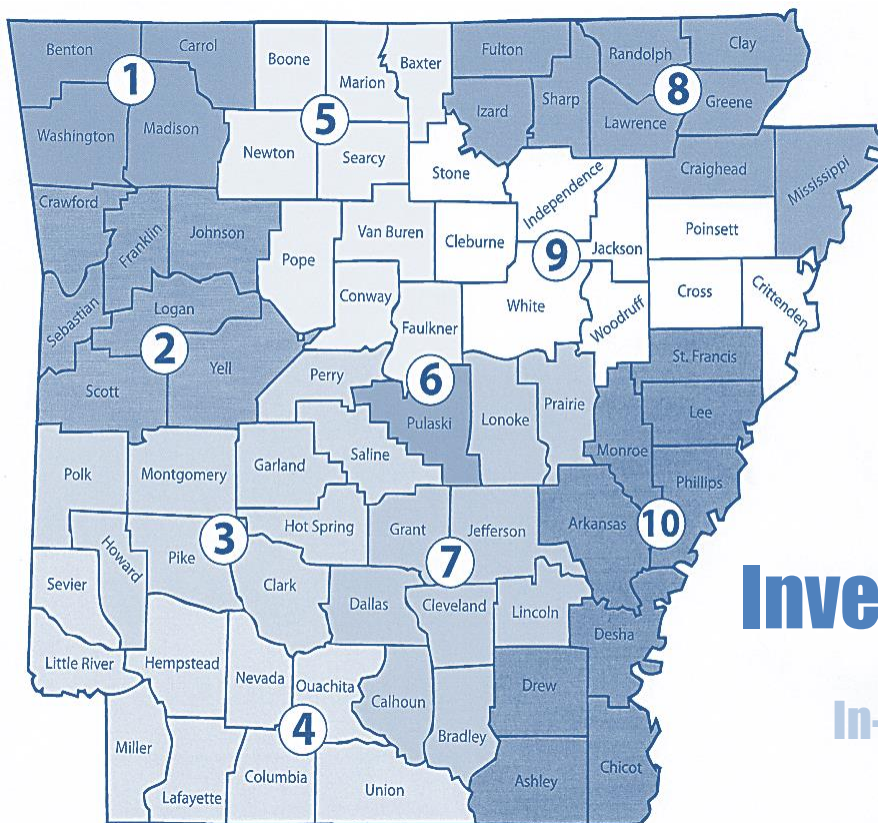


# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT 3rd QUARTER SFY 2018

January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018



## Investigations

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

In-home Protective Services

## ADOPTIONS

Differential Response  
**Foster Care**

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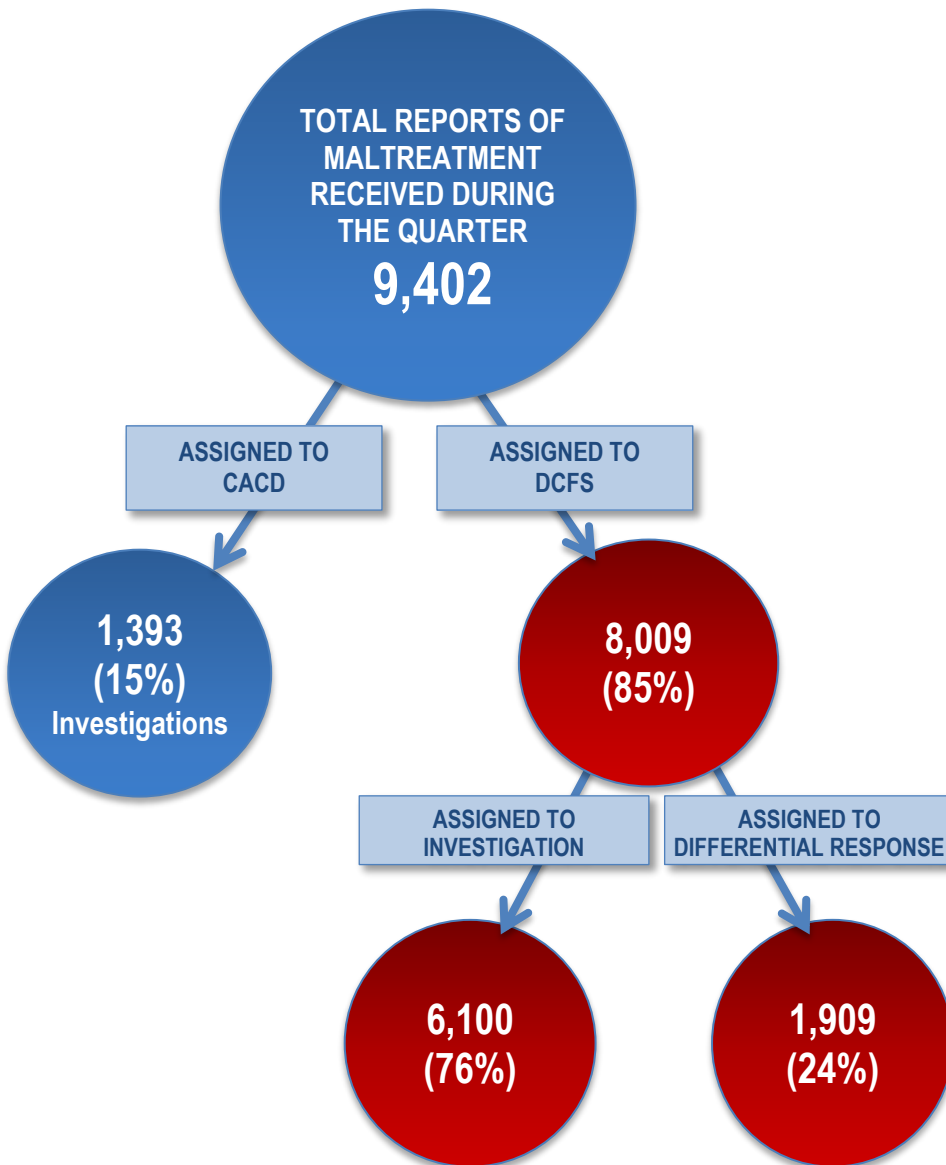


# Reports of Child Maltreatment

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports  
Maltreatment Reports Received During  
3rd Quarter SFY 2018



Of the 9,402 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 85 percent were assigned to DCFS and 15 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, 76 percent were assigned for an investigation and 24 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

DR, which was implemented statewide in August 2013, 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

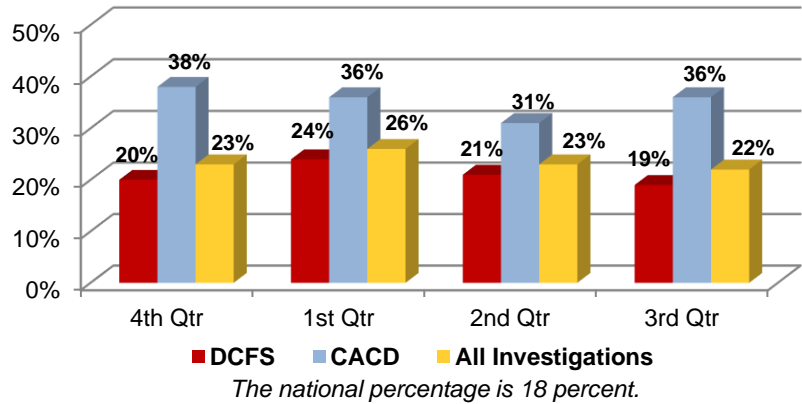
# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Nineteen percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the quarter were found true, compared to 36 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 22 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



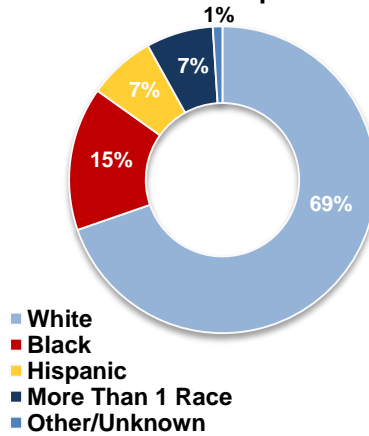
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,039 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations.

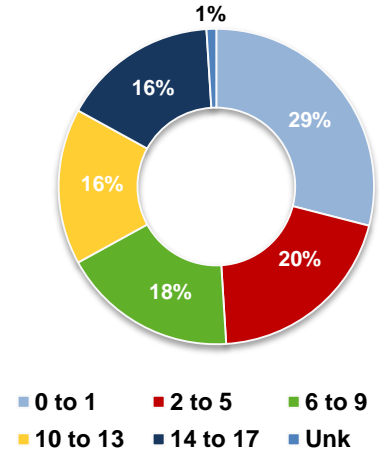
Of those children, 69 percent were white and 15 percent were black. Sixty-seven percent of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under ten years of age.

A majority of the victim children during the quarter (53 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 2,039 victim children, followed by allegations of physical 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	1,294	64%
Physical Abuse	593	29%
Sexual Abuse	380	19%
Abandonment	13	<1%
Sexual Exploitation	8	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

# Quick Facts

## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

During the quarter, there were four maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of the child fatality investigations, one was found true, two were unsubstantiated, and one is still pending. There were no investigations involving a near child fatality.

