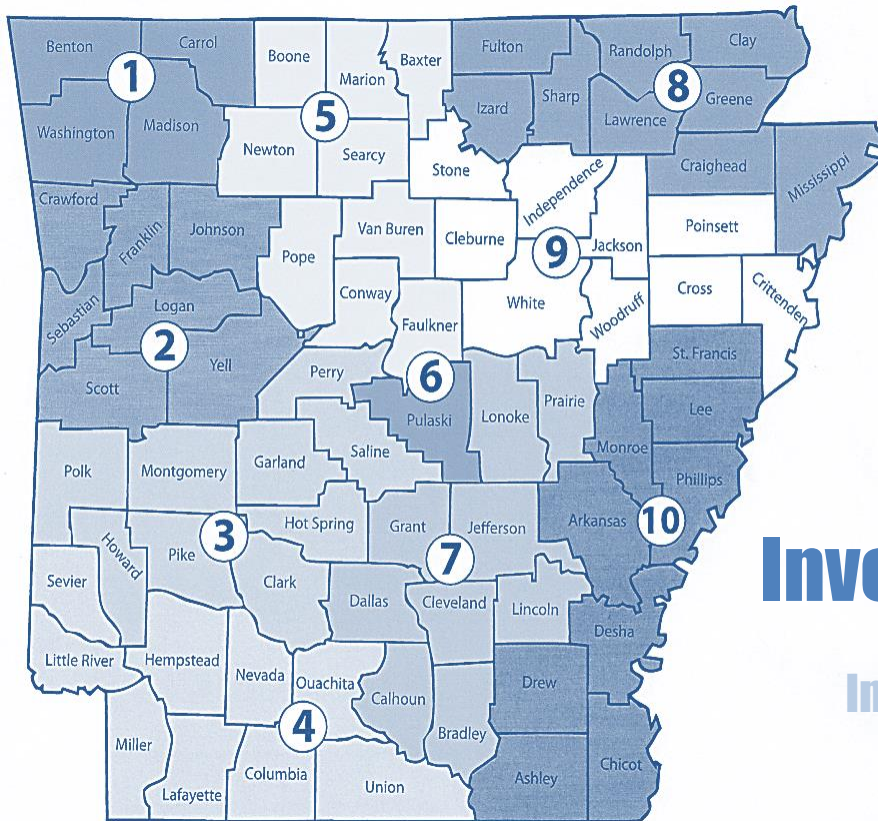


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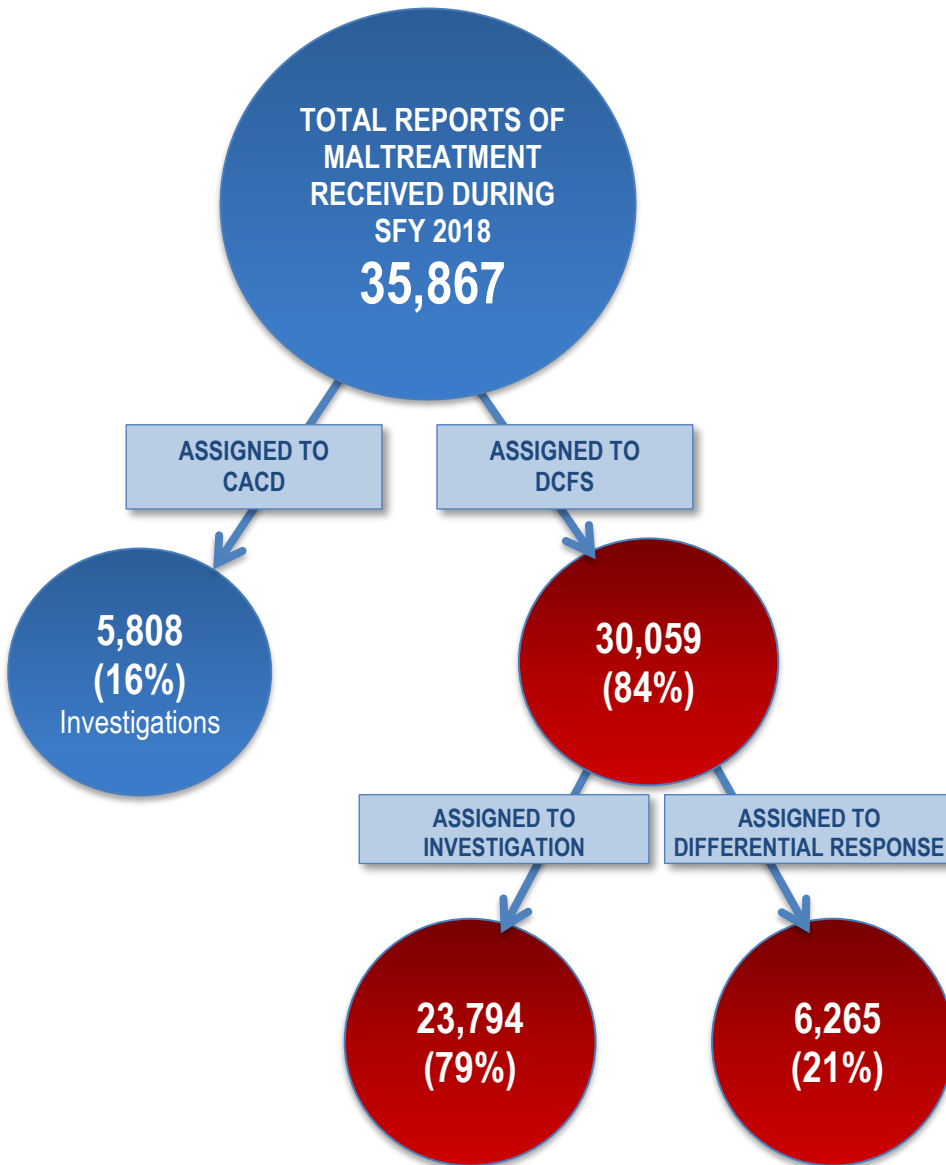
Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During SFY 2018



Of the 35,867 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018, 84 percent were assigned to DCFS and 16 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, 79 percent were assigned for an investigation and 21 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.

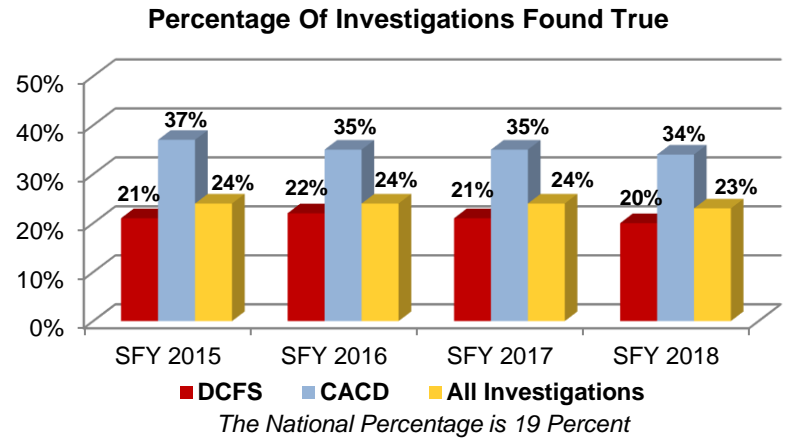
The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

- 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, and Educational Neglect with no age restrictions.
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date.

Quick Facts

Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during SFY 2018 were found true, compared to 34 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 23 percent.



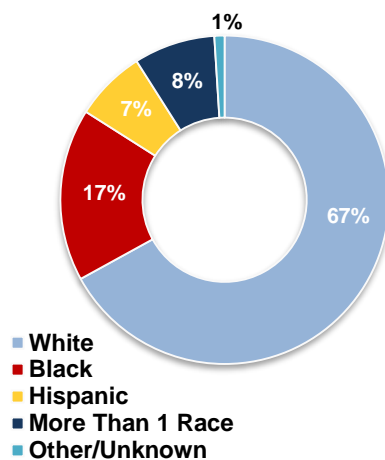
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 9,120 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

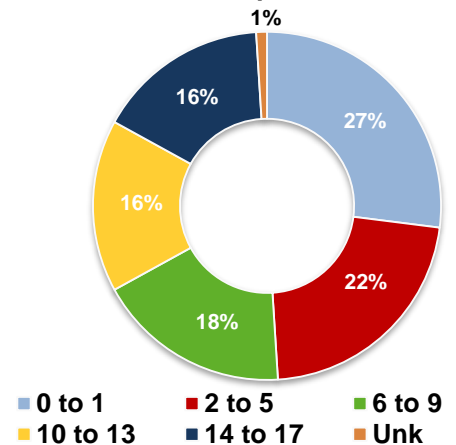
Of those children, 67 percent were white and 17 percent were black. Children ages five and younger accounted for nearly half of the victim children.

A little over half of the victim children during SFY 2018 (53 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 9,120 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	5,821	64%
Physical Abuse	2,468	27%
Sexual Abuse	1,698	19%
Abandonment	40	<1%
Sexual Exploitation	27	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

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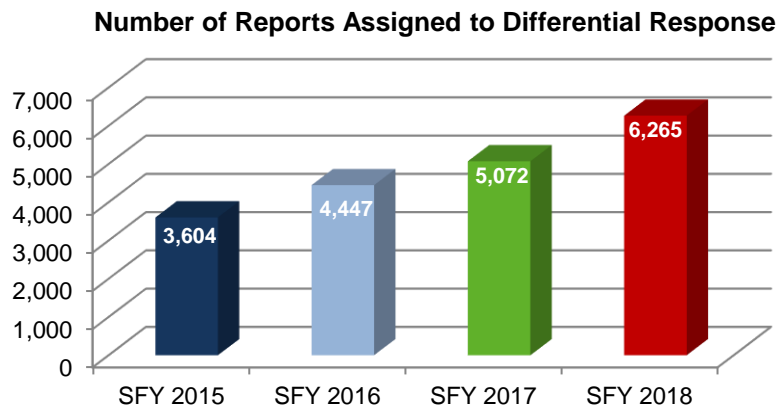
Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	34	0
Unsubstantiated	8	0
Pending	4	0
Unable to Locate	1	0

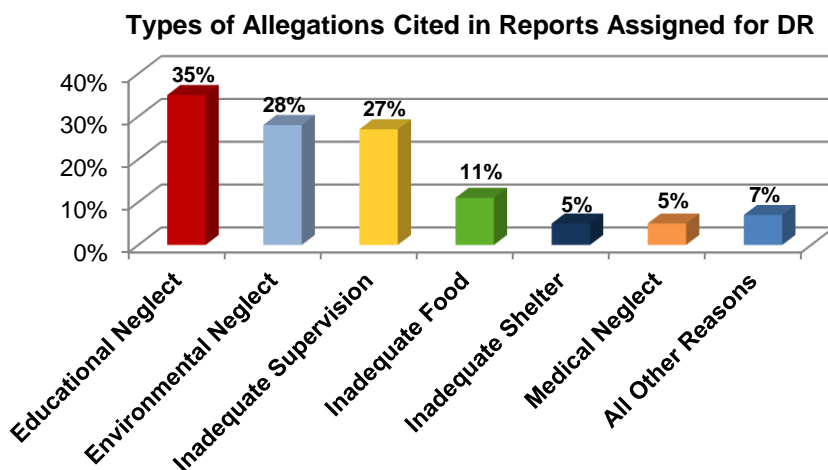
During SFY 2018, there were 47 maltreatment investigations involving a child fatality. While some investigations were still pending, the majority of those reports in which a disposition had been rendered were found true. There were no investigations of near child fatalities during the year.

Appendix G includes more details regarding the 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 2018 (6,265) increased by nearly 24 percent from SFY 2017.



Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Educational Neglect was the most commonly cited allegation in reports assigned to DR during the year, followed by Environmental Neglect and Inadequate Supervision.

Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

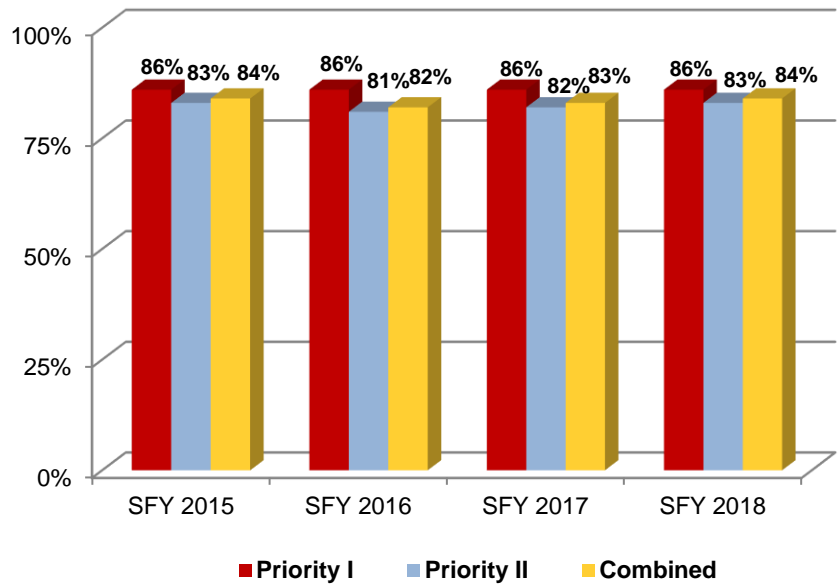
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

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 2018, performing better in its Priority I investigations than Priority II.

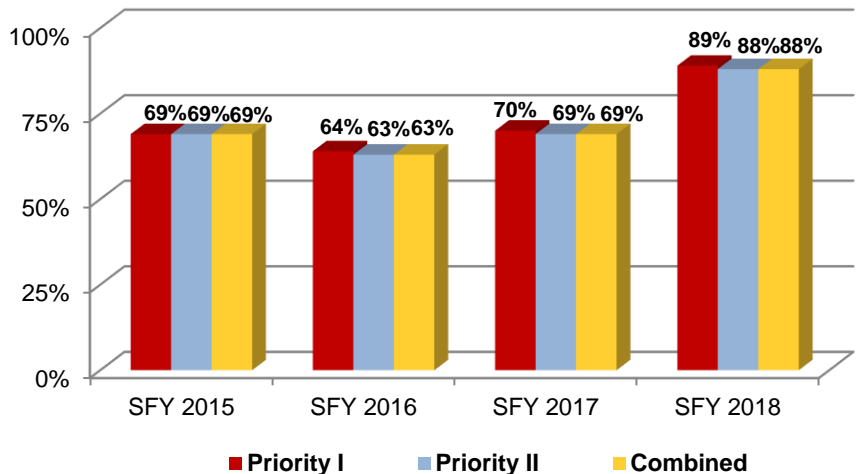
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 88 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during SFY 2018, an improvement over the previous year (69 percent).

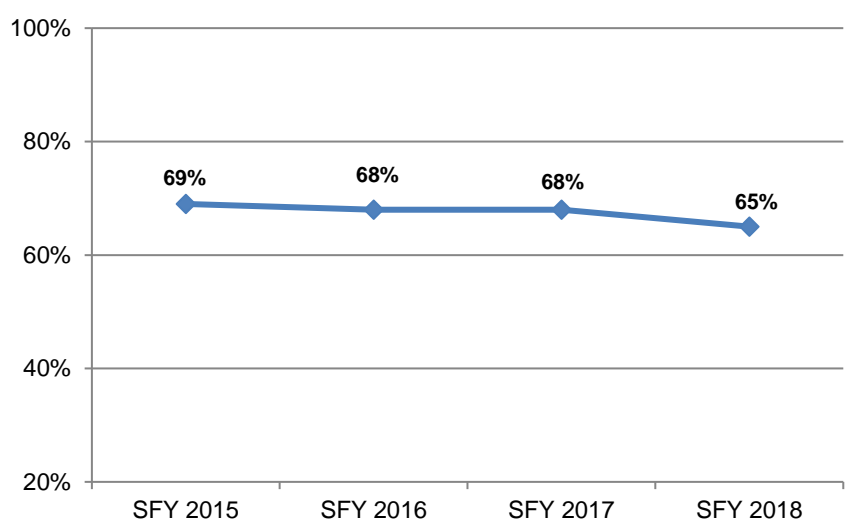
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

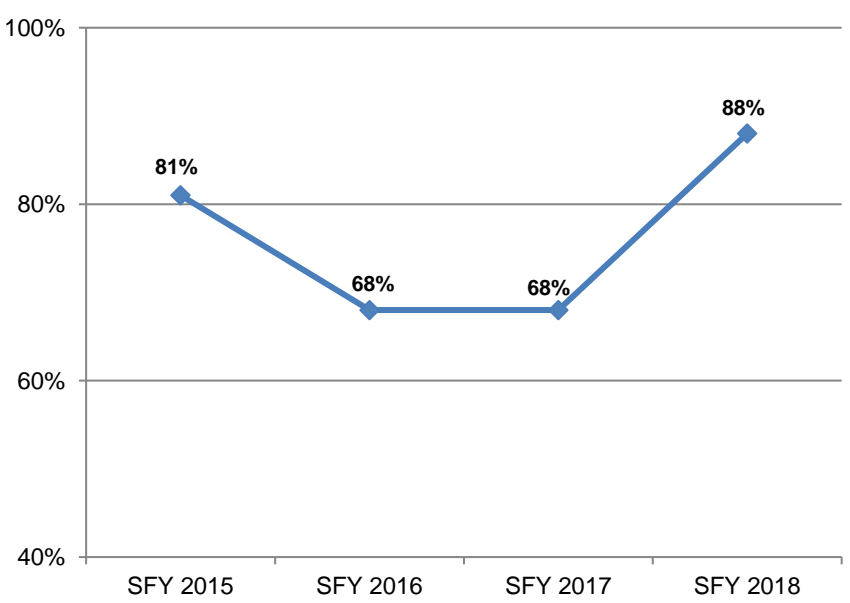


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 65 percent of its DR reports on time during the 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 88 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2018, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

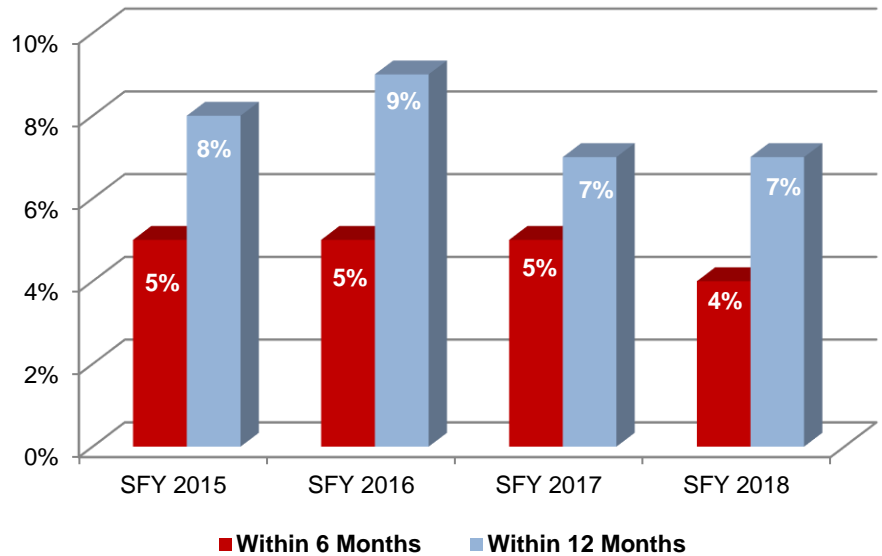
Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

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

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

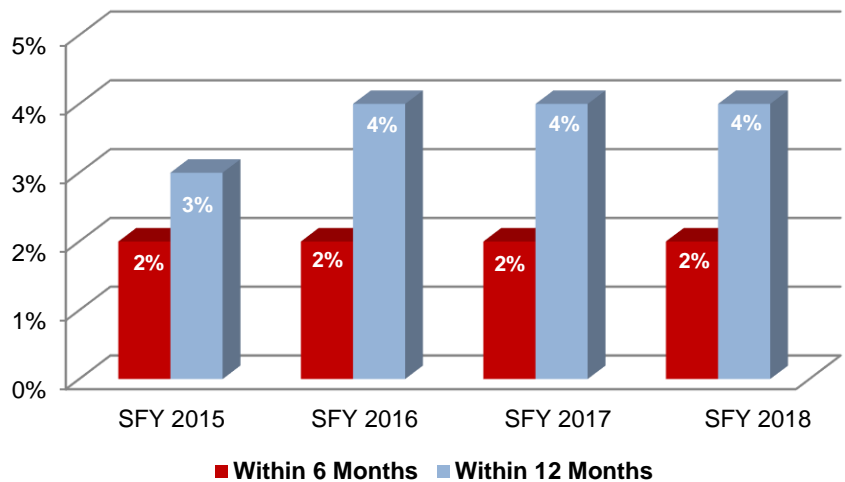


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

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

Percentage of Children Involved in True Maltreatment Reports Within 6 and 12 Months of Receiving DR



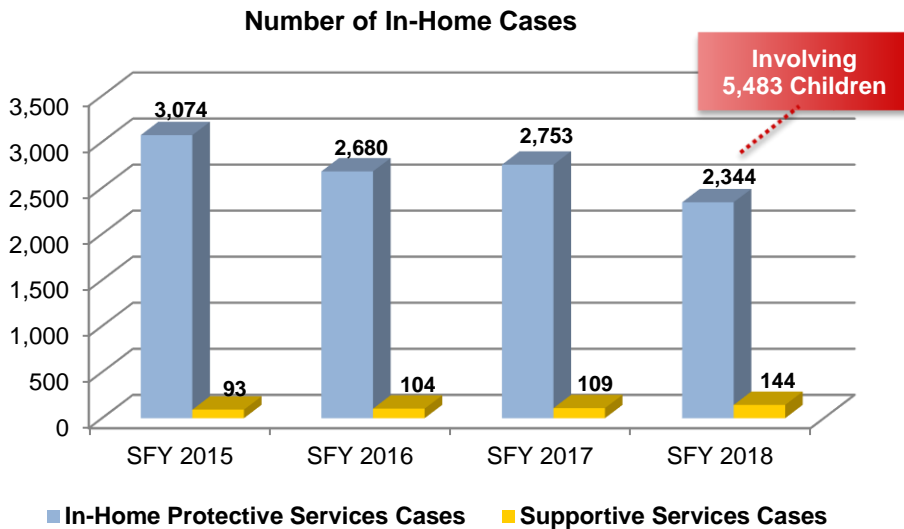
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In-Home Services

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

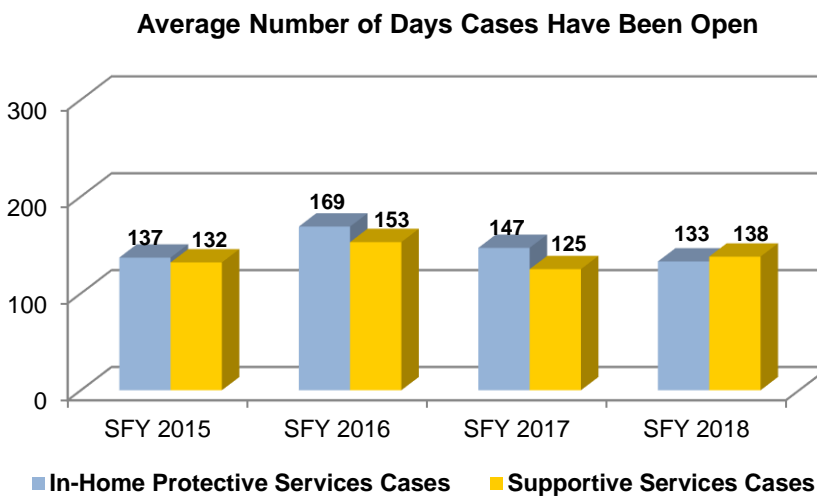


In most instances DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases open at the end of SFY 2018 decreased by 15 percent compared to one year ago. At the end of the year, there were 2,344 in-home cases open across the state, involving 5,483 children.

The Division also offers some in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 144 supportive services cases at the end of the year.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



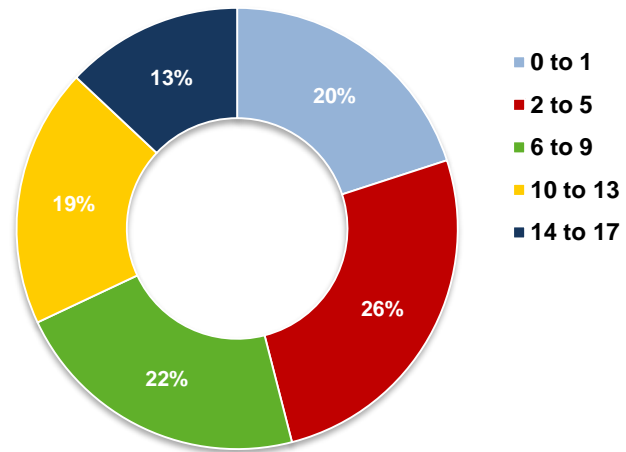
The average length of time in-home cases were open as of the end of the year was over four months (133 days). Supportive services cases were open, on average, for a similar length of time (138 days).

