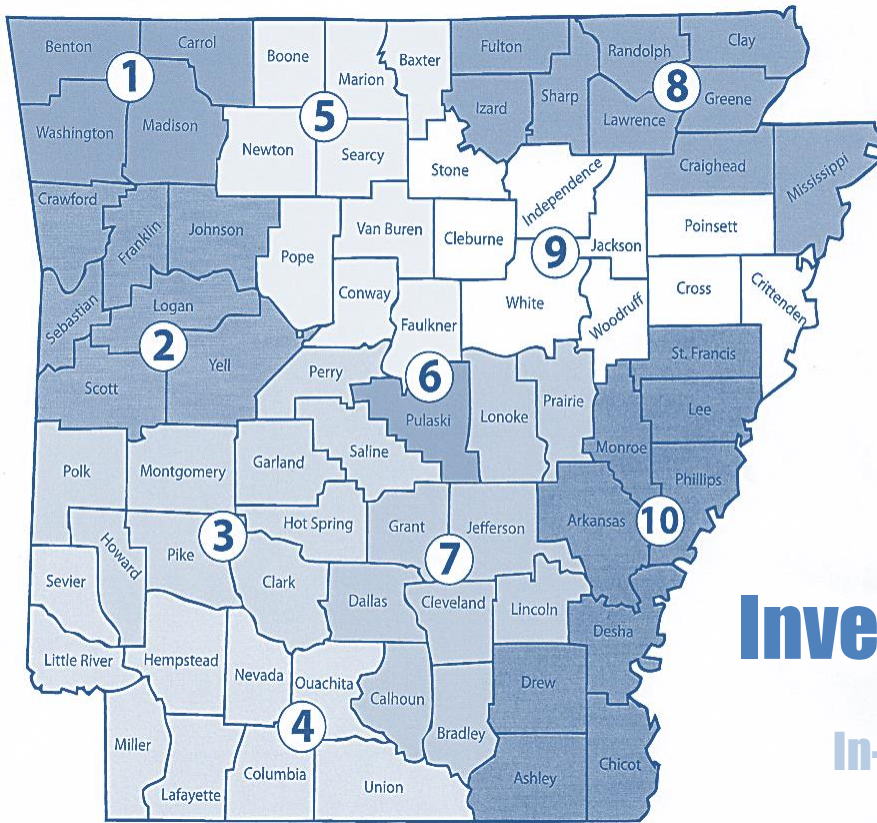


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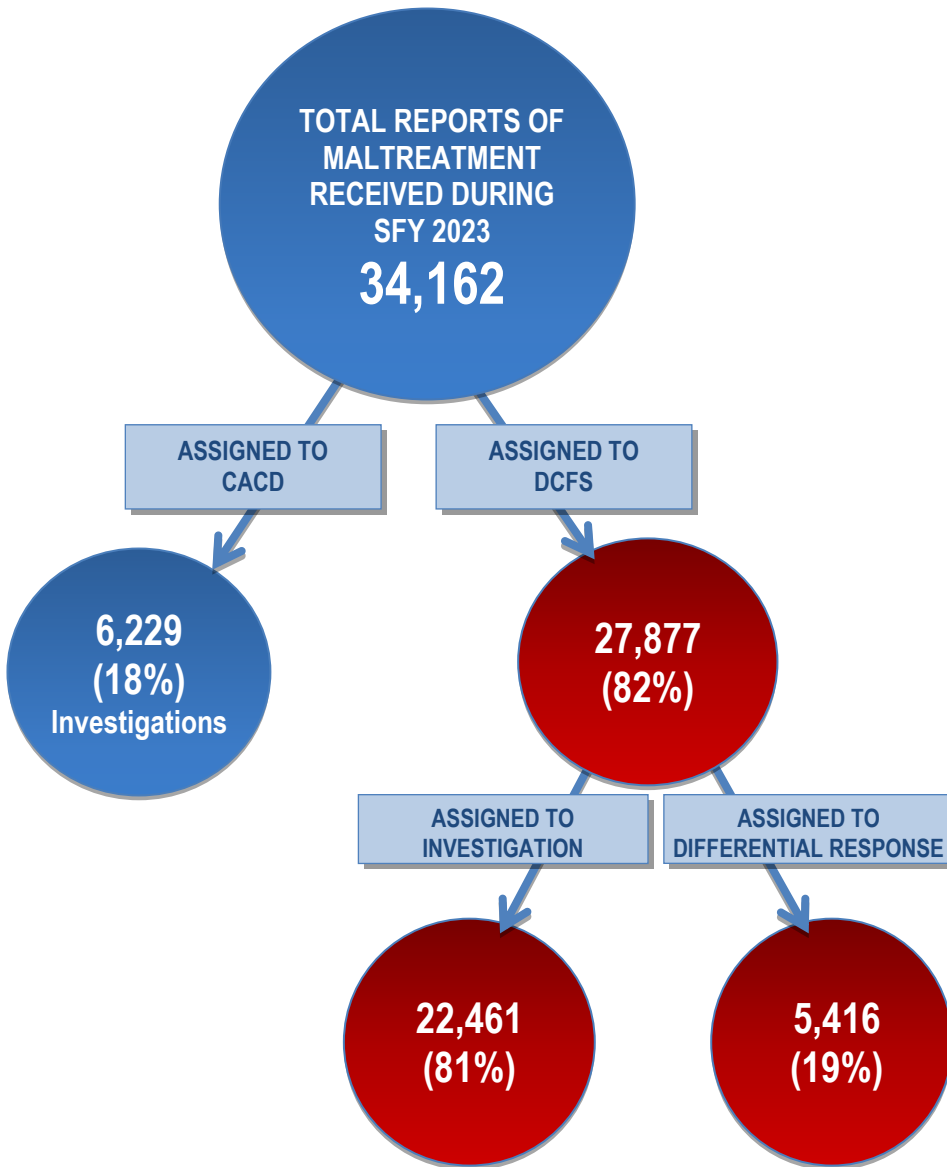
Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During SFY 2023



Of the 34,162 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, 82 percent were assigned to DCFS and 18 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, 81 percent were assigned for an investigation and 19 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:

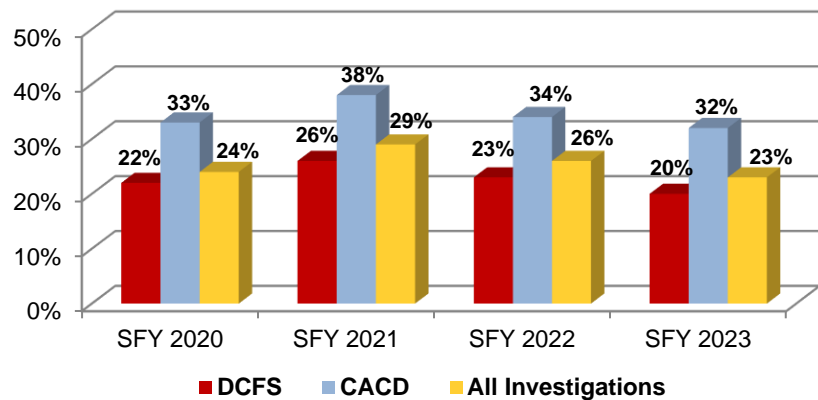
- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, and Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- 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 percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during SFY 2023 were found true, compared to 32 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 23 percent.

Percentage Of Investigations Found True



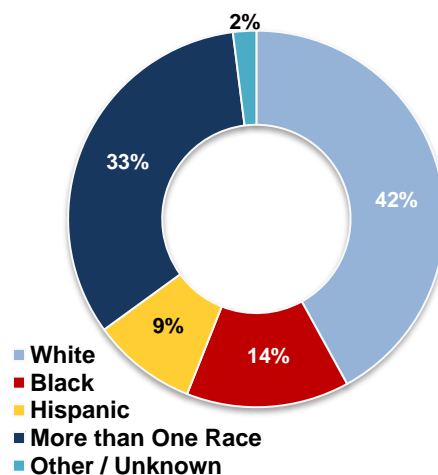
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 8,423 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

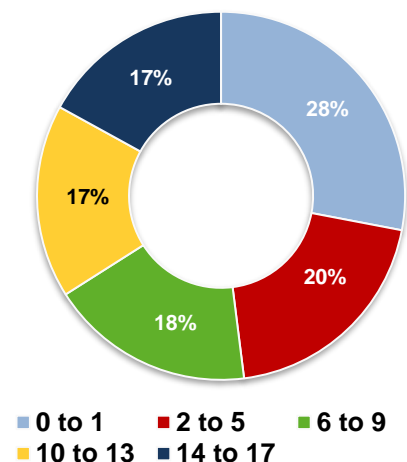
Of those children, 42 percent were white, 33 percent were multiracial, and 14 percent were black. Children ages five and younger accounted for nearly half (48 percent) of the victim children.

A majority of the victim children during SFY 2023 (56 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 8,423 victim children in true investigations were involved in allegations of neglect (68 percent), followed by sexual abuse (20 percent) and physical 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	5,742	68%
Sexual Abuse	1,722	20%
Physical Abuse	1,604	19%
Sexual Exploitation	134	2%
Abandonment	66	1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

Quick Facts

Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

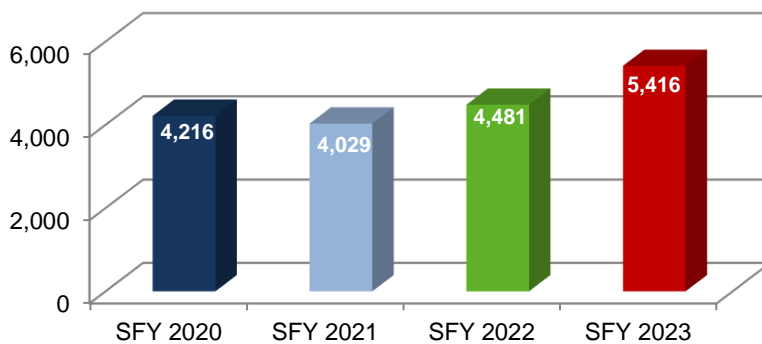
Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	27 ¹	11
Unsubstantiated	11	2
Inactive / Unable to Locate	0	1
Pending	6	0

During SFY 2023, there were 44 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 14 investigations of near child fatalities during the year; most of those were found true as well.

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

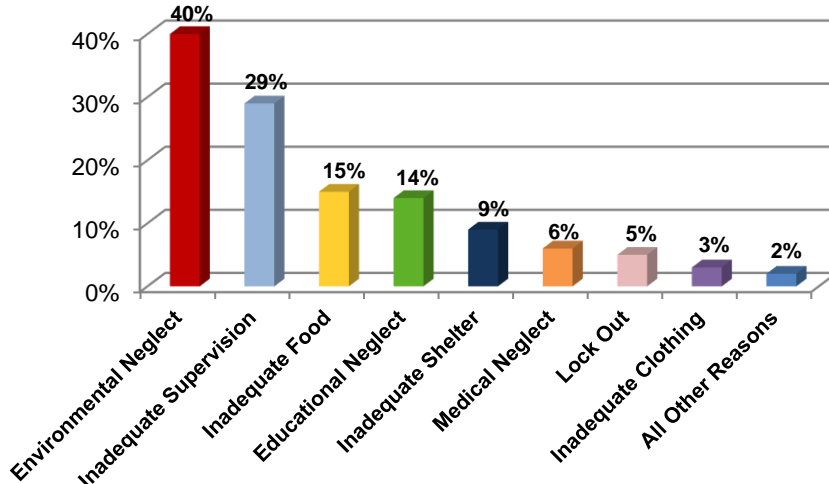
Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



The number of reports assigned to DR during SFY 2023 (5,416) increased by 21 percent over the number assigned during the previous year.

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



Allegations Cited in DR Reports

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

¹ These 27 reports include two that had an overall finding of Exempt (Prenatal Exposure).

Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

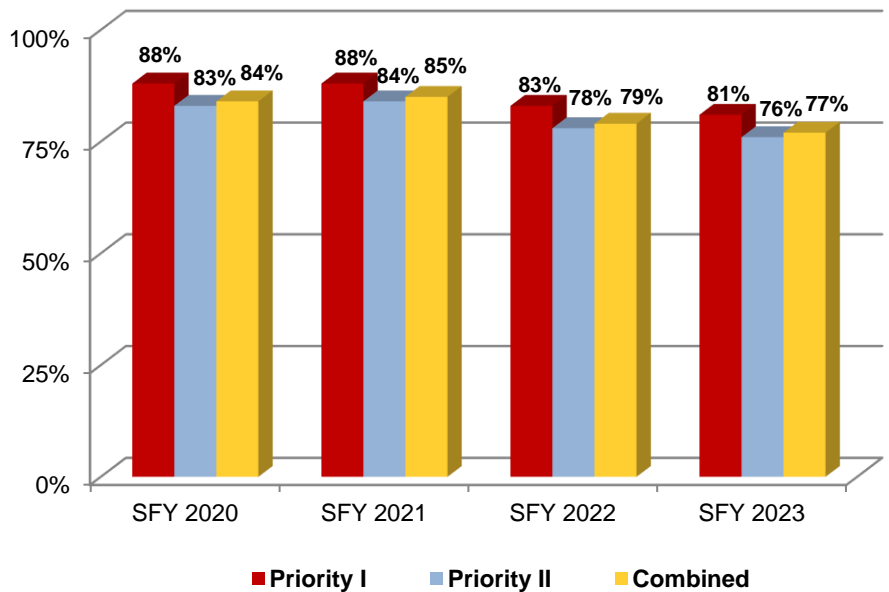
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

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 77 percent of its investigations on time during SFY 2023, performing better on its Priority I investigations than Priority II.