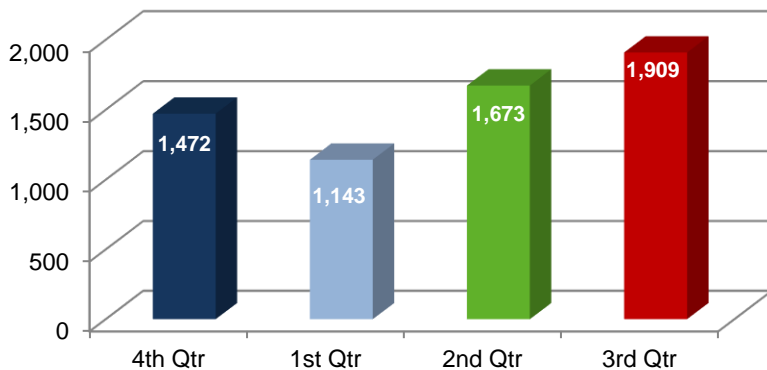
Appendix B includes more details regarding the fatality investigations.

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	1	0
Unsubstantiated	2	0
Pending	1	0

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

The number of reports assigned to DR during the quarter (1,909) increased by 14 percent when compared to the previous quarter.

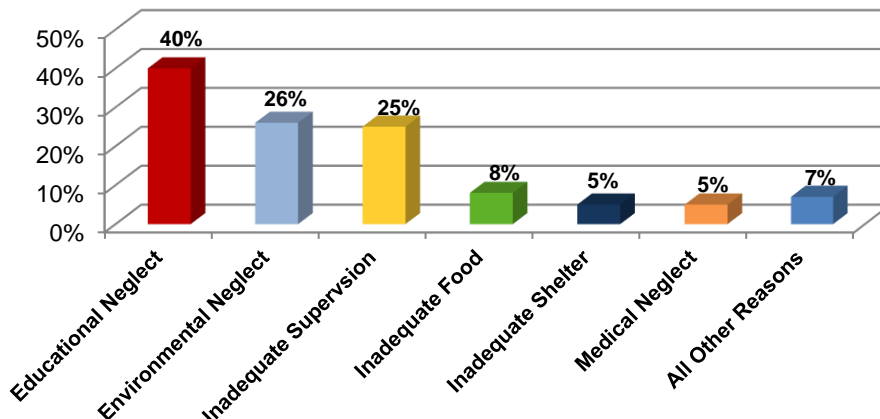
Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



## Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Educational neglect and environmental neglect were the most commonly cited allegations in reports assigned to DR.

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

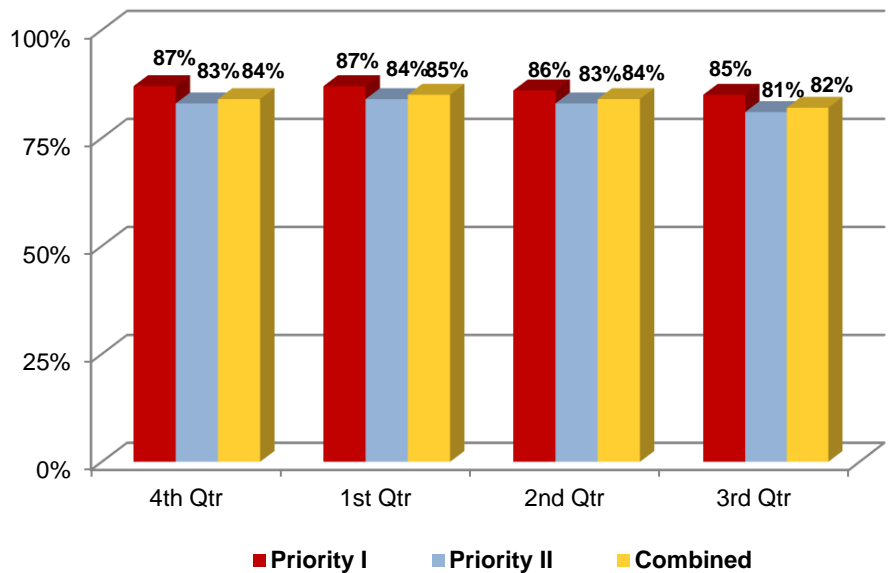
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

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 82 percent of its investigations on time during the third quarter.

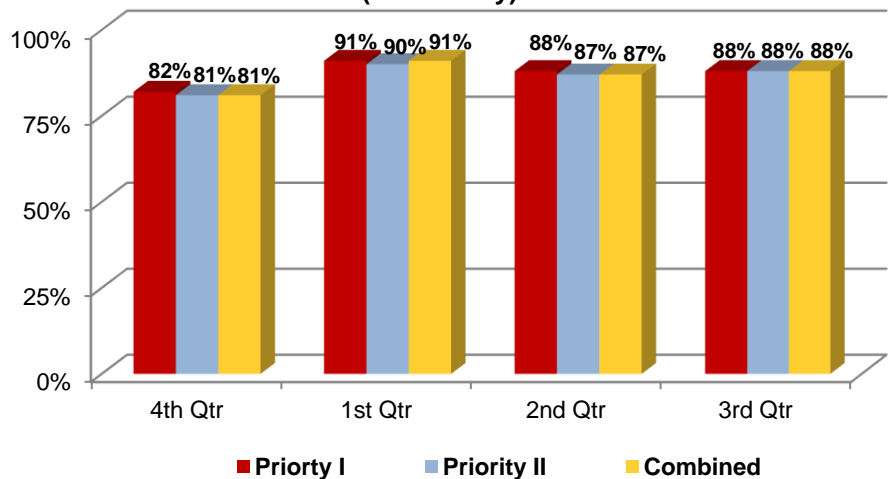
**Timely Initiations of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 88 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter.

**Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**

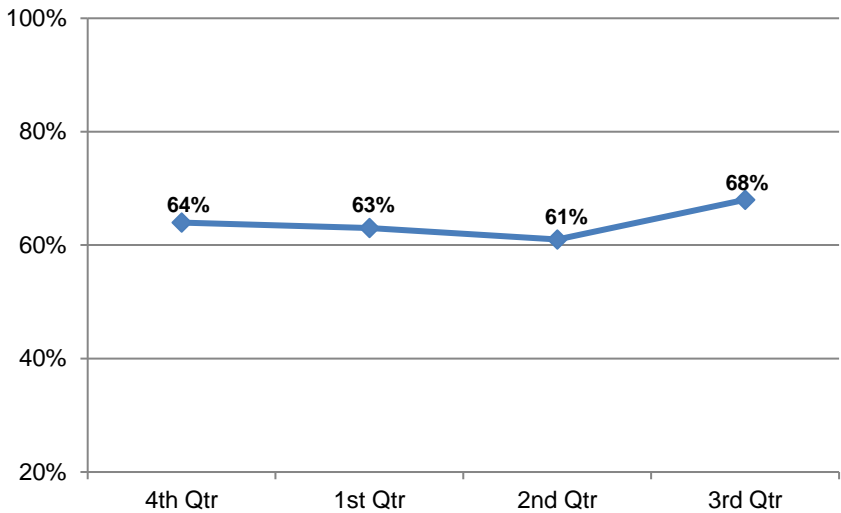




# Quick Facts

## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timeliness of DR Initiations

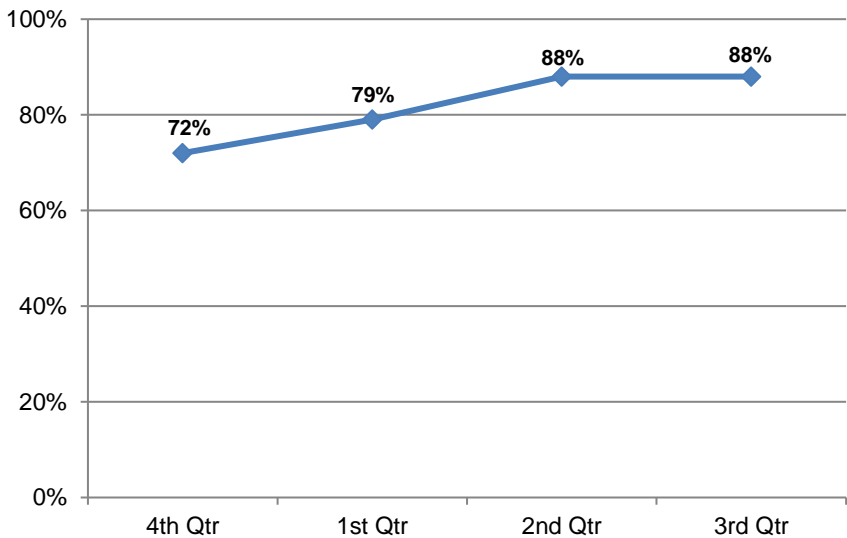


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 68 percent of its DR reports on time during the quarter, representing a seven percentage point increase in compliance from the previous quarter.

## Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timeliness of DR Closures (Within 30 Days)



Reports assigned to DR must be closed 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 88 percent of its DR reports on time, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

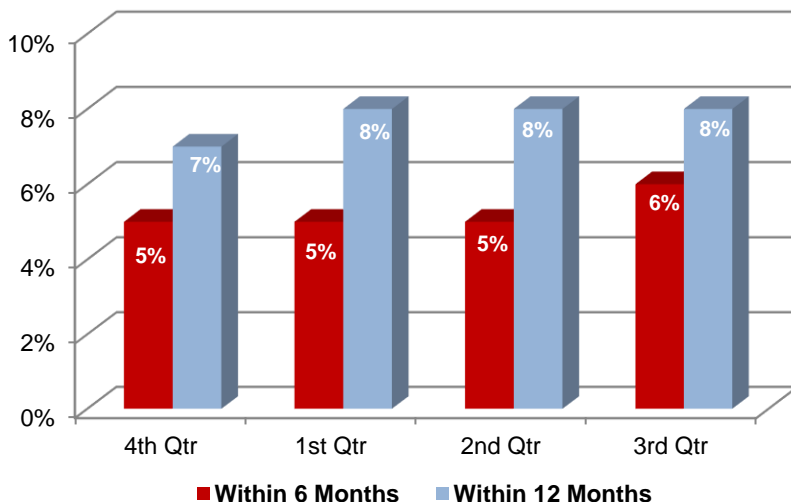
# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Eight percent of the victim children involved in true investigations one year ago 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

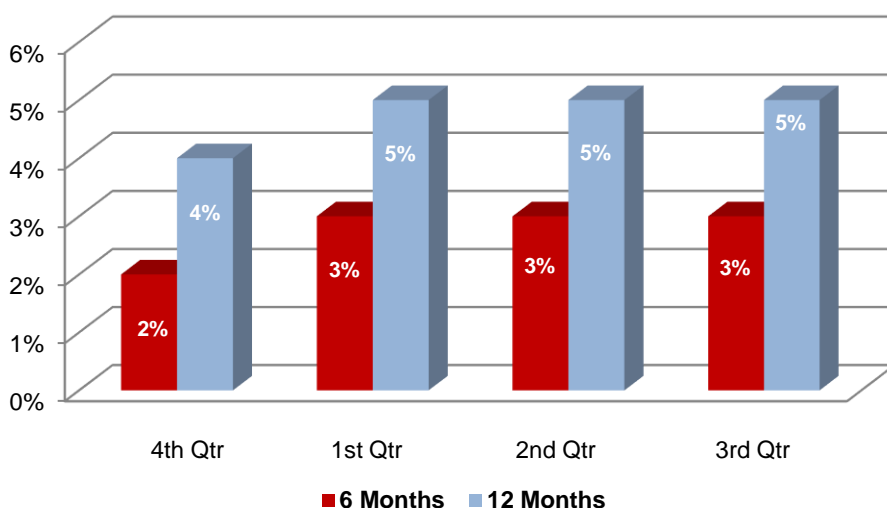


The national standard for absence of recurrence within six months is 5.4 percent or less.

### Absence of Recurrence Among Families who Received DR

Five percent of the children who began receiving DR services in the third quarter of SFY 2017 were involved in a subsequent true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and three percent were involved within six months.

Percentage of Children Involved in True Maltreatment Reports Within Six and Twelve Months of Receiving DR



# In-Home Services

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Cases

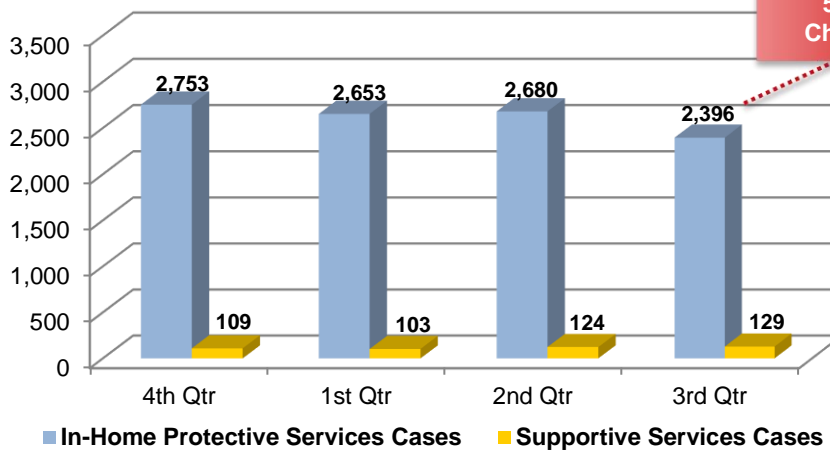
### Volume of Cases

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 decreased by eleven percent during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, there were 2,396 protective services cases open across the state, involving 5,477 children.

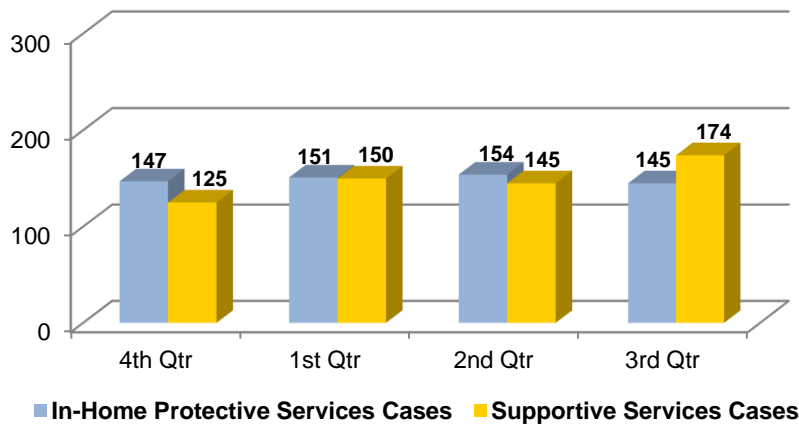
The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 129 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

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



The average length of time supportive services cases were open increased during the most recent quarter.

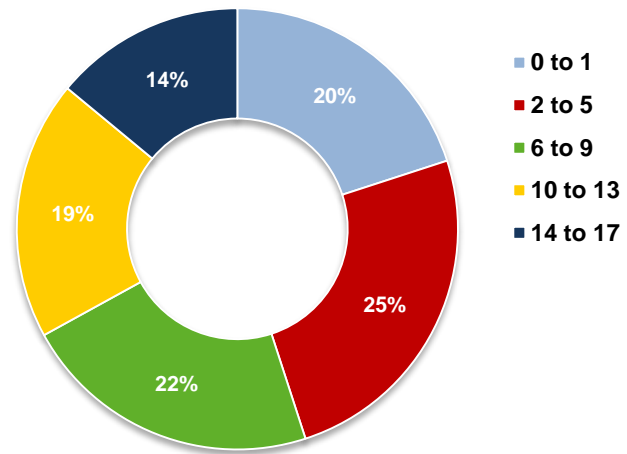
The average length of time in-home protective services cases stayed open was 145 days. Supportive services cases were open, on average, 174 days.

# Quick Facts

## Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Children ages two to five made up the largest group of children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



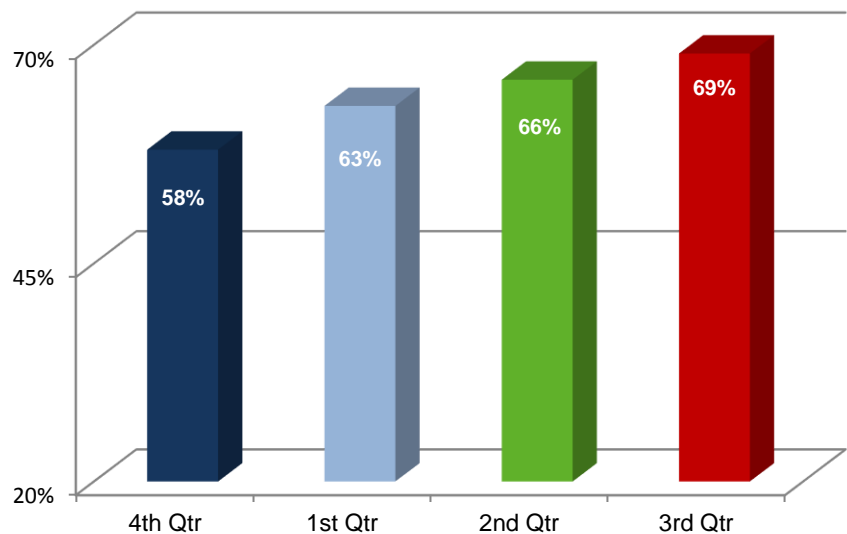
## Meeting Agency Policies

## Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 69 percent of the in-home protective services cases received a monthly face-to-face visit from a caseworker during the quarter.

This represents a three percentage point increase in compliance from the previous quarter. The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

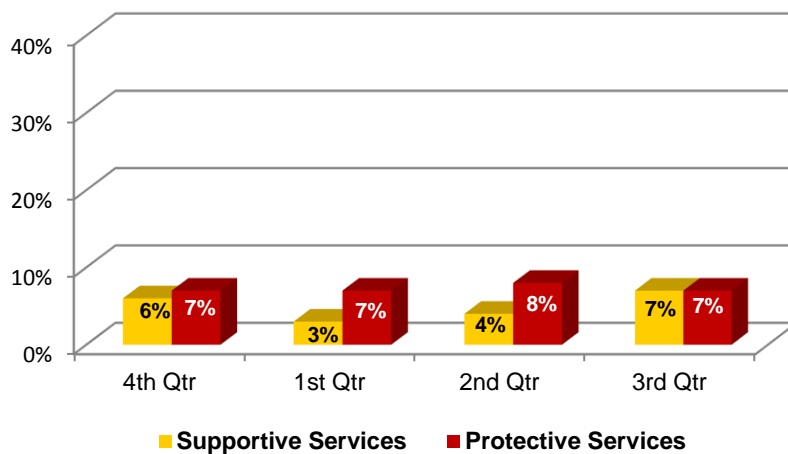


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

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

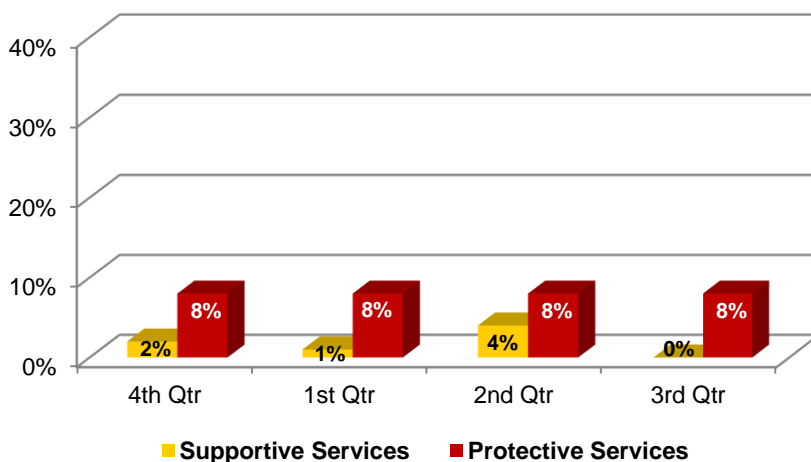


Over the last four quarters, the percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has remained fairly constant.

