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# Executive Summary

Federal data reporting systems offer critical information to the process of improving outcomes for children and families. For over 10 years, the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports to Congress have played a key role in making this important data more available and accessible. Created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department), the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports provide information on national and State performance in seven outcome categories, in addition to data on child welfare-related contextual factors and findings of analyses conducted across States.[1]

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports were developed to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).[2] *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009*, is the tenth report since the series' inception.

## 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 2009 data for these contextual factors.[3]

### *Characteristics of child victims*

- In 2009, 763,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.[4] The overall national confirmed child victim rate was 10.1 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.[5] State confirmed child victim rates varied dramatically, ranging from 1.5 child victims per 1,000 children to 29.9 child victims per 1,000 children.[6]
- The percentage of child victims of a particular race/ethnicity varied among States. In 2009, 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.[7] Overrepresentation was found for Black child victims (22 States), Alaska Native/American Indian child victims (14 States), and Hispanic child victims (4 States).

### *Foster care information overview*

- Nationally, there were approximately 435,000 children in foster care on the last day of FY 2009. During that year, an estimated 249,000 children entered foster care, and 265,000 children exited foster care. Among the States, the foster care entry rate ranged from 1.4 children per 1,000 to 8.6 children per 1,000 in a State's population.[8]
- Between FY 2002 and 2009, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 19 percent. While currently it is not possible to determine the cause of the decrease in the number of children in foster care using the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) database, a number of States have made deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.[9]

**There was a continuous decline in the number of children in foster care between 2006 and 2009.**

[1] 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.

[2] 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.

[3] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008–September 30, 2009).

[4] For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child for whom an incident of abuse or neglect has been substantiated or indicated by an investigation or assessment. A State may include some children with alternative dispositions as victims (*Child Maltreatment 2008*). It is important to distinguish that the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports use the total reported number of child victims as opposed to a national estimate of child victims, which often is reported in *Child Maltreatment*.

[5] The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (762,940) by the child population for all States that submitted National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) data (75,512,062), and multiplying by 1,000.

[6] 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.

[7] For the purposes of this report, we are defining representation as disproportionate when the percentage of a racial/ethnic group of victims constitutes at least one and one-half times the percentage of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State's child population. 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.

[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) x 1,000].

[9] See the following for examples: (1) Freundlich, M. (2010). Legislative strategies to safely reduce the number of children in foster care. *National Conference of State Legislatures*. Retrieved September 20, 2010 from http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=20929 and (2) National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. (2010). State efforts to safely reduce the number of children in foster care. Retrieved September 20, 2010, from http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.9123e83a1f6786440ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=73a4b637fff68210VgnVCM1000005e00100aRCRD

- The percentage of children of a particular race/ethnicity entering foster care varied among States. In 2009, there were many States in which the percentage of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care disproportionately was greater than the percentage of these children in the State population.[10] Disproportionate representation was found for Black children (32 States), Alaska Native/American Indian children (13 States), and Hispanic children (6 States) entering foster care.
- Caution is warranted in evaluating the meaning of the disproportionate representation for children of various race/ethnicities entering foster care. Long-range trends using case-level AFCARS data indicate that, from 2002 through 2009, there was a downward trend for Black children as a proportion of the children entering foster care.[11]
- The same source showed that Hispanic children have increased as a proportion of children entering foster care, although this may be a function of the increase in the Hispanic population, in general, given that the number of Hispanic children entering foster care has not increased in proportion to their numbers in the general child population.

**From 2002 through 2009, there was a steady decline in the number of Black children entering foster care.**

- Nationally, 226,000 children exited foster care to a permanent home in 2009 (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship). Of these 226,000 children, 154,000 were discharged to reunification; 53,000 were discharged to adoption; and 19,000 were discharged to legal guardianship. In addition, 28,000 children were emancipated from foster care in 2009. There were approximately 11,000 children who exited care for reasons other than permanency or emancipation, such as transfer to another agency or to another State.
- Approximately 115,000 children were waiting for adoption in 2009.[12]

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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 key findings for these outcome areas is provided below. The measures relevant to these outcomes are described in detail in appendix B of the full report. Most of the outcome measures also are listed in tables I and II of this executive summary. Note that individual measures that are part of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) permanency composites are preceded by a "C" to distinguish them from the original outcome measures. The original outcome measures were developed prior to the first Child Welfare Outcomes Report (1998) in close consultation with State representatives and other professionals in the field. The composite measures, developed in 2005 and adopted in 2006, were based on the same outcome goals, but were created in response to requests that the Department measure more detailed aspects of the original outcomes to allow a better understanding of State performance.

All national medians for outcome measures referenced in this executive summary include only those States for which adequate data are available for FY 2006 through FY 2009. Tables of these medians can be found at the end of this executive summary.[13]

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

- In 2009, 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 = 1.2 to 12.2 percent; median = 5.6 percent).
- States with higher victim rates tended to have higher maltreatment recurrence rates within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r$ = .54).[14] In addition, consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect (as opposed to other forms of maltreatment) also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r$ = .40).

[10] 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 the foster care entry race and ethnicity analysis due to unavailable data.

[11] Fajardo, V., Swope, H., and Zikratova, L., The Decline in the Number of Children in Foster Care: Emerging Trends in AFCARS and NCANDS Data. Presentation at the Children's Bureau's 13th National Child Welfare Data & Technology Conference, Making IT Work, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, Maryland, July 19, 2010. This analysis used AFCARS data updated as of July 2010.

[12] There is no Federal definition for a "child waiting to be adopted." The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

[13] In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for FY 2009. In the 2009 "Range of State Performance" tables, national medians are calculated using all States that had adequate data available for FY 2009 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate FY 2009 national median is calculated that includes only the States that had adequate data available for all the relevant years (FY 2006 through FY 2009). This is done to provide a more accurate calculation of change over time. Therefore, the number of States (N) included in each of these calculations may vary, and these two medians may vary slightly. For consistency, the medians used in this executive summary are those that include States that had adequate data available for all relevant years.

[14] The strength of relationships in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is assessed using correlation coefficients, specifically Pearson's $r$, which can range in value from –1 to +1.

- Between 2006 and 2009, 50 percent of States demonstrated improved performance with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). In addition, the median across States for this measure changed from 6.0 percent in 2006 to 5.6 percent in 2009. Given that a lower recurrence rate is desirable, this demonstrates an overall improvement in performance.[15]

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

- In 2009, State performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (measure 2.1) ranged from 0.05 to 2.04 percent, with a median of 0.33 percent.
- Between 2006 and 2009, 62 percent of States demonstrated improved performance. In addition, the median performance for this measure improved from 0.39 percent in 2007 to 0.33 percent in 2009 (a –15.4 percent change).

### *Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care*

- In 2009, States were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 85.9 percent). However, States were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 77.0 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 = 66.5 percent).
- For children who had been in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1), defined at 24 months or longer, the data indicate that, while performance varied (range = 13.7 to 49.7 percent), all States struggled to some degree with finding permanent homes for these children. In 2009, only 28.9 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of the year. However, between 2006 and 2009, 70 percent of States exhibited an improvement in performance, and the national median for this measure increased from 25.5 percent to 28.9 percent (a 13.3 percent change).
- In many States, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2009 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, 25 percent or more of the children who were emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 45 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). However, it is encouraging to note that between 2006 and 2009, 64 percent of States showed improved performance on measure 3.4, and 47 percent of States showed improvement on measure C3.3.

**In many States, a large percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2009 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated.**

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

- The 2009 data suggest that, in many States, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. Across States, the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was about 67 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1).
- Overall, 52 percent of States showed a decline in performance from 2006 to 2009 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. The median length of stay in foster care for children prior to reunification increased from 7.1 months in 2006 to 8.0 months in 2009. Given that a shorter length of stay is desirable, this demonstrates a decline in performance (a 12.7 percent change).
- A longitudinal view of children from the time of entry into foster care (i.e., an entry cohort) until the time of discharge indicates that only a minority of States (41.4 percent) are reunifying children within a 12-month period from time of entry into foster care. This information is based on measure C1.3, which focuses on children entering care for the first time during the last 6 months of the prior year and follows them for 12 months to determine the percentage that reunified within this time period. Interestingly, those States that had a relatively high percentage of children reunified within 12 months also tended to have a relatively high percentage of children who were visited by their caseworkers at least once monthly (Pearson's $r$ = .35).

**Overall, 52 percent of States showed a decline in performance between 2006 and 2009 in the median length of stay in foster care for reunified children.**

[15] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

- Many States (60 percent) showed improved performance between 2006 and 2009 with regard to the percentage of children who reenter foster care in less than 12 months after being reunified (measure C1.4). In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 13.9 percent in 2006 to 13.2 in 2009 (a –5.0 percent change). Note that because a lower reentry rate is desirable, a negative percent change represents improved performance.

**Between 2006 and 2009, 60 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children who reenter foster care within 12 months from discharge.**

- 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 $r = .52$). 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 $r = -.48$).

### *Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption*

- Achieving timely adoptions was 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 was quite low in almost all States (measure 5.1a, median = 3.4 percent). In addition, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from a child's entry into foster care was fairly low (measure C2.1, median = 33.8 percent).
- From 2006 to 2009, 51 percent of States demonstrated improved performance with regard to the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (measure C2.1). The national median for this measure also improved from 29.9 percent in 2006 to 33.8 percent in 2009 (a 13.0 percent change).
- Seventy-seven percent of States showed improved performance 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 (measure C2.3). Consistent with this finding, the national median for this measure increased from 19.7 percent in 2006 to 23.6 percent in 2009 (a 19.8 percent change).
- Many States (61 percent) showed improvement 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 (measure C2.4). In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 9.7 percent in 2006 to 12.3 percent in 2009 (a 26.8 percent change).

**From 2006 to 2009, 77 percent of States demonstrated improved performance 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.**

- Fifty-seven 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 for this measure improved from 47.3 percent in 2006 to 55.4 percent in 2009 (a 17.1 percent change).

### *Outcome 6: Increase placement stability*

- In this report, adequate placement stability is defined as limiting the number of placement settings for a child to no more than two for a single foster care episode. Although most States appeared to be reasonably successful in achieving this placement stability goal for children in foster care for less than 12 months, States tended to be far less successful in meeting this goal for children in foster care for longer periods of time. The median across States declined from 84.9 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 60.8 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declined even further to 30.5 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

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

- In about one-half of the States, 4.4 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. However, in nine States, between 12 percent and 19 percent of young children were placed in group homes or institutions, indicating that this is still an important issue in several States.
- Between 2006 and 2009, 60 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children entering foster care when they were age 12 or younger who were placed in a group home or institution (measure 7.1). The national median for this measure also declined from 5.8 percent in 2006 to 4.4 percent in 2009.

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

In reviewing the key findings in all seven outcome areas, it is clear that there are both areas of strength and areas in need of improvement with regard to achieving positive outcomes for children who come into contact with State child welfare systems. Some areas needing additional attention are shown below. Note that the AFCARS data are too limited to provide insight into many of these issues, but they are presented here for the purpose of encouraging researchers in the field to design studies that address the issues. These areas include the following:

- Nationally, performance on both of the child safety measures improved between 2006 and 2008, but these measures showed a performance decline in 2009. States should monitor this performance and work to build on their earlier efforts to ensure that children remain safe.
- Finding permanent homes for children who entered care when they were age 13 or older has been a challenge for many States. In addition to relatively low performance in 2009, a change in performance between 2006 and 2009 indicates a decline in this area. The reasons for low or declining performance need to be understood better. In addition, the strategies used by States that are more successful in this area should be examined carefully.
- The majority of States made considerable strides toward finding permanent homes for children who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer. It would be useful to determine the drivers behind the success of the 70 percent of States that showed improved performance on this measure between 2006 and 2009.
- Overall, national performance on the median length of stay in foster care for children reunified showed a performance decline between 2006 and 2009. However, the reentry rate for children reunified improved within this same time period. These two areas should be reviewed in conjunction with one another so that strategies can be developed that improve performance in both the timeliness and permanency of reunifications. For example, are there services that are effective in ensuring safe and timely reunifications, while also preventing reentry?
- Overall, national performance on timeliness of adoptions has improved, but it continues to be a significant challenge for most States. It is important to note that there may be a variety of factors that contribute to lower performance on these measures, and these factors may vary considerably between States. However, for those States that struggle in this area, a careful review of specific barriers would be beneficial.
- An area in which States particularly have been effective in making performance gains is the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted or became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year. It would be valuable to understand how so many States have made gains in this area, and how this momentum can be sustained.
- Placement setting stability for children in foster care longer than 12 months consistently has been an area of difficulty for many States, and overall performance remained stagnant between 2006 and 2009. How can States prevent children from remaining in care for long periods of time and increase placement setting stability for children who have been in care for long periods of time?
- Consistent with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2004–2007*, States continue to make steady progress in reducing the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions. It would be useful to determine what strategies may have contributed to this continued success so that these advancements can be shared with other States working to make improvements.

Data and analysis presented throughout the full Child Welfare Outcomes Report offer additional details regarding overall national performance. In addition, State Data Pages provide a profile of individual State performance between 2006 and 2009.

| Table 1. Median State Performance, 2006–2009<br>Original Outcome Measures | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Outcome Measures[16] | Median Performance by Year | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| *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=50 States) | 6.0% | 5.5% | 5.3% | 5.6% |
| *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=45 States) | 0.39 | 0.38 | 0.29 | 0.33 |
| 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=47 States) | 87.2 | 86.7 | 86.0 | 85.9 |
| 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=40 States) | 78.5 | 77.9 | 77.6 | 77.0 |
| 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=47 States) | 70.6 | 67.8 | 67.3 | 66.5 |
| *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=47 States) | 27.9 | 26.3 | 25.6 | 25.4 |
| 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=47 States) | 70.0 | 68.9 | 66.4 | 67.9 |
| 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=47 States) | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 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=49 States) | 84.1 | 84.6 | 84.7 | 84.9 |
| 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=49 States) | 60.0 | 60.6 | 61.0 | 60.8 |
| 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=49 States) | 32.4 | 31.8 | 30.2 | 30.5 |
| *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 States) | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 4.4 |

*For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

[16] Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available.

## Table 2. Median State Performance, 2006–2009
## Composite Measures

| Composite Measures[17] | Median Performance by Year | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 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=46 States) | 69.7% | 68.4% | 68.5% | 67.9% |
| *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=46 States) | 7.1 mos. | 7.7 mos. | 8.0 mos. | 8.0 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=46 States) | 41.4 | 41.7 | 42.0 | 41.4 |
| 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=47 States) | 13.9 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 13.2 |
| 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=47 States)[18] | 29.9 | 31.2 | 29.5 | 33.8 |
| *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=47 States) | 30.8 mos. | 30.2 mos. | 30.8 mos. | 30.2 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 was discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=47 States)[19] | 19.7 | 20.9 | 23.1 | 23.6 |
| 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=44 States)[20] | 9.7 | 9.7 | 11.6 | 12.3 |
| 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=44 States) | 47.3 | 51.0 | 54.0 | 55.4 |
| 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=47 States) | 25.5 | 26.0 | 27.8 | 28.9 |
| 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=44 States)[21] | 94.3 | 94.4 | 93.6 | 94.2 |
| *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=47 States) | 45.7 | 44.2 | 44.3 | 45.0 |

*For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

[17] Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available. Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Individual measures developed for Composite 4: Placement stability are not shown in this table because the measures are nearly identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated into measure 6.1 (see table I).

[18] Although measure C2.1 is calculated exactly the same way as original 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 are aggregated to the State level, which also could influence slightly 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.

[19] 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 relatives, or guardianship.

[20] A child is considered to be "legally free" for adoption if there is a date for parental rights termination 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.

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

# I: Introduction to the Child Welfare Outcomes, Data, and Analysis

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports are 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 2006–2009*, is the tenth report since the series' inception.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports provide information on the national performance as well as the performance of individual States in seven outcome categories.[2] Prior to the first 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 a consensus of these groups regarding important 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

## ORIGINAL OUTCOME MEASURES AND CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW MEASURES

The Child Welfare Outcomes Reports originally reported on 12 measures established to assess performance on the seven national outcomes. However, starting with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*, the Department began including data on the four permanency composites (composed of 15 individual measures) used as part of the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).[3] Therefore, the current report includes a total of 27 measures.

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 Act. The Department published a final rule in the *Federal Register* on January 25, 2000, implementing the CFSRs. The CFSR has three main goals: (1) to ensure that State child and family service programs are in conformity with the requirements in titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act; (2) to determine what actually is happening to children and families as they are engaged in child welfare services; and (3) to assist States in enhancing their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes.

The CFSRs examine outcome data as well as systemic factors (such as a State's foster and adoptive parent licensing, recruitment, and retention practices) that may be promoting or impeding positive outcomes for children and families who come into contact with a State's child welfare system.[4]

As part of the CFSRs, States receive data profiles that include their performances on two safety measures and four permanency composite measures (which include individual measures under each one). While the two safety measures always had been included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, these four CFSR permanency composite measures were added to the reports beginning with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*.

The composites, developed in 2005 and adopted in 2006, incorporate a set of 15 individual measures pertaining to permanency (including reunification, adoption, and guardianship) and placement stability for children in foster care. These 15 measures have some overlap with the original measures in reports prior to *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*. However, there is general public interest in the measures because of their importance in the CFSR process, and they are included in the report for that reason.

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[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] 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.

[3] See appendix B for descriptions of the 27 outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.

[4] Complete information on the CFSR process is provided on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/index.htm#cfsr

Individual measures that are part of the CFSR composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original measures. Also note that the CFSRs and Child Welfare Outcomes Report are separate activities within the Department, even though the measures have some overlap. In addition, State data used for the CFSR may vary somewhat from the data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report because States often correct and update data used in the CFSR process.

**To distinguish the newer measures from the original measures used in this report, measures that are part of the CFSR composites are preceded by a "C" throughout the report.**

## 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]
- Caseworker visits data for children in foster care (the percentage of foster children visited monthly by their caseworker and the percentage of monthly visits occurring in the home of the child)[7]
- 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")[8]
- Mean and median times 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[9]
- The median length of stay of children in foster care
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children "waiting for adoption"[10]
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children for whom an adoption was finalized during the year

## FEDERAL CHILD WELFARE DATA SYSTEMS

Data for the original Child Welfare Outcomes measures, the CFSR composite measures, and the majority of the context data, 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 submitted voluntarily by States. The specific NCANDS and AFCARS data elements used to calculate each outcome measure are outlined in appendix D.

Data for the new caseworker visits requirements are reported in each State's Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR). These data are not part of AFCARS or NCANDS, and some States have elected to use a sampling procedure approved by the mathematical statistician of the Children's Bureau. As referenced in the previous section of this chapter, data on caseworker visits are reported as context data for the purposes of this report.

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[5] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008–September 30, 2009).

[6] These data come from the Census Bureau and reflect estimates rather than actual numbers. These data are based on the calendar year and not the fiscal year.

[7] Caseworker visits are a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. Requirements for caseworker visits data are defined under section 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Social Security Act. Detailed information on collection and reporting can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 issued April 18, 2008: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0803.htm. For more information, see appendix C.

[8] *Child Maltreatment 2008* provides the following definitions: (1) "Substantiated" 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 in selected cases; "alternative response victim" is a possible disposition in those States.

[9] 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.

[10] 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 parents' 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 with parents' whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. This definition may differ from definitions used by individual States.

As noted previously, the data used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report may vary slightly from other sources if a State resubmitted data after the Department prepared the data for this report. Data were prepared on the following dates:

- 2006, 2007, 2008 AFCARS data: November 19, 2009
- 2009 AFCARS data: January 19, 2010
- 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 NCANDS data: June 18, 2010
- 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 Census data: June 18, 2010
- 2007, 2008, 2009 Caseworker Visits data: June 18, 2010

### *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 the most recent report, *Child Maltreatment 2009*, is presented in appendix E.

The NCANDS Child File is a data file that States submit annually. In 2009, all 52 States submitted an NCANDS Child File.[11] This file contains detailed case information about each child who is the subject of an investigation or assessment in response to a maltreatment allegation. Any child that is associated with a report that has received a disposition during the year is included in the Child File. Although a disposition usually refers to a finding regarding the allegation, it also can include those reports that were closed without a finding.

The Child File is the component of NCANDS that is the primary data source for the safety-related data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.[12] The Summary Data Component (SDC) File also can be used for the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Report in the absence of a State's submission of a Child File. In 2009, there were two States (Oregon and North Dakota) that submitted SDC Files. While alternate safety data sources sometimes are allowed for the purposes of the CFSRs, they are not used for the purposes of this report.

### *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 all 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 F includes national AFCARS summary data for FY 2009.

## DATA ANALYSES IN THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT

Chapters II through V 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 case-level data for the country as a whole. In addition, there are occasionally instances in which certain State data are excluded from cross-State analyses due to incomplete or inadequate data.[13] Therefore, the total number of States included may vary for each analysis.[14]

[11] Note that the Child Files submitted by Oregon and North Dakota were not complete data files and were special submissions containing the information necessary to calculate the child maltreatment outcome measures. These special Child Files, combined with the Oregon and North Dakota SDC files, allowed us to have more complete information to report for those two States.

[12] Total child fatalities are the only safety data element included in this report that includes information from both the Child File and Agency File.

[13] Data quality issues can be caused by a number of issues. For example, States implementing new Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS) may encounter some data quality issues while they transition to a new data collection system. Additionally, data quality can be compromised by factors such as policy changes or poor data entry practices.

[14] In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for FY 2009. In the 2009 Range of State Performance tables, national medians are calculated using all States that had adequate data available for FY 2009 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate FY 2009 national median is calculated that includes only the States that had adequate data available for all the relevant years (FY 2006 through FY 2009). This is done to provide a more accurate calculation of change over time. Therefore, the number of States (N) included in each of these calculations may vary, and these two medians may vary slightly.

### *Percent change calculations*

Change in State performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.[15] Using a percent change calculation permits a better assessment of the extent of change occurring over time by taking into account the size of the percentages (or other units of measurement, such as months) being compared. For example, the importance of a 1 percent increase will depend on the magnitude of the measures being compared. An increase from 31 percent to 32 percent in the number of children adopted in fewer than 24 months may be somewhat interesting, but this amount of increase takes on a whole different meaning when the size of the percentages being compared is much smaller. Suppose that the rate of maltreatment recurrence increased from 1 percent to 2 percent in a State. This would be a doubling of the recurrence rate, so it would be misleading to say simply that the rate of maltreatment recurrence increased by 1 percent. This problem of magnitude of the numbers involved in comparisons is solved by addressing the *proportional* change ("percent change") that occurred. 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 2006 to 2009 was less than 5.0 in either direction, a determination is 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.[16] These are as follows:

- A coefficient of plus or minus .20–.40 indicates a low correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .40–.70 indicates a moderate correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .70–.90 indicates a high correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .90–1.00 indicates a very high correlation.

[15] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

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

# II: Keeping Children Safe

Public child welfare agencies are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that children who have been found to be victims of abuse or neglect are protected from further harm. Agencies may do this by finding ways to keep these children safely in their homes, or, when this is not feasible, by placing the children in out-of-home care. Even before considering ways to provide a permanent setting for these vulnerable children, the child welfare agency must focus first on ensuring the safety of the children.

This chapter provides information on some contextual factors as well as on the following two safety measures:

- The percentage of child victims who experience a recurrence of maltreatment within a 6-month period
- The percentage of all children in foster care 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) and are for Federal fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008–September 30, 2009). 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. 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 over the past several years. A total of 52 States submitted NCANDS data for 2009.[17]

**Although the NCANDS submission is voluntary, it is strongly encouraged; 52 States submitted NCANDS data for 2009.**

Before addressing the performance of States on the safety outcome measures, this chapter provides important contextual data, including the characteristics of the child victims, types of maltreatment, time to investigation, and disproportionate racial representation among victims.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD VICTIMS

In 2009, approximately 763,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.[18] The overall national child victim rate was 10.1 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.[19]

Table II-1 shows the total number of child victims and the national child victim rate between 2006 and 2009.

**Table II-1. Child Victims, 2006–2009***

| | 2006 (N=51 States) | 2007 (N=51 States) | 2008 (N=52 States) | 2009 (N=52 States) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Child Victims** | 886,000 | 761,000 | 774,000 | 763,000 |
| National Child Victim Rate | 12.0 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.1 |

*The data in this table represent duplicate counts of child victims (the same child may be reported as a victim more than once).

**The total number of child victims is rounded to the nearest 1,000.

As indicated in table II-1, there was a substantial decrease in both the total number of child victims and the national child victim rate between 2006 and 2007. As discussed in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2004–2007*, a predominant factor contributing to the national decrease of victims between 2006 and 2007 was a change in reporting for the State of Florida. Florida used "indicated" as a disposition option in 2006, but did not report indicated victims in 2007 and subsequent years.[20] This contributed to a dramatic decrease in Florida's total number of victims, from 134,567 in 2006 to 53,484 in 2007. If Florida were removed from the national child victim rate calculation, the national child victim rate for 2006 would be 10.8 instead of 12.0. While there is still a decrease in the national child victim rate data between 2006 and 2009 after removing Florida from the calculation, the decrease is less dramatic

[17] 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 number of States actually used in a specific analysis depends on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

[18] For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child for whom an incident of abuse or neglect has been substantiated or indicated by an investigation or assessment. A State may include some children with alternative dispositions as victims (see *Child Maltreatment 2008*). It is important to distinguish that the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports use the total reported number of child victims as opposed to a national estimate of child victims, which often is reported in Child Maltreatment. The total number of victims reported in this report is rounded to the nearest 1,000.

[19] The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (762,940) by the child population for all States that submitted NCANDS data (75,512,062), and multiplying by 1,000.

[20] Note that 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. If a State chooses to exclude these indicated disposition cases from reporting, the State will appear to have fewer victims than if it included them.

than it appeared initially. While data are not available to explain completely the remaining downward trend, the discussion below addresses what is known about the variation in child victim rates across the States.

Consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across States in 2009, ranging from 1.5 child victims per 1,000 children to 29.9 child victims per 1,000 children.[21] There are a number of possible explanations for this variation. One explanation concerns State definitions of child maltreatment. States with broader definitions of what constitutes child maltreatment may have higher victim rates than States with narrower definitions. Variations in the level of evidence required for substantiation also may contribute to different child victim rates among States. In addition, there are six States that used "indicated" as a disposition option in 2009, which may suggest an increase in their child victim rates, as illustrated above by the fact that Florida's victim rate decreased when it stopped reporting indicated dispositions. However, the 2009 data do not support this notion. The six States that reported victims with a disposition of indicated had a median child victim rate (9.9 per 1,000 children) that was similar to the rate of the remaining States (9.8 per 1,000 children).[22]

Another factor causing variation in child victim rates is the use of alternative response approaches. That is, child victim rates may be lower in States that have implemented "alternative response" approaches to maltreatment allegations compared to States that do not use this type of response system.[23] In alternative response approaches, child welfare agencies respond with a referral for a family assessment rather than with a formal investigation when there are no immediate safety concerns for the child and the maltreatment allegation involves low or moderate risk. Three States reported "alternative response victims" to NCANDS in 2009.[24] However, a number of States that use an alternative response approach do not use the NCANDS disposition categories of "alternative response victim" or "alternative response non-victim." In these States, alternative response approaches do not involve a finding (i.e., a disposition) regarding the validity of the allegation, and therefore would not be reported as a victim to the NCANDS Child File.

There is also a large degree of variation across States in the types of maltreatment reported. One possible explanation for this variation concerns differences in how types of maltreatment are defined in State law or policy. Each State has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect based on minimum standards established in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).[25] Most States recognize at least four major types of maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. However, there is some variation among States in definitions and how criteria are applied for what constitutes child abuse or neglect.[26] 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 type of maltreatment.

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

As was true for the variation in victim rates, variation in types of maltreatment reported by States also occasionally may be due to the way States respond to maltreatment allegations. 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."

In addition, there was a large degree of variation among States in the average time between the first report of suspected abuse or neglect and the start of the investigation (defined as the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim, where appropriate). Of the 40 States that submitted complete median time-to-investigation data to NCANDS in 2009, 70 percent had a calculated median of either "less than 24 hours" or "greater than 24 hours but less than 48 hours" (see table II-2). Time to investigation may be influenced by a number of factors, including type of abuse reported, the severity and level of safety risk associated with the report, the number of prior reports received for a child, and the workload of caseworkers assigned to investigation.[27]

[21] 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.

[22] The six States using "indicated" as a disposition option in 2009 were Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, and Tennessee. Note that the median child victim rate is different from the national child victim rate. For the median child victim rate, a median is established for each State, and those medians are used to calculate the median for all States. In contrast, the national child victim rate is calculated using child-level data (see footnote 18).

[23] U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2008). *Child Maltreatment*. Retrieved from http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm08/cm08.pdf

[24] The three States that reported "alternative response victims" to NCANDS in 2009 were Alaska, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

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

[26] More information about variations in State definitions of child abuse and neglect can be found on the Child Welfare Information Gateway website: http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/can

[27] U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2008). Reports. In *Child Maltreatment* (pp. 8-9). Retrieved from http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm08/cm08.pdf

| Table II-2. Time to Investigation in Hours, 2009 | |
|---|---|
| Median Time* | Percent of States (N=40) |
| ≤24 hours | 27.5% |
| >24 but <48 hours | 42.5 |
| >48 but <72 hours | 15.0 |
| >72 but <96 hours | 10.0 |
| >96 but <120 hours | 0.0 |
| >120 but <144 hours | 2.5 |
| >144 but <168 hours | 0.0 |
| >168 but <192 hours | 2.5 |

*Median time to investigation in hours is computed from the NCANDS Child File records by subtracting the Report Date from the Investigation Start Date and then converting the result to hours by multiplying by 24. Zero days difference (both dates are on the same day) is reported as "under 24 hours;" 1 day difference (investigation date is the next day after report date) is reported as "at least 24 hours, but less than 48 hours;" and 2 days difference is reported as "at least 48 hours, but less than 72 hours," etc.

Table II-3 presents 2009 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.

**Average time to investigation varied considerably among States.**

| Table II-3. Characteristics of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2009* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of States (N) Reporting | Range Across States | Median Across States |
| **Age of Children at Time of Maltreatment Report** | | | |
| Not yet 1 year old | 52 | 2.2%–18.2% | 12.3% |
| At least 1 year old but not yet 6 years old | 52 | 20.8–41.7 | 33.3 |
| At least 6 years old but not yet 11 years old | 52 | 22.5–29.7 | 26.2 |
| At least 11 years old but not yet 16 years old | 52 | 15.6–35.4 | 21.1 |
| At least 16 years old | 52 | 3.6–15.6 | 6.0 |
| **Type of Maltreatment Experienced** | | | |
| Neglect** | 52 | 3.7–92.2 | 70.6 |
| Physical abuse | 52 | 6.5–47.8 | 17.6 |
| Psychological/emotional abuse | 51 | 0.1–47.8 | 1.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 52 | 2.1–61.5 | 7.4 |
| Medical neglect | 43 | 0.0–7.3 | 2.1 |
| Other | 52 | 0.0–91.9 | 0.0 |
| **Children's Race/Ethnicity*** ** | | | |
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 51 | 0.0–48.9 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 51 | 0.0–11.8 | 0.4 |
| Black | 51 | 0.0–59.6 | 15.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 51 | 0.0–17.2 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 51 | 0.4–100.0 | 8.4 |
| White | 51 | 0.0–96.1 | 50.4 |
| Two or more races | 51 | 0.0–40.7 | 3.2 |

*The data in this table represent duplicate counts of child victims (the same child may be reported as a victim more than once).

**Some States include medical neglect in this category.

***All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

### *Disproportionate racial representation among child victims*[28]

States varied in 2009 with regard to the race/ethnicity of child victims. Some of this variation is related to the population differences across States. For example, some States serve virtually no Alaska Native/American Indian children. When there only are a 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 2009, 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.[29] In no State did the percentage of White child victims significantly exceed the percentage of these children in the State's population. These findings are consistent with findings in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

**Disproportionate representation was found for Black child victims (22 States), Alaska Native/American Indian child victims (14 States), and Hispanic child victims (4 States).**

The following key finding pertains to the disproportionate representation of Black children among State child victims in 2009:

- In 22 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.[30]

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Alaska Native/American Indian child victims in 2009:

- In 14 States, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian child victims was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population.[31]
- In 6 of these 14 States, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian child victims was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population (Idaho, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington).

The following key finding pertains to the disproportionate representation of Hispanic children among State child victims in 2009:

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

While NCANDS data cannot provide us with the reasons for these patterns of disproportionate racial/ethnic representation among child victims, this topic would to be a fruitful one for further investigation by researchers in the field. In addition, this topic is an important area for further discussion at the Federal, State, and local levels.

## RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE IN 2009 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-4 summarizes State performance in 2009 on the measures pertaining to these outcomes. Note that cases identified as "alternative response victim" are not included in the calculation of these two safety outcome measures. Only substantiated and indicated cases are used for these calculations.

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

[29] For the purposes of this report, we consider representation to be disproportionate when the percentage of a racial/ethnic group of victims constitutes at least one and one-half times the percentage of children of that racial/ethnic group in a State's child population. 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. Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico were excluded from this analysis due to unavailable child victim data.

[30] The 22 States in which Black child victims were overrepresented were Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

[31] The 14 States in which Alaska Native/American Indian child victims were overrepresented were Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

| Table II-4. Range of State Performance, 2009<br>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=52 States) | 3.3% | 5.6% | 7.1% | 1.2–12.2% |
| **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 States) | 0.20 | 0.33 | 0.47 | 0.05–2.04 |

*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 = 1.2 to 12.2 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. That is, States with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher rates of recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = .54$ in 2009). A similar finding also was found in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

**States with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher recurrence rates (Pearson's $r = .54$).**

The range in performance with regard to maltreatment recurrence in 2009 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:

- States with a relatively *high* percentage of children who were victims of neglect also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = .40$).
- States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of physical abuse had some tendency to have a relatively *low* percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = -.40$).
- States with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of sexual abuse had some tendency to have a relatively *low* percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a 6-month period (Pearson's $r = -.35$).

These findings are similar to those of prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and also are consistent with research indicating that child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.[32] 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.**

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 some 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 may be 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 incidence of maltreatment recurrence.

[32] 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 August 6, 2010, from http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/05/child-maltreat-rereporting/index.htm

### *Maltreatment of children in foster care*

Table II-4 also shows the range in State performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (range = 0.05 percent to 2.04 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 among States in background check requirements for those who care for children in foster care.[33]

Variations in performance regarding maltreatment of children in foster care also may be influenced somewhat 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 a private mental health or substance abuse treatment facility. Currently, several States do not report residential facility staff perpetrators to NCANDS, but many do. While the number of children who are victims of maltreatment while in a residential facility yet not in foster care is generally small, it can impact slightly the calculation of maltreatment in foster care. This is because a few children will be in the numerator who are not also in the denominator.[34] Nonetheless, this indicator has been calculated consistently in the same way each year to allow accurate 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 2006 to 2009 on measures of maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1) and maltreatment in foster care (measure 2.1) are presented in table II-5. For comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided adequate and complete data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

**Table II-5. Median State Performance, 2006–2009**
**Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe**

| Outcome Measures* | Median Performance by Year | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| **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=50 States) | 6.0% | 5.5% | 5.3% | 5.6% |
| **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=45 States) | 0.39 | 0.38 | 0.29 | 0.33 |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years. The 2009 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table II-3 due to differences in the number of States included for each analysis.

**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 2009 was compared to performance in 2006. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.[35] Table II-6 presents findings regarding the change in State performance on these measures.

[33] See the following for examples: (1) National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning. (2007). Foster parent in-service training. Retrieved August 6, 2010, from http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/Foster-Parent-In-Service-Training.pdf (2) Ryan, P., & Cole, K. (1993). Maltreatment in family foster care: A survey of the States. East Lansing, MI: National Foster Care Resource Center; and (3) Child Welfare Information Gateway State Statutes: http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state

[34] 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. For 2009, 90 percent of all records submitted to NCANDS contained an AFCARS ID. However, it still is 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 in the future.

[35] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

| Table II-6. Change in Performance Over Time, 2006–2009<br>Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Outcome Measures* | States That Improved in Performance | States That Declined in Performance | States That Had No Change in Performance** |
| ***Measure 1.1: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a 6-month period (N=50 States) | 25 (50%) | 13 (26%) | 12 (24%) |
| ***Measure 2.1: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children in foster care who were victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member (N=45 States) | 28 (62%) | 15 (33%) | 2 (4%) |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

**When a percent change in performance from 2006 to 2009 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 these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

As shown in table II-6, 50 percent of the applicable States demonstrated improved performance with regard to the measure of recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1). In addition, as shown in table II-5, the median across States for this measure changed from 6.0 percent in 2006 to 5.6 percent in 2009, demonstrating an overall improvement in performance (a –6.7 percent change). However, 26 percent of States showed a decline in performance.

**Between 2006 and 2009, 50 percent of the States demonstrated improvement in recurrence of child maltreatment, and 62 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), 62 percent of the applicable States demonstrated an improved performance. This is consistent with the fact that the median for this measure also improved from 0.39 percent in 2006 to 0.33 percent in 2009 (a –15.4 percent change).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

With regard to the two safety measures, it is important to keep in mind that, while the percentages of maltreatment may be numerically small, these events can have serious implications for the safety and well-being of children. The data for the two safety measures indicate that, nationally, 5.6 percent of child victims reported to NCANDS experienced another maltreatment incident within a 6-month period in 2009 (table II-4, measure 1.1); and less than one percent (0.33 percent) of children in foster care were reported to be victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member (table II-4, measure 2.1). Between 2006 and 2009, both measures of child safety somewhat fluctuated. However, data for these measures indicate that performance is improving overall.

# III: Finding Permanent Homes for a Diverse Foster Care Population

Sometimes foster care is necessary to ensure a child's safety and well-being on a temporary basis.[36] Nonetheless, once removal occurs, State child welfare agencies work with the family and the courts to return the child to his or her home or to find another permanent home for the child in a timely manner. Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care, encompasses these permanency goals for children and youth.

This chapter presents national permanency results for the general foster care population, foster children with disabilities, and children and youth who have been in foster care for long periods of time. Contextual information also is provided regarding the race/ethnicity of children entering foster care.

For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), a child achieves permanency when he or she is reported to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) as discharged from foster care to one of the following arrangements:

- Reunified with parents or primary caretakers[37]
- Living with other relatives
- Living with a legal guardian
- Legally adopted

To assess State performance in finding 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.[38] The source of most of the data presented in this chapter is AFCARS.[39] However, data pertaining to State child populations are estimates from the Census Bureau.

## NUMBERS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Nationally, there were approximately 435,000 children in foster care on the last day of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2009.[40] During that year, an estimated 249,000 children entered foster care, and 265,000 children exited foster care. Table III-1 presents the total number of children in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year for FYs 2006 through 2009, in addition to the total number of children entering and exiting care during these time periods. Note, however, that the data referenced in table III-1 are current as of January 19, 2010. A discussion of more updated data is provided after the table. Data for all years were updated due to somewhat revised State data submissions as of July 29, 2010.

**Table III-1. Number of Children in Foster Care, 2006–2009**

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Children in care, last day of FY** | 510,000 | 494,000 | 466,000 | 435,000 |
| **Children entering care** | 297,000 | 286,000 | 268,000 | 249,000 |
| **Children exiting care** | 288,000 | 287,000 | 281,000 | 265,000 |

As shown in table III-1, there was a continuous decline in the number of children in foster care between 2006 and 2009. Updated data included in *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption 2002–2009*, a report produced by the Department, present an even more striking downward trend.[41] The data reported in the updated trends analysis indicate that between FYs 2002 and 2009, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 19 percent from 523,000 to 424,000. While currently it is not possible to determine the cause for the decrease in the number of children in foster care through the AFCARS database, a number of States have

[36] 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.

[37] 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."

[38] 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, depending on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

[39] Data used in this report may be different from other sources due to a number of variables, including the timing of data collection. All FY 2009 AFCARS data used in this report are current as of January 19, 2010.

[40] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008–September 30, 2009).

[41] For more information, see *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption 2002–2009* on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/trends.htm. The data used in *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption 2002–2009* was updated as of July 29, 2010. FY 2009 AFCARS data used throughout this Child Welfare Outcomes Report was updated January 19, 2010; FY 2006 through 2008 data were updated on November 19, 2009.

made deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.[42]

**There was a continuous decline in the number of children in foster care between 2006 and 2009.**

States differed considerably in 2009 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.[43] The foster care child entry rate ranged from 1.4 to 8.6 children per 1,000 children in the population, and the median across States was 3.8 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 to differences in the rate of child victims in a State because the correlation between foster care entry rates and child victim rates in 2009 was very low (Pearson's $r = .17$). This observation also was made in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Variations in entry rates may be due to differences across States in policies regarding when children are removed from the home and placed in foster care.[44] The existence and availability of services designed to support families and enable children to remain in the home also may affect the number of children who enter foster care within a State.

Table III-2 presents information for 2009 pertaining to the ages and race/ethnicity of children reported at the time of their entry into foster care.

**Table III-2. Characteristics of Children Entering Foster Care, 2009**

| Children's age at entry (N=52 States) | Range | Median |
|---|---|---|
| Not yet 1 year old | 7.7–23.6% | 15.9% |
| At least 1 year old but not yet 6 years old | 17.2–42.4 | 29.3 |
| At least 6 years old but not yet 13 years old | 18.2–31.8 | 26.0 |
| At least 13 years old but not yet 16 years old | 7.8–26.6 | 16.4 |
| At least 16 years old | 3.8–28.9 | 11.1 |
| **Children's race/ethnicity at entry (N=52 States)*** | | |
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0–54.7 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 0.0–12.4 | 0.3 |
| Black | 0.2–77.5 | 19.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0.0–17.9 | <0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.4–97.6 | 9.6 |
| White | 0.2–96.4 | 47.1 |
| Two or more races | 0.0–46.3 | 4.0 |

*All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

As shown in table III-2, the age of children entering foster care varied dramatically across States in 2009. In Tennessee, for example, approximately 50 percent of the children entering foster care were age 13 or older at the time of entry while, in contrast, only 12 percent of the Alaskan children entering foster care were age 13 or older at entry. However, excluding Tennessee, in all States, at least half of the children entering foster care were under the age of 13. In 20 States, the percentage of children under the age of 13 at the time of entry was at least 75 percent.

It is also important to look at how the age at entry into foster care has changed over time. As indicated below in table III-3, there was a shift between 2006 and 2009 toward more young children (younger than 6 years old) and older youth (age 16 and older) entering foster care. At the same time, there was a reduction in the number of youth entering care who were between the ages of 13 and 16 years of age. It is useful to examine the breakdown in the age of children entering foster care, as well as the trends in age over time, because 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 their families.

[42] See the following for examples: (1) Freundlich, M. (2010). Legislative strategies to safely reduce the number of children in foster care. *National Conference of State Legislatures.* Retrieved September 20, 2010, from http://www.ncsl.org/documents/cyf/strategies_reducing_the_number_of_children_in_foster_care.pdf and, (2) National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. (2010). State efforts to safely reduce the number of children in foster care. Retrieved September 20, 2010, from http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.9123e83a1f6786440ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=73a4b637fff68210VgnVCM1000005e00100aRCRD

[43] 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) x 1,000].

[44] See the following for examples: Wertheimer, R. (2006.) An assessment of State-level data on child maltreatment and foster care: Summary of a meeting of experts. The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Retrieved November 16, 2010, from http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2006_04_01_OP_ChildWelfareData.pdf

| Table III-3. Median Age of Children Entering Foster Care, 2006–2009 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age at Entry | Median Age by Year | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Not yet 1 year old | 14.5% | 15.9% | 15.6% | 15.9% |
| At least 1 year old but not yet 6 years old | 27.9 | 27.4 | 28.4 | 29.3 |
| At least 6 years old but not yet 13 years old | 26.3 | 26.1 | 25.8 | 26.0 |
| At least 13 years old but not yet 16 years old | 18.2 | 17.1 | 16.9 | 16.4 |
| At least 16 years old | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 11.1 |

### *Disproportionate racial representation among children entering foster care*[45]

Disproportionate racial representation of child victims of maltreatment was discussed in chapter II. Similarly, in 2009, 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's population.[46] 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.

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Black children entering foster care in 2009:

- In 32 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 population.[47]
- In 7 of these 32 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 population (California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin).

**In 2009, disproportionate representation was found for Black children (32 States), Alaska Native/American Indian children (13 States), and Hispanic children (6 States) entering foster care.**

The following key findings pertain to the disproportionate representation of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care in 2009:

- In 13 States, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care was at least one and one-half times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population.[48]
- In 8 of these 13 States, the percentage of Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care was at least three times greater than the percentage of these children in the State's population (Alaska, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin).

The following key finding pertains to the disproportionate representation of Hispanic children entering foster care in 2009:

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

Disproportionate representation of minority race/ethnicity children entering foster care was also an area of discussion in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. However, AFCARS trends over time using case-level data indicate that caution is warranted in evaluating the meaning of the disproportionate representation patterns just discussed. Analyzing data from 2002 through 2009, Fajardo, Swope,

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

[46] 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 the foster care entry race and ethnicity analysis due to unavailable data.

[47] The 32 States in which Black children entering foster care were overrepresented were Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

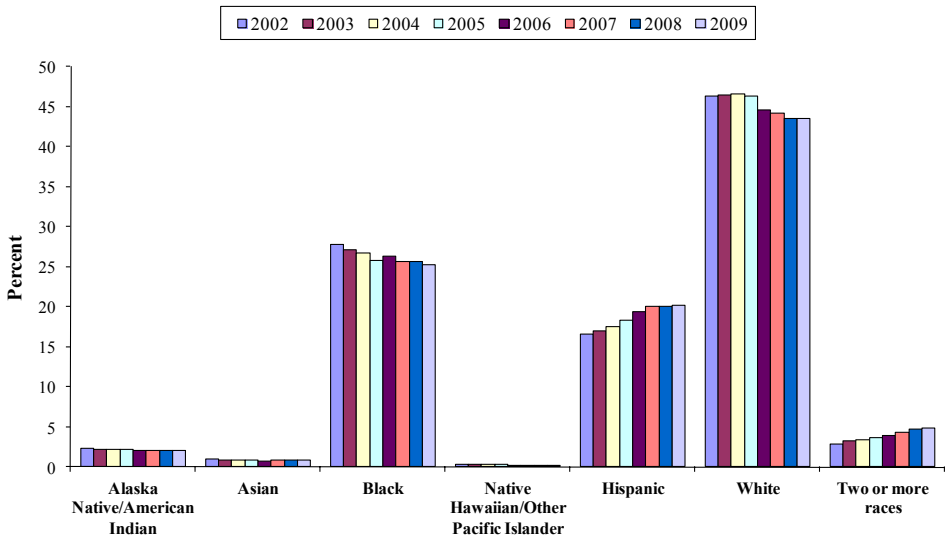
[48] The 13 States in which Alaska Native/American Indian children entering foster care were overrepresented were Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

and Zikratova (2010) found some interesting shifts in the racial/ethnic characteristics of children entering foster care (see figure III-1).[49]

Figure III-1 shows the following shifts between 2002 and 2009 in the racial and ethnic makeup of children entering foster care.

- The percentage of Black children entering foster care declined.
- The percentage of Hispanic children entering foster care increased.
- The percentage of White children entering foster care declined.
- The percentage of children entering foster care identified as "two or more" races increased.

**Figure III-1. Entries Into Foster Care: Trend in Percentages by Race/Ethnicity, 2002–2009**




For Hispanics only, one sees the unusual circumstance in which there are more children of this group in foster care, but their rate of entry is static. Fajardo, Swope, and Zikratova (2010) point out that, while the percentage of Hispanic children entering foster care has increased, the *rate* of Hispanic children entering foster care (per 1,000 Hispanic children in the general population) has remained stable; the numbers of Hispanic children entering care have remained proportionate to the numbers in the general population. These findings imply that there is no greater likelihood of children of Hispanic ethnicity entering foster care than in the past.

It is important to note that most data referenced in this report are aggregated to the State level prior to any analysis, but the Fajardo, Swope, and Zikratova analysis used case-level data for the nation as a whole. This difference would be expected to result in somewhat different findings for the two methods of analysis. Also, note that the analysis described above does not imply that disproportionate representation is no longer a concern; rather, the magnitude of it appears to be decreasing.

## RANGE OF PERFORMANCE IN ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Nationally, approximately 226,000 children exited foster care to a permanent home in 2009 (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship). Of these 226,000 children, 154,000 (68 percent) were discharged to reunification; 53,000 (23 percent) were discharged to adoption; and 19,000 (8 percent) were discharged to legal guardianship.

[49] Fajardo, V., Swope, H., and Zikratova, L. The decline in the number of children in foster care: Emerging trends in AFCARS and NCANDS data. Presentation at the Children's Bureau's 13th National Child Welfare Data & Technology Conference, Making IT Work, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, Maryland, July 19, 2010. This analysis used AFCARS data updated as of July 2010.

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-4, along with the measures that are part of CFSR composite 3. Composite measures are preceded with the letter C.[50]

**Table III-4. Range of State Performance, 2009**
**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=50 States) | 81.9% | 86.1% | 89.9% | 64.9–94.7% |
| 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=46 States) | 66.5 | 76.5 | 80.6 | 42.8–91.8 |
| 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=50 States) | 59.3 | 66.6 | 73.0 | 32.3–91.0 |
| **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=50 States) | 17.9 | 25.3 | 38.1 | 8.1–54.7 |
| 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=50 States) | 23.2 | 28.4 | 34.6 | 13.7–49.7 |
| 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=47 States) | 90.3 | 94.4 | 96.6 | 82.5–100 |
| **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=50 States) | 34.2 | 45.1 | 57.5 | 15.0–70.1 |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

**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-4 suggest that, in 2009, States were generally 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 = 94.4 percent).[51] However, it is concerning that even small percentages of children legally free for adoption do not exit foster care to a permanent home.

The data in table III-4 also indicate that in 2009, States were fairly successful in finding a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 86.1 percent). However, States were less successful in finding permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 76.5 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 = 66.6 percent). These disparities in finding permanent homes for older children and children with disabilities have been consistent findings in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. The disparities suggest that agencies may want to review their data and current practice to consider whether there are ways to increase placing these older and disabled youth in permanent homes.

Measure C3.1 examines a cohort of children who have been in foster care for a long period of time (those who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer as of the first of the year). The measure follows these children from the first day of the year to the last, and focuses on the percentage who achieve permanency. While there was a wide range in performance for measure C3.1 for 2009 (13.7 percent to 49.7 percent), the data indicate that all States struggled to some degree with this measure. Only 28.4 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 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 moderate positive correlation (Pearson's $r = .52$) between these two measures.

[50] Additional information about the measures and composites can be found in appendix B. Composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original set of outcome measures.

[51] 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.

### *Older youth in foster care*

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. Nationally, approximately 28,000 youth were emancipated from foster care in 2009. 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?

**States tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (86.1 percent) than for children with a diagnosed disability (76.5 percent) and children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (66.6 percent).**

In general, there was considerable variation across States regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care who were reported to AFCARS as having a discharge reason of emancipation. In 2009, States with the lowest percentages of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation were Missouri (1.0 percent), Indiana (1.6 percent), and West Virginia (2.5 percent). States with the highest percentages were Maryland (28.9 percent), Virginia (28.5 percent), and the District of Columbia (23.8 percent). In 2009, the median across States for children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation was 9.8 percent.[52]

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 fully. 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 $r = .15$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

**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-4 suggest that, in many States, a considerable percentage of children emancipated from foster care in 2009 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, 25 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4). In addition, in about one-half of States, 45 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).

## CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

The median performances across States for 2006 to 2009 on measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care are presented in table III-5. The 2009 results displayed in this table may vary slightly from data included in table III-4 because table III-5 includes only States that provided adequate data for the measures in all of the relevant years (2006 through 2009). Table III-6 presents a breakdown of the number and percentage of States showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2006 and 2009.

Note that the Child Welfare Outcomes Report provides both the change in the national median over time (table III-5) as well as the number of States with an improvement, decline, or no change in performance (table III-6). These tables should be viewed together in order to gain a better understanding of trends over time.

[52] The median of 9.8 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.

| Table III-5. Median State Performance, 2006–2009<br>Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Outcome Measures* | Median Performance by Year | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 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=47 States) | 87.2% | 86.7% | 86.0% | 85.9% |
| 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=40 States) | 78.5 | 77.9 | 77.6 | 77.0 |
| 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=47 States) | 70.6 | 67.8 | 67.3 | 66.5 |
| **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=47 States) | 27.9 | 26.3 | 25.6 | 25.4 |
| 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=47 States) | 25.5 | 26.0 | 27.8 | 28.9 |
| ***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=44 States) | 94.3 | 94.4 | 93.6 | 94.2 |
| **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=47 States) | 45.7 | 44.2 | 44.3 | 45.0 |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years. The 2009 data included in this table may be different from the data included in table III-4 due to differences in the number of States included for each analysis.

**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-6 presents a summary of the change in State performance between 2006 and 2009 on the measures of achieving permanency for children in foster care. Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.[53] Analyses included only those States that provided adequate data for a measure for all relevant years.

[53] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

| Table III-6. Change in Performance Over Time, 2006–2009<br>Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Outcome Measures*** | **States That Improved in Performance** | **States That Declined in Performance** | **States That Had No Change in Performance**** |
| Measure 3.1: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of all children exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home (N=47 States) | 4 (9%) | 5 (11%) | 38 (81%) |
| Measure 3.2: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of all children with a diagnosed disability exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home (N=40 States) | 8 (20%) | 13 (33%) | 19 (48%) |
| Measure 3.3: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of all children who entered care when they were age 13 or older who were discharged to a permanent home (N=47 States) | 7 (15%) | 17 (36%) | 23 (49%) |
| ***Measure 3.4: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of all children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger (N=47 States) | 30 (64%) | 10 (21%) | 7 (15%) |
| Measure C3.1: Change from 2006 to 2009 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=47 States) | 33 (70%) | 5 (11%) | 9 (19%) |
| Measure C3.2: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children exiting foster care who were legally free for adoption who were discharged to a permanent home (N=44 States) | 2 (5%) | 3 (7%) | 39 (89%) |
| ***Measure C3.3: Change from 2006 to 2009 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=47 States) | 22 (47%) | 13 (28%) | 12 (26%) |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

**In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was 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 tables III-5 and III-6, the most notable change in performance between 2006 and 2009 is in the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who attained permanency by the end of the year (measure C3.1). For this measure, 70 percent (33 States) showed improved performance, while 11 percent (5 States) had a performance decline. In addition, as shown in table III-5, there was also an improvement in the national median for this measure. The median for measure C3.1 increased from 25.5 percent in 2006 to 28.9 percent in 2009 (a 13.3 percent change).

**Between 2006 and 2009, 70 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children in foster care for long periods of time who attained permanency by the end of the year.**

Another area that showed improved performance was the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger (measure 3.4). Sixty-four percent (30 States) demonstrated improved performance on this measure between 2006 and 2009. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 27.9 percent in 2006 to 25.4 percent in 2009 (a –9.0 percent change) (note that a lower percentage is desirable on this measure).

There also was an improvement in performance over time in the percentage of children emancipating or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3). For this measure, 47 percent of States demonstrated improvement between 2006 and 2009, while 28 percent of States demonstrated a performance decline. Overall, however, the national median for this measure improved minimally, from 45.7 percent in 2006 to 45.0 percent in 2009 (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). While it is noteworthy that 22 States showed improved performance, the small change in the national median indicates that these improvements were not enough to alter the national median for 2009 on this measure.

There were no distinct patterns of change across States for the other measures associated with Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. In particular, a large majority (89 percent) of States exhibited no change in performance on measure C3.2, which evaluates exits to permanent homes of children who were legally free for adoption. Similarly, the majority (81 percent) of States did not show a change for measure 3.1, which assesses exits to a permanent home of all children exiting foster care.

Many States struggled in finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (measure 3.2, median = 76.5 percent, range = 42.8 to 91.8 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 66.6 percent, range = 32.3 to 91.0 percent). While the national median changed only slightly between 2006 and 2009 for measure 3.2, 13 States (33 percent) showed a decline in performance versus only 8 States (20 percent) that showed an improvement in performance. For measure 3.3, 17 States (36 percent) showed a performance decline between 2006 and 2009, while 7 States (15 percent) showed an improvement in performance. Likewise, the national median for measure 3.3 declined from 70.6 percent in 2006 to 66.5 percent in 2009 (a –5.8 percent change).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Some positive findings emerged in the data between 2006 and 2009 with regard to achieving permanency for children in foster care. There were two notable findings. The first was the demonstrated improvement in finding permanent homes for children in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1, 70 percent of States showed improvement for children in foster care for 24 months or longer). The second notable finding was the reduction in the number of children emancipating from foster care who entered foster care at age 12 or younger (measure 3.4, 64 percent of States showed improvement). Historically, many States have struggled in these areas. It is encouraging to note that many States are making progress in their efforts to find permanent homes for children in care for longer periods of time.

Another positive finding for 2009 was that there was an improvement in performance in the percentage of children emancipating or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3). While 47 percent of States showed improvement for this measure between 2006 and 2009, the national median changed only minimally.

Consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, 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 2009 were discharged to a permanent home (measure 3.1, median = 86.1 percent). In addition, 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 = 94.4 percent).

A less positive finding in the 2009 data is that some States experienced challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (measure 3.2, median = 76.5 percent, range = 42.8 to 91.8 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 66.6 percent, range = 32.3 to 91.0 percent). This has been a consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it suggests that special efforts are needed to eliminate some of the disparities in the achievement of permanency for these two groups of 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.**

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

While chapter III discussed the issue of permanency broadly and noted some special issues for the diverse population of children and youth in foster care, this chapter focuses more specifically on the achievement of permanency through reunification and adoption.[54] Timeliness of guardianships is not addressed in this chapter because the percentage of children who are discharged from foster care to guardianship is very small in almost all States. However, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351) created an option for States to provide kinship guardianship assistance payments under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act). This may contribute to an increase in guardianships in the future.

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.[55] This emphasis is reinforced and supported by Federal policy and law, such as the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA), which stresses the importance of the timely identification of permanent homes for children taken into foster care.

## CASEWORKER VISITS

The concern for achieving permanency in a timely manner for foster children is related closely to the relatively new caseworker visits measures. The Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288) amended title IV-B of the Act to support at least monthly caseworker visits with children in foster care. Caseworker visits were incorporated into the Act because regular caseworker visits were found to be associated with positive outcomes for children in foster care during the first round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). For example, frequent contact between the caseworker and child (as indicated by positive ratings on Item 19 in the CFSR onsite review instrument) was associated with better ratings on CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.[56]

The data regarding caseworker visits presented in this report are not CFSR onsite review data but are derived from the data required under P.L. 109-288. States began reporting this information with the submission of 2007 data. Requirements for the caseworker visits data are defined under section 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Act.[57]

The caseworker visits data presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report include the percentage of foster children visited each full month they were in foster care, as well as the proportion of those visits that occurred in the homes where the children were then living. The 2009 data for Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV) and Visits in the Home (VIH) are shown in table IV-1.

**Table IV-1. Range of State Performance, 2009**
**Monthly Caseworker Visits and Visits in the Home**

| Measure | 25th Percentile | National Median (50th Percentile) | 75th Percentile | Range |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits (MCV) (N=52 States) | 47% | 63% | 79% | 18–96% |
| The percentage of the monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child (VIH) (N=52 States) | 75 | 82 | 92 | 42–100 |

An analysis of the data for 2009 shows some degree of correlation between MCV and timeliness of reunification. States that had a relatively high percentage of children that reunified within 12 months (measure C1.3) also tended to have a relatively high percentage of children who were visited at least once monthly (Pearson's r = .35). This finding is consistent with results from the CFSRs, which found a positive relationship between frequency and quality of caseworker visits and positive outcomes for children, such as timely achievement of permanency.

[54] 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, depending on the number of States that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. The data presented throughout this chapter come from AFCARS (the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System), to which all States report.

[55] Lutz, L.L. (2003). Achieving permanence for children in the child welfare system: Pioneering possibilities amidst daunting challenges. Retrieved November 19, 2010, from http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/achieving-permanence.pdf

[56] The CFSR onsite review instrument can be found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/tools_guide/onsitefinal.htm Detailed information concerning Item 19 and its relationship to various other measures in the CFSR onsite reviews can be found on page 35 in the following publication: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/results/genfindings04/genfindings04.pdf

[57] More information on the caseworker visits measures can be found in appendix C of this report. In addition, detailed information on caseworker visits data collection and reporting can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 issued April 18, 2008: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0803.htm

## TIMELINESS OF REUNIFICATIONS[58]

The assessment of timeliness of reunification is addressed through 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 within 12 months after being reunified).

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

Table IV-2 presents summary data regarding State performance in 2009 on key measures assessing both the timeliness and permanency of reunification.[59] This table includes one of the measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports (measure 4.1), as well as the measures that are part of CFSR Composite 1.[60]

**Table IV-2. Range of State Performance, 2009**
**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=50 States) | 59.4% | 67.3% | 73.1% | 36.5–89.6% |
| 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? (Includes trial home visit adjustment**) (N=48 States) | 60.9 | 67.6 | 73.2 | 45.3–92.1 |
| ***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=48 States) | 7.0 mos. | 8.0 mos. | 9.2 mos. | 1.5–13.4 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=48 States) | 34.8 | 41.4 | 50.2 | 16.3–64.6 |
| ***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 States) | 8.9 | 13.0 | 15.5 | 1.4–27.4 |

*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 all relevant years.

**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.

***For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care and lower reentry rate are desirable).

### *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. Because a State's reunification speed is understood best when it also is known how many of those children reentered foster care within a short period of time, a measure of reentry also is included.

**Speed of reunification of foster children is understood best 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 lengths of stay in foster care at the time that they are discharged to reunification (measures 4.1, C1.1, and C1.2). The 2009 data shown in table IV-2 suggest that, in many States, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and the CFSR, a reunification is considered to be timely if it occurs in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care. Across States, the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was about 67 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay of reunified children was 8.0 months (measure C1.2).

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

[59] Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for Federal fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008–September 30, 2009).

[60] Additional information about the measures and composites can be found in appendix B. Composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original set of outcome measures.

**A reunification is considered to be timely if it occurs in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care.**

The measures discussed above reflect the percentage of all children in foster care who exited to reunification regardless of when they entered care. However, another helpful perspective is to examine timeliness of reunification using a longitudinal measure for a cohort of children. Measure C1.3 examines only children who came into foster care for the first time (an entry cohort) during the last 6 months of the prior year. These children then are tracked for the following 12 months to determine the percentage that reunified before the end of that 12-month period. Because this measure reflects the percentage of first-time entries who exit to reunification rather than the percentage of all children in foster care, the results look very different from the non-cohort measures, 4.1 and C1.1. Performance is lower for the cohort measure compared to the non-cohort measures. As shown in table IV-2, the median across States was 41.4 percent (versus greater than 67 percent for both 4.1 and C1.1), and the 75th percentile was 50.2 percent (versus greater than 73 percent for both 4.1 and C1.1). 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 2008 were still in foster care 12 months later.

Measure C1.4 assesses the permanency of reunification (reentry rate) 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 median across States for this measure is 13.0 percent, and in five States (District of Columbia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island), approximately 20 percent or more of the children exiting foster care in 2008 reentered foster care in less than 12 months. The following are additional important findings with regard to the timeliness of reunifications and the reentry rate for 2009:

- *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 $r = .42$). One strategy for States that are trying to achieve better performance on both measures would be to consider what family services they could provide to prevent children from reentering once they have been reunified.

- *Moderate correlations were found between the measure of reentry into foster care and the age of children entering foster care.* 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 $r = .52$). 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 $r = -.48$). Because of the identified association between older youth and foster care reentry rate, States may want to consider what targeted strategies and services they could provide to youth and their families so that teenagers would be less likely to come back into foster care. Compared to younger children, teenagers may present very different challenges to States, and it appears that States will need to understand better these challenges if they are to prevent the higher reentry rate for these youth.

- *Moderate correlations were found between the timeliness of reunification measures and foster care entry rates.* Several 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 $r = .47$) and relatively low median lengths of stay (measure C1.2) (Pearson's $r = -.44$). A question to consider is whether States that tend to take more children into foster care, in general, may be taking in more children with less severe concerns, making rapid reunification more feasible. Additional analysis from researchers in the field would be necessary to understand this issue fully.

- *A low correlation was found between timeliness of reunification and monthly caseworker visits.* As was discussed previously in the context of the caseworker visits data, many States that had a relatively high percentage of children that reunified within 12 months (measure C1.3) also had a relatively high percentage of children that were visited at least once monthly (Pearson's $r = .35$). Although this is a low correlation, the importance of it is strengthened by the fact that it is consistent with the results from the onsite CFSRs, which found a positive association between frequency and quality of caseworker visits and positive outcomes for children, such as timely achievement of permanency.[61] Consistent frequent and high-quality caseworker monitoring of the progression of a case may contribute to better outcomes for children in foster care.

[61] Detailed information concerning caseworker visits (as measured in the CFSR process) and their relationship to various other measures in the CFSR onsite reviews can be found on page 35 in the following publication: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/results/genfindings04/genfindings04.pdf

## CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO ACHIEVING TIMELY REUNIFICATIONS

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report provides the change in the national median over time (table IV-3) as well as the number of States with an improvement, decline, or no change in performance (table IV-4), as calculated by a percent change calculation.[62] These tables should be viewed together in order to gain a better understanding of trends over time.

Table IV-3 presents the national median State performance on achieving timely reunifications for children in foster care. Data are shown for the years 2006 through 2009.

**Table IV-3. Median State Performance, 2006–2009**
**Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications**

| Outcome Measures* | Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 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=47 States) | 70.0% | 68.9% | 66.4% | 67.9% |
| 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=46 States) | 69.7 | 68.4 | 68.5 | 67.9 |
| **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=46 States) | 7.1 mos. | 7.7 mos. | 8.0 mos. | 8.0 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=46 States) | 41.4 | 41.7 | 42.0 | 41.4 |
| **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=47 States) | 13.9 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 13.2 |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all relevant years. The 2009 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table IV-2 due to differences in the number of States included for each analysis.

**For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance (shorter length of stay in foster care and lower reentry rate are desirable).

Table IV-4 (below) presents a breakdown of the number of States showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2006 and 2009 on the measures of timeliness of reunification and reentry into foster care.

**Table IV-4. Change in Performance Over Time, 2006–2009**
**Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications**

| Outcome Measures | States That Improved in Performance | States That Declined in Performance | States That Had No Change in Performance* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure 4.1: Change in performance from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of reunifications in less than 12 months from a child's entry into foster care (N=47 States) | 11 (23%) | 16 (34%) | 20 (43%) |
| Measure C1.1: Change in performance from 2006 to 2009 with regard to reunifications in less than 12 months with adjustments (N=46 States) | 12 (26%) | 15 (33%) | 19 (41%) |
| **Measure C1.2: Change in performance from 2006 to 2009 with regard to median length of stay in foster care for children reunified (N=46 States) | 15 (33%) | 24 (52%) | 7 (15%) |
| Measure C1.3: Change in performance from 2006 to 2009 with regard to reunifications in less than 12 months for children entering foster care (N=46 States) | 20 (43%) | 12 (26%) | 14 (30%) |
| **Measure C1.4: Change in performance from 2006 to 2009 with regard to reentry into foster care (N=47 States) | 28 (60%) | 12 (26%) | 7 (15%) |

*In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was 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).

[62] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

For the measures assessing the percentage of reunification occurring in less than 12 months (measures 4.1 and C1.1), there were no dramatic patterns of change that appeared in the data. However, for the entry cohort measure of reunification (measure C1.3), there were some signs of improvement. Forty-three percent of States showed improved performance between 2006 and 2009, as indicated in table IV-4. However, as illustrated in table IV-5, there was little change in the national median for this measure. Therefore, while it is noteworthy that 43 percent of States improved on this measure, it is also important to note these improvements were not enough to increase the national median for 2009 on this measure.

Tables IV-3 and IV-4 illustrate improved performance in the reentry rate for children discharged from foster care to reunification (measure C1.4). Between 2006 and 2009, 60 percent of States showed improved performance in the percentage of children who reentered care within 12 months from the date of discharge. The national median for this measure also improved from 13.9 percent in 2006 to 13.2 percent in 2009 (a –5.0 percent change).

A pattern of change also emerged in the median length of stay in foster care for children who are reunified (measure C1.2). For this measure, 52 percent of States showed a decline in performance between 2006 and 2009. 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 7.1 months in 2006 to 8.0 months in 2009 (a 12.7 percent change). Note that because a shorter length of stay is desirable, this represents a decline in performance. The reasons for this change are unknown but may be related to the correlation between median length of stay and entry rate (Pearson's $r = -.44$) discussed earlier in this chapter.

## TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

Nationally, approximately 115,000 children were waiting for adoption, and 53,000 children exited foster care to adoption in 2009.[63] Outcome 5 addresses the timeliness of adoptions, which is measured by original outcome measure 5.1, as well as the five individual measures that are part of CFSR composite 2. Table IV-5 presents summary data showing the range of State performance in 2009 on the measures relevant to this outcome.

**Table IV-5. Range of State Performance, 2009**
**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=50 States) | 1.9% | 3.5% | 6.8% | 0.9–29.7% |
| 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=50 States) | 23.7 | 32.9 | 40.6 | 5.8–80.5 |
| ***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=50 States) | 26.9 mos. | 30.3 mos. | 32.1 mos. | 16.2–46.9 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=50 States) | 17.9 | 23.6 | 27.3 | 7.1–44.6 |
| 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=47 States) | 6.7 | 11.4 | 15.6 | 3.2–33.9 |
| 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=47 States) | 42.2 | 55.3 | 67.1 | 10.2–80.6 |

*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.

***For this measure, fewer months indicate better performance (short lengths of stay in foster care are desirable).

[63] There is no Federal definition for a child "waiting to be adopted." The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here. Note that these adoption numbers are frequently updated. Please see the Children's Bureau's website for the most updated data: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#afcars

Outcome measures 5.1, C2.1, and C2.2 focus on the length of time in foster care for children who are discharged to adoption. Performance on these measures in 2009 suggests that achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few States. As shown in table IV-5, 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 5.1a, median = 3.5 percent). In three States, however, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months was more than 10 percent. These States were North Dakota (29.7 percent), Utah (28.3 percent), and Colorado (11.9 percent).

The data in table IV-5 indicate that the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the child's entry into foster care was higher than the percentage occurring in less than 12 months (measure C2.1, median = 32.9 percent), but performance on this measure still needs improvement. There were five 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 (80.5 percent), Colorado (59.0 percent), Iowa (55.2 percent), North Dakota (53.9 percent), and Minnesota (51.8 percent). In addition, across States, the median length of stay in foster care for children adopted was 30.3 months (measure C2.2). In 25 percent of the States, the median length of stay of children adopted was 32 months or longer.

**The 2009 data suggest that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months remains a challenge for all but a few States.**

Two measures reported in table IV-5 (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 (measure C2.4).[64] The data presented in table IV-5 indicate that, across States, a small percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer at the start of FY 2009 were adopted by the end of that year (measure C2.3, median = 23.6 percent). The data also indicate that, across States, a smaller percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2009 became legally free for adoption within the first 6 months of that year (measure C2.4, median = 11.4 percent). As shown in the range for this measure, in the highest performing State, 33.9 percent of the children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2009 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. The practice expectation is that once parental rights have been terminated, the State should work as rapidly as possible to ensure that the child achieves a finalized adoption. As shown in table IV-5, the range in performance on this measure across States is extensive (10.2 to 80.6 percent). For example, in two States (Alabama and West Virginia), fewer 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 (the District of Columbia, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Utah) 75 percent or more of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted in less than 12 months after becoming legally free.

## CHANGES IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

The median performances across States for the years 2006 to 2009 on measures pertaining to achieving timely adoptions for children in foster care are presented in table IV-6. The 2009 results displayed in this table may vary slightly from data included in table IV-5 because table IV-6 only includes States that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years (2006 through 2009). Table IV-7 presents a breakdown of the number of States showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2006 and 2009.

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

| Table IV-6. Median State Performance, 2006–2009<br>Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Outcome Measures* | Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured as months, as noted) | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| **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=47 States) | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.4% | 3.4% |
| 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=47 States) | 29.9 | 31.2 | 29.5 | 33.8 |
| ***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=47 States) | 30.8 mos. | 30.2 mos. | 30.8 mos. | 30.2 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=47 States) | 19.7 | 20.9 | 23.1 | 23.6 |
| *****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=44 States) | 9.7 | 9.7 | 11.6 | 12.3 |
| 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=44 States) | 47.3 | 51.0 | 54.0 | 55.4 |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all relevant years. The 2009 data included in this table may be different from the data included in table IV-5 due to differences in the number of States included for each analysis.

**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. Other variations of measure 5.1 representing other time periods are not shown in this table. However, State performance on each of the time periods is included in each State's Data Pages in chapter VI. See appendix B for more information on how the measure is defined.

***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-7 (below) provides a summary of changes in median State performance on the measures assessing timely adoptions. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.[65] Analyses included only those States that provided adequate data for a measure for all relevant years.

| Table IV-7. Change in Performance Over Time, 2006–2009<br>Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Outcome Measures* | States That Improved in Performance | States That Declined in Performance | States That Had No Change in Performance** |
| Measure 5.1a: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children discharged to adoption less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care (N=47 States) | 20 (43%) | 15 (32%) | 12 (26%) |
| Measure C2.1: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children discharged to adoption in less than 24 months from the date the latest removal from home (N=47 States) | 24 (51%) | 15 (32%) | 8 (17%) |
| ***Measure C2.2: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the median length of stay in months for children adopted (N=47 States) | 17 (36%) | 13 (28%) | 17 (36%) |
| Measure C2.3: Change from 2006 to 2009 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=47 States) | 36 (77%) | 6 (13%) | 5 (11%) |
| Measure C2.4: Change from 2006 to 2009 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=44 States) | 27 (61%) | 14 (32%) | 3 (7%) |
| Measure C2.5: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (N=44 States) | 25 (57%) | 7 (16%) | 12 (27%) |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

**In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was 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).

[65] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

For all measures related to achieving timely adoptions, there were more States that demonstrated improved performance than there were States that demonstrated a performance decline. The most pronounced improvement was 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 (measure C2.3). For this measure, 77 percent of States demonstrated improved performance between 2006 and 2009, while 13 percent of States had a performance decline. In addition, the national median for measure C2.3 improved from 19.7 percent in 2006 to 23.6 percent in 2009 (a 19.8 percent change).

**Seventy-seven percent of States showed improved performance between 2006 and 2009 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.**

Improvement also was demonstrated 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 (measure C2.4). For this measure, 61 percent of States showed improved performance between 2006 and 2009. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 9.7 percent in 2006 to 12.3 percent in 2009 (a 26.8 percent change).

Fifty-seven 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 for this measure improved from 47.3 percent in 2006 to 55.4 percent in 2009 (a 17.1 percent change).

There was also improvement in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (measure C2.1). Fifty-one percent of the States experienced improved performance between 2006 and 2009. The national median for this measure also improved from 29.9 percent in 2006 to 33.8 percent in 2009 (a 13.0 percent change).

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

### *Achieving timely reunifications*

The assessment of reunification includes measures of both timeliness and permanency. The data suggest that, overall, performance on each of these aspects is varied. The measures that assess timeliness of reunification indicate that, of those children reunified, the majority are reunified within 12 months from the time of entry into foster care (table IV-2, medians for measures 4.1 and C1.1 are 67.3 percent and 67.6 percent, respectively). However, the data also show that the median length of stay for children reunified is increasing (table IV-3, national median for measure C1.2 increased from 7.1 months in 2006 to 8.0 months in 2009). In terms of the permanency of reunifications, the data show a trend toward a lower reentry rate among a majority of the States (table IV-4, 60 percent of States improved performance on measure C1.4). It is important that these areas be reviewed together so that strategies can be developed to improve performance in both the timeliness and permanency of reunifications.

The results for the entry cohort measure (C1.3) indicate that, in most States, the majority of children entering foster care for the first time in the last 6 months of 2008 were still in foster care 12 months later. While more States improved than declined on this measure between 2006 and 2009, overall national performance remains quite static (table IV-3, median = 41.4 percent). Although not all of these children eventually will exit foster care to reunification, many of them will be reunified after being in foster care for a year or longer.

**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.**

The data for 2009 also suggest that while national performance is improving, 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 not all of the problems that resulted in the child's initial entry into foster care were resolved adequately at the time of reunification, or that new problems arose at the point of reunification that were not addressed sufficiently by the agency.

Another 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 may be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families, and States with large numbers of youth in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies that target the needs of these youth. The number of youth in foster care, broken down by age, is shown for each State on the data pages in chapter VI of this report.

In a finding similar to that of the onsite CFSR data, more caseworker visits were associated with improved performance on timeliness of reunification. Many States that had a relatively high percentage of children that reunified within 12 months (measure C1.3) also had a relatively high percentage of children that were visited at least once monthly (Pearson's $r = .35$).

### *Achieving timely adoptions*

The data for 2009 indicate that achieving adoptions in a timely manner is a significant challenge for many States. The exceptions to this pattern are Utah, Colorado, Iowa, North Dakota, and Minnesota, where 51 percent to 80 percent of the adoptions finalized in 2009 occurred in less than 24 months from the time of the child's entry into foster care. While the AFCARS dataset used in this report does not permit an analysis of why these States are more successful than others in achieving timely adoptions, future investigation by researchers in the field might consider focusing on this topic.

Despite the challenges of achieving adoptions in a timely manner, many States have shown signs of improvement with regard to a number of measures in this area. Seventy-seven percent of States showed improved performance 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 (measure C2.3); 61 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); 57 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); and 51 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 (measure C2.1). These positive findings indicate that many States have been able to expedite somewhat the adoption process for children. These findings are tempered by the fact that most States still have substantial challenges in achieving adoptions for children in less than 24 months.

**Despite the challenges of making adoptions timelier, a large number of States demonstrated improved performance between 2006 and 2009 on several of the adoption measures contained in this report.**

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

While a child is in foster care, the State child welfare agency has the responsibility to ensure that the child is in a stable placement setting that also is appropriate to the child's age and service needs. Placement stability is addressed in Outcome 6: Increase placement stability for children in foster care, and placement setting appropriateness is addressed in Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.

In this report, placement setting stability is defined as a child having had two or fewer placement settings in a single foster care episode.[66] This was the approach used in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it also is consistent with the approach used in the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) composite measures.

Finding appropriate placement settings for children is evaluated by examining the degree to which children age 12 or younger are placed in group homes or institutions rather than family foster homes. By AFCARS definitions, family foster homes may have up to 6 children; group homes have between 7 and 12 children; and institutions have 13 or more children. 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. However, the concept behind this outcome is that, while group homes or institutions may be appropriate for some children and youth in foster care, younger children are likely to have their needs better met in a family setting.

**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, especially 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).[67] 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).[68]

**Table V-1. Range of State Performance, 2009**
**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=49 States) | 78.7% | 84.9% | 87.1% | 69.8–92.8% |
| 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=49 States) | 54.8 | 60.8 | 66.0 | 40.8–92.7 |
| 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=49 States) | 26.1 | 30.5 | 37.0 | 16.8–91.1 |
| *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 States) | 3.5 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 0.9–19.5 |

*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 2009 (measure 6.1a, median = 84.9 percent). While it is encouraging that 85 percent of the children remain in stable placements, it is in the best interest of children for States to continue to do as much as they can to keep placement setting counts to a minimum.

[66] 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.

[67] 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, 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 2009 (October 1, 2008–September 30, 2009).

[68] For the second round of the CFSRs, three measures were developed as part of Composite 4: Placement stability. These composite measures are not shown in this chapter because the measures are almost identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated in measure 6.1. We present data on measure 6.1 in this chapter to remain consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. However, individual State performances on composite 4 are presented in chapter VI of this report.

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 periods of time. As shown in table V-1, the median across States declines from 84.9 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 60.8 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 30.5 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

The data in table V-1 also indicate that in about one-half of the States in 2009, 4.4 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. While this indicates a positive national performance overall, there were nine States where the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions was between 12 percent and 19 percent.[69]

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

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report provides the change in the national median over time (table V-2) as well as the number of States with an improvement, decline, or no change in performance (table V-3).[70] Both of these tables provide important trend information.

The median performances across States for the years 2006 to 2009 on measures pertaining to achieving stable and appropriate placements for children in foster care are presented in table V-2. For cross-year comparison purposes, data are presented only for States that provided adequate and complete data for the measures in all of the relevant years.

**Table V-2. Median State Performance, 2006–2009**
**Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

| Outcome Measures* | Median Performance by Year | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 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=49 States) | 84.1% | 84.6% | 84.7% | 84.9% |
| 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=49 States) | 60.0 | 60.6 | 61.0 | 60.8 |
| 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=49 States) | 32.4 | 31.8 | 30.2 | 30.5 |
| **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 States) | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 4.4 |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

**For this measure, a lower number indicates better performance (fewer children in group homes or institutions is desirable).

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. Analyses included only those States that provided adequate and complete data for a measure in all relevant years.

[69] The nine States were Arkansas, District of Columbia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

[70] Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, if maltreatment recurrence were 9.2 in 2006 and 7.6 in 2009, the formula is [(7.6–9.2)/9.2] x 100 = –17.4 percent change.

| Table V-3. Change in Performance Over Time, 2006–2009<br>Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Outcome Measures*** | **States That Improved in Performance** | **States That Declined in Performance** | **States That Had No Change in Performance**** |
| Measure 6.1a: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=49 States) | 8 (16%) | 4 (8%) | 37 (76%) |
| Measure 6.1b: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=49 States) | 14 (29%) | 7 (14%) | 28 (57%) |
| Measure 6.1c: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children in foster care for at least 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=49 States) | 17 (35%) | 13 (27%) | 19 (39%) |
| ***Measure 7.1: Change from 2006 to 2009 in the percentage of children entering foster care when they were age 12 or younger who were placed in a group home or institution (N=48 States) | 29 (60%) | 10 (21%) | 9 (19%) |

*Data for this table include all States for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

**When a percent change in performance from 2006 to 2009 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).

The most outstanding finding from tables V-2 and V-3 is related to a reduction in the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions (measure 7.1). Sixty percent of States showed improvement on this measure. This is consistent with the fact that the national median for measure 7.1 declined from 5.8 percent in 2006 to 4.4 percent in 2009 (a –24.1 percent change), as illustrated in table V-2.

Nationally, the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who experience two or fewer placement settings (measures 6.1c) declined a small amount between 2006 (32.4 percent) and 2009 (30.5 percent), which is a –5.9 percent change (see table V-2). That result is consistent with the pattern found in table V-3. For the same two comparison years, the number of States showing improvement for measure 6.1c was 17, the number declining was 13, and the number remaining the same was 19. In tables V-2 and V-3, the percentage of children experiencing two or fewer placement settings is tracked for two other lengths of stay by measures 6.1a and 6.1b. As was true for measure 6.1c, small differences were found between 2006 and 2009 on those measures (measure 6.1a tracks children in care for less than 12 months and measure 6.1b tracks children in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months). While 29 percent of States showed improved performance on 6.1b, 57 percent of States showed no change in performance between 2006 and 2009. For measure 6.1a, 76 percent of States demonstrated no change in performance during this time period. The national median for both of these measures remained stable between 2006 and 2009.

