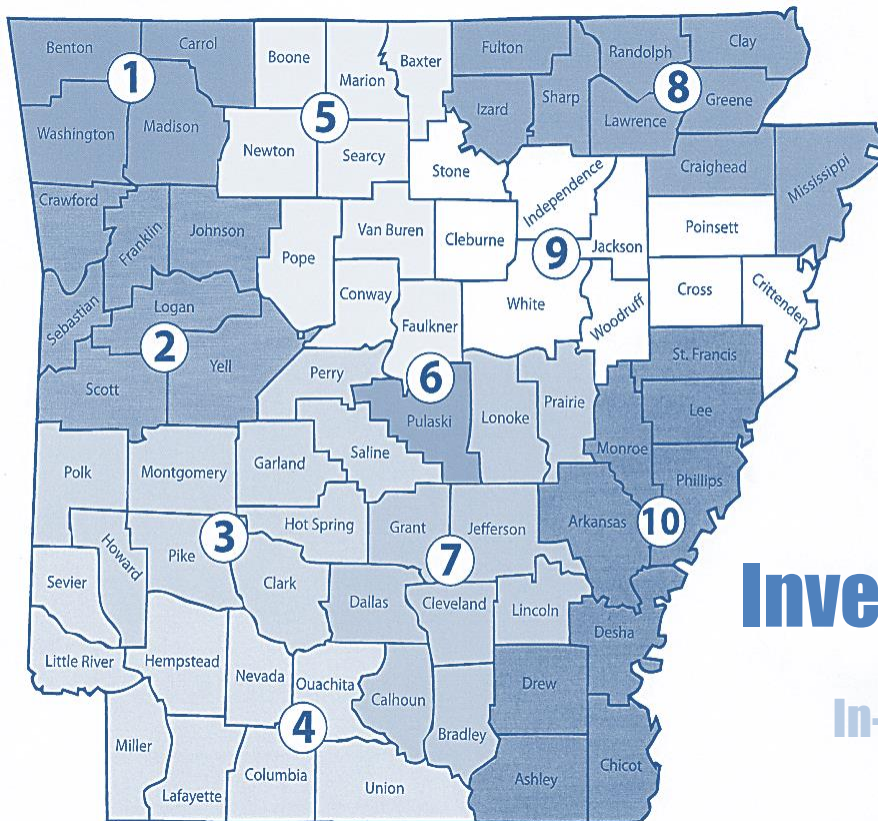


# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT 4th QUARTER SFY 2021

*April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021*



**Investigations**

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**In-home Protective Services**

**ADOPTIONS**

**Differential Response  
Foster Care**

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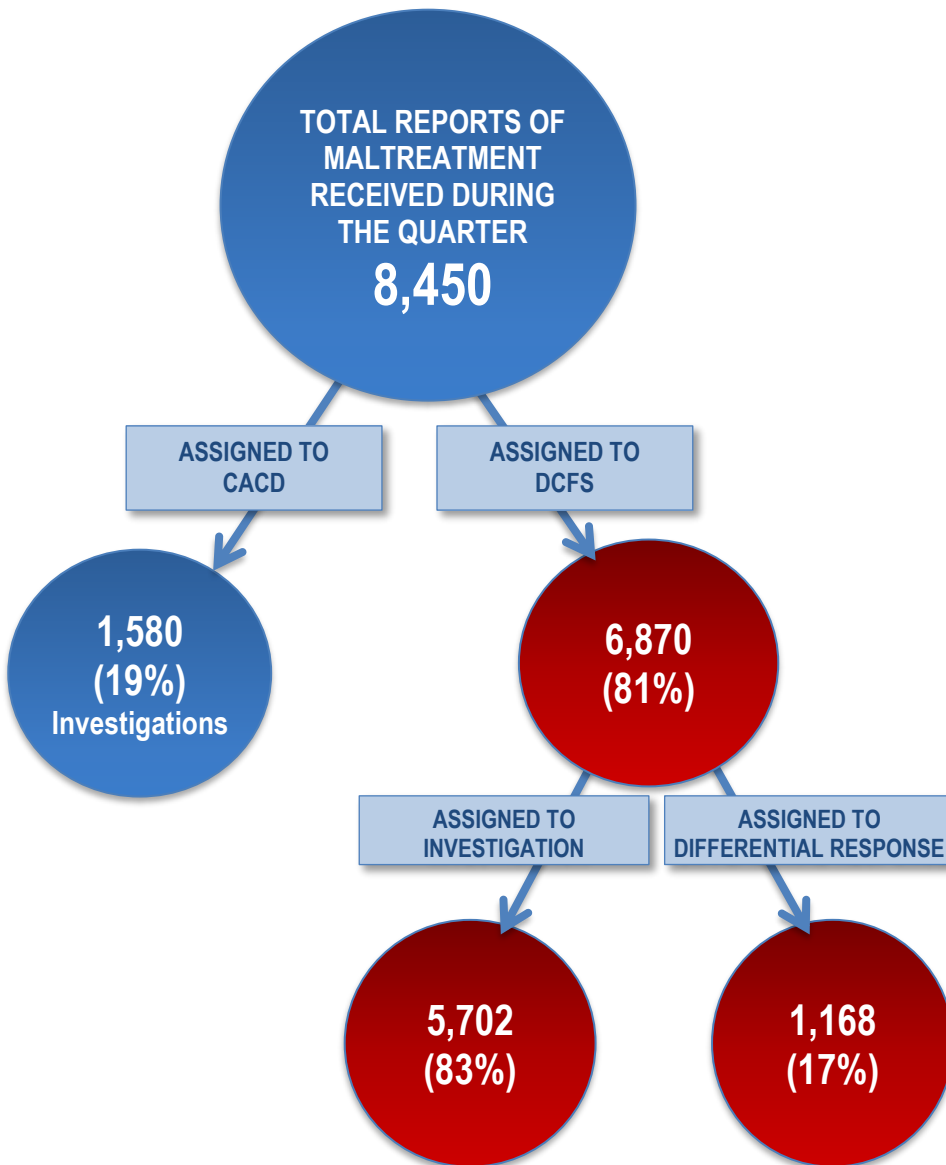


# Reports of Child Maltreatment

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports  
Maltreatment Reports Received During  
4th Quarter SFY 2021



Of the 8,450 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 81 percent were assigned to DCFS and 19 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 83 percent were assigned for an investigation and 17 percent were handled through differential response (DR).

DR allows the Division to respond to specific, low-risk maltreatment reports through a family assessment and provision of services rather than a traditional investigation.

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

- Inadequate supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental neglect if children are at least three
- Medical neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate food, inadequate shelter, inadequate clothing, or educational neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

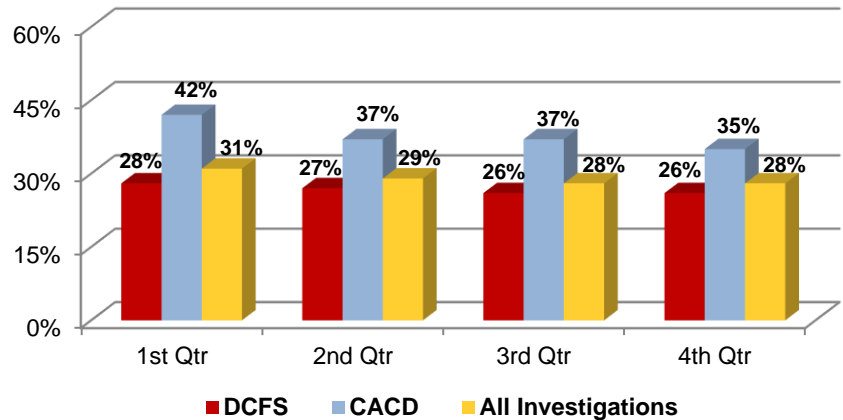
# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty-six percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the fourth quarter were found true, compared to 35 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 28 percent.

Appendix A provides further detail on the number of referrals accepted for investigation and those found true in the most recent quarter.

Percentage of Investigations Found True



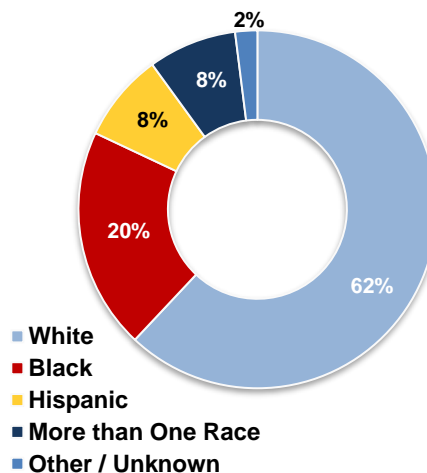
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,562 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations during the quarter.

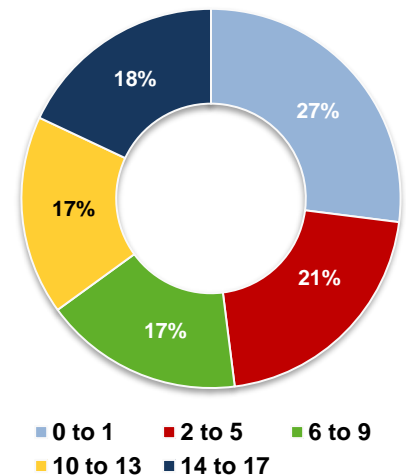
Of those children, 62 percent were white and 20 percent were black. Almost two-thirds (65 percent) of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under 10 years of age.

The majority of victim children (54 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



## Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation for the 2,562 victim children, followed by allegations of physical abuse and sexual abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	1,833	72%
Physical Abuse	500	20%
Sexual Abuse	440	17%
Abandonment	26	1%
Sexual Exploitation	22	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

# Quick Facts

## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

During the fourth quarter, there were 12 maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of those, four were found true and eight were still pending.

