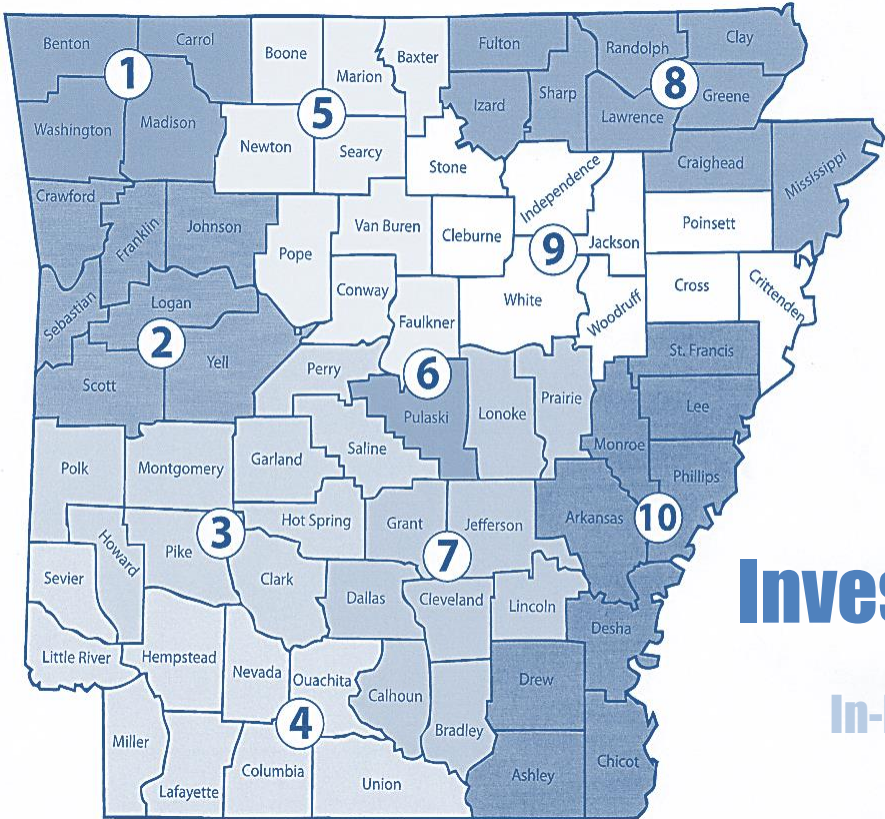


QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT 1st QUARTER SFY 2021

July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020



Investigations

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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ADOPTIONS

**Differential Response
Foster Care**

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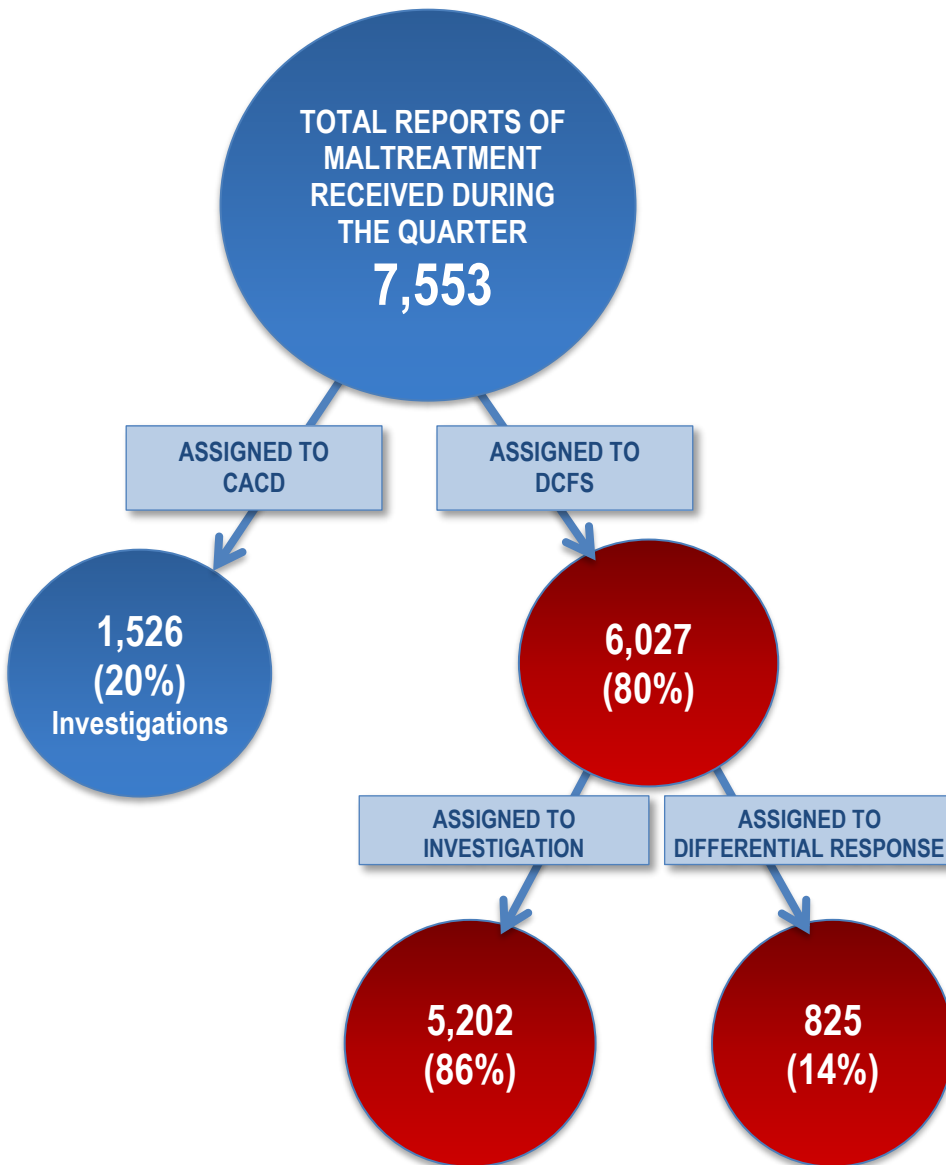
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Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports
Maltreatment Reports Received During
1st Quarter SFY 2021



Of the 7,553 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 80 percent were assigned to DCFS and 20 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, 86 percent were assigned for an investigation and 14 percent were handled through differential response (DR).

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

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

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

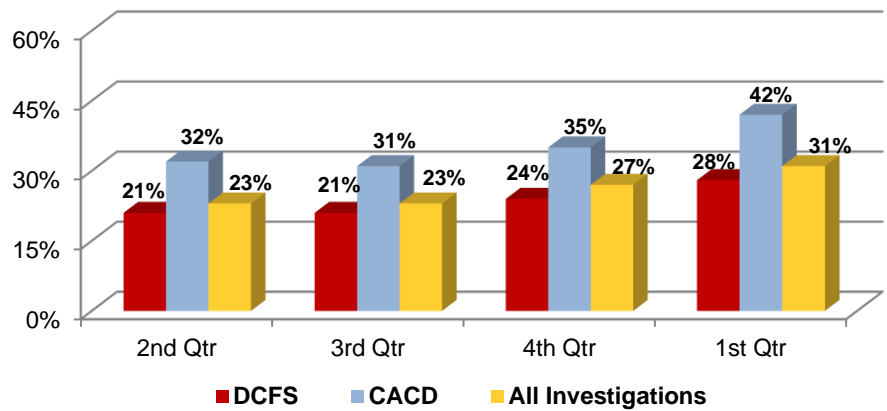
Quick Facts

Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty-eight percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the first quarter were found true, compared to 42 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 31 percent.

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

Percentage of Investigations Found True



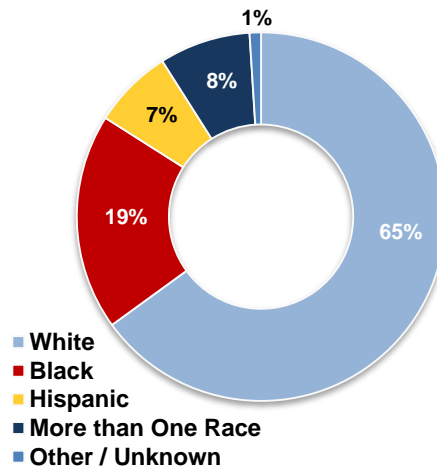
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,463 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations during the quarter.

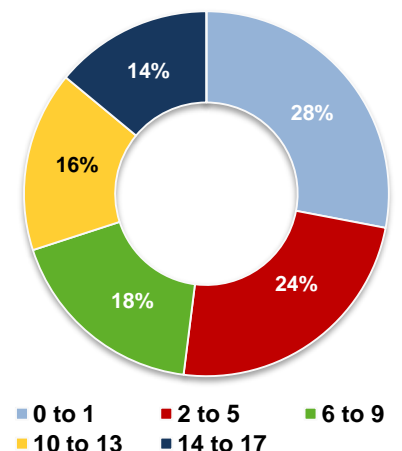
Of those children, 65 percent were white and 19 percent were black. Seventy percent of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under 10 years of age.

The majority of victim children (56 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation among the 2,463 victim children, followed by allegations of sexual abuse and physical abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	1,710	69%
Sexual Abuse	511	21%
Physical Abuse	466	19%
Sexual Exploitation	46	2%
Abandonment	14	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

Quick Facts

Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

During the first quarter, there were 17 maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of those, ten were found true, one was unsubstantiated, and six were still pending.

