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AND OUTCOMES
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INTRODUCTION

Act 906 of the 2001 session of the Arkansas legislature requires the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to conduct an annual evaluation of family preservation services. The Act specifies several types of services, including those designed to prevent the removal of children from their homes, facilitate the reunification of families with children who have been removed from their homes, and help children attain safe and appropriate permanent living arrangements in the event that reunification does not occur.

These services encompass virtually all activities DCFS performs in its work with families and children. In this sense, any child or family that DCFS has assessed and/or the agency has opened a case for can be said to be in need of family preservation services. This report addresses whether the assistance and services that children and their families receive lead to positive results.

Within this context, the following report examines DCFS's performance during calendar year 2020 compared with its performance during the preceding two years. Many of the metrics analyzed herein replicate indicators currently monitored by the federal Children's Bureau, while other metrics are commonly used within Arkansas's and other states' child welfare systems. The report metrics are structured around safety, permanency, and well-being.

In addition to assessing statewide performance, this report examines individual service areas and counties' ability to keep children safe, help them gain permanency, and promote their well-being; their performance is detailed in the report as well.

SAFETY

REPORTS ACCEPTED FOR CHILD MALTREATMENT ASSESSMENT

During 2021, Arkansas accepted 27,617 child maltreatment reports for an investigation. The number of reports accepted for investigation increased by 8% from the previous year.

Of those investigations, 21,569 (78%) were assigned to DCFS; the remainder (n=6,048) were assigned to the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division.

DCFS was also responsible for all 4,393 reports that were accepted for differential response (DR) during the year. The number of DRs received increased by 18% from the previous year (Figure 1).

Of assessments (investigations and DRs combined) assigned to DCFS during 2021, 18% originated from Area 1 and nearly 13% originated from Area 8. DCFS staff from Area 10 received the fewest total assessments, followed by those in Areas 4 and 7 (Figure 2).

Figure 1
Accepted Child Maltreatment Reports Statewide

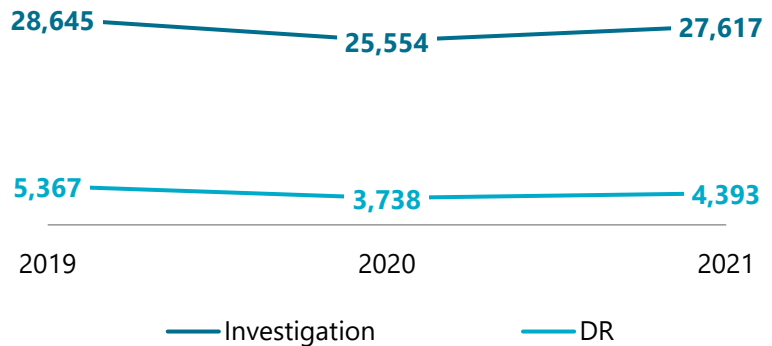
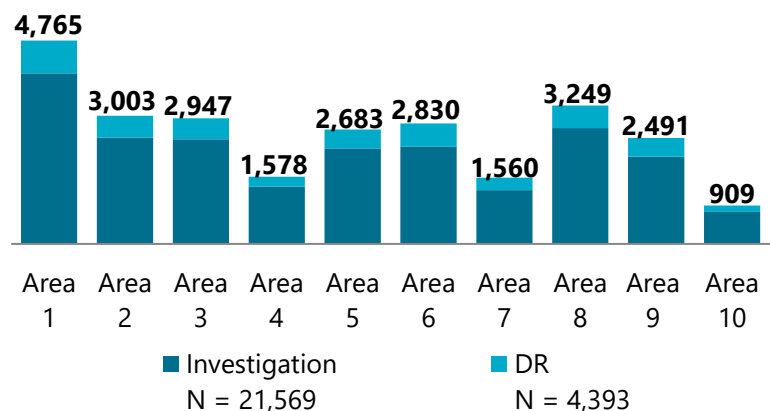


Figure 2
Total Reports Assigned to DCFS by Area



Note: Two reports did not have a county and area identified for the incident.

CHILD MALTREATMENT INVESTIGATIONS

TIMELINESS OF INITIATING INVESTIGATIONS

DCFS staff must see alleged victims within 24 hours of receipt of a priority one report and 72 hours of receipt of a priority two report. Agency staff statewide initiated 80% of their investigations on time during 2021 (Figure 3).

Area 9 had the highest rate (90%) of investigations initiated in a timely manner during the year, followed closely by Areas 2 and 10. For the third consecutive year, the lowest timely initiation rate was in Area 6 (59%), i.e., Pulaski County (Figure 4).

Among other individual counties, the struggle to initiate investigations on time in Garland (50%) and Saline (72%) counties negatively impacted Area 3's initiation rate, as did Union County (64%) in Area 4, and Jefferson County (59%) in Area 7. Appendix Table A1 displays, by county, the percentage of investigations with timely initiation.

Figure 3
Timely Investigation Initiation Statewide

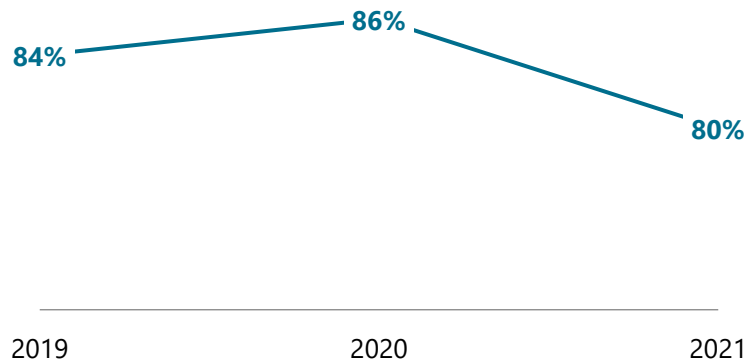
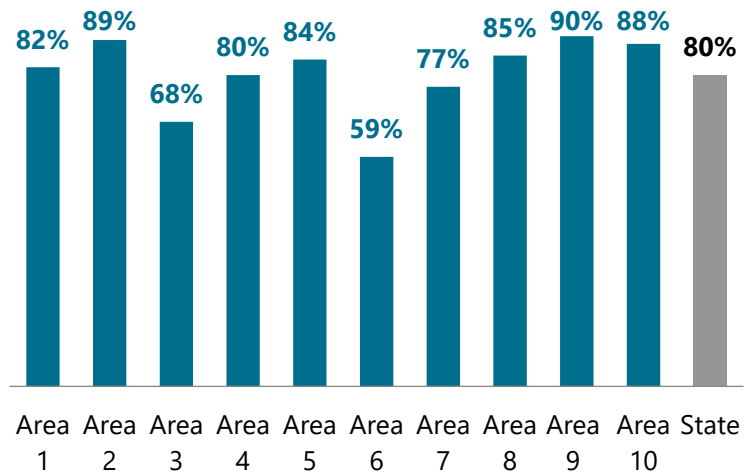


Figure 4
Timely Investigation Initiation by Area



TIMELINESS OF COMPLETING INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations are to be completed within 45 days of receipt of the report. In select instances, a 15-day extension may be granted, resulting in a 60-day completion requirement. DCFS completed 74% of its investigations on time in 2021, a decline from each of the past two years (Figure 5).

Areas 8, 9, and 10 had the highest timely completion rates (Figure 6). Though there were some exceptions (e.g., Greene County in Area 8, Crittenden and Jackson in Area 9), most counties within these areas completed over 90% of their investigations on time. Area 2, which performed well at *initiating* investigations on time, did less well with on-time completion.

Less than 60% of the investigations from each of Areas 3, 4, and 5 were completed on time. Many counties in these areas struggled to complete even half their investigations on time, including Garland and Perry counties in Area 3; Columbia, Lafayette, Nevada, Ouachita, and Union counties in Area 4; and Boone, Conway, Pope, Searcy, and Van Buren counties in Area 5.

Appendix Table A2 displays the percentage of investigations completed on time by county.

Figure 5
Timely Investigation Completion Statewide

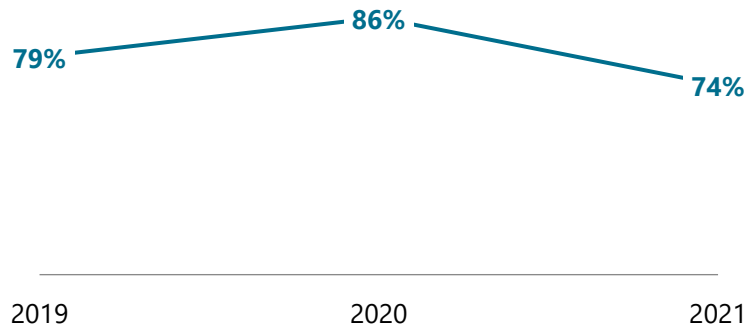
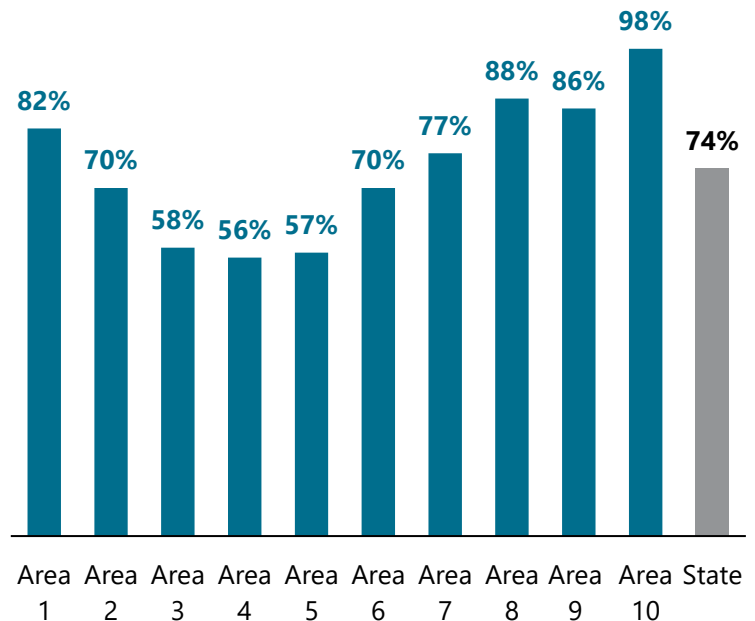


Figure 6
Timely Investigation Completion by Area



SUBSTANTIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

Of all DCFS investigations during 2021, 24% were substantiated, a rate similar to the previous year's (Figure 7).

DCFS staff from Areas 10 (31%) and 4 (30%) had the highest rates of substantiated investigations, followed closely by Areas 5 and 2. For the third consecutive year, Areas 1 and 7 had the lowest substantiated rates (Figure 8).

Among individual counties, investigations were substantiated at the lowest rates in Benton and Washington (Area 1); Yell (Area 2); Saline (Area 3); Calhoun, Dallas, Grant, Lonoke, and Prairie (Area 7); Lawrence and Mississippi (Area 8); and Cleburne and White (Area 9). Meanwhile, over one-third of investigations were substantiated for the following counties: Scott (Area 2); Miller and Sevier (Area 4); Searcy (Area 5); Cleveland (Area 7); Izard (Area 8); Jackson, Poinsett, and Stone (Area 9); and Chicot, Phillips, and St. Francis (Area 10).

Appendix Table A3 displays the percentage of substantiated investigations by county.

Figure 7
Percentage of Substantiated DCFS Investigations Statewide

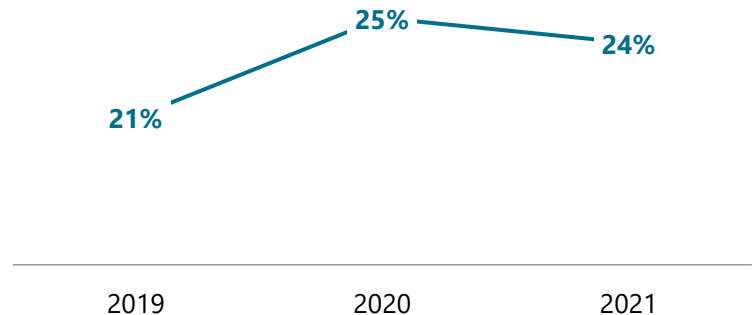
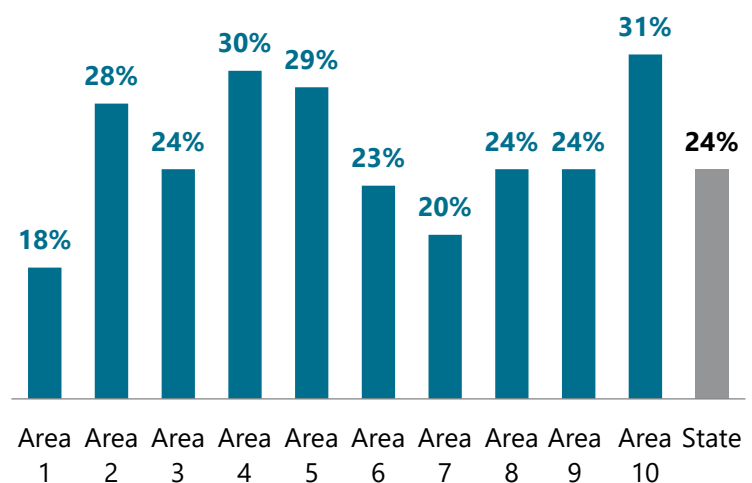


Figure 8
Percentage of Substantiated DCFS Investigations by Area



PREVENTING MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE

Recurrence of maltreatment is measured by examining all victim children maltreated during a 12-month period and identifying how many were revictimized within the next 12 months. For example, for 2021, all child victims of maltreatment during 2020 were tracked to see whether they were victims of a subsequent maltreatment report within 12 months of the initial report.

Of victim children in Arkansas, 6% experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months of a substantiation for 2021. DCFS met the national standard with respect to the recurrence of maltreatment for each of the past three years (Figure 9). All 10 areas also achieved the national standard (Figure 10).

Of the 75 Arkansas counties, 61 met the standard; those that did not were Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Desha, Drew, Franklin, Lafayette, Logan, Madison, Perry, Polk, Pope, Sevier, and Van Buren counties. Aside from Pope, these counties are generally rural (i.e., sparsely populated).

Appendix Table A4 displays the percentage of children who experienced maltreatment recurrence by county.

Figure 9
Recurrence Within 12 Months Statewide

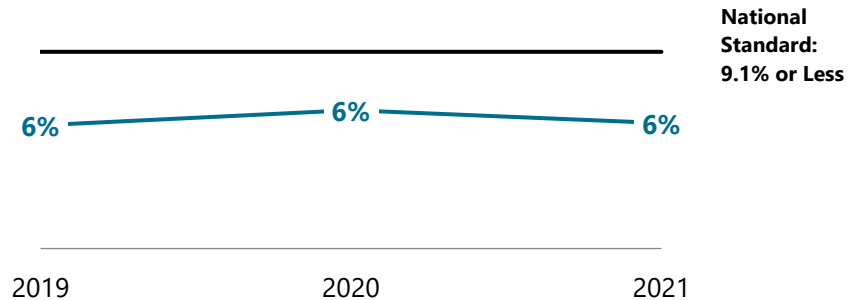
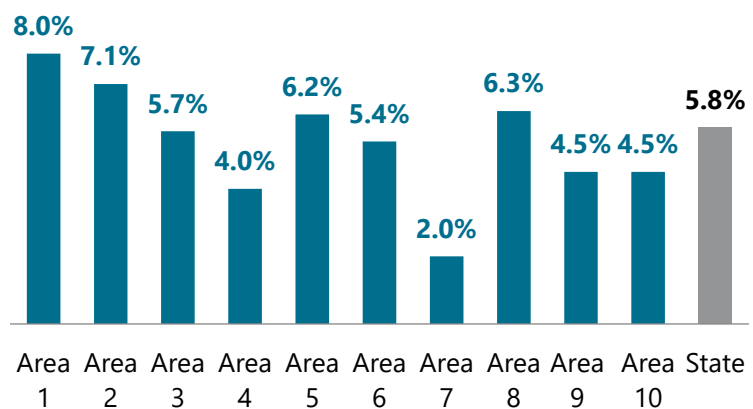


Figure 10
Recurrence Within 12 Months by Area



DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE ASSESSMENTS

TIMELINESS OF INITIATING DR REFERRAL

DCFS must see all alleged victim children and at least one caregiver within 72 hours for DR referrals. Arkansas initiated 67% of DRs on time during 2021, a decline from each of the past two years (Figure 11).

While Areas 5 and 10 performed comparatively well, the lone area that truly excelled at initiating DRs on time was Area 8 (Figure 12). Outside of the counties comprising Area 8—where each of the nine counties initiated at least 95% of DRs on time—only a handful of counties performed well at on-time initiations. Specifically, over 90% of DRs were initiated on time in Columbia County (Area 4); Conway (Area 5); and Desha, Lee, and St. Francis counties (Area 10).

Area 2 struggled the most at initiating DRs on time, followed by Areas 9 and 3. Less than half of DRs were initiated on time in numerous counties throughout these areas, including Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Yell (Area 2); Perry and Saline (Area 3); and Cleburne, Crittenden, White, and Woodruff (Area 9).

Appendix Table A5 displays the percentage of timely DRs initiated by county.

