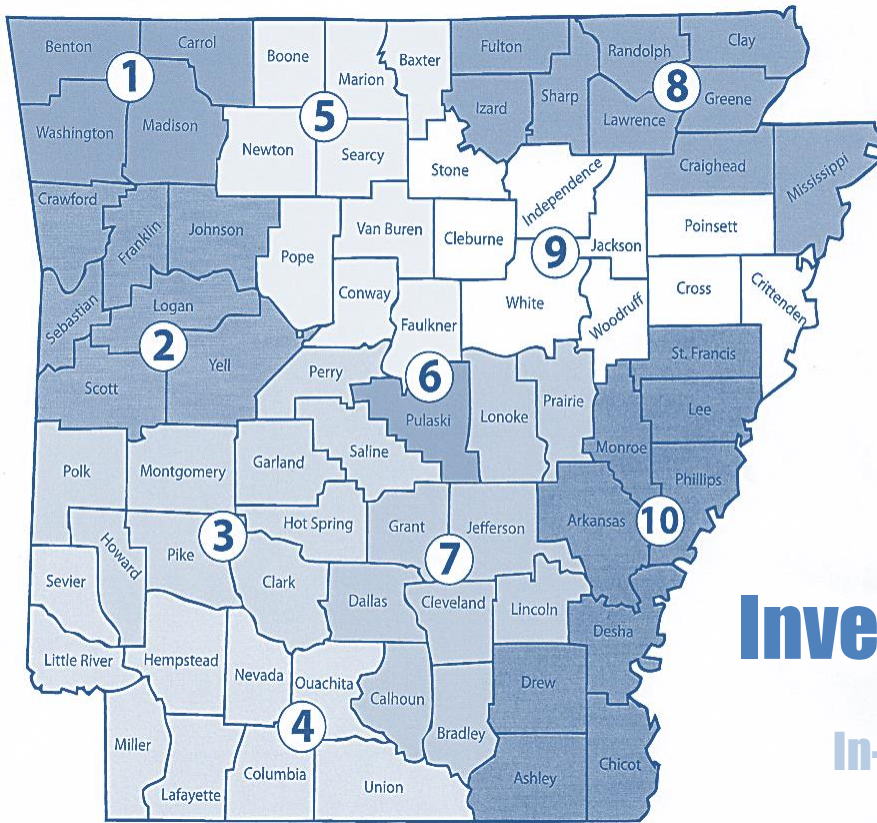


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**Foster Care**

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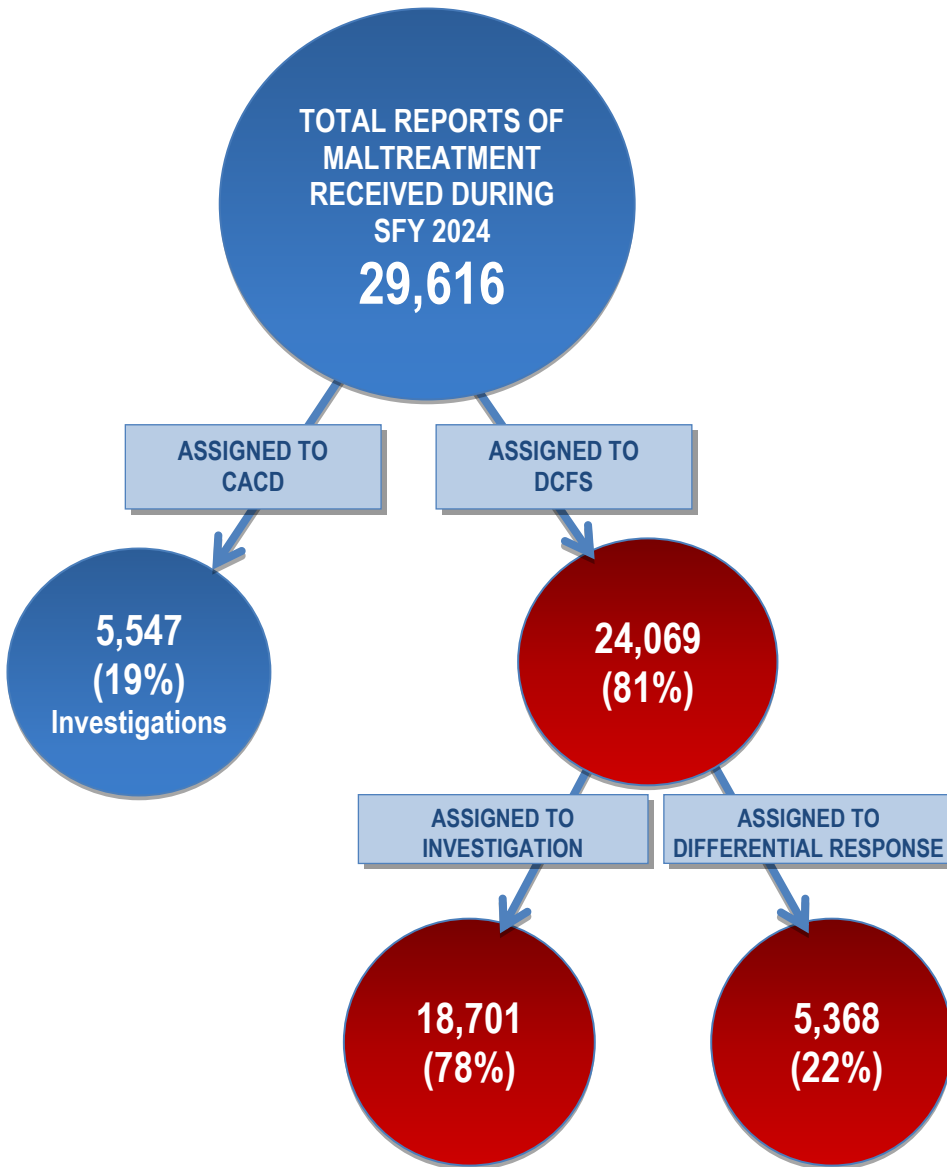
# Reports of Child Maltreatment

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

### Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During SFY 2024



Of the 29,616 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024, 81 percent were assigned to DCFS and 19 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, 78 percent were assigned for an investigation and 22 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

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

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

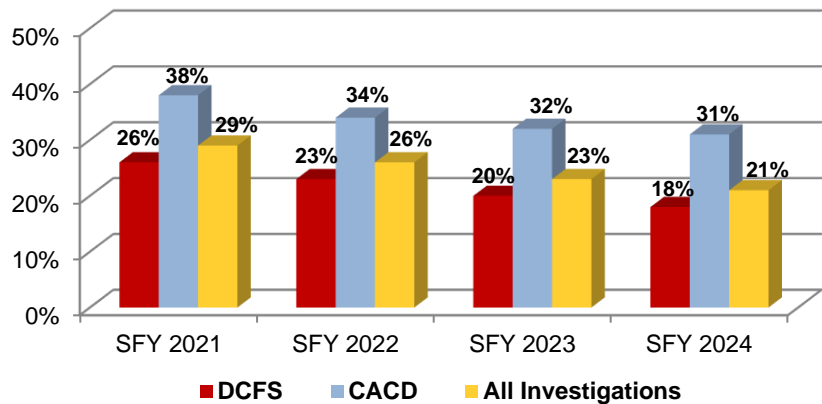
- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, and Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Eighteen percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during SFY 2024 were found true, compared to 31 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 21 percent.

Percentage of Investigations Found True



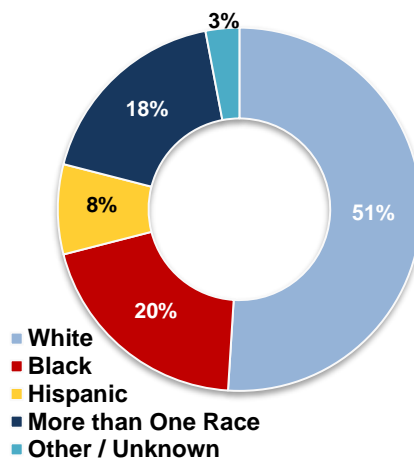
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 6,619 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

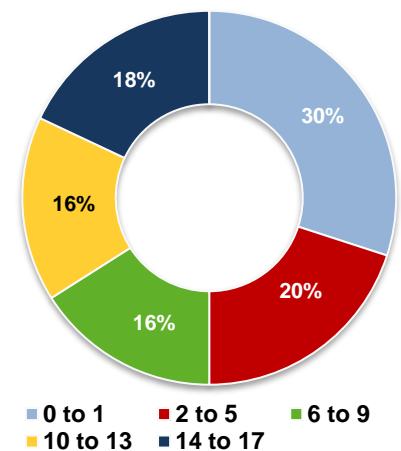
Of those children, 51 percent were white, 20 percent were black, and 18 percent were multiracial. Children ages five and younger accounted for half (50 percent) of the victim children.

A majority of the victim children during SFY 2024 (55 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Age of Children in True Reports



## Types of Allegations in True Investigations

The majority of the 6,619 victim children in true investigations were involved in allegations of neglect (66 percent), followed by physical abuse and sexual abuse (21 percent each).

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	4,346	66%
Physical Abuse	1,419	21%
Sexual Abuse	1,418	21%
Sexual Exploitation	131	2%
Abandonment	50	1%

*A child may have more than one allegation.*

# Quick Facts

## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

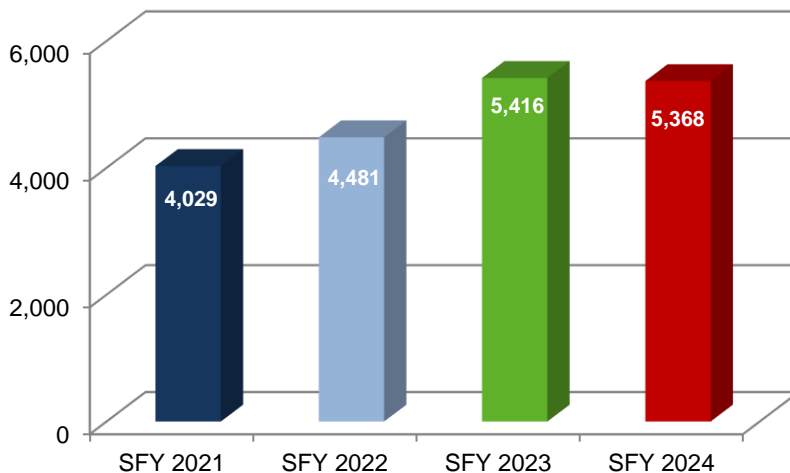
Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	18	12
Unsubstantiated	6	4
Inactive / Unable to Locate	1	0
Pending	5	0

During SFY 2024, there were 30 maltreatment investigations involving a child fatality. While some investigations were still pending, the majority of those in which a disposition had been rendered were found true. There were 16 investigations of near child fatalities during the year; most of those were found true as well.

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

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



The number of reports assigned to DR during SFY 2024 (5,368) decreased slightly from the number assigned during the previous year.

# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

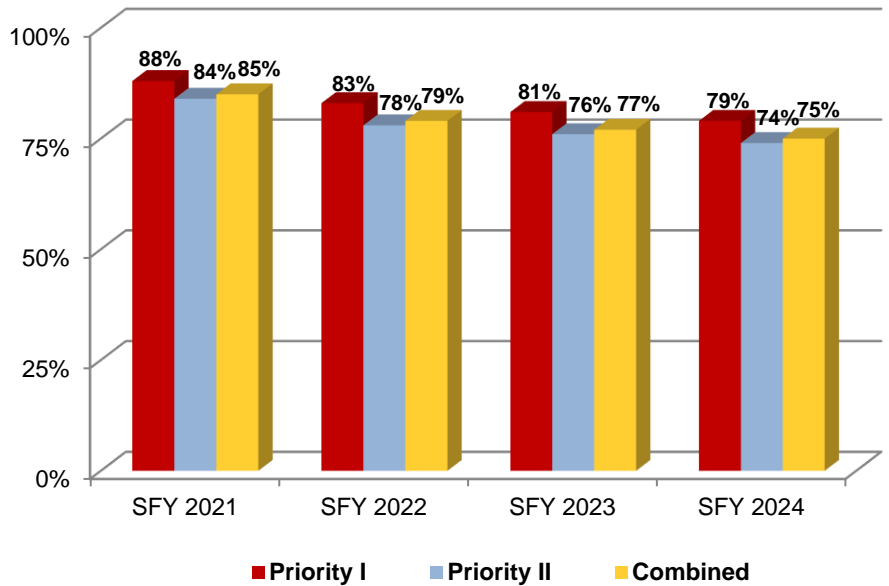
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

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 75 percent of its investigations on time during SFY 2024, performing better on its Priority I investigations than Priority II.