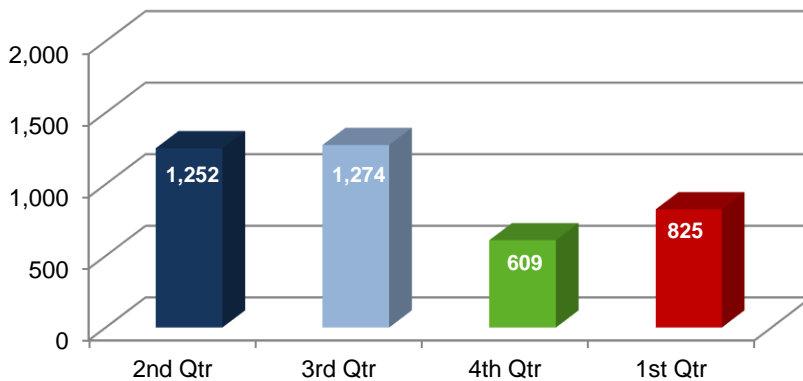
Over the same period, there were six investigations of near fatalities: Three were found true, two were unsubstantiated, and the remaining one was still pending.

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Child Near Fatality
True	10	3
Unsubstantiated	1	2
Pending	6	1

Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

The number of reports assigned for DR during the quarter (825) increased by 35 percent over the previous quarter.

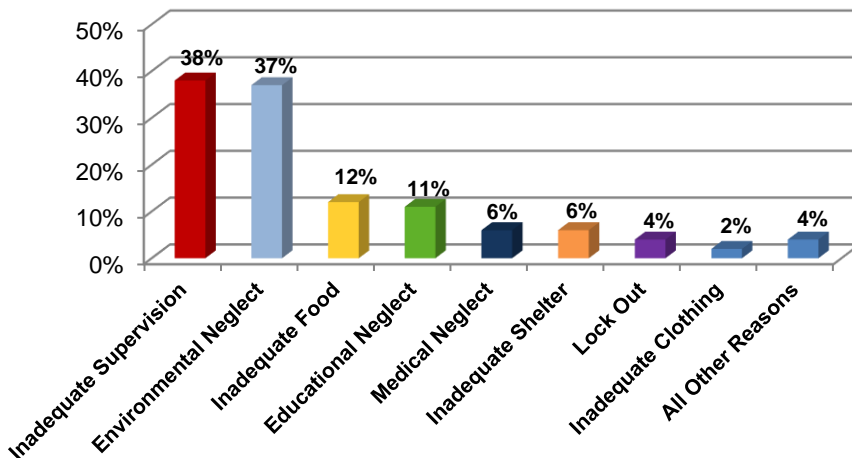
Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



Allegations Cited in DR Reports

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

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

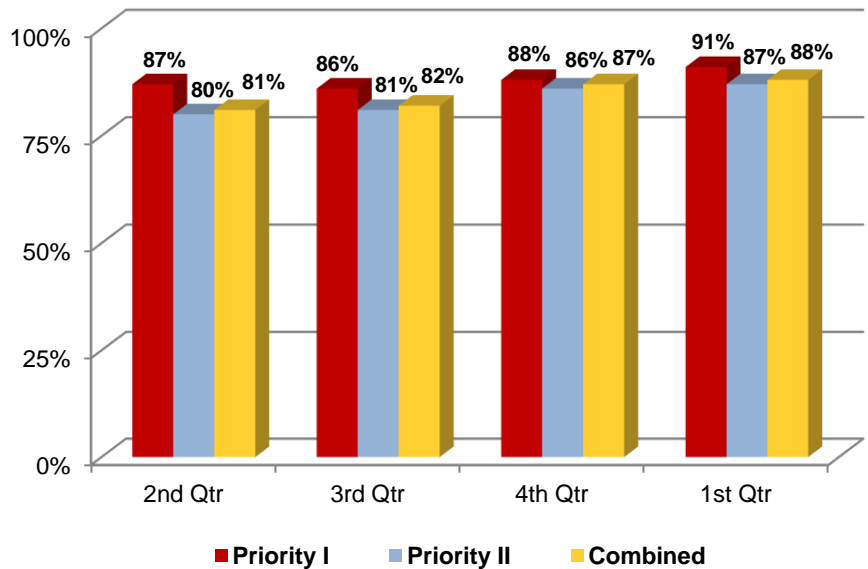
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

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

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

DCFS initiated 88 percent of its investigations on time during the first quarter, an improvement over the previous quarter.

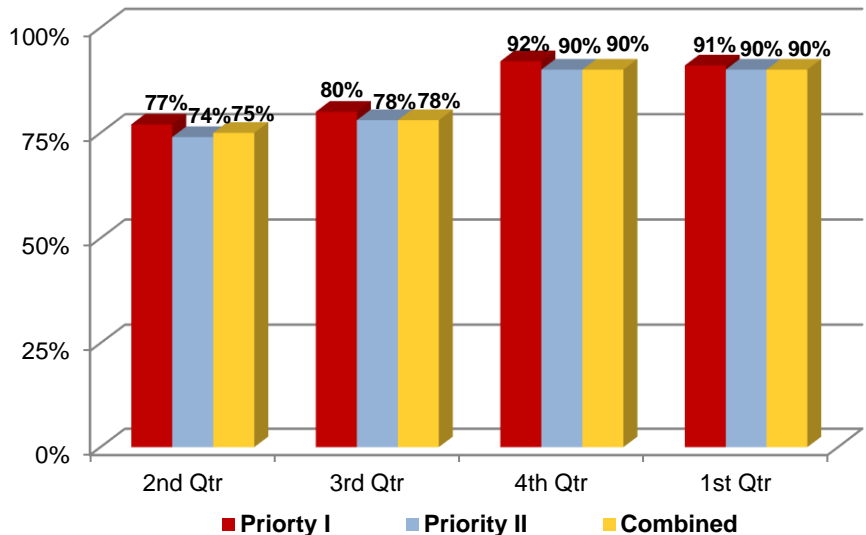
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 90 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter, identical to its performance during the previous quarter.

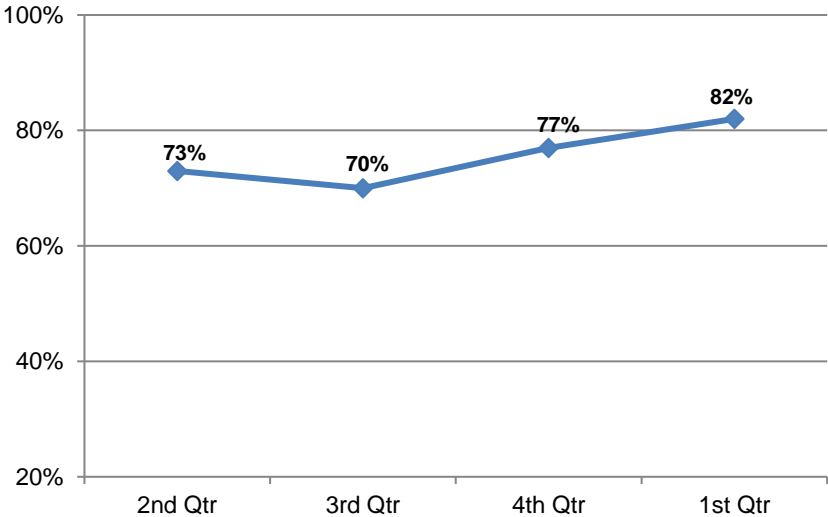
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

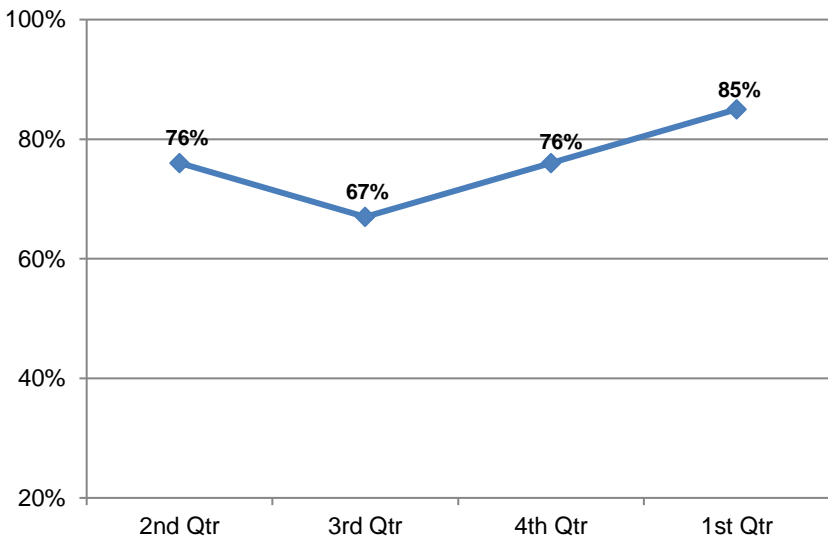


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 82 percent of its DR reports on time during the first quarter, an increase over its performance during the previous quarter (77 percent).