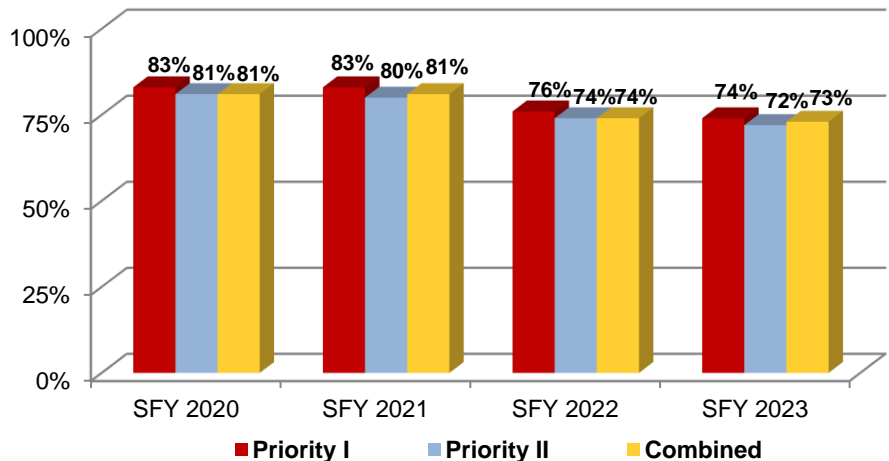
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 73 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during SFY 2023, lower than the timely completion rate observed in previous years.

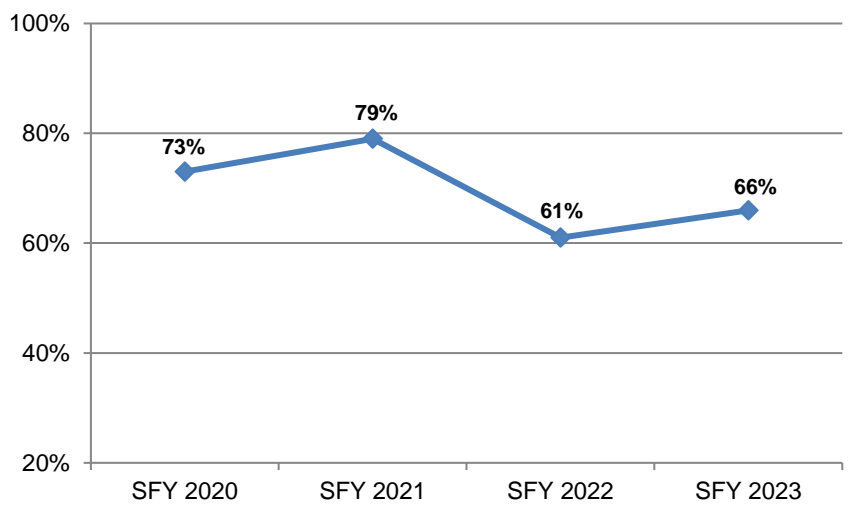
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Quick Facts

Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

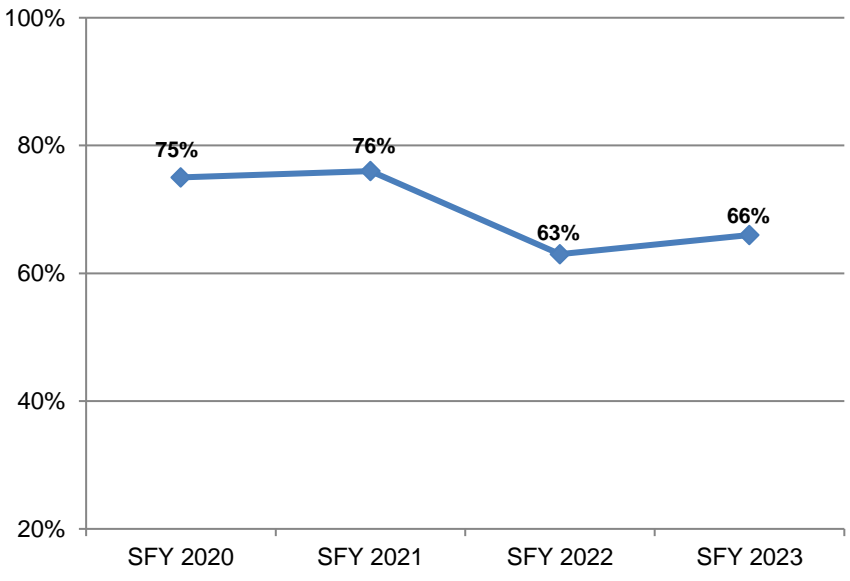


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 66 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2023, an improvement over its performance during 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 66 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2023, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

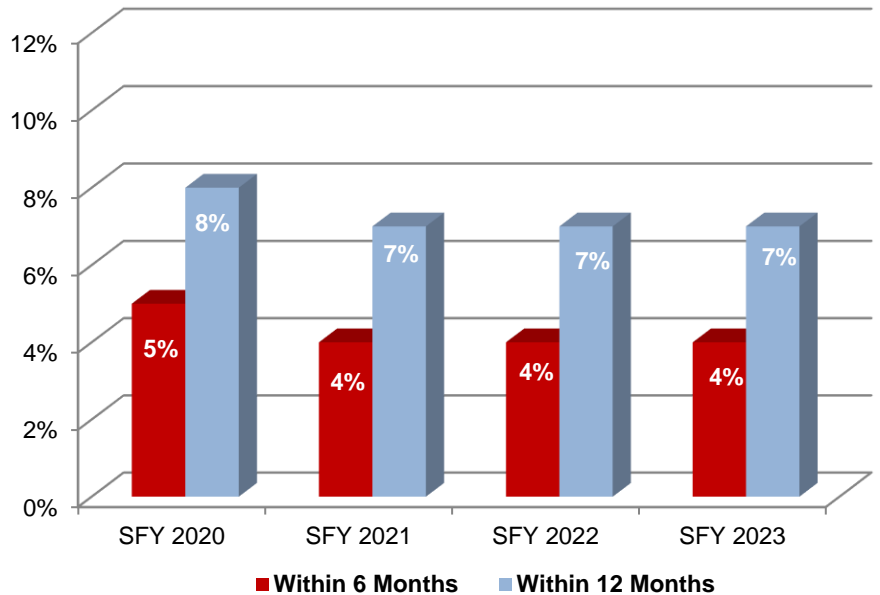
Quick Facts

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

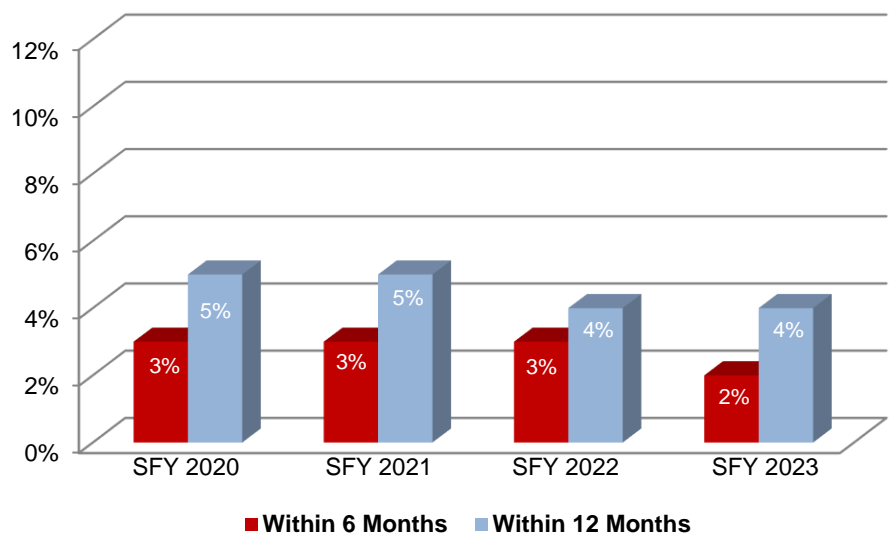


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

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

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

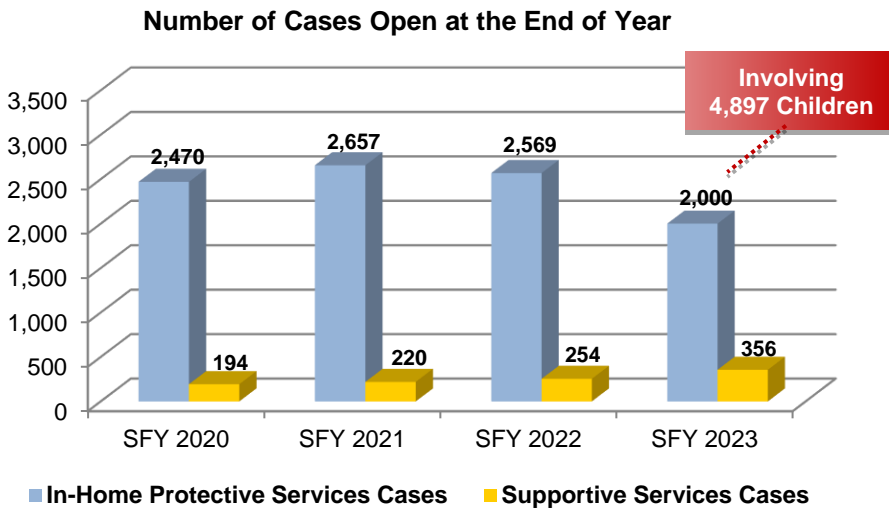


In-Home Services

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Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

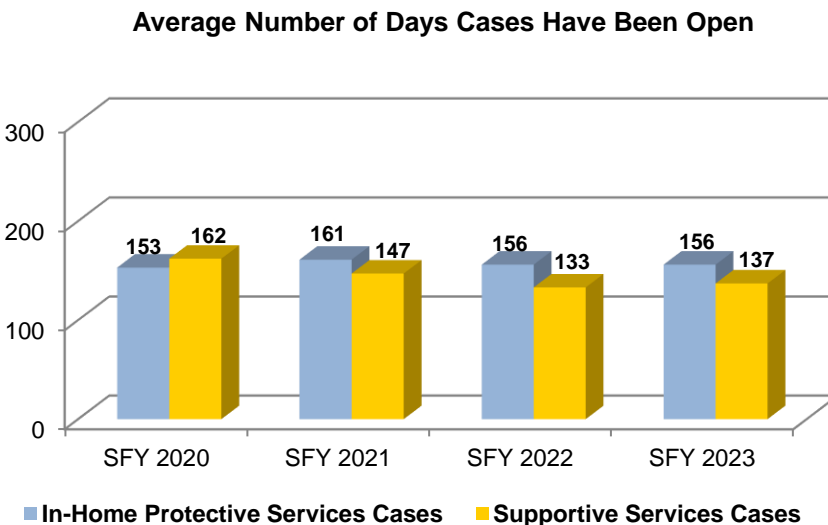


In most instances DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases open at the end of SFY 2023 decreased by 22 percent compared to one year ago. At the end of the year, there were 2,000 in-home protective services cases open across the state, involving 4,897 children.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 356 supportive services cases at the end of the year.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



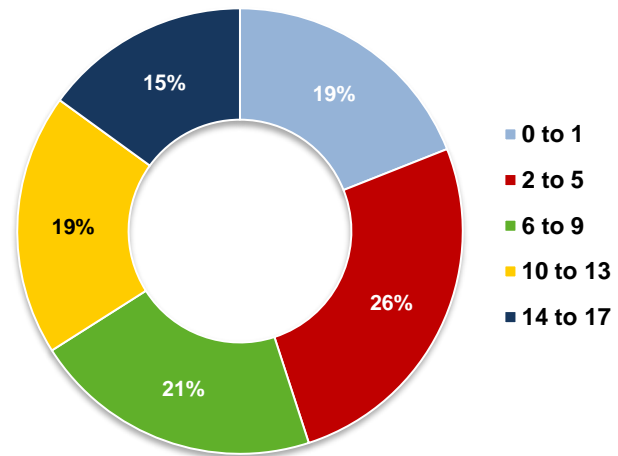
In-home protective services cases that were active as of the end of SFY 2023 had been open, on average, for just over five months. Supportive services cases had stayed open, on average, for four and one-half months.