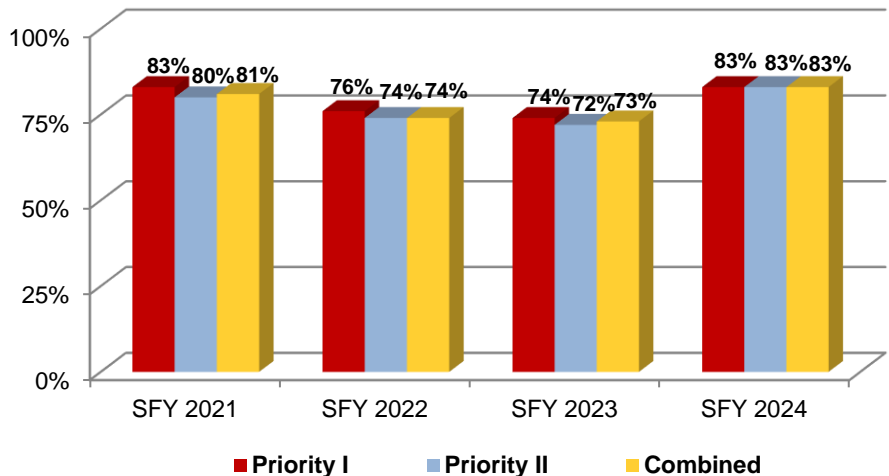
#### Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 83 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during SFY 2024, lower than the timely completion rate observed in previous years.

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

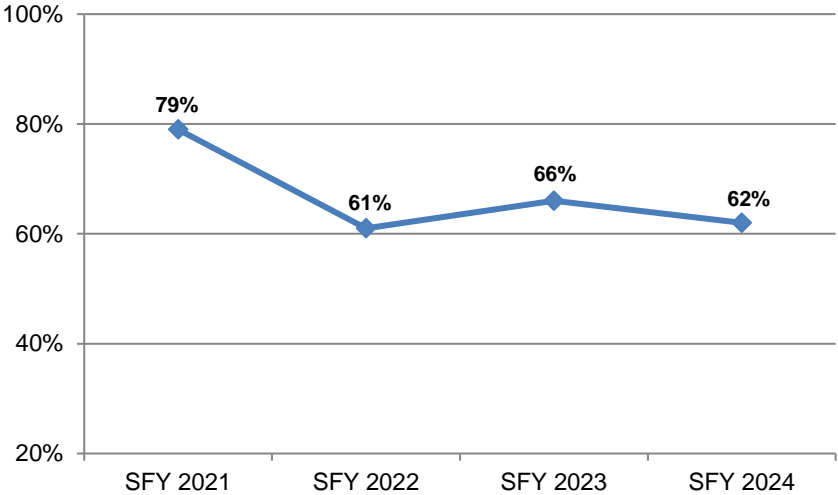




# Quick Facts

## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

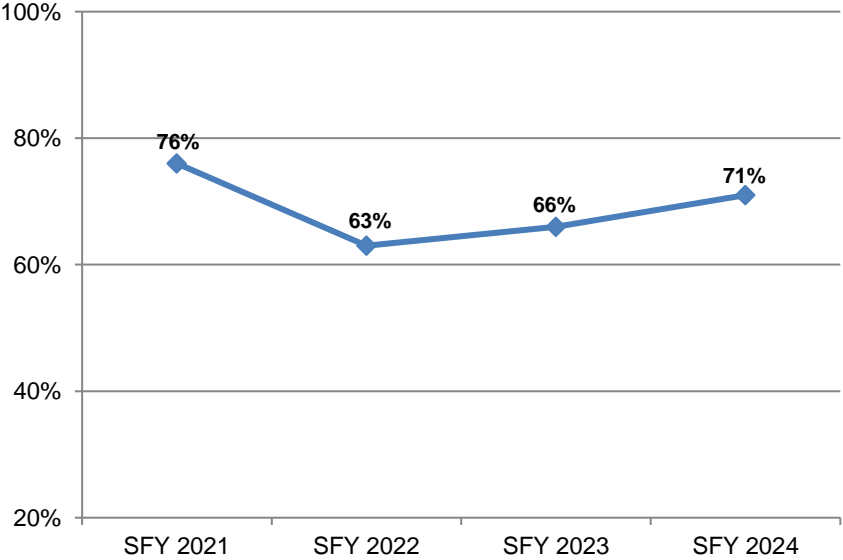


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 62 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2024, an improvement over its performance during the previous year.

## Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



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

The agency closed 71 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2024, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

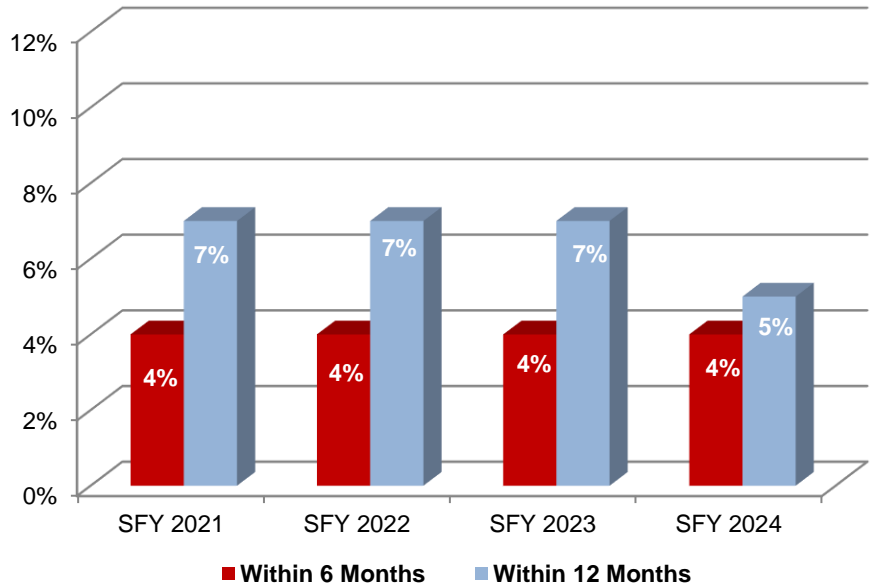
# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

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

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

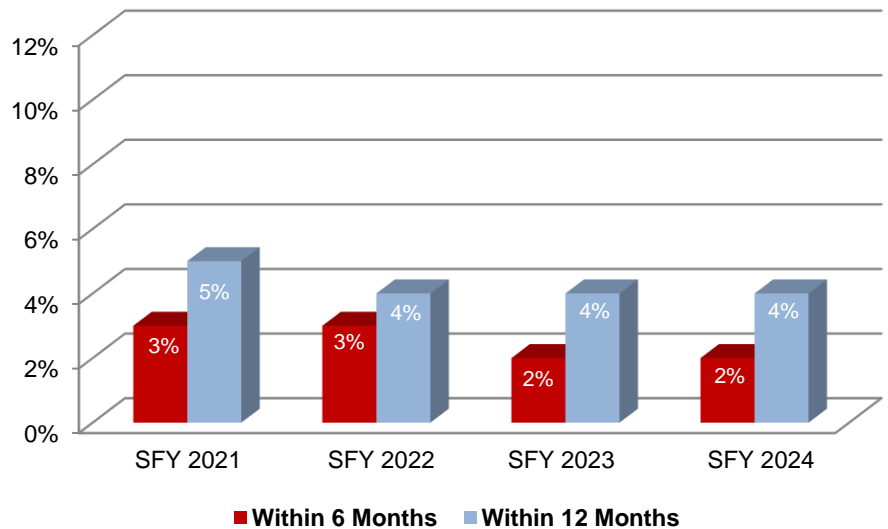


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

### Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

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

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



# In-Home Services

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Cases

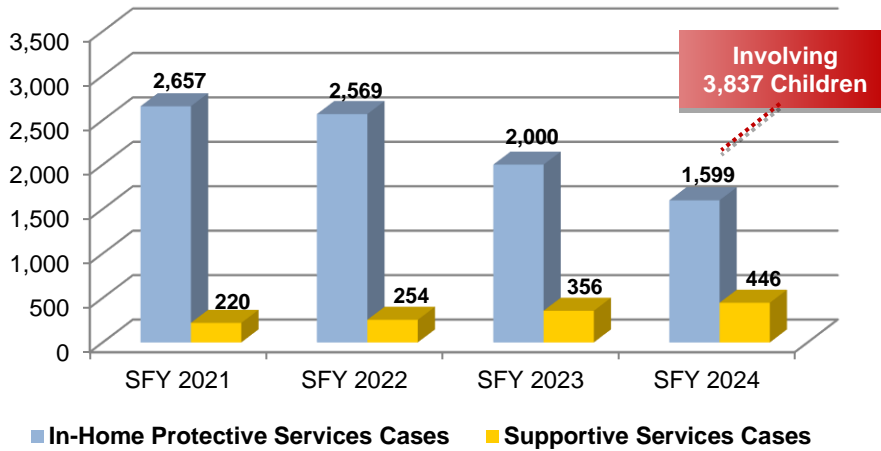
### Volume of Cases

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 2024 decreased by 20 percent compared to one year ago. At the end of the year, there were 1,599 in-home protective services cases open across the state, involving 3,837 children.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 446 supportive services cases at the end of the year.

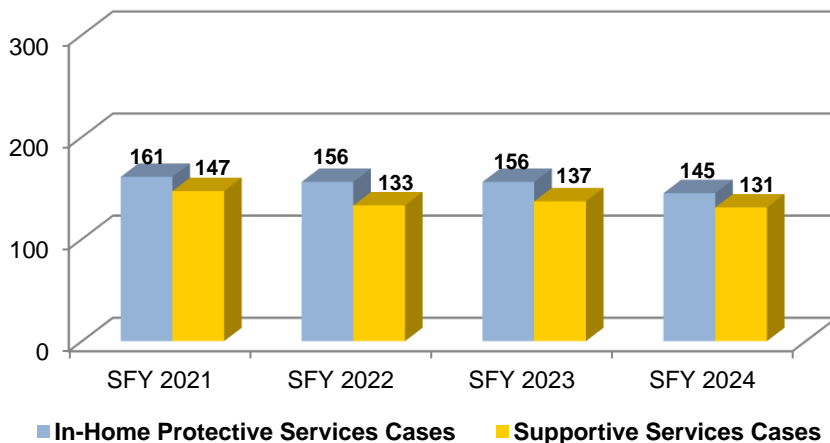
Number of Cases Open at the End of Year



### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

In-home protective services cases that were active as of the end of SFY 2024 had been open, on average, for nearly five months. Supportive services cases had stayed open, on average, for four and one-half months.

Average Number of Days Cases Have Been Open

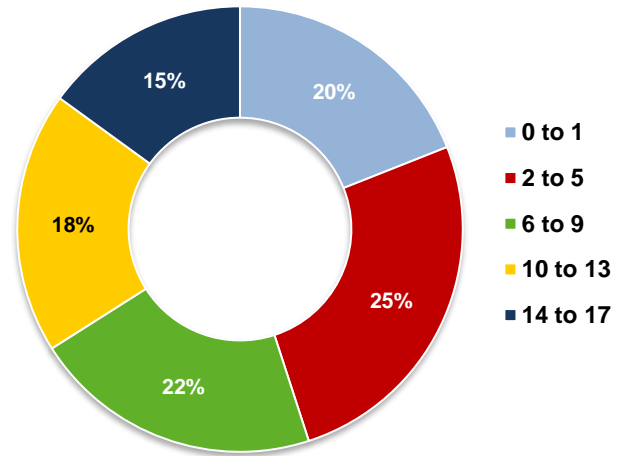


# Quick Facts

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

Over half (55 percent) of the children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of SFY 2024 were ages six or older.

Age of Children in In-Home Cases



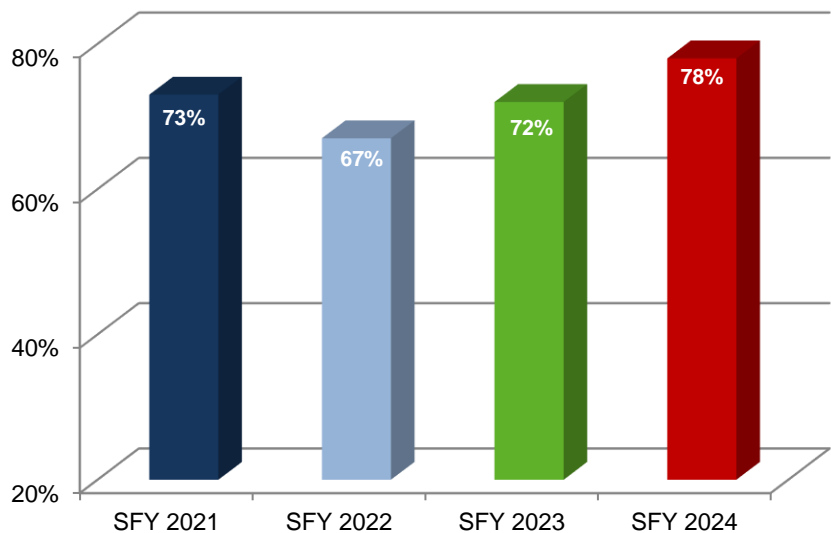
## Meeting Agency Policies

## Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

Families with an open in-home protective services case must receive a face-to-face visit from a caseworker each month. Caseworkers made 78 percent of these required visits during SFY 2024.