The rate of subsequent maltreatment has fluctuated for children involved through an in-home supportive services case.

### 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 supportive services during the third quarter one year ago, none entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.

Eight percent of the children who began receiving protective 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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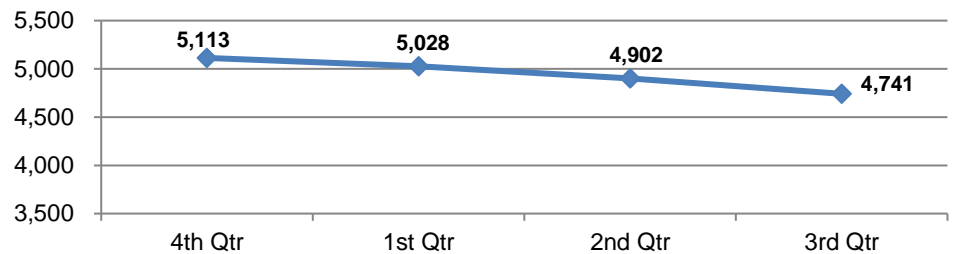
# Foster Care

## Volume and Description of Cases

### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,741 children in foster care at the end of the third quarter of SFY 2018. This signifies a three percent decrease from the previous quarter.

Number of Children in Foster Care at End of the Quarter

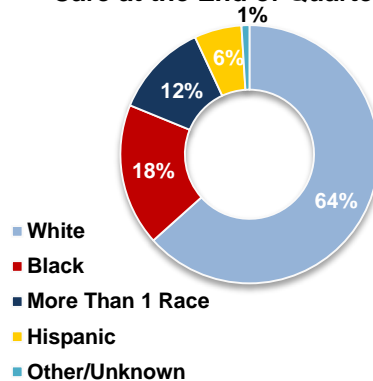


### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

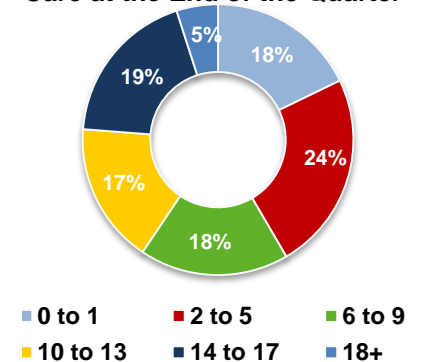
At the end of the quarter, children two to five years of age (24 percent) represented the largest group of children in care. Sixty-four percent of those in foster care were white and 18 percent were black.

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

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



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

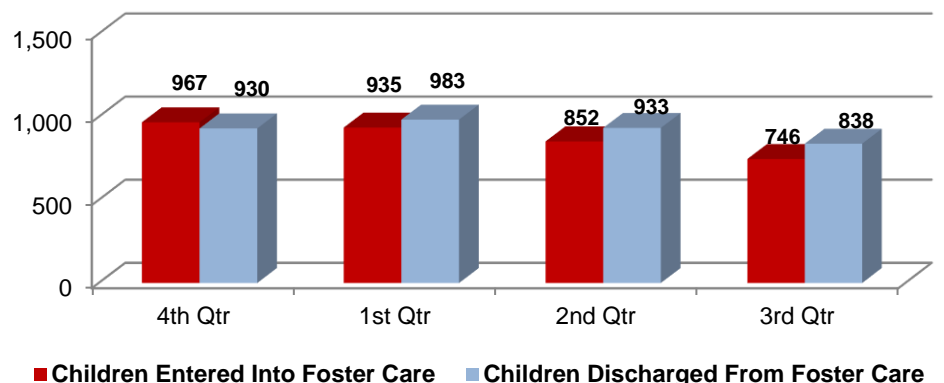


### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During the third quarter of SFY 2018, more children discharged foster care than entered.

Additionally, the number of children who entered care this quarter was the lowest within a year's time.

Number of Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care During Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care 3rd Quarter SFY 2018

Substance abuse and neglect were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care.

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Substance Abuse	399 <sup>1</sup>	53%
Neglect	344	46%
Parent Incarceration	172	23%
Physical Abuse	74	10%
Inadequate Housing	73	10%
Sexual Abuse	51	7%
Caretaker Illness	32	4%
Abandonment	28	4%
Child's Behavior	24	3%
Truancy	18	2%
Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case	11	1%
Other	14	2%

*A child may have more than one reason for entry.*

## Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care 3rd Quarter SFY 2018

Forty-three percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family while 28 percent were adopted and 19 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Arkansas (90 percent) exceeds the national average of 81 percent of the children discharged either going home, to a relative, or to an adoptive home.

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	359	43%
Adoption	232	28%
Relative Custody	158	19%
Child Aged Out	51	6%
Non-Custodial Parent	18	2%
Non-Relative Custody	12	1%
Other	3	<1%

<sup>2</sup>National data indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (51%), adoption (23%), and emancipation (8%).

<sup>1</sup> These 399 cases of substance abuse include 347 instances of parental drug abuse, 42 instances of parental alcohol abuse, nine cases of drug abuse by children, and one case of alcohol abuse by a child.

<sup>2</sup> National data from the Children's Bureau (October 2017).

# Quick Facts

## Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent had been in care for 12 months or longer.

**Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care  
3rd Quarter SFY 2018**

	Number	Percentage	National
<b>Less than 30 days</b>	215	5%	6%
<b>1-3 Months</b>	415	9%	23%
<b>3-6 Months</b>	618	13%	
<b>6-12 Months</b>	1,064	22%	20%
<b>12-24 Months</b>	1,358	29%	25%
<b>24-36 Months</b>	496	10%	12%
<b>36+ Months</b>	575	12%	15%
<b>Total</b>	4,741	100%	100%

## Placements and Permanency Goals of Children in Care

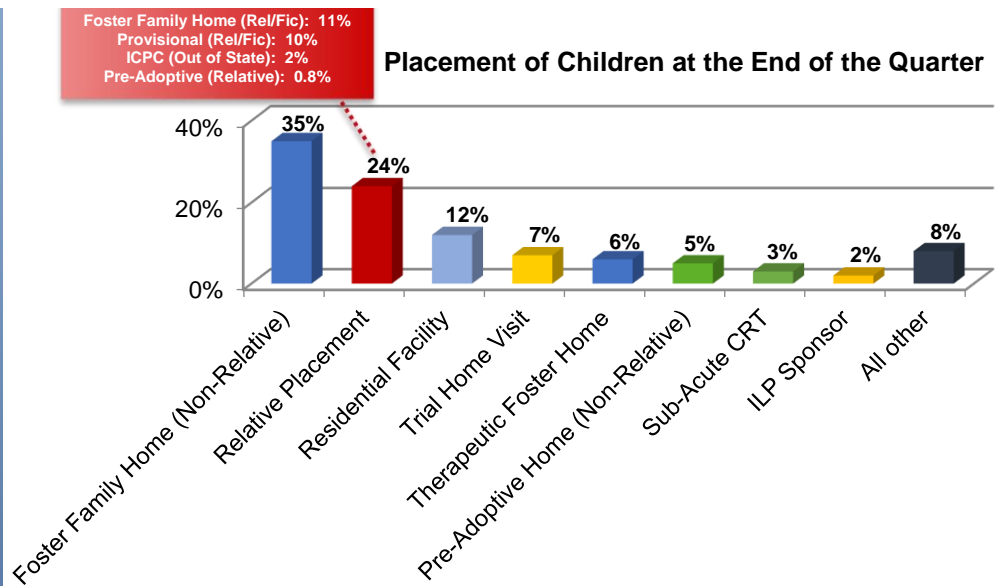
Thirty-five percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in foster family homes.

Overall, 77 percent of the children resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, pre-adoptive home) at the end of the quarter. The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

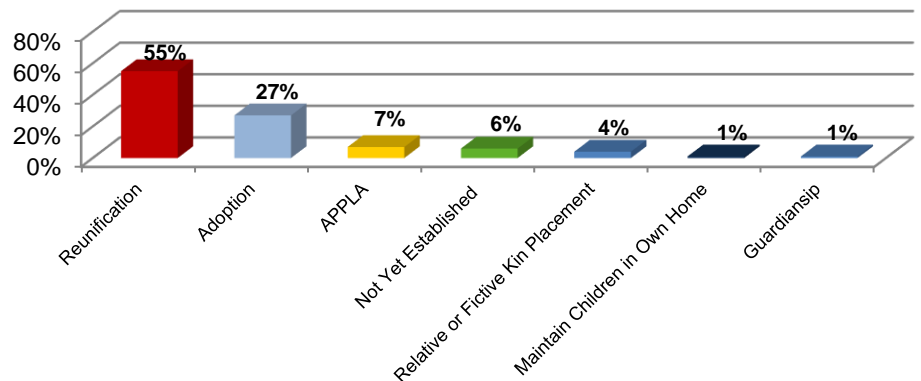
Fifty-five percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home), and 27 percent had a goal of adoption.

This is similar to national data from the Children's Bureau as of October 2017, with rates of 55 percent for reunification and 26 percent for adoption.

