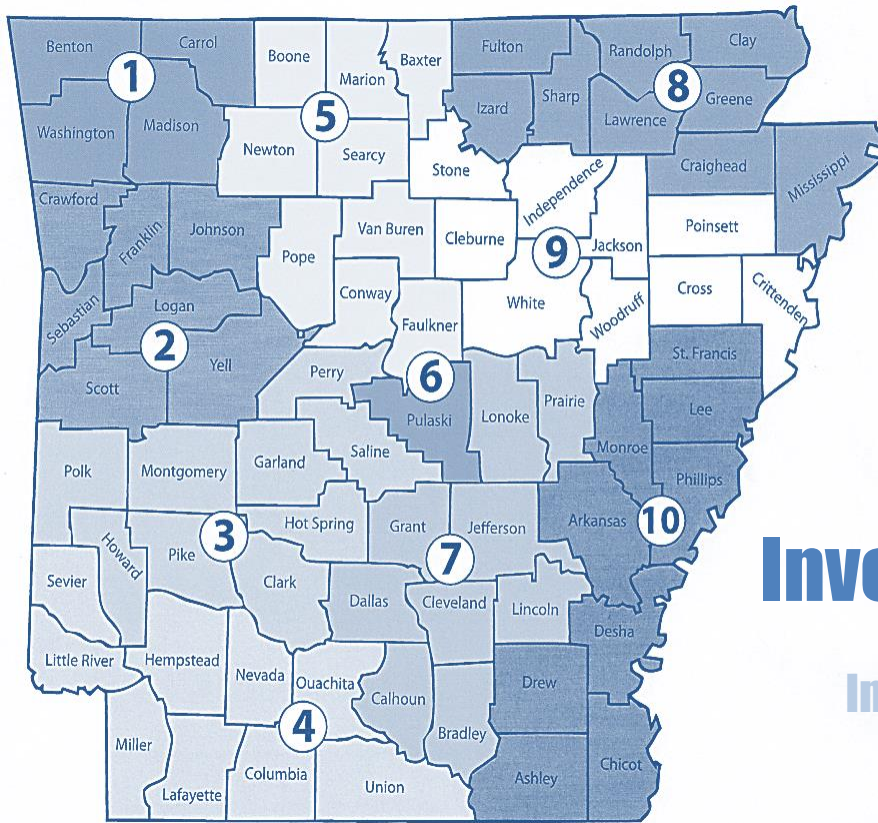


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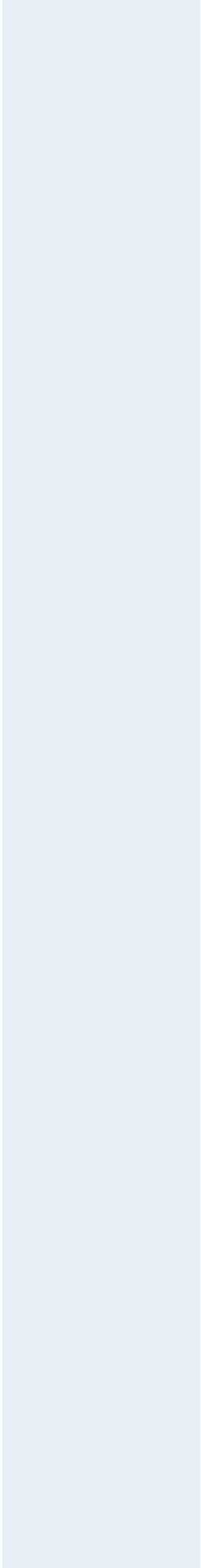
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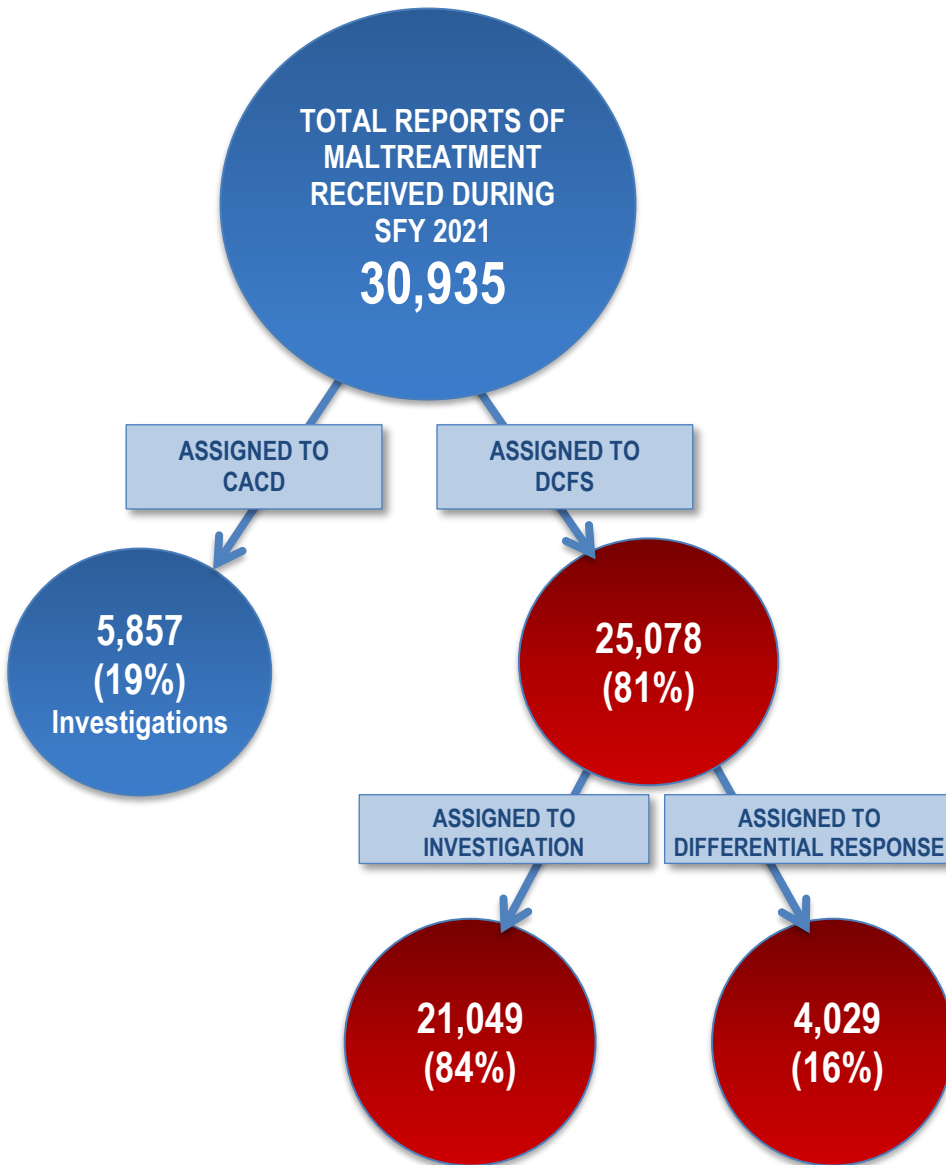
Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During SFY 2021



Of the 30,935 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021, 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, 84 percent were assigned for an investigation and 16 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:

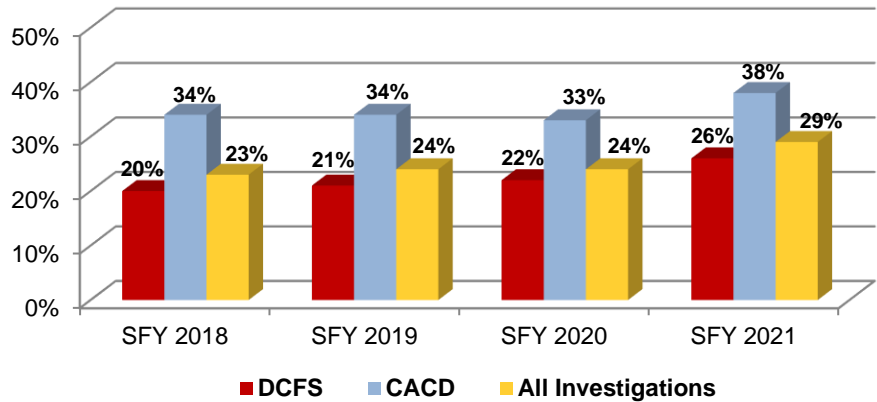
- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, and Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- 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 SFY 2021 were found true, compared to 38 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 29 percent.

Percentage Of Investigations Found True



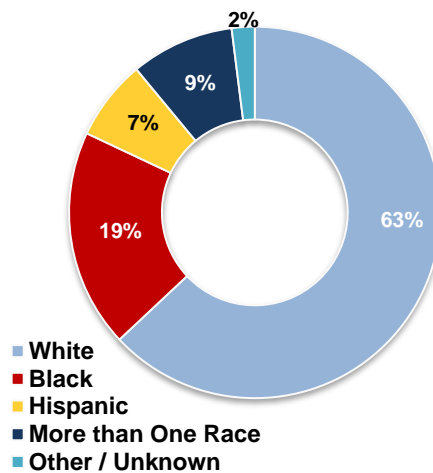
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 9,960 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

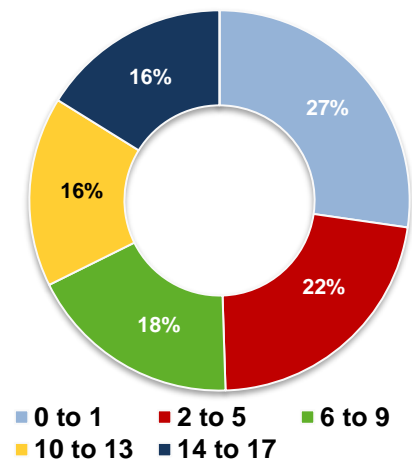
Of those children, 63 percent were white and 19 percent were black. Children ages five and younger accounted for nearly half (49 percent) of the victim children.

A majority of the victim children during SFY 2021 (55 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



Types of Allegations in True Investigations

The majority of the 9,960 victim children in true investigations were involved in allegations of neglect (71 percent), followed by allegations of physical abuse and sexual abuse (19 percent each).

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	7,049	71%
Physical Abuse	1,918	19%
Sexual Abuse	1,884	19%
Sexual Exploitation	126	1%
Abandonment	77	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

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Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

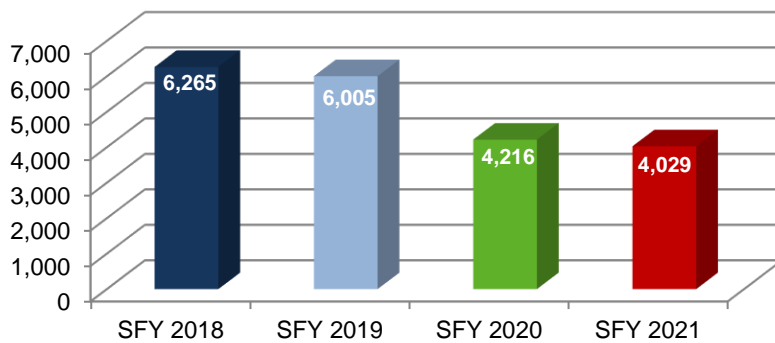
Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	38 ¹	14
Unsubstantiated	5	2
Pending	9	0
Unable to Locate	1	0

During SFY 2021, there were 53 maltreatment investigations involving a child fatality. While some investigations were still pending, the majority of those in which a disposition had been rendered were found true. There were 16 investigations of near child fatalities during the year; most of those were also found true.

Appendix G includes more details regarding the fatality and near fatality cases that are disclosable at the time of this report's release.

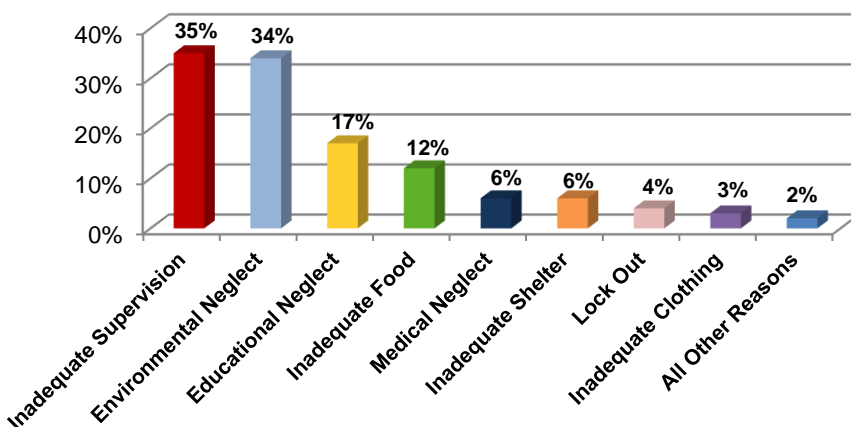
Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



The number of reports assigned to DR during SFY 2021 (4,029) decreased by five percent from SFY 2020.

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Inadequate supervision and environmental neglect were the most commonly cited allegations in reports assigned to DR during the year, followed by educational neglect.

¹ These 38 reports include one with an overall finding of Exempt (No Risk).

Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

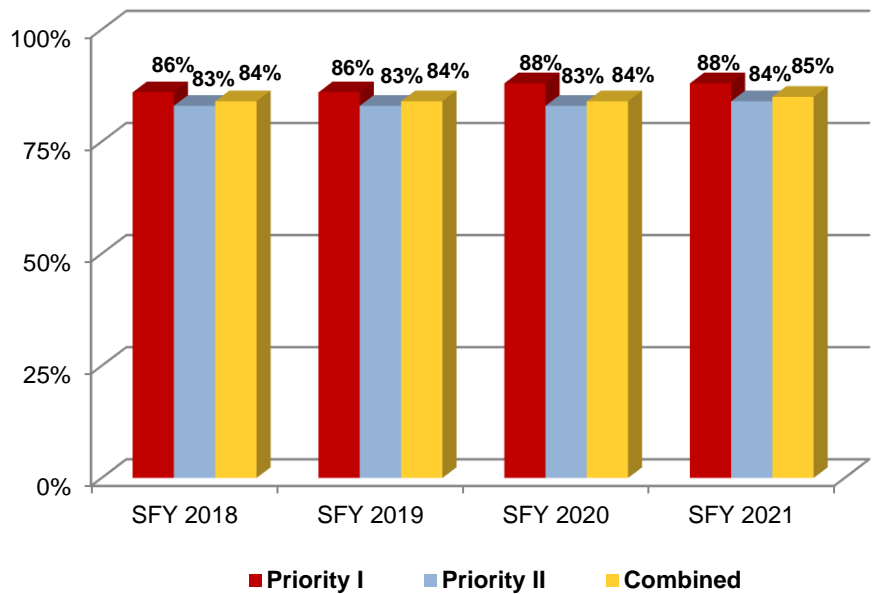
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

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 85 percent of its investigations on time during SFY 2021, performing better on its Priority I investigations than Priority II.

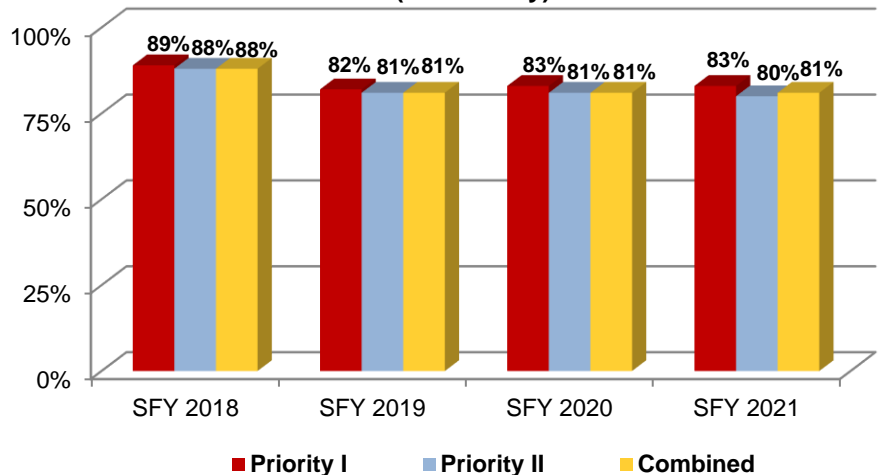
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 81 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during SFY 2021, identical to the previous two years.

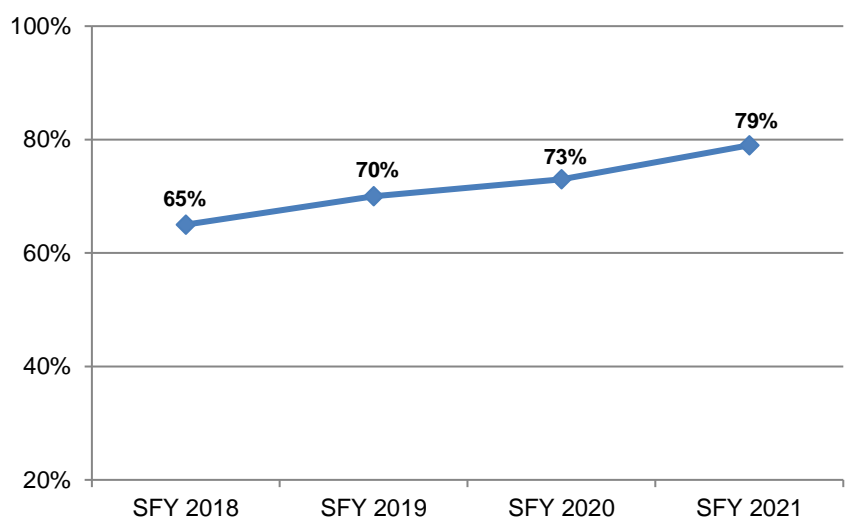
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

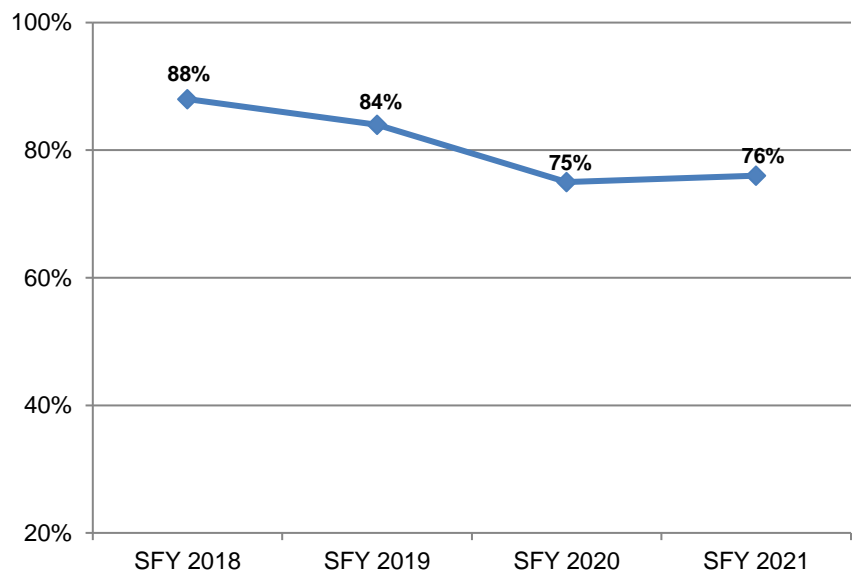


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 79 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2021, an improvement over the previous year.

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



Reports assigned to DR are to close within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

The agency closed 76 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2021, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

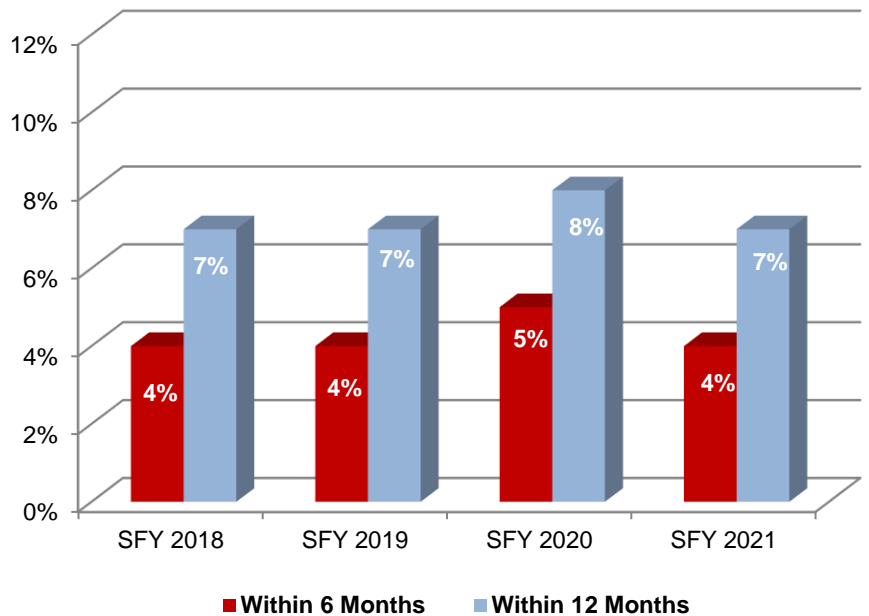
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Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Four percent of the victim children involved in true investigations experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months. Seven percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months.

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

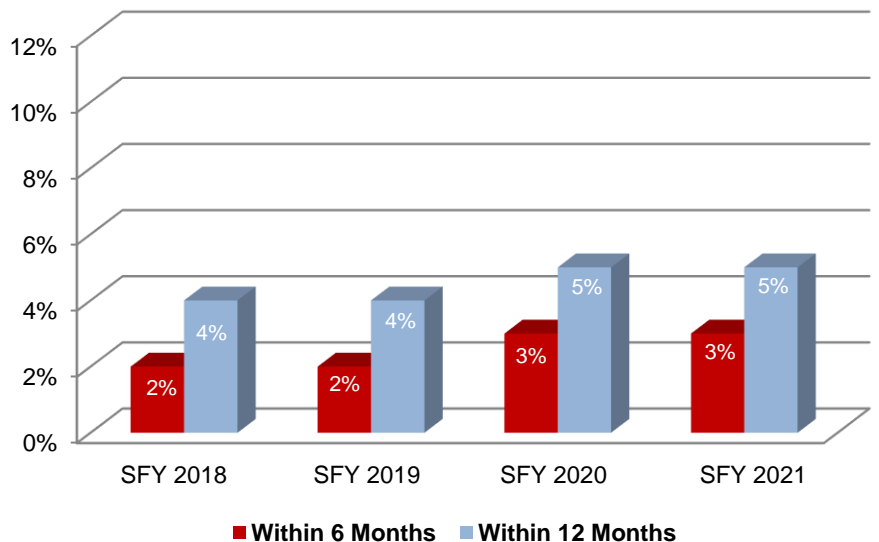


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less.

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

Three percent of the children who began receiving DR services were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within six months, and five percent were involved in a true investigation within 12 months.

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

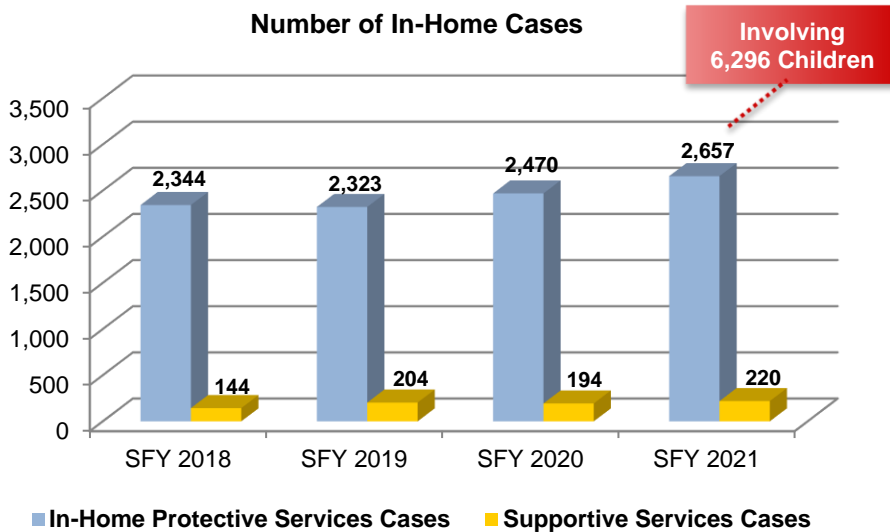


In-Home Services

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Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

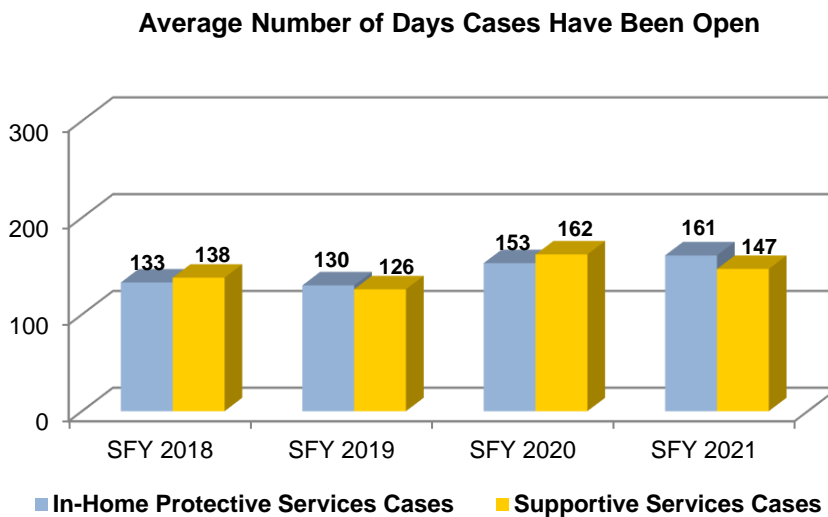


In most instances DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases open at the end of SFY 2021 increased by eight percent from one year ago. At the end of the year, there were 2,657 in-home protective services cases open across the state, involving 6,296 children.

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 year.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



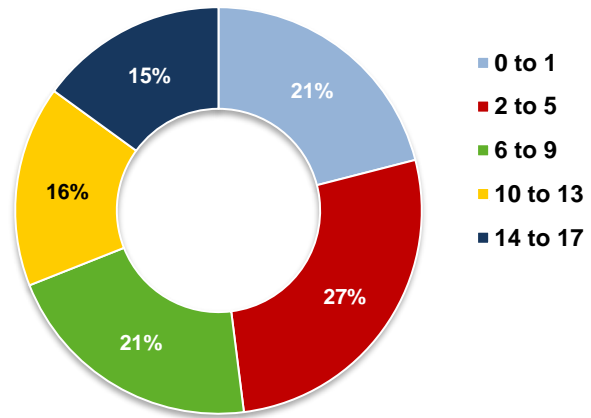
In-home protective services cases that were active as of the end of SFY 2021 had been open, on average, for between five and six months. Supportive services cases have stayed open, on average, for just under five months.

