

New Mexico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children under 18 years	506,235	510,238	518,998	519,419
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
Alaska Native/ American Indian	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.1
Asian	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1
Black	2.7	2.8	1.6	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	54.8	55.3	58.4	58.6
White	28.6	28.1	26.3	26.0
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
Child population in poverty (%)	24.2	25.3	30.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child maltreatment victims	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231
Foster care entry rate	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,269	2,022	1,872	1,895
Children adopted	427	437	420	350

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	79	85	90	91
Numerator	2,490	2,486	2,468	2,417
Denominator	3,171	2,942	2,739	2,667
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	98	98	99	98
Numerator	18,993	18,465	18,618	18,345
Denominator	19,455	18,920	18,886	18,632

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁶

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,178	45.8 per 1,000	23,277	45.6 per 1,000	27,122	52.3 per 1,000	27,729	53.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims ⁷	5,656	11.2 per 1,000	5,368	10.5 per 1,000	6,018	11.6 per 1,000	6,231	12.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	19	3.8 per 100,000	10	2.0 per 100,000	19	3.7 per 100,000	15	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	11.6	10.9	10.4	10.5
1 year	6.8	7.3	7.7	7.6
2 years	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.6
3 years	6.3	6.4	6.3	7.1
4 years	5.5	6.3	6.5	6.9
5 years	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.1
6 years	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.7
7 years	6.1	6.2	6.8	6.2
8 years	5.3	5.7	5.8	6.2
9 years	5.3	5.6	5.4	4.9
10 years	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.7
11 years	4.6	4.1	4.7	4.7
12 years	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.4
13 years	4.3	4.6	4.0	3.8
14 years	4.0	3.4	4.3	4.0
15 years	4.5	3.9	3.2	2.5
16 years	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.7
17 years	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.3	1.7	0.5	0.5
Number	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	6.0	8.2	9.0	5.8
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	59.4	57.8	57.4	59.1
White	24.8	25.6	26.1	27.6
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2
Missing data	4.2	3.2	2.5	2.5
Number	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231

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

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2011 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2009–2012 report.

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 All States have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information and a list of States using sampling methodology.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Emotional abuse	16.9	16.7	18.9	19.8
Medical neglect	2.8	2.4	1.6	2.2
Neglect	76.8	76.4	78.2	77.1
Physical abuse	14.3	13.6	12.6	12.1
Sexual abuse	3.9	4.5	3.3	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	5,656	5,368	6,018	6,231

Time to Investigation (in hours)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mean	74.6	70.8	—	—
Median	>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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number	2,381	2,182	1,950	1,858	2,137	1,989	1,766	1,775	2,249	2,149	1,844	1,738	2,269	2,022	1,872	1,895
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	14.1	13.3	12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.4	6.4	8.9	4.9	14.4	13.1	12.8	13.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1				Entered Foster Care				Exited Foster Care				In Foster Care on 9/30			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.1	13.8	13.9	13.0	13.7	5.8	6.1	5.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.1	6.1
1 year	8.9	8.4	8.4	8.4	9.2	8.7	9.9	10.0	8.3	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.5	8.5
2 years	8.2	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.0	9.2	9.3	8.8	8.6	9.6	9.8	8.5	9.0	8.7	8.1	9.0
3 years	7.2	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.1	6.9	7.4	7.8	7.6	7.4	8.5	8.2	7.7	8.1	8.2	8.2
4 years	6.1	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.9	7.3	6.4	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.7	8.3
5 years	5.9	5.6	5.7	6.4	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.4	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.3	6.5
6 years	6.2	5.6	6.4	6.0	6.6	6.1	5.7	6.9	7.1	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.1	6.1
7 years	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.0	5.5	5.6	4.6	4.7	6.1	5.5	6.1	5.5	6.0	6.4	5.0	6.4
8 years	4.8	5.3	5.4	6.5	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.5	6.5	4.9
9 years	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.4	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.3	6.0
10 years	4.3	4.8	4.6	5.1	3.6	3.7	4.8	3.5	3.6	4.2	4.2	5.1	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.5
11 years	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.6	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.2	4.0	3.5	4.6	4.5	3.8	4.2	4.6	3.2
12 years	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.2
13 years	4.7	3.2	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.3	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.7
14 years	5.0	4.4	3.2	4.3	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.9	4.0	3.0	3.3	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.3
15 years	4.8	4.8	4.3	3.2	3.8	4.1	2.7	3.0	3.9	4.0	3.1	3.3	4.7	4.1	3.2	3.7
16 years	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.0	4.0	5.1	4.9	4.1	2.6
17 years	4.7	5.2	4.8	5.5	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.4	5.8	5.8	6.5	7.9	5.0	4.7	5.5	4.4
18 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/ American Indian	8.0	7.9	9.9	9.4	9.6	13.0	10.4	7.7	9.6	10.9	10.8	8.5	8.0	9.7	9.4	8.7
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	3.6	4.1	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.7	4.6	2.7	3.6	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.4	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	58.3	59.8	58.9	59.0	57.5	53.7	54.1	54.9	56.4	55.3	54.8	57.9	59.4	58.6	58.4	56.1
White	25.9	24.2	23.8	25.0	23.0	24.6	28.3	28.6	25.1	25.0	26.4	24.7	23.9	23.8	25.5	28.6
Two or more races	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.2	2.4
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.6	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	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 Adoption¹⁰ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total waiting children	911	876	780	790
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	588	545	467	443