## 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. This is illustrated by the fact that the median across States declines from 84.9 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 60.8 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 30.5 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer. There is an ongoing need for improvement in this area.

**States generally are 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.**

Consistent with findings from *Child Welfare Outcomes 2003–2006* and *Child Welfare Outcomes 2004–2007*, the majority of States are continuing to make considerable strides in decreasing the number of young children placed in group homes or institutions. Between 2006 and 2009, 60 percent of States showed improved performance on this measure. In addition, the national median improved from 5.8 percent in 2006 to 4.4 percent in 2009.

# 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 the additional 15 measures developed for the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). As noted in earlier chapters, the 15 CFSR measures are relevant to the seven national child welfare outcomes addressed in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.

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 Department's Children's Bureau. This process is explained in detail in the *Federal Register* announcement published on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

## VIEWING THE STATE DATA PAGES

Information from the State Data Pages is presented as follows:

- Data for the context variables
- Data showing State performance on the original outcome measures
- Data pertaining to State performance on the 15 CFSR measures and the State's composite scores for 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009
- 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:

- When a State reports a value of "0 percent" for any of the context variables or outcome measures, this is indicated by "0.0." For the "maltreatment type" table only, there is an additional usage of 0.0. It also is used when a State reported no data for a particular maltreatment category, and the State did not provide guidance on the intended interpretation of the absence of data for that category.
- When a State reports more than 0 percent but less than 0.1 percent, this is indicated by "< 0.1."
- When 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."
- When 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 (–).

## RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE

The following two tables provide the 2009 medians and ranges in State performance on the original outcome measures (table VI-1) and the CFSR composite measures (table VI-2). These tables are presented to provide a point of context for understanding individual State performance on these measures. Median State performance on these measures for 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 are included on tables 1 and 2 of the executive summary of this report.

**Table VI-1. Range of State Performance, 2009**
**Original Outcome Measures**

| Outcome Measures* | National Median (50th 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=52 States) | 5.6% | 1.2–12.2% |
| **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 States) | 0.33 | 0.05–2.04 |
| 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=50 States) | 86.1 | 64.9–94.7 |
| 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=46 States) | 76.5 | 42.8–91.8 |
| 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=50 States) | 66.6 | 32.3–91.0 |
| **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=50 States) | 25.3 | 8.1–54.7 |
| 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=50 States) | 67.3 | 36.5–89.6 |
| 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=50 States) | 3.5 | 0.9–29.7 |
| 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=49 States) | 84.9 | 69.8–92.8 |
| 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=49 States) | 60.8 | 40.8–92.7 |
| 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=49 States) | 30.5 | 16.8–91.1 |
| **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 States) | 4.4 | 0.9–19.5 |

*Data include all States for which adequate data are available.

**For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

## Table VI-2. Range of State Performance, 2009
## Composite Measures

| Composite Measures* | National Median (50th Percentile)** | Range |
|---|---|---|
| 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=48 States) | 67.6 | 45.3–92.1 |
| ***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=48 States) | 8.0 mos. | 1.5–13.4 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=48 States) | 41.4 | 16.3–64.6 |
| ***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 States) | 13.0 | 1.4–27.4 |
| 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=50 States) | 32.9 | 5.8–80.5 |
| ***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=50 States) | 30.3 mos. | 16.2–46.9 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=50 States) | 23.6 | 7.1–44.6 |
| *****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=47 States) | 11.4 | 3.2–33.9 |
| 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=47 States) | 55.3 | 10.2–80.6 |
| 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=50 States) | 28.4 | 13.7–49.7 |
| 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=47 States) | 94.4 | 82.5–100 |
| ***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=50 States) | 45.1 | 15.0–70.1 |

*Individual measures developed for Composite 4: Placement stability are not shown because the measures are nearly identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated into measure 6.1 (see table VI-1).

**Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Data include all States for which adequate data are available.

***For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

****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 relatives, or guardianship.

*****A child is considered to be legally free for adoption if there is a date for parental rights termination 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.

# Alabama

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,121,516 | 1,127,750 | 1,129,522 | 1,128,864 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Black | 30.6 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| White | 61.9 | 61.6 | 61.4 | 60.8 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 9,378 | 9,247 | 9,217 | 8,295 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 7,230 | 7,331 | 6,828 | 6,940 |
| Children adopted | 387 | 349 | 402 | 629 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 59 | 46 | 58 |
| Numerator | N/A | 218 | 4,058 | 215 |
| Denominator | N/A | 370 | 8,822 | 368 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 68 | 89 | 88 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,129 | 25,591 | 1,483 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,653 | 28,597 | 1,682 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 27,340 | 24.4 per 1,000 | 27,531 | 24.4 per 1,000 | 28,952 | 25.6 per 1,000 | 27,629 | 24.5 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 9,378 | 8.4 per 1,000 | 9,247 | 8.2 per 1,000 | 9,217 | 8.2 per 1,000 | 8,295 | 7.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 24 | 2.1 per 100,000 | 23 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 20 | 1.8 per 100,000 | 14 | 1.2 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.5 | 12.3 | 15.6 | 12.4 |
| 1 year | 5.7 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.6 |
| 2 years | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.5 |
| 3 years | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| 6 years | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 8 years | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| 14 years | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| 15 years | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.7 |
| 16 years | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| 17 years | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 5.4 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **9,378** | **9,247** | **9,217** | **8,295** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Black | 18.5 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 26.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.0 |
| White | 34.8 | 34.5 | 33.2 | 50.3 |
| Two or more races | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | 42.9 | 40.0 | 42.0 | 17.0 |
| **Number** | **9,378** | **9,247** | **9,217** | **8,295** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Medical neglect | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Neglect | 41.7 | 42.2 | 39.8 | 36.5 |
| Physical abuse | 39.1 | 40.5 | 42.8 | 47.7 |
| Sexual abuse | 26.1 | 24.7 | 25.0 | 22.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **9,378** | **9,247** | **9,217** | **8,295** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 51.7 | 51.2 | 51.7 | 46.4 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 6,895 | 7,022 | 6,808 | 6,711 | 3,760 | 3,924 | 3,591 | 3,051 | 3,425 | 3,615 | 3,571 | 2,822 | 7,230 | 7,331 | 6,828 | 6,940 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 19.0 | 19.1 | 18.5 | 19.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.4 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 13.3 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 18.9 | 20.1 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 16.2 | 18.6 | 18.2 | 17.8 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 4.9 |
| 1 year | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 |
| 2 years | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 3 years | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| 5 years | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 6 years | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| 7 years | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| 9 years | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 7.3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 7.9 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| 16 years | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| 17 years | 7.5 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| 18 years | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| 19 years | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.6 |
| 20+ years | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.5 | <.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | <.1 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.2 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 46.3 | 46.0 | 44.9 | 44.7 | 42.0 | 39.6 | 38.4 | 31.9 | 42.1 | 41.0 | 39.1 | 34.9 | 46.1 | 45.1 | 44.5 | 43.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.9 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| White | 50.4 | 49.5 | 47.8 | 47.1 | 52.4 | 53.6 | 54.2 | 54.1 | 53.7 | 53.9 | 55.1 | 55.9 | 49.9 | 49.5 | 47.4 | 46.6 |
| Two or more races | 1.1 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 2.2 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,711 | 1,841 | 1,788 | 1,610 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,126 | 1,233 | 1,138 | 925 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.9 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 1.3 |
| 1 year | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 5.8 |
| 2 years | 6.4 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| 4 years | 5.6 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 6 years | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 4.8 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 6.1 |
| 11 years | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| 12 years | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| 13 years | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.1 |
| 14 years | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 15 years | 6.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 16 years | 7.0 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| 17 years | 5.0 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 5.0 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Black | 46.5 | 44.8 | 41.4 | 39.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.2 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 5.0 |
| White | 49.9 | 50.0 | 51.3 | 50.4 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 4.6 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 387 | 349 | 402 | 629 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.1 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| 1 year | 7.8 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 7.8 | 13.5 | 10.9 | 12.4 |
| 3 years | 11.9 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 11.1 |
| 4 years | 10.6 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 8.3 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 10.3 |
| 6 years | 7.5 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| 7 years | 8.5 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| 8 years | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| 9 years | 5.9 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 5.2 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 3.3 |
| 13 years | 2.3 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| 14 years | 2.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 2.2 |
| 15 years | 2.8 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| 16 years | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 1.6 |
| 18 years | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 28.9 | 36.4 | 30.6 | 31.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.1 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 6.4 |
| White | 65.9 | 60.7 | 59.0 | 55.6 |
| Two or more races | 0.8 | 1.7 | 6.5 | 5.1 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.3 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 98.1 | 98.0 | 98.7 | 98.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **4,130** | **4,049** | **3,955** | **3,320** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.28 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.09 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.72 | 99.85 | 99.81 | 99.91 |
| **Number** | **10,655** | **10,946** | **10,399** | **9,762** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.4 | 9.7 | 0.2 | 8.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 79.2 | 80.3 | 77.8 | 69.6 |
| Other | 9.4 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 11.5 | 8.3 |
| **Number** | **3,425** | **3,615** | **3,571** | **2,822** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 15.6 | 18.8 | 0.0 | 10.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 61.7 | 58.6 | 84.2 | 61.1 |
| Other | 22.6 | 21.9 | 10.5 | 17.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.8 | 5.3 | 11.1 |
| **Number** | **243** | **256** | **19** | **90** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 78.5 | 79.3 | 76.2 | 59.3 |
| Other | 21.0 | 19.6 | 21.2 | 33.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 6.4 |
| **Number** | **939** | **975** | **926** | **723** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 37.5 | 49.0 | 48.8 | 37.9 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 62.5 | 51.0 | 51.2 | 62.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **168** | **196** | **250** | **280** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 6.3 |
| 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 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 79.5 | 80.0 | 78.1 | 64.8 |
| Other | 33.3 | 33.3 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 11.3 | 13.0 | 20.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| **Number** | **3** | **3** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **4** | **3** | **0** | **1,441** | **1,483** | **1,395** | **984** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.7 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 16.9 | 13.9 | 10.9 | 0.3 | 8.2 |
| 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 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 81.4 | 91.0 | 86.8 | 70.6 | 79.0 | 79.9 | 77.2 | 72.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 11.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 13.4 | 8.1 |
| **Number** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **4** | **102** | **122** | **106** | **136** | **1,840** | **1,948** | **1,969** | **1,578** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 16.2 | 1.7 | 13.5 | 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 | 94.4 | 77.1 | 90.9 | 69.7 | 70.3 | 72.9 | 62.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 21.2 | 13.5 | 5.1 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.3 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4** | **18** | **35** | **44** | **33** | **37** | **59** | **74** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 65.8 | 64.6 | 61.4 | 59.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.5 | 20.7 | 22.7 | 23.5 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 8.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 3.8 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **2,713** | **2,903** | **2,777** | **1,965** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 81.4 | 80.9 | 77.4 | 83.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.1 | 8.7 | 5.2 | 7.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.1 | 10.0 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.4 | 12.6 | 3.4 |
| **Number** | **3,760** | **3,924** | **3,591** | **3,051** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 3.6 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 17.5 | 10.3 | 0.0 | 8.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 25.4 | 26.1 | 50.0 | 28.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 19.0 | 25.2 | 37.5 | 24.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 35.5 | 36.1 | 12.5 | 34.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **389** | **349** | **8** | **225** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 92.8 | 92.4 | 62.5 | 69.8 | 75.5 | 71.7 | 46.9 | 49.8 | 49.9 | 46.3 | 25.8 | 27.6 | 75.0 | 50.0 | 72.7 | 77.8 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 7.2 | 7.6 | 28.7 | 19.4 | 24.5 | 28.3 | 47.9 | 45.8 | 50.1 | 53.7 | 71.3 | 69.7 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 21.2 | 5.6 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 16.7 |
| **Number** | **4,442** | **4,681** | **4,260** | **3,638** | **2,160** | **2,038** | **2,222** | **2,062** | **4,049** | **4,225** | **3,884** | **4,044** | **4** | **2** | **33** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Institutions | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 1.7 |
| Other settings | 93.4 | 93.9 | 93.0 | 66.5 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 30.7 |
| **Number** | **2,603** | **2,654** | **2,644** | **2,266** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **117.3** | **120.2** | **117.0** | **145.0** |
| 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) | 64.2 | 65.9 | 63.0 | 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) | 8.7 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 4.8 |
| 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) | 46.4 | 47.8 | 47.3 | 42.6 |
| 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? | 10.1 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 3.8 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **57.6** | **53.2** | **61.2** | **35.9** |
| 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? | 20.3 | 12.4 | 13.6 | 12.5 |
| 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? | 37.9 | 40.3 | 39.5 | 37.7 |
| 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? | 10.9 | 10.6 | 13.7 | 7.1 |
| 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?[17] | 7.4 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 8.3 |
| 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? | 29.5 | 27.9 | 31.3 | 10.2 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **105.9** | **104.6** | **105.0** | **97.7** |
| 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? | 17.9 | 18.2 | 21.0 | 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? | 96.0 | 95.1 | 94.6 | 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? | 49.8 | 54.9 | 55.0 | 53.2 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **113.9** | **111.2** | **109.4** | **84.5** |
| 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? | 91.8 | 91.7 | 90.1 | 76.9 |
| 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? | 75.5 | 72.0 | 71.6 | 52.5 |
| 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? | 51.4 | 47.8 | 47.7 | 31.0 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Alabama fully implemented its SACWIS system in January 2009 and submitted its first full AFCARS/NCANDS data sets for FFY 2009. FFY 2008 data is from a combination of SACWIS and legacy data system sources. As such, readers are strongly cautioned that the data presented in this report for FFY 2008 and FFY 2009 does not accurately reflect Alabama's performance. Alabama is committed to providing the most accurate data possible through AFCARS/NCANDS transmissions therefore we continue to enhance our SACWIS to ensure quality data is submitted. We anticipate data resubmissions to have a significant impact on the permanency related outcomes and performance measures.

- In 2009, Alabama finalized 676 adoptions which was a significant increase over previous years. Permanency was achieved by breaking down barriers of foster parent adoptions.
- Alabama has continued to see a decline in the number of Child Victims & Fatalities over the reporting period.
- Reporting Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims have increased due to new SACWIS requiring a value therefore the data is more accurate than in previous years.
- Outcome Measure 1.1; In 2009, Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 months is at 1.2 percent. Alabama continues to demonstrate high standards in regard to children's safety.
- Outcome Measure 2.1; In 2009, Maltreatment in Foster Care is at 0.09 percent which is one of the lowest in the nation.
- Outcome Measure 3.1; In 2009, Children exiting from foster care to a permanent home through adoption increased significantly which in turn caused the percentage of children reunified to drop slightly.

# Alaska

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 184,591 | 182,767 | 180,558 | 183,546 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 18.2 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 17.2 |
| Asian | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.7 |
| Black | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.4 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 9.2 |
| White | 56.4 | 56.2 | 56.1 | 55.4 |
| Two or more races | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 3,481 | 3,138 | 4,522 | 3,959 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,910 | 2,099 | 2,162 | 2,202 |
| Children adopted | 213 | 254 | 269 | 323 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 3 | 5 | 19 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 132 | 549 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 2,781 | 2,868 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 67 | 60 | 42 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 285 | 9,752 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 477 | 23,204 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 9,500 | 51.5 per 1,000 | 8,222 | 45.0 per 1,000 | 13,269 | 73.5 per 1,000 | 10,752 | 58.6 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 3,481 | 18.9 per 1,000 | 3,138 | 17.2 per 1,000 | 4,522 | 25.0 per 1,000 | 3,959 | 21.6 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 2 | 1.1 per 100,000 | 4 | 2.2 per 100,000 | 2 | 1.1 per 100,000 | — | — per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.4 | 11.9 | 15.5 | 13.7 |
| 1 year | 7.1 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 8.4 |
| 2 years | 6.1 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| 3 years | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| 4 years | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 7.3 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 6.5 |
| 6 years | 5.4 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| 8 years | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 6.0 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 5.0 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| 14 years | 5.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.1 |
| 16 years | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 17 years | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,481** | **3,138** | **4,522** | **3,959** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 48.7 | 52.7 | 50.7 | 48.1 |
| Asian | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Black | 6.7 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 2.7 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| White | 34.0 | 30.9 | 23.5 | 22.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 2.3 | 2.0 | 12.8 | 13.7 |
| **Number** | **3,481** | **3,138** | **4,522** | **3,959** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 33.2 | 29.7 | 20.6 | 18.2 |
| Medical neglect | 4.4 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| Neglect | 57.7 | 67.4 | 73.4 | 79.9 |
| Physical abuse | 14.2 | 9.9 | 12.3 | 11.4 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,481** | **3,138** | **4,522** | **3,959** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | — | — |
| Median | — | — | — | — |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,691 | 2,009 | 2,169 | 2,169 | 878 | 852 | 919 | 881 | 671 | 768 | 926 | 851 | 1,910 | 2,099 | 2,162 | 2,202 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 15.5 | 17.4 | 18.6 | 18.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17.1 | 23.0 | 21.2 | 23.0 | 17.2 | 18.0 | 17.8 | 17.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 19.9 | 18.5 | 20.6 | 20.4 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 1 year | 6.7 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 8.3 |
| 2 years | 7.1 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.2 |
| 3 years | 5.6 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| 4 years | 5.6 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 4.8 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| 11 years | 5.6 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.6 |
| 12 years | 3.9 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 6.2 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 3.6 |
| 15 years | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| 17 years | 4.7 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| 18 years | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.7 |
| 19 years | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.8 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 48.3 | 49.9 | 52.6 | 54.1 | 52.8 | 51.2 | 57.3 | 54.7 | 50.8 | 42.7 | 53.9 | 51.2 | 49.6 | 52.9 | 54.1 | 55.5 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Black | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 3.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| White | 28.4 | 27.1 | 26.3 | 25.3 | 24.3 | 28.1 | 23.0 | 26.1 | 25.9 | 30.2 | 24.7 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 26.3 | 25.5 | 24.8 |
| Two or more races | 12.7 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 6.8 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 7.8 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 698 | 766 | 807 | 755 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 267 | 302 | 313 | 191 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| 1 year | 8.3 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 8.7 |
| 2 years | 6.2 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 7.4 |
| 3 years | 7.4 | 6.8 | 8.6 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 6.7 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 7.0 |
| 5 years | 6.9 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| 7 years | 7.0 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 5.7 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| 9 years | 6.2 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 7.0 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| 11 years | 6.0 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 6.5 |
| 12 years | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| 13 years | 4.2 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 4.7 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 5.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.3 |
| 16 years | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 1.7 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 46.6 | 52.5 | 53.9 | 54.0 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Black | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| White | 26.6 | 23.8 | 23.5 | 24.2 |
| Two or more races | 15.8 | 12.5 | 11.2 | 9.1 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 213 | 254 | 269 | 323 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| 1 year | 7.5 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 9.3 |
| 2 years | 16.9 | 14.6 | 16.4 | 9.0 |
| 3 years | 13.1 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 12.7 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 8.7 |
| 5 years | 9.4 | 9.8 | 7.8 | 8.7 |
| 6 years | 8.0 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 8.0 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 6.2 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 10 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 2.3 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 4.2 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 2.5 |
| 14 years | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| 15 years | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| 16 years | 1.4 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| 17 years | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.4 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 44.6 | 35.0 | 53.2 | 54.2 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Black | 6.1 | 8.3 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| White | 27.2 | 28.7 | 21.6 | 24.1 |
| Two or more races | 20.7 | 22.8 | 15.2 | 11.8 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.6 | 89.0 | 90.9 | 90.5 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.4 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 9.5 |
| **Number** | **1,393** | **1,277** | **1,520** | **1,842** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.93 | 1.22 | 0.42 | 0.98 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.07 | 98.78 | 99.58 | 99.02 |
| **Number** | **2,569** | **2,861** | **3,088** | **3,050** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 25.9 | 31.4 | 31.1 | 37.1 |
| Guardianship | 4.0 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 3.8 |
| Reunification | 57.2 | 51.2 | 52.1 | 49.0 |
| Other | 12.8 | 13.5 | 11.8 | 10.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **671** | **768** | **926** | **851** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 67.7 | 60.8 | 60.7 | 68.9 |
| Guardianship | 5.7 | 3.2 | 11.5 | 7.3 |
| Reunification | 14.6 | 14.8 | 15.7 | 6.6 |
| Other | 12.0 | 21.2 | 12.0 | 17.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **158** | **189** | **191** | **151** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 3.7 | 6.9 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| Guardianship | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 6.9 |
| Reunification | 40.3 | 39.4 | 43.9 | 45.7 |
| Other | 49.3 | 46.3 | 45.3 | 44.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **134** | **160** | **139** | **116** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 12.7 | 19.4 | 27.1 | 34.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 85.5 | 80.6 | 72.9 | 63.0 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| **Number** | **55** | **67** | **59** | **46** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 22.3 | 26.2 | 30.9 | 39.4 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 26.2 | 30.9 | 23.2 | 26.2 |
| Guardianship | 3.2 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 8.9 | 4.8 |
| Reunification | 61.0 | 51.5 | 51.1 | 46.3 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 61.9 | 58.2 | 44.6 | 64.3 |
| Other | 13.5 | 15.9 | 14.2 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 23.2 | 4.8 |
| 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** | **341** | **328** | **499** | **436** | **7** | **7** | **10** | **6** | **42** | **55** | **56** | **42** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 41.7 | 10.7 | 38.7 | 37.8 | 44.1 | 29.3 | 32.3 | 28.8 | 32.8 |
| Guardianship | 66.7 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 17.9 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 7.4 | 7.3 |
| Reunification | 33.3 | 90.0 | 92.9 | 58.3 | 57.1 | 41.9 | 45.9 | 47.1 | 55.2 | 53.4 | 55.0 | 51.3 |
| Other | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 19.4 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 8.7 | 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** | **3** | **10** | **14** | **12** | **28** | **31** | **37** | **34** | **174** | **232** | **229** | **232** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48.5 | 57.5 | 61.9 | 44.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 92.3 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 33.8 | 26.4 | 33.3 | 42.2 | 85.7 | 100.0 | 92.9 | 100.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 13.2 | 10.3 | 1.6 | 9.6 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 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 |
| **Number** | **1** | **13** | **4** | **4** | **68** | **87** | **63** | **83** | **7** | **5** | **14** | **2** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 59.6 | 46.1 | 48.5 | 42.2 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 29.9 | 31.0 | 36.1 | 38.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 6.8 | 14.8 | 9.8 | 14.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.6 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 1.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.8 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Missing data | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **384** | **393** | **482** | **417** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 86.6 | 85.4 | 88.0 | 85.0 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 5.6 | 9.7 | 7.2 | 5.1 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 6.0 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 9.0 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **878** | **852** | **919** | **881** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.3 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.5 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 26.4 | 20.7 | 18.4 | 20.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 36.8 | 41.9 | 35.4 | 32.0 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 17.8 | 24.9 | 18.8 | 27.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 12.1 | 9.1 | 25.7 | 16.5 |
| Missing data | 4.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **174** | **241** | **288** | **316** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 84.4 | 78.9 | 78.5 | 82.6 | 53.8 | 56.3 | 51.2 | 54.8 | 30.0 | 27.3 | 25.9 | 23.9 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 75.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.6 | 21.0 | 21.5 | 17.4 | 46.2 | 43.7 | 48.8 | 45.2 | 70.0 | 72.7 | 74.1 | 76.1 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 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 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 |
| **Number** | **963** | **946** | **1,023** | **964** | **680** | **723** | **778** | **815** | **924** | **1,188** | **1,286** | **1,267** | **2** | **4** | **1** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Institutions | 8.4 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Other settings | 91.6 | 94.4 | 96.1 | 96.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **631** | **594** | **666** | **754** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **129.1** | **103.0** | **99.5** | **102.4** |
| 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) | 68.8 | 54.5 | 62.3 | 54.1 |
| 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) | 6.2 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 10.6 |
| 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) | 26.2 | 27.1 | 28.0 | 20.8 |
| 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? | 7.1 | 12.7 | 13.6 | 9.9 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **83.5** | **100.0** | **111.7** | **102.0** |
| 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? | 30.1 | 22.5 | 20.1 | 23.5 |
| 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? | 28.9 | 31.2 | 34.1 | 33.4 |
| 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? | 18.2 | 21.0 | 24.0 | 26.2 |
| 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?[17] | 7.4 | 14.6 | 16.5 | 11.4 |
| 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? | 36.6 | 47.0 | 66.8 | 67.8 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **132.8** | **123.7** | **103.0** | **107.6** |
| 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? | 24.2 | 27.5 | 31.0 | 31.1 |
| 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? | 99.3 | 97.9 | 97.3 | 96.3 |
| 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? | 31.2 | 41.7 | 63.1 | 53.7 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **89.4** | **85.9** | **82.6** | **86.2** |
| 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? | 83.4 | 77.9 | 77.5 | 81.7 |
| 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? | 53.9 | 56.3 | 51.3 | 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? | 29.7 | 27.9 | 26.7 | 24.9 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,642,298 | 1,688,329 | 1,717,156 | 1,732,019 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| Asian | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Black | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 41.4 | 42.3 | 43.0 | 43.6 |
| White | 44.4 | 43.4 | 42.9 | 41.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 4,469 | 4,025 | 3,516 | 3,922 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 9,788 | 9,568 | 10,378 | 10,412 |
| Children adopted | 1,400 | 1,629 | 1,661 | 1,653 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 40 | 45 | 47 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 6,341 | 6,652 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 14,036 | 14,298 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 77 | 83 | 83 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 31,781 | 34,136 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 38,340 | 41,332 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 76,455 | 46.6 per 1,000 | 76,400 | 45.3 per 1,000 | 67,159 | 39.1 per 1,000 | 75,064 | 43.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 4,469 | 2.7 per 1,000 | 4,025 | 2.4 per 1,000 | 3,516 | 2.0 per 1,000 | 3,922 | 2.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 16 | 1.0 per 100,000 | 28 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 11 | 0.6 per 100,000 | 30 | 1.7 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.8 | 12.4 | 12.9 | 12.7 |
| 1 year | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 8.9 |
| 2 years | 8.3 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.6 |
| 3 years | 7.1 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 7.4 |
| 4 years | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 7.1 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 6.2 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| 16 years | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| 17 years | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,469** | **4,025** | **3,516** | **3,922** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Black | 6.7 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 8.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 35.7 | 39.2 | 33.4 | 38.0 |
| White | 45.0 | 41.0 | 44.7 | 40.2 |
| Two or more races | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Missing data | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 3.8 |
| **Number** | **4,469** | **4,025** | **3,516** | **3,922** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 70.6 | 64.9 | 67.2 | 69.8 |
| Physical abuse | 23.8 | 29.8 | 27.4 | 25.0 |
| Sexual abuse | 7.1 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,469** | **4,025** | **3,516** | **3,922** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 68.6 | 43.0 | 72.8 | 62.6 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 9,547 | 9,494 | 9,380 | 10,051 | 7,412 | 7,458 | 8,145 | 7,594 | 7,171 | 7,384 | 7,147 | 7,233 | 9,788 | 9,568 | 10,378 | 10,412 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.3 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 11.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9.8 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 13.4 | 13.0 | 11.5 | 12.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 18.4 | 18.2 | 16.7 | 17.1 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| 1 year | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.9 |
| 3 years | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| 12 years | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 15 years | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.8 |
| 16 years | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| 17 years | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 6.6 |
| 18 years | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 6.9 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| 19 years | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 20+ years | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 10.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 39.9 | 39.8 | 40.3 | 40.6 | 38.9 | 39.8 | 39.4 | 41.1 | 39.5 | 39.6 | 40.0 | 38.8 | 39.5 | 40.0 | 39.8 | 42.2 |
| White | 43.1 | 42.8 | 41.8 | 39.1 | 40.8 | 39.9 | 37.6 | 37.0 | 41.1 | 40.8 | 40.5 | 39.9 | 42.8 | 42.0 | 39.4 | 37.0 |
| Two or more races | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 |
| Unknown | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,645 | 2,492 | 2,148 | 2,721 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 2,008 | 1,990 | 1,733 | 2,098 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.6 |
| 1 year | 12.9 | 11.8 | 10.6 | 11.7 |
| 2 years | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| 3 years | 8.0 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 8.8 |
| 4 years | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 8.3 |
| 5 years | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 6.6 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 15 years | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| 16 years | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 2.3 |
| 17 years | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Black | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.9 | 9.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 40.3 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 43.1 |
| White | 43.4 | 42.7 | 42.3 | 38.3 |
| Two or more races | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Unknown | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,400 | 1,629 | 1,661 | 1,653 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| 1 year | 12.2 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 12.3 |
| 2 years | 16.8 | 16.6 | 16.1 | 14.7 |
| 3 years | 11.6 | 12.3 | 10.0 | 10.8 |
| 4 years | 9.6 | 8.7 | 10.1 | 9.4 |
| 5 years | 8.7 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 7.9 |
| 6 years | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 7.9 |
| 7 years | 7.3 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.9 |
| 8 years | 4.4 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 |
| 9 years | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 11 years | 2.8 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 14 years | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| 15 years | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 16 years | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| 17 years | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| 18 years | 0.1 | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Black | 6.7 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 7.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 44.2 | 42.4 | 43.3 | 41.3 |
| White | 42.5 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 43.9 |
| Two or more races | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Unknown | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 97.4 | 98.6 | 98.3 | 98.5 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| **Number** | **1,870** | **1,795** | **1,615** | **1,522** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.21 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.14 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.79 | 99.84 | 99.84 | 99.86 |
| **Number** | **16,959** | **16,952** | **17,525** | **17,645** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 19.5 | 22.1 | 23.3 | 22.9 |
| Guardianship | 14.6 | 13.3 | 9.2 | 9.1 |
| Reunification | 52.1 | 50.3 | 53.4 | 52.6 |
| Other | 13.8 | 14.3 | 14.1 | 15.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,171** | **7,384** | **7,147** | **7,233** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 27.7 | 30.9 | 32.7 | 31.3 |
| Guardianship | 14.6 | 12.4 | 10.5 | 10.7 |
| Reunification | 37.5 | 35.5 | 35.5 | 34.7 |
| Other | 20.1 | 21.3 | 21.3 | 23.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,930** | **3,091** | **2,988** | **3,256** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Guardianship | 10.6 | 12.4 | 8.2 | 9.4 |
| Reunification | 50.8 | 47.0 | 50.8 | 49.0 |
| Other | 37.2 | 38.5 | 39.3 | 39.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,735** | **1,840** | **1,816** | **1,943** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 20.8 | 17.1 | 13.8 | 17.0 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 79.2 | 82.9 | 86.2 | 83.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **518** | **573** | **589** | **700** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 2.6 | 7.5 | 12.2 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 11.8 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 13.5 | 16.5 | 18.3 |
| Guardianship | 15.5 | 11.1 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 12.3 | 14.6 | 6.3 | 8.8 |
| Reunification | 52.1 | 55.6 | 53.3 | 52.8 | 77.8 | 76.5 | 80.0 | 94.4 | 54.4 | 54.7 | 60.7 | 55.7 |
| Other | 29.7 | 25.8 | 19.6 | 23.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 16.7 | 17.2 | 16.5 | 17.2 |
| 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** | **303** | **252** | **255** | **269** | **27** | **17** | **20** | **18** | **563** | **644** | **583** | **693** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 25.0 | 7.7 | 33.3 | 12.5 | 21.8 | 23.9 | 25.2 | 24.3 | 20.3 | 23.9 | 24.8 | 25.1 |
| Guardianship | 25.0 | 15.4 | 16.7 | 12.5 | 15.8 | 14.1 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 13.2 | 12.6 | 8.7 | 8.3 |
| Reunification | 43.8 | 46.2 | 41.7 | 62.5 | 50.2 | 48.3 | 52.3 | 52.1 | 53.2 | 49.6 | 52.4 | 50.8 |
| Other | 6.3 | 30.8 | 8.3 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 15.8 |
| 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** | **16** | **13** | **12** | **16** | **2,829** | **2,922** | **2,861** | **2,806** | **2,947** | **3,016** | **2,896** | **2,888** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.1 | 12.9 | 9.3 | 11.5 | 21.3 | 27.1 | 24.7 | 22.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 18.7 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 12.3 | 16.2 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 58.9 | 63.6 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 47.3 | 51.2 | 49.3 | 54.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 13.4 | 11.6 | 14.4 | 10.6 | 15.2 | 9.8 | 15.1 | 13.0 | 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** | **209** | **225** | **216** | **227** | **277** | **295** | **304** | **316** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 79.3 | 79.2 | 78.3 | 79.4 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 17.2 | 16.4 | 17.2 | 16.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,735** | **3,713** | **3,816** | **3,806** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 81.7 | 79.9 | 81.1 | 81.2 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 10.9 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 10.4 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 8.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,412** | **7,458** | **8,145** | **7,594** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 3.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 31.2 | 32.2 | 36.3 | 37.4 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 46.0 | 40.2 | 40.5 | 37.4 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 14.6 | 17.3 | 12.9 | 13.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 5.5 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,401** | **1,635** | **1,666** | **1,655** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.6 | 85.2 | 86.7 | 87.0 | 59.0 | 60.6 | 62.4 | 65.5 | 28.3 | 29.8 | 29.0 | 29.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.3 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.1 | 12.9 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 40.9 | 39.2 | 37.5 | 34.5 | 71.6 | 70.1 | 70.9 | 70.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **8,358** | **8,428** | **9,022** | **8,725** | **4,490** | **4,158** | **4,275** | **4,792** | **4,108** | **4,359** | **4,201** | **4,105** | **3** | **7** | **27** | **23** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 6.1 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Institutions | 13.8 | 10.0 | 5.9 | 3.4 |
| Other settings | 80.1 | 85.3 | 91.0 | 93.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,303** | **5,370** | **5,780** | **5,542** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **104.7** | **106.9** | **95.9** | **100.4** |
| 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) | 68.2 | 68.7 | 65.7 | 69.4 |
| 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) | 7.0 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 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) | 30.8 | 33.2 | 34.0 | 30.4 |
| 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? | 18.7 | 17.1 | 20.7 | 19.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **121.9** | **130.8** | **141.4** | **147.8** |
| 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? | 33.8 | 35.4 | 38.8 | 41.3 |
| 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? | 27.7 | 27.3 | 26.3 | 26.0 |
| 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? | 32.2 | 35.0 | 35.3 | 35.5 |
| 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?[17] | 13.8 | 15.1 | 14.7 | 17.2 |
| 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? | 44.9 | 51.5 | 61.0 | 64.5 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **129.7** | **139.1** | **137.5** | **136.2** |
| 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? | 33.4 | 37.2 | 35.7 | 35.4 |
| 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? | 94.7 | 95.8 | 96.2 | 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? | 39.3 | 34.0 | 35.0 | 35.9 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **91.5** | **93.1** | **95.4** | **97.2** |
| 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? | 83.1 | 83.6 | 85.6 | 85.6 |
| 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? | 59.1 | 61.1 | 62.8 | 65.8 |
| 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? | 29.5 | 31.1 | 30.9 | 31.7 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 697,878 | 703,688 | 706,653 | 709,968 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Black | 19.5 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 18.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.4 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 10.0 |
| White | 67.9 | 67.3 | 66.8 | 66.1 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 9,180 | 9,847 | 9,289 | 10,556 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 3,506 | 3,646 | 3,544 | 3,697 |
| Children adopted | 395 | 404 | 505 | 601 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 32 | 48 | 53 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,676 | 2,575 | 2,990 |
| Denominator | N/A | 5,229 | 5,372 | 5,685 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 30 | 53 | 70 |
| Numerator | N/A | 2,214 | 7,504 | 10,518 |
| Denominator | N/A | 7,388 | 14,212 | 14,990 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 52,206 | 74.8 per 1,000 | 57,986 | 82.4 per 1,000 | 57,925 | 82.0 per 1,000 | 64,124 | 90.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 9,180 | 13.2 per 1,000 | 9,847 | 14.0 per 1,000 | 9,289 | 13.1 per 1,000 | 10,556 | 14.9 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 19 | 2.7 per 100,000 | 20 | 2.8 per 100,000 | 21 | 3.0 per 100,000 | 13 | 1.8 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.9 | 10.1 | 11.6 | 10.4 |
| 1 year | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| 2 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| 3 years | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 5.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| 15 years | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| 16 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 17 years | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **9,180** | **9,847** | **9,289** | **10,556** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Black | 20.9 | 19.7 | 18.5 | 19.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.9 |
| White | 66.4 | 67.0 | 67.8 | 66.7 |
| Two or more races | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **9,180** | **9,847** | **9,289** | **10,556** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Medical neglect | 5.7 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 7.3 |
| Neglect | 56.6 | 61.5 | 57.7 | 61.7 |
| Physical abuse | 18.8 | 15.8 | 16.8 | 18.1 |
| Sexual abuse | 26.1 | 22.5 | 24.6 | 22.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **9,180** | **9,847** | **9,289** | **10,556** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 219.4 | 224.8 | 122.1 | 104.9 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 3,131 | 3,317 | 3,430 | 3,438 | 3,925 | 3,999 | 3,776 | 4,150 | 3,550 | 3,670 | 3,662 | 3,891 | 3,506 | 3,646 | 3,544 | 3,697 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.7 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 10.3 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 16.1 | 15.0 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| 1 year | 6.0 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 8.9 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 8.3 |
| 3 years | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 4 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 5 years | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 6 years | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 8 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 16 years | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| 17 years | 8.8 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 8.0 |
| 18 years | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 19 years | 0.9 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.4 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Black | 28.2 | 30.3 | 29.2 | 27.0 | 28.9 | 26.2 | 23.7 | 24.3 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 25.6 | 25.2 | 30.6 | 29.5 | 27.1 | 25.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| White | 57.0 | 56.0 | 56.4 | 56.2 | 57.9 | 60.6 | 60.5 | 60.6 | 59.5 | 60.3 | 59.4 | 59.6 | 55.5 | 56.6 | 57.6 | 57.6 |
| Two or more races | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 9.3 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 957 | 793 | 875 | 850 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 579 | 405 | 422 | 420 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.1 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| 1 year | 7.0 | 4.9 | 8.0 | 7.8 |
| 2 years | 7.5 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.4 |
| 3 years | 7.8 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 7.1 |
| 4 years | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 6.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 7.2 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 6.6 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 6.1 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 5.9 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 |
| 16 years | 2.7 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 5.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 27.8 | 29.9 | 28.7 | 29.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.4 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| White | 57.4 | 54.4 | 56.9 | 54.2 |
| Two or more races | 8.8 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 10.1 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 395 | 404 | 505 | 601 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| 1 year | 7.3 | 9.4 | 7.1 | 10.0 |
| 2 years | 9.6 | 16.1 | 14.7 | 13.3 |
| 3 years | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 12.6 |
| 4 years | 8.9 | 12.4 | 13.7 | 10.8 |
| 5 years | 9.4 | 6.7 | 8.9 | 8.7 |
| 6 years | 7.8 | 7.2 | 9.1 | 6.5 |
| 7 years | 6.8 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 7.3 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 7.3 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 3.5 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| 14 years | 1.3 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| 15 years | 3.0 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 |
| 16 years | 3.3 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.0 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Black | 26.1 | 24.8 | 29.5 | 27.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.6 | 7.2 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| White | 61.5 | 62.6 | 55.8 | 58.4 |
| Two or more races | 5.8 | 4.0 | 9.1 | 7.7 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 95.3 | 93.3 | 94.7 | 94.5 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 4.7 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| **Number** | **4,236** | **4,667** | **4,291** | **4,778** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.55 | 0.51 | 0.57 | 0.47 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.45 | 99.49 | 99.43 | 99.53 |
| **Number** | **7,056** | **7,316** | **7,206** | **7,588** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 10.6 | 10.2 | 13.5 | 15.1 |
| Guardianship | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.3 |
| Reunification | 77.9 | 77.7 | 76.4 | 73.6 |
| Other | 8.4 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,550** | **3,670** | **3,662** | **3,891** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 21.9 | 14.8 | 17.5 | 25.4 |
| Guardianship | 4.5 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 4.7 |
| Reunification | 53.5 | 55.9 | 58.2 | 47.7 |
| Other | 20.1 | 27.4 | 21.3 | 22.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **447** | **379** | **342** | **386** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.8 |
| Guardianship | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| Reunification | 71.0 | 67.4 | 71.4 | 66.7 |
| Other | 23.9 | 27.7 | 24.2 | 27.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **953** | **1,003** | **865** | **898** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 19.9 | 17.1 | 20.3 | 18.2 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 80.1 | 82.9 | 79.7 | 81.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **271** | **321** | **256** | **292** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 14.0 | 15.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 3.4 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 100.0 | 83.3 | 40.0 | 50.0 | 90.0 | 73.7 | 83.3 | 79.1 | 78.5 | 75.0 | 73.6 |
| Other | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 16.7 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 9.3 | 8.0 |
| 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** | **5** | **6** | **5** | **4** | **10** | **19** | **6** | **944** | **977** | **936** | **981** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 14.6 | 10.8 | 18.2 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 14.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 84.4 | 74.5 | 81.5 | 74.0 | 77.1 | 77.6 | 77.4 | 74.4 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 7.3 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| 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** | **2** | **4** | **2** | **2** | **224** | **192** | **259** | **242** | **2,113** | **2,214** | **2,175** | **2,318** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 10.5 | 8.3 | 6.7 | 13.6 | 8.4 | 22.9 | 18.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 94.7 | 84.2 | 75.0 | 80.0 | 72.4 | 75.1 | 68.8 | 67.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 5.3 | 5.3 | 16.7 | 13.3 | 11.1 | 11.6 | 5.5 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **19** | **19** | **12** | **15** | **243** | **249** | **253** | **322** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 89.8 | 87.7 | 86.0 | 89.6 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 6.8 | 9.6 | 11.5 | 8.3 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,764** | **2,850** | **2,799** | **2,865** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.9 | 81.9 | 79.8 | 82.6 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.1 | 10.1 | 11.4 | 8.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **3,925** | **3,999** | **3,776** | **4,150** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 6.3 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 6.5 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 27.8 | 30.2 | 31.7 | 34.8 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 31.2 | 38.2 | 39.0 | 33.4 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 20.1 | 16.3 | 14.7 | 13.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 14.6 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 11.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **378** | **374** | **495** | **586** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 74.0 | 72.6 | 75.6 | 74.8 | 40.1 | 37.2 | 39.0 | 44.0 | 17.4 | 20.1 | 19.2 | 16.8 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 82.6 | 88.9 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 25.5 | 27.0 | 23.5 | 24.4 | 59.8 | 62.8 | 60.8 | 55.8 | 82.6 | 79.9 | 80.8 | 83.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 17.4 | 11.1 |
| **Number** | **4,463** | **4,578** | **4,378** | **4,815** | **1,116** | **1,273** | **1,339** | **1,308** | **1,474** | **1,462** | **1,466** | **1,456** | **3** | **3** | **23** | **9** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| Institutions | 10.2 | 9.8 | 11.0 | 10.1 |
| Other settings | 88.1 | 88.1 | 87.2 | 87.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,872** | **2,944** | **2,885** | **3,179** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **145.0** | **145.3** | **146.5** | **154.6** |
| 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) | 86.5 | 85.5 | 86.6 | 92.1 |
| 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) | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.5 |
| 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) | 66.3 | 63.3 | 65.1 | 64.6 |
| 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? | 13.3 | 11.7 | 13.5 | 12.3 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.6** | **100.3** | **107.6** | **118.4** |
| 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? | 34.5 | 34.6 | 35.9 | 41.0 |
| 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? | 31.5 | 28.8 | 27.8 | 26.6 |
| 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? | 24.1 | 22.7 | 27.3 | 29.9 |
| 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?[17] | 6.0 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 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? | 42.4 | 44.5 | 46.8 | 53.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **128.9** | **129.3** | **125.9** | **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? | 29.5 | 25.3 | 29.7 | 29.6 |
| 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? | 94.2 | 95.3 | 95.5 | 95.5 |
| 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? | 37.8 | 38.1 | 36.5 | 33.7 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **68.1** | **67.4** | **70.8** | **71.5** |
| 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? | 69.2 | 68.4 | 72.6 | 71.7 |
| 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? | 40.3 | 37.3 | 39.1 | 44.2 |
| 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? | 17.5 | 20.8 | 19.4 | 16.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 9,445,218 | 9,426,972 | 9,424,028 | 9,435,682 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 10.2 |
| Black | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 48.2 | 48.9 | 49.7 | 50.2 |
| White | 31.4 | 30.7 | 30.2 | 29.4 |
| Two or more races | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 89,500 | 88,319 | 84,848 | 79,799 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 78,127 | 73,223 | 66,414 | 63,245 |
| Children adopted | 7,393 | 7,622 | 7,777 | 7,033 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 57 | 63 | 67 |
| Numerator | N/A | 53,126 | 55,049 | 53,506 |
| Denominator | N/A | 93,689 | 87,117 | 79,357 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 70 | 71 | 72 |
| Numerator | N/A | 269,561 | 290,315 | 288,913 |
| Denominator | N/A | 385,767 | 410,382 | 402,780 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 427,122 | 45.2 per 1,000 | 441,467 | 46.8 per 1,000 | 470,368 | 49.9 per 1,000 | 449,388 | 47.6 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 89,500 | 9.5 per 1,000 | 88,319 | 9.4 per 1,000 | 84,848 | 9.0 per 1,000 | 79,799 | 8.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 140 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 184 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 185 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 185 | 2.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 12.2 | 12.6 | 12.4 | 12.8 |
| 1 year | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| 3 years | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 4 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| 16 years | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| 17 years | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **89,500** | **88,319** | **84,848** | **79,799** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| Black | 13.0 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 12.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 49.2 | 51.7 | 51.0 | 51.7 |
| White | 26.4 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 25.5 |
| Two or more races | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Missing data | 4.5 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **89,500** | **88,319** | **84,848** | **79,799** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 17.6 | 18.2 | 17.7 | 16.2 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 71.7 | 72.5 | 74.2 | 76.9 |
| Physical abuse | 12.4 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 10.6 |
| Sexual abuse | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **89,500** | **88,319** | **84,848** | **79,799** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 145.7 | 203.2 | 188.5 | 125.4 |
| Median | >96 but <120 | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 78,979 | 75,270 | 72,735 | 66,360 | 40,290 | 40,470 | 35,233 | 33,527 | 41,145 | 42,518 | 41,555 | 36,643 | 78,127 | 73,223 | 66,414 | 63,245 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 19.2 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 17.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 18.7 | 17.6 | 18.1 | 17.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 17.0 | 17.5 | 16.5 | 16.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 1 year | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 3 years | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 4 years | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 5 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 6 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 7 years | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 8 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| 14 years | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 |
| 15 years | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.3 |
| 16 years | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| 17 years | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 10.1 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 10.0 |
| 18 years | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.8 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | <.1 | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Black | 26.2 | 24.9 | 23.8 | 23.9 | 17.8 | 17.3 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 20.0 | 19.4 | 19.5 | 20.0 | 25.2 | 23.8 | 23.9 | 23.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 43.7 | 45.5 | 47.2 | 47.3 | 49.8 | 51.7 | 50.2 | 50.6 | 46.6 | 48.5 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 45.4 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 47.5 |
| White | 23.2 | 22.5 | 21.7 | 21.3 | 24.2 | 23.0 | 22.2 | 22.5 | 25.7 | 24.5 | 22.7 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 21.7 | 21.3 | 21.5 |
| Two or more races | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 21,328 | 20,803 | 17,777 | 14,714 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 11,021 | 10,880 | 9,836 | 8,194 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.9 | 9.9 | 7.3 | 5.6 |
| 1 year | 12.7 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| 2 years | 10.2 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 10.5 |
| 3 years | 9.4 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 9.1 |
| 4 years | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| 5 years | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| 13 years | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| 15 years | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| 16 years | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| 17 years | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.4 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Black | 19.8 | 18.9 | 19.7 | 19.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 49.1 | 50.7 | 50.6 | 49.7 |
| White | 23.7 | 22.7 | 22.1 | 23.0 |
| Two or more races | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| Unknown | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 7,393 | 7,622 | 7,777 | 7,033 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 1 year | 14.3 | 15.9 | 14.2 | 13.4 |
| 2 years | 15.5 | 15.1 | 16.2 | 15.8 |
| 3 years | 12.2 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 12.6 |
| 4 years | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.4 |
| 5 years | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 7 years | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| 13 years | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 14 years | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 15 years | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 16 years | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| 17 years | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.3 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Black | 18.6 | 16.7 | 15.4 | 16.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 45.9 | 48.0 | 51.3 | 52.5 |
| White | 27.9 | 27.7 | 25.4 | 22.7 |
| Two or more races | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | <.1 | <.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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.6 | 92.8 | 92.7 | 93.2 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| **Number** | **41,654** | **41,245** | **38,645** | **37,354** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.42 | 0.23 | 0.29 | 0.30 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.58 | 99.77 | 99.71 | 99.70 |
| **Number** | **119,269** | **115,740** | **107,968** | **99,887** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.7 | 17.9 | 18.7 | 19.4 |
| Guardianship | 5.0 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 6.6 |
| Reunification | 56.9 | 57.3 | 57.2 | 56.1 |
| Other | 19.4 | 19.0 | 16.1 | 16.7 |
| Missing data | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **41,145** | **42,518** | **41,555** | **36,643** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 25.3 | 25.1 | 25.2 | 26.1 |
| Guardianship | 5.8 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 7.5 |
| Reunification | 47.1 | 46.5 | 44.8 | 43.7 |
| Other | 20.6 | 21.5 | 19.9 | 21.0 |
| Missing data | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **15,436** | **16,849** | **17,651** | **16,283** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Guardianship | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Reunification | 49.1 | 50.6 | 53.2 | 51.2 |
| Other | 46.5 | 44.7 | 39.8 | 42.0 |
| Missing data | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| **Number** | **11,358** | **11,641** | **10,376** | **9,237** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 44.2 | 42.7 | 42.1 | 38.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 55.7 | 57.3 | 57.9 | 61.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **4,433** | **5,192** | **5,148** | **5,137** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 7.7 | 9.4 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 11.9 | 15.1 | 16.0 | 15.5 | 16.6 | 15.4 | 14.9 | 16.1 |
| Guardianship | 12.2 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 10.7 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 10.4 | 8.8 |
| Reunification | 54.5 | 57.3 | 54.7 | 55.9 | 67.0 | 67.5 | 68.6 | 65.1 | 46.6 | 47.3 | 47.5 | 48.1 |
| Other | 23.8 | 23.4 | 20.4 | 21.5 | 15.1 | 13.0 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 29.1 | 28.9 | 25.4 | 25.4 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| **Number** | **336** | **286** | **289** | **261** | **901** | **905** | **876** | **859** | **8,226** | **8,264** | **8,113** | **7,317** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 8.9 | 5.0 | 15.0 | 8.0 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 19.2 | 20.3 | 19.0 | 20.1 | 20.6 | 20.3 |
| Guardianship | 7.5 | 3.3 | 6.9 | 9.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Reunification | 67.1 | 77.5 | 71.7 | 69.6 | 60.5 | 61.2 | 61.1 | 59.0 | 57.1 | 56.0 | 55.9 | 55.6 |
| Other | 15.8 | 14.2 | 5.8 | 12.0 | 16.3 | 15.8 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 16.7 | 17.2 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **146** | **120** | **173** | **125** | **19,181** | **20,608** | **20,717** | **18,295** | **10,566** | **10,400** | **9,431** | **8,081** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 23.5 | 23.3 | 23.9 | 24.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 |
| Guardianship | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 75.8 | 72.9 | 73.8 | 72.3 | 56.1 | 58.4 | 53.5 | 52.7 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 90.8 |
| Other | 22.0 | 23.8 | 20.8 | 21.4 | 15.2 | 13.1 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **186** | **240** | **202** | **112** | **1,601** | **1,694** | **1,754** | **1,517** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **76** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 65.9 | 66.7 | 65.3 | 66.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 25.0 | 25.8 | 27.3 | 26.5 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **23,412** | **24,380** | **23,755** | **20,556** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 77.1 | 78.3 | 77.5 | 77.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.7 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 9.4 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 12.4 | 12.0 | 12.6 | 12.4 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **40,290** | **40,470** | **35,233** | **33,527** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 4.1 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 26.6 | 28.3 | 25.7 | 25.0 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 33.9 | 32.1 | 36.4 | 34.7 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 17.3 | 17.6 | 18.1 | 19.1 |
| 48 or more mos. | 18.2 | 17.6 | 16.0 | 17.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,271** | **7,593** | **7,759** | **7,092** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 83.1 | 83.0 | 82.6 | 82.8 | 61.1 | 61.2 | 61.8 | 61.7 | 35.2 | 34.0 | 33.7 | 33.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 16.7 | 16.8 | 17.1 | 16.9 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.1 | 38.2 | 64.8 | 66.0 | 66.2 | 66.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **46,414** | **46,766** | **41,749** | **38,998** | **26,911** | **26,569** | **25,939** | **23,522** | **45,944** | **42,402** | **40,276** | **37,365** | **0** | **3** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Institutions | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| Other settings | 94.0 | 95.2 | 95.4 | 95.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **26,439** | **26,927** | **24,115** | **24,169** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **111.5** | **107.1** | **108.6** | **110.6** |
| 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) | 65.6 | 62.4 | 61.3 | 62.6 |
| 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) | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.5 |
| 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) | 35.4 | 37.9 | 40.7 | 38.9 |
| 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? | 13.9 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 12.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.7** | **95.9** | **99.7** | **99.0** |
| 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? | 30.7 | 32.8 | 29.5 | 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? | 30.2 | 29.6 | 30.2 | 30.9 |
| 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? | 14.1 | 15.7 | 17.9 | 17.9 |
| 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?[17] | 5.0 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 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? | 54.9 | 51.8 | 55.0 | 55.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **106.2** | **107.9** | **113.1** | **114.2** |
| 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? | 17.8 | 19.3 | 22.4 | 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? | 97.0 | 97.2 | 97.5 | 97.4 |
| 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? | 52.3 | 52.3 | 49.0 | 46.4 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **93.4** | **93.0** | **92.9** | **92.9** |
| 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? | 81.7 | 81.4 | 81.1 | 81.4 |
| 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? | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.7 | 61.5 |
| 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 | 34.1 | 33.9 | 33.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,177,483 | 1,195,633 | 1,210,628 | 1,227,763 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Asian | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Black | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 28.1 | 28.7 | 29.3 | 29.9 |
| White | 61.2 | 60.4 | 59.8 | 58.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 10,862 | 10,588 | 11,247 | 11,881 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 8,235 | 8,029 | 8,065 | 7,924 |
| Children adopted | 947 | 1,084 | 1,005 | 1,055 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 59 | 69 | 72 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 7,787 | 6,391 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 11,266 | 8,865 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 85 | 86 | 86 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 35,386 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 40,942 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 48,610 | 41.3 per 1,000 | 49,764 | 41.6 per 1,000 | 53,392 | 44.1 per 1,000 | 52,510 | 42.8 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 10,862 | 9.2 per 1,000 | 10,588 | 8.9 per 1,000 | 11,247 | 9.3 per 1,000 | 11,881 | 9.7 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 24 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 28 | 2.3 per 100,000 | 32 | 2.6 per 100,000 | 36 | 2.9 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.7 | 12.6 | 11.9 | 11.3 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| 2 years | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| 3 years | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| 6 years | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| 15 years | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 16 years | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| 17 years | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| 18+ years | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **10,862** | **10,588** | **11,247** | **11,881** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Black | 7.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 9.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 36.5 | 37.3 | 36.5 | 38.1 |
| White | 50.3 | 48.2 | 48.6 | 45.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **10,862** | **10,588** | **11,247** | **11,881** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Medical neglect | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Neglect | 69.8 | 68.8 | 71.2 | 74.8 |
| Physical abuse | 15.8 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.4 |
| Sexual abuse | 9.4 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 9.4 |
| Missing data | 4.1 | 7.9 | 4.9 | 0.7 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **10,862** | **10,588** | **11,247** | **11,881** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 35.1 | 31.4 | 22.7 | 18.3 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 8,029 | 7,960 | 7,661 | 7,799 | 7,035 | 6,372 | 6,496 | 6,096 | 6,829 | 6,303 | 6,092 | 5,971 | 8,235 | 8,029 | 8,065 | 7,924 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.7 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 12.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6.4 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 12.2 | 13.1 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 12.7 | 13.7 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 4.8 |
| 1 year | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 2 years | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 3 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 4 years | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| 5 years | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| 6 years | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| 7 years | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| 8 years | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 9 years | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| 10 years | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| 11 years | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 4.8 |
| 15 years | 8.2 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.4 |
| 16 years | 10.0 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 10.5 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 10.5 |
| 17 years | 10.7 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 11.8 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 12.1 |
| 18 years | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 9.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 8.6 |
| 19 years | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 4.0 |
| 20+ years | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Black | 11.1 | 11.6 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 10.2 | 11.3 | 12.7 | 12.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 11.5 | 12.6 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 13.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 35.7 | 35.7 | 36.6 | 37.3 | 35.3 | 37.9 | 38.8 | 37.6 | 35.3 | 36.5 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 35.7 | 36.8 | 37.1 | 36.9 |
| White | 48.4 | 47.0 | 45.4 | 43.6 | 48.6 | 45.6 | 43.2 | 43.8 | 50.0 | 48.0 | 45.2 | 43.2 | 47.3 | 45.1 | 43.8 | 44.1 |
| Two or more races | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Unknown | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,117 | 1,798 | 1,905 | 1,611 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,322 | 1,086 | 1,131 | 1,121 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.2 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 2.2 |
| 1 year | 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 7.6 |
| 2 years | 8.4 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 6.3 |
| 3 years | 8.0 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.3 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.8 |
| 10 years | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| 12 years | 5.0 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 5.6 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 6.6 |
| 14 years | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.1 |
| 16 years | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.5 |
| 17 years | 1.9 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Black | 9.8 | 10.3 | 11.3 | 10.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 38.7 | 38.6 | 38.2 | 36.6 |
| White | 46.6 | 46.2 | 45.4 | 47.9 |
| Two or more races | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.5 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 947 | 1,084 | 1,005 | 1,055 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| 1 year | 17.5 | 18.0 | 18.8 | 20.5 |
| 2 years | 16.8 | 13.2 | 14.6 | 17.3 |
| 3 years | 10.7 | 11.2 | 11.9 | 10.8 |
| 4 years | 6.8 | 8.9 | 7.6 | 8.9 |
| 5 years | 6.1 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 4.7 |
| 7 years | 5.8 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 2.4 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 2.3 |
| 12 years | 2.5 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 3.1 |
| 13 years | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| 14 years | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| 15 years | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| 16 years | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Black | 8.4 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 8.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 33.7 | 38.1 | 39.2 | 37.2 |
| White | 52.7 | 47.8 | 45.7 | 46.8 |
| Two or more races | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 6.0 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | <.1 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 95.7 | 95.3 | 94.9 | 95.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.2 |
| **Number** | **5,018** | **5,020** | **5,350** | **5,494** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.54 | 0.38 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.42 | 99.41 | 99.46 | 99.62 |
| **Number** | **15,064** | **14,332** | **14,157** | **13,895** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.2 | 16.2 | 14.9 | 15.9 |
| Guardianship | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.8 |
| Reunification | 70.0 | 65.7 | 67.0 | 64.1 |
| Other | 12.4 | 13.2 | 14.0 | 14.9 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **6,829** | **6,303** | **6,092** | **5,971** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.2 | 21.1 | 24.5 | 22.8 |
| Guardianship | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Reunification | 50.3 | 47.5 | 40.8 | 40.1 |
| Other | 29.8 | 28.3 | 32.1 | 33.7 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Number** | **749** | **650** | **546** | **606** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Guardianship | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| Reunification | 72.6 | 70.9 | 69.1 | 64.0 |
| Other | 24.9 | 26.2 | 28.7 | 32.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,623** | **2,406** | **2,342** | **2,117** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 26.1 | 27.5 | 22.0 | 20.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 73.9 | 72.5 | 78.0 | 79.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **426** | **396** | **508** | **590** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 5.9 | 13.8 | 15.8 | 13.6 | 2.6 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 12.3 | 13.1 | 11.7 | 12.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.1 |
| Reunification | 60.3 | 47.7 | 70.2 | 47.0 | 82.1 | 78.8 | 72.7 | 77.3 | 65.1 | 63.6 | 65.4 | 60.2 |
| Other | 33.8 | 36.9 | 8.8 | 39.4 | 12.8 | 9.6 | 27.3 | 18.2 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 22.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **68** | **65** | **57** | **66** | **39** | **52** | **22** | **22** | **659** | **616** | **702** | **751** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 17.6 | 15.4 | 6.7 | 9.1 | 12.8 | 16.8 | 14.8 | 15.4 | 13.5 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 17.0 |
| Guardianship | 5.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| Reunification | 58.8 | 76.9 | 86.7 | 36.4 | 71.1 | 66.1 | 68.0 | 65.2 | 70.4 | 66.0 | 67.0 | 64.6 |
| Other | 17.6 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 54.5 | 9.9 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 12.7 | 13.5 | 14.3 | 13.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **17** | **13** | **15** | **11** | **2,408** | **2,300** | **2,328** | **2,282** | **3,412** | **3,028** | **2,752** | **2,582** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.3 | 21.9 | 23.5 | 22.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 69.3 | 64.5 | 57.7 | 64.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 10.7 | 7.5 | 12.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1** | **1** | **3** | **7** | **225** | **228** | **213** | **250** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 79.6 | 75.5 | 77.1 | 80.2 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 14.0 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 14.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.1 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,783** | **4,139** | **4,080** | **3,826** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 67.9 | 70.2 | 70.6 | 69.3 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 15.3 | 14.2 | 13.8 | 16.1 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.5 | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.1 |
| Missing data | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| **Number** | **7,035** | **6,372** | **6,496** | **6,096** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 11.8 | 10.0 | 12.5 | 11.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 44.4 | 46.9 | 43.5 | 46.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 27.9 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 29.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 9.0 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 7.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 6.9 | 8.3 | 9.5 | 4.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **899** | **1,018** | **910** | **951** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 83.3 | 83.5 | 84.6 | 83.3 | 60.2 | 62.2 | 63.4 | 64.3 | 32.4 | 33.4 | 33.4 | 33.8 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 78.6 | 80.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 12.6 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 39.2 | 37.0 | 35.7 | 34.9 | 67.2 | 66.3 | 66.4 | 65.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| Missing placement settings | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 17.9 | 16.7 |
| **Number** | **8,397** | **7,592** | **7,714** | **7,356** | **3,060** | **3,089** | **2,863** | **2,995** | **3,604** | **3,641** | **3,552** | **3,514** | **3** | **10** | **28** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Institutions | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Other settings | 95.3 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 96.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,164** | **3,717** | **3,811** | **3,530** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **116.4** | **125.3** | **121.9** | **120.2** |
| 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) | 79.9 | 76.4 | 77.7 | 79.0 |
| 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) | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 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) | 58.0 | 56.5 | 55.0 | 54.4 |
| 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? | 21.1 | 15.2 | 17.3 | 18.7 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **115.1** | **118.4** | **113.4** | **119.8** |
| 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? | 56.2 | 57.2 | 56.0 | 59.0 |
| 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? | 22.1 | 21.9 | 22.4 | 21.7 |
| 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? | 17.1 | 19.5 | 19.2 | 18.9 |
| 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?[17] | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| 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? | 57.2 | 57.7 | 58.3 | 57.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **123.6** | **124.0** | **122.7** | **124.1** |
| 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? | 17.8 | 20.7 | 19.9 | 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? | 96.5 | 97.0 | 95.1 | 95.7 |
| 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? | 30.6 | 32.4 | 30.2 | 26.6 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.0** | **97.9** | **99.5** | **100.6** |
| 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? | 85.1 | 85.9 | 87.5 | 87.2 |
| 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? | 61.3 | 63.4 | 64.8 | 66.3 |
| 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? | 34.7 | 35.7 | 35.8 | 37.0 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Colorado's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Colorado is in the process of completing their AFCARS Improvement Plan (AIP) and is undergoing a number of changes to their data compilation that will be reflected on future Outcomes reports.

Colorado is also piloting an alternative response system that will be implemented statewide in the coming years. This will likely impact our statewide investigation numbers as some families will be referred to the alternative response track instead.

# Connecticut

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 829,516 | 822,400 | 814,394 | 807,985 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Black | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 16.0 | 16.7 | 17.3 | 17.9 |
| White | 66.5 | 65.7 | 65.1 | 64.0 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 10,597 | 9,823 | 9,641 | 9,756 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 6,407 | 5,815 | 5,438 | 4,869 |
| Children adopted | 659 | 700 | 770 | 728 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 72 | 73 | 73 |
| Numerator | N/A | 5,575 | 5,291 | 4,895 |
| Denominator | N/A | 7,762 | 7,275 | 6,677 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 79 | 78 | 79 |
| Numerator | N/A | 34,338 | 31,591 | 29,340 |
| Denominator | N/A | 43,432 | 40,717 | 37,023 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 42,966 | 51.8 per 1,000 | 39,809 | 48.4 per 1,000 | 36,480 | 44.8 per 1,000 | 36,946 | 45.7 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 10,597 | 12.8 per 1,000 | 9,823 | 11.9 per 1,000 | 9,641 | 11.8 per 1,000 | 9,756 | 12.1 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 3 | 0.4 per 100,000 | 4 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 6 | 0.7 per 100,000 | 4 | 0.5 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.4 | 11.1 | 11.4 | 11.5 |
| 1 year | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| 2 years | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| 3 years | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.9 |
| 6 years | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.9 |
| 15 years | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| 16 years | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| 17 years | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **10,597** | **9,823** | **9,641** | **9,756** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Black | 22.5 | 21.6 | 22.5 | 21.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 28.3 | 27.5 | 27.1 | 29.4 |
| White | 41.2 | 42.4 | 41.4 | 39.6 |
| Two or more races | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Missing data | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| **Number** | **10,597** | **9,823** | **9,641** | **9,756** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 25.7 | 29.5 | 29.8 | 4.2 |
| Medical neglect | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| Neglect | 83.4 | 79.3 | 78.4 | 90.4 |
| Physical abuse | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **10,597** | **9,823** | **9,641** | **9,756** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 39.5 | 42.6 | 48.2 | 45.3 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 6,197 | 6,297 | 5,710 | 5,336 | 3,254 | 2,684 | 2,669 | 2,465 | 3,044 | 3,166 | 2,941 | 2,932 | 6,407 | 5,815 | 5,438 | 4,869 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 18.9 | 16.7 | 17.9 | 17.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18.0 | 17.1 | 19.3 | 17.3 | 16.7 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.9 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.0 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 19.7 | 18.8 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| 1 year | 4.8 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 3 years | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 4 years | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 5 years | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 6 years | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| 7 years | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.0 |
| 8 years | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| 9 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 5.7 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 6.8 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 9.0 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 6.5 |
| 15 years | 10.8 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 10.7 |
| 16 years | 11.2 | 10.7 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 6.2 | 10.8 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.2 |
| 17 years | 8.6 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 14.1 | 21.2 | 11.9 | 6.2 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 12.5 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 8.0 | 2.1 | 10.6 | 16.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 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 | <.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 30.2 | 29.9 | 29.1 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 26.1 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 28.5 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 26.8 | 29.9 | 29.2 | 28.2 | 28.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 30.0 | 30.9 | 32.2 | 32.3 | 31.9 | 32.7 | 31.4 | 32.3 | 30.1 | 30.1 | 31.9 | 32.5 | 30.9 | 32.2 | 32.0 | 32.1 |
| White | 34.1 | 32.9 | 32.0 | 32.6 | 31.9 | 33.3 | 34.6 | 33.0 | 34.4 | 35.0 | 32.8 | 34.0 | 32.8 | 31.9 | 32.8 | 32.0 |
| Two or more races | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| Unknown | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 966 | 1,162 | 1,429 | 1,366 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 763 | 814 | 804 | 733 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.0 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| 1 year | 5.1 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 10.8 |
| 2 years | 5.6 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 9.1 |
| 3 years | 6.0 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 4.6 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 5.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 4.6 |
| 11 years | 7.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| 12 years | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 5.5 |
| 13 years | 8.1 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| 14 years | 8.9 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| 15 years | 7.8 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 7.1 |
| 16 years | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| 17 years | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.0 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Black | 29.6 | 26.9 | 24.9 | 25.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 31.4 | 34.1 | 33.2 | 33.5 |
| White | 31.9 | 30.0 | 33.4 | 31.6 |
| Two or more races | 6.2 | 8.3 | 7.3 | 7.8 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 659 | 700 | 770 | 728 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 15.9 | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.1 |
| 1 year | 14.3 | 15.0 | 14.3 | 14.0 |
| 2 years | 12.3 | 13.0 | 14.2 | 14.3 |
| 3 years | 7.6 | 10.3 | 9.6 | 10.0 |
| 4 years | 7.9 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 4.4 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 7.6 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 7.8 |
| 7 years | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| 11 years | 3.6 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 2.5 |
| 12 years | 2.7 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 3.2 |
| 13 years | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 1.4 |
| 14 years | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| 15 years | 1.4 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 1.1 |
| 16 years | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| 17 years | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.3 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 4.1 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Black | 30.2 | 26.7 | 29.4 | 27.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 27.5 | 27.1 | 30.8 | 35.3 |
| White | 35.8 | 38.1 | 35.2 | 34.1 |
| Two or more races | 1.8 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 2.2 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.4 | 93.5 | 93.7 | 93.7 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.6 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| **Number** | **5,034** | **4,862** | **4,446** | **4,587** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.62 | 0.51 | 0.73 | 1.13 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.38 | 99.49 | 99.27 | 98.87 |
| **Number** | **9,451** | **8,981** | **8,379** | **7,801** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 15.7 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 22.3 |
| Guardianship | 13.3 | 13.8 | 11.0 | 8.9 |
| Reunification | 47.5 | 46.0 | 44.5 | 46.7 |
| Other | 21.3 | 20.1 | 20.5 | 19.1 |
| Missing data | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| **Number** | **3,044** | **3,166** | **2,941** | **2,932** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 10.5 | 11.8 | 16.4 | 13.9 |
| Guardianship | 7.0 | 8.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Reunification | 35.9 | 36.4 | 34.5 | 34.6 |
| Other | 43.4 | 40.0 | 40.1 | 42.1 |
| Missing data | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| **Number** | **829** | **806** | **739** | **641** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.4 |
| Guardianship | 5.8 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Reunification | 46.1 | 44.1 | 44.1 | 47.5 |
| Other | 42.4 | 43.9 | 46.1 | 42.5 |
| Missing data | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.9 |
| **Number** | **911** | **964** | **879** | **861** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 38.7 | 34.6 | 34.6 | 36.3 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 61.3 | 65.2 | 65.4 | 63.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **478** | **509** | **459** | **452** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.5 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 19.0 | 18.0 |
| Guardianship | 12.5 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 15.4 | 7.7 | 14.4 | 17.2 | 12.0 | 10.4 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 61.5 | 76.9 | 46.0 | 41.3 | 40.2 | 44.9 |
| Other | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.5 | 25.0 | 23.1 | 15.4 | 23.1 | 25.3 | 26.0 | 23.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **8** | **4** | **2** | **1** | **8** | **8** | **13** | **13** | **869** | **890** | **830** | **787** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.6 | 15.7 | 19.4 | 23.2 | 16.6 | 20.9 | 23.5 | 24.7 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.9 | 13.6 | 10.6 | 5.7 | 13.6 | 12.2 | 11.0 | 9.6 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 53.4 | 51.6 | 49.9 | 51.4 | 43.6 | 45.0 | 42.3 | 43.3 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.0 | 23.3 | 19.7 | 20.7 | 18.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.4 |
| **Number** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **916** | **952** | **938** | **954** | **1,047** | **1,108** | **966** | **998** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.5 | 11.5 | 25.9 | 12.9 | 24.7 | 35.8 | 33.3 | 27.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.1 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 15.6 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 17.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 52.4 | 55.8 | 63.0 | 64.5 | 46.1 | 41.7 | 43.6 | 42.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 16.7 | 17.3 | 7.4 | 16.1 | 12.3 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 14.3 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **42** | **52** | **27** | **31** | **154** | **151** | **165** | **147** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 57.5 | 61.9 | 54.4 | 61.5 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 27.3 | 24.8 | 30.6 | 25.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 7.7 | 6.3 | 9.5 | 7.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,446** | **1,455** | **1,310** | **1,368** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 81.5 | 80.4 | 79.8 | 80.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 8.1 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.6 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 10.3 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **3,254** | **2,684** | **2,669** | **2,465** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 7.8 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 24.9 | 31.2 | 31.3 | 31.8 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 25.8 | 24.3 | 25.8 | 30.5 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 15.7 | 19.6 | 16.2 | 18.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 25.4 | 19.4 | 22.3 | 15.7 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **477** | **567** | **629** | **655** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 87.1 | 87.4 | 85.9 | 86.7 | 65.2 | 68.7 | 69.6 | 66.1 | 29.1 | 28.3 | 30.3 | 30.8 | 25.0 | 31.3 | 25.0 | 64.7 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 12.9 | 12.6 | 14.1 | 13.3 | 34.8 | 31.3 | 30.4 | 33.9 | 64.3 | 66.6 | 65.7 | 66.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 75.0 | 68.8 | 75.0 | 35.3 |
| **Number** | **3,660** | **3,167** | **3,044** | **2,905** | **2,189** | **2,431** | **1,978** | **1,936** | **3,586** | **3,367** | **3,337** | **2,943** | **16** | **16** | **20** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 8.3 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 |
| Institutions | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.8 |
| Other settings | 88.0 | 87.3 | 86.7 | 85.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,696** | **1,261** | **1,375** | **1,125** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **94.0** | **99.8** | **91.4** | **101.8** |
| 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) | 53.2 | 57.6 | 50.0 | 58.5 |
| 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) | 11.0 | 10.2 | 12.0 | 10.1 |
| 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) | 29.4 | 27.3 | 29.7 | 31.5 |
| 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? | 13.9 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 14.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **99.7** | **104.7** | **113.6** | **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? | 32.8 | 36.6 | 35.8 | 35.1 |
| 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? | 32.0 | 31.0 | 30.2 | 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? | 12.1 | 13.9 | 16.8 | 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?[17] | 7.2 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 10.2 |
| 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? | 65.0 | 64.1 | 67.2 | 67.1 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **95.1** | **101.4** | **99.8** | **101.9** |
| 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? | 19.0 | 21.0 | 20.9 | 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? | 89.4 | 90.6 | 90.1 | 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? | 58.8 | 54.6 | 56.5 | 58.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.2** | **98.3** | **98.5** | **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? | 86.3 | 86.5 | 85.0 | 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? | 65.3 | 68.6 | 69.6 | 66.1 |
| 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? | 31.2 | 29.8 | 31.6 | 31.9 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Connecticut's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

1. Maltreatment Types table. The sharp drop in emotional abuse and neglect in 2009 is under review and investigation by the Connecticut NCANDS team. Using alternate methods, we find a distribution much more similar to that reported in prior years in the categories of particular concern: 24.6% Emotional abuse and 88.9% Physical abuse.

2. Outcomes Indicator 1.1 Maltreatment Recurrence within 6 months. The national standard for this indicator is 94.6% of children experiencing an absence of maltreatment. Based on the AFCARS and NCANDS data, Connecticut does not meet the standard in 2007, 2008 or 2009. Connecticut's comparison for this indicator which is used as our formal Consent Decree measure shows that Connecticut's performance on this indicator would meet the national standard in 2009 (94.7%; ROM EP#5).

3. Outcomes Indicator 2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care. The national standard for this indicator is 99.68% of children experiencing an absence of maltreatment in foster care. Based on the AFCARS and NCANDS data, Connecticut does not meet the standard in 2007, 2008 or 2009. Connecticut's comparison data for this indicator which is used as our formal Consent Decree measure, shows that Connecticut's performance on this indicator would meet the national standard in 2007 (99.8%) and 2008 (99.7%); (source: ROM EP#6).