Figure 11
Timely DR Referral Initiation Statewide

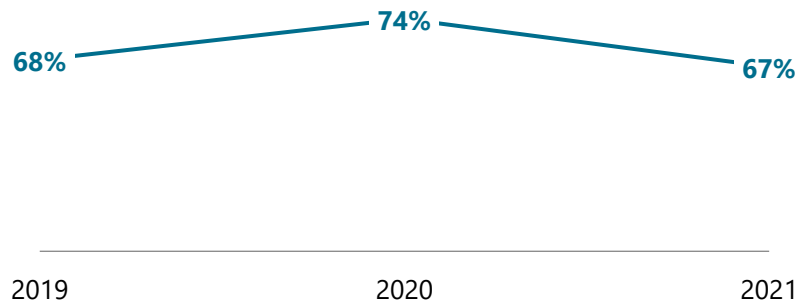
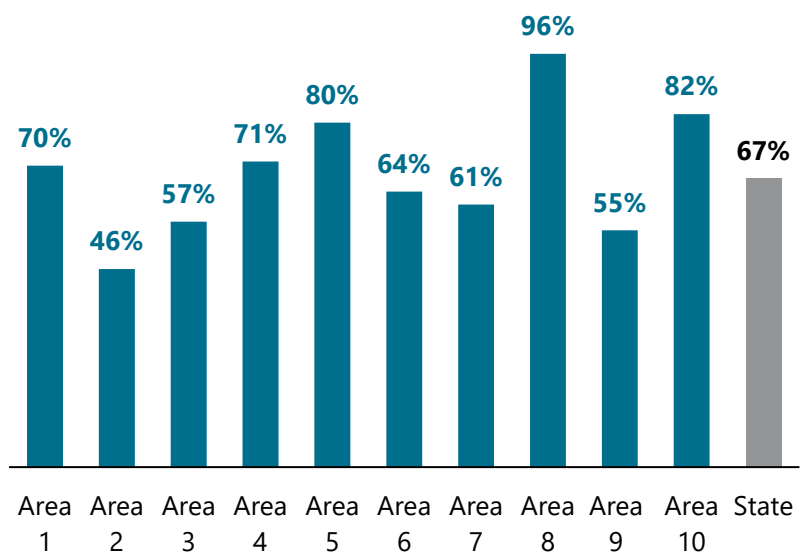


Figure 12
Timely DR Referral Initiation by Area



TIMELINESS OF COMPLETING DR REFERRALS

Reports assigned for DR must be closed within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, up to two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days. DCFS completed 66% of DRs on time for 2021. This was a decrease from the previous two years (Figure 13).

As was the case with DR initiations, Area 8 stood alone as the only area where staff completed over 90% of DRs in a timely manner (Figure 14). Area 7 came next-closest (80%). Several counties in these areas generally performed well, including Craighead, Fulton, Izard, Lawrence, Mississippi, and Sharp in Area 8, and Cleveland, Grant, and Lonoke in Area 7.

For the second consecutive year, the lowest DR completion rates were observed in Areas 6 (40%) and 3 (44%). Four counties within Area 3—Howard, Montgomery, Pike, and Polk—each completed less than 15% of DRs on time during 2021.

Appendix Table A6 displays timely DR completion by county.

Figure 13
Timely DR Referral Completion Statewide

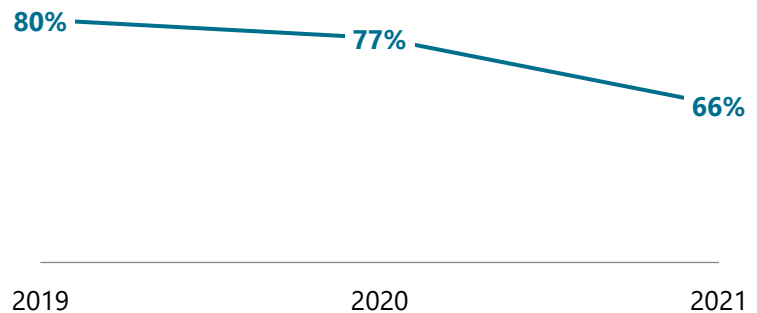
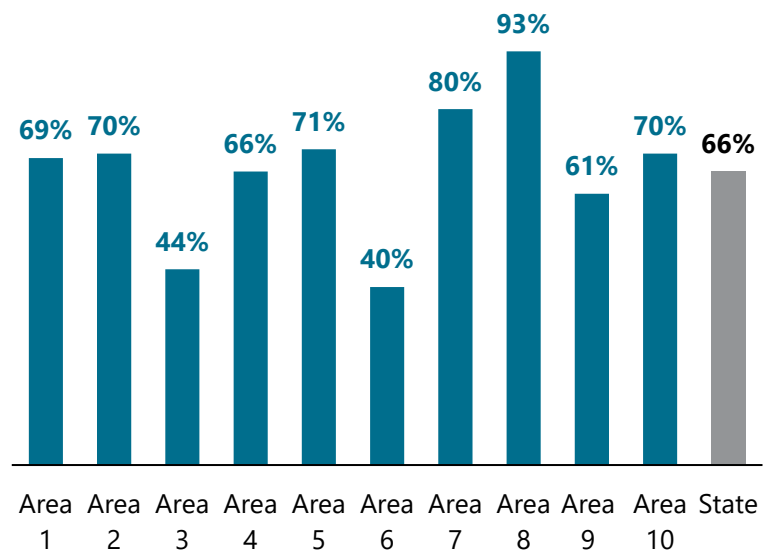


Figure 14
Timely DR Referral Completion by Area



IN-HOME PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES

When a maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS involvement with a family but there is no immediate threat to any child's safety, the agency can provide in-home protective services to the family in which no children are removed from the home. DCFS was responsible for 2,506 open in-home cases at the end of 2021, which was similar to the number of open cases just one year before (Figure 15). Figure 16 displays the number of in-home cases by area.

The number of in-home cases decreased in six of the 10 areas since the end of 2020, with the largest declines occurring in Areas 1 (385 to 317) and 8 (281 to 232). The largest increase in in-home cases from 2020 to 2021 occurred in Areas 9 (205 to 257) and 5 (258 to 295).

Among counties, the largest net decreases in in-home cases occurred in Craighead (135 to 80), Washington (210 to 171), and Madison (24 to 9). The largest net increases in in-home cases occurred in Faulkner (70 to 108), Sebastian (122 to 141), Jackson (11 to 29), Poinsett (26 to 44), and Lonoke (25 to 41).

Appendix Table A7 reviews the number of in-home protective services cases open at the end of the year by county.

Figure 15
Open In-Home Protective Services Cases Statewide

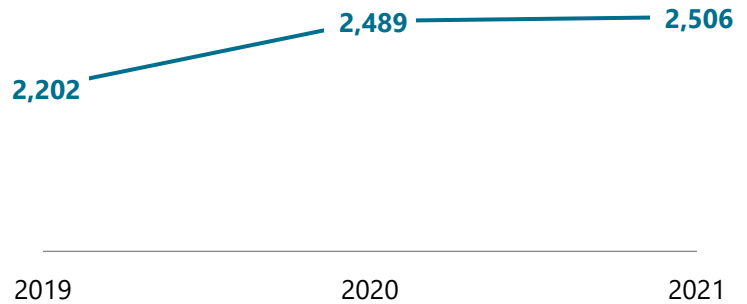
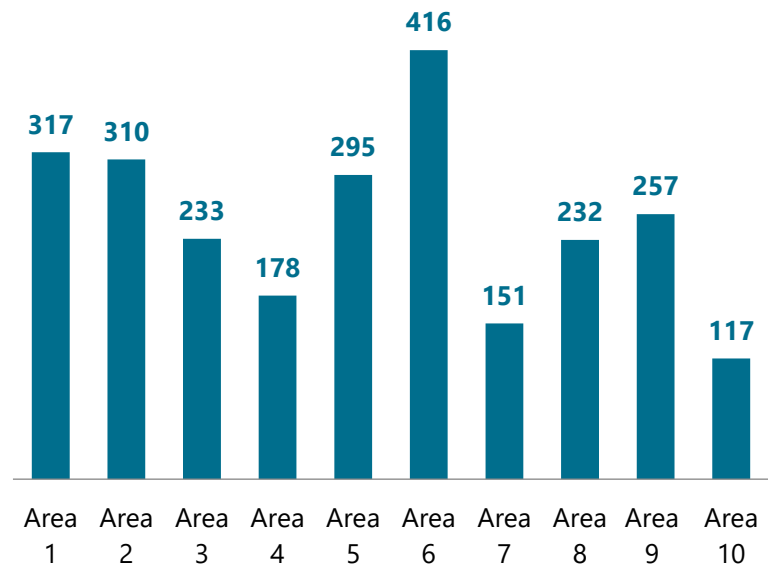


Figure 16
Open In-Home Protective Services Cases by Area



N = 2,506

DISCUSSION

STRENGTHS

Arkansas accepted 27,617 child maltreatment reports for investigation and another 4,393 for DR during 2021. The number of investigations increased by 8% and DRs increased by 18% from the previous year. In 2021, DCFS was responsible for 21,569 (78%) investigations and all DRs received.

DCFS successfully limited the recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months of a substantiated report, bettering the national standard (9.1% or less) for each of the last three years. All 10 areas met the standard for 2021, and the vast majority of individual counties did so as well.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Improvement is necessary to ensure that the children and families cited in reports of maltreatment are seen more quickly. The rates at which DCFS initiates and completes both its investigations and DRs declined across the board during 2021. Agency staff initiated 80% and completed 74% of their investigations on time, and they initiated 67% and completed 66% of DRs on time.

While numerous areas struggled to initiate and complete investigations and DRs on time, those investigations and DRs originating from Areas 3 and 6 were especially challenging for DCFS staff.

PERMANENCY

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

THE POPULATION

A total of 4,631 children were in foster care at the end of 2021, a slim decrease from one year prior (Figure 17). The number of children in foster care is approximately 12% lower than the all-time high of 5,234 that was reached during 2016 (not shown). Figure 18 displays children in care by area.

Area 1's foster child population plummeted during the year (581 to 479), with considerable decreases observed for both Benton (184 to 127) and Madison (64 to 35) counties. Area 2's foster child population also decreased (857 to 802), with the largest net decrease occurring in Sebastian County (556 to 487). More modest decreases occurred in Areas 4 (387 to 368), 9 (490 to 483), and 10 (165 to 135). The foster child population increased in the remaining five areas, with the largest net increase in Area 6 (621 to 678). Much of the increase in Area 3 (412 to 451) can be attributed to Clark (17 to 40) and Garland (177 to 205) counties, and the increase in Area 5 (401 to 460) can be largely attributed to Faulkner (115 to 149) and Pope (64 to 90) counties.

Appendix Table A8 displays the number of children in care at the end of the year by county.

Figure 17
Children in Foster Care Statewide

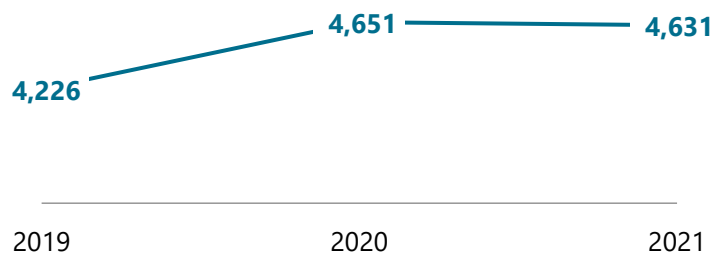
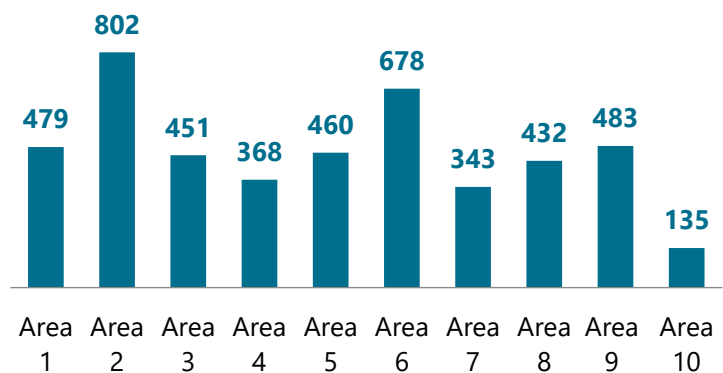


Figure 18
Children in Foster Care by Area



N = 4,651

PROXIMITY OF CHILDREN'S PLACEMENTS

Of children in care at the end of 2021, 69% were residing in a placement setting either within the same county from which they were removed or a neighboring county (Figure 19). This was similar to the previous two years.

Areas 1, 6, and 7 placed at least three quarters of children in close proximity to their homes, a higher rate than in the remaining seven areas (Figure 20).

At the other end of the spectrum, just half (50%) of the children from Area 10 were placed in close proximity to their homes. With the exception of Lee, Monroe, and Phillips counties—which actually performed quite well at placing children close to home—the counties in Area 10 struggled to place children close by.

Counties that drove performance within their areas include Benton (90%) in Area 1, Crawford (35%) and Sebastian (69%) in Area 2, Garland (75%) and Saline (88%) in Area 3, Miller (54%) in Area 4, Faulkner (70%) and Pope (71%) in Area 5, Jefferson (78%) and Lonoke (86%) in Area 7, Craighead (86%) and Greene (71%) in Area 8, and White (68%) in Area 9.

Appendix Table A9 displays the percentage of foster children placed in (1) their home county and (2) their home county or a neighboring county, by removal county.

Figure 19
Proximity of Child's Placement
(Same or Neighboring County) Statewide

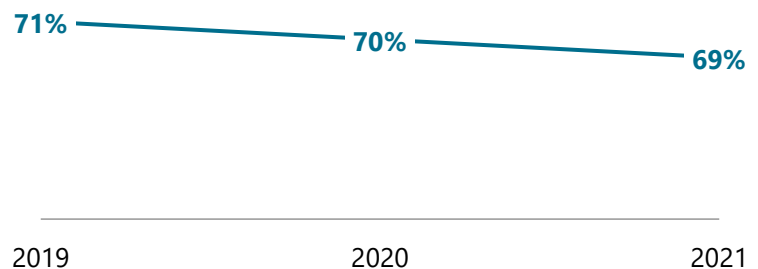
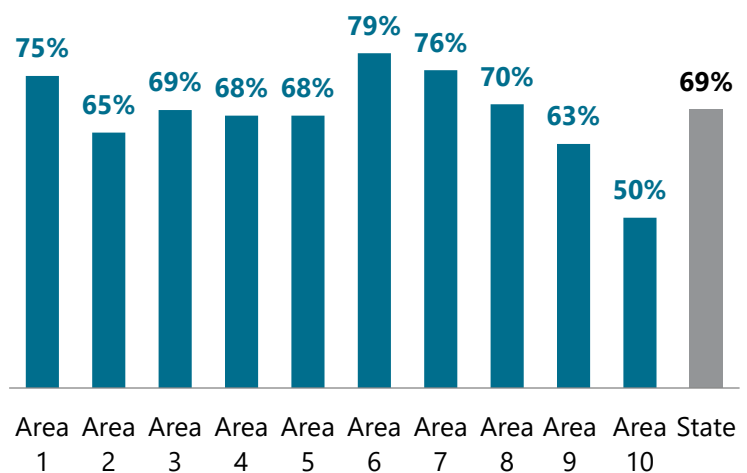


Figure 20
Proximity of Child's Placement
(Same or Neighboring County) by Area



CHILD REMOVALS AFTER SUBSTANTIATION

DCFS staff removed 19% of the victim children in response to a true report (i.e., the children were removed from their home either during the investigation or within 10 days of its closure) in 2021, which was a slightly lower rate than in the previous two years (Figure 21).

For the second consecutive year, victim children from Area 10 (11%) were least likely to be removed in response to a true report. In all but one county in the Area, the removal rate was less than 16%.

The next-lowest removal rates were observed for Areas 2 and 8 (17% each). Crawford had the lowest removal rate (11%) in Area 2, and Craighead had the lowest (8%) in Area 8.

For the third consecutive year, the area where victim children were most likely to be removed in response to a true report was Area 4 (29%). This removal rate was driven by Sevier (42%), Little River (38%), and Columbia (31%) counties.

Appendix Table A10 displays the percentage of children removed from their homes in response to a true report (i.e., substantiation) by county.

Figure 21
Child Removal After Substantiation Statewide

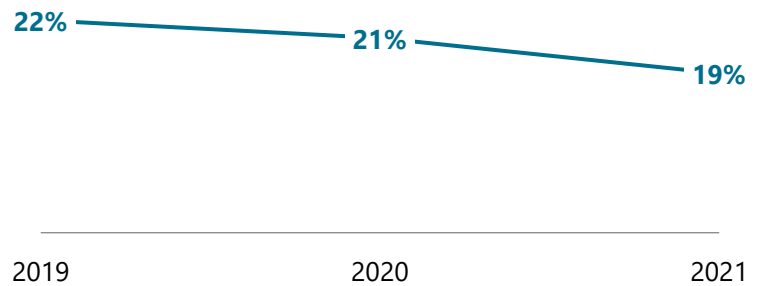
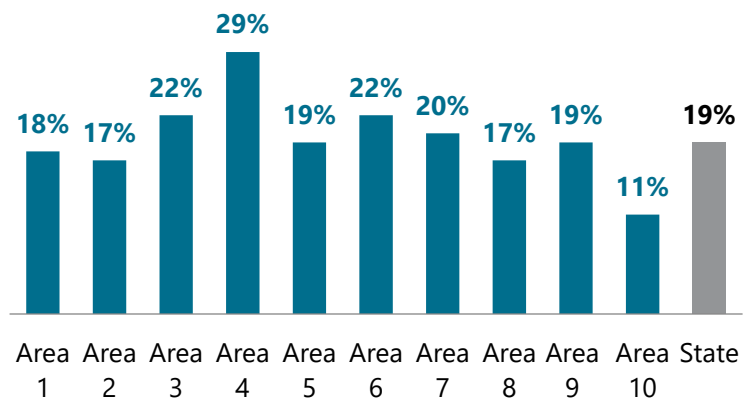


Figure 22
Child Removal After Substantiation by Area



PERFORMANCE METRICS ON PERMANENCY

PLACEMENT WITH RELATIVES

Data show that children placed with relatives achieve better outcomes than those placed with non-relatives. As a result, DCFS has made a deliberate effort in recent years to use relatives as appropriate foster care placements. As of the end of 2021, 42% of children in care were in relative placements, higher than the rate observed for the previous two years (Figure 23). Six years ago (2015), the relative placement rate was less than 20% (not shown).

