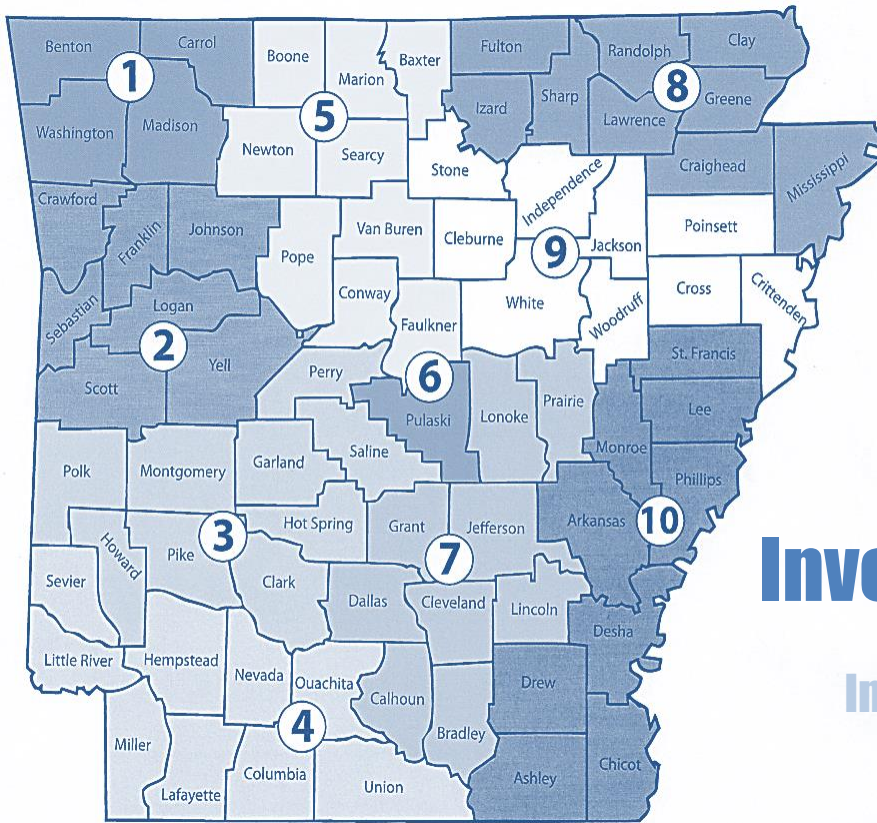


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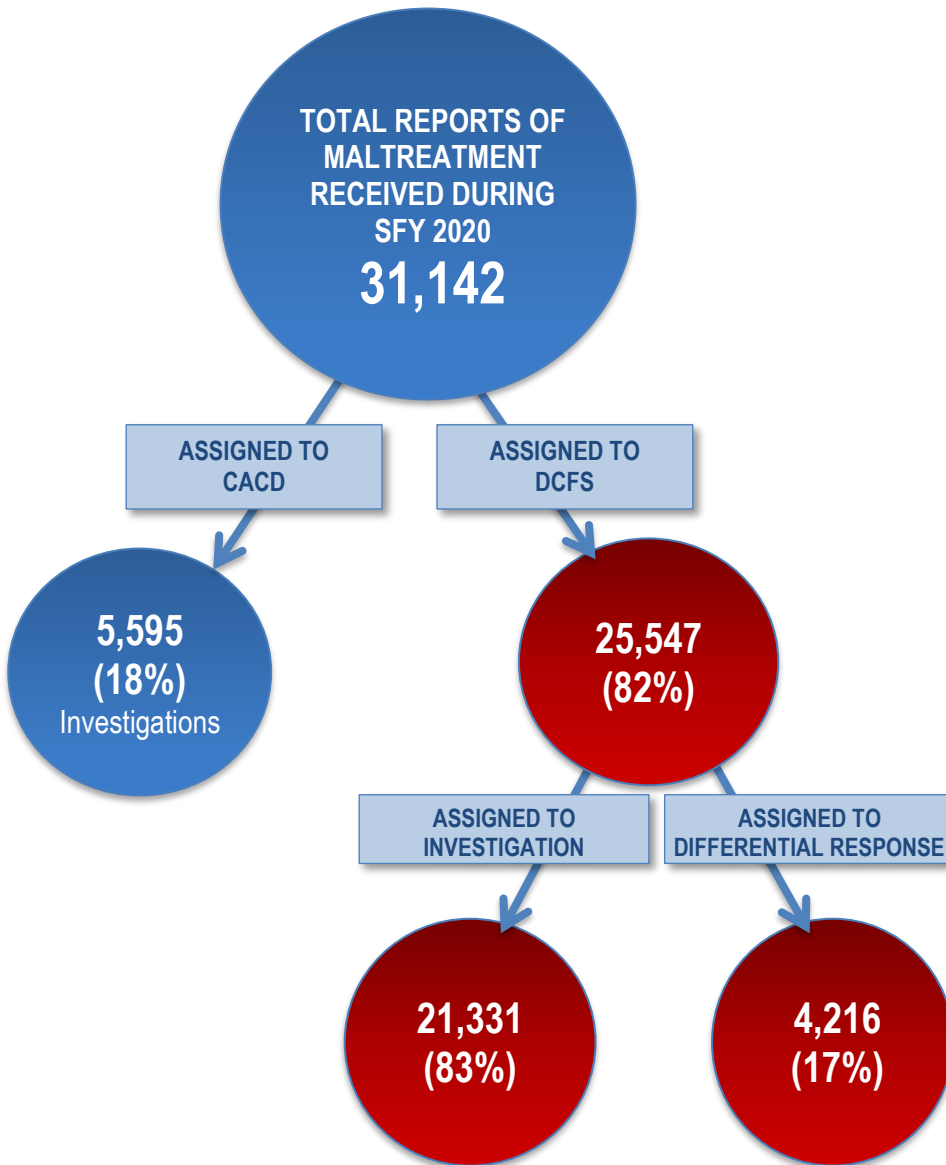
Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During SFY 2020



Of the 31,142 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020, 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, 83 percent were assigned for an investigation and 17 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

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

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

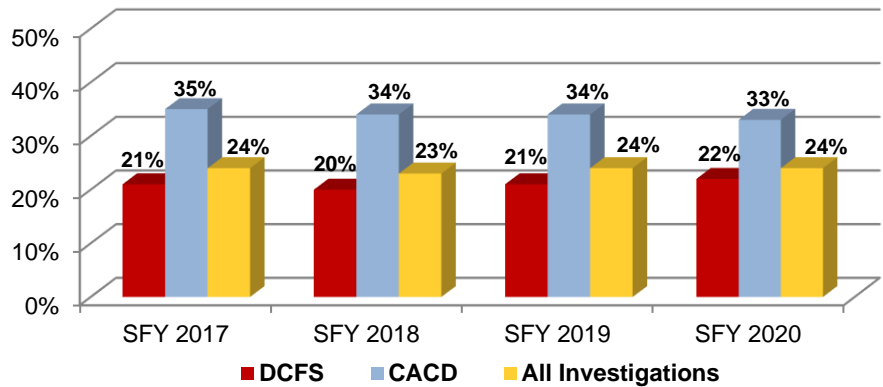
- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, and Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- 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-two percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during SFY 2020 were found true, compared to 33 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 24 percent.

Percentage of Investigations Found True



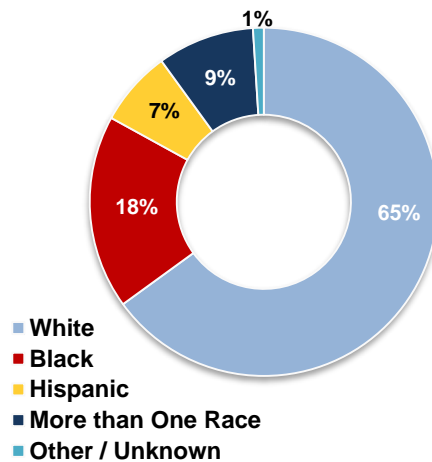
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 9,114 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

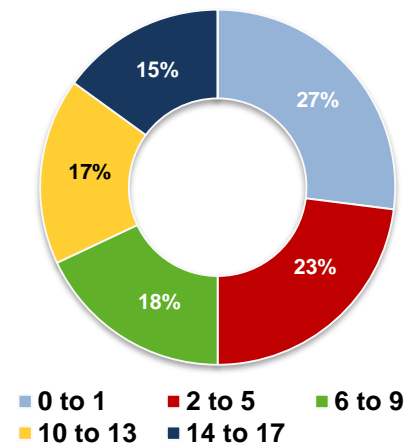
Of those children, 65 percent were white and 18 percent were black. Children ages five and younger accounted for half of the victim children.

Over half of the victim children during SFY 2020 (55 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



Types of Allegations in True Investigations

The majority of the 9,114 victim children in true investigations were involved in allegations of neglect, followed by allegations of physical abuse and sexual abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	6,328	69%
Physical Abuse	1,915	21%
Sexual Abuse	1,639	18%
Sexual Exploitation	79	1%
Abandonment	59	1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

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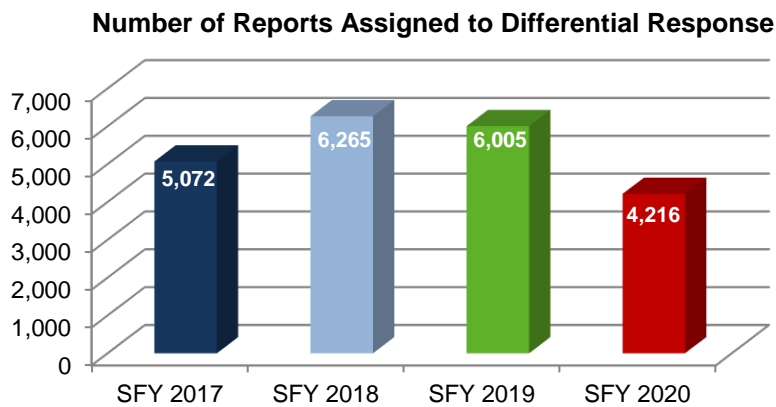
Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	26	6
Unsubstantiated	6	1
Pending	5	1
Unable to Locate	0	0

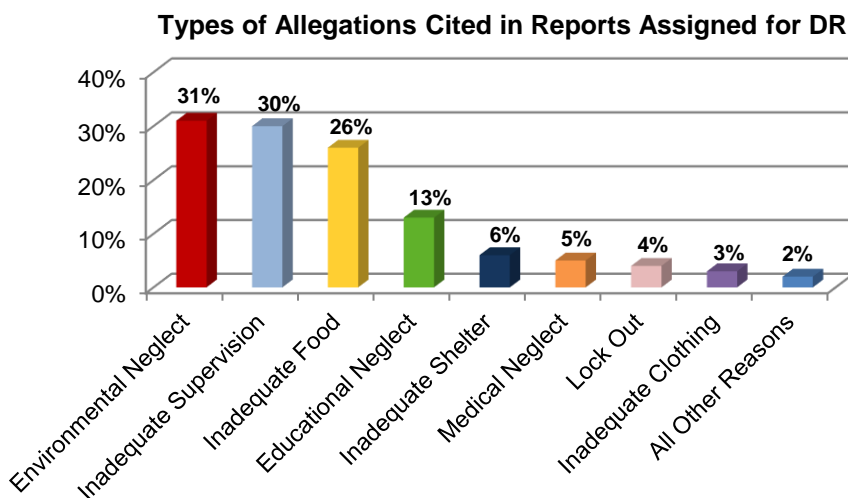
During SFY 2020, there were 37 maltreatment investigations involving a child fatality. While some investigations were still pending, the majority of those in which a disposition had been rendered were found true. There were eight investigations of near child fatalities during the year; most of those were also found true.

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

Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)



The number of reports assigned to DR during SFY 2020 (4,216) decreased by 30 percent from SFY 2019.



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.

Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

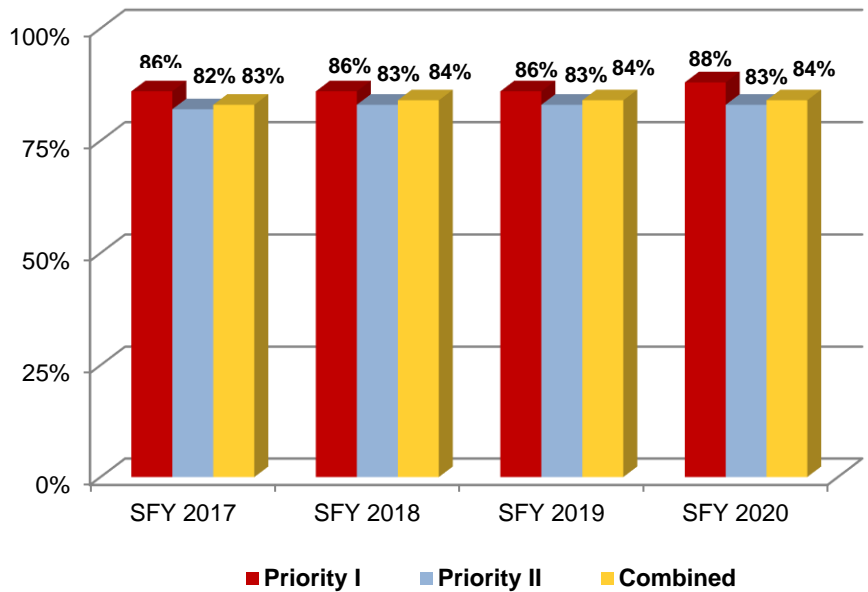
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

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 84 percent of its investigations on time during SFY 2020, performing better on its Priority I investigations than Priority II.