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.3
1 year	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.5
2 years	8.0	8.8	6.4	8.2
3 years	7.5	8.8	7.6	7.2
4 years	8.3	8.0	7.2	8.6
5 years	6.1	6.2	6.8	6.3
6 years	5.8	6.5	6.7	7.8
7 years	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.3
8 years	6.0	6.3	7.4	4.9
9 years	5.7	5.5	6.2	7.6
10 years	5.4	5.4	5.6	4.9
11 years	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.6
12 years	4.3	5.0	5.1	6.1
13 years	3.6	4.9	5.3	5.1
14 years	5.7	3.9	5.6	4.8
15 years	5.8	5.1	4.9	5.1
16 years	4.4	4.7	4.1	2.8
17 years	1.5	1.1	1.4	0.9

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.9	9.7	10.9	11.1
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Black	4.8	3.9	2.9	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	57.6	60.6	59.2	58.6
White	22.3	22.4	22.9	23.2
Two or more races	4.0	3.2	4.0	2.9
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total children adopted	427	437	420	350

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 year	1.2	2.1	1.9	0.6
1 year	9.8	8.2	9.5	8.6
2 years	11.9	9.2	13.8	8.6
3 years	10.5	8.9	10.7	9.7
4 years	7.0	9.4	9.5	8.9
5 years	7.0	7.3	7.6	6.6
6 years	9.1	6.9	7.1	7.7
7 years	8.7	4.6	6.7	6.3
8 years	4.9	7.8	4.8	6.3
9 years	5.4	6.4	5.2	6.3
10 years	3.7	5.5	3.3	8.0
11 years	4.0	5.3	5.5	6.9
12 years	4.7	5.0	2.9	2.3
13 years	3.3	3.9	3.3	5.1
14 years	2.3	3.0	2.9	2.6
15 years	2.8	2.1	1.7	3.1
16 years	2.1	2.5	1.9	1.7
17 years	1.2	1.8	1.4	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.0	6.6	5.0	7.1
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.7	3.7	5.7	2.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	62.3	61.6	56.0	68.9
White	31.4	24.9	27.9	18.0
Two or more races	2.3	3.2	5.5	3.7
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.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children without a recurrence	91.8	91.4	91.7	90.1
Children with one or more recurrences	8.2	8.6	8.3	9.9
Number	2,549	2,540	2,746	2,790

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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.24	0.32	0.36
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.76	99.68	99.64
Number	4,518	4,171	3,716	3,633