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 SFY 2021 were ages five or younger.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases

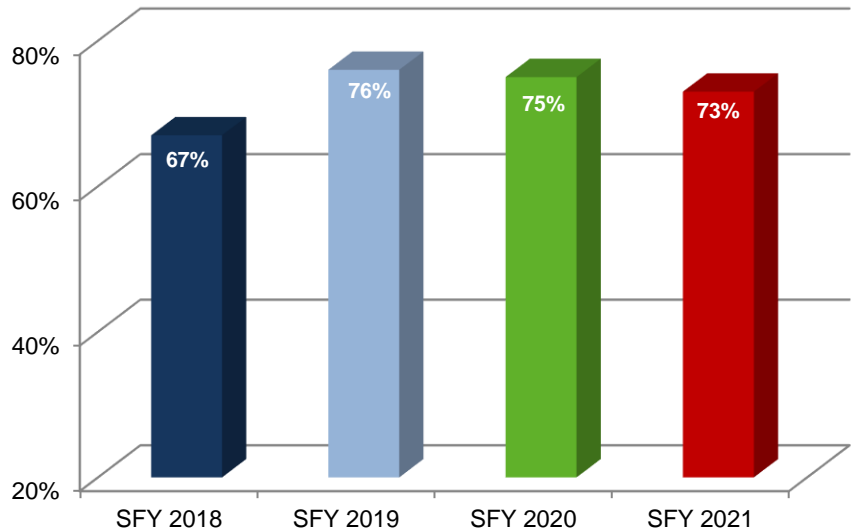


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Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 73 percent of the in-home cases received a face-to-face monthly visit from a caseworker during SFY 2021, slightly less than the previous year (75 percent).

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

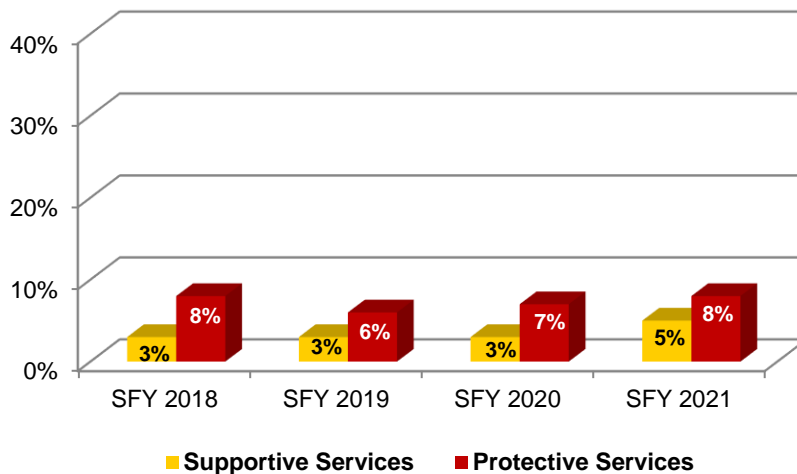


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Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

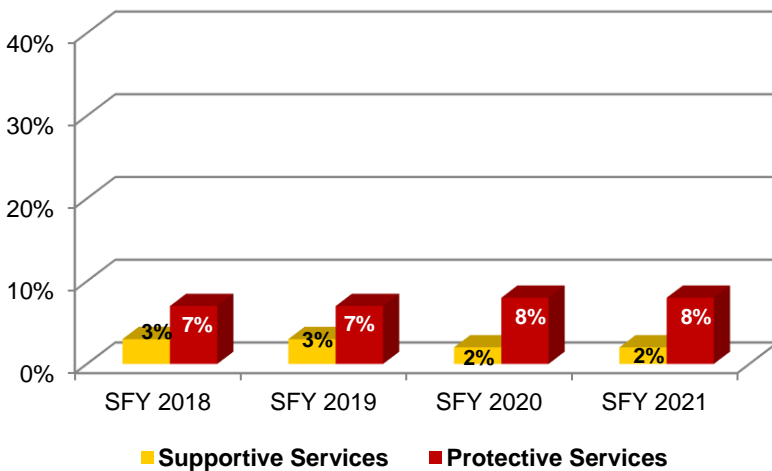
Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving in-home protective services during the year prior to SFY 2021, eight percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the year prior to SFY 2021, five percent were involved in a true report within one year.

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 one year prior to SFY 2021, eight percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Meanwhile, two percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

Overall, in-home services prevent the vast majority of the children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year of initiation.

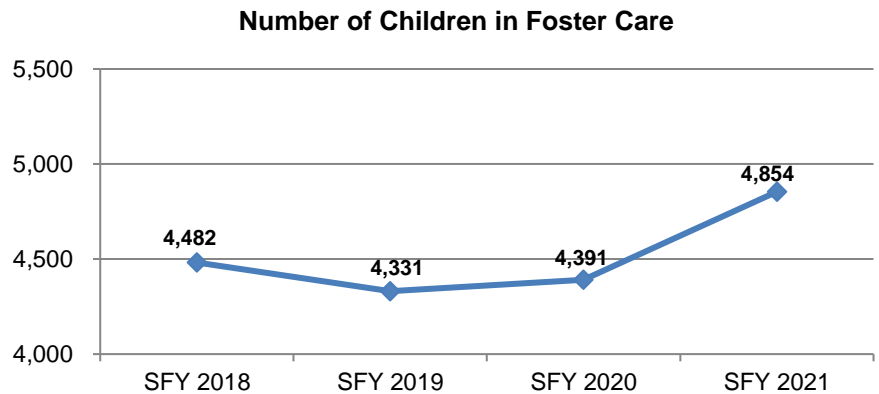
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Foster Care

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,854 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2021. This signified an increase of nearly 11 percent from SFY 2020 (4,391).

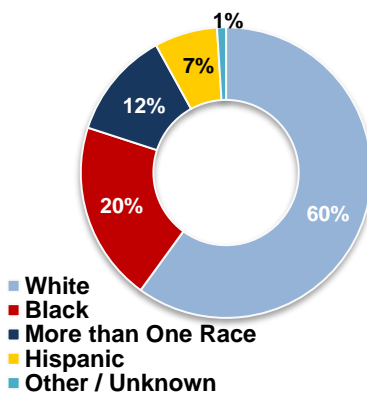


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

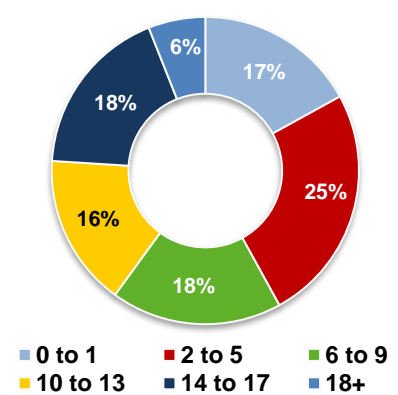
At the end of SFY 2021, children two to five years of age (25 percent) represented the largest group of children in foster care. Sixty percent of those in care were white and 20 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2021, 50 percent were male and 50 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care



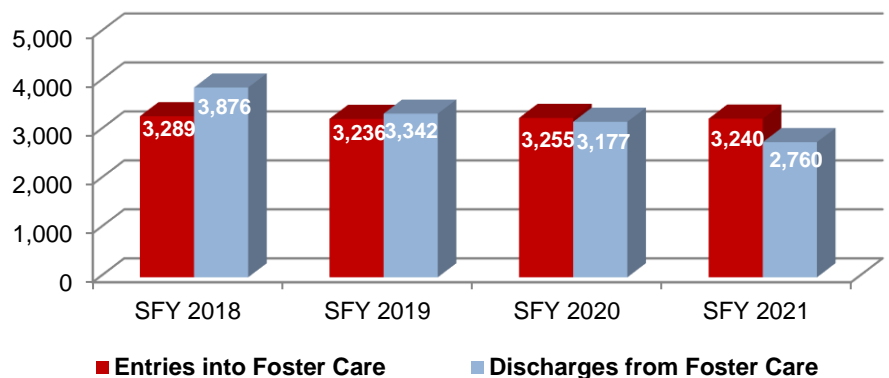
Ages of Children in Foster Care



Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

Entries into foster care outpaced discharges during SFY 2021.

Number of Admissions into and Discharges from Foster Care



Quick Facts

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care
SFY 2021**

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	1,736	54%
Substance Abuse	1,661 ²	51%
Parent Incarceration	591	18%
Physical Abuse	451	14%
Inadequate Housing	357	11%
Sexual Abuse	226	7%
Caretaker Illness	108	3%
Child's Behavior	95	3%
Abandonment	75	2%
Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case	32	1%
Truancy	28	1%
All Other Reasons	60	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 year.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care
SFY 2021**

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	1,181	43%
Adoption	719	26%
Relative Custody	450	16%
Child Aged Out	178	6%
Guardianship	112	4%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	64	2%
Non-Relative Custody	37	1%
All Other Reasons	19	1%

National data³ 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 SFY 2021 were reunified with their own family, 26 percent were adopted, and 16 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Overall, 93 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.

² These 1,661 cases of substance abuse include 1,452 instances of parental drug abuse, 149 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 51 instances of drug abuse by children, and 9 instances of alcohol abuse by children.

³ 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 SFY 2021, the majority (52 percent) had been in care for less than 12 months.

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
SFY 2021

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	263	5%	5%
30-90 Days	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%
Total	4,854	100%	100%

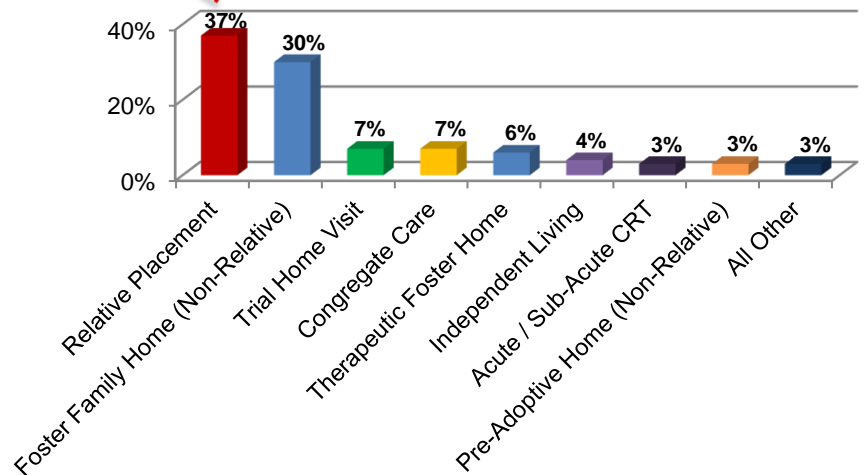
Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 83 percent of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2021 resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, 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

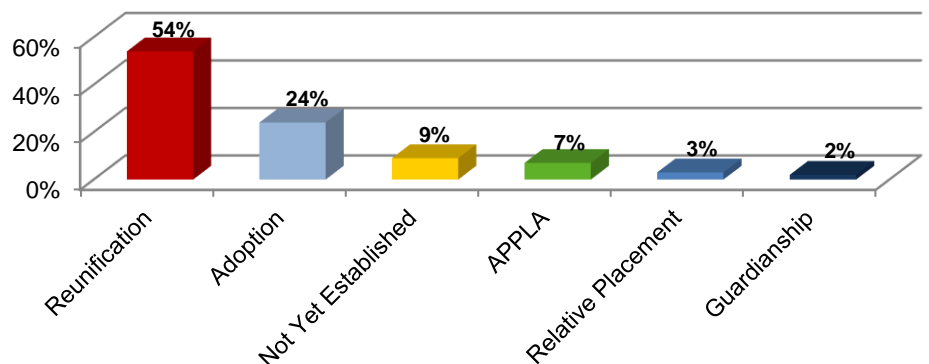


Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Fifty-four percent of the children in care at the end of SFY 2021 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

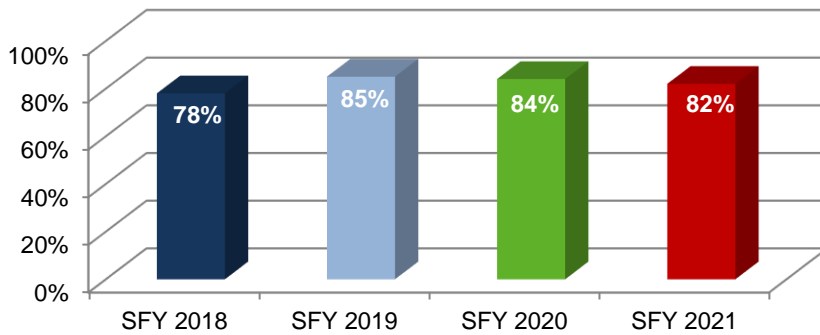


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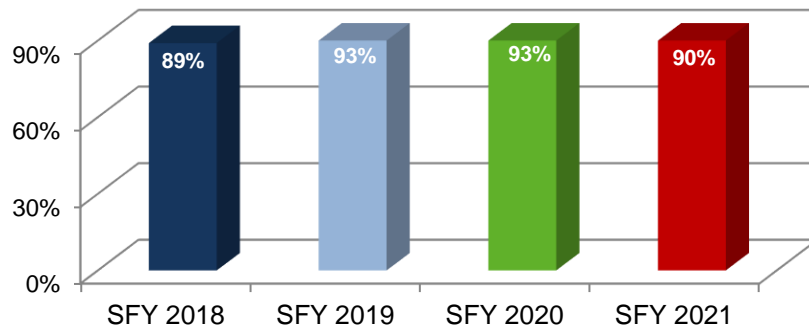
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care

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



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



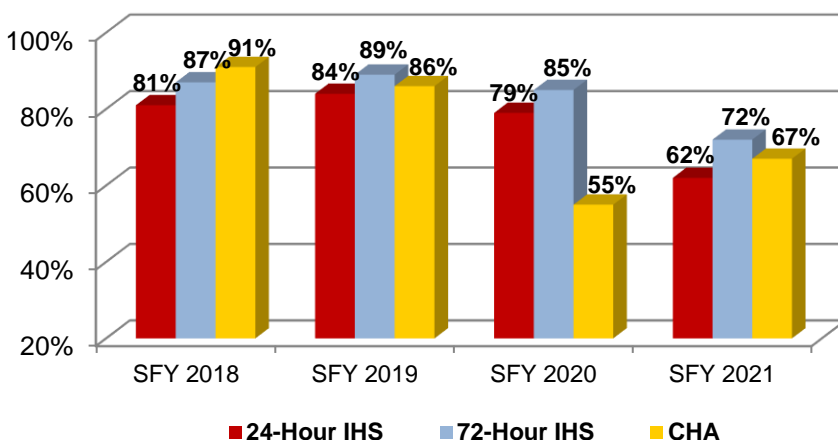
To ensure safety and well-being, best practice requires children in foster care to be visited in their placements by their caseworkers each month. The Division's goal is to make 95 percent of these visits.

