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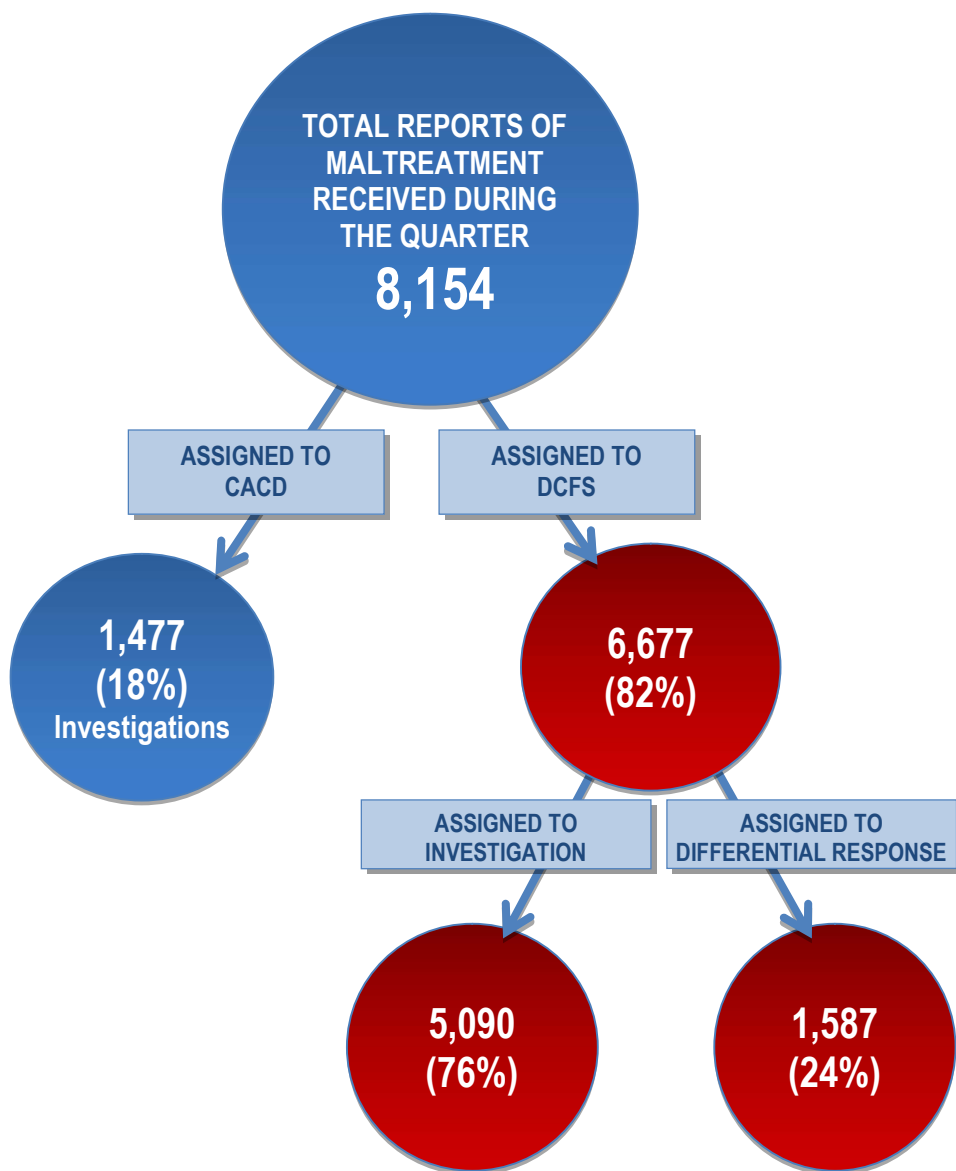
# Reports of Child Maltreatment

## Quick Facts

### Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During  
3rd Quarter SFY 2025



Of the 8,154 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the third quarter, 82 percent were assigned to DCFS and 18 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 76 percent were assigned for an investigation and 24 percent were handled through differential response (DR).

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

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

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

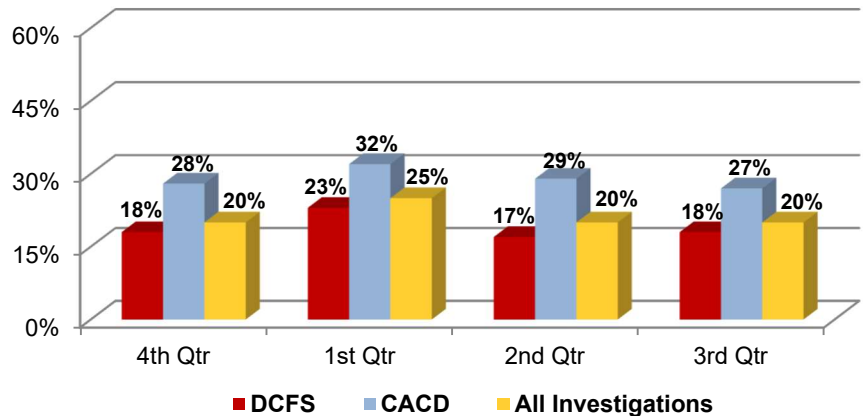
# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Eighteen percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the third quarter were found true, compared to 27 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 20 percent.

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

Percentage of Investigations Found True



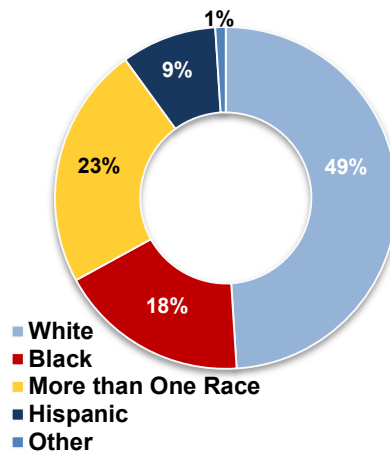
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 1,552 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations during the quarter.

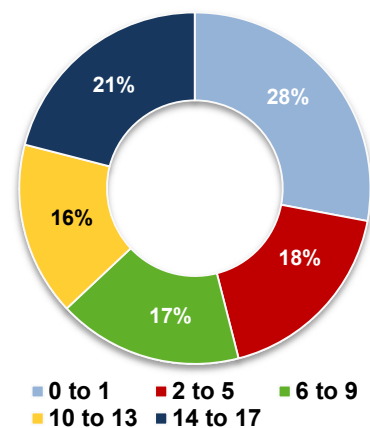
Of those children, 49 percent were white, 23 percent were multiracial, and 18 percent were black. Less than half (46 percent) were under six years of age.

The majority of victim children (52 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



## Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation for the 1,552 victim children, 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	968	62%
Physical Abuse	376	24%
Sexual Abuse	313	20%
Sexual Exploitation	37	2%
Abandonment	18	1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

# Quick Facts

## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

During the third quarter, there were eight maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of those, two were found true and six were still pending.

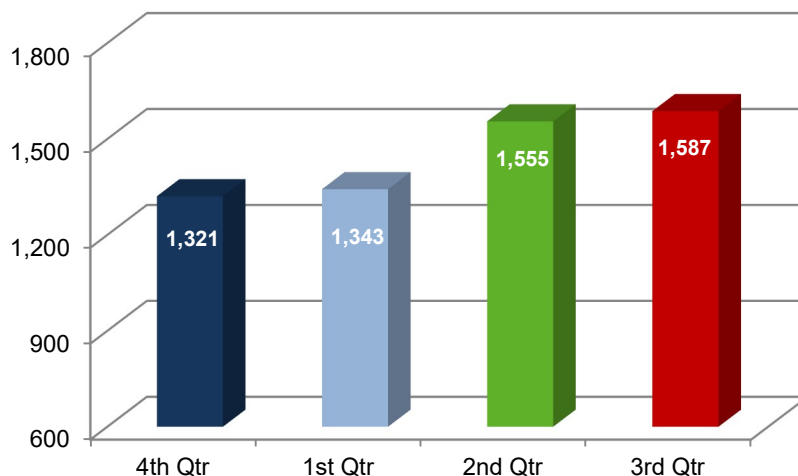
Over the same period, there were three investigations of near fatalities. One was found true, one was unsubstantiated, and one was still pending.

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Child Near Fatality
True	2	1
Unsubstantiated	0	1
Inactive	0	0
Pending	6	1

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

The number of reports assigned for DR during the third quarter (1,587) increased slightly over the previous quarter.

Number of Reports Assigned for Differential Response



# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

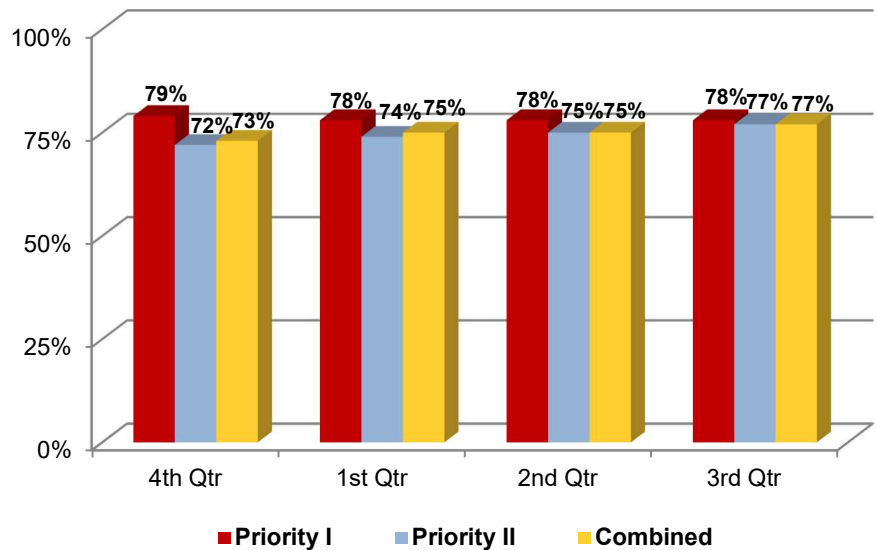
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

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

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

DCFS initiated 77 percent of its investigations on time during the third quarter, an improvement over its performance during the previous quarter.

