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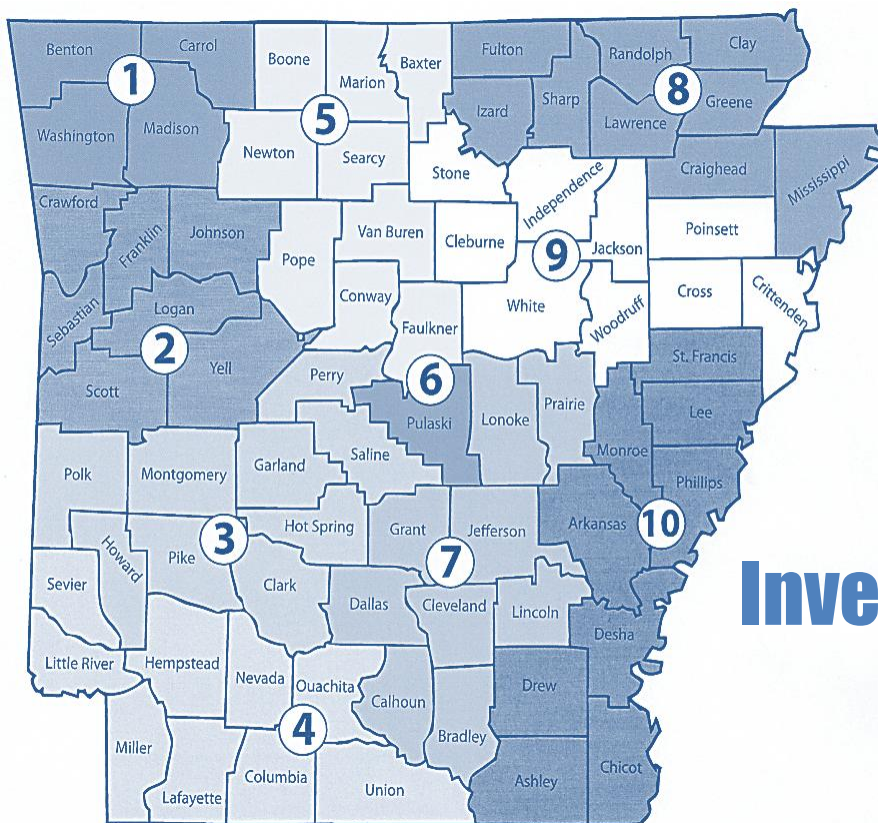
# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

# REPORT

2nd QUARTER

SFY 2026

October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025



## Investigations

IN-HOME SERVICES

Prevention Services

## FOSTER CARE

Differential Response  
**Adoptions**

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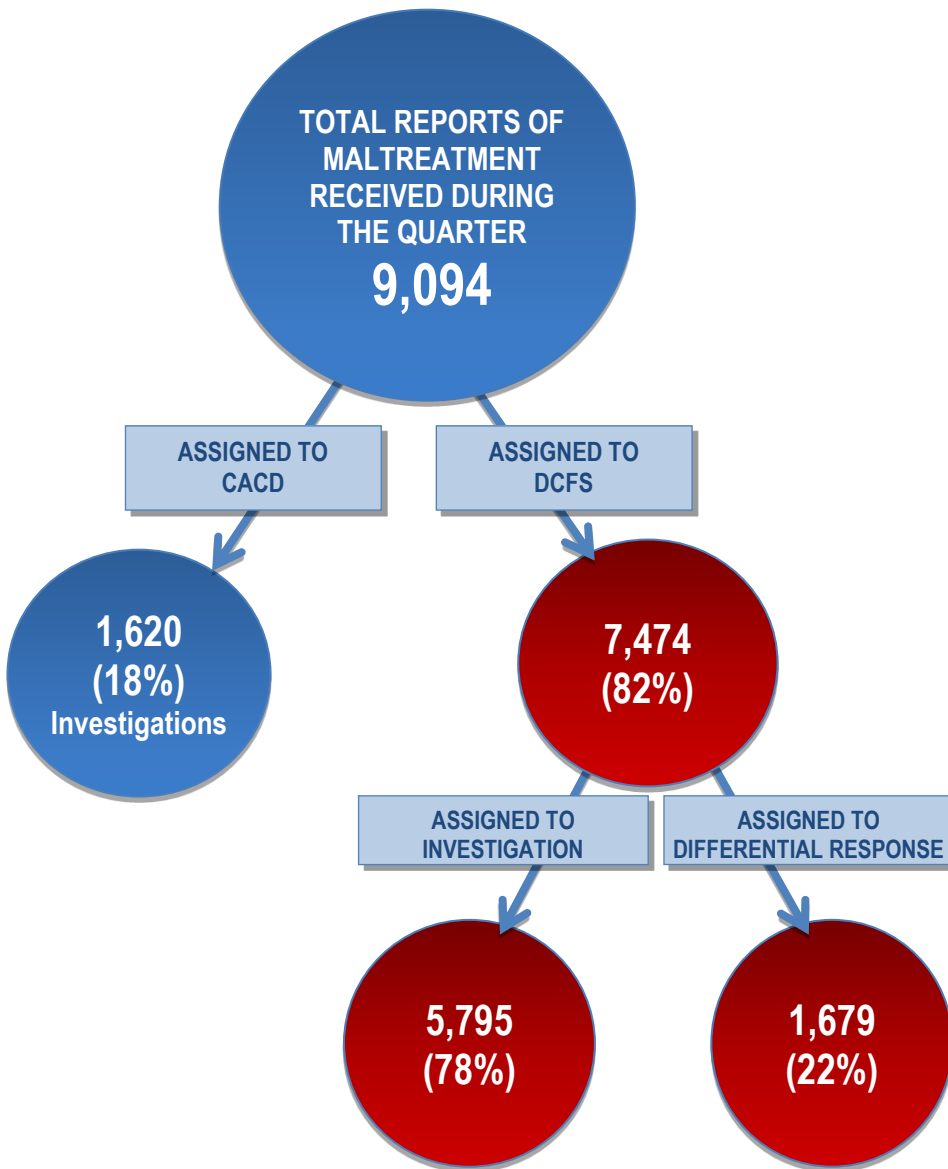


# Reports of Child Maltreatment

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports  
Maltreatment Reports Received During  
2nd Quarter SFY 2026



Of the 9,094 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the second 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, 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, or educational neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

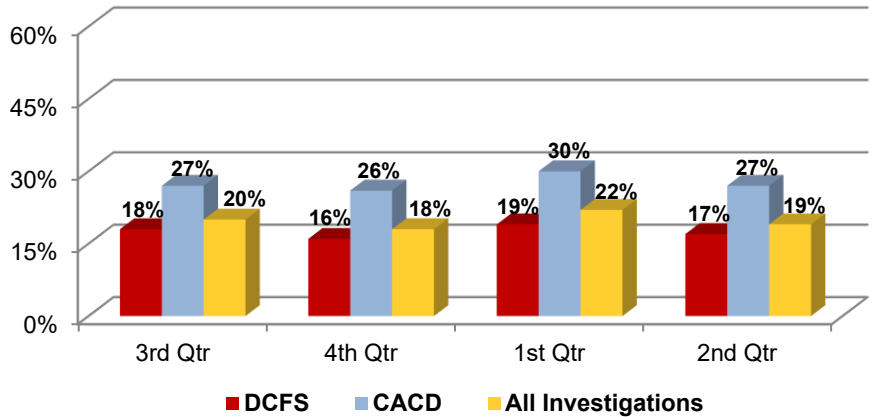
# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Seventeen percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the second quarter were found true, compared to 27 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 19 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



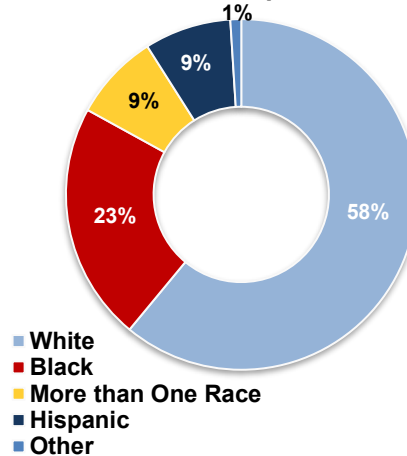
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 1,815 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations during the quarter.

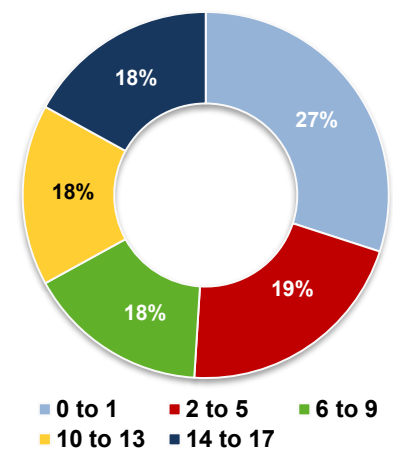
Of those children, 58 percent were white, 23 percent were black, 9 percent were Hispanic, and 9 percent were multiracial. Less than half (46 percent) were under six years of age.

