Louisiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics[1]

General Child Population (Census Bureau)[2]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,123,386	1,116,480	1,118,324	1,117,803
Race/ethnicity (%)[3]				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Black	37.5	37.9	37.7	37.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.4
White	53.9	52.6	52.4	52.3
Two or more races	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.6
Child population in poverty (%)	24.2	27.3	28.8	X

Child Welfare Summary[4]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	9,063	8,344	9,545	8,458
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,794	4,451	4,577	4,083
Children adopted	578	641	641	654

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care[5]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,669
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	48,576
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	84
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	37,580
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,669

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)[6]

Overview Maltreatment Information[7]

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	33,054	29.4 per 1,000	31,828	28.5 per 1,000	37,994	34.0 per 1,000	36,029	32.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	9,063	8.1 per 1,000	8,344	7.5 per 1,000	9,545	8.5 per 1,000	8,458	7.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	40	3.6 per 100,000	30	2.7 per 100,000	45	4.0 per 100,000	42	3.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	14.8	16.1	17.3	18.2
1 year	7.3	7.5	6.7	6.6
2 years	7.3	6.7	7.0	6.5
3 years	6.6	6.3	6.5	7.0
4 years	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.3
5 years	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.9
6 years	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.9
7 years	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.2
8 years	5.5	5.1	4.5	4.5
9 years	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1
11 years	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.0
12 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1
13 years	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
14 years	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
15 years	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.7
16 years	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7
17 years	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Number	**9,063**	**8,344**	**9,545**	**8,458**

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Black	44.4	45.0	44.7	47.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3
White	49.8	49.6	49.5	46.7
Two or more races	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.6
Missing data	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.7
Number	**9,063**	**8,344**	**9,545**	**8,458**

[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 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

[3] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

[4] 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. 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.

[5] As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

[6] 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. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

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

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)[8]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	82.8	81.8	81.5	81.2
Physical abuse	28.0	27.4	28.1	0.7
Sexual abuse	7.8	7.7	9.4	28.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.6	0.6	8.9
Number	**9,063**	**8,344**	**9,545**	**8,458**

Response Time (in hours)[9]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	183.6	167.2	195.7	118.9
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>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 Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	4,854	4,783	4,353	4,392	3,586	3,297	3,757	3,147	3,660	3,629	3,533	3,456	4,794	4,451	4,577	4,083
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	12.2	12.7	11.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.7	11.4	11.2	10.8	12.4	12.9	10.7	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.1	16.4	16.4	14.4	14.3	4.1	4.8	4.9	4.6	6.8	6.4	5.9	5.1
1 year	8.8	9.4	8.9	8.4	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.4	7.9	7.7	7.4	9.5	8.8	8.3	8.5
2 years	8.2	8.3	9.2	8.2	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.9	8.1	8.0	8.6	8.6	8.3	9.1	8.1	7.7
3 years	7.3	7.0	7.7	8.2	6.7	6.3	6.5	7.1	8.3	7.7	7.4	8.3	7.2	7.7	8.0	7.4
4 years	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.9	5.9	5.7	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.4	7.2	6.3	6.2	6.8	7.1
5 years	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.2	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.5	6.6	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.7
6 years	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.2	4.7	5.9	5.6	4.6	5.6	6.0	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.6
7 years	4.4	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.4	4.4	4.6	3.8	4.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.8
8 years	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.6	4.1	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.5
9 years	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.2	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.0
10 years	3.5	3.4	3.5	4.4	3.3	3.3	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.5
11 years	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.9	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.9	2.5	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.7	4.3
12 years	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.1	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9
13 years	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.8
14 years	5.7	5.0	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.5	5.3	6.2	4.2	4.0	3.3	3.9	5.0	4.2	5.0	5.1
15 years	6.2	5.9	5.7	4.7	6.0	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	4.7	5.5	4.8	5.7	5.6	5.0	6.1
16 years	7.0	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.4	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.7	5.2	4.9	5.2	6.3	6.6	6.5	5.9
17 years	7.1	5.8	6.4	6.1	1.5	2.7	2.3	1.9	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.2	5.8	6.4	6.3	5.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	6.7	6.7	7.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	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 (%)[10]