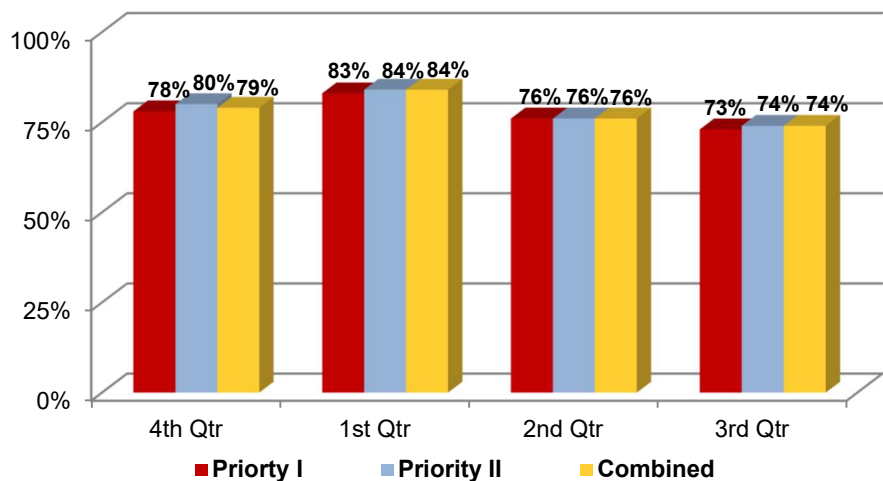
**Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 74 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter. This was slightly lower than its performance during the previous quarter (76 percent).

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

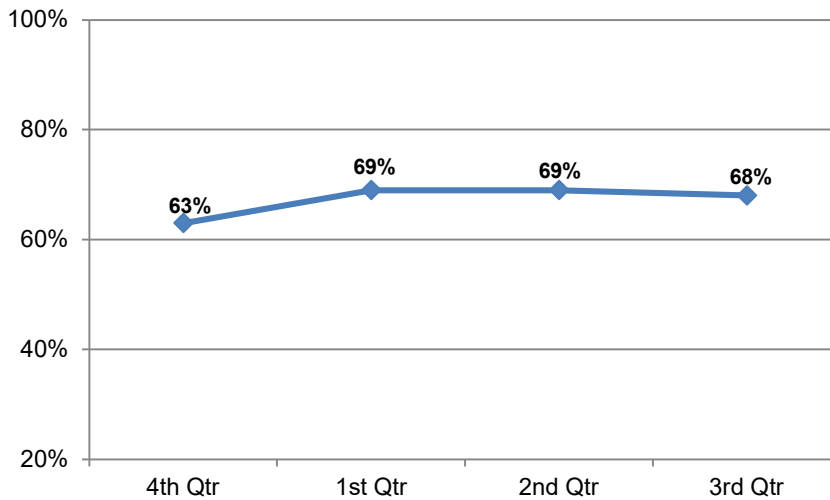




# Quick Facts

## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

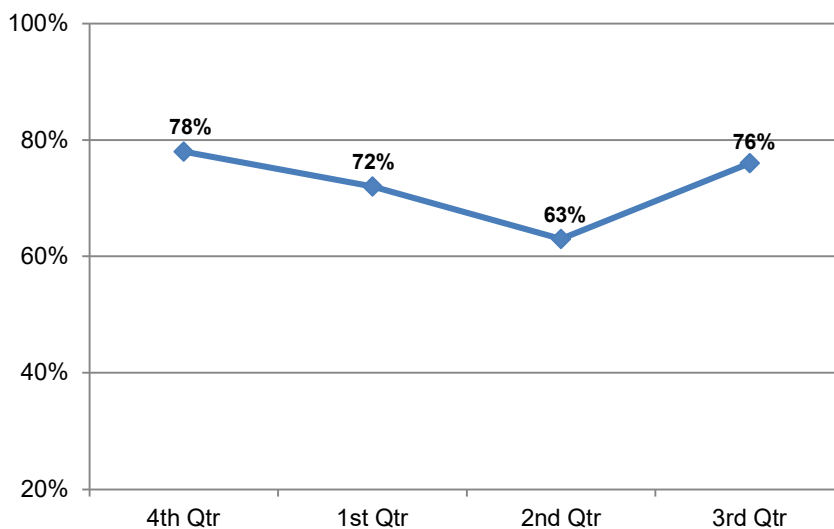


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 68 percent of its DR reports on time during the third quarter, similar to its performance during the previous quarter.

## Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



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

The Division closed 76 percent of DR reports on time during the third quarter, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

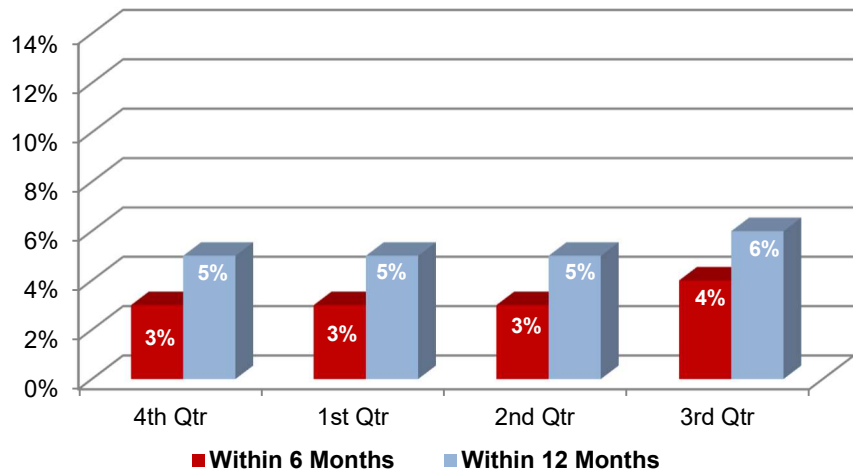
# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Six percent of the victim children involved in true investigations during the third quarter of SFY 2024 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

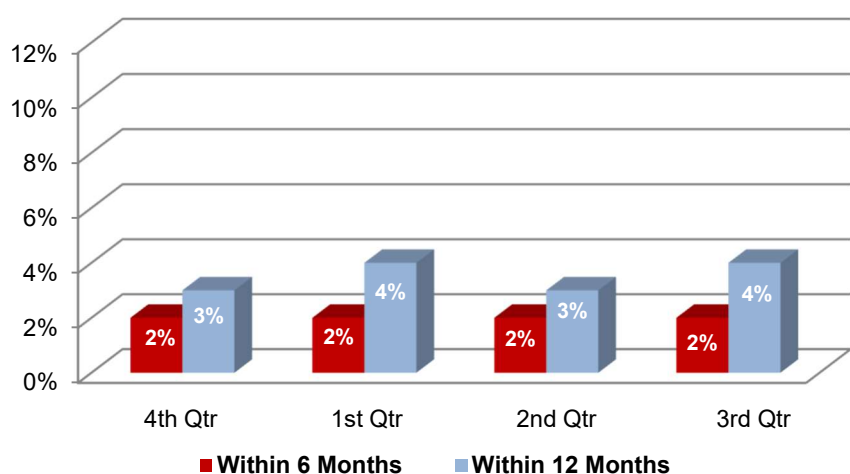


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

### Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families Who Received DR Services

Four percent of the children who began receiving DR services during the third quarter of SFY 2024 were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and two percent were involved within six months.

