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#3 Local FIPS Code	68	1	0	0	
#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	48	20	0	1	<p>In three error cases, the reviewer found a review date that was later than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In two error cases, the reviewer found a review date that was earlier than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In seven error cases, the AFCARS file was blank. The reviewer did find a review date.</p> <p>In eight error cases, the date reported to AFCARS was after the end of the report period.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	69	0	0	0	
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	69	0	0	0	
#8 Child Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	69	0	0	0	
b. Asian	69	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	67	2	0	0	In the error cases the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	
e. White	68	1	0	0	In the error case the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
f. Unable to Determine	66	3	0	0	In two error cases the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”

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#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	62	7	0	0	In one error case, the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.” In five error cases, the AFCARS field was blank. The reviewer found the response should have been “no.” In one error case, the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	62	7	0	0	In five of the error cases, the AFCARS data indicated “no” but the reviewers found a diagnosed condition. In one error case the child had been in foster care for only a month and the child had not received a medical exam. The AFCARS data indicated “no” instead of “not yet determined.” One error case should have been “not yet determined” instead of blank.
#11 Mental Retardation	61	8	0	0	In four error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In three error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” One error case should have been “does not apply” instead of a blank.
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	66	3	0	0	In one error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”

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					One error case should have been “does not apply” instead of a blank.
#13 Physically Disabled	68	1	0	0	One error case should have been “does not apply” instead of a blank.
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	57	12	0	0	In 10 error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” One error case should have been “does not apply” instead of a blank.
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	49	20	0	0	In four error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In 15 error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” One error case should have been “does not apply” instead of a blank.
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	68	1	0	0	The response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
#17 Age at Previous Adoption 0 = Not Applicable 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older 5 = Unable to Determine	68	1	0	0	An age group should have been reported.

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#18 Date of First Removal from Home	58	11	0	0	In the error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS.
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	65	4	0	0	In two error cases, the reviewer found an additional removal episode that was not included in the AFCARS file. In two error cases, the reviewer found that the child had one removal episode and not two.
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	66	3	0	0	In the error case the reviewer found a later date than the one reported to AFCARS. In two error cases this field should have been blank because the reviewer found the child had only one removal episode.
#21 Date of Latest Removal	57	12	0	0	In one error case, the date of removal was actually later than what was reported. In 11 error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS.
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	64	5	0	0	In three error cases, the reviewer found a later date than what was reported to AFCARS. In two error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than what was reported.
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	44	24	0	1	In 19 error cases, there were more placements than what was reported to AFCARS. In five error cases, there were fewer placements.

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#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	67	2	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “court order” instead of “voluntary.”
#26 Physical Abuse	68	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#27 Sexual Abuse	69	0	0	0	
#28 Neglect	66	3	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	64	5	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	66	3	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	65	4	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#32 Child Drug Abuse	66	3	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#33 Child Disability	69	0	0	0	
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	69	0	0	0	
#35 Death of Parent	69	0	0	0	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	69	0	0	0	
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	68	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#38 Abandonment	68	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#39 Relinquishment	69	0	0	0	
#40 Inadequate Housing	69	0	0	0	
#41 Current Placement Setting	58	10	0	1	In one error case, the living arrangement should have been “foster home (non-

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1 = Pre-Adoptive Home 2 = Foster Family Home (Relative) 3 = Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) 4 = Group Home 5 = Institution 6 = Supervised Independent Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit					relative)” instead of “institution.” In one error case, the living arrangement should have been “group home” instead of “institution.” In three error cases, the living arrangement should have been “pre-adoptive home” instead of “foster home (non-relative).” In one error case, the living arrangement was “foster home (relative)” instead of “foster home (non-relative).” In one error case, the living arrangement was “group home” instead of “runaway.”
#42 Out of State Placement	68	0	0	1	
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal 1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	64	5	0	0	In one error case, the response should have been “reunification” instead of “case plan goal not yet established.” In one error case, the response should have been “adoption” instead of “emancipation.” In one error case the case plan goal should have been “guardianship” instead of “reunification.” In one error case, the response should have been “long-term foster care” instead of “emancipation.” In error case, the AFCARS field was left blank. The child had been in foster care for

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					less than 60 days. The response should have been “case plan goal not yet established.”
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	60	7	0	2	In four error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of “single female” instead of “married couple.” In three error cases, the reviewer found that the family structure was “married couple” instead of “unmarried couple.”
#45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	65	1	0	3	The wrong date was reported.
#46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	63	5	0	1	On three error cases the wrong date was reported. In two error case this element should have been blank because child was removed from a single female.
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	64	5	0	0	In three error cases, dates were found (AFCARS had missing data). In two error cases the reviewers found a later date than the one reported to AFCARS.
#48 Father's Date of TPR	66	3	0	0	In the error cases, dates were found (AFCARS had missing data).
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	64	5	0	0	In one error case, the information was missing and it should have been “married couple.” In four error cases, the response should have been “married couple” instead of “not applicable.” In one of these cases the information was reported correctly for the foster caretaker information (elements #50 -

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					55).
#50 1 st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	64	2	0	3	In one error case, the AFCARS filed was blank, but the reviewer found a date. In one error case, the wrong year was reported.
#51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	61	5	0	3	In four error cases, the AFCARS field was blank, but the reviewer found a date. In one error case, the field should have been blank because the foster parent was single.
#52 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine	61	5	0	3	In three error cases these elements were blank. The reviewers found the race to be "white." In one error case these elements were blank. The reviewers found the race to be "American Indian." In one error case these fields should have been blank.
#53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	43	25	0	1	In 22 error cases, this element was blank, but the reviewer found the response was "no." In one error case, the response was missing but the reviewer indicated a response of "yes." In two error cases the response was blank instead of "not applicable."
#54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race	57	9	0	3	In five error cases these elements were blank. The reviewers found the race to be "white."