DCFS caseworkers made 82 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care statewide during SFY 2021.

On average, 90 percent of the children received a face-to-face monthly contact from *any* DCFS staff member—regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose—during the year.

Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

24-hour and 72-Hour Initial Health Screening and Comprehensive Health Assessments



Depending on the severity of alleged maltreatment that leads to a child's entry into care, DCFS must complete either a 24-hour initial health screening (IHS) or 72-hour IHS. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering care.

DCFS completed 62 percent of its required 24-hour IHSs, 72 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 67 percent of its CHAs on time during SFY 2021.

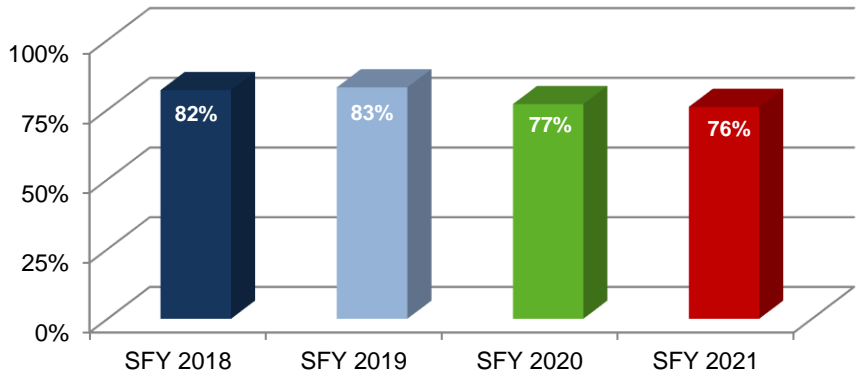
Quick Facts

Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2021, 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.

Siblings in Care who are Placed Together

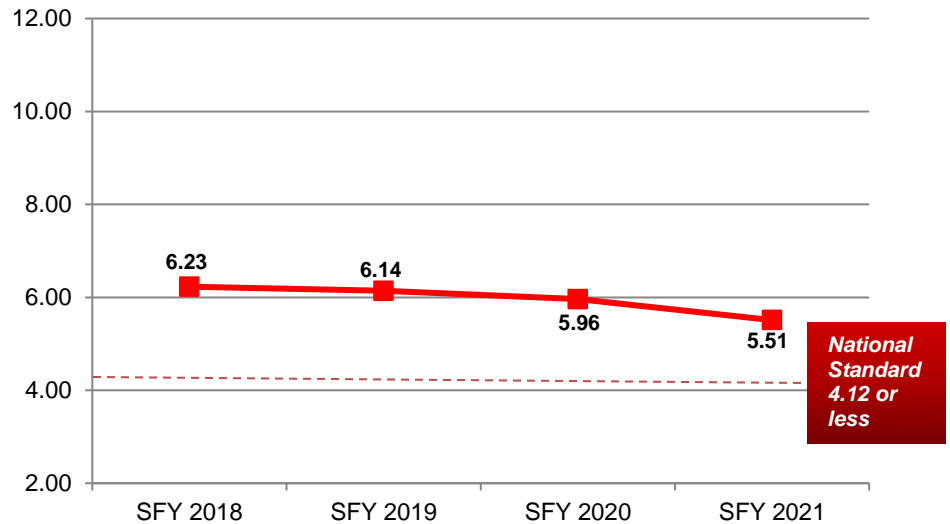


Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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 SFY 2021, the placement stability rate was 5.51, an improvement over previous years. The national standard is a rate of 4.12.

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



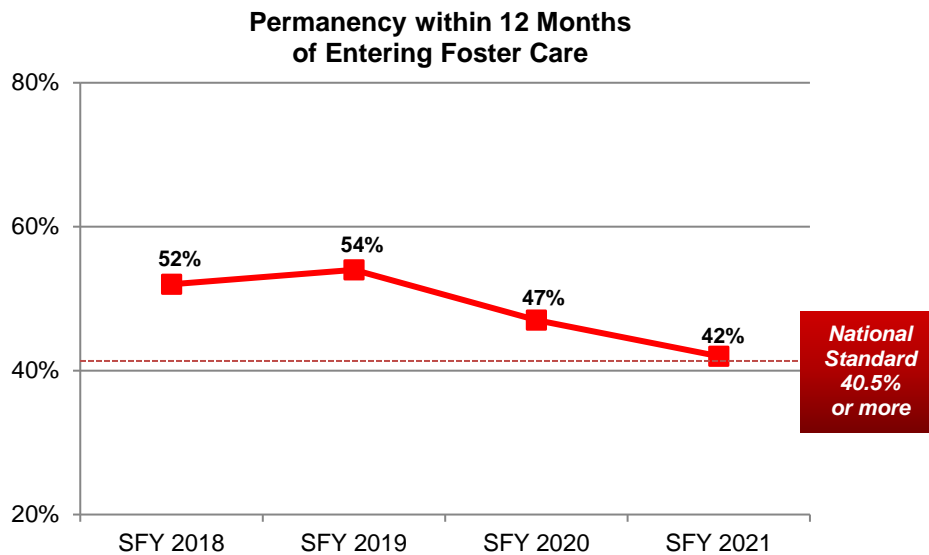
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Benefits to Children and Families

Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

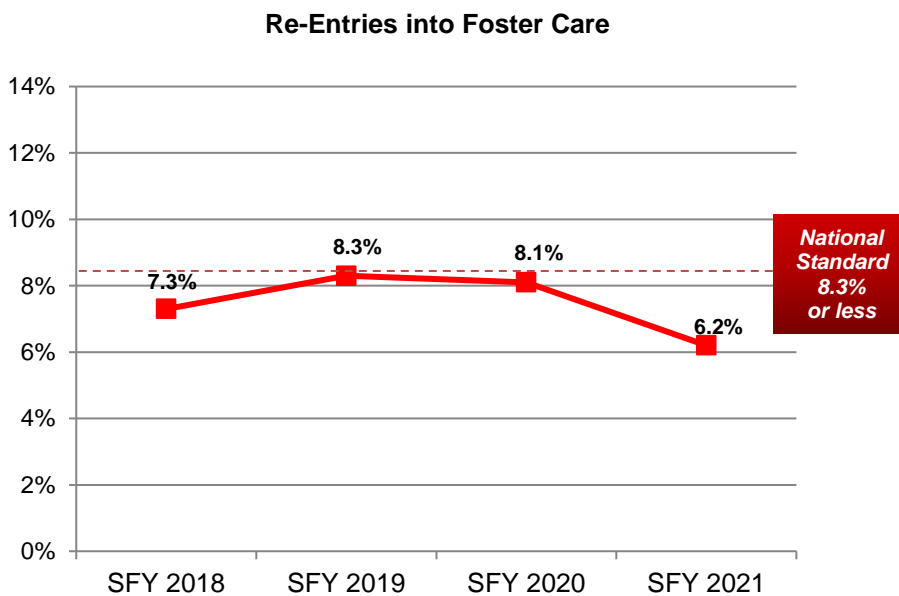
Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 40.5 percent or more for achieving permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) for children within 12 months of removal.

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.



Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care

For SFY 2021 just over six percent of the children who were discharged to their families re-entered foster care within 12 months. The Division consistently meets the national standard of 8.3 percent or less.



Volume and Description of Cases

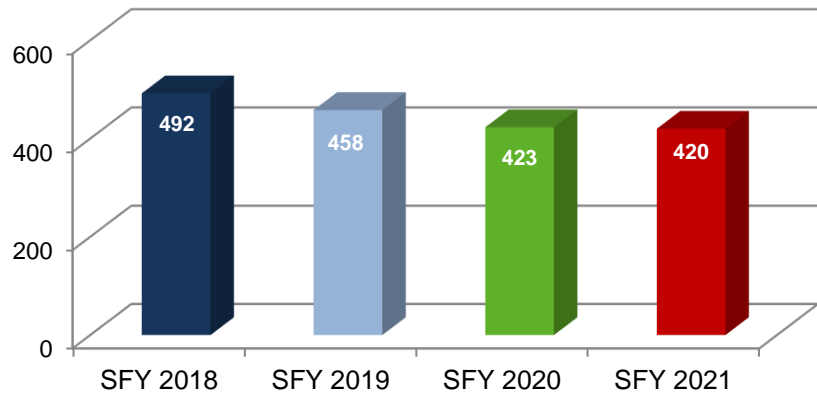
Children Available for Adoption ⁴

At the end of SFY 2021, 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.

DCFS modified its definition of children available for adoption during SFY 2018 to more accurately identify the number of children who are truly in need of an adoptive family.

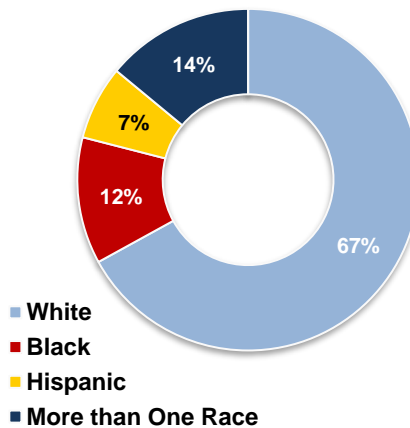
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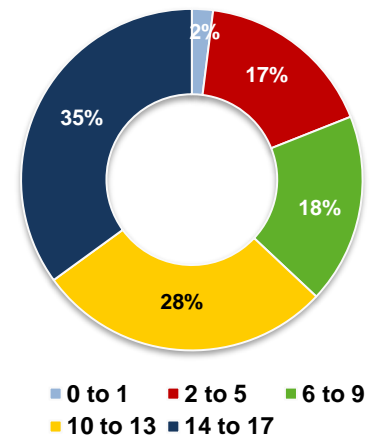
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

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

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



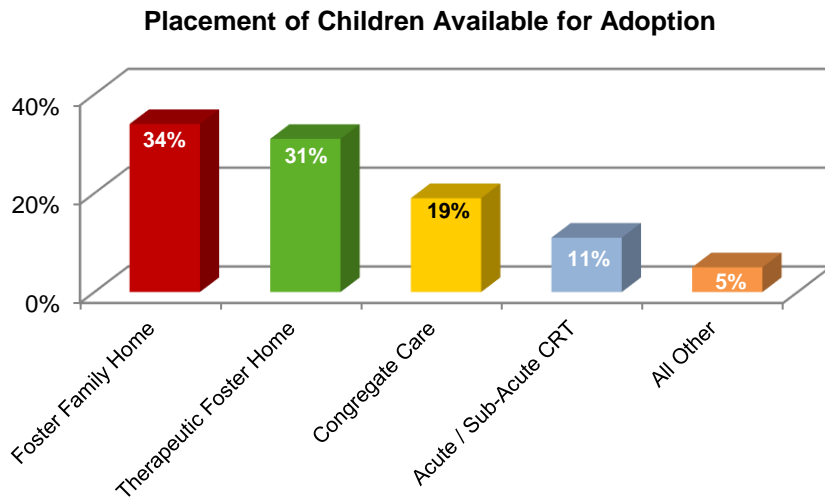
Ages of Children Available for Adoption



⁴ 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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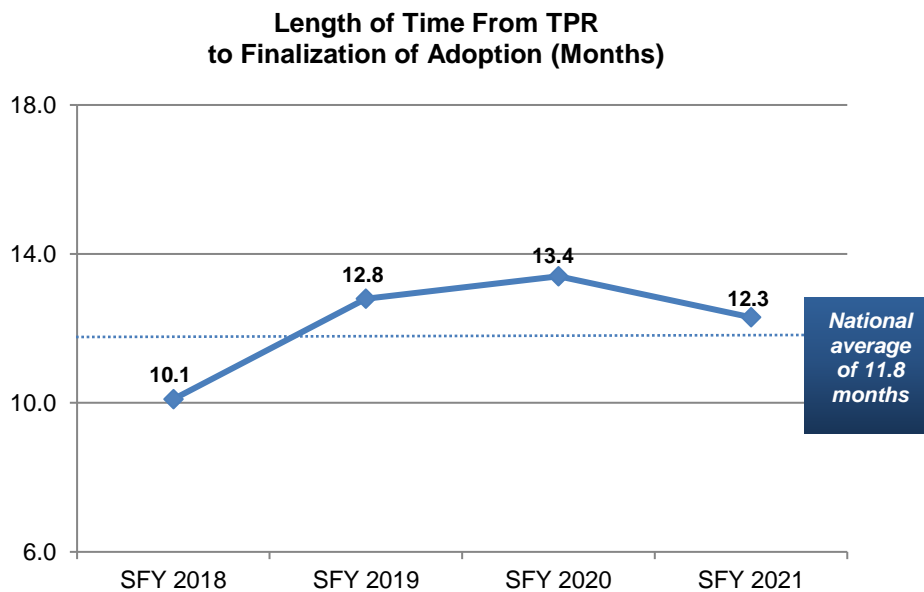
Placement of Children Available for Adoption



The majority (65 percent) of the children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2021 resided in either a foster family home or therapeutic foster home.

Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption



The average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 12.3 months during SFY 2021, an improvement over the previous year but slightly longer than the national average (11.8 months).

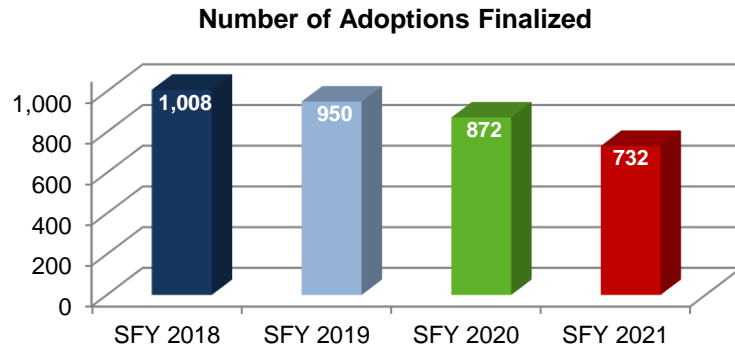
Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Finalized Adoptions

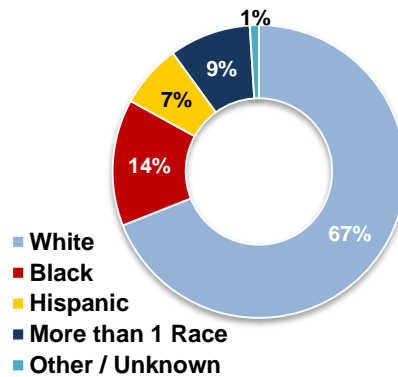
Seven-hundred and thirty-two adoptions were finalized during SFY 2021.

Thirty-five percent of the adoptions finalized during the year were by relatives.

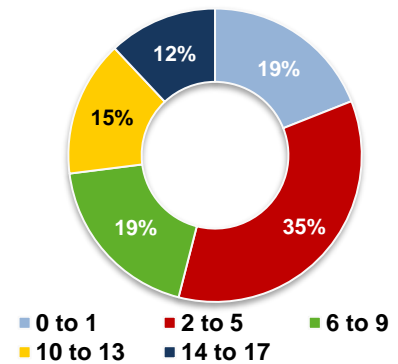


Children ages zero to five made up the majority (54 percent) of children who were adopted during SFY 2021. Those ages six to nine made up 19 percent.

Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



Subsidized Adoptions

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

- Caucasian and over nine
- African-American and at least two
- At least two members of a sibling group
- 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 SFY 2021, **719** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 702 were federally-funded and 17 were state funded subsidies.

During SFY 2021, a total of **8,033** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

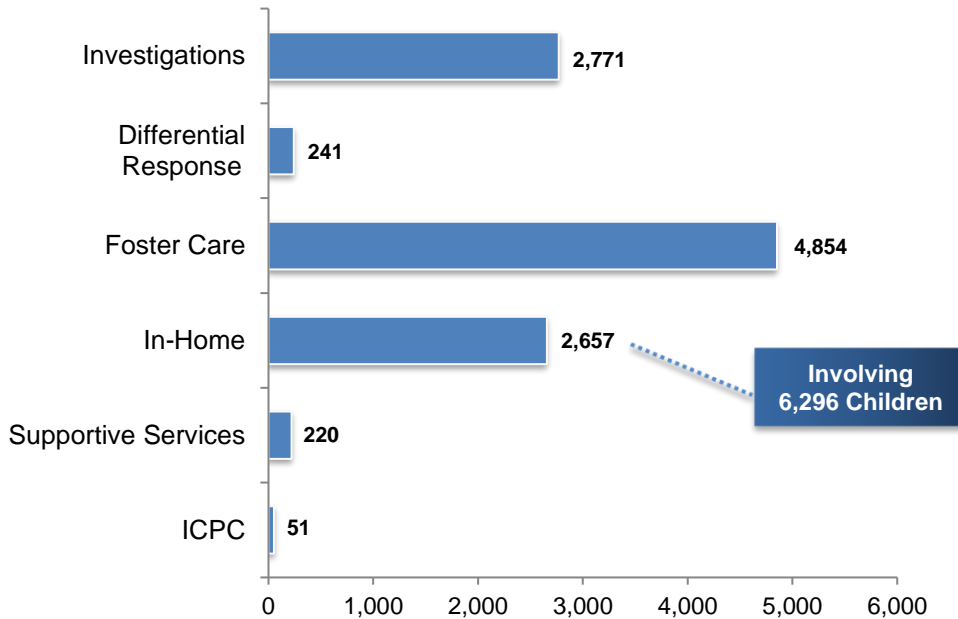
Caseloads at the End of SFY 2021

As of the end of SFY 2021, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,771 investigations of child maltreatment and 241 DR cases;
- 4,854 foster care cases (4,533 excluding adoption cases);
- 2,657 in-home 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 SFY 2021



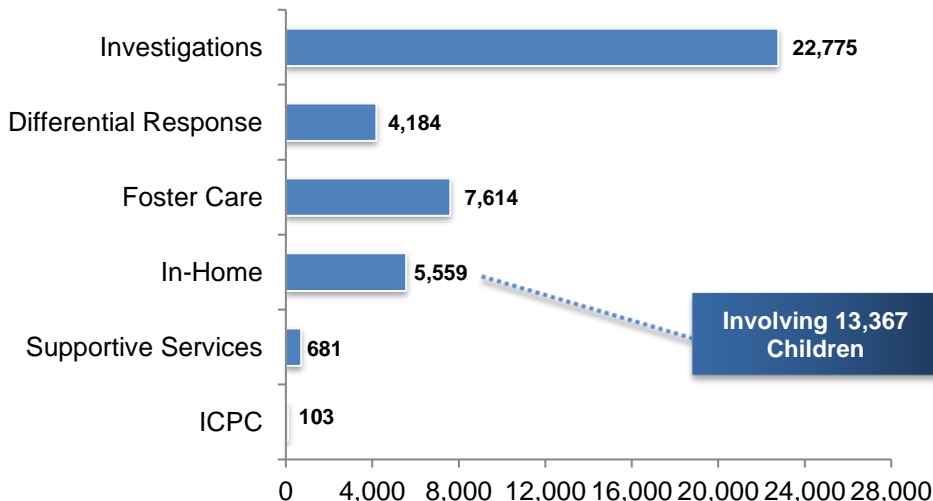
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Year

This graph shows the number of cases that cycled through the system during SFY 2021, i.e., the number of families or children served during the year (as opposed to those active at the end of the year, described above).

The Division oversaw 22,775 investigations; 7,614 children in foster care; 4,184 DR cases; 5,559 in-home protective services cases; 681 supportive services cases; and 103 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

Types of Cases Served During SFY 2021



Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at just under 23 cases per worker at the end of SFY 2021. This is higher than the Division's goal of 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of June 30, 2021 is presented in Appendix J.

Foster Homes

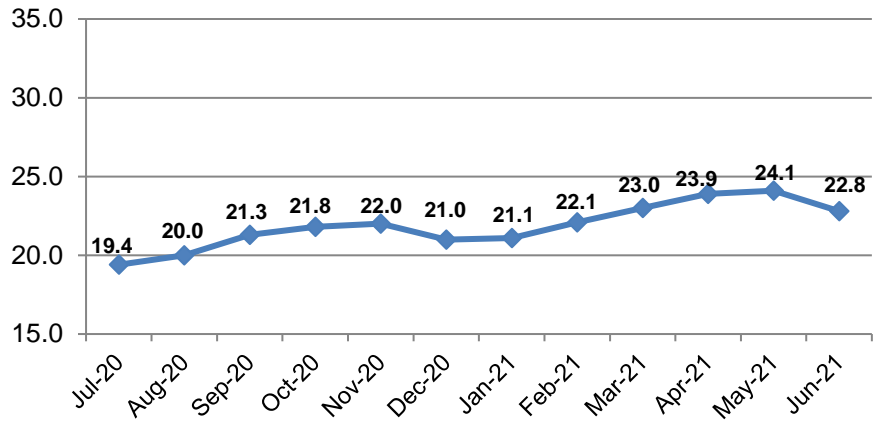
Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,588 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of SFY 2021, more than the previous year.

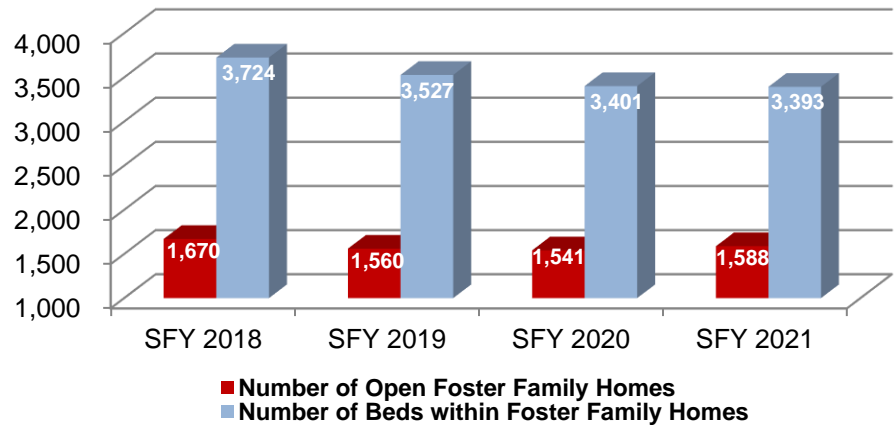
During SFY 2021, 907 new foster homes were opened and 842 were closed, resulting in a net gain of 65 homes.

Appendix K displays the closure reasons for the 842 foster homes that closed during the year.

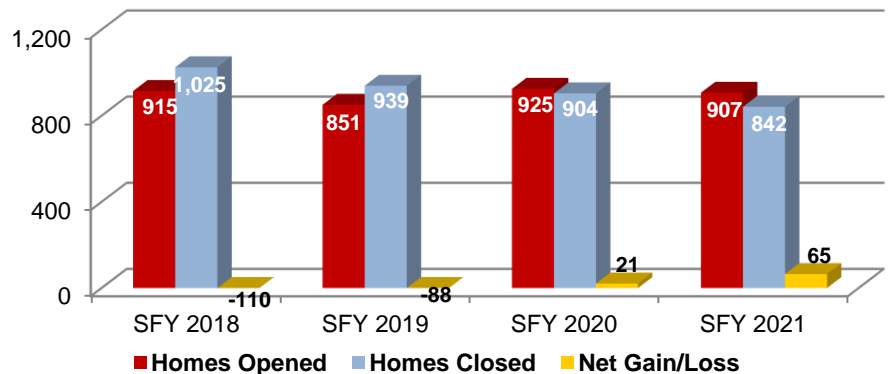
Average Caseload During SFY 2021



Number of Foster Homes and Beds



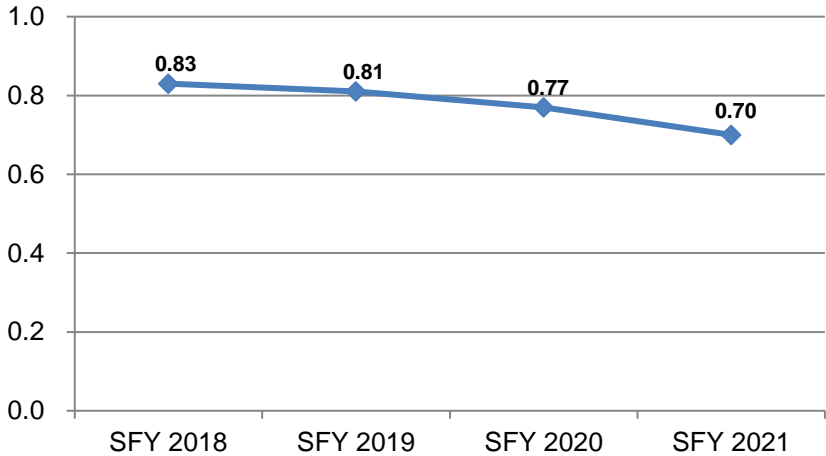
Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed



Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

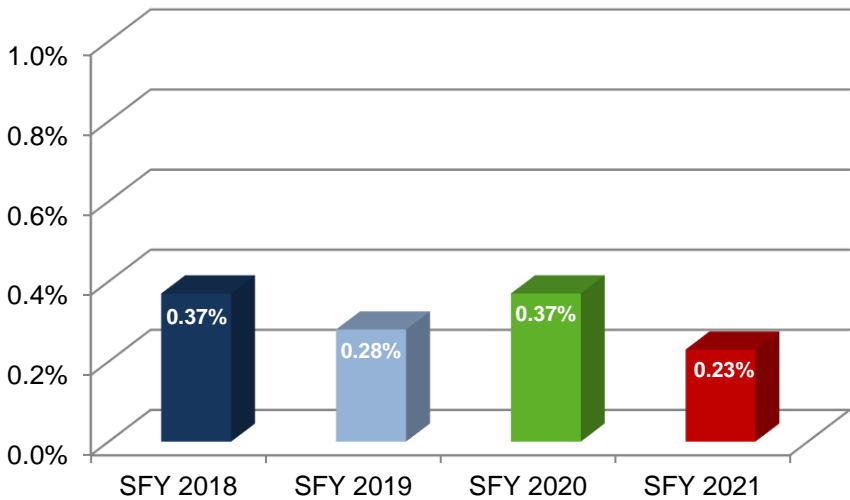


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.70) at the end of the year, lower than the previous year.