The majority of victim children (54 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 1,815 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	1,201	66%
Physical Abuse	457	25%
Sexual Abuse	296	16%
Sexual Exploitation	29	2%
Abandonment	20	1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

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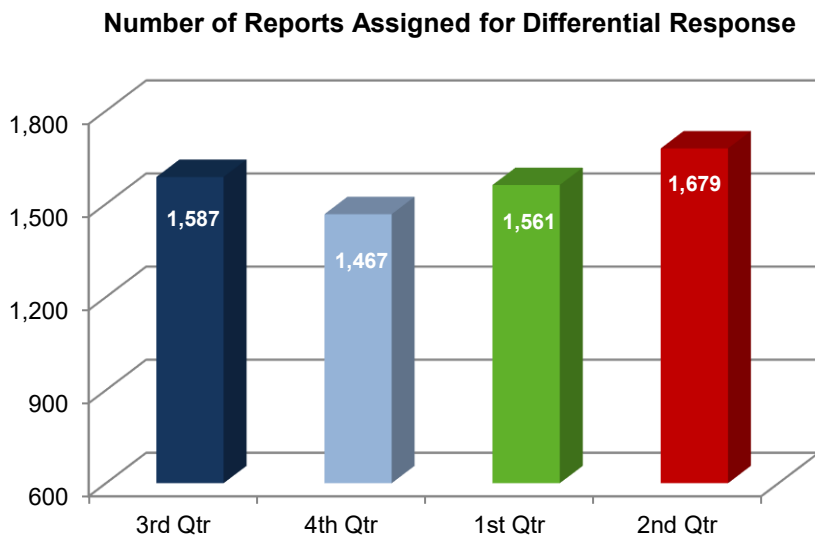
## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Child Near Fatality
True	1	2
Unsubstantiated	0	1
Inactive	0	0
Pending	8	6

During the second quarter, there were nine maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of those, one was found true and eight were still pending.

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

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)



The number of reports assigned for DR during the second quarter (1,679) increased by eight percent over the previous quarter.

# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

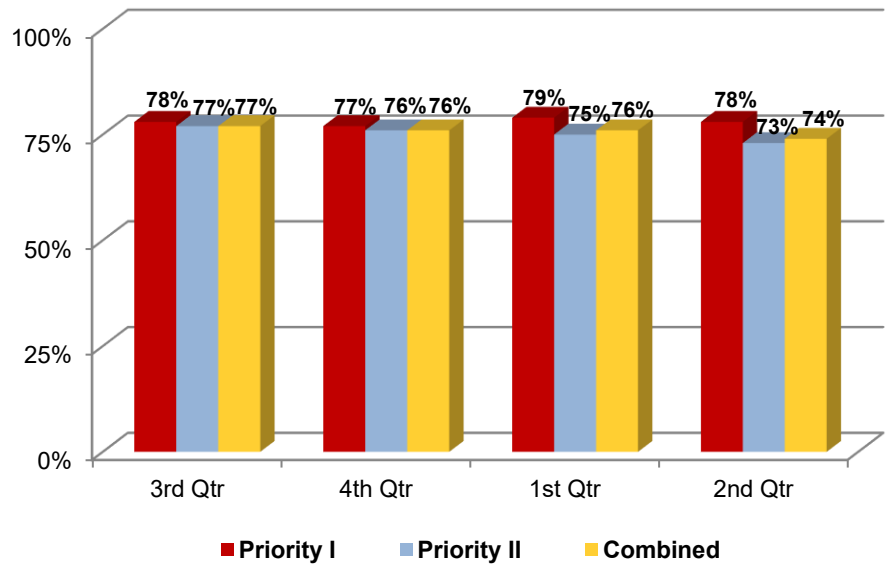
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

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 74 percent of its investigations on time during the second quarter, slightly lower than its performance for the previous quarter.

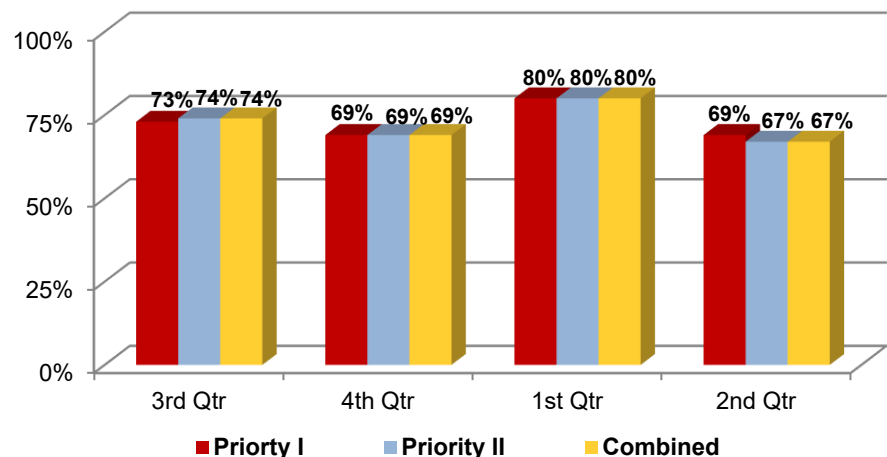
**Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 67 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter. This signified a decline from its performance during the previous quarter (80 percent).

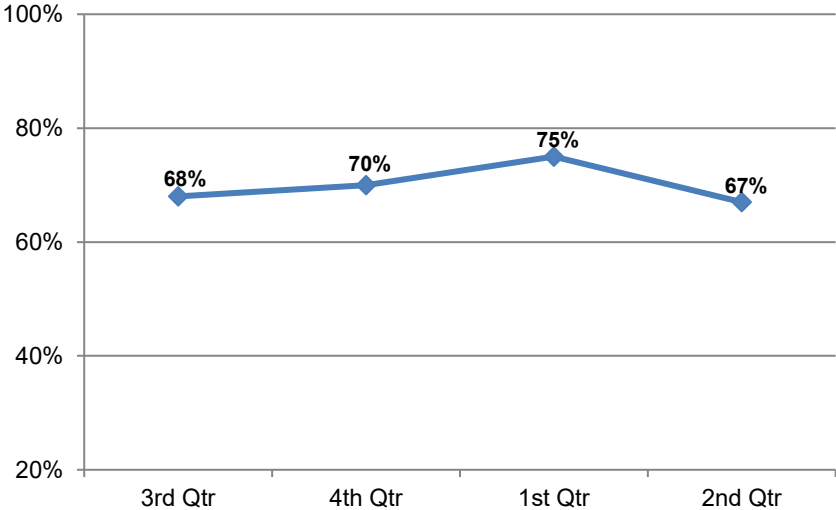
**Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)**



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## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

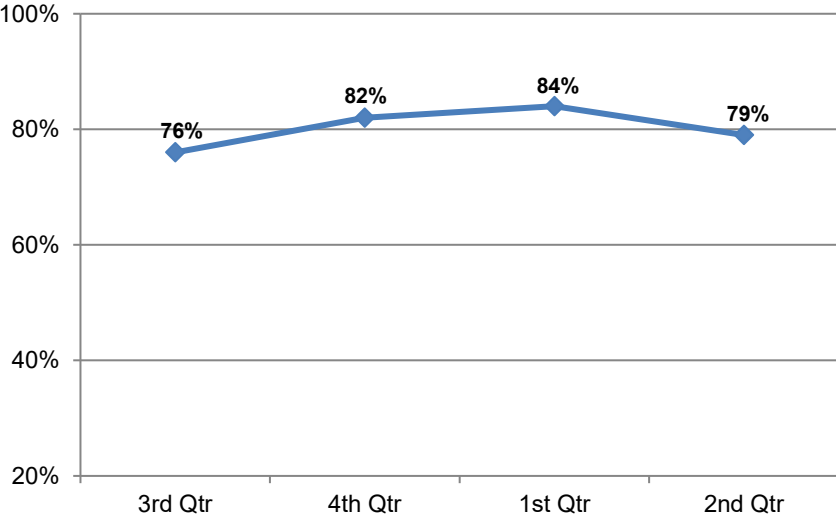


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 67 percent of its DR reports on time during the second quarter, a decline from 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 60 days of receipt of the report.

The Division closed 79 percent of DR reports on time during the second quarter, a decline from the previous quarter.

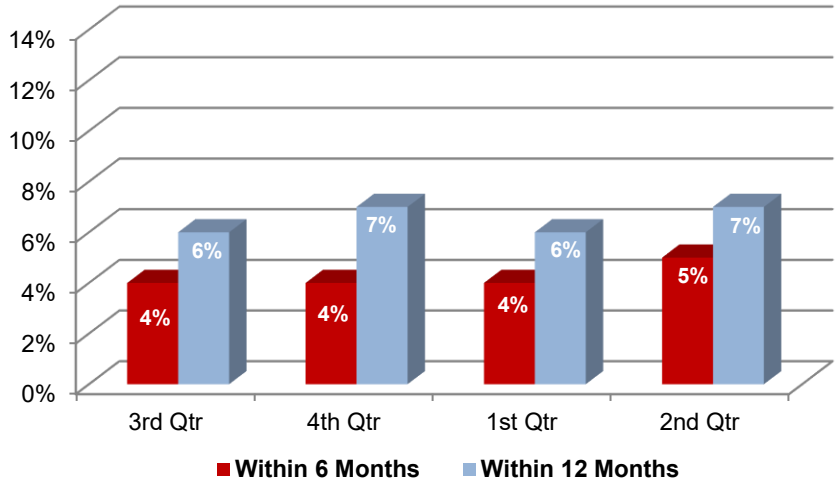
# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Seven percent of the victim children involved in true investigations during the second quarter of SFY 2025 experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months. Five percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months.

