,856
15 Years	1%	1,041
16 Years	0%	372
17 Years	0%	87

What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?

Male	53%	68,006
Female	47%	60,994

How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?

Mean Months	39.4	
Median Months	28.9	
Less than 1 Month	1%	656
1 to 5 Months	4%	4,843
6 to 11 Months	9%	11,079
12 to 17 Months	14%	17,463
18 to 23 Months	14%	17,557
24 to 29 Months	12%	15,536
30 to 35 Months	9%	11,767
36 to 59 Months	20%	25,792
60 or more Months	19%	24,307

What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?

Alaska Native/ American Indian	2%	2,223
Asian	1%	651
Black	32%	41,591
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	301
Hispanic (of any race)	20%	25,481
White	38%	49,637
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	3,362
Two or more races	4%	5,754

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

Children waiting to be adopted in FY 2006 (continued)

Where were the waiting children living on September 30, 2006?

Pre-Adoptive Home	13%	16,163
Foster Family Home (Relative)	21%	27,619
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	54%	70,230
Group Home	4%	4,834
Institution	6%	8,216
Supervised Independent Living	0%	109
Runaway	1%	982
Trial Home Visit	1%	847

How old were the waiting children on September 30, 2006?

Mean Years	8.2
Median Years	7.7

Less than 1 Year	4%	5,102
1 Year	9%	11,023
2 Years	8%	10,420
3 Years	7%	9,463
4 Years	6%	8,362
5 Years	6%	7,840
6 Years	6%	7,150
7 Years	5%	6,978
8 Years	5%	6,688
9 Years	5%	6,372
10 Years	5%	6,208
11 Years	5%	6,267
12 Years	5%	6,473
13 Years	5%	6,844
14 Years	5%	6,907
15 Years	6%	7,207
16 Years	4%	5,607
17 Years	3%	4,089

How many children in foster care had their parental rights terminated for all living parents? 79,000

As of September 30, 2006, how many months had elapsed since the parental rights of these foster children were terminated?

Mean Months	24.9
Median Months	13.0

How many children were adopted with public agency involvement in FY 2006? 51,000

SOURCE: Adoptions can be reported to the AFCARS adoption database at any time after the adoption has been finalized. This report includes adoptions finalized in FY 2006 reported in regular and revised submissions by January 16, 2008.

NOTES: The number of adoptions reported here do not equal the number of adoption discharges reported under foster care exits because the adoptions reported here include adoptions of some children who were not in foster care but received other support from the public agency. Missing data are not used in the calculation of the percentages.

What is the gender distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Male	51%	25,994
Female	49%	25,006

What percentage of the children adopted receive an adoption subsidy?

Yes	89%	45,541
No	11%	5,459

How old were the children when they were adopted from the public foster care system?

Mean Years	6.6	
Median Years	5.4	
Less than 1 Year	2%	1,099
1 Year	11%	5,567
2 Years	13%	6,735
3 Years	11%	5,647
4 Years	9%	4,666
5 Years	8%	3,914
6 Years	7%	3,562
7 Years	6%	3,063
8 Years	5%	2,686
9 Years	5%	2,422
10 Years	4%	2,138
11 Years	4%	2,012
12 Years	4%	1,785
13 Years	3%	1,618
14 Years	3%	1,378
15 Years	2%	1,070
16 Years	2%	830
17 Years	1%	636
18 Years	0%	148
19 Years	0%	17
20 Years	0%	6

What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Alaska Native/ American Indian	1%	693
Asian	1%	289
Black	27%	13,783
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	125
Hispanic (of any race)	19%	9,569
White	45%	22,979
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	1,049
Two or more races	5%	2,512

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many months did it take after termination of parental rights for the children to be adopted?

Mean Months	14.5	
Median Months	10.4	
Less than 1 Month	3%	1,576
1 to 5 Months	22%	11,325
6 to 11 Months	32%	16,379
12 to 17 Months	18%	9,320
18 to 23 Months	10%	4,988
24 to 29 Months	5%	2,638
30 to 35 Months	3%	1,424
3 to 4 Years	5%	2,322
5 Years or More	2%	1,028

Children Adopted in FY 2006 (continued)

What is the family structure of the child's adoptive family?

Married Couple	69%	35,278
Unmarried Couple	2%	857
Single Female	26%	13,370
Single Male	3%	1,496

What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child prior to the adoption?

Non-Relative	15%	7,646
Foster Parent	59%	29,997
Step-Parent	0%	36
Other Relative	26%	13,321