# Delaware

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 204,213 | 205,720 | 206,820 | 206,993 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Black | 24.1 | 24.1 | 24.1 | 23.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.4 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 12.1 |
| White | 59.6 | 58.8 | 58.4 | 57.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 1,933 | 2,116 | 2,278 | 2,071 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.1 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 2.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,111 | 1,252 | 1,029 | 820 |
| Children adopted | 94 | 118 | 111 | 125 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 43 | 63 | 64 |
| Numerator | N/A | 630 | 907 | 790 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,464 | 1,445 | 1,225 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 81 | 87 | 90 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,610 | 5,729 | 5,174 |
| Denominator | N/A | 4,477 | 6,597 | 5,723 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 13,864 | 67.9 per 1,000 | 13,546 | 65.8 per 1,000 | 15,026 | 72.7 per 1,000 | 13,936 | 67.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 1,933 | 9.5 per 1,000 | 2,116 | 10.3 per 1,000 | 2,278 | 11.0 per 1,000 | 2,071 | 10.0 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 1 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 | 2 | 1.0 per 100,000 | 3 | 1.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.9 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 10.7 |
| 1 year | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 8.1 |
| 2 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 6.4 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 8.0 |
| 4 years | 6.7 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 7.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 6.7 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 3.9 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| 15 years | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 17 years | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 2.3 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,933** | **2,116** | **2,278** | **2,071** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Black | 40.2 | 48.1 | 47.6 | 44.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 12.0 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.7 |
| White | 46.0 | 38.5 | 37.9 | 40.2 |
| Two or more races | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **1,933** | **2,116** | **2,278** | **2,071** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 27.4 | 27.0 | 27.8 | 32.0 |
| Medical neglect | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Neglect | 43.6 | 45.2 | 42.1 | 41.4 |
| Physical abuse | 19.2 | 18.6 | 18.0 | 17.5 |
| Sexual abuse | 8.5 | 6.7 | 8.8 | 7.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 8.3 | 11.3 | 9.1 | 8.7 |
| **Number** | **1,933** | **2,116** | **2,278** | **2,071** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 1.0 | 158.8 | 172.7 | 167.2 |
| Median | <24 | >120 but <144 | >96 but <120 | >120 but <144 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 869 | 1,026 | 1,123 | 929 | 1,032 | 1,165 | 691 | 446 | 791 | 940 | 785 | 555 | 1,111 | 1,252 | 1,029 | 820 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 10.7 | 11.7 | 11.6 | 16.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3.3 | 3.0 | 9.2 | 16.9 | 10.5 | 11.4 | 15.1 | 16.0 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.5 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 11.3 | 9.2 | 13.7 | 18.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 6.1 |
| 1 year | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| 2 years | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| 3 years | 5.6 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 4 years | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 3.4 |
| 5 years | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 6 years | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.4 |
| 7 years | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 3.0 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 2.8 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.4 |
| 11 years | 2.4 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 2.1 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 6.5 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 6.7 |
| 14 years | 7.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 6.3 |
| 15 years | 9.2 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 12.6 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 6.5 | 10.0 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 9.0 |
| 16 years | 10.1 | 12.1 | 11.0 | 9.3 | 16.0 | 14.4 | 11.9 | 8.7 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 9.2 | 3.6 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 10.5 | 9.0 |
| 17 years | 12.1 | 12.8 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 7.4 | 16.6 | 19.8 | 14.4 | 5.2 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 12.7 |
| 18 years | 2.2 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 12.2 | 18.7 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 2.1 |
| 19 years | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Black | 57.8 | 55.8 | 57.1 | 54.7 | 55.0 | 56.7 | 54.4 | 49.1 | 56.6 | 55.6 | 57.5 | 50.5 | 56.0 | 56.6 | 55.0 | 54.5 |
| 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) | 7.5 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 10.0 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 11.6 | 11.9 | 8.0 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 7.9 |
| White | 33.9 | 34.4 | 31.2 | 32.4 | 35.1 | 31.2 | 30.7 | 33.9 | 34.8 | 33.3 | 29.4 | 33.7 | 34.5 | 32.3 | 32.2 | 32.3 |
| Two or more races | 0.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 4.5 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 303 | 316 | 304 | 239 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 157 | 144 | 175 | 143 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 9.2 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 2.5 |
| 1 year | 12.2 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 7.5 |
| 2 years | 10.2 | 8.2 | 5.6 | 8.4 |
| 3 years | 6.6 | 7.9 | 6.3 | 5.9 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 5.4 | 8.2 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 5.0 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 7.1 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 6.7 |
| 7 years | 4.6 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 6.3 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 3.8 |
| 9 years | 4.0 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 6.3 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 6.6 | 4.3 | 7.1 |
| 11 years | 3.3 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 2.9 |
| 12 years | 3.6 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 7.1 |
| 14 years | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 2.9 |
| 15 years | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| 17 years | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 62.7 | 64.6 | 61.8 | 66.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| White | 31.4 | 29.7 | 26.3 | 20.5 |
| Two or more races | 1.3 | 1.3 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| 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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 94 | 118 | 111 | 125 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| 1 year | 10.6 | 14.4 | 23.4 | 19.2 |
| 2 years | 14.9 | 16.9 | 18.9 | 10.4 |
| 3 years | 14.9 | 14.4 | 12.6 | 8.8 |
| 4 years | 12.8 | 11.9 | 9.9 | 9.6 |
| 5 years | 10.6 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 8.8 |
| 6 years | 7.4 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 4.0 |
| 8 years | 4.3 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 7.2 |
| 9 years | 2.1 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 2.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 1.6 |
| 13 years | 3.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| 15 years | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| 16 years | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| 17 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 47.9 | 44.9 | 54.1 | 46.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.2 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 8.0 |
| White | 46.8 | 47.5 | 35.1 | 39.2 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 6.4 |
| Unknown | 1.1 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 98.4 | 97.3 | 98.2 | 97.9 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| **Number** | **902** | **1,084** | **1,084** | **1,006** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.05 | 0.23 | 0.17 | 0.15 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.95 | 99.77 | 99.83 | 99.85 |
| **Number** | **1,901** | **2,191** | **1,814** | **1,375** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.8 | 12.7 | 13.9 | 22.5 |
| Guardianship | 7.5 | 6.0 | 9.6 | 14.4 |
| Reunification | 71.2 | 70.6 | 61.4 | 43.4 |
| Other | 9.6 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 19.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **791** | **940** | **785** | **555** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 23.6 | 20.4 | 17.3 | 21.9 |
| Guardianship | 7.3 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 11.8 |
| Reunification | 40.0 | 42.6 | 39.5 | 31.5 |
| Other | 29.1 | 31.5 | 34.6 | 34.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **110** | **162** | **185** | **178** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Guardianship | 1.6 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 11.6 |
| Reunification | 83.9 | 82.4 | 68.2 | 34.7 |
| Other | 14.5 | 15.0 | 26.4 | 53.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **428** | **539** | **349** | **173** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 18.1 | 22.0 | 23.1 | 15.5 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 81.9 | 78.0 | 76.9 | 84.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **72** | **82** | **104** | **103** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 21.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 8.9 | 13.2 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 71.9 | 73.2 | 61.6 | 43.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.5 | 11.7 | 16.2 | 22.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **4** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **2** | **0** | **448** | **523** | **451** | **280** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 11.0 | 13.6 | 15.3 | 18.5 | 16.0 | 25.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 12.1 | 9.1 | 8.0 | 13.0 | 17.6 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 85.0 | 78.0 | 76.9 | 60.6 | 66.9 | 62.6 | 54.5 | 39.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 13.6 | 8.7 | 10.9 | 15.6 | 18.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **60** | **82** | **91** | **66** | **275** | **313** | **231** | **187** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 20.0 | 45.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 83.3 | 92.9 | 60.0 | 31.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 13.6 | 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 |
| **Number** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **6** | **14** | **10** | **22** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 87.7 | 91.9 | 77.0 | 63.1 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 9.4 | 6.9 | 19.7 | 25.3 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 1.8 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 6.6 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.5 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.5 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **563** | **664** | **482** | **241** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 70.3 | 70.4 | 79.5 | 88.6 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 17.7 | 17.4 | 12.7 | 3.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 11.5 | 11.9 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,032** | **1,165** | **691** | **446** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.1 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 28.0 | 35.3 | 36.7 | 33.6 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 50.5 | 36.1 | 37.6 | 40.8 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 14.0 | 18.5 | 15.6 | 16.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 6.5 | 5.9 | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **93** | **119** | **109** | **125** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 88.0 | 87.1 | 83.8 | 82.1 | 60.8 | 56.9 | 52.8 | 59.8 | 33.1 | 31.1 | 29.2 | 28.1 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 90.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 12.0 | 12.9 | 16.0 | 17.7 | 39.2 | 43.1 | 47.2 | 40.2 | 66.9 | 68.9 | 70.8 | 71.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 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** | **1,167** | **1,325** | **833** | **537** | **372** | **406** | **492** | **328** | **360** | **460** | **479** | **508** | **2** | **0** | **10** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.4 |
| Institutions | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Other settings | 95.0 | 96.3 | 97.5 | 98.3 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **444** | **517** | **361** | **290** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **117.4** | **112.2** | **122.4** | **122.7** |
| 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) | 86.7 | 91.9 | 80.2 | 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) | 2.9 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 8.6 |
| 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) | 55.4 | 56.8 | 48.2 | 38.8 |
| 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? | 26.5 | 31.4 | 21.5 | 10.3 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **123.6** | **117.4** | **116.8** | **118.4** |
| 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? | 29.0 | 39.5 | 38.5 | 35.2 |
| 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? | 28.5 | 26.9 | 28.2 | 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? | 23.8 | 22.9 | 19.3 | 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?[17] | 19.3 | 9.1 | 14.8 | 7.8 |
| 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? | 53.2 | 61.4 | 56.9 | 63.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **136.2** | **132.5** | **125.9** | **121.0** |
| 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? | 23.9 | 23.8 | 23.2 | 27.0 |
| 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? | 95.2 | 94.6 | 91.8 | 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? | 25.2 | 25.4 | 29.4 | 40.5 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.0** | **93.1** | **88.4** | **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? | 86.9 | 86.1 | 82.7 | 81.5 |
| 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? | 60.9 | 57.0 | 53.1 | 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? | 33.3 | 31.0 | 29.4 | 28.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 114,599 | 114,060 | 113,064 | 114,036 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| Black | 67.2 | 65.7 | 63.5 | 61.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.7 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 12.2 |
| White | 17.3 | 18.2 | 20.0 | 20.5 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 2,759 | 2,757 | 2,645 | 3,407 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.2 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.5 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,311 | 2,192 | 2,225 | 2,117 |
| Children adopted | 179 | 152 | 113 | 83 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 67 | 77 | 83 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,341 | 1,687 | 1,609 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,993 | 2,186 | 1,944 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 89 | 97 | 98 |
| Numerator | N/A | 11,040 | 13,270 | 14,537 |
| Denominator | N/A | 12,348 | 13,679 | 14,881 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 12,315 | 107.5 per 1,000 | 11,166 | 97.9 per 1,000 | 11,529 | 102.0 per 1,000 | 16,710 | 146.5 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 2,759 | 24.1 per 1,000 | 2,757 | 24.2 per 1,000 | 2,645 | 23.4 per 1,000 | 3,407 | 29.9 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 2 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 2 | 1.8 per 100,000 | 8 | 7.1 per 100,000 | 5 | 4.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.8 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 10.4 |
| 1 year | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| 2 years | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 3 years | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 4 years | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 5.1 | 6.5 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| 12 years | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.5 |
| 13 years | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| 14 years | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 |
| 15 years | 6.7 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| 16 years | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 17 years | 2.8 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.8 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **2,759** | **2,757** | **2,645** | **3,407** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 59.3 | 64.6 | 58.3 | 59.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.3 | 6.2 | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| White | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 34.0 | 28.2 | 32.6 | 32.4 |
| **Number** | **2,759** | **2,757** | **2,645** | **3,407** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.1 |
| Medical neglect | 6.0 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 4.0 |
| Neglect | 57.8 | 59.4 | 69.8 | 65.0 |
| Physical abuse | 14.7 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 15.1 |
| Sexual abuse | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 32.5 | 32.7 | 27.8 | 28.9 |
| **Number** | **2,759** | **2,757** | **2,645** | **3,407** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 26.9 | 15.4 | 26.3 | 27.3 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,663 | 2,367 | 2,192 | 2,198 | 594 | 572 | 703 | 622 | 946 | 747 | 670 | 703 | 2,311 | 2,192 | 2,225 | 2,117 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 30.4 | 30.5 | 32.7 | 33.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 28.5 | 27.7 | 30.7 | 26.6 | 31.1 | 32.5 | 33.8 | 33.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 12.6 | 14.3 | 15.1 | 14.3 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| 1 year | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| 2 years | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 4.2 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.5 |
| 3 years | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| 4 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| 5 years | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| 6 years | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 7 years | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| 8 years | 4.1 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| 11 years | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| 12 years | 6.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 7.3 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 15 years | 6.8 | 8.2 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 6.2 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 5.5 |
| 16 years | 7.4 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 7.5 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 2.4 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 7.5 | 7.9 |
| 17 years | 7.0 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 8.3 |
| 18 years | 6.6 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 7.4 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 9.4 |
| 19 years | 5.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 7.8 |
| 20+ years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 13.2 | 14.1 | 9.9 | 14.2 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 7.6 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 11.0 | 7.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 90.2 | 90.5 | 89.9 | 88.3 | 82.7 | 85.7 | 65.0 | 77.5 | 84.5 | 90.4 | 83.7 | 83.4 | 90.7 | 89.3 | 83.9 | 86.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 6.9 |
| White | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Two or more races | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 22.6 | 10.9 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 2.8 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 652 | 560 | 498 | 486 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 132 | 64 | 26 | 26 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.1 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 6.8 |
| 2 years | 8.4 | 7.7 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| 3 years | 4.3 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| 4 years | 6.9 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| 5 years | 5.1 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 6.6 | 4.5 | 6.8 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 7.5 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 6.4 |
| 11 years | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 8.4 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 8.8 |
| 13 years | 9.8 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 6.4 |
| 14 years | 4.4 | 10.0 | 8.4 | 8.6 |
| 15 years | 3.4 | 4.5 | 9.4 | 7.6 |
| 16 years | 2.6 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 8.8 |
| 17 years | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 92.3 | 90.4 | 89.4 | 88.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 5.3 |
| White | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Two or more races | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 179 | 152 | 113 | 83 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| 1 year | 2.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 6.0 |
| 2 years | 12.3 | 13.2 | 20.4 | 12.0 |
| 3 years | 9.5 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 9.6 |
| 4 years | 11.7 | 7.2 | 9.7 | 4.8 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 9.9 | 6.2 | 7.2 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 4.5 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 8.4 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 5.3 | 1.8 | 6.0 |
| 9 years | 10.1 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 9.6 |
| 10 years | 6.7 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 8.4 |
| 11 years | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 2.4 |
| 12 years | 5.6 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 2.8 | 5.9 | 1.8 | 8.4 |
| 14 years | 5.6 | 7.2 | 4.4 | 1.2 |
| 15 years | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| 16 years | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 0.0 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 96.1 | 100.0 | 91.2 | 89.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.4 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 7.2 |
| White | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 2.4 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |

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

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.0 | 95.6 | 95.9 | 96.4 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| **Number** | **1,410** | **1,436** | **1,537** | **1,479** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.21 | 0.44 | 0.14 | 0.28 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.79 | 99.56 | 99.86 | 99.72 |
| **Number** | **3,257** | **2,939** | **2,895** | **2,820** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 18.3 | 19.8 | 16.4 | 15.2 |
| Guardianship | 19.1 | 18.7 | 14.9 | 12.2 |
| Reunification | 42.0 | 39.4 | 42.2 | 46.5 |
| Other | 20.5 | 22.1 | 26.4 | 26.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **946** | **747** | **670** | **703** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 22.8 | 11.1 | 22.0 | 11.4 |
| Guardianship | 28.1 | 22.2 | 12.2 | 11.4 |
| Reunification | 22.8 | 40.7 | 19.5 | 25.7 |
| Other | 26.3 | 25.9 | 46.3 | 51.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **57** | **27** | **41** | **35** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| Guardianship | 5.7 | 9.0 | 5.8 | 4.4 |
| Reunification | 38.3 | 37.1 | 38.2 | 41.7 |
| Other | 54.1 | 52.2 | 54.9 | 53.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **209** | **178** | **173** | **180** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 41.2 | 40.8 | 47.0 | 46.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 58.8 | 57.3 | 53.0 | 53.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **170** | **157** | **164** | **167** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.8 | 21.3 | 17.5 | 16.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 19.7 | 15.9 | 13.0 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 42.5 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.7 | 21.2 | 28.9 | 28.3 |
| 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** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **799** | **675** | **561** | **586** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 3.8 | 11.1 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 60.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 2.8 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 67.5 | 38.5 | 77.8 | 56.4 | 100.0 | 83.3 | 66.7 | 40.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.5 | 50.0 | 8.3 | 23.1 | 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** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **40** | **26** | **36** | **39** | **1** | **6** | **6** | **5** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 14.3 | 19.4 | 11.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 35.6 | 14.3 | 25.8 | 22.2 | 9.3 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 4.2 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 38.1 | 25.8 | 38.9 | 85.2 | 94.1 | 88.2 | 87.5 |
| Other | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 29.0 | 27.8 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 6.3 |
| 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** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **4** | **45** | **21** | **31** | **18** | **54** | **17** | **34** | **48** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 65.0 | 62.2 | 66.4 | 68.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 20.2 | 18.0 | 15.9 | 18.3 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 3.0 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 2.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 4.8 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **397** | **294** | **283** | **327** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 72.4 | 72.2 | 79.1 | 79.3 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 10.9 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 9.5 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.0 | 15.4 | 10.0 | 10.8 |
| Missing data | 3.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **594** | **572** | **703** | **622** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.7 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 11.6 | 6.8 | 8.2 | 4.7 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 20.8 | 37.2 | 37.3 | 23.4 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 19.7 | 18.9 | 16.4 | 20.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 46.2 | 31.1 | 37.3 | 50.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **173** | **148** | **110** | **107** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 78.6 | 75.6 | 77.5 | 78.0 | 54.3 | 52.8 | 50.2 | 55.2 | 30.1 | 24.1 | 22.4 | 21.5 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 20.0 | 23.6 | 21.8 | 20.7 | 43.7 | 45.8 | 49.5 | 44.8 | 67.9 | 74.3 | 77.0 | 78.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 75.0 | 40.0 | 100.0 |
| **Number** | **715** | **626** | **738** | **699** | **630** | **498** | **408** | **509** | **1,911** | **1,811** | **1,744** | **1,611** | **1** | **4** | **5** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 9.5 | 13.0 | 8.8 | 11.9 |
| Institutions | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| Other settings | 88.8 | 85.2 | 89.2 | 85.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **401** | **385** | **510** | **471** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **113.4** | **106.2** | **97.3** | **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) | 63.0 | 54.5 | 61.0 | 63.5 |
| 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) | 8.0 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 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) | 32.1 | 24.9 | 27.6 | 28.1 |
| 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? | 11.8 | 8.9 | 16.9 | 22.3 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **86.9** | **89.1** | **86.6** | **71.0** |
| 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? | 13.5 | 12.3 | 8.3 | 5.8 |
| 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? | 43.2 | 36.0 | 37.9 | 46.9 |
| 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? | 13.2 | 11.8 | 9.7 | 10.1 |
| 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?[17] | 5.7 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.5 |
| 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? | 79.8 | 76.4 | 84.0 | 76.7 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **105.0** | **103.2** | **101.4** | **95.2** |
| 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? | 24.3 | 19.3 | 18.6 | 15.8 |
| 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? | 100.0 | 99.3 | 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? | 63.9 | 58.8 | 60.6 | 64.7 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **89.1** | **82.0** | **82.3** | **83.8** |
| 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? | 78.6 | 73.4 | 76.0 | 76.4 |
| 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? | 56.1 | 54.7 | 52.1 | 55.7 |
| 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? | 34.8 | 28.3 | 27.1 | 26.1 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 4,065,696 | 4,081,907 | 4,070,878 | 4,057,773 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Black | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.0 | 19.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 23.9 | 24.9 | 25.3 | 26.4 |
| White | 50.9 | 49.9 | 49.6 | 48.4 |
| Two or more races | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 134,567 | 53,484 | 51,271 | 49,078 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.4 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 29,489 | 26,759 | 22,149 | 19,446 |
| Children adopted | 3,046 | 3,089 | 3,870 | 3,496 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 85 | 90 | 92 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 31,991 | 27,919 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 35,663 | 30,492 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 94 | 97 | 97 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 221,053 | 187,015 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 226,864 | 192,586 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 340,672 | 83.8 per 1,000 | 343,836 | 84.2 per 1,000 | 374,276 | 91.9 per 1,000 | 339,289 | 83.6 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 134,567 | 33.1 per 1,000 | 53,484 | 13.1 per 1,000 | 51,271 | 12.6 per 1,000 | 49,078 | 12.1 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 140 | 3.4 per 100,000 | 153 | 3.7 per 100,000 | 185 | 4.5 per 100,000 | 156 | 3.8 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.5 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 13.5 |
| 1 year | 7.6 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.2 |
| 2 years | 7.2 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 8.6 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| 4 years | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| 15 years | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 16 years | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 17 years | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **134,567** | **53,484** | **51,271** | **49,078** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 29.9 | 30.3 | 29.7 | 29.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 13.6 | 14.8 | 13.9 | 15.1 |
| White | 53.7 | 51.7 | 51.5 | 50.4 |
| Two or more races | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **134,567** | **53,484** | **51,271** | **49,078** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Medical neglect | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Neglect | 32.4 | 51.0 | 49.4 | 49.3 |
| Physical abuse | 11.3 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 3.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 68.3 | 50.0 | 51.9 | 52.5 |
| **Number** | **134,567** | **53,484** | **51,271** | **49,078** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 9.2 | 8.8 | 12.3 | 10.7 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 28,528 | 28,566 | 25,232 | 21,689 | 21,833 | 18,582 | 15,764 | 13,821 | 20,872 | 20,390 | 18,848 | 16,064 | 29,489 | 26,759 | 22,149 | 19,446 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 10.4 | 10.5 | 11.9 | 12.2 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 11.3 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 11.3 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 17.8 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 8.0 |
| 1 year | 8.8 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 9.7 |
| 2 years | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| 3 years | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| 7 years | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| 15 years | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 17 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 9.5 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| 18 years | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 4.3 | 8.7 | <.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 |
| 19 years | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Black | 39.0 | 38.8 | 38.9 | 37.9 | 35.7 | 35.7 | 34.1 | 32.5 | 36.2 | 35.9 | 36.4 | 35.4 | 38.5 | 38.8 | 37.6 | 36.2 |
| 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) | 10.2 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 11.7 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 10.6 | 11.2 | 12.3 | 12.7 |
| White | 47.8 | 47.3 | 46.0 | 45.9 | 50.5 | 49.3 | 48.2 | 49.3 | 50.3 | 50.0 | 47.8 | 48.1 | 48.0 | 46.7 | 46.1 | 46.5 |
| Two or more races | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 7,461 | 7,819 | 7,927 | 6,655 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 3,757 | 4,243 | 4,764 | 3,544 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 1 year | 8.3 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 8.2 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.9 |
| 3 years | 6.9 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 6.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| 14 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| 15 years | 6.9 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.8 |
| 17 years | 3.9 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 40.1 | 40.1 | 39.4 | 39.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11.8 | 11.8 |
| White | 46.5 | 45.5 | 44.9 | 44.5 |
| Two or more races | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 3,046 | 3,089 | 3,870 | 3,496 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| 1 year | 10.3 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.7 |
| 2 years | 13.2 | 13.8 | 16.0 | 15.2 |
| 3 years | 11.1 | 13.5 | 11.2 | 11.7 |
| 4 years | 9.8 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 8.5 |
| 5 years | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| 6 years | 7.6 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| 14 years | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| 15 years | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| 16 years | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 17 years | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| 18 years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 32.5 | 28.9 | 32.4 | 31.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.4 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 11.1 |
| White | 55.2 | 56.4 | 52.5 | 52.9 |
| Two or more races | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 89.1 | 94.4 | 93.5 | 93.0 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 10.9 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| **Number** | **61,315** | **26,409** | **24,015** | **22,992** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.55 | 1.15 | 1.34 | 0.33 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.45 | 98.85 | 98.66 | 99.67 |
| **Number** | **50,361** | **47,148** | **40,996** | **35,510** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 14.5 | 14.9 | 20.5 | 21.7 |
| Guardianship | 5.9 | 20.0 | 25.2 | 24.0 |
| Reunification | 71.6 | 55.8 | 46.4 | 45.0 |
| Other | 7.9 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 9.3 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **20,872** | **20,390** | **18,848** | **16,064** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 32.9 | 35.4 | 36.8 | 42.6 |
| Guardianship | 3.7 | 11.3 | 14.4 | 10.9 |
| Reunification | 42.4 | 33.3 | 26.8 | 22.2 |
| Other | 20.8 | 18.3 | 21.8 | 24.1 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **2,166** | **1,883** | **1,437** | **1,371** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.2 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Guardianship | 7.6 | 18.8 | 25.0 | 21.2 |
| Reunification | 60.2 | 46.4 | 38.2 | 35.8 |
| Other | 29.8 | 29.9 | 32.2 | 39.1 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,792** | **3,632** | **3,266** | **2,821** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 28.4 | 26.3 | 28.3 | 25.4 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 71.6 | 73.3 | 71.5 | 74.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **1,487** | **1,317** | **1,434** | **1,472** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.4 | 22.2 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 9.2 | 16.9 | 14.9 | 21.1 | 13.1 | 12.0 | 18.1 | 19.1 |
| Guardianship | 9.4 | 7.4 | 44.7 | 18.4 | 6.2 | 13.6 | 4.3 | 31.6 | 6.0 | 21.8 | 27.5 | 25.2 |
| Reunification | 68.8 | 33.3 | 48.9 | 69.4 | 76.9 | 61.0 | 72.3 | 42.1 | 70.9 | 54.8 | 44.3 | 43.2 |
| Other | 12.5 | 37.0 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 12.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 2.0 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **32** | **27** | **47** | **49** | **65** | **59** | **47** | **19** | **7,566** | **7,328** | **6,858** | **5,682** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.4 | 11.9 | 14.3 | 18.6 | 19.7 | 15.9 | 16.8 | 22.5 | 23.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 15.6 | 18.9 | 19.7 | 6.2 | 19.9 | 25.4 | 24.2 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 55.6 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 75.5 | 60.6 | 55.4 | 52.1 | 71.4 | 55.5 | 45.3 | 44.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 22.2 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 7.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 1.7 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 1.9 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **6** | **9** | **6** | **9** | **2,151** | **2,250** | **2,276** | **1,986** | **10,498** | **10,201** | **9,018** | **7,721** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 18.5 | 13.7 | 25.0 | 24.5 | 19.8 | 22.6 | 26.3 | 25.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.7 | 13.7 | 11.7 | 20.8 | 3.9 | 17.8 | 19.6 | 24.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 69.2 | 66.7 | 56.7 | 49.1 | 70.3 | 54.2 | 49.3 | 46.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 4.6 | 3.9 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **65** | **51** | **60** | **53** | **489** | **465** | **536** | **544** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 66.5 | 69.8 | 71.1 | 71.3 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 25.1 | 22.8 | 21.3 | 20.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **14,951** | **11,383** | **8,738** | **7,227** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.2 | 78.0 | 72.7 | 75.2 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.2 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 9.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.4 | 9.7 | 13.8 | 14.7 |
| Missing data | 1.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| **Number** | **21,833** | **18,582** | **15,764** | **13,821** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 8.7 | 9.1 | 10.5 | 9.3 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 25.4 | 30.0 | 32.3 | 31.5 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 27.9 | 28.1 | 30.3 | 30.7 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.4 | 16.1 | 14.0 | 15.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 19.7 | 16.5 | 12.4 | 12.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **3,032** | **3,036** | **3,859** | **3,481** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 80.8 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 84.9 | 59.3 | 61.7 | 60.4 | 60.8 | 28.9 | 31.8 | 31.9 | 30.5 | 88.9 | 95.1 | 96.3 | 96.8 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 18.1 | 17.1 | 16.2 | 14.7 | 40.6 | 38.2 | 39.5 | 39.0 | 71.0 | 68.2 | 68.1 | 69.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 11.1 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 |
| **Number** | **27,375** | **24,311** | **20,437** | **17,898** | **11,864** | **12,008** | **10,175** | **8,495** | **11,104** | **10,788** | **10,303** | **9,086** | **18** | **41** | **81** | **31** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Institutions | 5.0 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 1.6 |
| Other settings | 93.2 | 93.2 | 94.1 | 95.7 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **17,655** | **15,120** | **12,749** | **11,292** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **111.6** | **115.8** | **113.4** | **111.5** |
| 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) | 65.0 | 68.4 | 69.7 | 69.5 |
| 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) | 9.5 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 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) | 47.9 | 42.1 | 38.3 | 37.9 |
| 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? | 12.7 | 12.1 | 13.2 | 15.1 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **120.4** | **124.8** | **139.1** | **139.2** |
| 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? | 34.0 | 39.2 | 43.0 | 40.8 |
| 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? | 30.8 | 27.6 | 26.4 | 26.9 |
| 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? | 24.6 | 23.9 | 29.1 | 30.9 |
| 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?[17] | 12.7 | 14.0 | 19.1 | 15.8 |
| 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? | 58.3 | 60.4 | 61.4 | 65.8 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **123.3** | **125.5** | **128.5** | **126.7** |
| 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? | 32.8 | 31.7 | 35.0 | 36.7 |
| 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? | 90.7 | 91.6 | 92.5 | 90.7 |
| 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? | 46.3 | 43.3 | 43.7 | 44.4 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **88.9** | **92.0** | **92.1** | **93.3** |
| 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? | 81.0 | 82.2 | 83.0 | 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? | 59.4 | 61.8 | 60.5 | 60.9 |
| 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? | 28.9 | 31.7 | 31.9 | 30.6 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Florida's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Two major factors affect Florida's performance on the outcomes measured during the time period covered by this report. First, in October 2006 Florida implemented a statewide Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project, allowing federal Title IV-E foster care funds to be used more broadly than would have otherwise been possible to promote child safety, prevent entry into the child welfare system and placement into foster care, and to expedite permanency. As a result, during the period covered by this report Florida reduced the number of children in foster care by 34 percent while also reducing the number of child maltreatment victims. Second, in 2007 Florida began using a new SACWIS system, which uses new categorizations of allegations and discharge reasons. As a result, several measures cannot be reliably compare prior to 2007, as noted below.

Section A & B & Outcome Measure 1.1: In 2007, Florida stopped including investigations with findings of "some indication" as among the maltreatment cases reported because there is not a preponderance of credible evidence that abuse or neglect occurred in these investigations. This explains most of the drop in the number of child maltreatment victims between 2006 and 2007. However, the continual reductions from 2007 forward reflect sustained improvement in child safety.

Section A: As noted above, the Child Welfare Summary table shows Florida's success in reducing the number of children in foster care and the number of child maltreatment victims.

Section B: Florida's categorization of allegations changed when Florida's new SACWIS system was implemented in 2007. As a result, the percent of child victims with maltreatment categorized as "neglect" or "other" changed between 2006 and 2007.

Section C: As noted above, Section C shows Florida's success in reducing the number of children in foster care.

Outcome Measure 3.1 – 3.3 & 3.5: Florida's mapping of discharge reasons changed when Florida's new SACWIS system was implemented in 2007. Prior to July 2007, exits to long-term foster care or licensed custody were categorized as reunifications. From July 2007 forward, these codes have been mapped to guardianship. As a result, although the percent of exits from foster care categorized as due to guardianship and reunification appear to have changed between 2006 and 2007, this is actually an artifact of how certain discharge codes were mapped in our SACWIS system.

Outcome Measure 3.1: Despite the shift in mapping discharge codes, the percent of children exiting to permanent placement remained stable, at 91 – 92 percent for all years, exceeding the national 75th percentile.

Composite Measures: Florida shows generally positive trends on all four CFSR composite measures. In particular, Florida has performed as well as or better than 75 percent of states reporting for four of the five timeliness of adoption sub-measures.

# Georgia

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 2,478,072 | 2,536,859 | 2,565,577 | 2,583,792 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Black | 32.8 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.6 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 12.6 |
| White | 51.6 | 51.0 | 50.6 | 49.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 39,802 | 35,729 | 26,330 | 23,921 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.8 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 13,335 | 12,457 | 9,964 | 8,221 |
| Children adopted | 1,233 | 1,269 | 1,340 | 1,330 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 51 | 58 | 86 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 218 | 11,656 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 377 | 13,498 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 82 | 87 | 86 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 1,554 | 74,489 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 1,791 | 86,503 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 142,268 | 57.4 per 1,000 | 115,348 | 45.5 per 1,000 | 77,466 | 30.2 per 1,000 | 67,686 | 26.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 39,802 | 16.1 per 1,000 | 35,729 | 14.1 per 1,000 | 26,330 | 10.3 per 1,000 | 23,921 | 9.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 63 | 2.5 per 100,000 | 61 | 2.4 per 100,000 | 68 | 2.7 per 100,000 | 60 | 2.3 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.4 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 14.1 |
| 1 year | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| 2 years | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| 3 years | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| 5 years | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 15 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| 16 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 17 years | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **39,802** | **35,729** | **26,330** | **23,921** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Black | 41.2 | 40.0 | 41.4 | 41.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.8 |
| White | 50.1 | 50.8 | 49.2 | 47.9 |
| Two or more races | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 3.5 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **39,802** | **35,729** | **26,330** | **23,921** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 21.9 | 20.9 | 18.6 | 20.2 |
| Medical neglect | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| Neglect | 71.3 | 72.3 | 71.4 | 67.2 |
| Physical abuse | 10.4 | 10.7 | 11.7 | 12.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **39,802** | **35,729** | **26,330** | **23,921** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | — | — |
| Median | — | — | — | — |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 13,950 | 12,797 | 12,127 | 9,967 | 9,460 | 8,811 | 6,671 | 5,737 | 10,075 | 9,151 | 8,834 | 7,483 | 13,335 | 12,457 | 9,964 | 8,221 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 13.6 | 13.7 | 14.0 | 15.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.3 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 13.6 | 14.3 | 14.1 | 15.7 | 13.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 17.1 | 18.0 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| 1 year | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 8.6 |
| 2 years | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| 3 years | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.3 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| 5 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| 6 years | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 7 years | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| 8 years | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 10 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 14 years | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| 15 years | 6.9 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 16 years | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 8.4 |
| 17 years | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| 18 years | 0.5 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| 19 years | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 47.0 | 47.6 | 47.4 | 48.3 | 47.9 | 45.4 | 47.9 | 45.6 | 46.7 | 45.6 | 47.0 | 47.3 | 47.8 | 47.5 | 48.2 | 47.4 |
| 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) | 4.8 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 7.1 |
| White | 44.9 | 44.0 | 42.1 | 39.7 | 43.2 | 43.4 | 39.1 | 41.0 | 44.1 | 45.0 | 42.1 | 39.6 | 44.3 | 42.9 | 40.1 | 40.7 |
| Two or more races | 2.6 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,333 | 2,201 | 2,245 | 1,823 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,570 | 1,708 | 1,639 | 847 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.1 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| 2 years | 7.2 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 |
| 4 years | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.2 |
| 5 years | 6.6 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 4.9 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| 9 years | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| 10 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| 11 years | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| 13 years | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 6.1 |
| 14 years | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 16 years | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 17 years | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Black | 47.1 | 45.9 | 43.3 | 43.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 8.0 |
| White | 43.5 | 44.3 | 44.4 | 42.2 |
| Two or more races | 3.3 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,233 | 1,269 | 1,340 | 1,330 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 1 year | 10.1 | 10.7 | 9.5 | 10.7 |
| 2 years | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.2 | 13.4 |
| 3 years | 11.2 | 11.0 | 10.3 | 11.7 |
| 4 years | 10.1 | 9.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| 5 years | 8.6 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.0 |
| 6 years | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 5.0 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 4.4 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 3.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 3.8 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| 14 years | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| 15 years | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| 16 years | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
| 17 years | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| 18 years | 0.6 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.4 |
| Black | 42.3 | 39.3 | 38.0 | 36.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 7.5 |
| White | 44.8 | 46.1 | 47.5 | 46.5 |
| Two or more races | 6.7 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 8.8 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 95.3 | 96.6 | 97.8 | 97.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 4.7 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| **Number** | **20,251** | **18,068** | **12,907** | **11,601** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.9 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 17.4 |
| Guardianship | 2.2 | 2.2 | 10.9 | 7.6 |
| Reunification | 72.7 | 71.5 | 64.0 | 63.2 |
| Other | 13.2 | 12.9 | 10.4 | 11.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **10,075** | **9,151** | **8,834** | **7,483** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 18.3 | 18.7 | 17.1 | 21.6 |
| Guardianship | 1.4 | 1.7 | 10.1 | 7.3 |
| Reunification | 57.3 | 57.2 | 51.8 | 49.9 |
| Other | 23.0 | 22.5 | 20.7 | 21.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,798** | **2,629** | **2,795** | **2,568** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Guardianship | 2.4 | 2.3 | 10.0 | 8.0 |
| Reunification | 66.0 | 63.0 | 56.6 | 56.4 |
| Other | 30.5 | 33.8 | 32.0 | 33.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **2,436** | **2,176** | **1,999** | **1,718** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 33.5 | 27.6 | 28.4 | 26.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 66.5 | 72.4 | 71.6 | 73.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **758** | **699** | **764** | **708** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 12.1 | 8.9 |
| Reunification | 80.0 | 80.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 91.7 | 83.3 | 86.7 | 70.0 | 71.8 | 70.8 | 63.6 | 64.6 |
| Other | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.2 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 12.1 | 13.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **5** | **10** | **0** | **9** | **36** | **24** | **30** | **20** | **4,704** | **4,172** | **4,149** | **3,537** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 50.0 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 16.5 | 12.1 | 14.2 | 17.1 | 21.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 33.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 10.0 | 6.2 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 9.8 | 6.7 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 0.0 | 80.0 | 66.7 | 78.0 | 74.9 | 69.2 | 68.4 | 73.3 | 71.8 | 63.3 | 61.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 12.8 | 12.1 | 9.5 | 10.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **2** | **3** | **5** | **3** | **583** | **565** | **588** | **595** | **4,447** | **4,114** | **3,717** | **2,963** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 11.8 | 20.0 | 10.5 | 14.3 | 28.3 | 23.2 | 18.4 | 27.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 2.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 12.3 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 76.5 | 74.3 | 78.9 | 85.7 | 63.6 | 68.4 | 63.2 | 57.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 9.8 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **51** | **35** | **19** | **7** | **247** | **228** | **326** | **349** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 70.0 | 65.7 | 64.1 | 62.2 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.8 | 24.5 | 23.5 | 24.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 8.7 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **7,324** | **6,540** | **5,652** | **4,730** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 85.8 | 84.3 | 86.4 | 87.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 7.1 | 8.2 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.4 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **9,460** | **8,811** | **6,671** | **5,737** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.6 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 19.1 | 19.7 | 21.5 | 23.0 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 34.4 | 32.8 | 36.2 | 30.5 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.6 | 21.3 | 19.2 | 20.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 25.2 | 24.0 | 20.5 | 22.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,196** | **1,230** | **1,269** | **1,300** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 86.4 | 86.1 | 72.7 | 74.3 | 65.5 | 62.9 | 53.8 | 52.7 | 46.8 | 39.5 | 30.2 | 27.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 76.7 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.6 | 13.9 | 25.2 | 23.7 | 34.5 | 37.1 | 46.1 | 47.1 | 53.2 | 60.5 | 69.8 | 72.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 16.7 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 6.7 |
| **Number** | **11,509** | **10,482** | **8,529** | **7,218** | **5,312** | **4,969** | **4,532** | **3,602** | **6,589** | **6,132** | **5,721** | **4,854** | **0** | **25** | **16** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.2 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| Institutions | 2.7 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 |
| Other settings | 94.1 | 94.0 | 94.1 | 94.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,054** | **6,619** | **4,795** | **4,210** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **126.4** | **119.4** | **116.5** | **122.8** |
| 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) | 67.9 | 61.1 | 60.5 | 58.2 |
| 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) | 8.0 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 10.7 |
| 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) | 49.3 | 49.2 | 49.0 | 46.3 |
| 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? | 8.9 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 3.5 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **99.5** | **96.6** | **103.2** | **104.0** |
| 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? | 21.8 | 21.9 | 24.1 | 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? | 33.7 | 33.7 | 32.4 | 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? | 19.4 | 21.5 | 23.2 | 27.4 |
| 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?[17] | 11.6 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 8.1 |
| 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? | 59.0 | 50.8 | 49.9 | 55.3 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **114.8** | **117.7** | **123.3** | **123.6** |
| 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 | 30.6 | 35.1 | 37.7 |
| 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? | 92.5 | 94.1 | 91.5 | 92.5 |
| 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? | 49.8 | 47.9 | 47.3 | 48.8 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **102.1** | **97.7** | **81.1** | **81.0** |
| 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? | 84.7 | 84.6 | 72.1 | 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? | 65.6 | 62.9 | 53.9 | 52.8 |
| 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? | 46.9 | 39.6 | 30.2 | 27.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 290,999 | 290,741 | 289,851 | 290,361 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 27.5 | 27.3 | 26.6 | 26.9 |
| Black | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 10.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.8 | 15.0 |
| White | 18.1 | 18.4 | 18.7 | 18.8 |
| Two or more races | 25.2 | 24.7 | 25.2 | 24.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 2,045 | 2,075 | 1,902 | 2,072 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,386 | 1,988 | 1,630 | 1,483 |
| Children adopted | 397 | 265 | 273 | 269 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 53 | 37 | 62 |
| Numerator | N/A | 225 | 137 | 201 |
| Denominator | N/A | 425 | 368 | 325 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 61 | 71 | 69 |
| Numerator | N/A | 597 | 496 | 879 |
| Denominator | N/A | 976 | 694 | 1,268 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 4,261 | 14.6 per 1,000 | 4,643 | 16.0 per 1,000 | 4,576 | 15.8 per 1,000 | 5,404 | 18.6 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 2,045 | 7.0 per 1,000 | 2,075 | 7.1 per 1,000 | 1,902 | 6.6 per 1,000 | 2,072 | 7.1 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 4 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 4 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 2 | 0.7 per 100,000 | 3 | 1.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 19.4 | 15.0 | 16.4 | 13.8 |
| 1 year | 6.7 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 8.0 |
| 2 years | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.8 |
| 3 years | 4.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 4 years | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 7.0 |
| 5 years | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| 6 years | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 4.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 4.9 |
| 9 years | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 16 years | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **2,045** | **2,075** | **1,902** | **2,072** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 12.2 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 11.8 |
| Black | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 19.1 | 16.4 | 19.7 | 17.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| White | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 11.9 |
| Two or more races | 37.8 | 35.7 | 36.6 | 40.7 |
| Missing data | 14.8 | 20.5 | 16.5 | 12.8 |
| **Number** | **2,045** | **2,075** | **1,902** | **2,072** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.5 |
| Medical neglect | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Neglect | 15.8 | 12.6 | 14.8 | 14.9 |
| Physical abuse | 11.4 | 10.0 | 11.9 | 9.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 91.0 | 92.0 | 91.5 | 91.9 |
| **Number** | **2,045** | **2,075** | **1,902** | **2,072** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 125.9 | 80.8 | 78.2 | 92.1 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,696 | 2,290 | 1,900 | 1,575 | 1,632 | 1,416 | 1,350 | 1,311 | 1,942 | 1,718 | 1,620 | 1,403 | 2,386 | 1,988 | 1,630 | 1,483 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 15.1 | 16.5 | 19.3 | 16.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.2 | 8.3 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 16.7 | 19.7 | 16.7 | 13.6 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 7.5 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 17.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| 1 year | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.6 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 7.3 |
| 3 years | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| 5 years | 4.4 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.1 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 3.9 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 |
| 16 years | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| 17 years | 5.6 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 12.2 | 8.1 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 5.4 | 9.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| 20+ years | 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 | <.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 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 10.3 | 10.4 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 11.8 | 11.0 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 10.3 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 10.2 |
| Black | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 23.1 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 21.7 | 21.3 | 20.7 | 21.3 | 17.8 | 22.8 | 21.2 | 19.5 | 19.2 | 22.1 | 21.4 | 21.6 | 20.6 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| White | 8.1 | 9.5 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 13.2 | 16.9 | 14.5 | 13.8 | 10.8 | 13.6 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 9.4 | 11.2 | 11.6 | 10.7 |
| Two or more races | 49.7 | 49.4 | 51.7 | 49.5 | 42.5 | 39.3 | 41.0 | 46.3 | 44.1 | 43.0 | 45.1 | 45.7 | 49.3 | 47.8 | 49.4 | 50.2 |
| Unknown | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Missing data | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 863 | 775 | 527 | 415 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 829 | 737 | 475 | 369 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 1 year | 7.0 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 2.2 |
| 2 years | 7.9 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| 3 years | 7.4 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 6.5 |
| 4 years | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| 5 years | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.1 |
| 7 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 6.3 |
| 8 years | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 5.2 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| 11 years | 4.8 | 4.4 | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 7.0 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 5.3 | 6.8 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 5.9 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| 15 years | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 8.9 |
| 16 years | 8.5 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 10.1 |
| 17 years | 6.5 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 12.5 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 9.6 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.0 |
| Black | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 25.0 | 23.0 | 22.4 | 24.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.3 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 8.9 |
| White | 9.2 | 8.6 | 11.2 | 9.6 |
| Two or more races | 47.3 | 48.8 | 48.2 | 47.0 |
| Unknown | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 397 | 265 | 273 | 269 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.5 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| 1 year | 15.9 | 9.4 | 13.9 | 14.5 |
| 2 years | 17.1 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 16.0 |
| 3 years | 10.1 | 15.8 | 11.7 | 8.2 |
| 4 years | 10.1 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 10.0 |
| 5 years | 5.0 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| 6 years | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 7.4 |
| 7 years | 7.1 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 5.9 |
| 9 years | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.1 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 3.0 | 5.1 | 3.0 |
| 11 years | 2.8 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 12 years | 2.8 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 2.8 | 1.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 14 years | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| 15 years | 0.8 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| 16 years | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 3.0 |
| 17 years | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 12.6 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 8.6 |
| Black | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 19.9 | 18.1 | 20.9 | 16.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.8 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| White | 4.3 | 11.3 | 5.1 | 11.5 |
| Two or more races | 53.1 | 55.1 | 57.1 | 55.4 |
| Unknown | 2.3 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

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

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 97.3 | 96.4 | 96.7 | 96.1 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| **Number** | **1,068** | **937** | **943** | **942** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.88 | 0.35 | 0.18 | 0.45 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.12 | 99.65 | 99.82 | 99.55 |
| **Number** | **4,328** | **3,706** | **3,250** | **2,886** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 20.1 | 17.3 | 22.3 | 19.1 |
| Guardianship | 9.7 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.0 |
| Reunification | 60.1 | 63.6 | 57.2 | 59.2 |
| Other | 9.8 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 12.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **1,942** | **1,718** | **1,620** | **1,403** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 45.5 | 39.0 | 38.4 | 43.1 |
| Guardianship | 9.3 | 11.5 | 13.7 | 12.3 |
| Reunification | 34.7 | 35.2 | 33.2 | 26.1 |
| Other | 10.5 | 13.5 | 13.7 | 13.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 4.7 |
| **Number** | **354** | **349** | **307** | **253** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.4 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 2.3 |
| Guardianship | 8.1 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.6 |
| Reunification | 61.7 | 60.9 | 56.6 | 57.9 |
| Other | 28.5 | 28.9 | 29.5 | 28.6 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 2.6 |
| **Number** | **491** | **460** | **440** | **385** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 15.1 | 17.9 | 23.4 | 29.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 84.9 | 82.1 | 76.6 | 70.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **152** | **151** | **154** | **138** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 21.3 | 12.8 | 15.2 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 14.3 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.2 | 12.8 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.7 |
| Reunification | 85.7 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 62.1 | 66.8 | 58.2 | 89.7 | 80.0 | 87.5 | 88.6 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 9.8 | 19.0 | 10.3 | 15.0 | 8.3 | 5.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7** | **3** | **4** | **2** | **225** | **203** | **184** | **153** | **29** | **20** | **24** | **35** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 16.1 | 17.3 | 23.1 | 15.6 | 44.3 | 16.9 | 32.1 | 28.1 | 7.7 | 11.1 | 7.7 | 14.6 |
| Guardianship | 9.0 | 8.5 | 6.3 | 11.9 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 1.6 | 6.7 | 4.3 | 9.1 | 8.3 |
| Reunification | 60.9 | 58.8 | 52.8 | 55.8 | 39.2 | 61.0 | 55.1 | 57.8 | 74.6 | 73.5 | 70.7 | 66.0 |
| Other | 14.0 | 14.3 | 16.5 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 14.3 | 5.1 | 12.5 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 12.0 | 9.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| **Number** | **442** | **364** | **316** | **269** | **79** | **77** | **78** | **64** | **209** | **234** | **208** | **206** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 18.0 | 1.9 | 28.3 | 13.0 | 24.7 | 22.2 | 28.1 | 23.4 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 10.0 |
| Guardianship | 14.0 | 9.6 | 6.5 | 4.3 | 11.0 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 62.0 | 86.5 | 60.9 | 65.2 | 56.1 | 60.7 | 50.4 | 56.5 | 90.9 | 85.2 | 93.3 | 90.0 |
| Other | 6.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **50** | **52** | **46** | **23** | **857** | **738** | **730** | **641** | **44** | **27** | **30** | **10** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 78.4 | 79.2 | 84.0 | 85.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 15.6 | 14.8 | 10.1 | 9.9 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.0 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 2.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,168** | **1,092** | **927** | **831** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 75.1 | 71.8 | 75.5 | 74.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 11.2 | 13.3 | 8.5 | 9.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.4 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 15.6 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **1,632** | **1,416** | **1,350** | **1,311** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 7.9 | 5.7 | 9.1 | 7.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 35.0 | 26.5 | 27.6 | 26.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 34.0 | 36.2 | 31.2 | 31.7 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 13.0 | 21.8 | 19.3 | 19.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 10.0 | 9.7 | 12.7 | 14.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **391** | **298** | **362** | **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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.4 | 86.3 | 87.9 | 87.1 | 65.7 | 66.2 | 71.2 | 67.1 | 41.1 | 41.0 | 38.5 | 40.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.0 | 12.3 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 34.2 | 33.4 | 28.8 | 32.4 | 58.9 | 58.7 | 61.2 | 59.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.7 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,898** | **1,625** | **1,540** | **1,510** | **1,060** | **799** | **611** | **547** | **1,370** | **1,282** | **1,099** | **825** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| Institutions | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Other settings | 95.9 | 95.8 | 96.9 | 95.1 |
| Missing data | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| **Number** | **1,216** | **1,013** | **962** | **969** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **118.6** | **121.3** | **131.6** | **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) | 71.0 | 69.2 | 75.1 | 78.3 |
| 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) | 5.9 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 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) | 40.7 | 50.0 | 52.0 | 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? | 15.4 | 14.1 | 13.2 | 10.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **117.7** | **107.8** | **128.2** | **120.1** |
| 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? | 43.0 | 32.2 | 37.1 | 34.7 |
| 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? | 25.9 | 30.2 | 29.4 | 29.8 |
| 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? | 23.6 | 22.3 | 28.0 | 25.8 |
| 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?[17] | 17.5 | 17.6 | 20.6 | 11.4 |
| 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? | 39.9 | 41.4 | 53.0 | 57.5 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **128.1** | **120.5** | **121.7** | **120.2** |
| 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? | 35.4 | 31.6 | 38.1 | 34.4 |
| 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? | 88.6 | 87.7 | 84.0 | 82.7 |
| 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? | 39.0 | 44.8 | 49.7 | 45.3 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **99.9** | **100.4** | **101.5** | **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? | 84.2 | 83.8 | 85.5 | 86.7 |
| 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? | 65.7 | 66.5 | 70.2 | 67.4 |
| 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? | 41.1 | 41.2 | 38.1 | 40.6 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 400,077 | 409,562 | 415,823 | 419,190 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Black | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 14.8 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 16.4 |
| White | 79.1 | 78.2 | 77.7 | 76.8 |
| Two or more races | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 1,651 | 1,582 | 1,836 | 1,634 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,857 | 1,873 | 1,736 | 1,451 |
| Children adopted | 177 | 195 | 238 | 354 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 51 | 57 | 76 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 253 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 333 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 75 | 81 | 80 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 1,346 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 1,673 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 9,924 | 24.8 per 1,000 | 11,022 | 26.9 per 1,000 | 10,631 | 25.6 per 1,000 | 11,027 | 26.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 1,651 | 4.1 per 1,000 | 1,582 | 3.9 per 1,000 | 1,836 | 4.4 per 1,000 | 1,634 | 3.9 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 1 | 0.2 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.2 per 100,000 | 2 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 4 | 1.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 15.9 | 18.2 | 14.7 | 15.1 |
| 1 year | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.3 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 8.3 |
| 3 years | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| 5 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 12 years | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 4.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 15 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 17 years | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.1 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,651** | **1,582** | **1,836** | **1,634** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Black | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 16.1 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 10.3 |
| White | 74.0 | 73.0 | 72.8 | 76.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **1,651** | **1,582** | **1,836** | **1,634** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Medical neglect | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Neglect | 75.7 | 74.1 | 73.7 | 72.0 |
| Physical abuse | 16.0 | 16.1 | 19.1 | 20.0 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.7 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 7.3 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 8.3 |
| **Number** | **1,651** | **1,582** | **1,836** | **1,634** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 59.3 | 56.7 | 60.6 | 59.2 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,771 | 1,794 | 1,852 | 1,691 | 1,540 | 1,556 | 1,351 | 1,206 | 1,454 | 1,477 | 1,467 | 1,446 | 1,857 | 1,873 | 1,736 | 1,451 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 10.9 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 12.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.2 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 11.3 | 13.0 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 11.9 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 14.9 | 15.7 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| 1 year | 8.4 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 9.6 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 6.3 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.3 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| 8 years | 4.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.3 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 4.8 |
| 15 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 6.3 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 7.0 |
| 17 years | 5.9 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 7.6 | 12.4 | 6.8 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 7.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 7.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 7.7 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Black | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 16.5 | 17.4 | 16.5 | 15.5 | 17.3 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 13.1 | 16.5 | 14.8 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 17.2 | 16.1 | 15.1 | 13.0 |
| White | 71.3 | 70.6 | 70.8 | 69.1 | 72.9 | 74.2 | 72.1 | 74.1 | 73.9 | 72.9 | 72.3 | 72.3 | 70.6 | 71.8 | 70.5 | 70.1 |
| Two or more races | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 6.1 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 557 | 591 | 578 | 500 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 383 | 425 | 449 | 380 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.8 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 1.4 |
| 1 year | 8.3 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 9.0 |
| 2 years | 10.2 | 9.6 | 10.4 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 7.5 | 9.6 | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| 4 years | 6.8 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 8.4 |
| 5 years | 6.8 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 7.8 |
| 6 years | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 6.2 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 4.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 5.2 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 5.0 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.8 |
| 17 years | 3.4 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.0 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 7.9 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 7.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Black | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 3.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 18.7 | 18.4 | 19.0 | 15.2 |
| White | 67.5 | 67.5 | 65.7 | 66.6 |
| Two or more races | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 |
| 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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 177 | 195 | 238 | 354 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 5.6 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| 1 year | 9.0 | 8.7 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| 2 years | 12.4 | 12.8 | 15.1 | 13.8 |
| 3 years | 9.6 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 11.6 |
| 4 years | 6.8 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 9.9 |
| 5 years | 9.0 | 4.6 | 9.2 | 9.6 |
| 6 years | 5.1 | 9.7 | 5.9 | 7.6 |
| 7 years | 7.3 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 6.8 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 1.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 2.5 |
| 12 years | 5.1 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| 14 years | 2.3 | 4.1 | 1.7 | 3.7 |
| 15 years | 2.3 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 1.7 |
| 16 years | 0.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| 18 years | 0.6 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 6.2 | 9.7 | 4.6 | 7.9 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Black | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 24.3 | 18.5 | 20.6 | 21.5 |
| White | 63.3 | 65.1 | 66.8 | 61.6 |
| Two or more races | 5.1 | 3.6 | 5.9 | 5.4 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 96.1 | 96.4 | 95.0 | 96.6 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 3.9 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 3.4 |
| **Number** | **779** | **786** | **893** | **785** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.42 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.35 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.58 | 99.91 | 99.88 | 99.65 |
| **Number** | **3,311** | **3,350** | **3,203** | **2,897** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.6 | 12.9 | 15.4 | 23.3 |
| Guardianship | 1.3 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 6.1 |
| Reunification | 79.2 | 76.6 | 72.1 | 61.2 |
| Other | 8.0 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 9.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,454** | **1,477** | **1,467** | **1,446** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 25.9 | 27.0 | 30.3 | 40.2 |
| Guardianship | 1.9 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 6.4 |
| Reunification | 55.8 | 54.6 | 51.6 | 38.8 |
| Other | 16.4 | 17.2 | 14.1 | 14.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **421** | **522** | **531** | **564** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 3.8 |
| Guardianship | 2.1 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Reunification | 74.2 | 67.6 | 69.7 | 60.9 |
| Other | 22.1 | 30.2 | 24.8 | 31.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **376** | **364** | **330** | **338** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 20.6 | 19.5 | 23.9 | 16.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 79.4 | 80.5 | 76.1 | 83.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **97** | **123** | **88** | **108** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.2 | 20.7 | 12.8 | 34.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 10.5 | 6.1 | 13.3 | 28.6 |
| Guardianship | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 |
| Reunification | 73.2 | 65.2 | 66.7 | 41.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 100.0 | 73.7 | 90.9 | 73.3 | 47.6 |
| Other | 13.4 | 13.0 | 19.2 | 14.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 10.5 | 3.0 | 13.3 | 19.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **82** | **92** | **78** | **82** | **1** | **2** | **9** | **1** | **19** | **33** | **15** | **21** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.9 | 16.5 | 20.4 | 30.6 | 9.7 | 11.7 | 14.3 | 20.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 4.1 | 5.9 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 72.9 | 74.8 | 73.2 | 56.0 | 81.4 | 77.4 | 72.7 | 64.6 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 8.3 | 6.9 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 9.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1** | **2** | **4** | **2** | **240** | **218** | **235** | **232** | **1,075** | **1,076** | **1,061** | **1,045** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.5 | 13.5 | 21.0 | 30.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 54.2 | 75.0 | 59.7 | 53.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 11.5 | 14.5 | 12.9 | 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** | **12** | **2** | **3** | **1** | **24** | **52** | **62** | **62** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 76.0 | 74.0 | 72.8 | 75.1 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.2 | 17.2 | 20.3 | 19.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 2.3 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,151** | **1,131** | **1,057** | **885** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.0 | 80.2 | 82.8 | 80.8 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.3 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 8.4 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 10.9 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,540** | **1,556** | **1,351** | **1,206** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 3.6 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 28.6 | 27.9 | 15.9 | 17.2 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 33.9 | 34.2 | 37.2 | 33.2 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 16.1 | 18.4 | 27.0 | 25.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 17.9 | 15.3 | 18.1 | 22.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **168** | **190** | **226** | **337** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.0 | 85.1 | 86.3 | 88.2 | 60.0 | 55.8 | 64.6 | 61.9 | 32.2 | 33.0 | 33.9 | 35.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.7 | 14.2 | 13.4 | 11.8 | 40.0 | 44.2 | 35.1 | 38.1 | 67.8 | 67.0 | 66.1 | 64.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,808** | **1,818** | **1,661** | **1,496** | **797** | **706** | **712** | **638** | **706** | **824** | **827** | **759** | **0** | **2** | **3** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Institutions | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.3 |
| Other settings | 95.2 | 95.3 | 95.2 | 96.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,142** | **1,201** | **993** | **896** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **146.1** | **146.3** | **137.9** | **129.7** |
| 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) | 84.5 | 81.3 | 73.6 | 69.9 |
| 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) | 3.0 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 8.5 |
| 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) | 55.6 | 57.6 | 52.3 | 54.4 |
| 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? | 11.9 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 8.3 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **102.4** | **92.8** | **110.3** | **139.4** |
| 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? | 32.1 | 32.1 | 17.7 | 19.0 |
| 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? | 28.6 | 30.6 | 33.3 | 34.9 |
| 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? | 22.2 | 22.7 | 30.2 | 44.6 |
| 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?[17] | 15.0 | 18.2 | 29.6 | 33.9 |
| 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? | 44.2 | 37.6 | 28.8 | 40.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **124.3** | **119.3** | **133.5** | **149.1** |
| 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? | 28.9 | 30.5 | 39.1 | 49.7 |
| 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? | 88.4 | 90.9 | 92.0 | 92.0 |
| 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? | 36.9 | 38.1 | 41.6 | 31.8 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.8** | **91.3** | **97.3** | **97.7** |
| 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? | 83.2 | 83.7 | 84.8 | 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? | 60.2 | 55.8 | 64.8 | 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? | 32.2 | 33.0 | 33.9 | 35.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 3,203,606 | 3,194,525 | 3,182,952 | 3,177,377 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| Black | 17.5 | 17.3 | 17.0 | 16.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20.4 | 21.0 | 21.8 | 22.2 |
| White | 56.0 | 55.4 | 55.0 | 54.3 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 27,756 | 28,991 | 29,788 | 29,836 |
| Foster care entry rate | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 19,192 | 18,276 | 18,411 | 17,829 |
| Children adopted | 1,402 | 1,512 | 1,469 | 1,381 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 7 | 9 | 41 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,472 | 1,450 | 8,834 |
| Denominator | N/A | 21,993 | 16,989 | 21,463 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 80 | 66 | 93 |
| Numerator | N/A | 8,737 | 14,786 | 73,408 |
| Denominator | N/A | 10,930 | 22,430 | 78,568 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 145,633 | 45.5 per 1,000 | 149,592 | 46.8 per 1,000 | 147,280 | 46.3 per 1,000 | 150,304 | 47.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 27,756 | 8.7 per 1,000 | 28,991 | 9.1 per 1,000 | 29,788 | 9.4 per 1,000 | 29,836 | 9.4 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 58 | 1.8 per 100,000 | 73 | 2.3 per 100,000 | 69 | 2.2 per 100,000 | 77 | 2.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 14.1 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 13.7 |
| 1 year | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.7 |
| 2 years | 7.2 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 |
| 5 years | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 15 years | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 16 years | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| 17 years | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **27,756** | **28,991** | **29,788** | **29,836** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Black | 33.2 | 33.1 | 33.4 | 33.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.8 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 10.8 |
| White | 53.5 | 53.3 | 52.7 | 53.2 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| **Number** | **27,756** | **28,991** | **29,788** | **29,836** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Medical neglect | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Neglect | 68.0 | 67.7 | 68.3 | 68.1 |
| Physical abuse | 24.7 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 20.7 |
| Sexual abuse | 17.9 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **27,756** | **28,991** | **29,788** | **29,836** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.4 | 13.1 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 19,940 | 18,825 | 17,880 | 17,840 | 4,814 | 4,896 | 5,751 | 5,096 | 5,564 | 5,446 | 5,220 | 5,108 | 19,192 | 18,276 | 18,411 | 17,829 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 32.7 | 31.8 | 32.0 | 29.3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 36.0 | 34.4 | 33.9 | 33.0 | 31.9 | 31.7 | 29.3 | 27.3 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 24.5 | 24.1 | 23.7 | 23.5 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| 1 year | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.1 |
| 2 years | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.1 |
| 3 years | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| 4 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 6 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 7 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 8 years | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| 14 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.7 |
| 15 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| 17 years | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 18 years | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| 19 years | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.4 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 20+ years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 8.8 | 7.7 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Black | 63.9 | 62.6 | 61.0 | 59.2 | 49.7 | 46.2 | 45.7 | 44.6 | 57.1 | 55.0 | 52.5 | 53.3 | 62.3 | 60.4 | 58.6 | 56.7 |
| 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) | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| White | 28.1 | 29.2 | 30.7 | 32.5 | 42.3 | 45.2 | 44.4 | 46.5 | 35.2 | 36.7 | 37.4 | 37.7 | 29.6 | 31.2 | 33.0 | 35.0 |
| Two or more races | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Unknown | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 5,780 | 4,455 | 3,094 | 2,793 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 2,917 | 2,680 | 2,608 | 2,474 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.2 | 3.7 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| 1 year | 9.9 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| 2 years | 10.7 | 10.2 | 8.8 | 7.7 |
| 3 years | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.4 |
| 4 years | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 9.5 |
| 5 years | 7.8 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 7.2 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 6.2 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| 12 years | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 13 years | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 5.0 |
| 15 years | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| 17 years | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 57.1 | 56.8 | 59.6 | 57.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| White | 35.3 | 35.7 | 33.8 | 35.9 |
| Two or more races | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Unknown | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,402 | 1,512 | 1,469 | 1,381 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 11.1 | 12.8 | 11.4 | 12.5 |
| 3 years | 13.6 | 16.4 | 13.5 | 12.9 |
| 4 years | 11.0 | 10.5 | 12.0 | 10.7 |
| 5 years | 9.6 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 9.8 |
| 6 years | 7.0 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 8.0 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 8.1 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 6.0 |
| 9 years | 5.7 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 13 years | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| 14 years | 3.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.8 |
| 15 years | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 16 years | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| 17 years | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| 18 years | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Black | 61.4 | 52.8 | 50.6 | 52.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| White | 31.9 | 38.2 | 39.9 | 40.6 |
| Two or more races | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.7 | 92.5 | 92.5 | 92.9 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| **Number** | **12,486** | **12,970** | **13,357** | **13,530** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.51 | 0.47 | 0.58 | 0.60 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.49 | 99.53 | 99.42 | 99.40 |
| **Number** | **24,754** | **23,721** | **23,631** | **22,936** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 31.2 | 30.3 | 28.0 | 27.6 |
| Guardianship | 9.3 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 10.0 |
| Reunification | 37.8 | 38.1 | 41.6 | 40.0 |
| Other | 20.8 | 22.0 | 21.6 | 21.5 |
| Missing data | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **5,564** | **5,446** | **5,220** | **5,108** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 26.5 | 24.8 | 20.9 | 21.1 |
| Guardianship | 7.3 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 7.9 |
| Reunification | 19.8 | 16.7 | 15.3 | 13.8 |
| Other | 46.0 | 51.0 | 58.1 | 56.3 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **1,423** | **1,406** | **1,239** | **1,275** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 3.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 2.4 |
| Guardianship | 3.6 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 6.3 |
| Reunification | 34.8 | 37.9 | 38.0 | 31.5 |
| Other | 55.3 | 54.1 | 55.3 | 57.7 |
| Missing data | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| **Number** | **805** | **811** | **860** | **859** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 61.3 | 63.5 | 57.6 | 54.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 38.6 | 36.4 | 42.4 | 45.3 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,142** | **1,194** | **1,116** | **1,094** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 9.1 | 15.4 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34.8 | 0.0 | 31.3 | 28.3 | 26.8 | 27.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 11.3 | 10.6 | 9.6 | 11.1 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 57.6 | 46.2 | 28.6 | 84.6 | 70.0 | 56.5 | 80.0 | 31.2 | 31.8 | 35.6 | 32.9 |
| Other | 0.0 | 24.2 | 7.7 | 42.9 | 15.4 | 20.0 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 24.9 | 28.4 | 26.6 | 27.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 6.1 | 30.8 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **1** | **33** | **13** | **7** | **13** | **10** | **23** | **10** | **3,179** | **2,998** | **2,742** | **2,721** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.6 | 31.4 | 23.0 | 21.6 | 31.6 | 33.0 | 30.1 | 29.5 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 1.1 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 9.1 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.8 | 46.1 | 47.7 | 52.7 | 47.1 | 46.1 | 48.7 | 46.9 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.1 | 20.0 | 21.1 | 18.9 | 14.4 | 13.2 | 15.4 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **308** | **280** | **365** | **338** | **1,959** | **1,997** | **1,951** | **1,924** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 40.2 | 40.2 | 34.2 | 22.5 | 50.0 | 18.2 | 55.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 37.3 | 35.0 | 44.4 | 51.0 | 50.0 | 54.5 | 11.1 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 13.7 | 16.2 | 13.7 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 33.3 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 2.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **102** | **117** | **117** | **102** | **2** | **11** | **9** | **6** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 53.0 | 55.1 | 57.5 | 58.0 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 22.0 | 22.8 | 17.7 | 21.2 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 11.0 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 8.7 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 5.5 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 7.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Missing data | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **2,105** | **2,075** | **2,172** | **2,042** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 86.5 | 87.3 | 88.3 | 87.5 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 5.8 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **4,814** | **4,896** | **5,751** | **5,096** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 10.7 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 11.6 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 22.3 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 25.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 24.7 | 22.8 | 22.4 | 23.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 40.8 | 38.0 | 38.4 | 38.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,735** | **1,649** | **1,462** | **1,409** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 83.2 | 86.4 | 85.1 | 83.0 | 66.8 | 66.8 | 69.7 | 68.7 | 31.3 | 33.4 | 33.8 | 35.6 | 71.4 | 79.1 | 85.1 | 70.4 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 16.8 | 13.6 | 14.9 | 17.0 | 33.2 | 33.2 | 30.3 | 31.3 | 68.7 | 66.6 | 66.2 | 64.4 | 28.6 | 20.9 | 14.9 | 29.6 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **5,198** | **5,242** | **6,020** | **5,473** | **4,401** | **4,015** | **4,010** | **4,589** | **15,120** | **14,421** | **13,527** | **12,820** | **35** | **43** | **74** | **54** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Institutions | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Other settings | 98.1 | 98.1 | 97.8 | 97.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,902** | **3,972** | **4,642** | **4,110** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **53.5** | **62.2** | **55.7** | **75.0** |
| 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) | 41.4 | 42.0 | 41.9 | 45.3 |
| 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) | 15.2 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 13.4 |
| 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) | 17.5 | 17.2 | 15.5 | 16.3 |
| 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? | 13.9 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 11.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **74.0** | **77.3** | **76.9** | **64.8** |
| 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? | 12.2 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 12.7 |
| 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? | 42.9 | 40.6 | 41.1 | 41.5 |
| 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? | 15.8 | 15.6 | 14.7 | 15.5 |
| 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?[17] | 9.7 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| 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? | 49.6 | 52.7 | 53.1 | 43.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **100.5** | **102.0** | **103.4** | **105.9** |
| 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? | 23.6 | 23.0 | 22.8 | 23.5 |
| 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? | 98.7 | 98.5 | 98.4 | 98.6 |
| 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? | 72.0 | 70.3 | 69.8 | 64.6 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **93.4** | **98.5** | **98.6** | **97.2** |
| 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? | 81.5 | 84.7 | 83.2 | 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? | 67.1 | 67.1 | 69.9 | 69.0 |
| 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? | 37.2 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 42.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

With regards to the Context Data for Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care, Illinois found that it had erroneously reported youth age 18 or older in the population and we will work with ACF to correct the data for this area of the report. In addition, the particularly low performance relative to years 2007 and 2008 was the result of SACWIS user issues by casework staff. IDCFS has since implemented significant improvement steps to ensure the timely and accurate entry of casework visit data into our SACWIS system, as reflected in the improved 2009 results. Internal tracking for 2010 indicates that performance in this area has continued to steadily improve and Illinois is on target to achieving agreed upon internal performance benchmarks.

Beginning with the 2006 reporting year Illinois made changes to the way the computer system counted entries/exits to/from foster care, this centered mainly with how Illinois counted Trial Home visits (Context Data - C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care). Illinois also expanded its' identification of children awaiting adoption by including children whose parents have surrendered legal rights (Context Data - D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption).

With regards to the outcomes data and the state's recurrence of maltreatment rate, IDCFS anticipates that the implementation beginning in late 2010 of both its Differential Response and Enhanced Safety Models will have a positive impact on improving performance in this critical safety area. Our most recent internal tracking data (June 2010) suggests that the % of children experiencing a recurrence in maltreatment (table 1.1) and also in those experiencing maltreatment while in Illinois foster care (table 2.1) is trending in a positive direction (down).

Finally, with regards to Illinois performance specific to the permanency-oriented outcome data, IDCFS will, as part of its CFSR Program Improvement Planning (PIP) process, be implementing several core strategies that seek to reduce the overall amount of time that children remain in foster care, thereby increasing the percentage of children who achieve timely permanencies. This includes the full implementation of the Department's Trauma-Informed Case Practice Model, Strengthening Families Protective Factors, and collaborative efforts with the courts towards strengthening existing systems that are designed to facilitate timely permanencies.

# Indiana

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,587,180 | 1,591,648 | 1,591,833 | 1,589,365 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Black | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.4 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.7 |
| White | 77.9 | 77.2 | 77.0 | 76.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 20,925 | 18,380 | 21,846 | 24,108 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 11,489 | 11,409 | 12,497 | 12,584 |
| Children adopted | 1,180 | 1,292 | 1,510 | 1,483 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 23 | 70 | 85 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,509 | 11,344 | 14,408 |
| Denominator | N/A | 15,281 | 16,278 | 16,995 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 93 | 90 | 89 |
| Numerator | N/A | 11,242 | 66,744 | 86,338 |
| Denominator | N/A | 12,089 | 74,050 | 97,328 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 67,511 | 42.5 per 1,000 | 65,034 | 40.9 per 1,000 | 104,005 | 65.3 per 1,000 | 104,677 | 65.9 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 20,925 | 13.2 per 1,000 | 18,380 | 11.5 per 1,000 | 21,846 | 13.7 per 1,000 | 24,108 | 15.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 42 | 2.6 per 100,000 | 53 | 3.3 per 100,000 | 34 | 2.1 per 100,000 | 50 | 3.1 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.6 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 12.5 |
| 1 year | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| 2 years | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 3 years | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| 4 years | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.2 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 14 years | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 15 years | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| 16 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 17 years | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **20,925** | **18,380** | **21,846** | **24,108** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Black | 16.2 | 17.2 | 17.3 | 16.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| White | 72.2 | 70.5 | 69.8 | 70.3 |
| Two or more races | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.0 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **20,925** | **18,380** | **21,846** | **24,108** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | — | — | — | 0.7 |
| Medical neglect | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| Neglect | 72.9 | 76.2 | 79.0 | 81.0 |
| Physical abuse | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 11.2 |
| Sexual abuse | 20.8 | 18.6 | 17.5 | 16.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **20,925** | **18,380** | **21,846** | **24,108** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 84.0 | 77.7 | 65.4 | 44.5 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 10,859 | 11,139 | 11,165 | 11,703 | 7,347 | 7,696 | 8,841 | 9,263 | 6,717 | 7,426 | 7,509 | 8,382 | 11,489 | 11,409 | 12,497 | 12,584 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.5 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 10.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 9.7 | 13.7 | 13.9 | 12.1 | 11.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.7 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 15.8 | 16.6 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| 1 year | 7.3 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 8.9 |
| 2 years | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8.0 |
| 3 years | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| 6 years | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 9 years | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 15 years | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| 17 years | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| 18 years | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| 19 years | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 32.3 | 31.2 | 29.9 | 29.0 | 24.8 | 23.3 | 23.2 | 23.2 | 26.2 | 25.6 | 23.3 | 24.3 | 31.1 | 29.5 | 29.2 | 27.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.7 |
| White | 56.5 | 56.4 | 56.6 | 56.4 | 61.6 | 62.5 | 61.9 | 62.6 | 62.1 | 61.7 | 62.7 | 60.7 | 56.5 | 57.1 | 56.6 | 58.1 |
| Two or more races | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 3,372 | 3,215 | 3,008 | 3,138 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,567 | 1,691 | 1,328 | 1,595 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| 1 year | 9.9 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 8.5 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 9.3 |
| 3 years | 7.3 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 |
| 4 years | 6.4 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 6.5 |
| 5 years | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| 6 years | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 |
| 11 years | 5.3 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| 12 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 13 years | 5.8 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| 17 years | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.7 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 33.8 | 33.6 | 33.0 | 29.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 7.4 |
| White | 53.8 | 52.8 | 52.6 | 56.0 |
| Two or more races | 5.8 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.4 |
| Unknown | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,180 | 1,292 | 1,510 | 1,483 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| 1 year | 7.9 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.6 |
| 2 years | 14.8 | 14.7 | 14.2 | 14.8 |
| 3 years | 11.4 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| 4 years | 9.5 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 9.1 |
| 5 years | 8.6 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 7.8 |
| 6 years | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 7.9 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 6.9 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.3 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 14 years | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| 15 years | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| 16 years | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| 17 years | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| 18 years | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 34.0 | 25.9 | 29.9 | 28.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.5 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 8.4 |
| White | 54.2 | 61.8 | 54.0 | 53.9 |
| Two or more races | 5.7 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 8.7 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.3 | 93.2 | 93.6 | 92.7 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.7 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 7.3 |
| **Number** | **9,151** | **8,514** | **8,619** | **10,632** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.95 | 0.31 | 0.42 | 0.44 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.05 | 99.69 | 99.58 | 99.56 |
| **Number** | **18,206** | **18,835** | **20,006** | **20,966** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.6 | 17.4 | 18.8 | 17.7 |
| Guardianship | 7.7 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 8.5 |
| Reunification | 63.2 | 63.9 | 61.8 | 65.2 |
| Other | 11.6 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 8.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,717** | **7,426** | **7,509** | **8,382** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 28.8 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 28.4 |
| Guardianship | 7.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 7.5 |
| Reunification | 44.0 | 45.4 | 49.0 | 51.6 |
| Other | 20.2 | 20.3 | 16.4 | 12.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **598** | **661** | **675** | **774** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Guardianship | 6.8 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 8.7 |
| Reunification | 61.2 | 62.5 | 62.1 | 65.7 |
| Other | 30.4 | 30.1 | 29.5 | 23.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,594** | **1,774** | **1,731** | **1,595** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 23.2 | 19.1 | 21.5 | 13.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 76.2 | 80.6 | 78.5 | 86.9 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **328** | **304** | **293** | **137** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 18.2 | 21.4 | 38.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.6 | 17.9 | 23.5 | 20.8 |
| Guardianship | 30.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 45.5 | 78.6 | 38.5 | 66.7 | 62.5 | 80.0 | 83.3 | 60.0 | 66.1 | 58.1 | 65.1 |
| Other | 20.0 | 36.4 | 0.0 | 23.1 | 33.3 | 31.3 | 20.0 | 16.7 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 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** | **10** | **11** | **14** | **13** | **3** | **16** | **10** | **12** | **1,758** | **1,904** | **1,749** | **2,033** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 15.4 | 15.5 | 19.5 | 19.5 | 15.4 | 17.3 | 16.5 | 15.6 |
| Guardianship | 50.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 9.2 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 10.4 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 20.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 69.9 | 67.3 | 64.5 | 66.8 | 63.9 | 62.3 | 62.7 | 65.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 60.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 10.6 | 10.1 | 8.2 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 8.9 |
| 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** | **2** | **5** | **5** | **0** | **429** | **490** | **575** | **632** | **4,170** | **4,582** | **4,707** | **5,091** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 37.5 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 12.5 | 21.0 | 19.2 | 25.5 | 23.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 56.3 | 75.0 | 70.0 | 82.5 | 63.5 | 67.4 | 61.3 | 62.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 6.3 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 5.0 | 7.9 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 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** | **16** | **16** | **30** | **40** | **329** | **402** | **419** | **561** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 70.5 | 69.3 | 70.7 | 73.3 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 21.5 | 22.9 | 20.3 | 20.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.1 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **4,243** | **4,743** | **4,638** | **5,462** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.7 | 82.2 | 81.3 | 81.8 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 8.7 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.0 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 10.0 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 9.5 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **7,347** | **7,696** | **8,841** | **9,263** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3.2 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 23.7 | 23.0 | 20.6 | 24.1 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 41.6 | 40.0 | 36.3 | 34.5 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.8 | 20.1 | 24.5 | 19.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 13.0 | 14.8 | 16.3 | 18.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,182** | **1,291** | **1,415** | **1,480** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.8 | 87.2 | 88.2 | 89.1 | 63.4 | 64.8 | 65.8 | 66.0 | 35.7 | 36.0 | 36.6 | 36.7 | 78.6 | 82.4 | 57.1 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.1 | 12.6 | 11.8 | 10.9 | 36.6 | 35.2 | 34.2 | 34.0 | 64.3 | 64.0 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 21.4 | 17.6 | 42.9 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **8,762** | **9,076** | **10,251** | **11,261** | **4,549** | **4,426** | **4,268** | **4,964** | **4,881** | **5,316** | **5,480** | **4,701** | **14** | **17** | **7** | **40** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Institutions | 6.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Other settings | 91.9 | 93.8 | 94.4 | 95.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **5,490** | **5,803** | **6,782** | **7,315** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **123.8** | **120.4** | **124.6** | **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) | 73.3 | 70.3 | 72.8 | 77.0 |
| 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) | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| 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) | 41.3 | 41.5 | 43.1 | 45.5 |
| 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? | 12.4 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 13.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **109.7** | **112.1** | **117.2** | **129.5** |
| 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? | 26.5 | 25.1 | 22.9 | 27.4 |
| 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? | 29.9 | 30.8 | 32.8 | 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? | 25.2 | 25.8 | 28.1 | 30.2 |
| 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?[17] | 14.6 | 16.5 | 14.2 | 18.8 |
| 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? | 55.5 | 56.8 | 61.0 | 63.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **132.4** | **127.0** | **133.4** | **139.1** |
| 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? | 31.3 | 30.9 | 34.8 | 35.8 |
| 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? | 95.6 | 95.7 | 96.7 | 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? | 39.0 | 40.9 | 38.7 | 35.9 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.4** | **99.3** | **100.7** | **100.6** |
| 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 | 86.0 | 87.2 | 88.1 |
| 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? | 63.4 | 64.9 | 65.9 | 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? | 36.3 | 36.7 | 37.6 | 36.7 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 711,806 | 711,901 | 712,516 | 713,155 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Black | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.7 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.9 |
| White | 85.0 | 84.3 | 84.0 | 83.1 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 14,589 | 14,051 | 11,200 | 13,007 |
| Foster care entry rate | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 9,385 | 8,331 | 7,048 | 6,809 |
| Children adopted | 984 | 1,060 | 1,038 | 957 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 32 | 42 | 53 |
| Numerator | N/A | 2,272 | 4,593 | 5,407 |
| Denominator | N/A | 7,043 | 11,035 | 10,156 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 65 | 83 | 82 |
| Numerator | N/A | 254 | 30,664 | 36,742 |
| Denominator | N/A | 391 | 37,091 | 44,788 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 38,767 | 54.5 per 1,000 | 35,875 | 50.4 per 1,000 | 33,080 | 46.4 per 1,000 | 38,623 | 54.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 14,589 | 20.5 per 1,000 | 14,051 | 19.7 per 1,000 | 11,200 | 15.7 per 1,000 | 13,007 | 18.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 6 | 0.8 per 100,000 | 5 | 0.7 per 100,000 | 11 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 10 | 1.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.5 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 12.0 |
| 1 year | 8.6 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 9.8 |
| 2 years | 8.2 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 8.9 |
| 3 years | 7.5 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| 4 years | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.5 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 3.9 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| 14 years | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 16 years | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| 17 years | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **14,589** | **14,051** | **11,200** | **13,007** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Black | 9.2 | 9.8 | 9.1 | 8.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| White | 64.7 | 60.3 | 57.6 | 56.2 |
| Two or more races | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Missing data | 17.2 | 21.5 | 24.0 | 26.2 |
| **Number** | **14,589** | **14,051** | **11,200** | **13,007** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Medical neglect | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Neglect | 79.4 | 81.6 | 79.1 | 82.5 |
| Physical abuse | 12.9 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 11.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 10.4 | 9.1 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| **Number** | **14,589** | **14,051** | **11,200** | **13,007** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 9,133 | 8,643 | 7,763 | 6,588 | 5,493 | 5,021 | 4,487 | 4,678 | 5,241 | 5,333 | 5,202 | 4,457 | 9,385 | 8,331 | 7,048 | 6,809 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 11.2 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14.1 | 15.1 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 10.9 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 12.1 | 13.2 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 1 year | 6.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| 2 years | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.4 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 4 years | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.4 |
| 5 years | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 6 years | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| 7 years | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| 8 years | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| 11 years | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| 15 years | 9.5 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.5 |
| 16 years | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 11.0 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 10.8 |
| 17 years | 10.1 | 10.4 | 11.6 | 13.1 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 15.6 | 17.2 | 14.6 | 11.3 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 11.9 |
| 18 years | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 8.5 | 14.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| 19 years | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Black | 12.9 | 14.2 | 14.5 | 15.5 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 11.2 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 14.1 | 13.8 | 14.5 | 15.0 | 15.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 8.3 |
| White | 73.6 | 70.0 | 67.9 | 66.1 | 67.5 | 65.3 | 63.5 | 61.7 | 73.7 | 69.4 | 67.1 | 65.4 | 70.0 | 67.6 | 65.7 | 63.5 |
| Two or more races | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Unknown | 2.9 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 10.7 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,470 | 1,321 | 1,224 | 1,055 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,174 | 1,095 | 1,041 | 855 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| 1 year | 9.8 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 11.2 |
| 2 years | 9.1 | 9.9 | 8.5 | 11.3 |
| 3 years | 9.1 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 9.3 |
| 4 years | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 7.2 |
| 5 years | 5.5 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 5.9 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 4.6 |
| 8 years | 6.3 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 4.8 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 4.4 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 15 years | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| 16 years | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 17 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| Black | 16.1 | 17.6 | 18.1 | 18.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.5 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 9.4 |
| White | 66.7 | 64.4 | 60.5 | 56.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 4.5 |
| Unknown | 3.5 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 984 | 1,060 | 1,038 | 957 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.4 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| 1 year | 12.4 | 12.5 | 14.7 | 12.4 |
| 2 years | 14.1 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 14.3 |
| 3 years | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 10.8 |
| 4 years | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.6 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 8.8 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 7.1 |
| 7 years | 7.3 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 7.1 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 6.7 | 4.1 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 6.2 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.9 |
| 11 years | 3.2 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 12 years | 2.9 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| 13 years | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| 14 years | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| 15 years | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 16 years | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| 17 years | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Black | 15.5 | 16.0 | 15.3 | 16.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.8 | 10.1 | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| White | 65.7 | 64.5 | 61.8 | 63.2 |
| Two or more races | 4.9 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | 2.0 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 90.1 | 91.2 | 91.9 | 91.0 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 9.9 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 9.0 |
| **Number** | **6,518** | **6,554** | **5,124** | **5,731** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.29 | 0.36 | 0.29 | 0.87 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.71 | 99.64 | 99.71 | 99.13 |
| **Number** | **14,626** | **13,664** | **12,250** | **11,266** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.7 | 18.8 | 19.2 | 20.1 |
| Guardianship | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.8 |
| Reunification | 68.2 | 66.9 | 66.3 | 62.5 |
| Other | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 10.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,241** | **5,333** | **5,202** | **4,457** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 28.4 | 27.6 | 33.9 | 39.0 |
| Guardianship | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Reunification | 51.6 | 51.1 | 42.0 | 35.0 |
| Other | 15.8 | 17.9 | 20.5 | 22.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,604** | **1,568** | **1,207** | **977** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Guardianship | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Reunification | 79.3 | 77.4 | 78.7 | 76.6 |
| Other | 16.5 | 19.1 | 17.7 | 19.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,075** | **1,936** | **2,108** | **1,821** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 20.8 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 24.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 79.2 | 79.9 | 79.9 | 75.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **433** | **462** | **468** | **474** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 24.4 | 25.6 | 18.2 | 18.4 | 14.5 | 10.5 | 21.4 | 20.0 | 25.6 | 23.4 | 22.3 | 22.5 |
| Guardianship | 10.3 | 17.1 | 16.7 | 32.7 | 12.7 | 12.3 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| Reunification | 53.8 | 53.7 | 56.1 | 37.8 | 67.3 | 64.9 | 57.1 | 76.7 | 61.1 | 65.6 | 65.2 | 60.8 |
| Other | 11.5 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 5.5 | 12.3 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 11.0 |
| 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** | **78** | **82** | **66** | **98** | **55** | **57** | **42** | **30** | **589** | **683** | **704** | **627** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 8.3 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 30.8 | 22.8 | 24.9 | 18.4 | 23.4 | 15.7 | 17.6 | 17.5 | 19.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 23.1 | 6.8 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Reunification | 91.7 | 80.0 | 71.4 | 46.2 | 67.3 | 69.3 | 75.8 | 62.2 | 69.2 | 66.3 | 66.0 | 62.8 |
| Other | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 9.1 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 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** | **12** | **15** | **14** | **13** | **324** | **358** | **347** | **333** | **3,862** | **3,699** | **3,491** | **2,916** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 15.9 | 15.4 | 21.3 | 16.3 | 35.9 | 22.4 | 50.0 | 40.4 | 5.9 | 10.8 | 13.0 | 10.5 |
| Guardianship | 2.6 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 8.6 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 8.7 | 10.5 |
| Reunification | 79.0 | 77.6 | 70.9 | 74.1 | 54.3 | 66.4 | 43.1 | 46.1 | 76.5 | 81.1 | 73.9 | 68.4 |
| Other | 2.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 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** | **195** | **286** | **413** | **332** | **92** | **116** | **102** | **89** | **34** | **37** | **23** | **19** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 57.8 | 54.4 | 57.6 | 58.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 30.5 | 33.5 | 30.9 | 29.9 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 7.7 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 6.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,572** | **3,569** | **3,450** | **2,784** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.1 | 80.8 | 77.0 | 77.5 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 10.2 | 10.5 | 13.8 | 11.9 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 6.6 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 9.8 |
| Missing data | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **5,493** | **5,021** | **4,487** | **4,678** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 6.2 | 5.4 | 9.1 | 7.2 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 44.8 | 42.7 | 45.7 | 48.0 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 31.1 | 33.4 | 33.1 | 29.2 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 11.6 | 13.2 | 7.3 | 10.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 6.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **926** | **1,000** | **1,000** | **895** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 86.8 | 87.2 | 88.7 | 88.0 | 62.9 | 63.0 | 61.0 | 61.3 | 33.5 | 29.8 | 28.0 | 26.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.2 | 12.8 | 11.3 | 12.0 | 37.1 | 37.0 | 39.0 | 38.7 | 66.5 | 70.2 | 72.0 | 73.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **6,751** | **6,186** | **5,576** | **5,534** | **4,370** | **4,049** | **3,593** | **3,000** | **3,502** | **3,427** | **3,068** | **2,720** | **3** | **2** | **13** | **12** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| Institutions | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Other settings | 96.3 | 97.2 | 96.7 | 96.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,332** | **3,025** | **2,453** | **2,752** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **87.9** | **112.7** | **113.0** | **110.7** |
| 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) | 69.0 | 67.0 | 67.1 | 67.7 |
| 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) | 7.1 | 8.1 | 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) | 39.1 | 42.8 | 42.2 | 39.0 |
| 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? | 27.3 | 14.0 | 14.1 | 15.7 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.8** | **98.0** | **106.1** | **114.0** |
| 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? | 51.0 | 48.1 | 54.8 | 55.2 |
| 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? | 23.9 | 24.5 | 22.8 | 23.3 |
| 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? | 21.2 | 24.3 | 24.2 | 23.5 |
| 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?[17] | 1.6 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 6.7 |
| 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? | 32.8 | 31.5 | 31.0 | 38.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **133.5** | **135.0** | **131.4** | **129.7** |
| 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? | 29.5 | 33.0 | 31.6 | 28.9 |
| 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? | 96.1 | 96.0 | 96.9 | 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? | 30.7 | 34.0 | 36.4 | 35.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.5** | **95.3** | **94.6** | **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? | 85.9 | 86.3 | 87.4 | 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? | 62.9 | 63.0 | 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? | 33.3 | 30.0 | 28.1 | 26.6 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

The Iowa Department of Human Services is continuing to see improvements in the outcomes for the children and families we serve. Worker visits, family team meetings and court leadership are just a few of the areas where Iowa has continued to excel. Substance abuse treatment, declining IV-E funding, and caseloads are among the key areas that challenge our system.