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

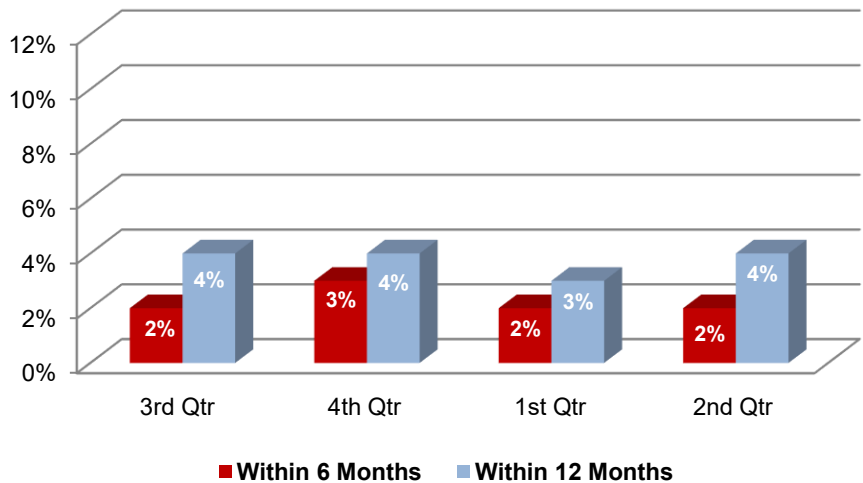


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

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

Four percent of the children who began receiving DR services during the second quarter of SFY 2025 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

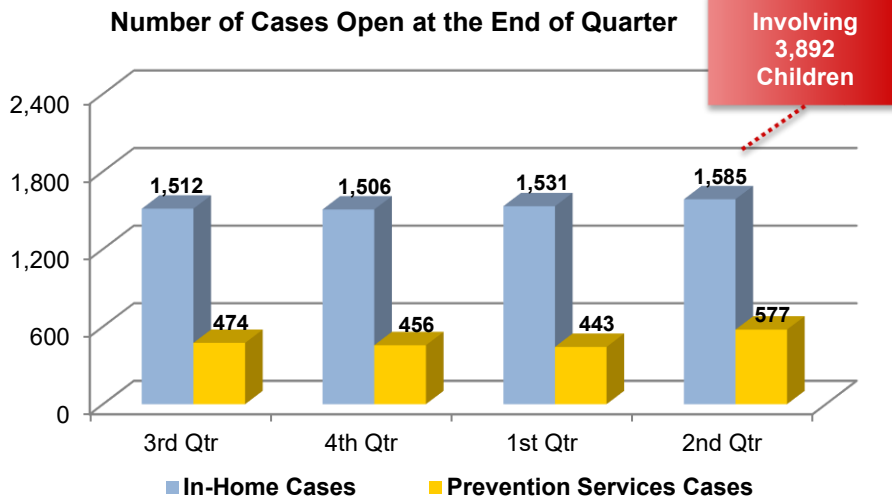


# In-Home Services

# Quick Facts

## Volume and Description of Cases

### Volume of Cases

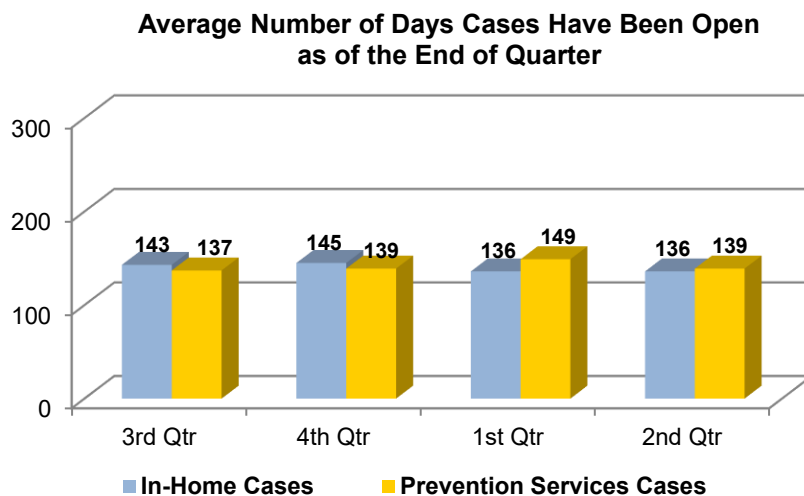


In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home. These are offered via an in-home case.

The number of in-home cases increased during the quarter. There were 1,585 in-home cases—involving 3,892 children—open across the state at the end of the quarter.

The Division also offers prevention services (formerly supportive services) to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 577 prevention services cases at the end of the quarter.

### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



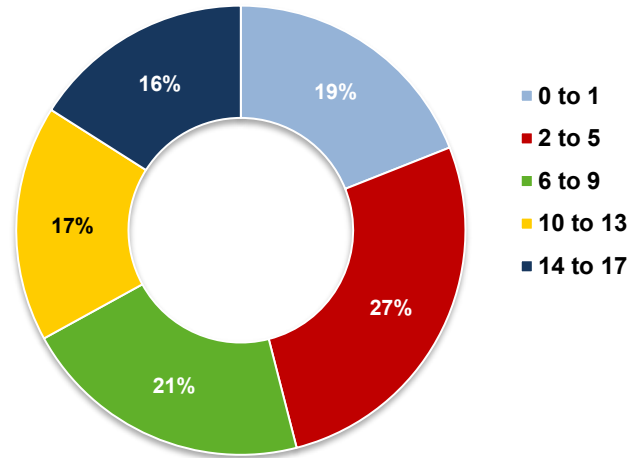
Both in-home cases and prevention services cases that were active as of the end of the quarter had been open, on average, for four and one-half months.

# Quick Facts

## Age of Children in In-Home Cases

Over half (54 percent) of the children involved in in-home cases at the end of the quarter were ages six or older.

Age of Children in In-Home Cases



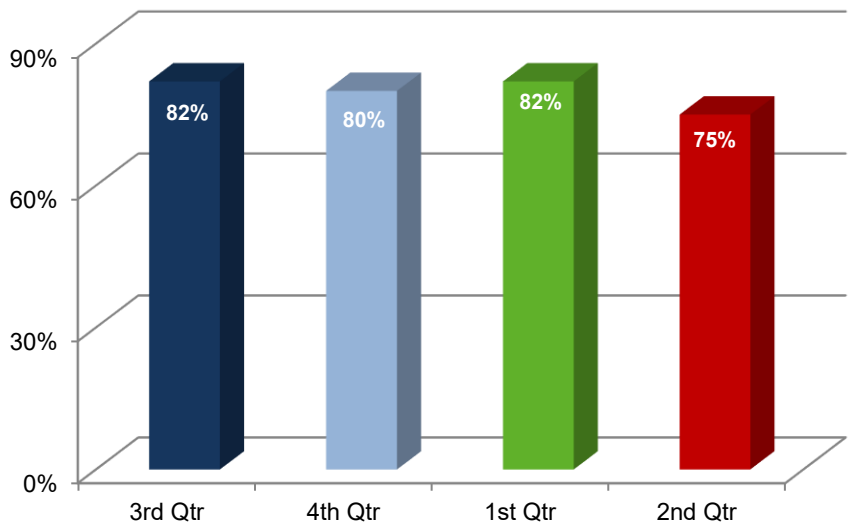
## Meeting Agency Policies

## Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

Families with an open in-home case must receive a face-to-face visit from a caseworker each month. Caseworkers made 75 percent of these required visits during the second quarter.

This is less than the in-home visitation rate observed for recent quarters. The Division's goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

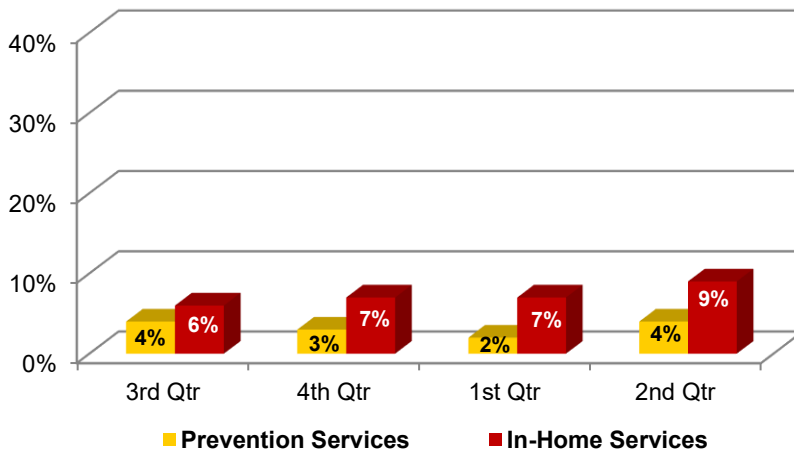


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received In-Home and Prevention Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Prevention or In-Home Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service

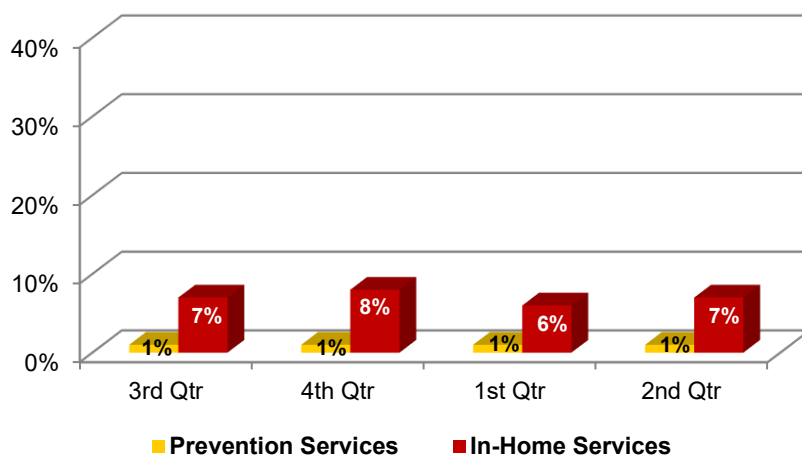


The percentage of children involved in an in-home case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation was nine percent for the second quarter.