**Placement of Children at the End of the Quarter**



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





# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

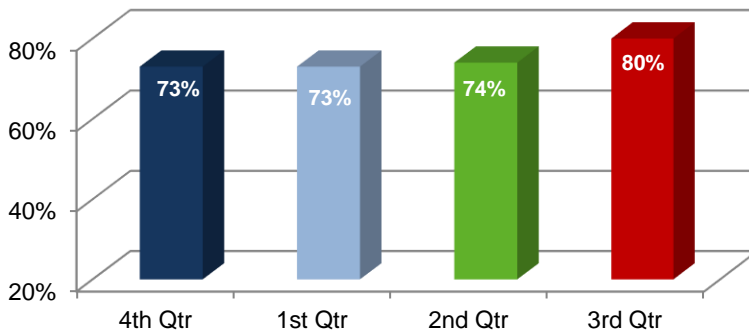
### Monthly Visits to Foster Children

Eighty percent of the foster children statewide received a monthly face-to-face visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during the quarter.

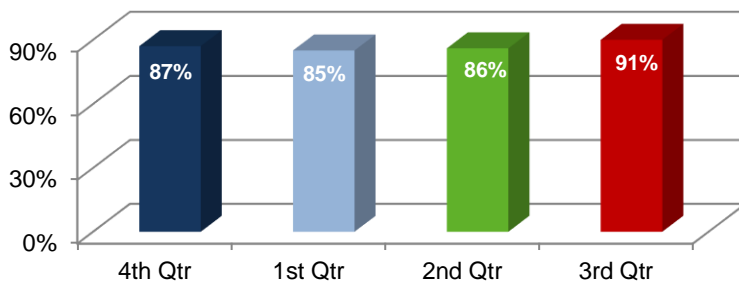
To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placement by their caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

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**

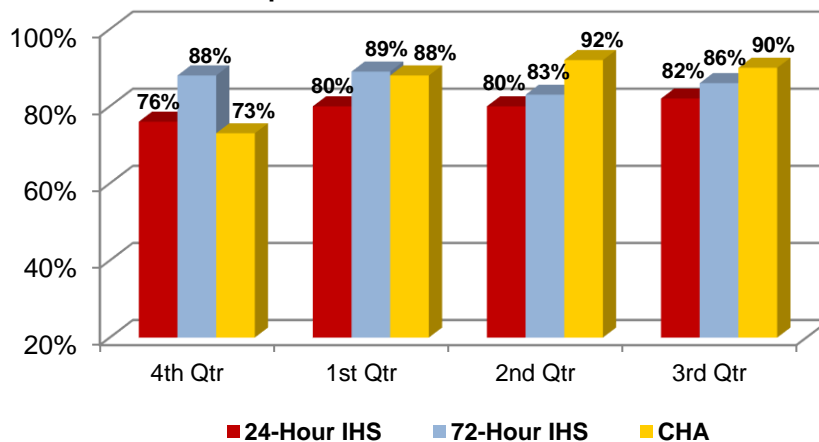


**Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff**



### Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

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



When a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) within 24 hours. All other incoming foster children require health screenings within 72 hours. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

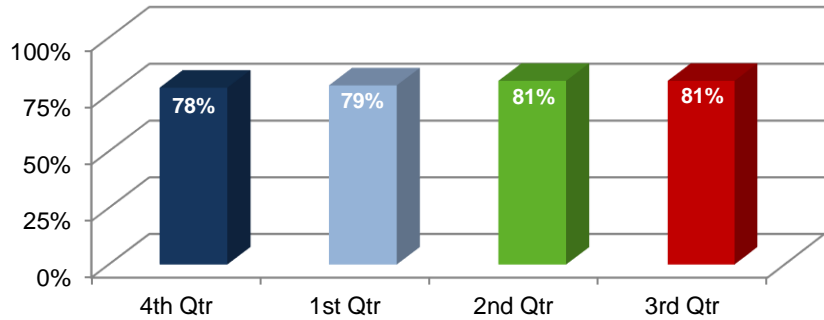
# Quick Facts

## Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 81 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 61 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

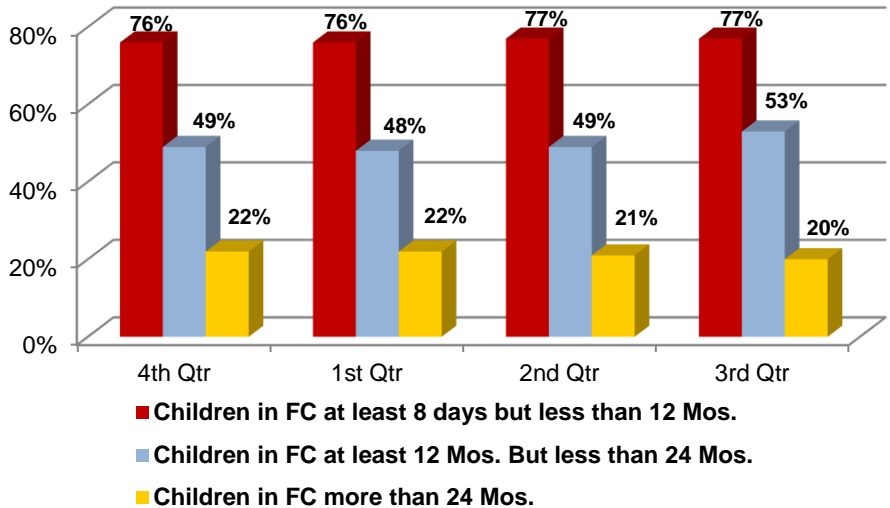


## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

Placement stability is measured by the percentage of children with two or fewer placements who are in care for varying lengths of time.

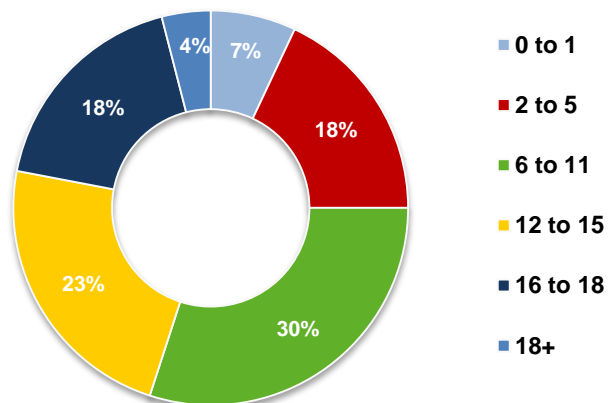
Of the children in care for less than 12 months, 77 percent experienced two or fewer placements; the national standard is 86 percent. Of the children in foster care between 12 and 24 months, 53 percent had two or fewer placements; the national standard for this group is 65.4 percent. Finally, of the children in care for over two years, only 20 percent experienced two or fewer placements, with the national standard being 41.8 percent.

Children in Foster Care who have Experienced Two or Fewer Placements



Regardless of the length of time in foster care, 2,012 of the children in care at the end of the quarter had experienced three or more placements during their time in foster care. Children six to 11 represent the largest group of children who experienced such volume of placement changes.

Ages of Children who Experienced Three or More Placements

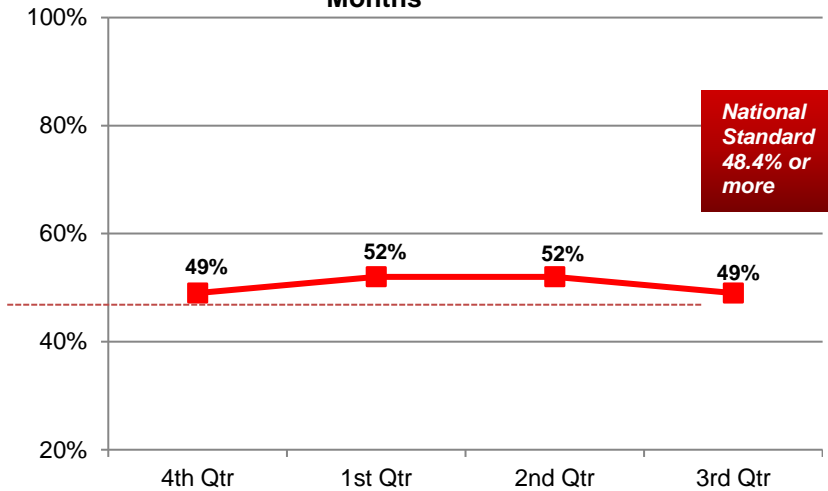


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## Benefits to Children and Families

### Children in Foster Care Who Return Home Within Twelve Months

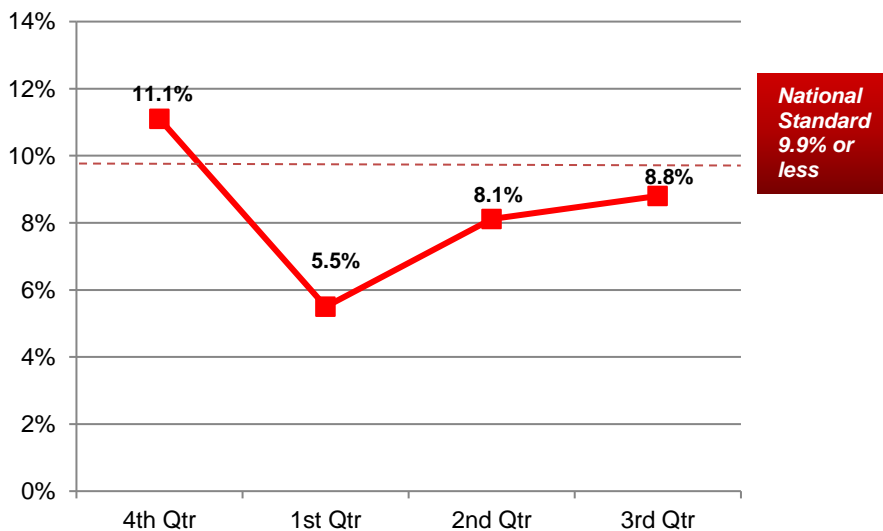
Children in Foster Care who Return Home within Twelve Months



Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 48.4 percent or more for returning children to their homes within 12 months of removal.