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 SFY 2018, followed by children ages six to nine.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases

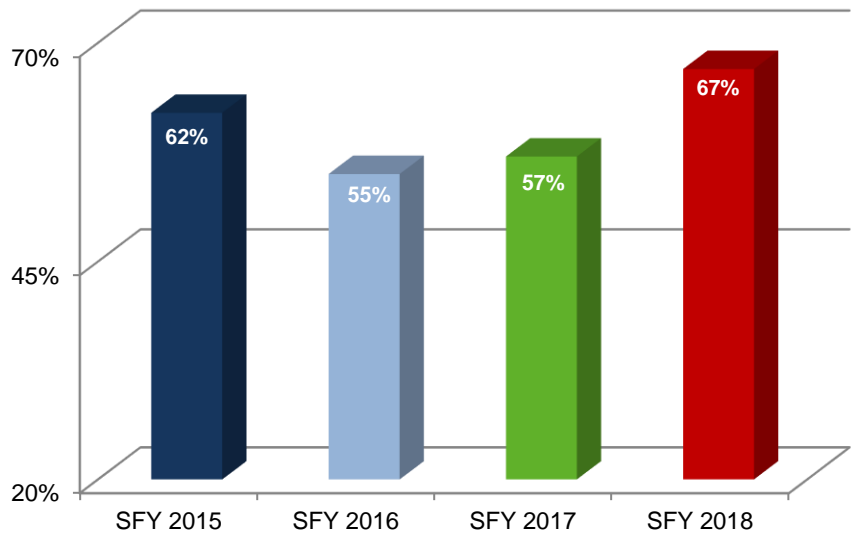


Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 67 percent of the in-home cases received a face-to-face monthly visit from a caseworker during SFY 2018, higher than the visitation rate observed during the previous year (57 percent).

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

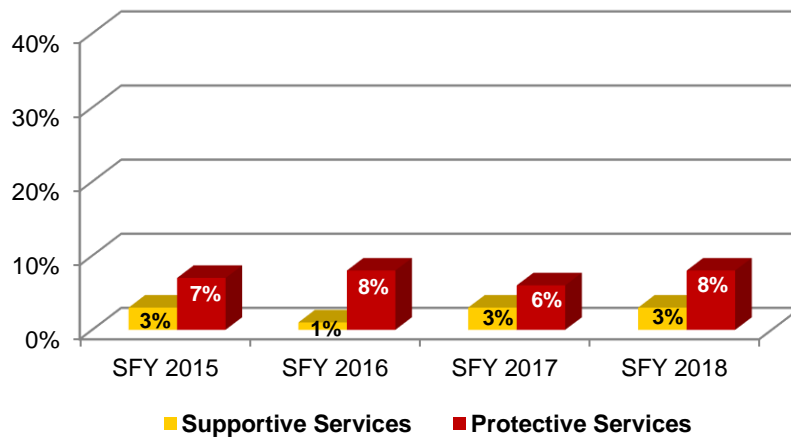


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Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

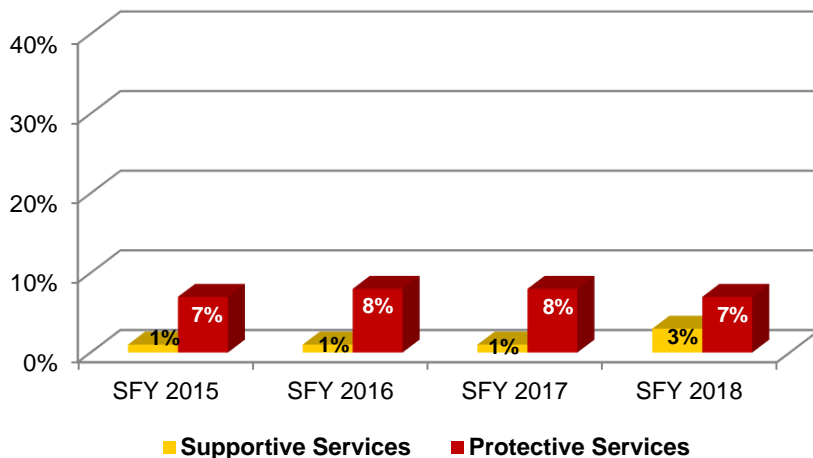
Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving supportive services one year prior to SFY 2018, three percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the children who began receiving in-home protective services one year prior to SFY 2018, eight 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



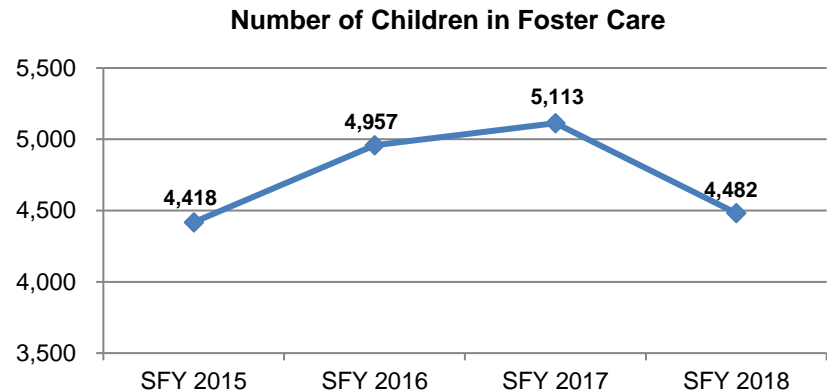
Of the children who began receiving supportive services one year prior to SFY 2018, three percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Meanwhile, seven percent of the children who began receiving protective services during the same timeframe entered care within one 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 4,482 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2018. This signified a 12 percent decrease from SFY 2017 (5,113).

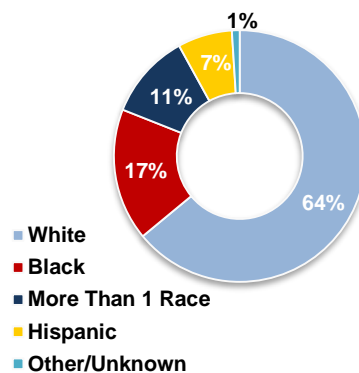


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

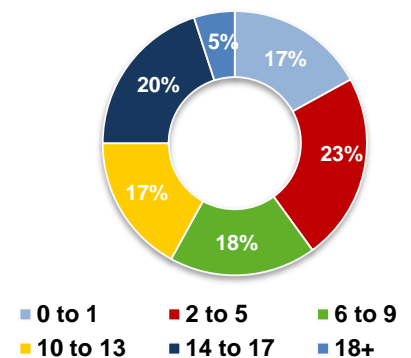
Children two to five years of age (23 percent) represent the largest group of children in foster care. Sixty-four percent were white and 17 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2018, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care



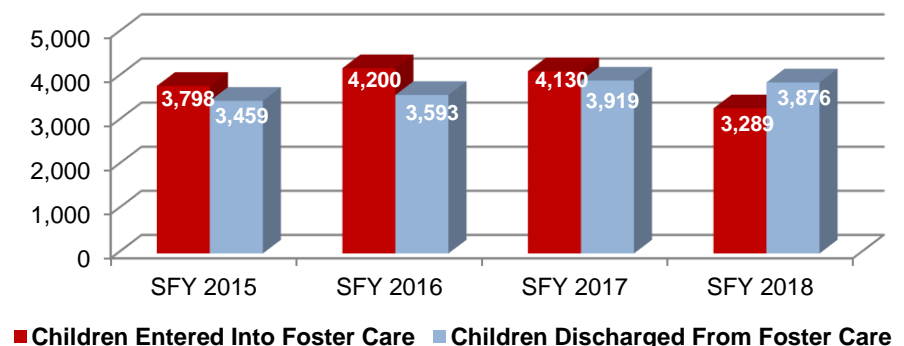
Ages of Children in Foster Care



Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During SFY 2018, more children discharged foster care than entered. Compared to the previous year, entries into care decreased by more than 20 percent.

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 2018**

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	1,647	50%
Substance Abuse	1,635 ¹	50%
Parent Incarceration	774	24%
Physical Abuse	445	14%
Inadequate Housing	340	10%
Sexual Abuse	177	5%
Caretaker Illness	123	4%
Child's Behavior	113	3%
Abandonment	108	3%
Truancy	72	2%
Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case	42	1%
Other	60	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 2018**

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	1,552	40%
Adoption	979	25%
Relative Custody	938	24%
Child Aged Out	235	6%
Non-Relative Custody	70	2%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	55	1%
Guardianship	29	1%
Other	18	<1%

National data² indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (51%), adoption (23%), and guardianship (10%).

Sixty-six percent of the children who left foster care during SFY 2018 either returned home or were discharged to relatives.

Arkansas (91 percent) exceeds the national average of 81 percent of children who either return home or are discharged to relatives or an adoptive home.

¹ These 1,635 cases of substance abuse include 1,389 instances of parental drug abuse, 182 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 54 cases of drug abuse by children, and 10 cases of alcohol abuse by children.

² National data from the Children's Bureau (October 2017).

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Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2018, 51 percent had been in care for 12 months or longer.

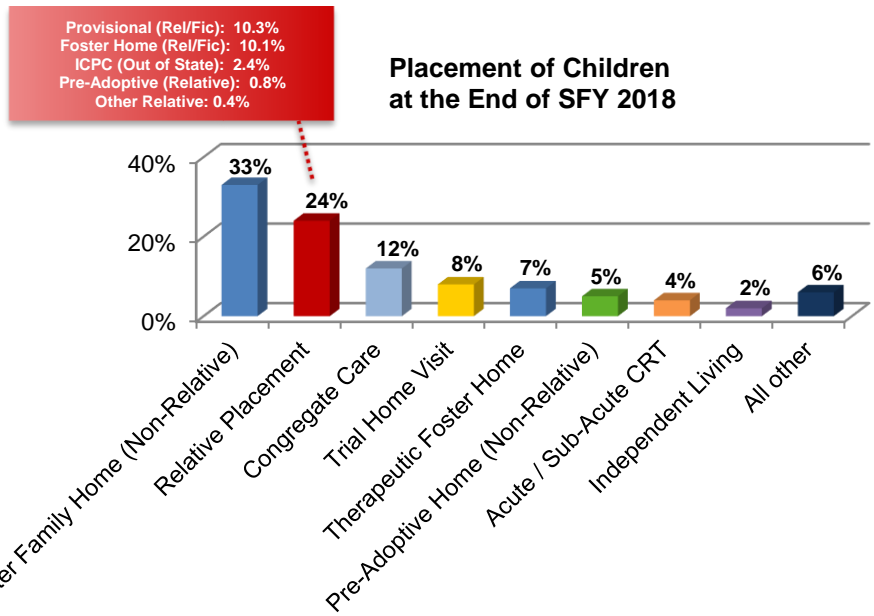
Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
SFY 2018

	Number	Percentage	National ³
Less than 30 days	227	5%	6%
30-90 Days	362	8%	22%
3-6 Months	533	12%	
6-12 Months	1,055	24%	20%
12-24 Months	1,219	27%	25%
24-36 Months	476	11%	13%
36+ Months	610	14%	15%
Total	4,482	100%	100%

Placement of Children in Foster Care

Seventy-seven percent of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2018 resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, pre-adoptive home).

Twelve percent resided in congregate care—which represents placement in an emergency shelter, residential treatment, or residential care only program—at the end of the year.

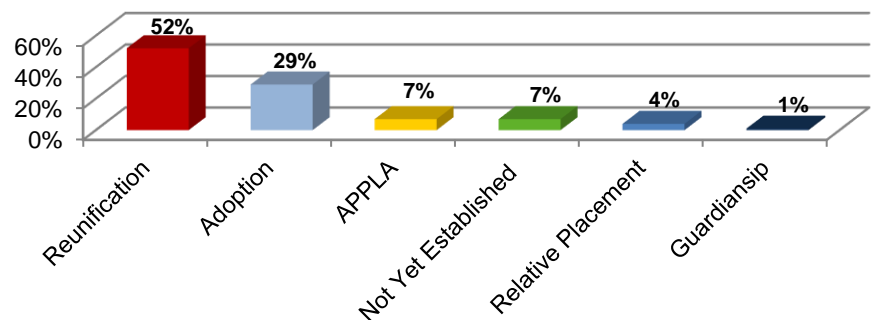


Permanency Goal of Children in Foster Care

Fifty-two percent of the children in care at the end of SFY 2018 had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 29 percent had a goal of adoption.