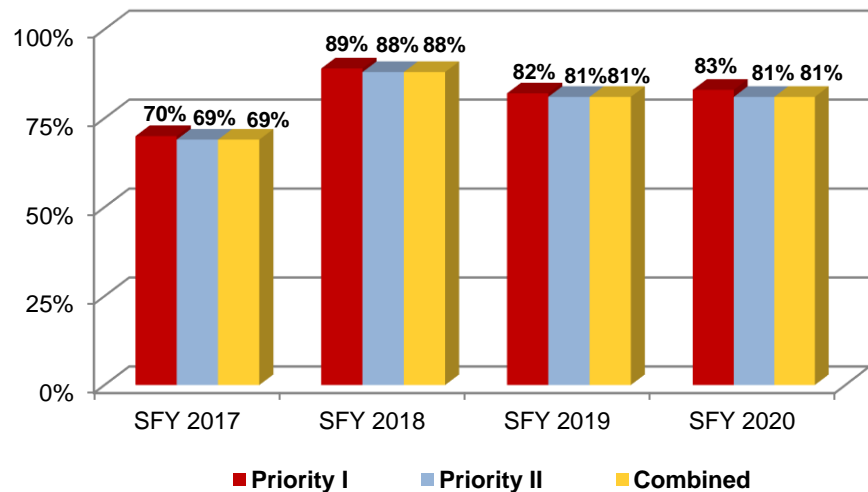
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Investigations (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 81 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during SFY 2020, identical to the previous year.

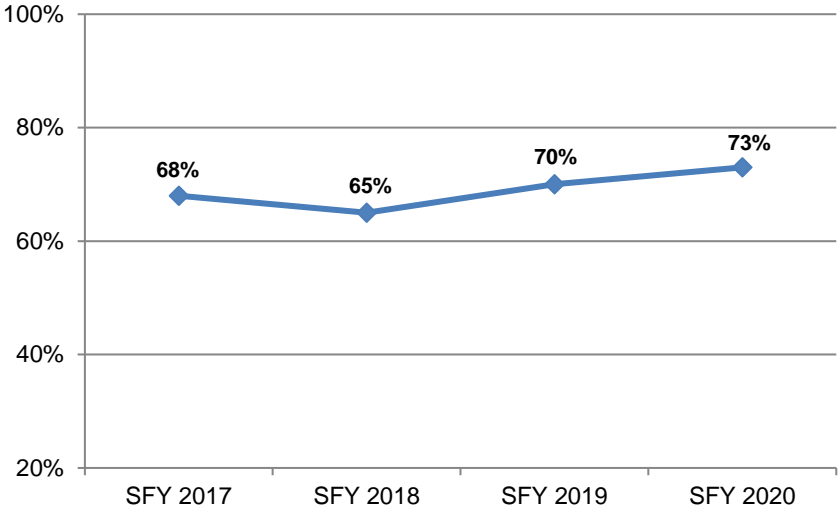
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Investigations (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

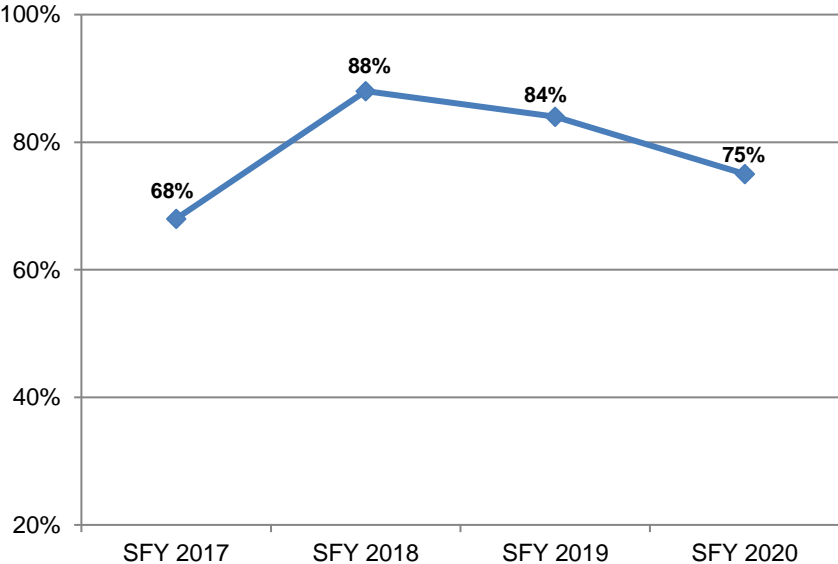


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 73 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2020, an improvement over the previous year.

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



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

The agency closed 75 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2020, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

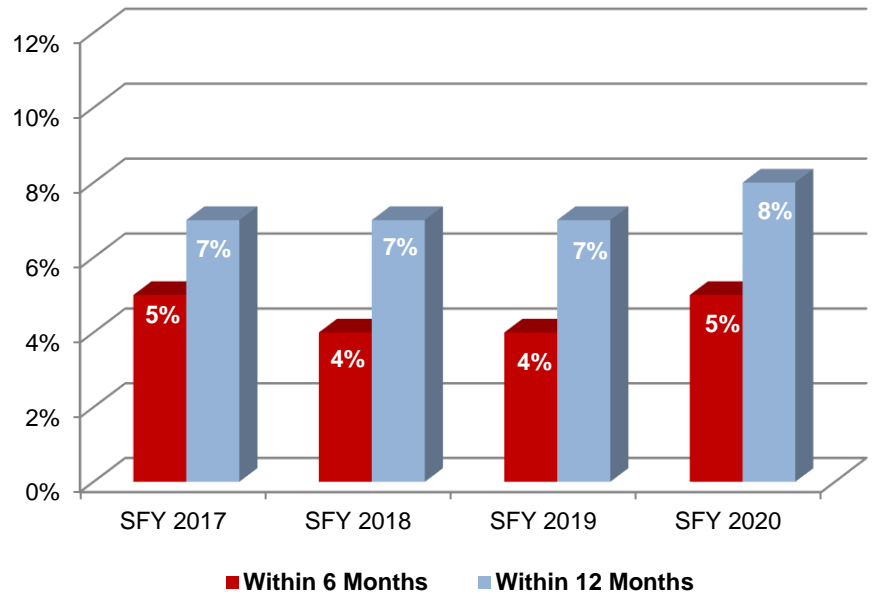
Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

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

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

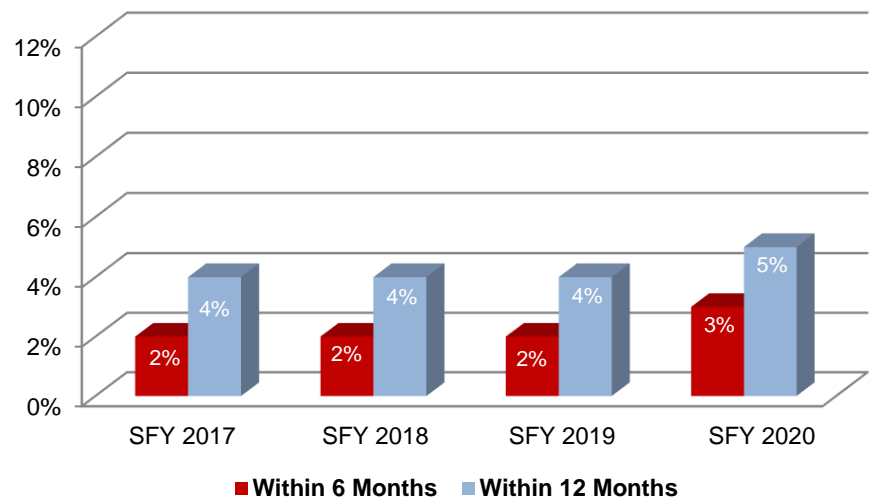


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

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

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



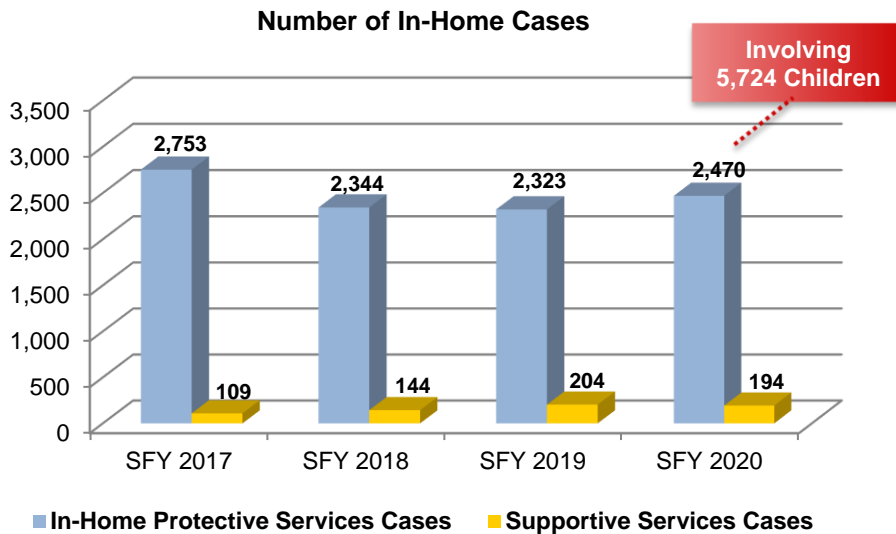
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In-Home Services

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Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

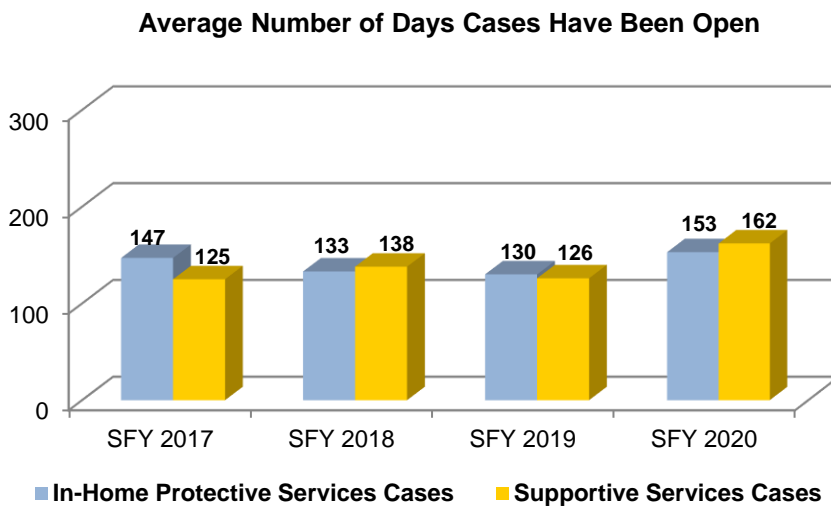


In most instances DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases open at the end of SFY 2020 increased slightly from one year ago. At the end of the year, there were 2,470 in-home protective services cases open across the state, involving 5,724 children.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 194 supportive services cases at the end of the year.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



The average length of time both in-home cases and supportive services cases had been open as of the end of the was over five months

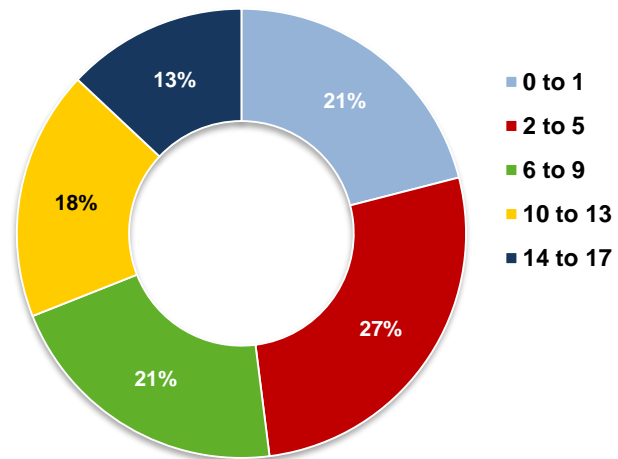
The length of time in-home cases and supportive services cases had been open increased over the previous year.