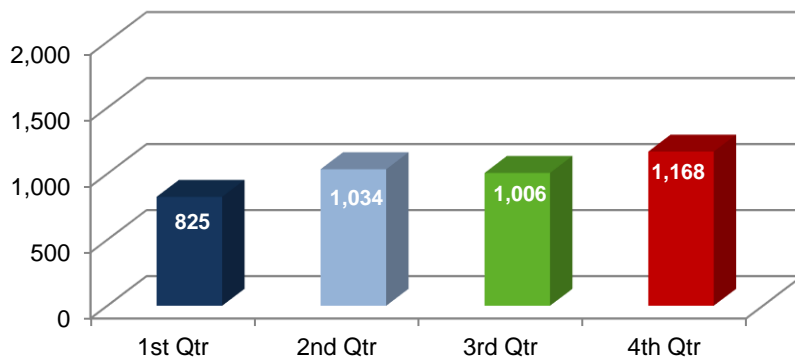
Over the same period, there were two investigations of near fatalities, both of which were found true.

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Child Near Fatality
True	4	2
Unsubstantiated	0	0
Pending	8	0

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

The number of reports assigned for DR during the quarter (1,168) increased by 16 percent over the previous quarter.

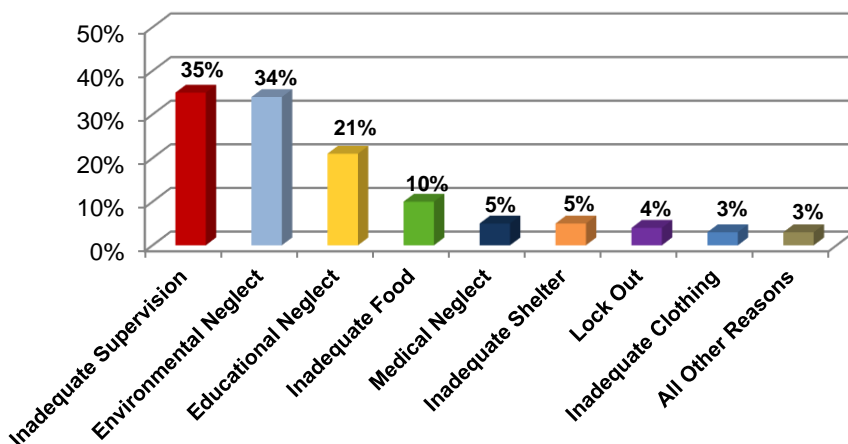
Number of Reports Assigned for Differential Response



## Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Inadequate supervision and environmental neglect were the most common allegations cited in reports assigned for DR during the quarter, followed by educational neglect and inadequate food.

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

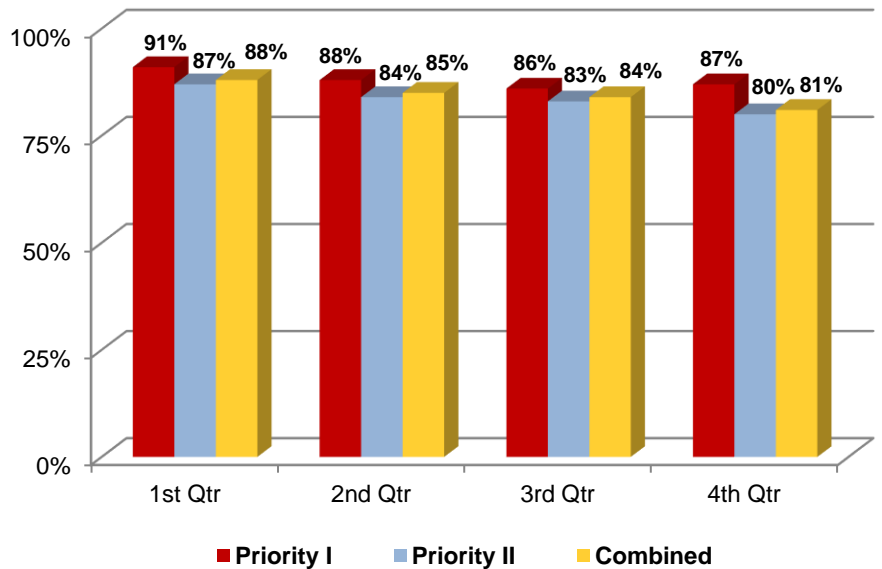
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

Priority I reports cite more severe allegations while Priority II reports cite comparatively less serious allegations.

Initiation occurs when all victim children are interviewed or observed (if too young for an interview) within the designated timeframes.

DCFS initiated 81 percent of its investigations on time during the fourth quarter, a decrease from its performance during the previous quarter.

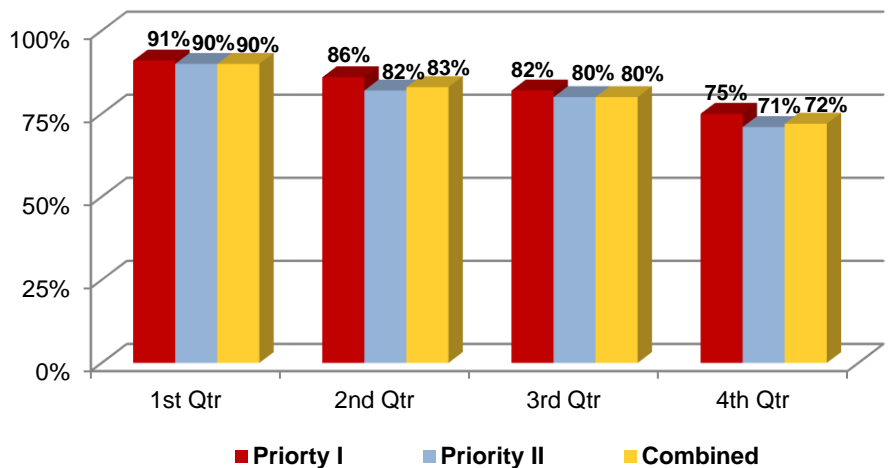
**Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 72 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter, lower than its performance during the previous quarter.

**Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**

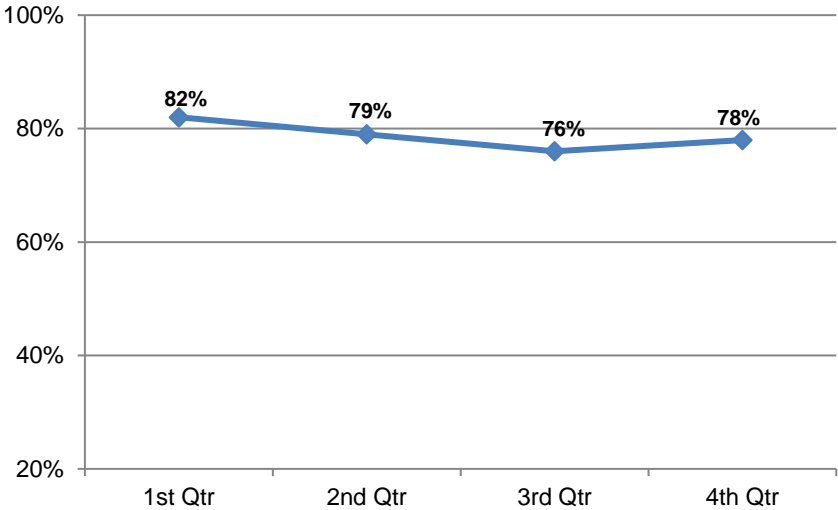




# Quick Facts

## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

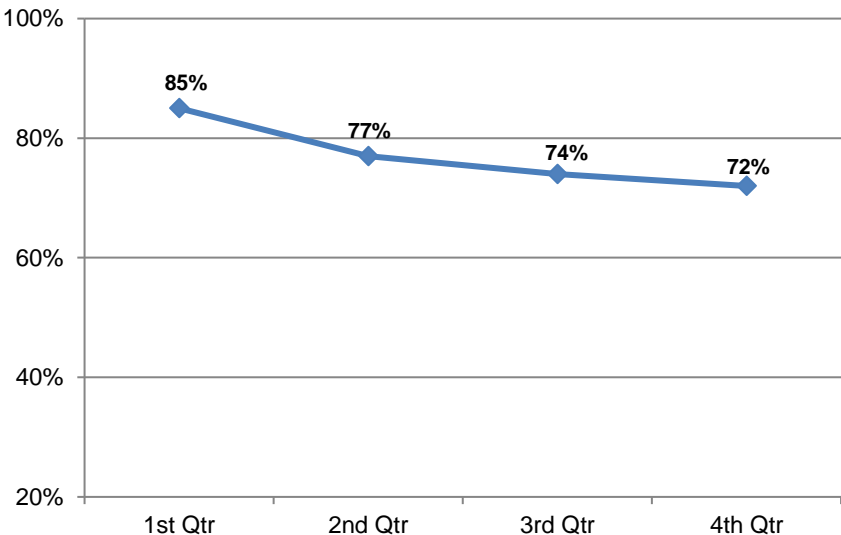


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 78 percent of its DR reports on time during the fourth quarter, an improvement over its performance from the previous quarter (76 percent).

## Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



Reports assigned to DR must be closed within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances where the family's needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

The Division closed 72 percent of DR reports on time during the quarter, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

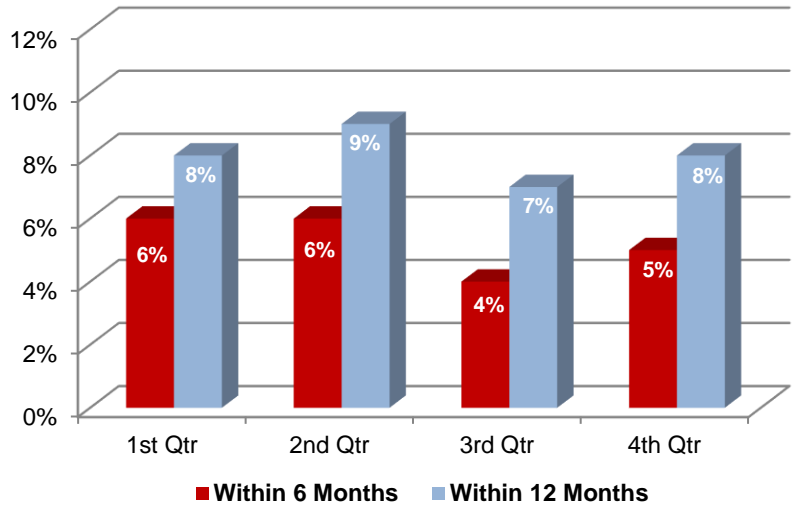
# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Eight percent of the victim children involved in true investigations during the fourth quarter of SFY 2020 experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months. Five percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months.

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

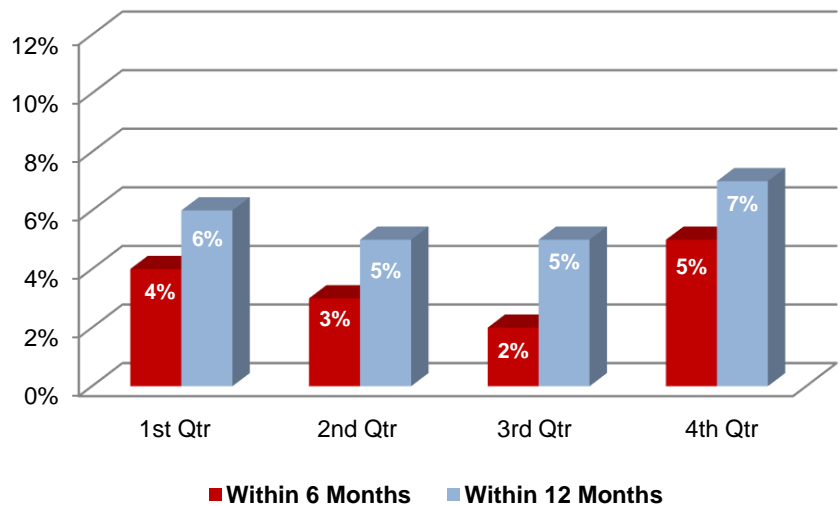


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

### Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families Who Received DR Services

Seven percent of the children who began receiving DR services during the fourth quarter of SFY 2020 were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and five percent were involved within six months.

Involvement in True Maltreatment Reports within 6 and 12 Months of Receiving DR Services



# In-Home Services

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Cases

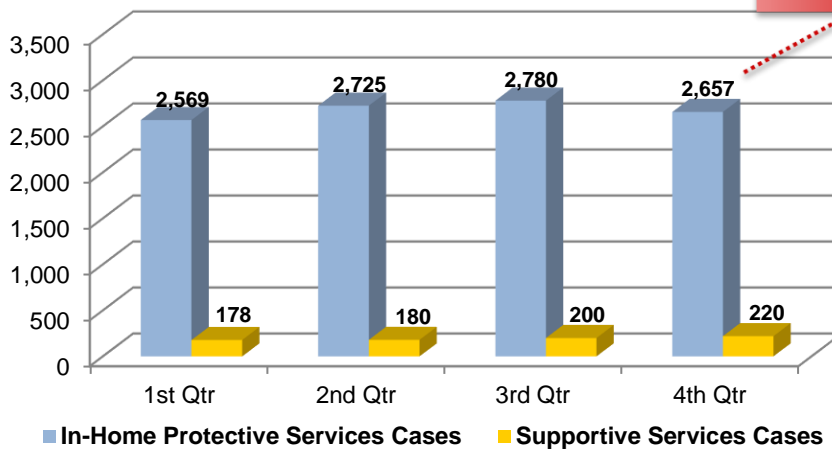
### Volume of Cases

In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases decreased slightly during the quarter. There were 2,657 protective services cases, involving 6,296 children, open across the state at the end of the quarter.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 220 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

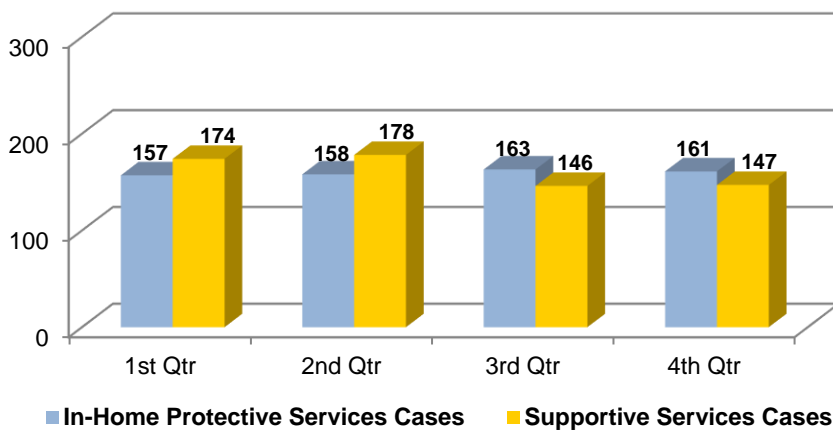
Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



Involving 6,296 Children

### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

Average Number of Days Cases Have Been Open as of the End of Quarter



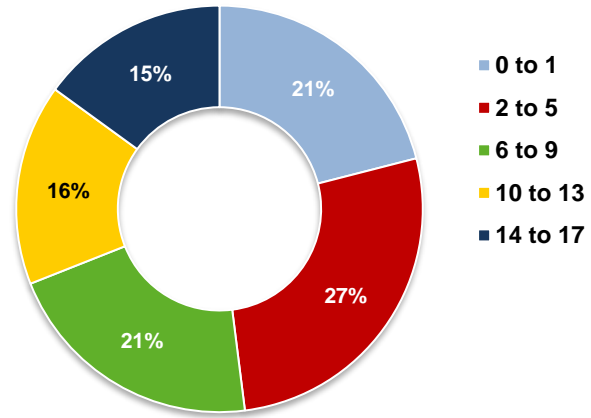
In-home protective services cases that were active as of the end of the quarter had been open, on average, for between five and six months. Supportive services cases have stayed open, on average, for just under five months.

# Quick Facts

## Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Nearly half (48 percent) of the children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter were ages five or younger.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



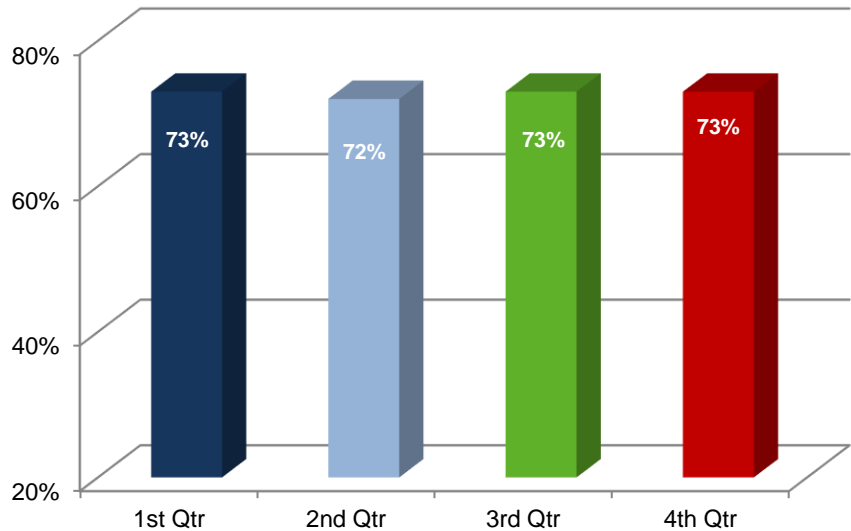
## Meeting Agency Policies

## Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 73 percent of the in-home protective services cases received a monthly face-to-face visit from a caseworker during the quarter.

This is similar to the in-home visitation rate observed in recent quarters. The Division's goal is 95 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

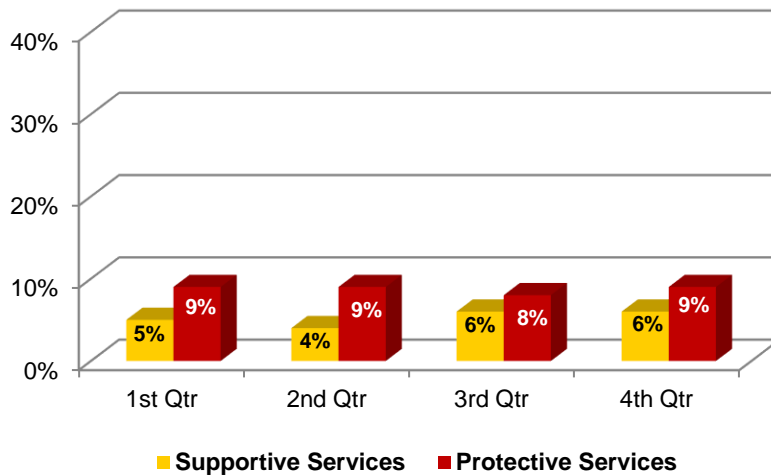


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service

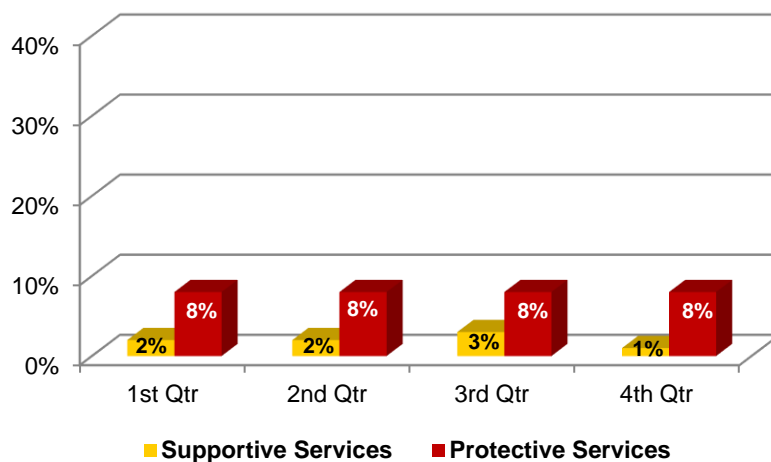


The percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has hovered between eight and nine percent over the last four quarters.