### Preventing Children's Re-entry Into Foster Care

Re-entries Into Foster Care



The rate at which children re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge increased during the quarter. The re-entry rate for the third quarter of SFY 2018 is below the national standard (9.9 percent).

## Volume and Description of Cases

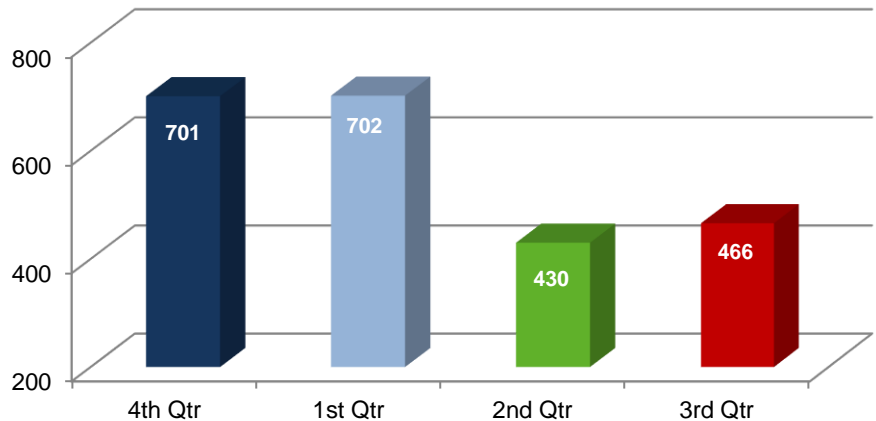
### Children Available for Adoption <sup>3</sup>

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

At the end of the third quarter, 466 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.

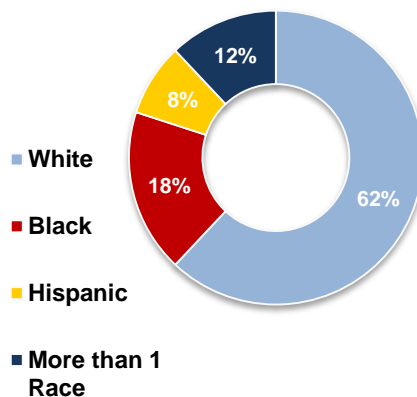
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



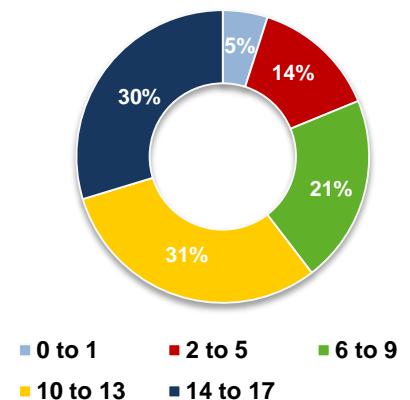
## Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 62 percent were white and 18 percent were black. Over half of the children available for adoption were between the ages of six and 13 years old.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Ages of Children Available for Adoptions

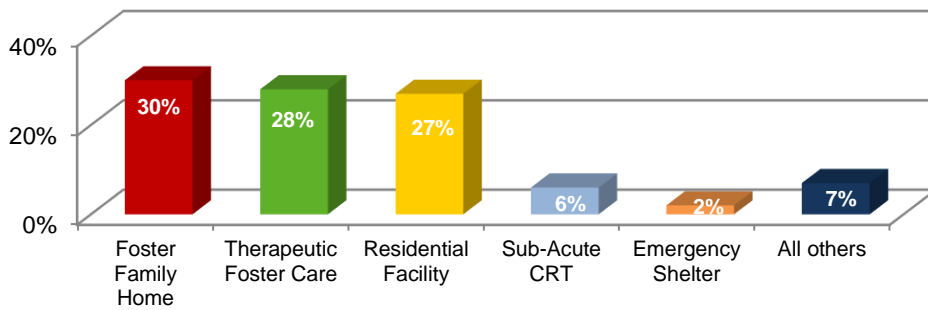


<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relative, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

# Quick Facts

## Placement of Children Available for Adoption

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

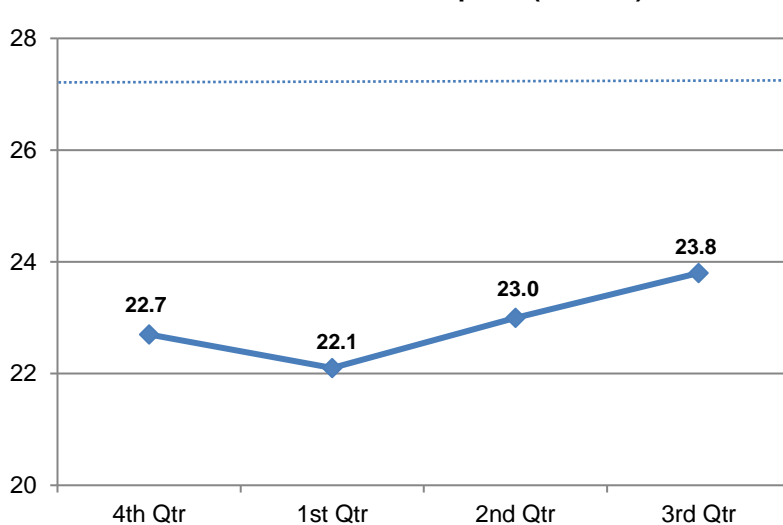


Fifty-eight percent of the children available for adoption at the end of the quarter resided in either a foster family home or a therapeutic foster home.

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption

Length of Time From Entry into Foster Care to Finalization of Adoption (Months)



National standard of 27.3 months or less

Arkansas' median length of time from entry into foster care until adoption finalization was 23.8 months during the most recent quarter, three and half months quicker than the national standard of 27.3 months.

# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

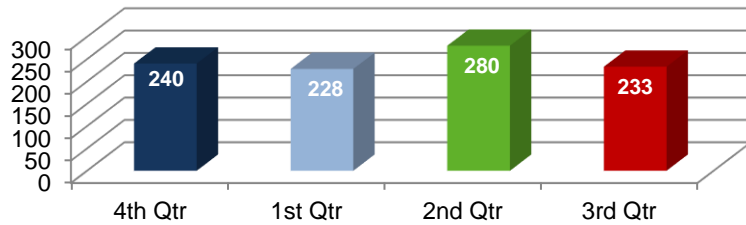
### Finalized Adoptions

Two hundred and thirty-three adoptions were finalized during the third quarter of SFY 2018.

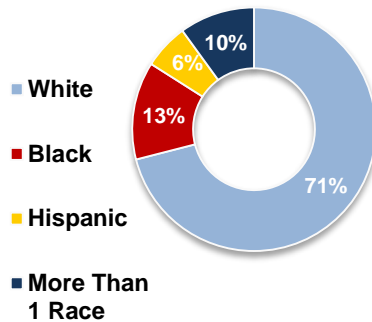
Thirty-eight percent of the finalized adoptions during the quarter were by relatives.

Children ages two to five were the largest group among those adopted during the quarter.

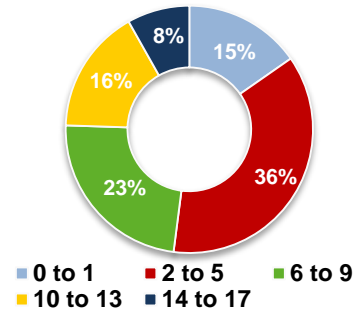
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoptions



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



### 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

During the third quarter, **216** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 214 were federally-funded and two were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **6,405** children received adoption subsidies.



## Caseworkers and Caseloads

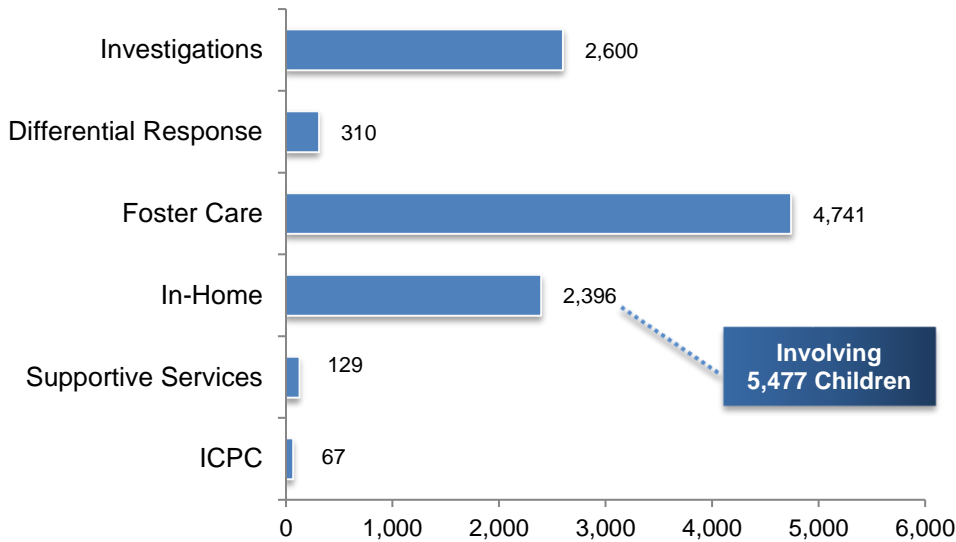
### Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

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

- 2,600 investigations of child maltreatment and 310 DR cases;
- 4,741 foster care cases;
- 2,396 in-home protective services cases, involving 5,477 children;
- 129 supportive services cases and 67 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 444 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