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Black	49.2	48.7	46.5	46.3	48.2	46.6	47.8	47.7	49.9	49.2	47.4	49.7	48.0	46.6	46.8	44.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.0
White	46.1	46.4	47.6	48.0	46.0	47.3	46.8	46.1	45.0	46.2	46.6	44.2	46.9	47.3	47.7	49.7
Two or more races	1.5	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.0
Unable to determine	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.3
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] These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

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

[10] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,099	1,101	1,159	1,090
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	755	750	820	692

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[12]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.6
1 year	6.6	8.0	7.5	8.9
2 years	8.7	10.8	8.3	8.2
3 years	7.9	7.8	10.8	7.6
4 years	6.8	7.0	8.8	8.2
5 years	6.4	6.9	6.6	8.3
6 years	6.1	5.8	5.2	6.6
7 years	6.4	4.5	6.0	6.1
8 years	5.8	5.4	4.6	5.8
9 years	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.6
10 years	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.6
11 years	4.9	4.0	3.9	6.4
12 years	5.1	5.7	4.1	4.9
13 years	3.7	5.1	5.3	3.9
14 years	5.8	3.8	5.2	5.0
15 years	5.7	5.1	4.1	5.1
16 years	4.9	5.1	4.7	2.8
17 years	4.5	4.6	4.9	1.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)[13]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.2
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Black	49.1	47.0	46.5	44.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.4
White	44.9	45.5	45.7	49.7
Two or more races	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.4
Unable to determine	1.3	1.4	2.4	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	578	641	641	654

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8
1 year	12.6	7.6	7.8	7.8
2 years	17.3	12.9	16.7	16.1
3 years	12.6	12.3	12.8	15.6
4 years	12.1	10.8	10.9	12.2
5 years	10.0	8.9	9.5	9.2
6 years	6.9	8.1	7.0	7.6
7 years	5.9	8.0	5.6	6.9
8 years	4.0	8.1	7.5	5.2
9 years	2.1	4.5	2.7	3.1
10 years	3.3	4.4	4.4	4.9
11 years	2.8	3.1	3.3	1.8
12 years	2.2	2.2	3.6	2.8
13 years	2.6	3.1	2.3	1.8
14 years	1.7	2.5	1.1	1.5
15 years	1.9	1.2	2.2	0.9
16 years	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.9
17 years	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.9
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 (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5
Black	36.2	47.1	38.4	40.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	1.2	1.4	2.1
White	59.3	50.4	56.0	50.6
Two or more races	1.9	0.8	3.4	3.4
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[11] There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children 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.

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

[13] For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.0	95.4	94.8	94.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.0	4.6	5.2	5.3
Number	**4,243**	**4,058**	**4,354**	**4,239**

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 (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.71	0.48	0.72	0.44
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.29	99.52	99.28	99.56
Number	**8,440**	**8,080**	**8,110**	**7,539**

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.8	17.6	18.2	18.9
Guardianship	0.9	1.4	1.2	0.8
Reunification	73.9	73.3	72.3	71.5
Other	9.4	7.7	8.3	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	**3,660**	**3,629**	**3,533**	**3,456**

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	27.7	34.8	34.3	30.7
Guardianship	0.9	2.2	1.4	0.3
Reunification	49.3	42.8	40.0	40.7
Other	22.1	20.1	24.3	28.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**339**	**313**	**280**	**300**

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.7	0.2	1.7	1.1
Guardianship	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.2
Reunification	75.8	75.7	70.5	69.4
Other	22.4	22.8	25.7	27.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	**935**	**815**	**762**	**752**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	39.6	32.0	31.6	26.5
Children older than 12 at entry	60.4	68.0	68.4	73.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**293**	**244**	**237**	**249**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)[14]