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

### Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received In-Home and Prevention Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Prevention or In-Home Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving in-home services during the second 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 prevention services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

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

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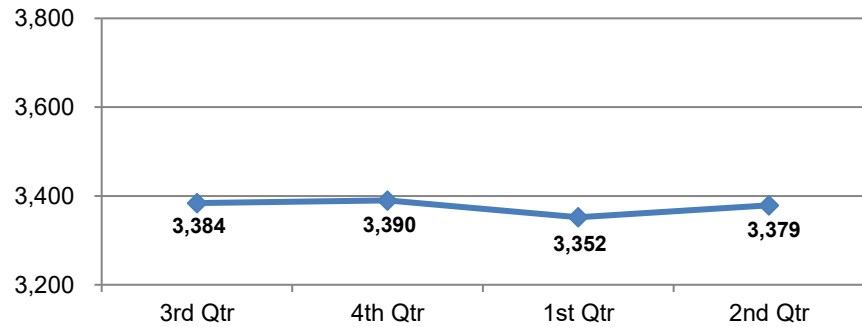
# Foster Care

## Volume and Description of Cases

### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 3,379 children in foster care at the end of the second quarter of SFY 2026, a slight increase over the previous quarter (3,352).

Number of Children in Foster Care

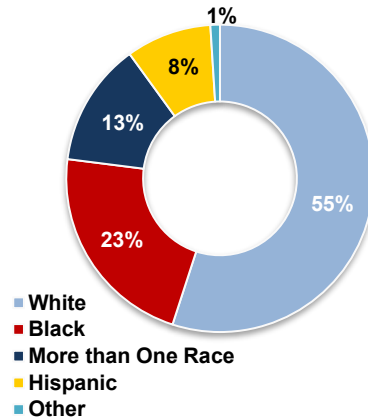


### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

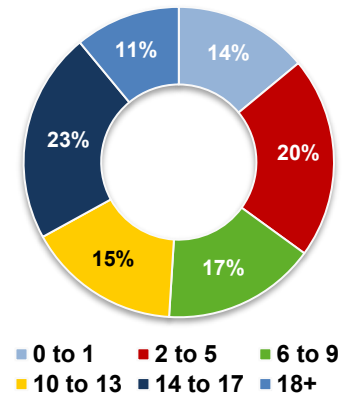
At the end of the quarter, children ages five years or younger made up just over one-third (34 percent) of all children in foster care. Fifty-five percent of those in care were white, 23 percent were black, and 13 percent were multiracial.

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 Foster Care



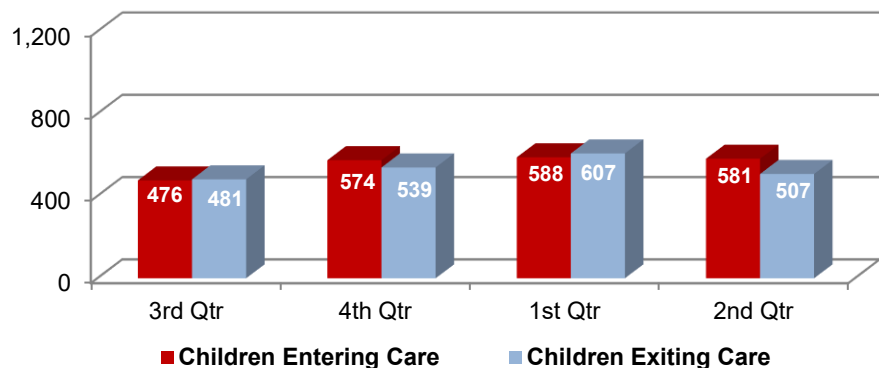
Age of Children in Foster Care



### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

More children entered foster care during the second quarter than had exited.

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



# Quick Facts

## Reasons for Children’s Entry Into Foster Care

**Reasons for Children’s Entry Into Foster Care  
2nd Quarter SFY 2026**

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
<b>Neglect</b>	314	54%
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	218 <sup>1</sup>	38%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	142	24%
<b>Parent Incarceration</b>	98	17%
<b>Inadequate Housing</b>	86	15%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	49	8%
<b>Caretaker Illness</b>	32	6%
<b>Child’s Behavior</b>	22	4%
<b>Abandonment</b>	22	4%
<b>Truancy</b>	5	1%
<b>All Other Reasons</b>	18	3%

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

Neglect was the most common reason for children entering foster care during the second quarter, followed by substance abuse.

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. One child entered foster care via the Safe Haven Law during the second quarter.

## Reasons for Children’s Discharge from Foster Care

**Reasons for Children’s Discharge from Foster Care  
2nd Quarter SFY 2026**

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
<b>Reunification</b>	230	45%
<b>Adoption</b>	125	25%
<b>Relative Custody</b>	55	11%
<b>Child Aged Out</b>	44	9%
<b>Guardianship</b>	43	8%
<b>Non-Custodial Parent Custody</b>	9	2%
<b>Emancipation</b>	1	<1%

*National data<sup>2</sup> indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (44%), adoption (27%), and guardianship (10%).*

Forty-five percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family, and 25 percent were adopted.

Overall, 91 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 218 cases of substance abuse include 193 instances of parental drug abuse, 20 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 3 instances of alcohol abuse by child, and 2 instances of drug abuse by a child.

<sup>2</sup> National data from the Children’s Bureau (May 2025).

# Quick Facts

## Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the second quarter, half (50 percent) had been in care for 12 months or longer.

**Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care**  
2nd Quarter SFY 2026

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 days	164	5%
1-3 Months	324	10%
3-6 Months	494	15%
6-12 Months	700	21%
12-24 Months	791	23%
24-36 Months	341	10%
36+ Months	565	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>100%</b>

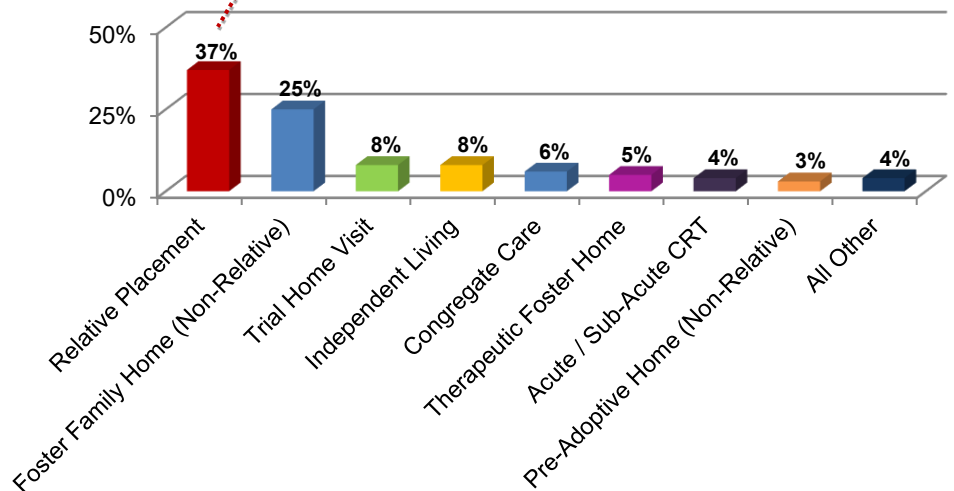
## Placement of Children in Foster Care

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.