This is higher than the in-home visitation rate observed for the previous year (72 percent). The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

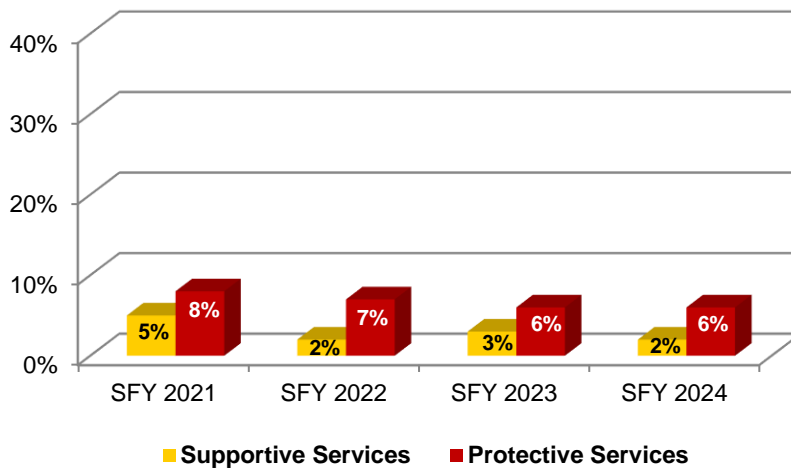


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

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

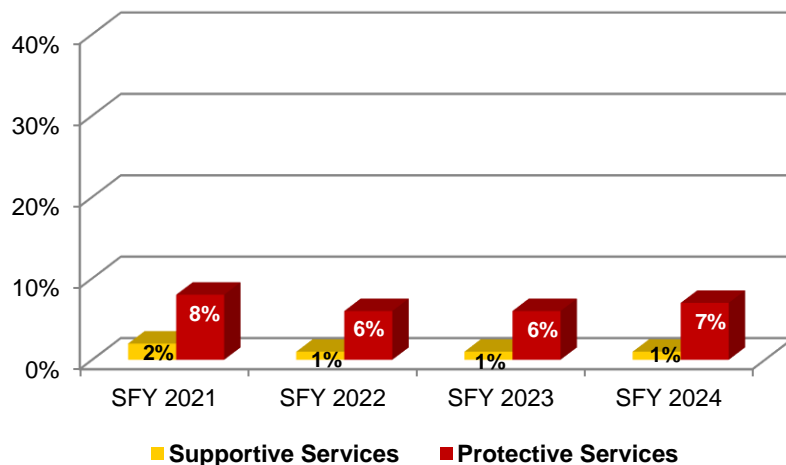
Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving in-home protective services during the year prior to SFY 2024, six percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the year prior to SFY 2024, two percent were involved in a true report within one year.

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

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



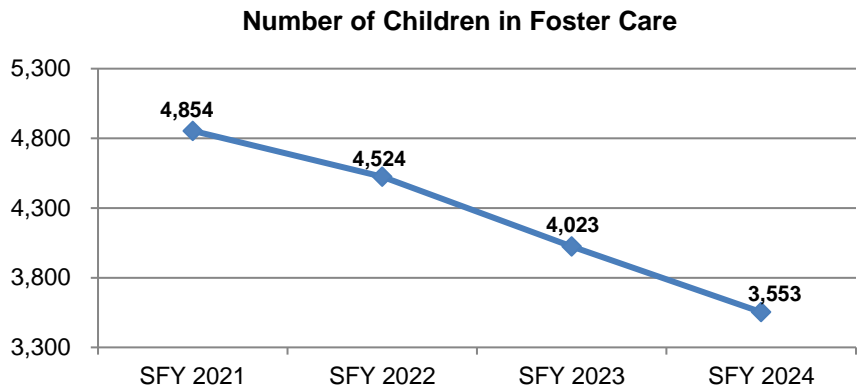
Of the children who began receiving protective services one year prior to SFY 2024, seven percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Meanwhile, one percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

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

## Volume and Description of Cases

### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 3,553 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2024. This signified a decrease of 12 percent from SFY 2023 (4,023).

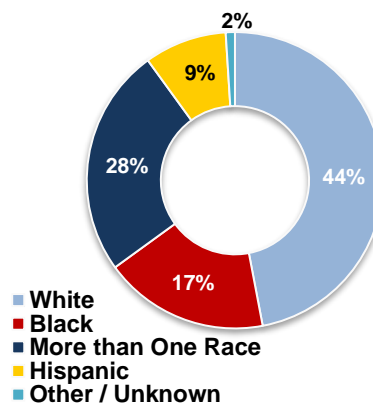


### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

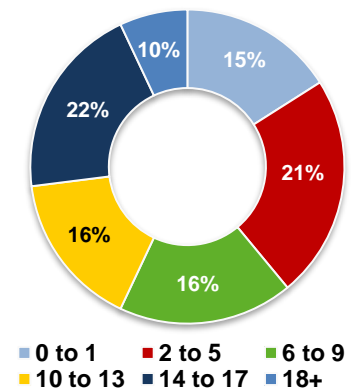
At the end of SFY 2024, children ages five years or younger made up 36 percent of all children in foster care. Forty-four percent of those in care were white, 28 percent were multiracial, and 17 percent were black.

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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care



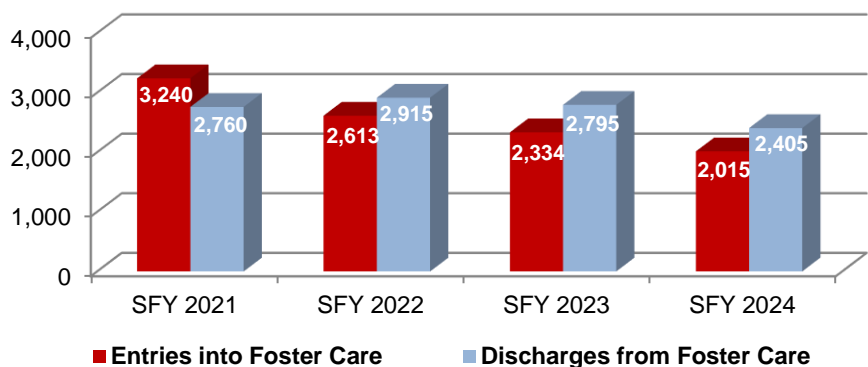
Age of Children in Foster Care



### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

Far more children exited foster care during SFY 2024 than had entered.

Number of Admissions into and Discharges from Foster Care



# Quick Facts

## Reasons for Children’s Entry Into Foster Care

### Reasons for Children’s Entry Into Foster Care SFY 2024

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
<b>Neglect</b>	1,019	51%
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	865 <sup>1</sup>	43%
<b>Parent Incarceration</b>	426	21%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	311	15%
<b>Inadequate Housing</b>	265	13%
<b>Abandonment</b>	105	5%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	88	4%
<b>Caretaker Illness</b>	76	4%
<b>Child’s Behavior</b>	75	4%
<b>Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case</b>	40	2%
<b>Truancy</b>	23	1%
<b>All Other Reasons</b>	59	3%

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

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

## Reasons for Children’s Discharge From Foster Care

### Reasons for Children’s Discharge From Foster Care SFY 2024

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
<b>Reunification</b>	1,000	42%
<b>Adoption</b>	725	30%
<b>Relative Custody</b>	215	9%
<b>Guardianship</b>	201	8%
<b>Child Aged Out</b>	177	7%
<b>Non-Custodial Parent Custody</b>	57	2%
<b>Non-Relative Custody</b>	14	<1%
<b>All Other Reasons</b>	16	<1%

*National data<sup>2</sup> indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (46%), adoption (27%), and guardianship (11%).*

Forty-two percent of the children who left foster care during SFY 2024 were reunified with their own family, 30 percent were adopted, and 9 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Overall, 92 percent of the children exiting care in Arkansas achieved permanency either by returning home or via discharge to relatives, an adoptive home, or another permanent arrangement.

<sup>1</sup> These 865 cases of substance abuse include 728 instances of parental drug abuse, 105 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 26 instances of drug abuse by children, and 6 instances of alcohol abuse by children.

<sup>2</sup> National data from the Children’s Bureau (May 2023).

# Quick Facts

## Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2024, 57 percent had been in care for 12 months or longer.

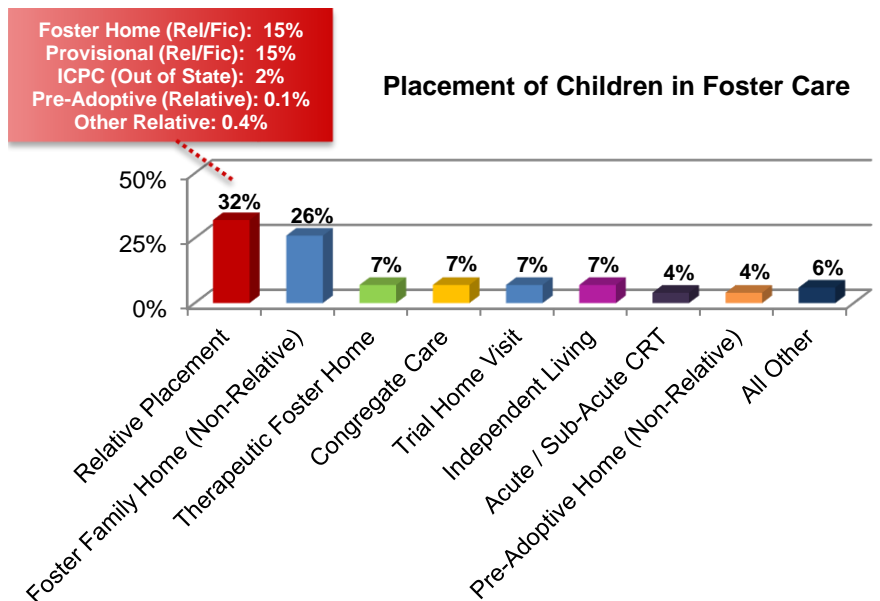
Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care  
SFY 2024

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	122	3%	4%
30-90 Days	315	9%	18%
3-6 Months	404	11%	
6-12 Months	712	20%	18%
12-24 Months	908	26%	26%
24-36 Months	421	12%	14%
36+ Months	671	19%	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,553</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 76 percent of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2024 resided in a family-like setting (i.e., relative placement, foster family home, therapeutic foster home, trial home visit, pre-adoptive home).

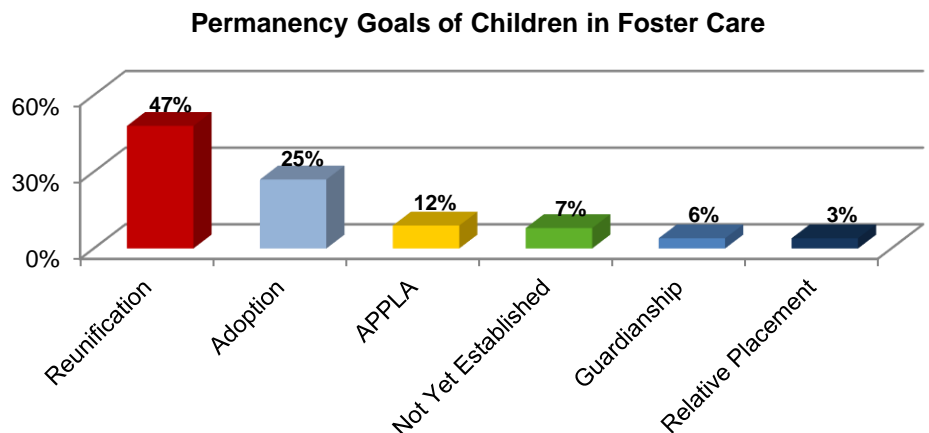
Seven percent resided in congregate care, which represents placement in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), residential treatment care or residential care only program, or emergency shelter.



## Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Forty-seven percent of the children in care at the end of SFY 2024 had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 25 percent had a goal of adoption.

These figures differ slightly from national data from the Children's Bureau as of May 2023, with averages of 52 percent for reunification and 28 percent for adoption.