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



# In-Home Services

## Quick Facts

### Volume and Description of Cases

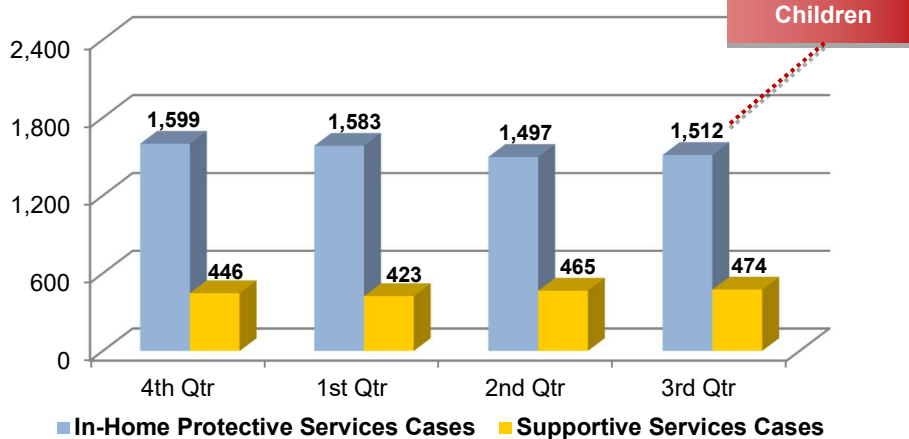
#### Volume of Cases

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

The number of in-home protective services cases increased slightly during the quarter. There were 1,512 in-home protective services cases, involving 3,544 children, open across the state at the end of the quarter.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 474 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

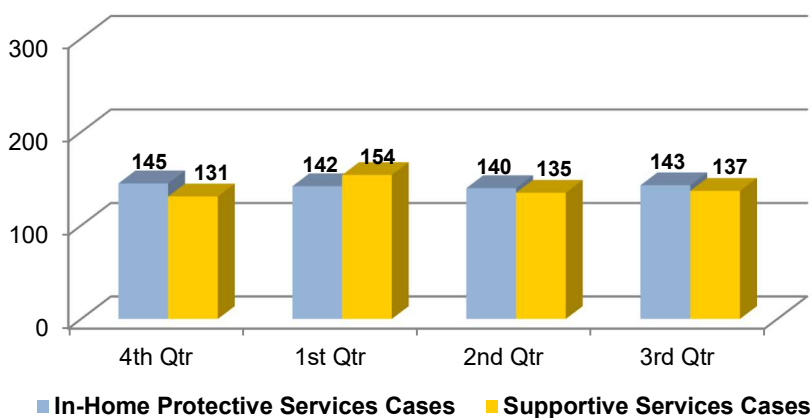
Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



#### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

Both in-home protective services cases and supportive services cases that were active as of the end of the quarter had been open, on average, for approximately four and one-half months.

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

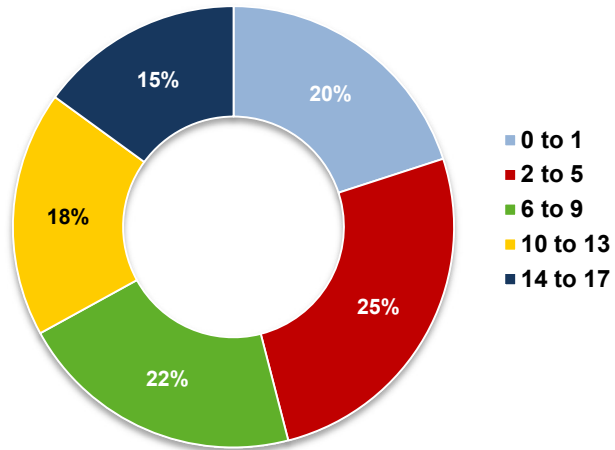


# Quick Facts

## 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 the quarter were ages six or older.

Age of Children in In-Home Cases



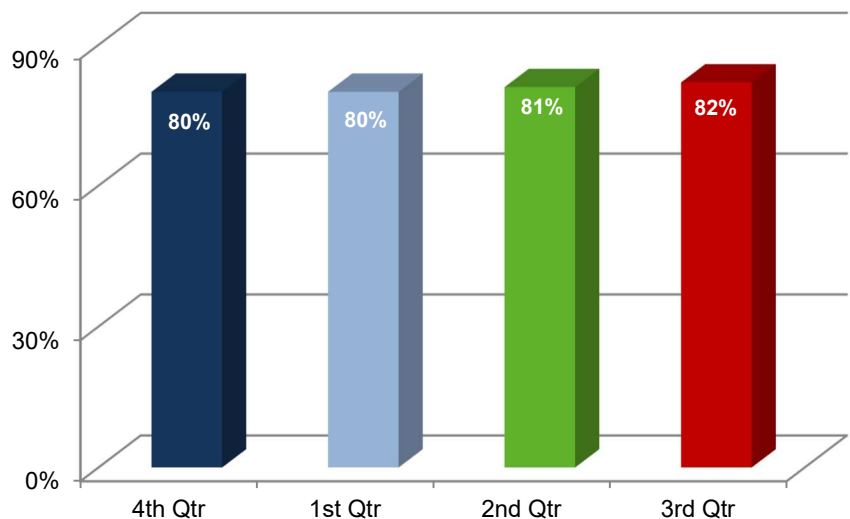
## Meeting Agency Policies

## 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 82 percent of these required visits during the third quarter.

This is slightly higher than the in-home visitation rate observed for each of the previous three quarters. The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

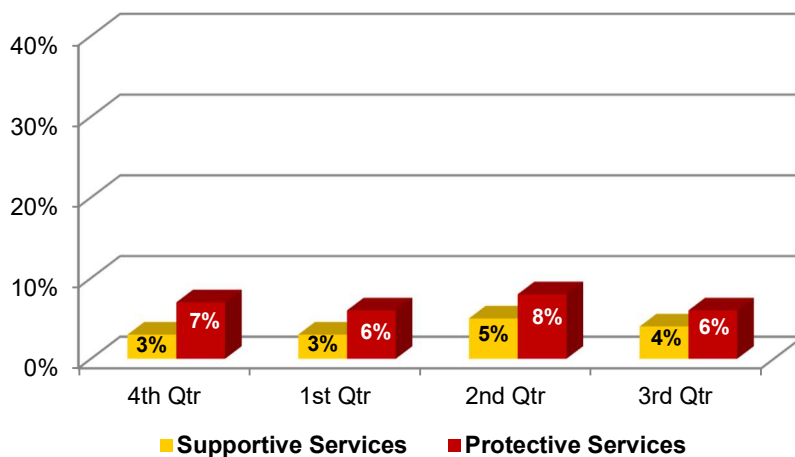


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

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

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

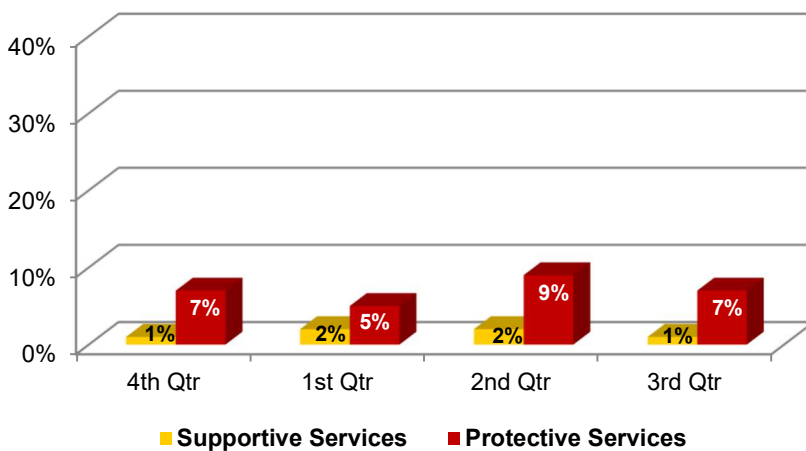


The percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation was six percent for the third quarter.

The rate of maltreatment for children involved through a supportive services case was four percent for the third quarter.

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

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



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

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

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

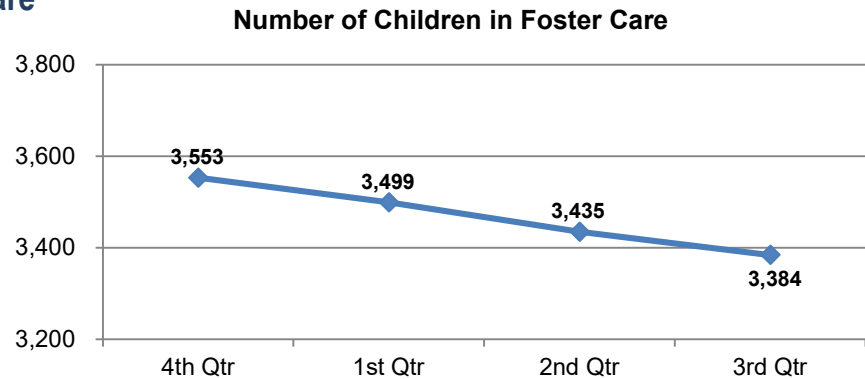
# Quick Facts

## Foster Care

### Volume and Description of Cases

#### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 3,384 children in foster care at the end of the third quarter SFY 2025, a slight decrease from the previous quarter (3,435).

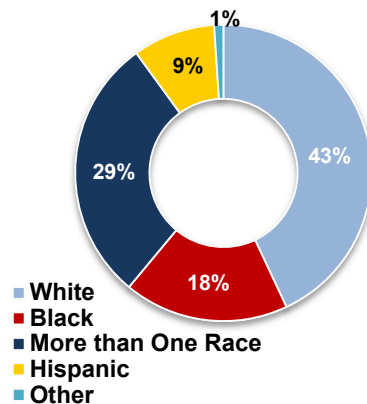


#### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

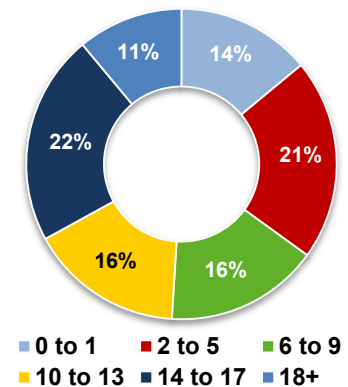
At the end of the quarter, children ages five years or younger made up 35 percent of all children in foster care. Forty-three percent of those in care were white, 29 percent were multiracial, and 18 percent were black.