The rate of maltreatment for children involved through an in-home supportive services case has stayed between four and six percent over the same period.

### Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive or Protective Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving protective services during the fourth quarter one year ago, eight percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.

One percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

In-home services prevent the vast majority of children from being re-victimised or entering foster care within one year.

# Quick Facts

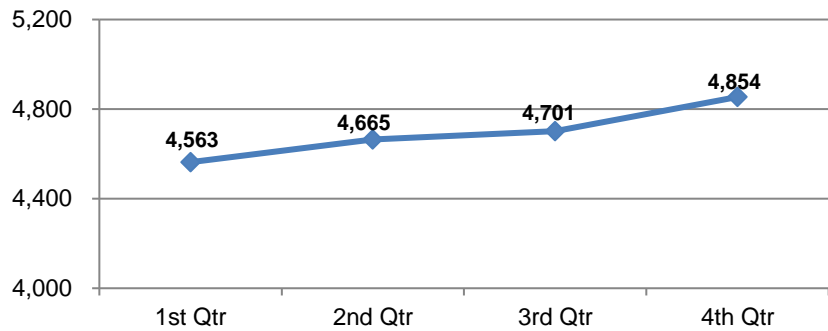
# Foster Care

## Volume and Description of Cases

### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,854 children in foster care at the end of the fourth quarter of SFY 2021, an increase of three percent over the previous quarter.

Number of Children in Foster Care

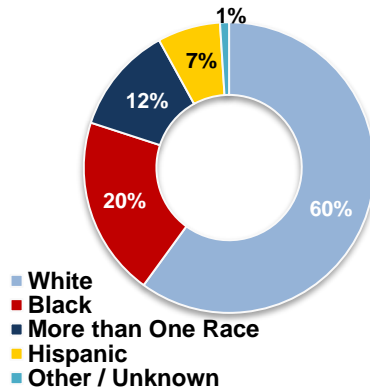


### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

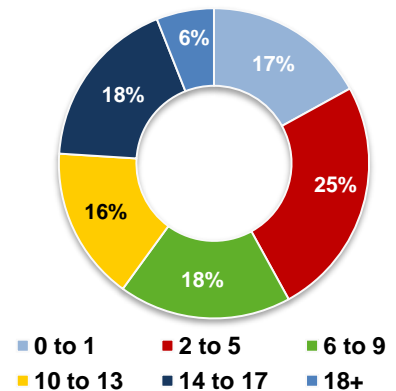
At the end of the quarter, children under 10 years of age made up 60 percent of children in foster care. Sixty percent of those in care were white and 20 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 50 percent were male and 50 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Care at the End of Quarter



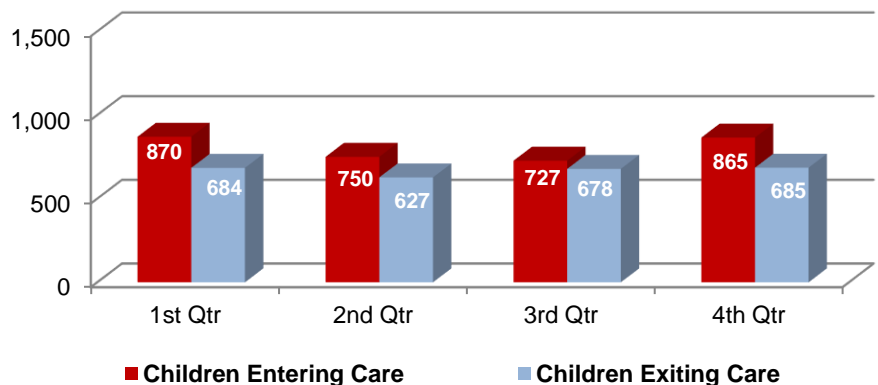
Ages of Children in Care at the End of the Quarter



### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

For the fourth consecutive quarter, more children entered foster care than had exited.

Number of Admissions into and Discharges from Foster Care During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care 4th Quarter SFY 2021

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
<b>Neglect</b>	466	54%
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	455 <sup>1</sup>	53%
<b>Parent Incarceration</b>	162	19%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	109	13%
<b>Inadequate Housing</b>	108	12%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	64	7%
<b>Caretaker Illness</b>	34	4%
<b>Child's Behavior</b>	27	3%
<b>Abandonment</b>	16	2%
<b>Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case</b>	12	1%
<b>Death of Parent(s)</b>	11	1%
<b>All Other Reasons</b>	15	2%

*A child may have more than one reason for entry.*

Neglect and substance abuse were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care during the fourth quarter, similar to the previous quarter.

## Reasons for Children's Discharge from Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Discharge from Foster Care 4th Quarter SFY 2021

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
<b>Reunification</b>	296	43%
<b>Adoption</b>	208	30%
<b>Relative Custody</b>	95	14%
<b>Child Aged Out</b>	29	4%
<b>Guardianship</b>	22	3%
<b>Non-Custodial Parent Custody</b>	18	3%
<b>Non-Relative Custody</b>	7	1%
<b>Death of Child</b>	5	1%
<b>All Other Reasons</b>	5	1%

*National data<sup>2</sup> indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (47%), adoption (26%), and guardianship (11%).*

Forty-three percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family, 30 percent were adopted, and 14 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Overall, 94 percent of the children exiting care in Arkansas achieved permanency either by returning home or via discharge to relatives, an adoptive home, or another permanent arrangement.

<sup>1</sup> These 455 cases of substance abuse include 379 instances of parental drug abuse, 59 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 16 instances of drug abuse by children, and 1 instance of alcohol abuse by children.

<sup>2</sup> National data from the Children's Bureau (August 2020).

# Quick Facts

## Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the fourth quarter, the majority (52 percent) had been in care for less than 12 months.

**Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care  
4th Quarter SFY 2021**

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	263	5%	5%
1-3 Months	495	10%	21%
3-6 Months	607	13%	
6-12 Months	1,183	24%	20%
12-24 Months	1,289	27%	26%
24-36 Months	448	9%	13%
36+ Months	569	12%	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

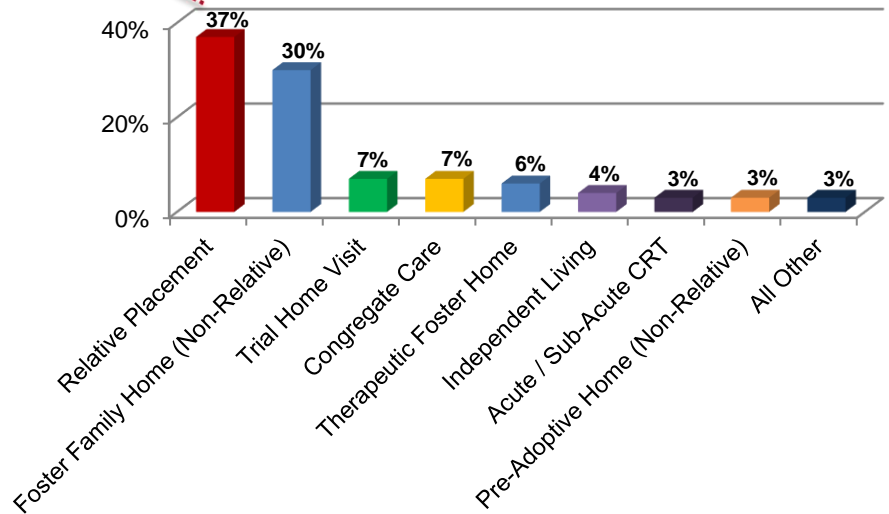
## Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 83 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in a family-like setting (i.e., relative placement, foster family home, therapeutic foster home, trial home visit, pre-adoptive home).

Seven percent resided in congregate care, which represents placement in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), residential treatment care or residential care only program, or emergency shelter.

Provisional (Rel/Fic): 19%  
Foster Home (Rel/Fic): 15%  
ICPC (Out of State): 2%  
Pre-Adoptive (Relative): 0.4%  
Other Relative: 0.2%

**Placement of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter**

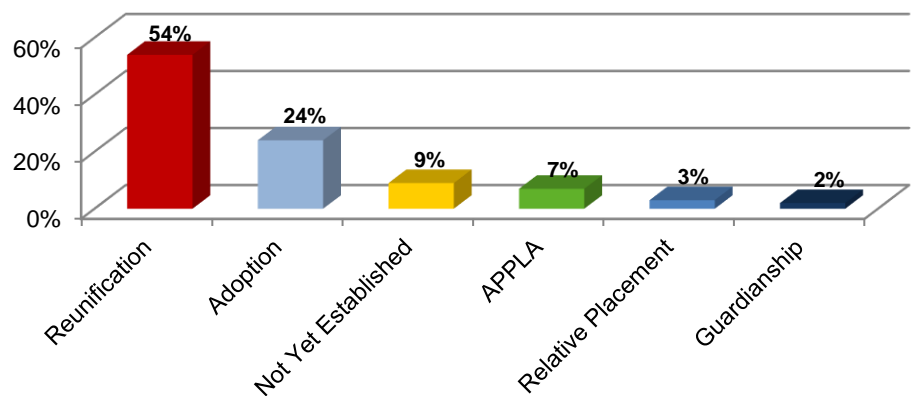


## Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Fifty-four percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 24 percent had a goal of adoption.