Seven of the 10 areas—Areas 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10—met the agency’s goal of 40%, and Area 3 (39%) came very close (Figure 24). The best-performing county within each of these areas was Logan (Area 2), Clark (Area 3), Nevada (Area 4), Searcy (Area 5), Calhoun (Area 7), Clay (Area 8), and Lee (Area 10). Area 6’s relative placement rate (40%) doubled from two years ago (20%).

Though its relative placement rate had improved from one year ago, Area 9 had the lowest relative placement rate for the second consecutive year (31%; Figure 24). Some counties within Area 9 did well at placing children with relatives (e.g., Cross at 47%); others were less successful (e.g., Crittenden at 19%).

Appendix Table A11 displays the percentage of children in care residing with relatives by county.

Figure 23
Placement With Relatives Statewide

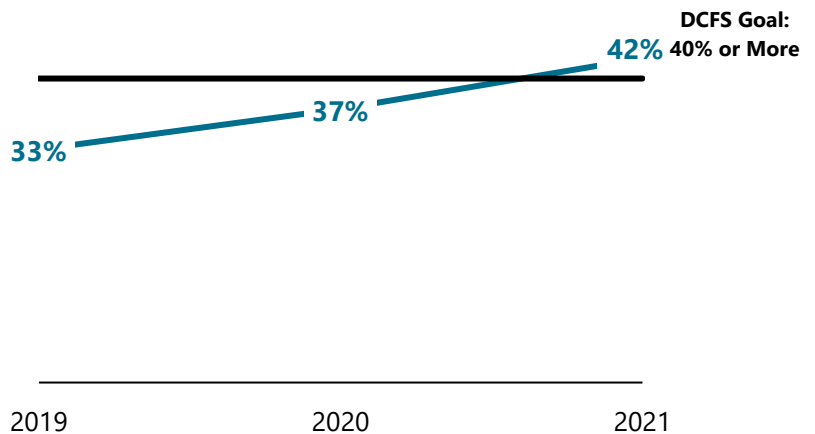
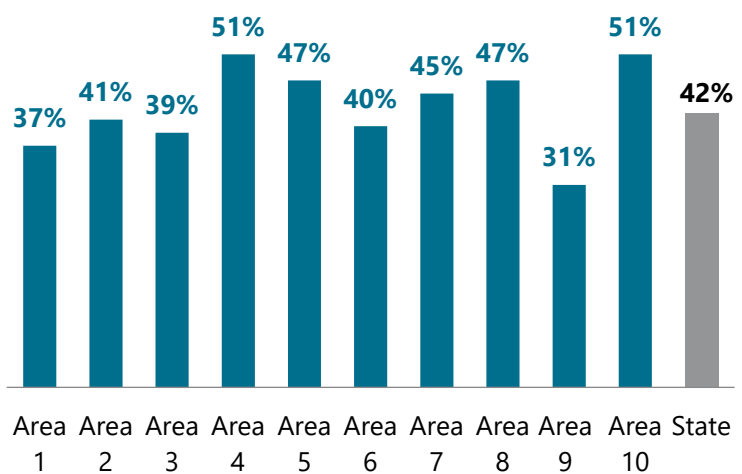


Figure 24
Placement With Relatives by Area



PLACEMENT STABILITY

Placement stability is measured by the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days in care for children who enter care over a 12-month period. The national standard is a rate of 4.12 or less.

For 2021, the placement stability rate was 5.25, lower than the rate observed for the past two years but still higher than the national standard (Figure 25). In 2015, the placement stability rate was 7.54 (not shown).

Children entering care from Area 7 reached, on average, greater placement stability than those from any other area, followed by those from Area 10 (Figure 26). Compared to the previous year, the placement rate decreased by approximately two moves, on average, for children entering care from Areas 6, 7, 8, and 10.

Children entering care from Areas 3 and 9 experienced the highest number of moves on average (Figure 26).

Overall, one third (25 out of 75) of Arkansas’s 75 counties met the national standard for placement stability. Saline County (Area 3), Craighead County (Area 8), and Lonoke County (Area 7)—the sixth, seventh, and tenth most populous in the state—excelled at limiting children’s moves.

Appendix Table A12 displays placement stability rates by county.

Figure 25
Placement Stability Rate Statewide

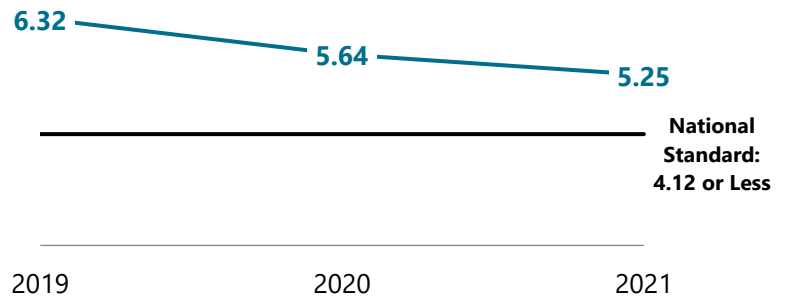
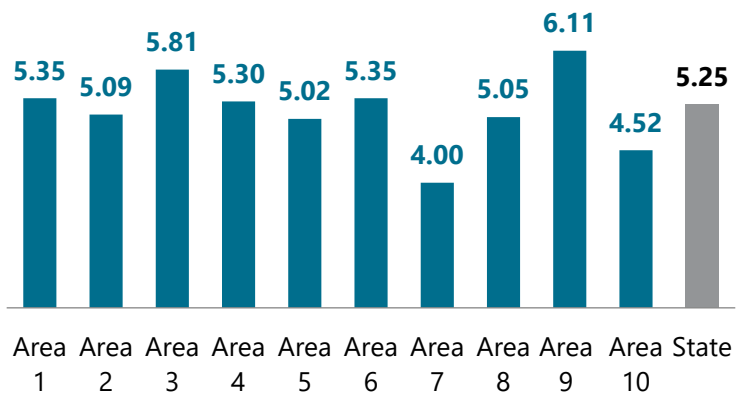


Figure 26
Placement Stability Rate by Area



REACHING PERMANENCY

Arkansas came very close to meeting the national standard of 40.5% or more for achieving permanency for children within 12 months of removal (Figure 27). Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, noncustodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

Four of the 10 areas—Areas 1, 4, 8, and 9—met the national standard, while Areas 3 and 7 came close (Figure 28).

The state met the national standards of 43.6% for children in care for 12 to 23 months who reached permanency within the subsequent 12 months (57%) and the national standard of 30.3% for children in care for 24 months or longer who reached permanency within the ensuing 12 months (32%). Eight of the 10 areas (Areas 6 and 10 were the exceptions) met the standard for the 12- to 23-month interval. For the interval of 24 months or longer, eight of the 10 areas (Areas 4 and 7 were the exceptions) either met or came close to meeting the standard.

Appendix Tables A13–A15 display the state’s performance with respect to achieving permanency for these three intervals by county.

Figure 27
Permanency Within 12 Months of Entering Care Statewide

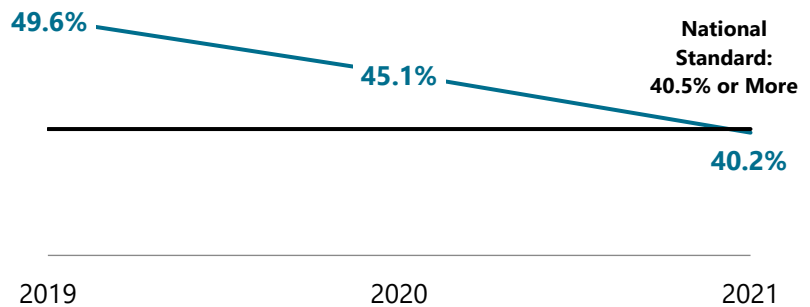
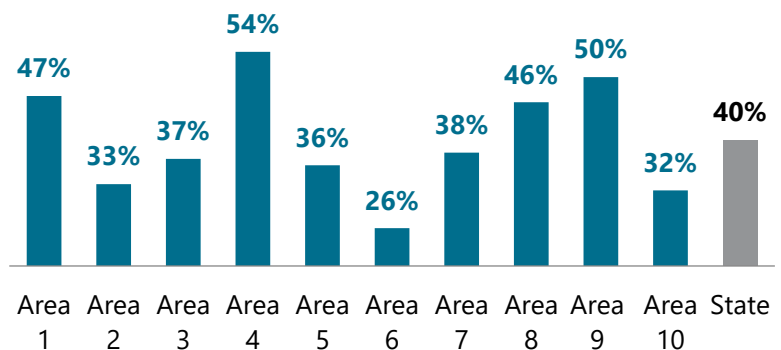


Figure 28
Permanency Within 12 Months of Entering Care by Area



PREVENTING FOSTER CARE REENTRY

Arkansas consistently meets the national standard (8.3% or less) for preventing child reentry into foster care within 12 months of discharge. For 2021, the statewide reentry rate was similar to the previous two years (Figure 29).

Seven of the 10 areas—Areas 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10—met the standard for limiting child reentry into care, and Area 4 came close to doing so. At the other end of the spectrum, a quarter (26%) of the children who had reunified in Area 6 subsequently reentered care within 12 months (Figure 30). Area 6 had met the standard in the previous two years.

After performing well at limiting reentries in 2020, Area 8 did less well in 2021. Area 8's struggles stemmed largely from Craighead (18%) and Greene (14%) counties.

Appendix Table A16 displays child foster care reentry rates by county.

Figure 29
Reentries Within 12 Months Statewide

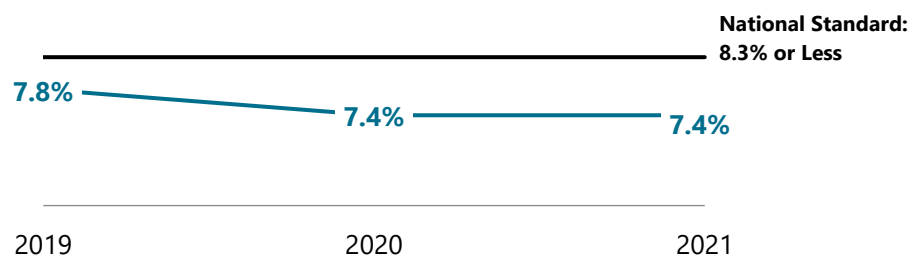
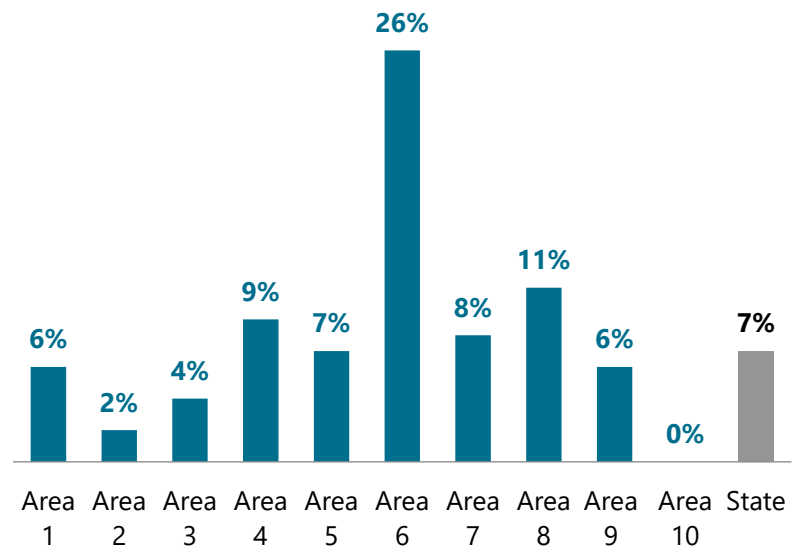


Figure 30
Reentries Within 12 Months by Area



TIME TO ADOPTION

Arkansas finalized adoptions for 788 children during 2021, which was higher than the number finalized during 2020 but not at the level seen in 2019 (Figure 31).

The average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 11 months for 2021, nearly three months sooner than in 2020 and two months sooner than in 2019 (Figure 32). As a result, Arkansas bettered the national average of 12.1 months.

In seven areas, adoptions were finalized faster than the national average of 12.1 months; Area 4 took an average of six months to finalize adoptions, Areas 9 and 10 took an average of between seven and eight months, and Areas 3, 5, 7, and 8 took an average of between nine and 11 months.

Adoptions finalized in Areas 1, 2, and 6 took between 13 and 14 months, on average. Adoptions in Washington County (Area 1) took just over 15 months, while those in Sebastian County (Area 2) took nearly 17 months.

Appendix Table A17 displays the number of finalized adoptions and the average time from TPR to adoption finalization by county.

Figure 31
Number of Finalized Adoptions Statewide

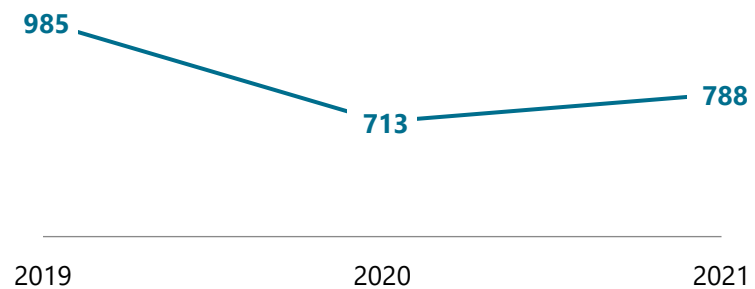
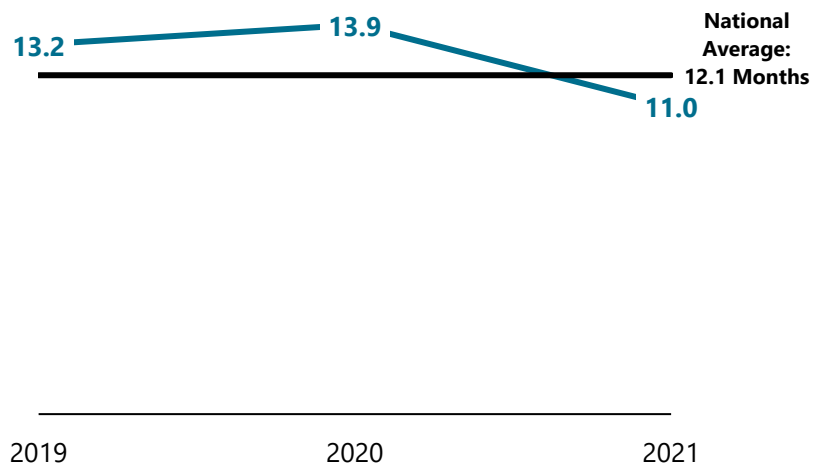


Figure 32
Time in Months From TPR to Adoption Finalization Statewide



DISCUSSION

STRENGTHS

The number of children in foster care decreased slightly during 2021; and at the end of the year, 4,631 children were in care. DCFS generally performed well on most activities designed to preserve children's existing connections and expedite permanency.

Arkansas' research has shown that children placed with relatives have achieved better outcomes than those placed with non-relatives. As of the end of 2021, 42% of children in foster care were residing with relatives, which was five percentage points higher than one year prior and more than double that of six years prior (20%). The use of relative placements has positively affected Arkansas's placement stability rate, which decreased considerably over this same six-year timeframe—from 7.54 in 2015 to 5.25 in 2021.

DCFS did well at moving children in care toward permanency regardless of their length of time in care. For each of the past three years, the agency either met or very nearly met the federal standards with respect to achieving permanency within 12 months for (1) children who entered care during the year, (2) children in care for 12 to 23 months, and (3) children in care for 24 months or longer.

Arkansas also did well at moving children needing permanency toward adoption. For the 788 adoptions finalized during 2021, the average length of time from TPR to finalization was 11 months, three months sooner than the previous year and over a month sooner than the national average of 12.1 months.

DCFS likewise performed well at preventing children in foster care who reunify with their families from reentering care within 12 months. Arkansas met the national standard of 8.3% or less for the fourth consecutive year.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Although DCFS has made considerable improvements in children's foster care placement stability in recent years, the rate still falls below the national standard. While the agency's focus on relative homes has proven to be successful thus far, the agency continues to explore strategies to increase its pool of non-relative foster homes that could serve as long-term placements for children who lack an appropriate relative caregiver.

A greater variety of placement options would also likely allow the agency to increase the number of foster children residing in a placement setting in close proximity to their homes, i.e., either within their removal county or a neighboring county. For each of the past three years, seven out of every 10 children in care were placed in close proximity to their homes.

WELL-BEING

ASSESSING AND VISITING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

DCFS must assess children and families in in-home and foster care cases on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and provide appropriate services. DCFS’s primary means of assessing and monitoring children and families is consistent face-to-face visits. Workers must visit each child in care in the placement setting once a month; for in-home protective services cases, workers must visit family members in their home at least once a month.