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

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

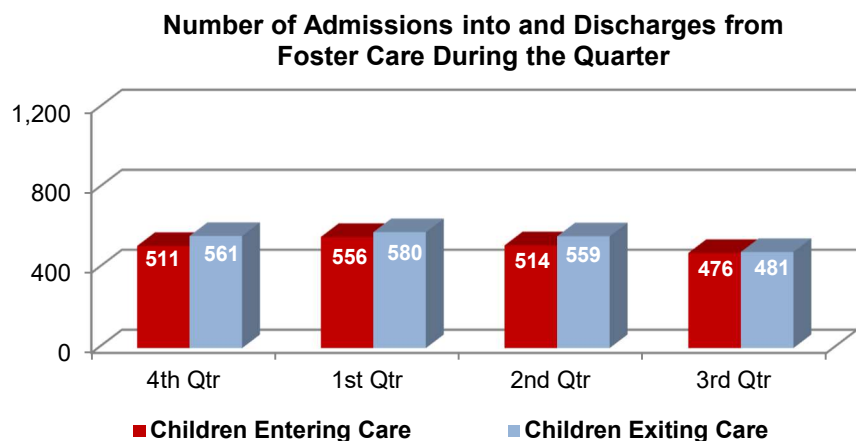


**Ages of Children in Care at the End of the Quarter**



#### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

Slightly more children exited foster care during the third quarter than had entered.



# Quick Facts

## Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care 3rd Quarter SFY 2025

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	222	47%
Substance Abuse	181 <sup>1</sup>	38%
Parent Incarceration	90	19%
Physical Abuse	79	17%
Inadequate Housing	71	15%
Abandonment	35	7%
Sexual Abuse	29	6%
Child's Behavior	18	4%
Caretaker Illness	16	3%
Parent Death	7	1%
All Other Reasons	9	2%

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

Neglect and substance abuse were the most common reasons for children entering foster care during the third quarter, similar to the previous quarter.

Arkansas' Safe Haven Law allows for anonymous and legal relinquishment of infants up to 30 days old in designated locations (e.g., hospitals, police and fire stations, Safe Haven baby boxes), with the infants then entering foster care so DCFS can work to find them a permanent home. No children entered foster care via the Safe Haven Law during the third quarter.

## Reasons for Children's Discharge from Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Discharge from Foster Care 3rd Quarter SFY 2025

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	194	40%
Adoption	120	25%
Child Aged Out	54	11%
Relative Custody	54	11%
Guardianship	49	10%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	7	1%
Non-Relative Custody	1	<1%
All Other Reasons	2	<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 percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family, and 25 percent were adopted.

Overall, 88 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 living arrangement.

<sup>1</sup> These 181 cases of substance abuse include 152 instances of parental drug abuse, 26 instances of parental alcohol abuse, and 3 instances of drug abuse by a child.

<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 the third quarter, over half (53 percent) had been in care for 12 months or longer.

## Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 78 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in a family-like setting (i.e., relative placement, foster family home, therapeutic foster home, trial home visit, pre-adoptive home).

Six 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.

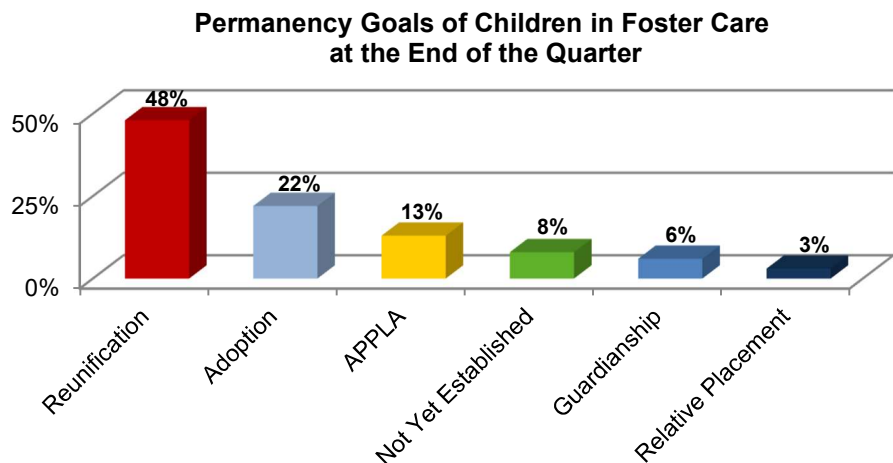
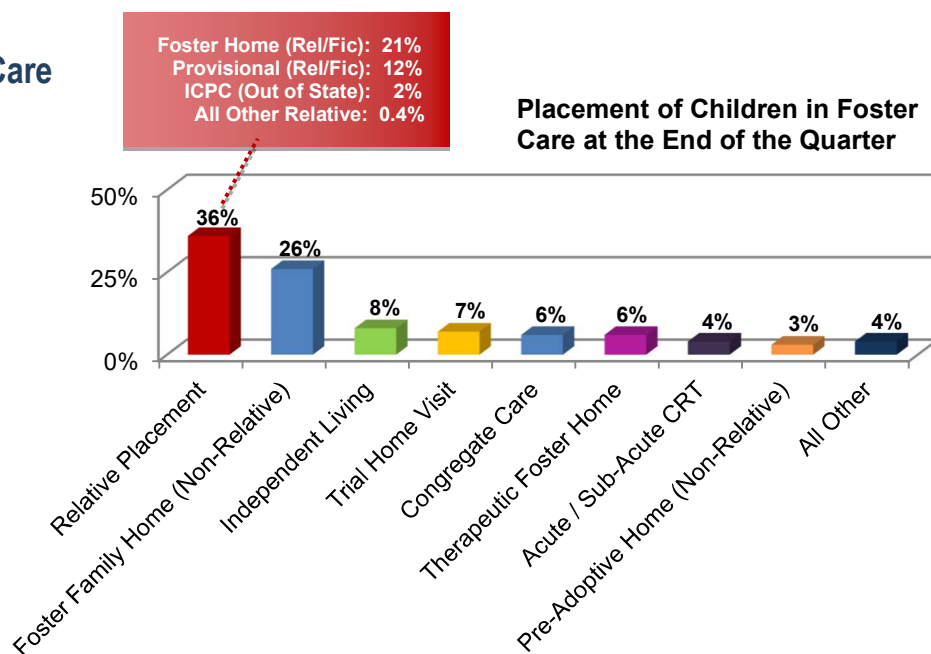
## Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Forty-eight percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 22 percent had a goal of adoption.

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

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care  
3rd Quarter SFY 2025

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	175	5%	4%
1-3 Months	248	7%	18%
3-6 Months	392	12%	
6-12 Months	773	23%	18%
12-24 Months	784	23%	26%
24-36 Months	404	12%	14%
36+ Months	608	18%	20%
Total	3,384	100%	100%



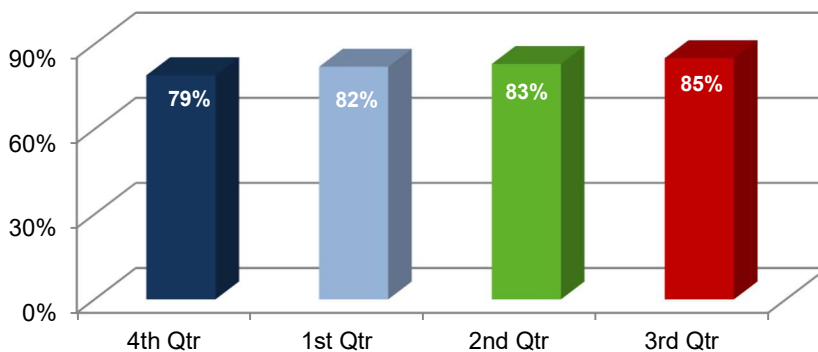


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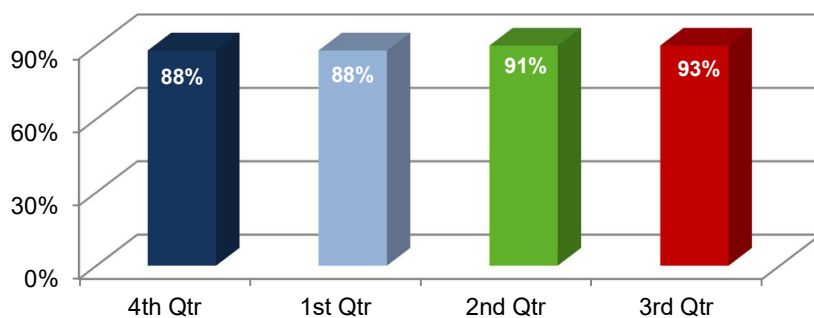
## Meeting Agency Policies

### Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care

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



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



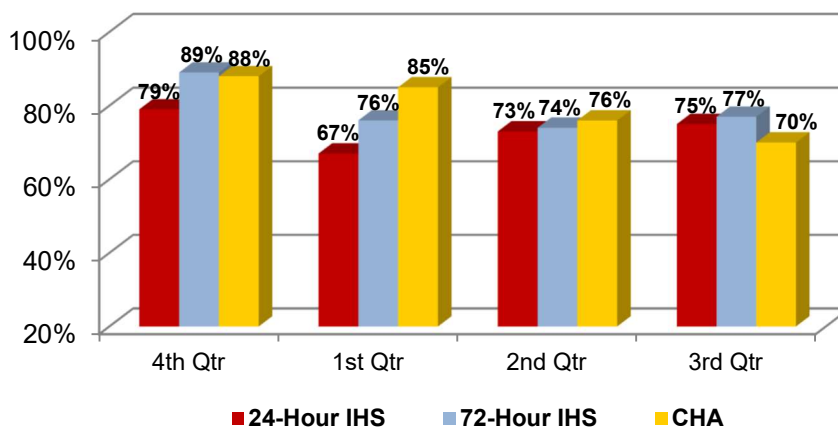
To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires children in care to be visited in their placement by a caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's goal is 95 percent.