Foster Home (Rel/Fic): 23%  
Provisional (Rel/Fic): 11%  
ICPC (Out of State): 2%  
Pre-Adoptive (Relative): 0.3%  
All Other Relative: 1%

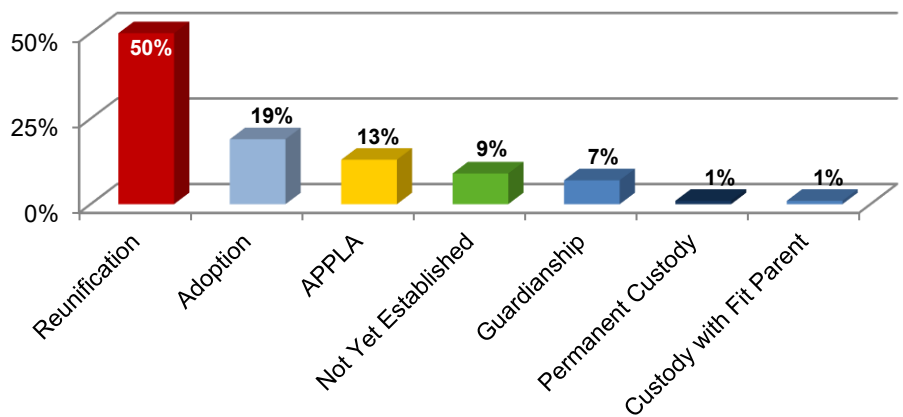
**Placement of Children in Foster Care**



## Permanency Goal of Children in Foster Care

Half (50 percent) of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home). The second most-common goal was adoption (19 percent), followed by another planned permanent living arrangement (APPLA) at 13 percent.

**Permanency Goal of Children in Foster Care**



# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

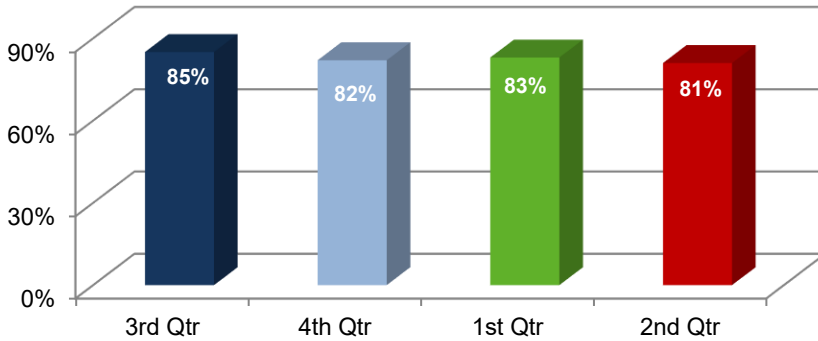
### Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care

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.

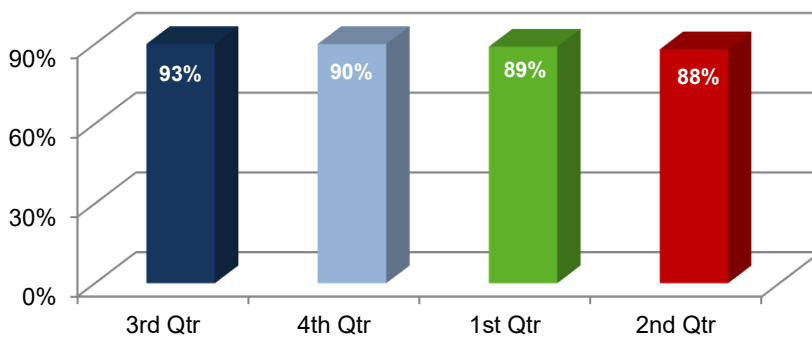
DCFS caseworkers made 81 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care during the second quarter. This was slightly less than the visitation rates observed for previous quarters.

Eighty-eight 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.

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

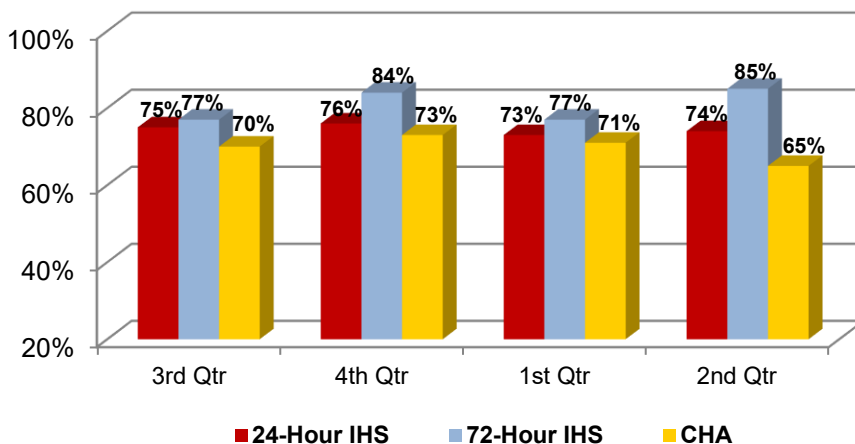


**Children in Care who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits from Any DCFS Staff**



### 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.

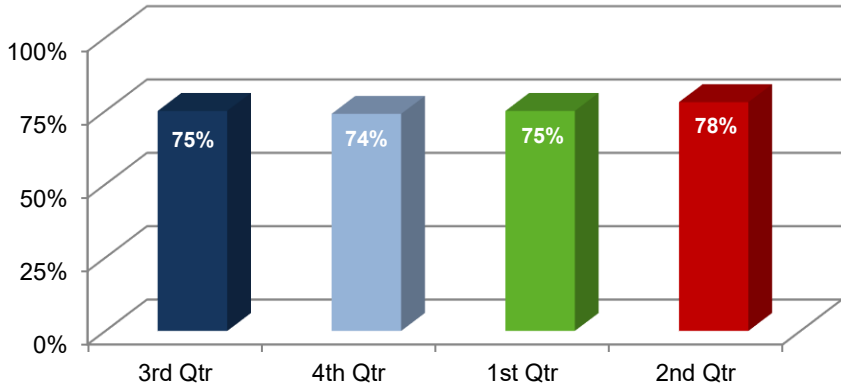
# Quick Facts

## Siblings in Care Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 78 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 58 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

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

Percentage of Siblings in Care who are Placed Together

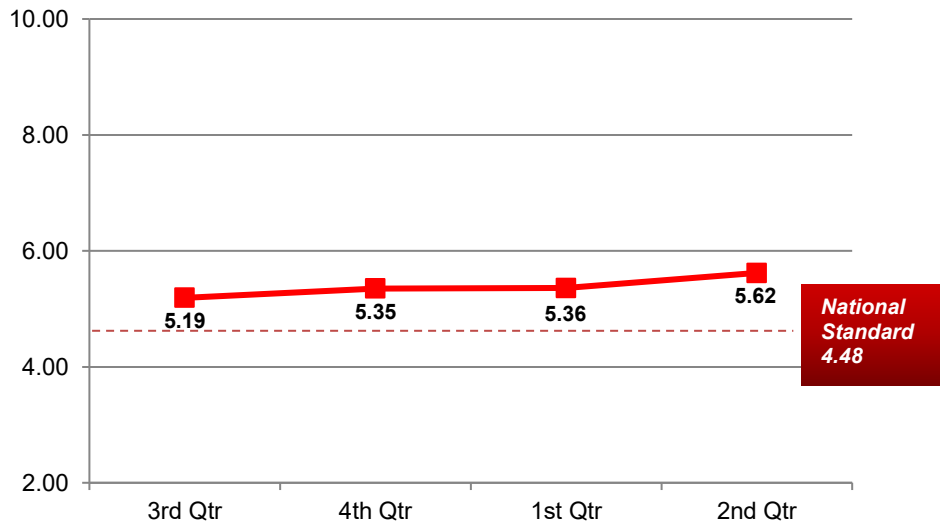


## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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

For the second quarter, the placement stability rate was 5.62, slightly higher than the rate observed for the previous quarter. The national standard is 4.48.

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

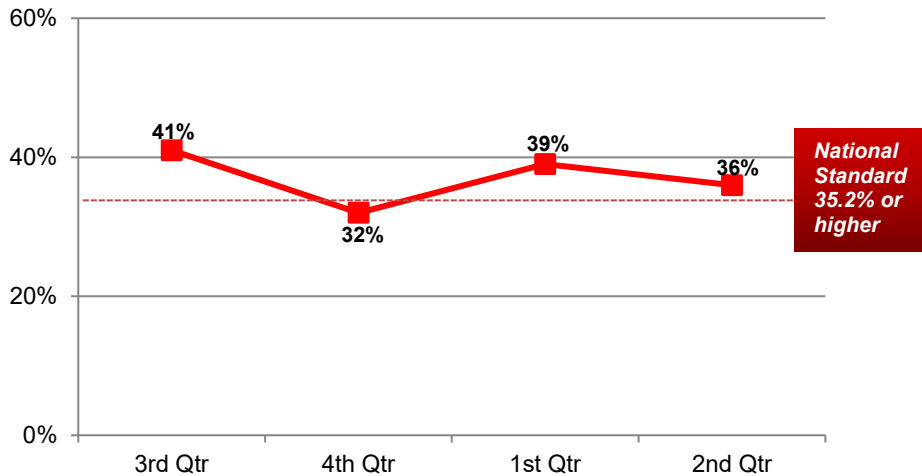


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Foster Care

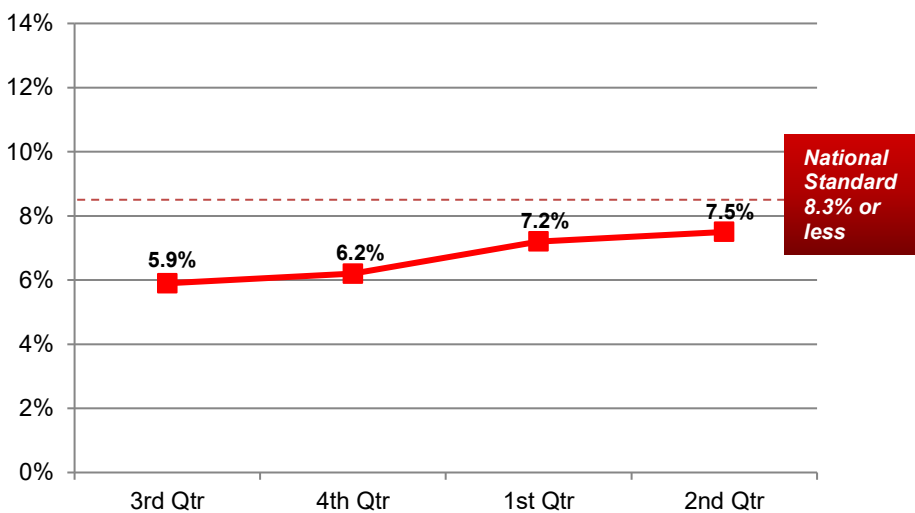


The national standard is for 35.2 percent of all children entering foster care to achieve permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) within 12 months of removal. Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