DCFS workers completed 76% of visits to in-home families during 2021, a rate similar to the previous two years but lower than DCFS’s goal of 85% (Figure 33). In 2015, the in-home visitation rate was 56% (not shown).

Area 4 (86%) was the lone area to surpass DCFS’s goal for 2021, though Areas 2 and 8 came close (Figure 34). Nearly all counties from these three areas completed over 80% of their required in-home visits.

The in-home visitation rate plummeted to 36% in Area 6, by far the lowest of all areas, and far below the Area’s performance from just two years ago (79%). Areas 1 and 7 also struggled to complete their required in-home visits. The struggles were most evident in Washington County (47%) in Area 1 and Jefferson County (38%) in Area 7.

Appendix Table A18 displays the agency’s performance at visiting in-home families by county.

Figure 33
Monthly Worker Visitation With In-Home Families Statewide

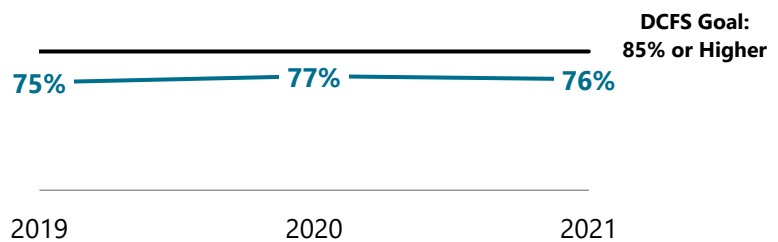
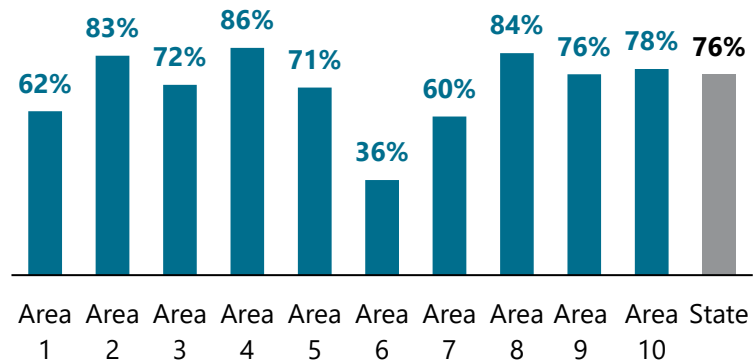


Figure 34
Monthly Worker Visitation With In-Home Families by Area



VISITING CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

DCFS completed 77% of its required monthly visits to see foster children in their placement during 2021, which was eight percentage points lower than the visitation rate observed for each of the previous two years (Figure 35). Six years ago (2015), the foster child visitation rate was 73% (not shown).

Three areas—3, 4, and 10—came closest to meeting DCFS’s goal of 95% for monthly visits to foster children during 2021, which was fewer than the previous year when eight areas met the goal of 85%. Area 6, which had made 86% of its visits just two years ago, fell to 54% (Figure 36).

Aside from Area 6 (i.e., Pulaski County), the lowest foster child visitation rates were in Areas 2 and 9. In particular, DCFS struggled to visit children from Sebastian County (67%) in Area 2 and White (58%) and Crittenden (64%) counties in Area 9.

Appendix Table A19 displays the agency’s rate of visiting children in care by county.

Figure 35
Monthly Worker Visitation With Children in Foster Care Statewide

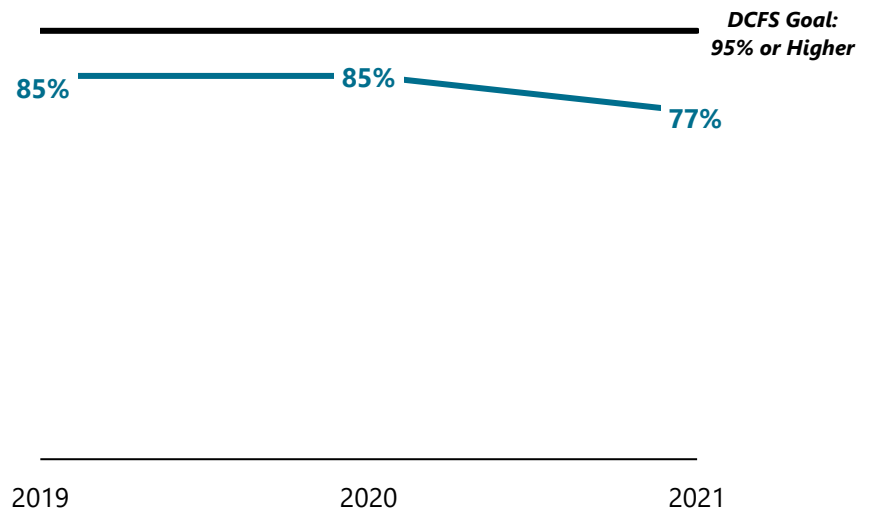
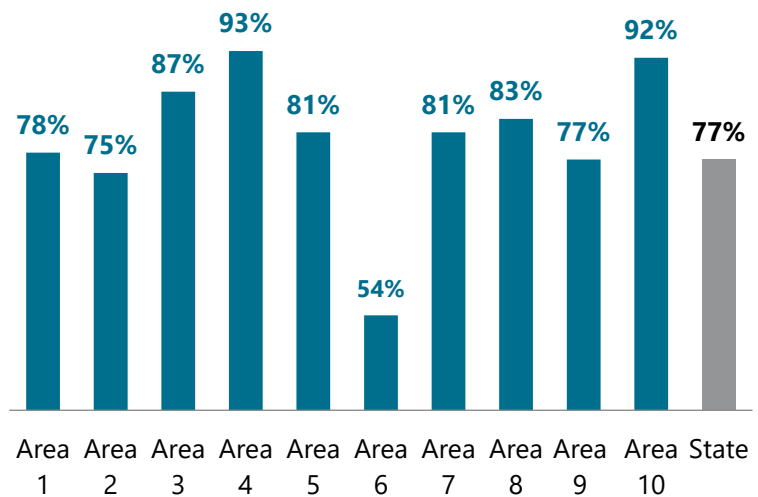


Figure 36
Foster Child Monthly Visits by Area



DISCUSSION

STRENGTHS

DCFS workers made more than three quarters of their required visits to see families with in-home cases and children in foster care during each of the past three years (i.e., 2019, 2020, 2021). DCFS performed well enough at completing visits to see children in foster care during 2019 and 2020 that it raised its foster child visitation goal from 85% to 95% for 2021.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

While DCFS has generally improved the frequency at which it monitors in-home cases, especially when compared to its performance from six years ago, efforts will need to become more consistent to reach the in-home visitation goal of 85%. Similarly, DCFS will need to make a more concerted effort to reach its newly established foster child visitation goal of 95%.

Progress is clearly desired in several pockets of the state (e.g., Area 1), but the most immediate need is in Area 6. Addressing the situation in Area 6 (i.e., Pulaski County), where—in any given month—just one out of every three in-home cases and just one out of every two children in foster care had received a face-to-face caseworker visit—would go a long way toward helping DCFS reach its visitation goals.

APPENDIX: TABLES

TABLE A1			
PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY INITIATION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	87.6%	89.1%	78.5%
Carroll	85.0%	86.0%	87.4%
Madison	81.5%	85.9%	68.0%
Washington	79.6%	74.8%	84.7%
Total	83.7%	82.4%	81.6%
Area 2			
Crawford	92.9%	91.4%	89.4%
Franklin	92.1%	92.0%	81.6%
Johnson	87.7%	93.2%	95.2%
Logan	81.2%	89.5%	91.2%
Scott	82.1%	91.6%	88.4%
Sebastian	82.1%	88.6%	88.3%
Yell	77.7%	90.2%	87.9%
Total	85.2%	90.1%	88.9%
Area 3			
Clark	86.2%	90.7%	75.6%
Garland	76.2%	71.5%	50.1%
Hot Spring	85.2%	95.0%	87.0%
Howard	88.0%	91.7%	83.3%
Montgomery	96.9%	93.6%	96.5%
Perry	61.5%	71.0%	50.0%
Pike	89.9%	93.4%	80.9%
Polk	91.0%	94.0%	93.1%
Saline	75.2%	79.7%	71.8%
Total	79.3%	80.9%	68.0%

TABLE A1			
PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY INITIATION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	90.5%	89.6%	79.0%
Hempstead	82.9%	84.8%	80.3%
Lafayette	91.5%	80.0%	68.4%
Little River	88.9%	95.1%	87.9%
Miller	86.6%	91.3%	83.9%
Nevada	89.7%	73.9%	80.0%
Ouachita	74.3%	85.6%	78.8%
Sevier	93.3%	94.9%	93.5%
Union	79.5%	83.7%	64.3%
Total	84.6%	88.0%	80.0%
Area 5			
Baxter	91.4%	95.9%	91.9%
Boone	90.2%	90.1%	76.0%
Conway	88.2%	85.9%	89.8%
Faulkner	77.0%	83.6%	81.6%
Marion	95.4%	98.3%	97.5%
Newton	92.3%	95.1%	82.9%
Pope	90.2%	80.7%	83.9%
Searcy	72.3%	80.4%	68.4%
Van Buren	74.2%	82.0%	77.3%
Total	84.3%	86.5%	83.5%
Area 6			
Pulaski	75.9%	75.3%	59.1%
Total	75.9%	75.3%	59.1%

TABLE A1			
PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY INITIATION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	79.7%	73.2%	68.8%
Calhoun	66.7%	77.8%	63.6%
Cleveland	69.4%	92.9%	81.1%
Dallas	73.3%	88.8%	86.3%
Grant	84.6%	95.9%	64.3%
Jefferson	65.2%	69.5%	59.2%
Lincoln	86.4%	93.8%	90.0%
Lonoke	94.9%	96.3%	90.1%
Prairie	98.1%	100.0%	89.7%
Total	83.0%	86.8%	77.2%
Area 8			
Clay	96.1%	99.0%	99.2%
Craighead	88.0%	90.6%	89.5%
Fulton	91.3%	94.6%	96.4%
Greene	86.9%	89.2%	72.4%
Izard	94.0%	97.1%	92.8%
Lawrence	89.9%	96.3%	80.1%
Mississippi	92.1%	92.9%	86.0%
Randolph	94.0%	96.7%	88.5%
Sharp	93.4%	94.8%	90.6%
Total	89.8%	92.3%	85.4%
Area 9			
Cleburne	97.0%	99.5%	97.5%
Crittenden	74.1%	69.0%	75.6%
Cross	87.4%	92.2%	88.0%
Independence	92.4%	94.2%	95.5%
Jackson	91.4%	87.0%	83.1%
Poinsett	87.5%	86.5%	83.5%
Stone	98.9%	97.2%	98.9%
White	85.8%	90.9%	93.7%
Woodruff	94.6%	94.9%	90.0%
Total	87.1%	88.6%	89.5%

TABLE A1			
PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY INITIATION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	93.7%	96.9%	88.6%
Ashley	92.9%	94.4%	92.6%
Chicot	96.6%	93.8%	93.6%
Desha	96.2%	97.9%	90.3%
Drew	97.0%	97.1%	87.8%
Lee	86.0%	97.7%	83.8%
Monroe	91.1%	89.3%	89.5%
Phillips	90.4%	86.5%	86.1%
St. Francis	91.4%	91.3%	84.5%
Total	93.1%	93.4%	88.0%
TOTAL	84.0%	85.6%	79.8%

TABLE A2

PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	91.2%	93.2%	83.3%
Carroll	89.1%	97.3%	86.6%
Madison	83.2%	96.9%	58.7%
Washington	75.5%	77.3%	81.4%
Total	83.9%	86.6%	81.7%
Area 2			
Crawford	95.0%	95.4%	79.8%
Franklin	95.0%	100.0%	78.7%
Johnson	100.0%	99.0%	99.0%
Logan	86.0%	98.3%	95.1%
Scott	69.2%	91.6%	91.9%
Sebastian	46.4%	91.8%	51.1%
Yell	70.9%	96.1%	92.2%
Total	70.7%	94.5%	70.4%
Area 3			
Clark	97.1%	96.6%	64.7%
Garland	54.2%	74.5%	30.7%
Hot Spring	94.3%	93.7%	88.7%
Howard	97.6%	94.0%	88.2%
Montgomery	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Perry	50.8%	54.8%	16.2%
Pike	95.7%	95.1%	94.1%
Polk	89.1%	88.8%	70.1%
Saline	64.5%	73.1%	67.1%
Total	70.2%	79.8%	57.8%

TABLE A2

PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	47.4%	51.9%	41.0%
Hempstead	66.0%	76.5%	58.3%
Lafayette	44.7%	53.3%	39.5%
Little River	51.4%	91.2%	56.6%
Miller	60.0%	87.8%	70.6%
Nevada	79.4%	60.9%	40.0%
Ouachita	38.0%	70.7%	39.2%
Sevier	41.0%	87.9%	67.3%
Union	47.9%	67.0%	48.9%
Total	52.9%	75.9%	55.7%
Area 5			
Baxter	79.2%	95.5%	83.7%
Boone	87.7%	81.5%	49.8%
Conway	89.6%	52.3%	25.3%
Faulkner	61.7%	47.9%	62.0%
Marion	92.3%	97.4%	77.3%
Newton	94.9%	90.2%	85.7%
Pope	77.1%	42.2%	48.8%
Searcy	73.8%	66.7%	47.4%
Van Buren	63.6%	55.0%	31.0%
Total	74.3%	61.7%	57.0%
Area 6			
Pulaski	59.8%	91.0%	70.3%
Total	59.8%	91.0%	70.3%

TABLE A2

PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	87.5%	89.3%	79.7%
Calhoun	83.3%	94.4%	63.6%
Cleveland	72.2%	89.3%	89.2%
Dallas	88.9%	91.3%	52.9%
Grant	91.5%	99.0%	52.7%
Jefferson	58.4%	66.4%	48.2%
Lincoln	69.7%	83.3%	98.0%
Lonoke	99.7%	100.0%	99.8%
Prairie	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total	84.8%	88.3%	77.2%
Area 8			
Clay	99.2%	99.0%	100.0%
Craighead	95.6%	99.0%	93.6%
Fulton	99.0%	100.0%	98.8%
Greene	96.6%	99.1%	68.9%
Izard	98.0%	100.0%	99.1%
Lawrence	97.6%	100.0%	97.0%
Mississippi	99.2%	100.0%	99.0%
Randolph	99.4%	99.3%	65.6%
Sharp	95.2%	98.7%	99.3%
Total	97.0%	99.3%	88.4%
Area 9			
Cleburne	100.0%	100.0%	99.5%
Crittenden	92.6%	76.9%	56.4%
Cross	95.3%	97.8%	77.2%
Independence	86.2%	100.0%	94.5%
Jackson	94.4%	81.3%	35.3%
Poinsett	89.9%	94.9%	92.3%
Stone	96.7%	100.0%	97.8%
White	91.5%	93.6%	99.4%
Woodruff	91.9%	89.7%	62.0%
Total	91.9%	92.6%	85.5%

TABLE A2			
PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	97.6%	97.9%	100.0%
Ashley	99.1%	100.0%	97.2%
Chicot	96.6%	97.9%	100.0%
Desha	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Drew	99.2%	98.6%	100.0%
Lee	97.7%	100.0%	91.9%
Monroe	97.8%	96.4%	97.4%
Phillips	100.0%	100.0%	95.9%
St. Francis	99.3%	99.4%	99.4%
Total	98.9%	99.1%	98.3%
TOTAL	78.6%	86.3%	73.8%

TABLE A3

PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANTIATED INVESTIGATIONS

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	14.1%	17.0%	16.1%
Carroll	20.1%	28.4%	26.1%
Madison	26.0%	43.6%	24.7%
Washington	16.1%	20.7%	17.2%
Total	15.8%	20.4%	17.6%
Area 2			
Crawford	21.5%	26.7%	26.8%
Franklin	23.4%	29.9%	32.6%
Johnson	13.2%	26.6%	24.0%
Logan	16.4%	25.6%	28.0%
Scott	23.4%	31.6%	37.2%
Sebastian	30.2%	33.7%	28.7%
Yell	24.6%	26.1%	17.0%
Total	24.6%	30.0%	27.7%
Area 3			
Clark	20.3%	32.2%	24.4%
Garland	28.1%	26.9%	25.9%
Hot Spring	24.0%	27.0%	28.9%
Howard	21.7%	16.7%	24.5%
Montgomery	20.3%	25.5%	24.1%
Perry	20.0%	19.7%	20.3%
Pike	20.3%	27.9%	30.9%
Polk	21.2%	30.3%	28.5%
Saline	16.1%	23.2%	19.3%
Total	22.2%	25.8%	24.2%

TABLE A3

PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANTIATED INVESTIGATIONS

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	25.9%	29.2%	22.9%
Hempstead	30.5%	31.8%	29.9%
Lafayette	23.4%	33.3%	26.3%
Little River	31.9%	36.3%	31.6%
Miller	24.0%	34.1%	35.1%
Nevada	25.0%	28.3%	22.2%
Ouachita	28.8%	26.1%	27.5%
Sevier	20.0%	41.4%	34.4%
Union	18.5%	30.5%	23.8%
Total	24.7%	32.1%	29.6%
Area 5			
Baxter	29.7%	25.7%	27.2%
Boone	27.1%	30.6%	30.3%
Conway	27.1%	25.0%	21.1%
Faulkner	16.5%	24.2%	29.6%
Marion	33.1%	38.8%	31.1%
Newton	17.9%	24.4%	28.6%
Pope	29.2%	30.9%	30.0%
Searcy	20.0%	21.6%	36.8%
Van Buren	15.2%	24.0%	24.0%
Total	23.1%	27.2%	28.7%
Area 6			
Pulaski	19.1%	24.5%	23.4%
Total	19.1%	24.5%	23.4%