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

Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care at the End of SFY 2018



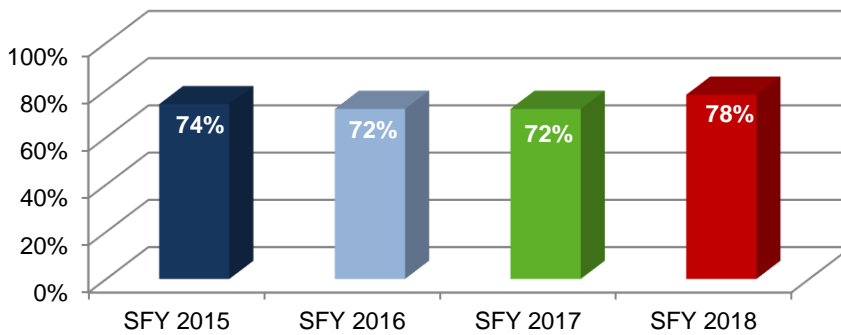
³ National data from the Children’s Bureau (October 2017).

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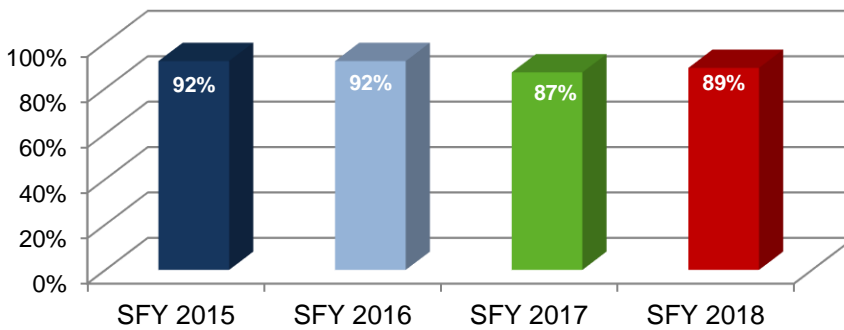
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to Foster Children

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



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



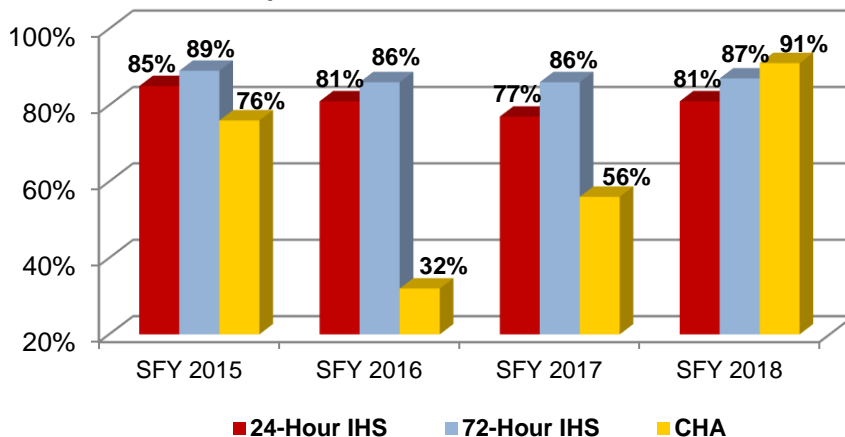
To ensure safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placements by their caseworkers monthly. The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Seventy-eight percent of the foster children statewide received a face-to-face monthly visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during SFY 2018.

On average, 89 percent of the foster 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.

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. These children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

DCFS completed 81 percent of its required 24-hour IHSs, 87 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 91 percent of its CHAs on time.

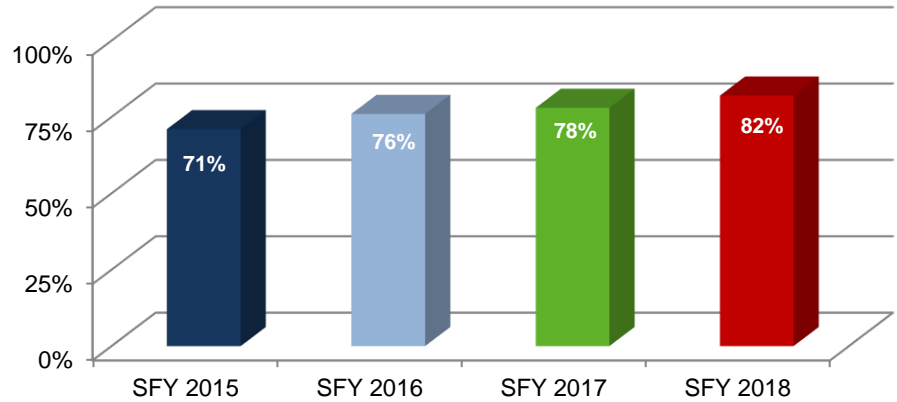
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Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2018, 82 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 62 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

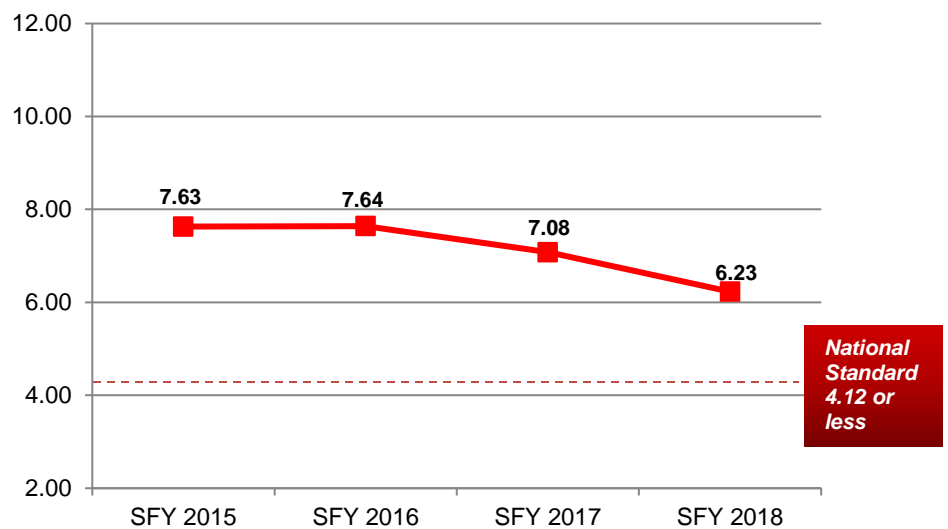


Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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 2018, the placement stability rate was 6.23, an improvement from the previous year. The national standard is a rate 4.12.

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



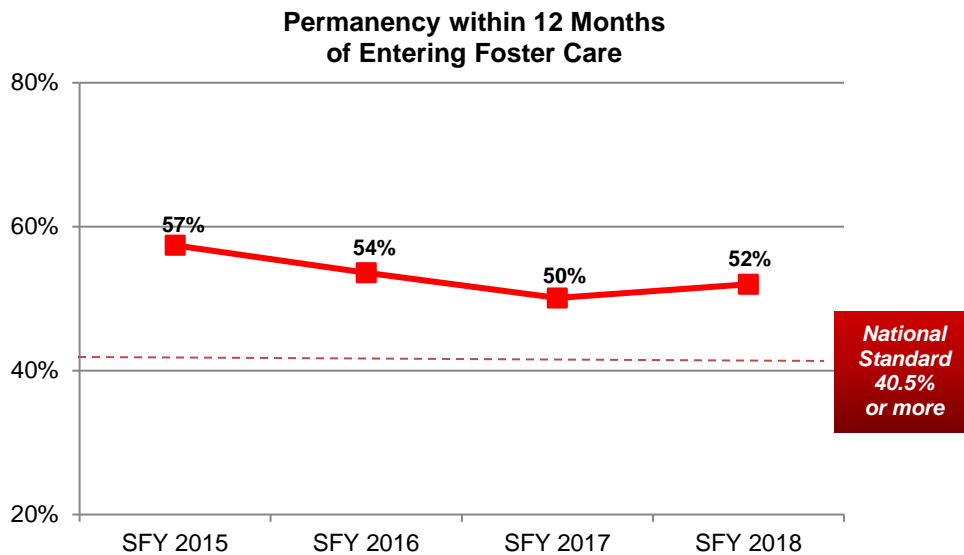
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Benefits to Children and Families

Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

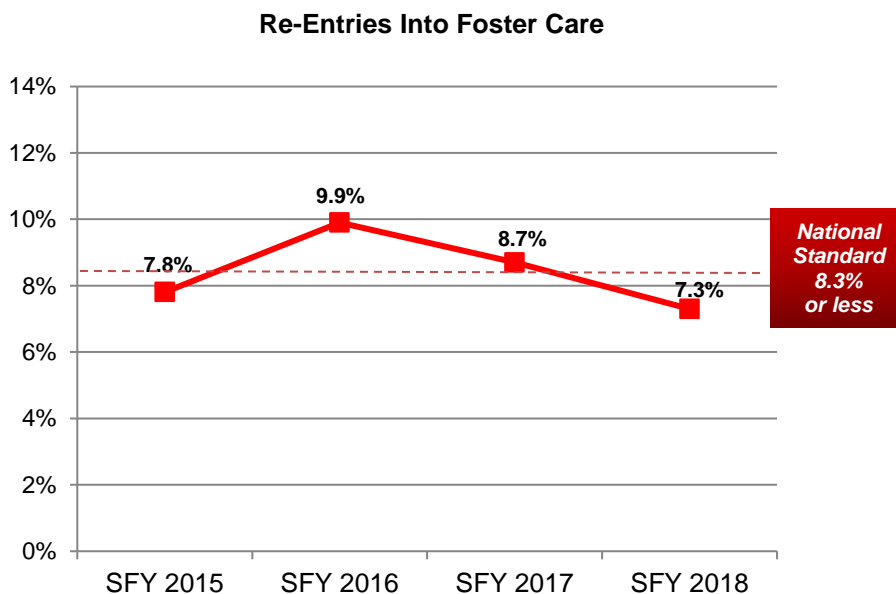
Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 40.5 percent or more for achieving permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) for children within 12 months of removal.

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

Just over seven 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

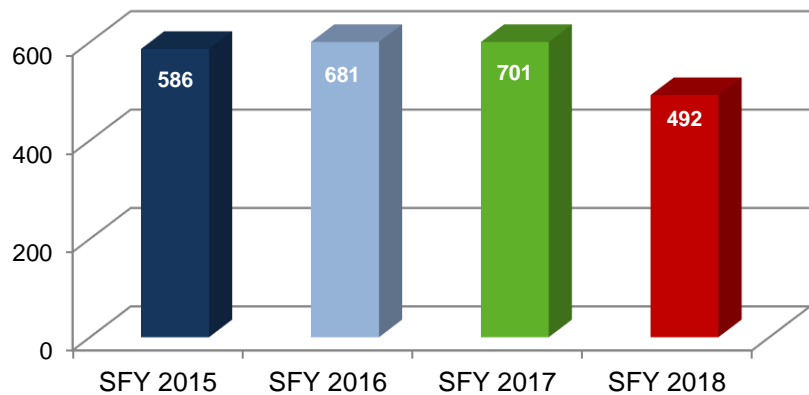
Children Available for Adoption ⁴

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

At the end of SFY 2018, 492 children were available for adoption.