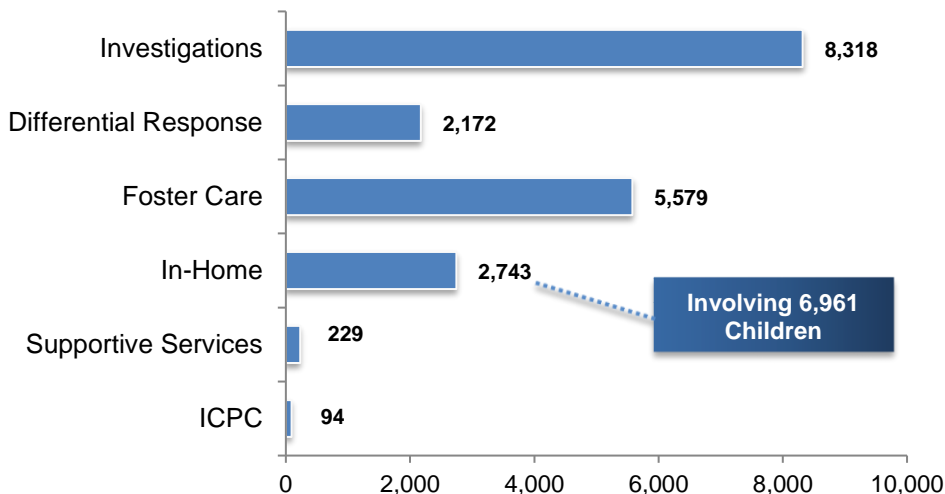
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

### Caseloads Handled *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 8,318 investigations, 5,579 children in foster care, 2,743 in-home protective services cases, 2,172 DR cases, 229 supportive services cases, and 94 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at 22 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. This average is greater than the Division's goal of 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of March 2018 is presented in Appendix E.

## Foster Homes

### Foster Homes and Beds

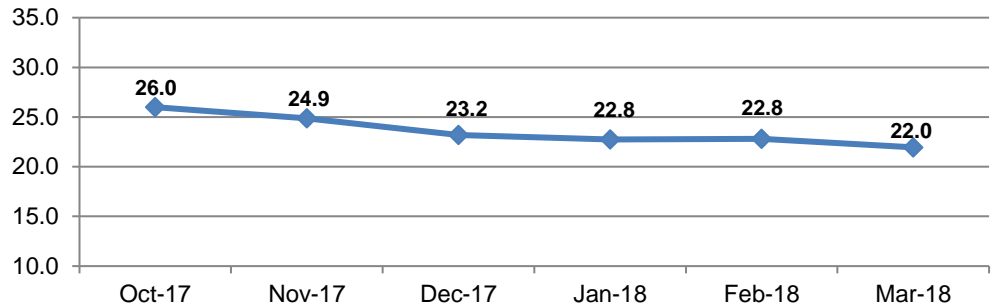
There were 1,735 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the second quarter, providing a total of 3,918 available beds.

The number of available beds decreased from the previous quarter.

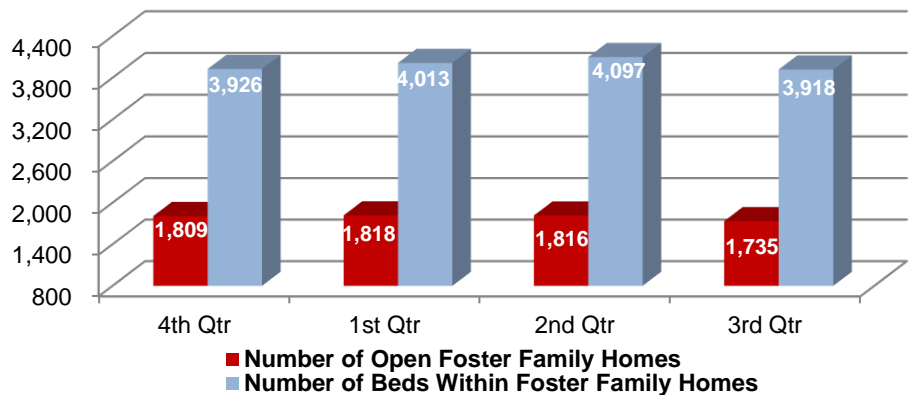
During the most recent quarter, 204 new foster homes were opened and 267 were closed, for a net loss of sixty-three homes.

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

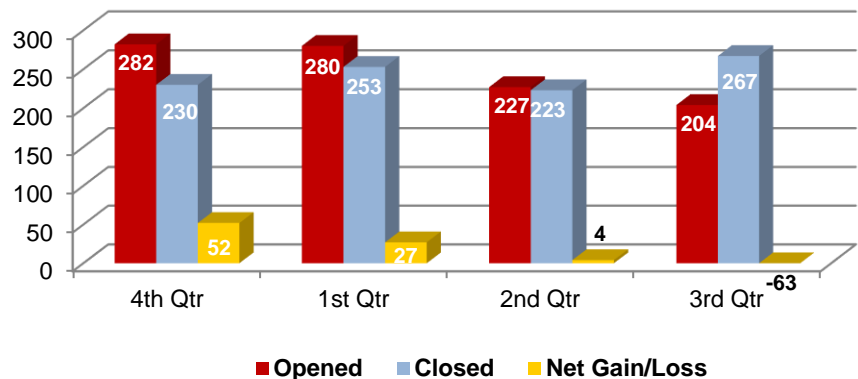
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter

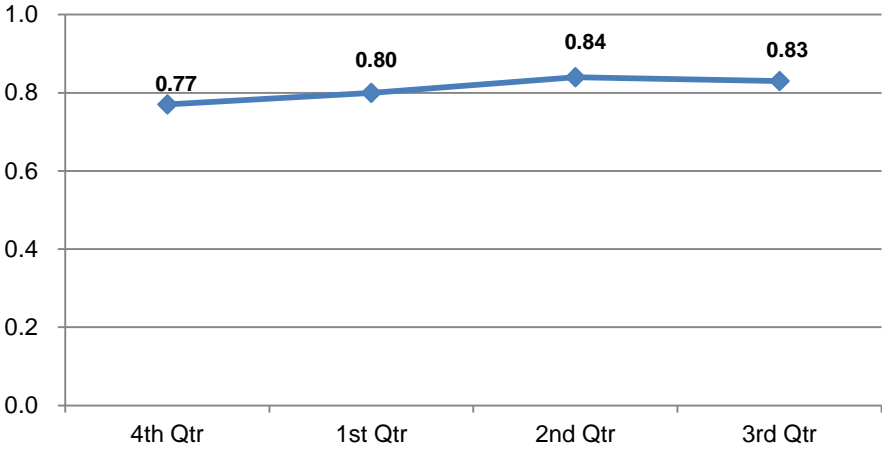




# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

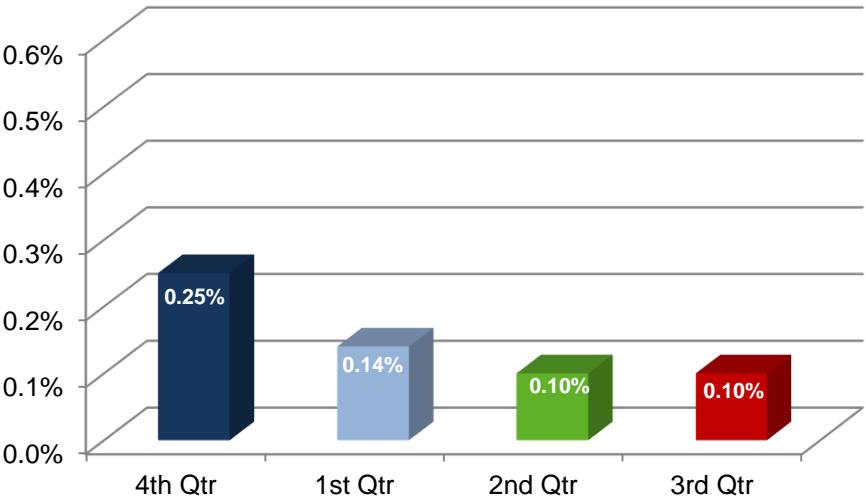


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.83) at the end of the quarter, even though consistent improvement has been observed during the last four quarters.

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



Two reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 1,997 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.10 percent.

Appendix G 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 Investigations<sup>4</sup>

	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
Fourth Quarter 2017	1,630	5,946 <i>5,938 Closed</i>	1,196	20%	1,488 <i>1,340 Closed</i>	508	38%
First Quarter 2018	1,058	5,407 <i>5,396 Closed</i>	1,297	24%	1,472 <i>1,358 Closed</i>	485	36%
Second Quarter 2018	1,545	6,429 <i>6,382 Closed</i>	1,361	21%	1,571 <i>1,369 Closed</i>	432	32%
Third Quarter 2018	1,642	5,692 <i>5,684 Closed</i>	1,078	19%	1,277 <i>1,203 Closed</i>	430	36%

<sup>4</sup> The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the second quarter refers to 11/1/2017 through 1/31/2018); 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: Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality

### 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	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
<b>Kylah Woodard</b>	Sebastian	1	Multi-Ethnic	Female	1/30/2018	Abuse	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	None	None

### Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
<b>Juanita Ausbrooks</b>	Cleburne	<1	White	Female	1/12/2018	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
<b>Alexander Swanson</b>	Pulaski	7	Black	Male	2/19/2018	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None

## Pending 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	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Kylie Grant	Crittenden	3	Black	Female	2/19/2018	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None

## **Appendix C: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality**

### **True Near Fatality Reports**

There were no true near child fatality reports during the third quarter of SFY 2018.

### **Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports**

There were no unsubstantiated near child fatality reports during the third quarter of SFY 2018.