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



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

The Division closed 85 percent of DR reports on time during the quarter, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

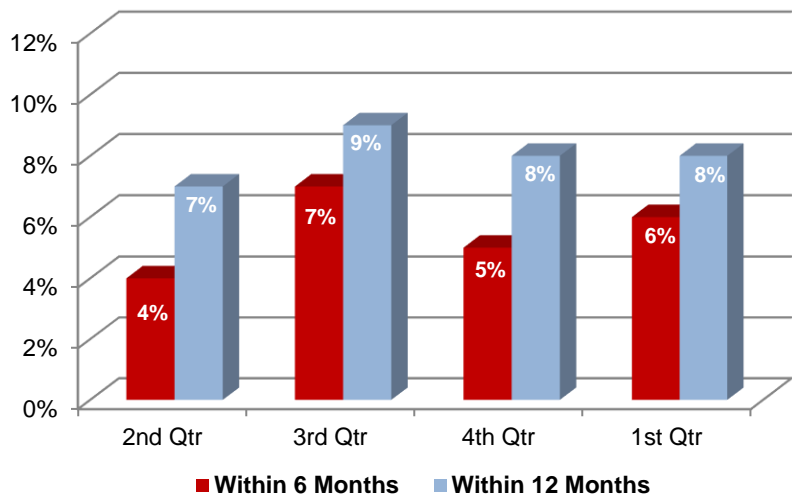
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Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

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

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

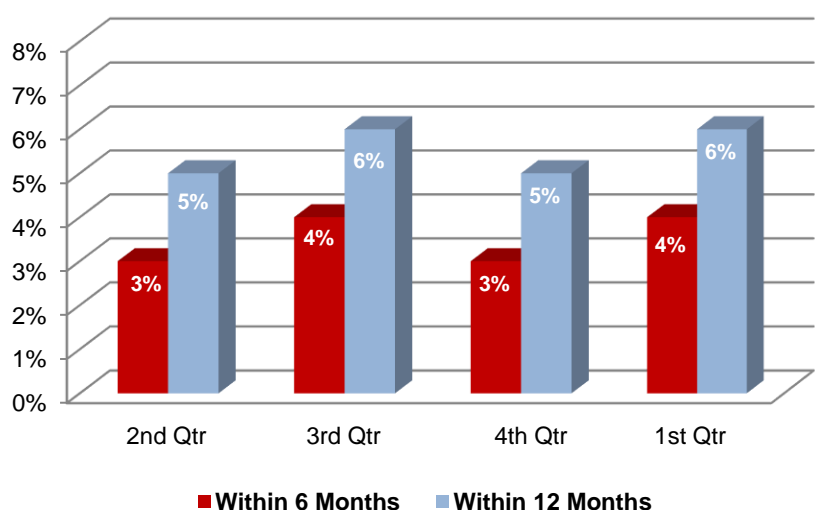


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families Who Received DR Services

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

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



In-Home Services

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Cases

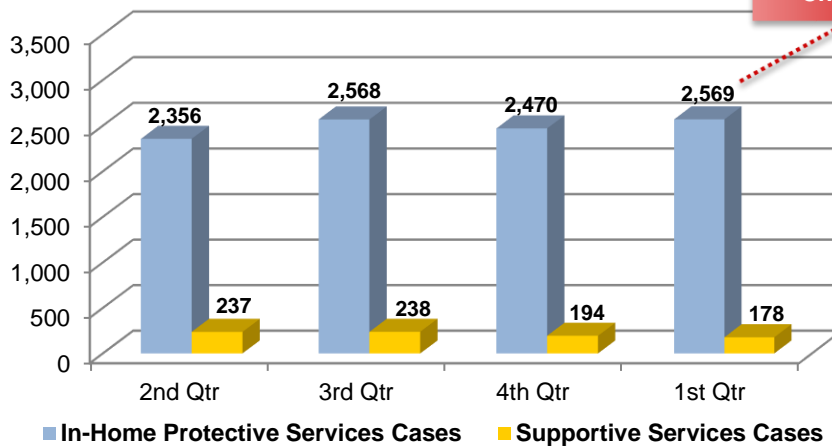
Volume of Cases

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

The number of in-home protective services cases increased by four percent during the quarter. There were 2,569 protective services cases, involving 6,107 children, open across the state at the end of the quarter.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 178 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

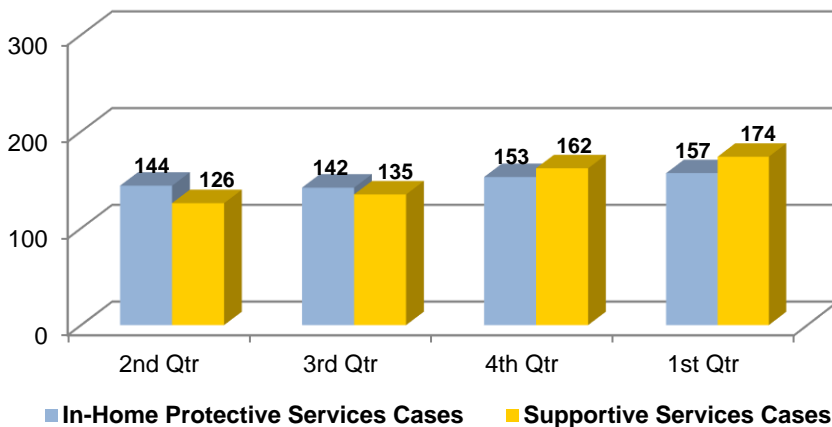
Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



Involving
6,107
Children

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

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



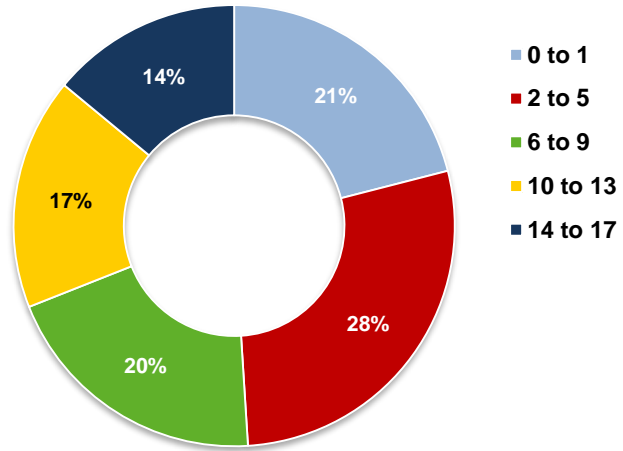
Both in-home protective services cases and supportive services cases that were active as of the end of the quarter had been open, on average, for longer than five months. Compared to previous quarters, in-home cases have stayed open for slightly longer durations.

Quick Facts

Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Less than half (49 percent) of the children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter were ages five or younger.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



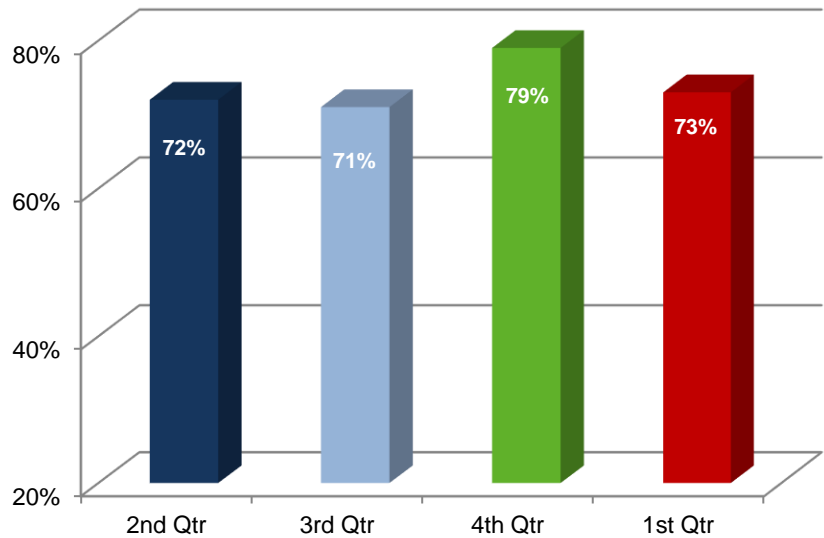
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

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

This is lower than the in-home visitation rate observed during the previous quarter. The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

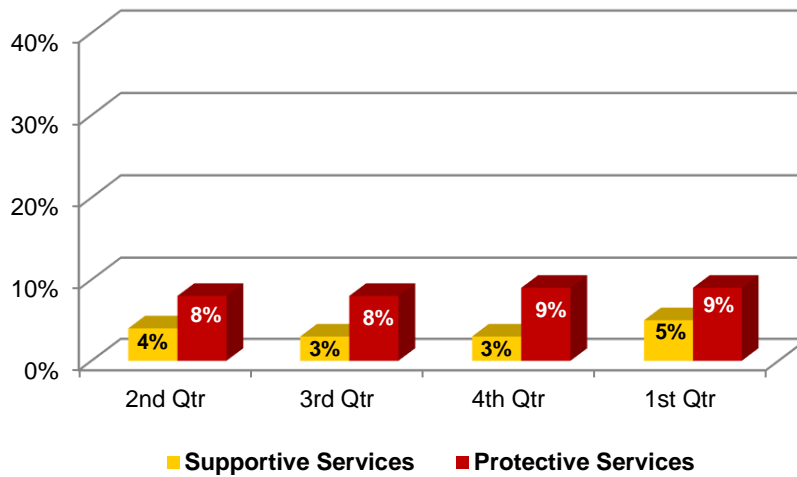


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Benefits to Children and Families