For the second quarter of SFY 2026, 36 percent of the children entering care in Arkansas achieved permanency within 12 months. This is lower than the previous quarter.

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

Re-Entries Into Foster Care



Nearly eight percent of children who had reunited with their families subsequently re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge for the second quarter of SFY 2026. This is less than the national standard (8.3 percent).

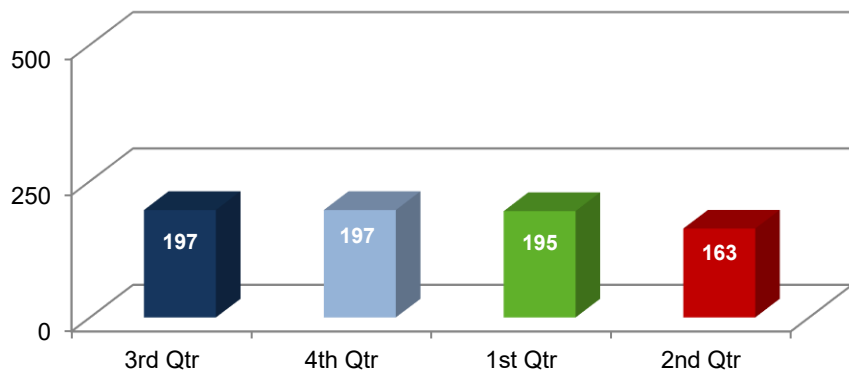
## Volume and Description of Cases

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

At the end of the second quarter, 163 children were available for adoption.

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

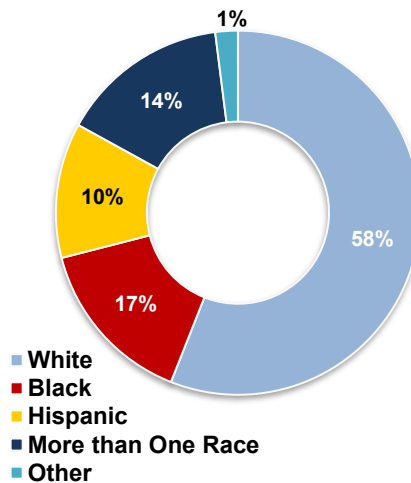
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



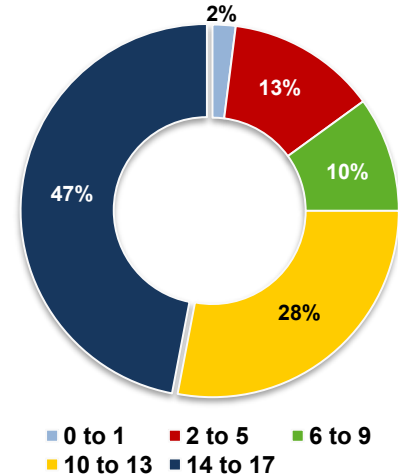
### Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 58 percent were white, 17 percent were black, 14 percent were multiracial, and 10 percent were Hispanic. Children ages ten and older made up 75 percent of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Age of Children Available for Adoption



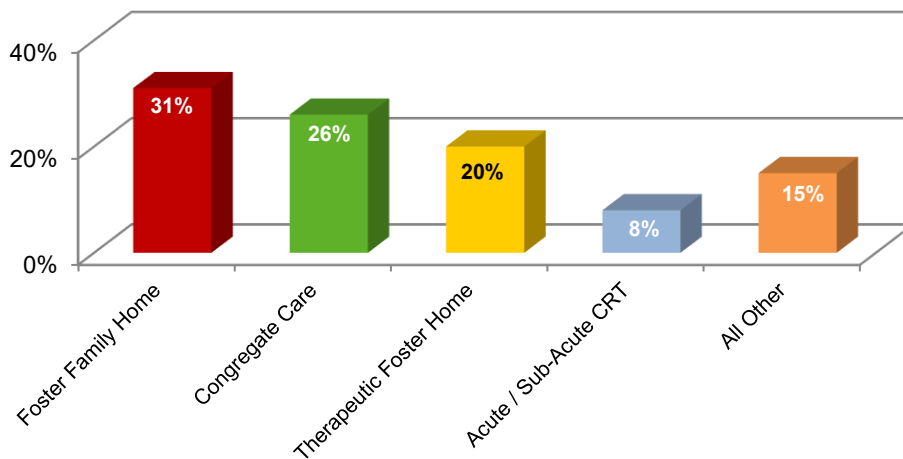
<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

# Quick Facts

## Placement of Children Available for Adoption

Just over half (51 percent) of the children available for adoption resided in either a foster family home or therapeutic foster home at the end of the quarter. Twenty-six percent resided in congregate care.

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

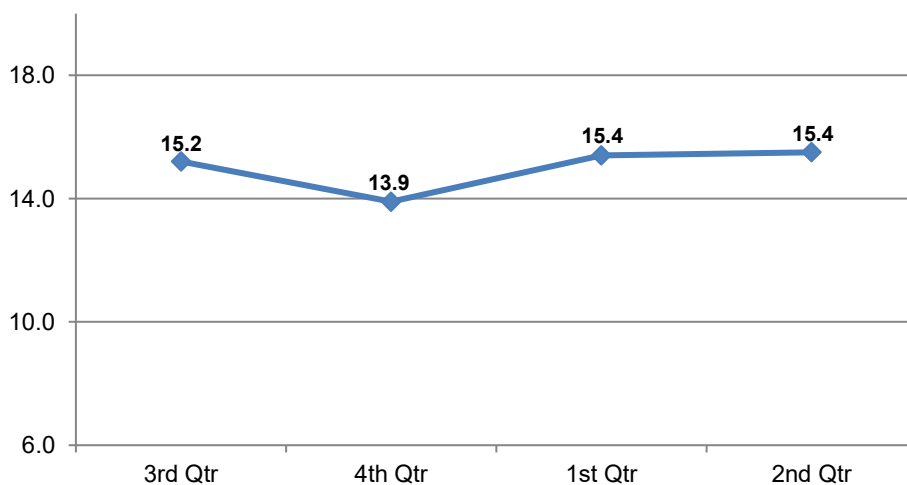


## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption

Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was longer than 15 months during the quarter, identical to the length of time observed for the previous quarter.

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



# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

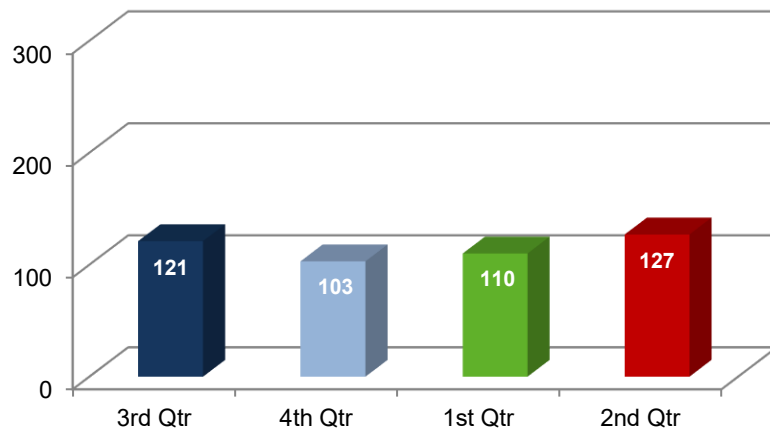
### Finalized Adoptions

One-hundred and twenty-seven adoptions were finalized during the second quarter of SFY 2026.

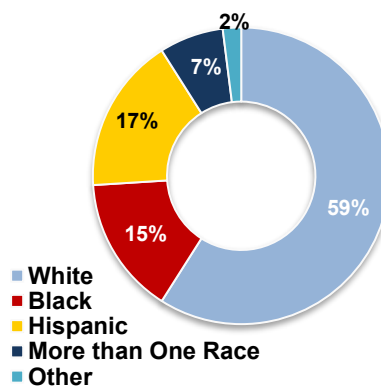
Of those adoptions, nearly half (48 percent) were finalized by relatives.