Quick Facts

Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Over half (55 percent) of the children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter were ages six or older.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



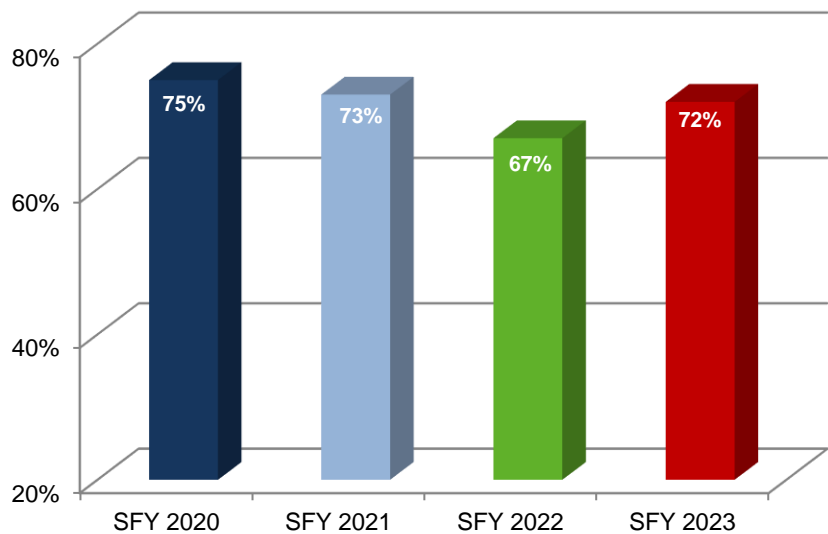
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

Families with an open in-home protective services case must receive a face-to-face visit from a caseworker each month. Caseworkers made 72 percent of these required visits during SFY 2023.

This is higher than the in-home visitation rate observed for the previous year (67 percent). The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

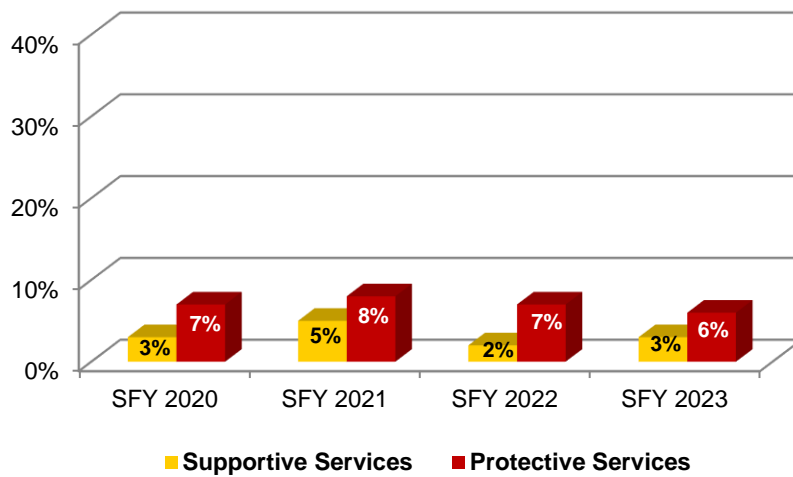


Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

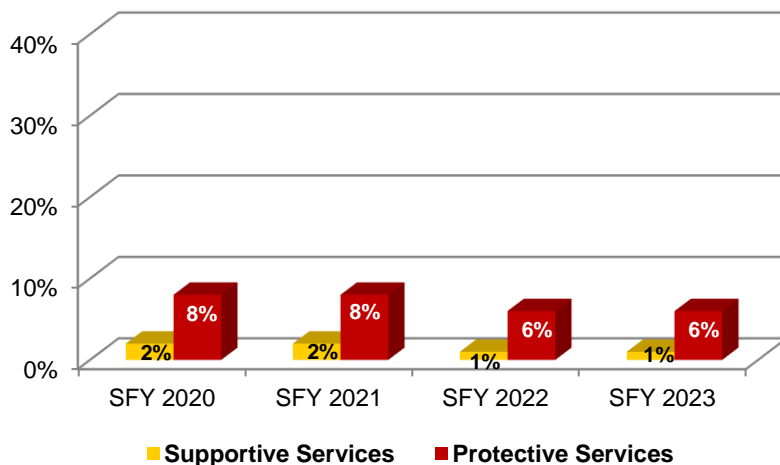
Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving in-home protective services during the year prior to SFY 2023, six percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the year prior to SFY 2023, three 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 2023, six percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Meanwhile, one percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

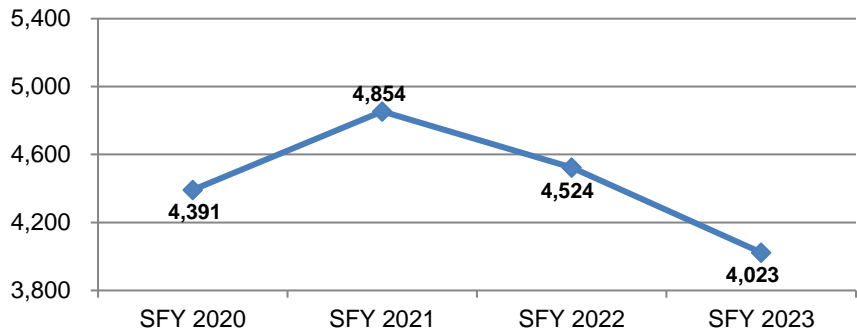
Overall, in-home services prevent the vast majority of the children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year of initiation.

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,023 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2023. This signified a decrease of 11 percent from SFY 2022 (4,524).

Number of Children in Foster Care

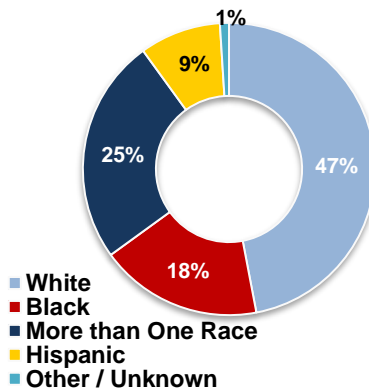


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

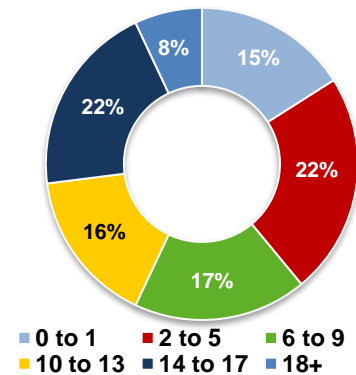
At the end of SFY 2023, children ages five years or younger made up 37 percent of all children in foster care. Forty-seven percent of those in care were white, 25 percent were multiracial, and 18 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care



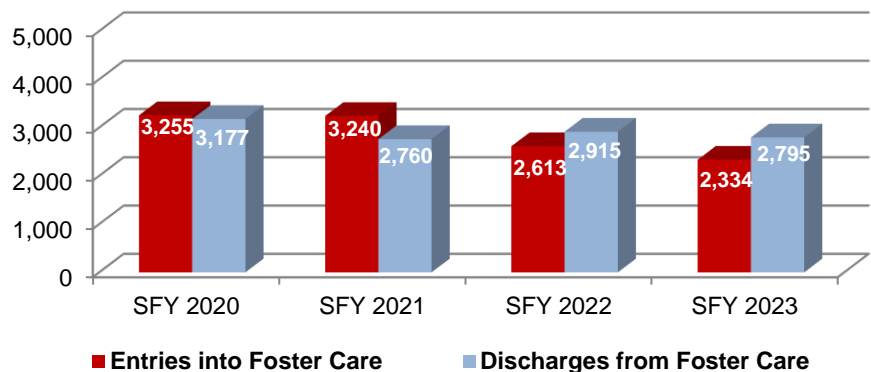
Ages of Children in Foster Care



Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

Far more children exited foster care during SFY 2023 than had entered.

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 2023

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	1,215	52%
Substance Abuse	1,019 ²	44%
Parent Incarceration	472	20%
Inadequate Housing	355	15%
Physical Abuse	335	14%
Sexual Abuse	122	5%
Abandonment	92	4%
Child's Behavior	82	4%
Caretaker Illness	72	3%
Truancy	35	1%
Death of Parent(s)	32	1%
All Other Reasons	82	3%

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 2023

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	1,166	42%
Adoption	824	29%
Relative Custody	289	10%
Guardianship	223	8%
Child Aged Out	183	7%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	77	3%
Non-Relative Custody	27	1%
All Other Reasons	6	<1%

National data³ indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (47%), adoption (25%), and guardianship (12%).

Forty-two percent of the children who left foster care during SFY 2023 were reunified with their own family, 29 percent were adopted, and 10 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 1,019 cases of substance abuse include 886 instances of parental drug abuse, 100 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 30 instances of drug abuse by children, and 3 instances of alcohol abuse by children.

³ National data from the Children's Bureau (November 2022).

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2023, well over half (57 percent) had been in care for 12 months or longer.

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
SFY 2023

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	140	3%	5%
30-90 Days	336	8%	19%
3-6 Months	552	14%	
6-12 Months	713	18%	19%
12-24 Months	1,086	27%	25%
24-36 Months	537	13%	15%
36+ Months	659	16%	18%
Total	4,023	100%	100%

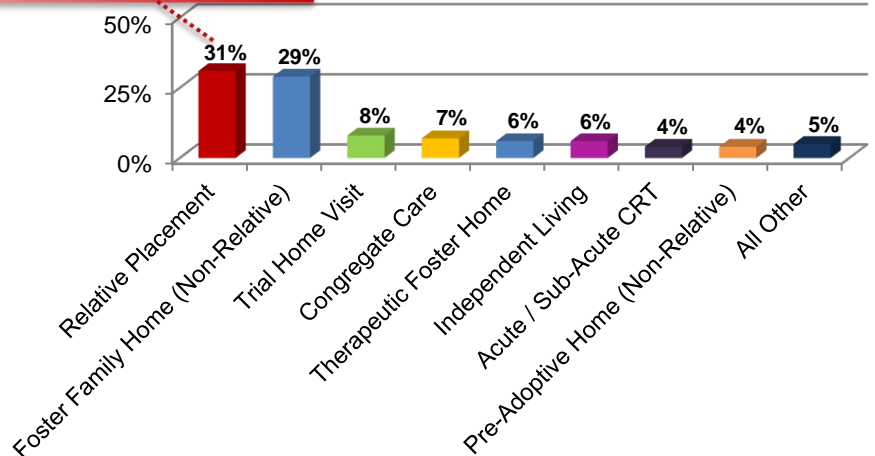
Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 78 percent of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2023 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.

Foster Home (Rel/Fic): 16%
Provisional (Rel/Fic): 13%
ICPC (Out of State): 2%
Pre-Adoptive (Relative): 0.2%
Other Relative: 0.4%

Placement of Children in Foster Care

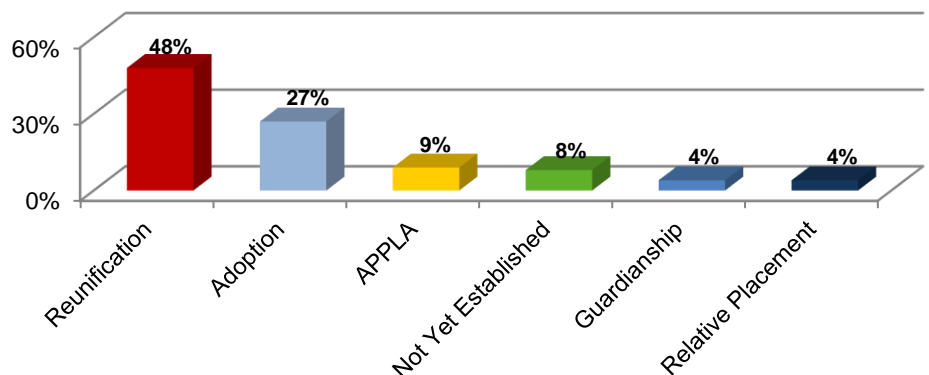


Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Forty-eight percent of the children in care at the end of SFY 2023 had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 27 percent had a goal of adoption.

These figures differ slightly from national data from the Children's Bureau as of November 2022, with averages of 53 percent for reunification and 28 percent for adoption.