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

Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Six reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the year. Based on the 2,646 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.23 percent.

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

Appendix A: Child Maltreatment Investigations by Area and County

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	2,193	323	19.96	1,584	72	0	22	2	94	2	94
1	Carroll (Berryville)	297	66	30.07	188	16	0	0	1	5	0	21
1	Madison (Huntsville)	202	42	29.02	128	12	0	1	1	7	2	9
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	2,295	383	22.56	1,573	104	0	5	3	98	28	101
Area Total		4,987	814	22.11	3,473	204	0	28	7	204	32	225
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	621	148	31.96	408	38	0	8	0	3	2	14
2	Franklin (Ozark)	184	48	35.80	107	15	0	0	0	5	1	8
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	279	67	29.81	169	8	0	4	0	15	2	14
2	Logan (Booneville)	62	18	38.71	37	3	0	2	1	1	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	164	36	29.49	108	7	0	3	0	1	1	8
2	Scott (Waldron)	114	40	41.07	63	5	0	1	0	3	0	2
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1,329	305	33.63	821	102	0	13	1	9	1	77
2	Yell (Danville)	168	35	24.84	115	5	0	0	0	4	2	7
Area Total		2,921	697	32.71	1,828	183	0	31	2	41	9	130
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	154	39	38.89	86	14	0	3	0	2	0	10
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	1,045	159	25.71	706	87	0	7	1	23	5	57
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	355	79	33.23	219	24	0	7	0	2	0	24
3	Howard (Nashville)	128	24	24.60	95	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	70	9	23.88	48	7	0	0	0	3	0	3
3	Perry (Perryville)	96	15	27.63	53	5	0	1	0	2	0	20
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	98	25	38.54	58	10	0	2	0	1	0	2
3	Polk (Mena)	201	56	33.51	124	8	0	1	0	4	1	7
3	Saline (Benton)	919	170	24.58	599	29	0	7	0	27	6	81
Area Total		3,066	576	27.83	1,988	191	0	28	1	64	12	206
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	147	29	25.17	103	5	0	2	0	4	0	4
4	Hempstead (Hope)	158	36	31.65	104	10	0	3	1	3	1	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistville)	44	8	28.21	25	2	0	1	0	3	0	5
4	Little River (Ashdown)	138	43	44.19	70	11	0	2	1	2	0	9
4	Miller (Texarkana)	425	110	37.41	248	43	0	3	0	13	0	8
4	Nevada (Prescott)	60	9	22.03	43	4	0	0	0	3	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	256	42	25.33	160	15	0	1	0	11	0	27
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	164	55	40.99	92	7	0	4	0	2	1	3
4	Union (El Dorado)	286	50	27.20	179	21	0	0	0	11	0	25
Area Total		1,678	382	32.46	1,024	118	0	16	2	52	2	82
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	364	58	26.72	242	32	0	2	1	13	0	16
5	Boone (Harrison)	423	94	29.04	263	15	0	5	1	16	3	27
5	Conway (Morrilton)	236	53	29.30	146	8	0	2	0	5	1	21
5	Faulkner (Conway)	978	233	31.12	591	35	0	12	1	25	6	75
5	Marion (Yellville)	147	40	38.62	83	16	0	0	0	6	0	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	58	9	19.30	46	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	580	152	33.58	343	21	0	9	0	17	0	38
5	Searcy (Marshall)	57	18	36.36	33	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	152	38	31.51	96	7	0	1	0	3	1	6
Area Total		2,995	695	30.89	1,843	137	0	32	3	87	11	188

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	623	94	22.94	391	27	0	7	0	36	3	65
6	Pulaski (North)	752	165	30.68	436	40	0	3	0	30	4	74
6	Pulaski (South)	976	204	29.41	586	40	1	14	1	32	6	92
6	Pulaski (Southw est)	576	132	33.84	321	36	0	9	0	25	0	53
Area Total		2,927	595	29.25	1,734	143	1	33	1	123	13	284
7	Bradley (Warren)	73	17	30.43	47	4	0	0	0	1	0	4
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	25	2	12.00	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	35	10	41.18	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	84	11	21.52	62	3	0	3	0	0	0	5
7	Grant (Sheridan)	128	21	22.61	88	5	0	0	0	0	1	13
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	487	122	37.56	252	26	0	9	0	9	0	69
7	Lincoln (Star City)	75	22	35.14	46	4	0	0	0	2	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	700	99	17.24	561	15	0	5	1	15	0	4
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	62	8	17.74	51	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Total		1,669	312	25.13	1,149	65	0	17	1	27	1	97
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	143	26	21.97	102	3	0	0	0	1	0	11
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1,110	197	26.68	720	83	0	8	2	75	2	23
8	Fulton (Salem)	96	21	25.81	66	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	681	198	34.66	418	23	0	5	1	8	2	26
8	Izard (Melbourne)	129	36	30.71	88	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	194	33	19.35	150	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	409	59	22.90	272	24	0	7	0	31	0	16
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	62	15	39.66	32	8	0	0	0	3	0	4
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	221	49	28.44	151	8	0	3	0	0	0	10
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	171	36	29.88	109	12	0	0	1	6	0	7
Area Total		3,216	670	27.91	2,108	169	0	24	4	127	4	110
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	243	42	20.50	190	6	0	1	0	0	0	4
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	350	58	28.44	224	32	0	3	0	9	1	23
9	Cross (Wynne)	136	34	32.00	85	6	0	0	0	0	0	11
9	Independence (Batesville)	351	92	35.48	217	25	0	4	0	2	1	10
9	Jackson (New port)	128	41	37.70	76	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	346	76	27.49	246	17	0	1	0	2	0	4
9	Stone (Mountain View)	102	26	32.67	67	7	0	0	0	0	1	1
9	White (Searcy)	814	136	20.97	612	21	0	7	0	6	0	32
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	60	14	36.21	37	6	0	0	1	0	0	2
Area Total		2,530	519	27.12	1,754	125	0	16	1	19	3	93
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	13	3	38.46	7	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	104	39	41.58	59	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	131	26	28.93	85	6	0	3	0	0	1	10
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	60	16	37.29	37	5	0	0	1	0	0	1
10	Desha (McGehee)	71	9	24.24	50	6	0	1	0	0	0	5
10	Drew (Monticello)	109	31	36.54	64	7	0	0	0	2	0	5
10	Lee (Marianna)	47	11	44.44	25	8	0	1	0	0	0	2
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	29	3	29.63	18	5	0	0	0	0	1	2
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	17	2	17.65	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	126	14	27.35	82	17	0	1	0	3	0	9
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	206	48	38.31	119	27	0	2	0	5	0	5
Area Total		913	202	34.21	560	86	0	9	1	11	2	42
99	Unknow n County	4	3	75.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statewide Total		26,906	5,465	28.07	17,462	1,421	1	234	23	755	89	1,457

Appendix B: Children in Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than 1	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	321	222	8	1	0	1	39	49	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	87	72	0	0	0	0	4	11	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	108	92	0	0	0	0	4	11	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	466	301	24	0	0	17	61	63	0
Area Total		982	687	32	1	0	18	108	134	2
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	111	0	0	0	0	1	13	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	41	37	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	45	38	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	51	41	0	0	0	0	3	7	0
2	Logan (Paris)	59	52	1	0	0	0	0	6	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	77	60	0	0	0	0	13	3	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	785	469	68	3	0	0	85	159	1
2	Yell (Danville)	89	71	1	0	0	0	14	3	0
Area Total		1,272	879	71	3	0	0	122	195	2
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	20	15	0	0	0	5	5	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	326	213	39	0	0	0	22	50	2
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	64	48	5	0	0	0	0	11	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	9	6	0	0	0	6	1	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	26	22	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	53	45	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
3	Saline (Benton)	141	97	14	0	0	0	12	17	1
Area Total		707	483	80	0	0	0	52	89	3
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	39	9	25	0	0	0	0	5	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	74	26	30	0	0	0	10	8	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	16	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	50	16	0	0	0	2	3	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	209	128	47	0	0	0	8	25	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	13	6	4	0	0	0	2	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	14	24	0	0	0	4	11	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	107	60	5	0	2	3	24	12	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	88	38	38	0	0	0	5	7	0
Area Total		671	339	197	0	2	3	55	72	3
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	66	56	0	0	0	0	1	8	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	102	89	4	0	0	2	0	6	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	112	81	8	0	0	0	4	19	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	212	151	24	0	0	0	10	26	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	37	32	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	119	89	6	0	0	0	12	12	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	27	25	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	28	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Area Total		714	558	43	0	0	2	29	79	3

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than 1	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	19	5	13	0	0	0	0	1	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	123	54	56	0	0	0	4	9	0
6	Pulaski (North)	355	72	215	1	0	0	23	42	2
6	Pulaski (South)	256	41	177	0	0	0	7	31	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	148	22	89	0	0	0	20	17	0
Area Total		901	194	550	1	0	0	54	100	2
7	Bradley (Warren)	22	12	7	1	0	0	0	2	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	20	7	8	0	0	0	4	1	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	53	47	0	0	0	1	4	1	0
7	Jefferson (Fine Bluff)	242	87	136	0	0	0	3	15	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	21	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	187	139	24	0	0	0	8	14	2
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Area Total		561	315	184	1	0	2	19	35	5
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	28	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	149	77	31	0	0	0	16	25	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	21	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	223	177	8	0	0	0	7	31	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	36	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	27	24	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	89	37	34	0	0	0	4	14	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	50	15	23	0	0	1	1	10	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	38	33	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	68	57	0	0	0	0	2	9	0
Area Total		734	504	101	0	0	1	34	93	1
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	85	74	3	0	0	0	3	5	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	104	29	65	0	0	0	3	6	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	87	42	38	0	0	0	3	4	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	104	94	4	0	0	0	0	6	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	86	60	13	0	0	0	0	12	1
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	117	92	1	0	0	0	4	19	1
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	186	147	2	0	0	0	7	29	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	30	11	12	0	0	0	2	5	0
Area Total		825	575	138	0	0	0	22	86	4
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	10	4	3	0	0	0	2	1	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	31	14	10	0	0	0	1	6	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	15	14	0	0	0	1	1	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	21	10	8	0	0	0	1	2	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	17	2	9	0	0	0	0	6	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	26	7	7	0	0	0	5	7	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	25	4	19	0	0	0	0	2	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	62	9	39	0	0	0	8	6	0
Area Total		247	73	121	0	0	0	18	35	0
Statewide Total		7,614	4,607	1,517	6	2	26	513	918	25

Appendix C: Children in Foster Care by Age

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	321	108	89	56	68	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	87	39	25	11	12	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	108	50	31	14	13	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	466	214	113	58	81	0
Area Total		982	411	258	139	174	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	43	28	22	32	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	41	17	16	4	4	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	45	19	6	7	13	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	51	23	9	8	11	0
2	Logan (Paris)	59	24	13	8	14	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	77	25	24	13	14	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	785	305	203	104	172	1
2	Yell (Danville)	89	30	26	9	24	0
Area Total		1,272	486	325	175	284	2
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	23	12	5	5	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	326	184	77	27	38	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	64	31	14	10	9	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	12	7	2	1	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	5	1	0	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	23	10	7	0	6	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	26	13	6	1	6	0
3	Polk (Mena)	53	17	14	4	18	0
3	Saline (Benton)	141	73	34	14	20	0
Area Total		707	368	172	63	104	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	39	18	12	5	4	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	74	27	20	9	18	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistville)	16	3	10	0	3	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	30	22	8	11	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	209	100	54	26	29	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	13	6	1	1	5	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	32	13	3	5	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	107	41	39	18	9	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	88	29	24	9	26	0
Area Total		671	286	195	79	110	1
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	66	32	20	7	7	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	102	46	25	14	16	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	112	43	30	20	19	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	212	100	60	23	29	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	37	17	7	6	7	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	7	5	2	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	119	54	28	18	19	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	27	19	5	1	2	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	14	13	3	2	0
Area Total		714	330	190	92	101	1