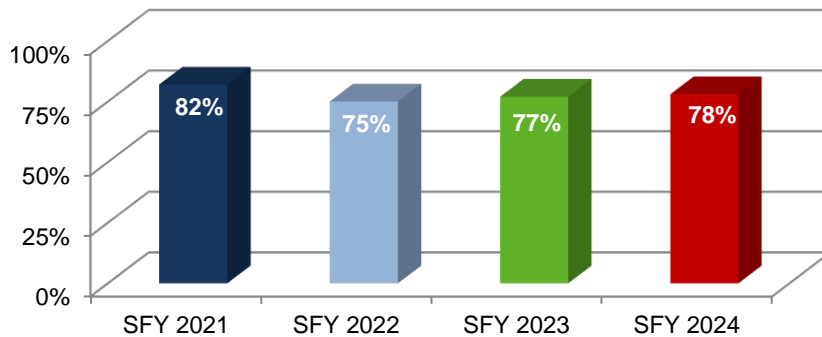




# Quick Facts

## Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care

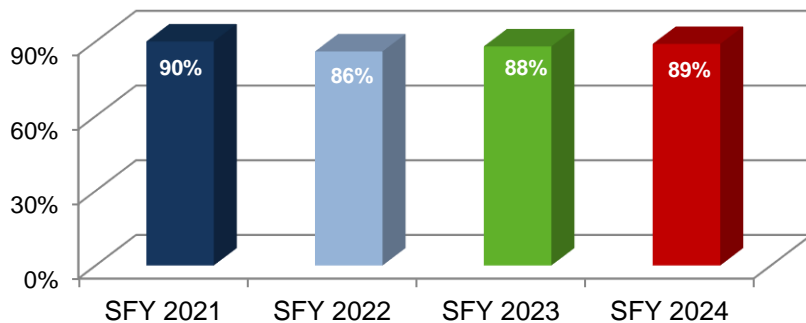
**Children in Care who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Caseworkers**



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

DCFS caseworkers made 78 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care statewide during SFY 2024.

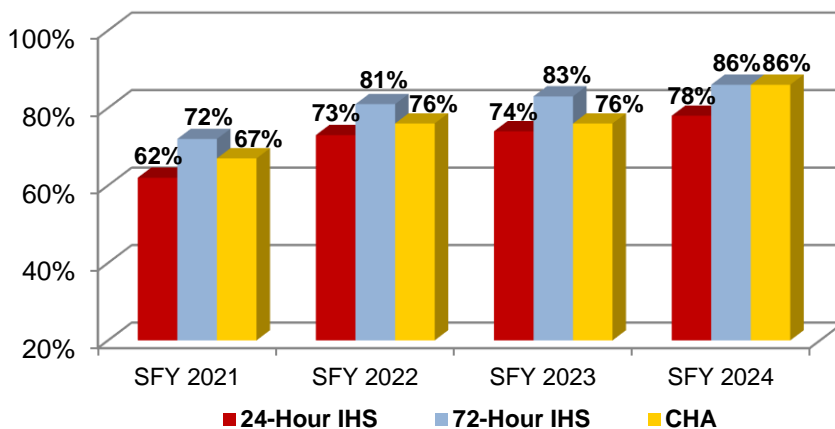
**Children in Care who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff**



On average, 89 percent of the children received a face-to-face monthly contact from *any* DCFS staff member—regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose—during the year.

## Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

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



Depending on the severity of alleged maltreatment that leads to a child's entry into care, DCFS must complete either a 24-hour initial health screening (IHS) or 72-hour IHS. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering care.

DCFS completed 78 percent of its required 24-hour IHSs, 86 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 86 percent of its CHAs on time during SFY 2024.

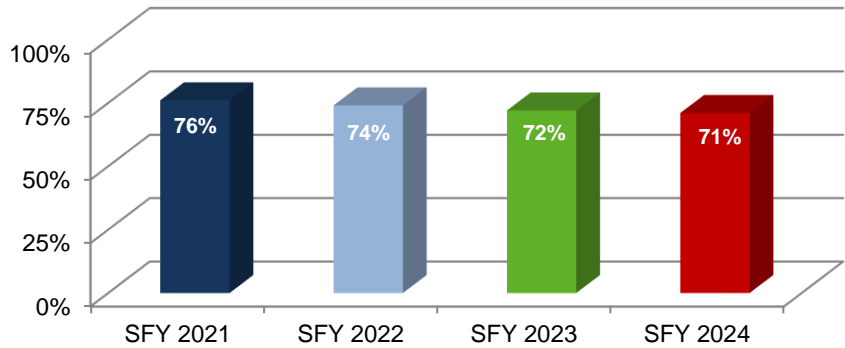
# Quick Facts

## Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2024, 71 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 51 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

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

Siblings in Care who are Placed Together

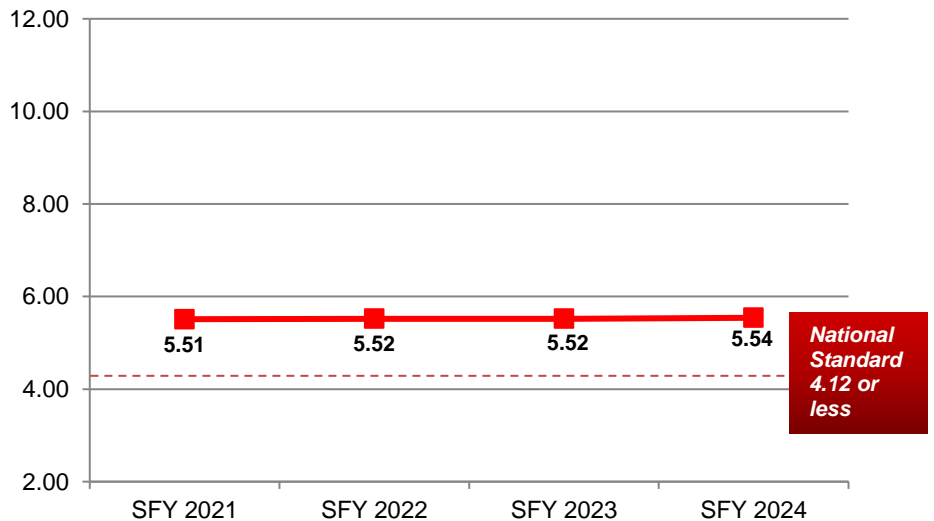


## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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

For SFY 2024, the placement stability rate was 5.54, similar to previous years. The national standard is a rate of 4.12.

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



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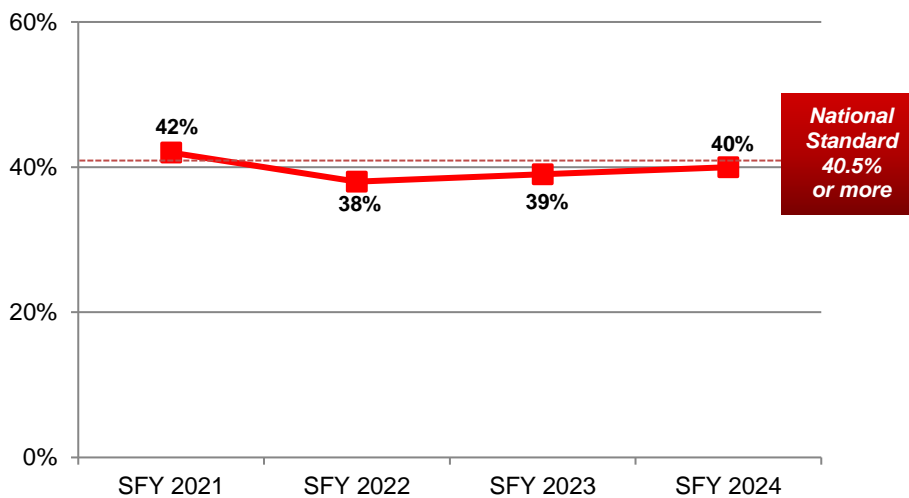
## Benefits to Children and Families

### Achieving Permanency

The national standard is for 40.5 percent of all children entering foster care to achieve permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) within 12 months of removal. Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

For SFY 2024, 40 percent of the children entering care in Arkansas achieved permanency within 12 months.

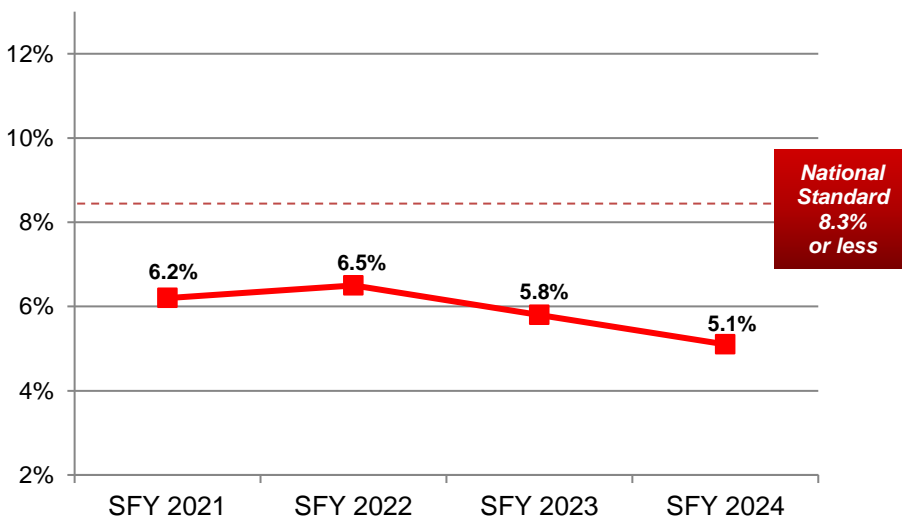
### Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Foster Care



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

For SFY 2024, just five percent of the children who were discharged to their families re-entered foster care within 12 months. The Division consistently meets the national standard of 8.3 percent or less.

### Re-Entries into Foster Care



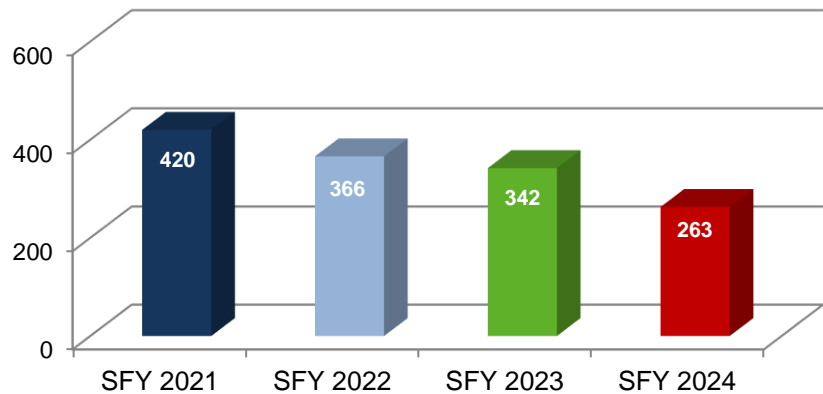
## Volume and Description of Cases

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

At the end of SFY 2024, 263 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.

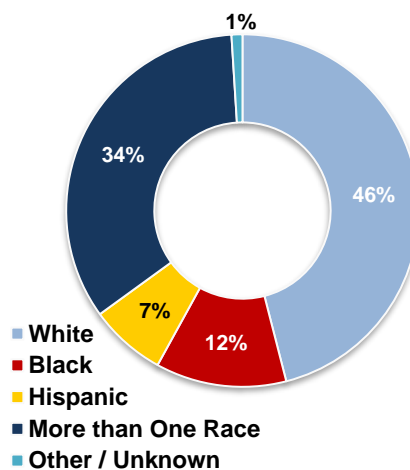
Number of Children Available for Adoption



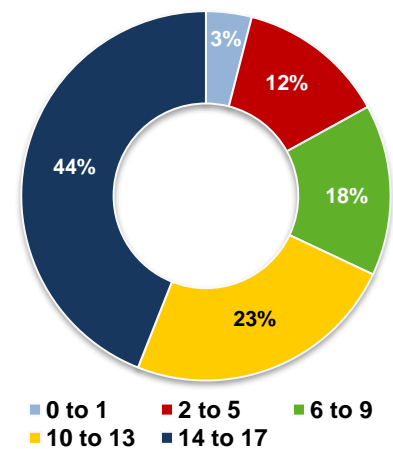
### Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 46 percent were white, 34 percent were multiracial, and 12 percent were black. Children ages ten and older made up two-thirds (67 percent) of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Age of Children Available for Adoption



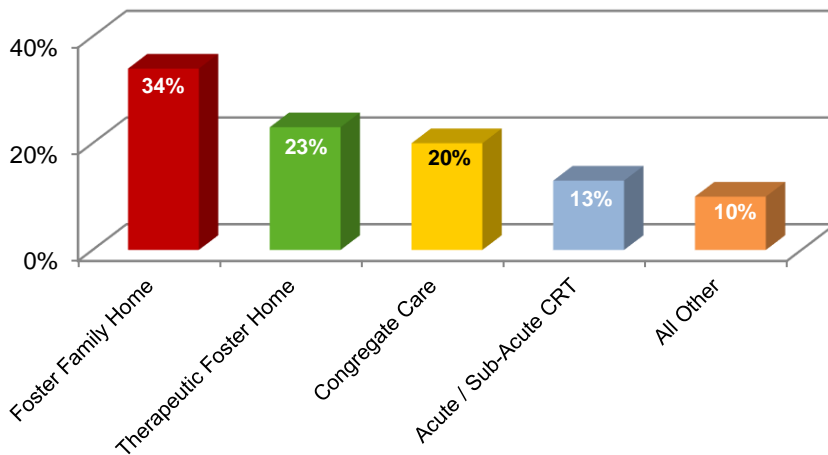
<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

# Quick Facts

## Placement of Children Available for Adoption

Fifty-seven percent of the children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2024 resided in either a foster family home or therapeutic foster home.