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	20.0	23.1	22.8	20.4
Guardianship	2.0	1.5	0.9	2.4
Reunification	70.8	68.2	68.4	69.3
Other	7.2	7.3	7.9	7.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,249	2,149	1,844	1,738

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	40.7	42.2	43.1	40.9
Guardianship	3.0	2.5	1.2	3.4
Reunification	45.3	45.0	45.5	43.6
Other	11.0	10.3	10.2	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	634	669	655	567

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	4.4	6.0	3.6	4.4
Guardianship	1.5	0.8	0.4	3.2
Reunification	68.0	69.5	68.8	64.0
Other	26.2	23.8	27.2	28.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	409	383	279	317

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children age 12 or younger at entry	12.3	22.6	24.5	23.7
Children older than 12 at entry	87.7	77.4	75.5	76.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	106	106	94	97

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹³

	Alaska Native/Am. Indian				2008	Asian				2008	Black			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	7.4	18.4	13.0	19.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	31.2	39.3	8.7		
Guardianship	1.4	0.9	2.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.4		
Reunification	73.5	63.2	64.5	62.6	50.0	66.7	100.0	75.0	72.1	58.4	52.5	82.6		
Other	17.7	17.5	20.5	15.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	25.0	18.0	10.4	8.2	7.2		
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	215	234	200	147	2	3	1	4	61	77	61	69		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.				2008	Hispanic (of any race)				2008	White			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	24.8	24.9	23.3	23.0	21.2	20.7	15.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	1.1	2.7	2.3	0.7	0.4	2.3		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	70.2	67.9	68.1	66.7	69.6	71.9	72.3	75.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	5.2	5.9	7.2	5.1	6.1	6.6	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	3	2	1	0	1,269	1,189	1,011	1,007	565	537	487	429		
	Unable to Determine				2008	Two or More Races				2008	Missing Data			
	2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	28.2	25.0	27.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	85.7	90.0	100.0	67.9	60.6	64.7	60.0	83.3	93.3	100.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	14.3	10.0	0.0	8.6	9.9	10.3	12.3	16.7	6.7	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	23	21	10	13	81	71	68	65	30	15	5	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	79.4	80.3	76.0	80.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.6	14.7	18.9	17.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.7	3.5	3.9	1.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,593	1,465	1,261	1,205

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children entering care for the first time	83.5	83.3	84.0	83.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.7	8.4	7.4	6.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	8.2	8.6	9.9
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,137	1,989	1,766	1,775

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Less than 12 mos.	2.0	3.6	2.9	3.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.8	27.8	35.0	29.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.7	34.3	33.8	34.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.7	17.3	17.1	19.7
48 or more mos.	8.7	16.9	11.2	13.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	449	496	420	355

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.9	88.5	89.4	87.6	51.2	55.1	60.6	57.6	26.5	25.3	22.0	20.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	11.5	10.6	12.3	48.8	44.9	39.4	42.4	73.5	74.7	78.0	79.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	2,303	2,199	1,925	1,927	1,105	927	925	902	1,097	1,039	860	803	13	6	6	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 (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Group homes	9.4	8.6	7.0	3.4
Institutions	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5
Other settings	89.4	90.4	92.3	96.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,781	1,648	1,494	1,498

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁴ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁵

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score¹⁶	109.5	113.7	109.6	116.4
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)	60.0	62.2	61.0	71.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.0	9.7	10.0	9.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	34.1	33.9	38.1	29.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.5	9.0	8.4	10.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	139.9	139.6	144.8	138.7
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?	29.8	31.5	37.9	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?	30.9	29.2	27.8	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?	37.5	42.4	41.3	36.1
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	25.1	22.1	17.4	16.1
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?	55.4	52.6	57.8	54.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁸

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	140.5	138.0	130.2	124.9
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?	41.5	45.9	42.4	40.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.4	94.8	93.0	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?	43.5	45.0	47.4	46.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care¹⁹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Composite Score	82.2	85.8	87.6	84.8
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?	76.6	80.2	82.2	79.9
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?	51.2	55.1	60.6	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?	26.6	25.3	22.0	20.9

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

¹⁶ 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 (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.