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

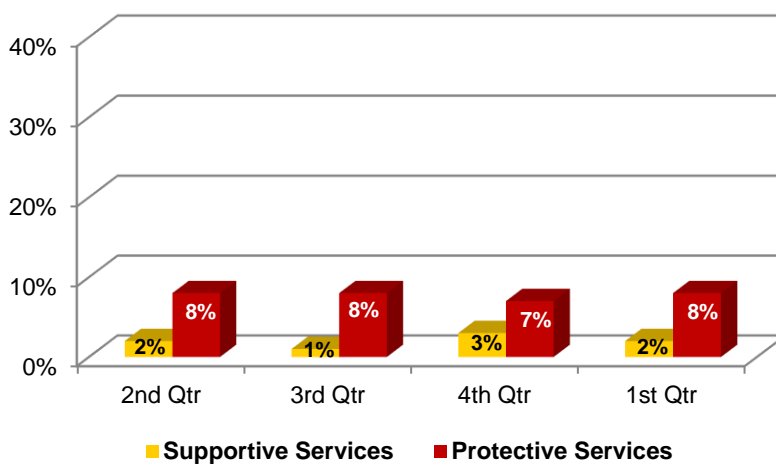


The percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has hovered between eight and nine percent over the last four quarters.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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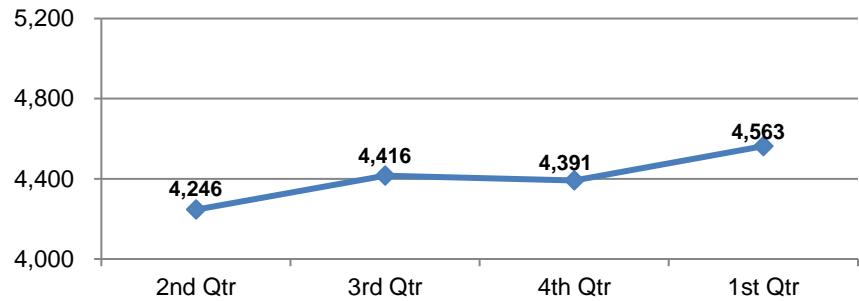
Foster Care

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,563 children in foster care at the end of the first quarter of SFY 2021, an increase of four percent over the previous quarter.

Number of Children in Foster Care

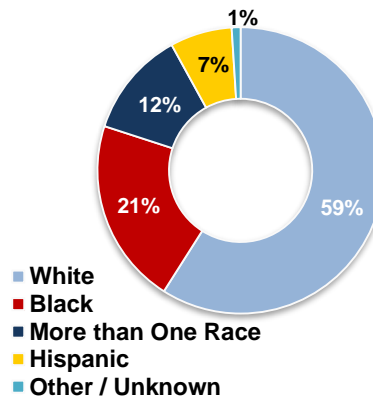


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

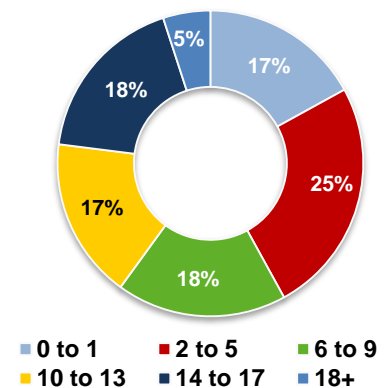
At the end of the quarter, children under ten years of age made up 60 percent of children in foster care. Fifty-nine percent of those in care were white and 21 percent were black.

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

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



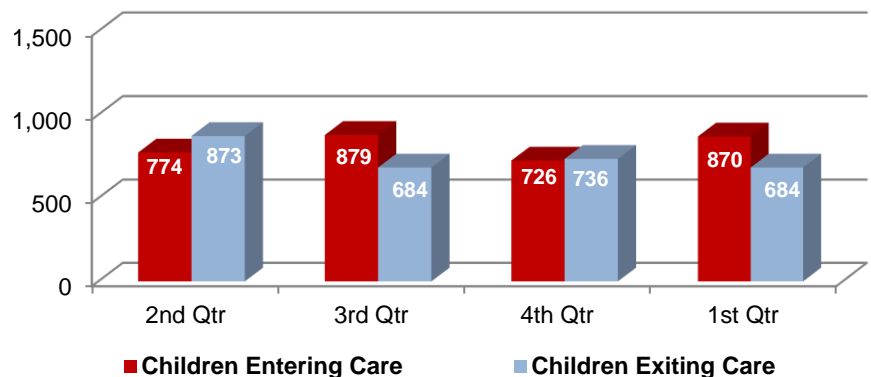
Ages of Children in Care at the End of the Quarter



Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During the first quarter of SFY 2021, more children entered foster care than had exited.

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



Quick Facts

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care
1st Quarter SFY 2021**

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	507	58%
Substance Abuse	445 ¹	51%
Parent Incarceration	144	17%
Physical Abuse	89	10%
Inadequate Housing	67	8%
Sexual Abuse	40	5%
Caretaker Illness	35	4%
Child's Behavior	26	3%
Abandonment	21	2%
Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case	11	1%
Death of Parents	9	1%
All Other Reasons	11	1%

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 first quarter, similar to the previous quarter.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Discharge from Foster Care
1st Quarter SFY 2021**

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	312	46%
Adoption	151	22%
Relative Custody	125	18%
Child Aged Out	43	6%
Guardianship	25	4%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	14	2%
Non-Relative Custody	9	1%
All Other Reasons	5	<1%

National data² indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (47%), adoption (26%), and guardianship (11%).

Forty-six percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family, 22 percent were adopted, and 18 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.

¹ These 445 cases of substance abuse include 383 instances of parental drug abuse, 38 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 20 instances of drug abuse by children, and 4 instances of alcohol abuse by children.

² National data from the Children's Bureau (August 2020).

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, the majority (53 percent) had been in care for less than 12 months.

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care

1st Quarter SFY 2021

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	307	7%	5%
1-3 Months	455	10%	21%
3-6 Months	597	13%	
6-12 Months	1,070	23%	20%
12-24 Months	1,147	25%	26%
24-36 Months	386	9%	13%
36+ Months	601	13%	15%
Total	4,563	100%	100%

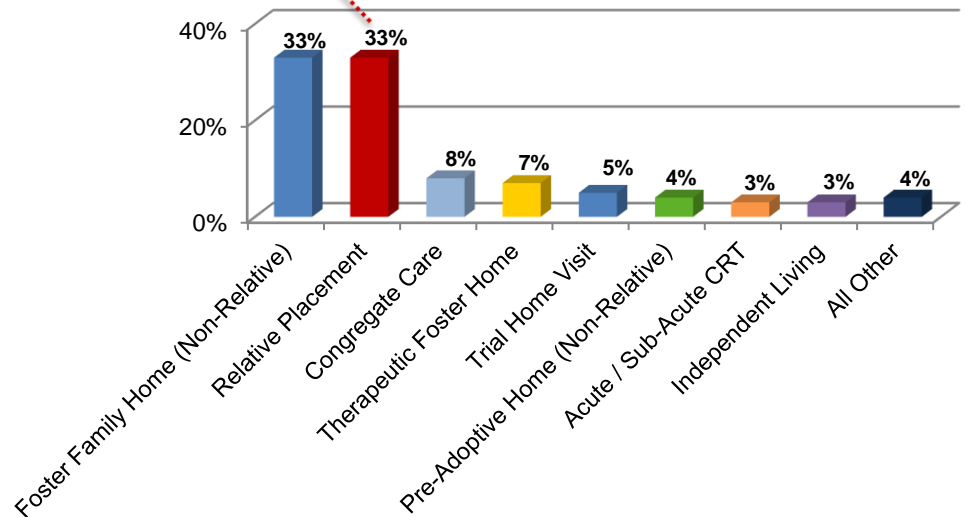
Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 82 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter 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.

Provisional (Rel/Fic): 16%
 Foster Home (Rel/Fic): 14%
 ICPC (Out of State): 2%
 Pre-Adoptive (Relative): 0.4%
 Other Relative: 0.1%

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

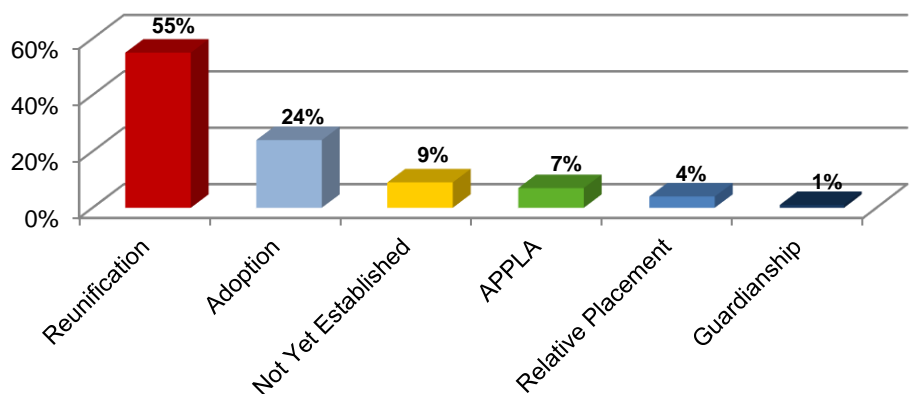


Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

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

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

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



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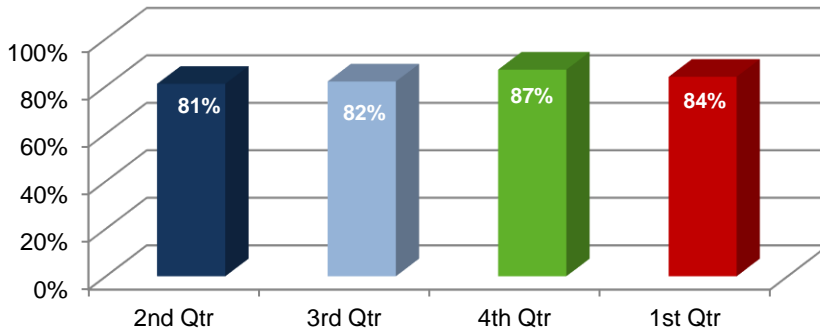
Monthly Visits to Foster Children

To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placement by a caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's goal is 85 percent.