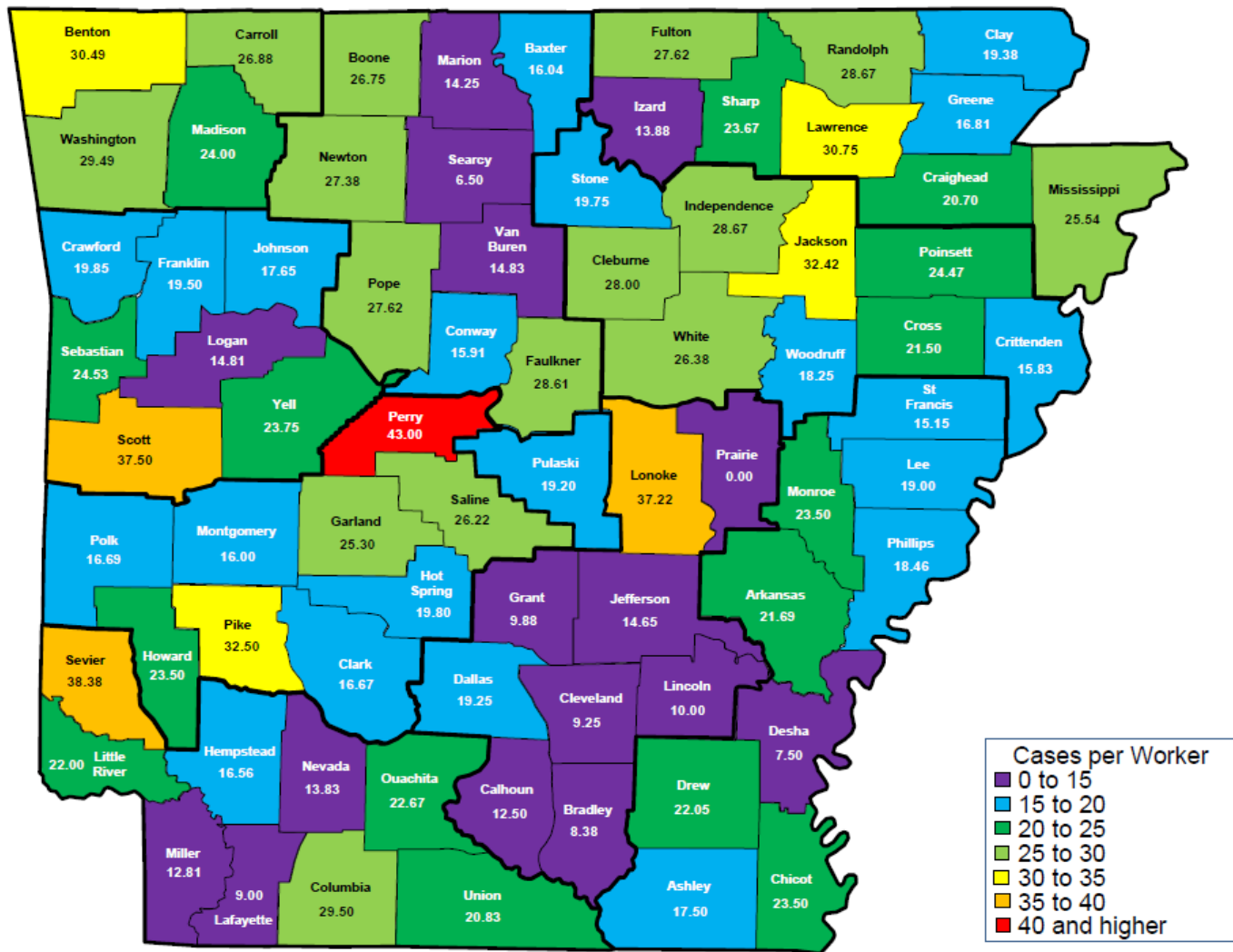
### **Pending Near Fatality Reports**

There were no pending near child fatality reports during the third quarter of SFY 2018.

## **Appendix D: Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation**

There were no fatalities of children in foster care who did not receive a maltreatment investigation during the third quarter of SFY 2018.

## Appendix E: Average Caseload as of March 31, 2018, by County



Due to the fact that Prairie County did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter, their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.



## Appendix F: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Total	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
1	Benton (Bentonville)	9	1	6	0	2	0	0	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	15	1	9	1	2	0	0	2
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	2
2	Franklin (Ozark)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	6
2	Yell (Danville)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Saline (Benton)	14	0	12	1	1	0	0	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	12	1	8	1	2	0	0	0
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)	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	12	0	8	2	1	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (North)	13	2	8	1	2	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (South)	9	0	6	1	1	1	0	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	8	0	5	1	1	0	0	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Total	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
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	18	2	11	1	4	0	0	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	8	1	3	1	0	0	0	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	8	1	2	0	3	0	0	2
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
9	White (Searcy)	6	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
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)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
99	Out of State	11	0	6	1	3	0	0	1
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>

Details of the Major Categories Above (Statewide)		
Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	25
	Custody/Guardianship	27
Change in Family Circumstances	Death of Family Member	1
	Death of Parent	1
	Moved	6
	Personal Issues	4
	Pregnant	3
	Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	81
	Taking a Break	1
	No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request
No Longer Meets Requirements	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	2
	Not taking Children when Contacted	2
	Other	Contract Ended
Other	Duplicate	1
	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed

## Appendix G: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 1st Quarter SFY 2018

One hundred and twenty-three reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 146 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the third quarter of SFY 2018.

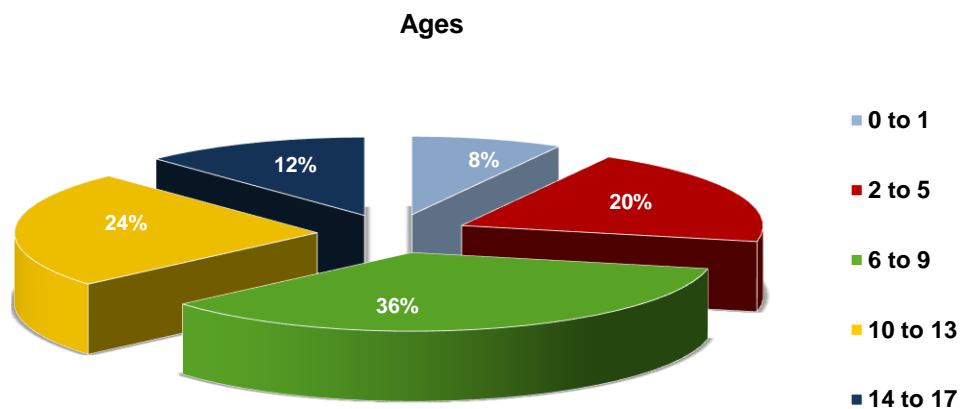
In 37 reports involving 49 children, foster parents<sup>5</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, two of those reports were found to be true and one home was subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
3rd Quarter SFY 2018**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
2	32	0

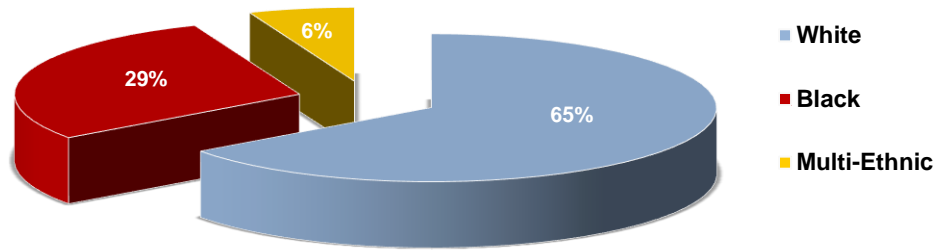
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to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

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 49 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents as the alleged offenders.

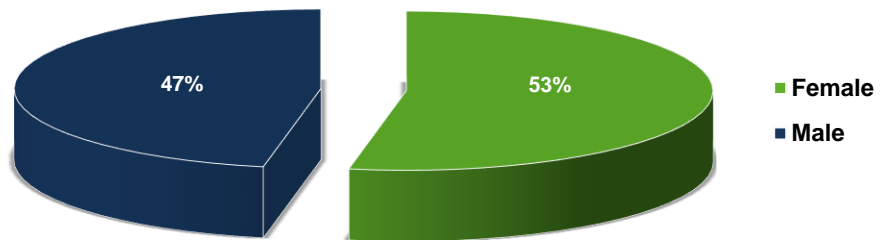


<sup>5</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

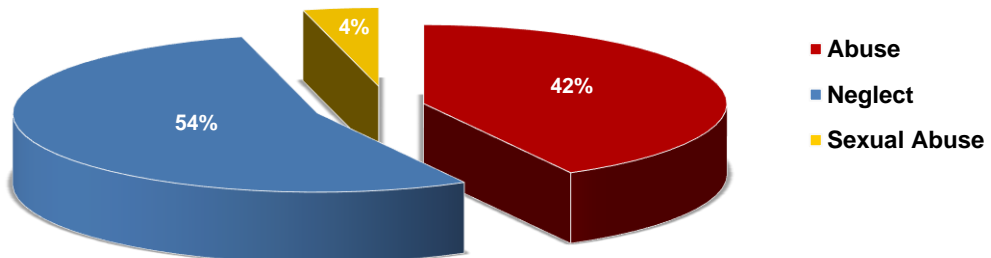
### Race/Ethnicity



### Gender



### Allegation



**County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report</b>
Benton	7	Clark	1
Sebastian	7	Garland	1
Pulaski	6	Grant	1
Craighead	5	Greene	1
Perry	3	Izard	1
Washington	3	Jefferson	1
Faulkner	2	Johnson	1
Pope	2	Logan	1
White	2	Polk	1
Arkansas	1	Sevier	1
Boone	1		