Race/Ethnicity: Iowa is continuing efforts to help address the issues of disproportionality in child welfare. We have initiated a Breakthrough Series Collaborative in cooperation with Casey Family Programs intended to address disproportionality in the child welfare system.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): Iowa experienced an increase in child victims in 2009 most likely due to the additional stresses caused by the down turn in the economy.

Section C (Children in Foster Care): Iowa's foster care population has been declining during the period from 2006 to 2009. This illustrates the success the state has seen in redesigning the child welfare system in Iowa. In particular, Iowa has worked to reduce the need for removal and better support families in their own homes when problems occur and to resolve the problems quickly so that children who are removed can be returned to the home or other permanent placements more quickly.

Sections D and E (Adoption): As Iowa's foster care population continues to decrease we are starting to see a similar drop in the number of children who are waiting for adoption and those being adopted.

Outcome Measure 1.1: Iowa's top priority is child safety. We have focused efforts on strengthening risk and safety assessment, developing strong safety plans, and engaging providers and other stakeholders in safety and risk discussions.

Outcome Measure 3.1: In Iowa the number of children exiting from care has started to decline in step with the reduced number of children in foster care. The state is also starting to see a reduction in the number of children who are reunified in favor of other permanency options. This trend is expected to continue as the state continues to strengthen efforts to prevent removal.

Outcome Measure 3: One of our more significant challenges remains the number of children, especially those under age 12, that remain in foster care until emancipation. We expect statewide efforts to better engage relatives, strengthen family interaction, and focus on permanent family connections as an integral part of transition planning to contribute to successful pathways to permanency for this population

Outcome Measure 4.2: The number of children re-entering foster care continues to be a challenge in Iowa. The state is in the process of evaluating the factors associated with re-entry and identifying promising practices associated with the risk factors.

# Kansas

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 695,759 | 699,565 | 700,577 | 704,951 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Black | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 13.3 | 13.8 | 14.2 | 14.8 |
| White | 73.5 | 72.8 | 72.2 | 71.5 |
| Two or more races | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 2,630 | 2,272 | 1,685 | 1,363 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 6,231 | 6,624 | 6,329 | 5,701 |
| Children adopted | 524 | 789 | 721 | 833 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 43 | 66 | 89 |
| Numerator | N/A | 153 | 6,398 | 8,225 |
| Denominator | N/A | 354 | 9,648 | 9,283 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 56 | 73 | 77 |
| Numerator | N/A | 455 | 32,285 | 44,824 |
| Denominator | N/A | 817 | 44,170 | 57,841 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 22,688 | 32.6 per 1,000 | 25,412 | 36.3 per 1,000 | 25,031 | 35.7 per 1,000 | 26,645 | 37.8 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 2,630 | 3.8 per 1,000 | 2,272 | 3.2 per 1,000 | 1,685 | 2.4 per 1,000 | 1,363 | 1.9 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 5 | 0.7 per 100,000 | 10 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 10 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 8 | 1.1 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.7 | 6.9 | 8.6 | 9.0 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 6.2 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| 3 years | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.4 |
| 4 years | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| 5 years | 7.5 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 6.7 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 5.6 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 5.3 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 4.3 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 17 years | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **2,630** | **2,272** | **1,685** | **1,363** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Black | 13.3 | 12.3 | 13.6 | 12.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.9 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 8.4 |
| White | 76.3 | 75.2 | 75.3 | 73.1 |
| Two or more races | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **2,630** | **2,272** | **1,685** | **1,363** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 17.2 | 13.4 | 10.9 | 10.2 |
| Medical neglect | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 3.1 |
| Neglect | 22.3 | 22.5 | 22.2 | 17.1 |
| Physical abuse | 19.9 | 18.2 | 19.5 | 21.5 |
| Sexual abuse | 25.5 | 27.6 | 31.8 | 34.6 |
| Missing data | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 23.7 | 25.5 | 22.2 | 22.5 |
| **Number** | **2,630** | **2,272** | **1,685** | **1,363** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 67.2 | 72.0 | 61.2 | 60.8 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 5,652 | 6,167 | 6,592 | 6,169 | 3,486 | 4,043 | 3,496 | 3,147 | 2,907 | 3,587 | 3,759 | 3,615 | 6,231 | 6,624 | 6,329 | 5,701 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 13.7 | 13.0 | 11.7 | 13.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15.8 | 16.1 | 15.0 | 16.9 | 13.0 | 11.8 | 13.5 | 14.1 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 12.3 | 14.0 | 14.7 | 13.9 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| 1 year | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | 6.0 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.4 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| 4 years | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 5 years | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| 7 years | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 8 years | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 5.7 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 7.2 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| 15 years | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| 16 years | 9.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.0 |
| 17 years | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 10.4 | 8.0 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.1 |
| 18 years | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.7 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 14.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| 19 years | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Black | 20.5 | 19.6 | 20.2 | 20.4 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 17.9 | 16.4 | 15.3 | 15.9 | 17.5 | 16.5 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 20.5 | 20.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.6 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.9 |
| White | 67.4 | 67.7 | 66.8 | 66.4 | 72.3 | 69.4 | 71.3 | 68.9 | 71.9 | 71.1 | 70.4 | 70.5 | 68.0 | 66.8 | 67.2 | 65.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| Unknown | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,006 | 1,814 | 1,971 | 1,855 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,337 | 1,222 | 1,302 | 1,244 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| 1 year | 6.4 | 6.4 | 9.2 | 7.1 |
| 2 years | 5.9 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 8.9 |
| 3 years | 7.5 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 7.5 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.6 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| 11 years | 5.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 12 years | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 5.3 |
| 13 years | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 4.7 |
| 14 years | 7.3 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 15 years | 6.8 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 6.2 |
| 16 years | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| 17 years | 2.5 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 1.7 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | <.1 |
| Black | 26.6 | 26.4 | 24.7 | 25.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.7 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 8.4 |
| White | 62.2 | 62.6 | 62.5 | 60.3 |
| Two or more races | 2.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| Unknown | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 524 | 789 | 721 | 833 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| 1 year | 8.2 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 13.3 |
| 2 years | 13.9 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 15.2 |
| 3 years | 10.5 | 9.6 | 11.7 | 10.9 |
| 4 years | 10.3 | 10.4 | 8.3 | 9.4 |
| 5 years | 6.9 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| 6 years | 8.2 | 8.9 | 6.7 | 7.1 |
| 7 years | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 5.9 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 3.2 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 3.4 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 1.8 | 4.3 | 2.8 |
| 14 years | 3.4 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 2.3 |
| 15 years | 1.7 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.2 |
| 16 years | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| 18 years | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Black | 22.1 | 20.3 | 21.6 | 19.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.0 | 7.6 | 4.0 | 9.2 |
| White | 66.6 | 66.7 | 69.5 | 65.4 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| Unknown | 4.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 96.8 | 96.8 | 96.5 | 98.5 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 1.5 |
| **Number** | **1,242** | **974** | **800** | **600** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.05 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.89 | 99.92 | 99.99 | 99.95 |
| **Number** | **9,138** | **10,210** | **10,088** | **9,316** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 18.1 | 22.2 | 18.6 | 22.8 |
| Guardianship | 7.9 | 6.9 | 8.7 | 7.1 |
| Reunification | 53.4 | 56.2 | 57.0 | 54.0 |
| Other | 19.8 | 13.9 | 15.7 | 16.0 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.7 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,907** | **3,587** | **3,759** | **3,615** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 69.7 | 54.5 | 42.3 | 43.6 |
| Guardianship | 2.6 | 3.5 | 7.5 | 4.9 |
| Reunification | 13.3 | 25.7 | 33.6 | 31.8 |
| Other | 14.5 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 19.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **422** | **824** | **1,034** | **1,154** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Guardianship | 8.1 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 7.0 |
| Reunification | 52.9 | 57.6 | 54.1 | 53.3 |
| Other | 36.6 | 33.0 | 37.1 | 38.5 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 2.0 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **1,172** | **1,235** | **1,291** | **1,224** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 24.5 | 17.3 | 15.5 | 17.0 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 75.3 | 82.7 | 84.5 | 83.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **481** | **416** | **489** | **476** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 19.5 | 17.2 | 5.0 | 45.5 | 5.6 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 26.0 | 27.5 | 23.4 | 27.3 |
| Guardianship | 9.8 | 12.1 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 15.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 9.3 | 6.0 |
| Reunification | 46.3 | 60.3 | 50.0 | 27.3 | 66.7 | 70.0 | 61.5 | 60.0 | 40.8 | 49.0 | 48.5 | 48.5 |
| Other | 24.4 | 8.6 | 25.0 | 27.3 | 16.7 | 20.0 | 23.1 | 15.0 | 26.0 | 15.8 | 18.8 | 18.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **41** | **58** | **20** | **22** | **18** | **10** | **13** | **20** | **446** | **571** | **658** | **596** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 14.8 | 21.3 | 9.7 | 24.3 | 16.8 | 21.0 | 18.2 | 21.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 8.9 | 7.6 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 57.4 | 59.9 | 62.7 | 49.5 | 55.6 | 57.4 | 58.4 | 55.8 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 22.2 | 12.1 | 21.7 | 19.6 | 18.5 | 13.8 | 14.4 | 15.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **3** | **176** | **282** | **300** | **317** | **2,091** | **2,552** | **2,645** | **2,548** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 37.5 | 25.7 | 26.5 | 10.0 | 3.8 | 30.4 | 25.6 | 31.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 20.3 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 48.2 | 60.0 | 64.7 | 80.0 | 59.5 | 50.6 | 58.1 | 56.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 14.3 | 11.4 | 5.9 | 10.0 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **56** | **35** | **34** | **10** | **79** | **79** | **86** | **99** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 56.6 | 53.7 | 55.2 | 51.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 31.5 | 34.0 | 34.9 | 35.5 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 8.4 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 10.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,551** | **2,017** | **2,142** | **1,952** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 86.3 | 87.5 | 86.8 | 82.5 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 6.5 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 10.6 |
| Missing data | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **3,486** | **4,043** | **3,496** | **3,147** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.7 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 2.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 22.8 | 27.9 | 26.9 | 35.3 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 35.9 | 31.8 | 34.2 | 32.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 20.3 | 17.8 | 20.3 | 14.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 18.4 | 18.2 | 16.5 | 14.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **527** | **798** | **698** | **825** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 73.0 | 72.8 | 75.3 | 78.5 | 50.4 | 50.2 | 49.3 | 52.3 | 23.3 | 26.9 | 25.7 | 28.8 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 91.7 | 88.2 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 26.2 | 26.2 | 24.1 | 21.0 | 47.1 | 46.2 | 47.3 | 45.5 | 74.0 | 69.0 | 70.5 | 69.8 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 8.3 | 8.8 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **4,080** | **4,707** | **4,274** | **3,823** | **2,369** | **2,721** | **3,086** | **2,684** | **2,688** | **2,780** | **2,704** | **2,775** | **1** | **2** | **24** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | <.1 |
| Institutions | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Other settings | 98.1 | 98.7 | 98.5 | 98.9 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,043** | **2,529** | **2,287** | **2,014** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **120.4** | **117.3** | **124.7** | **116.9** |
| 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) | 66.4 | 65.8 | 69.5 | 63.2 |
| 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) | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 9.0 |
| 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) | 30.7 | 32.1 | 36.9 | 35.3 |
| 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? | 7.6 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 7.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **85.1** | **97.7** | **100.3** | **112.0** |
| 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? | 25.5 | 32.2 | 28.9 | 37.9 |
| 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? | 32.2 | 30.1 | 30.8 | 27.9 |
| 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? | 19.7 | 26.5 | 25.2 | 27.4 |
| 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?[17] | 10.7 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 15.6 |
| 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? | 31.1 | 35.3 | 44.4 | 42.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **115.3** | **134.4** | **127.8** | **132.1** |
| 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? | 24.3 | 33.0 | 32.1 | 33.7 |
| 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? | 83.8 | 91.8 | 88.3 | 89.0 |
| 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? | 35.1 | 28.8 | 32.7 | 30.3 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **78.8** | **80.2** | **80.8** | **84.9** |
| 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? | 72.9 | 72.7 | 75.2 | 78.3 |
| 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? | 52.1 | 52.3 | 51.2 | 53.4 |
| 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? | 24.4 | 28.3 | 26.9 | 29.5 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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.

# Kansas

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Kansas's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The number of victims is declining as a result of efforts to help social workers and social work supervisors apply policy consistently when making findings on abuse/neglect investigations. The agency has discussed this policy at statewide supervisor's meetings and technical assistance to social work supervisors through annual peer reviews. These activities have been aimed at creating consistency in making finding decisions on abuse/neglect investigations.

# Kentucky

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,006,793 | 1,011,382 | 1,015,949 | 1,014,323 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Black | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| White | 83.7 | 83.3 | 83.1 | 82.3 |
| Two or more races | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 19,833 | 18,778 | 18,252 | 17,470 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 7,710 | 7,542 | 7,471 | 7,119 |
| Children adopted | 759 | 689 | 772 | 840 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 33 | 38 | 52 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,450 | 4,034 | 5,322 |
| Denominator | N/A | 10,401 | 10,640 | 10,330 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 94 | 96 | 97 |
| Numerator | N/A | 17,779 | 21,453 | 32,016 |
| Denominator | N/A | 18,869 | 22,406 | 33,160 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 77,035 | 76.5 per 1,000 | 77,221 | 76.4 per 1,000 | 77,119 | 75.9 per 1,000 | 73,029 | 72.0 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 19,833 | 19.7 per 1,000 | 18,778 | 18.6 per 1,000 | 18,252 | 18.0 per 1,000 | 17,470 | 17.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 36 | 3.6 per 100,000 | 41 | 4.1 per 100,000 | 22 | 2.2 per 100,000 | 34 | 3.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.8 | 13.0 | 13.5 | 13.3 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| 2 years | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.8 |
| 3 years | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| 5 years | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| 15 years | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 16 years | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| 17 years | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **19,833** | **18,778** | **18,252** | **17,470** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 14.0 | 13.4 | 11.8 | 10.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.6 |
| White | 72.4 | 71.8 | 70.7 | 69.8 |
| Two or more races | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Missing data | 8.5 | 10.2 | 13.2 | 14.7 |
| **Number** | **19,833** | **18,778** | **18,252** | **17,470** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 87.2 | 87.5 | 87.9 | 88.3 |
| Physical abuse | 11.0 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 9.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **19,833** | **18,778** | **18,252** | **17,470** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 41.4 | 40.1 | 43.8 | 38.4 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 7,007 | 6,837 | 7,044 | 6,934 | 6,045 | 5,379 | 5,672 | 5,368 | 5,342 | 4,674 | 5,245 | 5,183 | 7,710 | 7,542 | 7,471 | 7,119 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 12.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.2 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.6 | 12.6 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 14.6 | 15.5 | 14.5 | 14.1 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| 2 years | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
| 3 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| 4 years | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 5 years | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| 6 years | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| 7 years | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 8 years | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| 10 years | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 14 years | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| 15 years | 8.8 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.2 |
| 16 years | 10.1 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 10.5 | 11.4 | 11.0 | 10.8 |
| 17 years | 10.4 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 9.7 | 17.4 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 12.3 | 12.4 |
| 18 years | 2.9 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 9.4 | 14.7 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 0.8 |
| 19 years | 1.3 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 19.1 | 19.4 | 18.1 | 17.0 | 16.3 | 15.0 | 13.8 | 13.0 | 15.5 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 19.4 | 18.6 | 17.2 | 15.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| White | 71.5 | 69.9 | 71.0 | 71.7 | 72.4 | 74.6 | 75.5 | 76.7 | 74.6 | 74.3 | 75.1 | 74.2 | 70.0 | 70.6 | 71.6 | 73.7 |
| Two or more races | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| Unknown | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 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 | <.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,120 | 2,193 | 2,107 | 2,082 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,290 | 1,538 | 1,337 | 1,187 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.1 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| 3 years | 4.8 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.3 |
| 4 years | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 4.8 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 5.1 |
| 6 years | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| 7 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 |
| 11 years | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| 12 years | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 6.8 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| 14 years | 7.1 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| 15 years | 9.9 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.0 |
| 16 years | 8.0 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 9.0 |
| 17 years | 5.4 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 7.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 20.7 | 20.7 | 18.9 | 18.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| White | 68.0 | 67.5 | 68.8 | 68.7 |
| Two or more races | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | 2.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 759 | 689 | 772 | 840 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| 1 year | 9.2 | 9.3 | 11.1 | 10.7 |
| 2 years | 10.8 | 14.1 | 12.8 | 12.6 |
| 3 years | 9.2 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 11.1 |
| 4 years | 8.3 | 9.9 | 8.9 | 7.3 |
| 5 years | 7.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.6 |
| 7 years | 7.0 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 4.6 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 14 years | 4.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| 15 years | 3.8 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| 16 years | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 2.4 |
| 17 years | 2.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.6 |
| 18 years | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 16.9 | 13.9 | 13.6 | 16.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.0 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.4 |
| White | 71.3 | 69.5 | 71.9 | 66.4 |
| Two or more races | 5.3 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| Unknown | 2.6 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.0 | 93.5 | 94.2 | 94.7 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| **Number** | **7,486** | **7,334** | **7,068** | **6,813** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.23 | 0.33 | 0.24 | 0.45 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.77 | 99.67 | 99.76 | 99.55 |
| **Number** | **13,052** | **12,216** | **12,719** | **12,302** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.6 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 15.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Reunification | 74.2 | 68.9 | 69.4 | 66.8 |
| Other | 11.7 | 16.5 | 15.9 | 17.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,342** | **4,674** | **5,245** | **5,183** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 35.8 | 12.6 | 22.2 | 22.4 |
| Guardianship | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 35.0 | 37.8 | 49.3 | 47.2 |
| Other | 27.7 | 41.5 | 28.6 | 30.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **137** | **135** | **406** | **483** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Reunification | 68.4 | 57.9 | 61.6 | 58.8 |
| Other | 29.3 | 39.3 | 36.2 | 39.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,739** | **1,649** | **1,929** | **1,910** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 15.2 | 14.8 | 13.9 | 14.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 84.8 | 85.2 | 86.1 | 85.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **558** | **742** | **791** | **865** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 14.3 | 14.5 | 11.6 | 13.2 | 16.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 71.4 | 66.7 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 71.4 | 71.4 | 65.5 | 66.3 | 61.4 |
| Other | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 21.9 | 20.3 | 22.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **7** | **6** | **5** | **2** | **7** | **826** | **727** | **778** | **791** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 24.7 | 24.6 | 25.4 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 14.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 75.0 | 0.0 | 75.2 | 66.3 | 66.5 | 61.0 | 74.7 | 70.1 | 70.1 | 68.8 |
| Other | 0.0 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 13.7 | 11.7 | 16.1 | 15.8 | 17.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3** | **1** | **4** | **6** | **157** | **178** | **167** | **205** | **3,986** | **3,471** | **3,940** | **3,844** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.3 | 18.3 | 8.2 | 14.3 | 18.4 | 25.1 | 25.7 | 31.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.6 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 80.6 | 74.3 | 82.0 | 78.2 | 70.5 | 58.5 | 63.5 | 51.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 9.7 | 15.8 | 10.9 | 17.7 | 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** | **155** | **109** | **122** | **119** | **207** | **183** | **230** | **203** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 80.9 | 77.4 | 78.7 | 76.9 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 14.7 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 16.4 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 4.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **3,965** | **3,220** | **3,640** | **3,462** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.4 | 80.7 | 86.1 | 79.3 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 10.0 | 10.0 | 7.2 | 10.1 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.3 | 8.8 | 6.4 | 10.4 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **6,045** | **5,379** | **5,672** | **5,368** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 3.2 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 27.2 | 26.1 | 26.5 | 21.8 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 33.3 | 37.3 | 36.2 | 33.2 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 16.6 | 20.0 | 20.9 | 24.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 19.8 | 14.8 | 13.8 | 19.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **724** | **644** | **752** | **808** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.8 | 84.6 | 88.9 | 86.6 | 57.4 | 56.6 | 63.7 | 60.1 | 25.8 | 28.8 | 27.7 | 29.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.0 | 15.4 | 11.1 | 13.4 | 42.6 | 43.4 | 36.3 | 39.9 | 74.2 | 71.2 | 72.3 | 70.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,158** | **6,382** | **6,761** | **6,423** | **2,749** | **2,689** | **2,702** | **2,612** | **3,140** | **3,124** | **3,226** | **3,224** | **5** | **21** | **27** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Institutions | 13.4 | 8.4 | 11.5 | 5.7 |
| Other settings | 86.6 | 91.6 | 88.5 | 94.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,871** | **2,694** | **3,552** | **3,424** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **127.5** | **142.8** | **146.9** | **134.4** |
| 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) | 78.2 | 81.0 | 83.0 | 79.5 |
| 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) | 5.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 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) | 55.3 | 32.0 | 54.4 | 55.0 |
| 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? | 14.0 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 13.6 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **128.8** | **112.0** | **110.8** | **121.6** |
| 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? | 30.4 | 28.0 | 29.0 | 23.6 |
| 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? | 29.7 | 30.1 | 31.7 | 33.4 |
| 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? | 23.4 | 20.5 | 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?[17] | 20.7 | 21.2 | 17.9 | 16.2 |
| 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? | 56.4 | 32.4 | 52.4 | 55.2 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **126.9** | **114.9** | **117.3** | **110.7** |
| 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? | 25.9 | 24.0 | 25.9 | 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? | 92.3 | 85.4 | 86.5 | 82.5 |
| 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? | 30.1 | 30.1 | 32.1 | 30.8 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **89.9** | **90.4** | **97.3** | **93.8** |
| 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? | 84.7 | 83.5 | 88.0 | 85.6 |
| 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? | 57.6 | 56.6 | 63.8 | 60.1 |
| 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? | 25.9 | 28.0 | 28.1 | 29.7 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## STATE COMMENT

**Patricia R. Wilson, Commissioner**
**Cabinet for Health and Family Services**
**Department for Community Based Services**

The following are Kentucky's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Kentucky improved its AFCAR submission syntax and measures in response to the federal AFCARS review. Although most indicators are very similar, those requiring comparisons across more than one year were most affected. These data do not reflect the improved AFCAR data submission processes completed after the 2008 AFCARS review, but will be included in the next year's report.

# Louisiana

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,065,461 | 1,103,546 | 1,120,742 | 1,123,386 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Asian | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Black | 37.5 | 37.6 | 37.7 | 37.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.5 |
| White | 55.2 | 54.6 | 54.2 | 53.9 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 12,472 | 9,468 | 10,173 | 9,660 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 5,270 | 5,344 | 5,102 | 4,794 |
| Children adopted | 466 | 428 | 596 | 537 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 55 | 61 | 80 |
| Numerator | N/A | 195 | 223 | 291 |
| Denominator | N/A | 357 | 368 | 363 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 82 | 89 | 98 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,018 | 1,461 | 2,013 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,247 | 1,645 | 2,061 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 41,795 | 39.2 per 1,000 | 30,801 | 27.9 per 1,000 | 34,420 | 30.7 per 1,000 | 37,255 | 33.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 12,472 | 11.7 per 1,000 | 9,468 | 8.6 per 1,000 | 10,173 | 9.1 per 1,000 | 9,660 | 8.6 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 37 | 3.5 per 100,000 | 27 | 2.4 per 100,000 | 30 | 2.7 per 100,000 | 40 | 3.6 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.0 | 14.8 | 15.6 | 14.6 |
| 1 year | 7.2 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 |
| 3 years | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| 5 years | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 15 years | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 16 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| 17 years | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **12,472** | **9,468** | **10,173** | **9,660** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 42.8 | 43.0 | 45.0 | 44.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| White | 53.5 | 51.9 | 49.3 | 50.1 |
| Two or more races | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| **Number** | **12,472** | **9,468** | **10,173** | **9,660** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 78.9 | 78.9 | 77.5 | 77.7 |
| Physical abuse | 25.5 | 25.5 | 26.4 | 26.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 7.2 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **12,472** | **9,468** | **10,173** | **9,660** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 140.7 | 138.7 | 170.9 | 183.6 |
| Median | >48 but <72 | >72 but <96 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 4,697 | 5,034 | 5,184 | 4,854 | 3,962 | 3,618 | 3,384 | 3,586 | 3,389 | 3,308 | 3,466 | 3,660 | 5,270 | 5,344 | 5,102 | 4,794 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.3 | 12.0 | 12.8 | 13.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8.7 | 11.3 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 12.4 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.6 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 14.2 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 16.5 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.8 |
| 1 year | 6.3 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 9.5 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.3 |
| 3 years | 5.2 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 |
| 4 years | 4.9 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 9 years | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 7.9 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.0 |
| 15 years | 8.4 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 8.3 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 8.6 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 6.3 |
| 17 years | 7.7 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 6.9 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 5.8 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| 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 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 51.3 | 49.4 | 48.2 | 49.2 | 47.7 | 47.1 | 49.8 | 48.2 | 49.2 | 47.9 | 47.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 48.8 | 49.5 | 48.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| White | 45.6 | 47.6 | 47.7 | 46.1 | 49.3 | 47.4 | 44.6 | 46.0 | 47.4 | 48.1 | 47.5 | 45.0 | 47.2 | 47.1 | 45.8 | 46.9 |
| Two or more races | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,080 | 1,136 | 1,070 | 1,096 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 724 | 789 | 749 | 738 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 2.0 |
| 1 year | 6.6 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 8.4 | 9.8 | 8.8 |
| 3 years | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.9 |
| 4 years | 5.3 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 6.8 |
| 5 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| 6 years | 3.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 6.4 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 6.0 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 5.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 5.1 |
| 13 years | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 6.8 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 5.7 |
| 15 years | 8.8 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 5.5 | 7.8 | 5.6 | 4.9 |
| 17 years | 6.4 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 4.5 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Black | 56.6 | 49.5 | 48.7 | 49.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| White | 40.2 | 47.0 | 47.3 | 44.9 |
| Two or more races | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.4 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 466 | 428 | 596 | 537 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| 1 year | 6.2 | 11.4 | 8.6 | 12.7 |
| 2 years | 13.5 | 17.5 | 14.6 | 16.4 |
| 3 years | 12.7 | 12.1 | 15.4 | 12.3 |
| 4 years | 13.5 | 10.3 | 11.4 | 12.7 |
| 5 years | 7.5 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 10.2 |
| 6 years | 8.2 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 6.7 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 8 years | 7.9 | 5.4 | 7.4 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 2.2 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 3.5 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 2.4 |
| 12 years | 2.8 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| 13 years | 3.9 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| 14 years | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| 15 years | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| 16 years | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 17 years | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 43.3 | 44.9 | 39.8 | 34.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| White | 52.6 | 52.6 | 56.9 | 61.5 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

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

# Louisiana

## OUTCOMES DATA

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

### 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.1 | 95.9 | 93.5 | 94.0 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.9 | 4.1 | 6.5 | 6.0 |
| **Number** | **5,554** | **4,730** | **4,665** | **4,243** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.59 | 0.21 | 0.47 | 0.71 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.41 | 99.79 | 99.53 | 99.29 |
| **Number** | **8,659** | **8,652** | **8,568** | **8,440** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.8 | 13.0 | 17.1 | 15.8 |
| Guardianship | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Reunification | 73.3 | 74.7 | 71.7 | 73.9 |
| Other | 11.7 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 9.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,389** | **3,308** | **3,466** | **3,660** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 23.4 | 19.4 | 21.4 | 27.7 |
| Guardianship | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Reunification | 50.5 | 45.1 | 43.6 | 49.3 |
| Other | 25.2 | 35.1 | 35.0 | 22.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **465** | **288** | **243** | **339** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Guardianship | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Reunification | 72.6 | 67.7 | 67.0 | 75.8 |
| Other | 24.8 | 29.5 | 31.3 | 22.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **962** | **759** | **787** | **935** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 42.0 | 38.2 | 31.4 | 39.6 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 58.0 | 61.8 | 68.6 | 60.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **293** | **280** | **280** | **293** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 14.3 | 10.0 | 16.7 | 25.0 | 36.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 14.2 | 11.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Reunification | 78.6 | 70.0 | 66.7 | 75.0 | 63.6 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 80.0 | 71.1 | 72.6 | 71.5 | 75.8 |
| Other | 7.1 | 20.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 15.5 | 13.7 | 13.3 | 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** | **14** | **10** | **6** | **4** | **11** | **1** | **5** | **5** | **1,669** | **1,583** | **1,660** | **1,825** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 8.2 | 17.5 | 14.5 | 15.2 | 14.3 | 20.4 | 20.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 84.8 | 79.6 | 73.0 | 83.1 | 75.3 | 76.1 | 71.2 | 71.1 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 2.4 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 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 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **5** | **3** | **33** | **49** | **63** | **83** | **1,608** | **1,591** | **1,647** | **1,646** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 2.9 | 6.5 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 40.0 | 10.7 | 17.1 | 25.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 2.9 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 88.2 | 87.0 | 92.3 | 87.2 | 55.0 | 85.7 | 70.7 | 68.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 5.9 | 2.2 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 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** | **34** | **46** | **39** | **47** | **20** | **28** | **41** | **47** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 77.3 | 69.6 | 66.2 | 65.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 16.7 | 24.4 | 26.3 | 23.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 2.9 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 3.1 |
| **Number** | **2,484** | **2,470** | **2,484** | **2,706** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 86.9 | 86.5 | 87.0 | 82.6 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 8.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| **Number** | **3,962** | **3,618** | **3,384** | **3,586** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 17.7 | 27.5 | 23.2 | 26.0 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 38.8 | 37.5 | 37.1 | 37.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 22.4 | 21.0 | 23.7 | 24.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 19.4 | 11.4 | 15.6 | 10.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **469** | **429** | **591** | **577** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 81.2 | 80.4 | 79.7 | 78.9 | 55.5 | 52.3 | 54.4 | 54.3 | 28.2 | 28.5 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 85.7 | 60.0 | 77.8 | 61.4 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 16.9 | 17.9 | 19.1 | 20.3 | 44.1 | 47.7 | 45.6 | 45.7 | 71.8 | 71.5 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.7 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 40.0 | 22.2 | 10.8 |
| **Number** | **4,687** | **4,383** | **4,141** | **4,201** | **1,818** | **2,069** | **2,065** | **1,903** | **2,147** | **2,190** | **2,353** | **2,253** | **7** | **10** | **9** | **83** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Institutions | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Other settings | 97.4 | 97.5 | 97.7 | 98.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,895** | **2,739** | **2,474** | **2,728** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **127.8** | **124.9** | **123.6** | **121.2** |
| 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) | 74.8 | 67.1 | 65.3 | 65.9 |
| 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) | 6.7 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 9.2 |
| 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) | 47.0 | 45.3 | 45.7 | 47.1 |
| 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? | 11.0 | 7.9 | 6.7 | 8.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **95.4** | **113.1** | **108.2** | **128.1** |
| 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? | 19.4 | 30.1 | 23.7 | 27.7 |
| 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? | 32.8 | 29.8 | 32.4 | 30.7 |
| 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? | 21.6 | 18.4 | 25.5 | 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?[17] | 7.4 | 9.2 | 11.3 | 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? | 50.5 | 59.4 | 53.1 | 55.2 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **83.9** | **76.9** | **97.1** | **91.2** |
| 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? | 26.3 | 21.1 | 30.4 | 29.4 |
| 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? | 88.7 | 85.0 | 92.0 | 89.6 |
| 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? | 56.9 | 60.5 | 54.8 | 58.3 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **88.1** | **86.4** | **86.4** | **84.5** |
| 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? | 81.1 | 80.2 | 79.1 | 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? | 55.7 | 52.3 | 54.4 | 54.3 |
| 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? | 28.2 | 28.5 | 28.3 | 28.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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.

# Maine

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 283,959 | 280,607 | 275,741 | 271,176 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Black | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| White | 91.9 | 91.5 | 91.5 | 90.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 3,548 | 4,118 | 4,033 | 4,073 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,079 | 1,968 | 1,892 | 1,684 |
| Children adopted | 330 | 332 | 317 | 306 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 49 | 73 | 87 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 1,964 | 2,140 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 2,679 | 2,457 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 57 | 67 | 85 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 14,328 | 17,054 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 21,283 | 20,101 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 9,788 | 34.5 per 1,000 | 11,009 | 39.2 per 1,000 | 10,319 | 37.4 per 1,000 | 10,596 | 39.1 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 3,548 | 12.5 per 1,000 | 4,118 | 14.7 per 1,000 | 4,033 | 14.6 per 1,000 | 4,073 | 15.0 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 1 | 0.4 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.4 per 100,000 | 4 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 2 | 0.7 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 13.4 | 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.5 |
| 1 year | 7.6 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| 3 years | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| 4 years | 6.5 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 5.3 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.3 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 |
| 15 years | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| 16 years | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| 17 years | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,548** | **4,118** | **4,033** | **4,073** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Black | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.9 |
| White | 64.9 | 63.2 | 65.8 | 69.6 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| Missing data | 29.7 | 30.6 | 25.8 | 21.9 |
| **Number** | **3,548** | **4,118** | **4,033** | **4,073** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 38.9 | 39.8 | 40.6 | 43.1 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 68.4 | 66.8 | 68.9 | 70.5 |
| Physical abuse | 17.8 | 17.4 | 16.6 | 16.4 |
| Sexual abuse | 10.6 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 6.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,548** | **4,118** | **4,033** | **4,073** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 123.8 | 104.0 | 76.8 | 75.0 |
| Median | >96 but <120 | >96 but <120 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,330 | 2,062 | 1,961 | 1,863 | 741 | 835 | 892 | 749 | 992 | 929 | 961 | 928 | 2,079 | 1,968 | 1,892 | 1,684 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 27.2 | 23.8 | 18.0 | 15.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30.0 | 27.6 | 21.8 | 20.5 | 23.6 | 18.1 | 15.6 | 16.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.1 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 7.4 | 20.9 | 21.6 | 24.1 | 22.0 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| 1 year | 5.2 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 11.2 | 9.6 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 9.7 |
| 2 years | 5.2 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 7.9 | 8.3 |
| 3 years | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 6.6 |
| 4 years | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.6 |
| 7 years | 4.0 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 8 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 7.9 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 15 years | 9.7 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| 16 years | 10.3 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 9.0 | 6.4 |
| 17 years | 10.3 | 10.6 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 18.2 | 24.8 | 11.8 | 5.1 | 10.4 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 8.5 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.8 | 11.7 | 15.9 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | <.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 | 0.0 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Black | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| White | 85.4 | 85.4 | 85.1 | 82.7 | 83.8 | 81.1 | 77.8 | 79.7 | 84.3 | 82.1 | 84.6 | 80.1 | 85.3 | 85.1 | 81.9 | 82.8 |
| Two or more races | 3.6 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | 4.3 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 679 | 614 | 644 | 568 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 631 | 571 | 527 | 497 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.7 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.4 |
| 1 year | 4.4 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.4 |
| 2 years | 5.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 10.2 |
| 3 years | 5.6 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 4.0 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| 8 years | 5.9 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.8 |
| 10 years | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 7.7 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 7.1 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.5 |
| 13 years | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 6.5 |
| 14 years | 8.0 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| 15 years | 9.4 | 9.1 | 5.6 | 6.7 |
| 16 years | 5.3 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| 17 years | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Black | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.0 |
| White | 88.8 | 85.2 | 83.2 | 82.6 |
| Two or more races | 3.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 6.7 |
| Unknown | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 330 | 332 | 317 | 306 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| 1 year | 8.2 | 7.5 | 11.0 | 13.4 |
| 2 years | 10.3 | 12.3 | 14.8 | 13.4 |
| 3 years | 12.7 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 13.1 |
| 4 years | 9.7 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| 5 years | 8.2 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 8.5 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 7.2 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 4.5 | 8.2 | 3.9 |
| 8 years | 6.7 | 9.3 | 3.2 | 5.9 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 2.9 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 6.5 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 6.7 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| 13 years | 2.1 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 3.9 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 1.0 |
| 15 years | 2.7 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| 16 years | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| 17 years | 0.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.3 |
| 18 years | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2.4 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| Black | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.4 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| White | 88.8 | 88.3 | 80.8 | 81.7 |
| Two or more races | 3.3 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 6.5 |
| Unknown | 1.5 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

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

# Maine

## OUTCOMES DATA

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

### 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.7 | 92.7 | 92.3 | 92.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 6.3 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| **Number** | **1,671** | **1,909** | **1,995** | **1,927** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.11 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.97 | 99.83 | 99.96 | 99.89 |
| **Number** | **3,071** | **2,897** | **2,853** | **2,612** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 33.1 | 35.2 | 32.5 | 33.2 |
| Guardianship | 1.5 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 8.3 |
| Reunification | 41.2 | 36.9 | 40.7 | 40.2 |
| Other | 24.2 | 22.6 | 20.2 | 18.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **992** | **929** | **961** | **928** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 44.0 | 42.5 | 35.9 | 34.8 |
| Guardianship | 1.5 | 4.0 | 7.6 | 7.3 |
| Reunification | 24.5 | 20.4 | 25.1 | 24.8 |
| Other | 30.0 | 33.2 | 31.4 | 33.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **200** | **226** | **462** | **400** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| Guardianship | 1.0 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 10.7 |
| Reunification | 42.3 | 35.1 | 39.9 | 34.8 |
| Other | 54.2 | 57.8 | 52.5 | 50.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **201** | **185** | **183** | **178** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 54.5 | 49.5 | 48.4 | 44.6 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 45.5 | 50.5 | 51.6 | 55.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **233** | **202** | **182** | **157** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 53.3 | 17.6 | 36.4 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 37.5 | 27.8 | 13.0 | 19.2 | 6.9 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 11.5 | 6.9 |
| Reunification | 46.7 | 47.1 | 18.2 | 44.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 37.5 | 44.4 | 34.8 | 57.7 | 65.5 |
| Other | 0.0 | 35.3 | 45.5 | 11.1 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 25.0 | 27.8 | 43.5 | 11.5 | 20.7 |
| 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** | **15** | **17** | **11** | **9** | **1** | **3** | **3** | **8** | **18** | **23** | **26** | **29** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 32.0 | 28.6 | 52.0 | 37.5 | 34.7 | 38.0 | 31.1 | 33.8 |
| Guardianship | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 8.3 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 52.0 | 60.0 | 24.0 | 35.0 | 38.5 | 33.9 | 40.8 | 38.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.0 | 8.6 | 20.0 | 25.0 | 25.1 | 22.5 | 21.3 | 19.7 |
| 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** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **25** | **35** | **25** | **40** | **836** | **763** | **813** | **743** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.7 | 25.5 | 48.3 | 37.8 | 32.4 | 22.5 | 40.7 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 4.3 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 72.6 | 44.7 | 44.8 | 54.1 | 41.2 | 55.0 | 40.7 | 45.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 17.7 | 25.5 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 26.5 | 17.5 | 13.0 | 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** | **62** | **47** | **29** | **37** | **34** | **40** | **54** | **60** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 41.3 | 49.0 | 50.1 | 48.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 32.5 | 32.1 | 34.5 | 40.2 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 11.2 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 5.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 6.6 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| 48 or more mos. | 8.3 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 4.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **409** | **343** | **391** | **373** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 86.9 | 85.3 | 87.0 | 88.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 4.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 8.5 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 4.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **741** | **835** | **892** | **749** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 13.7 | 21.7 | 33.0 | 38.6 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 27.7 | 30.9 | 25.6 | 29.5 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 25.9 | 22.0 | 22.1 | 15.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 31.4 | 24.5 | 17.6 | 14.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **328** | **327** | **312** | **308** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 83.9 | 88.0 | 85.5 | 86.0 | 61.7 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 69.3 | 26.5 | 28.5 | 26.2 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.2 | 12.0 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 38.3 | 35.7 | 35.8 | 30.8 | 73.5 | 71.5 | 73.8 | 73.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **809** | **917** | **988** | **865** | **652** | **628** | **783** | **800** | **1,609** | **1,352** | **1,082** | **947** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 5.4 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| Institutions | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Other settings | 77.8 | 89.8 | 96.5 | 96.3 |
| Missing data | 16.8 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **553** | **654** | **747** | **630** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **90.1** | **100.6** | **97.8** | **105.5** |
| 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) | 47.1 | 58.3 | 55.3 | 59.2 |
| 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) | 13.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 9.6 |
| 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) | 23.8 | 29.1 | 22.3 | 28.4 |
| 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 | 10.4 | 13.2 | 10.6 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **70.1** | **82.5** | **105.6** | **121.9** |
| 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? | 14.9 | 22.6 | 34.6 | 40.6 |
| 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? | 38.3 | 35.2 | 29.6 | 26.6 |
| 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? | 20.5 | 22.3 | 23.5 | 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?[17] | 9.3 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 12.5 |
| 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? | 27.6 | 37.5 | 48.1 | 51.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **91.9** | **95.7** | **97.2** | **94.5** |
| 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? | 25.7 | 26.8 | 27.8 | 27.3 |
| 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? | 90.8 | 89.8 | 88.3 | 86.8 |
| 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? | 69.5 | 71.2 | 65.4 | 67.1 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.3** | **96.9** | **94.6** | **96.9** |
| 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? | 84.1 | 87.6 | 86.1 | 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? | 61.7 | 64.3 | 64.2 | 69.4 |
| 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? | 26.5 | 28.5 | 26.4 | 26.1 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,376,637 | 1,367,674 | 1,356,198 | 1,351,935 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| Black | 31.8 | 31.7 | 31.5 | 31.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.5 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 10.5 |
| White | 52.0 | 51.1 | 51.0 | 49.7 |
| Two or more races | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | — | 9,825 | 15,519 | 16,771 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 9,041 | 8,488 | 7,771 | 7,611 |
| Children adopted | 362 | 203 | 603 | 628 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 74 | 45 | 49 |
| Numerator | N/A | 219 | 159 | 4,202 |
| Denominator | N/A | 296 | 353 | 8,513 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 68 | 71 | 80 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,468 | 1,094 | 28,867 |
| Denominator | N/A | 2,154 | 1,531 | 36,049 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | — | — per 1,000 | 27,886 | 20.4 per 1,000 | 38,775 | 28.6 per 1,000 | 41,611 | 30.8 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | — | — per 1,000 | 9,825 | 7.2 per 1,000 | 15,519 | 11.4 per 1,000 | 16,771 | 12.4 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | — | — per 100,000 | 11 | 0.8 per 100,000 | 20 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 17 | 1.3 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | — | 10.5 | 11.1 | 11.2 |
| 1 year | — | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | — | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 |
| 3 years | — | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 4 years | — | 6.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | — | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| 6 years | — | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 7 years | — | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | — | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | — | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | — | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | — | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | — | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | — | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | — | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| 15 years | — | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | — | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 17 years | — | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| 18+ years | — | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | — | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **—** | **9,825** | **15,519** | **16,771** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | — | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Black | — | 41.3 | 50.3 | 48.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | — | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.0 |
| White | — | 40.6 | 32.7 | 33.1 |
| Two or more races | — | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | — | 9.3 | 8.3 | 8.7 |
| **Number** | **—** | **9,825** | **15,519** | **16,771** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | — | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | — | 66.3 | 65.0 | 66.3 |
| Physical abuse | — | 20.6 | 23.3 | 23.5 |
| Sexual abuse | — | 13.5 | 12.8 | 11.3 |
| Missing data | — | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | — | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | — | **9,825** | **15,519** | **16,771** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | 167.6 | 272.8 | 193.5 |
| Median | — | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 9,256 | 8,977 | 8,449 | 7,817 | 3,347 | 2,585 | 2,586 | 2,486 | 3,562 | 3,074 | 3,264 | 2,692 | 9,041 | 8,488 | 7,771 | 7,611 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 27.1 | 27.9 | 29.6 | 29.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17.9 | 23.3 | 24.9 | 27.4 | 27.9 | 29.5 | 29.9 | 28.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 20.3 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 1 year | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| 2 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 3 years | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| 4 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| 5 years | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 6 years | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 7 years | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.8 |
| 8 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.4 |
| 9 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| 12 years | 6.0 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| 13 years | 6.9 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| 15 years | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 7.6 |
| 16 years | 9.3 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 10.1 |
| 17 years | 9.1 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 17.2 | 26.3 | 12.4 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 11.0 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 2.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 9.2 | 2.4 | 14.2 | 23.3 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 73.5 | 72.4 | 71.9 | 71.5 | 62.6 | 60.8 | 59.0 | 55.7 | 66.2 | 64.4 | 63.1 | 61.8 | 72.3 | 71.8 | 71.3 | 69.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| White | 20.9 | 21.6 | 21.4 | 20.9 | 29.7 | 28.4 | 28.7 | 28.8 | 27.1 | 27.7 | 27.5 | 28.0 | 21.7 | 21.5 | 21.2 | 21.0 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 |
| Unknown | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,626 | 1,632 | 1,437 | 1,215 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 348 | 423 | 415 | 337 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| 1 year | 6.3 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 4.3 |
| 2 years | 8.2 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 6.2 |
| 3 years | 8.2 | 7.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 |
| 4 years | 6.2 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 7 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 8 years | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 4.2 |
| 9 years | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 6.1 |
| 12 years | 6.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 5.7 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| 15 years | 4.4 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 7.2 |
| 16 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 6.2 |
| 17 years | 3.4 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 6.0 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 69.9 | 67.0 | 67.2 | 68.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.7 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| White | 23.0 | 24.4 | 24.4 | 22.5 |
| Two or more races | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 4.0 |
| Unknown | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.3 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 362 | 203 | 603 | 628 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.3 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| 1 year | 4.1 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 5.9 |
| 2 years | 16.6 | 13.8 | 12.9 | 12.6 |
| 3 years | 14.6 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 13.7 |
| 4 years | 7.5 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 11.8 |
| 5 years | 6.9 | 10.3 | 8.8 | 8.8 |
| 6 years | 6.6 | 5.4 | 8.0 | 6.5 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 6.4 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 5.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.9 |
| 11 years | 3.0 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 2.2 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 3.3 |
| 14 years | 2.8 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 2.2 |
| 15 years | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 1.3 |
| 16 years | 2.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| 17 years | 2.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| 18 years | 0.6 | 0.5 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 68.2 | 58.1 | 54.4 | 56.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 3.3 |
| White | 26.0 | 27.6 | 36.0 | 33.3 |
| Two or more races | 1.4 | 9.4 | 5.8 | 4.0 |
| Unknown | 2.8 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

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

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

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | — | 96.0 | 96.3 | 95.1 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | — | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.9 |
| **Number** | — | **3,895** | **4,798** | **6,091** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | — | 0.27 | 0.40 | 0.44 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | — | 99.73 | 99.60 | 99.56 |
| **Number** | — | **11,562** | **11,035** | **10,303** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 16.3 | 16.7 | 20.3 | 24.1 |
| Guardianship | 1.1 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 6.4 |
| Reunification | 48.1 | 48.6 | 46.0 | 35.0 |
| Other | 24.4 | 25.9 | 26.6 | 29.8 |
| Missing data | 10.1 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 4.7 |
| **Number** | **3,562** | **3,074** | **3,264** | **2,692** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 16.9 | 20.6 | 28.3 | 31.5 |
| Guardianship | 1.3 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Reunification | 43.4 | 37.2 | 32.5 | 21.4 |
| Other | 31.4 | 35.4 | 33.4 | 40.2 |
| Missing data | 7.1 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **1,176** | **1,060** | **1,046** | **870** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Guardianship | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Reunification | 38.8 | 37.3 | 39.2 | 30.3 |
| Other | 48.2 | 55.6 | 55.9 | 60.6 |
| Missing data | 10.2 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 5.5 |
| **Number** | **944** | **824** | **848** | **726** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 47.8 | 42.6 | 46.0 | 44.9 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 52.2 | 57.0 | 54.0 | 55.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **812** | **752** | **808** | **778** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 11.1 | 14.6 | 15.1 | 17.5 | 22.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 7.8 |
| Reunification | 33.3 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 25.0 | 71.4 | 50.0 | 31.3 | 11.1 | 44.6 | 46.7 | 42.7 | 29.3 |
| Other | 33.3 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 28.6 | 50.0 | 43.8 | 66.7 | 27.7 | 28.1 | 32.3 | 36.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 12.0 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| **Number** | **3** | **3** | **3** | **4** | **7** | **10** | **16** | **9** | **2,358** | **1,979** | **2,060** | **1,663** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 13.6 | 11.7 | 26.7 | 20.4 | 19.1 | 25.8 | 28.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 7.2 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.4 | 63.0 | 60.4 | 40.0 | 53.2 | 51.3 | 50.4 | 44.3 |
| Other | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 17.8 | 18.6 | 22.6 | 18.1 | 19.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 13.3 | 6.8 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **79** | **81** | **111** | **90** | **967** | **853** | **897** | **754** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 26.3 | 31.3 | 23.0 | 22.8 | 16.2 | 25.0 | 36.9 | 28.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.1 | 5.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 6.3 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 11.1 |
| Reunification | 58.8 | 43.8 | 70.5 | 57.9 | 60.3 | 57.5 | 44.7 | 39.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 69.2 | 61.1 |
| Other | 10.0 | 18.8 | 4.9 | 8.8 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 8.7 | 19.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 |
| Missing data | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 |
| **Number** | **80** | **64** | **61** | **57** | **68** | **80** | **103** | **96** | **0** | **3** | **13** | **18** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 55.0 | 44.3 | 55.6 | 60.5 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 22.3 | 28.5 | 21.2 | 21.0 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 10.2 | 12.4 | 9.6 | 8.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 7.4 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 6.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,714** | **1,495** | **1,503** | **942** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 78.0 | 76.4 | 79.7 | 81.4 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.5 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 8.0 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 12.3 | 12.9 | 11.5 | 10.5 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **3,347** | **2,585** | **2,586** | **2,486** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 8.8 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 15.3 | 16.0 | 14.8 | 12.8 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 25.5 | 22.4 | 22.5 | 24.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 16.9 | 21.1 | 19.4 | 22.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 33.4 | 36.3 | 40.8 | 39.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **580** | **513** | **661** | **650** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 81.5 | 78.2 | 83.1 | 84.6 | 64.4 | 50.9 | 68.2 | 76.8 | 40.6 | 26.8 | 25.2 | 32.1 | 66.7 | 100.0 | 83.3 | 87.5 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.5 | 11.7 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 35.0 | 48.1 | 28.0 | 19.5 | 58.9 | 73.0 | 74.6 | 66.9 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 3.0 | 10.2 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 22.2 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 12.5 |
| **Number** | **3,762** | **2,917** | **2,882** | **2,747** | **2,355** | **2,307** | **1,991** | **1,881** | **6,477** | **6,335** | **6,144** | **5,667** | **9** | **3** | **18** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 14.7 | 10.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Institutions | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Other settings | 83.0 | 86.6 | 92.9 | 92.3 |
| Missing data | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 |
| **Number** | **2,376** | **1,801** | **1,753** | **1,721** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **94.6** | **69.6** | **89.2** | **102.0** |
| 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) | 53.6 | 41.7 | 51.0 | 57.2 |
| 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) | 11.1 | 15.2 | 11.9 | 9.6 |
| 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) | 14.9 | 24.5 | 28.6 | 25.2 |
| 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? | 11.6 | 14.8 | 13.4 | 13.1 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **49.1** | **63.6** | **70.9** | **77.7** |
| 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? | 24.1 | 20.3 | 17.2 | 14.2 |
| 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? | 36.3 | 39.5 | 41.6 | 41.2 |
| 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? | 8.1 | 7.8 | 10.8 | 11.9 |
| 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?[17] | 0.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| 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? | 35.8 | 64.2 | 67.7 | 71.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **85.9** | **92.3** | **96.6** | **93.5** |
| 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? | 13.4 | 14.4 | 17.8 | 16.1 |
| 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? | 90.2 | 93.9 | 94.4 | 93.7 |
| 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? | 64.2 | 61.3 | 62.8 | 63.4 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **98.2** | **88.6** | **100.4** | **108.1** |
| 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? | 82.3 | 86.3 | 88.8 | 89.4 |
| 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? | 64.8 | 51.4 | 70.9 | 79.8 |
| 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? | 40.9 | 27.0 | 25.7 | 32.9 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,457,532 | 1,448,018 | 1,438,671 | 1,433,002 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| Black | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 12.4 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 13.6 |
| White | 72.5 | 71.8 | 71.6 | 70.4 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 36,151 | 37,690 | 41,596 | 38,958 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 12,080 | 10,476 | 10,405 | 9,726 |
| Children adopted | 874 | 794 | 712 | 788 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 39 | 43 | 45 |
| Numerator | N/A | 5,838 | 6,574 | 6,663 |
| Denominator | N/A | 15,110 | 15,174 | 14,669 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 80 | 79 | 79 |
| Numerator | N/A | 27,726 | 31,374 | 32,294 |
| Denominator | N/A | 34,777 | 39,709 | 41,033 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 79,855 | 54.8 per 1,000 | 80,752 | 55.8 per 1,000 | 89,003 | 61.9 per 1,000 | 84,424 | 58.9 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 36,151 | 24.8 per 1,000 | 37,690 | 26.0 per 1,000 | 41,596 | 28.9 per 1,000 | 38,958 | 27.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 6 | 0.4 per 100,000 | 16 | 1.1 per 100,000 | 21 | 1.5 per 100,000 | — | — per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 9.9 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| 1 year | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| 2 years | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| 3 years | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 12 years | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 13 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 16 years | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| 17 years | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **36,151** | **37,690** | **41,596** | **38,958** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Black | 12.5 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 13.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 21.9 | 23.0 | 24.2 | 23.7 |
| White | 45.3 | 44.5 | 44.1 | 41.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Missing data | 15.7 | 15.7 | 13.8 | 15.7 |
| **Number** | **36,151** | **37,690** | **41,596** | **38,958** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 91.5 | 92.1 | 92.4 | 92.1 |
| Physical abuse | 12.9 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **36,151** | **37,690** | **41,596** | **38,958** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | — | — |
| Median | — | — | — | — |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 11,911 | 10,294 | 10,224 | 10,157 | 6,295 | 6,381 | 6,654 | 6,122 | 6,126 | 6,199 | 6,473 | 6,553 | 12,080 | 10,476 | 10,405 | 9,726 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 18.9 | 15.7 | 14.7 | 14.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 13.9 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 17.8 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 14.8 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 3.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 12.0 | 14.0 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 1 year | 4.3 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| 3 years | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 4 years | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 5 years | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 6 years | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 7 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 8 years | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 7.5 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 9.3 | 10.1 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| 15 years | 9.8 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 9.9 |
| 16 years | 10.9 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 11.4 |
| 17 years | 9.1 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 11.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 9.9 | 25.7 | 13.8 | 7.3 | 10.5 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 10.9 |
| 18 years | 4.3 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 6.8 | 0.6 | 10.3 | 16.0 | 4.7 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 19 years | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| Black | 17.5 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.4 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 15.1 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 17.1 | 16.0 | 16.4 | 16.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 24.8 | 25.7 | 26.3 | 26.2 | 24.1 | 25.0 | 27.4 | 28.0 | 24.3 | 24.5 | 28.0 | 26.9 | 24.7 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.9 |
| White | 49.4 | 49.0 | 48.1 | 48.0 | 49.1 | 49.2 | 46.2 | 45.5 | 49.7 | 50.5 | 46.2 | 48.1 | 49.1 | 48.3 | 48.0 | 46.3 |
| Two or more races | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Unknown | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,698 | 2,867 | 2,840 | 2,827 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,281 | 1,536 | 1,606 | 1,444 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 5.2 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| 1 year | 10.1 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 10.8 |
| 2 years | 8.4 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 9.7 |
| 3 years | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 8.2 |
| 4 years | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 7.4 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| 8 years | 6.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| 10 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 12 years | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| 14 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 15 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| 16 years | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| 17 years | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Black | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.7 | 15.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 28.4 | 26.8 | 24.3 | 26.6 |
| White | 46.1 | 46.7 | 48.8 | 45.6 |
| Two or more races | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 874 | 794 | 712 | 788 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.9 |
| 1 year | 11.8 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 17.6 |
| 2 years | 15.6 | 12.1 | 17.0 | 16.0 |
| 3 years | 11.4 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 11.7 |
| 4 years | 9.3 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 9.8 |
| 5 years | 9.3 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 10.5 |
| 6 years | 6.6 | 6.3 | 8.6 | 4.9 |
| 7 years | 7.9 | 6.8 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 8 years | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 6.9 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 4.3 |
| 11 years | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| 13 years | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| 14 years | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| 15 years | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| 16 years | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| 17 years | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Black | 14.3 | 10.7 | 13.1 | 12.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 25.2 | 27.6 | 24.6 | 19.5 |
| White | 50.8 | 48.4 | 49.2 | 54.1 |
| Two or more races | 5.4 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| Unknown | 3.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.1 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 88.0 | 88.7 | 88.1 | 88.6 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 12.0 | 11.3 | 11.9 | 11.4 |
| **Number** | **17,066** | **17,746** | **18,825** | **19,498** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.95 | 0.86 | 1.07 | 0.84 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.05 | 99.14 | 98.93 | 99.16 |
| **Number** | **18,206** | **16,675** | **16,878** | **16,279** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 14.6 | 13.1 | 11.3 | 11.9 |
| Guardianship | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.2 |
| Reunification | 63.7 | 59.6 | 63.1 | 63.8 |
| Other | 14.1 | 19.8 | 18.2 | 17.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **6,126** | **6,199** | **6,473** | **6,553** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 45.6 | 39.0 | 36.0 | 35.8 |
| Guardianship | 5.6 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 5.7 |
| Reunification | 32.1 | 30.2 | 29.8 | 30.8 |
| Other | 16.7 | 24.1 | 26.9 | 27.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **825** | **934** | **763** | **717** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Guardianship | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.4 |
| Reunification | 69.4 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 64.6 |
| Other | 26.6 | 33.8 | 32.6 | 32.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,481** | **2,647** | **2,698** | **2,582** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 22.2 | 26.9 | 26.0 | 25.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 77.2 | 73.1 | 74.0 | 74.9 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **760** | **1,148** | **1,098** | **1,070** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 15.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 0.7 | 7.2 | 13.3 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.6 |
| Guardianship | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.2 | 11.2 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 10.8 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| Reunification | 73.7 | 80.0 | 44.4 | 72.7 | 68.8 | 65.2 | 75.9 | 62.4 | 60.1 | 56.9 | 59.5 | 61.3 |
| Other | 5.3 | 20.0 | 55.6 | 0.0 | 15.2 | 25.9 | 16.6 | 22.4 | 17.9 | 23.2 | 25.0 | 21.2 |
| 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** | **19** | **5** | **9** | **11** | **125** | **112** | **145** | **125** | **998** | **939** | **999** | **1,030** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 15.0 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 14.7 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 13.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.9 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 40.0 | 83.3 | 50.0 | 67.2 | 60.0 | 66.5 | 70.1 | 62.6 | 59.8 | 61.7 | 61.6 |
| Other | 100.0 | 20.0 | 16.7 | 50.0 | 11.8 | 19.7 | 16.8 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 19.7 | 18.1 | 17.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1** | **5** | **6** | **2** | **1,491** | **1,521** | **1,813** | **1,763** | **3,043** | **3,128** | **2,991** | **3,152** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 16.4 | 18.0 | 20.4 | 18.0 | 20.6 | 25.5 | 21.7 | 23.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.9 | 10.4 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 65.6 | 60.4 | 62.4 | 63.0 | 62.4 | 58.2 | 61.0 | 56.9 | 81.0 | 74.4 | 77.1 | 95.5 |
| Other | 10.1 | 11.2 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 8.8 | 11.3 | 14.3 | 25.6 | 20.0 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **189** | **250** | **226** | **200** | **218** | **196** | **249** | **248** | **42** | **43** | **35** | **22** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 64.9 | 68.9 | 72.4 | 71.9 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 20.7 | 20.4 | 19.2 | 20.0 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 7.2 | 6.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.9 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 4.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,900** | **3,694** | **4,084** | **4,184** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 74.9 | 76.7 | 77.3 | 75.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 11.3 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 11.7 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.8 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 12.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,295** | **6,381** | **6,654** | **6,122** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.3 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 1.4 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 21.6 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 28.3 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 28.4 | 30.6 | 32.8 | 31.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 20.2 | 16.8 | 15.4 | 21.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 28.4 | 21.4 | 19.5 | 16.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **897** | **814** | **732** | **777** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 75.3 | 74.4 | 74.6 | 74.0 | 49.3 | 49.1 | 48.6 | 48.7 | 22.6 | 22.0 | 22.9 | 23.3 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 24.6 | 25.6 | 25.3 | 25.9 | 50.7 | 50.9 | 51.3 | 51.3 | 77.4 | 78.0 | 77.1 | 76.7 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,476** | **7,546** | **7,952** | **7,576** | **3,735** | **3,788** | **3,845** | **3,753** | **6,991** | **5,339** | **5,075** | **4,943** | **4** | **2** | **6** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.8 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| Institutions | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Other settings | 92.5 | 92.5 | 93.5 | 93.8 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,434** | **3,535** | **3,941** | **3,592** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **118.2** | **118.5** | **122.9** | **124.0** |
| 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) | 69.9 | 73.3 | 76.7 | 75.5 |
| 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) | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 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) | 46.5 | 44.5 | 48.7 | 51.0 |
| 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? | 15.0 | 16.3 | 17.1 | 16.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **79.3** | **87.9** | **85.0** | **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? | 23.0 | 31.2 | 32.2 | 29.7 |
| 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? | 35.0 | 31.3 | 29.3 | 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? | 15.9 | 14.3 | 12.9 | 15.4 |
| 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?[17] | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 |
| 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? | 47.8 | 47.1 | 42.8 | 42.1 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **116.2** | **111.5** | **109.8** | **114.6** |
| 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? | 24.0 | 22.4 | 21.4 | 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? | 98.6 | 93.2 | 91.9 | 92.1 |
| 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? | 47.7 | 47.0 | 45.6 | 43.6 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **77.3** | **76.5** | **76.9** | **76.7** |
| 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? | 73.8 | 73.0 | 73.3 | 72.7 |
| 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? | 48.7 | 49.1 | 48.6 | 48.7 |
| 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? | 22.7 | 22.0 | 22.9 | 23.4 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

**Angelo McClain, Commissioner**
**Executive Office of Health and Human Services**
**Department of Children and Families**

The following are Massachusetts's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 2,484,890 | 2,446,084 | 2,392,899 | 2,349,892 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Asian | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Black | 17.2 | 17.1 | 16.9 | 16.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| White | 71.0 | 70.7 | 70.7 | 70.4 |
| Two or more races | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 27,148 | — | 29,643 | 32,463 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 20,227 | 20,739 | 19,821 | 18,664 |
| Children adopted | 2,590 | 2,617 | 2,731 | 2,726 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 14 | 27 | 43 |
| Numerator | N/A | 54 | 112 | 162 |
| Denominator | N/A | 380 | 410 | 380 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 78 | 74 | 85 |
| Numerator | N/A | 226 | 614 | 1,096 |
| Denominator | N/A | 288 | 833 | 1,297 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 186,754 | 75.2 per 1,000 | — | — per 1,000 | 177,871 | 74.3 per 1,000 | 188,341 | 80.1 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 27,148 | 10.9 per 1,000 | — | — per 1,000 | 29,643 | 12.4 per 1,000 | 32,463 | 13.8 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | — | — per 100,000 | — | — per 100,000 | 59 | 2.5 per 100,000 | 58 | 2.5 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 15.0 | — | 16.1 | 15.5 |
| 1 year | 6.3 | — | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 5.8 | — | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| 3 years | 5.7 | — | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 5.7 | — | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| 5 years | 5.8 | — | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | — | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 5.1 | — | 5.4 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | — | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | — | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | — | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | — | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | — | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | — | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | — | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 15 years | 4.9 | — | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 4.0 | — | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| 17 years | 2.0 | — | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **27,148** | **—** | **29,643** | **32,463** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.8 | — | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 0.3 | — | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Black | 33.7 | — | 30.1 | 28.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.2 | — | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| White | 60.6 | — | 57.5 | 58.7 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | — | 5.3 | 6.1 |
| Missing data | 1.4 | — | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **27,148** | **—** | **29,643** | **32,463** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 2.1 | — | 15.0 | 26.0 |
| Medical neglect | 1.7 | — | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Neglect | 76.0 | — | 82.3 | 83.2 |
| Physical abuse | 17.4 | — | 19.6 | 21.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.5 | — | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 2.6 | — | 18.7 | 29.8 |
| **Number** | **27,148** | **—** | **29,643** | **32,463** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | 104.4 | 114.0 |
| Median | — | — | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 20,428 | 20,408 | 20,902 | 20,180 | 8,275 | 8,632 | 8,044 | 7,493 | 8,477 | 8,306 | 9,125 | 9,010 | 20,227 | 20,739 | 19,821 | 18,664 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 16.3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 20.0 | 20.4 | 21.1 | 20.9 | 16.7 | 16.4 | 17.1 | 17.4 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 19.0 | 19.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| 1 year | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 2 years | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 3 years | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 4 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 5 years | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 7 years | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 8 years | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 10 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| 14 years | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| 15 years | 8.5 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.4 |
| 16 years | 9.3 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 9.0 | 8.3 | 8.7 |
| 17 years | 7.6 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 9.0 |
| 18 years | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 6.6 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 7.6 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 6.3 |
| 19 years | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 11.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 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 |
| Missing data | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 49.0 | 48.4 | 48.0 | 46.8 | 38.2 | 38.7 | 36.6 | 37.5 | 40.4 | 40.2 | 41.7 | 42.9 | 48.2 | 47.6 | 46.3 | 44.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| White | 41.0 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 40.3 | 49.7 | 49.4 | 46.7 | 46.2 | 48.1 | 48.6 | 46.7 | 44.1 | 41.6 | 41.9 | 41.1 | 40.8 |
| Two or more races | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 7.4 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 6,385 | 6,146 | 5,870 | 5,933 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 6,101 | 5,838 | 5,600 | 5,807 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| 1 year | 6.4 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.7 |
| 3 years | 5.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 7.6 |
| 4 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| 5 years | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| 6 years | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| 13 years | 6.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| 14 years | 7.9 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| 15 years | 9.0 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 6.5 |
| 16 years | 7.0 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.3 |
| 17 years | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 52.1 | 48.3 | 44.8 | 41.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| White | 38.2 | 40.7 | 42.7 | 43.5 |
| Two or more races | 3.5 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 8.0 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 2,590 | 2,617 | 2,731 | 2,726 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| 1 year | 10.8 | 11.3 | 10.7 | 10.6 |
| 2 years | 9.9 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.2 |
| 3 years | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 9.5 |
| 4 years | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 8.6 |
| 5 years | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.3 |
| 6 years | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| 9 years | 5.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 5.3 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| 15 years | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| 16 years | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.8 |
| 17 years | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | <.1 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Asian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Black | 39.0 | 38.3 | 38.2 | 34.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.8 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 7.4 |
| White | 47.3 | 48.2 | 48.2 | 49.4 |
| Two or more races | 6.9 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 7.6 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.8 | — | 92.9 | 93.3 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.2 | — | 7.1 | 6.7 |
| **Number** | **11,070** | **—** | **13,819** | **14,346** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.20 | — | 0.38 | 0.71 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.80 | — | 99.62 | 99.29 |
| **Number** | **28,703** | **—** | **28,946** | **27,673** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 27.6 | 30.6 | 28.7 | 22.6 |
| Guardianship | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.1 |
| Reunification | 55.1 | 52.2 | 50.6 | 52.3 |
| Other | 12.6 | 13.0 | 15.7 | 20.4 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **8,477** | **8,306** | **9,125** | **9,010** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 30.5 | 37.4 | 31.7 | 21.7 |
| Guardianship | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.8 |
| Reunification | 40.0 | 35.8 | 36.3 | 38.0 |
| Other | 24.8 | 23.5 | 27.1 | 35.8 |
| Missing data | 1.6 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **1,152** | **1,122** | **1,266** | **1,276** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| Guardianship | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Reunification | 58.9 | 56.4 | 48.5 | 44.6 |
| Other | 30.1 | 33.3 | 40.2 | 46.9 |
| Missing data | 2.3 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **2,392** | **2,128** | **2,601** | **2,848** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 36.4 | 34.3 | 27.2 | 30.5 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 63.6 | 65.6 | 72.8 | 69.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **717** | **794** | **1,095** | **1,143** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 23.8 | 31.9 | 29.0 | 12.8 | 4.3 | 20.0 | 7.7 | 21.7 | 26.2 | 30.7 | 27.1 | 18.1 |
| Guardianship | 7.4 | 1.1 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Reunification | 56.6 | 56.0 | 54.0 | 74.4 | 87.0 | 46.7 | 61.5 | 39.1 | 54.5 | 50.6 | 47.6 | 48.2 |
| Other | 12.3 | 11.0 | 12.9 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 20.0 | 30.8 | 34.8 | 15.2 | 15.5 | 20.9 | 30.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **122** | **91** | **124** | **86** | **23** | **15** | **13** | **23** | **3,421** | **3,340** | **3,801** | **3,864** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 42.1 | 15.8 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 28.4 | 30.6 | 25.5 | 32.5 | 27.6 | 30.2 | 30.0 | 25.9 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 6.5 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| Reunification | 57.9 | 73.7 | 50.0 | 12.5 | 52.7 | 51.3 | 58.6 | 48.2 | 56.6 | 53.8 | 52.3 | 55.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 10.5 | 12.5 | 50.0 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 13.1 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 13.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **19** | **19** | **8** | **8** | **423** | **464** | **498** | **496** | **4,079** | **4,035** | **4,257** | **3,977** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 37.7 | 15.0 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 41.0 | 36.6 | 36.5 | 23.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 6.6 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 45.9 | 65.0 | 66.7 | 29.2 | 43.2 | 47.2 | 49.0 | 63.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 9.8 | 10.0 | 27.8 | 66.7 | 10.3 | 12.4 | 10.3 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **61** | **20** | **18** | **24** | **329** | **322** | **406** | **532** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 38.1 | 36.5 | 36.6 | 36.5 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 41.5 | 45.4 | 44.6 | 43.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 13.6 | 10.7 | 12.3 | 12.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.8 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **4,667** | **4,334** | **4,616** | **4,710** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 92.1 | 90.2 | 91.7 | 82.8 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 3.7 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Missing data | 1.4 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 13.9 |
| **Number** | **8,275** | **8,632** | **8,044** | **7,493** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 29.0 | 29.1 | 25.0 | 32.0 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 32.1 | 33.6 | 34.9 | 33.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.3 | 17.5 | 18.1 | 14.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 15.2 | 15.0 | 16.4 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,337** | **2,544** | **2,623** | **2,034** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.9 | 86.7 | 85.9 | 85.8 | 70.4 | 71.6 | 72.4 | 72.6 | 40.2 | 42.0 | 43.7 | 46.5 | 92.9 | 77.8 | 92.1 | 96.8 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.1 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 14.2 | 29.6 | 28.4 | 27.6 | 27.4 | 59.8 | 58.0 | 56.3 | 53.5 | 7.1 | 22.2 | 7.9 | 3.2 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **9,646** | **9,809** | **9,319** | **8,819** | **8,279** | **8,458** | **8,478** | **8,058** | **10,764** | **10,764** | **11,111** | **10,765** | **14** | **9** | **38** | **31** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Institutions | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Other settings | 98.2 | 98.3 | 97.9 | 97.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,831** | **6,287** | **5,932** | **5,435** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **99.3** | **97.3** | **106.8** | **111.0** |
| 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) | 42.5 | 41.5 | 47.7 | 51.9 |
| 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) | 13.6 | 13.8 | 12.5 | 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) | 22.8 | 19.7 | 24.4 | 25.2 |
| 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? | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.8** | **95.4** | **95.6** | **96.7** |
| 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? | 34.4 | 33.9 | 30.6 | 37.3 |
| 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? | 29.0 | 28.7 | 29.5 | 27.8 |
| 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? | 21.4 | 22.6 | 23.7 | 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?[17] | 14.5 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 14.0 |
| 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? | 34.9 | 32.2 | 33.5 | 38.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **118.0** | **117.7** | **118.5** | **113.1** |
| 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? | 25.9 | 26.0 | 27.6 | 22.1 |
| 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? | 96.5 | 95.8 | 96.4 | 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? | 48.3 | 47.2 | 48.7 | 46.6 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **103.3** | **105.2** | **105.4** | **106.6** |
| 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? | 85.8 | 86.6 | 85.8 | 85.6 |
| 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? | 70.6 | 71.9 | 72.5 | 73.0 |
| 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 | 43.6 | 45.3 | 48.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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.

# Michigan

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Michigan's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Michigan resubmitted the foster care and adoption AFCARS files on January 28, 2010. The previous AFCARS submission in November 2009 over-reported the number of children in foster care and under-reported the number of finalized adoptions.

Based on the resubmission, the Department of Human Services (DHS) received the revised FY 2009 CFSR composite scores and measures. With a composite score of 108.3, Michigan exceeded the CFSR Permanency Two composite, Timeliness of Adoptions. The national standard composite score is 106.4. Michigan has also exceeded the national standard score of 121.7 for the CFSR Permanency Composite Three, Permanency for children and youth for long periods of time, with a state score of 125.5. Michigan continues to exceed the CFSR Permanency Composite Four, Placement Stability.

DHS began implementation of a new child abuse and neglect system in calendar year 2007, which impacts the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. Michigan extracted the FY 2006 NCANDS detailed data from an ancillary statewide system. The registration of a case investigation triggered automatic transactions that populated household member information from the public assistance eligibility system; this introduced the potential for error. Data issues may include the overrepresentation of the number of children investigated, the type of maltreatment or an undercount of the number of victims.

With the system conversion, Michigan was not able to generate an accurate FY 2007 NCANDS detailed data file. For the CFSR review in FY 2009, Michigan received technical assistance and elected to submit alternative data to calculate CFSR safety measures for FY 2007. For the CFSR Safety Measure One, Absence of maltreatment recurrence, Michigan's percentage was 92.3 percent. For Safety Measure Two, Absence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care, 99.64 percent.

Moreover, the conversation my have impacted the FY 2008 data, as Michigan extracted the data from two separate sources.

For FY 2009, the introduction of a few new maltreatment sub-categories resulted in a change in the percentages of victims per type from previous years.

Michigan continues to cleanse its data and improve technical processes to ensure data accuracy. Because of a system conversion and other changes over the last few years, the FY 2009 NCANDS submission is intended to be "baseline data." Statistical dips and increases when comparing FY 2009 to past submissions cannot be considered valid trends.