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

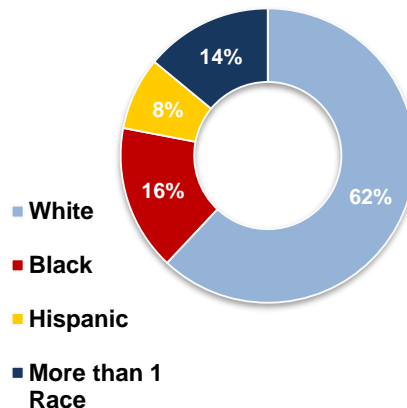
Number of Children Available for Adoption



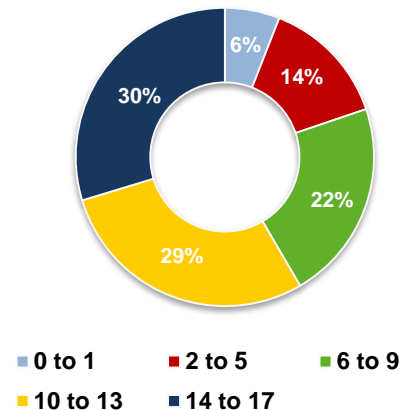
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 62 percent were white and 16 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 Adoption



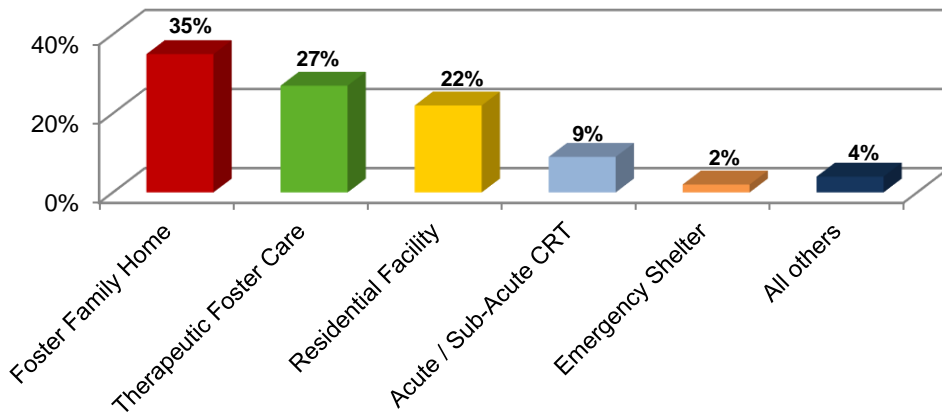
⁴ Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

Quick Facts

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

The majority of the children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2018 resided in either a foster family home or a therapeutic foster home.

Placement of Children Available for Adoption at the End of SFY 2018

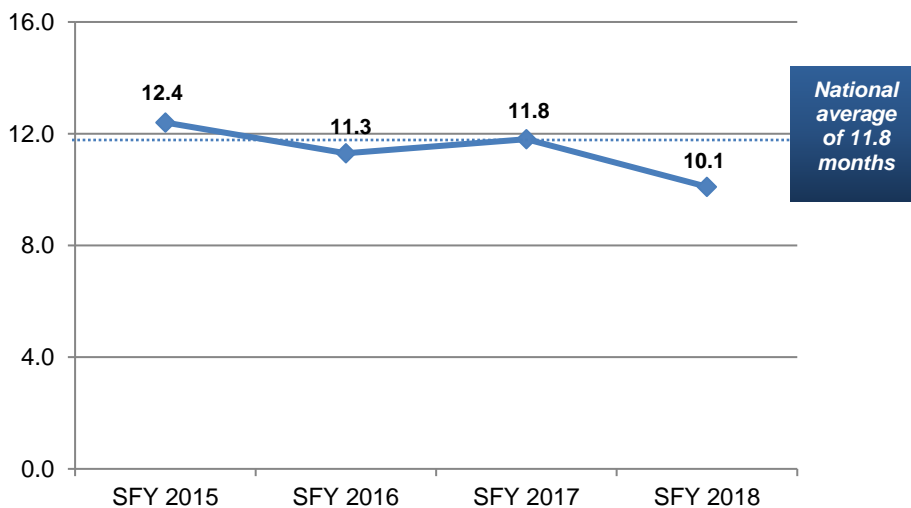


Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption

The average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was ten months during SFY 2018, nearly two months sooner than the national average (11.8 months).

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



Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Finalized Adoptions

One-thousand and eight adoptions were finalized during SFY 2018.

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

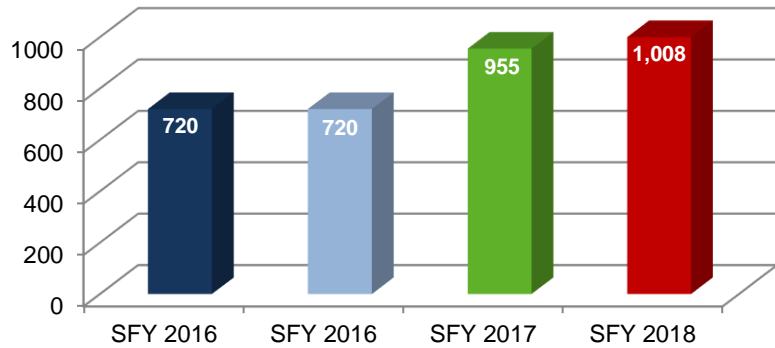
Children ages two to five were the largest group of children who were adopted during SFY 2018.

Subsidized Adoptions

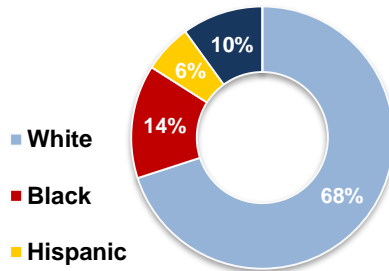
Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- 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.

Number of Adoptions Finalized

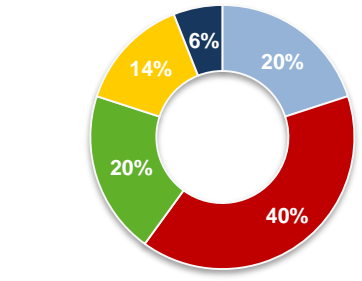


Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- More Than 1 Race

Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



- 0 to 1
- 2 to 5
- 6 to 9
- 10 to 13
- 14 to 17

During SFY 2018, **932** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 914 were federally-funded and 18 were state funded subsidies.

During SFY 2018, a total of **6,862** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

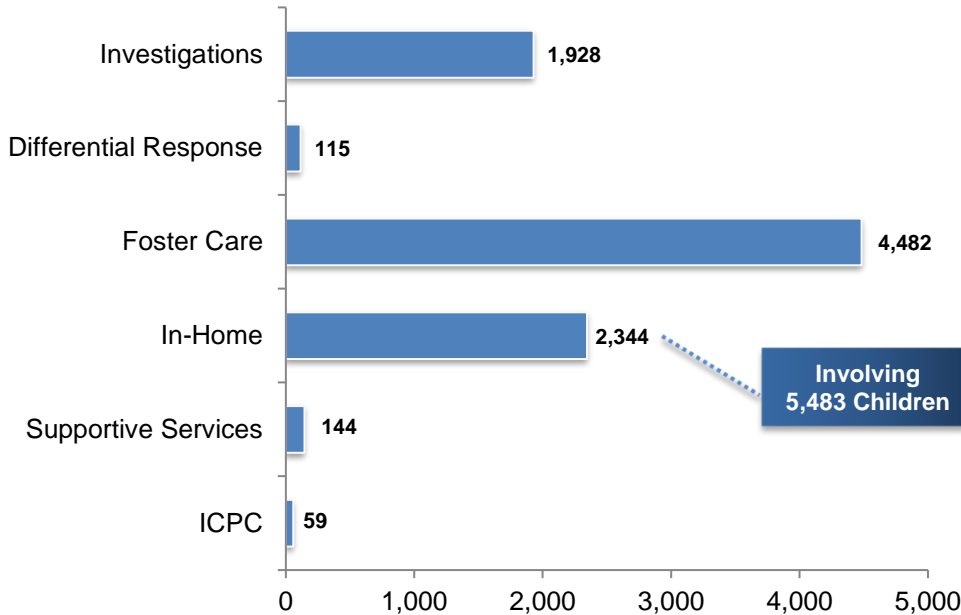
Caseloads at the End of SFY 2018

As of the end of SFY 2018, the Division was responsible for:

- 1,928 investigations of child maltreatment and 115 DR cases,
- 4,482 foster care cases (4,059 excluding adoption cases),
- 2,344 in-home cases, involving 5,483 children,
- 144 supportive services cases and 59 ICPC cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 433 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of SFY 2018



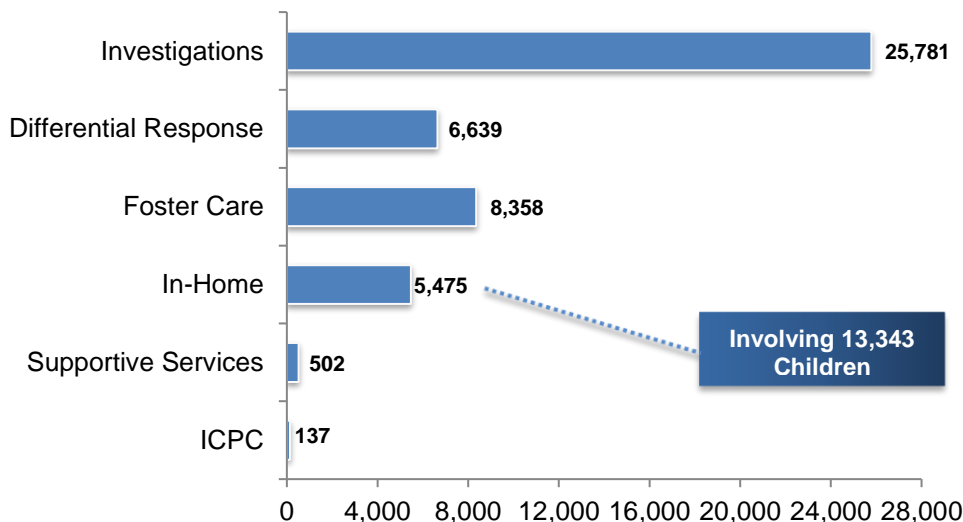
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

Caseloads Handled During the Year

This graph shows the number of cases that cycled through the system during SFY 2018, 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 25,781 investigations; 8,358 children in foster care; 6,639 DR cases; 5,475 in-home protective services cases; 502 supportive services cases; and 137 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

Types of Cases Served During SFY 2018



Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at 19.9 cases per worker at the end of SFY 2018. The Division's goal is 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of June 30, 2018 is presented in Appendix J.

Foster Homes

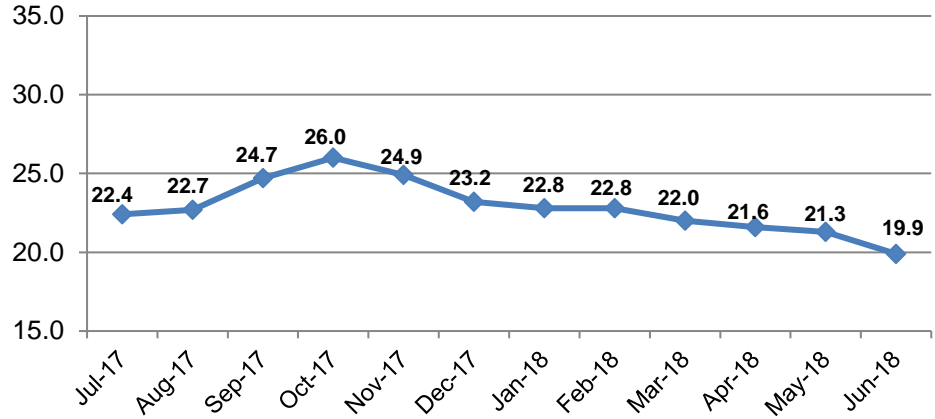
Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,670 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of SFY 2018 statewide, lower than the previous year.

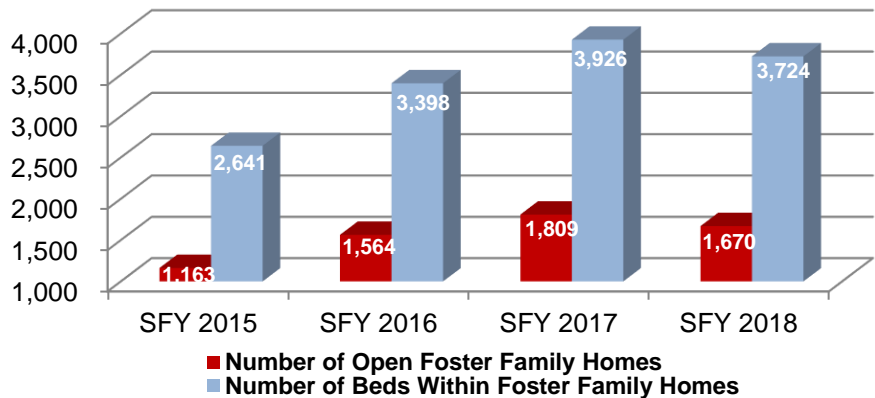
During SFY 2018, 915 new foster homes were opened and 1,025 were closed for a net loss of 110 homes.