These figures differ only slightly from national data from the Children's Bureau as of August 2020, with averages of 55 percent for reunification and 28 percent for adoption.

**Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter**



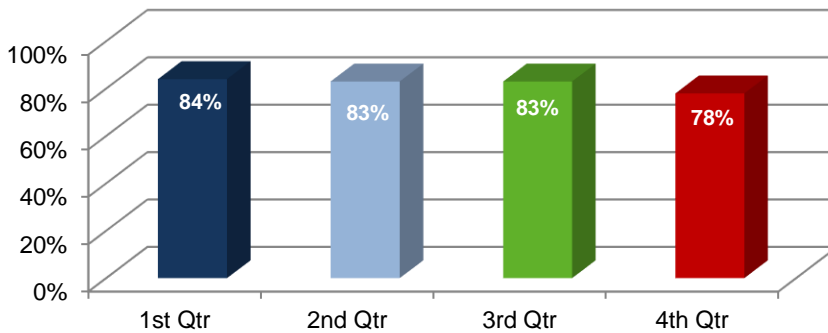


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## Meeting Agency Policies

### Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care

**Children in Care who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Caseworkers**

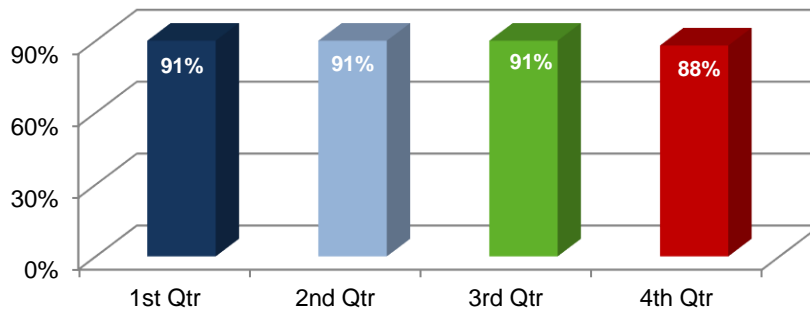


To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires children in care to be visited in their placement by a caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's goal is 95 percent.

DCFS caseworkers made 78 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with foster children statewide during the fourth quarter. This was lower than the visitation rate observed for the previous quarter.

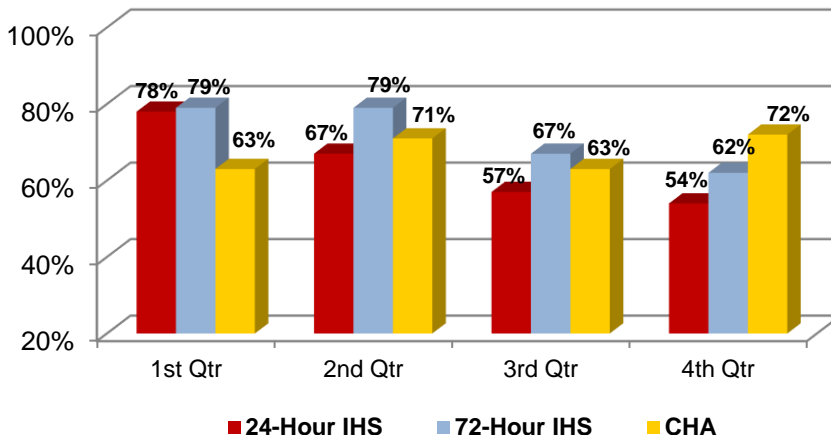
Eighty-eight percent of the foster children received a monthly face-to-face contact from any DCFS staff member, regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose.

**Children in Care who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff**



### Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

**24-Hour and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments**



When a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) within 24 hours. All other incoming foster children require an initial screening within 72 hours.

Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

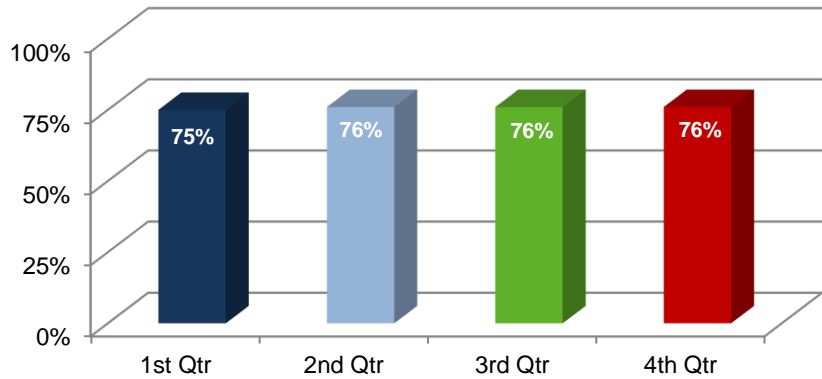
# Quick Facts

## Siblings in Care Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 76 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 55 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.

Percentage of Siblings in Care who are Placed Together

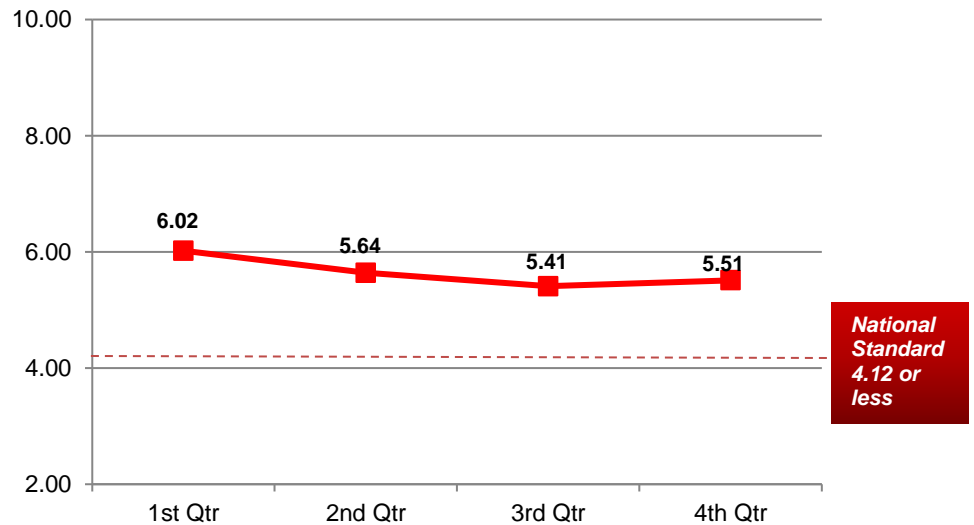


## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

Placement stability is measured by the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care for children who enter care over a 12-month period.

For the fourth quarter, the placement stability rate was 5.51, similar to the previous quarter. The national standard is 4.12.

Rate of Placement Moves Per 1,000 Days in Foster Care



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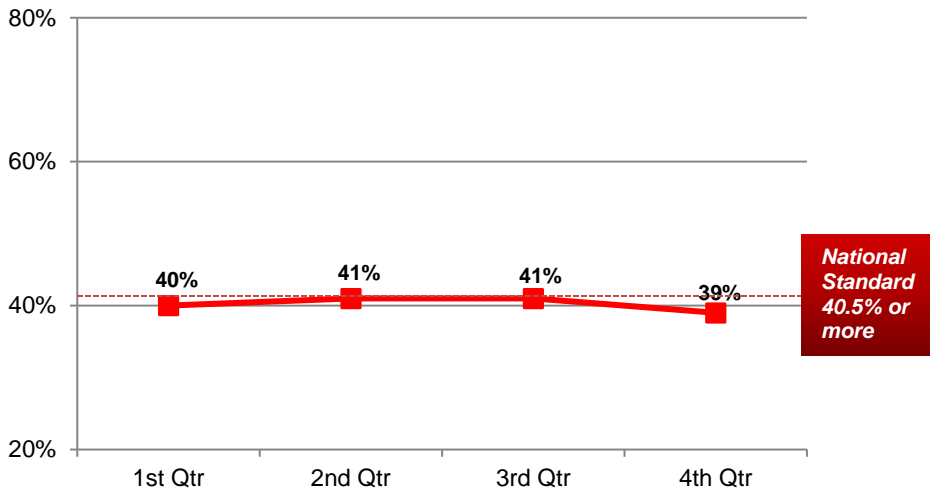
## Benefits to Children and Families

### Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

Arkansas nearly met the national standard of 40.5 percent or more for achieving permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) for children within 12 months of removal.

Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

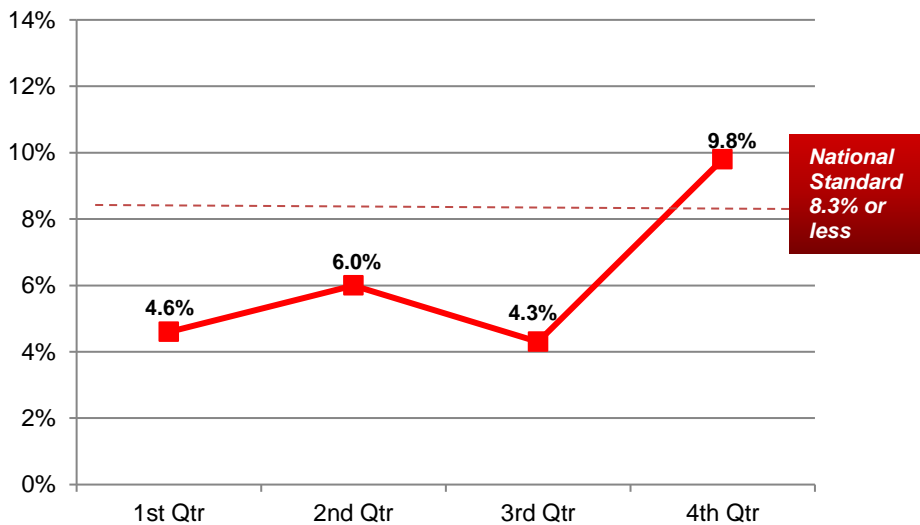
**Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Foster Care**



### Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care

Nearly 10 percent of children who had reunited with their families re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge for the fourth quarter of SFY 2021, higher than the national standard (8.3 percent).