Quick Facts

Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Children ages zero to five made up nearly half (48 percent) of children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of SFY 2020.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases

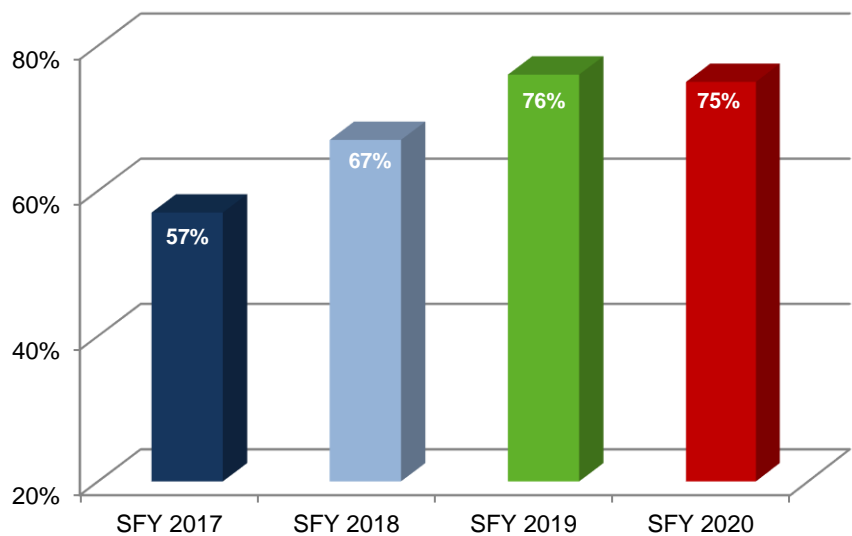


Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 75 percent of the in-home cases received a face-to-face monthly visit from a caseworker during SFY 2020, nearly identical to the previous year (76 percent).

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

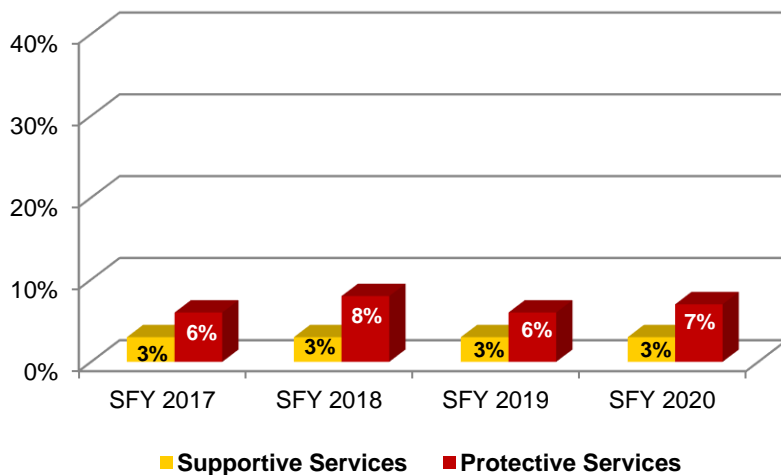


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Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

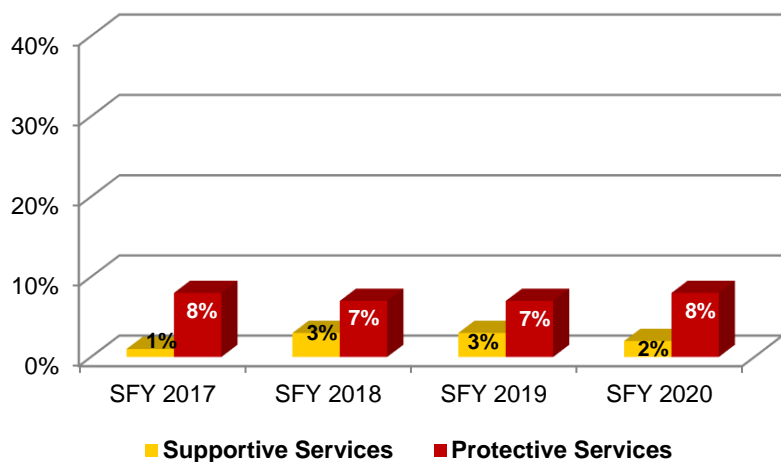
Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving in-home protective services one year prior to SFY 2020, seven percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the children who began receiving supportive services one year prior to SFY 2020, 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



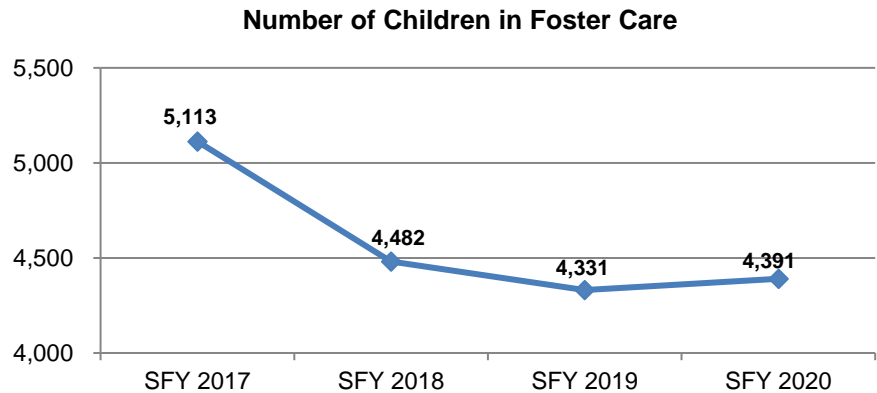
Of the children who began receiving protective services one year prior to SFY 2020, eight percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Meanwhile, two percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

In-home services prevented 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 4,391 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2020. This signified a slight increase from SFY 2019 (4,331).

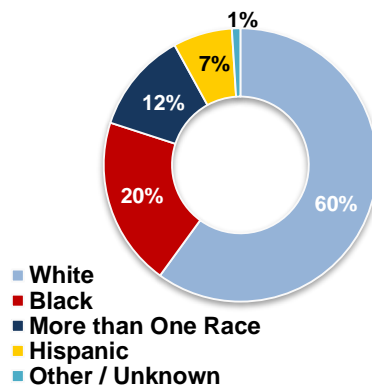


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

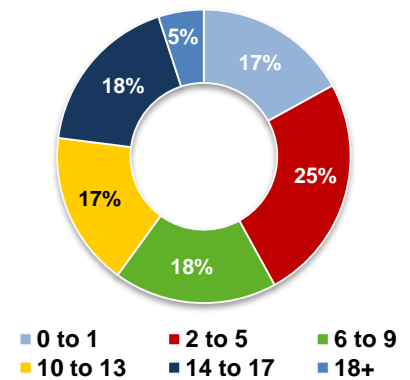
At the end of SFY 2020, children two to five years of age (25 percent) represented the largest group of children in foster care. Sixty percent of those in care were white and 20 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2020, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care



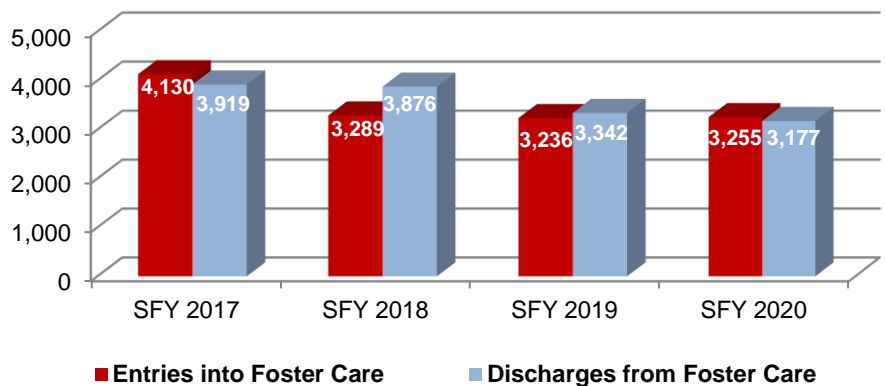
Ages of Children in Foster Care



Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

Slightly more children entered foster care than had exited during SFY 2020.

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 2020**

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	1,714	53%
Substance Abuse	1,629 ¹	50%
Parent Incarceration	663	20%
Physical Abuse	476	15%
Inadequate Housing	362	11%
Sexual Abuse	255	8%
Caretaker Illness	146	4%
Child's Behavior	93	3%
Abandonment	80	2%
Child's Disability	40	1%
Truancy	28	1%
Other	50	2%

A child may have more than one reason for entry.

Neglect and substance abuse were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care during the year.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care
SFY 2020**

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	1,335	42%
Adoption	867	27%
Relative Custody	539	17%
Child Aged Out	228	7%
Guardianship	80	3%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	64	2%
Non-Relative Custody	38	1%
Other	26	1%

National data² indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (49%), adoption (25%), and guardianship (11%).

Forty-two percent of the children who left foster care during SFY 2020 were reunified with their own family, 27 percent were adopted, and 17 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Overall, 92 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.

¹ These 1,704 cases of substance abuse include 1,382 instances of parental drug abuse, 194 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 50 instances of drug abuse by children, and 3 instances of alcohol abuse by children.

² National data from the Children's Bureau (October 2019).

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2020, the majority (55 percent) had been in care for less than 12 months.

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
SFY 2020

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	237	5%	9%
30-90 Days	409	9%	15%
3-6 Months	705	16%	
6-12 Months	1,058	24%	19%
12-24 Months	1,047	24%	29%
24-36 Months	342	8%	15%
36+ Months	593	14%	13%
Total	4,391	100%	100%

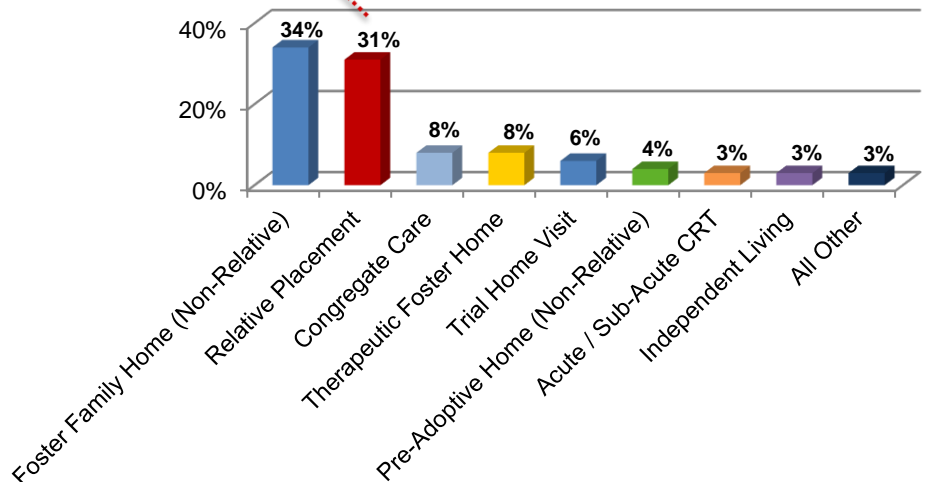
Placement of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 83 percent of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2020 resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, pre-adoptive home).

Eight 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): 14%
Provisional (Rel/Fic): 14%
ICPC (Out of State): 2%
Pre-Adoptive (Relative): 1%
Other Relative: 0.2%

Placement of Children in Foster Care

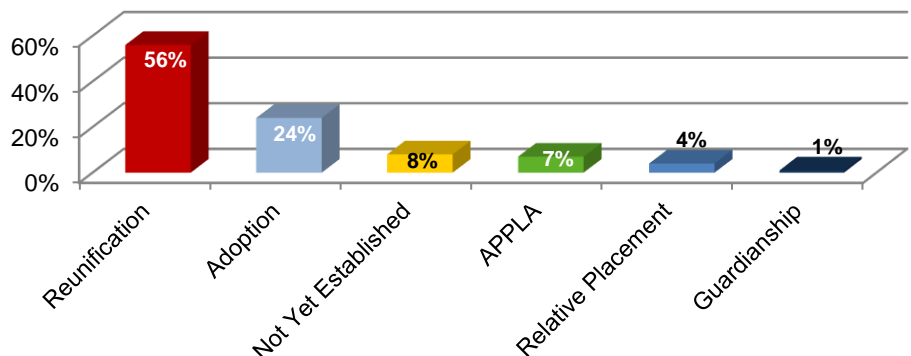


Permanency Goal of Children in Foster Care

Fifty-six percent of the children in care at the end of SFY 2020 had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 24 percent had a goal of adoption.

These figures are similar to national data from the Children's Bureau as of October 2019, with averages of 56 percent for reunification and 27 percent for adoption.

Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

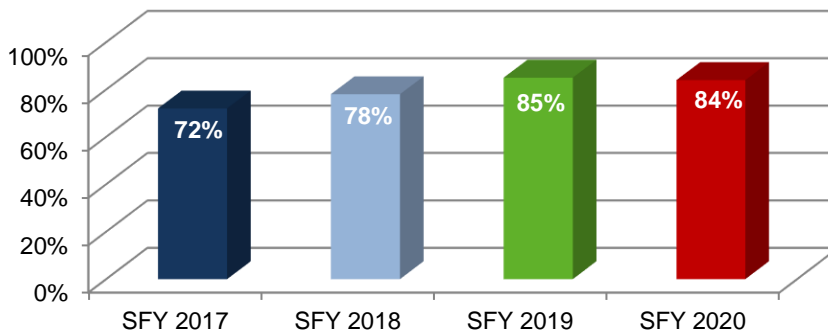


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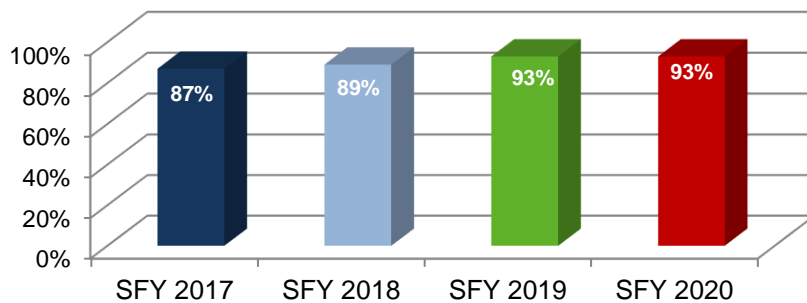
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to Foster Children

Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits from Caseworkers



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



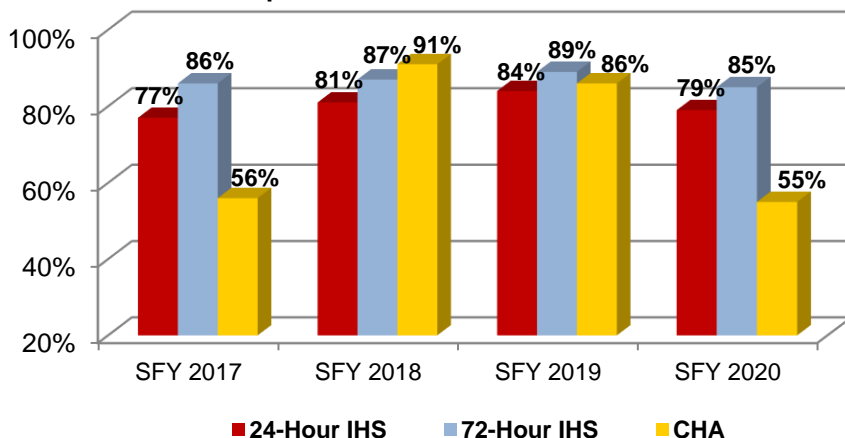
To ensure safety and well-being, best practice requires children in foster care to be visited in their placements by their caseworkers each month. The Division's goal is to make 85 percent of these visits.

Eighty-four percent of the children in care statewide received a face-to-face monthly visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during SFY 2020.

On average, 93 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



DCFS completed 79 percent of its required 24-hour initial health screenings (IHSs), 85 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 55 percent of its Comprehensive Health Assessments (CHAs) on time during SFY 2020.

The rate at which children receive timely CHAs declined considerably after the public health emergency was declared in March 2020, which temporarily halted CHAs across the state. DCFS expects the CHA timeliness rate to improve as most health facilities that complete these assessments have since reopened.

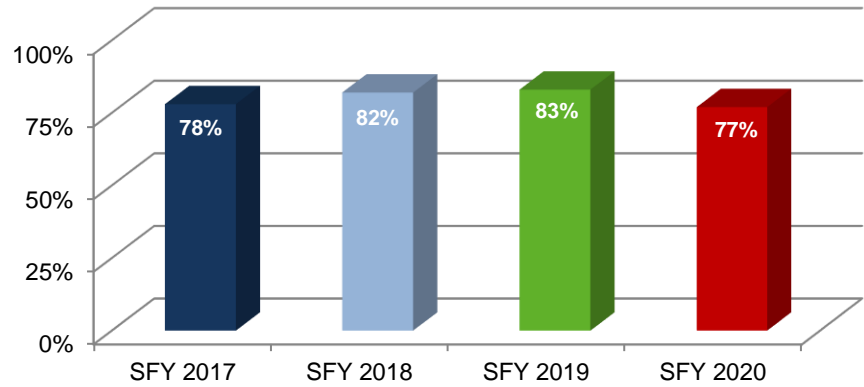
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Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2020, 77 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 56 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

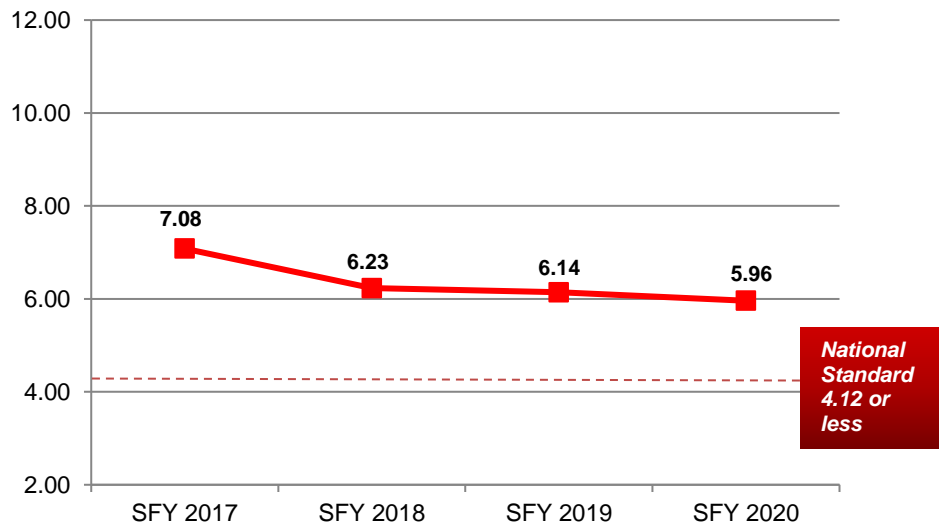


Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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 2020, the placement stability rate was 5.96, an improvement over previous years. The national standard is a rate of 4.12.

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



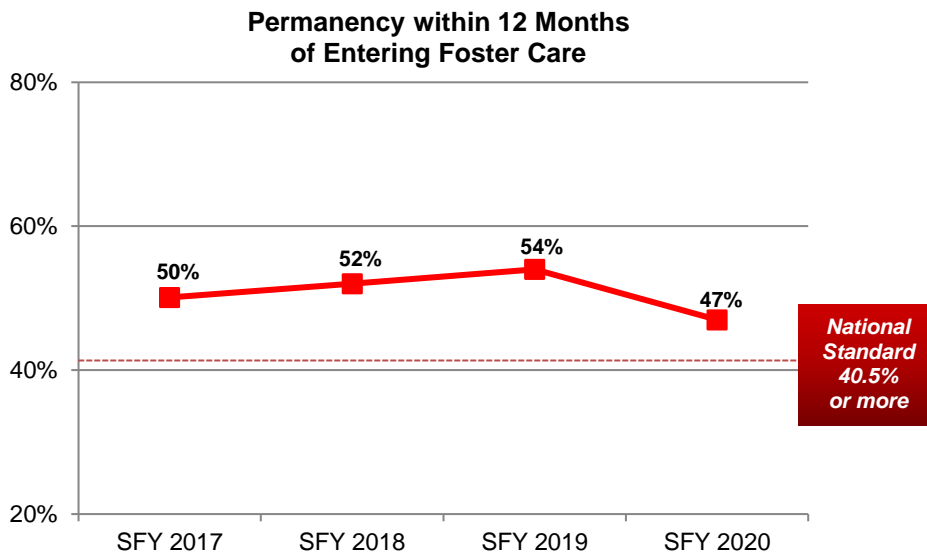
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Benefits to Children and Families

Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

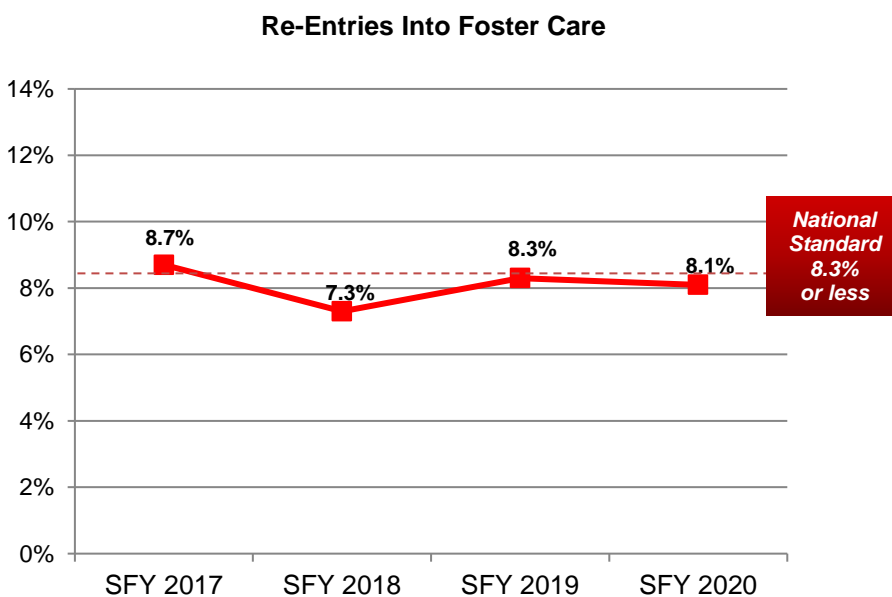
Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 40.5 percent or more for achieving permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) for children within 12 months of removal.

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



Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care

For SFY 2020 eight percent of the children who were discharged to their families re-entered foster care within 12 months. The Division meets the national standard of 8.3 percent or less.



Volume and Description of Cases

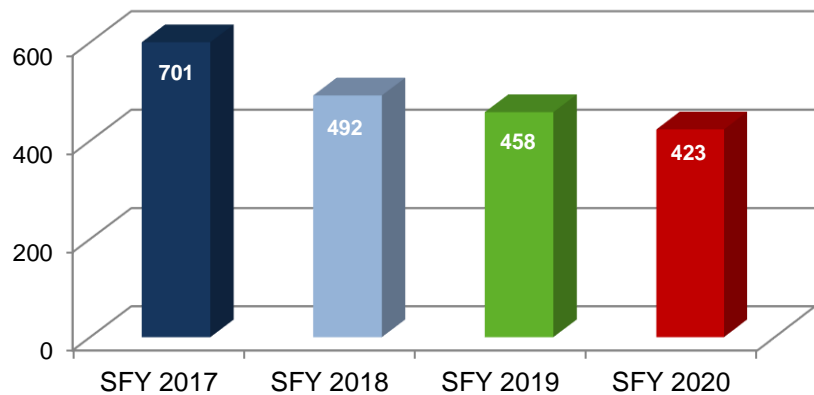
Children Available for Adoption ³

At the end of SFY 2020, 423 children were available for adoption.

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

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

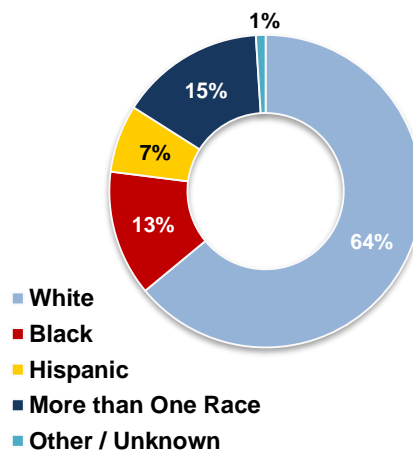
Number of Children Available for Adoption



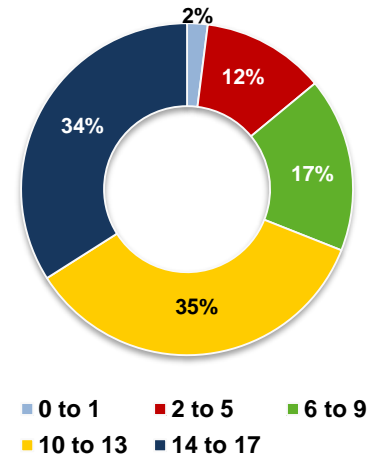
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 64 percent were white, 15 percent were multiracial, and 13 percent were black. Children ages ten and older made up the majority (69 percent) of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Ages of Children Available for Adoption



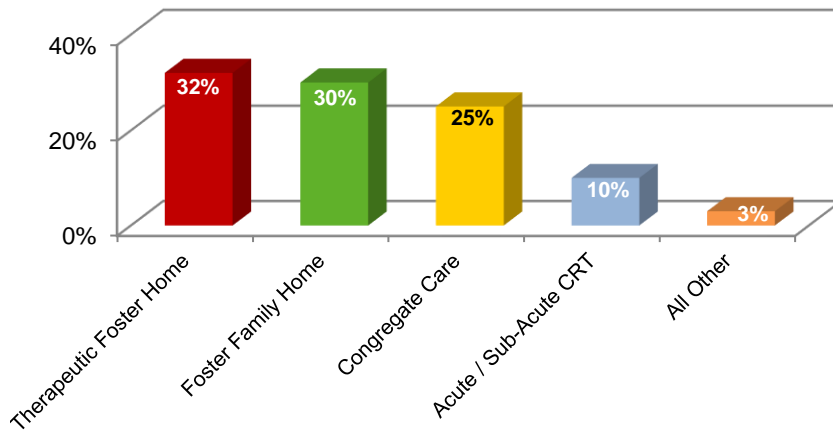
³ Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

Quick Facts

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

The majority (62 percent) of the children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2020 resided in either a therapeutic foster home or foster family home.