TABLE A3

PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANTIATED INVESTIGATIONS

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	23.4%	19.6%	26.6%
Calhoun	20.8%	11.1%	18.2%
Cleveland	38.9%	32.1%	45.9%
Dallas	11.1%	22.5%	7.8%
Grant	22.2%	29.9%	15.2%
Jefferson	22.8%	24.5%	29.6%
Lincoln	24.2%	31.3%	26.0%
Lonoke	12.3%	13.5%	12.4%
Prairie	22.2%	14.3%	15.4%
Total	18.0%	19.9%	19.8%
Area 8			
Clay	16.5%	13.5%	22.8%
Craighead	25.0%	24.8%	21.1%
Fulton	22.1%	23.9%	29.8%
Greene	23.0%	35.0%	29.8%
Izard	23.0%	29.1%	36.0%
Lawrence	13.7%	9.6%	18.1%
Mississippi	19.2%	23.9%	16.5%
Randolph	27.7%	19.3%	31.2%
Sharp	19.2%	30.3%	28.9%
Total	22.3%	25.8%	24.2%
Area 9			
Cleburne	19.8%	24.0%	17.8%
Crittenden	25.1%	28.8%	27.9%
Cross	31.5%	28.9%	28.3%
Independence	26.7%	29.2%	25.3%
Jackson	31.5%	26.0%	33.9%
Poinsett	27.0%	25.5%	36.4%
Stone	22.2%	22.2%	34.8%
White	21.8%	17.2%	14.4%
Woodruff	21.6%	53.8%	32.0%
Total	24.9%	24.5%	24.2%

TABLE A3

PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANTIATED INVESTIGATIONS

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	21.3%	37.5%	30.4%
Ashley	20.5%	28.9%	25.9%
Chicot	27.6%	20.8%	38.3%
Desha	20.5%	27.7%	22.6%
Drew	21.8%	31.9%	26.7%
Lee	37.2%	34.9%	29.7%
Monroe	46.7%	21.4%	26.3%
Phillips	28.0%	31.5%	34.4%
St. Francis	27.0%	41.3%	38.1%
Total	25.7%	33.1%	31.3%
TOTAL	21.3%	25.4%	24.1%

TABLE A4

**PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCED MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE WITHIN
12 MONTHS OF INITIAL REPORT
NATIONAL STANDARD: 9.1%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	5.3%	8.8%	7.4%
Carroll	7.7%	6.1%	12.1%
Madison	14.9%	14.0%	12.5%
Washington	6.2%	6.1%	6.9%
Total	6.7%	7.6%	8.0%
Area 2			
Crawford	2.8%	7.7%	6.9%
Franklin	2.7%	4.4%	15.7%
Johnson	1.4%	8.5%	3.7%
Logan	6.9%	4.2%	10.4%
Scott	9.1%	8.0%	4.7%
Sebastian	3.2%	10.7%	7.1%
Yell	5.8%	9.5%	1.7%
Total	3.7%	8.9%	7.1%
Area 3			
Clark	5.8%	0.0%	4.4%
Garland	5.6%	6.7%	4.4%
Hot Spring	5.9%	11.0%	5.7%
Howard	0.0%	7.3%	3.7%
Montgomery	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Perry	0.0%	8.0%	15.8%
Pike	20.0%	10.5%	2.8%
Polk	15.2%	4.3%	12.5%
Saline	4.4%	3.3%	6.3%
Total	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%

TABLE A4

**PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCED MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE WITHIN
12 MONTHS OF INITIAL REPORT
NATIONAL STANDARD: 9.1%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	6.5%	4.8%	6.8%
Hempstead	9.5%	6.2%	6.6%
Lafayette	0.0%	12.5%	12.5%
Little River	0.0%	13.6%	3.3%
Miller	3.1%	1.5%	4.4%
Nevada	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ouachita	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Sevier	0.0%	12.1%	9.7%
Union	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Total	2.6%	4.5%	4.0%
Area 5			
Baxter	17.9%	7.6%	10.3%
Boone	9.4%	13.5%	9.3%
Conway	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Faulkner	6.0%	1.0%	2.7%
Marion	3.9%	5.0%	3.2%
Newton	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pope	5.2%	3.1%	9.2%
Searcy	36.8%	11.8%	0.0%
Van Buren	9.1%	2.8%	16.2%
Total	9.0%	5.1%	6.2%
Area 6			
Pulaski	3.4%	7.3%	5.4%
Total	3.4%	7.3%	5.4%

TABLE A4

**PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCED MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE WITHIN
12 MONTHS OF INITIAL REPORT
NATIONAL STANDARD: 9.1%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	0.0%	9.1%	4.4%
Calhoun	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%
Cleveland	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%
Dallas	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Grant	3.3%	8.6%	6.1%
Jefferson	5.8%	0.8%	3.0%
Lincoln	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Lonoke	1.5%	4.5%	0.0%
Prairie	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	3.0%	4.1%	2.0%
Area 8			
Clay	3.7%	0.0%	9.1%
Craighead	5.7%	9.1%	6.9%
Fulton	20.0%	0.0%	6.1%
Greene	3.3%	4.9%	7.0%
Izard	4.8%	10.8%	3.2%
Lawrence	15.2%	2.6%	6.5%
Mississippi	3.8%	3.7%	5.0%
Randolph	4.9%	6.6%	0.0%
Sharp	6.0%	6.1%	8.8%
Total	5.9%	6.4%	6.3%

TABLE A4

**PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCED MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE WITHIN
12 MONTHS OF INITIAL REPORT
NATIONAL STANDARD: 9.1%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 9			
Cleburne	6.0%	2.0%	4.8%
Crittenden	2.2%	5.6%	0.0%
Cross	7.3%	2.0%	5.9%
Independence	8.0%	5.2%	5.9%
Jackson	16.7%	16.9%	3.1%
Poinsett	10.4%	4.9%	3.9%
Stone	4.2%	4.9%	8.7%
White	11.7%	8.2%	6.3%
Woodruff	16.2%	11.1%	3.9%
Total	8.8%	6.6%	4.5%
Area 10			
Arkansas	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
Ashley	0.0%	10.8%	7.0%
Chicot	0.0%	4.6%	0.0%
Desha	4.4%	0.0%	9.5%
Drew	2.4%	5.4%	12.7%
Lee	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%
Monroe	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Phillips	0.0%	1.9%	2.9%
St. Francis	5.3%	6.1%	1.1%
Total	1.8%	3.8%	4.5%
TOTAL	5.7%	6.4%	5.8%

TABLE A5

PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY INITIATION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	63.6%	68.4%	77.1%
Carroll	58.4%	81.1%	70.6%
Madison	77.4%	90.9%	78.1%
Washington	68.6%	71.2%	61.6%
Total	65.9%	71.3%	70.4%
Area 2			
Crawford	53.8%	77.8%	28.7%
Franklin	47.6%	80.0%	11.8%
Johnson	29.1%	82.6%	46.5%
Logan	45.6%	85.7%	20.0%
Scott	71.4%	58.1%	63.2%
Sebastian	72.2%	75.3%	67.1%
Yell	30.6%	74.4%	38.6%
Total	57.0%	76.3%	45.9%
Area 3			
Clark	81.5%	76.7%	61.3%
Garland	75.6%	59.2%	50.0%
Hot Spring	71.9%	67.3%	67.9%
Howard	73.3%	50.0%	76.7%
Montgomery	90.9%	47.4%	69.2%
Perry	46.2%	43.5%	40.0%
Pike	72.7%	46.7%	88.2%
Polk	75.5%	91.9%	76.9%
Saline	58.2%	47.4%	49.0%
Total	69.3%	58.3%	56.9%

TABLE A5

PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY INITIATION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	69.0%	72.0%	94.4%
Hempstead	67.7%	85.7%	83.3%
Lafayette	88.9%	83.3%	80.0%
Little River	46.2%	88.9%	68.4%
Miller	81.3%	77.3%	62.3%
Nevada	75.0%	70.6%	75.0%
Ouachita	71.0%	100.0%	69.2%
Sevier	80.0%	86.7%	73.3%
Union	68.3%	62.5%	66.1%
Total	74.1%	77.5%	70.6%
Area 5			
Baxter	90.3%	94.0%	81.6%
Boone	92.3%	96.2%	86.7%
Conway	94.9%	93.2%	92.1%
Faulkner	85.3%	86.8%	69.2%
Marion	88.9%	76.9%	80.0%
Newton	84.6%	100.0%	81.8%
Pope	85.3%	92.3%	80.7%
Searcy	94.7%	90.0%	77.8%
Van Buren	86.2%	90.9%	76.9%
Total	88.3%	91.1%	79.8%
Area 6			
Pulaski	42.3%	66.1%	64.0%
Total	42.3%	66.1%	64.0%

TABLE A5			
PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY INITIATION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	43.8%	41.7%	36.4%
Calhoun	75.0%	0.0%	25.0%
Cleveland	57.1%	14.3%	40.0%
Dallas	60.0%	28.6%	11.1%
Grant	64.0%	78.9%	82.8%
Jefferson	40.0%	39.4%	45.8%
Lincoln	36.4%	30.8%	70.0%
Lonoke	76.6%	80.7%	73.0%
Prairie	66.7%	82.4%	75.0%
Total	62.3%	61.5%	61.2%
Area 8			
Clay	86.7%	93.8%	96.3%
Craighead	86.2%	83.7%	95.3%
Fulton	84.6%	85.0%	100.0%
Greene	96.1%	88.0%	96.8%
Izard	88.0%	92.9%	94.7%
Lawrence	75.7%	91.2%	97.6%
Mississippi	91.1%	84.8%	95.5%
Randolph	82.6%	84.0%	96.2%
Sharp	85.7%	84.6%	95.2%
Total	88.8%	86.0%	96.0%
Area 9			
Cleburne	46.9%	60.0%	42.9%
Crittenden	57.7%	78.7%	43.1%
Cross	75.0%	86.7%	57.1%
Independence	55.1%	62.3%	73.8%
Jackson	69.6%	60.0%	81.8%
Poinsett	71.8%	93.0%	60.8%
Stone	51.9%	78.6%	88.2%
White	60.5%	68.3%	46.1%
Woodruff	40.0%	76.5%	30.0%
Total	60.7%	72.4%	54.8%

TABLE A5			
PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY INITIATION			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	96.4%	95.0%	68.2%
Ashley	75.0%	82.6%	77.3%
Chicot	76.2%	87.5%	66.7%
Desha	93.8%	81.8%	100.0%
Drew	90.9%	94.7%	79.2%
Lee	80.0%	85.7%	100.0%
Monroe	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%
Phillips	81.3%	73.7%	85.7%
St. Francis	80.0%	85.0%	93.3%
Total	84.8%	86.6%	81.8%
TOTAL	68.0%	73.9%	67.5%

TABLE A6

PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	85.7%	87.0%	69.6%
Carroll	80.5%	84.9%	76.5%
Madison	71.0%	86.4%	78.1%
Washington	86.1%	77.7%	66.1%
Total	85.1%	83.0%	69.0%
Area 2			
Crawford	79.8%	66.7%	54.9%
Franklin	76.2%	80.0%	47.1%
Johnson	65.5%	87.0%	76.7%
Logan	70.2%	91.4%	42.2%
Scott	100.0%	100.0%	89.5%
Sebastian	94.9%	95.6%	82.6%
Yell	61.1%	89.7%	79.5%
Total	83.1%	87.6%	69.6%
Area 3			
Clark	40.7%	36.7%	25.8%
Garland	56.7%	32.7%	53.3%
Hot Spring	54.7%	42.3%	33.9%
Howard	43.3%	8.3%	13.3%
Montgomery	36.4%	10.5%	7.7%
Perry	76.9%	60.9%	60.0%
Pike	31.8%	6.7%	5.9%
Polk	46.9%	27.0%	3.8%
Saline	73.6%	60.9%	60.9%
Total	58.6%	39.8%	44.1%

TABLE A6

PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	55.2%	76.0%	77.8%
Hempstead	83.9%	92.9%	58.3%
Lafayette	88.9%	100.0%	40.0%
Little River	76.9%	94.4%	78.9%
Miller	90.2%	97.0%	72.1%
Nevada	65.0%	88.2%	50.0%
Ouachita	67.7%	82.4%	57.7%
Sevier	100.0%	100.0%	73.3%
Union	73.0%	62.5%	59.3%
Total	80.7%	86.2%	65.8%
Area 5			
Baxter	96.8%	96.0%	63.2%
Boone	93.6%	96.2%	55.4%
Conway	100.0%	86.4%	78.9%
Faulkner	94.4%	91.2%	79.4%
Marion	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Newton	92.3%	100.0%	54.5%
Pope	96.1%	87.7%	82.6%
Searcy	94.7%	100.0%	66.7%
Van Buren	96.6%	81.8%	65.4%
Total	95.7%	91.9%	71.2%
Area 6			
Pulaski	66.1%	49.6%	39.6%
Total	66.1%	49.6%	39.6%

TABLE A6

PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	81.3%	83.3%	45.5%
Calhoun	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%
Cleveland	85.7%	85.7%	90.0%
Dallas	90.0%	100.0%	55.6%
Grant	88.0%	100.0%	93.1%
Jefferson	81.1%	60.6%	69.9%
Lincoln	63.6%	84.6%	80.0%
Lonoke	87.7%	95.6%	88.5%
Prairie	95.8%	100.0%	81.3%
Total	85.8%	85.5%	80.3%
Area 8			
Clay	96.7%	100.0%	85.2%
Craighead	97.3%	96.4%	98.2%
Fulton	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Greene	88.9%	97.0%	84.9%
Izard	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lawrence	100.0%	100.0%	95.1%
Mississippi	100.0%	93.7%	97.7%
Randolph	95.7%	100.0%	84.6%
Sharp	100.0%	92.3%	95.2%
Total	96.3%	96.7%	93.4%
Area 9			
Cleburne	81.3%	85.0%	82.1%
Crittenden	59.2%	68.1%	21.5%
Cross	57.1%	60.0%	42.9%
Independence	73.9%	70.5%	98.4%
Jackson	91.3%	70.0%	90.9%
Poinsett	61.2%	60.5%	23.5%
Stone	88.9%	92.9%	76.5%
White	76.7%	82.7%	69.1%
Woodruff	50.0%	82.4%	70.0%
Total	71.4%	74.5%	61.3%

TABLE A6

PERCENTAGE OF DR REFERRALS WITH TIMELY COMPLETION

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	96.4%	95.0%	72.7%
Ashley	8.3%	43.5%	68.2%
Chicot	9.5%	62.5%	41.7%
Desha	12.5%	45.5%	77.8%
Drew	13.6%	21.1%	75.0%
Lee	90.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Monroe	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Phillips	96.9%	100.0%	66.7%
St. Francis	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%
Total	58.2%	71.6%	70.3%
TOTAL	79.6%	76.5%	65.7%

TABLE A7

NUMBER OF IN-HOME PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES AT END OF YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	147	132	123
Carroll	16	19	14
Madison	14	24	9
Washington	152	210	171
Total	329	385	317
Area 2			
Crawford	80	82	69
Franklin	21	28	21
Johnson	15	19	18
Logan	19	30	29
Scott	9	16	17
Sebastian	137	122	141
Yell	21	20	15
Total	302	317	310
Area 3			
Clark	12	20	17
Garland	79	68	68
Hot Spring	25	20	29
Howard	8	7	11
Montgomery	3	1	5
Perry	5	8	14
Pike	5	7	4
Polk	7	9	15
Saline	61	62	70
Total	205	202	233

TABLE A7

NUMBER OF IN-HOME PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES AT END OF YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	18	16	13
Hempstead	31	38	25
Lafayette	7	5	5
Little River	13	12	10
Miller	37	42	42
Nevada	9	8	8
Ouachita	19	27	26
Sevier	19	21	18
Union	10	22	31
Total	163	191	178
Area 5			
Baxter	25	38	31
Boone	40	41	42
Conway	20	17	14
Faulkner	46	70	108
Marion	20	17	19
Newton	4	6	8
Pope	39	53	61
Searcy	6	3	3
Van Buren	5	13	9
Total	205	258	295
Area 6			
Pulaski	257	419	416
Total	257	419	416

TABLE A7

NUMBER OF IN-HOME PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES AT END OF YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	5	4	6
Calhoun	4	0	0
Cleveland	2	4	4
Dallas	4	3	2
Grant	2	8	7
Jefferson	66	72	86
Lincoln	2	5	3
Lonoke	31	25	41
Prairie	7	3	2
Total	123	124	151
Area 8			
Clay	12	6	8
Craighead	124	135	80
Fulton	13	5	9
Greene	59	60	52
Izard	16	6	10
Lawrence	11	12	21
Mississippi	31	25	13
Randolph	20	11	19
Sharp	17	21	20
Total	303	281	232
Area 9			
Cleburne	15	17	14
Crittenden	31	29	42
Cross	10	12	10
Independence	36	31	30
Jackson	10	11	29
Poinsett	21	26	44
Stone	13	6	7
White	75	66	70
Woodruff	6	7	11
Total	217	205	257