Appendix K displays the closure reasons for the 1,025 foster homes that closed during SFY 2018.

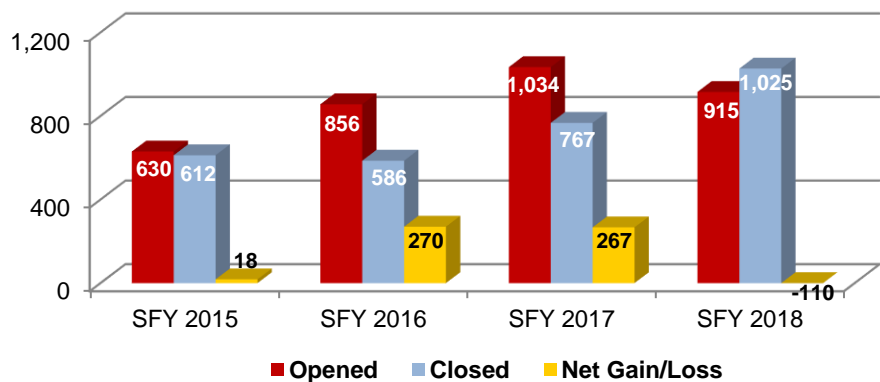
Average Caseload During SFY 2018



Number of Foster Homes and Beds



Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed



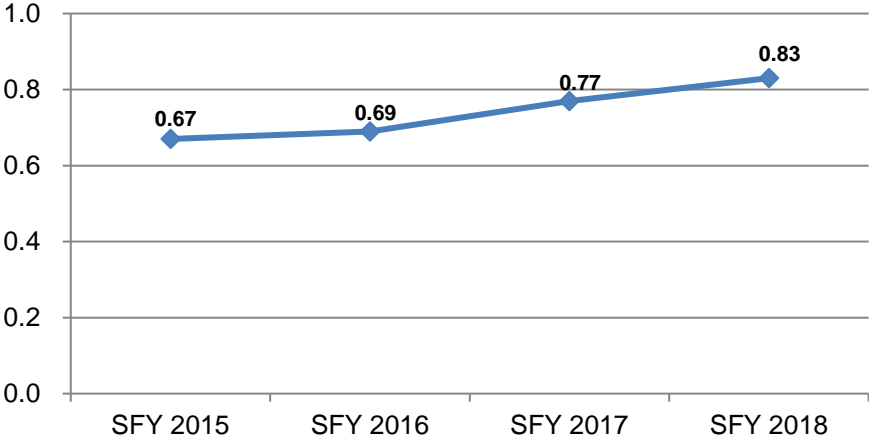
Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.83) at the end of the year, an improvement from the previous year.

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

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

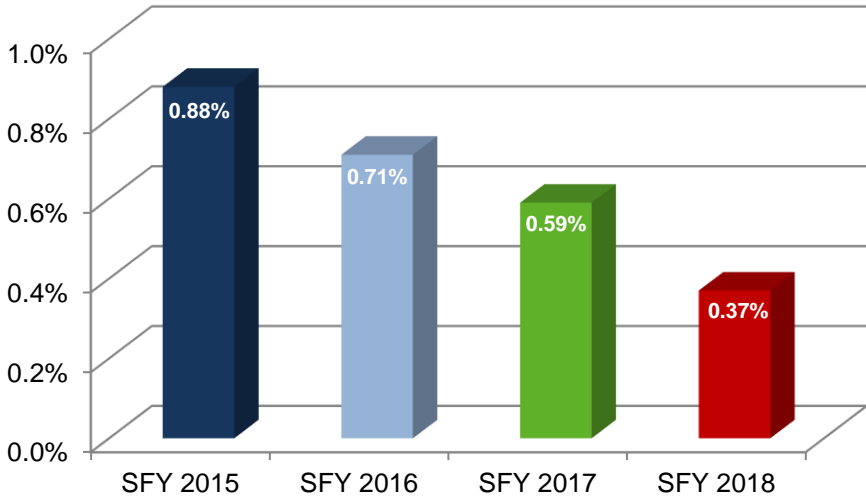


Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Ten reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the year. Based on the 2,721 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.

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Appendix A: Child Maltreatment Investigations by Area and County

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	UTL	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	2427	306	15.55	1873	51	0	9	114	74
1	Carroll (Berryville)	335	61	21.67	235	7	0	2	18	12
1	Madison (Huntsville)	221	49	26.70	156	7	0	3	6	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	2414	450	22.56	1772	65	0	23	75	29
Area Total		5,397	866	19.56	4,036	130	0	37	213	115
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	692	145	26.13	499	26	0	8	7	7
2	Franklin (Ozark)	177	51	31.82	119	5	0	0	1	1
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	298	81	30.54	201	8	0	2	6	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	108	21	24.53	73	4	0	1	7	2
2	Logan (Paris)	137	30	28.36	94	6	0	2	2	3
2	Scott (Waldron)	135	34	29.77	88	4	0	1	4	4
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1389	313	28.59	947	71	0	10	37	11
2	Yell (Danville)	184	38	25.56	128	8	0	0	6	4
Area Total		3,120	713	28.14	2,149	132	0	24	70	32
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	168	35	27.38	121	6	0	5	1	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	1086	120	21.60	801	104	0	8	41	12
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	355	52	23.14	265	24	0	5	4	5
3	Howard (Nashville)	116	19	21.24	84	3	0	2	5	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	88	10	20.48	66	5	0	2	0	5
3	Perry (Perryville)	89	12	21.59	66	7	0	0	3	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	83	11	20.48	62	5	0	1	4	0
3	Polk (Mena)	212	34	19.91	166	8	0	0	3	1
3	Saline (Benton)	968	130	16.89	771	23	0	8	21	15
Area Total		3,165	423	20.46	2,402	185	0	31	82	42
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	137	36	35.71	80	8	0	1	1	11
4	Hempstead (Hope)	182	38	28.00	123	7	0	4	3	7
4	Lafayette (Lew isville)	53	9	17.65	41	0	0	0	1	2
4	Little River (Ashdown)	99	24	30.21	60	4	0	1	7	3
4	Miller (Texarkana)	452	66	20.59	313	23	0	1	34	15
4	Nevada (Prescott)	87	11	23.81	63	5	0	4	1	3
4	Ouachita (Camden)	253	61	32.92	150	17	0	2	13	10
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	154	39	33.56	92	9	0	2	7	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	381	70	26.27	257	16	0	7	4	27
Area Total		1,798	354	27.11	1,179	89	0	22	71	83
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	374	72	25.27	266	20	0	2	12	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	475	101	25.43	321	13	0	4	25	11
5	Conway (Morrilton)	221	42	24.09	153	9	0	2	14	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	1027	197	23.15	704	26	0	12	76	12
5	Marion (Yellville)	169	34	24.40	121	7	0	0	6	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	59	23	42.37	30	2	0	0	4	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	613	114	23.87	448	24	0	5	8	14
5	Searcy (Marshall)	82	16	21.95	57	2	0	0	7	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	196	51	28.57	125	4	0	1	15	0
Area Total		3,216	650	24.66	2,225	107	0	26	167	41

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	UTL	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	730	92	20.17	546	47	0	7	32	6
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	673	70	15.29	530	24	0	8	35	6
6	Pulaski (North)	900	119	19.62	674	48	0	8	43	8
6	Pulaski (South)	417	56	20.78	300	26	1	2	24	8
6	Pulaski (South west)	485	62	19.75	350	25	0	7	32	9
Area Total		3,205	399	19.00	2,400	170	1	32	166	37
7	Bradley (Warren)	92	19	21.98	71	1	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	31	7	30.00	20	2	0	0	1	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	44	9	22.73	34	1	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	125	19	17.74	101	2	0	1	1	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	173	26	21.51	134	8	0	3	1	1
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	532	73	18.92	401	21	1	3	19	14
7	Lincoln (Star City)	115	21	20.87	91	2	0	1	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	862	147	20.14	647	11	0	15	39	3
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	75	5	9.33	60	2	0	0	8	0
Area Total		2,049	326	19.72	1,559	50	1	23	69	21
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	133	18	16.79	108	4	0	0	1	2
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1155	242	26.14	789	45	0	12	56	11
8	Fulton (Salem)	122	35	30.00	81	1	0	0	3	2
8	Greene (Paragould)	795	135	20.03	604	15	0	5	15	21
8	Izard (Melbourne)	162	45	29.81	111	2	0	1	2	1
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	182	27	17.32	146	2	0	2	2	3
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	384	67	23.54	277	19	0	3	12	6
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	160	23	17.72	129	5	0	0	1	2
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	209	40	23.53	155	4	0	4	1	5
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	218	57	31.80	145	12	0	0	3	1
Area Total		3,520	689	23.80	2,545	109	0	27	96	54
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	236	59	27.54	170	6	0	0	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	459	102	30.33	310	31	0	5	7	4
9	Cross (Wynne)	168	27	25.15	120	14	0	0	2	5
9	Independence (Batesville)	410	86	25.18	299	13	0	4	7	1
9	Jackson (New port)	172	45	31.36	115	6	0	2	1	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	443	68	19.31	339	14	0	2	12	8
9	Stone (Mountain View)	114	27	23.68	83	0	0	0	4	0
9	White (Searcy)	849	168	23.23	621	18	0	8	20	14
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	77	21	33.77	49	4	0	1	2	0
Area Total		2,928	603	25.27	2,106	106	0	22	56	35
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	53	17	32.08	35	0	0	0	1	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	106	16	18.45	82	2	0	1	2	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	155	33	28.00	107	9	0	0	1	5
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	89	16	23.26	66	4	0	0	0	3
10	Desha (McGehee)	90	16	23.26	66	2	0	2	0	4
10	Drew (Monticello)	164	36	25.93	119	6	0	0	1	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	69	8	23.53	51	8	0	0	1	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	52	12	34.62	34	6	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	36	2	8.57	32	1	0	0	0	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	166	29	24.24	122	11	0	0	3	1
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	219	42	27.96	145	16	0	1	7	8
Area Total		1,199	227	25.28	859	65	0	4	16	28
99	Unknow n County	5	1	20.00	3	0	0	0	1	0
Statewide Total		29,602	5,251	22.82	21,463	1,143	2	248	1,007	488

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)	306	227	5	0	1	1	46	22	4
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	59	1	0	0	1	10	6	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	83	75	0	0	0	0	2	5	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	566	354	27	0	2	14	96	70	3
Area Total		1,033	715	33	0	3	16	154	103	9
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	224	197	1	0	0	0	8	18	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	80	66	0	0	0	0	5	9	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	86	74	4	0	0	0	3	3	2
2	Logan (Booneville)	77	64	0	0	0	0	3	10	0
2	Logan (Paris)	54	48	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	65	59	0	0	0	0	5	1	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1018	635	94	5	3	0	107	172	2
2	Yell (Danville)	75	69	1	0	0	0	4	1	0
Area Total		1,679	1,212	105	5	3	0	135	215	4
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	26	12	0	0	0	3	4	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	217	150	20	0	0	0	11	36	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	114	86	4	0	0	0	6	16	2
3	Howard (Nashville)	19	9	7	0	0	0	3	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	22	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	Polk (Mena)	49	42	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
3	Saline (Benton)	120	96	6	0	0	0	4	12	2
Area Total		603	445	49	0	0	0	28	77	4
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	66	13	46	0	0	0	4	3	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	29	9	11	0	0	0	5	3	1
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	15	7	3	0	0	0	0	5	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	34	25	5	0	0	0	0	4	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	149	79	43	0	0	0	10	17	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	5	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	20	37	0	0	0	0	6	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	54	31	6	0	1	0	11	5	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	121	52	51	0	0	0	6	12	0
Area Total		540	241	205	0	1	0	36	56	1
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	72	60	0	0	1	0	1	10	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	119	106	0	0	1	0	3	9	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	118	87	9	0	0	0	1	15	6
5	Faulkner (Conway)	247	160	35	0	0	0	10	36	6
5	Marion (Yellville)	32	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	16	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	111	86	8	0	0	0	9	6	2
5	Searcy (Marshall)	14	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	44	42	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Area Total		773	598	52	0	2	1	26	79	15