**Re-Entries Into Foster Care**



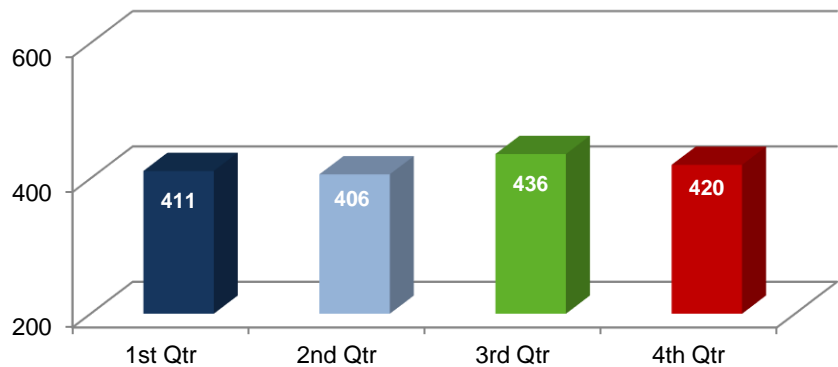
## Volume and Description of Cases

### Children Available for Adoption <sup>3</sup>

At the end of the fourth quarter, 420 children were available for adoption.

DCFS estimates that it has identified a possible pre-adoptive placement for approximately 20 percent of the children available for adoption.

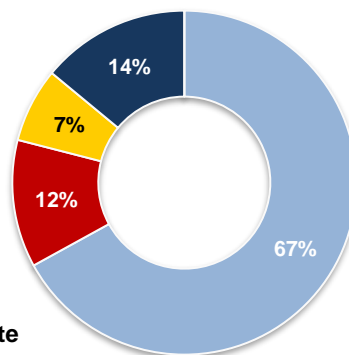
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



### Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

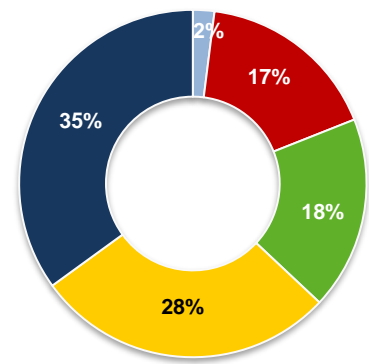
Of the available children, 67 percent were white, 14 percent were multiracial, and 12 percent were black. Children ages 10 and older made up 63 percent of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- More than One Race

Ages of Children Available for Adoption

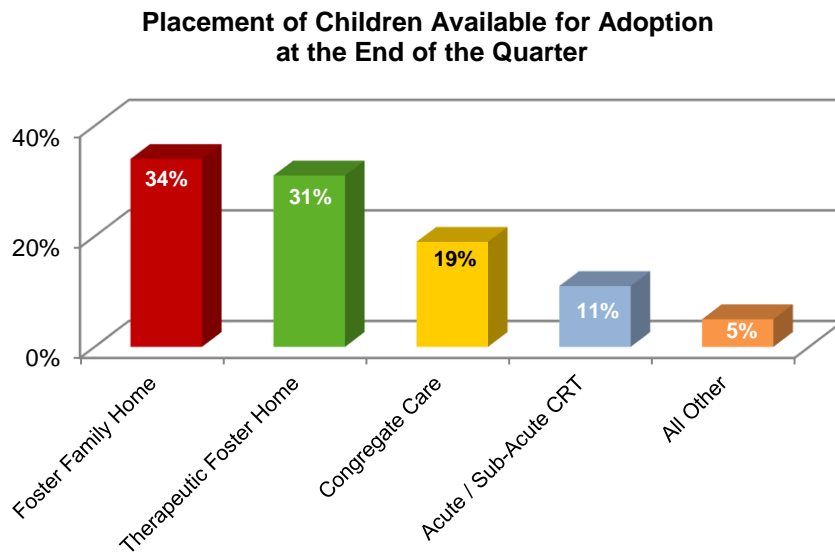


- 0 to 1
- 2 to 5
- 6 to 9
- 10 to 13
- 14 to 17

<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

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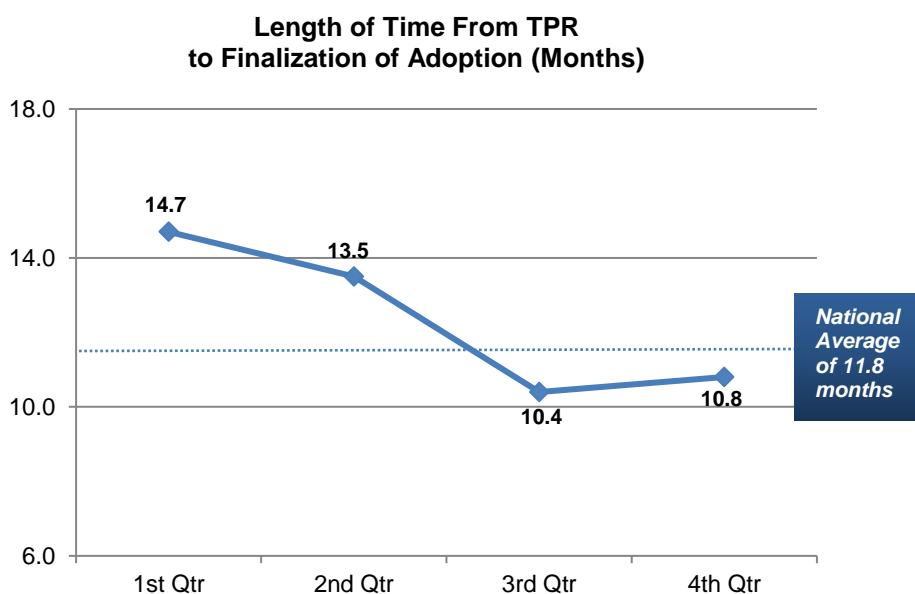
## Placement of Children Available for Adoption



Sixty-five percent of the children available for adoption resided in either a foster family home or therapeutic foster home at the end of the quarter.

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption



Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 10.8 months during the quarter, a full month less than the national average of 11.8 months.

# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

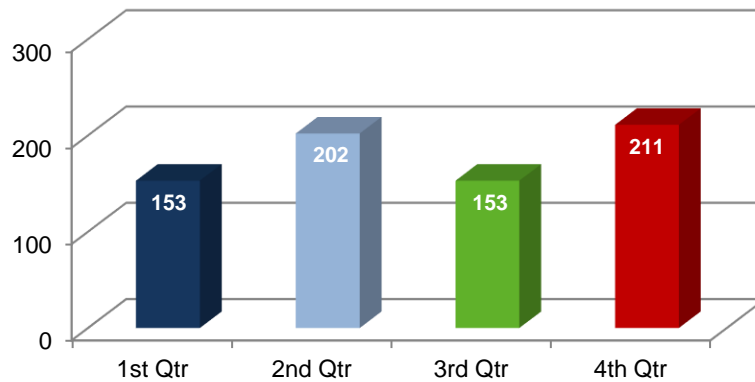
### Finalized Adoptions

Two-hundred and eleven adoptions were finalized during the fourth quarter of SFY 2021.

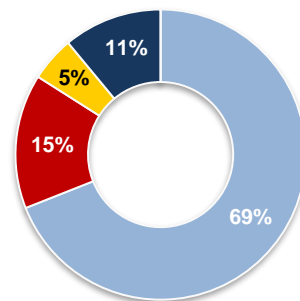
Of those adoptions, 42 percent were finalized by relatives.

Children ages two to five made up the largest group (33 percent) among those adopted during the quarter, followed by those ages six to nine (21 percent).

Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter

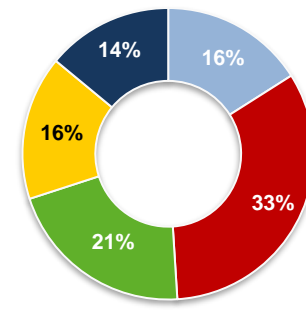


Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- More than One Race

Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



- 0 to 1
- 2 to 5
- 6 to 9
- 10 to 13
- 14 to 17

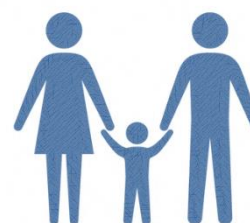
### Subsidized Adoptions

Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- Caucasian and over nine
- Healthy child of color and at least two years of age
- Member of any sibling group placed together, sharing at least one biological parent, who develop a bond
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional

During the fourth quarter, **205** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 200 were federally funded subsidies and five were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **7,679** children received adoption subsidies.