# Minnesota

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,265,031 | 1,265,225 | 1,262,103 | 1,260,797 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Asian | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Black | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.5 |
| White | 77.9 | 77.1 | 77.2 | 76.1 |
| Two or more races | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 7,623 | 6,847 | 5,824 | 4,961 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 6,864 | 6,747 | 6,071 | 5,478 |
| Children adopted | 655 | 549 | 785 | 645 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 36 | 40 | 47 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,195 | 3,270 | 3,786 |
| Denominator | N/A | 8,857 | 8,169 | 8,069 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 87 | 86 | 88 |
| Numerator | N/A | 14,017 | 14,304 | 19,447 |
| Denominator | N/A | 16,150 | 16,565 | 22,046 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 29,521 | 23.3 per 1,000 | 27,557 | 21.8 per 1,000 | 26,483 | 21.0 per 1,000 | 25,083 | 19.9 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 7,623 | 6.0 per 1,000 | 6,847 | 5.4 per 1,000 | 5,824 | 4.6 per 1,000 | 4,961 | 3.9 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 14 | 1.1 per 100,000 | 17 | 1.3 per 100,000 | 16 | 1.3 per 100,000 | 21 | 1.7 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.5 | 13.3 | 12.9 | 12.6 |
| 1 year | 7.0 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 6.8 |
| 2 years | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 7.1 |
| 3 years | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| 4 years | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| 15 years | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.3 |
| 16 years | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| 17 years | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,623** | **6,847** | **5,824** | **4,961** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| Asian | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Black | 21.2 | 19.9 | 22.4 | 21.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.5 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 11.2 |
| White | 46.5 | 45.4 | 41.4 | 39.2 |
| Two or more races | 9.7 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 10.7 |
| Missing data | 3.3 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 6.6 |
| **Number** | **7,623** | **6,847** | **5,824** | **4,961** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Medical neglect | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Neglect | 75.8 | 74.6 | 71.7 | 70.7 |
| Physical abuse | 15.7 | 16.0 | 17.7 | 19.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 12.1 | 13.6 | 16.1 | 15.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,623** | **6,847** | **5,824** | **4,961** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 70.8 | 67.3 | 58.9 | 49.5 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 6,493 | 6,490 | 6,387 | 5,756 | 8,004 | 7,761 | 7,182 | 5,959 | 7,633 | 7,504 | 7,498 | 6,237 | 6,864 | 6,747 | 6,071 | 5,478 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 11.2 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 11.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 11.8 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 10.5 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 1 year | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| 2 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 3 years | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 4 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| 5 years | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 6 years | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 |
| 7 years | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| 8 years | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| 9 years | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 6.4 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 8.1 | 8.4 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| 15 years | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 9.6 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 9.1 |
| 16 years | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 10.2 | 11.3 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 13.0 | 11.6 |
| 17 years | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 13.9 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 13.2 | 15.8 | 12.2 | 10.1 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 13.6 | 14.1 |
| 18 years | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 7.4 | 11.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.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 | <.1 | 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 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 11.9 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 9.2 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.8 | 15.4 |
| Asian | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Black | 19.7 | 21.0 | 22.0 | 20.8 | 21.2 | 20.4 | 20.9 | 19.8 | 20.2 | 19.6 | 21.8 | 22.1 | 20.9 | 21.9 | 20.9 | 18.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 9.6 |
| White | 50.3 | 48.0 | 45.6 | 44.3 | 48.2 | 46.5 | 44.4 | 42.6 | 50.1 | 48.7 | 45.6 | 44.2 | 48.1 | 45.5 | 44.2 | 42.5 |
| Two or more races | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 8.9 |
| Unknown | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 3.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,618 | 1,675 | 1,391 | 1,228 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,336 | 1,409 | 1,189 | 1,139 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 4.1 |
| 1 year | 8.3 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 8.0 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 9.0 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 8.2 | 6.4 | 5.7 |
| 4 years | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.6 |
| 5 years | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 3.5 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 7.4 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| 15 years | 7.3 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 6.7 |
| 17 years | 7.5 | 6.6 | 8.1 | 8.4 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 6.6 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| Asian | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Black | 27.8 | 26.1 | 29.6 | 29.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.8 |
| White | 45.1 | 43.9 | 39.2 | 40.7 |
| Two or more races | 8.5 | 11.0 | 12.7 | 10.5 |
| Unknown | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 655 | 549 | 785 | 645 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 5.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 4.8 |
| 1 year | 15.3 | 16.6 | 15.8 | 14.7 |
| 2 years | 14.7 | 10.0 | 16.9 | 16.6 |
| 3 years | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 8.8 |
| 4 years | 8.7 | 8.6 | 10.2 | 8.8 |
| 5 years | 4.9 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.4 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| 9 years | 3.8 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| 11 years | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| 13 years | 2.4 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 3.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 15 years | 2.0 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| 16 years | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| 17 years | 0.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2.4 | 4.4 | 6.6 | 5.0 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Black | 18.6 | 21.1 | 20.0 | 24.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.8 | 11.5 | 8.9 | 9.8 |
| White | 51.8 | 53.6 | 51.7 | 42.9 |
| Two or more races | 13.6 | 6.7 | 9.3 | 14.9 |
| Unknown | 1.2 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.0 | 94.3 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| **Number** | **3,722** | **3,399** | **2,922** | **2,428** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.39 | 0.33 | 0.29 | 0.34 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.61 | 99.67 | 99.71 | 99.66 |
| **Number** | **14,497** | **14,251** | **13,569** | **11,715** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 8.7 | 8.0 | 10.5 | 10.5 |
| Guardianship | 7.9 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 8.6 |
| Reunification | 70.0 | 70.0 | 69.4 | 66.7 |
| Other | 13.3 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,633** | **7,504** | **7,498** | **6,237** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 9.6 | 8.7 | 12.1 | 11.6 |
| Guardianship | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.9 |
| Reunification | 65.7 | 64.3 | 61.1 | 58.6 |
| Other | 19.6 | 21.6 | 21.9 | 23.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,414** | **2,368** | **2,331** | **2,147** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Guardianship | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.6 |
| Reunification | 75.7 | 75.8 | 77.1 | 72.8 |
| Other | 21.4 | 21.1 | 20.3 | 23.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,505** | **3,496** | **3,325** | **2,857** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 27.9 | 29.0 | 29.1 | 28.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 72.1 | 71.0 | 70.9 | 71.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **725** | **710** | **687** | **680** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 5.2 | 3.5 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 11.3 |
| Guardianship | 17.0 | 19.0 | 14.8 | 16.9 | 1.6 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| Reunification | 60.4 | 62.1 | 65.5 | 61.3 | 86.4 | 78.4 | 82.3 | 76.8 | 72.4 | 70.4 | 68.8 | 67.3 |
| Other | 17.3 | 15.4 | 12.7 | 15.6 | 10.3 | 13.2 | 7.3 | 8.9 | 14.1 | 15.3 | 14.3 | 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 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **705** | **741** | **748** | **520** | **184** | **204** | **192** | **168** | **1,539** | **1,469** | **1,636** | **1,376** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 8.3 | 9.3 | 12.0 | 10.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 68.4 | 72.8 | 74.2 | 71.3 | 71.0 | 69.6 | 68.4 | 65.6 |
| Other | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 8.5 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 12.9 | 16.5 |
| 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** | **2** | **4** | **4** | **1** | **655** | **648** | **681** | **613** | **3,821** | **3,653** | **3,416** | **2,759** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 4.2 | 3.8 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 16.9 | 8.3 | 13.6 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.5 | 3.4 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 11.6 | 12.9 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 79.4 | 82.4 | 79.4 | 84.9 | 61.4 | 70.5 | 67.4 | 57.1 | 66.7 | 66.7 | 71.4 | 80.0 |
| Other | 8.9 | 10.3 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 10.2 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 13.2 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 28.6 | 20.0 |
| 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** | **214** | **261** | **286** | **291** | **510** | **518** | **528** | **499** | **3** | **6** | **7** | **10** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 90.9 | 89.5 | 89.3 | 87.9 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 7.4 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 9.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,346** | **5,255** | **5,205** | **4,161** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 64.6 | 65.0 | 63.7 | 62.6 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 20.4 | 20.8 | 21.3 | 20.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 14.7 | 14.1 | 14.7 | 16.1 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| **Number** | **8,004** | **7,761** | **7,182** | **5,959** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 5.3 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 9.1 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 42.7 | 42.7 | 44.7 | 42.7 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 29.8 | 31.0 | 31.8 | 28.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 12.5 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 10.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 9.8 | 10.4 | 7.5 | 8.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **665** | **604** | **786** | **658** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.8 | 86.4 | 87.5 | 86.8 | 56.4 | 52.6 | 54.3 | 58.3 | 32.0 | 30.9 | 28.8 | 28.2 | 94.3 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 96.8 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.2 | 13.6 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 43.6 | 47.4 | 45.7 | 41.7 | 68.0 | 69.1 | 71.2 | 71.8 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 3.2 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **9,443** | **9,139** | **8,555** | **7,122** | **2,268** | **2,363** | **2,311** | **2,103** | **2,751** | **2,721** | **2,651** | **2,459** | **35** | **28** | **52** | **31** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.4 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 8.3 |
| Institutions | 11.2 | 11.4 | 12.4 | 8.8 |
| Other settings | 85.4 | 86.5 | 84.5 | 83.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,179** | **4,066** | **3,740** | **3,185** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **117.1** | **116.1** | **115.8** | **116.1** |
| 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) | 88.2 | 87.2 | 87.4 | 84.3 |
| 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) | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 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) | 61.3 | 59.1 | 61.6 | 59.8 |
| 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? | 26.5 | 26.1 | 26.5 | 24.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **98.5** | **96.0** | **100.2** | **102.7** |
| 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? | 48.0 | 49.5 | 51.5 | 51.8 |
| 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? | 24.5 | 24.1 | 23.7 | 23.4 |
| 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? | 16.6 | 15.3 | 20.0 | 17.9 |
| 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?[17] | 3.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.2 |
| 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? | 44.4 | 38.4 | 40.8 | 46.2 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **106.4** | **102.3** | **110.4** | **105.5** |
| 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? | 16.6 | 15.8 | 19.3 | 18.0 |
| 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? | 89.9 | 86.9 | 90.5 | 88.4 |
| 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? | 40.6 | 40.1 | 41.1 | 41.9 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **91.7** | **89.5** | **90.6** | **91.6** |
| 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? | 82.9 | 83.2 | 84.6 | 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? | 56.5 | 52.6 | 54.3 | 58.3 |
| 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? | 32.1 | 31.2 | 29.2 | 28.5 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 760,647 | 766,898 | 767,660 | 767,742 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Black | 43.6 | 43.4 | 43.4 | 43.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| White | 50.8 | 50.5 | 50.4 | 50.1 |
| Two or more races | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 6,272 | 7,002 | 7,976 | 7,883 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 3,231 | 3,391 | 3,374 | 3,290 |
| Children adopted | 244 | 295 | 283 | 283 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 65 | 74 | 77 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,200 | 3,735 | 3,566 |
| Denominator | N/A | 4,924 | 5,078 | 4,614 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 53 | 68 | 87 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 24,025 | 28,823 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 35,531 | 32,945 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 26,306 | 34.6 per 1,000 | 27,563 | 35.9 per 1,000 | 29,888 | 38.9 per 1,000 | 31,284 | 40.7 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 6,272 | 8.2 per 1,000 | 7,002 | 9.1 per 1,000 | 7,976 | 10.4 per 1,000 | 7,883 | 10.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 4 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 19 | 2.5 per 100,000 | 17 | 2.2 per 100,000 | 14 | 1.8 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 9.9 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 11.0 |
| 1 year | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.1 |
| 3 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 12 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 14 years | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| 16 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 17 years | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| 18+ years | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,272** | **7,002** | **7,976** | **7,883** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Black | 46.3 | 44.5 | 43.4 | 46.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| White | 43.9 | 46.9 | 47.0 | 45.5 |
| Two or more races | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 6.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| **Number** | **6,272** | **7,002** | **7,976** | **7,883** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 9.3 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 10.3 |
| Medical neglect | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Neglect | 59.4 | 60.3 | 59.4 | 60.9 |
| Physical abuse | 19.9 | 19.1 | 18.2 | 17.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 14.9 | 12.9 | 14.0 | 13.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **6,272** | **7,002** | **7,976** | **7,883** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 77.8 | 58.5 | 85.9 | 136.2 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 3,235 | 3,091 | 3,309 | 3,275 | 1,847 | 2,174 | 2,023 | 1,967 | 1,851 | 1,874 | 1,958 | 1,952 | 3,231 | 3,391 | 3,374 | 3,290 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 13.2 | 14.6 | 13.1 | 12.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 11.5 | 11.1 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 15.2 | 13.4 | 13.2 | 13.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 14.5 | 16.7 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.0 |
| 1 year | 6.3 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 7.4 |
| 2 years | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 7.8 |
| 3 years | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 5.9 |
| 4 years | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| 5 years | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 5.8 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 5.7 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| 16 years | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.4 |
| 17 years | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| 18 years | 2.9 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| 19 years | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| 20+ years | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Asian | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Black | 50.7 | 52.9 | 51.2 | 52.5 | 49.4 | 47.3 | 48.0 | 47.8 | 46.4 | 50.6 | 45.8 | 47.3 | 52.4 | 50.6 | 52.4 | 52.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| White | 44.7 | 42.6 | 44.1 | 42.2 | 45.4 | 48.5 | 46.0 | 45.7 | 48.4 | 45.5 | 48.7 | 46.3 | 43.0 | 44.7 | 42.6 | 41.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 931 | 942 | 1,025 | 917 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 321 | 437 | 483 | 496 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.6 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| 1 year | 5.7 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 7.5 | 5.9 | 9.1 | 9.8 |
| 3 years | 7.4 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| 4 years | 7.3 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.2 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 6.9 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| 12 years | 4.2 | 5.6 | 3.3 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 6.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 15 years | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 7.4 |
| 16 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 6.2 |
| 17 years | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 53.8 | 49.4 | 52.0 | 54.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| White | 40.8 | 45.0 | 41.4 | 40.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.2 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 244 | 295 | 283 | 283 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| 1 year | 7.0 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 9.2 |
| 2 years | 12.3 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 17.3 |
| 3 years | 11.1 | 13.2 | 9.5 | 11.0 |
| 4 years | 7.4 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| 5 years | 9.0 | 10.5 | 8.1 | 4.9 |
| 6 years | 8.6 | 8.1 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 7 years | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 7.4 |
| 8 years | 7.0 | 3.7 | 7.4 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 3.7 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| 12 years | 3.3 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 14 years | 3.7 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 15 years | 2.0 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 3.2 |
| 16 years | 2.9 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 1.4 |
| 17 years | 1.6 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| 18 years | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 40.2 | 42.4 | 38.9 | 39.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| White | 53.3 | 51.9 | 55.1 | 50.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | 0.8 | 0.7 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.3 | 95.2 | 93.9 | 94.6 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.7 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 5.4 |
| **Number** | **2,816** | **3,215** | **3,645** | **3,624** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.77 | 0.82 | 1.46 | 1.81 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.23 | 99.18 | 98.54 | 98.19 |
| **Number** | **5,082** | **5,265** | **5,332** | **5,242** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.7 | 13.1 | 14.9 | 14.8 |
| Guardianship | 4.0 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 4.7 |
| Reunification | 78.8 | 74.1 | 71.6 | 74.6 |
| Other | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **1,851** | **1,874** | **1,958** | **1,952** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.3 | 21.5 | 26.8 | 31.8 |
| Guardianship | 3.8 | 4.3 | 8.7 | 2.8 |
| Reunification | 71.6 | 59.2 | 53.2 | 56.9 |
| Other | 10.9 | 14.6 | 10.8 | 8.5 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **211** | **233** | **231** | **211** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.7 |
| Guardianship | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.5 |
| Reunification | 78.7 | 75.7 | 76.6 | 78.2 |
| Other | 14.2 | 18.6 | 16.6 | 15.4 |
| Missing data | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **423** | **452** | **458** | **487** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 35.8 | 32.9 | 37.1 | 27.6 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 64.2 | 67.1 | 62.9 | 72.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **67** | **85** | **89** | **76** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.6 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 12.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| Reunification | 75.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 80.3 | 77.2 | 73.4 | 76.3 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 6.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **4** | **0** | **2** | **5** | **5** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **858** | **948** | **896** | **924** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 12.1 | 17.3 | 19.1 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 17.1 | 16.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 5.0 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 90.5 | 69.7 | 73.1 | 61.7 | 76.7 | 70.9 | 69.7 | 74.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 17.0 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **42** | **33** | **52** | **47** | **896** | **853** | **953** | **904** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 20.0 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 11.1 | 24.1 | 16.3 | 32.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 10.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 14.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 70.0 | 81.8 | 90.0 | 81.8 | 80.6 | 65.5 | 67.4 | 56.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 6.9 | 2.3 | 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** | **10** | **11** | **10** | **22** | **36** | **29** | **43** | **46** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **3** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 63.9 | 67.1 | 60.6 | 59.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 25.8 | 23.0 | 26.3 | 27.5 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 2.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,458** | **1,388** | **1,402** | **1,456** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 90.0 | 89.6 | 89.4 | 86.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.4 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,847** | **2,174** | **2,023** | **1,967** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.3 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 21.3 | 16.3 | 14.7 | 28.1 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 28.2 | 22.4 | 33.6 | 30.2 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 23.1 | 33.3 | 22.9 | 17.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 25.0 | 27.2 | 25.0 | 20.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **216** | **246** | **292** | **288** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 77.9 | 79.4 | 79.2 | 78.2 | 54.2 | 54.4 | 56.5 | 56.6 | 33.2 | 31.7 | 28.1 | 26.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 20.1 | 20.5 | 19.9 | 17.7 | 45.8 | 45.6 | 43.1 | 42.9 | 66.5 | 68.3 | 71.9 | 73.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,349** | **2,555** | **2,490** | **2,452** | **1,168** | **1,139** | **1,300** | **1,311** | **1,565** | **1,571** | **1,542** | **1,479** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 13.3 | 7.3 | 10.2 | 14.1 |
| Institutions | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Other settings | 84.4 | 90.7 | 88.4 | 83.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,350** | **1,633** | **1,485** | **1,366** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **122.1** | **132.4** | **126.6** | **130.0** |
| 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) | 63.4 | 70.7 | 65.0 | 67.2 |
| 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) | 9.3 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 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) | 47.3 | 48.7 | 46.2 | 52.4 |
| 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? | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 6.9 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **103.1** | **109.5** | **115.5** | **120.0** |
| 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? | 23.8 | 16.8 | 18.6 | 31.7 |
| 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? | 34.5 | 38.0 | 35.1 | 30.4 |
| 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? | 15.9 | 18.8 | 24.2 | 22.1 |
| 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?[17] | 13.9 | 17.3 | 20.3 | 15.6 |
| 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? | 58.8 | 64.0 | 57.4 | 59.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **103.2** | **123.1** | **119.8** | **131.5** |
| 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? | 24.5 | 28.4 | 36.6 | 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? | 95.0 | 98.1 | 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? | 52.2 | 44.2 | 49.7 | 42.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **87.8** | **88.1** | **88.4** | **88.0** |
| 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? | 78.8 | 78.7 | 79.4 | 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? | 54.4 | 54.6 | 57.1 | 57.0 |
| 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? | 34.4 | 33.1 | 29.7 | 27.4 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,432,228 | 1,435,038 | 1,434,930 | 1,431,338 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Black | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 13.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| White | 76.6 | 76.2 | 76.2 | 75.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 7,108 | 7,179 | 5,528 | 5,451 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 10,286 | 10,221 | 9,779 | 9,117 |
| Children adopted | 1,253 | 968 | 1,041 | 973 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 56 | 48 | 76 |
| Numerator | N/A | 209 | 180 | 9,820 |
| Denominator | N/A | 375 | 375 | 12,843 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 93 | 93 | 96 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,447 | 1,124 | 72,722 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,555 | 1,206 | 76,096 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 70,270 | 49.1 per 1,000 | 71,402 | 49.8 per 1,000 | 70,743 | 49.3 per 1,000 | 71,849 | 50.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 7,108 | 5.0 per 1,000 | 7,179 | 5.0 per 1,000 | 5,528 | 3.9 per 1,000 | 5,451 | 3.8 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 43 | 3.0 per 100,000 | 49 | 3.4 per 100,000 | 42 | 2.9 per 100,000 | 39 | 2.7 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| 1 year | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| 3 years | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.8 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 5.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 6 years | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| 7 years | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| 11 years | 5.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| 12 years | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| 15 years | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| 16 years | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| 17 years | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,108** | **7,179** | **5,528** | **5,451** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Black | 21.7 | 20.8 | 19.6 | 19.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| White | 73.1 | 73.2 | 74.1 | 73.9 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| **Number** | **7,108** | **7,179** | **5,528** | **5,451** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | 2.7 |
| Neglect | 51.7 | 51.1 | 52.6 | 51.3 |
| Physical abuse | 31.2 | 29.8 | 29.1 | 31.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 28.7 | 27.5 | 27.6 | 27.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,108** | **7,179** | **5,528** | **5,451** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 55.3 | 58.5 | 31.1 | 30.1 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 10,996 | 10,064 | 9,315 | 8,951 | 5,666 | 5,328 | 4,695 | 5,149 | 6,376 | 5,171 | 4,231 | 4,983 | 10,286 | 10,221 | 9,779 | 9,117 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 16.1 | 16.9 | 17.1 | 16.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14.1 | 14.1 | 15.8 | 14.2 | 16.5 | 17.3 | 16.9 | 16.0 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 15.8 | 17.3 | 17.1 | 16.1 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 1 year | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| 2 years | 5.8 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| 3 years | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| 6 years | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 8 years | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 10 years | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| 15 years | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 6.6 |
| 16 years | 7.6 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 8.1 |
| 17 years | 6.7 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.3 |
| 18 years | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 19 years | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| 20+ years | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 31.1 | 31.6 | 30.9 | 31.0 | 26.1 | 23.4 | 25.2 | 23.5 | 25.4 | 26.2 | 23.8 | 27.0 | 31.8 | 30.0 | 31.2 | 29.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| White | 64.9 | 63.7 | 64.2 | 63.7 | 68.2 | 69.8 | 68.5 | 70.1 | 70.0 | 67.4 | 70.2 | 66.5 | 63.6 | 65.0 | 63.6 | 65.8 |
| Two or more races | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,724 | 2,670 | 2,148 | 2,070 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,303 | 1,376 | 148 | 170 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.3 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 6.0 | 8.6 | 7.1 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| 3 years | 6.2 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 6.4 |
| 4 years | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 7.5 |
| 5 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 6 years | 5.0 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 6.2 |
| 7 years | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| 9 years | 5.4 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 10 years | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.5 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| 12 years | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 13 years | 6.9 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 7.0 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 5.7 |
| 15 years | 8.2 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| 16 years | 4.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.4 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 36.3 | 32.1 | 33.6 | 32.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| White | 58.8 | 62.5 | 60.9 | 62.3 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,253 | 968 | 1,041 | 973 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.1 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| 1 year | 12.2 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 14.0 |
| 2 years | 12.8 | 11.9 | 9.9 | 14.0 |
| 3 years | 10.1 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 9.1 |
| 4 years | 9.3 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 7.8 |
| 5 years | 7.0 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 7.2 |
| 6 years | 7.1 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 6.6 |
| 7 years | 5.3 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.7 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 2.6 |
| 14 years | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 2.1 |
| 15 years | 1.4 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.5 |
| 16 years | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 17 years | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 19 years | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.3 |
| Black | 25.6 | 28.8 | 25.6 | 29.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| White | 69.7 | 64.5 | 67.0 | 62.5 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.4 | 95.5 | 97.1 | 96.1 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.6 | 4.5 | 2.9 | 3.9 |
| **Number** | **3,199** | **3,159** | **2,455** | **2,586** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.29 | 0.30 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.66 | 99.62 | 99.71 | 99.70 |
| **Number** | **16,662** | **15,418** | **14,763** | **14,100** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 19.6 | 15.9 | 1.0 | 20.2 |
| Guardianship | 12.8 | 10.5 | 7.4 | 11.1 |
| Reunification | 58.2 | 57.4 | 36.5 | 62.3 |
| Other | 9.2 | 9.3 | 4.5 | 3.7 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 6.9 | 50.6 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **6,376** | **5,171** | **4,231** | **4,983** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 21.3 | 14.0 | 0.8 | 19.9 |
| Guardianship | 11.0 | 12.6 | 11.0 | 14.1 |
| Reunification | 52.1 | 48.9 | 34.7 | 57.7 |
| Other | 15.6 | 15.2 | 6.6 | 5.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 9.3 | 46.8 | 3.1 |
| **Number** | **1,212** | **958** | **1,059** | **1,535** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 3.0 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 3.5 |
| Guardianship | 8.5 | 10.6 | 15.5 | 24.2 |
| Reunification | 64.0 | 58.3 | 39.0 | 59.6 |
| Other | 24.3 | 24.8 | 13.1 | 9.3 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 4.0 | 31.6 | 3.4 |
| **Number** | **1,596** | **1,291** | **948** | **1,178** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 32.5 | 31.2 | 22.6 | 21.2 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 67.5 | 68.8 | 77.4 | 78.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **379** | **292** | **62** | **52** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 17.9 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 43.8 | 28.6 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 19.8 | 18.6 | 1.2 | 21.4 |
| Guardianship | 3.6 | 12.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 9.1 | 13.9 |
| Reunification | 60.7 | 54.8 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 64.3 | 66.7 | 58.3 | 41.7 | 53.9 | 54.5 | 30.9 | 57.9 |
| Other | 17.9 | 19.4 | 14.3 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 14.1 | 12.5 | 5.9 | 4.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 3.2 | 85.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 25.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 3.7 | 53.0 | 2.5 |
| **Number** | **28** | **31** | **7** | **16** | **14** | **18** | **12** | **12** | **1,619** | **1,357** | **1,008** | **1,343** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60.0 | 18.9 | 22.4 | 0.6 | 22.0 | 19.5 | 14.7 | 0.9 | 19.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 6.3 | 2.4 | 6.8 | 13.1 | 10.6 | 7.1 | 10.4 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 50.0 | 25.0 | 40.0 | 59.5 | 61.5 | 36.7 | 69.1 | 59.7 | 58.0 | 38.6 | 64.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 3.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 50.0 | 75.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 56.0 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 8.3 | 49.4 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **0** | **2** | **4** | **5** | **190** | **192** | **166** | **191** | **4,461** | **3,487** | **2,970** | **3,313** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 18.8 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 25.0 | 27.8 | 2.9 | 26.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 9.4 | 10.4 | 6.9 | 12.0 | 12.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 59.4 | 72.9 | 27.6 | 58.0 | 62.5 | 55.6 | 34.3 | 56.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 12.5 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 2.1 | 55.2 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 54.3 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **32** | **48** | **29** | **50** | **32** | **36** | **35** | **53** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 65.8 | 66.2 | 61.6 | 62.3 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 20.6 | 20.8 | 25.8 | 25.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 6.7 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| 48 or more mos. | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **3,714** | **2,967** | **1,545** | **3,102** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 77.2 | 79.4 | 82.2 | 81.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 7.7 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 7.2 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 11.4 | 10.9 | 9.2 | 11.6 |
| Missing data | 3.8 | 1.9 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **5,666** | **5,328** | **4,695** | **5,149** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 8.4 | 9.2 | 28.6 | 9.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 30.5 | 26.9 | 28.6 | 30.7 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 30.8 | 30.7 | 11.9 | 30.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 16.4 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 12.1 |
| 48 or more mos. | 14.0 | 16.5 | 14.3 | 16.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **1,252** | **823** | **42** | **1,005** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.9 | 83.9 | 89.8 | 91.0 | 59.8 | 58.7 | 94.5 | 92.7 | 25.6 | 24.1 | 91.0 | 91.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.1 | 16.1 | 10.2 | 9.0 | 40.2 | 41.3 | 5.5 | 7.3 | 74.4 | 75.9 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **6,878** | **6,229** | **5,391** | **6,002** | **3,979** | **3,557** | **3,433** | **3,230** | **5,771** | **5,586** | **5,181** | **4,859** | **34** | **20** | **5** | **9** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Institutions | 5.0 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 |
| Other settings | 94.3 | 92.4 | 92.2 | 93.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **2,635** | **3,700** | **3,493** | **3,905** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **119.1** | **122.6** | **111.5** | **111.4** |
| 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) | 69.6 | 68.2 | 67.8 | 64.5 |
| 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) | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| 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) | 40.7 | 38.4 | 23.3 | 37.0 |
| 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? | 9.7 | 8.1 | 11.6 | 10.9 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **132.7** | **122.3** | **78.5** | **84.8** |
| 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? | 39.0 | 36.3 | 61.5 | 40.8 |
| 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? | 28.2 | 29.3 | 22.4 | 26.7 |
| 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 | 15.1 | 0.4 | 20.3 |
| 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?[17] | 15.0 | 14.3 | 1.8 | 2.5 |
| 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? | 74.6 | 72.2 | 36.0 | 21.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **117.7** | **106.2** | **91.8** | **112.0** |
| 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? | 27.8 | 21.4 | 4.5 | 24.9 |
| 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? | 96.7 | 96.0 | 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? | 52.6 | 57.0 | 57.6 | 57.4 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.4** | **90.1** | **136.7** | **136.9** |
| 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? | 84.7 | 82.5 | 89.4 | 90.5 |
| 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? | 59.9 | 58.9 | 94.5 | 92.8 |
| 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? | 27.4 | 26.1 | 90.6 | 90.9 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Missouri statute changed for the evidentiary standard of proof from "probable cause" to "preponderance of the evidence" in August 2004. Field staff and supervisors subsequently began receiving mandatory legal aspects training regarding the more stringent Preponderance of Evidence requirements. The elevated standard has resulted in a trend of fewer maltreatment victims.

Medical Neglect was excluded from NCANDS submissions in 2007 and 2008.

Missouri converted all case management data to the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) in 2008. The conversion resulted in significant variances and/or missing data from 2008 forward from the data base and/or AFCARS submissions, which were subsequently corrected, however, not yet reflected for this report. In addition, Missouri completed an AFCARS review in March 2009 and subsequently entered an AFCARS Improvement Plan. Mapping changes were made for case management data including TPR, adoptions and placement information which would have impacted data for this report. Although AFCARS files for 2007 through 2009 have since been resubmitted for the changes discussed, the corrected data and mapping improvements are not reflected.

The state has received a state data profile based on resubmitted AFCARS files which significantly differ from data included in this report.

# Montana

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 219,383 | 220,081 | 220,377 | 219,828 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Black | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| White | 80.9 | 80.4 | 80.3 | 79.8 |
| Two or more races | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 1,775 | 1,886 | 1,625 | 1,628 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,019 | 1,766 | 1,600 | 1,643 |
| Children adopted | 272 | 246 | 242 | 175 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 2 | 35 | 51 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 694 | 936 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 2,007 | 1,845 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 50 | 96 | 96 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 6,735 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 7,007 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 14,171 | 64.6 per 1,000 | 14,477 | 65.8 per 1,000 | 13,366 | 60.7 per 1,000 | 13,901 | 63.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 1,775 | 8.1 per 1,000 | 1,886 | 8.6 per 1,000 | 1,625 | 7.4 per 1,000 | 1,628 | 7.4 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 1 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 13.0 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 12.8 |
| 1 year | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 8.5 |
| 2 years | 6.2 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 7.8 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.4 |
| 14 years | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.8 |
| 15 years | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| 16 years | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 3.3 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| **Number** | **1,775** | **1,886** | **1,625** | **1,628** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 17.1 | 19.0 | 19.9 | 18.6 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Black | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.6 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 4.4 |
| White | 54.2 | 51.7 | 52.5 | 55.9 |
| Two or more races | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| Missing data | 19.0 | 21.3 | 17.0 | 15.5 |
| **Number** | **1,775** | **1,886** | **1,625** | **1,628** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 19.8 | 25.5 | 27.0 | 21.3 |
| Medical neglect | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Neglect | 70.3 | 71.8 | 70.3 | 78.6 |
| Physical abuse | 12.1 | 10.7 | 12.9 | 12.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 8.4 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 5.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **1,775** | **1,886** | **1,625** | **1,628** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 204.1 | 216.5 | 212.6 | 173.2 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,148 | 1,909 | 1,705 | 1,613 | 1,152 | 1,080 | 995 | 942 | 1,281 | 1,223 | 1,100 | 912 | 2,019 | 1,766 | 1,600 | 1,643 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 13.9 | 16.7 | 18.8 | 16.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12.0 | 15.2 | 13.5 | 12.3 | 16.4 | 17.4 | 16.8 | 16.4 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.5 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 16.9 | 16.5 | 18.7 | 16.0 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 4.9 |
| 1 year | 8.0 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 8.5 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 9.6 |
| 2 years | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 7.3 |
| 3 years | 5.9 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 7.7 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 7 years | 4.9 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 8 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| 12 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 6.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 3.3 |
| 14 years | 5.3 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| 15 years | 6.7 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 5.5 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.1 |
| 17 years | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 6.5 |
| 18 years | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.6 |
| 19 years | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 33.2 | 31.9 | 33.6 | 36.6 | 30.1 | 33.1 | 32.1 | 27.7 | 32.3 | 30.4 | 30.1 | 29.4 | 32.0 | 33.7 | 35.1 | 35.5 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| White | 53.5 | 53.7 | 52.9 | 47.7 | 53.6 | 51.4 | 51.0 | 56.4 | 53.9 | 53.5 | 56.5 | 54.7 | 53.2 | 52.5 | 49.2 | 48.8 |
| Two or more races | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 618 | 599 | 528 | 535 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 544 | 523 | 441 | 439 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| 1 year | 6.0 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| 2 years | 6.0 | 8.0 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 3.9 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| 5 years | 4.9 | 3.8 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 7 years | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 5.8 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 6.0 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 13 years | 6.0 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 5.0 |
| 14 years | 9.7 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 8.0 |
| 15 years | 7.4 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 5.6 |
| 16 years | 9.9 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 6.5 |
| 17 years | 7.1 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 9.2 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 23.6 | 21.0 | 26.3 | 30.5 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| White | 61.3 | 63.4 | 58.1 | 52.7 |
| Two or more races | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 7.7 |
| Unknown | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 272 | 246 | 242 | 175 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| 1 year | 11.8 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 14.9 |
| 2 years | 14.0 | 15.9 | 15.3 | 13.1 |
| 3 years | 8.1 | 12.6 | 14.0 | 8.6 |
| 4 years | 11.4 | 9.8 | 9.1 | 10.9 |
| 5 years | 10.7 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 10.9 |
| 6 years | 7.4 | 8.9 | 6.2 | 2.9 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 3.3 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.9 |
| 12 years | 2.6 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 2.3 |
| 13 years | 3.7 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 0.6 |
| 15 years | 3.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 2.9 |
| 16 years | 0.7 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| 17 years | 0.7 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 25.0 | 22.4 | 11.6 | 12.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 2.2 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.4 | 6.5 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| White | 60.3 | 65.4 | 71.9 | 68.6 |
| Two or more races | 5.1 | 3.3 | 7.0 | 9.1 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.6 | 91.0 | 94.8 | 94.1 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.4 | 9.0 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| **Number** | **900** | **851** | **768** | **760** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.33 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.47 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.67 | 99.77 | 99.74 | 99.53 |
| **Number** | **3,300** | **2,989** | **2,700** | **2,555** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 20.9 | 20.3 | 22.0 | 20.2 |
| Guardianship | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 5.0 |
| Reunification | 60.4 | 60.8 | 58.5 | 63.6 |
| Other | 9.0 | 9.2 | 12.1 | 7.3 |
| Missing data | 3.1 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 3.8 |
| **Number** | **1,281** | **1,223** | **1,100** | **912** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 35.6 | 27.7 | 35.6 | 31.9 |
| Guardianship | 5.0 | 6.7 | 2.5 | 4.3 |
| Reunification | 30.7 | 34.5 | 37.3 | 42.6 |
| Other | 21.8 | 26.1 | 22.9 | 17.0 |
| Missing data | 6.9 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 4.3 |
| **Number** | **101** | **119** | **118** | **94** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| Guardianship | 4.5 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 5.3 |
| Reunification | 58.5 | 57.1 | 57.6 | 60.0 |
| Other | 26.3 | 26.7 | 31.9 | 23.3 |
| Missing data | 8.0 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 10.0 |
| **Number** | **224** | **210** | **210** | **150** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 41.1 | 45.7 | 46.2 | 43.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 58.9 | 54.3 | 53.8 | 56.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **95** | **92** | **104** | **51** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 16.2 | 14.8 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 46.2 | 33.3 | 7.1 | 22.2 |
| Guardianship | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.9 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 11.1 | 14.3 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 61.1 | 61.8 | 64.7 | 69.8 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 38.5 | 55.6 | 64.3 | 66.7 |
| Other | 8.9 | 9.7 | 13.3 | 9.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 11.1 |
| Missing data | 3.9 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **414** | **372** | **331** | **268** | **2** | **5** | **0** | **0** | **13** | **18** | **14** | **9** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 31.1 | 21.3 | 34.9 | 27.1 | 23.4 | 24.9 | 27.5 | 25.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 8.5 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 54.1 | 65.3 | 52.4 | 55.9 | 58.8 | 58.0 | 55.3 | 60.1 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 12.7 | 6.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 3.8 |
| **Number** | **0** | **5** | **0** | **0** | **61** | **75** | **63** | **59** | **691** | **654** | **622** | **499** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.0 | 13.8 | 37.8 | 27.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.7 | 13.9 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 17.2 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 87.2 | 80.6 | 83.3 | 90.5 | 68.9 | 62.1 | 48.9 | 61.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 5.1 | 5.6 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **39** | **36** | **24** | **21** | **61** | **58** | **45** | **55** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 73.8 | 63.7 | 69.2 | 69.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.9 | 28.1 | 19.0 | 18.1 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 3.7 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.1 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 2.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **774** | **743** | **643** | **580** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 73.5 | 68.8 | 70.4 | 72.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 14.1 | 15.6 | 14.2 | 10.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 11.5 | 13.0 | 14.8 | 16.3 |
| Missing data | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **1,152** | **1,080** | **995** | **942** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 2.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 35.4 | 29.4 | 23.1 | 29.3 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 35.1 | 39.9 | 38.4 | 26.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 14.6 | 12.9 | 21.1 | 25.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 13.4 | 15.7 | 13.6 | 16.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **268** | **248** | **242** | **184** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 87.3 | 88.4 | 88.6 | 87.1 | 67.4 | 70.8 | 66.6 | 63.9 | 37.8 | 38.7 | 38.1 | 34.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 12.7 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 32.6 | 29.2 | 33.4 | 36.1 | 62.2 | 61.3 | 61.9 | 65.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **1,377** | **1,217** | **1,159** | **1,072** | **863** | **734** | **563** | **635** | **1,060** | **1,038** | **978** | **846** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 4.5 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 11.2 |
| Institutions | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| Other settings | 94.7 | 91.9 | 93.1 | 87.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **941** | **874** | **800** | **749** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **108.2** | **99.7** | **106.4** | **107.5** |
| 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) | 73.1 | 64.6 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
| 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) | 6.7 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 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) | 41.0 | 45.5 | 48.0 | 36.2 |
| 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? | 19.8 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 15.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **112.0** | **121.7** | **115.8** | **119.7** |
| 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? | 36.9 | 31.5 | 26.9 | 32.1 |
| 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? | 28.3 | 29.3 | 30.5 | 30.6 |
| 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? | 21.2 | 21.2 | 23.8 | 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?[17] | 16.0 | 22.0 | 16.8 | 19.1 |
| 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? | 42.8 | 47.9 | 55.1 | 53.7 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **98.7** | **94.6** | **98.7** | **95.2** |
| 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? | 25.5 | 26.5 | 30.7 | 25.5 |
| 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? | 87.7 | 89.4 | 86.7 | 89.0 |
| 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? | 63.2 | 64.4 | 66.1 | 70.1 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **101.0** | **103.9** | **100.4** | **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? | 85.9 | 87.0 | 87.1 | 85.6 |
| 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? | 67.6 | 70.9 | 66.7 | 64.1 |
| 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? | 38.2 | 39.2 | 38.3 | 35.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 445,712 | 447,011 | 448,361 | 451,641 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Black | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 12.3 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 14.1 |
| White | 76.7 | 75.8 | 75.6 | 74.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 6,160 | 4,108 | 4,668 | 5,448 |
| Foster care entry rate | 8.5 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 7.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 6,193 | 5,874 | 5,595 | 5,361 |
| Children adopted | 468 | 496 | 520 | 541 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 27 | 40 | 44 |
| Numerator | N/A | 101 | 2,980 | 3,282 |
| Denominator | N/A | 369 | 7,444 | 7,444 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 52 | 79 | 80 |
| Numerator | N/A | 355 | 12,620 | 13,776 |
| Denominator | N/A | 682 | 15,953 | 17,290 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 30,500 | 68.4 per 1,000 | 26,709 | 59.8 per 1,000 | 29,327 | 65.4 per 1,000 | 31,375 | 69.5 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 6,160 | 13.8 per 1,000 | 4,108 | 9.2 per 1,000 | 4,668 | 10.4 per 1,000 | 5,448 | 12.1 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 15 | 3.4 per 100,000 | 16 | 3.6 per 100,000 | 17 | 3.8 per 100,000 | 10 | 2.2 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.1 |
| 1 year | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 7.2 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 8.0 |
| 3 years | 7.9 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 8.0 |
| 4 years | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 3.4 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 14 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| 15 years | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 16 years | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 17 years | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **6,160** | **4,108** | **4,668** | **5,448** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 7.2 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Black | 14.0 | 10.8 | 12.7 | 15.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.7 | 9.9 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| White | 61.2 | 63.5 | 60.9 | 58.0 |
| Two or more races | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 6.3 |
| **Number** | **6,160** | **4,108** | **4,668** | **5,448** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 6.3 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 0.4 |
| Medical neglect | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Neglect | 85.0 | 86.7 | 85.0 | 87.1 |
| Physical abuse | 13.0 | 13.4 | 11.4 | 10.6 |
| Sexual abuse | 9.9 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 7.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,160** | **4,108** | **4,668** | **5,448** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 171.7 | 0.4 | 183.9 | 208.4 |
| Median | >48 but <72 | <24 | >24 but <48 | >72 but <96 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 6,050 | 6,014 | 5,728 | 5,419 | 3,800 | 3,518 | 3,301 | 3,530 | 3,657 | 3,658 | 3,434 | 3,588 | 6,193 | 5,874 | 5,595 | 5,361 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.6 | 13.0 | 12.6 | 13.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14.2 | 14.9 | 15.4 | 14.7 | 12.9 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 11.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 10.5 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 10.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 1 year | 5.0 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 2 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| 3 years | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| 4 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 5 years | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| 7 years | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 8 years | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 9 years | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 10 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| 11 years | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 6.5 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| 15 years | 9.3 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 7.9 |
| 16 years | 10.5 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 11.4 | 10.1 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 11.2 | 10.8 |
| 17 years | 10.8 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 11.6 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 11.2 | 11.6 | 12.2 |
| 18 years | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 12.0 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 6.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 8.9 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 8.9 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 7.6 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Black | 15.5 | 16.0 | 16.7 | 18.2 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 15.3 | 17.2 | 14.4 | 13.8 | 13.0 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 16.5 | 18.1 | 18.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.1 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 11.7 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 11.0 | 12.5 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 12.5 |
| White | 61.7 | 61.7 | 59.8 | 55.7 | 61.5 | 60.4 | 58.8 | 56.1 | 61.4 | 62.8 | 62.3 | 57.6 | 61.7 | 60.2 | 57.6 | 54.7 |
| Two or more races | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Unknown | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 972 | 809 | 877 | 831 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 648 | 505 | 575 | 547 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.8 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| 1 year | 7.3 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 7.1 |
| 2 years | 7.3 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 7.1 |
| 3 years | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 8.3 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 6.4 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 5.5 | 6.9 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 12 years | 6.0 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| 13 years | 6.1 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 6.8 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| 15 years | 4.9 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 4.1 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 17 years | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.8 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 7.6 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 8.2 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| Black | 17.6 | 18.5 | 18.9 | 20.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.8 | 9.4 | 10.6 | 15.4 |
| White | 60.3 | 59.2 | 56.1 | 48.9 |
| Two or more races | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 3.7 |
| Unknown | 2.8 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 2.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 468 | 496 | 520 | 541 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| 1 year | 7.5 | 8.1 | 11.0 | 10.5 |
| 2 years | 11.5 | 13.9 | 12.5 | 14.4 |
| 3 years | 12.2 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 10.5 |
| 4 years | 12.0 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 7.8 |
| 5 years | 7.7 | 7.1 | 10.0 | 7.4 |
| 6 years | 6.8 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 8.1 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.6 |
| 8 years | 7.7 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 7.2 |
| 9 years | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 4.3 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 4.9 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 5.3 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| 14 years | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| 15 years | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| 16 years | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| 17 years | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 6.8 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 5.5 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Black | 18.4 | 12.9 | 15.8 | 11.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.3 | 9.3 | 12.7 | 9.8 |
| White | 63.7 | 64.7 | 62.1 | 62.7 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 3.9 |
| Unknown | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 4.4 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 90.8 | 93.3 | 89.4 | 90.4 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 9.2 | 6.7 | 10.6 | 9.6 |
| **Number** | **2,370** | **1,804** | **1,791** | **2,364** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.48 | 0.44 | 0.55 | 0.31 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.52 | 99.56 | 99.45 | 99.69 |
| **Number** | **9,850** | **9,532** | **9,029** | **8,949** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.3 | 13.1 | 14.6 | 15.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.2 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 8.0 |
| Reunification | 67.6 | 66.6 | 66.4 | 65.0 |
| Other | 13.9 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,657** | **3,658** | **3,434** | **3,588** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 15.6 | 15.8 | 19.8 | 19.8 |
| Guardianship | 7.2 | 9.5 | 7.0 | 8.8 |
| Reunification | 58.8 | 56.4 | 54.0 | 52.0 |
| Other | 18.3 | 18.4 | 19.2 | 19.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,808** | **1,786** | **1,492** | **1,572** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | <.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Guardianship | 6.0 | 8.0 | 5.8 | 8.0 |
| Reunification | 67.1 | 66.3 | 68.7 | 66.1 |
| Other | 26.9 | 24.9 | 25.2 | 25.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,596** | **1,516** | **1,345** | **1,486** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 12.1 | 11.4 | 15.3 | 11.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 87.9 | 88.6 | 84.7 | 88.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **404** | **361** | **326** | **330** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 10.5 | 14.3 | 6.2 | 9.4 | 12.5 | 26.7 | 35.7 | 47.6 | 14.5 | 12.3 | 17.2 | 11.2 |
| Guardianship | 14.8 | 9.6 | 16.2 | 19.1 | 12.5 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| Reunification | 58.0 | 58.2 | 60.5 | 58.8 | 62.5 | 53.3 | 64.3 | 33.3 | 66.7 | 63.2 | 57.6 | 68.9 |
| Other | 16.7 | 17.9 | 16.8 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 13.5 | 14.9 | 19.4 | 13.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **324** | **280** | **291** | **320** | **8** | **15** | **14** | **21** | **525** | **505** | **448** | **579** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.6 | 11.3 | 16.6 | 12.8 | 11.2 | 13.4 | 14.7 | 16.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 71.3 | 68.5 | 68.2 | 68.4 | 67.6 | 68.2 | 64.9 |
| Other | 50.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 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 |
| **Number** | **2** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **416** | **408** | **391** | **406** | **2,245** | **2,299** | **2,141** | **2,067** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 6.0 | 9.8 | 12.2 | 15.6 | 20.0 | 18.8 | 29.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 5.1 | 10.8 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 76.1 | 68.6 | 76.5 | 67.5 | 60.0 | 64.6 | 54.8 | 37.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 12.8 | 10.8 | 9.6 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 8.3 | 16.1 | 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** | **117** | **102** | **115** | **154** | **20** | **48** | **31** | **40** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 56.9 | 54.5 | 53.2 | 55.0 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 29.6 | 31.0 | 31.3 | 28.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 9.6 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 10.2 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 4.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,471** | **2,437** | **2,279** | **2,333** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.9 | 78.5 | 77.5 | 77.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 8.9 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 9.5 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 10.1 | 10.6 | 12.8 | 13.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,800** | **3,518** | **3,301** | **3,530** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.4 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 6.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 15.7 | 17.6 | 24.1 | 28.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 29.2 | 35.6 | 29.2 | 31.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 23.4 | 20.9 | 21.5 | 17.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 30.2 | 23.8 | 22.1 | 15.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **414** | **478** | **503** | **537** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 83.2 | 85.2 | 85.4 | 84.2 | 54.0 | 54.8 | 55.6 | 55.4 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 25.4 | 26.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 16.8 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 15.8 | 46.0 | 45.2 | 44.4 | 44.6 | 73.7 | 73.5 | 74.6 | 74.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **4,526** | **4,307** | **3,989** | **4,246** | **2,595** | **2,537** | **2,513** | **2,299** | **2,727** | **2,687** | **2,517** | **2,379** | **2** | **1** | **10** | **25** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Institutions | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| Other settings | 95.6 | 95.9 | 96.9 | 96.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,181** | **2,028** | **1,839** | **1,986** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **112.5** | **111.5** | **107.5** | **113.4** |
| 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) | 66.3 | 63.9 | 63.3 | 66.0 |
| 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) | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 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) | 42.1 | 44.8 | 41.8 | 41.8 |
| 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? | 14.2 | 13.5 | 13.8 | 13.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **80.9** | **98.5** | **111.6** | **128.6** |
| 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? | 16.5 | 19.4 | 27.3 | 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? | 37.9 | 34.3 | 33.5 | 29.4 |
| 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? | 21.0 | 23.2 | 24.2 | 28.2 |
| 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?[17] | 9.0 | 12.5 | 13.6 | 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? | 39.5 | 57.5 | 60.9 | 67.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **151.6** | **150.8** | **150.0** | **159.6** |
| 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? | 36.4 | 38.7 | 38.1 | 43.2 |
| 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? | 99.1 | 98.0 | 97.0 | 98.6 |
| 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? | 22.8 | 23.6 | 22.3 | 20.1 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **88.2** | **90.3** | **89.7** | **89.6** |
| 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? | 82.6 | 84.9 | 84.7 | 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? | 54.9 | 55.2 | 56.2 | 56.7 |
| 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? | 27.5 | 27.7 | 26.8 | 27.4 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 645,817 | 667,521 | 676,837 | 681,033 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Asian | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| Black | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 35.8 | 37.1 | 37.7 | 38.7 |
| White | 45.7 | 44.2 | 43.7 | 42.5 |
| Two or more races | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 5,345 | 5,417 | 4,877 | 4,708 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.1 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 5,058 | 5,008 | 5,021 | 4,808 |
| Children adopted | 446 | 466 | 474 | 525 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 19 | 40 | 52 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 2,804 | 3,541 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 7,039 | 6,775 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 61 | 69 | 74 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 13,038 | 19,130 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 18,783 | 25,907 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 30,475 | 47.2 per 1,000 | 34,039 | 51.0 per 1,000 | 29,760 | 44.0 per 1,000 | 25,192 | 37.0 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 5,345 | 8.3 per 1,000 | 5,417 | 8.1 per 1,000 | 4,877 | 7.2 per 1,000 | 4,708 | 6.9 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 14 | 2.2 per 100,000 | 21 | 3.1 per 100,000 | 17 | 2.5 per 100,000 | 29 | 4.3 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 18.0 | 17.5 | 17.0 | 15.8 |
| 1 year | 8.0 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.4 |
| 2 years | 7.3 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 8.9 |
| 3 years | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.5 |
| 5 years | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 11 years | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.2 |
| 15 years | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 16 years | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| 17 years | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,345** | **5,417** | **4,877** | **4,708** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| Black | 20.0 | 18.8 | 17.8 | 21.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 24.9 | 26.5 | 27.2 | 28.0 |
| White | 44.0 | 45.5 | 44.2 | 40.3 |
| Two or more races | 6.6 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.5 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **5,345** | **5,417** | **4,877** | **4,708** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 8.4 | 9.4 | 13.5 | 2.9 |
| Medical neglect | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Neglect | 84.8 | 81.8 | 80.0 | 71.5 |
| Physical abuse | 17.8 | 19.3 | 19.2 | 27.9 |
| Sexual abuse | 3.7 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 7.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,345** | **5,417** | **4,877** | **4,708** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 45.5 | 39.7 | 31.0 | 18.5 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 4,612 | 5,008 | 5,048 | 4,982 | 3,941 | 3,641 | 3,335 | 2,915 | 3,495 | 3,641 | 3,362 | 3,089 | 5,058 | 5,008 | 5,021 | 4,808 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.9 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 14.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9.9 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 14.8 | 15.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 9.6 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 20.2 | 21.1 | 19.7 | 18.5 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 6.5 |
| 1 year | 9.5 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 9.8 |
| 2 years | 8.0 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 9.1 |
| 3 years | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.0 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 6 years | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| 8 years | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| 15 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 16 years | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 17 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 18 years | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 2.2 | 5.9 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| 19 years | 0.5 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | 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 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Black | 21.7 | 22.0 | 23.5 | 23.7 | 22.2 | 22.9 | 23.1 | 24.6 | 21.9 | 20.4 | 22.9 | 22.3 | 21.9 | 23.8 | 23.6 | 25.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20.6 | 22.6 | 22.9 | 24.1 | 25.7 | 25.4 | 27.5 | 27.4 | 23.4 | 25.2 | 25.5 | 26.3 | 22.6 | 22.8 | 24.2 | 24.7 |
| White | 50.2 | 46.4 | 44.8 | 42.7 | 41.6 | 42.9 | 39.5 | 37.7 | 45.8 | 45.5 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 46.5 | 44.5 | 42.7 | 39.9 |
| Two or more races | 5.4 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.3 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,784 | 1,932 | 1,910 | 1,801 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 820 | 807 | 860 | 880 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.9 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 2.9 |
| 1 year | 11.8 | 13.3 | 11.5 | 10.7 |
| 2 years | 8.8 | 9.7 | 12.4 | 9.7 |
| 3 years | 7.9 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 10.2 |
| 4 years | 8.0 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.9 |
| 5 years | 8.1 | 7.5 | 6.4 | 7.1 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 6.9 |
| 7 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.3 |
| 12 years | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| 13 years | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| 14 years | 2.9 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| 15 years | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 16 years | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 17 years | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Black | 23.7 | 23.9 | 24.6 | 27.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 19.5 | 20.4 | 22.8 | 24.5 |
| White | 48.3 | 47.3 | 42.8 | 37.8 |
| Two or more races | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 8.3 |
| Unknown | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 446 | 466 | 474 | 525 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| 1 year | 13.5 | 17.4 | 12.9 | 9.5 |
| 2 years | 15.2 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 18.1 |
| 3 years | 9.0 | 10.5 | 12.4 | 13.9 |
| 4 years | 8.1 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.8 |
| 5 years | 8.7 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 7.6 |
| 7 years | 7.4 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.5 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 6.9 |
| 9 years | 5.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 2.3 |
| 11 years | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 2.7 |
| 13 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| 14 years | 2.0 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 15 years | 1.8 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 2.3 |
| 16 years | 0.4 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| 17 years | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Black | 19.3 | 19.5 | 21.3 | 18.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 19.5 | 19.3 | 20.7 | 23.2 |
| White | 53.6 | 57.7 | 51.1 | 48.8 |
| Two or more races | 6.1 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 8.4 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

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

# Nevada

## OUTCOMES DATA

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

### 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.8 | 93.8 | 95.1 | 93.9 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 6.2 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| **Number** | **2,561** | **2,520** | **2,227** | **2,101** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.11 | 0.34 | 0.44 | 0.46 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.89 | 99.66 | 99.56 | 99.54 |
| **Number** | **8,553** | **8,649** | **8,383** | **7,897** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.0 | 12.3 | 13.7 | 17.2 |
| Guardianship | 12.8 | 13.2 | 8.7 | 3.9 |
| Reunification | 66.4 | 66.7 | 67.7 | 67.8 |
| Other | 7.8 | 7.8 | 9.8 | 11.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,495** | **3,641** | **3,362** | **3,089** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 35.3 | 35.4 | 36.9 | 26.4 |
| Guardianship | 7.5 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 2.6 |
| Reunification | 30.7 | 28.5 | 24.7 | 39.5 |
| Other | 26.5 | 32.5 | 33.5 | 31.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **374** | **305** | **442** | **537** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Guardianship | 8.0 | 8.4 | 4.9 | 2.5 |
| Reunification | 67.4 | 61.2 | 58.1 | 57.5 |
| Other | 24.4 | 29.7 | 36.3 | 39.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **574** | **572** | **656** | **604** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 41.4 | 33.3 | 21.3 | 19.4 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 58.6 | 66.7 | 78.7 | 80.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **203** | **207** | **267** | **263** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 9.1 | 14.0 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 11.8 | 13.4 | 14.2 |
| Guardianship | 14.3 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.6 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 10.0 | 3.1 |
| Reunification | 21.4 | 25.9 | 70.0 | 50.0 | 74.4 | 75.0 | 76.7 | 84.2 | 65.5 | 63.6 | 66.7 | 70.2 |
| Other | 64.3 | 55.6 | 25.0 | 47.1 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 9.3 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 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 |
| **Number** | **14** | **27** | **20** | **34** | **43** | **44** | **43** | **19** | **765** | **744** | **771** | **688** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 7.3 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 13.6 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 10.2 | 16.1 | 15.5 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 19.3 |
| Guardianship | 7.3 | 11.1 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 13.2 | 11.5 | 9.7 | 4.1 | 12.4 | 14.3 | 7.6 | 4.3 |
| Reunification | 80.5 | 77.8 | 72.7 | 77.3 | 72.5 | 75.4 | 74.2 | 71.8 | 63.1 | 62.1 | 63.6 | 64.6 |
| Other | 4.9 | 11.1 | 6.1 | 9.1 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 12.3 | 11.9 |
| 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** | **41** | **18** | **33** | **22** | **818** | **916** | **857** | **812** | **1,600** | **1,655** | **1,433** | **1,309** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 7.3 | 12.9 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 4.3 | 50.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 13.1 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 87.0 | 25.0 | 72.7 | 0.0 | 68.6 | 78.1 | 70.6 | 65.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 4.3 | 25.0 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 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** | **23** | **4** | **11** | **1** | **191** | **233** | **194** | **204** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 73.9 | 67.4 | 67.9 | 63.5 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 17.5 | 23.0 | 23.1 | 23.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 9.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.9 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **2,322** | **2,429** | **2,277** | **2,095** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.2 | 84.9 | 81.8 | 82.4 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 10.8 | 8.2 | 11.8 | 11.8 |
| Missing data | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **3,941** | **3,641** | **3,335** | **2,915** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.2 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 21.6 | 26.3 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 29.6 | 27.4 | 30.5 | 33.5 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 22.3 | 22.3 | 27.3 | 21.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 24.3 | 21.4 | 26.0 | 28.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **453** | **449** | **462** | **531** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 80.1 | 79.5 | 81.6 | 82.9 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 51.8 | 57.2 | 25.2 | 22.1 | 24.0 | 26.3 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.1 | 16.3 | 48.1 | 48.6 | 47.7 | 42.4 | 74.0 | 77.1 | 75.8 | 73.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | <.1 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 |
| **Number** | **4,469** | **4,272** | **3,907** | **3,432** | **1,969** | **2,224** | **2,129** | **1,946** | **2,104** | **2,149** | **2,343** | **2,516** | **11** | **4** | **4** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| Institutions | 20.9 | 16.8 | 11.0 | 4.9 |
| Other settings | 75.7 | 79.5 | 85.5 | 91.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,256** | **3,035** | **2,627** | **2,347** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **147.4** | **153.9** | **153.8** | **135.2** |
| 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) | 86.5 | 87.7 | 88.8 | 70.5 |
| 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) | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 5.6 |
| 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) | 39.4 | 36.6 | 41.3 | 41.5 |
| 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? | 10.3 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 7.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **100.9** | **95.2** | **78.9** | **86.3** |
| 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? | 23.8 | 29.0 | 16.2 | 16.4 |
| 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? | 34.1 | 33.5 | 36.8 | 36.2 |
| 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? | 24.4 | 21.7 | 22.8 | 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?[17] | 15.5 | 12.7 | 11.8 | 13.0 |
| 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? | 40.9 | 39.5 | 29.4 | 34.7 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **120.2** | **121.7** | **128.0** | **135.4** |
| 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? | 32.7 | 32.2 | 32.9 | 34.3 |
| 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? | 97.2 | 95.3 | 95.2 | 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? | 52.8 | 48.2 | 41.0 | 36.9 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **83.3** | **82.5** | **84.5** | **88.5** |
| 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? | 78.6 | 79.4 | 81.1 | 81.3 |
| 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? | 51.0 | 50.9 | 52.5 | 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? | 25.7 | 22.5 | 23.2 | 26.4 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 303,259 | 299,006 | 294,001 | 289,071 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Black | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| White | 90.0 | 89.4 | 89.2 | 88.3 |
| Two or more races | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 822 | 912 | 1,129 | 984 |
| Foster care entry rate | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,137 | 1,087 | 1,039 | 894 |
| Children adopted | 135 | 141 | 167 | 135 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 28 | 45 | 76 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 903 | 963 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 1,994 | 1,268 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 71 | 81 | 92 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 5,073 | 6,890 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 6,297 | 7,464 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 9,399 | 31.0 per 1,000 | 9,958 | 33.3 per 1,000 | 11,868 | 40.4 per 1,000 | 11,649 | 40.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 822 | 2.7 per 1,000 | 912 | 3.1 per 1,000 | 1,129 | 3.8 per 1,000 | 984 | 3.4 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 2 | 0.7 per 100,000 | 5 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.3 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 12.5 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1 year | 5.7 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| 2 years | 5.2 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| 4 years | 5.2 | 4.3 | 6.7 | 4.9 |
| 5 years | 4.9 | 3.1 | 5.7 | 6.4 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 6.5 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 6.2 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 4.7 |
| 14 years | 6.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 6.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 4.4 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **822** | **912** | **1,129** | **984** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.2 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 7.8 |
| White | 82.6 | 82.1 | 84.2 | 78.4 |
| Two or more races | 1.1 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 3.3 |
| Missing data | 6.4 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.5 |
| **Number** | **822** | **912** | **1,129** | **984** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| Medical neglect | 2.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.0 |
| Neglect | 68.7 | 71.1 | 76.4 | 75.5 |
| Physical abuse | 16.8 | 19.3 | 13.8 | 11.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 19.6 | 14.8 | 12.5 | 15.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **822** | **912** | **1,129** | **984** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 19.1 | 18.7 | 19.4 | 19.2 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,163 | 1,113 | 1,065 | 974 | 531 | 567 | 570 | 481 | 557 | 593 | 596 | 561 | 1,137 | 1,087 | 1,039 | 894 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 23.1 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 17.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 16.1 | 17.0 | 15.4 | 14.9 | 21.0 | 19.7 | 17.0 | 18.6 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 13.6 | 12.0 | 16.3 | 11.2 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| 1 year | 4.3 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| 2 years | 3.9 | 4.0 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 6.6 |
| 3 years | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| 4 years | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 4.9 |
| 5 years | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 6 years | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| 7 years | 3.9 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| 8 years | 4.3 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 9 years | 3.1 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 10 years | 3.6 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 11 years | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 5.5 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 5.7 |
| 13 years | 7.1 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 7.8 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 10.7 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 5.7 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 10.2 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| 16 years | 10.7 | 11.2 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 6.8 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 11.8 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 10.8 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 7.3 |
| 17 years | 8.4 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 8.4 | 11.3 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 10.2 |
| 18 years | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 10.6 | 12.1 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| 19 years | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| 20+ years | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 2.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.2 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 8.7 |
| White | 80.7 | 79.7 | 78.4 | 77.9 | 77.0 | 76.7 | 74.4 | 81.5 | 77.4 | 76.1 | 73.5 | 77.9 | 80.7 | 80.1 | 79.0 | 79.9 |
| Two or more races | 3.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Unknown | 5.0 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 8.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 251 | 244 | 251 | 256 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 24 | 24 | 28 | 28 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| 1 year | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.7 |
| 2 years | 6.0 | 9.0 | 7.2 | 8.6 |
| 3 years | 5.6 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 3.6 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 8.2 |
| 5 years | 8.8 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.6 |
| 7 years | 4.8 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 5.9 |
| 8 years | 10.0 | 2.9 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 6.8 | 10.2 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 5.5 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.1 | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 8.6 |
| 13 years | 7.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.9 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 7.4 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| 15 years | 9.6 | 5.3 | 7.2 | 3.9 |
| 16 years | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 3.9 |
| 17 years | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 4.8 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 3.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 9.0 |
| White | 80.5 | 82.0 | 83.7 | 81.3 |
| Two or more races | 4.4 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Unknown | 4.0 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 135 | 141 | 167 | 135 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 3.0 |
| 1 year | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| 2 years | 7.4 | 14.2 | 12.0 | 12.6 |
| 3 years | 11.9 | 12.1 | 13.2 | 14.1 |
| 4 years | 11.1 | 9.2 | 3.6 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 11.1 | 8.5 | 9.6 | 4.4 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 6.7 | 7.8 | 10.2 | 7.4 |
| 8 years | 3.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.9 |
| 10 years | 8.1 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 5.9 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 3.0 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 3.0 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| 15 years | 3.7 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| 16 years | 1.5 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 3.0 |
| 17 years | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 4.4 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Black | 0.7 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.1 | 9.9 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| White | 81.5 | 80.9 | 80.2 | 88.1 |
| Two or more races | 5.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 |
| Unknown | 3.0 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 1.5 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 97.2 | 97.6 | 95.8 | 92.2 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.8 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 7.8 |
| **Number** | **362** | **419** | **453** | **371** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.07 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.88 | 99.94 | 99.88 | 99.93 |
| **Number** | **1,694** | **1,662** | **1,614** | **1,455** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 23.9 | 23.3 | 27.3 | 25.8 |
| Guardianship | 3.2 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Reunification | 52.6 | 53.6 | 49.5 | 51.3 |
| Other | 18.3 | 17.0 | 19.6 | 19.1 |
| Missing data | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| **Number** | **557** | **593** | **596** | **561** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 26.5 | 20.6 | 25.0 | 11.4 |
| Guardianship | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 44.1 | 52.5 | 38.2 | 52.3 |
| Other | 25.2 | 22.9 | 31.6 | 33.0 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 1.1 |
| **Number** | **238** | **223** | **152** | **88** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 3.2 |
| Guardianship | 3.1 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 1.6 |
| Reunification | 64.8 | 67.5 | 51.3 | 55.3 |
| Other | 28.1 | 26.9 | 43.0 | 37.4 |
| Missing data | 1.5 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| **Number** | **196** | **212** | **193** | **190** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 55.6 | 48.2 | 32.1 | 29.0 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 44.4 | 51.8 | 67.9 | 71.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **63** | **56** | **81** | **69** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 15.4 | 10.3 | 18.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 75.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 62.5 | 65.4 | 62.1 | 50.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 15.4 | 27.6 | 31.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4** | **4** | **0** | **1** | **4** | **2** | **5** | **2** | **16** | **26** | **29** | **16** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 31.0 | 29.5 | 29.8 | 25.0 | 24.1 | 24.4 | 28.1 | 27.5 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40.5 | 52.3 | 46.8 | 41.7 | 53.8 | 51.7 | 50.7 | 54.0 |
| Other | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.2 | 15.9 | 19.1 | 33.3 | 17.4 | 16.9 | 17.8 | 14.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| **Number** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **42** | **44** | **47** | **36** | **431** | **451** | **438** | **437** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 16.7 | 14.0 | 24.1 | 8.2 | 39.1 | 26.7 | 47.4 | 45.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 60.0 | 39.7 | 34.7 | 39.1 | 60.0 | 31.6 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 30.6 | 22.0 | 34.5 | 55.1 | 4.3 | 13.3 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 2.8 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **36** | **50** | **58** | **49** | **23** | **15** | **19** | **20** | **0** | **1** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 67.2 | 66.4 | 73.6 | 72.2 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 21.5 | 20.1 | 19.0 | 17.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 5.8 | 8.2 | 1.4 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| **Number** | **293** | **318** | **295** | **288** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 77.0 | 77.1 | 73.0 | 70.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 13.4 | 14.3 | 18.9 | 18.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Missing data | 4.3 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 4.8 |
| **Number** | **531** | **567** | **570** | **481** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 3.8 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 2.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 10.5 | 10.9 | 17.2 | 18.6 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 34.6 | 44.2 | 41.7 | 36.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 19.5 | 18.8 | 22.7 | 24.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 31.6 | 25.4 | 15.3 | 17.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **133** | **138** | **163** | **145** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 82.4 | 80.3 | 84.4 | 86.0 | 65.7 | 63.9 | 67.0 | 63.1 | 36.6 | 41.6 | 44.1 | 42.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 17.6 | 19.7 | 15.3 | 13.1 | 34.3 | 36.1 | 33.0 | 36.9 | 63.4 | 58.4 | 55.9 | 57.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **603** | **645** | **648** | **564** | **350** | **330** | **352** | **312** | **740** | **702** | **630** | **573** | **1** | **3** | **5** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 11.9 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 3.5 |
| Institutions | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Other settings | 87.2 | 93.0 | 93.6 | 96.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **344** | **341** | **373** | **310** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **94.6** | **105.0** | **91.0** | **103.0** |
| 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) | 65.4 | 65.1 | 70.7 | 71.7 |
| 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) | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 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) | 32.4 | 41.4 | 35.8 | 40.2 |
| 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? | 20.1 | 17.0 | 24.7 | 21.9 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.5** | **96.9** | **119.4** | **120.0** |
| 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? | 14.3 | 11.8 | 20.2 | 20.8 |
| 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? | 36.5 | 35.4 | 31.1 | 31.8 |
| 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? | 19.2 | 21.7 | 25.6 | 26.0 |
| 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?[17] | 6.0 | 5.6 | 13.1 | 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? | 72.0 | 71.0 | 75.9 | 79.1 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **94.7** | **102.3** | **106.5** | **118.3** |
| 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? | 21.2 | 26.8 | 24.3 | 27.4 |
| 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? | 99.2 | 95.2 | 98.8 | 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? | 71.1 | 63.3 | 61.4 | 47.2 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.2** | **94.7** | **101.0** | **100.8** |
| 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? | 81.4 | 79.0 | 83.7 | 85.5 |
| 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? | 65.6 | 63.7 | 66.8 | 62.9 |
| 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? | 36.9 | 41.8 | 44.3 | 44.1 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Our work with families, the courts, public and private agencies, faith-based organizations, elected officials, businesses and community advocates, is part of an intentional effort to truly transform practice. In order to identify priorities, target resources, and redesign the way in which services are delivered in New Hampshire true partnership and collaboration is a must. The data reflects our on-going process and commitment to examining and improving our own capacity and performance.

New Hampshire continues to successfully focus on reducing the risk of harm to children, as evidenced by the data on repeat maltreatment and the absence of maltreatment in foster care. NCANDS Data for the Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment was at 92.2% in 2009 and exceeded the National Standard (99.68%) for absence of maltreatment in Foster Care at 99.93%.

New Hampshire has been above the national standard of 94.6% for Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment in FY 2007 and 2008 as reported in the NCANDS data. In FY 2009 the data showed New Hampshire's performance as slightly below the standard at 92.9%.

We are proud of the work establishing cross-system relationships and activities that promote a common vision on behalf of children and their families. We have focused specific attention to permanency in an effort to assure all children have healthy permanent connections. As a result, New Hampshire continues to improve in placement stability, rating slightly below the National Standard (101.5) with a score of 101.1. It is important to note that in the last three years New Hampshire has demonstrated improvement in placement stability and ranks as the 11th highest scoring state in the 2009 AFCARS data profile.

New Hampshire has worked diligently to improve outcomes relative to timely reunification. We continue to show improvement in this area as noted in the Permanency Composite for Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification [standard: 122.6 or higher] and New Hampshire is at 102.8. Although New Hampshire is not yet at or above the standard, the data continues to demonstrate a trend that is consistently moving toward achievement of that standard.

New Hampshire's efforts to improve its adoption practice has resulted in the most notable achievements in the numbers of adoptions as well as a decrease in median length of stay for children exiting to adoption. Based on the Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions (standard: 106.4 or higher), our state score for FFY 2009 is 121.4, which is well over average. New Hampshire has made significant improvements in most areas, specifically:

- The length of time to achieve adoption has decreased from 35.4 months in FFY 2007 to 31.8 months in FFY 2009.
- New Hampshire exits to adoption in less than 24 months is at 20.8% for FFY 2009 compared to the national median of 26.8%.
- In FFY 2009, 78.2% of legally free children were adopted in less than 12 months compared to the national median of 45.8%.

# New Jersey

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 2,087,647 | 2,069,756 | 2,053,346 | 2,045,848 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 8.2 |
| Black | 15.0 | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 19.5 | 20.1 | 20.7 | 21.6 |
| White | 55.8 | 55.0 | 54.4 | 53.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 11,680 | 7,543 | 9,089 | 9,293 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.0 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 10,732 | 8,309 | 8,694 | 7,851 |
| Children adopted | 1,314 | 1,564 | 1,256 | 1,252 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 20 | 30 | 54 |
| Numerator | N/A | 2,774 | 3,898 | 6,418 |
| Denominator | N/A | 13,646 | 12,869 | 11,800 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 90 | 93 | 95 |
| Numerator | N/A | 13,477 | 20,148 | 42,146 |
| Denominator | N/A | 15,042 | 21,644 | 44,274 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 47,172 | 22.6 per 1,000 | 68,985 | 33.3 per 1,000 | 83,064 | 40.5 per 1,000 | 86,379 | 42.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 11,680 | 5.6 per 1,000 | 7,543 | 3.6 per 1,000 | 9,089 | 4.4 per 1,000 | 9,293 | 4.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 32 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 33 | 1.6 per 100,000 | 29 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 24 | 1.2 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.8 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 14.9 |
| 1 year | 6.1 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 2 years | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| 4 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 15 years | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 16 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 17 years | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **11,680** | **7,543** | **9,089** | **9,293** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Black | 31.9 | 30.7 | 30.2 | 29.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.8 | 10.3 | 16.6 | 17.4 |
| White | 34.9 | 34.8 | 32.8 | 31.7 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Missing data | 25.3 | 22.2 | 18.7 | 19.0 |
| **Number** | **11,680** | **7,543** | **9,089** | **9,293** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Medical neglect | 6.1 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Neglect | 57.9 | 66.7 | 72.3 | 74.2 |
| Physical abuse | 29.0 | 26.1 | 19.4 | 17.6 |
| Sexual abuse | 8.8 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 9.7 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **11,680** | **7,543** | **9,089** | **9,293** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | 69.6 | 80.7 | 41.9 |
| Median | — | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 11,232 | 10,723 | 8,871 | 8,326 | 6,265 | 4,688 | 5,230 | 4,750 | 6,802 | 7,115 | 5,520 | 5,320 | 10,732 | 8,309 | 8,694 | 7,851 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 19.4 | 16.7 | 15.6 | 15.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15.4 | 16.0 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 16.5 | 18.8 | 15.6 | 15.6 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 7.3 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 20.2 | 22.4 | 21.8 | 23.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 8.7 |
| 1 year | 8.2 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| 2 years | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.5 |
| 3 years | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| 5 years | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| 6 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 7 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 8 years | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 9 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| 10 years | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 11 years | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| 15 years | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.3 |
| 16 years | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| 17 years | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| 18 years | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 9.0 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| 19 years | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 20+ years | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Black | 57.4 | 53.9 | 53.0 | 51.1 | 40.8 | 39.1 | 42.1 | 39.4 | 48.1 | 47.3 | 45.1 | 43.8 | 53.6 | 51.1 | 51.4 | 49.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.7 | 6.5 | 13.0 | 15.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 14.8 | 16.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 15.0 | 15.6 |
| White | 24.0 | 25.2 | 24.5 | 24.6 | 31.5 | 30.4 | 28.1 | 27.8 | 28.7 | 28.6 | 28.0 | 27.9 | 25.3 | 25.2 | 24.5 | 24.3 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Unknown | 9.7 | 12.2 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 18.6 | 21.5 | 9.3 | 12.0 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 12.3 | 15.2 | 6.1 | 8.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 4,722 | 3,180 | 2,997 | 2,684 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 2,184 | 1,889 | 1,004 | 676 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 9.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| 1 year | 13.1 | 11.7 | 12.5 | 12.2 |
| 2 years | 10.3 | 12.8 | 11.8 | 11.6 |
| 3 years | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.8 |
| 4 years | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| 5 years | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 3.8 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 5.0 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 3.1 |
| 15 years | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 16 years | 2.2 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Black | 56.3 | 55.6 | 54.6 | 53.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.7 | 5.4 | 13.2 | 13.6 |
| White | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.6 | 23.4 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 2.9 |
| Unknown | 12.2 | 13.6 | 4.1 | 6.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,314 | 1,564 | 1,256 | 1,252 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| 1 year | 7.6 | 10.0 | 10.7 | 12.9 |
| 2 years | 17.8 | 15.8 | 20.1 | 17.3 |
| 3 years | 16.3 | 15.1 | 12.8 | 12.7 |
| 4 years | 10.5 | 11.2 | 8.7 | 7.9 |
| 5 years | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 4.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 4.3 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.1 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| 12 years | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| 14 years | 2.0 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 15 years | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| 16 years | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| 17 years | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.1 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Black | 57.8 | 54.7 | 51.0 | 47.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.9 | 5.5 | 12.7 | 15.6 |
| White | 24.1 | 23.9 | 26.5 | 27.0 |
| Two or more races | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 5.8 |
| Unknown | 9.1 | 11.5 | 5.4 | 3.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

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

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.9 | 95.1 | 95.4 | 94.4 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 6.1 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| **Number** | **5,878** | **4,263** | **4,147** | **4,191** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.68 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.16 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.32 | 99.90 | 99.91 | 99.84 |
| **Number** | **17,497** | **15,411** | **14,197** | **13,076** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 19.6 | 20.9 | 25.2 | 26.1 |
| Guardianship | 9.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 5.5 |
| Reunification | 55.1 | 53.8 | 57.9 | 58.9 |
| Other | 14.5 | 16.9 | 10.2 | 9.6 |
| Missing data | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,802** | **7,115** | **5,520** | **5,320** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 43.3 | 36.7 | 49.0 | 43.2 |
| Guardianship | 3.6 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 1.9 |
| Reunification | 30.1 | 31.9 | 32.8 | 40.8 |
| Other | 21.0 | 26.0 | 13.3 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | 2.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,071** | **1,152** | **631** | **532** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 3.4 |
| Guardianship | 5.8 | 4.3 | 7.6 | 6.1 |
| Reunification | 52.6 | 48.7 | 56.0 | 58.9 |
| Other | 39.1 | 42.6 | 34.4 | 31.6 |
| Missing data | 1.3 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,808** | **1,918** | **1,263** | **1,174** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 28.1 | 34.5 | 20.9 | 22.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 71.7 | 65.4 | 75.5 | 73.0 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 4.3 |
| **Number** | **569** | **846** | **412** | **370** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.5 | 37.5 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 7.1 | 23.3 | 24.6 | 28.9 | 29.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.2 |
| Reunification | 75.0 | 56.3 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 55.6 | 71.4 | 82.9 | 89.3 | 47.3 | 44.2 | 49.9 | 53.2 |
| Other | 12.5 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.8 | 14.3 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 17.0 | 21.4 | 13.3 | 11.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **8** | **16** | **5** | **3** | **18** | **35** | **35** | **28** | **3,275** | **3,365** | **2,491** | **2,329** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 15.5 | 16.4 | 20.7 | 26.4 | 16.6 | 16.9 | 23.6 | 23.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 9.0 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 5.7 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.0 | 56.8 | 66.4 | 61.2 | 60.6 | 61.5 | 61.5 | 61.5 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 19.4 | 20.8 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 8.1 | 9.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **509** | **500** | **816** | **879** | **1,951** | **2,036** | **1,547** | **1,485** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 13.1 | 16.2 | 15.6 | 12.0 | 42.3 | 48.2 | 47.2 | 47.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 20.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 71.4 | 69.3 | 74.7 | 78.9 | 48.5 | 33.6 | 42.6 | 43.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 80.0 |
| Other | 7.8 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **943** | **1,052** | **514** | **426** | **97** | **110** | **108** | **164** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **5** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 64.7 | 63.1 | 68.7 | 69.5 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 20.5 | 22.7 | 19.9 | 18.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 6.1 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.7 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 4.1 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **3,747** | **3,826** | **3,198** | **3,131** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.4 | 80.5 | 79.6 | 82.0 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 7.9 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 6.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.9 | 8.3 | 12.9 | 11.0 |
| Missing data | 1.7 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **6,265** | **4,688** | **5,230** | **4,750** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 10.9 | 16.5 | 20.7 | 22.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 25.4 | 25.9 | 33.2 | 33.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 24.3 | 22.2 | 19.1 | 21.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 34.6 | 30.3 | 22.6 | 16.1 |
| Missing data | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| **Number** | **1,334** | **1,489** | **1,391** | **1,390** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 82.5 | 84.2 | 88.1 | 87.4 | 63.2 | 65.5 | 71.4 | 72.4 | 35.4 | 35.1 | 46.9 | 45.7 | 65.2 | 63.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 16.2 | 15.0 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 36.1 | 33.5 | 28.6 | 27.6 | 63.5 | 63.9 | 53.1 | 54.3 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34.8 | 35.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,133** | **5,594** | **6,055** | **5,601** | **3,666** | **3,863** | **3,286** | **3,083** | **6,606** | **5,810** | **4,742** | **4,368** | **92** | **144** | **18** | **24** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 3.0 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Institutions | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| Other settings | 92.9 | 94.3 | 96.8 | 97.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,454** | **3,342** | **3,825** | **3,595** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **116.1** | **114.5** | **117.6** | **119.2** |
| 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) | 62.4 | 62.5 | 66.3 | 65.7 |
| 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) | 8.6 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.2 |
| 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) | 39.6 | 40.9 | 43.3 | 43.6 |
| 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? | 9.6 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 10.1 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **95.8** | **108.3** | **111.6** | **120.9** |
| 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? | 13.5 | 20.1 | 24.1 | 27.1 |
| 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? | 39.9 | 37.8 | 32.6 | 32.0 |
| 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 | 27.3 | 30.1 | 31.0 |
| 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?[17] | 14.4 | 19.3 | 9.3 | 9.7 |
| 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? | 57.6 | 49.6 | 55.9 | 64.2 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **125.1** | **122.5** | **143.8** | **142.8** |
| 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? | 31.7 | 35.4 | 37.2 | 38.9 |
| 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? | 94.5 | 92.5 | 99.0 | 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? | 43.7 | 49.1 | 32.2 | 36.8 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **95.5** | **97.8** | **106.6** | **106.0** |
| 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? | 82.2 | 83.9 | 86.9 | 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? | 63.6 | 66.1 | 71.0 | 72.5 |
| 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? | 36.1 | 35.9 | 46.8 | 45.7 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

**Overall**

New Jersey has seen significant improvements in data quality and accuracy since the implementation of its SACWIS system in 2007. This is evidenced in the decrease of percentages of "missing data" in several measures in this report. Our SACWIS system has enabled us to do more accurate reporting through AFCARS and NCANDS.

**Performance**

NJ continues to significantly reduce the number of children entering foster care. The number of children who entered foster care between 2008 and 2009 decreased by 9%. In fact, more children exited foster care than entered for the past four years.

The percentage of children reentering out of home placement care within 12 months declined to 6.8% in 2009, from 7.2% in 2008. It is the lowest it has been in four years.

For children discharged to reunification, who re-enter placement within 12 months, NJ's performance at 10.1% is better than the national median of 13%.

NJ has shown continuous improvement in placement stability for children in foster care. Its overall composite score has risen by 9.5 points since 2006. For children in foster care between 12 and 24 months, 72.5% have 2 or fewer placements, compared to 2006 when it was 63.6%.

NJ's use of congregate care placements for young children has shown a steady decrease since 2006, with only 2.3% of children in these settings in 2009 compared to 7.1% in 2006.

NJ continues to make significant improvements in accomplishing permanency through adoption in less than 24 months. In 2009, 26.6% of the children exited to adoption in less than 24 months. In 2006, it was 13.1%.

NJ also made significant improvements in reducing the number of children whose parent's rights have been terminated and waiting for adoption from 2,184 in 2006 to 676 in 2009. This is a 69% decrease and the lowest it has been in four years. Many of these children are in adoptive homes awaiting finalization.

With regard to timeliness of adoptions, NJ raised its overall composite score from 95.8 in 2006, to 120.9 in 2009. In particular, NJ has exceeded the median time for children reaching adoption finalization in less than 12 months of being legally free.

NJ data demonstrates strong performance on all three composite measures involving achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time. It is in the top 25% of all states for two measures and exceeds the median for the third measures.

NJ has shown steady and significant increases in Caseworker Visits with children in foster care for both FFY08 and FFY09. We expect this trend to continue for FFY2010. NJ also wishes to note that its own data for monthly visits for CY2008 was 74% and had increased to 92% in CY2009.

NJ reduced its median "time to investigate" in hours from 24 to 48 hours in both 2007 and 2008, to under 24 hours in 2009.

NJ also reduced the incidence of maltreatment in foster care from 0.68% in 2006 to 0.16% in 2009. This is a 0.52 % decrease.