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than 1	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	72	14	41	0	0	0	5	12	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	134	77	35	0	0	0	9	13	0
6	Pulaski (North)	210	40	123	1	0	0	12	34	0
6	Pulaski (South)	174	42	105	0	0	0	13	14	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	129	37	77	0	0	0	11	4	0
Area Total		719	210	381	1	0	0	50	77	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	19	7	8	0	0	0	0	4	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	20	16	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	12	1	0	0	0	6	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	51	41	1	0	0	0	6	3	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	195	47	127	0	0	0	2	19	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	22	11	9	0	0	0	0	2	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	163	117	17	0	0	0	6	22	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	8	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Total		502	261	166	0	0	0	21	53	1
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	50	45	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	262	152	64	0	0	0	12	33	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	62	56	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
8	Greene (Paragould)	279	228	8	0	0	1	18	21	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	67	55	1	0	0	0	3	8	0
8	Larence (Walnut Ridge)	55	48	3	0	0	0	1	2	1
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	59	28	0	0	0	7	17	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	33	11	17	0	0	0	1	4	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	85	73	2	0	0	3	2	4	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	96	92	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Area Total		1,100	819	124	0	0	4	50	95	8
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	75	69	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	146	33	96	0	0	0	2	13	2
9	Cross (Wynne)	68	34	24	0	0	0	0	10	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	135	104	9	0	0	0	4	16	2
9	Jackson (Newport)	112	71	18	0	0	0	3	20	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	203	181	7	0	0	0	2	13	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	45	38	0	0	0	0	3	4	0
9	White (Searcy)	202	153	6	0	0	0	4	39	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	43	31	6	0	0	0	0	6	0
Area Total		1,029	714	166	0	0	0	19	126	4
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	16	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	17	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	49	22	15	0	0	0	7	5	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	7	19	0	0	0	2	2	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	26	14	9	0	0	0	0	3	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	55	18	26	0	0	0	2	7	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	19	0	15	0	0	0	2	2	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	67	10	47	0	0	0	0	10	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	81	23	39	0	0	0	11	8	0
Area Total		380	114	195	0	0	0	27	42	2
Statewide Total		8,358	5,329	1,476	6	9	21	546	923	48

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)	306	145	90	26	45	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	35	23	9	10	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	83	41	19	9	13	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	566	234	152	69	108	3
Area Total		1,033	455	284	113	176	5
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	224	77	84	27	36	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	80	38	18	8	16	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	86	48	26	8	4	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	77	28	19	12	18	0
2	Logan (Paris)	54	31	5	9	9	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	65	27	24	5	9	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1018	423	314	122	159	0
2	Yell (Danville)	75	21	20	20	14	0
Area Total		1,679	693	510	211	265	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	27	13	2	3	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	217	111	53	17	36	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	114	59	30	9	16	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	19	9	2	3	5	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	6	3	1	0	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	11	4	1	2	4	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	22	11	8	2	1	0
3	Polk (Mena)	49	23	10	6	10	0
3	Saline (Benton)	120	54	32	12	21	1
Area Total		603	301	150	53	98	1
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	66	26	20	8	12	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	29	9	10	5	5	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	15	9	5	1	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	34	17	9	4	4	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	149	73	38	12	26	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	4	2	3	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	32	19	5	7	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	54	27	13	6	8	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	121	34	35	21	31	0
Area Total		540	231	151	65	93	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	72	43	11	7	11	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	119	60	29	10	20	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	118	39	41	12	22	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	247	124	57	25	40	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	32	14	15	3	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	16	5	6	1	4	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	111	52	31	12	16	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	14	8	2	2	2	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	44	18	16	7	3	0
Area Total		773	363	208	79	118	5

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	72	35	17	5	15	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	134	69	40	5	20	0
6	Pulaski (North)	210	81	59	25	45	0
6	Pulaski (South)	174	74	45	19	36	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	129	58	32	16	23	0
	Area Total	719	317	193	70	139	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	19	7	3	2	7	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	2	1	0	2	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	20	8	7	2	3	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	7	5	3	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	51	25	15	3	8	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	195	72	39	26	58	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	22	9	5	3	5	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	163	63	51	24	25	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	8	3	3	1	1	0
	Area Total	502	196	129	64	113	0
8	Clay (Figgott & Corning)	50	16	15	6	13	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	262	129	65	24	44	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	62	26	13	12	11	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	279	119	76	37	47	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	67	20	26	8	13	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	55	24	11	8	12	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	50	34	16	11	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	33	14	10	2	7	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	85	42	17	7	19	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	96	30	28	13	25	0
	Area Total	1,100	470	295	133	202	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	75	26	28	13	8	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	146	82	31	5	27	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	68	34	9	6	19	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	135	69	34	9	22	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	112	58	31	5	18	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	203	76	54	32	41	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	45	20	11	5	9	0
9	White (Searcy)	202	101	44	29	28	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	43	11	12	5	15	0
	Area Total	1,029	477	254	109	187	2
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	16	3	5	2	6	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	17	7	3	6	1	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	49	21	11	5	12	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	15	10	0	5	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	26	11	6	3	6	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	55	16	15	8	14	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	19	7	6	1	5	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	4	2	1	5	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	2	1	3	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	67	23	9	7	28	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	81	38	21	8	14	0
	Area Total	380	147	89	44	98	2
	Statewide Total	8,358	3,650	2,263	941	1,489	15

Appendix D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	306	163	143	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	42	35	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	83	45	37	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	566	282	281	3
Area Total		1,033	532	496	5
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	224	106	118	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	80	41	39	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	86	45	41	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	77	39	38	0
2	Logan (Paris)	54	25	29	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	65	39	26	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1018	522	496	0
2	Yell (Danville)	75	32	43	0
Area Total		1,679	849	830	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	23	22	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	217	115	102	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	114	55	59	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	19	7	12	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	6	2	4	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	11	3	8	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	22	12	10	0
3	Polk (Mena)	49	29	20	0
3	Saline (Benton)	120	58	61	1
Area Total		603	304	298	1
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	66	31	35	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	29	16	13	0
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	15	9	6	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	34	20	14	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	149	75	74	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	7	2	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	30	33	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	54	23	31	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	121	60	61	0
Area Total		540	271	269	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	72	32	40	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	119	70	49	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	118	53	61	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	247	116	130	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	32	17	15	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	16	8	8	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	111	67	44	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	14	7	7	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	44	25	19	0
Area Total		773	395	373	5

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
6	Pulaski (East)	72	45	27	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	134	70	64	0
6	Pulaski (North)	210	101	109	0
6	Pulaski (South)	174	84	90	0
6	Pulaski (Southw est)	129	77	52	0
	Area Total	719	377	342	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	19	10	9	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	3	2	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	20	10	10	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	15	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	51	28	23	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	195	87	108	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	22	7	15	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	163	81	82	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	8	6	2	0
	Area Total	502	247	255	0
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	50	24	26	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	262	148	114	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	62	30	32	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	279	138	141	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	67	33	34	0
8	Law rence (Walnut Ridge)	55	29	26	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	60	51	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	33	15	18	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	85	46	39	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	96	57	39	0
	Area Total	1,100	580	520	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	75	43	32	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	146	79	66	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	68	32	36	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	135	71	63	1
9	Jackson (New port)	112	57	55	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	203	100	103	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	45	28	17	0
9	White (Searcy)	202	104	98	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	43	18	25	0
	Area Total	1,029	532	495	2
10	Arkansas (Dew itt)	16	7	9	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	17	5	12	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	49	22	27	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	14	16	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	26	16	10	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	55	25	28	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	19	7	12	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	8	4	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	2	6	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	67	28	39	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	81	36	45	0
	Area Total	380	170	208	2
	Statewide Total	8,358	4,257	4,086	15

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)	306	30	42	37	81	71	29	16
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	8	2	12	21	21	9	5
1	Madison (Huntsville)	83	13	7	5	16	31	9	2
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	566	56	73	97	135	115	47	43
Area Total		1,033	107	124	151	253	238	94	66
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	224	20	10	15	51	77	29	22
2	Franklin (Ozark)	80	13	5	2	24	23	10	3
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	86	13	6	8	23	21	9	6
2	Logan (Booneville)	77	6	0	1	18	37	9	6
2	Logan (Paris)	54	1	1	4	23	22	1	2
2	Scott (Waldron)	65	0	3	6	12	27	11	6
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1018	39	29	60	212	375	163	140
2	Yell (Danville)	75	2	2	4	21	27	10	9
Area Total		1,679	94	56	100	384	609	242	194
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	6	3	6	14	7	3	6
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	217	27	19	24	56	48	21	22
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	114	0	4	13	19	44	21	13
3	Howard (Nashville)	19	3	2	6	4	1	0	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	6	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	11	0	0	0	6	1	0	4
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	22	1	0	0	7	13	1	0
3	Polk (Mena)	49	2	0	3	16	14	8	6
3	Saline (Benton)	120	10	5	17	30	37	19	2
Area Total		603	49	33	69	156	167	73	56
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	66	2	2	4	24	24	7	3
4	Hempstead (Hope)	29	8	1	2	0	12	2	4
4	Lafayette (Lewistown)	15	0	0	3	4	0	5	3
4	Little River (Ashdown)	34	1	11	2	11	7	2	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	149	5	13	8	26	42	30	25
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	0	1	6	2	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	2	13	7	27	10	2	2
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	54	11	6	5	17	9	2	4
4	Union (El Dorado)	121	10	14	12	32	26	11	16
Area Total		540	39	61	49	143	130	61	57
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	72	7	9	9	14	18	2	13
5	Boone (Harrison)	119	9	12	11	33	31	15	8
5	Conway (Morriston)	118	8	8	13	25	31	17	16
5	Faulkner (Conway)	247	29	21	28	63	68	32	6
5	Marion (Yellville)	32	1	3	4	3	10	9	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	16	2	0	0	3	7	3	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	111	14	7	13	19	32	9	17
5	Searcy (Marshall)	14	0	2	3	0	7	0	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	44	4	4	5	11	16	3	1
Area Total		773	74	66	86	171	220	90	66

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)	72	5	7	4	10	23	10	13
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	134	13	0	5	16	45	37	18
6	Pulaski (North)	210	11	12	16	39	61	27	44
6	Pulaski (South)	174	18	9	12	31	48	20	36
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	129	2	11	5	26	29	28	28
	Area Total	719	49	39	42	122	206	122	139
7	Bradley (Warren)	19	4	1	0	2	6	5	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	20	0	1	4	9	2	2	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	0	1	0	8	1	7	2
7	Grant (Sheridan)	51	11	2	3	17	8	7	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	195	14	45	26	36	38	12	24
7	Lincoln (Star City)	22	3	6	0	3	9	1	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	163	14	14	22	42	49	9	13
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	8	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
	Area Total	502	49	70	57	117	117	43	49
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	50	4	3	6	11	17	9	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	262	18	15	22	66	94	22	25
8	Fulton (Salem)	62	5	1	5	17	26	5	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	279	38	33	24	44	78	18	44
8	Izard (Melbourne)	67	2	9	13	18	24	1	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	55	4	0	10	8	25	3	5
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	17	24	9	26	21	8	6
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	33	6	4	7	5	4	2	5
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	85	14	7	17	15	19	7	6
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	96	16	11	14	20	27	3	5
	Area Total	1,100	124	107	127	230	335	78	99
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	75	13	8	13	11	20	8	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	146	18	15	14	33	39	11	16
9	Cross (Wynne)	68	7	3	7	13	16	6	16
9	Independence (Batesville)	135	13	18	21	34	34	4	11
9	Jackson (Newport)	112	1	9	15	35	33	6	13
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	203	14	21	11	47	63	35	12
9	Stone (Mountain View)	45	1	9	11	12	8	3	1
9	White (Searcy)	202	37	30	16	38	55	9	17
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	43	1	0	16	10	9	2	5
	Area Total	1,029	105	113	124	233	277	84	93
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	16	0	0	2	6	1	2	5
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	17	4	5	2	1	4	0	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	49	8	4	10	9	12	1	5
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	0	3	0	9	8	6	4
10	Desha (McGehee)	26	2	3	7	2	3	6	3
10	Drew (Monticello)	55	3	1	7	19	12	4	9
10	Lee (Marianna)	19	5	0	2	6	0	4	2
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	0	1	2	6	3	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	0	2	0	1	4	1	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	67	6	3	5	9	18	17	9
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	81	11	13	3	13	14	18	9
	Area Total	380	39	35	40	81	79	59	47
	Statewide Total	8,358	729	704	845	1,890	2,378	946	866