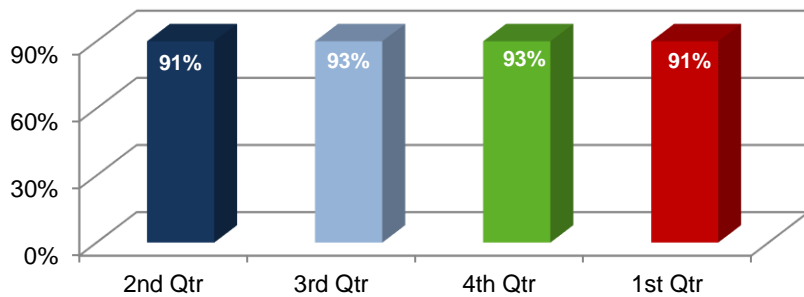
DCFS nearly achieved this goal for the first quarter, with caseworkers making 84 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with foster children statewide during the quarter. This was slightly lower than the visitation rate observed during the previous quarter.

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

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

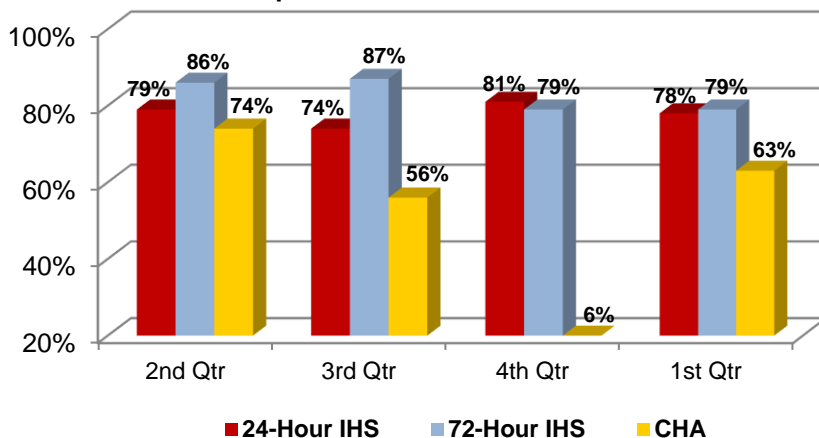


Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff



Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

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



Depending on the severity of maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) on children within either 24 or 72 hours of entering care. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering care.

The rate at which children receive timely CHAs improved after plummeting during the previous quarter. Health facilities, which had closed temporarily during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, have reopened in recent months.

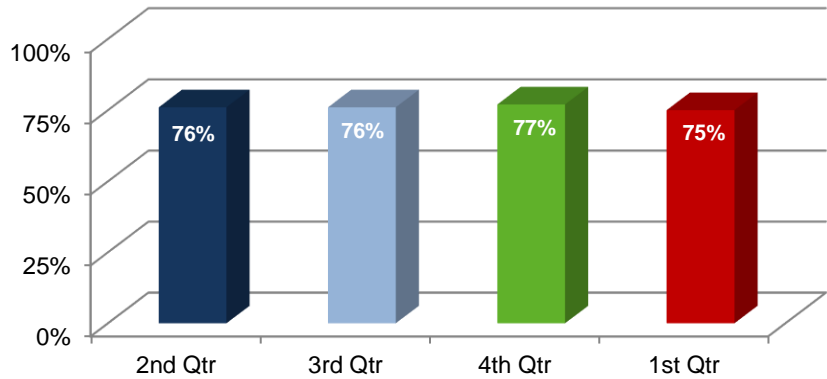
Quick Facts

Siblings in Care Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 75 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 55 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

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

Percentage of Siblings in Care who are Placed Together

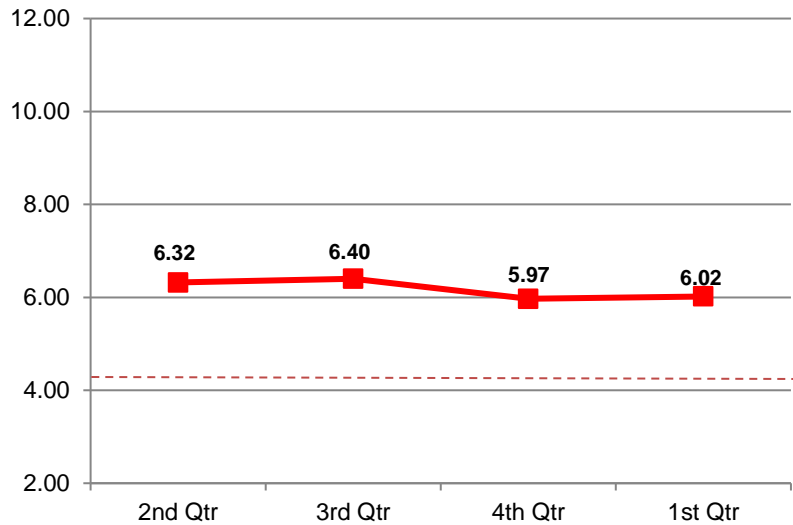


Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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

For the first quarter, the placement stability rate was 6.02, similar to the previous quarter. The national standard is 4.12.

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



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Benefits to Children and Families

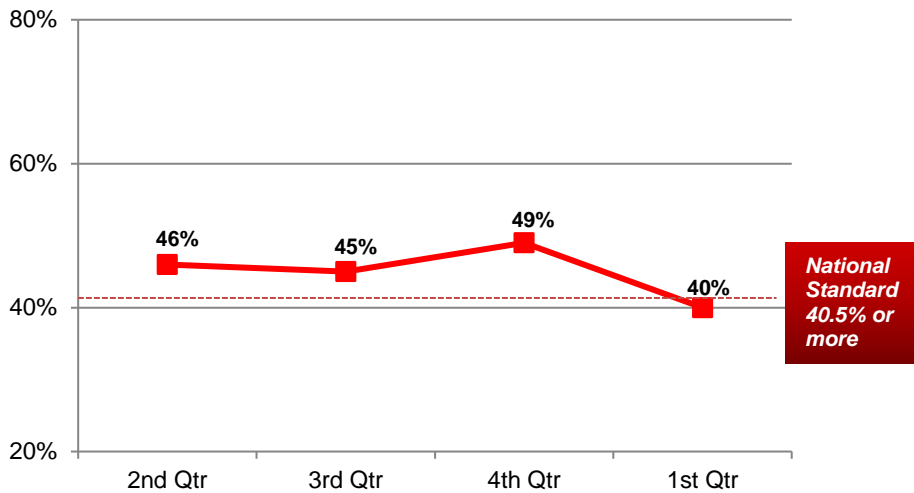
Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

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

The rate at which children achieved permanency was impacted, at least in part, by the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

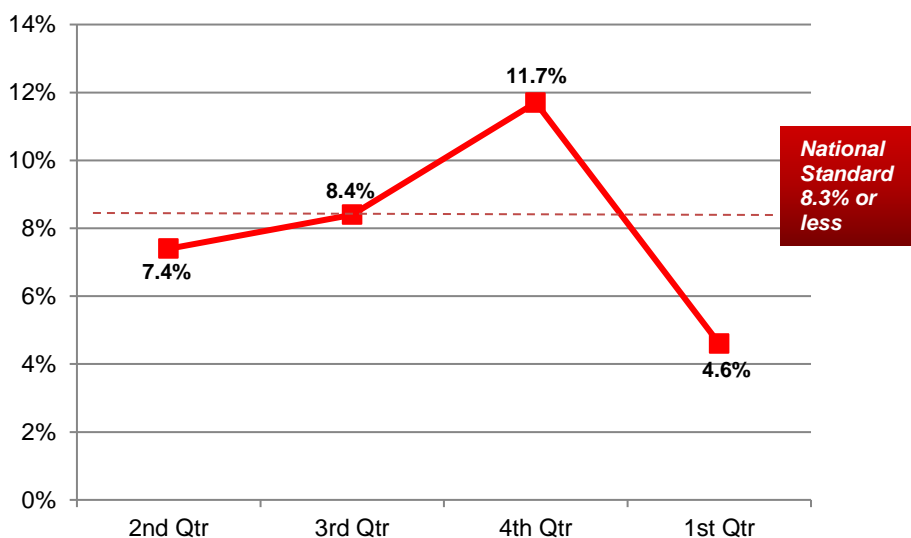
Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Foster Care



Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care

Less than five percent of children who had reunited with their families re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge for the first quarter of SFY 2021, lower than the national standard (8.3 percent).