# New Mexico

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 501,069 | 504,573 | 506,235 | 510,238 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 11.0 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.3 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Black | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 53.6 | 54.2 | 54.6 | 55.3 |
| White | 29.8 | 29.2 | 28.8 | 28.1 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 5,926 | 6,065 | 5,656 | 5,368 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,379 | 2,488 | 2,269 | 2,022 |
| Children adopted | 338 | 355 | 427 | 437 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 60 | 79 | 85 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,459 | 2,490 | 2,486 |
| Denominator | N/A | 2,426 | 3,171 | 2,942 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 97 | 98 | 98 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,837 | 18,993 | 18,465 |
| Denominator | N/A | 3,953 | 19,455 | 18,920 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 26,471 | 52.8 per 1,000 | 23,776 | 47.1 per 1,000 | 23,178 | 45.8 per 1,000 | 23,277 | 45.6 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 5,926 | 11.8 per 1,000 | 6,065 | 12.0 per 1,000 | 5,656 | 11.2 per 1,000 | 5,368 | 10.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 14 | 2.8 per 100,000 | 7 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 19 | 3.8 per 100,000 | 10 | 2.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 12.3 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 10.9 |
| 1 year | 5.7 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.3 |
| 2 years | 5.3 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| 3 years | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| 4 years | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.5 |
| 6 years | 6.2 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 7 years | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 8 years | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.4 |
| 15 years | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| 16 years | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| 17 years | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 3.8 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **5,926** | **6,065** | **5,656** | **5,368** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 8.2 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Black | 2.3 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 51.8 | 56.4 | 59.4 | 57.8 |
| White | 23.8 | 24.4 | 24.8 | 25.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Missing data | 11.8 | 6.9 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| **Number** | **5,926** | **6,065** | **5,656** | **5,368** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 18.6 | 18.3 | 16.9 | 16.7 |
| Medical neglect | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Neglect | 74.3 | 76.4 | 76.8 | 76.4 |
| Physical abuse | 13.3 | 13.4 | 14.3 | 13.6 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,926** | **6,065** | **5,656** | **5,368** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 138.6 | 98.4 | 74.6 | 70.8 |
| Median | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,298 | 2,310 | 2,381 | 2,182 | 2,118 | 2,262 | 2,137 | 1,989 | 2,038 | 2,084 | 2,249 | 2,149 | 2,379 | 2,488 | 2,269 | 2,022 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.3 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 14.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.0 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 14.6 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 13.1 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 14.5 | 14.2 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 1 year | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 8.4 | 8.2 |
| 2 years | 7.7 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.9 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 8.7 |
| 3 years | 7.2 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| 4 years | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| 5 years | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 6 years | 4.8 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| 7 years | 5.0 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.4 |
| 8 years | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| 16 years | 6.0 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| 17 years | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 18 years | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.6 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.4 | 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 | <.1 | <.1 | 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 | <.1 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 5.9 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 10.4 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 13.0 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 9.7 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 57.5 | 58.8 | 58.3 | 59.8 | 51.4 | 52.8 | 57.5 | 53.7 | 50.7 | 53.5 | 56.4 | 55.3 | 57.9 | 57.8 | 59.4 | 58.6 |
| White | 28.3 | 25.6 | 25.9 | 24.2 | 24.4 | 26.6 | 23.0 | 24.6 | 27.7 | 25.9 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 25.3 | 26.2 | 23.9 | 23.8 |
| Two or more races | 2.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.8 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 | <.1 | 5.3 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 862 | 967 | 911 | 876 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 481 | 542 | 588 | 545 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| 1 year | 8.2 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| 2 years | 8.0 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 8.8 |
| 3 years | 7.3 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 8.8 |
| 4 years | 8.5 | 5.7 | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| 5 years | 7.7 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 6 years | 7.2 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 5.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 5.5 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 4.9 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 3.9 |
| 15 years | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.1 |
| 16 years | 4.1 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| 17 years | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 4.5 | 6.1 | 10.9 | 9.7 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Black | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 61.4 | 60.3 | 57.6 | 60.6 |
| White | 25.9 | 25.4 | 22.3 | 22.4 |
| Two or more races | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 338 | 355 | 427 | 437 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 2.1 |
| 1 year | 11.2 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 8.2 |
| 2 years | 10.7 | 10.7 | 11.9 | 9.2 |
| 3 years | 10.1 | 9.0 | 10.5 | 8.9 |
| 4 years | 9.5 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 9.4 |
| 5 years | 6.8 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 7.3 |
| 6 years | 6.8 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 6.9 |
| 7 years | 5.0 | 6.5 | 8.7 | 4.6 |
| 8 years | 4.4 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 7.8 |
| 9 years | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.4 |
| 10 years | 3.0 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 5.5 |
| 11 years | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 5.3 |
| 12 years | 3.8 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| 15 years | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| 16 years | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| 17 years | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 6.6 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Black | 1.2 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 3.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 41.7 | 65.6 | 62.3 | 61.6 |
| White | 54.4 | 24.8 | 31.4 | 24.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 3.2 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 91.0 | 90.0 | 91.8 | 91.4 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 9.0 | 10.0 | 8.2 | 8.6 |
| **Number** | **2,750** | **2,909** | **2,549** | **2,540** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.38 | 0.46 | 0.44 | 0.24 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.62 | 99.54 | 99.56 | 99.76 |
| **Number** | **4,416** | **4,572** | **4,518** | **4,171** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.2 | 17.3 | 20.0 | 23.1 |
| Guardianship | 4.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Reunification | 69.3 | 72.0 | 70.8 | 68.2 |
| Other | 9.1 | 9.4 | 7.2 | 7.3 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,038** | **2,084** | **2,249** | **2,149** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 39.4 | 39.0 | 40.7 | 42.2 |
| Guardianship | 5.4 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| Reunification | 39.0 | 42.9 | 45.3 | 45.0 |
| Other | 15.9 | 16.3 | 11.0 | 10.3 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **497** | **515** | **634** | **669** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.9 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 6.0 |
| Guardianship | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| Reunification | 68.1 | 68.0 | 68.0 | 69.5 |
| Other | 26.0 | 28.2 | 26.2 | 23.8 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **408** | **412** | **409** | **383** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 28.9 | 21.3 | 12.3 | 22.6 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 70.2 | 78.7 | 87.7 | 77.4 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **121** | **127** | **106** | **106** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 8.6 | 4.4 | 7.4 | 18.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 26.9 | 21.9 | 8.2 | 31.2 |
| Guardianship | 3.7 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 68.4 | 66.5 | 73.5 | 63.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 66.7 | 61.2 | 62.5 | 72.1 | 58.4 |
| Other | 19.3 | 26.4 | 17.7 | 17.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 4.5 | 15.6 | 18.0 | 10.4 |
| 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** | **187** | **182** | **215** | **234** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **3** | **67** | **64** | **61** | **77** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.0 | 22.4 | 21.9 | 24.8 | 18.6 | 13.7 | 23.0 | 21.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 70.4 | 70.2 | 67.9 | 69.9 | 74.6 | 69.6 | 71.9 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1** | **3** | **3** | **2** | **1,033** | **1,115** | **1,269** | **1,189** | **564** | **540** | **565** | **537** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.0 | 19.0 | 23.5 | 28.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 94.3 | 83.3 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 67.8 | 69.6 | 67.9 | 60.6 | 93.5 | 98.3 | 83.3 | 93.3 |
| Other | 2.9 | 11.9 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 3.4 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 9.9 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 16.7 | 6.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **35** | **42** | **23** | **21** | **59** | **79** | **81** | **71** | **92** | **59** | **30** | **15** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 82.3 | 80.1 | 79.4 | 80.3 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 12.7 | 13.2 | 15.6 | 14.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.1 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,412** | **1,500** | **1,593** | **1,465** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.3 | 84.0 | 83.5 | 83.3 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.2 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 8.4 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 8.5 | 8.2 | 9.7 | 8.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,118** | **2,262** | **2,137** | **1,989** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 3.6 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 28.9 | 34.3 | 27.8 | 27.8 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 39.1 | 37.4 | 36.7 | 34.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.3 | 17.2 | 24.7 | 17.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 10.0 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 16.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **350** | **361** | **449** | **496** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 88.6 | 86.6 | 86.9 | 88.5 | 55.7 | 54.7 | 51.2 | 55.1 | 24.5 | 28.5 | 26.5 | 25.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 11.4 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 11.5 | 44.3 | 45.3 | 48.8 | 44.9 | 75.5 | 71.5 | 73.5 | 74.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **2,277** | **2,442** | **2,303** | **2,199** | **1,119** | **1,003** | **1,105** | **927** | **1,006** | **1,123** | **1,097** | **1,039** | **14** | **4** | **13** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 5.2 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 8.6 |
| Institutions | 7.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Other settings | 87.6 | 91.8 | 89.4 | 90.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,683** | **1,835** | **1,781** | **1,648** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **109.5** | **106.2** | **109.5** | **113.7** |
| 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) | 62.4 | 60.9 | 60.0 | 62.2 |
| 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) | 9.7 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 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) | 31.8 | 27.6 | 34.1 | 33.9 |
| 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? | 11.9 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 9.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **123.9** | **123.6** | **139.9** | **139.6** |
| 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? | 32.6 | 36.8 | 29.8 | 31.5 |
| 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? | 28.2 | 26.5 | 30.9 | 29.2 |
| 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? | 33.3 | 28.1 | 37.5 | 42.4 |
| 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?[17] | 14.8 | 18.1 | 25.1 | 22.1 |
| 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? | 51.3 | 51.3 | 55.4 | 52.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **124.7** | **133.8** | **140.5** | **138.0** |
| 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? | 40.2 | 35.4 | 41.5 | 45.9 |
| 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? | 91.4 | 91.8 | 93.4 | 94.8 |
| 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? | 52.4 | 39.4 | 43.5 | 45.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **85.2** | **84.9** | **82.2** | **85.8** |
| 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? | 80.2 | 77.5 | 76.6 | 80.2 |
| 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? | 55.6 | 54.7 | 51.2 | 55.1 |
| 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? | 24.5 | 28.5 | 26.6 | 25.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 Mexico

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Mexico's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

New Mexico is distinguished by its racial and ethnic composition. Persons of Hispanic (any race) and American Indian origin account for more than 50% of New Mexico's nearly two million inhabitants. This is a significantly higher proportion of these minority groups than the estimated 15.4% seen nationally. Thus, New Mexico's population demographics necessitate child- and family-serving agencies to meet needs specific to multicultural populations and to address unique sovereignty issues with tribal governments.

In March 2010, New Mexico completed the Round II Program Improvement Plan of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). The State met all goals established under the Program Improvement Plan process for the Round II CFSR and was released from penalties in mid-2010. New Mexico is currently working to improve the State's child welfare system to address the areas of greatest need, in preparation for CFSR Round III.

The State continues to maintain and refine the functionality of its Tier 1 SACWIS. Evidence of New Mexico's improving data quality is portrayed throughout the *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009*: Report to Congress. For example under Context Data, Section S, "Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims," in 2006 there were 11.8% of records with missing data and in 2009 there were only 3.2% with missing data. This pattern of New Mexico's improving data quality and improved performance is seen throughout the *2006–2009 Report to Congress*.

Further analysis of this *Report* reveals that there are several significant instances of New Mexico's efforts to refine practice, resulting in better outcomes for children and families. During the four year period of this *Report*, New Mexico has continued to improve the outcome measure of "Children maltreated while in foster care." New Mexico scores ranged between 0.38% and 0.46% for the years 2006 to 2008. In 2009 the State was able to reduce maltreatment in foster care to 0.24%. Further, child maltreatment victims declined by 9% over the total period, and children adopted increased by almost 30%.

Given the racial/ethnic composition of New Mexico noted above, additional important practice refinements are demonstrated through this report. This is shown in the Context Data, Sections D and E. During these four years workers moved steadily to attain permanency through adoption for ever-increasing numbers of American Indian and Hispanic children. In 2006 there were no reported adoptions of American Indian children, and in 2009, 6% of adoptions were completed for American Indian children in New Mexico. There were similar results for children of any race with Hispanic ethnicity. In 2006, 41.7% of adoptees were identified as being of Hispanic ethnicity. In 2009, 61.6% of adoptees were identified as being of Hispanic ethnicity.

# New York

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 4,537,739 | 4,499,658 | 4,453,218 | 4,424,083 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| Black | 17.2 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 16.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20.5 | 20.9 | 21.3 | 21.7 |
| White | 53.4 | 52.9 | 52.5 | 51.7 |
| Two or more races | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 80,077 | 83,502 | 84,089 | 90,031 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 30,203 | 30,548 | 29,762 | 28,215 |
| Children adopted | 2,772 | 2,488 | 2,394 | 2,324 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 12 | 21 | 47 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 7,385 | 15,673 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 34,727 | 33,145 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 80 | 75 | 88 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 36,059 | 102,846 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 47,804 | 116,292 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 253,436 | 55.9 per 1,000 | 259,687 | 57.7 per 1,000 | 265,561 | 59.6 per 1,000 | 282,373 | 63.8 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 80,077 | 17.6 per 1,000 | 83,502 | 18.6 per 1,000 | 84,089 | 18.9 per 1,000 | 90,031 | 20.4 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 73 | 1.6 per 100,000 | 96 | 2.1 per 100,000 | 107 | 2.4 per 100,000 | 109 | 2.5 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.6 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 9.1 |
| 1 year | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 2 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| 3 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 4 years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 5 years | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 6 years | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| 11 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| 12 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 13 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| 15 years | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 16 years | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 17 years | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **80,077** | **83,502** | **84,089** | **90,031** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Black | 28.8 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 22.5 | 23.3 | 23.7 | 24.0 |
| White | 35.2 | 34.7 | 33.8 | 33.8 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Missing data | 9.7 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.7 |
| **Number** | **80,077** | **83,502** | **84,089** | **90,031** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Medical neglect | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| Neglect | 91.5 | 91.7 | 91.8 | 92.2 |
| Physical abuse | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 25.6 | 25.9 | 25.8 | 25.6 |
| **Number** | **80,077** | **83,502** | **84,089** | **90,031** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.2 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 29,892 | 29,866 | 29,394 | 28,846 | 12,364 | 12,309 | 12,720 | 12,177 | 12,124 | 11,627 | 12,352 | 12,808 | 30,203 | 30,548 | 29,762 | 28,215 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 27.9 | 24.4 | 20.9 | 22.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 19.9 | 17.5 | 15.5 | 15.2 | 25.1 | 21.5 | 22.5 | 22.8 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 1 year | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| 2 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| 3 years | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| 4 years | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 5 years | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 7 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 8 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 9 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| 13 years | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| 15 years | 8.9 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.0 |
| 16 years | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| 17 years | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| 18 years | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| 19 years | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 20+ years | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Black | 47.1 | 46.2 | 45.9 | 47.7 | 43.8 | 41.6 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 41.8 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 41.7 | 47.9 | 46.3 | 46.3 | 48.3 |
| 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) | 19.1 | 19.9 | 20.5 | 21.2 | 21.3 | 21.3 | 20.9 | 21.9 | 18.3 | 18.6 | 20.1 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 21.8 |
| White | 19.6 | 18.2 | 17.3 | 18.5 | 22.9 | 22.3 | 21.1 | 21.0 | 24.2 | 23.8 | 21.1 | 20.9 | 19.1 | 17.7 | 17.3 | 18.4 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Unknown | 13.4 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 9.4 | 11.1 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 10.4 | 14.9 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 8.1 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 8,261 | 7,889 | 7,126 | 6,963 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 4,833 | 4,532 | 3,947 | 3,470 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 1 year | 3.5 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 2 years | 5.6 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| 4 years | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| 5 years | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.9 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| 9 years | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| 10 years | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| 12 years | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 6.9 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 5.1 |
| 15 years | 7.5 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 5.8 |
| 16 years | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 17 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Black | 47.9 | 46.3 | 45.7 | 50.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 18.5 | 18.6 | 19.9 | 21.2 |
| White | 16.9 | 15.9 | 15.1 | 16.6 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| Unknown | 16.1 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 8.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 2,772 | 2,488 | 2,394 | 2,324 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| 1 year | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| 2 years | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 10.5 |
| 3 years | 9.2 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 10.3 |
| 4 years | 8.3 | 7.7 | 9.1 | 8.7 |
| 5 years | 7.4 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.7 |
| 6 years | 7.4 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 7.1 |
| 7 years | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.5 |
| 8 years | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 5.7 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| 15 years | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 16 years | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 17 years | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| 18 years | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| 19 years | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Black | 42.0 | 40.3 | 41.6 | 41.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 17.6 | 16.4 | 14.3 | 18.1 |
| White | 20.1 | 21.5 | 19.6 | 21.4 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| Unknown | 19.7 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 16.4 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 86.3 | 87.7 | 87.9 | 87.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 13.7 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 12.2 |
| **Number** | **36,930** | **39,129** | **39,016** | **41,345** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 1.28 | 1.40 | 1.73 | 2.04 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 98.72 | 98.60 | 98.27 | 97.96 |
| **Number** | **42,256** | **42,175** | **42,114** | **41,023** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 21.0 | 19.4 | 18.3 | 18.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 60.1 | 63.1 | 64.9 | 66.0 |
| Other | 17.3 | 16.8 | 16.7 | 15.7 |
| Missing data | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **12,124** | **11,627** | **12,352** | **12,808** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | — | 25.5 | 23.1 | 22.7 |
| Guardianship | — | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | — | 57.1 | 56.7 | 57.3 |
| Other | — | 17.0 | 20.2 | 19.9 |
| Missing data | — | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **—** | **564** | **2,833** | **4,075** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 65.7 | 66.7 | 68.1 | 67.7 |
| Other | 30.4 | 31.4 | 30.9 | 30.7 |
| Missing data | 2.7 | 0.9 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **4,554** | **4,255** | **4,520** | **4,493** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 38.5 | 38.2 | 38.5 | 38.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 57.7 | 61.8 | 61.4 | 61.1 |
| Missing data | 3.9 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **1,399** | **1,356** | **1,448** | **1,397** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 20.5 | 4.1 | 20.0 | 4.4 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 20.9 | 7.3 | 20.9 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 17.8 |
| 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 | 53.8 | 81.6 | 68.0 | 86.7 | 79.1 | 69.0 | 65.7 | 72.7 | 58.1 | 61.7 | 63.3 | 63.4 |
| Other | 15.4 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 16.7 | 13.4 | 16.4 | 19.2 | 18.9 | 17.9 | 18.6 |
| Missing data | 10.3 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **39** | **49** | **25** | **45** | **67** | **42** | **67** | **55** | **5,067** | **4,769** | **5,094** | **5,340** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.1 | 16.4 | 13.3 | 16.0 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 16.9 | 18.5 |
| 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60.9 | 66.1 | 70.5 | 71.0 | 68.8 | 69.3 | 68.7 | 69.9 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.4 | 16.9 | 16.0 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 11.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2,213** | **2,168** | **2,480** | **2,628** | **2,936** | **2,772** | **2,610** | **2,681** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 28.1 | 28.6 | 26.3 | 22.2 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 20.8 | 17.9 | 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 | 52.1 | 55.2 | 57.7 | 0.0 | 68.4 | 66.4 | 73.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 19.6 | 18.9 | 18.5 | 19.9 | 0.0 | 14.2 | 12.9 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,802** | **1,672** | **1,734** | **1,701** | **0** | **155** | **342** | **358** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 55.1 | 59.1 | 60.2 | 60.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 21.4 | 21.1 | 23.7 | 20.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 9.4 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 10.2 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 8.2 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **7,284** | **7,341** | **8,013** | **8,448** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 76.3 | 77.5 | 76.6 | 77.0 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.8 | 8.6 | 11.1 | 11.0 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.2 | 13.9 | 12.3 | 11.5 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **12,364** | **12,309** | **12,720** | **12,177** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 7.6 | 7.9 | 9.3 | 8.6 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 16.7 | 19.9 | 18.3 | 23.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 19.7 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 21.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 54.0 | 52.4 | 51.6 | 45.2 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,541** | **2,250** | **2,266** | **2,317** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 88.8 | 90.5 | 90.9 | 89.1 | 72.4 | 73.4 | 74.0 | 72.4 | 41.5 | 40.6 | 42.6 | 43.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 73.9 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 10.1 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 27.5 | 26.6 | 26.0 | 27.5 | 58.5 | 59.4 | 57.4 | 56.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 26.1 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **14,080** | **14,108** | **14,514** | **14,229** | **7,212** | **8,882** | **8,710** | **8,211** | **20,950** | **19,176** | **18,876** | **18,560** | **14** | **9** | **14** | **23** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Institutions | 4.6 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 4.6 |
| Other settings | 93.7 | 94.2 | 95.4 | 94.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,585** | **7,518** | **7,789** | **7,453** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **90.8** | **93.9** | **99.4** | **95.7** |
| 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) | 51.8 | 56.1 | 56.4 | 56.6 |
| 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) | 11.8 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 |
| 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) | 35.7 | 34.2 | 35.4 | 39.0 |
| 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? | 12.1 | 14.9 | 13.4 | 16.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **56.7** | **58.2** | **56.4** | **66.5** |
| 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? | 9.3 | 9.1 | 11.0 | 10.5 |
| 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? | 49.8 | 49.2 | 48.9 | 43.6 |
| 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? | 16.0 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 17.2 |
| 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?[17] | 9.6 | 11.1 | 9.1 | 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? | 40.1 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 46.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **108.7** | **112.9** | **113.6** | **118.6** |
| 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? | 24.0 | 23.3 | 24.3 | 25.8 |
| 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? | 96.3 | 96.1 | 95.0 | 96.2 |
| 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? | 55.5 | 50.0 | 48.5 | 45.9 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **107.5** | **108.4** | **109.9** | **108.6** |
| 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? | 89.2 | 90.0 | 90.2 | 88.8 |
| 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? | 72.6 | 73.5 | 74.1 | 72.5 |
| 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? | 43.8 | 43.1 | 45.8 | 47.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## STATE COMMENT

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**Office of Children & Family Services**

The following are New York's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

The number of fatalities on the state agency file over-reported the actual number of child fatalities by 10. The number of fatalities reported on the agency file should have been 13 and the number of fatalities on the child file should have been 86 for a total of 99 child fatalities in FY 2009.

# North Carolina

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 2,164,399 | 2,219,913 | 2,254,288 | 2,277,967 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Black | 24.3 | 23.9 | 23.7 | 23.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.6 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 13.0 |
| White | 59.5 | 58.8 | 58.5 | 57.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 28,422 | 25,976 | 24,618 | 24,506 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 11,202 | 10,952 | 10,065 | 9,645 |
| Children adopted | 1,234 | 1,521 | 1,694 | 1,722 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 39 | 30 | 67 |
| Numerator | N/A | 145 | 4,300 | 9,077 |
| Denominator | N/A | 374 | 14,206 | 13,520 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 73 | 79 | 82 |
| Numerator | N/A | 899 | 22,739 | 57,466 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,224 | 28,814 | 69,714 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 130,966 | 60.5 per 1,000 | 133,230 | 60.0 per 1,000 | 139,640 | 61.9 per 1,000 | 138,229 | 60.7 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 28,422 | 13.1 per 1,000 | 25,976 | 11.7 per 1,000 | 24,618 | 10.9 per 1,000 | 24,506 | 10.8 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | — | — per 100,000 | — | — per 100,000 | — | — per 100,000 | — | — per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.8 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 12.3 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| 2 years | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.4 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 15 years | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 16 years | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **28,422** | **25,976** | **24,618** | **24,506** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 31.6 | 31.3 | 31.4 | 31.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.3 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 10.1 |
| White | 52.1 | 52.2 | 51.8 | 51.1 |
| Two or more races | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.2 |
| Missing data | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| **Number** | **28,422** | **25,976** | **24,618** | **24,506** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Medical neglect | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Neglect | 52.1 | 78.5 | 79.0 | 79.8 |
| Physical abuse | 6.4 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.8 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 7.5 |
| Missing data | 34.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Other | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **28,422** | **25,976** | **24,618** | **24,506** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 47.2 | 46.1 | 44.6 | 46.8 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 10,406 | 10,759 | 10,577 | 9,704 | 6,376 | 5,981 | 5,084 | 4,911 | 5,580 | 5,788 | 5,596 | 4,970 | 11,202 | 10,952 | 10,065 | 9,645 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 13.1 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 15.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14.0 | 14.7 | 15.4 | 17.2 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 15.8 | 15.2 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 17.8 | 18.6 | 18.9 | 18.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 1 year | 7.6 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.6 |
| 2 years | 6.4 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 |
| 3 years | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 9 years | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| 14 years | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| 15 years | 7.4 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| 16 years | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 7.3 |
| 17 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 6.8 | 8.9 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.4 |
| 18 years | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 3.9 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| 19 years | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| Black | 41.9 | 41.4 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 36.7 | 34.5 | 36.1 | 35.1 | 36.9 | 37.5 | 36.9 | 35.6 | 41.4 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 39.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.1 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 7.7 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.1 |
| White | 45.6 | 44.4 | 45.2 | 45.3 | 47.0 | 48.5 | 48.3 | 48.8 | 49.4 | 46.0 | 47.7 | 48.3 | 44.5 | 45.8 | 45.4 | 45.5 |
| Two or more races | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 3,130 | 3,107 | 2,946 | 2,746 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,652 | 1,757 | 1,612 | 1,470 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.5 |
| 2 years | 8.3 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 8.5 |
| 3 years | 6.7 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 7.7 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.3 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 11 years | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 12 years | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 14 years | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| 15 years | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| 16 years | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 4.9 |
| 17 years | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 42.8 | 42.0 | 41.1 | 40.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| White | 44.4 | 44.4 | 44.8 | 45.0 |
| Two or more races | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,234 | 1,521 | 1,694 | 1,722 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 1 year | 13.5 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.0 |
| 2 years | 10.2 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 12.7 |
| 3 years | 11.1 | 11.6 | 10.5 | 11.1 |
| 4 years | 8.8 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 8.8 |
| 5 years | 8.1 | 8.6 | 6.4 | 7.8 |
| 6 years | 8.2 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.2 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 5.7 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 14 years | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| 15 years | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| 16 years | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| 17 years | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| 18 years | <.1 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| Asian | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 33.5 | 33.3 | 35.1 | 32.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.1 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| White | 47.7 | 47.3 | 44.2 | 46.2 |
| Two or more races | 10.3 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 12.1 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.4 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 95.6 | 96.2 | 97.5 | 97.6 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 4.4 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| **Number** | **8,861** | **5,933** | **4,520** | **4,442** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.75 | 0.69 | 0.66 | 0.50 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.25 | 99.31 | 99.34 | 99.50 |
| **Number** | **16,782** | **16,740** | **15,661** | **14,615** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 22.4 | 24.2 | 26.1 | 29.2 |
| Guardianship | 14.9 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 12.4 |
| Reunification | 51.3 | 50.1 | 48.5 | 46.7 |
| Other | 11.4 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 11.7 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **5,580** | **5,788** | **5,596** | **4,970** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 18.1 | 21.4 | 22.6 | 25.5 |
| Guardianship | 16.0 | 14.8 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| Reunification | 46.6 | 42.0 | 42.4 | 41.3 |
| Other | 19.3 | 21.4 | 22.8 | 21.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **575** | **514** | **602** | **550** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.7 |
| Guardianship | 14.1 | 12.3 | 10.2 | 10.4 |
| Reunification | 56.3 | 54.3 | 54.2 | 50.9 |
| Other | 27.5 | 30.9 | 32.6 | 35.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,436** | **1,387** | **1,369** | **1,176** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 24.3 | 23.4 | 22.8 | 23.4 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 75.5 | 76.6 | 77.2 | 76.4 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **469** | **499** | **514** | **492** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.4 | 6.8 | 17.2 | 22.4 | 8.3 | 4.5 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 20.1 | 22.2 | 26.3 | 26.9 |
| Guardianship | 19.5 | 23.1 | 24.2 | 16.3 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.3 | 15.7 | 14.4 | 13.5 |
| Reunification | 56.6 | 63.3 | 48.5 | 51.0 | 83.3 | 86.4 | 42.9 | 50.0 | 49.4 | 48.2 | 44.8 | 43.4 |
| Other | 11.5 | 6.1 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 42.9 | 50.0 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 16.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **113** | **147** | **99** | **49** | **12** | **22** | **7** | **2** | **2,057** | **2,171** | **2,063** | **1,770** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 28.6 | 40.0 | 53.8 | 50.0 | 22.7 | 20.2 | 24.1 | 28.2 | 23.2 | 26.8 | 25.8 | 29.8 |
| Guardianship | 28.6 | 5.0 | 15.4 | 31.3 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 12.6 | 11.8 | 14.4 | 14.6 | 12.6 | 12.0 |
| Reunification | 35.7 | 55.0 | 30.8 | 18.8 | 58.9 | 64.9 | 58.6 | 50.1 | 52.0 | 48.1 | 49.6 | 48.4 |
| Other | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 12.0 | 9.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **14** | **20** | **13** | **16** | **428** | **524** | **478** | **457** | **2,756** | **2,663** | **2,669** | **2,401** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 42.9 | 28.6 | 36.1 | 22.2 | 39.1 | 33.6 | 34.2 | 43.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 19.0 | 33.3 | 2.8 | 11.1 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 33.3 | 38.1 | 52.8 | 63.9 | 42.5 | 46.4 | 48.1 | 44.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 4.8 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **21** | **21** | **36** | **36** | **179** | **220** | **231** | **239** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 60.0 | 59.5 | 56.7 | 52.3 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 27.1 | 28.6 | 30.2 | 31.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 7.2 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 9.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.9 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.8 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,862** | **2,899** | **2,714** | **2,320** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 97.3 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 96.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,376** | **5,981** | **5,084** | **4,911** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 6.9 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 30.9 | 29.1 | 29.2 | 28.3 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 29.3 | 33.6 | 36.0 | 32.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.8 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 18.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 14.1 | 14.3 | 12.6 | 14.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,249** | **1,401** | **1,463** | **1,452** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 86.6 | 92.7 | 91.7 | 92.8 | 67.8 | 75.6 | 76.8 | 75.7 | 39.1 | 45.5 | 44.7 | 44.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.4 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 7.2 | 32.2 | 24.4 | 23.2 | 24.3 | 60.9 | 54.5 | 55.3 | 55.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **7,525** | **7,214** | **6,192** | **5,754** | **4,413** | **4,463** | **4,311** | **3,843** | **4,837** | **5,061** | **5,145** | **5,009** | **7** | **2** | **13** | **9** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Institutions | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Other settings | 94.0 | 93.9 | 94.0 | 93.6 |
| Missing data | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| **Number** | **4,733** | **4,432** | **3,799** | **3,604** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **130.0** | **127.2** | **125.7** | **117.2** |
| 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) | 66.0 | 63.5 | 60.2 | 55.8 |
| 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) | 8.0 | 9.2 | 9.9 | 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) | 26.2 | 28.3 | 28.6 | 23.3 |
| 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? | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **120.7** | **123.4** | **122.3** | **127.4** |
| 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? | 37.8 | 35.2 | 34.0 | 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? | 28.6 | 28.4 | 28.8 | 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? | 23.4 | 24.9 | 25.9 | 27.2 |
| 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?[17] | 13.2 | 13.5 | 14.8 | 13.9 |
| 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? | 59.2 | 58.7 | 58.9 | 64.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **123.2** | **122.0** | **121.9** | **124.5** |
| 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? | 29.9 | 31.4 | 31.3 | 32.1 |
| 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? | 93.8 | 94.2 | 93.7 | 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? | 43.7 | 45.0 | 47.7 | 47.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **101.8** | **112.3** | **111.8** | **112.2** |
| 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? | 86.3 | 92.5 | 91.5 | 92.7 |
| 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? | 68.0 | 75.7 | 76.9 | 75.9 |
| 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? | 39.4 | 45.8 | 45.0 | 45.0 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 143,794 | 143,296 | 143,017 | 143,971 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Black | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| White | 82.9 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 81.5 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 1,459 | 1,288 | 1,285 | 1,254 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.4 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,390 | 1,312 | 1,306 | 1,285 |
| Children adopted | 150 | 125 | 144 | 84 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 2 | 13 | 46 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 222 | 753 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 1,667 | 1,624 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 79 | 65 | 70 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 3,366 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 4,775 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 6,743 | 46.9 per 1,000 | 6,272 | 43.8 per 1,000 | 6,984 | 48.8 per 1,000 | 6,936 | 48.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 1,459 | 10.1 per 1,000 | 1,288 | 9.0 per 1,000 | 1,285 | 9.0 per 1,000 | 1,254 | 8.7 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 2 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.7 per 100,000 | 3 | 2.1 per 100,000 | 2 | 1.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.4 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.7 |
| 3 years | 6.6 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 5.5 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| 6 years | 5.4 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.2 |
| 7 years | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 5.1 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 4.9 |
| 13 years | 6.6 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 |
| 15 years | 4.8 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 3.4 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.2 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,459** | **1,288** | **1,285** | **1,254** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 21.9 | 25.8 | 29.4 | 29.8 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Black | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.7 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 5.9 |
| White | 71.6 | 67.9 | 63.8 | 57.4 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| **Number** | **1,459** | **1,288** | **1,285** | **1,254** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 52.3 | 53.0 | 54.6 | 46.5 |
| Medical neglect | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 |
| Neglect | 86.6 | 93.0 | 91.7 | 89.2 |
| Physical abuse | 16.8 | 14.1 | 15.2 | 20.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 5.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,459** | **1,288** | **1,285** | **1,254** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | — | — |
| Median | — | — | — | — |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,269 | 1,266 | 1,206 | 1,179 | 950 | 886 | 928 | 927 | 829 | 840 | 828 | 821 | 1,390 | 1,312 | 1,306 | 1,285 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 11.4 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 11.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.1 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 9.5 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 11.9 | 11.9 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.8 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 13.2 | 15.1 | 13.7 | 11.2 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| 1 year | 4.8 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| 2 years | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| 3 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| 4 years | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 6 years | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| 7 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.5 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| 9 years | 3.2 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.2 |
| 10 years | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 8.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.6 |
| 15 years | 9.7 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 8.4 | 13.3 | 9.5 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.5 |
| 16 years | 10.6 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 12.9 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 13.6 | 11.2 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 7.5 | 9.7 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 11.0 |
| 17 years | 9.5 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 13.3 | 9.5 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 14.5 | 18.1 | 16.4 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 12.3 | 12.5 |
| 18 years | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 10.3 | 15.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 19 years | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.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 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 27.0 | 26.5 | 24.7 | 25.4 | 23.6 | 24.4 | 22.6 | 21.3 | 23.3 | 26.8 | 20.9 | 21.2 | 26.8 | 24.8 | 25.7 | 25.1 |
| Asian | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| Black | 2.8 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.7 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.5 |
| White | 57.0 | 56.0 | 56.6 | 55.6 | 60.0 | 58.7 | 57.0 | 55.4 | 60.9 | 56.9 | 58.3 | 56.0 | 56.7 | 57.2 | 55.8 | 55.2 |
| Two or more races | 6.1 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.9 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 8.9 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 326 | 347 | 324 | 329 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 217 | 235 | 225 | 226 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.9 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 8.5 |
| 1 year | 12.3 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 10.3 |
| 2 years | 8.6 | 10.4 | 6.5 | 4.6 |
| 3 years | 8.0 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 7.9 |
| 4 years | 7.4 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 10.3 |
| 5 years | 4.9 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 6.4 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 7.7 | 5.5 | 7.4 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 4.6 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 11 years | 2.5 | 3.5 | 6.8 | 5.2 |
| 12 years | 3.1 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 5.2 |
| 13 years | 3.7 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| 14 years | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 4.3 |
| 16 years | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| 17 years | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 19.9 | 17.6 | 19.8 | 23.1 |
| Asian | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 3.0 |
| Black | 2.1 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 12.0 | 10.4 | 11.1 | 6.7 |
| White | 51.8 | 51.3 | 47.2 | 49.5 |
| Two or more races | 8.6 | 12.7 | 11.7 | 12.8 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 150 | 125 | 144 | 84 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 22.7 | 20.0 | 29.2 | 21.4 |
| 1 year | 10.0 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 4.8 |
| 2 years | 6.0 | 10.4 | 6.3 | 10.7 |
| 3 years | 8.0 | 9.6 | 6.3 | 9.5 |
| 4 years | 9.3 | 8.8 | 5.6 | 2.4 |
| 5 years | 8.0 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 3.3 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 2.4 |
| 8 years | 6.0 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 9.5 |
| 9 years | 6.0 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 2.7 | 5.6 | 2.1 | 6.0 |
| 11 years | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 6.0 |
| 12 years | 3.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 6.0 |
| 13 years | 2.7 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 14 years | 1.3 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 1.2 |
| 15 years | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 16 years | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 9.3 | 14.4 | 10.4 | 17.9 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 4.7 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.7 | 12.8 | 10.4 | 11.9 |
| White | 67.3 | 54.4 | 58.3 | 50.0 |
| Two or more races | 14.0 | 16.0 | 18.8 | 17.9 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 97.0 | 96.1 | 96.5 | 96.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 |
| **Number** | **742** | **637** | **594** | **593** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | — | 0.05 | 0.19 | — |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | — | 99.95 | 99.81 | — |
| **Number** | — | **2,152** | **2,134** | — |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.4 | 15.0 | 19.1 | 11.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 52.0 | 53.2 | 59.3 | 66.5 |
| Other | 29.4 | 29.8 | 19.6 | 21.2 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **829** | **840** | **828** | **821** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.7 | 10.0 | 12.4 | 9.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 46.7 | 47.0 | 51.9 | 56.7 |
| Other | 38.5 | 41.5 | 33.8 | 33.3 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **379** | **349** | **266** | **270** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 52.4 | 50.8 | 60.5 | 63.8 |
| Other | 45.4 | 46.3 | 35.6 | 35.4 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0.8 |
| **Number** | **361** | **374** | **334** | **370** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 14.3 | 17.2 | 25.0 | 15.2 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 85.7 | 82.8 | 75.0 | 84.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **56** | **64** | **88** | **92** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 5.7 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 83.3 | 54.5 | 25.6 | 12.5 | 17.1 | 16.1 |
| Guardianship | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 54.9 | 56.0 | 58.4 | 56.3 | 0.0 | 40.0 | 16.7 | 9.1 | 64.1 | 50.0 | 62.9 | 71.0 |
| Other | 36.3 | 34.7 | 31.2 | 35.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 7.7 | 37.5 | 20.0 | 12.9 |
| Missing data | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **193** | **225** | **173** | **174** | **5** | **5** | **6** | **11** | **39** | **24** | **35** | **31** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.6 | 39.2 | 29.6 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 13.2 | 17.2 | 9.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.2 | 29.4 | 61.1 | 71.9 | 52.5 | 55.6 | 61.1 | 70.7 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.2 | 29.4 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 18.8 | 19.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 1.1 |
| **Number** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **43** | **51** | **54** | **64** | **505** | **478** | **483** | **460** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 32.7 | 41.6 | 18.5 | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 47.3 | 50.6 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.3 | 20.0 | 7.8 | 14.8 | 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** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **44** | **55** | **77** | **81** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 71.0 | 75.6 | 61.5 | 73.1 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 21.8 | 18.8 | 26.5 | 19.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.6 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 2.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.2 | 1.1 | 3.9 | 0.9 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **431** | **447** | **491** | **546** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 75.3 | 76.7 | 76.5 | 74.2 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 12.5 | 11.7 | 11.1 | 8.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 11.1 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 13.6 |
| Missing data | 1.2 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.6 |
| **Number** | **950** | **886** | **928** | **927** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 29.9 | 29.4 | 39.9 | 29.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 23.6 | 23.0 | 23.4 | 24.2 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 34.7 | 27.0 | 20.3 | 20.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 10.4 | 14.3 | 7.6 | 14.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.4 | 6.3 | 8.9 | 11.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **144** | **126** | **158** | **91** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 84.5 | 84.8 | 85.5 | 85.2 | 58.3 | 55.4 | 56.0 | 54.6 | 36.7 | 40.6 | 40.4 | 38.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.5 | 15.2 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 41.7 | 44.6 | 44.0 | 45.4 | 63.3 | 59.4 | 59.6 | 61.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **1,164** | **1,133** | **1,097** | **1,152** | **530** | **480** | **496** | **449** | **521** | **537** | **532** | **495** | **4** | **2** | **9** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.4 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.2 |
| Institutions | 2.8 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| Other settings | 94.8 | 94.3 | 91.0 | 92.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **504** | **495** | **512** | **504** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **105.6** | **106.9** | **93.6** | **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) | 70.4 | 74.7 | 61.2 | 73.4 |
| 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) | 7.5 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 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) | 36.5 | 37.0 | 40.7 | 41.6 |
| 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? | 17.5 | 19.1 | 18.8 | 13.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **116.1** | **114.6** | **118.2** | **118.6** |
| 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? | 53.5 | 52.0 | 63.3 | 53.8 |
| 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? | 23.0 | 23.0 | 17.5 | 22.3 |
| 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? | 17.3 | 15.5 | 14.5 | 12.6 |
| 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?[17] | 5.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 4.3 |
| 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? | 42.6 | 46.1 | 47.1 | 56.1 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **130.2** | **121.6** | **123.4** | **131.5** |
| 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? | 19.7 | 17.8 | 24.5 | 19.9 |
| 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? | 95.9 | 97.6 | 94.9 | 95.7 |
| 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? | 29.6 | 28.5 | 29.2 | 25.3 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **94.4** | **95.3** | **95.3** | **93.3** |
| 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? | 83.3 | 83.6 | 84.3 | 83.6 |
| 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? | 57.9 | 55.3 | 56.0 | 54.6 |
| 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? | 37.2 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 39.0 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 2,782,614 | 2,766,058 | 2,738,630 | 2,714,341 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Black | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 |
| White | 77.3 | 76.9 | 76.8 | 76.2 |
| Two or more races | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 41,449 | 38,484 | 36,106 | 34,084 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 16,344 | 17,020 | 17,589 | 14,521 |
| Children adopted | 1,801 | 1,739 | 1,512 | 1,339 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 18 | 34 | 67 |
| Numerator | N/A | 4,422 | 8,822 | 13,123 |
| Denominator | N/A | 24,799 | 25,768 | 19,523 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 79 | 46 | 61 |
| Numerator | N/A | 22,118 | 12,441 | 56,322 |
| Denominator | N/A | 27,832 | 26,832 | 92,650 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 116,129 | 41.7 per 1,000 | 119,591 | 43.2 per 1,000 | 129,952 | 47.5 per 1,000 | 119,306 | 44.0 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 41,449 | 14.9 per 1,000 | 38,484 | 13.9 per 1,000 | 36,106 | 13.2 per 1,000 | 34,084 | 12.6 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 74 | 2.7 per 100,000 | 90 | 3.3 per 100,000 | 74 | 2.7 per 100,000 | 79 | 2.9 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.1 | 11.2 | 11.5 | 11.6 |
| 1 year | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| 3 years | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| 4 years | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 17 years | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **41,449** | **38,484** | **36,106** | **34,084** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 26.5 | 26.3 | 23.2 | 19.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| White | 65.7 | 64.2 | 55.3 | 53.8 |
| Two or more races | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 4.5 | 6.9 | 18.5 | 23.8 |
| **Number** | **41,449** | **38,484** | **36,106** | **34,084** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 10.0 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Medical neglect | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Neglect | 54.3 | 52.4 | 46.1 | 43.7 |
| Physical abuse | 22.2 | 25.6 | 31.6 | 34.4 |
| Sexual abuse | 17.6 | 17.0 | 17.5 | 17.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **41,449** | **38,484** | **36,106** | **34,084** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 29.2 | 30.7 | 47.2 | 34.5 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 15,978 | 16,636 | 16,017 | 13,984 | 11,651 | 11,398 | 10,263 | 8,755 | 11,285 | 11,014 | 8,691 | 8,218 | 16,344 | 17,020 | 17,589 | 14,521 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 15.1 | 14.3 | 14.8 | 14.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.1 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 15.1 | 15.8 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 16.7 | 17.7 | 18.8 | 18.3 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 1 year | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.8 |
| 2 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| 3 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 5 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 6 years | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 7 years | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 8 years | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 9 years | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| 10 years | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 5.7 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| 16 years | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| 17 years | 9.5 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
| 18 years | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 8.8 | 7.7 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 19 years | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 20+ years | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 43.0 | 41.2 | 40.2 | 38.1 | 38.6 | 36.6 | 34.6 | 33.9 | 38.8 | 38.2 | 37.9 | 34.3 | 42.7 | 40.0 | 38.0 | 37.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| White | 49.6 | 51.8 | 51.7 | 51.5 | 53.8 | 54.8 | 50.5 | 51.0 | 53.2 | 53.9 | 51.8 | 53.5 | 50.1 | 52.4 | 50.9 | 50.1 |
| Two or more races | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.9 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 2.3 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 3,970 | 3,844 | 3,804 | 3,527 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 3,312 | 3,192 | 3,023 | 2,934 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| 1 year | 6.7 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.9 |
| 2 years | 6.8 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.4 |
| 4 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| 5 years | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| 6 years | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 12 years | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 |
| 14 years | 7.6 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 5.8 |
| 15 years | 8.1 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 6.8 |
| 16 years | 6.0 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 6.3 |
| 17 years | 5.0 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 6.2 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 46.7 | 42.8 | 39.3 | 35.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| White | 45.3 | 49.0 | 51.2 | 52.9 |
| Two or more races | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 6.5 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,801 | 1,739 | 1,512 | 1,339 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 3.7 |
| 1 year | 11.2 | 13.7 | 12.7 | 13.5 |
| 2 years | 12.6 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 16.2 |
| 3 years | 8.9 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 10.3 |
| 4 years | 8.2 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 7.3 |
| 5 years | 7.6 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 5.0 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.7 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 3.0 |
| 11 years | 3.8 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| 13 years | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| 14 years | 4.6 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| 15 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 16 years | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 3.3 |
| 17 years | 1.8 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| 18 years | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 38.6 | 35.5 | 36.5 | 31.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.6 |
| White | 53.5 | 55.4 | 53.1 | 56.9 |
| Two or more races | 3.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 6.5 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.7 | 93.6 | 93.7 | 92.7 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 7.3 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 7.3 |
| **Number** | **19,103** | **17,967** | **16,561** | **15,347** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.49 | 0.41 | 0.29 | 0.40 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.51 | 99.59 | 99.71 | 99.60 |
| **Number** | **27,629** | **28,034** | **26,280** | **22,739** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 15.1 | 14.6 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| Guardianship | 3.6 | 4.1 | 7.3 | 9.4 |
| Reunification | 68.8 | 66.9 | 61.4 | 59.6 |
| Other | 12.2 | 12.0 | 14.7 | 14.8 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **11,285** | **11,014** | **8,691** | **8,218** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 21.5 | 22.0 | 28.4 | 34.2 |
| Guardianship | 3.0 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Reunification | 47.5 | 45.8 | 34.5 | 29.2 |
| Other | 27.9 | 26.4 | 31.3 | 31.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **2,277** | **2,064** | **1,551** | **965** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Guardianship | 3.0 | 3.8 | 6.0 | 7.2 |
| Reunification | 65.6 | 61.5 | 55.2 | 54.9 |
| Other | 29.8 | 29.7 | 36.7 | 36.3 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **3,465** | **3,321** | **2,612** | **2,648** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 24.9 | 25.2 | 25.6 | 20.6 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 75.1 | 74.8 | 74.3 | 79.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,255** | **1,166** | **1,089** | **1,033** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 7.7 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 14.6 | 13.1 | 14.7 | 14.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 11.1 | 26.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 8.2 |
| Reunification | 84.6 | 65.2 | 50.0 | 28.6 | 90.9 | 72.2 | 72.2 | 60.0 | 68.1 | 66.7 | 61.7 | 59.6 |
| Other | 7.7 | 8.7 | 30.0 | 57.1 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 17.8 | 17.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **13** | **23** | **10** | **7** | **22** | **18** | **18** | **15** | **4,382** | **4,212** | **3,290** | **2,819** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.7 | 16.8 | 18.6 | 20.5 | 15.5 | 15.3 | 17.1 | 16.9 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 8.8 | 9.9 |
| Reunification | 83.3 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 100.0 | 68.7 | 66.1 | 60.8 | 62.8 | 69.0 | 67.0 | 60.1 | 58.9 |
| Other | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 9.1 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 13.3 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **6** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **402** | **363** | **301** | **317** | **6,006** | **5,937** | **4,500** | **4,394** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.5 | 8.3 | 15.4 | 6.4 | 14.4 | 20.0 | 27.6 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Guardianship | 7.8 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 14.7 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 11.1 | 23.4 |
| Reunification | 71.9 | 76.9 | 76.5 | 69.7 | 70.0 | 64.4 | 50.7 | 54.7 | 0.0 | 83.3 | 82.9 | 72.2 |
| Other | 4.7 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 16.6 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 3.4 |
| Missing data | 3.1 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **64** | **108** | **136** | **109** | **390** | **340** | **217** | **351** | **0** | **12** | **216** | **205** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 72.9 | 73.1 | 71.3 | 72.5 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.1 | 19.4 | 21.1 | 21.5 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Missing data | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **7,759** | **7,367** | **5,332** | **4,896** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 72.6 | 72.6 | 74.6 | 60.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 12.3 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 9.0 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.7 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 11.2 |
| Missing data | 1.4 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 19.1 |
| **Number** | **11,651** | **11,398** | **10,263** | **8,755** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 6.0 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 23.9 | 30.8 | 25.9 | 27.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 30.6 | 23.6 | 30.2 | 30.4 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 16.3 | 18.4 | 19.3 | 17.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 23.3 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 18.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,708** | **1,603** | **1,393** | **1,317** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 87.0 | 86.7 | 87.7 | 74.0 | 64.2 | 66.9 | 69.7 | 70.3 | 33.7 | 36.1 | 38.0 | 37.3 | 91.3 | 75.9 | 85.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 12.3 | 11.6 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 35.7 | 32.9 | 29.7 | 29.4 | 66.0 | 63.3 | 61.6 | 62.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 6.3 | 3.6 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | <.1 | 7.8 | 23.2 | 8.8 | 96.4 |
| **Number** | **13,735** | **13,756** | **11,918** | **10,358** | **5,628** | **6,010** | **6,101** | **5,443** | **8,151** | **8,156** | **8,181** | **6,910** | **115** | **112** | **80** | **28** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Institutions | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Other settings | 95.5 | 96.6 | 96.2 | 96.8 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **7,883** | **7,764** | **6,959** | **4,819** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **115.1** | **115.2** | **109.4** | **115.1** |
| 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) | 70.8 | 71.1 | 68.5 | 69.2 |
| 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) | 6.9 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 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) | 48.3 | 51.6 | 36.3 | 33.7 |
| 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? | 15.8 | 15.9 | 15.2 | 13.5 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.2** | **100.3** | **90.7** | **96.2** |
| 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? | 29.9 | 37.4 | 30.6 | 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? | 32.1 | 30.2 | 31.7 | 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? | 20.6 | 18.3 | 17.4 | 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?[17] | 9.2 | 9.4 | 7.2 | 12.3 |
| 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? | 43.5 | 45.4 | 40.5 | 40.3 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **116.8** | **116.3** | **110.9** | **110.3** |
| 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? | 24.8 | 22.2 | 20.2 | 20.7 |
| 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? | 91.8 | 93.3 | 92.0 | 92.1 |
| 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? | 45.6 | 42.8 | 42.7 | 43.3 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.8** | **100.9** | **104.0** | **103.7** |
| 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? | 86.3 | 87.3 | 88.6 | 88.1 |
| 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? | 64.4 | 67.2 | 70.2 | 70.7 |
| 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? | 33.6 | 35.9 | 38.0 | 38.4 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 892,657 | 902,105 | 907,488 | 918,849 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 9.0 |
| Asian | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Black | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.5 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 13.1 |
| White | 62.2 | 61.7 | 61.5 | 60.8 |
| Two or more races | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 13,398 | 13,173 | 11,169 | 7,621 |
| Foster care entry rate | 7.5 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 5.1 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 11,748 | 11,831 | 10,592 | 8,780 |
| Children adopted | 1,142 | 1,271 | 1,516 | 1,552 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 46 | 73 | 65 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 11,336 | 8,892 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 15,516 | 13,668 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 99 | 99 | 97 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 92,021 | 67,925 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 92,549 | 69,941 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 64,937 | 72.7 per 1,000 | 64,287 | 71.3 per 1,000 | 62,682 | 69.1 per 1,000 | 51,809 | 56.4 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 13,398 | 15.0 per 1,000 | 13,173 | 14.6 per 1,000 | 11,169 | 12.3 per 1,000 | 7,621 | 8.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 25 | 2.8 per 100,000 | 30 | 3.3 per 100,000 | 31 | 3.4 per 100,000 | 22 | 2.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 15.5 | 17.4 | 18.0 | 18.2 |
| 1 year | 8.0 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.9 |
| 2 years | 7.9 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 7.9 |
| 3 years | 7.3 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| 4 years | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 10 years | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| 14 years | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 15 years | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| 16 years | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| 17 years | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **13,398** | **13,173** | **11,169** | **7,621** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 6.7 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 6.8 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 10.9 | 11.4 | 12.7 | 13.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 13.6 | 14.1 | 12.7 | 14.3 |
| White | 47.2 | 46.6 | 45.5 | 44.7 |
| Two or more races | 21.3 | 20.5 | 20.6 | 20.8 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **13,398** | **13,173** | **11,169** | **7,621** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 22.9 | 21.5 | 20.3 | 18.8 |
| Medical neglect | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| Neglect | 83.1 | 83.7 | 83.4 | 83.6 |
| Physical abuse | 17.9 | 16.7 | 16.9 | 17.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **13,398** | **13,173** | **11,169** | **7,621** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 141.1 | 96.8 | 95.0 | 80.0 |
| Median | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 11,232 | 11,641 | 11,703 | 10,583 | 6,731 | 6,674 | 5,800 | 4,662 | 6,215 | 6,484 | 6,911 | 6,465 | 11,748 | 11,831 | 10,592 | 8,780 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 13.5 | 14.6 | 15.6 | 16.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14.5 | 15.2 | 16.2 | 18.7 | 14.6 | 15.5 | 16.7 | 17.0 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 18.4 | 21.4 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 1 year | 7.8 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 9.5 |
| 2 years | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 9.6 |
| 3 years | 7.3 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| 4 years | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.0 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| 6 years | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| 16 years | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 17 years | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 18 years | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 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 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 9.4 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 8.7 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 15.7 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 17.2 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 15.6 | 16.1 | 14.0 | 14.5 | 14.7 | 15.9 | 16.0 | 16.2 | 17.0 | 17.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 13.0 | 13.9 | 14.6 | 15.0 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 15.3 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 14.3 | 15.1 | 13.8 | 14.7 | 14.9 | 15.1 |
| White | 40.5 | 39.1 | 38.1 | 36.6 | 41.9 | 41.4 | 40.2 | 39.3 | 44.6 | 43.4 | 41.6 | 39.2 | 39.2 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 36.1 |
| Two or more races | 21.3 | 21.9 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 21.2 | 20.7 | 19.9 | 20.8 | 19.7 | 20.2 | 20.9 | 20.6 | 22.1 | 22.2 | 21.6 | 22.4 |
| Unknown | 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 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 3,654 | 4,026 | 3,776 | 3,438 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 2,264 | 2,539 | 2,547 | 2,294 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 1 year | 8.6 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 7.8 |
| 2 years | 8.0 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 9.4 |
| 3 years | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 |
| 4 years | 7.3 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.3 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.7 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| 15 years | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.3 |
| 17 years | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 10.0 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 7.7 |
| Asian | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 19.8 | 19.9 | 20.2 | 20.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 12.2 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 16.4 |
| White | 37.8 | 35.4 | 35.3 | 34.1 |
| Two or more races | 20.1 | 20.9 | 21.3 | 20.9 |
| 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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,142 | 1,271 | 1,516 | 1,552 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.6 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 1 year | 9.8 | 11.1 | 9.2 | 10.9 |
| 2 years | 12.0 | 14.3 | 13.1 | 14.8 |
| 3 years | 9.2 | 10.0 | 12.9 | 11.7 |
| 4 years | 9.2 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 10.2 |
| 5 years | 8.5 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 9.8 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 7.9 |
| 7 years | 7.3 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 4.8 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| 13 years | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| 14 years | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.9 |
| 15 years | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| 16 years | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 17 years | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.0 |
| 18 years | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 13.6 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 11.5 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 11.3 | 11.9 | 17.5 | 13.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.3 | 11.3 | 13.7 | 14.4 |
| White | 50.7 | 48.8 | 41.3 | 41.4 |
| Two or more races | 13.3 | 15.7 | 16.6 | 19.3 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 91.4 | 90.6 | 91.8 | 94.2 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 8.6 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 5.8 |
| **Number** | **6,088** | **5,965** | **5,172** | **3,587** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 1.06 | 1.22 | 0.92 | 0.20 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 98.94 | 98.78 | 99.08 | 99.80 |
| **Number** | **17,963** | **18,315** | **17,503** | **15,245** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 18.2 | 19.4 | 21.1 | 23.1 |
| Guardianship | 7.7 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.6 |
| Reunification | 64.4 | 63.5 | 62.4 | 59.3 |
| Other | 9.7 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 10.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,215** | **6,484** | **6,911** | **6,465** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 21.1 | 24.1 | 23.2 | 21.8 |
| Guardianship | 6.3 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| Reunification | 39.6 | 34.6 | 40.6 | 44.6 |
| Other | 33.0 | 33.9 | 27.6 | 25.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **555** | **638** | **909** | **1,107** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 4.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.2 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 8.4 |
| Reunification | 58.3 | 55.9 | 55.9 | 54.5 |
| Other | 31.7 | 35.7 | 33.8 | 33.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,210** | **1,145** | **1,110** | **967** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 29.5 | 31.2 | 32.9 | 39.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 70.5 | 68.6 | 67.1 | 60.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **484** | **516** | **502** | **485** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 23.0 | 24.6 | 21.5 | 22.0 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 15.4 | 25.6 | 20.1 |
| Guardianship | 10.9 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 7.0 |
| Reunification | 52.5 | 52.9 | 55.2 | 51.9 | 46.2 | 64.3 | 90.5 | 100.0 | 67.1 | 68.2 | 59.5 | 61.4 |
| Other | 13.6 | 15.0 | 17.2 | 19.3 | 30.8 | 35.7 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 11.5 |
| 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** | **522** | **548** | **571** | **576** | **13** | **14** | **21** | **17** | **872** | **940** | **1,016** | **1,027** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 25.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 18.3 | 20.6 | 22.2 | 19.6 | 21.8 | 21.2 | 25.0 |
| Guardianship | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.7 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 60.0 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 67.6 | 68.3 | 64.3 | 63.1 | 62.7 | 61.1 | 62.3 | 59.1 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 8.2 |
| 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** | **4** | **5** | **3** | **5** | **811** | **851** | **985** | **974** | **2,770** | **2,816** | **2,873** | **2,535** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 18.2 | 23.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.4 | 66.6 | 65.5 | 57.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 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 |
| **Number** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1,222** | **1,310** | **1,442** | **1,331** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 57.8 | 57.3 | 54.4 | 47.9 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 28.8 | 29.1 | 29.8 | 34.3 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 9.3 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 11.7 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 4.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,002** | **4,117** | **4,310** | **3,834** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 85.4 | 85.6 | 84.8 | 83.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 6.0 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 8.3 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 9.9 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **6,731** | **6,674** | **5,800** | **4,662** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 26.1 | 24.9 | 21.7 | 24.1 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 33.8 | 32.9 | 33.7 | 31.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 18.5 | 22.3 | 22.6 | 22.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 18.6 | 17.2 | 19.8 | 19.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,130** | **1,259** | **1,457** | **1,492** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 71.4 | 72.1 | 73.3 | 73.7 | 45.5 | 47.1 | 48.1 | 47.2 | 25.8 | 25.0 | 26.2 | 25.3 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 27.3 | 26.7 | 25.6 | 25.4 | 54.4 | 52.8 | 51.8 | 52.8 | 74.1 | 75.0 | 73.8 | 74.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,585** | **7,529** | **6,611** | **5,408** | **4,976** | **4,883** | **4,767** | **4,088** | **5,401** | **5,903** | **6,120** | **5,741** | **1** | **0** | **5** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 10.8 | 12.1 | 15.0 | 14.3 |
| Institutions | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Other settings | 87.1 | 86.3 | 82.3 | 83.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,510** | **5,558** | **4,824** | **3,924** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **118.6** | **116.9** | **114.7** | **109.0** |
| 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) | 66.5 | 62.6 | 61.3 | 54.8 |
| 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) | 8.0 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 10.7 |
| 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 | 29.4 | 33.3 | 34.6 |
| 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? | 9.5 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.5** | **100.9** | **103.9** | **106.3** |
| 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? | 29.1 | 27.6 | 23.8 | 26.4 |
| 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? | 30.2 | 31.5 | 33.3 | 32.2 |
| 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? | 19.7 | 20.9 | 24.5 | 26.7 |
| 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?[17] | 14.3 | 16.3 | 18.6 | 16.3 |
| 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? | 35.1 | 44.0 | 40.2 | 42.2 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **115.6** | **111.1** | **113.0** | **109.6** |
| 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? | 30.3 | 30.5 | 34.4 | 36.3 |
| 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? | 87.8 | 88.3 | 87.3 | 86.3 |
| 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? | 50.1 | 53.9 | 55.9 | 61.2 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **72.0** | **73.0** | **73.8** | **73.7** |
| 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? | 67.9 | 68.7 | 68.9 | 69.6 |
| 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? | 45.6 | 47.2 | 48.1 | 47.2 |
| 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? | 26.0 | 24.9 | 26.2 | 25.5 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Oklahoma has reduced the number of children in out-of-home by more than 35% in the last 36 months, the fewest number of children in care in more than eleven years. Many factors contributed to this significant improvement. They include but are not limited to the development of a set of Practice Standards that guides the "how" of the day-to-day practice. From this effort, came the creation of Oklahoma's Practice Model. Based upon family engagement it includes non-incident based child protective services assessment, family team meetings, family functional assessments, behaviorally based service planning and Bridge resources homes for foster and adoption. A total rewrite of Oklahoma Children's Code was signed into law in 2009. A host of definitions and practices were changed by this most dramatic piece of child welfare legislation in more than a decade. In addition, other OKDHS services have provided safety nets. OKDHS has collected record amounts of child support from non-custodial parents and continues to excel in the delivery of other benefits such as child care assistance, medical benefits and SNAP benefits.

In response to Oklahoma's child maltreatment data, states like Oklahoma that have broad definitions of child maltreatment, low burdens of proof, high monitoring standards, and outstanding data systems may appear to perform less well. Oklahoma maintains that by using these definitions, thoroughly monitoring practices and our data system, the numbers may appear higher but children are kept safer by more thoroughly documenting even modest events that would go uncounted in other states.

Oklahoma's timeliness to permanency has been impacted by our improved practice. OKDHS has continued to finalize record numbers of adoptions and are now at the point that more children receive adoption subsidy than are in out of home care. By moving children into permanent and safe homes children are no longer in the population that may have been in high risk situations. By engaging in better safety analysis, Oklahoma is better able to help children avoid the trauma of removal where appropriate and the number of children being removed, even for short periods of time, has declined. Therefore, the short-term reunification children are not included in the numerator or denominator when measuring the time to reunification. The only children who are now being measured are coming from the most challenging circumstances- those that can not be safely maintained without a removal. Therefore, Oklahoma's length of stay to reunification will necessarily be longer because this measure will not be artificially shortened by short-term reunification children. In this case, our improved practice, which reduces trauma to children, can not be harmonized in the short-run with a shorter length of time to reunification. In cases where extreme efforts are successful for low-functioning families and reunification occurs in greater than 24 months, states are penalized in their data for exemplary case work.

# Oregon

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 860,541 | 866,354 | 870,586 | 872,811 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Asian | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Black | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 17.5 | 18.5 | 19.0 | 19.8 |
| White | 70.9 | 69.8 | 69.2 | 68.0 |
| Two or more races | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 12,935 | 11,552 | 11,042 | 11,802 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 10,668 | 9,632 | 9,058 | 8,689 |
| Children adopted | 1,095 | 1,016 | 1,050 | 1,101 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 43 | 40 | 44 |
| Numerator | N/A | 5,502 | 4,672 | 5,212 |
| Denominator | N/A | 12,722 | 11,596 | 11,857 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 35 | 65 | 64 |
| Numerator | N/A | 11,742 | 25,329 | 20,443 |
| Denominator | N/A | 33,692 | 38,694 | 31,820 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 41,253 | 47.9 per 1,000 | 42,198 | 48.7 per 1,000 | 43,703 | 50.2 per 1,000 | 46,592 | 53.4 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 12,935 | 15.0 per 1,000 | 11,552 | 13.3 per 1,000 | 11,042 | 12.7 per 1,000 | 11,802 | 13.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 17 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 12 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 14 | 1.6 per 100,000 | 13 | 1.5 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 13.9 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 12.2 |
| 1 year | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.8 |
| 2 years | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.0 |
| 7 years | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 15 years | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 16 years | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| 17 years | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **12,935** | **11,552** | **11,042** | **11,802** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 5.5 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Black | 5.3 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 15.0 | 13.7 | 15.2 | 16.6 |
| White | 65.7 | 66.6 | 55.1 | 54.7 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 7.3 | 6.9 | 20.4 | 20.3 |
| **Number** | **12,935** | **11,552** | **11,042** | **11,802** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 2.5 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Medical neglect | 4.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.1 |
| Neglect | 34.6 | 37.8 | 36.9 | 36.9 |
| Physical abuse | 7.5 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 8.5 |
| Sexual abuse | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 8.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 58.5 | 56.5 | 56.9 | 60.5 |
| **Number** | **12,935** | **11,552** | **11,042** | **11,802** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | — | — |
| Median | — | — | — | — |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 10,849 | 10,435 | 9,408 | 8,827 | 5,294 | 4,625 | 4,557 | 4,607 | 5,475 | 5,428 | 4,907 | 4,745 | 10,668 | 9,632 | 9,058 | 8,689 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 14.6 | 16.5 | 18.6 | 18.2 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15.1 | 16.1 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 15.4 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 19.5 | 19.7 | 18.6 | 16.7 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| 1 year | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| 2 years | 7.5 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| 3 years | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.7 |
| 4 years | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 8 years | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.9 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 16 years | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.8 |
| 17 years | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 18 years | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| 19 years | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| 20+ years | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 11.2 | 5.4 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 10.2 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 9.9 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Black | 6.4 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.2 | 9.4 | 8.0 | 10.6 | 14.3 | 12.5 | 13.6 | 15.0 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 12.0 |
| White | 55.9 | 59.5 | 60.1 | 57.8 | 53.9 | 57.4 | 54.7 | 53.0 | 55.8 | 59.6 | 59.2 | 57.2 | 54.9 | 58.4 | 57.9 | 55.5 |
| Two or more races | 1.6 | 11.1 | 18.8 | 21.8 | 3.2 | 13.8 | 14.7 | 17.3 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 14.6 | 17.0 | 2.6 | 14.1 | 19.0 | 22.1 |
| Unknown | 12.8 | 10.9 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 15.4 | 12.1 | 13.7 | 11.4 | 14.3 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 10.9 | 10.3 | 7.7 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,779 | 2,529 | 2,218 | 1,845 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,391 | 1,512 | 1,461 | 1,241 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| 1 year | 10.2 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| 2 years | 10.9 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 10.6 |
| 3 years | 9.6 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| 4 years | 8.4 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 7.8 |
| 5 years | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| 6 years | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 7 years | 5.8 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| 8 years | 6.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 10 years | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| 12 years | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 14 years | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 3.1 |
| 15 years | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.2 |
| 16 years | 1.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| 17 years | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 3.0 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 8.6 | 4.2 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | <.1 |
| Black | 6.4 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.5 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 12.6 |
| White | 53.7 | 56.9 | 58.8 | 56.3 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 12.4 | 18.6 | 22.6 |
| Unknown | 16.2 | 13.5 | 11.2 | 7.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,095 | 1,016 | 1,050 | 1,101 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.3 |
| 1 year | 9.3 | 9.8 | 7.4 | 8.4 |
| 2 years | 16.3 | 15.9 | 14.9 | 14.1 |
| 3 years | 13.4 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 13.2 |
| 4 years | 9.9 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 11.8 |
| 5 years | 9.9 | 7.9 | 10.5 | 8.4 |
| 6 years | 8.0 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 |
| 7 years | 7.4 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 6.1 |
| 8 years | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.6 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 3.9 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.4 |
| 13 years | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| 14 years | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| 15 years | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| 16 years | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 17 years | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Black | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 4.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 17.0 | 15.6 | 19.3 | 20.4 |
| White | 72.9 | 73.4 | 69.7 | 67.2 |
| Two or more races | 6.8 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 7.4 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.5 | 92.5 | 93.7 | 93.5 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 6.5 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| **Number** | **6,098** | **5,669** | **5,117** | **5,681** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.66 | 0.94 | 0.59 | 0.41 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.34 | 99.06 | 99.41 | 99.59 |
| **Number** | **16,143** | **15,060** | **13,965** | **13,434** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 20.1 | 18.8 | 21.5 | 23.2 |
| Guardianship | 4.7 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| Reunification | 64.5 | 64.5 | 60.6 | 59.0 |
| Other | 8.6 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 9.4 |
| Missing data | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| **Number** | **5,475** | **5,428** | **4,907** | **4,745** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 24.7 | 26.4 | 26.3 | 29.2 |
| Guardianship | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Reunification | 50.4 | 49.0 | 45.4 | 41.1 |
| Other | 17.7 | 16.7 | 19.9 | 20.4 |
| Missing data | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| **Number** | **1,391** | **1,269** | **1,057** | **1,025** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Guardianship | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Reunification | 59.3 | 56.8 | 55.6 | 52.5 |
| Other | 29.6 | 32.4 | 33.0 | 35.3 |
| Missing data | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 |
| **Number** | **869** | **825** | **719** | **706** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 47.8 | 41.6 | 47.6 | 43.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 52.2 | 58.4 | 52.4 | 56.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **295** | **310** | **294** | **255** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 19.1 | 28.7 | 32.7 | 26.9 | 9.1 | 26.9 | 35.7 | 50.0 | 15.5 | 20.2 | 50.9 | 21.4 |
| Guardianship | 9.3 | 12.9 | 18.8 | 15.4 | 9.1 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 62.0 | 45.5 | 34.7 | 52.6 | 68.2 | 53.8 | 42.9 | 20.0 | 57.4 | 52.1 | 29.1 | 64.3 |
| Other | 7.5 | 10.1 | 11.9 | 3.8 | 13.6 | 7.7 | 14.3 | 20.0 | 17.1 | 16.0 | 3.6 | 7.1 |
| Missing data | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 9.1 | 7.1 |
| **Number** | **560** | **286** | **101** | **78** | **44** | **26** | **14** | **10** | **258** | **163** | **55** | **42** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 22.2 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 18.2 | 16.1 | 10.2 | 15.6 | 20.4 | 18.2 | 22.5 | 23.9 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| Reunification | 55.6 | 78.3 | 76.2 | 50.0 | 70.1 | 70.9 | 76.3 | 74.9 | 64.2 | 65.0 | 58.6 | 57.4 |
| Other | 22.2 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 25.0 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 10.5 | 10.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| **Number** | **9** | **23** | **21** | **12** | **696** | **608** | **527** | **589** | **3,057** | **3,237** | **2,904** | **2,716** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 24.5 | 25.0 | 27.7 | 29.3 | 10.0 | 10.6 | 17.2 | 22.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 4.5 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 62.6 | 63.1 | 58.8 | 53.8 | 85.7 | 71.4 | 64.5 | 56.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 2.9 | 8.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 2.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **781** | **651** | **570** | **491** | **70** | **434** | **715** | **807** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 58.0 | 54.0 | 58.5 | 59.4 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 33.7 | 35.3 | 29.0 | 28.1 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.1 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 7.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 3.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,531** | **3,503** | **2,974** | **2,800** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 82.3 | 80.6 | 80.9 | 80.5 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 8.6 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 7.9 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.1 | 9.7 | 11.0 | 11.6 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,294** | **4,625** | **4,557** | **4,607** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 21.0 | 17.6 | 14.8 | 16.7 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 40.7 | 39.7 | 33.8 | 33.6 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 23.4 | 23.3 | 31.9 | 25.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 14.1 | 17.8 | 19.0 | 23.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,103** | **1,020** | **1,055** | **1,099** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 84.1 | 83.9 | 84.4 | 87.4 | 64.1 | 64.9 | 62.4 | 63.6 | 35.3 | 35.1 | 36.0 | 33.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.9 | 16.1 | 15.6 | 12.6 | 35.9 | 35.1 | 37.6 | 36.4 | 64.7 | 64.9 | 64.0 | 66.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **6,380** | **5,603** | **5,452** | **5,477** | **4,362** | **3,808** | **3,066** | **3,062** | **5,395** | **5,636** | **5,438** | **4,874** | **6** | **13** | **9** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Institutions | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 0.9 |
| Other settings | 97.2 | 96.3 | 96.4 | 99.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **4,451** | **3,865** | **3,743** | **3,772** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **114.0** | **115.1** | **121.4** | **125.0** |
| 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) | 71.0 | 65.7 | 68.7 | 71.4 |
| 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) | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.3 | 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) | 42.3 | 43.4 | 45.2 | 43.5 |
| 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? | 14.9 | 11.3 | 11.9 | 10.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **109.4** | **100.3** | **96.8** | **109.1** |
| 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? | 21.8 | 19.1 | 15.3 | 17.8 |
| 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? | 32.1 | 33.3 | 36.2 | 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? | 22.0 | 20.2 | 22.7 | 26.2 |
| 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?[17] | 12.0 | 13.2 | 11.5 | 12.3 |
| 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? | 59.8 | 52.8 | 55.2 | 61.0 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **111.8** | **106.8** | **108.3** | **113.2** |
| 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? | 26.2 | 26.2 | 29.2 | 32.2 |
| 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? | 97.1 | 97.4 | 98.2 | 98.9 |
| 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? | 58.7 | 65.7 | 66.5 | 63.8 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **96.5** | **96.4** | **96.0** | **98.1** |
| 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? | 83.1 | 82.9 | 83.5 | 86.8 |
| 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? | 64.0 | 64.9 | 62.4 | 63.8 |
| 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? | 36.2 | 35.9 | 36.7 | 34.0 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

**Time to Investigation**
The Oregon computer system does not collect data at the child level on nonvictims. Therefore the Oregon Child File only reports on victims and can not be used to calculate the Time to Investigation. In compliance with NCANDS requirements, Oregon calculates and submits the mean response time via the NCANDS SDC file.

In Oregon, all reports of child abuse/neglect that are referred for investigation are assigned a response time. There are two types of response times in Oregon – "within 24 hours" and "within 5 days." As reported to NCANDS the mean time to investigate for all investigations is:

2006: 116.2 hours
2007: 109.0 hours
2008: 89.5 hours
2009: 100.5 hours

**Overview Maltreatment Information**
The number of children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment is an estimate. The Oregon computer system does not collect data at the child level on nonvictims.

**Maltreatment Types of Child Victims**
Oregon's maltreatment type "threat of harm" is captured in the category of "Other."

# Pennsylvania

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 2,830,129 | 2,817,244 | 2,795,791 | 2,775,132 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Black | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.3 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.7 |
| White | 74.6 | 73.9 | 73.7 | 72.8 |
| Two or more races | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 4,177 | 4,177 | 4,055 | 4,084 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 21,395 | 21,101 | 19,974 | 17,395 |
| Children adopted | 1,926 | 1,940 | 2,085 | 2,243 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 77 | 81 | 92 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 307 | 350 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 381 | 380 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 94 | 97 | 97 |
| Numerator | N/A | 902 | 2,401 | 2,553 |
| Denominator | N/A | 3,862 | 2,473 | 2,625 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 23,071 | 8.2 per 1,000 | 23,513 | 8.3 per 1,000 | 25,051 | 9.0 per 1,000 | 25,839 | 9.3 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 4,177 | 1.5 per 1,000 | 4,177 | 1.5 per 1,000 | 4,055 | 1.5 per 1,000 | 4,084 | 1.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 33 | 1.2 per 100,000 | 47 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 45 | 1.6 per 100,000 | 40 | 1.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.7 |
| 1 year | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 2 years | 3.0 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| 3 years | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.5 |
| 4 years | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| 5 years | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 11 years | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 12 years | 6.3 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 13 years | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 6.7 |
| 14 years | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.3 |
| 15 years | 8.9 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.5 |
| 16 years | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| 17 years | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| 18+ years | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,177** | **4,177** | **4,055** | **4,084** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | — | — | — | — |
| Asian | — | — | — | — |
| Black | — | — | — | — |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | — | — | — | — |
| Hispanic (of any race) | — | — | — | — |
| White | — | — | — | — |
| Two or more races | — | — | — | — |
| Missing data | — | — | — | — |
| **Number** | **4,177** | **4,177** | **4,055** | **4,084** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Medical neglect | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| Neglect | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| Physical abuse | 34.0 | 34.5 | 31.5 | 32.6 |
| Sexual abuse | 60.5 | 60.6 | 61.7 | 61.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,177** | **4,177** | **4,055** | **4,084** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | — | — | — | — |
| Median | — | — | — | — |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 20,785 | 20,148 | 19,931 | 18,702 | 13,657 | 13,917 | 12,684 | 10,964 | 13,047 | 12,964 | 12,641 | 12,271 | 21,395 | 21,101 | 19,974 | 17,395 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 15.5 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 15.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 11.7 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 12.7 | 15.0 | 14.6 | 15.5 | 15.6 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| 1 year | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| 2 years | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 3 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 4 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 5 years | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 6 years | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 7 years | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 8 years | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| 13 years | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 12.7 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.1 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.5 |
| 16 years | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.1 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 10.1 |
| 17 years | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 12.5 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 9.7 |
| 18 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 |
| 19 years | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 47.4 | 45.9 | 46.2 | 44.9 | 40.7 | 41.7 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 42.3 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 40.6 | 46.2 | 46.0 | 45.2 | 45.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 10.4 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 10.1 |
| White | 40.3 | 40.7 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 44.8 | 42.8 | 44.0 | 42.8 | 45.1 | 45.0 | 44.9 | 44.6 | 40.3 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 38.8 |
| Two or more races | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Unknown | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 3,803 | 3,470 | 3,253 | 3,207 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,857 | 1,765 | 1,799 | 1,800 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 1 year | 7.5 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.9 |
| 2 years | 9.2 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 9.8 |
| 3 years | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| 4 years | 7.3 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 8.6 |
| 5 years | 7.3 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.5 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.9 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 5.9 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.6 |
| 15 years | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.3 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Black | 46.0 | 44.6 | 44.1 | 41.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.0 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 11.0 |
| White | 39.2 | 41.0 | 40.7 | 39.9 |
| Two or more races | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Unknown | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 6.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,926 | 1,940 | 2,085 | 2,243 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 1 year | 10.0 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 10.2 |
| 2 years | 13.4 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 15.2 |
| 3 years | 11.8 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 12.2 |
| 4 years | 8.0 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 9.8 |
| 5 years | 7.2 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 9.1 |
| 6 years | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.6 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 10 years | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| 13 years | 4.4 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| 14 years | 3.3 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 1.6 |
| 15 years | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 16 years | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| 17 years | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Black | 44.4 | 39.0 | 38.9 | 38.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.3 | 11.0 | 9.2 | 10.4 |
| White | 45.2 | 47.5 | 49.3 | 47.8 |
| Two or more races | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.8 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 97.8 | 97.0 | 97.6 | 97.4 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| **Number** | **2,010** | **1,920** | **1,912** | **1,919** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.19 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.81 | 99.80 | 99.79 | 99.81 |
| **Number** | **34,442** | **34,065** | **32,114** | **29,666** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 14.7 | 14.7 | 16.4 | 18.2 |
| Guardianship | 6.9 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 8.4 |
| Reunification | 62.5 | 63.3 | 60.9 | 58.4 |
| Other | 15.9 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 15.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **13,047** | **12,964** | **12,641** | **12,271** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 15.4 | 15.8 | 17.3 | 21.4 |
| Guardianship | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| Reunification | 57.4 | 57.9 | 54.9 | 51.5 |
| Other | 23.0 | 22.7 | 23.5 | 22.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,526** | **2,545** | **2,510** | **2,375** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Guardianship | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| Reunification | 70.7 | 70.2 | 69.0 | 67.6 |
| Other | 26.1 | 26.8 | 27.7 | 27.9 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **6,166** | **6,168** | **5,695** | **5,178** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 24.3 | 24.4 | 24.9 | 23.2 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 75.7 | 75.6 | 75.1 | 76.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,020** | **1,042** | **995** | **942** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 7.1 | 46.7 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 5.3 | 16.0 | 10.8 | 18.3 | 14.4 | 13.0 | 14.9 | 16.8 |
| Guardianship | 28.6 | 6.7 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 10.5 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 1.7 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 10.6 |
| Reunification | 64.3 | 6.7 | 52.6 | 78.9 | 57.9 | 60.0 | 55.4 | 58.3 | 56.7 | 58.6 | 55.9 | 53.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 40.0 | 21.1 | 5.3 | 26.3 | 22.0 | 29.2 | 21.7 | 19.5 | 21.2 | 21.0 | 19.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **14** | **15** | **19** | **19** | **76** | **50** | **65** | **60** | **5,524** | **5,353** | **5,280** | **4,988** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 16.5 | 15.9 | 17.8 | 15.1 | 15.8 | 18.3 | 19.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 6.9 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.7 | 66.0 | 64.8 | 62.0 | 67.1 | 67.3 | 64.4 | 62.4 |
| Other | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.5 | 14.9 | 16.4 | 15.2 | 13.0 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **1,171** | **1,236** | **1,159** | **1,273** | **5,878** | **5,835** | **5,670** | **5,476** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 18.2 | 14.5 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 38.7 | 23.6 | 35.9 | 41.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 12.0 | 6.0 | 10.4 | 17.5 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 57.5 | 62.8 | 67.4 | 59.8 | 54.8 | 65.3 | 54.7 | 52.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 12.3 | 16.7 | 14.3 | 13.3 | 3.2 | 6.9 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 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** | **351** | **401** | **384** | **361** | **31** | **72** | **64** | **94** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 69.7 | 72.8 | 70.8 | 69.1 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.8 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.1 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.9 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **8,149** | **8,209** | **7,693** | **7,167** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 68.8 | 69.6 | 68.5 | 67.3 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 22.0 | 21.7 | 22.1 | 23.2 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.2 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **13,657** | **13,917** | **12,684** | **10,964** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 22.7 | 21.7 | 25.1 | 22.2 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 33.7 | 37.2 | 31.4 | 36.2 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 21.2 | 21.6 | 20.9 | 20.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 20.1 | 17.0 | 18.9 | 17.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,920** | **1,909** | **2,069** | **2,228** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 87.1 | 87.4 | 87.2 | 87.0 | 66.9 | 67.7 | 68.3 | 64.7 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 43.1 | 43.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 12.9 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 33.1 | 32.3 | 31.7 | 35.3 | 57.5 | 58.0 | 56.9 | 56.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | <.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** | **15,803** | **16,060** | **14,654** | **13,009** | **7,694** | **7,608** | **7,596** | **6,778** | **10,925** | **10,373** | **10,297** | **9,837** | **20** | **24** | **68** | **42** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.3 |
| Institutions | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 1.8 |
| Other settings | 94.2 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 95.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,901** | **7,185** | **6,623** | **5,798** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **83.2** | **88.7** | **88.6** | **85.8** |
| 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) | 67.4 | 71.0 | 69.2 | 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) | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.6 |
| 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) | 45.0 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 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? | 28.7 | 28.1 | 27.6 | 27.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **103.5** | **104.8** | **107.4** | **118.7** |
| 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? | 25.1 | 24.1 | 28.7 | 25.7 |
| 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? | 32.6 | 32.4 | 31.4 | 31.6 |
| 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? | 19.8 | 21.3 | 22.4 | 26.0 |
| 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?[17] | 9.6 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 12.3 |
| 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? | 60.6 | 63.6 | 64.7 | 68.8 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **133.2** | **135.5** | **135.7** | **142.7** |
| 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? | 29.5 | 29.9 | 31.8 | 35.7 |
| 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? | 97.7 | 97.1 | 97.5 | 97.6 |
| 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? | 33.4 | 30.4 | 34.2 | 30.4 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **102.7** | **102.9** | **103.4** | **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? | 86.1 | 86.4 | 86.1 | 86.1 |
| 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? | 67.0 | 67.7 | 68.3 | 64.7 |
| 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? | 43.4 | 43.2 | 44.7 | 45.1 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,018,338 | 1,002,111 | 981,918 | 963,847 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | — | — | — | — |
| Asian | — | — | — | — |
| Black | — | — | — | — |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | — | — | — | — |
| Hispanic (of any race) | — | — | — | — |
| White | — | — | — | — |
| Two or more races | — | — | — | — |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 15,066 | 10,696 | 14,109 | 11,891 |
| Foster care entry rate | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.1 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 6,862 | 6,937 | 6,681 | 5,816 |
| Children adopted | 221 | 171 | 152 | 215 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 56 | 50 | 18 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 43,685 | 1,072 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 86,664 | 5,809 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 100 | 50 | 76 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 7,251 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 9,501 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 31,849 | 31.3 per 1,000 | 32,810 | 32.7 per 1,000 | 35,899 | 36.6 per 1,000 | 40,712 | 42.2 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 15,066 | 14.8 per 1,000 | 10,696 | 10.7 per 1,000 | 14,109 | 14.4 per 1,000 | 11,891 | 12.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 5 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 10 | 1.0 per 100,000 | 2 | 0.2 per 100,000 | 5 | 0.5 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.3 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 2.2 |
| 1 year | 5.0 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 2 years | 5.1 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 7.1 |
| 3 years | 5.1 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 6.6 |
| 4 years | 6.4 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 4.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 6.3 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| 8 years | 5.9 | 4.0 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 5.8 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 5.3 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| 11 years | 5.5 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 5.4 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 13 years | 5.3 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 14 years | 5.7 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 5.8 |
| 15 years | 5.1 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 3.8 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 2.4 | 28.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **15,066** | **10,696** | **14,109** | **11,891** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 83.3 | 55.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White | 7.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 7.5 | 41.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **15,066** | **10,696** | **14,109** | **11,891** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 27.1 | 34.1 | 34.1 | 36.3 |
| Medical neglect | 10.3 | 7.9 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| Neglect | 56.7 | 66.0 | 61.7 | 59.6 |
| Physical abuse | 23.4 | 25.1 | 20.3 | 20.0 |
| Sexual abuse | 3.9 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 14.8 |
| Other | 12.3 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **15,066** | **10,696** | **14,109** | **11,891** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 360.6 | 1192.5 | 1359.9 | 424.9 |
| Median | >48 but <72 | >480 but <504 | >360 but <384 | >72 but <96 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 6,444 | 6,151 | 6,108 | 6,016 | 1,838 | 2,058 | 1,718 | 1,094 | 1,420 | 1,273 | 1,146 | 1,294 | 6,862 | 6,937 | 6,681 | 5,816 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 36.6 | 36.7 | 28.5 | 25.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14.1 | 16.2 | 15.2 | 18.1 | 39.0 | 32.3 | 29.0 | 34.0 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 13.7 | 12.4 | 15.0 | 12.2 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 1.8 |
| 1 year | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 3.4 |
| 2 years | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.2 |
| 3 years | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.4 |
| 4 years | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| 5 years | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 6 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 3.7 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| 9 years | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| 12 years | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.5 |
| 13 years | 7.6 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.8 |
| 14 years | 8.3 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| 15 years | 8.3 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| 16 years | 6.5 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| 17 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| 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 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 5.8 | 1.2 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 2.3 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| 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) | 99.0 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 98.6 | 99.0 | 99.3 | 97.6 | 98.9 | 98.6 | 98.9 | 98.5 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.1 | 98.9 |
| White | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,456 | 1,297 | 1,116 | 1,038 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 37 | 33 | 34 | 25 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| 1 year | 2.6 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| 2 years | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 6.6 |
| 3 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| 4 years | 6.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 8.0 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 5.4 |
| 7 years | 8.9 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.7 |
| 8 years | 10.0 | 9.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 |
| 9 years | 9.5 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 8.1 |
| 10 years | 9.3 | 8.9 | 10.7 | 8.6 |
| 11 years | 7.9 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 9.6 |
| 12 years | 6.2 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 8.3 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| 14 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 15 years | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| 16 years | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| 17 years | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.5 | 99.3 |
| White | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 221 | 171 | 152 | 215 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 3.3 |
| 1 year | 7.2 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 9.3 |
| 2 years | 5.9 | 6.4 | 9.2 | 7.4 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.4 |
| 4 years | 13.1 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 8.4 |
| 5 years | 14.5 | 11.7 | 10.5 | 4.7 |
| 6 years | 10.4 | 4.7 | 9.2 | 4.2 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 13.5 | 7.2 | 7.9 |
| 8 years | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 6.0 |
| 9 years | 7.7 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 6.3 | 4.1 | 7.2 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 5.4 | 3.5 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| 12 years | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 8.8 |
| 13 years | 0.9 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 0.5 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| 16 years | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| 17 years | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| 18 years | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| 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) | 98.2 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 99.1 |
| White | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 98.0 | 96.5 | 97.7 | 97.2 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.0 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **5,979** | **5,573** | **6,319** | **4,768** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.18 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.27 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.82 | 99.94 | 99.96 | 99.73 |
| **Number** | **8,282** | **8,209** | **7,826** | **7,110** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 9.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Reunification | 85.7 | 83.8 | 83.5 | 84.4 |
| Other | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| Missing data | 1.1 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| **Number** | **1,420** | **1,273** | **1,146** | **1,294** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 6.3 | 13.6 | 6.4 | 9.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 82.4 | 75.7 | 84.0 | 85.0 |
| Other | 9.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 1.3 |
| Missing data | 1.7 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 3.9 |
| **Number** | **176** | **140** | **125** | **153** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 90.0 | 84.0 | 86.2 | 91.7 |
| Other | 9.0 | 11.7 | 9.2 | 7.8 |
| Missing data | 0.9 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **221** | **163** | **195** | **193** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 66.7 | 50.0 | 44.4 | 44.4 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 33.3 | 38.5 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 11.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| **Number** | **27** | **26** | **18** | **18** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 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 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **3** | **0** | **0** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 14.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 85.7 | 83.7 | 83.3 | 84.3 | 85.7 | 81.8 | 100.0 | 85.7 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1,404** | **1,255** | **1,133** | **1,274** | **14** | **11** | **13** | **7** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 91.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 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** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **12** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 46.2 | 39.3 | 41.1 | 27.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 30.1 | 38.7 | 35.3 | 45.3 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 9.7 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 15.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 6.1 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 8.0 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 7.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **1,217** | **1,067** | **957** | **1,092** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 91.5 | 91.4 | 93.5 | 89.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 5.8 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 6.5 |
| Missing data | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| **Number** | **1,838** | **2,058** | **1,718** | **1,094** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 8.8 | 8.3 | 13.5 | 8.4 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 16.9 | 19.8 | 17.1 | 16.8 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 16.9 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 21.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 55.1 | 56.2 | 53.2 | 52.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **136** | **121** | **111** | **119** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 99.5 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 99.9 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 99.1 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,208** | **2,339** | **2,008** | **1,328** | **1,428** | **1,514** | **1,786** | **1,671** | **4,644** | **4,354** | **4,028** | **4,109** | **2** | **2** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Institutions | 7.3 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 8.5 |
| Other settings | 92.1 | 92.9 | 92.0 | 90.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,367** | **1,470** | **1,290** | **697** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **115.7** | **101.6** | **104.0** | **97.3** |
| 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) | 56.7 | 50.3 | 50.1 | 39.8 |
| 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) | 10.5 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 14.9 |
| 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) | 19.9 | 15.8 | 13.7 | 13.7 |
| 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? | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **65.4** | **63.9** | **54.6** | **44.5** |
| 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? | 11.0 | 9.1 | 14.4 | 9.2 |
| 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? | 51.8 | 51.6 | 52.9 | 49.6 |
| 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? | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| 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?[17] | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 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? | 79.3 | 78.7 | 78.8 | 56.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **80.8** | **75.9** | **78.4** | **94.7** |
| 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? | 8.6 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 9.5 |
| 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? | 100.0 | 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? | 71.4 | 74.6 | 69.6 | 60.2 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **150.0** | **150.0** | **149.7** | **150.0** |
| 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? | 99.5 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 99.9 |
| 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? | 99.6 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 99.2 |
| 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? | 99.3 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

**STATE GENERAL COMMENTS PR**

**NCANDS**

In 2003, PR initiated the manual collection of information required by NCANDS. By 2005, the first mechanized transmission of the NCANDS Child File was made. Since 2006, ADFAN has been using the SIRCSe mechanized system to capture data related to CA/N investigations, including the NCANDS data elements. The implementation of this mechanized system has been extended throughout PR since September 2007.