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

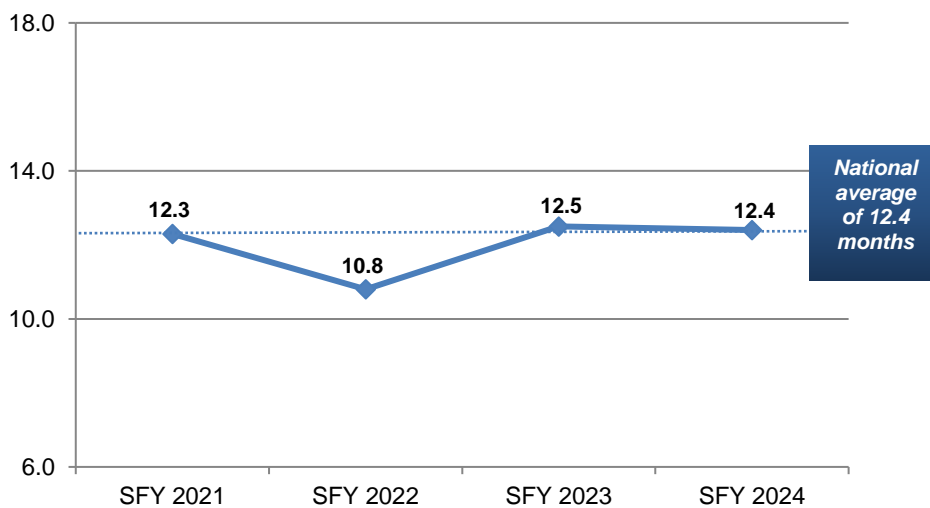


## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption

The average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 12.4 months during SFY 2024, similar to the previous year and identical to the national average.

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



# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Finalized Adoptions

Seven-hundred and thirty adoptions were finalized during SFY 2024.

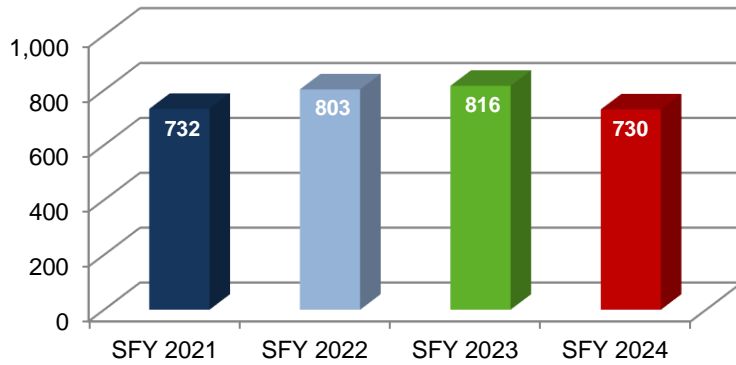
Thirty-eight percent of the adoptions finalized during the year were by relatives.

Children ages zero to five made up over half (54 percent) of children who were adopted during SFY 2024. White children made up two-thirds (67 percent) of those adopted.

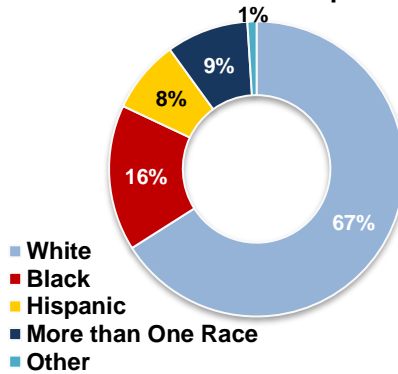
### Subsidized Adoptions

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

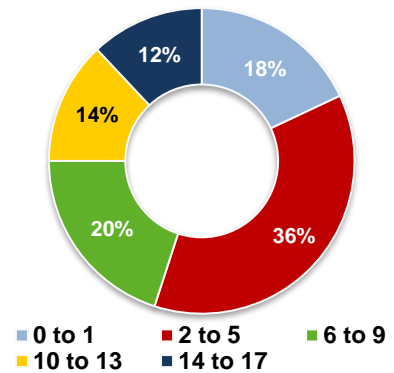
- Caucasian and over nine
- African-American and at least two
- At least two members of a sibling group
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented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



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Age of Children with Finalized Adoption



During SFY 2024, **839** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 813 were federally-funded and 26 were state funded subsidies.

During SFY 2024, a total of **8,690** children received adoption subsidies.



## Caseworkers and Caseloads

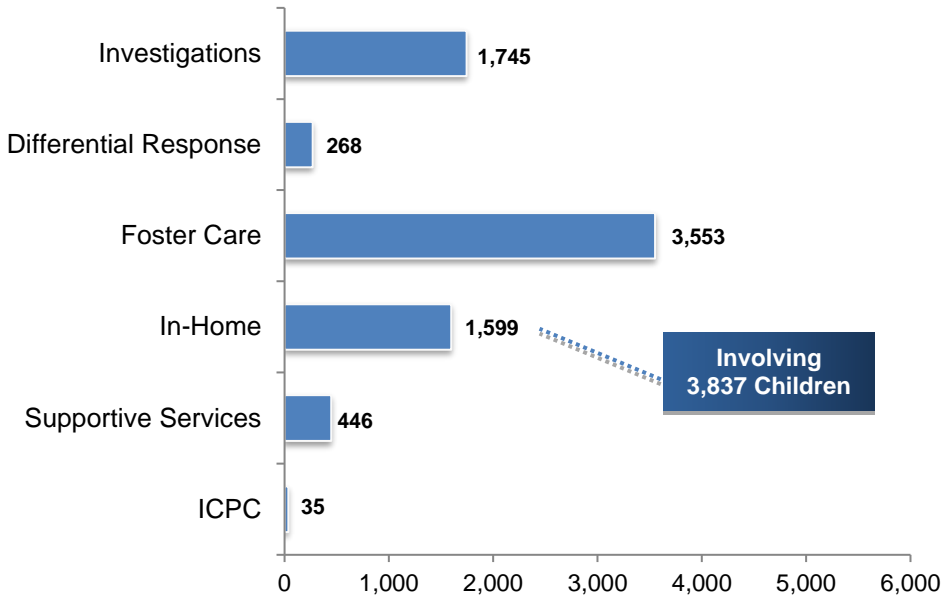
### Caseloads at the End of SFY 2024

As of the end of SFY 2024, the Division was responsible for:

- 1,745 investigations of child maltreatment and 268 DR cases;
- 3,553 foster care cases (3,363 excluding adoption cases);
- 1,599 in-home cases, involving 3,837 children;
- 446 supportive services cases and 35 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 396 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of SFY 2024



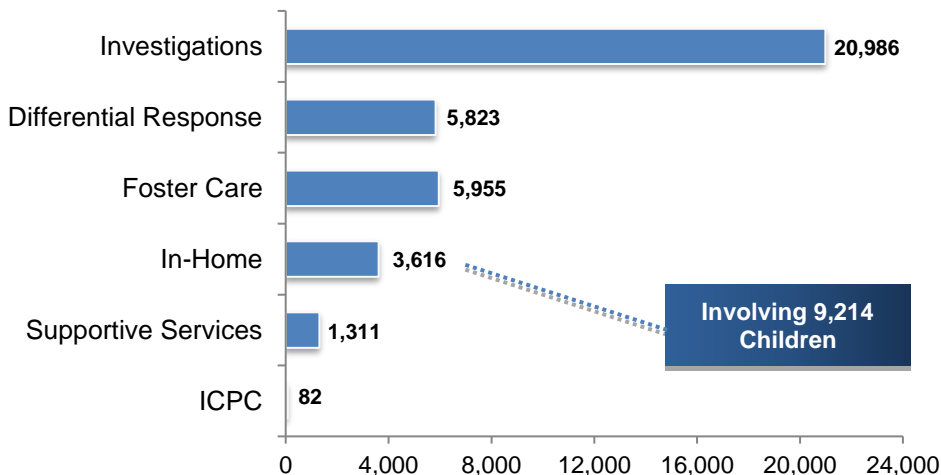
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

### Caseloads Handled During the Year

This chart shows the number of cases that cycled through the system during SFY 2024, 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 20,986 investigations; 5,955 children in foster care; 5,823 DR cases; 3,616 in-home protective services cases; 1,311 supportive services cases; and 82 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During SFY 2024



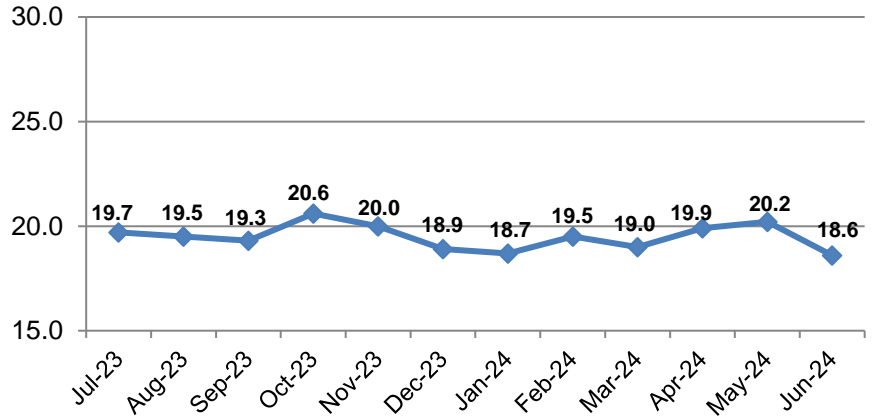
# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at nearly 19 cases per worker at the end of SFY 2024. This is higher than the Division's goal of 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of June 30, 2024 is presented in Appendix J.

Average Caseload During SFY 2024

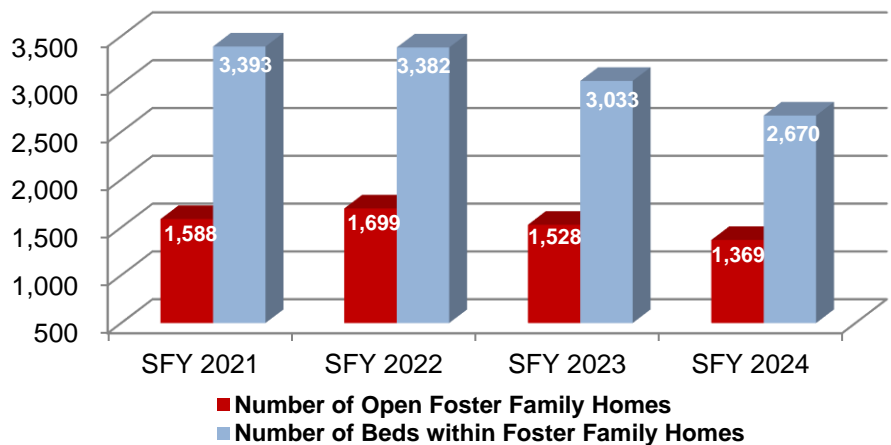


## Foster Homes

### Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,369 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of SFY 2024, less than the previous year.

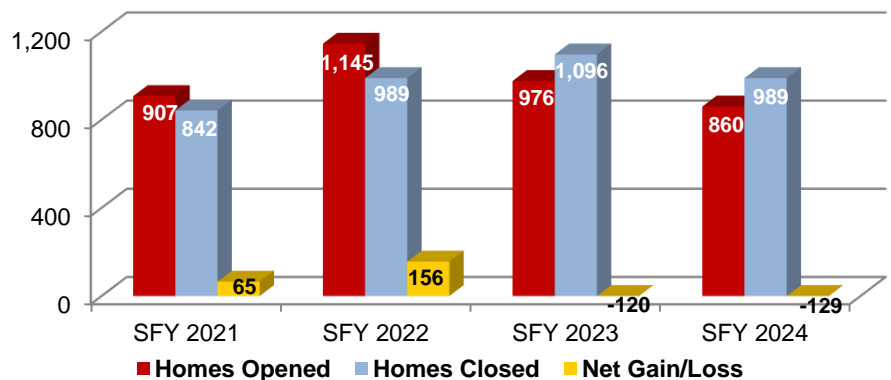
Number of Foster Homes and Beds



During SFY 2024, 860 new foster homes were opened and 989 were closed, resulting in a net loss of 129 homes.