TABLE A7

NUMBER OF IN-HOME PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES AT END OF YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	8	15	8
Ashley	8	16	21
Chicot	1	8	8
Desha	9	7	5
Drew	8	7	11
Lee	6	6	7
Monroe	5	5	3
Phillips	22	14	28
St. Francis	31	29	26
Total	98	107	117
TOTAL	2,202	2,489	2,506

TABLE A8

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE AT END OF YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	170	184	127
Carroll	57	50	44
Madison	64	64	35
Washington	274	283	273
Total	565	581	479
Area 2			
Crawford	85	69	85
Franklin	23	26	22
Johnson	30	28	31
Logan	66	65	71
Scott	41	50	47
Sebastian	531	556	487
Yell	59	63	59
Total	835	857	802
Area 3			
Clark	13	17	40
Garland	152	177	205
Hot Spring	36	47	45
Howard	5	11	18
Montgomery	2	7	8
Perry	5	12	20
Pike	23	13	23
Polk	41	35	30
Saline	90	93	62
Total	367	412	451

TABLE A8			
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE AT END OF YEAR			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	24	24	32
Hempstead	23	44	41
Lafayette	8	12	7
Little River	25	39	48
Miller	90	131	110
Nevada	6	13	9
Ouachita	29	25	35
Sevier	25	44	44
Union	50	55	42
Total	280	387	368
Area 5			
Baxter	44	46	37
Boone	40	71	63
Conway	58	65	52
Faulkner	104	115	149
Marion	13	15	18
Newton	2	1	5
Pope	65	64	90
Searcy	12	12	15
Van Buren	14	13	31
Total	352	402	460
Area 6			
Pulaski	386	621	678
Total	386	621	678

TABLE A8

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE AT END OF YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	9	19	9
Calhoun	0	0	6
Cleveland	9	2	6
Dallas	9	13	8
Grant	18	32	22
Jefferson	86	119	152
Lincoln	12	9	8
Lonoke	118	126	119
Prairie	4	3	13
Total	265	323	343
Area 8			
Clay	17	14	13
Craighead	104	97	95
Fulton	28	18	14
Greene	82	117	138
Izard	20	21	35
Lawrence	30	21	28
Mississippi	89	76	48
Randolph	32	18	19
Sharp	34	31	42
Total	436	413	432
Area 9			
Cleburne	55	54	35
Crittenden	59	54	57
Cross	57	40	45
Independence	76	72	56
Jackson	53	49	61
Poinsett	89	65	79
Stone	17	14	11
White	106	118	118
Woodruff	30	24	21
Total	542	490	483

TABLE A8			
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE AT END OF YEAR			
COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	28	31	21
Ashley	22	17	22
Chicot	22	12	13
Desha	4	6	10
Drew	24	24	10
Lee	6	5	2
Monroe	19	13	10
Phillips	25	14	16
St. Francis	48	43	31
Total	198	165	135
TOTAL	4,226	4,651	4,631

TABLE A9

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED IN OR NEAR HOME COUNTY
AS OF END OF THE YEAR**

COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY
Area 1						
Benton	66.9%	86.0%	69.1%	91.9%	71.1%	89.5%
Carroll	47.7%	63.6%	37.8%	75.7%	17.6%	73.5%
Madison	39.1%	91.3%	29.3%	75.6%	26.9%	57.7%
Washington	38.6%	81.6%	37.8%	71.8%	42.0%	71.5%
Total	47.8%	82.1%	47.0%	79.0%	44.9%	74.6%
Area 2						
Crawford	15.8%	19.3%	26.5%	28.6%	23.1%	34.6%
Franklin	62.5%	75.0%	25.0%	58.3%	20.0%	53.3%
Johnson	42.9%	66.7%	33.3%	66.7%	52.6%	57.9%
Logan	42.5%	70.0%	43.4%	84.9%	49.1%	66.0%
Scott	27.3%	48.5%	24.2%	60.6%	39.4%	87.9%
Sebastian	53.0%	67.8%	45.1%	66.0%	44.2%	68.5%
Yell	42.2%	46.7%	41.5%	60.4%	28.9%	57.9%
Total	46.4%	60.8%	41.0%	63.7%	40.8%	64.5%
Area 3						
Clark	22.2%	44.4%	21.4%	64.3%	40.0%	60.0%
Garland	50.0%	70.5%	59.3%	73.6%	59.2%	75.2%
Hot Spring	10.0%	55.0%	21.6%	62.2%	24.1%	72.4%
Howard	60.0%	60.0%	81.8%	81.8%	46.7%	86.7%
Montgomery	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	75.0%	33.3%	50.0%
Perry	0.0%	66.7%	10.0%	20.0%	0.0%	41.2%
Pike	33.3%	46.7%	20.0%	30.0%	6.3%	18.8%
Polk	48.5%	69.7%	66.7%	70.4%	25.0%	50.0%
Saline	75.0%	95.6%	52.3%	75.4%	77.5%	87.5%
Total	50.7%	72.7%	50.6%	69.2%	47.9%	69.1%

TABLE A9

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED IN OR NEAR HOME COUNTY
AS OF END OF THE YEAR**

COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY
Area 4						
Columbia	68.4%	78.9%	63.6%	77.3%	56.0%	76.0%
Hempstead	36.8%	84.2%	34.8%	52.2%	34.4%	59.4%
Lafayette	50.0%	66.7%	45.5%	54.5%	16.7%	50.0%
Little River	35.3%	76.5%	46.9%	81.3%	51.2%	76.7%
Miller	44.3%	45.7%	54.5%	61.8%	50.6%	54.0%
Nevada	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	27.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Ouachita	21.4%	50.0%	26.3%	52.6%	37.9%	79.3%
Sevier	30.0%	60.0%	42.4%	54.5%	43.2%	70.3%
Union	68.6%	80.0%	72.5%	87.5%	70.8%	83.3%
Total	43.8%	61.2%	50.2%	64.8%	47.4%	67.8%
Area 5						
Baxter	52.8%	58.3%	29.7%	35.1%	44.0%	52.0%
Boone	73.5%	79.4%	58.5%	71.7%	61.1%	66.7%
Conway	38.8%	85.7%	25.9%	74.1%	39.1%	60.9%
Faulkner	67.1%	79.7%	47.2%	67.4%	57.4%	69.6%
Marion	0.0%	63.6%	0.0%	72.7%	28.6%	85.7%
Newton	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	75.0%
Pope	43.8%	66.7%	51.2%	70.7%	50.8%	71.4%
Searcy	11.1%	66.7%	37.5%	100.0%	60.0%	80.0%
Van Buren	9.1%	90.9%	50.0%	75.0%	20.7%	62.1%
Total	49.8%	75.3%	41.8%	67.3%	48.9%	67.5%
Area 6						
Pulaski	74.1%	83.0%	66.2%	81.9%	63.1%	78.8%
Total	74.1%	83.0%	66.2%	81.9%	63.1%	78.8%

TABLE A9

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED IN OR NEAR HOME COUNTY
AS OF END OF THE YEAR**

COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY
Area 7						
Bradley	0.0%	16.7%	35.7%	42.9%	16.7%	16.7%
Calhoun	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.7%	50.0%
Cleveland	25.0%	62.5%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Dallas	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Grant	36.4%	90.9%	22.2%	51.9%	25.0%	50.0%
Jefferson	76.9%	93.8%	57.3%	79.8%	53.3%	78.3%
Lincoln	33.3%	83.3%	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Lonoke	49.5%	73.1%	45.9%	75.3%	57.5%	86.2%
Prairie	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%	50.0%	8.3%	75.0%
Total	53.1%	77.0%	45.9%	72.1%	48.6%	75.7%
Area 8						
Clay	38.5%	38.5%	22.2%	33.3%	30.8%	46.2%
Craighead	54.0%	84.1%	60.0%	78.5%	67.7%	85.5%
Fulton	50.0%	83.3%	63.6%	90.9%	20.0%	80.0%
Greene	50.0%	76.9%	34.1%	65.9%	37.3%	70.9%
Izard	20.0%	40.0%	61.5%	61.5%	39.3%	64.3%
Lawrence	44.4%	55.6%	20.0%	53.3%	55.6%	94.4%
Mississippi	52.9%	73.5%	59.6%	73.7%	51.3%	64.1%
Randolph	50.0%	66.7%	25.0%	58.3%	53.3%	73.3%
Sharp	44.4%	61.1%	45.5%	54.5%	29.4%	44.1%
Total	49.3%	71.6%	46.9%	68.2%	45.0%	70.2%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED IN OR NEAR HOME COUNTY
AS OF END OF THE YEAR**

COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME COUNTY	PLACED IN SAME OR NEIGHBORING COUNTY
Area 9						
Cleburne	59.1%	75.0%	44.7%	50.0%	52.2%	73.9%
Crittenden	51.6%	64.5%	69.2%	88.5%	35.9%	53.8%
Cross	56.1%	70.7%	26.1%	60.9%	31.4%	62.9%
Independence	32.0%	66.0%	48.9%	72.3%	40.0%	76.7%
Jackson	12.5%	78.1%	0.0%	60.6%	25.6%	76.7%
Poinsett	7.5%	58.2%	15.5%	51.7%	25.8%	51.5%
Stone	25.0%	58.3%	25.0%	66.7%	50.0%	60.0%
White	42.9%	67.1%	37.0%	67.9%	44.0%	68.0%
Woodruff	11.1%	55.6%	4.5%	36.4%	13.6%	45.5%
Total	33.7%	66.3%	31.5%	62.1%	34.4%	63.3%
Area 10						
Arkansas	45.8%	79.2%	20.8%	62.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Ashley	6.7%	53.3%	54.5%	63.6%	47.1%	58.8%
Chicot	11.1%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	18.2%	45.5%
Desha	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%
Drew	56.3%	62.5%	29.4%	64.7%	14.3%	57.1%
Lee	66.7%	66.7%	60.0%	60.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Monroe	35.7%	78.6%	38.5%	92.3%	80.0%	100.0%
Phillips	65.0%	65.0%	40.0%	40.0%	90.9%	90.9%
St. Francis	41.7%	55.6%	41.9%	54.8%	14.3%	38.1%
Total	39.2%	62.2%	34.2%	59.2%	32.6%	50.0%
TOTAL	48.2%	70.8%	46.5%	69.6%	46.8%	69.1%

TABLE A10

PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN REMOVED IN RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIATED REPORT

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	17.8%	19.1%	14.1%
Carroll	30.7%	27.7%	21.6%
Madison	35.4%	36.6%	26.1%
Washington	21.7%	20.6%	19.4%
Total	21.5%	21.8%	17.8%
Area 2			
Crawford	10.8%	6.3%	10.8%
Franklin	21.1%	14.3%	14.0%
Johnson	18.5%	17.0%	11.9%
Logan	22.8%	20.9%	15.3%
Scott	24.0%	32.8%	31.7%
Sebastian	26.4%	27.8%	18.4%
Yell	19.4%	13.3%	29.3%
Total	21.5%	21.1%	16.8%
Area 3			
Clark	13.6%	17.9%	26.5%
Garland	30.8%	34.7%	30.2%
Hot Spring	14.6%	16.9%	16.9%
Howard	17.0%	6.3%	32.0%
Montgomery	4.8%	15.8%	12.0%
Perry	13.8%	12.0%	28.6%
Pike	40.7%	16.7%	11.3%
Polk	33.3%	20.8%	16.7%
Saline	19.7%	12.5%	15.2%
Total	24.4%	21.8%	22.0%

TABLE A10

PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN REMOVED IN RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIATED REPORT

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	28.1%	24.1%	31.0%
Hempstead	22.0%	22.7%	26.2%
Lafayette	10.5%	41.7%	16.7%
Little River	26.0%	42.0%	38.3%
Miller	30.7%	37.4%	27.9%
Nevada	22.6%	25.0%	19.0%
Ouachita	27.3%	11.8%	17.8%
Sevier	37.5%	52.6%	42.3%
Union	25.9%	30.2%	24.2%
Total	27.3%	32.7%	29.0%
Area 5			
Baxter	26.8%	11.9%	13.1%
Boone	14.4%	19.8%	17.0%
Conway	27.8%	32.2%	17.9%
Faulkner	20.2%	13.5%	19.7%
Marion	3.8%	14.3%	12.5%
Newton	0.0%	6.7%	4.2%
Pope	19.2%	17.7%	22.5%
Searcy	20.0%	27.8%	18.8%
Van Buren	45.5%	18.3%	24.6%
Total	20.0%	17.1%	18.6%
Area 6			
Pulaski	19.7%	25.3%	21.5%
Total	19.7%	25.3%	21.5%

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PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN REMOVED IN RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIATED REPORT

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	20.7%	56.0%	14.3%
Calhoun	18.2%	0.0%	20.0%
Cleveland	34.4%	5.0%	20.0%
Dallas	9.7%	6.9%	23.1%
Grant	28.9%	51.7%	20.6%
Jefferson	20.1%	25.9%	19.5%
Lincoln	33.3%	11.4%	17.4%
Lonoke	24.1%	18.3%	18.0%
Prairie	38.1%	14.3%	58.3%
Total	23.8%	24.6%	19.8%
Area 8			
Clay	18.0%	16.1%	18.2%
Craighead	10.8%	12.3%	7.8%
Fulton	34.6%	18.9%	30.8%
Greene	16.6%	21.0%	17.7%
Izard	8.5%	33.3%	28.3%
Lawrence	25.5%	15.6%	21.1%
Mississippi	20.6%	18.2%	21.1%
Randolph	16.7%	17.2%	9.6%
Sharp	32.2%	26.8%	34.0%
Total	16.5%	18.3%	17.1%
Area 9			
Cleburne	36.4%	30.4%	30.6%
Crittenden	13.2%	15.3%	9.0%
Cross	51.5%	41.7%	34.6%
Independence	17.4%	19.9%	12.0%
Jackson	31.3%	21.4%	30.6%
Poinsett	21.4%	16.0%	14.7%
Stone	16.3%	3.6%	14.7%
White	30.5%	16.8%	23.4%
Woodruff	22.7%	22.2%	20.6%
Total	25.3%	19.6%	19.2%

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PERCENTAGE OF VICTIM CHILDREN REMOVED IN RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIATED REPORT

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	21.7%	6.7%	14.3%
Ashley	26.8%	7.4%	15.7%
Chicot	44.4%	9.5%	3.4%
Desha	5.9%	16.0%	59.1%
Drew	22.8%	4.1%	1.5%
Lee	0.0%	7.1%	14.3%
Monroe	11.5%	7.7%	11.8%
Phillips	9.2%	13.8%	4.7%
St. Francis	16.0%	9.4%	6.8%
Total	17.1%	8.7%	10.7%
TOTAL	21.6%	21.4%	19.3%

TABLE A11

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED WITH RELATIVES AS OF END OF THE YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	41.2%	48.5%	38.9%
Carroll	28.9%	27.3%	26.3%
Madison	41.5%	42.0%	39.4%
Washington	27.0%	32.1%	38.3%
Total	32.9%	37.7%	37.5%
Area 2			
Crawford	27.9%	18.0%	39.2%
Franklin	61.9%	44.0%	15.8%
Johnson	20.0%	25.9%	62.1%
Logan	26.9%	48.4%	64.1%
Scott	38.9%	14.6%	36.4%
Sebastian	30.6%	35.3%	37.8%
Yell	36.2%	49.2%	48.2%
Total	31.3%	35.0%	41.3%
Area 3			
Clark	41.7%	60.0%	63.6%
Garland	26.5%	37.3%	41.3%
Hot Spring	24.1%	38.6%	36.6%
Howard	20.0%	40.0%	43.8%
Montgomery	50.0%	71.4%	42.9%
Perry	40.0%	75.0%	45.0%
Pike	56.5%	46.2%	50.0%
Polk	15.0%	35.3%	7.1%
Saline	38.1%	28.7%	24.1%
Total	30.6%	38.4%	38.5%

TABLE A11

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED WITH RELATIVES AS OF END OF THE YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	60.9%	73.9%	46.4%
Hempstead	34.8%	54.8%	53.7%
Lafayette	57.1%	66.7%	42.9%
Little River	42.9%	57.9%	57.4%
Miller	30.3%	43.9%	43.9%
Nevada	50.0%	69.2%	75.0%
Ouachita	53.6%	44.0%	55.9%
Sevier	39.1%	51.4%	61.0%
Union	33.3%	38.2%	43.9%
Total	39.2%	49.9%	50.8%
Area 5			
Baxter	23.3%	31.1%	24.3%
Boone	29.0%	31.7%	51.6%
Conway	55.6%	58.5%	65.4%
Faulkner	38.0%	44.6%	52.2%
Marion	9.1%	23.1%	11.1%
Newton	0.0%	100.0%	25.0%
Pope	31.3%	35.9%	45.7%
Searcy	54.6%	33.3%	90.9%
Van Buren	41.7%	38.5%	25.8%
Total	36.1%	40.8%	47.2%
Area 6			
Pulaski	19.8%	32.1%	40.4%
Total	19.8%	32.1%	40.4%