Children ages zero to five made up half (50 percent) of those adopted during the quarter. Fifty-nine percent of those adopted during the quarter were white.

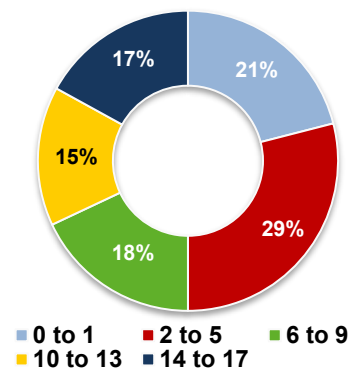
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



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 second quarter, **174** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 168 were federally funded subsidies and 6 were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **8,129** children received adoption subsidies.



## Caseworkers and Caseloads

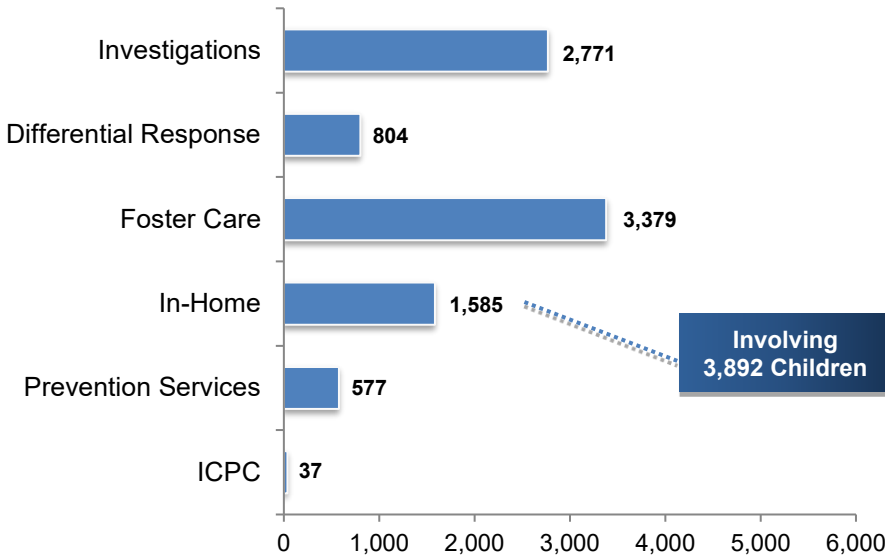
### Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

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

- 2,771 investigations of child maltreatment and 804 DR cases;
- 3,379 foster care cases;
- 1,585 in-home cases, involving 3,892 children;
- 577 prevention services cases and 37 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 424 family service workers who were responsible for handling these cases.

**Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter**



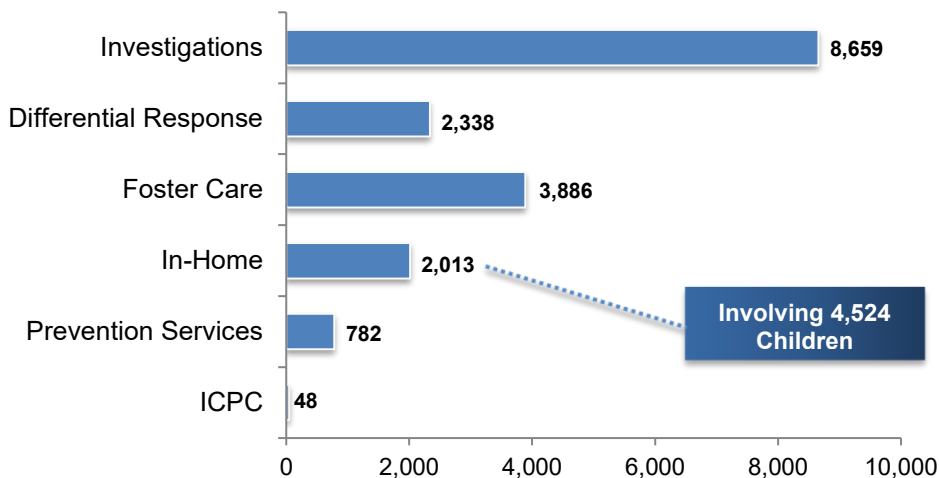
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or prevention services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

### Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

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

The Division oversaw 8,659 investigations, 2,338 DR cases, 3,886 children in foster care, 2,013 in-home cases, 782 prevention services cases, and 48 ICPC cases.

**Types of Cases Served During the Quarter**



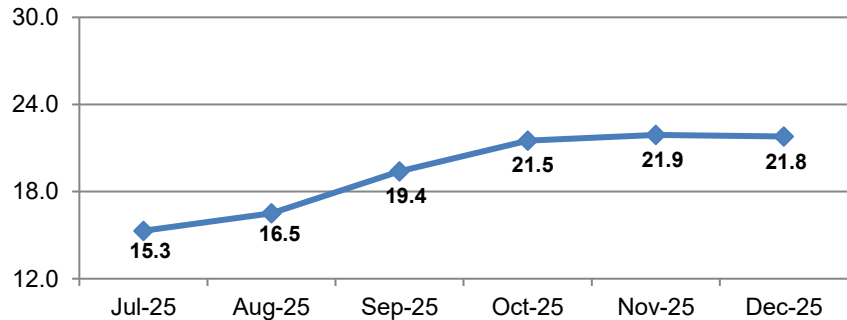
# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide was nearly 22 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 December 2025 is presented in Appendix B.

Average Caseload at the End of Month

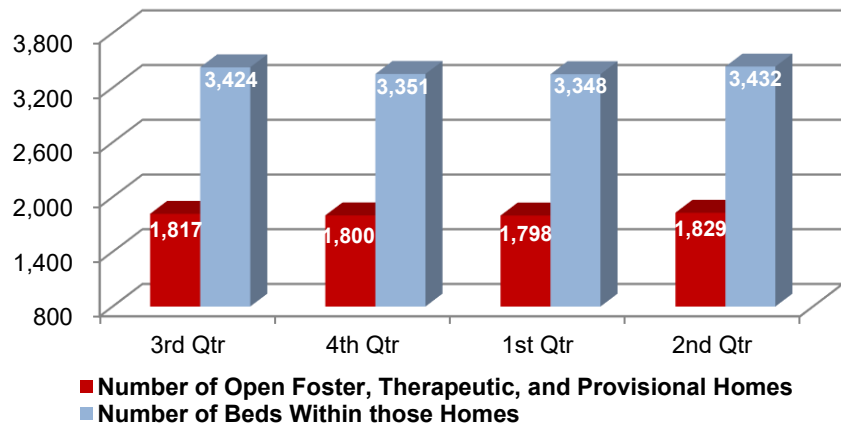


## Foster Homes

### Homes and Beds

A total of 1,829 foster, therapeutic, and provisional homes were open statewide at the end of the second quarter, providing a total of 3,432 available beds.

Number of Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter

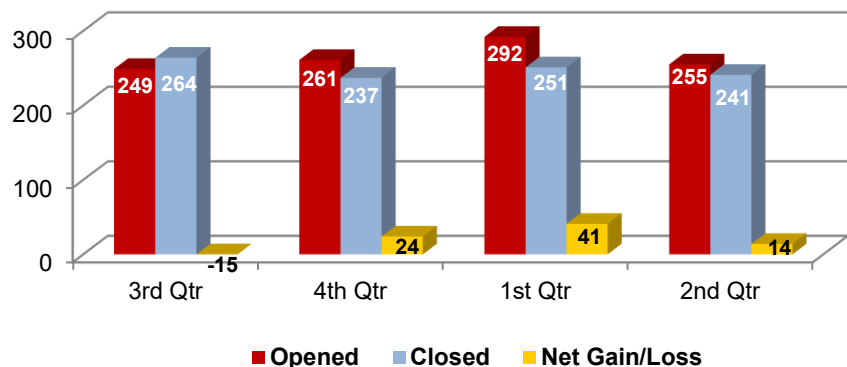


### Licensed Foster Homes

During the most recent quarter, 255 new licensed foster homes were opened and 241 were closed, resulting in a net gain of 14 licensed homes.