We have observed an increment of 12% for reports with a disposition during 2006 through 2008, and a 10% increase in 2009. This fluctuation could be due to an increase in staff's use of the mechanized system. We have identified several areas that need to be improved to maximize the use of this system for data collection with a minimum margin of error. Substantial support and communication with users have been provided and need to be continued.

**CHILD MALTREATMENT VICTIMS**
During 2007 – 2008 a discrepancy in the number of child victims was identified, which was due to system and data entry errors which were corrected. Data for 2009 demonstrated a 10% reduction in the number of child victims. This is a result of the increase in system usage and improvement in the system options which permit individual information for each child victim that previously were not individually identified, also there has been a reduction in the population of children, as established by 2010 Census.

**FATALITIES**
Reported child fatalities during the last several years have consistently been a total of 5 deaths per year, or an average of 4.2 per year. In 2007, we mistakenly duplicated the number of child deaths; the correct child deaths for that year were 5.

**RACE/ETNICITY OF CHILD VICTIMS**: Data shows that a 100% of the population is categorized as Hispanic. Puerto Ricans are of mixed race. The population considers itself mainly to be Hispanic.

**TIME TO INVESTIGATION**:
During 2006 there was a considerable increase in the amount of referrals to be investigated which resulted in the delay to initiate investigations during 2007. ADFAN established several strategies to respond to the increment in referrals by the recruitment of staff, improvement of transportation services and by making changes in the intervention protocol. These strategies improved the response time during 2009.

**AFCARS**

P.R. initiated the manual collection of the required AFCARS information in 1981 for foster homes; in 1983 included information for all the children receiving foster care services. In 1995, completed the first mechanized transmition including adopted children data.

The 90% of the AFCAR data collected is still manual. Each region has their own computerized application without connection between regions (stand alone system). Throughout the years, P.R. faced many difficulties to comply with the AFCARS requirements (ex: entrance and discharge data).

PR is working on the computerized SICStA system. Is expected to be a comprehensive automated case management tool. Will meets the needs of all staff (including social workers and their supervisors, whether employed by the State, county, or contracted private providers) involved in foster care and adoptions assistance case management.

# Rhode Island

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 237,347 | 233,542 | 229,788 | 226,825 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Asian | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Black | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 18.0 | 18.7 | 19.2 | 20.0 |
| White | 68.5 | 67.6 | 67.4 | 66.1 |
| Two or more races | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 4,400 | 3,857 | 3,082 | 3,065 |
| Foster care entry rate | 8.0 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,919 | 2,900 | 2,503 | 2,204 |
| Children adopted | 258 | 239 | 258 | 269 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 23 | 28 | 38 |
| Numerator | N/A | 830 | 916 | 1,164 |
| Denominator | N/A | 3,567 | 3,258 | 3,080 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 23 | 23 | 43 |
| Numerator | N/A | 902 | 1,033 | 2,608 |
| Denominator | N/A | 3,862 | 4,447 | 6,022 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 12,996 | 54.8 per 1,000 | 11,808 | 50.6 per 1,000 | 9,821 | 42.7 per 1,000 | 9,319 | 41.1 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 4,400 | 18.5 per 1,000 | 3,857 | 16.5 per 1,000 | 3,082 | 13.4 per 1,000 | 3,065 | 13.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 | 2 | 0.9 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 12.0 | 13.8 | 15.3 | 15.3 |
| 1 year | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 8.5 |
| 2 years | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 7.9 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.1 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.6 |
| 10 years | 5.6 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 3.1 |
| 15 years | 4.3 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 16 years | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 |
| 17 years | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| 18+ years | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **4,400** | **3,857** | **3,082** | **3,065** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Black | 12.3 | 11.4 | 12.1 | 9.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 21.0 | 24.2 | 22.3 | 22.5 |
| White | 55.5 | 52.4 | 53.1 | 53.8 |
| Two or more races | 4.8 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 6.0 |
| Missing data | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 6.1 |
| **Number** | **4,400** | **3,857** | **3,082** | **3,065** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Medical neglect | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Neglect | 85.7 | 87.5 | 87.4 | 85.2 |
| Physical abuse | 12.5 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 13.2 |
| Sexual abuse | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 3.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| **Number** | **4,400** | **3,857** | **3,082** | **3,065** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 45.7 | 62.6 | 54.8 | 47.6 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,411 | 2,690 | 2,578 | 2,275 | 1,893 | 1,670 | 1,443 | 1,422 | 1,385 | 1,460 | 1,518 | 1,493 | 2,919 | 2,900 | 2,503 | 2,204 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 15.5 | 12.5 | 15.0 | 15.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9.7 | 11.2 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.3 | 15.0 | 15.9 | 14.2 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| 1 year | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| 2 years | 3.3 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| 3 years | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| 4 years | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 5 years | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| 6 years | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 7 years | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| 8 years | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| 9 years | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.9 |
| 10 years | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| 13 years | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 6.9 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.9 |
| 15 years | 8.6 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 9.8 |
| 16 years | 10.9 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 10.4 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 12.2 |
| 17 years | 10.0 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 11.6 | 12.2 |
| 18 years | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 11.6 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| 19 years | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| 20+ years | 2.7 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| Black | 17.5 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 17.6 | 18.6 | 16.0 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 15.1 | 16.1 | 16.3 | 17.7 | 19.4 | 18.8 | 17.9 | 15.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20.8 | 22.7 | 23.4 | 23.0 | 23.3 | 25.8 | 25.2 | 25.0 | 21.5 | 22.4 | 24.8 | 23.6 | 22.1 | 24.7 | 23.5 | 23.8 |
| White | 51.6 | 48.2 | 47.1 | 48.0 | 48.1 | 46.9 | 48.2 | 47.6 | 52.4 | 50.5 | 48.2 | 47.4 | 48.9 | 46.3 | 47.0 | 48.1 |
| Two or more races | 4.6 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| Unknown | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 412 | 402 | 427 | 336 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 210 | 211 | 230 | 203 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| 1 year | 7.5 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 5.4 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| 3 years | 4.4 | 5.2 | 7.5 | 4.2 |
| 4 years | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 3.9 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 4.5 |
| 7 years | 6.8 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.8 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 5.7 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 9.2 |
| 11 years | 6.8 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 5.7 |
| 12 years | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 7.4 |
| 13 years | 9.2 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 5.4 |
| 14 years | 7.0 | 9.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 5.6 | 6.7 | 9.4 | 5.7 |
| 16 years | 5.6 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 10.1 |
| 17 years | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 3.6 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2.9 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| Black | 20.9 | 20.6 | 19.9 | 16.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 26.2 | 23.9 | 25.3 | 26.5 |
| White | 39.1 | 39.3 | 42.9 | 43.8 |
| Two or more races | 8.5 | 11.2 | 8.2 | 9.5 |
| Unknown | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 258 | 239 | 258 | 269 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 3.3 |
| 1 year | 17.4 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 19.3 |
| 2 years | 14.3 | 20.5 | 17.1 | 16.0 |
| 3 years | 8.9 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 9.7 |
| 4 years | 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.6 |
| 5 years | 5.4 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 5.4 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 8.5 | 7.9 | 2.3 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 6.2 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 4.1 |
| 9 years | 6.2 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| 11 years | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 4.5 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.6 |
| 13 years | 1.9 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| 14 years | 0.8 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 1.9 |
| 15 years | 0.4 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 16 years | 0.8 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 1.5 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| 18 years | 0.8 | 0.4 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 1.2 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Black | 14.0 | 18.8 | 20.2 | 19.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20.5 | 25.1 | 26.4 | 26.4 |
| White | 51.9 | 36.0 | 38.8 | 39.4 |
| Two or more races | 7.4 | 14.6 | 11.2 | 13.0 |
| Unknown | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 87.3 | 86.9 | 90.3 | 93.0 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 12.7 | 13.1 | 9.7 | 7.0 |
| **Number** | **1,880** | **1,752** | **1,471** | **1,397** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 1.49 | 1.33 | 0.72 | 1.35 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 98.51 | 98.67 | 99.28 | 98.65 |
| **Number** | **4,304** | **4,360** | **4,021** | **3,697** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.6 | 16.2 | 16.8 | 18.7 |
| Guardianship | 2.2 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 5.5 |
| Reunification | 67.4 | 66.1 | 63.2 | 60.3 |
| Other | 12.7 | 15.0 | 15.8 | 15.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,385** | **1,460** | **1,518** | **1,493** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 22.9 | 22.1 | 19.4 | 23.4 |
| Guardianship | 1.2 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 54.8 | 55.9 | 56.8 | 50.0 |
| Other | 21.2 | 19.7 | 22.0 | 24.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **420** | **512** | **532** | **470** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Guardianship | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Reunification | 75.2 | 69.9 | 68.1 | 69.7 |
| Other | 22.0 | 27.0 | 28.6 | 27.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **645** | **674** | **658** | **628** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 24.0 | 23.4 | 26.6 | 35.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 76.0 | 76.6 | 72.8 | 64.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **100** | **141** | **158** | **151** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 53.8 | 62.5 | 44.4 | 16.7 | 7.9 | 21.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 16.3 | 17.9 | 21.5 | 19.3 |
| Guardianship | 15.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 6.9 | 3.8 |
| Reunification | 30.8 | 37.5 | 55.6 | 50.0 | 68.4 | 50.0 | 86.2 | 81.5 | 68.4 | 64.7 | 49.0 | 52.3 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 18.4 | 28.6 | 10.3 | 14.8 | 12.4 | 16.6 | 22.7 | 24.6 |
| 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** | **13** | **8** | **9** | **12** | **38** | **28** | **29** | **27** | **209** | **235** | **247** | **264** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 20.5 | 18.0 | 17.0 | 20.4 | 16.1 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 15.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 6.2 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 6.4 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.8 | 68.5 | 69.0 | 62.9 | 66.7 | 67.5 | 64.3 | 62.6 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.4 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 10.5 | 15.3 | 17.2 | 17.8 | 15.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **2** | **298** | **327** | **377** | **353** | **726** | **738** | **731** | **708** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 3.6 | 9.1 | 6.3 | 10.7 | 28.6 | 34.0 | 33.7 | 38.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 6.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 78.6 | 77.3 | 84.4 | 60.7 | 61.4 | 56.0 | 54.3 | 52.6 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 10.7 | 13.6 | 9.4 | 21.4 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 8.2 | 50.0 | 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** | **22** | **32** | **28** | **70** | **100** | **92** | **97** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **2** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 75.9 | 73.1 | 65.7 | 68.3 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 15.2 | 19.4 | 24.1 | 19.5 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.6 | 4.1 | 6.8 | 8.1 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.9 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **934** | **965** | **959** | **901** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 72.2 | 69.6 | 68.5 | 69.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 14.1 | 18.4 | 17.9 | 16.2 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 13.0 | 11.5 | 13.3 | 13.5 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **1,893** | **1,670** | **1,443** | **1,422** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 8.6 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 8.2 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 40.2 | 28.0 | 32.9 | 34.4 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 24.2 | 40.3 | 38.8 | 39.8 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 12.7 | 15.3 | 10.2 | 10.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 14.3 | 13.6 | 12.5 | 7.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **244** | **236** | **255** | **279** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.6 | 83.9 | 83.0 | 88.4 | 66.7 | 62.5 | 64.0 | 62.0 | 33.4 | 34.9 | 34.9 | 34.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.3 | 16.1 | 17.0 | 11.6 | 33.3 | 37.5 | 36.0 | 38.0 | 66.6 | 65.1 | 65.1 | 65.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,153** | **1,987** | **1,734** | **1,684** | **905** | **1,108** | **980** | **828** | **1,246** | **1,265** | **1,305** | **1,180** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 15.6 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 15.7 |
| Institutions | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other settings | 84.1 | 83.1 | 82.6 | 84.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **993** | **842** | **736** | **721** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **105.5** | **97.8** | **91.1** | **98.0** |
| 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) | 76.1 | 74.5 | 65.3 | 67.2 |
| 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 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 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) | 46.8 | 41.9 | 46.5 | 43.8 |
| 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? | 24.3 | 25.4 | 24.5 | 21.9 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **126.6** | **121.9** | **132.6** | **141.7** |
| 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? | 49.0 | 31.1 | 38.4 | 42.7 |
| 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? | 24.2 | 28.2 | 26.5 | 26.4 |
| 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? | 17.7 | 21.3 | 19.7 | 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?[17] | 11.2 | 14.9 | 12.1 | 16.8 |
| 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? | 68.2 | 67.9 | 81.0 | 78.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **124.2** | **128.9** | **122.9** | **130.2** |
| 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? | 20.6 | 22.6 | 23.5 | 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? | 99.1 | 96.7 | 97.3 | 96.9 |
| 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? | 33.6 | 29.0 | 37.7 | 30.8 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **99.5** | **96.4** | **95.9** | **99.2** |
| 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? | 85.3 | 83.5 | 82.2 | 88.1 |
| 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? | 66.9 | 62.7 | 64.3 | 62.3 |
| 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? | 36.6 | 37.0 | 36.2 | 35.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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.

# Rhode Island

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Rhode Island's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

The data submitted to AFCARS for Rhode Island's children in foster care include not only traditional child welfare youth but also juvenile justice, children's mental health, and developmentally disabled youth. We believe that these additional populations impact many of the outcome measures including average length of stay (Measure 3), re-entry into foster care (Measure 4.2), as well as, the number of youth in group home settings (Measure 7.1).

Maltreatment in Foster Care (Measure 2.1) and Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (Measure 1.1) do not accurately represent the foster care maltreatment rate or the recurrence rate for Rhode Island as compared to most other states. Rhode Island 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. This increases the pool of children who are potentially subject to a recurrence in Rhode Island as compared to other states with a 30 to 60 day investigation timeframe.

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification, C1.4 (Reentry into foster care) does not accurately represent Rhode Island's reentry rate as compared to most other states. Rhode Island does not have a Trial Reunification period. A child's placement ends as soon as the child returns home. A failed trial reunification in another state is a reentry into foster care in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island is currently implementing a System of Care designed to reduce the number of children and youth entering foster care and to reduce the length of stay for children who are removed from home.

# South Carolina

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,050,102 | 1,065,850 | 1,075,249 | 1,080,732 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Black | 33.3 | 32.7 | 32.4 | 31.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.5 |
| White | 57.5 | 57.2 | 57.2 | 56.7 |
| Two or more races | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 10,795 | 12,762 | 12,549 | 12,707 |
| Foster care entry rate | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 4,912 | 5,166 | 5,043 | 4,971 |
| Children adopted | 425 | 431 | 525 | 512 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 82 | 85 | 90 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 6,318 | 6,576 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 7,413 | 7,270 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 32 | 66 | 77 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 32,247 | 33,031 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 48,794 | 42,650 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 37,922 | 36.1 per 1,000 | 41,579 | 39.0 per 1,000 | 41,398 | 38.5 per 1,000 | 40,966 | 37.9 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 10,795 | 10.3 per 1,000 | 12,762 | 12.0 per 1,000 | 12,549 | 11.7 per 1,000 | 12,707 | 11.8 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 19 | 1.8 per 100,000 | 19 | 1.8 per 100,000 | 21 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 28 | 2.6 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 13.7 | 14.9 | 13.8 | 13.7 |
| 1 year | 6.9 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 7.9 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 5 years | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 15 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 16 years | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| 17 years | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 18+ years | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| **Number** | **10,795** | **12,762** | **12,549** | **12,707** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 37.7 | 38.1 | 37.6 | 38.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| White | 52.4 | 52.3 | 50.3 | 50.4 |
| Two or more races | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Missing data | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **10,795** | **12,762** | **12,549** | **12,707** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Medical neglect | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Neglect | 72.2 | 72.8 | 71.2 | 70.5 |
| Physical abuse | 30.3 | 29.8 | 31.9 | 33.4 |
| Sexual abuse | 7.2 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **10,795** | **12,762** | **12,549** | **12,707** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 50.2 | 50.1 | 51.0 | 41.5 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 4,706 | 4,822 | 5,066 | 4,933 | 3,470 | 3,754 | 3,840 | 3,707 | 3,264 | 3,410 | 3,863 | 3,669 | 4,912 | 5,166 | 5,043 | 4,971 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 17.5 | 16.9 | 15.4 | 15.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 16.9 | 15.5 | 16.3 | 15.3 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.6 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 16.4 | 17.1 | 14.7 | 16.2 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.5 |
| 1 year | 6.5 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 7.3 |
| 3 years | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| 5 years | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| 6 years | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| 7 years | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 8 years | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 9 years | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 10 years | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 5.4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| 14 years | 7.4 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| 15 years | 8.7 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| 16 years | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 8.7 |
| 17 years | 8.1 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 7.9 |
| 18 years | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| 19 years | 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 | <.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 | <.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 48.4 | 47.0 | 45.1 | 44.7 | 42.4 | 41.1 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 43.0 | 43.0 | 42.8 | 42.9 | 47.7 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 44.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| White | 42.5 | 43.1 | 44.4 | 44.7 | 46.9 | 47.5 | 45.9 | 44.5 | 47.1 | 45.8 | 46.0 | 44.8 | 42.6 | 44.5 | 44.3 | 44.5 |
| Two or more races | 4.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.3 |
| Unknown | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.3 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,749 | 1,775 | 1,795 | 1,814 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 788 | 872 | 808 | 761 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| 1 year | 6.9 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.4 |
| 2 years | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 9.2 |
| 3 years | 6.3 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 6.7 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| 6 years | 4.8 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| 7 years | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.3 |
| 8 years | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 4.9 |
| 11 years | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 12 years | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 13 years | 7.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 14 years | 5.9 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 15 years | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 5.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 4.4 |
| 17 years | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 47.9 | 44.5 | 44.0 | 44.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| White | 41.5 | 43.7 | 44.2 | 43.3 |
| Two or more races | 6.2 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 425 | 431 | 525 | 512 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 0.6 |
| 1 year | 7.8 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 8.4 |
| 2 years | 11.8 | 15.1 | 13.5 | 17.4 |
| 3 years | 10.4 | 12.1 | 13.3 | 13.7 |
| 4 years | 11.5 | 10.7 | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| 5 years | 11.1 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 9.2 |
| 6 years | 7.5 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 7.6 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 4.5 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 4.7 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 2.9 |
| 11 years | 4.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 4.1 |
| 12 years | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.2 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.3 |
| 14 years | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| 15 years | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| 16 years | 0.5 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 0.6 |
| 17 years | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.0 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 42.1 | 40.6 | 31.4 | 32.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.5 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 3.5 |
| White | 47.3 | 48.3 | 53.5 | 53.3 |
| Two or more races | 6.4 | 6.7 | 9.1 | 10.7 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

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

# South Carolina

## OUTCOMES DATA

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

### 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 97.4 | 97.2 | 97.4 | 97.6 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| **Number** | **5,114** | **6,326** | **6,502** | **5,952** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 0.12 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.82 | 99.81 | 99.93 | 99.88 |
| **Number** | **8,176** | **8,576** | **8,906** | **8,640** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 13.2 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 14.3 |
| Guardianship | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| Reunification | 74.0 | 75.7 | 75.2 | 74.0 |
| Other | 11.8 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 10.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,264** | **3,410** | **3,863** | **3,669** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 5.6 | 17.6 | 9.4 | 17.5 |
| Guardianship | 1.4 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 25.4 | 37.3 | 28.1 | 32.0 |
| Other | 67.6 | 43.1 | 59.4 | 50.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **71** | **51** | **64** | **103** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| Reunification | 69.3 | 69.5 | 70.0 | 66.5 |
| Other | 29.4 | 28.9 | 28.2 | 31.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **788** | **802** | **866** | **844** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 38.9 | 32.9 | 34.6 | 31.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 61.1 | 67.1 | 65.4 | 68.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **347** | **328** | **350** | **359** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 11.9 | 10.1 | 10.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 26.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Reunification | 75.0 | 66.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 69.9 | 73.0 | 77.1 | 74.3 |
| Other | 25.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 16.0 | 13.7 | 12.1 | 14.0 |
| 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** | **4** | **15** | **3** | **17** | **10** | **9** | **2** | **6** | **1,404** | **1,467** | **1,652** | **1,575** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.1 | 11.0 | 14.0 | 9.1 | 13.2 | 13.6 | 15.9 | 17.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Reunification | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 83.8 | 82.7 | 78.4 | 85.3 | 76.5 | 76.9 | 73.6 | 72.2 |
| Other | 50.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 9.6 |
| 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** | **2** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **148** | **173** | **222** | **197** | **1,538** | **1,562** | **1,777** | **1,645** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.5 | 16.4 | 25.8 | 27.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.3 | 74.7 | 80.2 | 70.6 | 68.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 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** | **12** | **7** | **10** | **27** | **146** | **177** | **194** | **202** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 78.9 | 81.5 | 79.8 | 78.9 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 15.1 | 13.7 | 15.2 | 15.2 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **2,415** | **2,583** | **2,906** | **2,715** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 86.9 | 86.7 | 86.6 | 85.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 5.1 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 8.3 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **3,470** | **3,754** | **3,840** | **3,707** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 1.1 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 13.7 | 14.3 | 16.9 | 18.3 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 28.8 | 27.4 | 30.7 | 32.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 21.6 | 28.3 | 22.2 | 25.0 |
| 48 or more mos. | 33.5 | 28.7 | 26.7 | 23.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **430** | **435** | **531** | **524** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 79.7 | 77.6 | 76.4 | 77.6 | 45.6 | 44.3 | 41.8 | 40.8 | 25.0 | 19.1 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95.7 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 20.2 | 22.4 | 23.6 | 22.4 | 54.4 | 55.7 | 58.2 | 59.2 | 75.0 | 80.9 | 81.9 | 82.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | <.1 | <.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 | 4.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,980** | **4,350** | **4,479** | **4,296** | **1,510** | **1,574** | **1,731** | **1,751** | **2,685** | **2,650** | **2,673** | **2,587** | **1** | **2** | **23** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 9.2 |
| Institutions | 12.9 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 10.3 |
| Other settings | 78.0 | 80.9 | 80.8 | 80.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,601** | **2,855** | **2,965** | **2,830** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **140.3** | **140.4** | **141.4** | **137.6** |
| 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) | 74.5 | 77.6 | 76.9 | 75.4 |
| 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) | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 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) | 55.3 | 54.4 | 55.3 | 58.2 |
| 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? | 7.6 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 9.1 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **66.6** | **91.2** | **111.3** | **125.8** |
| 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? | 16.0 | 15.6 | 20.3 | 19.5 |
| 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? | 38.8 | 38.7 | 35.8 | 35.1 |
| 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? | 16.2 | 16.9 | 20.3 | 21.1 |
| 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?[17] | 9.9 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 13.7 |
| 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? | 46.3 | 41.7 | 48.2 | 55.1 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **72.3** | **77.0** | **79.0** | **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? | 20.7 | 20.2 | 23.7 | 24.5 |
| 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? | 85.3 | 87.4 | 89.6 | 91.5 |
| 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? | 60.6 | 55.1 | 54.5 | 54.1 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **78.2** | **74.2** | **72.5** | **72.8** |
| 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? | 77.0 | 74.5 | 73.8 | 75.1 |
| 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? | 45.6 | 44.4 | 41.8 | 40.8 |
| 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? | 25.0 | 19.2 | 18.1 | 17.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 197,028 | 198,098 | 198,582 | 199,616 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.0 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Black | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| White | 76.9 | 76.5 | 76.5 | 75.8 |
| Two or more races | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 1,529 | 1,485 | 1,394 | 1,513 |
| Foster care entry rate | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,649 | 1,577 | 1,484 | 1,490 |
| Children adopted | 150 | 160 | 176 | 167 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 36 | 70 | 86 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 1,523 | 1,872 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 2,165 | 2,183 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 65 | 68 | 88 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 12,491 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 14,127 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 7,135 | 36.2 per 1,000 | 6,869 | 34.7 per 1,000 | 6,865 | 34.6 per 1,000 | 7,186 | 36.0 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 1,529 | 7.8 per 1,000 | 1,485 | 7.5 per 1,000 | 1,394 | 7.0 per 1,000 | 1,513 | 7.6 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 1 | 0.5 per 100,000 | 8 | 4.0 per 100,000 | 2 | 1.0 per 100,000 | 4 | 2.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 15.6 | 14.0 | 15.1 | 15.4 |
| 1 year | 8.9 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.8 |
| 2 years | 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 9.8 |
| 3 years | 6.9 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.5 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.5 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 7.1 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| 7 years | 5.1 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| 8 years | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| 11 years | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 3.1 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| 14 years | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| 15 years | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| 16 years | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 17 years | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **1,529** | **1,485** | **1,394** | **1,513** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 51.3 | 51.2 | 49.6 | 48.9 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Black | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.3 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 5.2 |
| White | 30.2 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 33.4 |
| Two or more races | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| Missing data | 3.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| **Number** | **1,529** | **1,485** | **1,394** | **1,513** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 88.2 | 88.4 | 87.3 | 89.3 |
| Physical abuse | 12.2 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 12.0 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.3 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,529** | **1,485** | **1,394** | **1,513** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 196.6 | 130.5 | 114.4 | 119.4 |
| Median | >120 but <144 | >48 but <72 | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,651 | 1,582 | 1,516 | 1,420 | 1,357 | 1,375 | 1,347 | 1,444 | 1,359 | 1,380 | 1,379 | 1,374 | 1,649 | 1,577 | 1,484 | 1,490 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 12.9 | 15.1 | 14.0 | 14.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 14.9 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 11.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 14.1 | 16.1 | 15.4 | 16.1 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| 1 year | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 9.0 | 7.9 |
| 2 years | 6.8 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 8.6 | 11.6 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| 5 years | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 6.5 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| 7 years | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.4 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 5.8 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 15 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 17 years | 5.0 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 18 years | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| 19 years | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 51.2 | 50.4 | 52.4 | 52.8 | 50.1 | 54.1 | 49.1 | 48.5 | 50.3 | 51.4 | 47.1 | 48.3 | 51.1 | 52.7 | 54.3 | 52.8 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Black | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.3 | 7.9 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| White | 33.0 | 32.0 | 30.2 | 29.8 | 31.1 | 28.4 | 30.7 | 31.4 | 33.0 | 30.6 | 31.4 | 31.9 | 31.4 | 30.1 | 29.6 | 29.5 |
| Two or more races | 6.1 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 8.1 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 507 | 449 | 423 | 381 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 446 | 401 | 358 | 310 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 3.7 |
| 2 years | 8.5 | 6.7 | 9.5 | 7.3 |
| 3 years | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 8.7 |
| 4 years | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 4.7 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 5.3 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| 7 years | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 3.7 |
| 8 years | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 7.6 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| 11 years | 5.1 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 5.8 |
| 13 years | 5.9 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 5.3 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 15 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 7.3 |
| 17 years | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.8 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 42.0 | 41.0 | 43.5 | 45.9 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Black | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 2.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.2 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 10.5 |
| White | 37.5 | 37.2 | 37.8 | 30.7 |
| Two or more races | 6.5 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 10.0 |
| 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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 150 | 160 | 176 | 167 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| 1 year | 5.3 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| 2 years | 10.0 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 18.0 |
| 3 years | 11.3 | 15.0 | 11.9 | 8.4 |
| 4 years | 9.3 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 15.6 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 8.8 | 11.9 | 7.8 |
| 6 years | 11.3 | 5.0 | 9.7 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.8 |
| 8 years | 8.0 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 3.6 |
| 9 years | 9.3 | 9.4 | 5.7 | 3.6 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 3.3 | 6.3 | 2.8 | 0.6 |
| 14 years | 0.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| 15 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 3.0 |
| 16 years | 2.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| 18 years | 0.7 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 35.3 | 36.9 | 36.4 | 38.9 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 4.7 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 5.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.3 | 16.3 | 10.2 | 5.4 |
| White | 40.0 | 40.6 | 38.6 | 41.3 |
| Two or more races | 8.7 | 4.4 | 12.5 | 9.0 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 95.3 | 95.9 | 96.1 | 94.3 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5.7 |
| **Number** | **686** | **681** | **689** | **706** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.28 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 100.00 | 99.86 | 99.93 | 99.72 |
| **Number** | **3,008** | **2,957** | **2,863** | **2,864** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 11.0 | 11.6 | 12.6 | 12.1 |
| Guardianship | 9.1 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| Reunification | 62.3 | 62.1 | 62.9 | 60.7 |
| Other | 17.4 | 19.9 | 19.3 | 21.8 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,359** | **1,380** | **1,379** | **1,374** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 28.1 | 27.8 | 23.5 | 31.8 |
| Guardianship | 9.1 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| Reunification | 37.2 | 33.2 | 35.6 | 34.5 |
| Other | 25.3 | 29.0 | 33.5 | 26.7 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **285** | **241** | **281** | **258** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 2.6 |
| Guardianship | 7.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 3.1 |
| Reunification | 63.8 | 57.3 | 57.3 | 59.9 |
| Other | 26.8 | 34.9 | 35.5 | 34.4 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **213** | **218** | **211** | **192** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 43.2 | 36.2 | 35.8 | 40.3 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 56.8 | 63.8 | 64.2 | 59.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **74** | **94** | **81** | **72** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 8.1 | 8.2 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.9 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 15.8 |
| Guardianship | 9.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 58.3 | 57.9 | 55.2 | 50.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 81.4 | 84.1 | 89.4 | 77.2 |
| Other | 23.9 | 27.2 | 28.4 | 32.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 6.8 | 1.5 | 7.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **683** | **710** | **649** | **664** | **0** | **4** | **1** | **7** | **59** | **44** | **66** | **57** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.5 | 23.5 | 15.1 | 7.3 | 13.4 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 15.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 9.1 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 3.4 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 59.1 | 68.1 | 68.2 | 68.4 | 66.6 | 67.7 | 71.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.5 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 19.1 | 9.1 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 9.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **82** | **115** | **119** | **110** | **449** | **422** | **433** | **438** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | 8.6 | 19.8 | 15.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 56.3 | 64.2 | 67.0 | 59.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 22.2 | 10.4 | 16.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 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** | **0** | **1** | **80** | **81** | **106** | **92** | **1** | **4** | **5** | **2** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 83.8 | 80.3 | 83.6 | 81.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 11.8 | 15.5 | 13.7 | 14.7 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 2.7 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **847** | **857** | **867** | **834** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.7 | 77.8 | 73.9 | 73.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 8.6 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 12.0 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 10.2 | 10.8 | 14.0 | 14.1 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **1,357** | **1,375** | **1,347** | **1,444** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 4.2 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 19.3 | 13.8 | 25.3 | 27.1 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 40.0 | 53.8 | 42.5 | 34.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 26.0 | 17.5 | 14.9 | 16.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 13.3 | 12.5 | 14.9 | 16.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **150** | **160** | **174** | **166** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 81.0 | 85.8 | 86.3 | 87.1 | 41.4 | 46.0 | 53.2 | 55.7 | 22.8 | 22.6 | 19.5 | 19.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 19.0 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 12.9 | 58.6 | 54.0 | 46.8 | 44.3 | 77.2 | 77.4 | 80.5 | 81.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **1,616** | **1,601** | **1,572** | **1,694** | **596** | **531** | **551** | **467** | **794** | **819** | **737** | **695** | **2** | **6** | **3** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Institutions | 13.1 | 14.5 | 15.9 | 13.2 |
| Other settings | 86.9 | 85.5 | 84.1 | 86.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,137** | **1,187** | **1,120** | **1,236** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **122.5** | **130.3** | **133.0** | **133.3** |
| 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) | 83.3 | 78.2 | 82.0 | 80.5 |
| 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) | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 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) | 41.4 | 45.2 | 46.8 | 59.2 |
| 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? | 18.0 | 14.0 | 15.3 | 14.7 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **70.2** | **85.6** | **69.3** | **49.4** |
| 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? | 20.7 | 16.3 | 27.6 | 31.3 |
| 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? | 32.9 | 31.8 | 31.4 | 30.5 |
| 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? | 18.8 | 20.0 | 21.1 | 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?[17] | 4.3 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 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? | 11.6 | 13.9 | 25.9 | 34.3 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **76.3** | **63.9** | **85.3** | **74.4** |
| 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? | 23.9 | 25.3 | 24.9 | 25.3 |
| 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? | 83.5 | 79.8 | 82.2 | 84.2 |
| 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? | 64.9 | 57.4 | 62.8 | 59.3 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **76.3** | **82.4** | **83.2** | **84.9** |
| 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? | 77.3 | 82.1 | 83.4 | 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? | 41.4 | 45.6 | 53.2 | 55.7 |
| 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? | 22.4 | 22.5 | 19.6 | 19.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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.

# Tennessee

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,467,014 | 1,479,255 | 1,491,242 | 1,493,252 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Black | 20.6 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.6 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.2 |
| White | 70.2 | 69.6 | 69.6 | 68.7 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 19,182 | 16,059 | 11,586 | 9,186 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 8,573 | 7,710 | 7,151 | 6,691 |
| Children adopted | 994 | 1,214 | 1,046 | 1,001 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 89 | 90 | 91 |
| Numerator | N/A | 10,783 | 10,411 | 10,465 |
| Denominator | N/A | 12,124 | 11,529 | 11,528 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 66 | 82 | 81 |
| Numerator | N/A | 47,492 | 58,362 | 58,372 |
| Denominator | N/A | 72,432 | 71,565 | 71,928 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 98,163 | 66.9 per 1,000 | 101,435 | 68.6 per 1,000 | 99,918 | 67.0 per 1,000 | 90,857 | 60.8 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 19,182 | 13.1 per 1,000 | 16,059 | 10.9 per 1,000 | 11,586 | 7.8 per 1,000 | 9,186 | 6.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 22 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 44 | 3.0 per 100,000 | 55 | 3.7 per 100,000 | 46 | 3.1 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 13.1 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 17.7 |
| 1 year | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| 2 years | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.5 |
| 3 years | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| 5 years | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.4 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| 14 years | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 15 years | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| 17 years | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **19,182** | **16,059** | **11,586** | **9,186** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 25.4 | 26.3 | 30.7 | 22.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| White | 62.8 | 62.5 | 58.1 | 47.7 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 7.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 25.8 |
| **Number** | **19,182** | **16,059** | **11,586** | **9,186** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.3 |
| Medical neglect | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Neglect | 53.1 | 50.1 | 49.2 | 56.7 |
| Physical abuse | 34.1 | 33.3 | 23.8 | 14.7 |
| Sexual abuse | 20.4 | 24.7 | 31.2 | 30.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **19,182** | **16,059** | **11,586** | **9,186** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 9.7 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 5.0 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 8,853 | 8,340 | 7,531 | 7,008 | 6,564 | 6,346 | 6,076 | 5,901 | 6,844 | 6,976 | 6,456 | 6,218 | 8,573 | 7,710 | 7,151 | 6,691 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 11.8 | 11.6 | 10.1 | 10.3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.5 | 11.3 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 8.8 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 11.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 1 year | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| 2 years | 4.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| 3 years | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| 4 years | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 5 years | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 6 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| 7 years | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| 8 years | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.9 |
| 9 years | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| 11 years | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 13 years | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 6.9 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| 15 years | 9.4 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 10.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.6 |
| 16 years | 12.3 | 11.8 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 12.2 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.0 |
| 17 years | 13.6 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 15.8 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 13.3 | 13.2 | 17.2 | 21.2 | 16.7 | 13.9 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 15.5 | 15.6 |
| 18 years | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 11.1 | 7.1 | 13.4 | 16.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.9 | <.1 | 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 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 31.2 | 31.6 | 29.4 | 27.6 | 27.0 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 30.6 | 26.8 | 29.4 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 31.5 | 29.3 | 27.6 | 28.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 5.6 |
| White | 60.6 | 59.7 | 61.3 | 62.7 | 63.3 | 64.2 | 63.6 | 58.1 | 64.2 | 61.9 | 61.6 | 60.7 | 59.8 | 61.4 | 63.0 | 60.5 |
| Two or more races | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| Unknown | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,787 | 1,626 | 1,473 | 1,326 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 796 | 806 | 764 | 751 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| 1 year | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
| 2 years | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| 3 years | 3.7 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 4.7 |
| 4 years | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.4 |
| 5 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 6 years | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.7 |
| 7 years | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| 8 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 3.7 |
| 9 years | 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 11 years | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 5.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5.1 |
| 13 years | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 6.8 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.6 |
| 15 years | 10.1 | 8.9 | 8.1 | 8.4 |
| 16 years | 10.0 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 11.2 |
| 17 years | 12.0 | 10.6 | 12.6 | 12.7 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Black | 38.9 | 33.6 | 30.8 | 26.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| White | 52.4 | 56.3 | 59.0 | 63.0 |
| Two or more races | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| Unknown | 1.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 994 | 1,214 | 1,046 | 1,001 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| 1 year | 8.4 | 6.5 | 9.4 | 10.5 |
| 2 years | 8.0 | 9.1 | 11.8 | 10.7 |
| 3 years | 8.4 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 9.1 |
| 4 years | 7.4 | 5.3 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| 5 years | 6.3 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 7.2 |
| 6 years | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 6.6 |
| 7 years | 4.5 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 6.7 |
| 8 years | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 2.9 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| 15 years | 5.2 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 2.6 |
| 16 years | 5.8 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 2.9 |
| 17 years | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.3 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Black | 23.5 | 29.6 | 26.6 | 21.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.5 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| White | 65.2 | 60.3 | 62.2 | 66.2 |
| Two or more races | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| Unknown | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 91.7 | 93.7 | 95.4 | 96.8 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 8.3 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 3.2 |
| **Number** | **9,160** | **7,852** | **5,173** | **4,388** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.73 | 0.76 | 0.52 | 0.42 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.27 | 99.24 | 99.48 | 99.58 |
| **Number** | **15,417** | **14,686** | **13,607** | **12,909** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 14.5 | 17.4 | 16.2 | 16.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.4 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 71.7 | 65.9 | 69.1 | 70.2 |
| Other | 13.3 | 13.1 | 12.3 | 11.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,844** | **6,976** | **6,456** | **6,218** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 29.5 | 34.5 | 29.9 | 26.4 |
| Guardianship | 0.8 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 3.6 |
| Reunification | 45.8 | 38.3 | 35.5 | 40.9 |
| Other | 23.8 | 21.1 | 29.6 | 29.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **491** | **473** | **335** | **276** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| Guardianship | 0.4 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Reunification | 73.4 | 70.7 | 72.6 | 75.1 |
| Other | 23.7 | 24.4 | 22.4 | 20.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,346** | **3,228** | **3,153** | **3,061** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 12.7 | 13.1 | 8.7 | 10.2 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 87.3 | 86.9 | 91.3 | 89.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **718** | **739** | **678** | **587** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.1 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 50.0 | 10.0 | 5.6 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 12.8 | 17.5 | 15.1 | 11.9 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| Reunification | 36.4 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 33.3 | 80.0 | 88.9 | 70.0 | 69.2 | 70.3 | 61.3 | 66.8 | 71.4 |
| Other | 54.5 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 16.7 | 10.0 | 5.6 | 20.0 | 23.1 | 16.6 | 15.6 | 14.9 | 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** | **11** | **2** | **11** | **6** | **20** | **18** | **10** | **13** | **1,835** | **2,050** | **1,841** | **1,834** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.4 | 19.2 | 19.5 | 20.2 | 14.8 | 16.9 | 16.4 | 17.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 66.7 | 60.0 | 100.0 | 65.6 | 62.3 | 68.6 | 70.4 | 72.7 | 68.1 | 70.1 | 69.4 |
| Other | 0.0 | 33.3 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 15.4 | 16.1 | 11.2 | 8.2 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 11.0 |
| 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** | **3** | **5** | **6** | **299** | **292** | **303** | **267** | **4,396** | **4,319** | **3,976** | **3,777** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 13.7 | 19.0 | 16.0 | 18.5 | 23.3 | 25.3 | 19.9 | 20.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.8 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 78.2 | 72.2 | 72.2 | 75.8 | 69.2 | 65.7 | 68.1 | 69.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 7.3 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 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** | **124** | **126** | **144** | **157** | **159** | **166** | **166** | **158** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 69.4 | 70.2 | 70.8 | 70.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 21.7 | 21.2 | 21.8 | 22.0 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,908** | **4,600** | **4,462** | **4,364** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.4 | 80.9 | 80.0 | 80.2 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 11.6 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 10.6 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 8.0 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,564** | **6,346** | **6,076** | **5,901** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 5.0 | 4.0 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 24.6 | 23.9 | 29.5 | 33.1 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 32.0 | 32.0 | 30.2 | 33.2 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 19.2 | 19.9 | 16.2 | 12.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 19.2 | 20.1 | 16.6 | 13.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **995** | **1,214** | **1,046** | **1,001** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 75.9 | 78.8 | 79.1 | 79.8 | 48.5 | 51.9 | 53.8 | 54.8 | 34.4 | 35.9 | 34.0 | 35.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 23.7 | 21.0 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 51.5 | 48.1 | 46.2 | 45.2 | 65.6 | 64.1 | 66.0 | 64.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **8,166** | **7,962** | **7,580** | **7,389** | **3,521** | **3,311** | **3,322** | **3,101** | **3,730** | **3,413** | **2,705** | **2,419** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Institutions | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| Other settings | 97.8 | 98.1 | 98.3 | 97.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,199** | **3,152** | **2,924** | **2,905** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **130.0** | **122.8** | **123.0** | **123.5** |
| 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) | 71.5 | 71.6 | 73.0 | 72.6 |
| 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) | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| 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) | 55.5 | 54.1 | 53.6 | 55.2 |
| 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? | 9.2 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 13.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **112.2** | **147.6** | **160.0** | **155.9** |
| 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? | 29.6 | 27.9 | 37.0 | 41.1 |
| 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? | 30.8 | 31.3 | 28.2 | 26.7 |
| 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? | 25.9 | 35.8 | 36.6 | 36.0 |
| 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?[17] | 14.6 | 23.3 | 25.0 | 23.3 |
| 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? | 46.8 | 72.9 | 74.8 | 71.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **147.2** | **155.3** | **159.0** | **157.3** |
| 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? | 34.5 | 46.2 | 43.2 | 44.1 |
| 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? | 92.9 | 92.3 | 92.0 | 91.5 |
| 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? | 20.9 | 21.0 | 16.2 | 15.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **82.6** | **86.5** | **87.7** | **89.3** |
| 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? | 74.9 | 77.9 | 78.3 | 79.1 |
| 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? | 49.4 | 52.8 | 55.0 | 55.7 |
| 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? | 35.2 | 36.5 | 35.0 | 36.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 6,517,641 | 6,647,219 | 6,765,835 | 6,895,969 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Black | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 44.9 | 45.6 | 46.3 | 47.1 |
| White | 38.1 | 37.5 | 36.8 | 36.0 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 69,065 | 71,111 | 70,976 | 69,169 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 30,633 | 29,962 | 28,007 | 26,591 |
| Children adopted | 3,408 | 4,022 | 4,524 | 4,926 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 54 | 61 | 77 |
| Numerator | N/A | 229 | 255 | 324 |
| Denominator | N/A | 421 | 421 | 421 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 73 | 77 | 81 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,269 | 1,369 | 1,906 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,731 | 1,774 | 2,349 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 280,913 | 43.1 per 1,000 | 283,355 | 42.6 per 1,000 | 288,034 | 42.6 per 1,000 | 292,109 | 42.4 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 69,065 | 10.6 per 1,000 | 71,111 | 10.7 per 1,000 | 70,976 | 10.5 per 1,000 | 69,169 | 10.0 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 257 | 3.9 per 100,000 | 228 | 3.4 per 100,000 | 223 | 3.3 per 100,000 | 279 | 4.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 13.8 | 14.7 | 14.1 | 13.9 |
| 1 year | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 |
| 2 years | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.6 |
| 3 years | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| 4 years | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.3 |
| 5 years | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| 6 years | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 13 years | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| 14 years | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| 15 years | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| 16 years | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| 17 years | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **69,065** | **71,111** | **70,976** | **69,169** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Black | 16.2 | 17.1 | 16.6 | 17.1 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 43.4 | 44.3 | 45.6 | 45.9 |
| White | 34.6 | 32.7 | 31.6 | 31.1 |
| Two or more races | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Missing data | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| **Number** | **69,065** | **71,111** | **70,976** | **69,169** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Medical neglect | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| Neglect | 73.9 | 76.3 | 77.7 | 78.5 |
| Physical abuse | 22.3 | 21.3 | 20.7 | 20.5 |
| Sexual abuse | 10.7 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **69,065** | **71,111** | **70,976** | **69,169** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 191.3 | 132.4 | 58.5 | 57.6 |
| Median | >120 but <144 | >72 but <96 | >24 but <48 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 28,641 | 30,783 | 30,110 | 28,097 | 16,689 | 14,889 | 13,464 | 12,436 | 14,697 | 15,710 | 15,567 | 13,942 | 30,633 | 29,962 | 28,007 | 26,591 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 11.6 | 12.6 | 14.0 | 15.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 13.8 | 14.9 | 16.4 | 17.6 | 12.7 | 14.2 | 15.7 | 15.2 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 21.1 | 22.7 | 22.5 | 21.8 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 1 year | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.2 |
| 2 years | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 11.6 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.8 |
| 4 years | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| 7 years | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 8 years | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| 9 years | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| 16 years | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| 17 years | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 7.6 | 11.2 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| 18 years | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 23.7 | 22.8 | 23.5 | 24.2 | 20.0 | 20.9 | 19.8 | 22.6 | 21.4 | 20.0 | 19.3 | 21.7 | 22.8 | 23.4 | 24.1 | 24.8 |
| 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) | 39.4 | 40.2 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 40.5 | 41.8 | 40.4 | 39.9 | 38.9 | 41.0 | 41.0 | 40.3 | 40.2 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 40.9 |
| White | 32.2 | 31.9 | 30.1 | 29.1 | 34.1 | 31.1 | 33.4 | 31.4 | 34.9 | 33.8 | 33.9 | 31.9 | 32.0 | 30.5 | 29.6 | 28.7 |
| Two or more races | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Unknown | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 12,490 | 13,497 | 13,374 | 12,807 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 9,290 | 9,721 | 9,919 | 9,189 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| 1 year | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.2 |
| 2 years | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 8.3 |
| 3 years | 6.7 | 7.4 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 5.8 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| 7 years | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.6 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 13 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 14 years | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| 16 years | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 17 years | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 26.8 | 26.6 | 27.4 | 28.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 39.1 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 40.1 |
| White | 28.6 | 29.1 | 27.6 | 26.0 |
| Two or more races | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Unknown | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 3,408 | 4,022 | 4,524 | 4,926 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.1 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| 1 year | 15.5 | 15.3 | 13.5 | 12.1 |
| 2 years | 14.5 | 17.1 | 16.4 | 16.7 |
| 3 years | 11.1 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 11.0 |
| 4 years | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 9.1 |
| 5 years | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 7.5 |
| 6 years | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 7.2 |
| 7 years | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| 8 years | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| 10 years | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| 12 years | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 13 years | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| 14 years | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| 15 years | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| 16 years | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| 17 years | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 18 years | <.1 | <.1 | <.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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Black | 21.9 | 19.7 | 17.7 | 22.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 41.3 | 44.7 | 45.2 | 40.4 |
| White | 31.3 | 29.7 | 30.3 | 29.7 |
| Two or more races | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 95.7 | 96.2 | 96.2 | 96.3 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| **Number** | **31,393** | **33,430** | **33,972** | **32,296** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.32 | 0.42 | 0.36 | 0.20 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.68 | 99.58 | 99.64 | 99.80 |
| **Number** | **45,330** | **45,672** | **43,574** | **40,533** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 23.4 | 25.8 | 28.9 | 35.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 64.9 | 62.3 | 57.6 | 50.2 |
| Other | 11.1 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 12.2 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **14,697** | **15,710** | **15,567** | **13,942** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 29.8 | 31.1 | 33.3 | 38.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Reunification | 49.9 | 48.2 | 43.3 | 35.6 |
| Other | 19.6 | 19.0 | 21.3 | 23.9 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,963** | **4,363** | **4,371** | **4,131** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Reunification | 46.7 | 46.9 | 43.1 | 36.2 |
| Other | 50.2 | 48.1 | 49.6 | 56.5 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,117** | **2,033** | **2,087** | **1,750** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 36.2 | 41.8 | 40.1 | 41.4 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 63.8 | 58.2 | 59.9 | 58.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,397** | **1,439** | **1,504** | **1,522** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 20.0 | 11.5 | 19.4 | 33.3 | 18.8 | 12.9 | 23.5 | 17.9 | 23.7 | 25.3 | 26.6 | 36.9 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| Reunification | 52.0 | 61.5 | 54.8 | 46.7 | 59.4 | 61.3 | 47.1 | 53.6 | 62.3 | 59.2 | 55.7 | 45.3 |
| Other | 12.0 | 19.2 | 25.8 | 20.0 | 12.5 | 19.4 | 21.6 | 21.4 | 13.6 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 15.0 |
| Missing data | 16.0 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.4 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **25** | **26** | **31** | **15** | **32** | **31** | **51** | **28** | **3,148** | **3,138** | **3,003** | **3,021** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 24.7 | 28.0 | 31.8 | 35.3 | 21.0 | 22.9 | 25.7 | 32.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 60.0 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 75.0 | 65.0 | 61.5 | 56.3 | 51.9 | 66.8 | 65.1 | 60.6 | 52.0 |
| Other | 40.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 11.5 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 12.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5** | **9** | **2** | **8** | **5,718** | **6,435** | **6,382** | **5,616** | **5,133** | **5,312** | **5,271** | **4,452** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 27.0 | 32.6 | 32.6 | 37.7 | 29.3 | 30.3 | 36.1 | 44.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 62.8 | 62.9 | 60.2 | 53.5 | 62.5 | 63.0 | 53.3 | 44.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 8.0 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 2.2 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **137** | **178** | **264** | **215** | **499** | **581** | **563** | **586** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 60.1 | 56.4 | 52.5 | 49.4 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 34.6 | 37.8 | 39.7 | 42.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **9,535** | **9,793** | **8,960** | **7,001** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 91.2 | 90.8 | 90.3 | 90.3 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 4.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| Missing data | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **16,689** | **14,889** | **13,464** | **12,436** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 6.7 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 42.8 | 42.8 | 40.3 | 36.8 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 27.1 | 32.1 | 32.9 | 35.1 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 13.2 | 10.6 | 13.4 | 14.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 10.3 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 10.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **3,433** | **4,055** | **4,492** | **4,912** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 80.0 | 79.4 | 80.1 | 82.5 | 52.2 | 53.5 | 54.3 | 55.1 | 19.3 | 21.0 | 22.1 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 20.0 | 20.6 | 19.9 | 17.5 | 47.8 | 46.5 | 45.7 | 44.9 | 80.7 | 79.0 | 77.9 | 77.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **20,985** | **19,111** | **16,755** | **15,344** | **12,470** | **13,155** | **12,547** | **11,129** | **11,874** | **13,406** | **14,269** | **14,060** | **1** | **0** | **3** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Institutions | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| Other settings | 90.7 | 89.5 | 89.5 | 89.4 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **14,451** | **13,069** | **11,691** | **10,738** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **123.7** | **119.2** | **115.3** | **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) | 68.7 | 64.4 | 60.8 | 59.4 |
| 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) | 10.2 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 11.2 |
| 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) | 37.1 | 37.5 | 31.9 | 37.3 |
| 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? | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.0 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **100.2** | **99.0** | **99.7** | **103.8** |
| 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? | 49.5 | 48.4 | 43.9 | 40.2 |
| 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? | 24.1 | 24.3 | 25.7 | 26.3 |
| 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? | 19.2 | 20.6 | 23.1 | 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?[17] | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 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? | 38.2 | 36.5 | 37.8 | 41.0 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **94.0** | **92.8** | **94.5** | **95.3** |
| 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? | 19.3 | 20.3 | 23.5 | 25.1 |
| 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? | 87.8 | 88.6 | 88.7 | 89.4 |
| 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? | 60.9 | 63.0 | 65.1 | 67.1 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **81.8** | **82.8** | **84.0** | **85.9** |
| 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? | 79.7 | 79.1 | 79.9 | 82.1 |
| 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? | 52.2 | 53.5 | 54.3 | 55.1 |
| 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? | 19.3 | 21.0 | 22.1 | 22.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## STATE COMMENT

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The following are Texas's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

In 2005, the Texas Legislature directed Child Protective Services (CPS) to significantly reform its practices and provided extensive funding and staffing to support those reforms. The Texas Legislature, in subsequent sessions, has continued to add funding and staffing resources to build and reinforce an infrastructure dedicated to achieving improved outcomes related to safety, permanency and well-being for Texas children and families. Since 2006, CPS has divided its direct delivery staff into functional units in investigations, family based safety services and conservatorship programs, providing an improved supervisor to caseworker ratio. CPS enhanced the requirements for documenting cases and implemented tools for management and line staff to use to review regional and state performance. CPS training and quality assurance practices also have been enhanced to focus on what is needed to improve services and child outcomes.

The reform initiatives have moved CPS to a family focused practice model which matches services to individual family needs by improving family member involvement and increasing opportunities to listen to voices of parents and former foster youth. Over the course of the implementation of the family focused practice model the number of removals have declined. As an ancillary measure, to increase the role of families in solving abuse and/or neglect crises, staff and funding were added to strengthen the CPS Kinship Program. As a result, more children were diverted from foster care to kinship placements.

By adding extensively to the existing staff complement, CPS was able to make progress in reducing high caseloads and increasing the capacity of staff to deliver the needed services. The reform initiatives directed CPS to immediately respond to reports that could lead to death of or severe harm to a child. Highest priority reports are responded to within 24 hours and lower priority reports are responded to within 72 hours. Prior to 2007, the response time for lower priority cases was 10 days.

The continuous attention to CPS organizational improvement since 2005 is making a difference as evidenced by the improved Texas data. Even though the Texas child population continues to grow and the number of investigations holds steady, the positive improvements in caseworker visits in foster care, improved response time to investigations, growth in the number of finalized adoptions, reduced recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect, increased placement stability and reduced placement of young children in group homes or institutions are all evidence that Texas CPS has made progress between 2006 and 2009 in many areas of its child welfare practice.

# Utah

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 802,503 | 829,615 | 850,682 | 868,824 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Asian | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Black | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 14.4 | 15.2 | 15.8 | 16.3 |
| White | 78.0 | 77.0 | 76.4 | 75.5 |
| Two or more races | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 13,043 | 13,611 | 13,179 | 13,706 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 2,395 | 2,721 | 2,476 | 2,754 |
| Children adopted | 501 | 454 | 536 | 499 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 94 | 95 | 96 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | 2,496 | 3,736 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | 2,617 | 3,891 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 95 | 100 | 100 |
| Numerator | N/A | — | — | 24,117 |
| Denominator | N/A | — | — | 24,117 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 32,181 | 40.1 per 1,000 | 32,134 | 38.7 per 1,000 | 31,382 | 36.9 per 1,000 | 32,518 | 37.4 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 13,043 | 16.3 per 1,000 | 13,611 | 16.4 per 1,000 | 13,179 | 15.5 per 1,000 | 13,706 | 15.8 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 13 | 1.6 per 100,000 | 11 | 1.3 per 100,000 | 15 | 1.8 per 100,000 | 8 | 0.9 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.6 |
| 1 year | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 3 years | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| 4 years | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.1 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| 13 years | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 15 years | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 16 years | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 17 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **13,043** | **13,611** | **13,179** | **13,706** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Black | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 21.9 | 23.6 | 23.8 | 22.9 |
| White | 67.9 | 66.1 | 66.4 | 67.5 |
| Two or more races | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| **Number** | **13,043** | **13,611** | **13,179** | **13,706** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 43.4 | 44.7 | 45.8 | 47.8 |
| Medical neglect | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Neglect | 21.1 | 20.6 | 20.1 | 19.5 |
| Physical abuse | 14.9 | 14.1 | 12.9 | 12.2 |
| Sexual abuse | 17.8 | 17.7 | 17.1 | 16.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 20.2 | 20.3 | 20.6 | 20.4 |
| **Number** | **13,043** | **13,611** | **13,179** | **13,706** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 118.1 | 112.1 | 106.4 | 98.2 |
| Median | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 2,211 | 2,404 | 2,696 | 2,669 | 2,138 | 2,081 | 1,802 | 2,047 | 1,954 | 1,764 | 2,022 | 1,962 | 2,395 | 2,721 | 2,476 | 2,754 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 10.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8.5 | 10.3 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 10.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.6 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 12.8 | 15.1 | 13.7 | 13.1 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 1 year | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 8.3 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 6.3 |
| 2 years | 4.4 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 3 years | 2.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| 4 years | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| 5 years | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 6 years | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.0 |
| 7 years | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.9 |
| 8 years | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| 9 years | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| 10 years | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| 14 years | 9.4 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.1 |
| 15 years | 9.7 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 9.2 |
| 16 years | 10.8 | 11.5 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 11.1 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 10.6 |
| 17 years | 11.4 | 12.4 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 11.9 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 11.1 |
| 18 years | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 0.4 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| 19 years | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| 20+ years | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 5.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Black | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 22.2 | 22.3 | 24.4 | 23.7 | 25.0 | 27.0 | 27.3 | 25.4 | 25.1 | 25.2 | 27.6 | 25.4 | 22.3 | 24.1 | 23.9 | 23.7 |
| White | 63.9 | 63.9 | 62.4 | 62.4 | 62.1 | 60.1 | 59.2 | 62.3 | 61.9 | 61.0 | 59.8 | 61.3 | 63.9 | 62.9 | 62.2 | 63.1 |
| Two or more races | 1.6 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 472 | 571 | 525 | 564 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 194 | 259 | 338 | 338 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.8 | 6.1 | 3.6 | 6.7 |
| 1 year | 7.4 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.4 |
| 2 years | 5.3 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| 3 years | 7.0 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| 4 years | 4.9 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 5 years | 5.5 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| 6 years | 5.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 3.4 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.7 |
| 9 years | 5.1 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 6.2 |
| 10 years | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| 12 years | 6.6 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 13 years | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| 14 years | 6.6 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 15 years | 6.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| 16 years | 4.4 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 4.4 |
| 17 years | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 3.7 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Black | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 24.6 | 26.6 | 27.6 | 25.2 |
| White | 65.3 | 61.8 | 61.9 | 65.4 |
| Two or more races | 1.9 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| 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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 501 | 454 | 536 | 499 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.2 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 7.0 |
| 1 year | 17.0 | 17.2 | 19.6 | 18.0 |
| 2 years | 14.2 | 13.7 | 12.9 | 12.2 |
| 3 years | 9.8 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 10.8 |
| 4 years | 8.0 | 9.3 | 7.6 | 10.8 |
| 5 years | 8.6 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 6.2 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 7.6 |
| 8 years | 2.4 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 3.2 |
| 10 years | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| 11 years | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.8 |
| 12 years | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| 13 years | 1.6 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 14 years | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 15 years | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 16 years | 2.0 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 17 years | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| 18 years | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| 19 years | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

### Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2.4 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Black | 5.0 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 31.3 | 31.5 | 31.7 | 30.7 |
| White | 57.7 | 58.4 | 58.8 | 60.1 |
| Two or more races | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.2 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.5 | 92.9 | 93.9 | 92.3 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 7.7 |
| **Number** | **6,342** | **6,488** | **6,405** | **6,629** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.28 | 1.00 | 0.47 | 0.66 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.72 | 99.00 | 99.53 | 99.34 |
| **Number** | **4,349** | **4,485** | **4,498** | **4,716** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 22.0 | 19.6 | 24.4 | 24.2 |
| Guardianship | 5.1 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 8.8 |
| Reunification | 54.3 | 51.5 | 49.3 | 51.9 |
| Other | 14.9 | 17.0 | 16.1 | 14.8 |
| Missing data | 3.7 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **1,954** | **1,764** | **2,022** | **1,962** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 24.0 | 20.1 | 24.1 | 24.7 |
| Guardianship | 5.4 | 7.0 | 10.4 | 9.5 |
| Reunification | 45.9 | 42.7 | 41.0 | 43.9 |
| Other | 22.8 | 28.4 | 24.0 | 22.0 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,120** | **997** | **1,191** | **1,174** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Guardianship | 5.4 | 6.7 | 8.5 | 9.3 |
| Reunification | 41.9 | 36.4 | 41.4 | 48.9 |
| Other | 39.3 | 42.9 | 44.1 | 40.3 |
| Missing data | 11.1 | 11.8 | 5.0 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **596** | **585** | **626** | **615** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 23.1 | 16.7 | 14.8 | 13.0 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 76.9 | 83.3 | 85.2 | 87.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **208** | **203** | **216** | **193** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 18.3 | 5.3 | 9.0 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 19.8 | 25.9 | 22.5 | 16.0 |
| Guardianship | 2.4 | 10.7 | 12.8 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 2.5 | 8.5 |
| Reunification | 54.9 | 40.0 | 51.3 | 49.4 | 40.0 | 87.5 | 94.1 | 55.6 | 56.4 | 43.5 | 55.0 | 67.0 |
| Other | 18.3 | 32.0 | 25.6 | 24.7 | 40.0 | 12.5 | 5.9 | 22.2 | 14.9 | 21.2 | 17.5 | 8.5 |
| Missing data | 6.1 | 12.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **82** | **75** | **78** | **77** | **10** | **8** | **17** | **9** | **101** | **85** | **80** | **94** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 26.3 | 27.3 | 20.0 | 27.3 | 26.3 | 22.1 | 28.1 | 29.7 | 20.8 | 19.2 | 24.2 | 23.5 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 13.6 | 10.0 | 9.1 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 7.7 | 9.4 | 8.0 |
| Reunification | 42.1 | 45.5 | 40.0 | 45.5 | 55.0 | 55.2 | 50.9 | 47.6 | 54.3 | 51.0 | 47.2 | 53.2 |
| Other | 15.8 | 4.5 | 20.0 | 18.2 | 10.8 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 13.1 | 16.5 | 17.9 | 17.7 | 14.7 |
| Missing data | 15.8 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **19** | **22** | **10** | **11** | **491** | **444** | **558** | **498** | **1,209** | **1,076** | **1,209** | **1,202** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.1 | 17.8 | 27.4 | 29.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 30.0 | 22.2 | 66.7 | 30.0 | 56.3 | 62.2 | 51.6 | 47.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 10.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 45.0 | 6.3 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 60.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **10** | **9** | **6** | **20** | **32** | **45** | **62** | **51** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 82.8 | 77.9 | 73.8 | 74.6 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 13.9 | 18.6 | 21.7 | 20.6 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 1.6 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,061** | **908** | **997** | **1,018** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 77.6 | 82.0 | 85.5 | 83.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 10.4 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 7.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 11.0 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 9.1 |
| Missing data | 1.0 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **2,138** | **2,081** | **1,802** | **2,047** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 34.7 | 34.2 | 32.6 | 28.3 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 43.5 | 51.0 | 52.0 | 52.1 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 13.0 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 15.4 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 4.4 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| 48 or more mos. | 4.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **430** | **345** | **494** | **474** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 80.3 | 73.2 | 72.0 | 77.2 | 45.9 | 41.6 | 43.0 | 41.2 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 18.8 | 26.4 | 27.6 | 21.4 | 54.1 | 58.4 | 57.0 | 58.8 | 85.2 | 84.2 | 84.1 | 83.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **2,585** | **2,557** | **2,371** | **2,614** | **929** | **1,061** | **1,170** | **1,117** | **833** | **866** | **955** | **983** | **2** | **1** | **2** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Institutions | 1.7 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| Other settings | 97.2 | 96.6 | 96.3 | 97.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,445** | **1,438** | **1,232** | **1,362** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **123.2** | **118.7** | **117.3** | **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) | 83.3 | 78.2 | 75.6 | 76.4 |
| 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) | 4.4 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| 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) | 49.5 | 41.3 | 34.8 | 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? | 19.4 | 16.2 | 14.4 | 14.1 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **157.9** | **152.3** | **157.9** | **147.6** |
| 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? | 78.3 | 85.5 | 84.6 | 80.5 |
| 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? | 15.4 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 16.2 |
| 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? | 16.0 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 15.0 |
| 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?[17] | 4.4 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 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? | 82.8 | 85.3 | 80.3 | 80.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **123.4** | **119.8** | **119.8** | **115.7** |
| 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? | 18.5 | 10.8 | 12.7 | 13.7 |
| 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? | 97.3 | 96.1 | 96.8 | 96.9 |
| 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? | 30.2 | 24.1 | 27.6 | 34.4 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **77.2** | **69.9** | **70.0** | **74.2** |
| 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? | 79.5 | 71.7 | 70.8 | 77.0 |
| 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? | 46.2 | 41.6 | 43.8 | 41.8 |
| 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? | 15.2 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 17.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 133,544 | 131,099 | 128,637 | 126,275 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Black | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| White | 93.0 | 92.6 | 92.4 | 91.9 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 861 | 872 | 677 | 762 |
| Foster care entry rate | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,392 | 1,331 | 1,214 | 1,078 |
| Children adopted | 164 | 199 | 182 | 156 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 11 | 20 | 19 |
| Numerator | N/A | 213 | 365 | 281 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,875 | 1,781 | 1,518 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 29 | 58 | 63 |
| Numerator | N/A | 283 | — | 946 |
| Denominator | N/A | 980 | — | 1,504 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 2,841 | 21.3 per 1,000 | 3,222 | 24.6 per 1,000 | 2,948 | 22.9 per 1,000 | 4,109 | 32.5 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 861 | 6.4 per 1,000 | 872 | 6.7 per 1,000 | 677 | 5.3 per 1,000 | 762 | 6.0 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 | 3 | 2.3 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.8 per 100,000 | 3 | 2.4 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.2 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 6.8 |
| 1 year | 4.8 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 5.4 |
| 2 years | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 3 years | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| 4 years | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| 5 years | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 4.5 |
| 6 years | 7.4 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 7 years | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| 9 years | 5.0 | 3.8 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.7 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 5.2 |
| 12 years | 5.6 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 13 years | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.1 |
| 14 years | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.4 | 8.1 |
| 15 years | 6.0 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 8.8 |
| 16 years | 6.2 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 3.4 |
| 17 years | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **861** | **872** | **677** | **762** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Black | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| White | 93.4 | 91.5 | 94.7 | 96.1 |
| Two or more races | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 3.0 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **861** | **872** | **677** | **762** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Medical neglect | 2.3 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| Neglect | 4.9 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| Physical abuse | 51.3 | 46.9 | 46.1 | 47.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 43.2 | 48.6 | 48.4 | 48.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **861** | **872** | **677** | **762** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 100.7 | 96.0 | 110.0 | 104.4 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,421 | 1,367 | 1,281 | 1,171 | 698 | 619 | 642 | 549 | 729 | 658 | 710 | 644 | 1,392 | 1,331 | 1,214 | 1,078 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 16.1 | 16.5 | 16.8 | 17.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.2 | 18.5 | 16.6 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 16.7 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 11.2 | 12.6 | 10.7 | 13.5 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.8 |
| 1 year | 3.3 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| 2 years | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 3.9 |
| 3 years | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| 4 years | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| 5 years | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.6 |
| 6 years | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| 7 years | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| 8 years | 3.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 2.5 |
| 9 years | 2.0 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| 10 years | 3.5 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| 11 years | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| 12 years | 4.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 7.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 14 years | 10.3 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 9.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 6.1 |
| 15 years | 12.2 | 13.7 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 15.5 | 15.0 | 14.2 | 12.4 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 13.4 | 12.1 | 11.1 | 11.4 |
| 16 years | 14.4 | 13.9 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 10.9 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 13.7 | 15.1 | 15.8 | 13.9 |
| 17 years | 13.1 | 12.7 | 13.2 | 15.9 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 17.3 | 16.9 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 15.7 | 15.2 |
| 18 years | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 12.8 | 9.0 | 16.6 | 18.3 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 4.4 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| 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 | 0.1 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Black | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 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 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| White | 95.0 | 94.5 | 94.1 | 95.7 | 92.8 | 94.0 | 96.7 | 96.4 | 94.1 | 94.7 | 94.1 | 95.0 | 94.4 | 94.1 | 95.6 | 96.5 |
| 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 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.3 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 253 | 256 | 225 | 233 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 222 | 183 | 180 | 168 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.8 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 3.4 |
| 1 year | 7.9 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 7.7 |
| 2 years | 5.9 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 3.9 |
| 3 years | 3.2 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 3.4 |
| 4 years | 3.2 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 5.2 |
| 5 years | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| 6 years | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.3 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 4.3 |
| 8 years | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 8.7 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.9 |
| 10 years | 2.8 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 7.9 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| 12 years | 6.3 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.6 |
| 13 years | 7.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 5.2 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 6.4 |
| 15 years | 8.3 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 9.0 |
| 16 years | 6.7 | 7.4 | 8.9 | 6.9 |
| 17 years | 5.9 | 4.3 | 6.7 | 8.2 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 0.4 | 5.1 | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| White | 98.0 | 93.8 | 94.7 | 95.7 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 164 | 199 | 182 | 156 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 1.3 |
| 1 year | 11.0 | 16.6 | 12.1 | 10.3 |
| 2 years | 7.9 | 12.6 | 10.4 | 13.5 |
| 3 years | 11.6 | 7.0 | 9.9 | 9.0 |
| 4 years | 12.2 | 6.0 | 8.8 | 7.1 |
| 5 years | 9.1 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 9.6 |
| 6 years | 2.4 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.7 |
| 7 years | 6.7 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 3.2 |
| 8 years | 3.7 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| 9 years | 6.7 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 3.2 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| 13 years | 5.5 | 4.5 | 2.2 | 3.8 |
| 14 years | 3.0 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 15 years | 4.9 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 4.5 |
| 16 years | 1.2 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 1.3 |
| 17 years | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 3.2 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 1.2 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 1.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| White | 94.5 | 92.0 | 87.4 | 91.7 |
| Two or more races | 3.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

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

# Vermont

## OUTCOMES DATA

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

### 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 94.8 | 96.1 | 98.4 | 96.2 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 5.2 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 3.8 |
| **Number** | **387** | **388** | **319** | **373** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.05 | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.06 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.95 | 99.70 | 100.00 | 99.94 |
| **Number** | **2,119** | **1,986** | **1,923** | **1,720** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 20.9 | 29.6 | 25.6 | 23.8 |
| Guardianship | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 2.8 |
| Reunification | 60.8 | 56.4 | 56.3 | 57.0 |
| Other | 15.9 | 11.6 | 17.0 | 16.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **729** | **658** | **710** | **644** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 24.9 | 26.9 | 17.4 | 16.2 |
| Guardianship | 1.0 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 5.9 |
| Reunification | 41.3 | 36.1 | 43.0 | 35.3 |
| Other | 32.8 | 33.6 | 39.5 | 42.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **201** | **119** | **86** | **68** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.4 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| Guardianship | 1.1 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 2.2 |
| Reunification | 72.3 | 71.3 | 65.7 | 62.8 |
| Other | 25.1 | 21.8 | 31.7 | 32.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **354** | **289** | **309** | **269** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 23.1 | 10.4 | 18.1 | 17.0 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 76.9 | 89.6 | 81.9 | 83.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **104** | **67** | **105** | **88** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 37.5 | 15.8 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 5.3 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 69.6 | 64.7 | 41.7 | 68.4 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 17.4 | 23.5 | 20.8 | 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** | **3** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **23** | **17** | **24** | **19** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 21.7 | 30.8 | 25.6 | 24.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 2.8 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 85.7 | 57.1 | 57.1 | 33.3 | 59.5 | 56.0 | 56.7 | 56.9 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 42.9 | 16.7 | 16.3 | 10.9 | 16.6 | 16.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **7** | **7** | **6** | **686** | **623** | **668** | **612** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 25.0 | 75.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 83.3 | 66.7 | 50.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 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** | **5** | **4** | **4** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **6** | **6** | **4** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 52.4 | 56.1 | 55.8 | 59.4 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 26.6 | 22.1 | 26.0 | 18.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 13.1 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 9.3 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 4.1 | 6.5 | 3.5 | 5.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 6.5 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **443** | **371** | **400** | **367** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 81.8 | 79.5 | 76.2 | 76.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 9.2 | 8.7 | 13.6 | 13.7 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.0 | 11.8 | 10.3 | 9.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **698** | **619** | **642** | **549** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.0 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 2.6 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 34.2 | 40.0 | 47.3 | 39.2 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 34.9 | 30.3 | 31.9 | 32.7 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 15.1 | 17.4 | 8.8 | 13.7 |
| 48 or more mos. | 13.2 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 11.8 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **152** | **195** | **182** | **153** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 67.7 | 67.9 | 69.1 | 72.2 | 42.2 | 46.7 | 43.7 | 43.9 | 18.7 | 21.2 | 19.8 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 32.3 | 32.1 | 30.9 | 27.8 | 57.8 | 53.3 | 56.3 | 56.1 | 81.3 | 78.8 | 80.2 | 81.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **793** | **720** | **718** | **633** | **569** | **516** | **513** | **449** | **756** | **750** | **692** | **637** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.9 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.4 |
| Institutions | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Other settings | 96.5 | 95.4 | 94.8 | 95.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **376** | **328** | **345** | **328** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **94.5** | **109.1** | **102.1** | **95.7** |
| 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) | 58.4 | 56.6 | 59.9 | 60.5 |
| 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) | 9.5 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.1 |
| 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) | 32.3 | 32.4 | 30.9 | 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? | 17.3 | 11.6 | 15.8 | 18.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **106.4** | **124.9** | **139.2** | **120.5** |
| 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? | 36.4 | 45.1 | 53.8 | 41.8 |
| 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? | 27.4 | 25.8 | 22.8 | 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? | 18.5 | 20.6 | 19.0 | 21.7 |
| 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?[17] | 7.9 | 8.7 | 11.4 | 9.7 |
| 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? | 58.5 | 71.5 | 80.9 | 68.4 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **107.8** | **120.3** | **116.8** | **106.5** |
| 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? | 25.1 | 31.0 | 23.3 | 27.8 |
| 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? | 92.8 | 97.0 | 95.2 | 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? | 51.7 | 51.4 | 44.3 | 57.7 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **66.0** | **68.7** | **68.2** | **69.5** |
| 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? | 64.1 | 64.5 | 66.1 | 68.2 |
| 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? | 42.1 | 46.6 | 43.4 | 43.8 |
| 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? | 19.0 | 21.4 | 20.4 | 18.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: 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 1100 children in custody for abuse and neglect (64% of children in custody), for delinquency (23%), or because they are beyond parental control (13%). In addition, social work staff supervise about 250 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.

In 2008 and 2009, a number of interrelated initiatives have resulted in changes in the populations served:

- Child abuse and neglect intake was centralized in October 2008. This resulted in a substantial increase in the number of screened-in reports.
- A new juvenile statute went into effect in January 2009. An emphasis on options to keep children safe without requiring out of home care, including early involvement of relatives, has contributed to a decline in the number of children entering foster care.
- We implemented differential response to child abuse and neglect on 7/1/2009. This, in addition to a system-wide focus on family engagement, has resulting in an increase in the number of intact families being served and a decrease in the number of children in foster care.