DCFS caseworkers made 85 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care during the third quarter. This was higher than the visitation rates observed for previous quarters.

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

### Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

**24-Hour and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings 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 an initial screening within 72 hours.

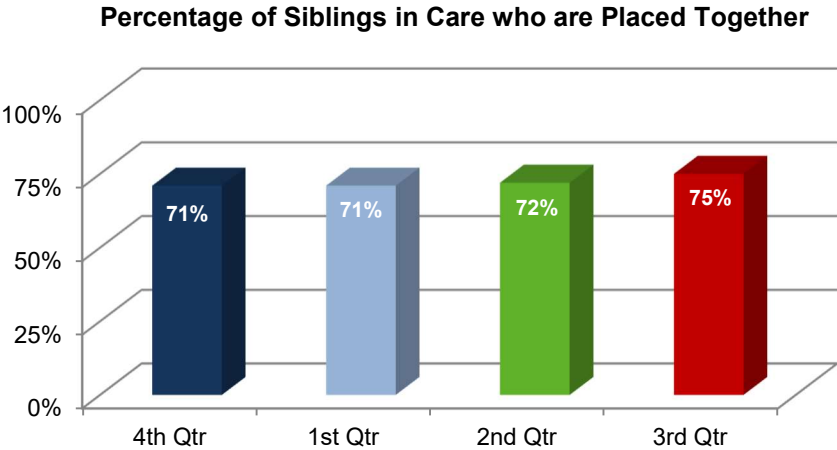
Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

# Quick Facts

## Siblings in Care Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 75 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 52 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

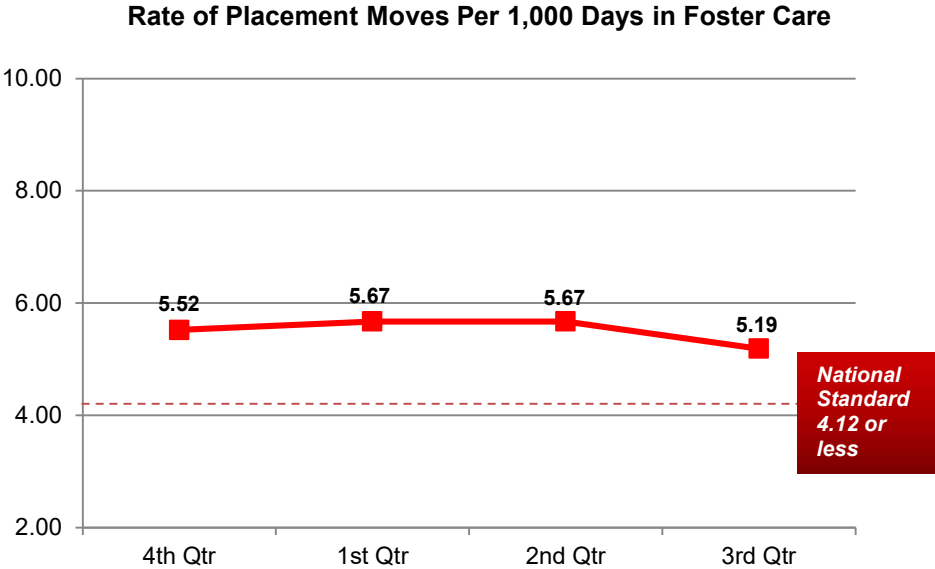
These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.



## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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

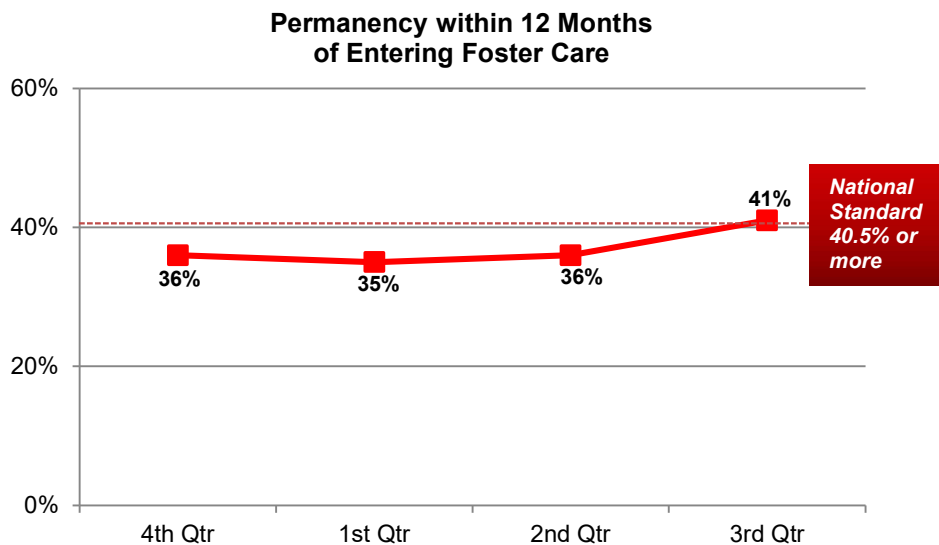
For the third quarter, the placement stability rate was 5.19, lower than the rate observed for the previous quarter. The national standard is 4.12.



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## Benefits to Children and Families

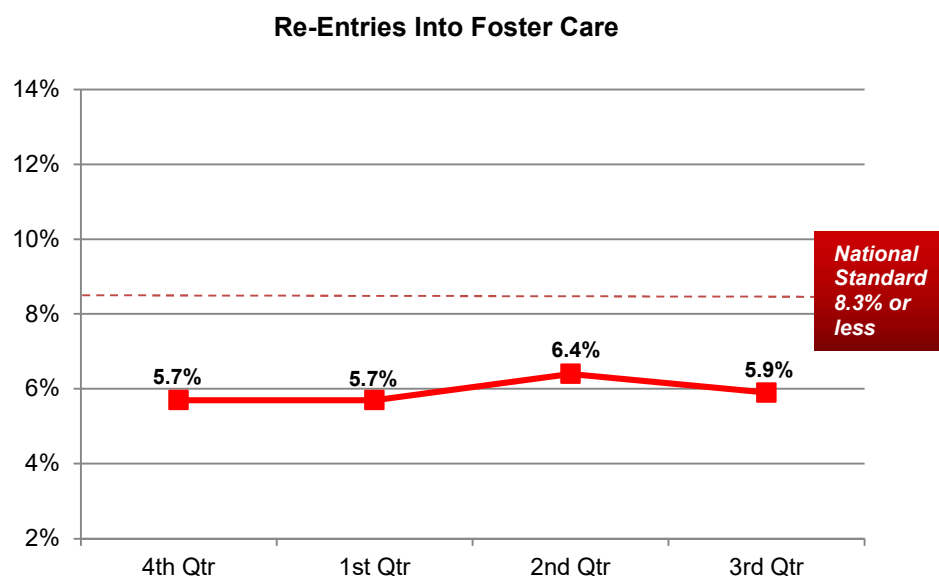
### Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months



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 the third quarter of SFY 2025, 41 percent of the children entering care in Arkansas achieved permanency within 12 months. This is higher than the previous quarter and surpassed the national standard.

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



Six percent of children who had reunited with their families subsequently re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge for the third quarter of SFY 2025. This is less than the national standard (8.3 percent).

# Quick Facts

## Adoption

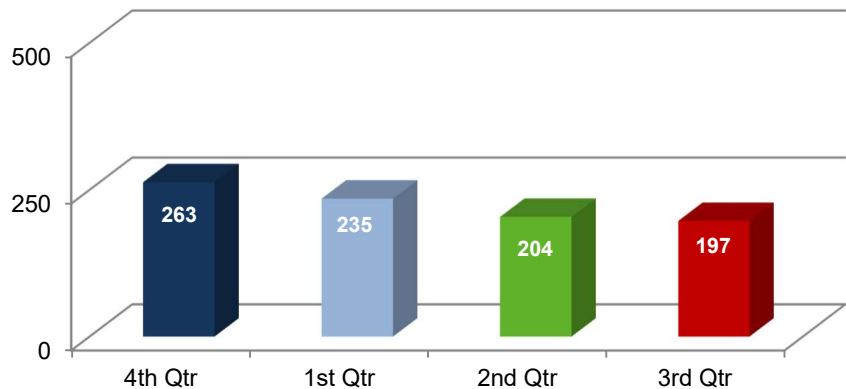
### Volume and Description of Cases

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

At the end of the third quarter, 197 children were available for adoption.