## Caseworkers and Caseloads

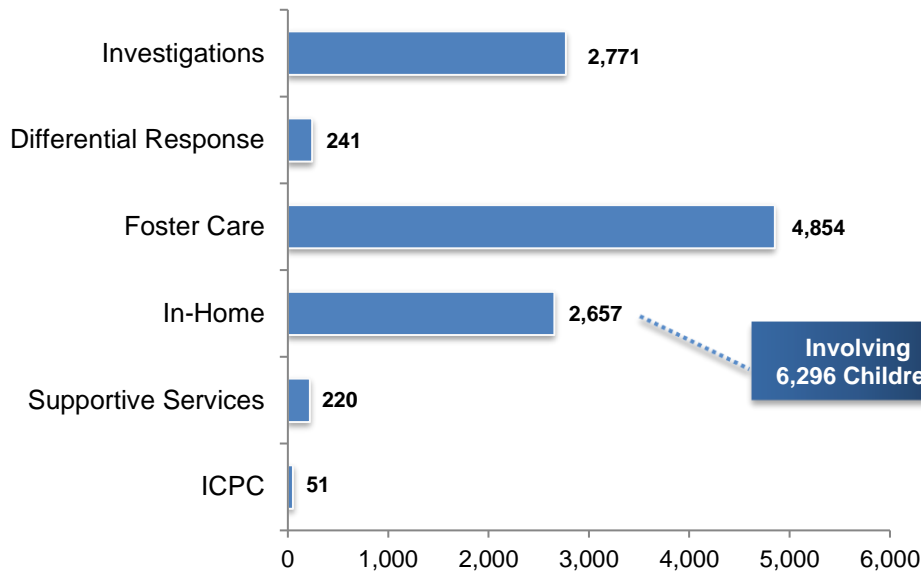
### Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

At the end of the quarter, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,771 investigations of child maltreatment and 241 DR cases;
- 4,854 foster care cases;
- 2,657 in-home protective services cases, involving 6,296 children;
- 220 supportive services cases and 51 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 455 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

**Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter**



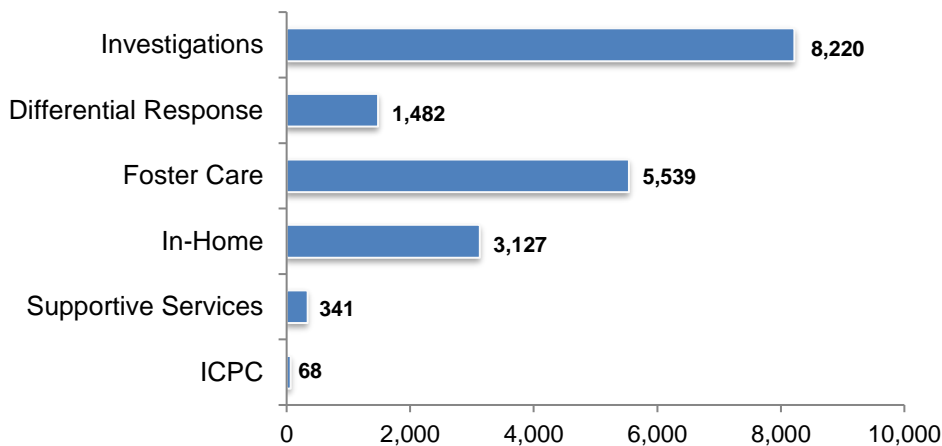
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

### Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

This figure illustrates the number of cases that cycled through the system anytime during the quarter (as opposed to those open at the end of the quarter, described above).

The Division oversaw 8,220 investigations, 1,482 DR cases, 5,539 children in foster care, 3,127 in-home protective services cases, 341 supportive services cases, and 68 ICPC cases.

**Types of Cases Served During the Quarter**



# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide was just under 23 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. The Division's goal is 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of June 2021 is presented in Appendix B.

## Foster Homes

### Foster Homes and Beds

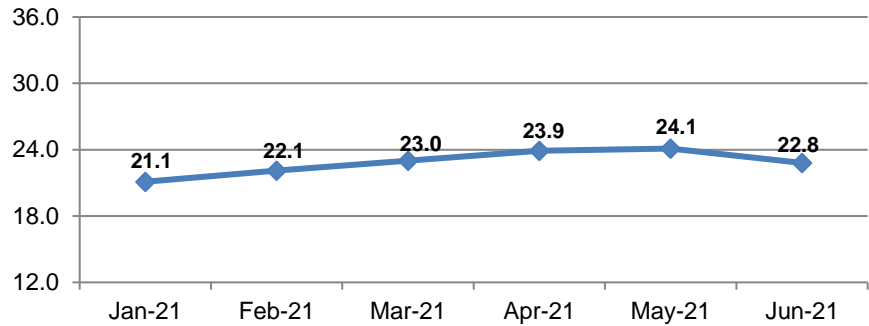
There were 1,588 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the fourth quarter, providing a total of 3,393 available beds.

The number of available beds increased over the previous quarter.

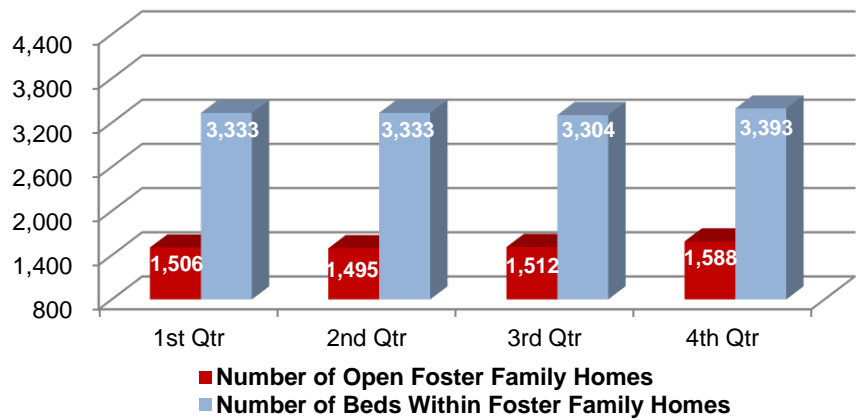
During the most recent quarter, 297 new foster homes were opened and 210 were closed, resulting in a net gain of 87 homes.

Appendix C displays the closure reasons for the foster homes that closed during the quarter.

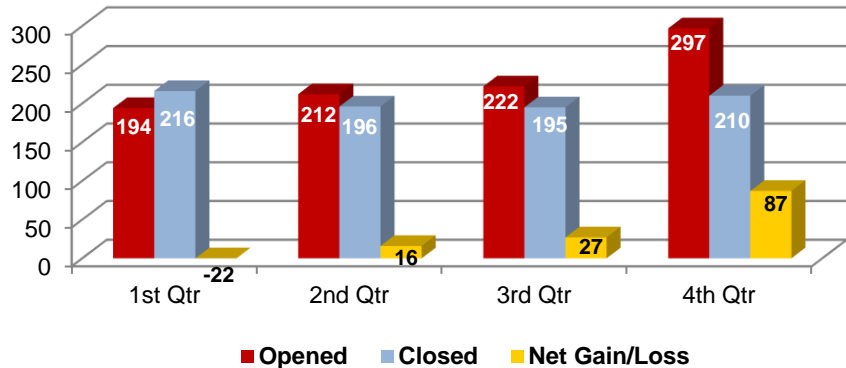
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



Number of Foster Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter

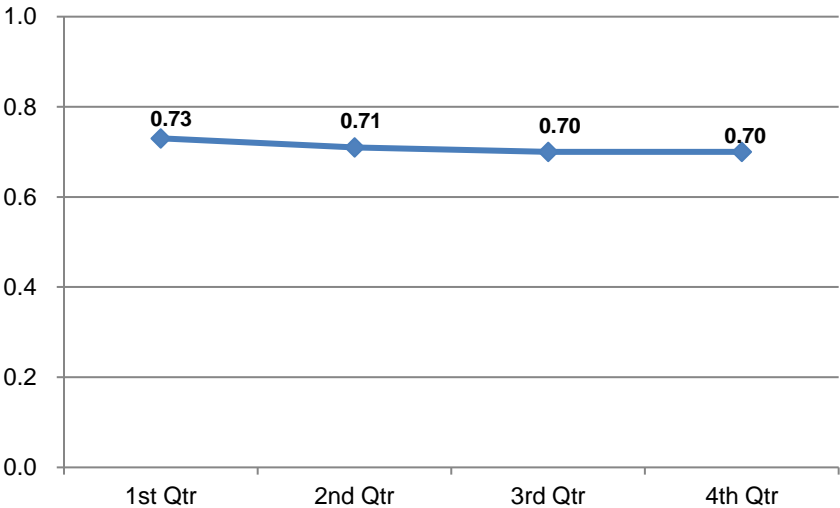




# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Home Bed to Foster Child Ratio

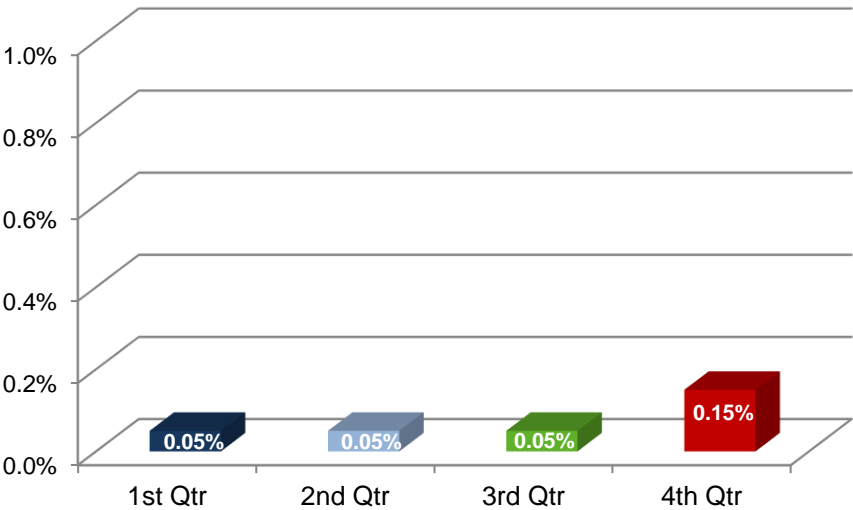


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was 0.70 at the end of the quarter, identical to the ratio observed for the previous quarter.

The Division's goal is to have at least one foster home bed available for each child in foster care.

## Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Three reports in which a foster parent was identified as an alleged offender were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 2,013 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.15 percent.

Appendix D provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.