	American Indian/Alaska Native				Asian				Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.0	25.0	36.4	40.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	23.1	11.4	16.8	14.7	15.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.6
Reunification	75.0	75.0	54.5	40.0	80.0	71.4	100.0	76.9	75.8	73.7	74.8	73.6
Other	0.0	0.0	9.1	20.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	11.8	8.3	9.5	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	**4**	**4**	**11**	**10**	**5**	**7**	**3**	**13**	**1,825**	**1,787**	**1,675**	**1,716**

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacifici Islander				Hispanic (of any race)				White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	12.7	11.7	17.7	20.8	19.3	22.0	21.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.6	1.7	1.2	1.0
Reunification	66.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	83.1	81.0	77.9	73.4	71.1	72.0	69.5	69.9
Other	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	6.3	10.4	6.3	7.5	7.0	7.3	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Number	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**83**	**63**	**77**	**79**	**1,646**	**1,677**	**1,648**	**1,529**

	Unable to Determine				Two or More Races				Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.3	2.0	1.9	28.8	25.5	13.2	32.8	38.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	4.3	2.0	7.7	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	87.2	88.2	84.6	69.2	68.1	76.3	62.7	54.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.3	7.8	5.8	1.9	0.0	10.5	4.5	5.3	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	**47**	**51**	**52**	**52**	**47**	**38**	**67**	**57**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

[14] All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

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

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	65.4	69.1	71.4	73.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.8	22.2	21.7	21.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.1	4.1	4.1	3.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.7	1.1	0.9
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.7	1.2	0.7
Missing data	3.1	1.2	0.5	<.1
Number	**2,706**	**2,660**	**2,553**	**2,471**

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.6	83.4	81.7	82.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.2	6.2	9.1	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.8
Missing data	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.0
Number	**3,586**	**3,297**	**3,757**	**3,147**

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.0	21.9	24.5	27.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.3	32.9	35.9	35.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.4	26.0	22.7	20.7
48 or more mos.	10.6	17.1	15.1	15.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**577**	**639**	**644**	**653**

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			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.9	78.4	79.1	83.9	54.4	52.1	56.6	55.1	28.3	27.8	35.6	36.4	61.4	71.7	58.3	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.2	21.1	18.8	15.6	45.6	47.9	43.3	44.9	71.7	72.2	64.4	63.6	27.7	26.1	8.3	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	2.2	33.3	0.0
Number	**4,184**	**4,033**	**4,373**	**3,901**	**1,920**	**1,898**	**1,794**	**1,884**	**2,253**	**2,103**	**1,919**	**1,749**	**83**	**46**	**24**	**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 (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3
Institutions	1.4	2.1	0.7	0.6
Other settings	98.2	97.7	98.8	99.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**2,728**	**2,515**	**2,841**	**2,362**

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews[15] (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification[16]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score[17]	**121.2**	**121.6**	**126.6**	**123.1**
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)	65.9	67.5	67.4	71.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.2	8.7	8.5	7.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	47.1	49.0	45.7	51.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.4	9.8	7.1	11.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	**128.1**	**137.1**	**144.8**	**145.8**
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	27.7	24.1	26.4	28.8
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	33.5	31.2	30.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.7	30.5	31.9	35.6
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?[18]	13.8	16.9	21.2	17.5
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?	55.2	67.4	61.6	61.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time[19]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	**91.2**	**115.4**	**107.7**	**107.8**
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.4	38.3	37.2	39.0
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?	89.6	93.4	93.3	92.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	58.3	49.2	49.0	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care[20]

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	**84.5**	**82.1**	**88.7**	**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?	77.7	76.8	78.6	82.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.3	51.8	56.5	55.0
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?	28.3	27.8	35.7	36.4

[15] Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

[16] 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.

[17] 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 (https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs).

[18] 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.

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

[20] 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.