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

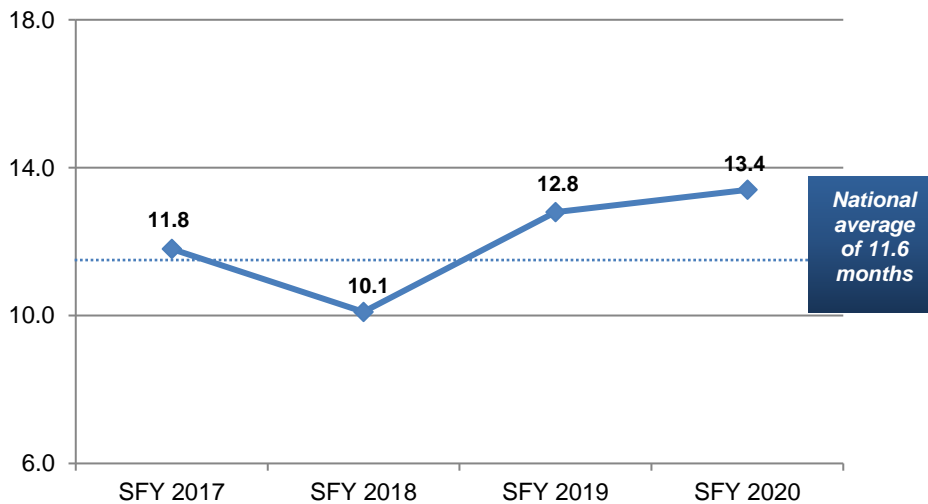


Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption

The average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 13.4 months during SFY 2020, nearly two months longer than the national average (11.6 months).

Length of Time From TPR to Finalization of Adoption (Months)

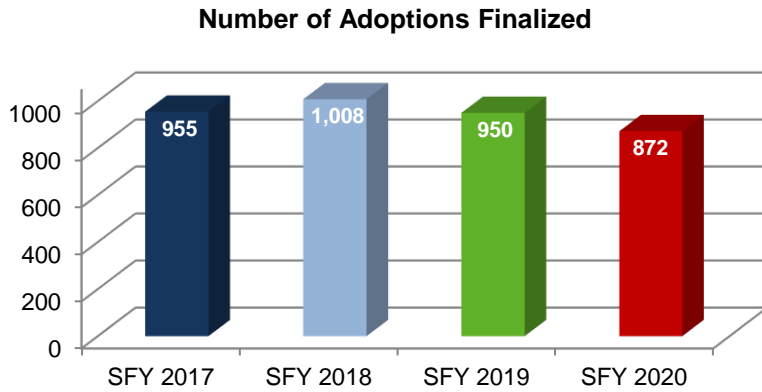


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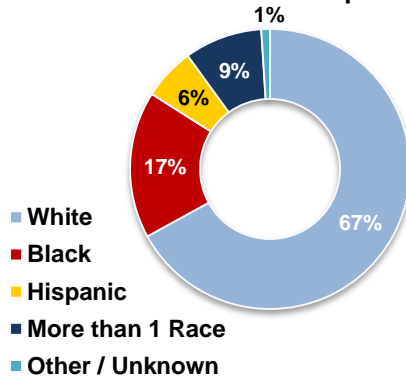
Eight-hundred and seventy-two adoptions were finalized during SFY 2020.

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

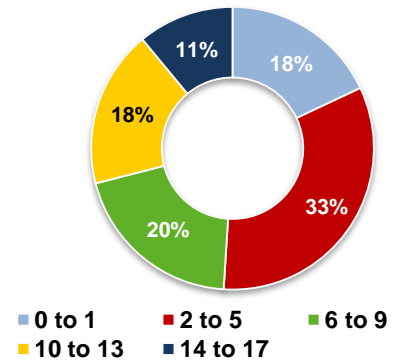


Children ages two to five made up the largest group (33 percent) of children who were adopted during SFY 2020, followed by those ages six to nine (20 percent).

Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



Subsidized Adoptions

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

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

During SFY 2020, **836** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 826 were federally-funded and 10 were state funded subsidies.

During SFY 2020, a total of **7,779** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

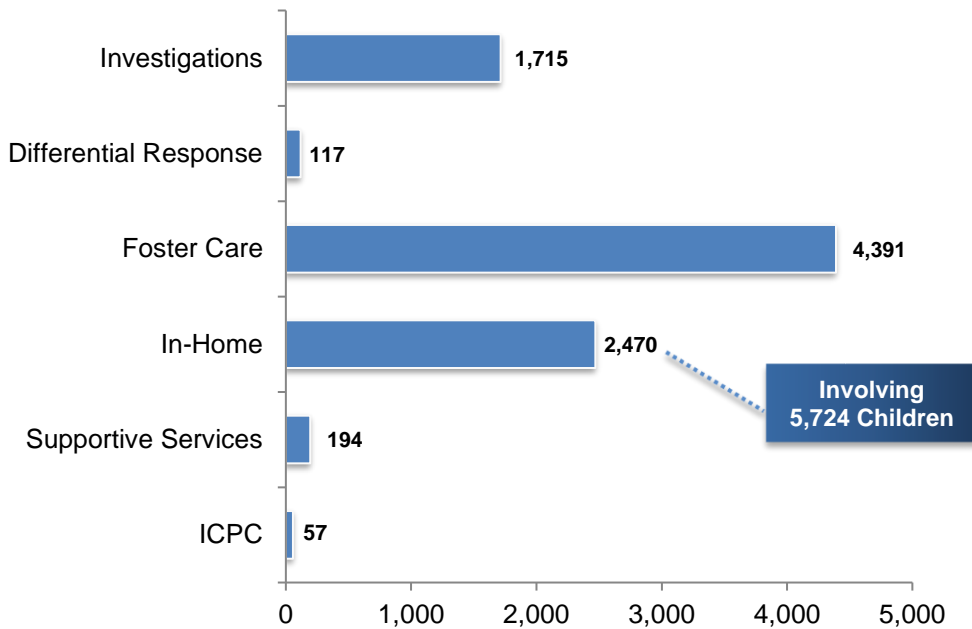
Caseloads at the End of SFY 2020

As of the end of SFY 2020, the Division was responsible for:

- 1,715 investigations of child maltreatment and 117 DR cases;
- 4,391 foster care cases (4,055 excluding adoption cases);
- 2,470 in-home cases, involving 5,724 children;
- 194 supportive services cases and 57 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 468 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of SFY 2020



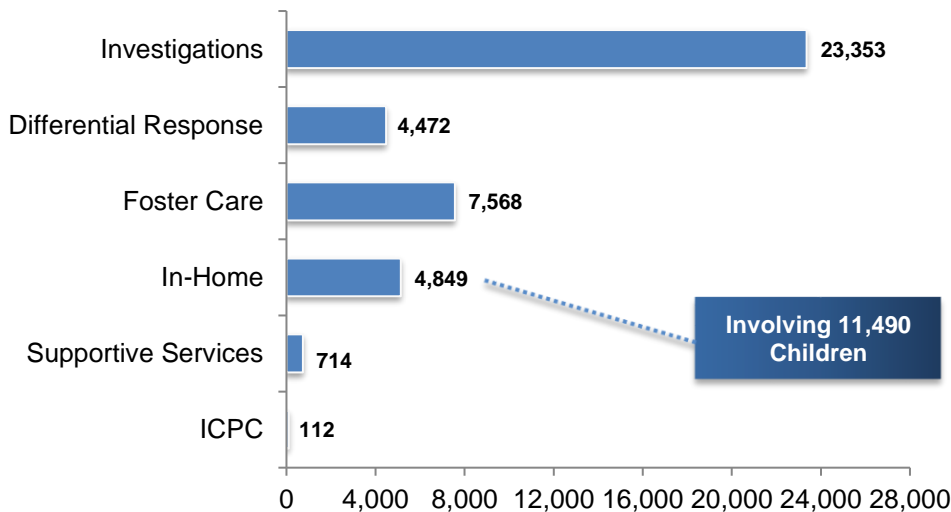
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Year

This graph shows the number of cases that cycled through the system during SFY 2020, 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 23,353 investigations; 7,568 children in foster care; 4,472 DR cases; 4,849 in-home protective services cases; 714 supportive services cases; and 112 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

Types of Cases Served During SFY 2020



Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at just over 18 cases per worker at the end of SFY 2020. This meets the Division's goal of 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of June 30, 2020 is presented in Appendix J.

Foster Homes

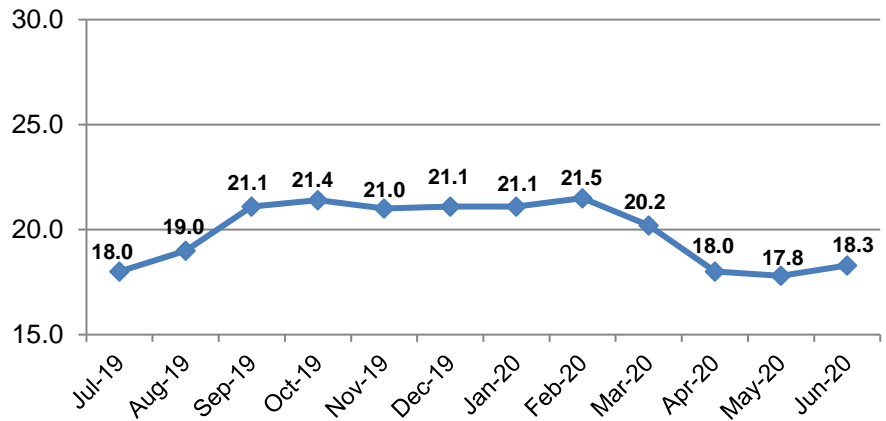
Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,541 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of SFY 2020, less than the previous year.

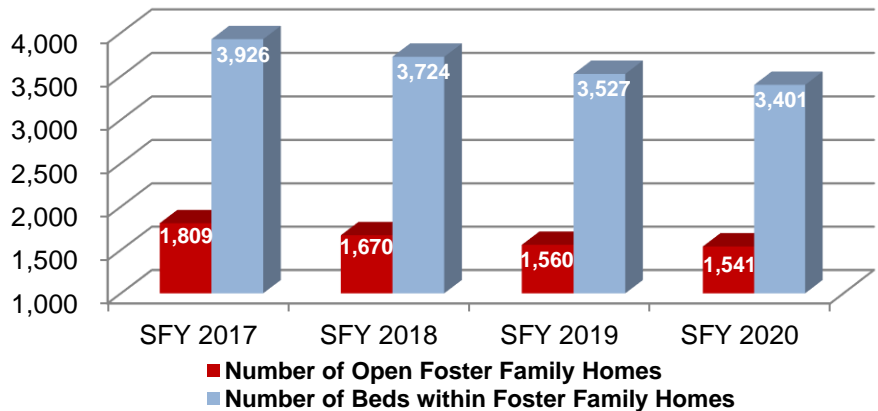
During SFY 2020, 903 new foster homes were opened and 894 were closed, resulting in a net gain of nine homes.

Appendix K displays the closure reasons for the 894 foster homes that closed during the year.