Re-Entries Into Foster Care



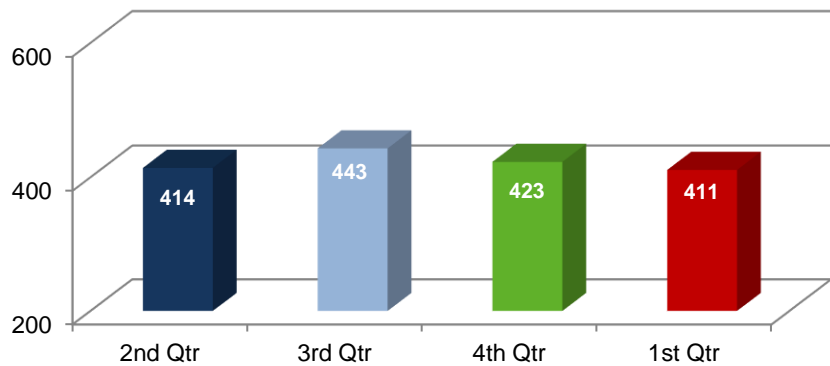
Volume and Description of Cases

Children Available for Adoption ³

At the end of the first quarter, 411 children were available for adoption.

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

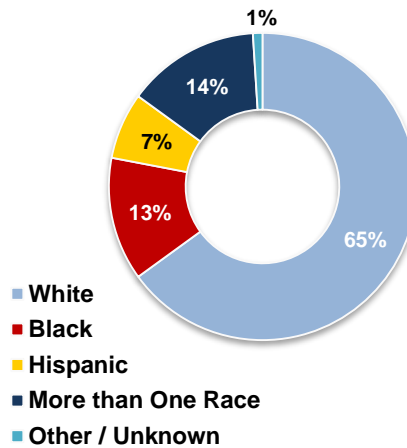
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



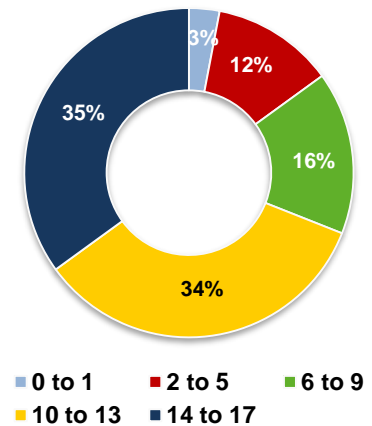
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 65 percent were white, 14 percent were multiracial, and 13 percent were black. Children ages ten and older made up 69 percent of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



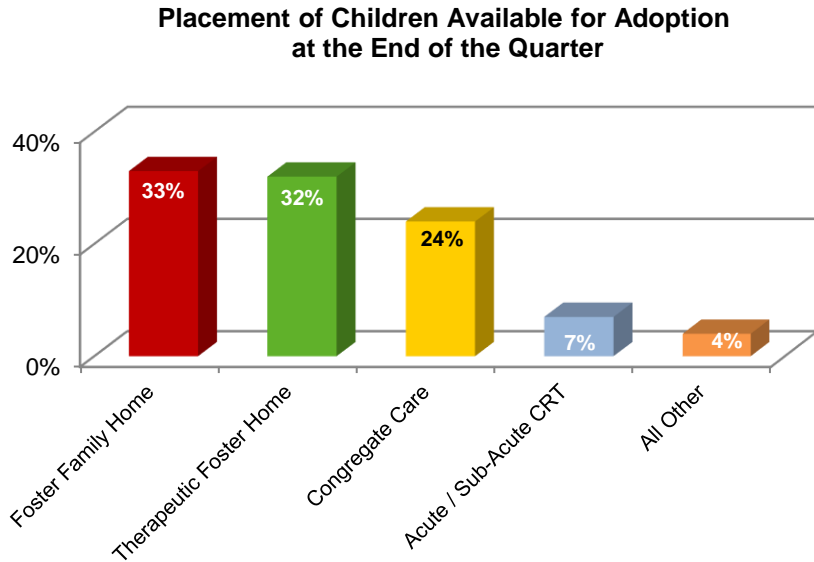
Ages of Children Available for Adoption



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.

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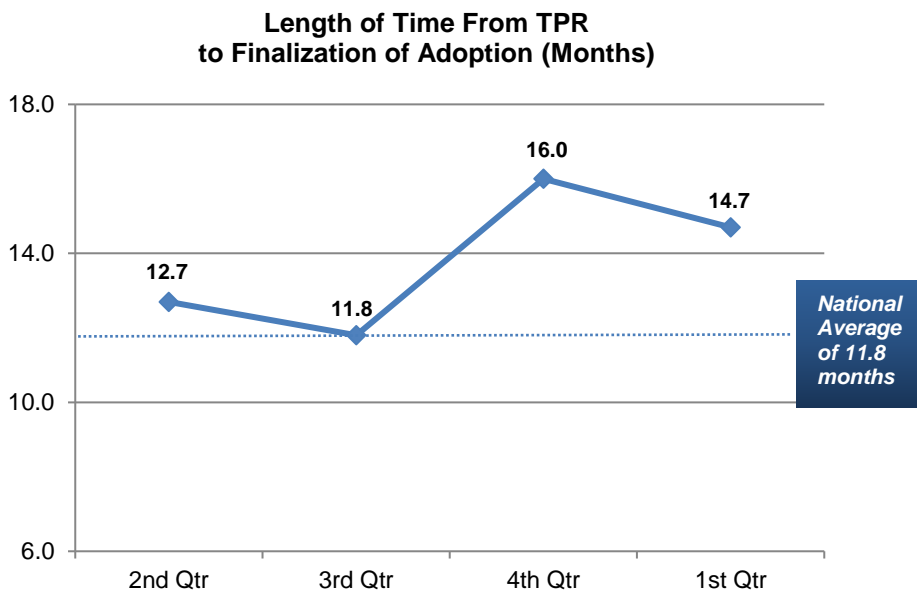
Placement of Children Available for Adoption



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

Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption



Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was just under 15 months during the quarter, an improvement over the previous quarter but still longer than the national average of 11.8 months.

Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Finalized Adoptions

One-hundred and fifty-three adoptions were finalized during the first quarter of SFY 2021.

Of those adoptions, 29 percent were finalized by relatives.

Children ages two to five made up the largest group (33 percent) among those adopted during the quarter, followed by those ages six to nine (20 percent).

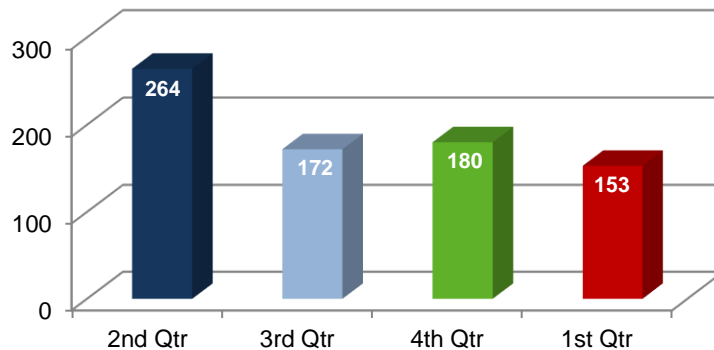
The number of adoptions has been impacted, at least in part, by the public health emergency declared in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Subsidized Adoptions

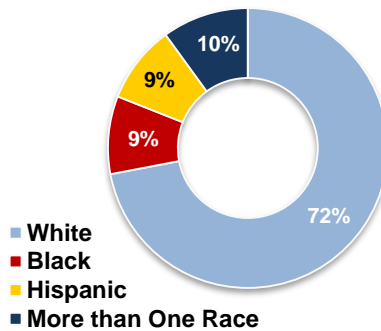
Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

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

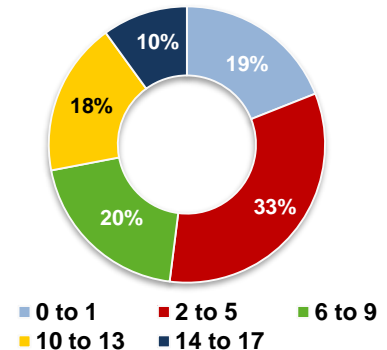
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



During the first quarter, **150** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 149 were federally funded subsidies and one was a state funded subsidy.