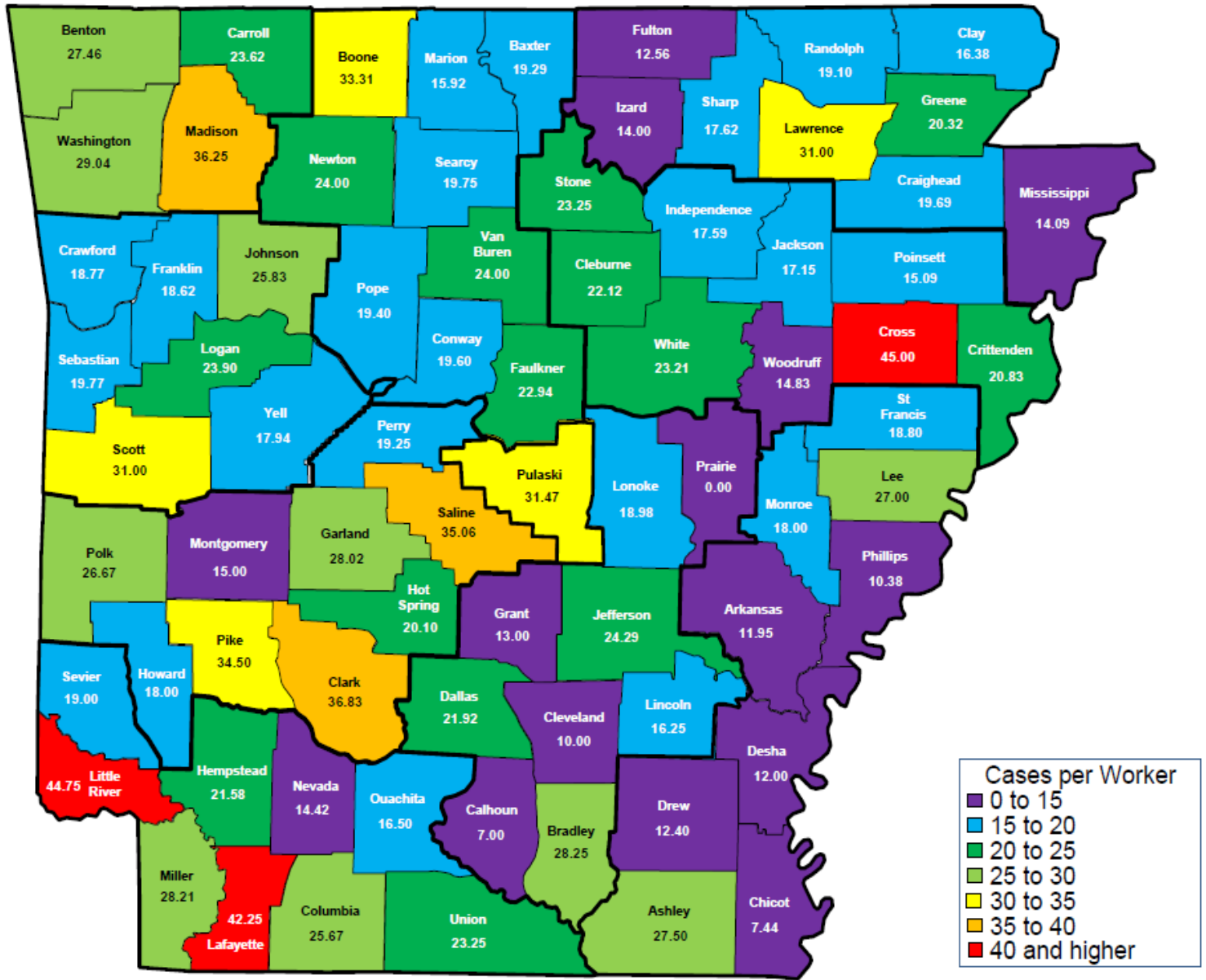


## Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations<sup>4</sup>

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
First Quarter 2021	664	4,549 <i>4,510 Closed</i>	1,260	28%	1,352 <i>1,322 Closed</i>	557	42%
Second Quarter 2021	1,014	5,349 <i>5,236 Closed</i>	1,403	27%	1,544 <i>1,494 Closed</i>	554	37%
Third Quarter 2021	943	4,799 <i>4,731 Closed</i>	1,230	26%	1,367 <i>1,329 Closed</i>	488	37%
Fourth Quarter 2021	1,148	5,561 <i>5,250 Closed</i>	1,357	26%	1,451 <i>1,401 Closed</i>	495	35%

<sup>4</sup> The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the fourth quarter refers to 2/1/2021 through 4/30/2021); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report, which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).

## Appendix B: Average Caseload as of June 30, 2021, by County



*Prairie County did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter; its cases were assigned to workers from other counties.*

## Appendix C: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
1	Benton (Bentonville)	0	8	0	3	0	1	1	13
1	Carroll (Berryville)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	9
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	8
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
2	Logan (Paris)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1	11	1	1	0	2	0	16
2	Yell (Danville)	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	6
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	4
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
3	Polk (Mena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	5
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	9
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (East)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Pulaski (North)	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	6
6	Pulaski (South)	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	6
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Coming)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1	4	1	0	0	4	0	10
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	6
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	5
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	8
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
99	Out of State	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>210</b>

Details of the Major Closure Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	33
	Custody / Guardianship	15
Change in Family Circumstances	Moved	4
	Pregnant	3
	Health of Parent	1
	Personal Issues	1
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	84
	Changed to Adopt Only	10
	Taking a Break	3
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	20
	Failed Re-evaluation / Non-Compliance	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	26
Other	Contract Ended	8
	Other Reason	1

## Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 4th Quarter SFY 2021

One-hundred and forty-nine reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 172 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the fourth quarter of SFY 2021.

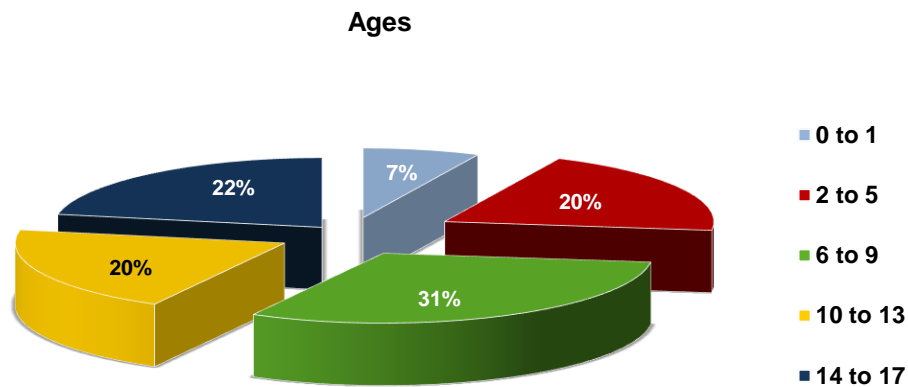
In 33 reports involving 40 children, foster parents<sup>5</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, three of those reports were found to be true, and all three foster homes were subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
4th Quarter SFY 2021**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
3	27	3

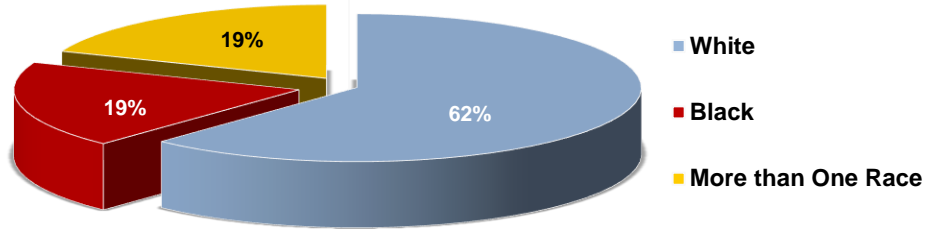
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to assess the safety of all children residing in the home.

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 40 children in foster care who were involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents identified as the alleged offenders.

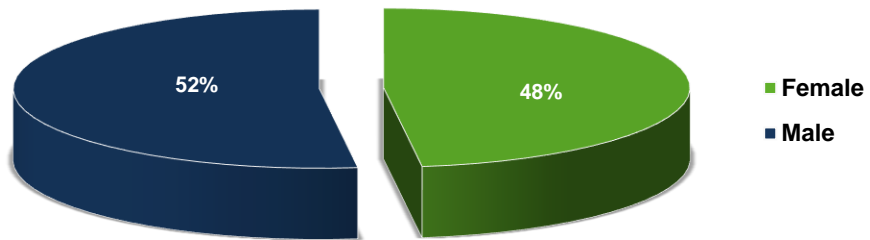


<sup>5</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes.

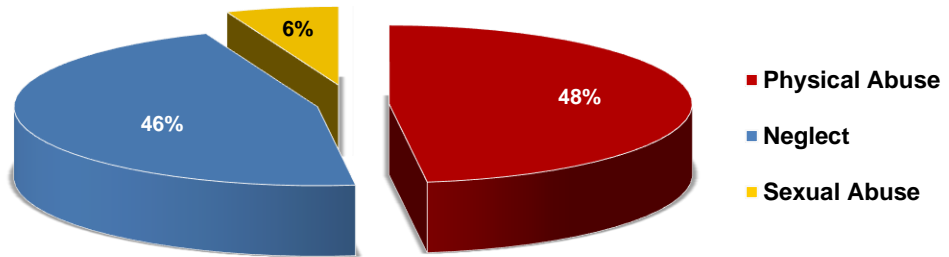
**Race/Ethnicity**



**Gender**



**Allegation**





**Location of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)</b>
<b>Faulkner</b>	9	<b>Cleburne</b>	1
<b>Pulaski</b>	4	<b>Drew</b>	1
<b>Hot Spring</b>	3	<b>Lawrence</b>	1
<b>Washington</b>	3	<b>Lonoke</b>	1
<b>Boone</b>	2	<b>Mississippi</b>	1
<b>Conway</b>	2	<b>Phillips</b>	1
<b>Craighead</b>	2	<b>Polk</b>	1
<b>Jefferson</b>	2	<b>Randolph</b>	1
<b>Logan</b>	2	<b>St. Francis</b>	1
<b>Johnson</b>	2		