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PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED WITH RELATIVES AS OF END OF THE YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	55.6%	27.8%	22.2%
Calhoun	N/A	N/A	100.0%
Cleveland	66.7%	100.0%	66.7%
Dallas	0.0%	36.4%	25.0%
Grant	50.0%	63.3%	60.0%
Jefferson	43.5%	40.0%	55.5%
Lincoln	50.0%	63.6%	25.0%
Lonoke	33.6%	17.3%	23.9%
Prairie	50.0%	66.7%	84.6%
Total	39.5%	34.9%	44.6%
Area 8			
Clay	52.9%	20.0%	69.2%
Craighead	35.3%	34.8%	36.0%
Fulton	45.0%	56.3%	61.5%
Greene	31.1%	26.7%	53.8%
Izard	33.3%	38.9%	42.4%
Lawrence	47.8%	47.6%	42.9%
Mississippi	43.7%	36.6%	52.2%
Randolph	46.7%	52.9%	31.6%
Sharp	35.7%	58.6%	45.0%
Total	39.3%	37.1%	47.0%
Area 9			
Cleburne	51.0%	55.6%	43.8%
Crittenden	22.2%	31.6%	19.1%
Cross	38.8%	20.6%	46.7%
Independence	26.7%	33.3%	26.7%
Jackson	23.9%	24.4%	37.5%
Poinsett	29.1%	25.0%	32.5%
Stone	40.0%	28.6%	36.4%
White	5.5%	16.0%	26.0%
Woodruff	33.3%	21.7%	22.7%
Total	26.9%	27.4%	31.5%

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PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE PLACED WITH RELATIVES AS OF END OF THE YEAR

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	59.3%	63.3%	45.0%
Ashley	9.1%	41.2%	70.0%
Chicot	22.7%	25.0%	38.5%
Desha	0.0%	25.0%	55.6%
Drew	16.7%	54.2%	50.0%
Lee	60.0%	80.0%	100.0%
Monroe	50.0%	61.5%	37.5%
Phillips	52.2%	41.7%	76.9%
St. Francis	53.7%	56.4%	35.7%
Total	39.3%	52.6%	51.2%
TOTAL	32.5%	37.1%	42.0%

TABLE A12

**PLACEMENT STABILITY RATE (MOVES PER 1,000 DAYS IN CARE)
NATIONAL STANDARD: 4.12**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	6.58	5.72	4.84
Carroll	4.36	5.14	4.64
Madison	4.95	4.59	3.63
Washington	5.65	4.90	5.97
Total	5.77	5.17	5.35
Area 2			
Crawford	7.02	7.52	3.03
Franklin	6.84	1.83	15.75
Johnson	2.83	6.34	3.79
Logan	6.28	1.22	5.06
Scott	9.21	5.72	7.20
Sebastian	5.47	4.64	5.17
Yell	3.61	4.35	4.80
Total	5.56	4.62	5.09
Area 3			
Clark	3.43	13.47	5.54
Garland	6.29	4.40	5.79
Hot Spring	7.21	7.76	7.18
Howard	6.71	3.79	6.46
Montgomery	12.05	1.23	19.78
Perry	5.95	0.00	3.94
Pike	3.43	3.76	7.82
Polk	7.04	4.04	8.22
Saline	4.08	3.90	4.06
Total	5.79	4.92	5.81

TABLE A12

**PLACEMENT STABILITY RATE (MOVES PER 1,000 DAYS IN CARE)
NATIONAL STANDARD: 4.12**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	4.46	5.77	4.92
Hempstead	6.66	5.55	4.05
Lafayette	3.35	6.83	2.19
Little River	7.10	1.41	4.27
Miller	10.58	7.21	6.38
Nevada	0.00	0.00	2.27
Ouachita	7.96	5.89	6.85
Sevier	1.99	4.80	3.62
Union	7.14	8.50	6.13
Total	7.24	5.64	5.30
Area 5			
Baxter	9.10	1.70	4.90
Boone	6.59	6.57	6.16
Conway	3.07	2.31	3.27
Faulkner	3.99	5.45	4.96
Marion	7.60	4.26	4.67
Newton	N/A	0.00	6.37
Pope	3.84	4.83	5.79
Searcy	2.96	0.73	2.96
Van Buren	2.39	5.51	5.77
Total	5.16	4.56	5.02
Area 6			
Pulaski	7.56	7.37	5.35
Total	7.56	7.37	5.35

TABLE A12

**PLACEMENT STABILITY RATE (MOVES PER 1,000 DAYS IN CARE)
NATIONAL STANDARD: 4.12**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	7.35	9.29	5.95
Calhoun	3.46	N/A	0.00
Cleveland	11.14	5.88	3.43
Dallas	0.00	2.15	10.78
Grant	13.02	8.42	1.52
Jefferson	5.51	4.32	4.41
Lincoln	4.57	2.10	8.37
Lonoke	5.37	8.00	3.25
Prairie	18.74	0.00	0.68
Total	6.36	6.16	4.00
Area 8			
Clay	6.53	3.93	2.53
Craighead	4.19	6.63	3.36
Fulton	7.81	6.42	6.49
Greene	8.87	9.49	4.30
Izard	5.94	5.91	11.19
Lawrence	6.70	4.33	13.76
Mississippi	10.56	2.80	2.93
Randolph	7.94	8.42	3.06
Sharp	6.65	5.64	4.69
Total	7.14	7.00	5.05
Area 9			
Cleburne	4.82	2.73	6.74
Crittenden	6.25	6.91	7.37
Cross	10.33	6.73	5.38
Independence	5.80	5.53	2.80
Jackson	4.27	6.12	6.98
Poinsett	9.26	4.94	5.24
Stone	5.16	4.99	3.72
White	7.66	3.56	7.08
Woodruff	6.51	1.37	12.94
Total	7.04	5.07	6.11

TABLE A12

**PLACEMENT STABILITY RATE (MOVES PER 1,000 DAYS IN CARE)
NATIONAL STANDARD: 4.12**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	6.53	11.17	4.24
Ashley	7.93	3.03	1.83
Chicot	2.30	0.00	14.74
Desha	13.44	8.14	5.03
Drew	4.40	5.53	1.62
Lee	0.00	2.08	4.46
Monroe	12.73	0.00	10.38
Phillips	1.47	7.58	2.24
St. Francis	15.93	5.55	7.46
Total	7.01	6.28	4.52
TOTAL	6.32	5.64	5.25

TABLE A13

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ENTERING CARE
NATIONAL STANDARD: 40.5%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	63.0%	48.2%	54.5%
Carroll	42.9%	51.6%	56.8%
Madison	48.6%	38.3%	59.6%
Washington	51.8%	47.1%	35.6%
Total	53.8%	46.8%	47.2%
Area 2			
Crawford	50.0%	36.8%	40.0%
Franklin	65.4%	60.0%	60.0%
Johnson	63.0%	30.8%	43.8%
Logan	42.9%	27.8%	44.4%
Scott	21.7%	42.1%	25.0%
Sebastian	33.3%	26.0%	29.8%
Yell	26.7%	18.0%	12.5%
Total	39.8%	28.0%	32.9%
Area 3			
Clark	83.3%	36.4%	33.3%
Garland	58.9%	53.4%	44.3%
Hot Spring	61.9%	68.2%	40.0%
Howard	100.0%	60.0%	0.0%
Montgomery	20.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Perry	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%
Pike	66.7%	58.3%	11.1%
Polk	9.5%	56.5%	10.5%
Saline	26.1%	45.3%	29.8%
Total	49.1%	52.4%	37.1%

TABLE A13

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ENTERING CARE
NATIONAL STANDARD: 40.5%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	20.0%	75.0%	29.4%
Hempstead	85.7%	70.8%	53.5%
Lafayette	0.0%	0.0%	57.1%
Little River	50.0%	38.9%	51.2%
Miller	42.2%	35.6%	59.8%
Nevada	72.7%	33.3%	25.0%
Ouachita	52.5%	31.8%	38.9%
Sevier	51.9%	57.1%	67.9%
Union	68.2%	52.8%	46.3%
Total	52.0%	47.4%	53.9%
Area 5			
Baxter	64.3%	42.6%	46.2%
Boone	62.5%	37.2%	37.3%
Conway	31.8%	35.4%	27.3%
Faulkner	40.2%	38.7%	25.4%
Marion	41.7%	57.1%	40.0%
Newton	33.3%	N/A	100.0%
Pope	36.1%	46.0%	53.5%
Searcy	54.6%	37.5%	50.0%
Van Buren	33.3%	68.8%	15.4%
Total	45.0%	41.8%	36.1%
Area 6			
Pulaski	37.4%	27.8%	26.0%
Total	37.4%	27.8%	26.0%

TABLE A13

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ENTERING CARE
NATIONAL STANDARD: 40.5%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	16.7%	100.0%	29.4%
Calhoun	100.0%	100.0%	N/A
Cleveland	46.7%	87.5%	100.0%
Dallas	40.0%	100.0%	83.3%
Grant	66.7%	71.4%	48.7%
Jefferson	49.3%	60.0%	43.7%
Lincoln	50.0%	53.9%	75.0%
Lonoke	28.6%	28.6%	16.7%
Prairie	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Total	42.2%	53.9%	38.0%
Area 8			
Clay	63.6%	0.0%	20.0%
Craighead	38.9%	55.7%	32.7%
Fulton	59.1%	73.7%	92.9%
Greene	67.7%	68.4%	36.2%
Izard	51.9%	66.7%	61.9%
Lawrence	66.7%	50.0%	57.1%
Mississippi	58.8%	67.1%	61.4%
Randolph	55.6%	56.7%	60.0%
Sharp	51.4%	71.1%	44.4%
Total	56.4%	61.5%	45.8%
Area 9			
Cleburne	40.6%	45.2%	58.1%
Crittenden	56.3%	64.8%	63.5%
Cross	44.7%	70.0%	76.7%
Independence	59.7%	50.0%	47.8%
Jackson	65.9%	43.6%	26.5%
Poinsett	56.3%	44.8%	28.6%
Stone	57.9%	25.0%	0.0%
White	68.9%	47.8%	53.1%
Woodruff	21.1%	15.0%	30.0%
Total	57.0%	50.4%	50.0%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ENTERING CARE
NATIONAL STANDARD: 40.5%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	60.9%	52.9%	12.5%
Ashley	47.4%	42.9%	14.3%
Chicot	16.7%	25.0%	0.0%
Desha	71.4%	100.0%	40.0%
Drew	50.0%	66.7%	42.9%
Lee	40.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Monroe	23.1%	25.0%	0.0%
Phillips	80.0%	50.0%	72.7%
St. Francis	32.0%	40.7%	29.4%
Total	46.8%	46.6%	31.9%
TOTAL	49.6%	45.1%	40.2%

TABLE A14

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE FOR 12 TO 23 MONTHS WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 43.6%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	75.0%	57.1%	77.6%
Carroll	66.7%	72.0%	66.7%
Madison	58.3%	60.0%	71.4%
Washington	59.1%	61.1%	49.2%
Total	61.5%	62.4%	63.3%
Area 2			
Crawford	70.8%	75.0%	37.5%
Franklin	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Johnson	46.7%	75.0%	60.0%
Logan	78.6%	20.0%	47.8%
Scott	81.8%	75.0%	50.0%
Sebastian	65.0%	55.0%	47.5%
Yell	33.3%	55.6%	70.0%
Total	64.8%	60.0%	49.8%
Area 3			
Clark	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Garland	56.5%	70.0%	50.0%
Hot Spring	60.0%	50.0%	62.5%
Howard	100.0%	N/A	50.0%
Montgomery	0.0%	N/A	100.0%
Perry	N/A	0.0%	50.0%
Pike	35.7%	50.0%	0.0%
Polk	46.2%	78.6%	28.6%
Saline	15.4%	57.1%	67.9%
Total	48.2%	65.4%	54.5%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE FOR 12 TO 23 MONTHS WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 43.6%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	30.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hempstead	83.3%	N/A	66.7%
Lafayette	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%
Little River	55.6%	100.0%	50.0%
Miller	40.0%	33.3%	66.7%
Nevada	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Ouachita	90.0%	75.0%	50.0%
Sevier	44.4%	40.0%	80.0%
Union	63.6%	60.0%	92.3%
Total	55.6%	58.5%	70.4%
Area 5			
Baxter	N/A	66.7%	45.8%
Boone	70.0%	50.0%	61.9%
Conway	85.7%	54.6%	88.0%
Faulkner	66.7%	60.0%	69.2%
Marion	50.0%	57.1%	100.0%
Newton	100.0%	100.0%	N/A
Pope	45.5%	55.6%	92.9%
Searcy	N/A	100.0%	71.4%
Van Buren	66.7%	N/A	50.0%
Total	67.6%	60.2%	70.0%
Area 6			
Pulaski	57.7%	45.8%	32.4%
Total	57.7%	45.8%	32.4%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE FOR 12 TO 23 MONTHS WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 43.6%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Calhoun	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cleveland	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Dallas	0.0%	100.0%	N/A
Grant	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Jefferson	62.5%	29.2%	55.0%
Lincoln	0.0%	N/A	100.0%
Lonoke	60.9%	64.5%	65.1%
Prairie	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	57.9%	52.4%	65.7%
Area 8			
Clay	40.0%	N/A	100.0%
Craighead	77.8%	46.4%	26.7%
Fulton	100.0%	60.0%	75.0%
Greene	56.3%	64.3%	81.8%
Izard	60.0%	66.7%	100.0%
Lawrence	37.5%	50.0%	71.4%
Mississippi	47.8%	60.0%	87.5%
Randolph	0.0%	100.0%	90.0%
Sharp	69.2%	80.0%	66.7%
Total	58.1%	61.1%	72.0%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE FOR 12 TO 23 MONTHS WHO REACHED PERMANENCY WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 43.6%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 9			
Cleburne	75.0%	9.1%	100.0%
Crittenden	28.6%	66.7%	10.0%
Cross	0.0%	45.5%	66.7%
Independence	73.3%	89.5%	75.0%
Jackson	66.7%	55.6%	85.7%
Poinsett	64.3%	78.6%	54.2%
Stone	0.0%	85.7%	60.0%
White	36.0%	65.0%	65.8%
Woodruff	50.0%	33.3%	22.2%
Total	50.0%	62.5%	62.6%
Area 10			
Arkansas	66.7%	52.9%	87.5%
Ashley	100.0%	42.9%	0.0%
Chicot	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Desha	N/A	100.0%	N/A
Drew	0.0%	66.7%	100.0%
Lee	N/A	100.0%	N/A
Monroe	85.7%	25.0%	0.0%
Phillips	63.6%	50.0%	40.0%
St. Francis	36.4%	40.7%	28.6%
Total	64.4%	52.9%	38.3%
TOTAL	59.4%	59.3%	56.5%

TABLE A15

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE 24 MONTHS OR LONGER WHO REACHED PERMANENCY
WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 30.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	41.7%	41.2%	15.4%
Carroll	66.7%	100.0%	14.3%
Madison	72.7%	50.0%	50.0%
Washington	42.9%	41.8%	29.2%
Total	48.0%	45.2%	28.2%
Area 2			
Crawford	38.1%	38.5%	16.7%
Franklin	0.0%	66.7%	100.0%
Johnson	80.0%	40.0%	25.0%
Logan	38.9%	50.0%	57.1%
Scott	50.0%	14.3%	50.0%
Sebastian	32.9%	36.0%	30.5%
Yell	38.5%	21.4%	7.7%
Total	36.5%	36.3%	30.6%
Area 3			
Clark	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Garland	43.3%	30.4%	36.4%
Hot Spring	79.2%	27.3%	0.0%
Howard	N/A	N/A	N/A
Montgomery	N/A	N/A	N/A
Perry	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pike	50.0%	72.7%	0.0%
Polk	33.3%	22.2%	42.9%
Saline	20.0%	22.2%	81.3%
Total	52.2%	33.3%	38.7%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE 24 MONTHS OR LONGER WHO REACHED PERMANENCY
WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 30.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	66.7%	55.6%	0.0%
Hempstead	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Lafayette	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Little River	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Miller	41.4%	36.4%	13.6%
Nevada	N/A	0.0%	25.0%
Ouachita	0.0%	66.7%	50.0%
Sevier	60.0%	20.0%	50.0%
Union	14.3%	8.3%	0.0%
Total	42.7%	28.8%	18.0%
Area 5			
Baxter	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Boone	62.5%	25.0%	50.0%
Conway	36.4%	20.0%	11.1%
Faulkner	25.0%	28.6%	52.4%
Marion	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Newton	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pope	26.7%	21.4%	33.3%
Searcy	0.0%	100.0%	N/A
Van Buren	85.7%	0.0%	100.0%
Total	41.7%	28.6%	40.7%
Area 6			
Pulaski	33.9%	36.8%	30.1%
Total	33.9%	36.8%	30.1%

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**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE 24 MONTHS OR LONGER WHO REACHED PERMANENCY
WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 30.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Calhoun	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Cleveland	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Dallas	50.0%	0.0%	42.9%
Grant	28.6%	0.0%	40.0%
Jefferson	25.0%	20.0%	19.1%
Lincoln	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Lonoke	50.0%	22.2%	30.0%
Prairie	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	27.3%	15.9%	26.3%
Area 8			
Clay	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Craighead	46.2%	45.0%	29.2%
Fulton	50.0%	75.0%	33.3%
Greene	45.5%	52.6%	30.8%
Izard	33.3%	40.0%	25.0%
Lawrence	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%
Mississippi	33.3%	53.3%	29.4%
Randolph	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Sharp	0.0%	40.0%	66.7%
Total	41.2%	43.5%	29.3%