Appendix F: Services Provided During the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
1	Benton (Bentonville)	306	266	657	50	120
1	Carroll (Berryville)	78	44	106	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	83	42	106	1	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	566	451	1142	49	111
Area Total		1,033	803	2,011	100	232
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	224	165	425	19	55
2	Franklin (Ozark)	80	35	85	4	14
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	86	88	190	2	4
2	Logan (Booneville)	77	27	69	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	54	35	93	1	3
2	Scott (Waldron)	65	20	60	3	8
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1018	341	837	15	29
2	Yell (Danville)	75	30	73	1	1
Area Total		1,679	741	1,832	45	114
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	45	27	59	1	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	217	195	400	47	110
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	114	86	173	4	9
3	Howard (Nashville)	19	15	40	8	24
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	6	14	29	1	2
3	Perry (Perryville)	11	23	56	4	8
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	22	15	27	2	5
3	Polk (Mena)	49	43	89	4	9
3	Saline (Benton)	120	168	392	3	3
Area Total		603	586	1,265	74	171
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	66	33	57	2	2
4	Hempstead (Hope)	29	51	137	1	1
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	15	6	21	2	5
4	Little River (Ashdown)	34	17	40	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	149	71	173	6	15
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	20	49	2	4
4	Ouachita (Camden)	63	56	125	1	3
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	54	32	85	1	2
4	Union (El Dorado)	121	44	114	3	5
Area Total		540	330	801	18	37
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	72	69	169	3	6
5	Boone (Harrison)	119	93	196	8	21
5	Conway (Morrilton)	118	47	119	4	9
5	Faulkner (Conway)	247	214	482	28	67
5	Marion (Yellville)	32	41	97	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	16	16	35	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	111	127	301	3	5
5	Searcy (Marshall)	14	17	37	3	6
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	44	43	106	3	10
Area Total		773	667	1,542	52	124

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
6	Pulaski (East)	72	79	173	2	5
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	134	96	222	4	11
6	Pulaski (North)	210	157	400	6	15
6	Pulaski (South)	174	63	169	3	5
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	129	116	282	6	10
Area Total		719	511	1,246	21	46
7	Bradley (Warren)	19	14	41	1	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	4	15	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	20	4	11	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	7	14	1	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	51	19	43	2	4
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	195	73	201	17	50
7	Lincoln (Star City)	22	10	21	2	4
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	163	167	355	2	5
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	8	9	21	2	6
Area Total		502	307	722	27	70
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	50	18	40	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	262	275	683	7	16
8	Fulton (Salem)	62	34	89	4	4
8	Greene (Paragould)	279	163	430	27	64
8	Izard (Melbourne)	67	28	70	14	35
8	Lance (Walnut Ridge)	55	22	53	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	111	49	137	2	3
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	33	21	51	1	2
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	85	35	76	16	37
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	96	48	113	3	8
Area Total		1,100	693	1,742	74	169
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	75	53	132	8	21
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	146	118	354	19	50
9	Cross (Wynne)	68	41	103	4	7
9	Independence (Batesville)	135	94	243	18	38
9	Jackson (Newport)	112	36	84	3	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	203	63	168	0	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	45	16	39	8	17
9	White (Searcy)	202	158	378	7	11
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	43	20	52	0	0
Area Total		1,029	599	1,553	67	148
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	16	6	10	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	17	10	20	1	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	49	28	61	5	11
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	10	29	3	7
10	Desha (McGehee)	26	12	26	3	7
10	Drew (Monticello)	55	18	58	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	19	18	51	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	12	19	43	2	8
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	8	1	7	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	67	51	149	7	20
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	81	65	175	3	15
Area Total		380	238	629	24	69
Statewide Total		8,358	5,475	13,343	502	1,180

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 47 child fatalities that were reported for SFY 2018, case-specific information could be disclosed for nine 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
Brinly Gordon	Hot Spring	1	White	Female	7/2/2017	Poison/Noxious Substances	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Anderson Smith	Craighead	<1	White	Male	10/3/2017	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Francesca Tigue	Pike	<1	White	Female	11/7/2017	Neglect & Physical Abuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Kayden Price	Greene	<1	White	Male	12/15/2017	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History

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
Maisyu Rucks	Crittenden	12	Black	Female	8/15/2017	Failure to Protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Gannon Cline	Lonoke	1	White	Male	9/24/2017	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	Prior History
Desmond Williet	Pulaski	<1	Black	Male	11/1/2017	Failure to Protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Alexander Swanson	Pulaski	7	Black	Male	2/19/2018	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Kagun Carter	Sevier	5	White	Male	5/19/2018	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History

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. There were not any confirmed near fatalities for SFY 2018.

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.

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	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident
Child #1	Crittenden	17	Black	Male	7/25/2017	Gun Shot	Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #2	Newton	15	White	Male	11/5/2017	Suicide	Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #3	Pulaski	16	Black	Male	5/15/2018	Drowning	Foster Care	None	Foster Care

Appendix K: 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)	64	9	32	5	13	0	2	3
1	Carroll (Berryville)	11	1	6	0	3	0	0	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	52	6	27	3	10	0	0	6
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	45	1	26	6	6	0	0	6
2	Franklin (Ozark)	12	1	6	2	3	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	1
2	Logan (Booneville)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
2	Scott (Waldron)	8	0	1	0	5	0	1	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	70	6	27	4	8	0	1	24
2	Yell (Danville)	7	0	2	1	2	0	1	1
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	9	1	3	3	2	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	15	0	6	2	6	0	0	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	10	0	6	0	3	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	1
3	Saline (Benton)	52	0	43	2	5	0	0	2
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	6	0	5	0	1	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	8	0	3	2	3	0	0	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	16	0	10	3	3	0	0	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	11	1	5	2	0	0	0	3
5	Boone (Harrison)	14	2	8	1	2	0	0	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	46	2	23	6	11	0	0	4
5	Marion (Yellville)	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	13	0	9	1	3	0	0	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	7	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	12	1	8	3	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	24	1	15	4	3	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (North)	45	4	26	6	9	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (South)	43	0	23	8	9	2	0	1
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	19	1	13	3	1	0	0	1
7	Bradley (Warren)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	15	1	4	1	4	2	0	3
7	Lincoln (Star City)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	26	1	18	3	1	1	0	2
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)	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	71	7	39	2	20	0	0	3
8	Fulton (Salem)	8	1	1	0	3	0	0	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	33	2	14	2	8	0	0	7
8	Izard (Melbourne)	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	8	0	3	0	5	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	15	2	5	0	6	0	0	2
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	6	0	2	0	3	0	0	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	12	0	1	3	8	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	8	0	6	1	1	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	8	3	3	1	1	0	0	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	11	0	6	0	4	0	1	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	13	1	6	1	4	0	0	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	12	1	5	0	1	0	0	5
9	Stone (Mountain View)	7	0	5	0	1	0	0	1
9	White (Searcy)	28	2	21	2	0	0	0	3
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	7	0	2	3	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)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	5	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
99	Out of State	17	0	9	2	5	0	0	1
Statewide Total		1,025	61	532	96	215	6	8	107

Details of the Major Closure Reason Categories Above (Statewide)		
Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	126
	Custody/Guardianship	89
Change in Family Circumstances	Death of Parent/Family Member	6
	Divorce	3
	Health of Parent	6
	Moved	19
	Personal Issues	12
	Pregnant	9
	Provider Moved Out of State	6
	Changed to Adopt Only	124
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Became Private TFH	2
	Provider Request	401
	Taking a Break	5
	True Maltreatment	8
Founded Abuse/Neglect	Arrested	2
	DHS Request	72
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	18
	Not taking Children when Contacted	4
Other	Contract Ended	4
	Duplicate	2
Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	107

Appendix L: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, SFY 2018

Six-hundred and eleven reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 645 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during SFY 2018.

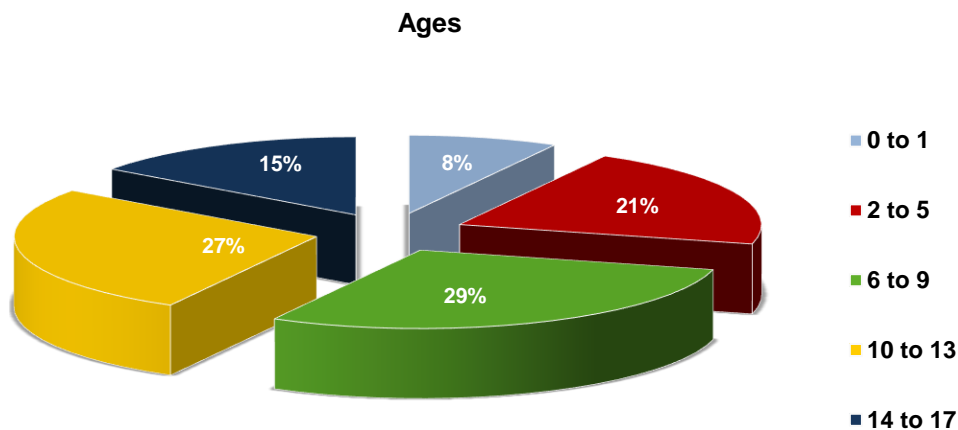
In 139 reports involving 175 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown by the following chart, 15 of those reports were found to be true⁶ and all of the homes have been closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
SFY 2018**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
10	128	1

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

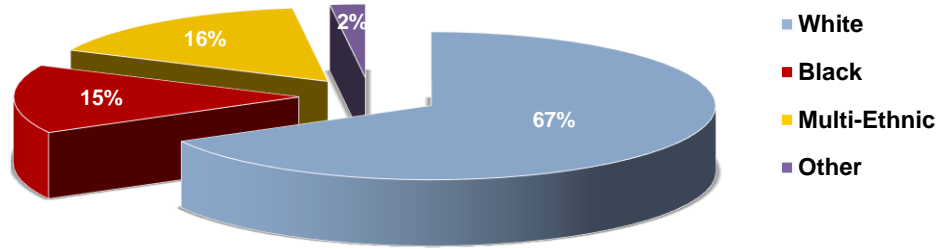
The following charts display the characteristics of the 175 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment, with foster parents as the alleged offenders.



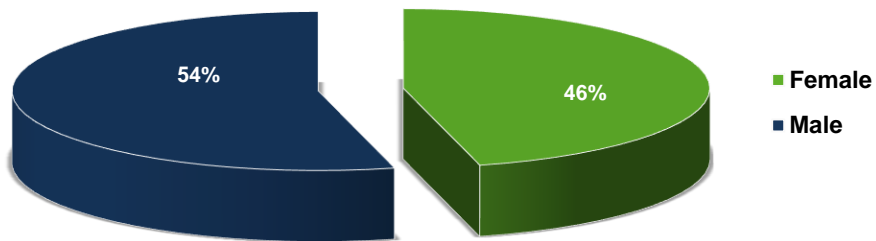
⁵ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

⁶ The number of true investigations involving foster families reported in this report may differ from what was reported in individual quarterly reports for the same time period. This is due to the fact that some true findings were later overturned to unsubstantiated and some pending findings now have a final disposition.

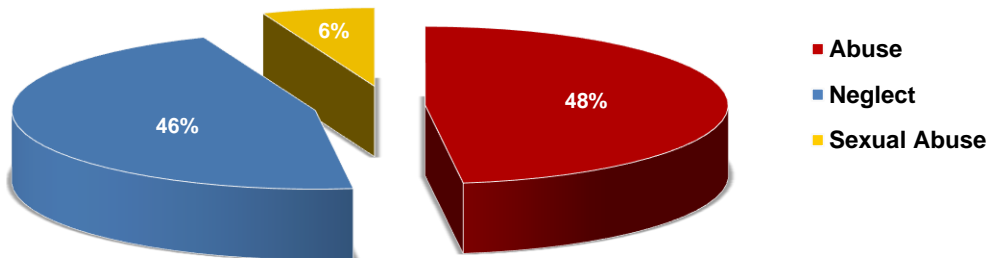
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Allegation



County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report	County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report
Pulaski	19	Grant	2
Sebastian	17	Hot Spring	2
Craighead	14	Miller	2
Faulkner	14	Phillips	2
Benton	13	Saline	2
Washington	12	Sevier	2
Pope	6	St. Francis	2
Greene	5	Yell	2
Jefferson	5	Chicot	1
Izard	4	Cleburne	1
Poinsett	4	Columbia	1
Clark	3	Desha	1
Crawford	3	Drew	1
Franklin	3	Hempstead	1
Garland	3	Johnson	1
Lawrence	3	Lee	1
Lonoke	3	Logan	1
Perry	3	Polk	1
White	3	Scott	1
Arkansas	2	Stone	1
Boone	2	Union	1
Carroll	2	Van Buren	1
Crittenden	2		