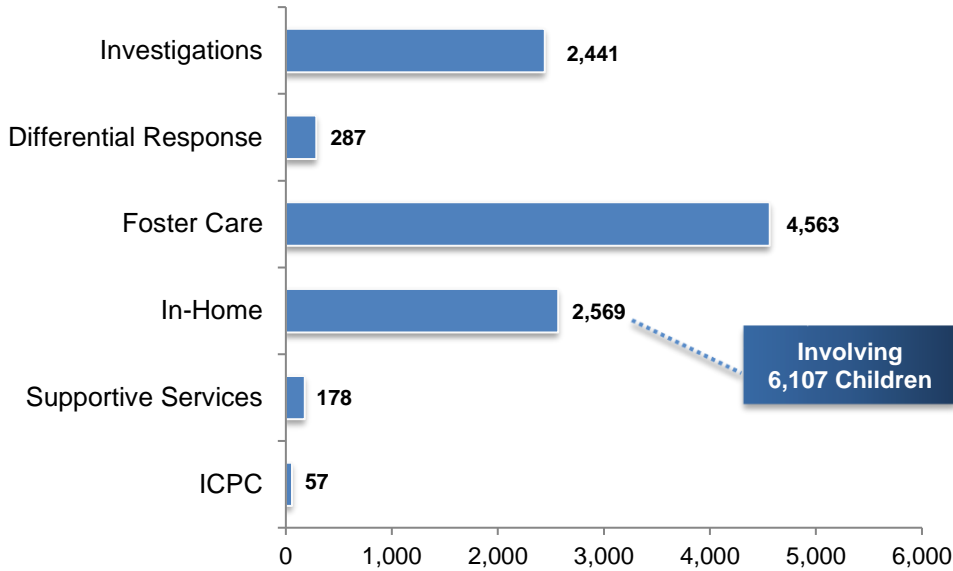
During the quarter, a total of **7,470** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



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

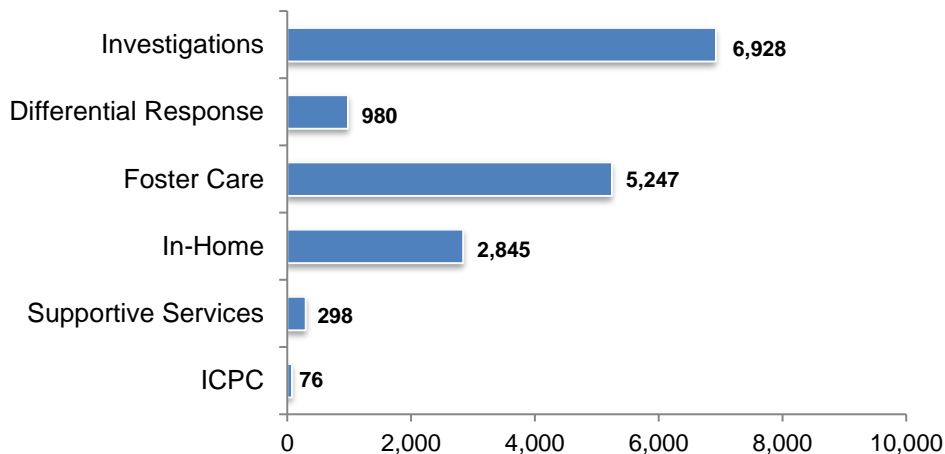
At the end of the quarter, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,441 investigations of child maltreatment and 287 DR cases;
- 4,563 foster care cases;
- 2,569 in-home protective services cases, involving 6,107 children;
- 178 supportive services cases and 57 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

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

Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



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

The Division oversaw 6,928 investigations, 980 DR cases, 5,247 children in foster care, 2,845 in-home protective services cases, 298 supportive services cases, and 76 ICPC cases.

Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at just over 21 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. This narrowly misses the Division's goal of 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of September 2020 is presented in Appendix B.

Foster Homes

Foster Homes and Beds

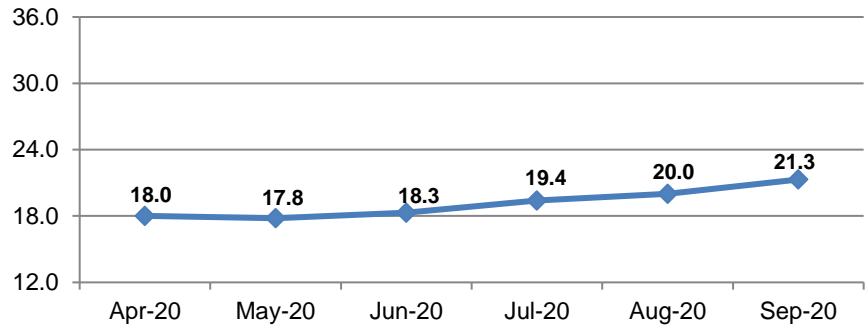
There were 1,506 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the first quarter, providing a total of 3,333 available beds.

The number of available beds declined by two percent from the previous quarter.

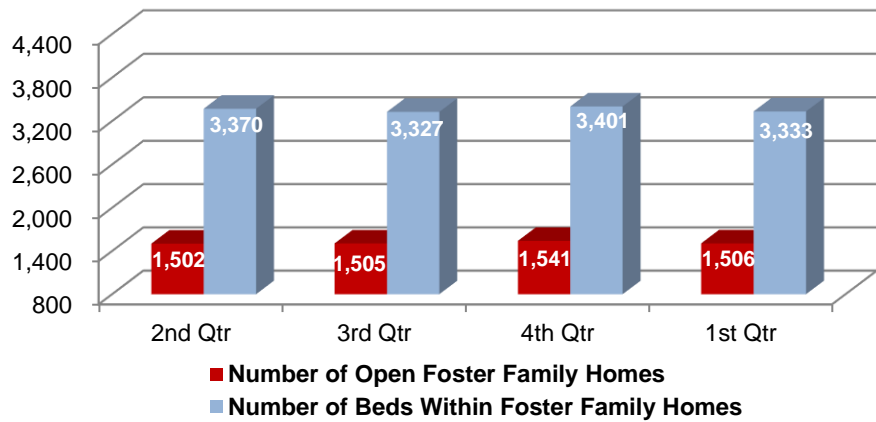
During the most recent quarter, 194 new foster homes were opened and 216 were closed, resulting in a net loss of 22 homes.

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

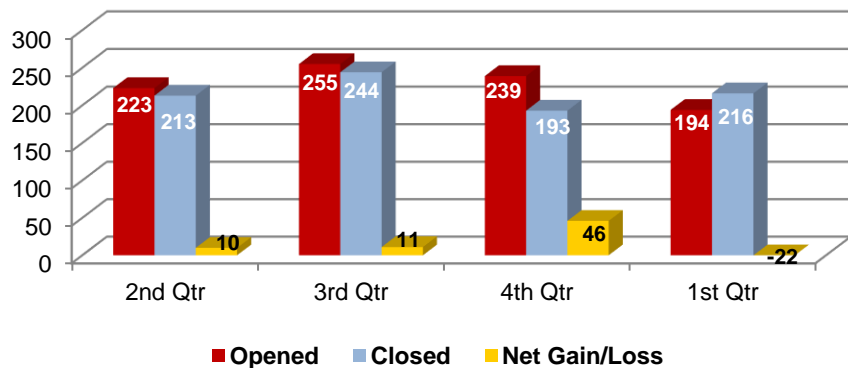
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



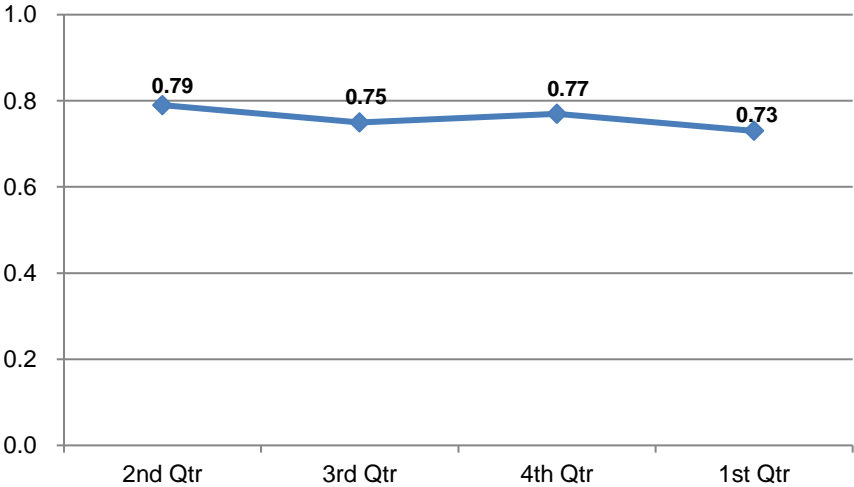
Number of Foster Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter



Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Home Bed to Foster Child Ratio

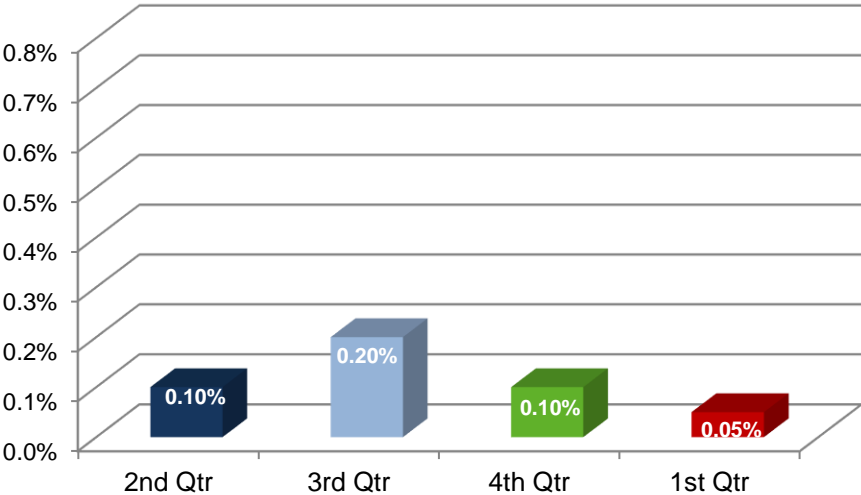


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was 0.73 at the end of the quarter, lower than the ratio observed in recent quarters.

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

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



One report in which a foster parent was identified as an alleged offender was determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 1,986 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.05 percent.