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 or 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,829,099 | 1,836,402 | 1,838,921 | 1,847,182 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Black | 22.1 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 9.0 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 10.7 |
| White | 61.0 | 60.3 | 60.0 | 58.9 |
| Two or more races | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 6,828 | 6,275 | 5,912 | 6,068 |
| Foster care entry rate | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 7,890 | 7,704 | 7,126 | 5,886 |
| Children adopted | 551 | 680 | 600 | 517 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 14 | 19 | 59 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,401 | 1,776 | 4,712 |
| Denominator | N/A | 9,909 | 9,358 | 7,922 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 40 | 41 | 75 |
| Numerator | N/A | 562 | 726 | 25,913 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,401 | 1,776 | 34,566 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 58,826 | 32.2 per 1,000 | 53,923 | 29.4 per 1,000 | 59,956 | 32.6 per 1,000 | 62,596 | 33.9 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 6,828 | 3.7 per 1,000 | 6,275 | 3.4 per 1,000 | 5,912 | 3.2 per 1,000 | 6,068 | 3.3 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 20 | 1.1 per 100,000 | 31 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 37 | 2.0 per 100,000 | 28 | 1.5 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 10.2 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 11.6 |
| 1 year | 6.4 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.3 |
| 2 years | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| 3 years | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| 6 years | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.8 |
| 7 years | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 9 years | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| 14 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| 15 years | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| 16 years | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| 17 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| **Number** | **6,828** | **6,275** | **5,912** | **6,068** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Black | 34.5 | 32.3 | 31.4 | 30.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.5 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 10.3 |
| White | 50.6 | 49.4 | 50.9 | 50.5 |
| Two or more races | 4.2 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| **Number** | **6,828** | **6,275** | **5,912** | **6,068** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Medical neglect | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| Neglect | 61.6 | 62.1 | 59.5 | 61.8 |
| Physical abuse | 27.9 | 25.8 | 27.6 | 27.3 |
| Sexual abuse | 13.9 | 15.1 | 16.4 | 15.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,828** | **6,275** | **5,912** | **6,068** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 184.1 | 192.9 | 204.4 | 175.6 |
| Median | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 | >48 but <72 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 7,024 | 7,557 | 7,143 | 6,712 | 3,736 | 3,425 | 3,063 | 2,478 | 2,870 | 3,279 | 3,081 | 3,304 | 7,890 | 7,704 | 7,126 | 5,886 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 18.0 | 16.0 | 17.1 | 18.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18.0 | 16.4 | 18.4 | 18.9 | 16.8 | 17.8 | 18.9 | 19.6 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 13.0 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 14.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 1 year | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| 2 years | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| 3 years | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 4 years | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| 5 years | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 6 years | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| 7 years | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 8 years | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| 9 years | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| 10 years | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 8.5 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 6.7 |
| 15 years | 10.5 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 7.5 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 8.1 |
| 16 years | 12.7 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 11.3 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 11.3 | 11.9 |
| 17 years | 12.4 | 13.8 | 13.6 | 14.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 17.8 | 30.3 | 14.9 | 4.0 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 13.9 | 13.5 |
| 18 years | 2.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.8 | 3.6 | 18.1 | 25.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 3.3 | <.1 | 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 | 0.0 | <.1 | 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Black | 42.4 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 40.3 | 36.8 | 36.3 | 34.7 | 31.7 | 39.2 | 35.3 | 36.9 | 38.5 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 40.1 | 37.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.1 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 9.3 |
| White | 44.8 | 44.8 | 44.3 | 43.8 | 48.3 | 48.6 | 48.1 | 50.8 | 47.4 | 49.8 | 48.6 | 45.1 | 45.5 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 46.0 |
| Two or more races | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,831 | 1,868 | 1,747 | 1,593 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 992 | 1,414 | 904 | 776 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.5 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| 1 year | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 6.2 |
| 2 years | 6.4 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 8.2 |
| 3 years | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.3 |
| 6 years | 5.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.3 |
| 7 years | 4.4 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.1 |
| 8 years | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| 9 years | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| 10 years | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| 11 years | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 |
| 12 years | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 5.5 |
| 13 years | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 7.3 |
| 15 years | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 16 years | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| 17 years | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Black | 43.5 | 39.6 | 39.5 | 39.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.2 | 7.0 | 9.2 | 9.4 |
| White | 43.6 | 43.4 | 40.7 | 42.5 |
| Two or more races | 6.8 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 7.6 |
| Unknown | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 551 | 680 | 600 | 517 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| 1 year | 6.5 | 8.7 | 10.5 | 8.5 |
| 2 years | 10.3 | 11.8 | 14.8 | 11.8 |
| 3 years | 9.3 | 11.6 | 9.8 | 9.7 |
| 4 years | 8.5 | 9.9 | 9.2 | 7.9 |
| 5 years | 9.1 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 8.3 |
| 6 years | 6.7 | 6.5 | 8.3 | 7.2 |
| 7 years | 7.3 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 6.8 |
| 8 years | 6.2 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| 9 years | 6.7 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 6.2 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 5.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 4.8 |
| 13 years | 4.7 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 3.1 |
| 14 years | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 15 years | 2.9 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 2.9 |
| 16 years | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.3 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Black | 34.3 | 37.1 | 35.0 | 33.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 3.8 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 7.5 |
| White | 48.5 | 46.2 | 46.3 | 47.2 |
| Two or more races | 11.8 | 10.7 | 11.8 | 10.4 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 98.0 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 98.0 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| **Number** | **3,148** | **2,955** | **2,566** | **2,720** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.36 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.25 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.64 | 99.79 | 99.76 | 99.75 |
| **Number** | **10,760** | **10,982** | **10,206** | **9,190** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 20.9 | 18.6 | 19.5 | 20.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 42.0 | 45.5 | 46.4 | 44.9 |
| Other | 33.5 | 31.9 | 32.3 | 30.8 |
| Missing data | 3.6 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 4.3 |
| **Number** | **2,870** | **3,279** | **3,081** | **3,304** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 25.1 | 22.9 | 24.5 | 25.6 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 17.4 | 21.0 | 19.4 | 23.4 |
| Other | 53.7 | 52.3 | 55.0 | 49.3 |
| Missing data | 3.8 | 3.7 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| **Number** | **443** | **428** | **351** | **351** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 31.4 | 36.7 | 35.1 | 31.2 |
| Other | 65.3 | 59.0 | 62.3 | 64.1 |
| Missing data | 2.7 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 3.6 |
| **Number** | **1,117** | **1,388** | **1,189** | **1,210** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 24.2 | 21.2 | 25.4 | 22.0 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 75.8 | 78.8 | 74.5 | 78.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **899** | **992** | **945** | **943** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 30.8 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 19.6 | 17.3 | 17.9 | 16.4 |
| 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 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 33.3 | 54.5 | 61.5 | 28.6 | 66.7 | 38.0 | 39.5 | 43.3 | 44.1 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 66.7 | 9.1 | 7.7 | 71.4 | 10.0 | 39.5 | 38.8 | 37.1 | 35.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 4.2 |
| **Number** | **1** | **2** | **4** | **3** | **11** | **13** | **7** | **30** | **1,124** | **1,159** | **1,138** | **1,273** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.6 | 16.6 | 20.8 | 20.4 | 20.4 | 18.1 | 19.6 | 20.7 |
| 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 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 44.3 | 51.3 | 42.5 | 46.3 | 44.5 | 48.6 | 48.9 | 45.4 |
| Other | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 29.1 | 34.5 | 28.4 | 31.4 | 29.9 | 29.6 | 29.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 4.4 |
| **Number** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **183** | **265** | **226** | **285** | **1,361** | **1,634** | **1,497** | **1,489** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 11.1 | 20.8 | 13.3 | 19.4 | 38.7 | 33.9 | 28.7 | 38.5 | 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 | 74.1 | 41.7 | 66.7 | 54.8 | 38.7 | 46.1 | 47.2 | 40.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 7.4 | 25.0 | 16.7 | 22.6 | 20.2 | 12.8 | 23.0 | 17.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 7.4 | 12.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 7.2 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **27** | **24** | **30** | **31** | **163** | **180** | **178** | **192** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 72.9 | 64.4 | 62.2 | 57.7 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 20.2 | 26.2 | 28.0 | 29.0 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.1 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 8.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 2.5 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **1,204** | **1,492** | **1,430** | **1,484** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 89.4 | 88.3 | 90.0 | 88.1 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 4.6 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 1.9 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **3,736** | **3,425** | **3,063** | **2,478** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 1.0 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 27.3 | 26.1 | 22.5 | 21.0 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 29.8 | 32.3 | 38.2 | 38.7 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 21.0 | 19.5 | 19.0 | 17.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 21.0 | 19.2 | 17.8 | 19.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **601** | **610** | **600** | **661** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 86.6 | 87.9 | 87.8 | 86.1 | 62.2 | 67.2 | 61.8 | 66.0 | 37.5 | 40.5 | 36.8 | 36.4 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 37.5 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.0 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 13.5 | 37.6 | 32.4 | 38.1 | 33.8 | 62.4 | 59.3 | 62.8 | 63.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 40.0 | 100.0 | 62.5 |
| **Number** | **4,209** | **3,965** | **3,485** | **3,011** | **2,427** | **2,948** | **2,615** | **2,335** | **4,122** | **4,064** | **4,104** | **3,836** | **2** | **5** | **2** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Institutions | 5.0 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| Other settings | 93.3 | 95.1 | 94.6 | 95.1 |
| Missing data | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| **Number** | **2,159** | **1,475** | **1,893** | **1,566** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **125.1** | **110.8** | **121.5** | **107.3** |
| 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) | 73.0 | 64.7 | 60.9 | 57.3 |
| 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) | 4.8 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| 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) | 29.2 | 23.6 | 28.1 | 29.6 |
| 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? | 9.6 | 10.2 | 3.9 | 8.1 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **74.3** | **74.3** | **76.0** | **75.4** |
| 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? | 28.3 | 29.0 | 25.0 | 23.8 |
| 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? | 33.2 | 30.7 | 31.2 | 32.0 |
| 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? | 13.4 | 13.0 | 13.9 | 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?[17] | 4.5 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| 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? | 40.7 | 36.7 | 37.8 | 41.9 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **103.9** | **101.7** | **102.8** | **107.6** |
| 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? | 15.0 | 15.2 | 16.2 | 20.0 |
| 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? | 91.8 | 88.6 | 90.1 | 90.3 |
| 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? | 42.2 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 46.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **98.0** | **102.7** | **99.0** | **99.2** |
| 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? | 86.2 | 87.9 | 87.7 | 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? | 62.3 | 67.5 | 61.9 | 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? | 37.9 | 40.7 | 37.2 | 36.8 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,537,221 | 1,549,129 | 1,558,023 | 1,569,592 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Asian | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| Black | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 15.5 | 16.2 | 16.7 | 17.6 |
| White | 66.9 | 65.9 | 65.5 | 64.0 |
| Two or more races | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 7,294 | 6,984 | 6,738 | 6,560 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 10,544 | 11,189 | 11,133 | 10,894 |
| Children adopted | 1,195 | 1,291 | 1,261 | 1,950 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 9 | 13 | 18 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,354 | 2,045 | 2,332 |
| Denominator | N/A | 15,578 | 15,781 | 13,009 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 41 | 42 | 52 |
| Numerator | N/A | 556 | 32,699 | 7,250 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,354 | 77,640 | 13,949 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 53,576 | 34.9 per 1,000 | 52,386 | 33.8 per 1,000 | 52,972 | 34.0 per 1,000 | 44,900 | 28.6 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 7,294 | 4.7 per 1,000 | 6,984 | 4.5 per 1,000 | 6,738 | 4.3 per 1,000 | 6,560 | 4.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 21 | 1.4 per 100,000 | 27 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 23 | 1.5 per 100,000 | 21 | 1.3 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 15.1 | 14.3 | 12.8 | 11.9 |
| 1 year | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| 2 years | 7.5 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| 4 years | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| 5 years | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| 7 years | 5.9 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| 10 years | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| 11 years | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 |
| 14 years | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 15 years | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| 16 years | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| **Number** | **7,294** | **6,984** | **6,738** | **6,560** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 6.6 |
| Asian | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Black | 8.3 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 7.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 16.7 | 16.6 | 15.9 | 15.7 |
| White | 62.4 | 62.7 | 61.9 | 53.0 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.9 |
| Missing data | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 6.4 |
| **Number** | **7,294** | **6,984** | **6,738** | **6,560** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | — | — | — | — |
| Medical neglect | — | — | — | — |
| Neglect | 81.9 | 81.4 | 77.7 | 76.5 |
| Physical abuse | 17.3 | 18.2 | 20.7 | 22.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 6.0 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,294** | **6,984** | **6,738** | **6,560** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 59.9 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | >24 but <48 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 9,927 | 10,418 | 10,940 | 10,481 | 6,527 | 6,797 | 6,323 | 5,917 | 5,910 | 6,026 | 6,130 | 5,504 | 10,544 | 11,189 | 11,133 | 10,894 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 14.8 | 15.8 | 16.3 | 18.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.7 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 13.9 | 16.0 | 16.5 | 17.9 | 18.4 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 7.1 | 21.4 | 21.3 | 19.8 | 20.6 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| 1 year | 9.0 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.0 |
| 2 years | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 8.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.8 |
| 3 years | 7.0 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 6.9 |
| 4 years | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| 5 years | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 4.9 |
| 6 years | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 7 years | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| 8 years | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| 9 years | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| 12 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| 16 years | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| 17 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| 18 years | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 3.2 |
| 19 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| 20+ years | 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 | <.1 |
| Missing data | 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 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 10.8 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 10.9 |
| Asian | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Black | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 9.3 | 8.1 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 10.4 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 14.1 | 15.1 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 15.9 | 16.4 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 16.6 | 14.8 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.5 |
| White | 56.1 | 54.6 | 53.2 | 50.3 | 56.4 | 55.3 | 53.9 | 51.2 | 59.3 | 57.7 | 55.5 | 52.6 | 54.5 | 53.3 | 52.3 | 49.6 |
| Two or more races | 8.7 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 11.4 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 11.3 |
| Unknown | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 2,377 | 2,855 | 3,015 | 2,350 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 1,949 | 2,147 | 2,406 | 1,856 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| 1 year | 9.1 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 9.7 |
| 2 years | 8.7 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 10.3 |
| 3 years | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 7.7 |
| 4 years | 7.5 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 8.0 |
| 5 years | 7.3 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| 7 years | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 8 years | 5.6 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 4.4 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| 10 years | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.3 |
| 11 years | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| 12 years | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 15 years | 5.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| 16 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| 17 years | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.4 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Black | 12.6 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 10.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 15.3 | 16.4 | 18.3 | 17.9 |
| White | 55.6 | 54.8 | 52.6 | 54.7 |
| Two or more races | 8.9 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 10.8 |
| Unknown | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | <.1 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 1,195 | 1,291 | 1,261 | 1,950 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| 1 year | 15.6 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 9.7 |
| 2 years | 15.8 | 15.7 | 19.1 | 16.6 |
| 3 years | 13.5 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 13.5 |
| 4 years | 10.1 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.9 |
| 5 years | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.5 |
| 6 years | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 7.4 |
| 7 years | 6.2 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 6.9 |
| 8 years | 4.4 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 6.8 |
| 9 years | 3.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 10 years | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 11 years | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| 12 years | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| 13 years | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| 14 years | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| 15 years | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 16 years | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| 17 years | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 18 years | <.1 | 0.2 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 4.6 |
| Asian | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Black | 6.9 | 8.1 | 9.7 | 9.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 14.1 | 14.8 | 13.6 | 13.5 |
| White | 64.7 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 57.2 |
| Two or more races | 6.1 | 7.0 | 9.4 | 12.9 |
| Unknown | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |

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

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 92.0 | 92.7 | 93.9 | 93.7 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 8.0 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| **Number** | **3,240** | **3,309** | **2,962** | **3,204** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.43 | 0.23 | 0.38 | 0.20 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.57 | 99.77 | 99.62 | 99.80 |
| **Number** | **16,454** | **17,215** | **17,263** | **16,398** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 17.9 | 19.4 | 19.0 | 30.9 |
| Guardianship | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 25.0 |
| Reunification | 58.1 | 56.0 | 67.3 | 37.2 |
| Other | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 6.8 |
| Missing data | 10.5 | 11.4 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **5,910** | **6,026** | **6,130** | **5,504** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 34.1 | 30.9 | 24.5 | 36.2 |
| Guardianship | 13.3 | 11.3 | 9.2 | 20.6 |
| Reunification | 30.4 | 21.3 | 39.6 | 29.2 |
| Other | 14.1 | 29.2 | 26.7 | 13.9 |
| Missing data | 8.1 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **135** | **469** | **584** | **373** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.7 |
| Guardianship | 3.6 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 31.7 |
| Reunification | 75.6 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 52.3 |
| Other | 17.0 | 17.5 | 21.1 | 14.2 |
| Missing data | 3.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,543** | **1,597** | **1,586** | **1,043** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 32.0 | 31.2 | 26.3 | 51.7 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 68.0 | 68.8 | 73.7 | 48.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **362** | **381** | **429** | **263** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 13.0 | 12.4 | 9.9 | 19.5 | 23.8 | 8.5 | 2.6 | 14.9 | 18.0 | 20.6 | 21.9 | 29.5 |
| Guardianship | 13.5 | 15.6 | 11.7 | 30.4 | 1.6 | 4.9 | 7.7 | 36.5 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 23.8 |
| Reunification | 42.6 | 41.9 | 60.1 | 33.3 | 63.5 | 73.2 | 78.2 | 45.9 | 56.1 | 54.2 | 59.0 | 40.5 |
| Other | 17.7 | 14.5 | 18.0 | 16.9 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 11.5 | 2.7 | 10.0 | 13.1 | 13.7 | 6.1 |
| Missing data | 13.2 | 15.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **385** | **372** | **383** | **421** | **63** | **82** | **78** | **74** | **451** | **465** | **547** | **474** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 14.3 | 20.0 | 15.6 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 18.2 | 16.8 | 32.7 | 19.3 | 21.3 | 20.8 | 33.5 |
| Guardianship | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 25.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 24.1 |
| Reunification | 75.0 | 76.7 | 84.4 | 64.7 | 63.0 | 57.8 | 74.0 | 35.6 | 58.1 | 55.9 | 66.6 | 36.6 |
| Other | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 5.9 |
| Missing data | 3.6 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.1 | 12.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **28** | **30** | **32** | **51** | **881** | **944** | **942** | **912** | **3,505** | **3,475** | **3,401** | **2,894** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 13.5 | 11.8 | 13.9 | 10.0 | 14.8 | 17.2 | 18.9 | 33.3 | 18.8 | 10.7 | 16.3 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 4.1 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 30.0 | 7.8 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 24.6 | 7.8 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 75.7 | 67.1 | 77.2 | 51.8 | 58.8 | 56.8 | 68.2 | 35.6 | 59.4 | 73.3 | 77.5 | 93.3 |
| Other | 2.7 | 7.9 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 6.7 |
| Missing data | 4.1 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.5 | 14.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.8 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **74** | **76** | **79** | **110** | **459** | **507** | **588** | **553** | **64** | **75** | **80** | **15** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 74.9 | 75.1 | 67.9 | 81.0 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 14.8 | 14.0 | 17.8 | 10.0 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 6.8 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 4.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.9 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **3,435** | **3,374** | **4,127** | **2,050** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 78.8 | 78.9 | 79.5 | 76.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 11.2 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 10.5 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.9 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 9.8 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **6,527** | **6,797** | **6,323** | **5,917** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 29.2 | 24.9 | 23.4 | 18.4 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 34.2 | 37.3 | 37.5 | 37.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 20.8 | 18.6 | 21.3 | 24.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 13.4 | 17.0 | 16.7 | 18.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,059** | **1,172** | **1,167** | **1,702** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 84.7 | 86.1 | 85.8 | 86.7 | 61.2 | 61.1 | 61.9 | 66.2 | 35.2 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 45.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.3 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 38.8 | 38.9 | 38.1 | 33.8 | 64.8 | 61.6 | 61.6 | 54.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **7,146** | **7,355** | **7,005** | **6,482** | **4,245** | **4,224** | **4,202** | **3,552** | **5,063** | **5,636** | **6,054** | **6,353** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **11** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| Institutions | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Other settings | 97.7 | 98.0 | 97.5 | 98.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **4,883** | **4,981** | **4,689** | **4,568** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **106.9** | **98.0** | **107.7** | **134.3** |
| 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) | 65.1 | 63.8 | 64.8 | 81.6 |
| 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) | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 1.7 |
| 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) | 25.9 | 25.2 | 26.8 | 24.4 |
| 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? | 16.7 | 18.8 | 16.0 | 13.8 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **108.5** | **104.8** | **94.6** | **104.8** |
| 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? | 31.6 | 27.1 | 24.5 | 19.6 |
| 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? | 30.2 | 31.3 | 31.8 | 33.4 |
| 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? | 20.0 | 21.3 | 19.9 | 28.0 |
| 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?[17] | 13.0 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 12.4 |
| 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? | 53.7 | 50.5 | 43.2 | 46.6 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **113.7** | **116.7** | **117.4** | **129.9** |
| 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? | 29.3 | 30.0 | 29.5 | 35.2 |
| 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? | 93.8 | 93.8 | 93.3 | 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? | 51.0 | 52.0 | 49.9 | 43.9 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.8** | **95.4** | **95.8** | **102.2** |
| 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? | 80.8 | 82.5 | 82.3 | 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? | 61.2 | 61.0 | 61.9 | 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? | 35.2 | 38.6 | 38.4 | 45.3 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

Washington State converted to a new SACWIS system (FamLink) four months into the FFY 2009 **AFCARS** reporting period. As expected, this resulted in some data quality issues for the 2009 data in this report and it should not be used to evaluate the state's performance. Washington is preparing to resubmit its 2009 AFCARS data.

Changes in FamLink and practice impact the **NCANDS** 2009 child maltreatment numbers. The state cautions against comparing changes in performance between 2008 and 2009.

- Washington eliminated the "Inconclusive" finding, resulting in more intakes being found "Unsubstantiated."
- A new "Risk Only" intake type was created. These intakes include the previous "Imminent Risk" intakes; however, no findings are made on these intakes.
- "Risk Only" intakes are not reported to NCANDS because there are no identified victims or findings. The state continues to work with staff to narrow the use of "Risk Only" which may result in additional fluctuations in the data.
- The legacy SACWIS system broadly defined children who were alleged to have been maltreated. This may have inflated historical numbers.

Between 2006 and 2008, Washington shows continual improvement in achieving permanency for children in care for long periods of time (Composite 3) and in placement stability (Composite 4).

Partnerships with courts and private child welfare partners assist with funding and expertise for various activities, such as:

- *Tables of Ten*, an intervention designed by the University of Washington School of Law's Court Improvement Training Academy that focuses on improving the local child welfare legal system, enhancing skill development and systemic reform at the operational level. Groups are multi-disciplinary and typically consist of a judicial officer, assistant attorney general, parent's attorney, guardian ad litem or CASA manager, Children's Administration representative, and others.
- *Permanency Roundtable Projects* with Casey Family Programs expedite safe permanency for children with the greatest lengths of stay in care. Roundtables generally consist of a Casey permanency expert (staff or consultant), the child's case manager and supervisor, and an agency administrator or practice expert.
- Other initiatives are underway to better engage and support relative caregivers, identify barriers to licensure, and establish subsidized guardianships for children living with relatives licensed as foster parents. This provides legal permanency and case closure for these children.

# West Virginia

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 388,135 | 388,250 | 387,394 | 386,449 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Black | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| White | 91.1 | 90.7 | 90.4 | 90.0 |
| Two or more races | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 8,345 | 7,109 | 6,077 | 5,473 |
| Foster care entry rate | 7.0 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.4 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 4,168 | 4,570 | 4,447 | 4,226 |
| Children adopted | 419 | 403 | 523 | 541 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 10 | 22 | 54 |
| Numerator | N/A | 770 | 1,601 | 3,403 |
| Denominator | N/A | 7,459 | 7,239 | 6,312 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 18 | 63 | 80 |
| Numerator | N/A | 322 | 4,917 | 17,948 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,839 | 7,761 | 22,315 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 51,674 | 133.1 per 1,000 | 49,357 | 127.1 per 1,000 | 52,418 | 135.3 per 1,000 | 50,280 | 130.1 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 8,345 | 21.5 per 1,000 | 7,109 | 18.3 per 1,000 | 6,077 | 15.7 per 1,000 | 5,473 | 14.2 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 15 | 3.9 per 100,000 | 12 | 3.1 per 100,000 | 5 | 1.3 per 100,000 | 6 | 1.6 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 9.1 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.1 |
| 1 year | 6.1 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| 2 years | 6.6 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| 3 years | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| 4 years | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.6 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| 6 years | 6.5 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.3 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.7 |
| 14 years | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 15 years | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 4.0 |
| 16 years | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| 17 years | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| **Number** | **8,345** | **7,109** | **6,077** | **5,473** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Black | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| White | 83.9 | 84.2 | 86.1 | 86.2 |
| Two or more races | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 7.0 | 6.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| **Number** | **8,345** | **7,109** | **6,077** | **5,473** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 24.5 | 24.6 | 25.1 | 29.5 |
| Medical neglect | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Neglect | 55.5 | 54.1 | 54.8 | 51.1 |
| Physical abuse | 24.5 | 25.8 | 24.2 | 27.6 |
| Sexual abuse | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 8.0 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 11.0 |
| **Number** | **8,345** | **7,109** | **6,077** | **5,473** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 499.4 | 400.6 | 434.3 | 411.9 |
| Median | >168 but <192 | >168 but <192 | >168 but <192 | >168 but <192 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 3,758 | 3,892 | 4,281 | 4,285 | 2,731 | 3,005 | 3,205 | 2,869 | 2,321 | 2,327 | 3,039 | 2,928 | 4,168 | 4,570 | 4,447 | 4,226 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 11.0 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 11.4 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 11.9 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 13.4 | 11.8 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 4.9 |
| 1 year | 4.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.2 |
| 2 years | 4.9 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| 3 years | 3.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| 5 years | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| 6 years | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| 7 years | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| 8 years | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| 9 years | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 11 years | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.7 |
| 12 years | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 13 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| 14 years | 7.9 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| 15 years | 9.3 | 10.0 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 12.5 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 11.6 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 10.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.0 |
| 16 years | 11.4 | 10.6 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 12.6 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 13.1 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 9.4 | 10.3 |
| 17 years | 10.4 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 16.8 | 17.4 | 12.9 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 9.7 |
| 18 years | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 10.1 | 14.7 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| 19 years | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| 20+ years | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 |
| Asian | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 |
| Black | 6.9 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| White | 84.1 | 84.0 | 86.1 | 85.0 | 83.4 | 86.4 | 85.1 | 85.2 | 83.4 | 83.4 | 87.4 | 85.1 | 84.0 | 85.9 | 84.5 | 85.1 |
| Two or more races | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 7.1 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | <.1 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 0.1 | <.1 | 1.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.2 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,204 | 1,273 | 1,311 | 1,229 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 828 | 980 | 1,047 | 1,076 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 6.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 2.4 |
| 1 year | 9.7 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 9.8 |
| 2 years | 7.0 | 9.5 | 8.2 | 8.8 |
| 3 years | 6.7 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| 4 years | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 8.1 |
| 5 years | 6.9 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| 7 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 4.9 |
| 8 years | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 9 years | 4.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 6.1 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.1 |
| 14 years | 5.8 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| 15 years | 7.5 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| 16 years | 3.5 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| 17 years | 2.7 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Black | 6.1 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| White | 82.6 | 85.0 | 85.8 | 86.8 |
| Two or more races | 8.1 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 5.7 |
| Unknown | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 419 | 403 | 523 | 541 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 |
| 1 year | 12.2 | 14.1 | 12.0 | 12.4 |
| 2 years | 12.2 | 11.9 | 16.3 | 13.3 |
| 3 years | 8.4 | 12.9 | 11.9 | 11.5 |
| 4 years | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 7.9 |
| 5 years | 8.4 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 8.5 |
| 6 years | 7.6 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 6.1 |
| 7 years | 6.9 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 7.4 |
| 8 years | 7.6 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 4.4 |
| 9 years | 3.1 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 7.4 |
| 10 years | 5.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 5.2 |
| 11 years | 4.3 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 |
| 12 years | 3.1 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 3.9 |
| 13 years | 2.9 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 3.9 |
| 14 years | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| 15 years | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| 16 years | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| 17 years | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| 18 years | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 4.8 | 7.2 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 5.0 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.9 |
| White | 82.6 | 79.4 | 82.8 | 86.3 |
| Two or more races | 7.4 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 8.5 |
| Unknown | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 88.7 | 88.0 | 89.3 | 91.5 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 11.3 | 12.0 | 10.7 | 8.5 |
| **Number** | **3,851** | **3,267** | **2,593** | **2,507** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.52 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.25 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.48 | 99.97 | 99.91 | 99.75 |
| **Number** | **6,489** | **6,897** | **7,486** | **7,154** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 18.2 | 17.3 | 16.8 | 17.9 |
| Guardianship | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| Reunification | 63.7 | 66.4 | 70.0 | 71.6 |
| Other | 13.5 | 12.0 | 8.4 | 5.1 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **2,321** | **2,327** | **3,039** | **2,928** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 21.1 | 26.8 | 18.9 | 17.8 |
| Guardianship | 2.4 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 2.5 |
| Reunification | 58.2 | 53.8 | 64.9 | 70.9 |
| Other | 18.2 | 17.5 | 12.9 | 8.6 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **763** | **810** | **966** | **914** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Guardianship | 2.8 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| Reunification | 76.3 | 77.8 | 81.3 | 87.1 |
| Other | 19.5 | 19.3 | 14.8 | 8.9 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **1,185** | **1,160** | **1,383** | **1,354** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 29.3 | 24.0 | 23.7 | 20.8 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 70.7 | 76.0 | 76.3 | 79.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **208** | **196** | **173** | **72** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.1 | 16.9 | 14.8 | 10.3 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 2.0 | 4.9 |
| Reunification | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 70.6 | 62.2 | 70.5 | 80.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 15.1 | 11.4 | 4.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **160** | **172** | **149** | **185** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 32.7 | 36.4 | 27.7 | 8.0 | 18.1 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 18.2 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 5.2 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 54.5 | 54.5 | 63.8 | 60.0 | 63.4 | 67.3 | 70.6 | 71.5 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.9 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 20.0 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 8.3 | 4.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| **Number** | **1** | **1** | **3** | **0** | **55** | **33** | **47** | **50** | **1,936** | **1,940** | **2,655** | **2,492** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.2 | 23.0 | 30.9 | 26.0 | 24.1 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 72.7 | 80.0 | 50.0 | 81.8 | 58.5 | 54.4 | 62.1 | 67.4 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Other | 18.2 | 20.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 11.8 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 9.5 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **11** | **5** | **2** | **11** | **135** | **136** | **177** | **187** | **21** | **39** | **4** | **1** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 70.8 | 69.0 | 62.4 | 63.8 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 22.4 | 23.3 | 25.9 | 23.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.9 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 1.6 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **1,479** | **1,546** | **2,128** | **2,097** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 80.3 | 80.4 | 80.5 | 77.7 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 11.6 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 13.3 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 7.4 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 |
| Missing data | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| **Number** | **2,731** | **3,005** | **3,205** | **2,869** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 5.5 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 33.6 | 41.9 | 33.9 | 34.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 35.8 | 31.5 | 41.0 | 35.9 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 12.8 | 13.9 | 16.1 | 17.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 12.3 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 9.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **422** | **403** | **510** | **524** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 85.4 | 87.2 | 88.7 | 86.7 | 65.8 | 66.6 | 65.4 | 66.2 | 30.3 | 32.0 | 34.5 | 36.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 84.6 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 14.6 | 12.8 | 11.3 | 13.3 | 34.2 | 33.4 | 34.6 | 33.8 | 69.7 | 68.0 | 65.5 | 63.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.4 |
| Missing placement settings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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** | **3,322** | **3,527** | **3,866** | **3,603** | **1,619** | **1,772** | **1,860** | **1,879** | **1,548** | **1,598** | **1,756** | **1,659** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **13** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 4.5 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.6 |
| Institutions | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Other settings | 94.8 | 94.6 | 95.9 | 95.1 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **1,185** | **1,487** | **1,671** | **1,482** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **104.5** | **111.1** | **110.0** | **111.3** |
| 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) | 73.7 | 73.0 | 69.3 | 68.8 |
| 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) | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 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) | 44.1 | 41.6 | 50.2 | 47.4 |
| 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? | 21.6 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 15.4 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **92.8** | **98.0** | **100.5** | **101.4** |
| 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? | 39.4 | 45.8 | 36.7 | 37.7 |
| 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? | 27.3 | 25.3 | 27.6 | 27.3 |
| 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? | 24.3 | 21.7 | 28.4 | 29.4 |
| 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?[17] | 6.2 | 9.4 | 12.9 | 12.2 |
| 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? | 28.8 | 28.7 | 25.5 | 25.0 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **125.9** | **124.6** | **133.9** | **134.2** |
| 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? | 27.2 | 25.6 | 32.5 | 32.0 |
| 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? | 93.4 | 93.7 | 91.4 | 89.2 |
| 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? | 34.3 | 33.8 | 28.9 | 29.0 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **95.5** | **98.6** | **100.2** | **99.5** |
| 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? | 84.7 | 86.7 | 88.1 | 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? | 65.5 | 66.6 | 65.6 | 66.3 |
| 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? | 30.0 | 32.5 | 35.5 | 36.4 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 1,328,580 | 1,324,183 | 1,316,468 | 1,310,250 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Asian | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| Black | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 9.0 |
| White | 77.1 | 76.4 | 76.3 | 75.5 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 8,583 | 7,856 | 5,787 | 4,947 |
| Foster care entry rate | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 7,695 | 7,778 | 7,610 | 6,919 |
| Children adopted | 883 | 734 | 722 | 735 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 27 | 29 | 58 |
| Numerator | N/A | 2,849 | 3,092 | 5,987 |
| Denominator | N/A | 10,558 | 10,556 | 10,239 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 67 | 88 | 75 |
| Numerator | N/A | 13,008 | 17,430 | 31,705 |
| Denominator | N/A | 19,398 | 19,695 | 42,557 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 41,230 | 31.0 per 1,000 | 39,671 | 30.0 per 1,000 | 38,557 | 29.3 per 1,000 | 37,550 | 28.7 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 8,583 | 6.5 per 1,000 | 7,856 | 5.9 per 1,000 | 5,787 | 4.4 per 1,000 | 4,947 | 3.8 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 13 | 1.0 per 100,000 | 22 | 1.7 per 100,000 | 30 | 2.3 per 100,000 | 24 | 1.8 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 8.2 | 9.9 | 10.7 | 10.5 |
| 1 year | 5.4 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
| 2 years | 5.5 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| 3 years | 5.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| 4 years | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.1 |
| 5 years | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| 6 years | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| 7 years | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 5.3 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 9 years | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| 11 years | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 13 years | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.6 |
| 14 years | 7.6 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| 15 years | 8.1 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| 16 years | 5.8 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| 17 years | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| 18+ years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **8,583** | **7,856** | **5,787** | **4,947** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| Black | 20.9 | 21.1 | 18.5 | 20.4 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 6.7 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 8.0 |
| White | 55.6 | 53.7 | 53.2 | 53.2 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 2.6 |
| Missing data | 13.0 | 13.4 | 11.8 | 11.2 |
| **Number** | **8,583** | **7,856** | **5,787** | **4,947** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Medical neglect | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| Neglect | 29.9 | 36.2 | 49.0 | 52.1 |
| Physical abuse | 14.2 | 13.8 | 19.3 | 20.9 |
| Sexual abuse | 35.0 | 25.6 | 28.4 | 28.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 25.4 | 29.7 | 4.7 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **8,583** | **7,856** | **5,787** | **4,947** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 103.3 | 103.3 | 146.9 | 168.5 |
| Median | >24 but <48 | >24 but <48 | >72 but <96 | >72 but <96 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 7,567 | 7,042 | 7,227 | 7,166 | 5,446 | 5,421 | 4,997 | 4,524 | 5,323 | 4,687 | 4,619 | 4,772 | 7,695 | 7,778 | 7,610 | 6,919 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 14.8 | 15.0 | 13.9 | 14.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 14.4 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 15.0 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.2 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| 1 year | 5.3 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| 2 years | 4.9 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| 3 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| 4 years | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 5 years | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| 6 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 7 years | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| 8 years | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 9 years | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 12 years | 5.1 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 13 years | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 14 years | 7.6 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 5.2 |
| 15 years | 8.9 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 11.3 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 9.4 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| 16 years | 10.8 | 10.4 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 10.6 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.2 |
| 17 years | 8.6 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 8.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 12.6 | 11.1 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.4 |
| 18 years | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| 19 years | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 20+ years | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing data | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| Asian | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Black | 39.0 | 36.9 | 37.2 | 37.0 | 28.1 | 28.3 | 28.0 | 27.7 | 30.9 | 26.7 | 28.4 | 29.2 | 36.9 | 37.0 | 36.5 | 36.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.9 |
| White | 43.4 | 45.3 | 44.4 | 43.9 | 52.4 | 51.2 | 50.0 | 49.2 | 50.1 | 53.6 | 50.6 | 49.3 | 45.2 | 44.4 | 44.4 | 43.6 |
| Two or more races | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Unknown | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.9 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 1,262 | 1,305 | 1,361 | 1,281 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 687 | 667 | 746 | 641 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 1 year | 7.1 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 6.7 |
| 2 years | 8.4 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 10.3 |
| 3 years | 5.4 | 9.6 | 8.0 | 9.1 |
| 4 years | 5.5 | 6.7 | 8.4 | 8.1 |
| 5 years | 6.4 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 7.5 |
| 6 years | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 6.2 |
| 7 years | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 6.9 |
| 8 years | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| 9 years | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| 10 years | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 11 years | 5.6 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 5.1 |
| 12 years | 6.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| 13 years | 5.9 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 14 years | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| 15 years | 5.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.8 |
| 16 years | 4.4 | 5.1 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| 17 years | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 2.8 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 3.0 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 3.4 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Black | 43.3 | 43.3 | 43.6 | 44.3 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.5 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.9 |
| White | 36.5 | 35.6 | 37.8 | 34.6 |
| Two or more races | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.8 |
| Unknown | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.5 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 883 | 734 | 722 | 735 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 4.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.0 |
| 1 year | 8.7 | 12.4 | 11.4 | 11.8 |
| 2 years | 11.0 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 12.1 |
| 3 years | 10.2 | 9.8 | 13.0 | 11.4 |
| 4 years | 9.1 | 6.1 | 8.3 | 10.3 |
| 5 years | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| 6 years | 6.3 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 8.3 |
| 7 years | 6.5 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| 8 years | 7.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 3.7 |
| 9 years | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.9 |
| 10 years | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 12 years | 4.1 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 4.5 |
| 13 years | 4.1 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.3 |
| 14 years | 2.3 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| 15 years | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| 16 years | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.2 |
| 17 years | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 18 years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2.4 | 3.3 | 5.5 | 3.8 |
| Asian | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.5 |
| Black | 39.2 | 33.8 | 31.9 | 32.7 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.6 | 12.0 | 8.0 | 9.9 |
| White | 38.7 | 43.6 | 45.8 | 45.9 |
| Two or more races | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| Unknown | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

[12] 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 93.9 | 92.8 | 94.3 | 95.4 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 6.1 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 4.6 |
| **Number** | **3,728** | **3,487** | **2,390** | **2,226** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.29 | 0.42 | 0.25 | 0.24 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.71 | 99.58 | 99.75 | 99.76 |
| **Number** | **13,013** | **12,463** | **12,224** | **11,690** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 15.3 | 14.3 | 13.4 | 14.5 |
| Guardianship | 5.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 5.0 |
| Reunification | 67.4 | 68.6 | 69.8 | 67.8 |
| Other | 11.7 | 13.5 | 12.9 | 12.2 |
| Missing data | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **5,323** | **4,687** | **4,619** | **4,772** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 35.3 | 40.0 | 29.8 | 30.3 |
| Guardianship | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.2 |
| Reunification | 44.4 | 39.7 | 47.5 | 47.2 |
| Other | 16.5 | 17.7 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Missing data | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| **Number** | **985** | **968** | **796** | **937** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Guardianship | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| Reunification | 73.1 | 71.3 | 70.1 | 70.3 |
| Other | 22.8 | 24.2 | 25.8 | 25.8 |
| Missing data | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| **Number** | **1,925** | **1,868** | **1,683** | **1,604** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 29.5 | 28.6 | 25.3 | 28.6 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 70.3 | 71.2 | 74.5 | 71.4 |
| Missing data | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **481** | **475** | **487** | **472** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 9.2 | 8.7 | 15.8 | 12.0 | 7.9 | 6.3 | 10.3 | 8.5 | 20.0 | 17.7 | 15.2 | 16.4 |
| Guardianship | 9.7 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 9.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 5.5 |
| Reunification | 68.6 | 78.3 | 72.9 | 77.2 | 80.9 | 79.4 | 73.6 | 76.3 | 56.2 | 59.6 | 63.5 | 62.3 |
| Other | 12.1 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 11.2 | 12.7 | 5.7 | 15.3 | 14.0 | 17.9 | 16.1 | 14.8 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **207** | **184** | **203** | **184** | **89** | **63** | **87** | **59** | **1,643** | **1,252** | **1,314** | **1,395** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 19.3 | 14.3 | 13.5 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 13.6 |
| Guardianship | 12.5 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 5.5 |
| Reunification | 75.0 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 60.0 | 69.8 | 69.7 | 71.2 | 76.3 | 73.6 | 71.8 | 72.1 | 68.5 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40.0 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 6.7 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.4 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| **Number** | **8** | **4** | **3** | **5** | **454** | **409** | **406** | **489** | **2,665** | **2,510** | **2,335** | **2,353** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 7.7 | 2.2 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 30.0 | 24.0 | 21.4 | 23.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| Reunification | 78.8 | 86.7 | 81.6 | 81.8 | 56.7 | 63.3 | 68.1 | 60.2 | 96.0 | 87.5 | 100.0 | 90.3 |
| Other | 11.5 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 4.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| **Number** | **52** | **45** | **49** | **55** | **180** | **196** | **182** | **201** | **25** | **24** | **40** | **31** |

[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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 74.6 | 73.1 | 72.6 | 67.9 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 16.1 | 17.8 | 17.6 | 20.2 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 7.2 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| 48 or more mos. | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Missing data | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **3,588** | **3,216** | **3,225** | **3,237** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 71.8 | 73.1 | 75.0 | 74.9 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 19.0 | 17.0 | 14.4 | 14.1 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.2 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 11.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **5,446** | **5,421** | **4,997** | **4,524** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 8.8 | 10.6 | 9.2 | 9.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 20.6 | 26.2 | 26.7 | 24.5 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 31.1 | 32.0 | 27.3 | 28.3 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 17.2 | 16.0 | 22.5 | 22.4 |
| 48 or more mos. | 22.3 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 15.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **816** | **668** | **618** | **693** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 84.8 | 85.2 | 85.3 | 86.7 | 63.0 | 61.6 | 62.4 | 64.7 | 38.5 | 38.6 | 39.5 | 40.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 15.2 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 13.3 | 37.0 | 38.4 | 37.6 | 35.3 | 61.5 | 61.4 | 60.5 | 59.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **6,397** | **6,220** | **5,889** | **5,381** | **2,682** | **2,615** | **2,752** | **2,642** | **3,931** | **3,619** | **3,558** | **3,657** | **3** | **9** | **25** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.3 |
| Institutions | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Other settings | 95.1 | 95.2 | 94.9 | 95.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 |
| **Number** | **3,261** | **3,343** | **3,182** | **2,956** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **89.6** | **95.7** | **97.4** | **101.8** |
| 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 | 68.4 | 69.7 | 65.3 |
| 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) | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| 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) | 49.3 | 48.6 | 48.0 | 47.8 |
| 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? | 27.4 | 23.2 | 22.6 | 18.8 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **116.4** | **117.8** | **116.9** | **118.5** |
| 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? | 29.4 | 36.8 | 35.9 | 34.3 |
| 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? | 31.6 | 29.1 | 30.1 | 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? | 20.5 | 16.9 | 15.7 | 18.3 |
| 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?[17] | 11.1 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 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? | 72.1 | 77.2 | 73.5 | 71.3 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **121.7** | **116.2** | **117.7** | **119.8** |
| 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? | 31.3 | 23.9 | 24.6 | 29.8 |
| 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? | 97.2 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 94.5 |
| 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? | 45.7 | 46.4 | 46.7 | 46.6 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **97.6** | **97.2** | **98.1** | **100.6** |
| 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? | 82.8 | 83.5 | 84.0 | 85.4 |
| 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? | 62.9 | 61.6 | 62.4 | 64.7 |
| 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? | 38.6 | 38.9 | 39.7 | 41.2 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 2006–2009: Report to Congress*.

The mission of Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families (DCF) is to promote the economic and social well-being of Wisconsin's children and families. The DCF was created in July 2008 and is committed to protecting children, strengthening families, and building communities.

The five overarching goals of DCF are:

1. Children are nurtured, safe and engaged
2. Enhance prevention and early intervention efforts throughout Wisconsin
3. Families will have access to quality early care and education
4. Parents will secure and maintain meaningful jobs
5. Fathers will be more engaged in the lives of their children

Wisconsin's child welfare program is primarily a state-supervised, county-administered system. The DCF 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 and supervised by the DCF in the remaining 71 counties in the state.

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.

DCF evaluates and monitors program improvement initiatives related to the CFSR data measures and other critical areas of system performance every month through its performance management program called KidStat.

# Wyoming

## CONTEXT DATA

## A. Context Statistics[1]

### General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children under 18 years | 123,430 | 126,410 | 128,990 | 132,025 |
| Race/ethnicity (%)[3] | | | | |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Asian | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Black | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | <.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.9 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 12.5 |
| White | 81.0 | 80.2 | 79.7 | 78.6 |
| Two or more races | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 |

### Child Welfare Summary[4]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child maltreatment victims | 786 | 772 | 713 | 727 |
| Foster care entry rate | 9.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| Children in foster care on 9/30 | 1,335 | 1,273 | 1,188 | 1,207 |
| Children adopted | 58 | 73 | 84 | 71 |

### Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children receiving monthly visits (%) | N/A | 66 | 67 | 71 |
| Numerator | N/A | 1,269 | 1,252 | 1,302 |
| Denominator | N/A | 1,917 | 1,881 | 1,839 |
| Children receiving visits in the home (%) | N/A | 41 | 62 | 58 |
| Numerator | N/A | 3,328 | 4,922 | 4,606 |
| Denominator | N/A | 8,159 | 7,904 | 7,936 |

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

### Overview Maltreatment Information[6]

| | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment | 4,819 | 39.0 per 1,000 | 4,959 | 39.2 per 1,000 | 4,880 | 37.8 per 1,000 | 5,541 | 42.0 per 1,000 |
| Total child maltreatment victims[7] | 786 | 6.4 per 1,000 | 772 | 6.1 per 1,000 | 713 | 5.5 per 1,000 | 727 | 5.5 per 1,000 |
| Child fatalities | 1 | 0.8 per 100,000 | 2 | 1.6 per 100,000 | 1 | 0.8 per 100,000 | 0 | 0.0 per 100,000 |

### Age of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 11.2 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 14.0 |
| 1 year | 9.7 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 8.8 |
| 2 years | 8.0 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 9.1 |
| 3 years | 9.3 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.2 |
| 4 years | 8.9 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| 5 years | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 5.6 |
| 6 years | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 4.8 |
| 7 years | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 6.7 |
| 8 years | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| 9 years | 4.5 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 3.7 |
| 10 years | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 12 years | 2.0 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| 13 years | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| 14 years | 4.2 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| 15 years | 3.9 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 2.8 |
| 16 years | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| 17 years | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| 18+ years | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **786** | **772** | **713** | **727** |

### Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.5 |
| Asian | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Black | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.8 | 9.7 | 9.4 | 10.7 |
| White | 75.2 | 77.1 | 74.9 | 73.5 |
| Two or more races | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| Missing data | 9.3 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 11.3 |
| **Number** | **786** | **772** | **713** | **727** |

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

[2] The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau and are available at http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html

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

[4] Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS. 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." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the State population.

[5] Caseworker visits were a new reporting requirement as of FY 2007. While submission of numerators and denominators was not a requirement for FY 2007, this information is included in the report when available. Some States elected to use an approved sampling procedure. For more information, please see appendix C.

[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.

## B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

### Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emotional abuse | 12.0 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 12.7 |
| Medical neglect | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Neglect | 70.9 | 74.4 | 74.1 | 68.8 |
| Physical abuse | 6.4 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 7.8 |
| Sexual abuse | 7.9 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 12.2 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 7.3 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| **Number** | **786** | **772** | **713** | **727** |

### Time to Investigation (in hours)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 13.8 | 19.3 | 17.0 | 17.5 |
| Median | <24 | <24 | <24 | <24 |

## 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 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total number | 1,162 | 1,215 | 1,148 | 1,100 | 1,184 | 1,061 | 1,094 | 1,137 | 1,011 | 1,003 | 1,054 | 1,030 | 1,335 | 1,273 | 1,188 | 1,207 |
| Median length of stay (months) | 9.3 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 9.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.9 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 10.5 | 9.6 | 9.5 |

### Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Under 1 year | 4.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| 1 year | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.6 |
| 2 years | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 5.1 |
| 3 years | 4.6 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 4 years | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.4 |
| 5 years | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 4.3 |
| 6 years | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 7 years | 4.3 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.8 |
| 8 years | 2.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| 9 years | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| 10 years | 2.2 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 3.6 |
| 11 years | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| 12 years | 4.2 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.1 |
| 13 years | 4.4 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| 14 years | 7.9 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 8.8 | 8.0 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 7.0 |
| 15 years | 11.5 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 9.1 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 8.5 |
| 16 years | 10.5 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 10.1 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 14.3 | 11.8 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 11.5 |
| 17 years | 9.2 | 10.1 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 9.8 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 10.7 |
| 18 years | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| 19 years | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| 20+ years | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | <.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Missing data | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | <.1 |

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

| | In Foster Care on 10/1 | | | | Entered Foster Care | | | | Exited Foster Care | | | | In Foster Care on 9/30 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.8 |
| Asian | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | <.1 |
| Black | 4.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | <.1 | 0.0 | <.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.3 | 10.3 | 12.2 | 12.8 | 12.2 | 13.9 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 13.7 | 10.6 | 12.0 | 12.2 | 12.3 |
| White | 77.0 | 79.8 | 76.6 | 76.8 | 74.8 | 72.7 | 74.0 | 71.2 | 72.0 | 75.8 | 74.5 | 73.6 | 78.9 | 77.0 | 76.1 | 74.2 |
| Two or more races | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Unknown | 5.8 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 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 |

[8] Percentages may total more than 100 because children can be victims of more than one type of maltreatment.
[9] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

### Children Waiting for Adoption

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total waiting children | 212 | 156 | 97 | 79 |
| Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated | 76 | 55 | 48 | 38 |

### Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[11]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 3.8 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| 1 year | 6.1 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| 2 years | 5.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.3 |
| 3 years | 8.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 3.8 |
| 4 years | 6.6 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 2.5 |
| 5 years | 6.6 | 8.3 | 5.2 | 2.5 |
| 6 years | 8.5 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| 7 years | 9.9 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 5.1 |
| 8 years | 5.7 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 7.6 |
| 9 years | 6.1 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| 10 years | 4.2 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 7.6 |
| 11 years | 5.2 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 3.8 |
| 12 years | 3.3 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 7.6 |
| 13 years | 3.8 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 7.6 |
| 14 years | 4.7 | 3.8 | 7.2 | 7.6 |
| 15 years | 4.2 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 7.6 |
| 16 years | 4.2 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 5.1 |
| 17 years | 3.3 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 5.1 |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 1.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 11.3 | 10.3 | 12.4 | 6.3 |
| White | 81.6 | 81.4 | 83.5 | 87.3 |
| Two or more races | 2.8 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Unknown | 2.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

### Children Adopted

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total children adopted | 58 | 73 | 84 | 71 |

### Age of Children Adopted (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 1.7 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| 1 year | 5.2 | 12.3 | 7.1 | 8.5 |
| 2 years | 19.0 | 13.7 | 8.3 | 8.5 |
| 3 years | 17.2 | 17.8 | 11.9 | 14.1 |
| 4 years | 1.7 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 15.5 |
| 5 years | 10.3 | 9.6 | 11.9 | 7.0 |
| 6 years | 3.4 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 9.9 |
| 7 years | 13.8 | 9.6 | 3.6 | 1.4 |
| 8 years | 1.7 | 5.5 | 10.7 | 7.0 |
| 9 years | 8.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| 10 years | 3.4 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| 11 years | 3.4 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| 12 years | 1.7 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 0.0 |
| 13 years | 1.7 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 1.4 |
| 14 years | 1.7 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 4.2 |
| 15 years | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| 16 years | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| 17 years | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 |
| 18 years | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 |
| Asian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Black | 8.6 | 5.5 | 2.4 | 4.2 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 10.3 | 13.7 | 17.9 | 14.1 |
| White | 77.6 | 78.1 | 71.4 | 78.9 |
| Two or more races | 0.0 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 1.7 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 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 and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A State's own definition may differ from that used here.

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

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

# Wyoming

## OUTCOMES DATA

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

### 1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children without a recurrence | 96.1 | 97.3 | 95.0 | 97.1 |
| Children with one or more recurrences | 3.9 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 2.9 |
| **Number** | **362** | **338** | **357** | **340** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children maltreated while in foster care | 0.17 | 0.53 | 0.45 | 0.13 |
| Children not maltreated while in foster care | 99.83 | 99.47 | 99.55 | 99.87 |
| **Number** | **2,346** | **2,276** | **2,242** | **2,237** |

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

### 3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 5.2 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 6.6 |
| Guardianship | 6.7 | 4.1 | 8.3 | 4.8 |
| Reunification | 80.9 | 81.0 | 75.8 | 82.4 |
| Other | 7.1 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| **Number** | **1,011** | **1,003** | **1,054** | **1,030** |

### 3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 12.5 | 13.8 | 19.9 | 13.3 |
| Guardianship | 5.3 | 6.2 | 8.9 | 6.2 |
| Reunification | 75.7 | 68.3 | 59.6 | 69.9 |
| Other | 6.6 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 10.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **152** | **145** | **146** | **113** |

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

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adoption | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Guardianship | 3.8 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 2.3 |
| Reunification | 83.6 | 84.1 | 83.0 | 87.1 |
| Other | 12.2 | 13.6 | 12.4 | 9.3 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| **Number** | **476** | **471** | **476** | **529** |

### 3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children age 12 or younger at entry | 9.5 | 14.5 | 4.7 | 8.1 |
| Children older than 12 at entry | 90.5 | 85.5 | 95.3 | 91.9 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **42** | **55** | **43** | **37** |

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

| | Alaska Native/Am. Indian | | | | Asian | | | | Black | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 11.8 | 6.1 | 8.8 |
| Guardianship | 5.3 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| Reunification | 84.2 | 92.3 | 95.7 | 76.2 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 74.0 | 79.4 | 72.7 | 82.4 |
| Other | 10.5 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 5.9 | 15.2 | 5.9 |
| 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** | **19** | **13** | **23** | **21** | **3** | **1** | **2** | **4** | **50** | **34** | **33** | **34** |

| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is. | | | | Hispanic (of any race) | | | | White | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 7.1 |
| Guardianship | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 3.3 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 4.3 | 9.3 | 5.0 |
| Reunification | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 78.7 | 83.3 | 77.5 | 83.0 | 80.6 | 79.7 | 75.0 | 81.7 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| **Number** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **122** | **120** | **120** | **141** | **728** | **760** | **785** | **758** |

| | Unable to Determine | | | | Two or More Races | | | | Missing Data | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Adoption | 1.2 | 1.6 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Guardianship | 2.4 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Reunification | 90.5 | 88.7 | 80.0 | 91.0 | 100.0 | 84.6 | 50.0 | 75.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 6.0 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **84** | **62** | **80** | **67** | **4** | **13** | **10** | **4** | **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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 72.5 | 69.0 | 68.3 | 72.2 |
| At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos. | 19.2 | 22.5 | 23.0 | 20.8 |
| At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos. | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 3.4 |
| At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos. | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.9 |
| 48 or more mos. | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Missing data | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| **Number** | **818** | **812** | **799** | **849** |

### 4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children entering care for the first time | 75.8 | 74.3 | 73.4 | 72.8 |
| Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode | 12.8 | 13.5 | 12.1 | 12.2 |
| Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode | 9.2 | 9.1 | 11.3 | 12.1 |
| Missing data | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| **Number** | **1,184** | **1,061** | **1,094** | **1,137** |

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

### 5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than 12 mos. | 13.2 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 8.8 |
| At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos. | 18.9 | 25.4 | 24.7 | 27.9 |
| At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos. | 35.8 | 40.8 | 28.1 | 25.0 |
| At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos. | 13.2 | 19.7 | 28.1 | 20.6 |
| 48 or more mos. | 18.9 | 11.3 | 15.7 | 17.6 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **53** | **71** | **89** | **68** |

## 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 | | | | Time in Care Missing or Out of Range | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Children with 2 or fewer placements | 82.9 | 84.5 | 84.7 | 82.9 | 59.0 | 65.8 | 60.8 | 59.1 | 38.3 | 37.9 | 38.7 | 38.5 | 87.5 | 100.0 | 92.9 | 100.0 |
| Children with 3 or more placements | 13.5 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 40.6 | 33.1 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 61.7 | 62.1 | 61.3 | 61.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing placement settings | 3.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **1,413** | **1,300** | **1,312** | **1,354** | **512** | **511** | **487** | **508** | **405** | **456** | **429** | **364** | **16** | **9** | **14** | **11** |

## 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 (%)

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group homes | 2.3 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Institutions | 2.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Other settings | 95.3 | 92.8 | 93.5 | 93.5 |
| Missing data | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Number** | **622** | **513** | **538** | **611** |

# Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[14] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

## Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[15]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score[16]** | **114.7** | **119.8** | **116.6** | **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) | 72.6 | 70.8 | 71.3 | 73.4 |
| 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) | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 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) | 51.5 | 59.6 | 57.5 | 56.1 |
| 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? | 17.8 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 15.2 |

## Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **121.5** | **127.4** | **130.2** | **127.8** |
| 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? | 32.1 | 28.2 | 28.1 | 36.8 |
| 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? | 30.7 | 28.9 | 32.9 | 31.1 |
| 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? | 15.3 | 18.1 | 24.9 | 20.5 |
| 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?[17] | 10.6 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 7.1 |
| 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? | 75.4 | 80.8 | 78.3 | 73.5 |

## Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[18]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **151.4** | **136.7** | **157.0** | **152.3** |
| 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? | 29.6 | 29.0 | 40.1 | 35.2 |
| 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? | 96.4 | 93.0 | 95.8 | 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? | 14.0 | 20.6 | 18.9 | 17.7 |

## Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[19]

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Composite Score** | **95.6** | **99.3** | **97.0** | **96.1** |
| 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? | 84.6 | 85.3 | 85.7 | 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? | 58.8 | 66.7 | 60.8 | 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? | 38.6 | 38.2 | 38.5 | 40.0 |

[14] 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. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

[16] Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/fed_reg.htm

[17] 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.

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

[19] 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 1 through September 30). 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 Outcome Measures Developed for the Second Round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs)

Although some of the 15 CFSR measures are similar to the original outcome measures developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, an important difference is that the calculation for all CFSR 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 CFSR 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 CFSR 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 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 (C1) 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 CFSR 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 usually are not 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 CFSR timeliness of reunification measures incorporate a 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 Register notices on 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 CFSR 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 professionals in 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 timeframe 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 timeframe 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 large parts of their childhoods in foster care without ever being discharged to permanent homes.

### *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 C1 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

## Caseworker Visits

The Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288) amended section IV-B of the Social Security Act (the Act) to include new funding to partially support monthly caseworker visits with children who are in State foster care. Under section 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Act, States are required to collect and report the following data on caseworker visits, beginning with Federal fiscal year (FY) 2007:

- The percentage of children in foster care who were visited on a monthly basis by the caseworker handling the case of the child
- The percentage of these monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child

For both of these percentages, the submission of numerators and denominators was not required for FY 2007 or FY 2008, although it was encouraged for FY 2008, and the majority of States did submit numerators and denominators for that year. Beginning with FY 2009, the numerators and denominators were required. In all years, the Child Welfare Outcomes Report prints any numerators and denominators that are available.

For more detailed information on the collection and reporting of caseworker visits data, please see Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03 (issued April 18, 2008):

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2008/pi0803.htm

In addition, Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-09-06 (issued June 3, 2009) provides additional reporting requirement information:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2009/pi0906.htm

### Calculation of Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV)[1]

To calculate the percentage of children in foster care who were visited on a monthly basis by a social worker, the following data are required:

- Denominator: the aggregate number of children served in foster care for at least 1 full calendar month during the FY[2]
- Numerator: the number of children visited each and every full calendar month that they were reported to be in foster care during the FY

The MCV percentage is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying that product by 100 [(numerator/denominator) x 100]. This calculation is expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest whole number.

### Calculation of Children Receiving Visits in the Home (VIH)

To calculate the percentage of monthly visits that occur in the home, the following data are required:

- Denominator: the total number of visit months aggregated for all children who were visited each and every full calendar month they were in foster care during the FY[3]
- Numerator: the total number of visit months in which at least one child visit occurred in the child's home[4]

The VIH percentage is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying that product by 100 [(numerator/denominator) x 100]. This calculation is expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest whole number.

[1] Note that even though a State may keep some youth in foster care beyond age 17, only children and youth under age 18 on the first day of the fiscal year (October 1) are included in this calculation.

[2] The FY is the 12-month period beginning October 1 and ending September 30. For example, FY 2009 began October 1, 2008 and ended September 30, 2009.

[3] A visit month is defined as a month in which a child was visited at least once (only children in foster care for at least 1 calendar month are included in this calculation).

[4] A child's home is defined as the home where the child is residing, whether in-State or out-of-State, and can include the foster placement setting.

## Data Collection Methodology

States may choose to report caseworker visits data based on their total foster care population or based on sample data. States that choose to submit sample data must use a sampling methodology developed by the Children's Bureau Data Team, or one that has been approved by the Children's Bureau Regional Office in consultation with the Children's Bureau Data Team.

The following States elected to submit sample data for FY 2007, FY 2008, and/or FY 2009:

| State | Used Sample in FY 2007 | Used Sample in FY 2008 | Used Sample in FY 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | X | X | X |
| Georgia | | X | |
| Hawaii | X | X | X |
| Idaho | X | X | X |
| Iowa[5] | X | | |
| Kansas | X | X | |
| Louisiana | X | X | X |
| Maryland | X | X | |
| Michigan | X | X | X |
| Minnesota[6] | | X | |
| Missouri | X | X | |
| Montana | X | | |
| Nebraska | X | | |
| North Carolina | X | | |
| Pennsylvania | X | X | X |
| Texas | X | X | X |

[5] Iowa used a sample in FY 2007 to calculate the "visits in the home" percentage only.

[6] Minnesota provided data establishing that through its sampling of non-visit cases it learned that some visits were made but not recorded in the State's automated system. A revised numerator based on this information was accepted by the Children's Bureau.

# Appendix D

## Child Welfare Outcomes Report: Data Sources and Elements

### CONTEXT INFORMATION

| ITEMS | DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS |
|---|---|
| *Section A. Context Statistics* | |
| Total children under 18 years | U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau |
| Race/ethnicity (%) | U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau |
| Caseworker visits for children in foster care | States submit data in conjunction with Child and Family Services Plans and Annual Progress and Services Reports |
| *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)<br><br>Two possible data sources:<br>(1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level; or<br>(2) NCANDS SDC: Item 3.1, Children Subject of a CPS Investigation or Assessment by Disposition |
| Total child maltreatment victims | Two possible data sources:<br>(1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level; or<br>(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 | Three possible data sources:<br>(1) NCANDS Child File: Element 34, Maltreatment Death;<br>(2) NCANDS Agency File: Element 4.1; or<br>(3) NCANDS SDC: Item 5.1, Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment |
| Age of child victims | Two possible data sources:<br>(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<br>(2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.2, Child Victims By Age |
| Race/ethnicity of child victims | Two possible data sources:<br>(1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 15 through 20, Child Race; and Element 21, Child Ethnicity; or<br>(2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.4, Child Victims by Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity; and Item 4.5, Child Victims by Race |
| Maltreatment types of child victims | Two possible data sources:<br>(1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 26 through 33, Maltreatment Type, Maltreatment Disposition Level; or<br>(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.<br>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)<br>• In care on 10/1<br>• Entered care<br>• Exited care<br>• 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)<br>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)<br>• In care on 10/1<br>• Exited care<br>• 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)<br>• In care on 10/1<br>• Entered care<br>• Exited care<br>• 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 |
| Race/ethnicity of children (for each FY)<br>• In care on 10/1<br>• Entered care<br>• Exited care<br>• In care on 9/30 | AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin |

| ITEMS | DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS |
|---|---|
| *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<br>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 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 |

| OUTCOME MEASURES | DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS |
|---|---|
| *Composite 1. Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification*<br>*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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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*<br>*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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal |
| C2.2 Median length of stay to adoption | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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*<br>*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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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*<br>*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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 | AFCARS Foster Care File: 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 E

## *Child Maltreatment 2009*: Summary of Key Findings

The following are key findings from *Child Maltreatment 2009*. 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 full *Child Maltreatment 2009* report is available on the Children's Bureau website:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/index.htm

### 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 (the Department) 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 within the Department 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 Federal fiscal year (FY) 2009 data is the 20th issuance of this annual report.

### How are the data used?

NCANDS data are used for the annual report, Child Maltreatment. In addition, data collected by NCANDS are a critical source of information for many publications, reports, and activities of the Federal Government and other groups. 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 to determine program performance.

### What data are collected?

Once an allegation (called a referral) of abuse and neglect is received by a CPS agency, it either is screened in for further attention by CPS or it is screened out. A screened-in referral is called a report. The CPS agency responds to reports by conducting an investigation response or alternative response to determine the likelihood that child maltreatment has occurred or that the child is at-risk of maltreatment.

After conducting interviews with family members, the alleged victims, and other people familiar with the family, the CPS agency makes a determination or finding concerning whether the child is a victim of abuse and neglect or is at-risk of abuse and neglect. This determination is called a disposition. States establish definitions of specific dispositions.

### What data are submitted to NCANDS?

NCANDS collects case-level data on all children who received a CPS agency response in the form of an investigation response or an alternative response. States that are unable to provide case-level data submit aggregated counts of key indicators.

Case-level data include information on the characteristics of screened-in referrals (reports) of abuse and neglect that are made to CPS agencies, the children involved, the types of maltreatment that are alleged, the dispositions of the CPS responses, 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 http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu. In addition, aggregated counts of key indicators by State are available for 1990–2009.

## How many allegations of maltreatment were reported and received an investigation or assessment for abuse and neglect?

During FFY 2009, an estimated 3.3 million referrals, involving the alleged maltreatment of approximately 6.0 million children, were made to CPS agencies. Of these, 61.9 percent were screened in for a response by CPS agencies.

- One-quarter of the CPS responses determined at least one child who was found to be a victim of abuse and neglect with the following report dispositions: 22.1 percent substantiated, 1.3 percent indicated, and 0.5 percent alternative response victim.[1]
- Three-quarters of the CPS responses determined that the child was not a victim of maltreatment with the following dispositions: 64.3 percent unsubstantiated, 8.7 percent alternative response nonvictim,[2] 1.6 percent closed with no finding, 1.3 percent "other," 0.1 percent intentionally false, and 0.2 percent unknown.

## Who reported child maltreatment?

For FFY 2009, professionals submitted three-fifths of reports. Professional report sources are persons who encountered the alleged child victim as part of their occupation, such as child daycare providers and medical personnel. Nonprofessional report sources are persons who did not have a relationship with the alleged victim based on their occupation and includes friends, neighbors, and relatives. "Other" report sources are persons who had a relationship with the alleged victim that is not included as an NCANDS code and includes clergy members, sports coaches, and camp counselors.

- The three largest percentages of report sources were from such professionals as teachers (16.5%), law enforcement and legal personnel (16.4%), and social services staff (11.4%).
- Anonymous sources (8.9%), other relatives (7.0%), parents (6.8%), and friends and neighbors (4.9%), accounted for nearly all of the nonprofessional reporters.

## Who were the child victims?

All 52 States submitted data to NCANDS about the dispositions of children who received one or more CPS responses. For FFY 2009, more than 3.6 million (duplicate) children were the subjects of at least one report and received one or more dispositions. The duplicate count of child victims counts a child each time he or she was found to be a victim. The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. One-fifth of duplicate children were found to be victims with dispositions of substantiated (19.5%), indicated (1.0%), and alternative response victim (0.5%).

The duplicate victim rate was 10.1 victims per 1,000 children in the population, while the unique victim rate was 9.3 victims per 1,000 children in the population. The number of nationally estimated duplicate victims was 763,000; the number of nationally estimated unique victims was 702,000. The following demographics are for unique victims:

- Victims in the age group of birth to 1 year had the highest rate of victimization at 20.6 per 1,000 children of the same age group in the national population.
- Victimization was split between the sexes with boys accounting for 48.2 percent and girls accounting for 51.1 percent. Less than 1 percent of victims had an unknown sex.
- Eighty-seven percent of victims were comprised of three races or ethnicities – African-American (22.3%), Hispanic (20.7%), and White (44.0%).

## What were the most common types of maltreatment?

As in prior years, the greatest proportion of children suffered from neglect. A child may have suffered from multiple forms of maltreatment and was counted once for each maltreatment type. CPS investigations or assessments determined that for unique victims:

[1] The NCANDS disposition category of "alternative response victim" is defined as a conclusion that the child was identified as a victim when a response other than an investigation was provided.

[2] The NCANDS disposition category of "alternative response nonvictim" is defined as a conclusion that the child was not identified as a victim when a response other than an investigation was provided.

- More than 75 percent (78.3%) suffered neglect;
- More than 15 percent (17.8%) suffered physical abuse;
- Less than 10 percent (9.5%) suffered sexual abuse; and
- Less than 10 percent (7.6%) suffered from psychological maltreatment.

### How many children died from abuse or neglect?

Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment. Forty-nine States reported a total of 1,676 fatalities. Based on these data, a nationally estimated 1,770 children died from abuse and neglect. Fatality analyses are performed for the unique count of children. Of the reported fatalities:

- The overall rate of child fatalities was 2.34 deaths per 100,000 children;
- Four-fifths (80.8%) of all child fatalities were younger than 4 years old;
- Boys had a slightly higher child fatality rate than girls at 2.36 boys per 100,000 boys in the population; girls died of abuse and neglect at a rate of 2.12 per 100,000 girls in the population;
- One-third (35.8%) of child fatalities were attributed to neglect exclusively; and
- One-third (36.7%) of child fatalities were caused by multiple maltreatment types.

### Who abused and neglected children?

For the analyses included in this report, a perpetrator is the person who is responsible for the abuse or neglect of a child. Forty-nine States reported case-level data about perpetrators using unique identifiers. In these States, the total duplicate count of perpetrators was 894,951, and the total unique count of perpetrators was 512,790. For FFY 2009:

- Four-fifths (80.9%) of duplicate perpetrators of child maltreatment were parents, and another 6.3 percent were other relatives of the victim;
- Of the duplicate perpetrators who were parents, four-fifths (84.7%) were the biological parents of the victim;
- Women comprised a larger percentage of all unique perpetrators than men: 53.8 percent compared to 44.4 percent; and
- Four-fifths (83.2%) of all unique perpetrators were between the ages of 20 and 49 years.

### Who received services?

CPS agencies provide services to children and their families, both in the home and in foster care. Services are provided to prevent future instances of child maltreatment and to remedy conditions that brought the children and their families to the attention of the agency. During FFY 2009, for the duplicate count of children:

- Forty-four States reported that more than 3 million children received preventive services;
- Forty-four States reported that three-fifths (59.9%) of victims and one-quarter of nonvictims (25.8%) received postresponse services;
- One-fifth (20.8%) of victims and 3.6 percent of nonvictims were placed in foster care; and
- Court-appointed representatives were assigned to 16.2 percent of victims.

# Appendix F

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb**

# *The AFCARS Report*

**Preliminary FY 2009 Estimates as of July 2010 (17)**

**SOURCE:** Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2009 data (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009).

**NOTES:** Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by July 7, 2010 are included in the information below. Missing data are excluded from the distributions presented below. Total counts per entries, exits, etc., are rounded to the nearest 1,000.

**How many children were in foster care on September 30, 2009? 426,000**

**What were the ages of the children in foster care?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Age | 9.6 | |
| Median Age | 9.7 | |
| Less than 1 Year | 6% | 24,544 |
| 1 Year | 7% | 31,212 |
| 2 Years | 7% | 28,374 |
| 3 Years | 6% | 24,405 |
| 4 Years | 5% | 21,509 |
| 5 Years | 5% | 19,490 |
| 6 Years | 4% | 18,163 |
| 7 Years | 4% | 17,183 |
| 8 Years | 4% | 16,792 |
| 9 Years | 4% | 15,938 |
| 10 Years | 4% | 15,729 |
| 11 Years | 4% | 15,636 |
| 12 Years | 4% | 16,266 |
| 13 Years | 4% | 18,413 |
| 14 Years | 5% | 22,418 |
| 15 Years | 7% | 28,659 |
| 16 Years | 8% | 35,161 |
| 17 Years | 9% | 36,541 |
| 18 Years | 3% | 12,005 |
| 19 Years | 1% | 4,002 |
| 20 Years | 1% | 2,634 |

**What were the lengths of stay of children in foster care?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Months | 26.7 | |
| Median Months | 15.4 | |
| Less than 1 Month | 5% | 21,418 |
| 1 - 5 Months | 19% | 82,705 |
| 6 - 11 Months | 18% | 75,121 |
| 12 - 17 Months | 13% | 57,297 |
| 18 - 23 Months | 9% | 38,782 |
| 24 - 29 Months | 7% | 30,333 |
| 30 - 35 Months | 5% | 22,366 |
| 3 - 4 Years | 12% | 49,325 |
| 5 Years or More | 11% | 48,196 |

**What were the placement settings of children in foster care?**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pre-Adoptive Home | 4% | 17,149 | |
| Foster Family Home (Relative) | 24% | 102,774 | |
| Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) | | 48% | 202,149 |
| Group Home | 6% | 26,191 | |
| Institution | 10% | 41,311 | |
| Supervised Independent Living | 1% | 4,695 | |
| Runaway | | 2% | 7,139 |
| Trial Home Visit | 5% | 21,070 | |

***U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb***

*Preliminary Estimates for FY 2009 as of July 2010*

## Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2009 (continued)

### What were the case goals of the children in foster care?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) | 49% | 203,175 |
| Live with Other Relative(s) | 4% | 14,764 |
| Adoption | 25% | 101,566 |
| Long Term Foster Care | 8% | 32,106 |
| Emancipation | 6% | 26,525 |
| Guardianship | 4% | 15,739 |
| Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established | 4% | 17,094 |

### What was the gender of the children in foster care?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male | 53% | 223,802 |
| Female | 47% | 201,661 |

### What was the race/ethnicity of the children in foster care?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2% | 8,521 |
| Asian | 1% | 2,635 |
| Black | 30% | 128,234 |
| Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0% | 800 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 21% | 87,293 |
| White | 39% | 167,764 |
| Unknown/Unable to Determine | 2% | 8,163 |
| Two or more races | 5% | 21,545 |

**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.

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**How many children entered foster care during FY 2009? 255,000**

**What were the ages of the children who entered care during FY 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Age | 7.9 | |
| Median Age | 7.1 | |
| Less than 1 Year | 16% | 40,922 |
| 1 Year | 8% | 19,223 |
| 2 Years | 7% | 16,684 |
| 3 Years | 6% | 14,011 |
| 4 Years | 5% | 12,715 |
| 5 Years | 4% | 11,369 |
| 6 Years | 4% | 10,744 |
| 7 Years | 4% | 9,942 |
| 8 Years | 4% | 9,222 |
| 9 Years | 3% | 8,710 |
| 10 Years | 3% | 8,233 |
| 11 Years | 3% | 8,226 |
| 12 Years | 4% | 9,066 |
| 13 Years | 4% | 10,976 |
| 14 Years | 6% | 14,266 |
| 15 Years | 7% | 18,040 |
| 16 Years | 7% | 18,578 |
| 17 Years | 5% | 12,373 |
| 18 Years | 0% | 633 |
| 19 Years | 0% | 91 |
| 20 Years | 0% | 43 |

**What was the race/ethnicity of the children who entered care during FY 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2% | 5,459 |
| Asian | 1% | 2,195 |
| Black | 25% | 64,665 |
| Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0% | 626 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20% | 51,377 |
| White | 44% | 110,949 |
| Unknown/Unable to Determine | 3% | 6,524 |
| Two or more races | 5% | 12,485 |

**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.

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**How many children exited foster care during FY 2009? 274,000**

**What were the ages of the children who exited care during FY 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Age | 9.6 | |
| Median Age | 8.9 | |
| Less than 1 Year | 5% | 12,326 |
| 1 Year | 8% | 20,956 |
| 2 Years | 8% | 21,401 |
| 3 Years | 7% | 18,107 |
| 4 Years | 6% | 15,589 |
| 5 Years | 5% | 13,769 |
| 6 Years | 5% | 12,614 |
| 7 Years | 4% | 11,807 |
| 8 Years | 4% | 10,797 |
| 9 Years | 4% | 10,005 |
| 10 Years | 3% | 9,501 |
| 11 Years | 3% | 8,748 |
| 12 Years | 3% | 8,568 |
| 13 Years | 3% | 8,974 |
| 14 Years | 4% | 10,807 |
| 15 Years | 5% | 13,404 |
| 16 Years | 6% | 15,954 |
| 17 Years | 6% | 16,807 |
| 18 Years | 10% | 26,170 |
| 19 Years | 2% | 4,316 |
| 20 Years | 1% | 1,837 |

**What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during FY 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) | 51% | 138,659 |
| Living with Other Relative(s) | 8% | 21,424 |
| Adoption | 20% | 55,381 |
| Emancipation | 11% | 29,135 |
| Guardianship | 7% | 19,236 |
| Transfer to Another Agency | 2% | 5,734 |
| Runaway | 1% | 2,142 |
| Death of Child | 0% | 416 |

**NOTE:** Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents, and homicide.

**What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during FY 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Months | 22.0 | |
| Median Months | 13.7 | |
| Less than 1 Month | 13% | 35,086 |
| 1 - 5 Months | 15% | 40,859 |
| 6 - 11 Months | 18% | 48,834 |
| 12 - 17 Months | 14% | 38,239 |
| 18 - 23 Months | 10% | 27,879 |
| 24 - 29 Months | 8% | 20,552 |
| 30 - 35 Months | 5% | 14,837 |
| 3 - 4 Years | 10% | 28,024 |
| 5 Years or More | 7% | 19,183 |

**What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during FY 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2% | 5,372 |
| Asian | 1% | 2,084 |
| Black | 27% | 73,675 |
| Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0% | 670 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 20% | 53,859 |
| White | 43% | 117,874 |
| Unknown/Unable to Determine | 2% | 6,048 |
| Two or more races | 5% | 13,442 |

**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.

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**How many children were waiting to be adopted on September 30, 2009? 114,00**

***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 parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

**What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male | 53% | 59,757 |
| Female | 47% | 53,753 |

**How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Months | 38.0 | |
| Median Months | 29.2 | |
| Less than 1 Month | 0% | 468 |
| 1 - 5 Months | 3% | 3,954 |
| 6 - 11 Months | 8% | 9,217 |
| 12 - 17 Months | 13% | 15,322 |
| 18 - 23 Months | 14% | 15,499 |
| 24 - 29 Months | 13% | 14,274 |
| 30 - 35 Months | 10% | 11,043 |
| 36 - 59 Months | 22% | 24,835 |
| 60 or more Months | 17% | 18,904 |

**What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2% | 1,914 |
| Asian | 0% | 511 |
| Black | 30% | 33,946 |
| Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0% | 212 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 22% | 24,636 |
| White | 39% | 43,735 |
| Unknown/Unable to Determine | 2% | 1,803 |
| Two or more races | 6% | 6,715 |

***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 old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Age | 5.0 | |
| Median Age | 4.2 | |
| Less than 1 Year | 25% | 27,839 |
| 1 Year | 9% | 9,941 |
| 2 Years | 8% | 8,680 |
| 3 Years | 7% | 7,926 |
| 4 Years | 7% | 7,652 |
| 5 Years | 7% | 7,379 |
| 6 Years | 6% | 7,122 |
| 7 Years | 6% | 6,566 |
| 8 Years | 5% | 6,151 |
| 9 Years | 5% | 5,336 |
| 10 Years | 4% | 4,700 |
| 11 Years | 4% | 3,938 |
| 12 Years | 3% | 3,285 |
| 13 Years | 2% | 2,555 |
| 14 Years | 2% | 1,794 |
| 15 Years | 1% | 1,027 |
| 16 Years | 0% | 452 |
| 17 Years | 0% | 91 |

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**Children waiting to be adopted in FY 2009 (continued)**

**Where were the waiting children living on September 30, 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pre-Adoptive Home | 14% | 15,627 |
| Foster Family Home (Relative) | 22% | 24,971 |
| Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) | 54% | 60,741 |
| Group Home | 4% | 4,011 |
| Institution | 6% | 6,328 |
| Supervised Independent Living | 0% | 126 |
| Runaway | 1% | 582 |
| Trial Home Visit | 1% | 654 |

**How old were the waiting children on September 30, 2009?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Age | 8.1 | |
| Median Age | 7.6 | |
| Less than 1 Year | 3% | 3,824 |
| 1 Year | 8% | 9,642 |
| 2 Years | 9% | 9,843 |
| 3 Years | 8% | 8,682 |
| 4 Years | 7% | 7,748 |
| 5 Years | 6% | 7,028 |
| 6 Years | 6% | 6,497 |
| 7 Years | 5% | 6,220 |
| 8 Years | 5% | 6,013 |
| 9 Years | 5% | 5,862 |
| 10 Years | 5% | 5,621 |
| 11 Years | 5% | 5,525 |
| 12 Years | 5% | 5,364 |
| 13 Years | 5% | 5,335 |
| 14 Years | 5% | 5,557 |
| 15 Years | 5% | 5,813 |
| 16 Years | 4% | 5,015 |
| 17 Years | 3% | 3,927 |

**How many children in foster care had their parental rights terminated for all living parents? 69,000**

**As of September 30, 2009, how many months had elapsed since the parental rights of these foster children were terminated?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean Months | 24.8 |
| Median Months | 12.9 |

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**How many children were adopted with public agency involvement in FY 2009? 57,000**

***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 2009 reported in regular and revised submissions by July 2010.

***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% | 28,944 |
| Female | 49% | 28,103 |

**How old were the children when they were adopted from the public foster care system?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mean Age | 6.4 | |
| Median Age | 5.2 | |
| Less than 1 Year | 2% | 1,129 |
| 1 Year | 11% | 6,445 |
| 2 Years | 15% | 8,300 |
| 3 Years | 11% | 6,496 |
| 4 Years | 9% | 5,231 |
| 5 Years | 8% | 4,465 |
| 6 Years | 7% | 3,869 |
| 7 Years | 6% | 3,452 |
| 8 Years | 5% | 3,078 |
| 9 Years | 5% | 2,627 |
| 10 Years | 4% | 2,405 |
| 11 Years | 4% | 2,026 |
| 12 Years | 3% | 1,806 |
| 13 Years | 3% | 1,510 |
| 14 Years | 2% | 1,303 |
| 15 Years | 2% | 1,082 |
| 16 Years | 2% | 908 |
| 17 Years | 1% | 722 |
| 18 Years | 0% | 147 |
| 19 Years | 0% | 24 |
| 20 Years | 0% | 14 |

**What percentage of the children adopted receive an adoption subsidy?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 88% | 50,074 |
| No | 12% | 6,756 |

**What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2% | 916 |
| Asian | 0% | 276 |
| Black | 25% | 14,145 |
| Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0% | 119 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 21% | 11,703 |
| White | 44% | 25,295 |
| Unknown/Unable to Determine | 2% | 873 |
| Two or more races | 7% | 3,726 |

***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 | 13.9 | |
| Median Months | 10.2 | |
| Less than 1 Month | 2% | 1,371 |
| 1 - 5 Months | 23% | 12,961 |
| 6 - 11 Months | 33% | 18,193 |
| 12 - 17 Months | 18% | 10,128 |
| 18 - 23 Months | 10% | 5,310 |
| 24 - 29 Months | 5% | 2,850 |
| 30 - 35 Months | 3% | 1,631 |
| 3 - 4 Years | 4% | 2,283 |
| 5 Years or More | 2% | 864 |

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## Children Adopted in FY 2009 (continued)

### What is the family structure of the child's adoptive family?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Married Couple | 66% | 35,918 |
| Unmarried Couple | 2% | 1,273 |
| Single Female | 28% | 15,296 |
| Single Male | 3% | 1,543 |

### What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child prior to the adoption?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Non-Relative | 14% | 7,573 |
| Foster Parent | 54% | 28,880 |
| Stepparent | 0% | 120 |
| Other Relative | 32% | 16,870 |

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