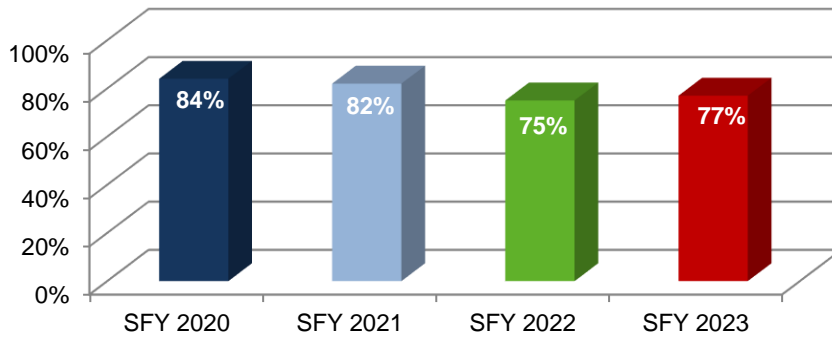
Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care



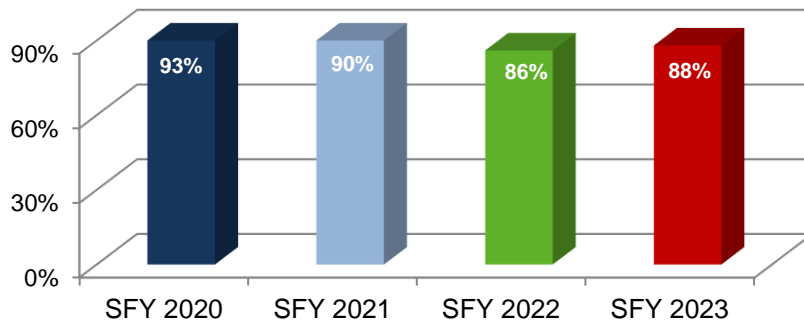
Quick Facts

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



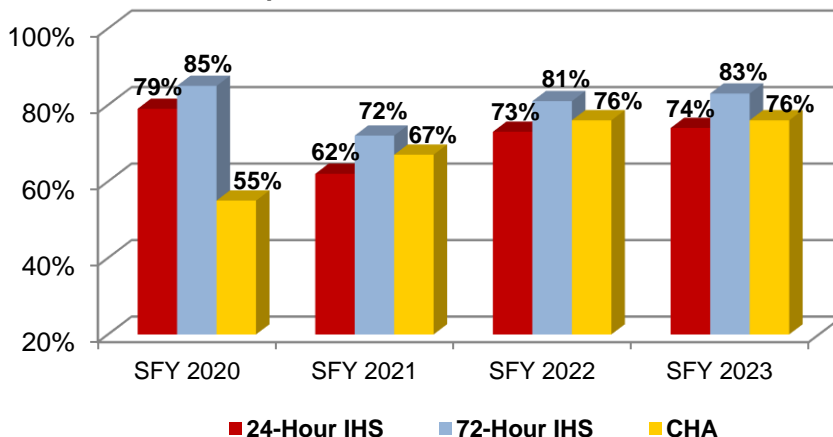
To ensure safety and well-being, best practice requires children in foster care to be visited in their placements by their caseworkers each month. The Division's goal is to make 95 percent of these visits.

DCFS caseworkers made 77 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care statewide during SFY 2023.

On average, 88 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 74 percent of its required 24-hour IHSs, 83 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 76 percent of its CHAs on time during SFY 2023.

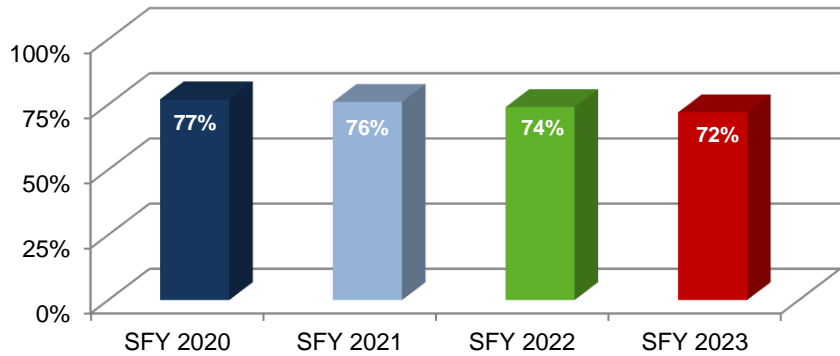
Quick Facts

Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2023, 72 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 51 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

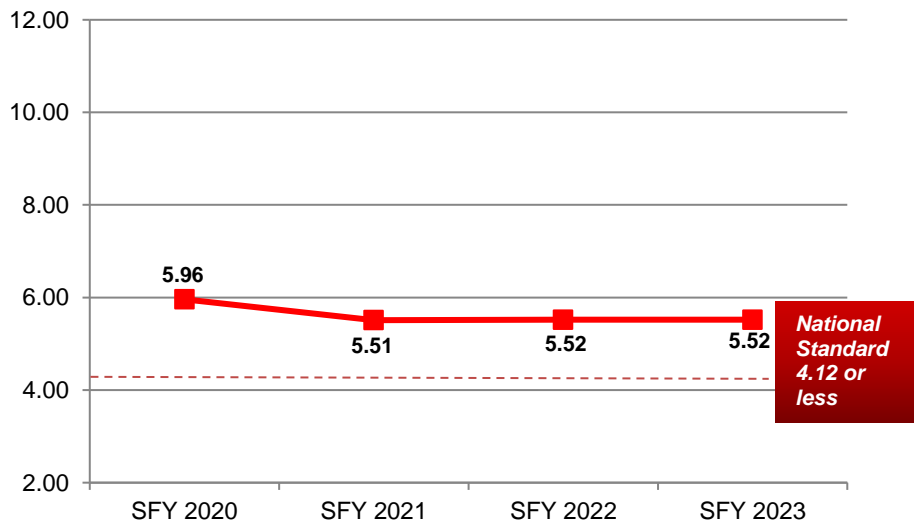


Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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 2023, the placement stability rate was 5.52, identical to the previous year. The national standard is a rate of 4.12.

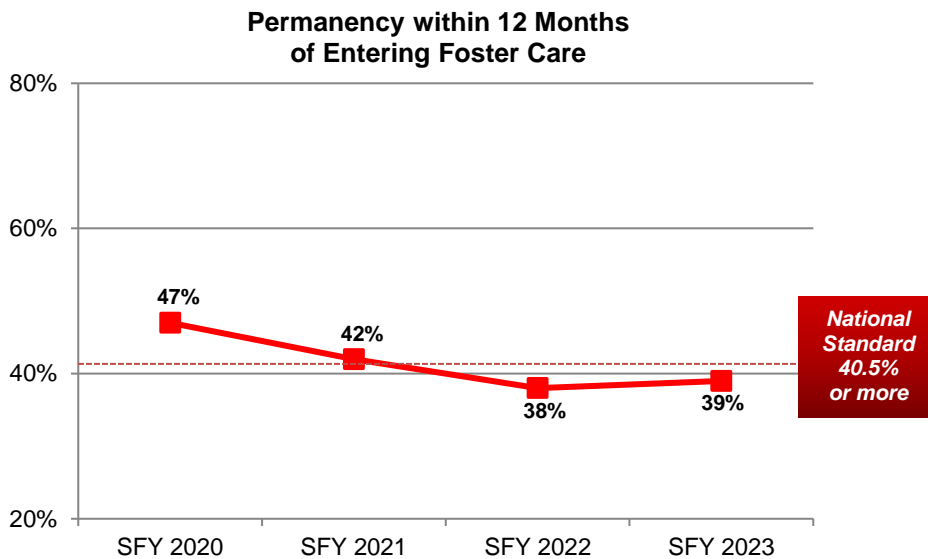
Rate of Placement Moves Per 1,000 Days in Foster Care



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Benefits to Children and Families

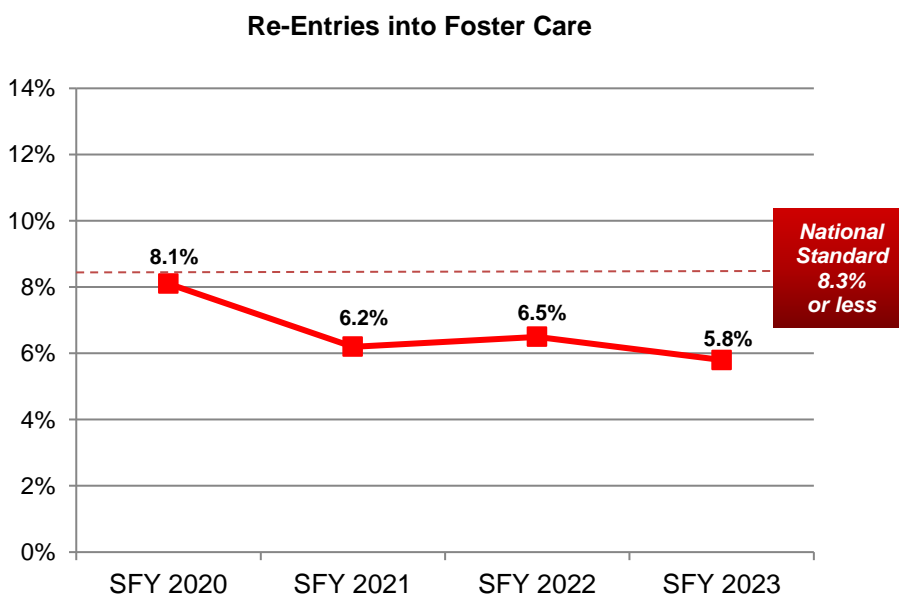
Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months



The national standard is for 40.5 percent of all children entering foster care to achieve permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) 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.

For SFY 2023, 39 percent of the children entering care in Arkansas achieved permanency within 12 months.

Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care



For SFY 2023, less than 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.

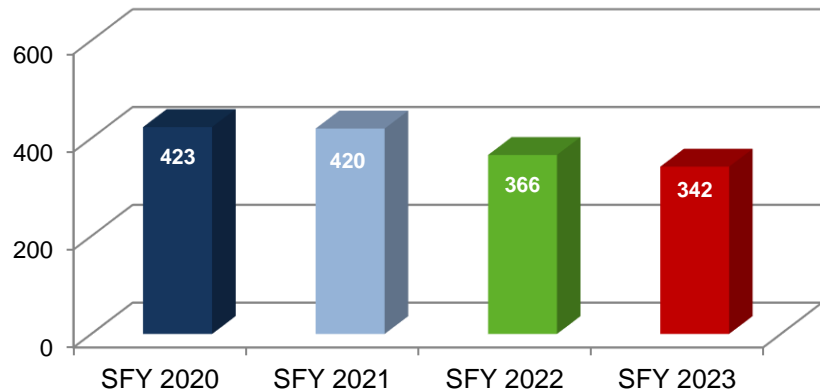
Volume and Description of Cases

Children Available for Adoption ⁴

At the end of SFY 2023, 342 children were available for adoption.

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

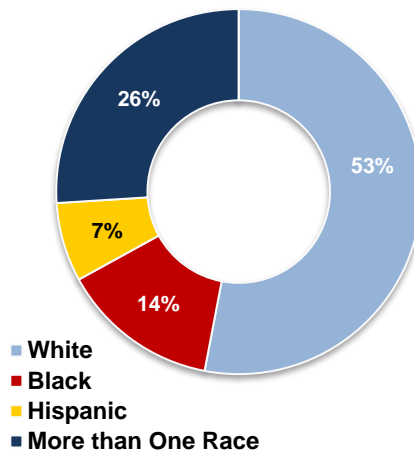
Number of Children Available for Adoption



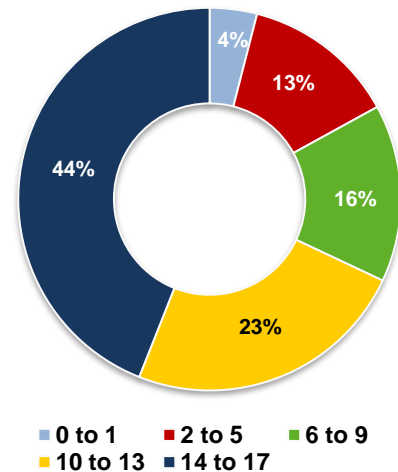
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 53 percent were white, 26 percent were multiracial, and 14 percent were black. Children ages ten and older made up two-thirds (67 percent) of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



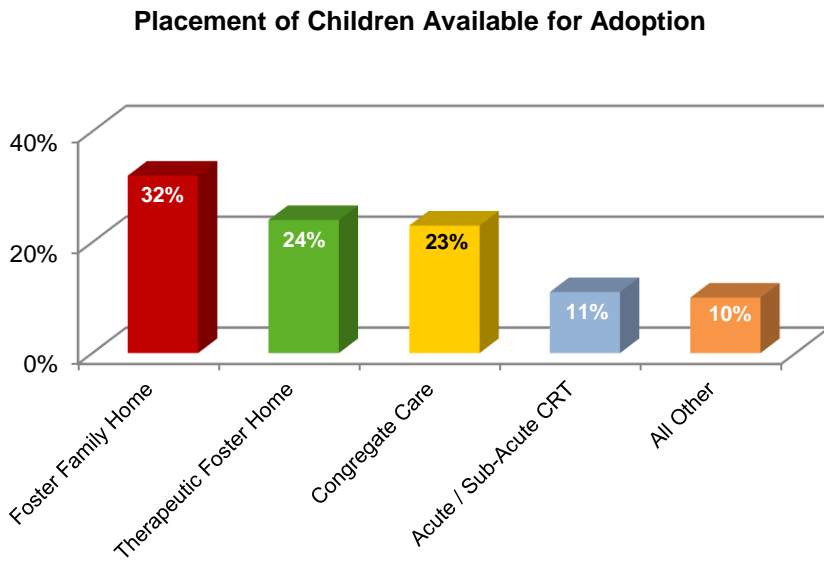
Ages of Children Available for Adoption



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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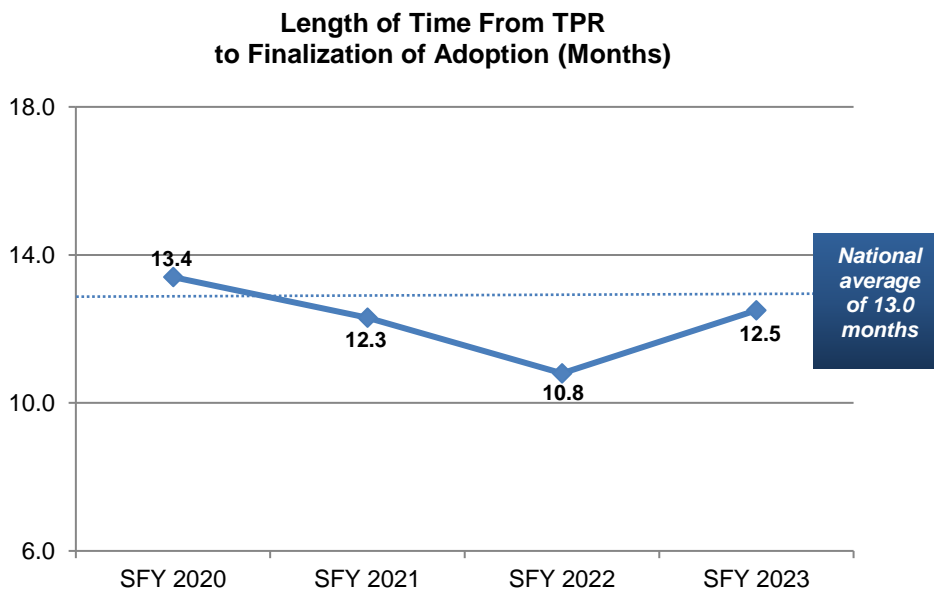
Placement of Children Available for Adoption



Fifty-six percent of the children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2023 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 12.5 months during SFY 2023, longer than the previous year yet shorter than the national average of 13 months.

Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Finalized Adoptions

Eight-hundred and sixteen adoptions were finalized during SFY 2023.

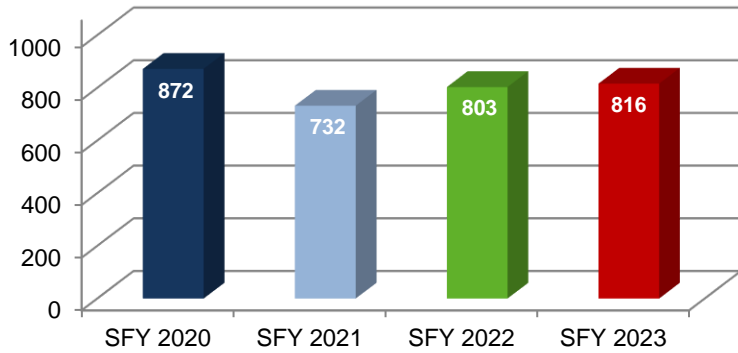
Nearly half (45 percent) of the adoptions finalized during the year were by relatives.

Children ages zero to five made up over half (55 percent) of children who were adopted during SFY 2023. White children made up two-thirds (67 percent) of those adopted.

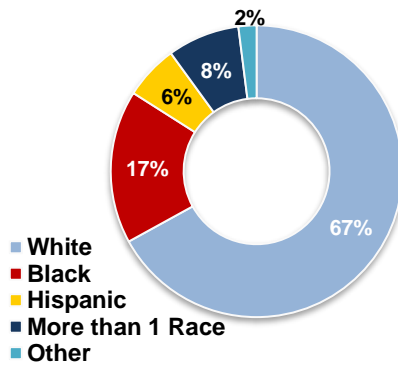
Subsidized Adoptions

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

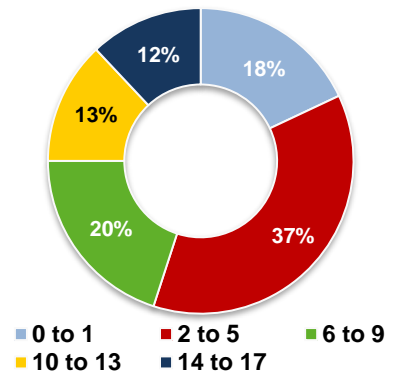
- Caucasian and over nine
- African-American and at least two
- At least two members of a sibling group
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional.



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



During SFY 2023, **862** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 840 were federally-funded and 22 were state funded subsidies.

During SFY 2023, a total of **8,668** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

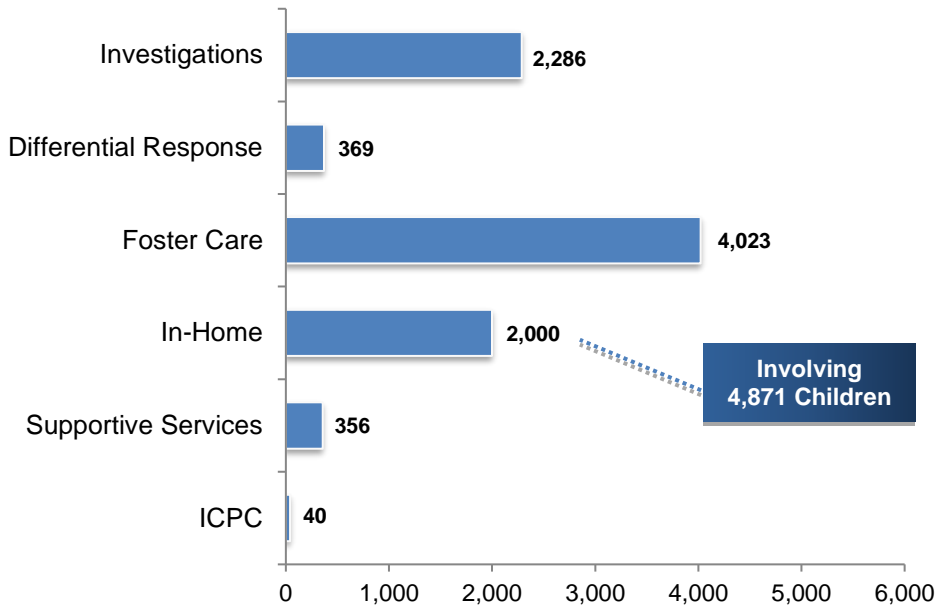
Caseloads at the End of SFY 2023

As of the end of SFY 2023, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,286 investigations of child maltreatment and 369 DR cases;
- 4,023 foster care cases (3,788 excluding adoption cases);
- 2,000 in-home cases, involving 4,871 children;
- 356 supportive services cases and 40 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 420 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of SFY 2023



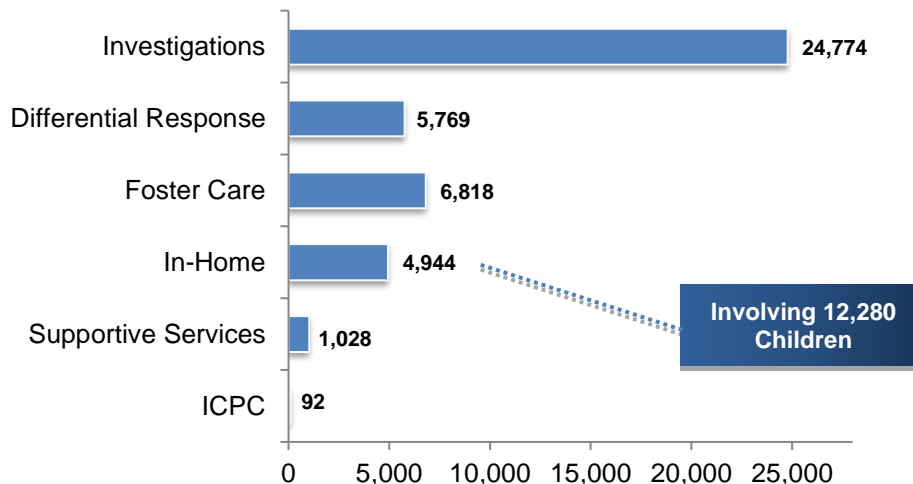
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Year

This chart shows the number of cases that cycled through the system during SFY 2023, 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 24,774 investigations; 6,818 children in foster care; 5,769 DR cases; 4,944 in-home protective services cases; 1,028 supportive services cases; and 92 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During SFY 2023



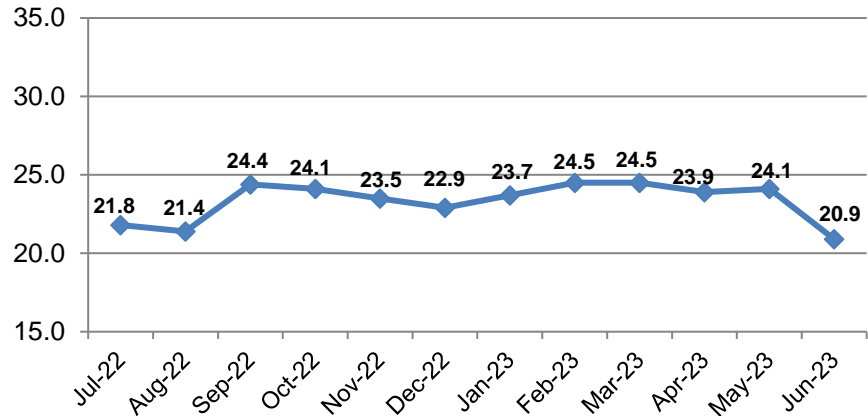
Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at nearly 21 cases per worker at the end of SFY 2023. 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, 2023 is presented in Appendix J.

Average Caseload During SFY 2023

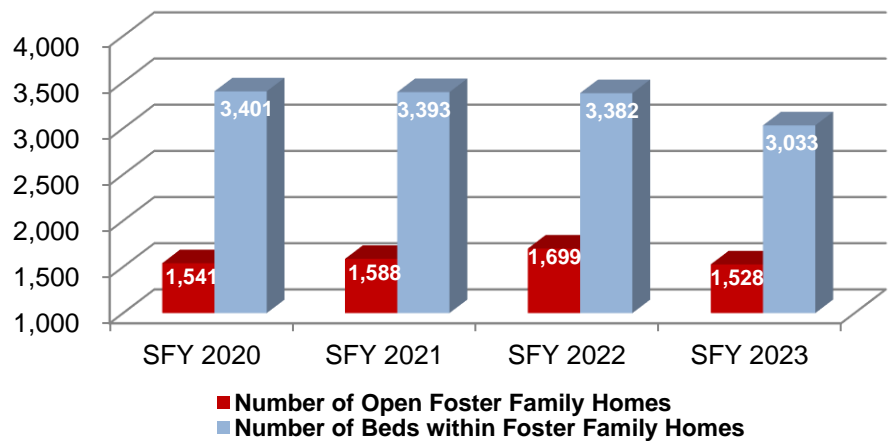


Foster Homes

Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,528 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of SFY 2023, less than the previous year.

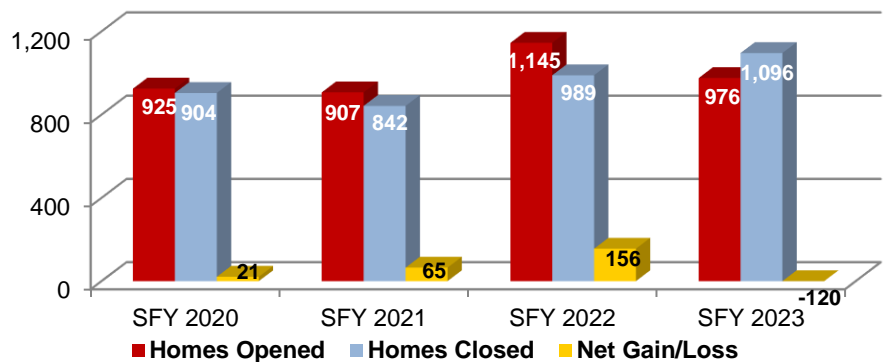
Number of Foster Homes and Beds



During SFY 2023, 976 new foster homes were opened and 1,096 were closed, resulting in a net loss of 120 homes.

Appendix K displays the closure reasons for the 1,096 foster homes that closed during the year.

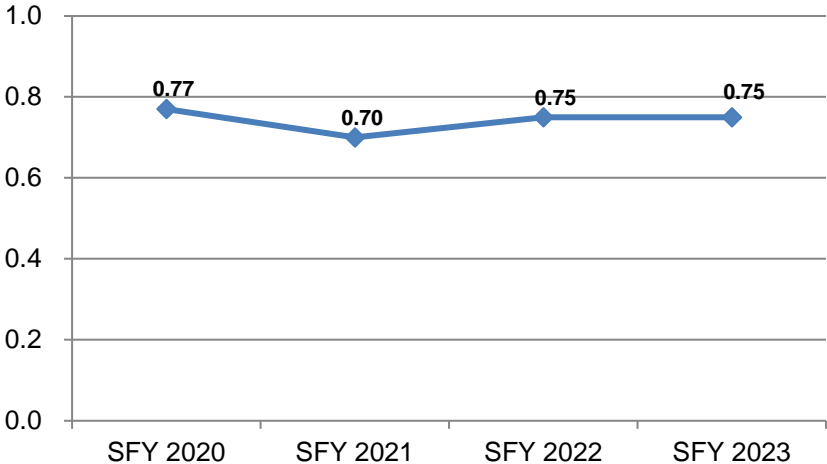
Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed



Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

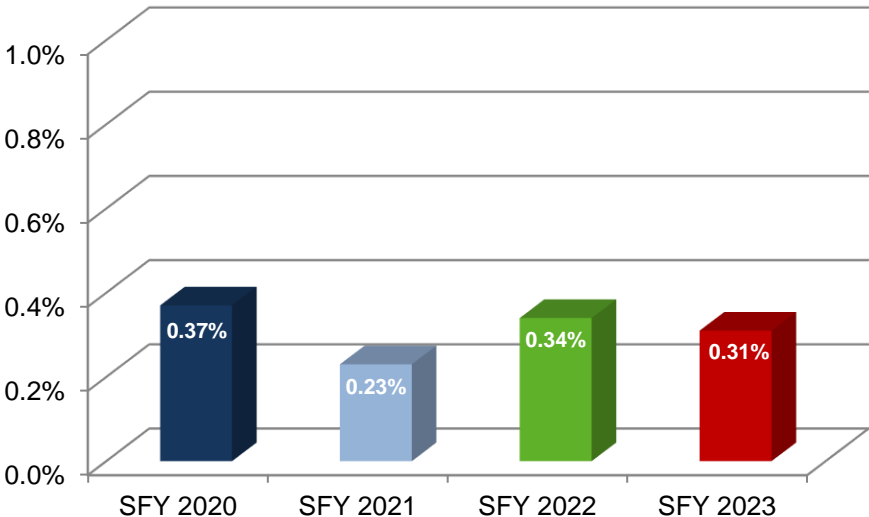


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was 0.75 at the end of the year, identical to the previous year.