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

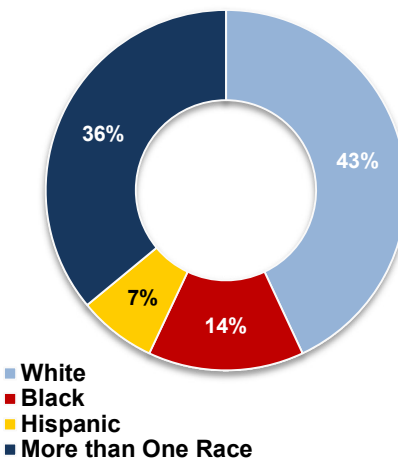
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



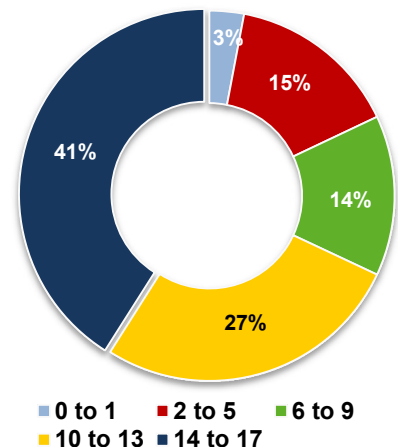
#### Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 43 percent were white, 36 percent were multiracial, and 14 percent were black. Children ages ten and older made up 68 percent of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Age of Children Available for Adoption

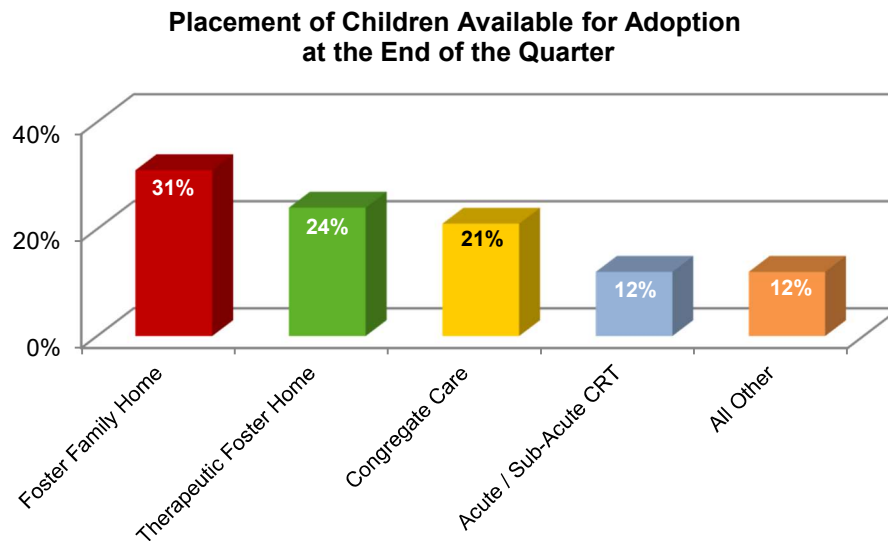


<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

# Quick Facts

## Placement of Children Available for Adoption

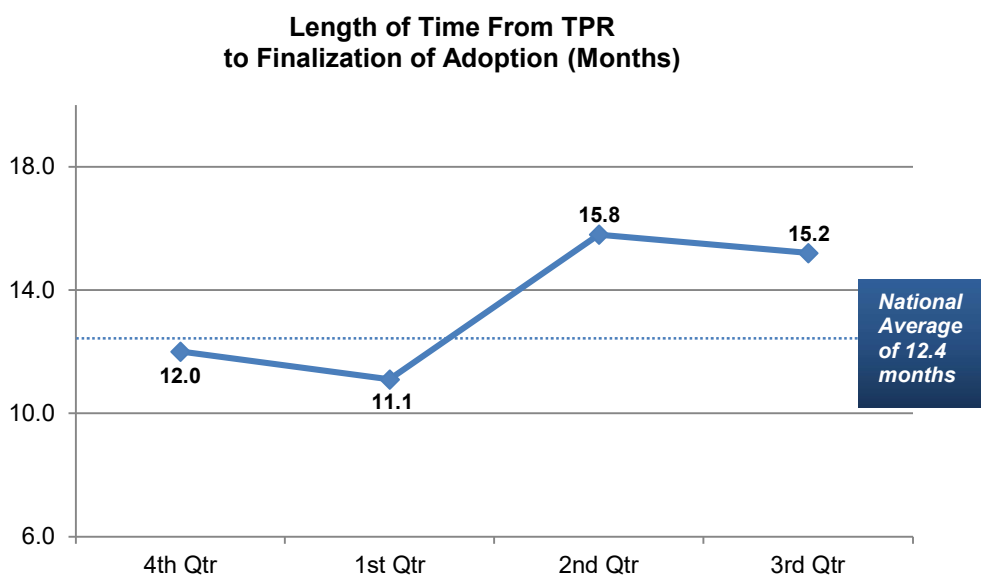
Fifty-five percent of the children available for adoption resided in either a foster family home or therapeutic foster home at the end of the quarter.



## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption

Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 15 months during the quarter, slightly shorter than the previous quarter but still longer than the national average (12.4 months).



# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

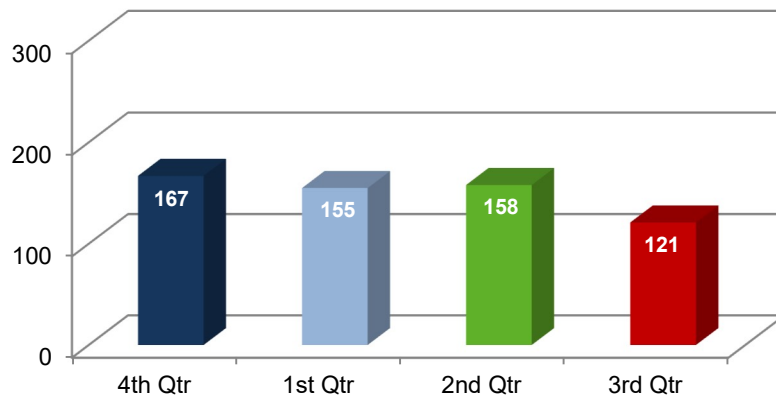
### Finalized Adoptions

One-hundred and twenty-one adoptions were finalized during the third quarter of SFY 2025.

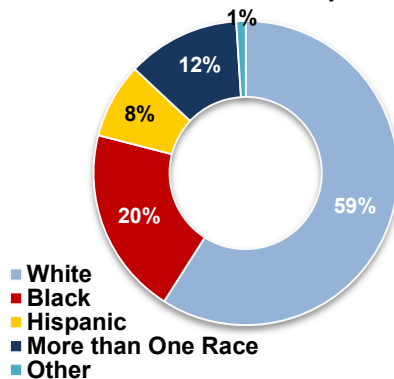
Of those adoptions, 40 percent were finalized by relatives.

Children ages two to five made up the largest group (28 percent) among those adopted during the quarter. Fifty-nine percent of those adopted during the quarter were white.

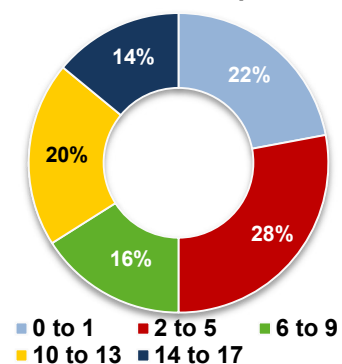
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Age of Children with Finalized Adoption



### Subsidized Adoptions

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

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

During the third quarter, **152** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 147 were federally funded subsidies and 5 were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **8,286** children received adoption subsidies.



## Resources

## Quick Facts

### Caseworkers and Caseloads

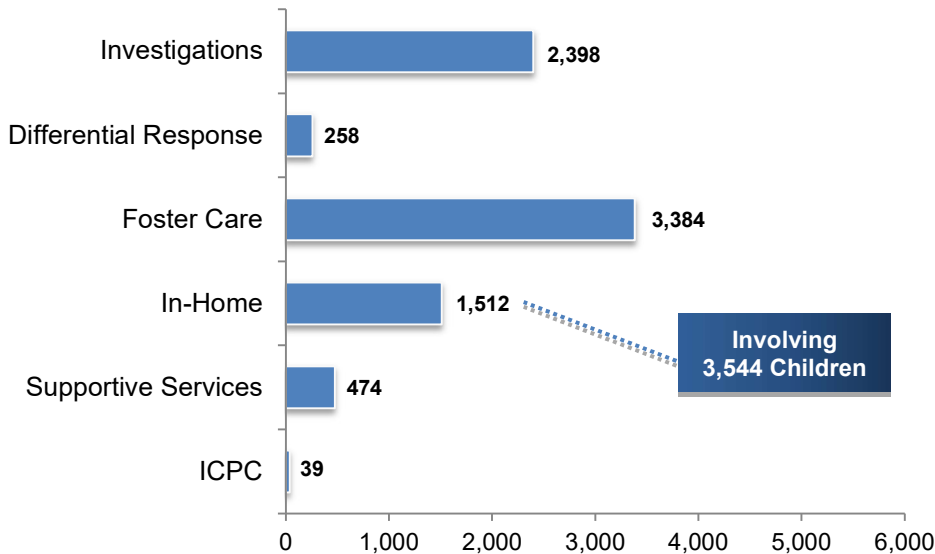
#### Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