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	19	9	2	0	8	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	123	59	39	11	14	0
6	Pulaski (North)	355	165	94	40	56	0
6	Pulaski (South)	256	119	73	25	39	0
6	Pulaski (Southw est)	148	62	30	18	38	0
Area Total		901	414	238	94	155	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	22	9	5	1	7	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	6	1	2	1	1	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	20	11	3	4	2	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	53	24	8	11	10	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	242	100	73	31	38	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	21	10	3	4	4	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	187	67	53	33	34	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	6	2	2	0	0
Area Total		561	228	149	87	96	1
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	28	8	12	3	5	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	149	62	24	16	47	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	9	5	0	10	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	223	89	78	25	31	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	15	11	4	8	0
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	27	14	6	1	6	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	89	38	30	6	14	1
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	50	20	17	7	6	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	38	11	10	8	9	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	68	30	17	7	14	0
Area Total		734	296	210	77	150	1
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	85	35	23	14	13	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	104	47	21	10	26	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	87	47	18	7	15	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	104	46	25	16	17	0
9	Jackson (New port)	86	47	16	6	17	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	117	44	33	23	17	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	6	5	7	8	0
9	White (Searcy)	186	80	34	32	40	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	30	15	4	3	8	0
Area Total		825	367	179	118	161	0
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	10	1	4	2	3	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	31	10	8	7	6	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	12	8	2	9	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	21	8	6	4	3	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	17	9	4	0	4	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	26	10	5	4	7	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	5	1	1	2	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	7	2	3	1	1	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	1	1	1	5	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	25	10	4	2	9	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	62	24	18	8	12	0
Area Total		247	92	62	32	61	0
Statewide Total		7,614	3,278	1,978	956	1,396	6

Appendix D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	321	174	147	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	87	40	47	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	108	47	61	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	466	238	228	0
Area Total		982	499	483	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	60	65	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	41	21	20	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	45	17	28	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	51	29	22	0
2	Logan (Paris)	59	26	33	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	77	32	44	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	785	390	394	1
2	Yell (Danville)	89	48	41	0
Area Total		1,272	623	647	2
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	27	18	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	326	181	145	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	64	34	30	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	12	10	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	1	6	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	23	9	14	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	26	9	17	0
3	Polk (Mena)	53	27	26	0
3	Saline (Benton)	141	76	65	0
Area Total		707	376	331	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	39	21	18	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	74	37	37	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	16	9	7	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	34	37	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	209	101	108	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	13	9	4	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	24	29	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	107	50	57	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	88	37	51	0
Area Total		671	322	348	1
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	66	36	30	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	102	52	49	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	112	63	49	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	212	119	93	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	37	15	22	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	7	4	3	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	119	61	58	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	27	15	12	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	16	16	0
Area Total		714	381	332	1

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	19	9	10	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	123	69	54	0
6	Pulaski (North)	355	177	178	0
6	Pulaski (South)	256	126	130	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	148	81	67	0
Area Total		901	462	439	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	22	10	12	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	6	1	4	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	20	12	8	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	53	31	22	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	242	132	110	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	21	13	8	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	187	85	102	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	4	6	0
Area Total		561	288	272	1
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	28	15	13	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	149	76	73	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	12	12	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	223	104	119	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	19	19	0
8	Laurie (Walnut Ridge)	27	14	13	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	89	45	44	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	50	25	25	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	38	18	20	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	68	36	32	0
Area Total		734	364	370	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	85	32	53	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	104	49	55	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	87	39	48	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	104	47	57	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	86	45	41	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	117	65	52	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	14	12	0
9	White (Searcy)	186	101	85	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	30	18	12	0
Area Total		825	410	415	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	10	3	7	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	31	18	13	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	16	15	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	21	10	11	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	17	6	11	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	26	18	8	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	5	4	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	7	5	2	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	2	6	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	25	13	12	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	62	30	32	0
Area Total		247	126	121	0
Statewide Total		7,614	3,851	3,758	5

Appendix E: Children in Foster Care by Length of Stay

Area	County	Total	Less than 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	3 to 6 Months	7 to 12 Months	12 to 24 Months	24 to 36 Months	Over 36 Months
1	Benton (Bentonville)	321	18	35	28	92	108	18	22
1	Carroll (Berryville)	87	3	8	14	17	28	14	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	108	18	1	15	23	31	12	8
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	466	35	31	50	90	135	61	64
Area Total		982	74	75	107	222	302	105	97
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	11	1	24	14	26	20	29
2	Franklin (Ozark)	41	1	1	5	16	13	1	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	45	3	10	0	12	8	4	8
2	Logan (Booneville)	51	0	0	3	9	18	13	8
2	Logan (Paris)	59	7	12	8	14	8	4	6
2	Scott (Waldron)	77	6	3	9	17	30	6	6
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	785	23	63	50	146	269	93	141
2	Yell (Danville)	89	2	6	8	5	33	18	17
Area Total		1,272	53	96	107	233	405	159	219
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	2	16	2	14	9	0	2
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	326	27	49	29	77	99	23	22
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	64	1	4	4	26	16	3	10
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	6	4	2	4	6	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	0	1	0	4	1	0	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	23	0	2	8	10	0	2	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	26	1	1	4	4	8	5	3
3	Polk (Mena)	53	1	7	3	14	11	9	8
3	Saline (Benton)	141	3	13	20	29	49	11	16
Area Total		707	41	97	72	182	199	53	63
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	39	6	1	3	16	8	0	5
4	Hempstead (Hope)	74	7	6	8	37	10	3	3
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	16	2	0	4	0	9	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	13	2	7	27	14	4	4
4	Miller (Texarkana)	209	10	9	45	58	54	15	18
4	Nevada (Prescott)	13	0	0	1	0	7	1	4
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	2	3	11	9	19	9	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	107	13	24	21	26	16	3	4
4	Union (El Dorado)	88	5	10	3	26	26	5	13
Area Total		671	58	55	103	199	163	40	53
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	66	2	3	10	15	13	20	3
5	Boone (Harrison)	102	8	11	11	23	33	14	2
5	Conway (Morrilton)	112	10	6	18	20	31	18	9
5	Faulkner (Conway)	212	20	24	33	43	50	28	14
5	Marion (Yellville)	37	8	6	3	9	7	4	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	7	1	3	0	1	0	2	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	119	10	16	24	19	28	10	12
5	Searcy (Marshall)	27	1	2	9	3	10	1	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	6	0	12	6	7	0	1
Area Total		714	66	71	120	139	179	97	42

Area	County	Total	Less than 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	3 to 6 Months	7 to 12 Months	12 to 24 Months	24 to 36 Months	Over 36 Months
6	Pulaski (East)	19	0	0	0	1	6	4	8
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	123	6	12	16	25	46	12	6
6	Pulaski (North)	355	23	33	21	91	124	33	30
6	Pulaski (South)	256	32	15	38	60	70	17	24
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	148	5	10	15	37	44	9	28
Area Total		901	66	70	90	214	290	75	96
7	Bradley (Warren)	22	0	0	2	12	3	2	3
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	6	1	0	3	0	2	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	20	3	0	4	6	0	0	7
7	Grant (Sheridan)	53	3	4	9	25	7	0	5
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	242	29	38	29	48	52	28	18
7	Lincoln (Star City)	21	6	2	3	2	5	2	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	187	18	12	4	38	63	36	16
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	1	0	3	3	2	0	1
Area Total		561	61	56	57	134	134	68	51
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	28	0	0	6	3	12	0	7
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	149	10	5	16	41	29	23	25
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	0	2	3	10	3	3	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	223	27	15	35	63	53	10	20
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	1	7	7	7	9	1	6
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	27	0	3	1	5	11	0	7
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	89	15	4	8	30	20	6	6
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	50	2	1	8	17	13	4	5
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	38	3	6	2	6	15	2	4
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	68	4	12	12	17	16	3	4
Area Total		734	62	55	98	199	181	52	87
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	85	6	6	4	25	28	10	6
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	104	5	7	22	22	34	7	7
9	Cross (Wynne)	87	5	10	21	19	15	11	6
9	Independence (Batesville)	104	3	6	14	25	39	10	7
9	Jackson (Newport)	86	9	11	5	24	27	3	7
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	117	6	19	7	20	28	17	20
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	2	7	1	5	5	2	4
9	White (Searcy)	186	14	15	24	28	74	8	23
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	30	4	1	1	5	11	1	7
Area Total		825	54	82	99	173	261	69	87
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	10	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	31	0	3	5	10	7	4	2
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	0	5	5	3	8	3	7
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	21	1	0	0	3	7	6	4
10	Desha (McGehee)	17	10	0	3	2	1	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	26	0	0	2	7	5	3	9
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	0	0	4	4	0	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	7	0	0	0	0	2	5	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	0	0	0	2	1	3	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	25	0	2	2	5	9	1	6
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	62	4	0	5	8	23	11	11
Area Total		247	15	10	26	45	67	38	46
Statewide Total		7,614	550	667	879	1,740	2,181	756	841

Appendix F: Services Provided During the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
1	Benton (Bentonville)	321	351	808	79	207
1	Carroll (Berryville)	87	59	128	12	30
1	Madison (Huntsville)	108	45	113	18	47
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	466	465	1107	78	180
Area Total		982	920	2,156	187	464
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	204	503	21	49
2	Franklin (Ozark)	41	56	132	2	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	45	68	160	2	4
2	Logan (Booneville)	51	27	65	1	2
2	Logan (Paris)	59	33	92	1	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	77	35	85	3	4
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	785	304	705	44	100
2	Yell (Danville)	89	40	92	5	18
Area Total		1,272	767	1,834	79	182
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	55	126	5	8
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	326	174	350	22	36
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	64	67	183	6	16
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	20	78	4	12
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	16	30	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	23	11	25	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	26	20	47	7	24
3	Polk (Mena)	53	33	62	7	15
3	Saline (Benton)	141	147	358	8	13
Area Total		707	543	1,259	60	124
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	39	31	65	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	74	59	150	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lew isville)	16	13	31	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	33	80	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	209	102	266	1	2
4	Nevada (Prescott)	13	12	29	1	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	52	117	2	5
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	107	27	74	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	88	51	114	0	0
Area Total		671	380	926	4	8
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	66	73	145	20	56
5	Boone (Harrison)	102	94	194	16	36
5	Conway (Morilton)	112	37	97	9	24
5	Faulkner (Conway)	212	221	499	34	69
5	Marion (Yellville)	37	31	66	3	11
5	Newton (Jasper)	7	12	47	1	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	119	127	283	12	23
5	Searcy (Marshall)	27	8	23	2	4
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	27	68	2	2
Area Total		714	630	1,422	99	226

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
6	Pulaski (East)	19	6	12	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	123	137	306	14	32
6	Pulaski (North)	355	186	499	9	22
6	Pulaski (South)	256	142	410	8	25
6	Pulaski (Southw est)	148	152	395	6	21
Area Total		901	623	1,622	37	100
7	Bradley (Warren)	22	11	18	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	1	1	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	6	11	25	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	20	12	29	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	53	10	20	2	4
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	242	92	259	7	19
7	Lincoln (Star City)	21	16	33	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	187	56	132	2	7
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	6	13	0	0
Area Total		561	215	530	11	30
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	28	19	45	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	149	255	589	11	25
8	Fulton (Salem)	24	15	40	6	11
8	Greene (Paragould)	223	167	389	28	67
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	26	71	8	17
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	27	30	76	5	8
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	89	55	146	3	5
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	50	20	69	2	4
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	38	37	78	14	40
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	68	46	106	13	25
Area Total		734	670	1,609	90	202
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	85	29	62	14	32
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	104	91	266	5	16
9	Cross (Wynne)	87	18	37	2	6
9	Independence (Batesville)	104	96	213	19	47
9	Jackson (New port)	86	33	73	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	117	94	230	12	27
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	20	39	7	12
9	White (Searcy)	186	152	377	12	19
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	30	21	46	7	16
Area Total		825	554	1,343	78	175
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	10	6	10	1	1
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	31	28	67	7	12
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	30	73	5	15
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	21	12	30	2	14
10	Desha (McGehee)	17	12	21	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	26	22	68	4	4
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	21	53	2	7
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	7	7	21	1	1
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	2	7	3	5
10	Phillips (Helena)	25	42	131	8	11
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	62	75	185	3	8
Area Total		247	257	666	36	78
Statewide Total		7,614	5,559	13,367	681	1,589

Appendix G: Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality

Per Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-1104(c), any information regarding a child fatality cannot be released by the Department of Human Services if release of such information would jeopardize a criminal investigation. Of the 53 child fatalities that were reported for SFY 2021, case-specific information could be disclosed for 10 of those incidents at the time of this report’s release (see below).