TABLE A15

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE 24 MONTHS OR LONGER WHO REACHED PERMANENCY
WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 30.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 9			
Cleburne	20.0%	60.0%	72.7%
Crittenden	73.9%	50.0%	0.0%
Cross	85.7%	80.0%	0.0%
Independence	0.0%	22.2%	12.5%
Jackson	0.0%	45.5%	33.3%
Poinsett	37.5%	30.4%	18.8%
Stone	100.0%	0.0%	33.3%
White	40.0%	16.7%	34.6%
Woodruff	50.0%	0.0%	14.3%
Total	46.0%	31.5%	28.4%
Area 10			
Arkansas	0.0%	40.0%	50.0%
Ashley	16.7%	66.7%	100.0%
Chicot	71.4%	33.3%	50.0%
Desha	0.0%	N/A	100.0%
Drew	12.5%	0.0%	44.4%
Lee	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Monroe	0.0%	33.3%	71.4%
Phillips	52.6%	44.4%	33.3%
St. Francis	41.7%	21.4%	53.9%
Total	37.1%	28.3%	54.5%
TOTAL	40.5%	34.8%	31.6%

TABLE A16

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REENTERED CARE WITHIN 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 8.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	3.0%	16.7%	4.8%
Carroll	0.0%	5.0%	6.7%
Madison	14.3%	0.0%	11.1%
Washington	8.3%	4.3%	5.1%
Total	6.4%	8.3%	5.7%
Area 2			
Crawford	5.7%	12.5%	0.0%
Franklin	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%
Johnson	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Logan	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Scott	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%
Sebastian	6.3%	1.7%	0.0%
Yell	22.2%	50.0%	0.0%
Total	4.8%	5.1%	1.7%
Area 3			
Clark	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Garland	12.0%	14.3%	5.3%
Hot Spring	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%
Howard	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Montgomery	0.0%	0.0%	N/A
Perry	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Pike	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Polk	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Saline	3.2%	9.1%	0.0%
Total	5.5%	9.1%	4.3%

TABLE A16

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REENTERED CARE WITHIN 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 8.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Hempstead	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lafayette	66.7%	N/A	N/A
Little River	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Miller	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%
Nevada	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ouachita	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sevier	5.0%	0.0%	38.5%
Union	0.0%	40.0%	15.8%
Total	3.4%	6.6%	9.2%
Area 5			
Baxter	0.0%	31.3%	0.0%
Boone	7.9%	0.0%	12.5%
Conway	9.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Faulkner	20.5%	12.1%	8.7%
Marion	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Newton	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Pope	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Searcy	N/A	16.7%	33.3%
Van Buren	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%
Total	11.7%	10.7%	6.5%
Area 6			
Pulaski	6.5%	3.3%	25.8%
Total	6.5%	3.3%	25.8%

TABLE A16

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REENTERED CARE WITHIN 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 8.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Calhoun	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cleveland	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Dallas	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Grant	9.1%	12.5%	30.0%
Jefferson	11.5%	28.6%	11.9%
Lincoln	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lonoke	33.3%	21.1%	4.5%
Prairie	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
Total	12.4%	20.3%	8.1%
Area 8			
Clay	0.0%	14.3%	N/A
Craighead	4.5%	0.0%	17.9%
Fulton	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%
Greene	21.8%	1.6%	14.3%
Izard	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%
Lawrence	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Mississippi	2.4%	10.0%	10.6%
Randolph	66.7%	4.3%	0.0%
Sharp	0.0%	0.0%	14.8%
Total	11.3%	4.0%	11.5%
Area 9			
Cleburne	6.3%	15.4%	0.0%
Crittenden	1.9%	5.6%	5.7%
Cross	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%
Independence	16.1%	2.8%	17.9%
Jackson	11.8%	27.3%	5.9%
Poinsett	3.8%	0.0%	7.7%
Stone	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%
White	10.0%	5.8%	4.7%
Woodruff	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Total	6.4%	7.1%	5.6%

TABLE A16

**PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO REENTERED CARE WITHIN 12 MONTHS
NATIONAL STANDARD: 8.3%**

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ashley	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%
Chicot	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Desha	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Drew	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Lee	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Monroe	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Phillips	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
St. Francis	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	10.8%	5.3%	0.0%
TOTAL	7.8%	7.4%	7.4%

TABLE A17

AVERAGE TIME FROM TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO ADOPTION FINALIZATION

COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)
Area 1						
Benton	33	9.4	18	16.4	18	12.0
Carroll	11	23.1	8	24.2	5	9.4
Madison	19	11.6	12	13.3	15	8.9
Washington	73	15.6	58	14.9	62	15.3
Total	136	14.2	96	15.7	100	13.5
Area 2						
Crawford	29	15.3	21	19.0	6	19.8
Franklin	0	N/A	10	18.7	4	5.4
Johnson	16	8.1	10	9.8	6	6.0
Logan	21	10.2	10	15.0	25	12.1
Scott	12	14.9	13	15.5	12	11.7
Sebastian	133	11.5	98	20.8	103	16.6
Yell	10	20.9	8	22.3	18	5.1
Total	221	12.2	170	19.1	174	13.9
Area 3						
Clark	5	7.2	5	2.4	1	3.0
Garland	21	19.2	28	8.1	40	11.0
Hot Spring	29	13.4	7	16.2	4	4.7
Howard	3	2.5	0	N/A	2	8.4
Montgomery	4	4.9	0	N/A	0	N/A
Perry	3	8.2	1	3.8	3	7.5
Pike	6	17.8	10	7.8	1	2.8
Polk	6	7.8	2	7.3	9	4.9
Saline	7	6.3	9	8.3	26	12.1
Total	84	12.8	62	8.5	86	10.1

TABLE A17

AVERAGE TIME FROM TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO ADOPTION FINALIZATION

COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)
Area 4						
Columbia	11	12.8	7	16.6	3	4.7
Hempstead	7	14.9	0	N/A	3	4.3
Lafayette	5	18.4	0	N/A	1	2.1
Little River	6	3.9	4	3.4	3	2.3
Miller	18	9.3	16	16.1	19	5.4
Nevada	0	N/A	0	N/A	4	5.8
Ouachita	5	4.0	10	10.3	6	6.3
Sevier	7	18.4	3	4.1	1	3.0
Union	10	15.5	5	13.6	7	10.5
Total	69	12.1	45	12.7	47	5.9
Area 5						
Baxter	5	14.2	8	11.8	9	9.6
Boone	11	19.4	4	4.8	14	6.1
Conway	17	13.3	10	12.0	26	9.1
Faulkner	28	9.6	19	9.5	30	13.7
Marion	2	31.7	1	5.8	5	14.3
Newton	1	3.5	0	N/A	0	N/A
Pope	11	18.3	11	18.7	14	9.6
Searcy	0	N/A	4	15.7	4	7.8
Van Buren	9	11.3	1	4.0	1	57.0
Total	84	13.7	58	11.9	103	10.8
Area 6						
Pulaski	109	15.7	66	16.3	54	14.1
Total	109	15.7	66	16.3	54	14.1

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COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)
Area 7						
Bradley	0	N/A	0	N/A	1	4.1
Calhoun	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Cleveland	4	14.0	0	N/A	2	4.1
Dallas	1	17.9	2	3.6	3	14.0
Grant	4	25.5	3	10.7	5	15.8
Jefferson	10	13.3	6	11.2	8	5.9
Lincoln	0	N/A	2	6.0	7	7.0
Lonoke	33	11.1	22	7.9	21	11.1
Prairie	3	9.3	0	N/A	0	N/A
Total	55	12.8	35	8.4	47	9.9
Area 8						
Clay	5	13.1	5	3.7	5	20.9
Craighead	20	13.3	13	17.9	12	9.7
Fulton	7	7.5	6	19.9	6	4.9
Greene	33	19.9	22	19.2	10	14.6
Izard	2	4.6	5	12.5	2	13.6
Lawrence	3	5.2	1	26.7	5	1.2
Mississippi	7	8.9	18	7.2	12	11.9
Randolph	5	16.3	9	14.1	5	2.1
Sharp	9	4.6	4	3.9	9	5.3
Total	91	13.7	83	13.9	66	9.5

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COUNTY	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021	
	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)	NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS	TIME (MONTHS)
Area 9						
Cleburne	1	17.9	3	11.0	22	6.0
Crittenden	20	15.4	9	9.0	1	6.9
Cross	8	13.4	5	6.1	4	7.9
Independence	5	5.3	10	3.9	3	2.1
Jackson	7	7.9	12	6.7	9	6.1
Poinsett	27	14.4	14	9.0	17	12.1
Stone	3	5.7	0	N/A	2	10.3
White	21	13.6	11	15.4	17	5.1
Woodruff	10	7.5	6	4.0	2	11.5
Total	102	12.5	70	8.3	77	7.4
Area 10						
Arkansas	4	7.6	4	17.5	12	8.3
Ashley	4	8.5	3	13.1	2	14.8
Chicot	5	13.4	6	15.5	0	N/A
Desha	1	4.3	0	N/A	0	N/A
Drew	3	6.4	2	3.0	1	7.2
Lee	0	N/A	1	1.6	0	N/A
Monroe	0	N/A	3	2.2	5	4.8
Phillips	7	17.1	5	10.6	5	4.5
St. Francis	10	7.7	4	4.9	9	8.3
Total	34	10.3	28	10.3	34	7.6
TOTAL	985	13.2	713	13.9	788	11.0

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR IN-HOME CASES

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	59.1%	73.0%	80.2%
Carroll	78.6%	84.2%	81.6%
Madison	68.0%	87.1%	84.4%
Washington	71.0%	58.6%	47.2%
Total	66.2%	66.5%	62.4%
Area 2			
Crawford	89.4%	94.1%	88.6%
Franklin	56.8%	83.1%	76.8%
Johnson	78.9%	95.0%	87.7%
Logan	74.3%	95.3%	88.2%
Scott	56.7%	81.1%	60.8%
Sebastian	64.8%	87.8%	81.2%
Yell	87.9%	92.9%	83.9%
Total	72.5%	90.2%	82.6%
Area 3			
Clark	77.1%	58.4%	70.7%
Garland	78.3%	69.5%	59.7%
Hot Spring	71.4%	79.9%	80.1%
Howard	89.9%	77.6%	82.8%
Montgomery	94.4%	97.5%	100.0%
Perry	36.6%	88.6%	62.2%
Pike	72.4%	78.0%	91.8%
Polk	90.3%	97.6%	94.2%
Saline	50.6%	66.0%	73.8%
Total	67.7%	71.3%	72.1%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR IN-HOME CASES

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	89.1%	92.0%	92.7%
Hempstead	92.7%	90.1%	89.5%
Lafayette	91.1%	98.6%	88.9%
Little River	80.6%	90.6%	91.3%
Miller	95.2%	85.1%	80.9%
Nevada	86.7%	100.0%	92.2%
Ouachita	71.5%	95.8%	81.5%
Sevier	65.6%	82.0%	88.8%
Union	96.2%	97.0%	84.5%
Total	86.0%	90.1%	85.9%
Area 5			
Baxter	89.4%	88.2%	68.8%
Boone	82.4%	79.5%	73.3%
Conway	78.0%	84.6%	88.3%
Faulkner	79.2%	86.7%	78.1%
Marion	84.6%	91.1%	58.0%
Newton	82.8%	78.3%	68.3%
Pope	70.5%	77.5%	64.3%
Searcy	90.9%	97.4%	64.9%
Van Buren	93.0%	80.7%	69.0%
Total	81.6%	83.3%	71.4%
Area 6			
Pulaski	78.8%	56.2%	36.5%
Total	78.8%	56.2%	36.5%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR IN-HOME CASES

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	100.0%	94.7%	69.2%
Calhoun	97.4%	90.5%	100.0%
Cleveland	80.4%	65.4%	91.7%
Dallas	82.0%	75.0%	69.7%
Grant	80.6%	89.7%	91.9%
Jefferson	51.3%	61.4%	38.3%
Lincoln	90.9%	92.5%	90.9%
Lonoke	82.8%	96.1%	89.5%
Prairie	N/A	100.0%	96.0%
Total	69.5%	75.5%	59.7%
Area 8			
Clay	97.1%	98.3%	100.0%
Craighead	80.2%	75.2%	78.3%
Fulton	87.1%	89.0%	94.4%
Greene	86.0%	94.6%	92.8%
Izard	95.8%	93.0%	98.8%
Lawrence	89.4%	100.0%	94.3%
Mississippi	42.0%	51.5%	59.5%
Randolph	96.9%	91.0%	78.9%
Sharp	88.2%	100.0%	86.3%
Total	80.2%	82.2%	83.8%
Area 9			
Cleburne	97.5%	96.6%	94.4%
Crittenden	67.7%	75.6%	65.2%
Cross	80.8%	80.7%	82.7%
Independence	72.8%	90.3%	87.3%
Jackson	75.4%	89.4%	92.1%
Poinsett	81.9%	87.0%	81.1%
Stone	94.1%	94.4%	91.8%
White	79.9%	83.0%	64.0%
Woodruff	82.3%	93.0%	67.9%
Total	79.1%	85.3%	76.3%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR IN-HOME CASES

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	77.7%	86.5%	91.9%
Ashley	95.1%	93.5%	77.2%
Chicot	72.0%	72.7%	52.0%
Desha	93.4%	98.2%	85.4%
Drew	89.1%	100.0%	96.3%
Lee	97.7%	98.9%	90.9%
Monroe	90.3%	90.4%	90.3%
Phillips	87.6%	83.2%	79.3%
St. Francis	57.4%	67.9%	70.5%
Total	78.9%	84.2%	77.9%
TOTAL	75.4%	76.6%	75.6%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 1			
Benton	66.9%	76.7%	75.7%
Carroll	93.6%	94.5%	93.3%
Madison	91.1%	88.8%	80.3%
Washington	80.9%	77.0%	75.8%
Total	79.8%	79.9%	77.6%
Area 2			
Crawford	85.6%	94.7%	86.3%
Franklin	88.4%	98.3%	90.4%
Johnson	88.9%	94.4%	96.9%
Logan	84.2%	98.0%	98.3%
Scott	90.4%	87.4%	74.6%
Sebastian	83.2%	83.4%	67.4%
Yell	87.5%	96.0%	89.5%
Total	84.6%	87.4%	75.4%
Area 3			
Clark	80.1%	89.9%	91.0%
Garland	84.9%	82.8%	83.8%
Hot Spring	93.3%	92.8%	94.0%
Howard	85.7%	88.7%	91.1%
Montgomery	90.2%	82.9%	95.7%
Perry	55.6%	81.8%	81.3%
Pike	91.9%	86.3%	93.6%
Polk	92.0%	97.2%	97.4%
Saline	72.7%	79.6%	85.1%
Total	83.8%	84.8%	87.3%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 4			
Columbia	97.4%	99.1%	95.5%
Hempstead	97.9%	98.8%	96.9%
Lafayette	93.8%	98.4%	93.3%
Little River	92.0%	95.3%	98.1%
Miller	95.4%	96.0%	88.0%
Nevada	96.2%	96.7%	91.1%
Ouachita	87.9%	98.8%	93.9%
Sevier	88.6%	92.4%	94.7%
Union	97.3%	98.6%	92.5%
Total	94.2%	96.7%	92.7%
Area 5			
Baxter	95.9%	98.0%	86.4%
Boone	90.4%	76.8%	73.6%
Conway	82.3%	91.3%	79.9%
Faulkner	93.8%	97.0%	83.2%
Marion	98.5%	96.6%	72.5%
Newton	88.9%	88.5%	61.3%
Pope	81.3%	95.4%	79.1%
Searcy	100.0%	95.0%	95.7%
Van Buren	96.3%	98.5%	91.5%
Total	90.2%	92.7%	81.2%
Area 6			
Pulaski	85.6%	64.9%	54.1%
Total	85.6%	64.9%	54.1%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 7			
Bradley	89.5%	100.0%	89.9%
Calhoun	100.0%	N/A	100.0%
Cleveland	95.2%	98.0%	92.5%
Dallas	95.4%	95.8%	84.1%
Grant	97.0%	98.6%	94.6%
Jefferson	80.6%	78.3%	62.6%
Lincoln	94.2%	97.1%	86.2%
Lonoke	86.0%	96.6%	94.0%
Prairie	95.9%	92.7%	100.0%
Total	86.4%	90.1%	80.7%
Area 8			
Clay	85.5%	96.7%	98.4%
Craighead	77.0%	87.4%	80.0%
Fulton	90.1%	91.1%	94.2%
Greene	83.0%	92.4%	85.9%
Izard	97.6%	96.9%	98.3%
Lawrence	93.8%	99.6%	96.8%
Mississippi	63.2%	56.8%	58.4%
Randolph	95.7%	91.1%	82.4%
Sharp	92.5%	98.3%	97.7%
Total	81.4%	85.3%	83.5%
Area 9			
Cleburne	93.0%	96.2%	90.8%
Crittenden	72.3%	83.4%	63.9%
Cross	88.0%	95.2%	79.7%
Independence	86.8%	95.8%	94.3%
Jackson	88.3%	94.1%	76.5%
Poinsett	75.8%	89.5%	86.1%
Stone	92.2%	100.0%	90.3%
White	72.7%	78.4%	57.8%
Woodruff	86.9%	84.1%	78.6%
Total	81.2%	88.7%	76.7%

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PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED VISITS MADE FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

COUNTY	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021
Area 10			
Arkansas	85.7%	90.4%	91.9%
Ashley	93.1%	95.8%	84.6%
Chicot	82.6%	90.4%	82.1%
Desha	90.2%	97.4%	86.2%
Drew	96.7%	100.0%	94.8%
Lee	94.3%	97.3%	98.0%
Monroe	94.4%	98.9%	98.2%
Phillips	92.4%	94.7%	97.2%
St. Francis	86.0%	90.0%	95.5%
Total	89.8%	93.7%	92.3%
TOTAL	84.6%	85.2%	77.3%