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



Nine reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the year. Based on the 2,919 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.31 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)	2345	277	14.78	1886	41	0	18	9	97	7	10
1	Carroll (Berryville)	311	43	19.29	239	15	0	0	2	12	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	187	36	24.60	127	3	0	5	2	8	6	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	2323	344	20.55	1728	90	0	16	27	78	38	2
Area Total		5,166	700	18.01	3,980	149	0	39	40	195	51	12
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	769	115	22.53	577	40	0	11	5	7	4	10
2	Franklin (Ozark)	205	41	26.87	141	10	0	2	1	5	1	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	276	48	22.88	185	10	0	1	3	22	2	5
2	Logan (Paris)	245	46	N/A	177	7	0	2	0	2	8	3
2	Scott (Waldron)	119	22	25.21	87	4	0	3	1	1	1	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1540	261	24.72	1104	98	0	11	6	24	17	19
2	Yell (Danville)	200	43	24.37	142	5	0	0	0	6	1	3
Area Total		3,354	576	24.05	2,413	174	0	30	16	67	34	44
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	187	31	27.32	129	14	0	5	0	3	1	4
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	1085	154	24.41	770	91	0	4	9	22	7	28
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	346	37	17.30	272	15	0	6	1	7	3	5
3	Howard (Nashville)	119	17	22.69	76	8	0	2	0	13	3	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	77	8	18.42	61	4	0	1	1	0	1	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	98	7	14.67	59	4	0	0	0	5	0	23
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	108	17	27.10	68	10	0	2	0	9	1	1
3	Polk (Mena)	175	25	22.35	129	10	0	1	2	3	0	5
3	Saline (Benton)	1017	98	16.55	697	26	0	13	7	22	7	147
Area Total		3,212	394	21.01	2,261	182	0	34	20	84	23	214
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	174	18	17.34	130	8	0	3	1	11	2	1
4	Hempstead (Hope)	154	37	28.29	101	5	0	0	1	8	0	2
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	66	14	26.15	46	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	124	30	33.88	74	10	0	1	0	6	0	3
4	Miller (Texarkana)	440	105	31.80	251	28	0	5	0	44	1	6
4	Nevada (Prescott)	52	12	28.85	36	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	213	26	23.47	141	22	0	2	0	22	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	158	38	29.22	106	4	0	2	1	3	0	4
4	Union (El Dorado)	365	50	23.84	260	29	0	7	1	18	0	0
Area Total		1,746	330	26.95	1,145	112	0	20	4	115	3	17
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	332	39	22.42	237	30	0	4	1	18	1	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	350	51	19.42	243	14	0	2	0	34	1	5
5	Conway (Morrliton)	213	31	18.57	162	4	0	3	1	8	1	3
5	Faulkner (Conway)	1013	147	19.56	742	39	0	7	3	55	9	11
5	Marion (Yellville)	132	23	23.48	92	8	0	0	0	8	1	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	53	8	20.75	39	1	0	1	1	1	2	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	520	96	25.48	368	28	0	7	1	5	13	2
5	Searcy (Marshall)	62	11	24.19	44	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	200	35	21.72	145	6	0	2	0	10	0	2
Area Total		2,875	441	21.33	2,072	134	0	26	7	142	28	25

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	644	112	23.45	465	29	0	6	4	28	0	0
6	Pulaski (North)	937	144	19.34	712	25	0	9	3	43	0	1
6	Pulaski (South)	1077	181	21.74	784	36	0	10	6	55	0	5
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	577	142	31.25	385	24	0	7	7	11	0	1
Area Total		3,235	579	23.08	2,346	114	0	32	20	137	0	7
7	Bradley (Warren)	90	12	21.11	69	7	0	0	0	2	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	28	10	46.43	14	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	48	9	22.92	32	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	60	10	23.33	46	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	167	25	22.75	124	7	0	6	0	5	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	490	113	30.53	323	26	0	10	0	14	2	2
7	Lincoln (Star City)	72	21	33.33	45	2	0	1	0	3	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	694	68	13.33	574	15	0	7	2	24	0	4
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	72	7	15.28	59	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Area Total		1,721	275	21.63	1,286	67	0	27	2	56	2	6
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	170	24	20.83	133	11	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1184	132	19.90	880	89	0	11	3	64	2	3
8	Fulton (Salem)	99	18	27.55	69	9	0	0	0	2	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	797	137	21.77	595	33	0	2	0	20	3	7
8	Izard (Melbourne)	153	22	19.08	123	6	0	1	0	0	0	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	224	53	29.73	155	9	0	3	1	1	0	2
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	443	41	15.16	346	25	0	1	0	28	1	1
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	51	4	19.61	35	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	190	33	25.81	136	12	0	3	0	2	0	4
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	224	38	29.30	150	14	0	9	2	2	0	9
Area Total		3,535	502	21.46	2,622	214	0	30	6	125	6	30
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	264	56	24.24	198	4	0	4	0	0	2	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	410	80	27.56	278	28	0	5	0	18	1	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	139	19	17.99	114	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	371	56	19.40	292	12	0	3	0	3	0	5
9	Jackson (Newport)	177	47	31.03	118	6	0	1	0	2	0	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	367	64	23.16	277	18	0	2	1	5	0	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	132	15	13.64	114	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	929	149	18.64	731	9	0	10	5	15	9	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	66	24	39.39	40	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Total		2,855	510	22.10	2,162	84	0	28	7	43	12	9
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	140	32	29.71	97	7	0	2	0	0	0	2
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	128	21	23.62	96	7	0	1	1	1	0	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	53	12	37.74	32	7	0	1	0	0	1	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	88	8	15.91	72	3	0	2	1	2	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	119	26	23.53	90	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	47	3	19.57	35	6	0	0	0	2	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	41	7	29.27	29	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	14	1	28.57	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	154	21	24.68	107	17	0	0	0	9	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	190	32	29.47	126	23	0	1	0	8	0	0
Area Total		974	163	25.98	694	80	0	7	2	23	1	4
99	Unknown County	17	2	14.29	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Statewide Total		28,690	4,472	21.82	20,991	1,310	0	273	124	989	160	371

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)	202	85	1	3	1	7	42	61	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	48	0	0	0	0	7	23	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	49	33	0	3	0	0	0	13	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	402	148	16	1	0	13	77	142	5
Area Total		731	314	17	7	1	20	126	239	7
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	115	76	3	0	0	0	4	32	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	61	0	0	0	0	5	12	6
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	60	41	1	3	0	0	2	11	2
2	Logan (Booneville)	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
2	Logan (Paris)	68	46	0	0	0	0	3	18	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	50	36	0	0	0	0	5	7	2
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	670	327	50	3	2	0	92	182	14
2	Yell (Danville)	73	48	1	0	0	0	17	6	1
Area Total		1,133	643	55	6	2	0	128	273	26
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	20	7	0	0	0	5	17	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	343	204	38	0	0	0	25	70	6
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	67	42	4	0	0	0	2	16	3
3	Howard (Nashville)	25	10	5	0	0	0	5	5	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	28	23	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	36	25	1	0	0	0	4	4	2
3	Polk (Mena)	36	26	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
3	Saline (Benton)	122	81	13	0	0	0	3	18	7
Area Total		721	444	69	0	0	0	44	146	18
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	46	15	27	0	0	0	0	4	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	67	22	17	0	0	0	17	11	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	37	9	0	0	0	5	18	2
4	Miller (Texarkana)	194	87	61	0	0	1	10	35	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	11	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	60	16	24	0	0	0	1	19	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	51	20	3	0	0	0	13	15	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	75	30	20	0	0	0	2	23	0
Area Total		588	242	166	0	0	1	48	129	2
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	57	36	1	0	0	0	1	17	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	73	48	2	0	0	0	3	19	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	76	51	6	0	0	0	0	17	2
5	Faulkner (Conway)	204	110	22	0	0	0	17	46	9
5	Marion (Yellville)	27	21	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	136	70	3	0	0	1	20	39	3
5	Searcy (Marshall)	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	55	34	0	0	0	0	2	17	2
Area Total		655	392	34	0	0	1	44	162	22

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than 1	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	127	57	43	0	0	0	4	20	3
6	Pulaski (North)	312	46	158	0	0	0	40	63	5
6	Pulaski (South)	260	36	150	1	0	0	9	57	7
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	183	29	80	3	0	0	29	35	7
Area Total		888	170	434	4	0	0	82	176	22
7	Bradley (Warren)	23	11	6	0	0	0	0	5	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	21	5	9	0	0	0	3	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	23	12	0	0	0	0	0	9	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	210	66	111	0	0	0	5	24	4
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	6	5	0	0	0	0	5	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	128	87	21	0	0	0	8	12	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Area Total		449	208	152	0	0	0	16	63	10
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	162	51	36	0	0	0	13	61	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	23	15	0	0	0	0	1	7	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	196	123	16	0	0	0	9	39	9
8	Izard (Melbourne)	62	42	1	0	0	0	1	17	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	64	52	0	0	0	0	2	7	3
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	45	15	16	0	0	0	3	11	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	21	9	6	0	0	0	1	5	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	53	35	1	0	0	1	1	15	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	66	51	3	0	0	0	2	9	1
Area Total		703	401	79	0	0	1	33	174	15
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	53	35	2	0	0	0	1	14	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	119	35	60	0	0	0	1	20	3
9	Cross (Wynne)	60	25	22	0	0	0	2	11	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	85	64	1	0	0	0	4	14	2
9	Jackson (Newport)	78	39	17	0	0	0	1	21	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	142	94	9	0	0	0	4	33	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	113	6	0	0	0	8	33	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	64	32	9	0	0	0	2	20	1
Area Total		775	448	126	0	0	0	23	168	10
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	8	7	0	0	0	0	5	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	13	14	0	0	0	0	3	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	3	7	0	0	0	1	4	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	3	8	0	0	0	0	8	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	23	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	37	9	17	0	0	0	6	5	0
Area Total		175	54	80	0	0	0	9	26	6
Statewide Total		6,818	3,316	1,212	17	3	23	553	1,556	138

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)	202	67	44	30	59	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	37	21	7	13	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	49	16	12	6	15	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	402	146	102	59	90	5
Area Total		731	266	179	102	177	7
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	115	44	26	13	32	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	41	20	7	14	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	60	28	10	5	15	2
2	Logan (Booneville)	13	4	3	0	6	0
2	Logan (Paris)	68	27	23	11	6	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	50	12	13	12	12	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	670	253	153	84	168	12
2	Yell (Danville)	73	14	18	19	21	1
Area Total		1,133	423	266	151	274	19
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	19	12	5	13	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	343	156	92	30	61	4
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	67	37	4	10	13	3
3	Howard (Nashville)	25	10	7	5	3	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	8	3	1	3	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	28	9	8	3	8	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	36	16	6	8	4	2
3	Polk (Mena)	36	14	5	4	13	0
3	Saline (Benton)	122	39	28	17	32	6
Area Total		721	308	165	83	150	15
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	46	27	9	3	7	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	67	24	16	5	22	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	4	4	3	2	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	24	22	10	15	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	194	78	59	23	34	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	11	5	2	1	3	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	60	27	17	6	10	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	51	19	14	6	12	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	75	39	12	5	19	0
Area Total		588	247	155	62	124	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	57	21	23	4	8	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	73	20	24	10	18	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	76	41	18	6	9	2
5	Faulkner (Conway)	204	84	62	17	33	8
5	Marion (Yellville)	27	10	3	0	14	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	6	3	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	136	63	33	12	25	3
5	Searcy (Marshall)	18	8	7	1	0	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	55	15	24	7	7	2
Area Total		655	268	197	57	114	19