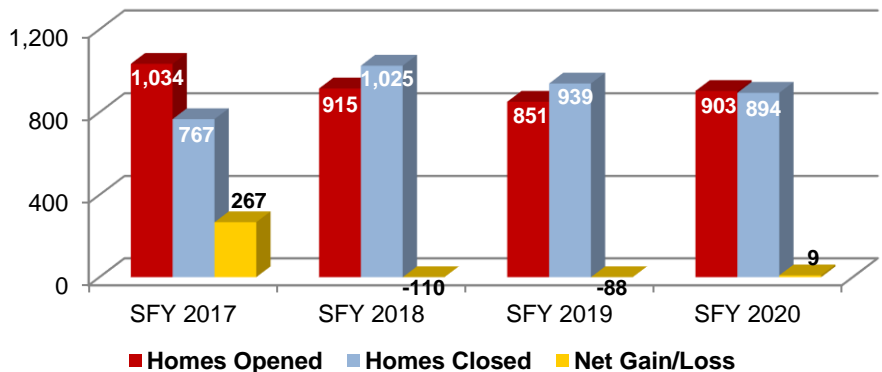
Average Caseload During SFY 2020



Number of Foster Homes and Beds



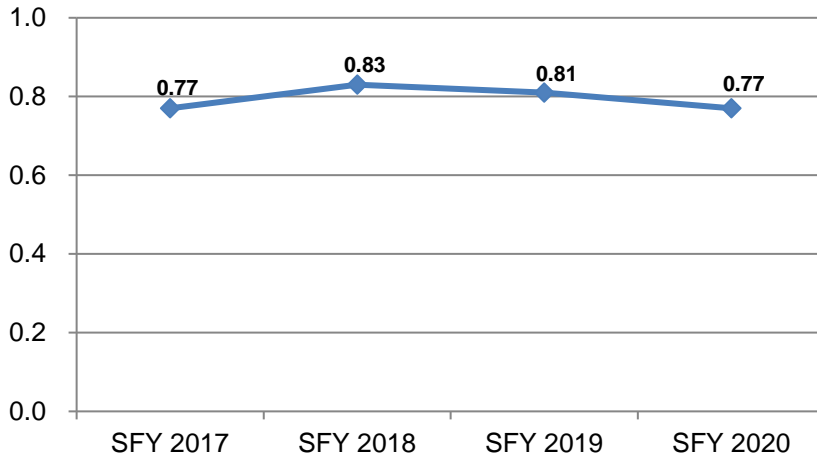
Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed



Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

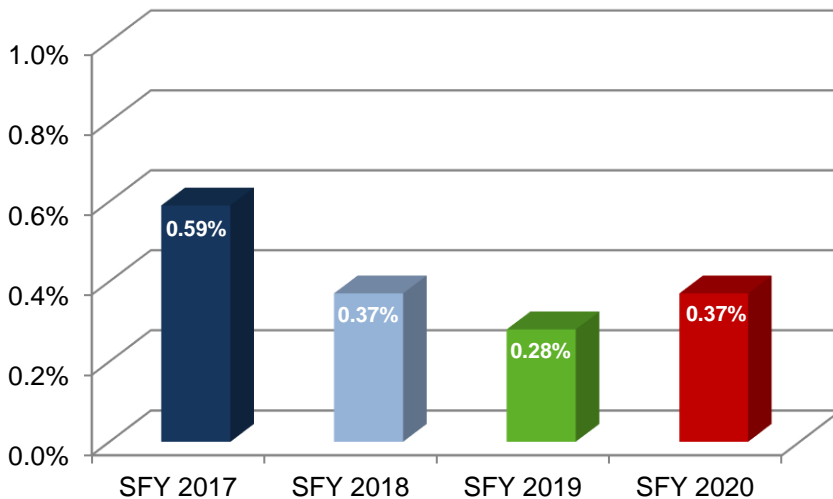


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.77) at the end of the year, similar to previous years.

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



Ten reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the year. Based on the 2,723 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.37 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)	2295	328	18.23	1787	64	0	26	0	87	1	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	288	46	20.83	199	13	0	0	1	29	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	215	71	38.14	129	8	0	2	1	4	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	2159	349	20.64	1608	78	0	15	3	101	2	3
Area Total		4,957	794	20.29	3,723	163	0	43	5	221	3	5
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	616	106	24.63	456	33	0	6	6	6	0	3
2	Franklin (Ozark)	188	39	23.94	141	3	0	2	1	1	1	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	243	43	21.40	183	2	0	6	1	8	0	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	148	30	24.32	108	5	0	0	1	4	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	105	18	21.90	80	4	0	1	0	2	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	118	38	37.29	74	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1262	329	33.07	826	69	0	11	7	15	1	4
2	Yell (Danville)	223	50	25.79	159	6	0	0	1	5	0	2
Area Total		2,903	653	28.47	2,027	125	0	28	18	41	2	9
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	155	34	33.77	96	15	0	2	1	6	0	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	993	201	28.79	682	73	0	9	2	20	3	3
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	325	69	29.32	223	23	0	1	2	6	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	115	16	24.35	81	8	0	4	0	6	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	64	11	26.56	47	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	61	8	15.25	49	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	107	18	25.23	75	4	0	5	0	5	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	190	33	23.81	140	9	0	1	2	4	0	1
3	Saline (Benton)	856	153	22.01	637	21	0	9	5	27	2	2
Area Total		2,866	543	26.12	2,030	160	0	31	12	74	6	10
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	124	33	33.06	79	6	0	1	1	4	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	185	54	38.92	108	14	0	4	0	5	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	54	14	28.30	36	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	118	30	34.48	75	9	0	1	0	1	0	2
4	Miller (Texarkana)	444	104	31.83	285	27	0	5	5	17	0	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	73	16	29.17	47	4	0	1	0	4	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	206	43	32.04	135	19	0	4	0	5	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	133	34	34.59	82	9	0	0	3	5	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	302	61	26.49	214	14	0	4	1	7	1	0
Area Total		1,639	389	31.95	1,061	103	0	20	10	50	1	5
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	345	69	27.83	234	27	0	0	0	15	0	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	443	109	28.70	283	14	0	3	0	30	0	4
5	Conway (Morrilton)	200	47	27.64	135	4	0	4	0	9	0	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	974	119	18.48	678	41	0	7	8	93	1	27
5	Marion (Yellville)	148	29	33.11	93	20	0	0	0	6	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	50	13	30.00	32	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	487	116	29.66	321	22	0	1	1	11	0	15
5	Searcy (Marshall)	87	7	9.30	71	1	0	0	0	7	0	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	155	21	18.95	113	6	0	1	1	11	0	2
Area Total		2,889	530	24.41	1,960	136	0	16	11	185	1	50

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	222	38	26.58	155	15	0	5	1	8	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	663	113	21.90	498	25	0	5	2	19	0	1
6	Pulaski (North)	771	179	29.48	512	36	1	8	3	31	0	1
6	Pulaski (South)	770	179	28.35	508	28	0	9	2	43	0	1
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	538	112	27.32	373	30	0	2	3	18	0	0
Area Total		2,964	621	26.88	2,046	134	1	29	11	119	0	3
7	Bradley (Warren)	87	11	19.77	66	5	0	1	0	3	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	23	3	21.74	17	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	53	18	38.46	32	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	118	19	20.51	93	2	0	0	3	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	134	41	37.31	83	2	0	3	4	1	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	449	88	26.12	311	22	0	4	3	20	0	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	80	17	27.50	57	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	707	79	15.01	575	20	0	6	1	24	1	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	60	4	16.67	47	5	0	0	1	3	0	0
Area Total		1,711	280	21.75	1,281	63	0	15	13	53	1	5
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	145	18	16.67	119	2	0	2	2	1	0	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1172	197	22.91	823	57	0	13	1	79	0	2
8	Fulton (Salem)	130	29	30.77	83	10	0	0	1	7	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	721	184	30.42	485	19	0	8	8	16	0	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	128	29	28.13	92	5	0	1	1	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	175	17	12.00	153	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	297	46	23.89	207	20	0	4	0	16	0	4
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	140	27	27.14	94	9	0	2	0	8	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	175	51	32.18	118	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	218	55	33.03	143	12	0	5	0	3	0	0
Area Total		3,301	653	25.64	2,317	138	0	40	13	131	0	9
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	202	36	22.50	154	4	0	2	3	1	0	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	443	75	29.80	305	44	0	11	2	6	0	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	134	19	22.56	103	11	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Independence (Batesville)	408	96	27.21	290	13	0	2	0	7	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	168	35	25.60	125	6	0	2	0	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	350	61	22.35	265	15	0	2	0	6	0	1
9	Stone (Mountain View)	102	17	21.57	80	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	778	139	21.42	602	20	0	6	1	7	0	3
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	55	13	32.73	37	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Area Total		2,640	491	24.50	1,961	122	0	26	6	27	0	7
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	46	17	43.48	25	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	99	19	26.26	73	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	133	32	30.08	90	6	0	2	0	3	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	75	12	22.67	57	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	79	19	29.11	56	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	143	34	28.87	101	5	0	1	1	0	0	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	57	14	39.29	33	8	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	27	3	29.63	18	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	21	3	25.00	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	150	33	33.33	92	16	0	1	0	8	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	219	44	32.72	143	25	0	2	0	3	0	2
Area Total		1,049	230	30.94	703	83	0	9	1	18	0	5
99	Unknown County	7	1	14.29	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Statewide Total		26,926	5,185	25.24	19,113	1,227	1	257	100	921	14	108

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)	298	235	9	0	1	0	17	34	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	105	72	0	0	0	0	11	21	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	97	85	0	0	0	0	0	8	4
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	509	310	24	0	0	26	81	66	2
Area Total		1,009	702	33	0	1	26	109	129	9
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	148	118	3	1	0	0	9	15	2
2	Franklin (Ozark)	39	36	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	44	38	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	56	46	0	0	0	0	3	7	0
2	Logan (Paris)	45	36	4	1	0	0	0	4	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	78	63	0	0	0	0	11	4	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	828	494	68	1	1	0	98	164	2
2	Yell (Danville)	83	68	1	0	0	0	9	5	0
Area Total		1,321	899	76	3	1	0	137	201	4
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	16	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	320	226	29	0	0	0	18	46	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	70	48	5	0	0	0	1	16	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	13	7	0	0	0	0	5	1	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	37	33	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
3	Polk (Mena)	60	52	0	0	0	0	6	2	0
3	Saline (Benton)	142	102	9	1	0	0	19	10	1
Area Total		683	500	47	1	0	0	53	80	2
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	43	2	31	0	0	0	1	8	1
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	22	21	0	0	0	4	5	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	14	4	9	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	47	8	0	0	0	2	2	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	178	101	43	0	0	0	6	26	2
4	Nevada (Prescott)	18	11	4	0	0	0	2	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	20	33	0	0	0	3	7	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	68	39	2	0	2	1	15	9	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	89	39	37	0	0	0	6	6	1
Area Total		584	285	188	0	2	1	39	65	4
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	75	68	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	97	84	4	0	0	0	2	6	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	90	73	6	0	0	0	1	9	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	188	116	33	1	0	0	14	21	3
5	Marion (Yellville)	22	18	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	109	81	6	0	0	0	12	10	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	31	27	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Area Total		639	491	50	1	0	0	29	63	5

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than 1	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	51	12	30	1	0	0	0	8	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	101	35	61	0	0	0	0	5	0
6	Pulaski (North)	278	51	177	1	0	0	17	29	3
6	Pulaski (South)	208	38	143	0	0	0	13	14	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	114	18	69	0	0	0	16	11	0
	Area Total	752	154	480	2	0	0	46	67	3
7	Bradley (Warren)	18	7	4	1	0	0	1	5	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	22	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	8	5	0	0	0	3	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	34	0	0	0	0	5	1	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	177	54	107	1	0	0	2	10	3
7	Lincoln (Star City)	18	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	203	157	20	0	0	0	5	20	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	508	303	143	2	0	0	17	38	5
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	27	26	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	187	89	49	0	0	0	16	33	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	53	43	2	0	0	0	1	5	2
8	Greene (Paragould)	202	164	7	0	0	0	7	23	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	40	37	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	41	34	0	0	0	0	3	4	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	43	47	0	0	0	4	17	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	38	10	24	0	0	1	1	2	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	69	56	8	0	0	0	1	4	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	74	65	1	0	0	0	1	7	0
	Area Total	842	567	139	0	0	1	34	98	3
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	83	72	3	0	0	0	3	5	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	135	38	80	0	0	0	3	13	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	104	57	37	0	0	0	5	5	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	114	101	3	0	0	0	0	9	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	87	62	12	0	0	0	1	12	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	113	5	0	0	0	7	20	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	23	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
9	White (Searcy)	189	143	4	0	0	0	6	36	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	23	13	0	0	0	2	6	0
	Area Total	927	632	157	0	0	0	27	109	2
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	9	3	0	0	0	2	1	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	9	9	0	0	0	0	2	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	18	12	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	32	9	19	0	0	0	1	3	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	38	17	11	0	0	0	5	5	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	8	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	12	8	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	51	12	30	0	0	0	1	7	1
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	75	13	48	0	0	0	5	9	0
	Area Total	303	104	147	0	0	0	15	35	2
	Statewide Total	7,568	4,637	1,460	9	4	28	506	885	39

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)	275	113	80	35	46	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	95	46	26	14	9	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	93	41	28	12	12	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	532	214	153	62	102	1
Area Total		995	414	287	123	169	2
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	191	58	63	36	34	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	51	23	14	4	10	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	77	44	21	6	5	1
2	Logan (Booneville)	69	29	21	6	13	0
2	Logan (Paris)	52	22	10	9	11	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	58	19	23	9	7	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	834	326	239	122	147	0
2	Yell (Danville)	86	24	26	15	21	0
Area Total		1,418	545	417	207	248	1
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	33	18	10	2	2	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	269	157	57	20	35	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	87	44	22	7	13	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	15	5	1	4	5	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	6	4	1	0	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	14	3	4	2	5	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	29	11	14	1	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	65	31	10	8	16	0
3	Saline (Benton)	109	50	25	12	22	0
Area Total		627	323	144	56	102	2
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	50	21	16	7	6	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	37	14	8	11	4	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	11	6	4	0	1	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	39	17	10	2	10	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	140	72	35	12	21	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	13	6	2	3	2	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	69	29	19	10	11	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	53	24	10	9	10	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	83	24	19	11	29	0
Area Total		495	213	123	65	94	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	81	54	14	4	9	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	89	35	29	11	14	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	93	35	32	8	17	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	229	121	57	16	34	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	28	13	6	5	4	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	6	1	4	0	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	84	44	18	11	11	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	18	13	2	2	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	14	11	2	5	0
Area Total		660	330	173	59	96	2