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a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine					In one error case these elements were blank. The reviewers found the race to be “Black or African American.” In three error cases these fields should have been blank.
#55 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	49	20	0	0	In 17 error cases, this element was blank, but the reviewer found the response was “no.” In one error case, the response was missing but the reviewer indicated a response of “yes.” In two error cases the response was blank instead of “not applicable.”
#56 Date of Discharge	68	1	0	0	
#58 Reason for Discharge 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) 2 = Living with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship 6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway 8 = Death of Child	69	0	0	0	

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#59 Title IV-E Foster Care					Elements #59 - 66 were not analyzed.
#60 Title IV-E Adoption					
#61 Title IV-A AFDC					
#62 Title IV-D Child Support					
#63 Title XIX Medicaid					
#64 SSI					
#65 None of the Above					
#66 Monthly Amount					

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	14	0	0	0	
#5 Child Date of Birth	14	0	0	0	
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	14	0	0	0	
#7 Child Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	13	1	0	0	In the error case an additional race was found.
b. Asian	14	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	14	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	14	0	0	0	
e. White	14	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	14	0	0	0	
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	13	1	0	0	The error case was reported as blank but the reviewer indicated the child is not Hispanic/Latino.
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	7	7	0	0	In each of the error case the response should have been “yes” instead of

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					“no.”
#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other	5	9	0	0	In one error case, the response should have been “membership in a sibling group” instead of “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities.” In one error case, the response should have been “other” instead of “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities.” In one error case the response should have been “membership in a sibling group” instead of “not applicable.” In one error case the response should have been “other” instead of “not applicable.” In five error cases the response should have been “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities” instead of “not applicable.”
#11 Mental Retardation	9	5	0	0	The response should have been “does not apply” instead of being left blank.
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	9	5	0	0	The response should have been “does not apply” instead of being left blank.
#13 Physically Disabled	9	5	0	0	In two error cases the response should

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					have been “applies” instead of left blank. In three error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of being left blank.
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	9	5	0	0	In three error cases the response should have been “applies” instead of left blank. In two error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of being left blank.
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	9	5	0	0	The response should have been “does not apply” instead of being left blank.
#16 Mother's Birth Year	14	0	0	0	
#17 Father's Birth Year	13	1	0	0	In the error case the reviewer found a year of birth for the father.
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	14	0	0	0	
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	12	2	0	0	In one error case the reviewer found a later date than the one reported. In one error case the reviewer found a TPR date; the record was reported as blank.

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#20 Date of Father's TPR	9	5	0	0	In two error cases the reviewer found a later date than the one reported. In two error cases the reviewer found a TPR date; the record was reported as blank. In one error case the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	14	0	0	0	
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	13	1	0	0	The error case should have been reported as “married couple” instead of “single male.”
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	13	1	0	0	The family structure in element #22 was “married couple” instead of “single male” and the reviewer found the adoptive mother’s year of birth.
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	14	0	0	0	
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	13	1	0	0	This element was reported as blank but information should have been reported (see element #22).

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b. Asian	13	1	0	0	This element was reported as blank but information should have been reported (see element #22).
c. Black or African American	12	2	0	0	In one error case the reviewer found this as an additional race. In the other error case, this element was reported as blank but information should have been reported (see element #22).
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13	1	0	0	This element was reported as blank but information should have been reported (see element #22).
e. White	12	2	0	0	In one error case, this element was reported as blank but it should have been reported as “yes” (see element #22). In the other error case the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
f. Unable to Determine	12	2	0	0	This element was reported as blank but information should have been reported (see element #22). In the other error case the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	13	1	0	0	The response should have been “no” instead of being blank (see element #22).

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#27 Adoptive Father's Race	14	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	14	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	14	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	14	0	0	0	
e. White	14	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	14	0	0	0	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	14	0	0	0	
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	14	0	0	0	
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	13	1	0	0	The response should have been "apply" instead of "does not apply."
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	10	3	0	0	The response should have been "apply" instead of "does not apply."
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	13	1	0	0	The response should have been "apply" instead of "does not apply."
#33 Child Was Placed from	14	0	0	0	

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1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country					
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	14	0	0	0	
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	10	3	0	0	In two error cases the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.” In one error case the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”
#36 Monthly Amount	6	8	0	0	The reviewers found a different amount on the Adoption Assistance Agreement.
#37 Adoption Assistance	12	2	0	0	In one error case the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.” In the other error case the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”