The website <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/data-reports/state-child-fatality-list/> displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Keith Metz	Pope	2	White	Male	7/18/2020	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Kayton Taal	Crittenden	6	Black	Male	8/9/2020	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Brayden Deertz	Carroll	2	White	Male	8/31/2020	Failure to Protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Elizabeth Watts	Boone	9	White	Female	2/23/2021	Inadequate Shelter / Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Inactive (Unable to Locate) Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Violet Leger	Boone	6	White	Female	8/21/2020	Automobile Accident	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	None

Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Reighan Johnson	Jefferson	0	Black	Female	8/8/2020	Failure to Protect	In Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Mason Stevens	Baxter	6	White	Male	8/28/2020	Inadequate Supervision	In Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Danyelle Jones	Greene	2	White	Female	3/22/2021	Inadequate Supervision	In Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Brennan Hoy	Washington	0	White	Male	3/25/2021	Inadequate Supervision	In Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Estel McCoy	Pope	0	White	Male	5/25/2021	Injury at Variance with Explanation Given	In Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History

Appendix H: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality

Per Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-1108(c), any information regarding the near fatality of a child cannot be released by the Department of Human Services if release of such information would jeopardize a criminal investigation. Of the 16 near fatalities that were reported for SFY 2021, case-specific information could be disclosed for three of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/data-reports/state-child-fatality-list/> displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

True Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #1	Saline	0	Black	Female	7/11/2020	Poison / Noxious Substances	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

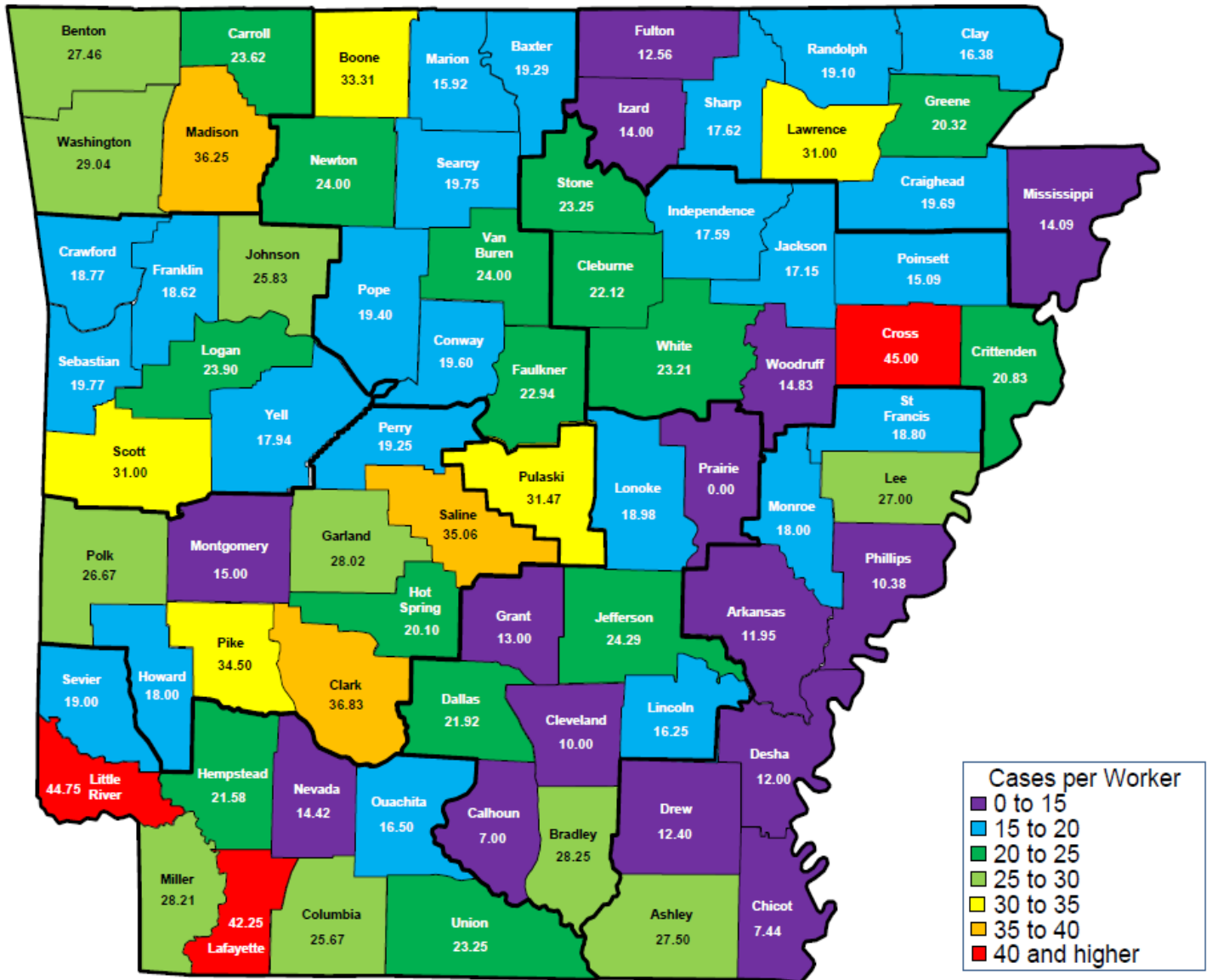
Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #2	Mississippi	0	Black	Male	7/6/2020	Medical Neglect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	No History
Child #3	Craighead	0	Black	Male	8/30/2020	Subdural Hematoma	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History

Appendix I: Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Services Provided Prior to the Incident
Child #1	Pope	9	Native American	Male	2/16/2021	Accidental House Fire	Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #2	Saline	17	Black	Male	3/31/2021	Automobile Accident	Foster Care / Runaway	None	Foster Care
Child #3	Craighead	0	Black	Female	4/11/2021	Cardiac Arrest	Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #4	Garland	16	Multiple	Male	4/14/2021	Gunshot Wound	Foster Care / Runaway	None	Foster Care
Child #5	St. Francis	0	White	Male	6/8/2021	Sudden, Unexplained Infant Death (SUID)	Foster Care / Trial Home Visit with Father	None	Foster Care

Appendix J: Average Caseload as of the End of SFY 2021, by County



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

Appendix K: 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)	5	29	5	11	0	5	1	56
1	Carroll (Berryville)	1	5	0	2	0	1	0	9
1	Madison (Huntsville)	1	2	0	2	0	4	0	9
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	4	25	3	5	0	4	0	41
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	12	0	3	0	6	0	21
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	7	0	2	0	3	0	12
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
2	Logan (Paris)	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	6
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	4	26	2	16	0	14	0	62
2	Yell (Danville)	0	4	0	2	0	9	0	15
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	2	7	5	3	0	9	0	26
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	8
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	5
3	Polk (Mena)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Saline (Benton)	2	18	2	1	0	2	0	25
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	7
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	7
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	3	3	2	0	2	0	10
4	Miller (Texarkana)	1	3	4	8	0	2	0	18
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	6
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	6
4	Union (El Dorado)	3	5	1	5	0	0	0	14
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	9	3	4	0	0	0	16
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	7	1	5	0	5	0	18
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	10
5	Faulkner (Conway)	1	24	5	2	0	2	0	34
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	5	4	3	0	0	0	12
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
6	Pulaski (East)	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	10
6	Pulaski (North)	0	20	3	2	0	0	0	25
6	Pulaski (South)	0	23	6	4	0	3	0	36
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	7	2	2	0	1	0	12
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	6
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	1	7	0	7	1	4	4	24
7	Lincoln (Star City)	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	0	11	0	4	0	0	4	19
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

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	2	0	4	0	1	0	7
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1	9	1	5	0	11	0	27
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	5
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	13	0	8	0	0	0	21
8	Izard (Melbourne)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	7
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	5	0	1	0	2	1	9
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	5
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	11
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	4	1	5	0	1	0	11
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	9
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	2	3	5	0	1	0	11
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	7
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	White (Searcy)	1	19	1	8	0	4	0	33
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	2	0	0	0	3	1	6
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
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	1	0	1
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	5
99	Out of State	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5
Total		36	407	75	180	1	127	16	842

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	112
	Custody/Guardianship	68
Change in Family Circumstances	Moved	19
	Pregnant	8
	Personal Issues	6
	Death of Family Member	2
	Health of Parent	1
	Provider Request	346
Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only	55
	Taking a Break	4
	Became Private Therapeutic Foster Home	2
	True Maltreatment	1
Founded Abuse / Neglect	DHS Request	69
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	5
No Longer Meets Requirements	Arrested	1
	Contract Ended	15
Other	Duplicate	1
	Provider / Services No Longer Needed	127

Appendix L: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, SFY 2021

Five-hundred and seventy-seven (577) reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 588 children in foster care, were reportedly received by the hotline during SFY 2021.

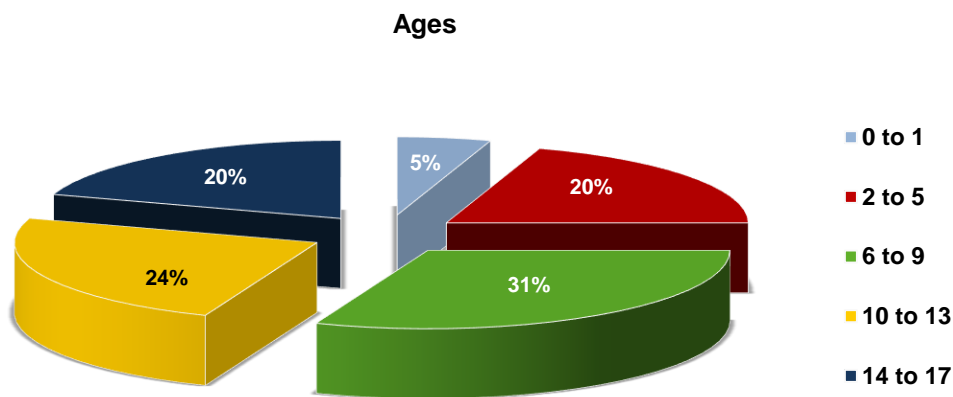
In 109 reports involving 140 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown by the following chart, six of those reports were found to be true.⁶ Five of the six homes involved in those reports were subsequently closed. The remaining home was allowed to remain open after the offender vacated the household.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
SFY 2021**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
6	100	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.

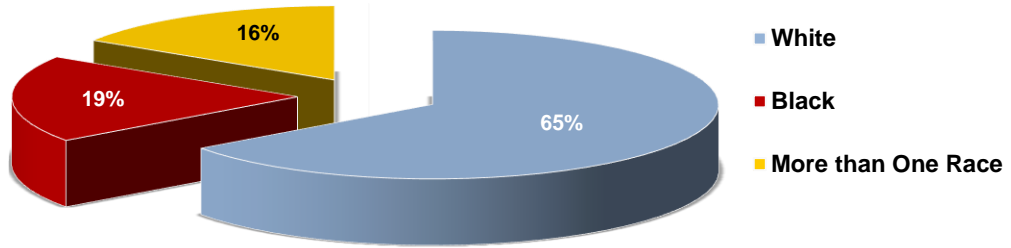
The following charts display the characteristics of the 140 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment, with foster parents as the alleged offenders.



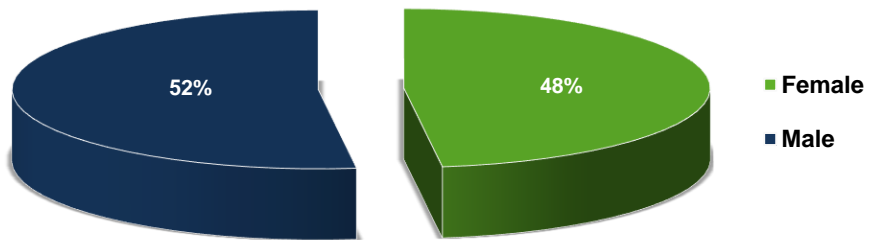
⁵ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

⁶ The number of true investigations involving foster families reported in this report may differ from what was reported in individual quarterly reports for the same time period. This is due to the fact that some true findings can be later overturned to unsubstantiated and some pending findings may now have a final disposition.

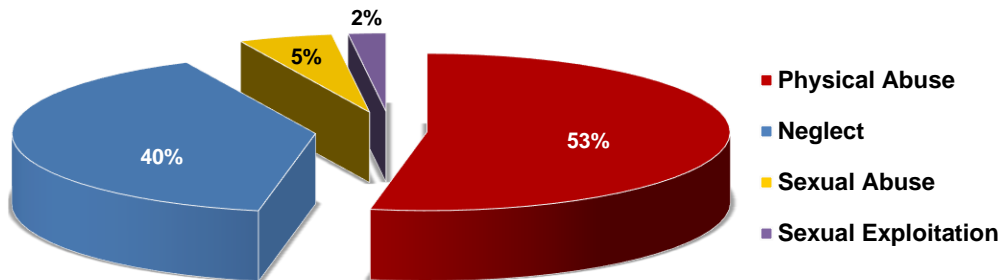
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Allegation



County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)	County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)
Pulaski	14	Pope	3
Benton	13	Conway	2
Faulkner	11	Crittenden	2
Jefferson	9	Cross	2
Washington	7	Jackson	2
Sebastian	6	Lincoln	2
Mississippi	5	Randolph	2
Phillips	5	Cleburne	1
St. Francis	5	Columbia	1
Boone	4	Drew	1
Craighead	4	Hempstead	1
Greene	4	Lawrence	1
Lee	4	Madison	1
Crawford	3	Marion	1
Garland	3	Miller	1
Hot Spring	3	Polk	1
Howard	3	Saline	1
Johnson	3	Union	1
Logan	3	Van Buren	1
Lonoke	3	Yell	1