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	51	24	15	2	10	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	101	47	26	9	19	0
6	Pulaski (North)	278	122	84	29	41	2
6	Pulaski (South)	208	90	62	16	40	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	114	47	27	13	27	0
Area Total		752	330	214	69	137	2
7	Bradley (Warren)	18	9	1	1	7	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	1	0	1	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	9	9	4	3	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	6	5	3	2	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	15	5	11	9	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	177	75	41	20	39	2
7	Lincoln (Star City)	18	7	5	4	2	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	203	81	54	31	37	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	9	4	5	0	0	0
Area Total		508	206	126	74	99	3
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	27	7	11	3	6	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	187	79	42	19	47	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	53	22	13	8	10	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	202	95	56	19	32	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	40	22	8	4	6	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	41	20	9	4	8	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	44	40	14	13	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	38	15	16	3	4	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	69	27	21	11	10	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	74	31	17	15	11	0
Area Total		842	362	233	100	147	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	83	39	21	11	12	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	135	63	30	12	30	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	104	56	25	7	16	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	114	50	27	17	20	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	87	42	14	10	21	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	64	39	24	18	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	7	6	9	4	0
9	White (Searcy)	189	82	46	23	38	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	18	9	8	9	0
Area Total		927	421	217	121	168	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	3	7	2	3	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	11	5	1	3	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	12	7	2	10	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	32	17	5	4	6	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	8	4	0	2	2	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	38	16	6	5	11	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	8	4	1	0	3	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	3	6	1	2	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	12	1	4	3	4	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	51	19	11	8	12	1
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	75	34	20	9	12	0
Area Total		303	124	72	37	68	2
Statewide Total		7,568	3,261	1,981	942	1,365	19

Appendix D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	298	155	142	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	105	49	55	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	97	51	45	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	509	254	253	2
Area Total		1,009	509	495	5
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	148	69	77	2
2	Franklin (Ozark)	39	22	17	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	44	18	26	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	56	33	23	0
2	Logan (Paris)	45	19	26	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	78	37	41	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	828	420	406	1
2	Yell (Danville)	83	40	43	0
Area Total		1,321	658	659	3
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	17	7	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	320	169	151	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	70	38	32	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	13	7	6	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	0	7	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	10	6	4	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	37	16	21	0
3	Polk (Mena)	60	25	35	0
3	Saline (Benton)	142	81	61	0
Area Total		683	359	324	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	43	27	15	1
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	24	28	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	14	5	9	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	24	35	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	178	89	89	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	18	12	6	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	32	31	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	68	31	37	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	89	37	51	1
Area Total		584	281	301	2
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	75	32	43	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	97	51	46	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	90	53	36	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	188	95	92	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	22	11	11	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	3	2	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	109	56	53	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	24	14	10	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	31	15	16	0
Area Total		639	329	308	2

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	51	30	21	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	101	52	49	0
6	Pulaski (North)	278	136	140	2
6	Pulaski (South)	208	97	111	0
6	Pulaski (Southw est)	114	70	44	0
Area Total		752	385	365	2
7	Bradley (Warren)	18	6	12	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	1	0	1	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	11	14	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	9	7	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	26	14	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	177	93	82	2
7	Lincoln (Star City)	18	9	9	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	203	102	101	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	9	3	6	0
Area Total		508	259	246	3
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	27	16	11	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	187	94	93	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	53	24	29	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	202	101	101	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	40	22	18	0
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	41	21	20	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	55	56	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	38	17	21	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	69	41	28	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	74	37	37	0
Area Total		842	428	414	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	83	40	43	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	135	57	78	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	104	50	54	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	114	49	65	0
9	Jackson (New port)	87	42	45	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	77	68	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	7	19	0
9	White (Searcy)	189	99	90	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	28	16	0
Area Total		927	449	478	0
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	15	5	10	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	11	9	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	14	17	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	32	15	17	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	8	5	3	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	38	21	17	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	8	5	3	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	9	3	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	12	4	8	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	51	25	25	1
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	75	38	37	0
Area Total		303	152	149	2
Statewide Total		7,568	3,809	3,739	19

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)	298	30	30	44	95	66	13	20
1	Carroll (Berryville)	105	9	6	13	30	29	7	11
1	Madison (Huntsville)	97	13	5	6	32	25	9	7
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	509	33	57	68	72	141	80	58
Area Total		1,009	85	98	131	229	261	109	96
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	148	13	8	4	14	42	39	28
2	Franklin (Ozark)	39	1	3	8	8	12	2	5
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	44	1	4	2	11	11	10	5
2	Logan (Booneville)	56	2	0	0	18	25	3	8
2	Logan (Paris)	45	3	5	3	9	9	9	7
2	Scott (Waldron)	78	5	6	12	18	21	8	8
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	828	32	57	79	209	200	98	153
2	Yell (Danville)	83	9	6	3	17	26	11	11
Area Total		1,321	66	89	111	304	346	180	225
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	1	2	2	8	9	0	2
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	320	32	37	56	90	69	12	24
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	70	6	2	16	16	9	7	14
3	Howard (Nashville)	13	1	0	4	8	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	0	1	0	1	4	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	10	0	1	0	1	6	0	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	37	7	1	3	5	7	9	5
3	Polk (Mena)	60	1	4	3	13	27	8	4
3	Saline (Benton)	142	9	20	5	50	33	17	8
Area Total		683	57	68	89	192	164	54	59
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	43	4	3	5	7	10	6	8
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	4	7	9	17	10	1	4
4	Lafayette (LeWesville)	14	0	0	5	3	5	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	4	14	8	11	18	4	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	178	19	21	26	41	34	12	25
4	Nevada (Prescott)	18	3	2	3	5	1	4	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	0	11	6	10	30	3	3
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	68	12	12	13	10	13	3	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	89	9	20	7	22	12	3	16
Area Total		584	55	90	82	126	133	36	62
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	75	9	5	8	15	32	0	6
5	Boone (Harrison)	97	9	14	17	20	27	3	7
5	Conway (Morrilton)	90	6	5	13	22	29	8	7
5	Faulkner (Conway)	188	18	14	20	34	66	23	13
5	Marion (Yellville)	22	1	3	5	5	4	4	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	109	9	3	23	25	25	5	19
5	Searcy (Marshall)	24	5	0	4	8	6	0	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	31	4	3	3	12	5	3	1
Area Total		639	61	48	93	141	194	48	54

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)	51	0	1	0	8	19	9	14
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	101	17	20	11	18	25	0	10
6	Pulaski (North)	278	42	32	49	43	62	21	29
6	Pulaski (South)	208	24	35	21	38	44	18	28
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	114	10	5	18	21	19	7	34
Area Total		752	93	93	99	128	169	55	115
7	Bradley (Warren)	18	0	5	1	5	4	0	3
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	2	3	1	10	8	0	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	5	0	0	2	2	6	2
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	2	2	14	11	4	0	7
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	177	11	32	22	26	59	10	17
7	Lincoln (Star City)	18	0	2	6	1	7	1	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	203	4	18	17	31	95	25	13
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	9	0	2	0	4	2	0	1
Area Total		508	24	64	61	91	181	42	45
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	27	0	0	2	9	8	3	5
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	187	21	3	20	28	63	17	35
8	Fulton (Salem)	53	0	4	13	12	11	7	6
8	Greene (Paragould)	202	22	30	36	31	49	7	27
8	Izard (Melbourne)	40	5	0	12	3	10	4	6
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	41	5	0	8	9	6	5	8
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	12	7	15	24	30	18	5
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	38	4	2	2	13	12	0	5
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	69	7	7	6	24	16	2	7
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	74	3	17	5	19	21	5	4
Area Total		842	79	70	119	172	226	68	108
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	83	7	1	9	24	27	11	4
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	135	9	7	34	30	30	8	17
9	Cross (Wynne)	104	4	9	13	42	27	3	6
9	Independence (Batesville)	114	5	3	21	41	23	15	6
9	Jackson (Newport)	87	5	6	8	24	27	9	8
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	4	1	13	42	47	13	25
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	3	1	1	4	10	4	3
9	White (Searcy)	189	17	14	25	61	40	17	15
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	0	1	4	11	16	8	4
Area Total		927	54	43	128	279	247	88	88
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	0	2	0	5	2	2	4
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	0	3	3	8	4	3	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	0	0	4	8	8	4	7
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	32	2	1	1	5	14	1	8
10	Desha (McGehee)	8	1	2	0	2	2	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	38	4	2	0	10	11	0	11
10	Lee (Marianna)	8	2	0	0	1	2	1	2
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	0	0	0	2	5	5	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	12	1	0	1	1	7	0	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	51	8	1	8	10	7	4	13
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	75	0	9	12	13	21	6	14
Area Total		303	18	20	29	65	83	26	62
Statewide Total		7,568	592	683	942	1,727	2,004	706	914

Appendix F: Services Provided During the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
1	Benton (Bentonville)	298	278	652	55	132
1	Carroll (Berryville)	105	49	112	9	22
1	Madison (Huntsville)	97	37	78	13	25
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	509	326	848	88	213
Area Total		1,009	690	1,690	165	392
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	148	125	303	26	62
2	Franklin (Ozark)	39	41	103	7	21
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	44	42	123	5	9
2	Logan (Booneville)	56	18	43	4	6
2	Logan (Paris)	45	29	64	2	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	78	37	89	3	6
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	828	289	673	56	133
2	Yell (Danville)	83	39	105	1	4
Area Total		1,321	620	1,503	104	242
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	36	75	3	4
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	320	206	415	41	84
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	70	54	98	7	17
3	Howard (Nashville)	13	14	38	9	25
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	7	15	29	1	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	10	20	46	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	37	13	28	7	18
3	Polk (Mena)	60	28	64	8	14
3	Saline (Benton)	142	119	288	13	25
Area Total		683	505	1,081	89	188
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	43	30	56	3	6
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	50	138	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	14	7	15	1	3
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	15	36	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	178	59	139	2	5
4	Nevada (Prescott)	18	19	50	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	32	74	5	9
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	68	22	67	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	89	49	102	1	3
Area Total		584	283	677	12	26
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	75	67	137	15	36
5	Boone (Harrison)	97	95	184	13	26
5	Conway (Morrilton)	90	42	94	2	7
5	Faulkner (Conway)	188	150	344	34	87
5	Marion (Yellville)	22	32	84	7	13
5	Newton (Jasper)	3	15	31	1	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	109	127	303	9	23
5	Searcy (Marshall)	24	10	20	2	4
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	31	16	34	1	1
Area Total		639	554	1,231	84	198

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
6	Pulaski (East)	51	58	104	1	2
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	101	96	219	8	25
6	Pulaski (North)	278	160	371	11	28
6	Pulaski (South)	208	64	156	10	26
6	Pulaski (South west)	114	90	198	7	24
Area Total		752	468	1,048	37	105
7	Bradley (Warren)	18	7	32	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	1	7	13	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	2	3	1	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	13	32	1	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	15	31	2	7
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	177	95	262	5	13
7	Lincoln (Star City)	18	9	20	1	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	203	98	229	3	10
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	9	12	38	1	3
Area Total		508	258	660	14	37
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	27	15	33	2	4
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	187	349	866	21	50
8	Fulton (Salem)	53	20	43	5	10
8	Greene (Paragould)	202	106	217	29	65
8	Izard (Melbourne)	40	28	56	4	11
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	41	37	75	2	3
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	55	137	3	8
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	38	15	28	1	2
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	69	42	92	13	33
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	74	33	87	8	15
Area Total		842	700	1,634	88	201
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	83	31	81	9	14
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	135	104	304	21	59
9	Cross (Wynne)	104	29	63	3	5
9	Independence (Batesville)	114	71	192	19	49
9	Jackson (New port)	87	42	98	1	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	78	204	17	49
9	Stone (Mountain View)	26	22	51	5	13
9	White (Searcy)	189	166	396	9	14
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	24	44	6	12
Area Total		927	567	1,433	90	215
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	15	4	9	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	10	20	1	4
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	31	29	67	3	7
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	32	12	25	5	13
10	Desha (McGehee)	8	7	16	5	15
10	Drew (Monticello)	38	14	42	5	27
10	Lee (Marianna)	8	16	54	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	12	28	1	2
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	12	7	19	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	51	50	126	8	21
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	75	43	127	3	10
Area Total		303	204	533	31	99
Statewide Total		7,568	4,849	11,490	714	1,703

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 37 child fatalities that were reported for SFY 2020, case-specific information could be disclosed for 15 of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website <https://ardhs.sharepointsite.net/CFN/default.aspx> displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Delaney Phillips	St. Francis	1	White	Female	7/7/2019	Neglect & Failure to Protect / Drug Overdose	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Louise Spencer-Walling	Miller	<1	White	Male	7/9/2019	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Anaka Long	Washington	2	White	Female	8/8/2019	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Lucy Weber	Garland	1	White	Female	8/17/2019	Inadequate Supervision & Failure to Protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Al'Zyrie Taylor	Mississippi	<1	Black	Female	9/3/2019	Inadequate Supervision & Failure to Protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Colton Cooke	Sebastian	<1	White	Male	9/16/2019	Substance Misuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Lhondyn Coleman	Mississippi	<1	Black	Female	10/27/2019	Physical Abuse & Neglect	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	None