Appendix K displays the closure reasons for the 989 foster homes that closed during the year.

Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed

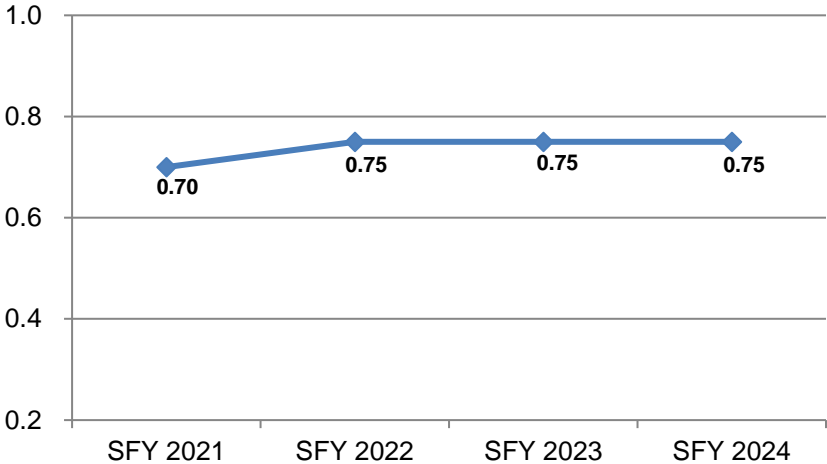




# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

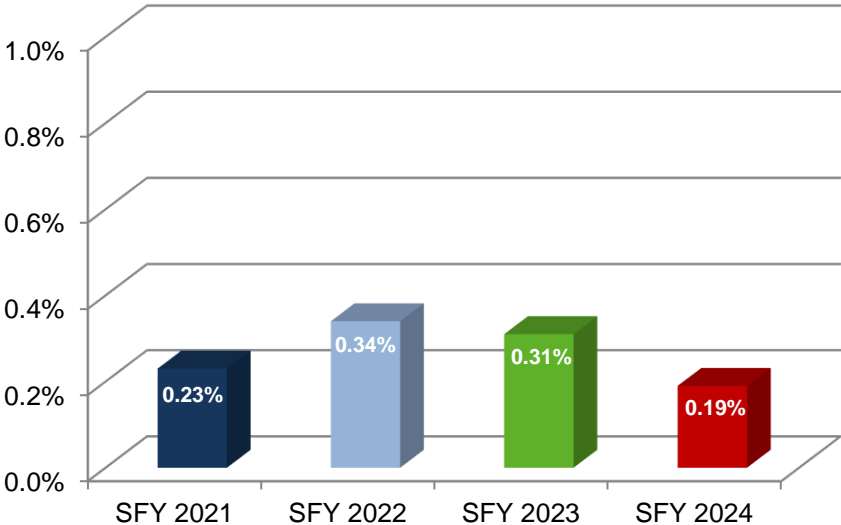


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was 0.75 at the end of the year, identical to the previous year.

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

## Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Five reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the year. Based on the 2,622 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.19 percent.

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



## Appendix A: Child Maltreatment Investigations by Area and County

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	1985	185	15.44	1598	41	0	17	61	50	17	16
1	Carroll (Berryville)	247	30	23.24	180	13	0	6	7	5	0	6
1	Madison (Huntsville)	143	12	22.38	103	9	0	1	10	4	4	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1861	249	21.36	1247	76	0	13	30	66	42	138
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>4,236</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>18.65</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>160</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	587	96	23.80	428	36	0	7	0	11	6	3
2	Franklin (Ozark)	159	29	21.66	120	4	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	223	40	21.76	156	6	0	1	0	9	4	7
2	Logan (Paris)	211	43	N/A	143	12	0	2	0	2	4	5
2	Scott (Waldron)	90	16	22.73	68	2	0	1	1	0	0	2
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1214	149	19.95	927	71	0	8	11	17	15	16
2	Yell (Danville)	191	31	25.67	136	14	0	2	1	1	2	4
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>2,675</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>22.15</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	170	14	15.76	133	9	0	3	0	6	0	5
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	835	94	19.67	602	51	0	5	7	30	9	37
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	293	35	20.07	207	16	0	5	0	14	2	14
3	Howard (Nashville)	103	13	21.21	75	7	0	1	0	3	0	4
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	75	10	22.39	49	4	0	0	1	3	0	8
3	Perry (Perryville)	66	11	30.77	40	6	0	1	2	2	3	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	114	20	26.61	74	7	0	2	0	6	0	5
3	Polk (Mena)	179	29	22.09	131	4	0	2	3	3	0	7
3	Saline (Benton)	781	81	18.56	606	17	0	2	42	6	11	16
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>2,616</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>20.01</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>97</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	135	21	26.12	91	14	0	0	0	8	0	1
4	Hempstead (Hope)	133	23	23.08	93	4	0	3	0	5	2	3
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	44	13	37.21	25	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	101	20	25.27	64	2	0	0	1	4	0	10
4	Miller (Texarkana)	338	61	26.15	213	19	0	1	4	26	1	13
4	Nevada (Prescott)	60	7	18.64	47	3	0	1	0	1	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	177	21	22.99	121	17	0	2	0	13	0	3
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	120	17	25.64	86	7	0	6	0	1	0	3
4	Union (El Dorado)	296	29	19.93	222	21	0	7	1	11	0	5
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,404</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>24.05</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	255	38	29.72	161	31	0	2	3	14	0	6
5	Boone (Harrison)	326	44	21.94	224	21	0	5	0	23	2	7
5	Conway (Morrilton)	171	26	22.16	124	8	0	3	0	5	1	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	835	88	15.96	644	37	0	5	1	41	5	14
5	Marion (Yellville)	120	21	25.86	75	6	0	3	0	8	3	4
5	Newton (Jasper)	54	14	29.63	33	2	0	0	0	4	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	457	76	23.57	322	20	0	5	6	7	18	3
5	Searcy (Marshall)	59	9	18.64	47	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	151	20	20.95	112	10	0	1	0	5	0	3
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>2,428</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>21.24</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	518	86	21.98	384	14	0	5	8	17	0	4
6	Pulaski (North)	851	129	19.43	655	28	0	4	4	29	0	2
6	Pulaski (South)	928	126	17.41	718	23	0	10	2	45	1	3
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	509	101	23.97	365	10	0	5	6	22	0	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>2,806</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>20.06</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	79	8	21.92	56	6	0	2	0	0	1	6
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	16	6	37.50	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	33	6	18.75	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	65	14	24.19	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
7	Grant (Sheridan)	142	31	24.63	96	1	0	0	1	5	0	8
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	410	69	28.89	249	27	0	8	0	5	2	50
7	Lincoln (Star City)	65	12	38.10	37	5	0	6	1	2	0	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	561	59	13.05	462	9	0	3	0	11	0	17
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	61	8	18.64	46	2	0	1	0	2	0	2
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,432</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>21.30</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	134	14	15.50	108	5	0	1	0	1	0	5
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1137	114	20.65	835	104	0	10	2	49	0	23
8	Fulton (Salem)	107	23	37.00	61	12	0	2	0	2	0	7
8	Greene (Paragould)	706	120	21.95	525	29	0	2	0	12	0	18
8	Izard (Melbourne)	104	14	21.57	80	8	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	182	23	23.33	138	17	0	2	0	0	0	2
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	412	45	20.20	288	31	0	3	0	24	0	21
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	206	34	21.89	151	9	0	1	0	5	1	5
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	167	33	25.31	118	7	0	1	0	2	1	5
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>3,155</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>21.72</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	233	47	25.97	169	7	0	5	1	2	0	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	373	67	25.82	264	17	0	5	6	9	0	5
9	Cross (Wynne)	144	20	21.28	110	10	0	0	0	1	0	3
9	Independence (Batesville)	314	31	15.43	260	11	0	2	4	3	0	3
9	Jackson (Newport)	151	33	29.73	102	7	0	2	2	2	0	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	304	56	26.17	214	20	0	1	1	6	0	6
9	Stone (Mountain View)	109	14	20.37	84	6	0	2	0	1	1	1
9	White (Searcy)	812	107	17.34	646	20	0	9	2	9	3	16
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	66	16	33.85	43	4	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>2,506</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>21.78</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	150	20	18.67	120	2	0	3	3	1	1	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	113	16	19.47	91	2	0	1	3	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	43	6	28.57	29	5	0	0	1	1	0	1
10	Desha (McGehee)	56	5	16.36	45	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	138	26	21.74	104	3	0	1	0	2	2	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	46	5	20.00	32	4	0	0	0	4	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	53	2	23.08	40	7	0	0	3	0	0	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	117	19	29.57	57	15	0	0	0	23	1	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	193	22	29.32	125	29	0	1	4	9	1	2
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>909</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>23.53</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
99	Unknown County	81	10	21.25	58	3	0	3	1	5	0	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>24,248</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>20.99</b>	<b>17,774</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>612</b>

## Appendix B: Children in Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than One	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	225	84	4	3	0	10	50	74	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	68	48	0	0	0	0	3	17	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	46	23	1	1	0	0	1	19	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	411	144	23	0	1	9	87	146	1
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>2</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	100	64	1	0	1	0	3	31	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	64	0	0	0	0	1	17	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	67	43	2	4	0	0	3	10	5
2	Logan (Booneville)	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	Logan (Paris)	71	45	0	0	0	0	1	24	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	36	24	2	0	0	0	3	7	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	607	273	52	2	1	0	74	200	5
2	Yell (Danville)	44	27	1	0	0	0	8	8	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,015</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>13</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	7	7	0	0	0	4	5	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	296	182	25	0	0	0	28	60	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	58	40	2	0	0	0	0	16	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	21	8	5	0	0	0	3	2	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	24	19	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	13	1	0	0	0	5	2	0
3	Polk (Mena)	27	18	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
3	Saline (Benton)	109	64	11	0	4	0	8	20	2
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>588</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>7</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	24	3	9	0	0	0	3	9	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	24	11	0	1	0	12	4	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	16	12	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	56	27	2	0	0	0	5	21	1
4	Miller (Texarkana)	170	70	45	0	0	1	11	41	2
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	42	16	14	0	0	0	0	12	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	35	19	3	0	0	0	6	7	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	68	23	22	0	0	0	1	22	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	48	28	1	0	0	0	2	16	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	55	35	2	0	0	0	1	17	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	68	40	7	0	0	0	5	16	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	160	72	21	0	0	0	20	45	2
5	Marion (Yellville)	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	120	66	4	0	0	1	14	35	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	24	0	0	0	0	2	14	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>4</b>

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than One	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	116	46	39	0	0	0	4	26	1
6	Pulaski (North)	283	52	133	0	1	0	35	61	1
6	Pulaski (South)	207	27	106	0	0	0	13	59	2
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	160	16	79	3	0	1	22	38	1
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>766</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>5</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	5	3	0	0	0	0	6	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	4	7	0	0	0	1	5	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	155	42	85	0	0	1	3	24	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	12	2	0	0	0	0	5	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	56	15	0	0	0	6	21	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>354</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	146	47	42	0	0	0	12	42	3
8	Fulton (Salem)	18	15	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	178	93	9	0	0	0	11	63	2
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	22	1	0	0	0	1	14	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	45	1	0	0	0	1	9	1
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	51	20	15	0	0	0	1	13	2
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	8	0	3	0	0	0	1	4	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	63	46	1	0	0	0	2	14	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	45	35	0	0	0	0	1	9	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>618</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>8</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	62	39	2	2	1	0	4	14	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	92	14	53	0	0	0	8	17	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	41	17	8	0	0	0	1	15	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	75	47	2	0	0	0	4	22	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	56	22	12	0	0	0	1	21	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	85	13	0	0	0	7	40	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	102	5	0	0	0	9	44	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	59	21	12	0	0	0	1	25	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>1</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	21	5	12	0	0	0	0	4	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	20	5	11	0	0	0	2	2	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	17	7	3	0	0	0	1	6	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	13	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	4	7	0	0	0	0	8	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	27	10	16	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	34	7	21	0	0	0	0	6	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>5,958</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>46</b>