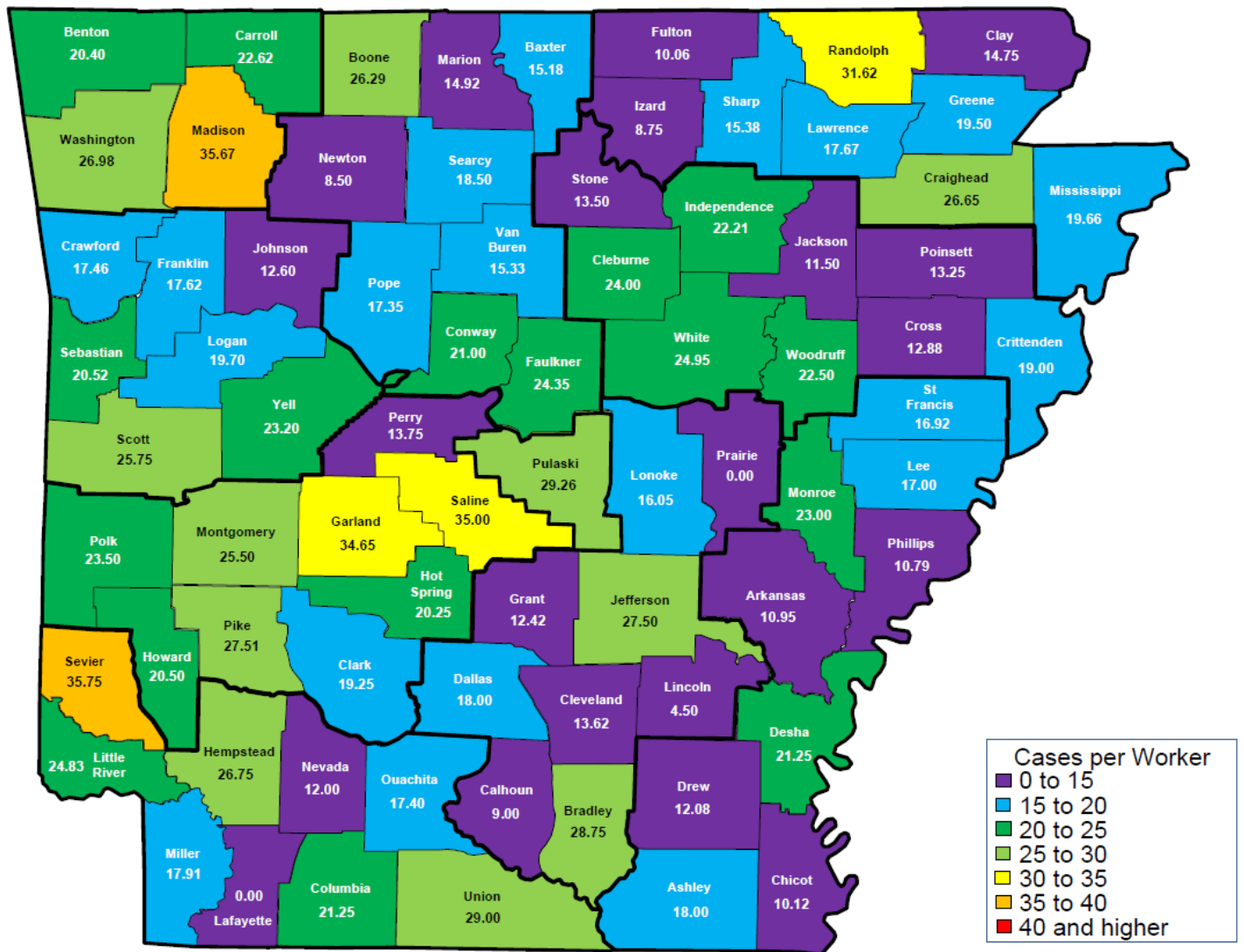
Appendix D provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.

Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations⁴

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
Second Quarter 2020	1,295	6,397 <i>6,308 Closed</i>	1,353	21%	1,574 <i>1,478 Closed</i>	469	32%
Third Quarter 2020	1,301	5,718 <i>5,702 Closed</i>	1,225	21%	1,445 <i>1,417 Closed</i>	444	31%
Fourth Quarter 2020	930	4,867 <i>4,867 Closed</i>	1,189	24%	1,277 <i>1,257 Closed</i>	436	35%
First Quarter 2021	664	4,549 <i>4,510 Closed</i>	1,260	28%	1,352 <i>1,322 Closed</i>	557	42%

⁴ The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the first quarter refers to 5/1/2020 through 7/31/2020); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report, which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).

Appendix B: Average Caseload as of September 30, 2020, by County



Lafayette 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 C: 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)	0	9	2	4	0	0	0	15
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1	7	0	2	0	0	3	13
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	0	4	1	4	0	0	7	16
2	Yell (Danville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	0	3	1	0	0	0	5	9
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Polk (Mena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
4	Miller (Texarkana)	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	7
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	6
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
5	Faulkner (Conway)	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	9
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (North)	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
6	Pulaski (South)	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	7
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	7
7	Lincoln (Star City)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Coming)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	7
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	7
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	0	5	1	2	0	0	1	9
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	5
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
99	Out of State	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total		7	107	13	37	3	1	48	216

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	19
	Custody/Guardianship	18
Change in Family Circumstances	Moved	4
	Death of Parent / Family Member	1
	Personal Issues	1
	Pregnant	1
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	94
	Changed to Adopt Only	12
	Provider Became Private Therapeutic Foster Home	1
Founded Abuse / Neglect	True Maltreatment	1
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	12
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	48
Other	Contract Ended	3

Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 1st Quarter SFY 2021

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

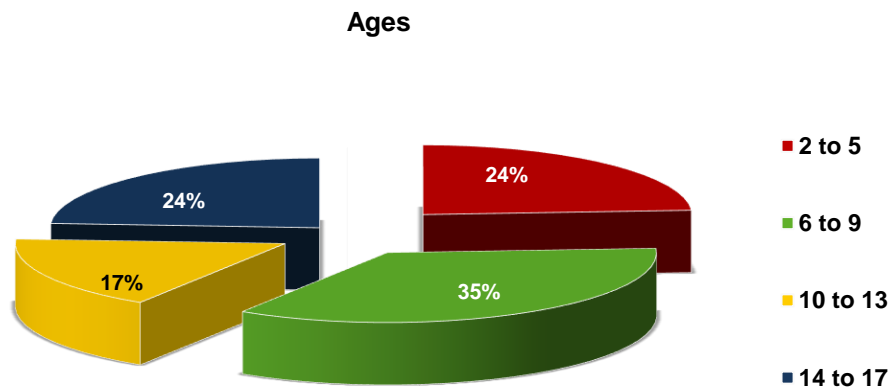
In 22 reports involving 29 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, one of those reports was found to be true. In this instance the offender vacated the home where the maltreatment had occurred so the foster home was allowed to stay open.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
1st Quarter SFY 2021**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
1	21	0

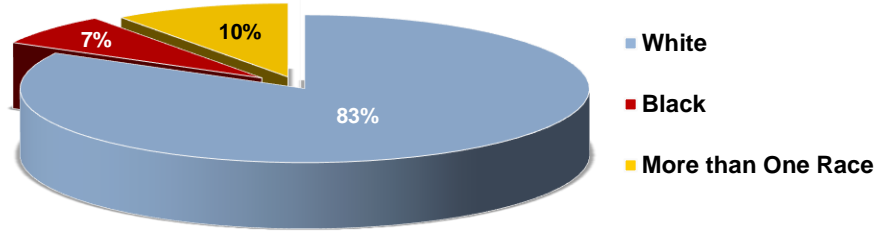
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to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

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 29 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents identified as the alleged offenders.

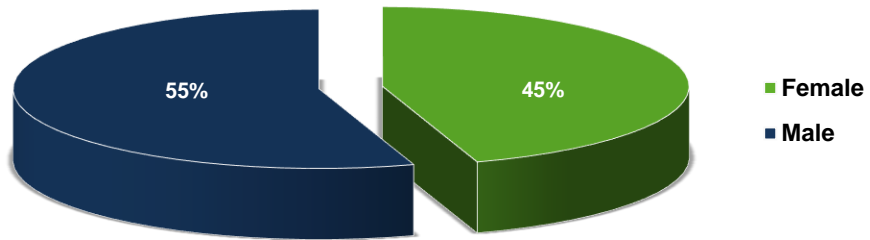


⁵ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes.

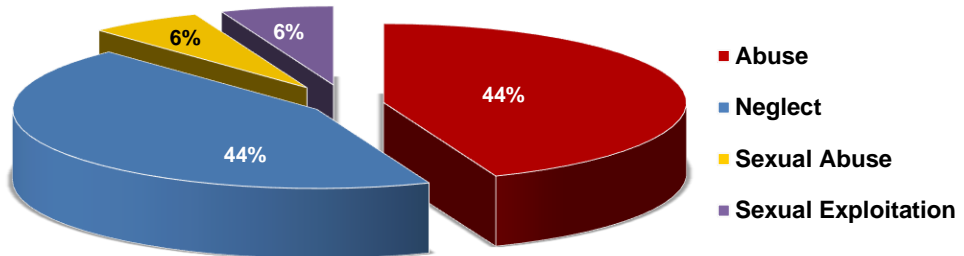
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Allegation



Location 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)
Benton	7	Garland	1
Mississippi	4	Howard	1
Pulaski	3	Johnson	1
Phillips	2	Logan	1
Washington	2	Madison	1
Craighead	1	Marion	1
Crawford	1	Randolph	1
Crittenden	1	Union	1