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Haley Eddings	Boone	13	White	Female	10/29/2019	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Emma Arriaga	Sebastian	2	White	Female	11/19/2019	Neglect & Substance Misuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	Open PS Case	Prior History
Benito Arriaga	Sebastian	5	White	Male	11/21/2019	Neglect & Substance Misuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	Open PS Case	Prior History
Kaylie Thomson	Howard	2	Black	Female	12/29/2019	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	Open PS Case	None

Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Bentley Sumler-Ballard	White	2	White	Male	8/1/2019	Failure to Protect / Accidental Drowning	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Isaac McCully	Benton	<1	White	Male	9/17/2019	Sudden Unexplained Infant Death	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Beau Barnes	Lonoke	2	White	Male	3/4/2020	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Cameron Loudermill	Hempstead	4	Black	Male	4/29/2020	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 eight near fatalities that were reported for SFY 2020, case-specific information could be disclosed for two of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website <https://ardhs.sharepointsite.net/CFN/default.aspx> displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

True Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #1	Pulaski	6	Black	Male	11/18/2019	Failure to Protect, Substance Misuse & Neglect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Child #2	Faulkner	<1	White	Male	1/2/2020	Environmental Neglect	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	None

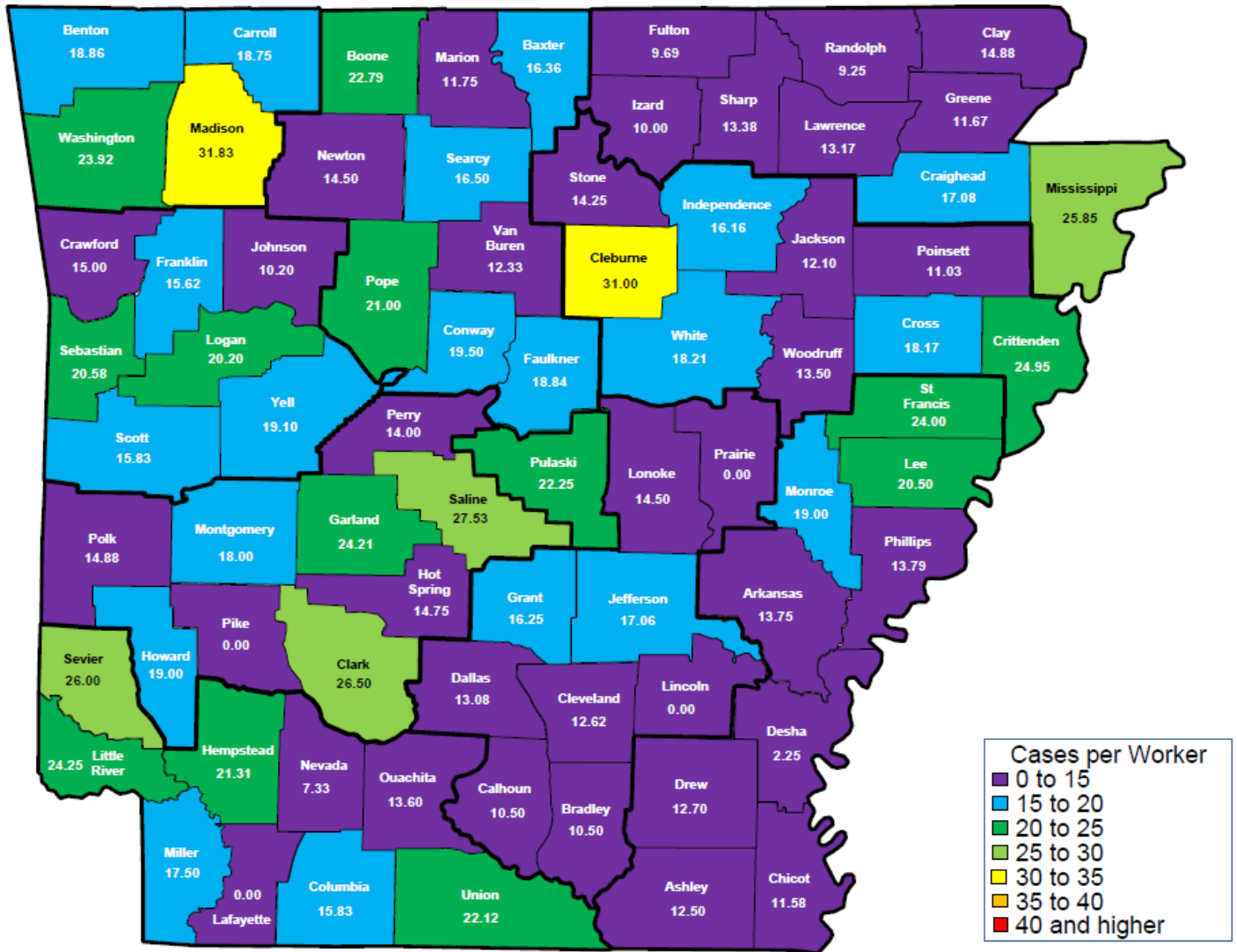
Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

There were no unsubstantiated near fatality reports for SFY 2020 at the time of this report's release.

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

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Action(s) Taken by Agency	Services Provided Prior to the Incident
Child #1	Pulaski	19	White	Male	3/3/2020	Terminal Illness / Pneumonia	Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #2	Pulaski	4	Black	Female	3/15/2020	Cancer & Kidney Disease	Foster Care	None	Foster Care

Appendix J: Average Caseload as of the End of SFY 2020, by County



Lafayette, Lincoln, Pike and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter; 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	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Total
1	Benton (Bentonville)	7	50	8	7	1	1	4	78
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	7
1	Madison (Huntsville)	2	5	0	1	0	0	3	11
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	3	31	6	9	0	1	7	57
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	3	8	3	2	0	0	8	24
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	5
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	4	0	4	0	0	1	9
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	5
2	Logan (Paris)	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	6
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1	36	5	13	0	0	6	61
2	Yell (Danville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	4
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	2	9	1	3	1	0	2	18
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	8
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5
3	Polk (Mena)	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	7
3	Saline (Benton)	2	26	6	7	0	0	2	43
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	7
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	6
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	5
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
4	Union (El Dorado)	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	11
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	8	2	1	0	0	1	12
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	10
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	Faulkner (Conway)	0	29	5	5	0	1	1	41
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	8	0	5	0	0	0	13
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	6
6	Pulaski (East)	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	13
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	1	4	3	0	0	0	4	12
6	Pulaski (North)	0	15	4	3	0	0	0	22
6	Pulaski (South)	2	26	7	3	0	0	6	44
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	12
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
7	Grant (Sheridan)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	1	5	1	9	2	0	2	20
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	4	13	0	9	2	0	2	30
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1	21	2	6	0	0	10	40
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	8
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	11	2	4	0	1	3	21
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	3	3	9	0	0	1	16
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	7
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	5	2	2	0	0	1	10
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	3	4	1	0	0	1	9
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	2	2	5	0	0	2	11
9	Jackson (Newport)	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	7
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	12
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
9	White (Searcy)	2	19	1	1	0	0	3	26
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	6
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4
99	Out of State	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Total		39	473	98	163	11	4	106	894

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	90
	Custody/Guardianship	73
Change in Family Circumstances	Death of Parent / Family Member	2
	Divorce / Personal Issues	16
	Health of Parent	3
	Moved	8
	Pregnant	7
	Provider Moved Out of State	3
	Changed to Adopt Only	88
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	376
	Taking a Break	9
	True Maltreatment	4
Founded Abuse / Neglect	Arrested	1
	DHS Request	82
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	11
	Not taking Children when Contacted	4
Other	Contract Ended	8
	Duplicate	2
	Selected In Error	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	106

Appendix L: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, SFY 2020

Five-hundred and seventy reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 576 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during SFY 2020.

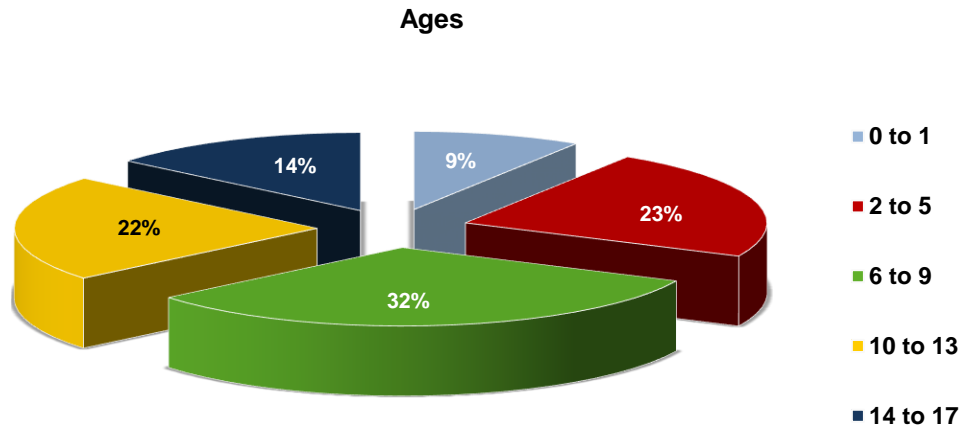
In 121 reports involving 153 children, foster parents⁴ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown by the following chart, ten of those reports were found to be true⁵ and the ten homes involved in those reports were subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
SFY 2020**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
10	111	0

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.

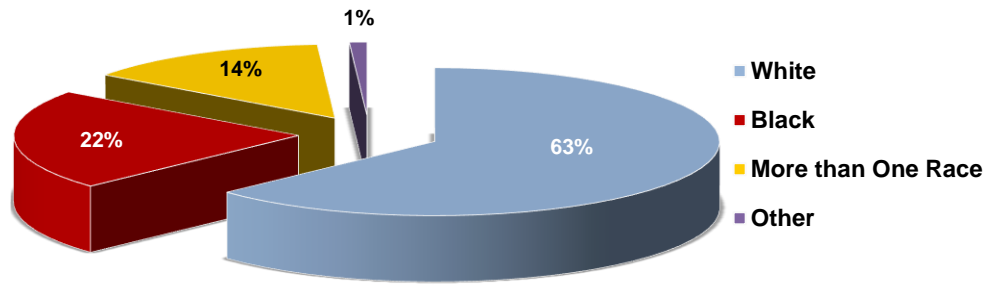
The following charts display the characteristics of the 153 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment, with foster parents as the alleged offenders.



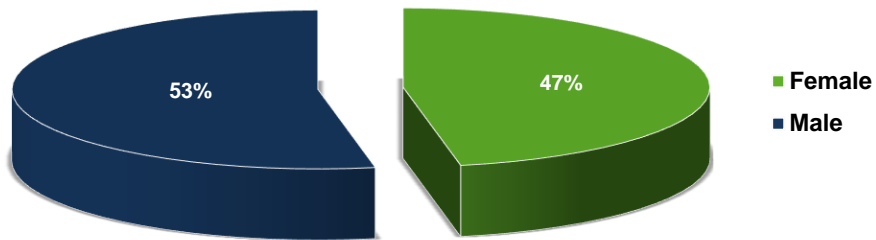
⁴ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

⁵ 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 were later overturned to unsubstantiated and some pending findings now have a final disposition.

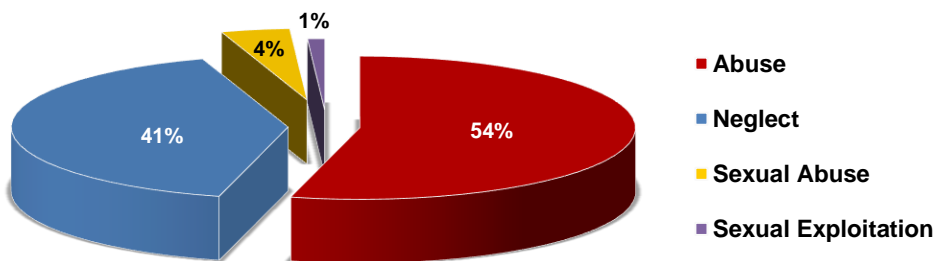
Race/Ethnicity



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	23	Randolph	3
Benton	10	Union	3
Faulkner	9	Boone	2
Saline	9	Fulton	2
Sebastian	8	Garland	2
Drew	6	Howard	2
Craighead	5	Jackson	2
Crittenden	5	Pike	2
St. Francis	5	Clay	1
Washington	5	Conway	1
Arkansas	4	Franklin	1
Carroll	4	Hempstead	1
Logan	4	Izard	1
Mississippi	4	Jefferson	1
Phillips	4	Marion	1
Crawford	3	Poinsett	1
Cross	3	Sevier	1
Greene	3	Van Buren	1
Lincoln	3	White	1
Lonoke	3	Yell	1
Pope	3		