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	6	2	1	0	3	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	127	59	28	12	25	3
6	Pulaski (North)	312	109	80	45	75	3
6	Pulaski (South)	260	105	71	17	61	6
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	183	61	50	20	48	4
Area Total		888	336	230	94	212	16
7	Bradley (Warren)	23	10	5	2	5	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	7	5	0	1	0	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	8	2	1	3	2	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	21	8	5	3	5	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	23	6	5	7	3	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	210	70	53	36	47	4
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	7	2	3	4	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	128	53	27	11	37	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	13	5	1	2	3	2
Area Total		449	166	99	68	106	10
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	11	5	4	1	1	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	162	79	39	11	32	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	23	6	5	2	10	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	196	79	54	28	27	8
8	Izard (Melbourne)	62	16	26	8	11	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	64	12	24	8	18	2
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	45	27	6	5	7	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	21	8	5	4	4	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	53	15	19	9	10	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	66	18	17	15	15	1
Area Total		703	265	199	91	135	13
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	53	19	15	6	12	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	119	40	35	22	20	2
9	Cross (Wynne)	60	19	22	7	12	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	85	34	22	8	19	2
9	Jackson (Newport)	78	25	24	12	17	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	142	60	32	25	24	1
9	Stone (Mountain View)	13	5	2	1	5	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	65	36	21	38	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	64	30	12	6	15	1
Area Total		775	297	200	108	162	8
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	3	0	0	1	2	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	4	3	6	7	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	13	4	7	6	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	9	1	5	0	3	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	5	3	1	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	7	3	2	3	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	4	2	1	1	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	9	5	3	2	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	0	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	23	11	6	2	2	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	37	14	11	2	10	0
Area Total		175	66	40	24	39	6
Statewide Total		6,818	2,642	1,730	840	1,493	113

Appendix D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	202	97	103	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	42	36	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	49	25	24	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	402	184	213	5
Area Total		731	348	376	7
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	115	58	57	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	39	43	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	60	28	30	2
2	Logan (Booneville)	13	9	4	0
2	Logan (Paris)	68	27	40	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	50	20	29	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	670	317	341	12
2	Yell (Danville)	73	42	30	1
Area Total		1,133	540	574	19
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	26	23	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	343	176	163	4
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	67	32	32	3
3	Howard (Nashville)	25	10	15	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	4	11	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	28	13	15	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	36	14	20	2
3	Polk (Mena)	36	18	18	0
3	Saline (Benton)	122	67	49	6
Area Total		721	360	346	15
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	46	24	22	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	67	36	31	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	8	5	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	33	38	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	194	98	96	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	11	6	5	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	60	22	38	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	51	26	25	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	75	38	37	0
Area Total		588	291	297	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	57	30	26	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	73	36	36	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	76	37	37	2
5	Faulkner (Conway)	204	96	100	8
5	Marion (Yellville)	27	11	16	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	3	6	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	136	75	58	3
5	Searcy (Marshall)	18	6	10	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	55	27	26	2
Area Total		655	321	315	19

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	6	3	3	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	127	62	62	3
6	Pulaski (North)	312	156	153	3
6	Pulaski (South)	260	125	129	6
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	183	96	83	4
Area Total		888	442	430	16
7	Bradley (Warren)	23	9	13	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	7	3	3	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	8	0	8	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	21	10	11	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	23	9	12	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	210	114	92	4
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	5	11	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	128	58	70	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	13	3	8	2
Area Total		449	211	228	10
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	11	6	5	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	162	75	86	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	23	7	16	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	196	91	97	8
8	Izard (Melbourne)	62	34	27	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	64	29	33	2
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	45	27	18	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	21	12	9	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	53	28	25	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	66	30	35	1
Area Total		703	339	351	13
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	53	25	27	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	119	52	65	2
9	Cross (Wynne)	60	30	30	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	85	47	36	2
9	Jackson (Newport)	78	34	44	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	142	81	60	1
9	Stone (Mountain View)	13	7	6	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	94	66	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	64	38	25	1
Area Total		775	408	359	8
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	3	2	1	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	13	7	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	12	18	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	9	5	4	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	5	1	4	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	13	2	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	5	3	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	9	10	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	23	12	9	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	37	16	21	0
Area Total		175	88	81	6
Statewide Total		6,818	3,348	3,357	113

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)	202	16	22	28	39	55	25	17
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	5	3	15	9	25	11	10
1	Madison (Huntsville)	49	0	4	6	10	15	9	5
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	402	28	30	45	79	106	53	61
Area Total		731	49	59	94	137	201	98	93
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	115	6	9	6	33	23	11	27
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	6	12	10	35	18	2	1
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	60	6	2	2	20	21	1	8
2	Logan (Booneville)	13	0	0	0	0	3	3	7
2	Logan (Paris)	68	2	2	4	9	35	13	3
2	Scott (Waldron)	50	2	2	0	4	15	19	8
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	670	42	36	76	89	164	97	166
2	Yell (Danville)	73	5	4	11	9	23	7	14
Area Total		1,133	69	67	109	199	302	153	234
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	4	0	2	14	14	11	4
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	343	18	33	33	86	104	41	28
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	67	6	6	5	14	21	7	8
3	Howard (Nashville)	25	0	3	3	2	12	4	1
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	3	4	0	5	2	0	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	28	0	1	1	5	8	11	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	36	1	6	4	4	11	7	3
3	Polk (Mena)	36	2	3	4	3	7	7	10
3	Saline (Benton)	122	2	9	14	25	47	15	10
Area Total		721	36	65	66	158	226	103	67
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	46	1	0	10	5	23	2	5
4	Hempstead (Hope)	67	2	5	4	11	20	18	7
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	0	0	6	0	3	2	2
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	3	4	14	11	21	12	6
4	Miller (Texarkana)	194	4	16	28	47	60	15	24
4	Nevada (Prescott)	11	0	1	1	4	3	0	2
4	Ouachita (Camden)	60	1	5	9	15	23	2	5
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	51	3	4	7	14	15	3	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	75	0	12	12	16	25	3	7
Area Total		588	14	47	91	123	193	57	63
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	57	3	5	1	9	15	8	16
5	Boone (Harrison)	73	5	0	8	3	30	13	14
5	Conway (Morrilton)	76	4	13	4	13	19	15	8
5	Faulkner (Conway)	204	13	11	30	41	67	25	17
5	Marion (Yellville)	27	2	1	6	5	6	5	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	0	0	4	1	1	3	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	136	4	18	16	35	31	21	11
5	Searcy (Marshall)	18	0	0	5	4	8	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	55	2	7	7	8	23	2	6
Area Total		655	33	55	81	119	200	93	74

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)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	127	9	5	14	28	33	20	18
6	Pulaski (North)	312	12	8	17	30	85	86	74
6	Pulaski (South)	260	29	12	14	37	94	36	38
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	183	15	12	8	29	43	36	40
Area Total		888	65	37	53	124	255	178	176
7	Bradley (Warren)	23	8	2	4	1	1	3	4
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	7	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	8	0	0	0	2	6	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	21	0	1	2	3	10	1	4
7	Grant (Sheridan)	23	0	3	7	6	6	1	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	210	11	24	12	41	57	36	29
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	3	1	6	2	3	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	128	6	3	2	11	38	37	31
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	13	0	0	0	0	12	1	0
Area Total		449	28	35	33	66	139	79	69
8	Clay (Piggott & Coming)	11	0	0	0	6	3	0	2
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	162	17	9	22	30	43	18	23
8	Fulton (Salem)	23	0	2	0	4	12	3	2
8	Greene (Paragould)	196	23	12	13	27	78	30	13
8	Izard (Melbourne)	62	2	4	8	20	21	1	6
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	64	2	5	8	13	26	3	7
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	45	8	5	5	4	15	4	4
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	21	0	1	1	1	9	3	6
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	53	2	0	23	6	10	10	2
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	66	3	3	2	7	29	17	5
Area Total		703	57	41	82	118	246	89	70
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	53	1	3	7	17	14	9	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	119	12	19	7	28	38	9	6
9	Cross (Wynne)	60	1	3	0	15	28	9	4
9	Independence (Batesville)	85	6	6	20	10	26	4	13
9	Jackson (Newport)	78	2	1	12	20	26	11	6
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	142	12	4	32	14	38	19	23
9	Stone (Mountain View)	13	0	0	2	6	2	1	2
9	White (Searcy)	161	6	12	19	24	70	11	19
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	64	7	11	9	11	11	3	12
Area Total		775	47	59	108	145	253	76	87
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	0	0	4	2	7	5	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	1	1	2	3	15	2	7
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	9	0	0	0	0	7	0	2
10	Desha (McGehee)	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	2	0	2	3	1	4	4
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	0	0	6	1	2	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	7	1	1	1	9	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	23	0	4	4	13	0	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	37	2	1	4	9	4	6	11
Area Total		175	12	7	23	32	49	18	34
Statewide Total		6,818	410	472	740	1,221	2,064	944	967

Appendix F: Services Provided During the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
1	Benton (Bentonville)	202	276	681	116	267
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	39	96	7	18
1	Madison (Huntsville)	49	22	55	14	35
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	402	342	863	82	182
Area Total		731	679	1,695	219	502
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	115	172	437	12	34
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	41	112	2	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	60	74	192	7	21
2	Logan (Booneville)	13	3	11	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	68	62	121	2	2
2	Scott (Waldron)	50	57	117	6	11
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	670	254	591	73	174
2	Yell (Danville)	73	40	117	9	21
Area Total		1,133	703	1,698	111	267
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	40	81	8	23
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	343	185	394	66	144
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	67	65	145	12	21
3	Howard (Nashville)	25	25	70	3	10
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	15	10	18	2	4
3	Perry (Perryville)	28	16	33	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	36	22	43	12	29
3	Polk (Mena)	36	33	74	7	11
3	Saline (Benton)	122	154	349	12	21
Area Total		721	550	1,207	122	263
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	46	23	55	3	5
4	Hempstead (Hope)	67	34	85	4	10
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	11	23	6	10
4	Little River (Ashdown)	71	22	70	6	16
4	Miller (Texarkana)	194	106	271	10	32
4	Nevada (Prescott)	11	17	41	2	7
4	Ouachita (Camden)	60	45	101	1	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	51	24	69	7	19
4	Union (El Dorado)	75	61	142	14	23
Area Total		588	343	857	53	123
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	57	53	115	5	15
5	Boone (Harrison)	73	79	176	21	54
5	Conway (Morriton)	76	31	74	1	3
5	Faulkner (Conway)	204	209	549	15	26
5	Marion (Yellville)	27	31	81	2	3
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	10	19	2	7
5	Pope (Russellville)	136	102	236	16	41
5	Searcy (Marshall)	18	8	20	2	5
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	55	17	52	2	4
Area Total		655	540	1,322	66	158

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
6	Pulaski (East)	6	1	1	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	127	120	310	15	43
6	Pulaski (North)	312	112	304	21	65
6	Pulaski (South)	260	146	353	32	90
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	183	105	276	9	19
Area Total		888	484	1,244	77	217
7	Bradley (Warren)	23	13	38	1	3
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	7	6	15	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	8	7	23	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	21	4	5	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	23	20	61	3	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	210	98	321	24	58
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	16	43	1	4
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	128	62	156	4	7
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	13	5	12	1	3
Area Total		449	231	674	34	78
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	11	32	88	3	6
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	162	200	522	41	168
8	Fulton (Salem)	23	30	70	12	18
8	Greene (Paragould)	196	144	330	45	97
8	Izard (Melbourne)	62	22	46	12	21
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	64	63	125	19	38
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	45	32	88	11	18
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	21	5	15	3	7
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	53	40	84	12	23
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	66	43	91	13	24
Area Total		703	611	1,459	171	420
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	53	40	83	15	39
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	119	107	310	9	17
9	Cross (Wynne)	60	20	47	18	32
9	Independence (Batesville)	85	53	131	26	60
9	Jackson (Newport)	78	48	154	2	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	142	83	219	17	32
9	Stone (Mountain View)	13	13	35	5	14
9	White (Searcy)	161	173	410	20	40
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	64	18	50	5	13
Area Total		775	555	1,439	117	250
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	29	56	5	7
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	31	75	2	2
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	9	18	49	1	3
10	Desha (McGehee)	5	22	64	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	18	45	1	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	9	11	29	1	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	9	35	2	2
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	4	9	1	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	23	48	139	2	9
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	37	58	184	4	10
Area Total		172	248	685	19	36
Statewide Total		6,815	4,944	12,280	989	2,314

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 58 child fatalities that were reported for SFY 2023, case-specific information could be disclosed for 19 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	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Joe King	Polk	13	White	Male	7/15/2022	Provide to essential needs, Failure to provide food/clothing shelter & medical treatment	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Lillie Wright	Benton	2	White	Female	9/25/2022	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Karter Kelly	Pulaski	0	Black	Male	1/13/2023	Inadequate Supervision, Failure to protect, Threat of Harm	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72 Hour Hold	Prior History
Cole Roberts	Pulaski	0	White	Male	1/24/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Arely Ramos	Crittenden	2	Unknown	Female	2/11/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Isabella Johnson	Mississippi	0	White	Female	2/18/2023	Failure to provide food, clothing shelter, medical treatment. Substance alter child mood	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Sarah Yars-Moore	Saline	0	White	Female	3/20/2023	Cuts, Bruises and Welts; Failure to Provide Essential needs	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72 Hour Hold	None
Thomas Brown	Washington	5	White	Male	4/20/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Andreas Gardner	Jackson	9	Black	Female	5/24/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Open	Prior History
Janessa Gipson	Washington	0	Black	Female	5/15/2023	Inadequate Supervision, Suffocation	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Open	None

Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Connor Holst	Faulkner	2	White	Male	7/24/2022	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Daniel Carder III	Arkansas	3	White	Male	7/27/2022	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Gracie Broughman	Craighead	0	White	Female	10/08/2022	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Daniella Hawkins	Benton	2	White	Female	1/22/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Elijah Boyd	White	12	White	Male	3/26/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Timarion White	Crittenden	0	Black	Male	3/23/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Everett Rose	Craighead	2	White	Male	6/8/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Ollie Miller	Faulkner	3	White	Male	6/22/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Reighny Roark	Pulaski	1	White	Female	4/30/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

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 14 near fatalities that were reported for SFY 2023, case-specific information could be disclosed for six 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	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #1	Washington	1	Black	Male	7/23/2022	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Opened	None
Child #2	Ashley	1	White	Female	8/26/2022	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Opened	None
Child #3	Pulaski	0	Black	Female	3/9/2023	Failure to provide care, maintenance, or support; Failure to assume responsibility	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Child #4	Pulaski	3	Black	Male	3/29/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	Prior History

Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #5	Crittenden	4	Black	Male	6/14/2023	N/A	Relative	Unknown	CACD	None	Prior History

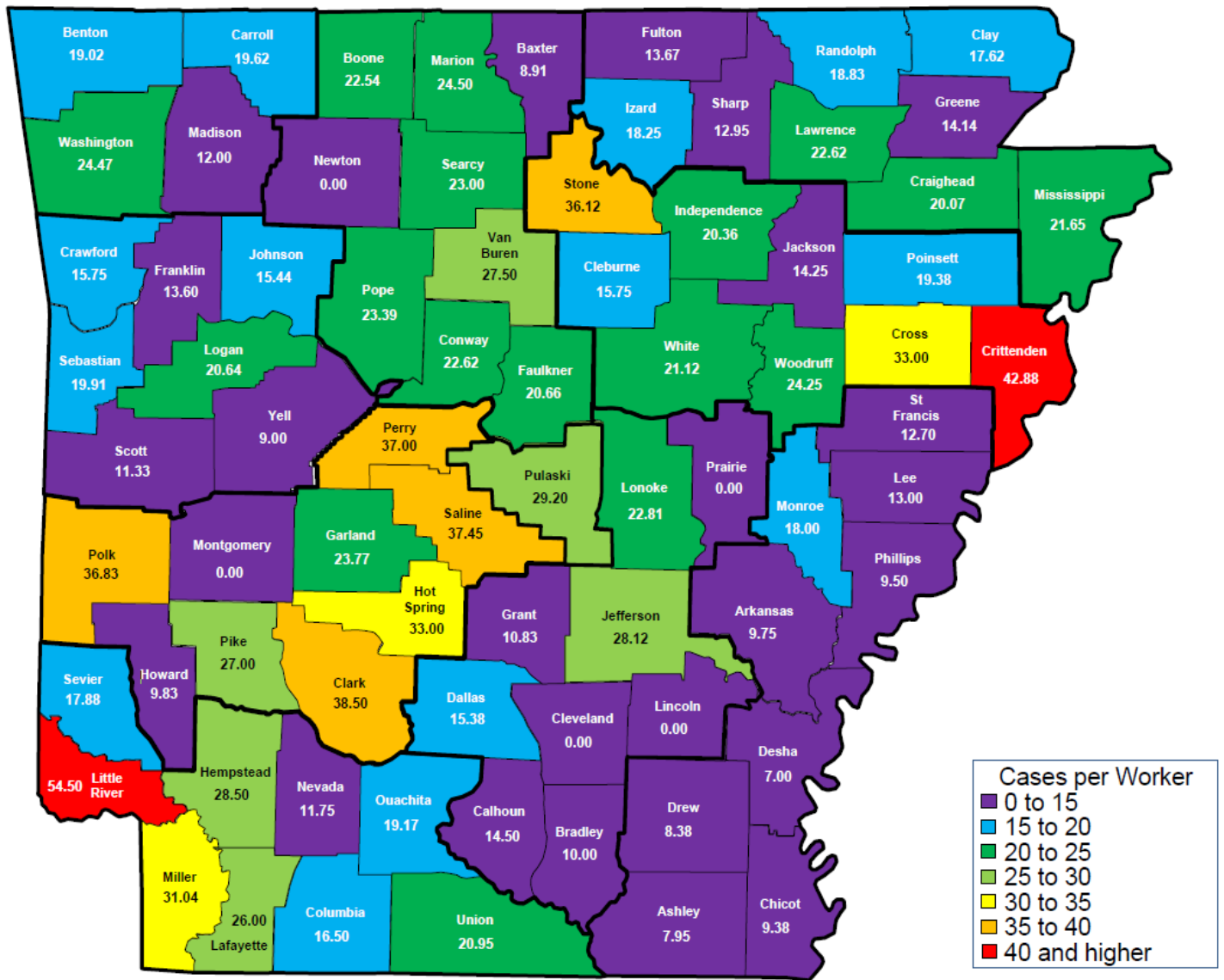
Inactive / Unable to Locate Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #6	Benton	0	White	Male	10/15/2022	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, and medical	In-Home	Relative	DCFS	None	None

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 Taken by Agency	Services Provided Prior to the Incident
Child #1	Johnson	18	White	Female	9/12/2022	Bicycle Accident	Foster Care / Independent Living	None	Foster Care
Child #2	Miller	0	White	Male	11/18/2022	Garrett's Law	Foster Care	None	None

Appendix J: Average Caseload as of the End of SFY 2023, by County



Cleveland, Lincoln, Montgomery, Newton, and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the year; their 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)	2	32	2	13	0	11	0	60
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	7
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	4	2	3	0	2	0	11
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	0	22	4	12	0	5	1	44
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	1	2	2	0	11	0	16
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	7
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	1	4	0	1	0	5	0	11
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	0	3	0	0	0	12	0	15
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	4	2	2	0	4	0	12
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	3	15	2	21	0	5	1	47
2	Yell (Danville)	0	2	1	0	0	6	0	9
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	2	4	0	4	0	1	0	11
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	3	12	0	6	1	11	0	33
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	1	6	2	3	0	1	0	13
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	7
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	5
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	6
3	Polk (Mena)	1	6	2	4	0	0	0	13
3	Saline (Benton)	2	33	2	13	0	1	0	51
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	4	3	6	0	0	0	13
4	Hempstead (Hope)	2	2	2	3	0	2	0	11
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	4	3	6	0	1	0	14
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	6	6	8	0	0	0	20
4	Nevada (Prescott)	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	9
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	12
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	11
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	13	4	2	0	1	0	20
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	8
5	Faulkner (Conway)	0	26	7	18	0	1	0	52
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	1	7	2	9	0	1	0	20
5	Searcy (Marshall)	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Pulaski (East)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	8	2	2	0	2	0	14
6	Pulaski (North)	1	20	11	7	0	3	0	42
6	Pulaski (South)	1	37	17	10	0	7	0	72
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	11	3	3	0	4	0	21
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	0	11	2	11	0	2	3	29
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	1	19	2	6	0	0	0	28
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	5

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 & Corning)	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	0	20	5	16	1	5	1	48
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	6
8	Greene (Paragould)	2	10	1	10	0	6	0	29
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	6
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	1	0	6	0	2	0	9
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	6	1	4	0	4	0	15
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	5
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	4	0	4	0	1	0	9
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	1	1	3	5	0	1	0	11
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	8
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	8
9	Cross (Wynne)	1	7	3	7	0	0	0	18
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	9
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	5
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	5	2	5	0	3	0	15
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
9	White (Searcy)	2	24	6	6	0	0	0	38
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	5
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	6
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
10	Drew (Monticello)	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	6
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
99	Out of State	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Total		36	471	124	306	2	150	7	1,096

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	181
	Custody/Guardianship	125
Change in Family Circumstances	Personal Issues	15
	Moved	11
	Health of Parent	6
	Pregnant	4
	Provider Request	368
Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only	86
	Taking a Break	13
	Became Private Therapeutic Foster Home	4
	True Maltreatment	2
Founded Abuse / Neglect	DHS Request	118
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	6
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	150
Other	Contract Ended	3
	Duplicate	2
	Selected in Error	2

Appendix L: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, SFY 2023

During SFY 2023 the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline received 520 reports of alleged maltreatment involving children who were residing in foster care.

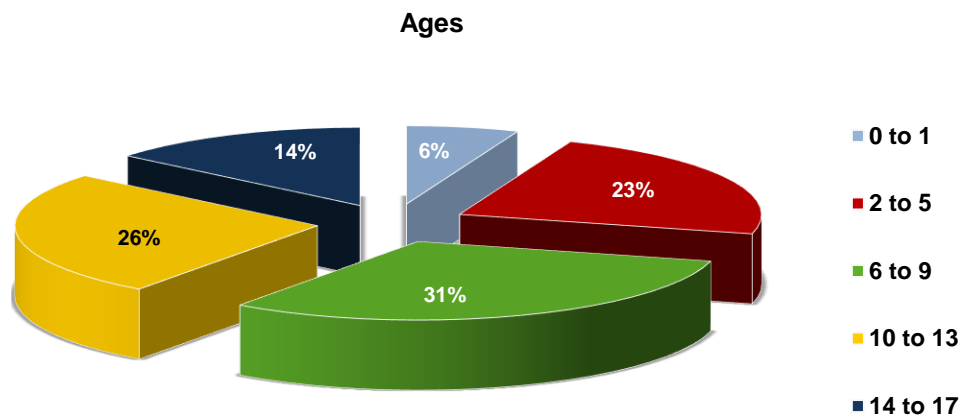
In 120 reports involving 155 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown by the following table, nine of those reports were found to be true.⁶ Eight of the nine homes involved in those true reports were subsequently closed. The remaining home was permitted to remain open after the offending foster parent left the home.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
SFY 2023**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
9	110	1

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.

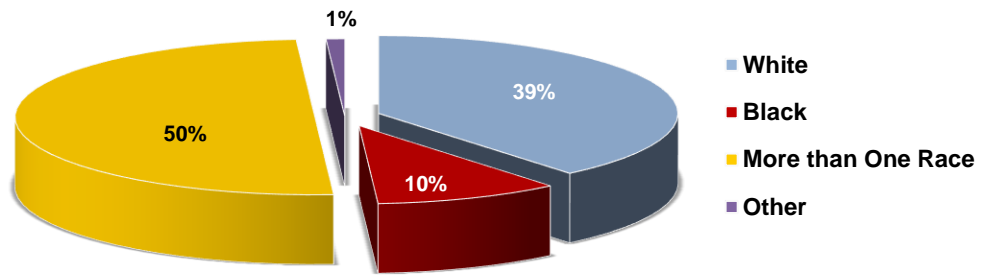
The following charts display the characteristics of the 155 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment, with foster parents as the alleged offenders.



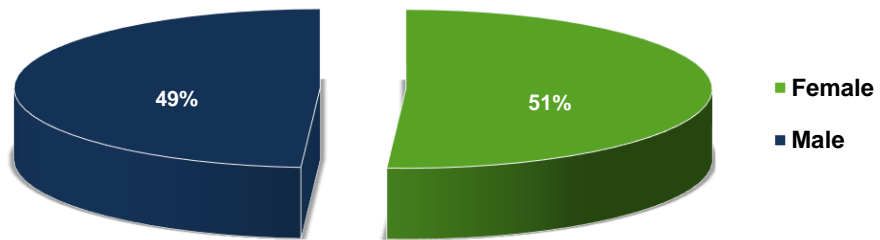
⁵ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

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.

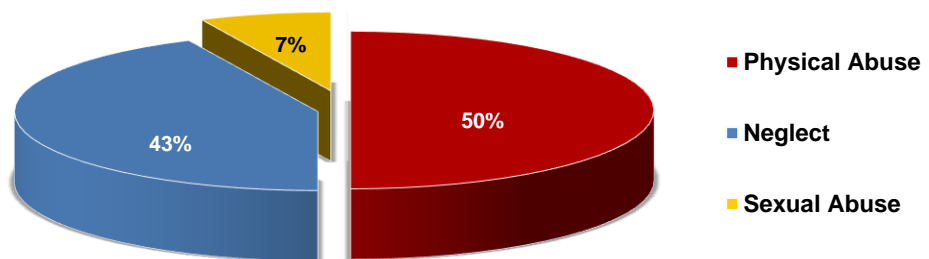
Race/Ethnicity



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	21	Lee	2
Logan	14	Miller	2
Sebastian	11	Mississippi	2
Saline	10	Ouachita	2
Jefferson	8	Boone	1
Pope	8	Cleburne	1
Benton	7	Cross	1
Garland	7	Drew	1
Carroll	6	Grant	1
Crawford	6	Greene	1
Poinsett	6	Hempstead	1
Faulkner	5	Lawrence	1
Lonoke	4	Madison	1
Washington	4	Marion	1
Crittenden	3	Randolph	1
Fulton	3	Searcy	1
St. Francis	3	Sharp	1
Clark	2	Scott	1
Howard	2	Union	1
Lafayette	2	White	1