## 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)	225	77	56	35	57	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	68	33	17	7	11	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	46	13	11	8	13	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	411	144	109	59	99	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	100	38	21	11	30	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	37	19	8	20	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	67	33	17	5	12	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	6	0	0	1	5	0
2	Logan (Paris)	71	22	23	10	16	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	36	10	8	5	13	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	607	244	134	68	161	0
2	Yell (Danville)	44	12	10	12	10	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,015</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>0</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	10	2	3	9	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	296	134	77	34	51	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	58	31	11	4	12	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	21	10	6	3	2	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	8	0	4	3	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	24	8	7	1	8	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	12	4	2	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	27	12	4	2	9	0
3	Saline (Benton)	109	45	22	11	31	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>588</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>0</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	24	13	6	2	3	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	17	12	7	16	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	16	5	5	3	3	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	56	22	15	8	11	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	170	72	48	16	33	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	4	1	1	3	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	42	14	10	7	11	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	35	13	6	4	12	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	68	33	12	5	18	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	48	19	20	2	7	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	55	18	16	7	14	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	68	39	16	4	9	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	160	65	46	16	33	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	23	7	2	1	13	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	4	4	1	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	120	56	24	17	23	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	13	3	6	3	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	11	16	6	7	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>0</b>

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	116	53	26	14	22	1
6	Pulaski (North)	283	92	65	43	83	0
6	Pulaski (South)	207	77	56	23	51	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	160	48	39	21	52	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>766</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	5	5	1	3	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	3	0	2	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	0	1	1	3	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	1	8	4	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	36	13	9	6	8	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	155	43	32	23	57	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	9	4	2	5	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	29	19	12	39	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	3	0	1	1	1	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>354</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	14	5	4	2	3	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	146	60	43	14	29	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	18	7	2	3	6	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	178	75	50	28	24	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	15	16	2	5	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	20	20	6	11	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	51	18	10	12	10	1
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	8	1	0	1	6	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	63	20	21	8	14	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	45	17	8	7	13	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>618</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	62	20	19	5	18	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	92	33	25	13	21	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	41	5	12	7	17	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	75	24	22	6	23	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	56	22	14	7	13	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	64	30	21	30	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	5	1	1	1	2	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	62	34	17	48	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	59	18	16	7	18	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	22	5	3	3	11	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	20	9	2	4	5	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	7	0	3	1	3	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	2	0	0	1	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	17	5	3	0	9	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	13	7	4	1	1	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	7	6	1	5	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	0	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	27	14	6	4	3	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	34	16	9	2	7	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>5,958</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>6</b>



## Appendix D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	225	113	112	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	68	37	31	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	46	25	20	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	411	192	219	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	100	37	63	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	42	42	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	67	31	36	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	6	5	1	0
2	Logan (Paris)	71	35	36	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	36	14	22	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	607	321	286	0
2	Yell (Danville)	44	25	19	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,015</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>0</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	18	6	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	296	149	147	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	58	26	32	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	21	8	13	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	8	1	7	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	24	14	10	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	11	10	0
3	Polk (Mena)	27	14	13	0
3	Saline (Benton)	109	65	44	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>588</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>0</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	24	13	11	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	27	25	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	16	10	6	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	56	26	30	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	170	89	80	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	2	7	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	42	17	25	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	35	22	13	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	68	30	38	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	48	24	24	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	55	31	24	0
5	Conway (Morriton)	68	36	32	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	160	86	74	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	23	7	16	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	4	5	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	120	74	46	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	13	6	7	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	20	20	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>0</b>

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	116	52	63	1
6	Pulaski (North)	283	134	149	0
6	Pulaski (South)	207	100	107	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	160	89	71	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>766</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>1</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	9	5	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	1	4	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	0	5	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	6	11	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	36	14	22	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	155	83	72	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	9	11	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	43	56	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	3	0	3	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>354</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	14	5	9	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	146	74	72	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	18	6	12	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	178	90	87	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	21	17	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	32	25	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	51	28	22	1
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	8	3	5	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	63	29	34	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	45	19	26	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>618</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>2</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	62	29	33	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	92	42	50	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	41	18	23	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	75	39	36	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	56	21	35	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	73	72	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	5	3	2	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	93	68	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	59	29	30	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>0</b>
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	22	10	12	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	20	6	14	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	7	3	4	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	2	0	1	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	17	10	7	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	13	8	5	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	10	9	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	27	20	7	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	34	20	14	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>5,958</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>6</b>

## 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)	225	20	20	25	46	66	20	28
1	Carroll (Berryville)	68	9	1	3	13	30	1	11
1	Madison (Huntsville)	46	4	0	6	19	12	1	4
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	411	41	21	38	97	115	41	58
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>101</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	100	2	3	13	30	22	6	24
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	4	5	8	22	33	11	1
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	67	11	5	10	17	14	3	7
2	Logan (Booneville)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
2	Logan (Paris)	71	5	7	9	11	13	16	10
2	Scott (Waldron)	36	1	0	1	9	4	8	13
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	607	36	40	37	103	166	87	138
2	Yell (Danville)	44	3	0	1	6	16	10	8
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,015</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>207</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	0	1	1	2	4	9	7
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	296	17	19	28	42	113	43	34
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	58	3	14	3	5	22	3	8
3	Howard (Nashville)	21	1	0	1	6	9	1	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	8	0	1	0	3	2	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	24	2	3	0	3	5	0	11
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	0	0	3	6	5	3	4
3	Polk (Mena)	27	0	3	0	9	3	4	8
3	Saline (Benton)	109	8	4	6	44	25	15	7
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>588</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	24	1	6	2	4	6	1	4
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	0	6	1	10	21	6	8
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	16	3	0	0	3	6	2	2
4	Little River (Ashdown)	56	1	3	9	5	21	6	11
4	Miller (Texarkana)	170	5	6	17	25	69	25	23
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	1	0	0	3	4	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	42	2	1	5	8	17	2	7
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	35	4	3	3	1	14	5	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	68	5	4	6	13	27	6	7
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	48	0	5	4	5	14	8	12
5	Boone (Harrison)	55	0	9	7	6	11	10	12
5	Conway (Morrilton)	68	3	4	3	15	27	12	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	160	7	8	16	18	66	23	22
5	Marion (Yellville)	23	0	0	2	6	5	5	5
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	0	1	0	0	4	1	3
5	Pope (Russellville)	120	3	19	12	30	30	13	13
5	Searcy (Marshall)	13	2	0	3	2	4	2	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	0	0	2	4	23	4	7
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>

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 (Jacksonville)	116	12	7	9	21	35	18	14
6	Pulaski (North)	283	14	32	14	31	46	51	95
6	Pulaski (South)	207	18	14	11	48	46	28	42
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	160	21	13	5	25	34	15	47
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>766</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>198</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	1	0	0	2	4	4	3
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	0	0	3	2	4	7	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	36	0	0	0	19	16	1	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	155	24	1	10	27	46	20	27
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	3	2	6	1	6	1	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	4	7	1	11	12	18	46
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>354</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>78</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	14	0	4	0	5	2	2	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	146	9	16	22	28	47	6	18
8	Fulton (Salem)	18	1	3	0	1	4	6	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	178	9	24	10	43	46	34	12
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	3	1	3	11	11	4	5
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	4	2	11	6	23	6	5
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	51	6	11	2	11	13	7	1
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	8	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	63	1	7	8	27	5	7	8
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	45	1	3	3	5	7	16	10
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>618</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>66</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	62	3	13	3	16	17	6	4
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	92	0	6	21	15	17	28	5
9	Cross (Wynne)	41	0	7	1	6	17	3	7
9	Independence (Batesville)	75	2	7	4	11	29	9	13
9	Jackson (Newport)	56	7	6	4	14	12	7	6
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	1	10	27	18	46	21	22
9	Stone (Mountain View)	5	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
9	White (Searcy)	161	8	7	14	29	53	30	20
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	59	0	3	6	12	25	5	8
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>85</b>
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	22	1	4	1	0	6	2	8
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	20	0	0	1	5	7	4	3
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	7	0	0	0	0	0	6	1
10	Desha (McGehee)	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	17	2	0	0	5	5	1	4
10	Lee (Marianna)	13	0	0	4	0	7	2	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	0	1	0	2	14	2	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	27	0	8	7	3	7	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	34	4	6	0	8	10	0	6
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>5,958</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>989</b>

## Appendix F: Services Provided During the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
1	Benton (Bentonville)	225	153	377	143	313
1	Carroll (Berryville)	68	28	76	10	27
1	Madison (Huntsville)	46	14	40	17	40
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	411	201	534	147	321
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>701</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	100	151	361	15	37
2	Franklin (Ozark)	84	21	55	4	5
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	67	33	80	6	14
2	Logan (Booneville)	6	2	3	1	5
2	Logan (Paris)	71	71	161	4	9
2	Scott (Waldron)	36	25	64	10	26
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	607	206	508	65	152
2	Yell (Danville)	44	44	133	8	12
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>1,015</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>260</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	24	29	55	1	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	296	102	213	62	148
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	58	43	92	17	37
3	Howard (Nashville)	21	17	40	2	5
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	8	5	6	4	13
3	Perry (Perryville)	24	17	38	1	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	20	44	5	13
3	Polk (Mena)	27	25	43	13	32
3	Saline (Benton)	109	71	175	57	130
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>588</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>381</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	24	32	85	3	7
4	Hempstead (Hope)	52	24	58	3	9
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	16	10	25	5	12
4	Little River (Ashdown)	56	13	52	10	24
4	Miller (Texarkana)	170	56	142	10	28
4	Nevada (Prescott)	9	8	25	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	42	27	69	4	11
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	35	23	52	12	33
4	Union (El Dorado)	68	42	114	6	8
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>132</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	48	37	74	11	37
5	Boone (Harrison)	55	60	121	15	42
5	Conway (Morrilton)	68	28	88	1	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	160	139	417	24	56
5	Marion (Yelville)	23	8	17	9	20
5	Newton (Jasper)	9	13	33	2	7
5	Pope (Russellville)	120	101	218	29	63
5	Searcy (Marshall)	13	10	27	2	7
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	25	57	3	6
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>239</b>

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	116	63	176	24	56
6	Pulaski (North)	283	70	197	29	78
6	Pulaski (South)	207	82	243	35	80
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	160	79	225	26	54
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>766</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>268</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	14	39	3	6
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	5	2	7	1	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	3	11	1	3
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	17	5	11	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	36	27	66	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	155	91	261	12	24
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	15	59	1	5
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	46	136	6	15
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	3	8	16	2	5
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>354</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>59</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	14	26	59	8	20
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	146	196	491	44	145
8	Fulton (Salem)	18	23	62	15	27
8	Greene (Paragould)	178	112	243	55	124
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	12	19	12	34
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	41	86	22	43
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	51	33	92	23	59
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	8	2	3	4	14
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	63	25	49	14	34
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	45	32	77	18	43
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>618</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>543</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	62	35	74	23	57
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	92	94	279	11	39
9	Cross (Wynne)	41	19	48	16	33
9	Independence (Batesville)	75	46	102	44	127
9	Jackson (Newport)	56	42	125	10	24
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	145	68	196	27	62
9	Stone (Mountain View)	5	16	42	10	29
9	White (Searcy)	161	142	366	36	103
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	59	28	63	7	17
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>491</b>
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	22	16	36	5	11
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	20	14	38	1	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	7	13	38	2	4
10	Desha (McGehee)	2	9	29	2	2
10	Drew (Monticello)	17	11	28	2	6
10	Lee (Marianna)	13	11	38	6	8
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	21	11	24	4	6
10	Phillips (Helena)	27	32	103	5	17
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	34	66	180	4	14
<b>Area Total</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>5,958</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>3,143</b>

## 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 30 child fatalities that were reported for SFY 2024, case-specific information could be disclosed for eight of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/data-reports/state-child-fatality-list/> displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

### True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
<b>Laiklyn McGown</b>	Sebastian	9	White	Female	1/1/2024	Failure to provide care, maintenance or support	In-Home	Non-Relative	CACD	PS Case Open	None
<b>Gradon Blair</b>	Van Buren	13	White	Male	1/17/2024	Inadequate Supervision, Failure to provide essential needs	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Open	None
<b>Z'Tarrien Malone</b>	Craighead	0	Black	Male	5/18/2024	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Open	Prior History

### Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
<b>Bernard Sulzen</b>	Washington	3	White	Male	1/6/2024	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
<b>Bentley Lewis</b>	Cross	2	White	Male	5/30/2022	Failure to Protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
<b>Evan Owens</b>	Polk	5	White	Male	2/7/2024	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
<b>Jesse Rea Garibay</b>	Garland	16	White	Male	2/11/2024	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
<b>Bentenos Inok</b>	Washington	2	Native Hawaiian	Female	3/12/2024	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None



## Appendix H: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality

Per Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-1108(c), any information regarding the near fatality of a child cannot be released by the Department of Human Services if release of such information would jeopardize a criminal investigation. Of the 16 near fatalities that were reported for SFY 2024, case-specific information could be disclosed for eight of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/data-reports/state-child-fatality-list/> displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

### True Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #1	Washington	0	Black	Male	9/30/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Opened	None
Child #2	Pulaski	0	Black	Male	1/22/2024	Abuse, Inadequate Supervision, Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Child #3	Monroe	2	White	Female	4/13/2024	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Opened	None

### Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

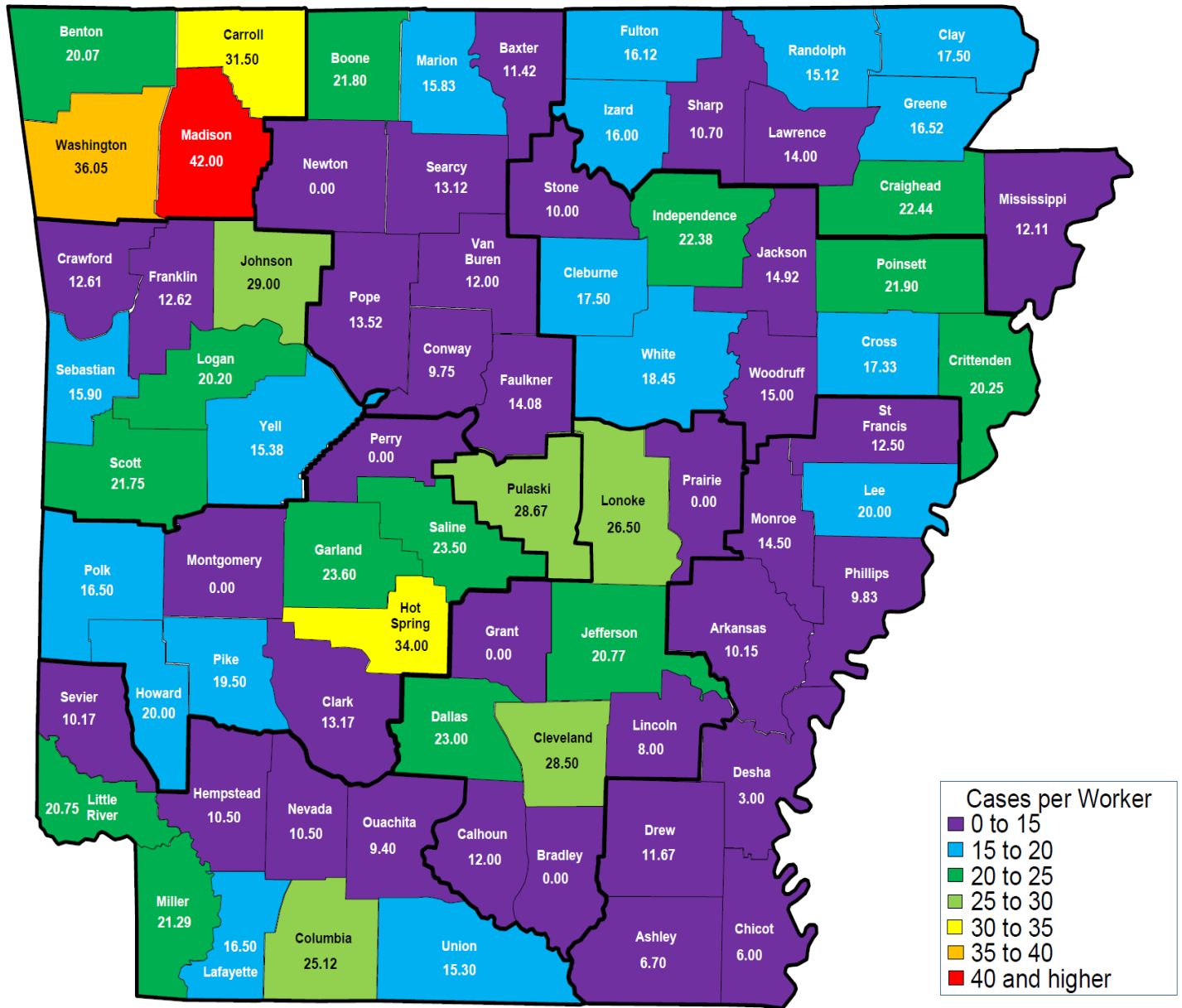
Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #4	Sevier	1	White	Male	8/26/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Child #5	Jefferson	10	Black	Female	9/13/2023	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Child #6	Crittenden	1	White	Male	12/22/2023	Inadequate Supervision	In-home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investigating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involvement
Child #7	Pulaski	0	Black	Male	1/5/2024	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-home	Relative	CACD	PS Case Opened	None
Child #8	Garland	0	White	Male	1/4/2024	Inadequate Supervision	In-home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History

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

<b>Child</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Preliminary Cause of Death</b>	<b>Placement at the Time of Incident</b>	<b>Action Taken by Agency</b>	<b>Services Provided Prior to the Incident</b>
<b>Child #1</b>	Pulaski	16	Black	Male	10/30/2023	Gunshot Wound	Foster Care / On Runaway	None	Foster Care

## Appendix J: Average Caseload as of the End of SFY 2024, by County



*Bradley, Grant, Montgomery, Newton, Perry, Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of SFY 2024; their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.*

## Appendix K: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody / Guardianship/ Relative Only	Founded Abuse/ Neglect	Provider/ Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
1	Benton (Bentonville)	1	39	12	7	0	5	0	64
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	6
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	6
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	3	34	11	8	0	4	0	60
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	15	1	8	0	5	0	29
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	8
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	4	1	3	0	5	0	13
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	6
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	4	16	1	21	0	6	0	48
2	Yell (Danville)	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	8
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	0	12	1	7	0	10	0	30
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	7
3	Howard (Nashville)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	5
3	Polk (Mena)	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	8
3	Saline (Benton)	4	25	4	10	0	3	0	46
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	8
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	7
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	4
4	Little River (Ashdown)	1	3	3	2	0	1	0	10
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	9	4	6	0	0	1	20
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	12
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	0	5	2	4	0	0	0	11
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	5	1	1	0	1	0	8
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	11	3	1	0	1	0	16
5	Conway (Morrilton)	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	10
5	Faulkner (Conway)	0	23	7	9	0	1	0	40
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	Pope (Russellville)	1	15	7	2	0	0	0	25
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	7
6	Pulaski (East)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	9
6	Pulaski (North)	0	28	5	1	0	1	0	35
6	Pulaski (South)	2	21	9	9	0	1	0	42
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	1	11	7	6	0	0	0	25
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
7	Cleveland (Rison)	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	3	8	1	6	2	3	4	27
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	1	11	0	7	0	0	0	19
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody / Guardianship/ Relative Only	Founded Abuse/ Neglect	Provider/ Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	0	22	3	10	0	6	0	41
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	11	3	5	0	1	0	20
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	5
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	3	0	7	0	2	0	12
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	10
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	1	0	7	0	4	0	12
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	7
9	Cross (Wynne)	1	11	1	6	0	1	0	20
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	7	3	4	0	1	0	15
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	5	1	8	0	2	0	16
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	White (Searcy)	1	23	0	15	0	1	0	40
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	6
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
99	Out of State	1	2	0	2	0	3	0	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>989</b>

Details of the Major Closure Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	128
	Custody/Guardianship	121
Change in Family Circumstances	Moved	13
	Health of Parent	11
	Personal Issues	7
	Pregnant	1
	Provider Request	386
Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only	71
	Taking a Break	6
	Became Private Therapeutic Foster Home	2
	True Maltreatment	2
Founded Abuse / Neglect	DHS Request	116
	Failed Re-evaluation / Non-Compliance	13
	Arrested	2
	Not taking Children when Contacted	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	103
Other	Contract Ended	6

## Appendix L: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, SFY 2024

During SFY 2024 the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline received 559 reports of alleged maltreatment involving children who were residing in foster care.

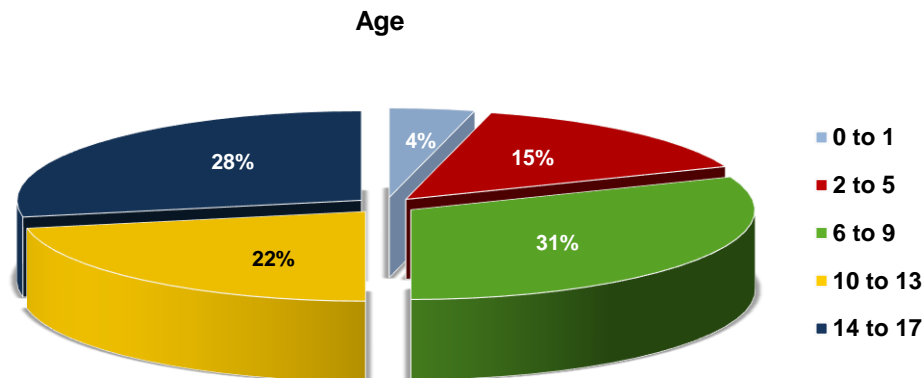
In 113 reports involving 130 children, foster parents<sup>4</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown by the following table, five of those reports were found to be true.<sup>5</sup> All five homes involved in those true reports were subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
SFY 2024**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
5	107	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.

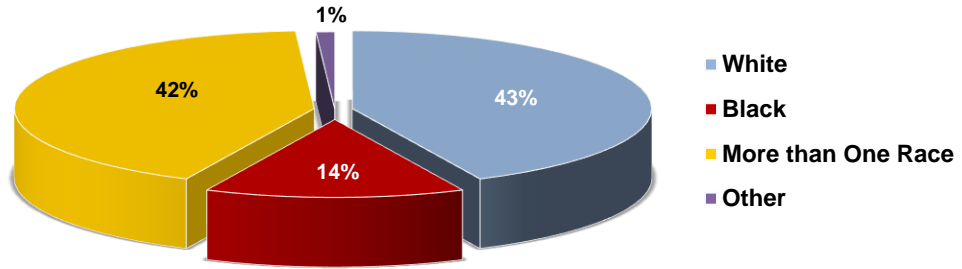
The following charts display the characteristics of the 130 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment, with foster parents as the alleged offenders.



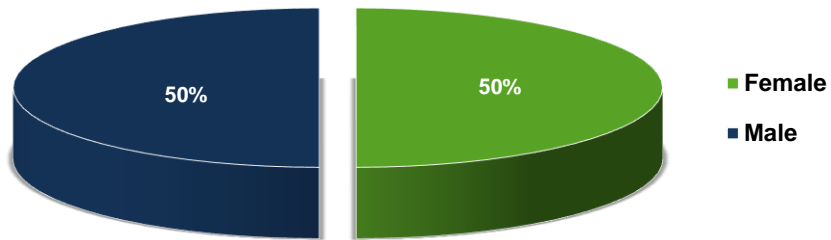
<sup>4</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

<sup>5</sup> The number of true investigations involving foster families reported in this report may differ from what was reported in individual quarterly reports for the same time period. This is due to the fact that some true findings can be later overturned to unsubstantiated and some pending findings may now have a final disposition.

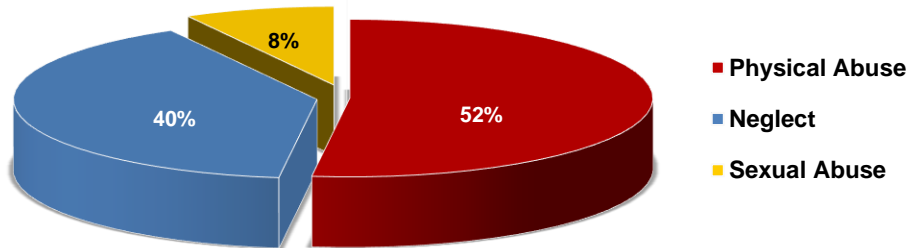
### Race / Ethnicity



### Gender



### Allegation





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

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)</b>
<b>Pulaski</b>	19	<b>Carroll</b>	2
<b>Benton</b>	8	<b>Clark</b>	2
<b>Garland</b>	8	<b>Conway</b>	2
<b>Faulkner</b>	6	<b>Grant</b>	2
<b>Jefferson</b>	6	<b>Hot Spring</b>	2
<b>Craighead</b>	5	<b>Mississippi</b>	2
<b>Crittenden</b>	4	<b>Ashley</b>	1
<b>Cross</b>	5	<b>Clay</b>	1
<b>Sebastian</b>	5	<b>Jackson</b>	1
<b>Columbia</b>	4	<b>Johnson</b>	1
<b>Greene</b>	4	<b>Madison</b>	1
<b>Miller</b>	4	<b>Marion</b>	1
<b>Poinsett</b>	4	<b>Monroe</b>	1
<b>Pope</b>	4	<b>Newton</b>	1
<b>Washington</b>	4	<b>Phillips</b>	1
<b>Boone</b>	3	<b>Sevier</b>	1
<b>Calhoun</b>	3	<b>Sharp</b>	1
<b>Crawford</b>	3	<b>Van Buren</b>	1
<b>Drew</b>	3	<b>Yell</b>	1
<b>Lonoke</b>	3		