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

- 2,398 investigations of child maltreatment and 258 DR cases;
- 3,384 foster care cases;
- 1,512 in-home protective services cases, involving 3,544 children;
- 474 supportive services cases and 39 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 417 family service workers who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



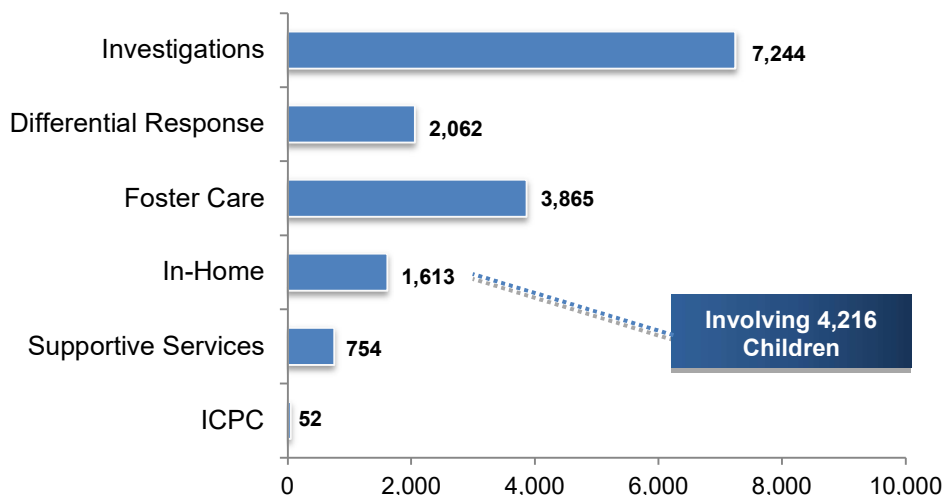
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

#### Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

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

The Division oversaw 7,244 investigations, 2,062 DR cases, 3,865 children in foster care, 1,613 in-home protective services cases, 754 supportive services cases, and 52 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide was nearly 19 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. The Division's goal is 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of March 2025 is presented in Appendix B.

## Foster Homes

### Foster Homes and Beds

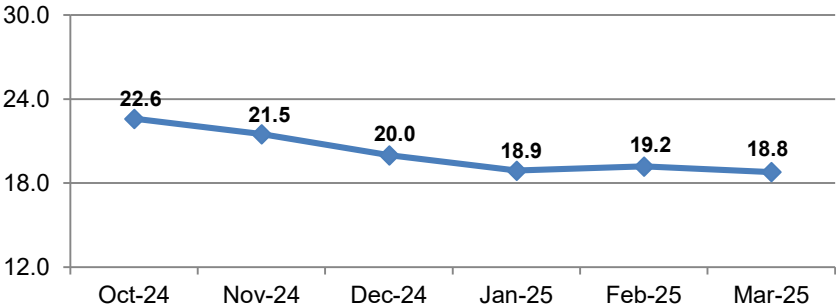
There were 1,349 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the third quarter, providing a total of 2,681 available beds.

The number of beds decreased slightly from the previous quarter.

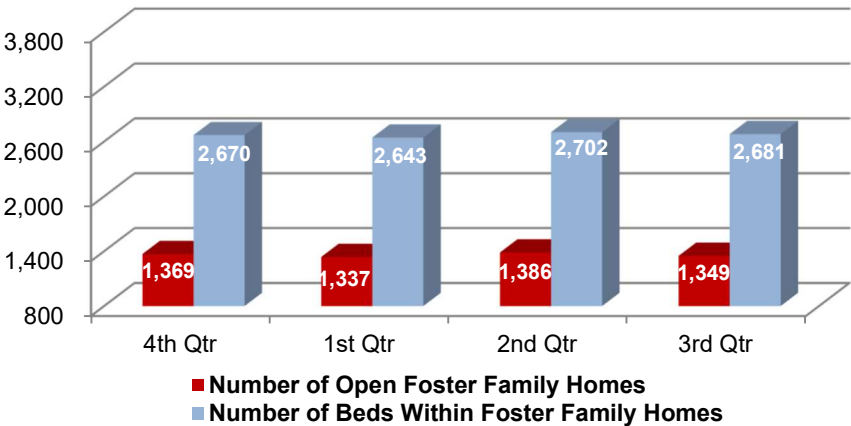
During the most recent quarter, 249 new foster homes were opened and 264 were closed, resulting in a net loss of 15 homes.

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

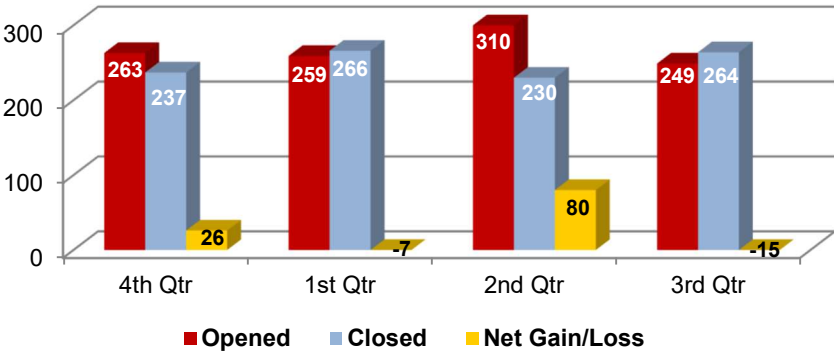
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



Number of Foster Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter

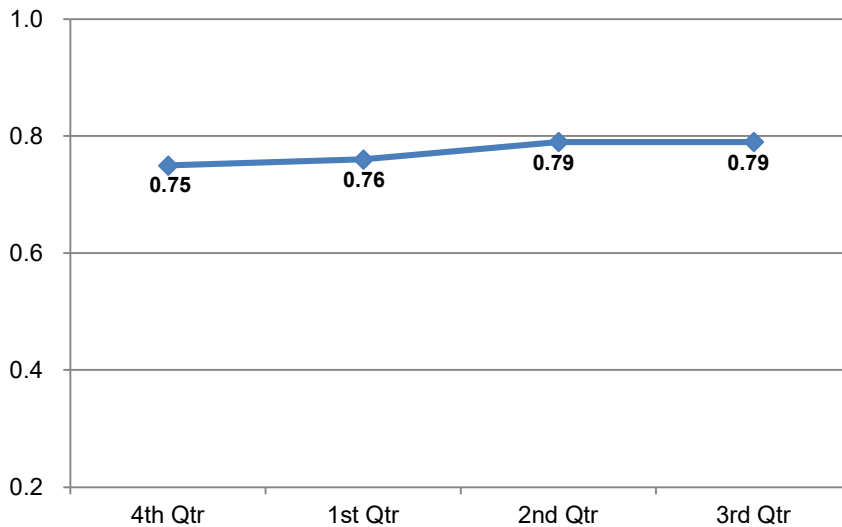




# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Home Bed to Foster Child Ratio

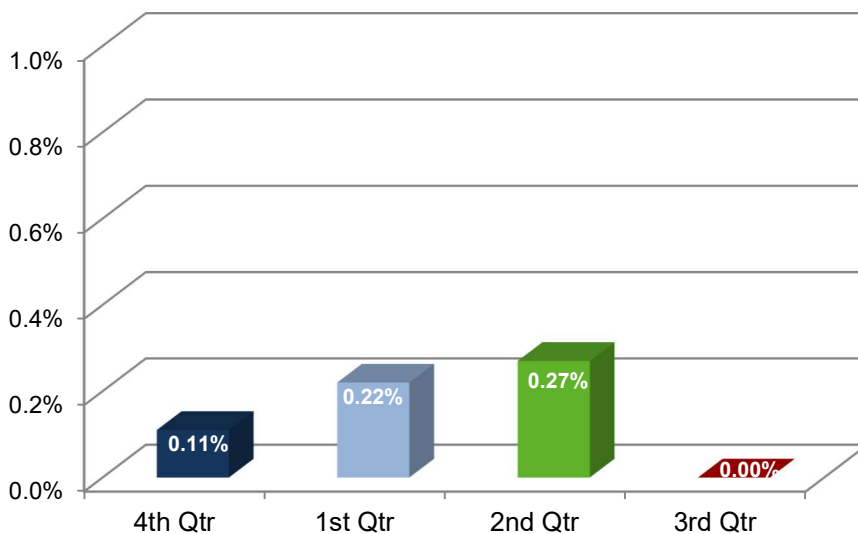


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care stood at 0.79 at the end of the third quarter, identical to the previous quarter.

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

## Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



There were not any true reports during the third quarter in which a foster parent was identified as an offender. Based on the 1,805 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was zero percent.

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

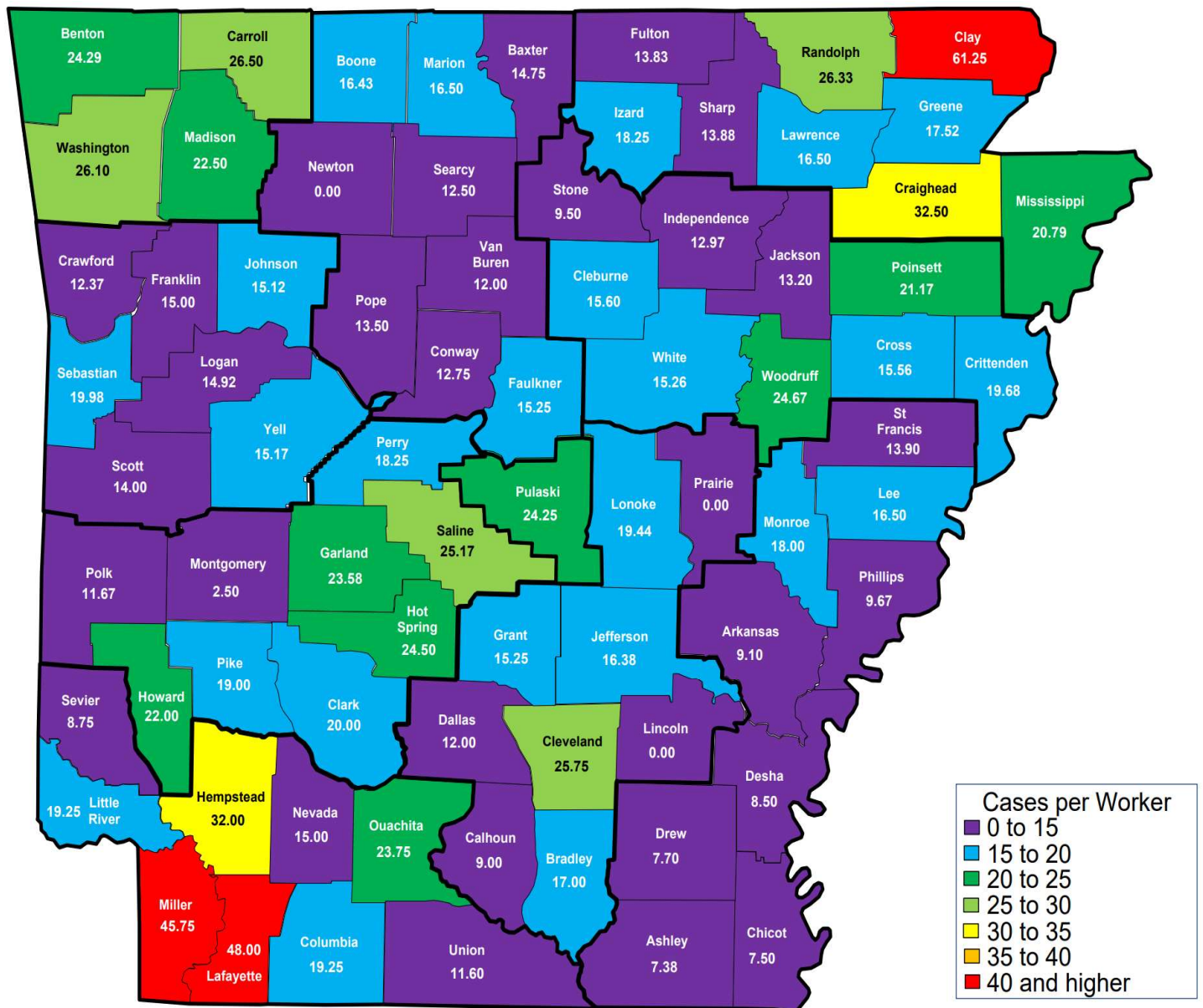


## Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations<sup>4</sup>

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
Fourth Quarter 2024	1,524	4,915 <i>4,798 Closed</i>	850	18%	1,412 <i>1,336 Closed</i>	374	28%
First Quarter 2025	1,094	4,128 <i>4,110 Closed</i>	931	23%	1,444 <i>1,331 Closed</i>	433	33%
Second Quarter 2025	1,651	5,660 <i>5,595 Closed</i>	963	17%	1,691 <i>1,506 Closed</i>	448	30%
Third Quarter 2025	1,488	4,799 <i>4,771 Closed</i>	861	18%	1,394 <i>1,299 Closed</i>	359	28%

<sup>4</sup> The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the third quarter refers to 11/1/2024 through 1/31/2025); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report, which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).

## Appendix B: Average Caseload as of March 31, 2025, by County



Lincoln, Newton, and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter; their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.

## Appendix C: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Founded Abuse / Neglect	Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
1	Benton (Bentonville)	0	7	2	1	0	1	0	11
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	5
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1	13	4	6	0	1	0	25
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	5
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	5
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
2	Scott (Waldron)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	2	3	1	5	0	5	0	16
2	Yell (Danville)	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	0	4	4	3	0	5	0	16
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3	Polk (Mena)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3	Saline (Benton)	1	9	1	7	0	0	0	18
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
5	Conway (Morrliton)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
5	Faulkner (Conway)	1	6	4	1	0	0	0	12
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
6	Pulaski (North)	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
6	Pulaski (South)	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	10
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	8
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Founded Abuse / Neglect	Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	8
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
9	White (Searcy)	2	5	3	1	1	1	0	13
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Out of State		0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>264</b>

Details of the Major Closure Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Custody / Guardianship	38
	Child(ren) Left Care	33
Change in Family Circumstances	Personal Issues	8
	Death of Parent	3
	Moved	2
	Pregnant	2
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	86
	Changed to Adopt Only	8
	Taking a Break	4
	Became Private Therapeutic Foster Home	1
Founded Abuse / Neglect	True Maltreatment	1
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	45
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider / Services No Longer Needed	31
Other	Contract Ended	2

## Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 3rd Quarter SFY 2025

One-hundred and twenty-three reports of alleged maltreatment involving children in foster care were received by the hotline during the third quarter of SFY 2025.

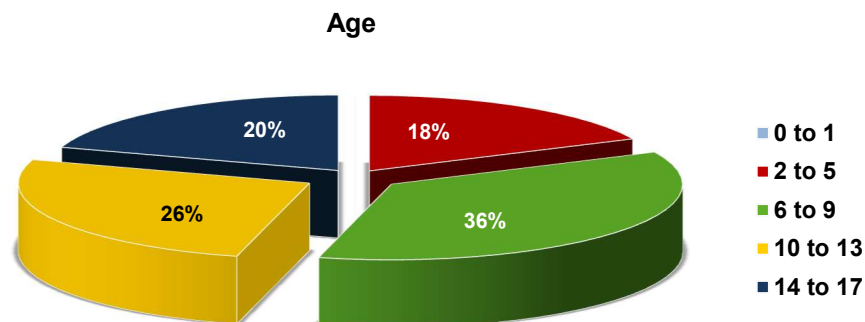
In 33 reports involving 39 children, foster parents<sup>5</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following table, none of those reports were found to be true.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
3rd Quarter SFY 2025**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
0	32	1

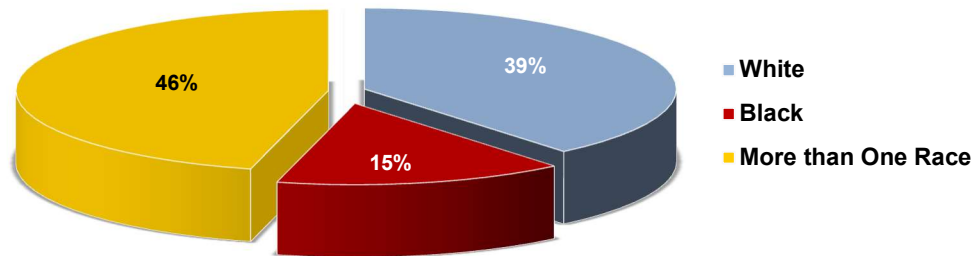
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to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

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 39 children in foster care who were involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents identified as the alleged offenders.

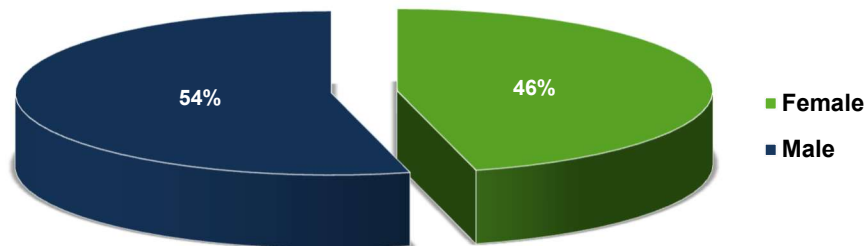


<sup>5</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes.

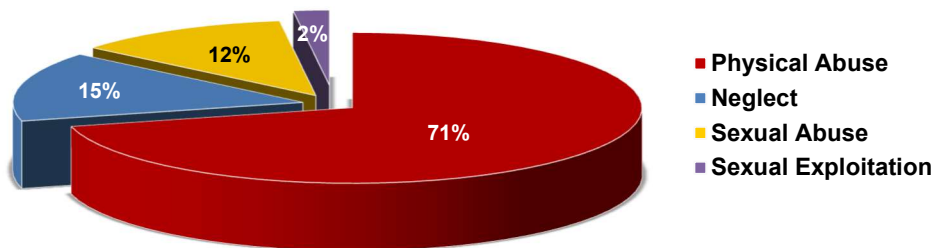
**Race / Ethnicity**



**Gender**



**Allegations**





### Location of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)
Pulaski	9
Jefferson	3
Sebastian	3
Clay	2
Craighead	2
Crawford	2
Faulkner	2
Lonoke	2
Saline	2
Van Buren	2
White	2
Carroll	1
Crittenden	1
Drew	1
Phillips	1
Poinsett	1
Polk	1
Searcy	1
St. Francis	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>