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

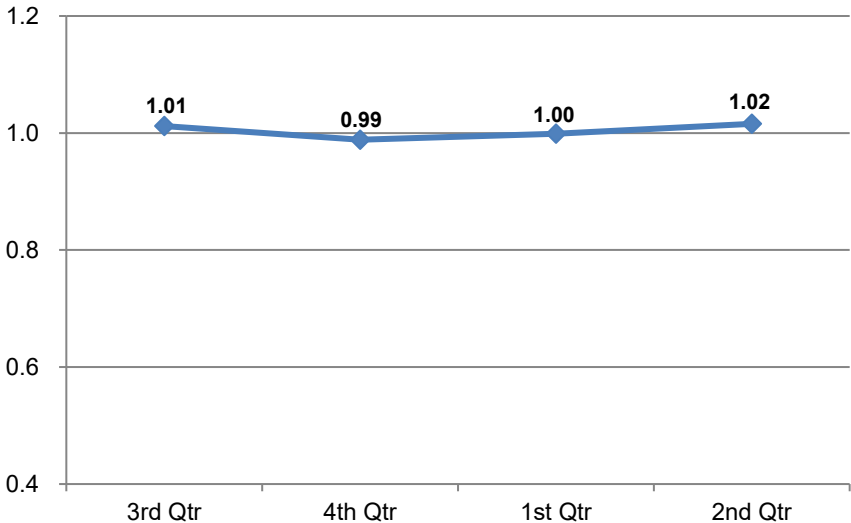
Licensed Foster Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Beds to Children in Foster Care

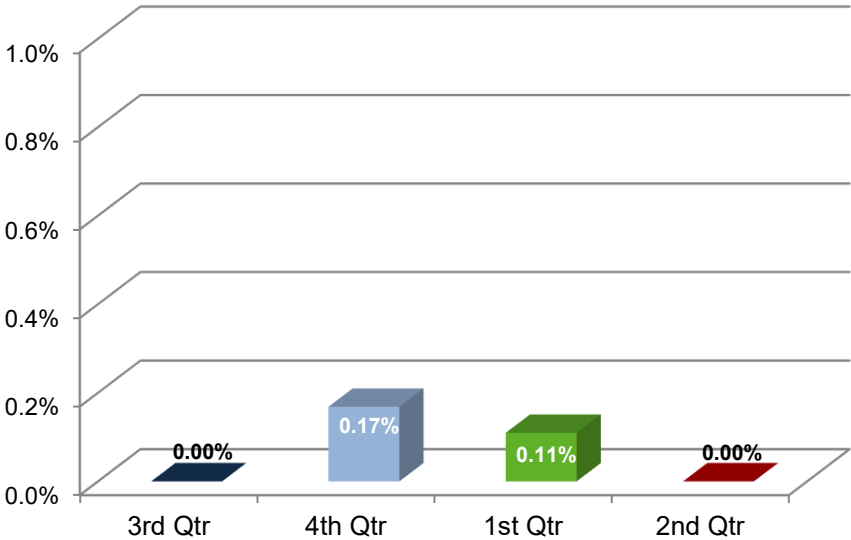
**Bed to Foster Child Ratio**



Based on the number of beds in open foster, therapeutic, and provisional homes as of the end of the quarter, the ratio of beds to children in foster care stood at 1.02 at the end of the second quarter. This resembled previous quarters.

## Licensed Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

**Percentage of Licensed Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment**



There were not any true reports during the second quarter in which a licensed foster parent was identified as an offender. Based on the 1,805 licensed foster families 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.

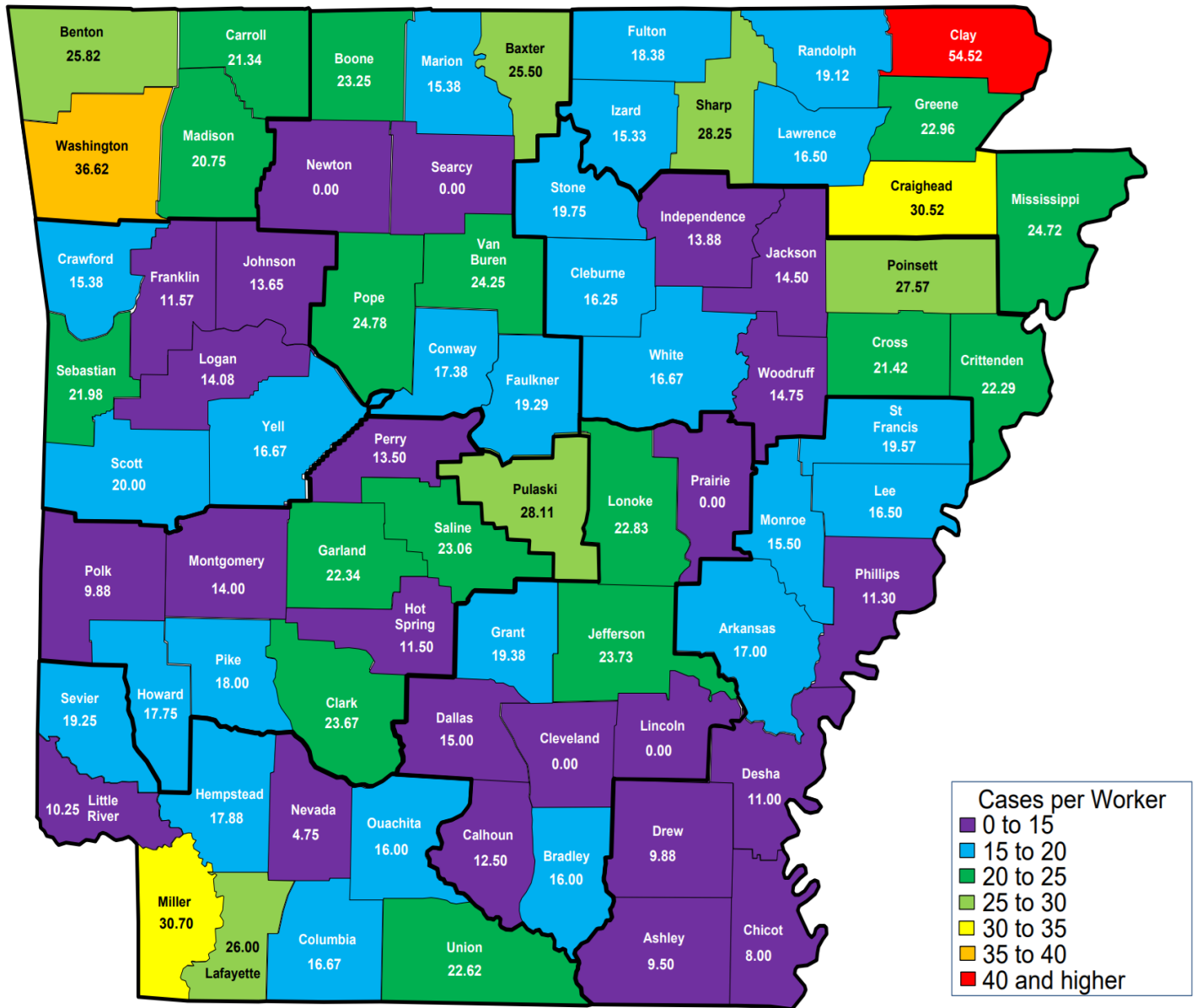


**Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations<sup>4</sup>**

	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
Third Quarter 2025	1,488	4,799 <i>4,771 Closed</i>	861	18%	1,394 <i>1,299 Closed</i>	359	28%
Fourth Quarter 2025	1,654	5,450 <i>5,408 Closed</i>	882	16%	1,603 <i>1,441 Closed</i>	380	26%
First Quarter 2026	1,209	4,677 <i>4,663 Closed</i>	904	19%	1,513 <i>1,326 Closed</i>	399	30%
Second Quarter 2026	1,850	6,193 <i>5,976 Closed</i>	1,023	17%	1,699 <i>1,390 Closed</i>	385	28%

<sup>4</sup> The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the second quarter refers to 8/1/2025 through 10/31/2025); 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 December 31, 2025, by County



Cleveland, Lincoln, Newton, Searcy, and Prairie counties did not have any caseworkers 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)	1	5	1	2	0	6	0	15
1	Carroll (Berryville)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	0	5	2	2	0	5	0	14
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
2	Franklin (Ozark)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	9
2	Yell (Danville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	0	4	0	1	0	3	0	8
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
3	Saline (Benton)	2	8	0	2	0	0	0	12
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	2	0	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	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	6
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	8
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	7
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Pulaski (North)	2	3	5	2	0	0	0	12
6	Pulaski (South)	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	5
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
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	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	12
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	5
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
9	White (Searcy)	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Out of State	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>222</b>

Details of the Major Closure Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Custody / Guardianship	28
	Child(ren) Left Care	20
Change in Family Circumstances	Moved	7
	Personal Issues	2
	Pregnant	2
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	85
	Changed to Adopt Only	4
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	29
	Failed Re-evaluation / Non-Compliance	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider / Services No Longer Needed	44

## Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 2nd Quarter SFY 2026

One-hundred and forty-nine reports of alleged maltreatment involving children in foster care were received by the hotline during the second quarter of SFY 2026.

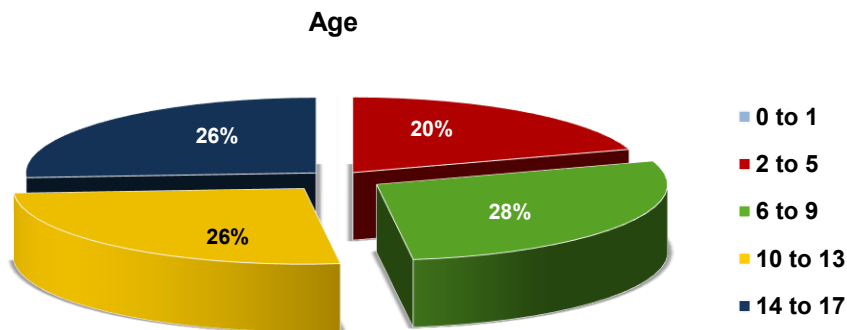
In 30 reports involving 35 children, foster parents<sup>5</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following table, none of those reports were found to be true.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
2nd Quarter SFY 2026**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
0	30	0

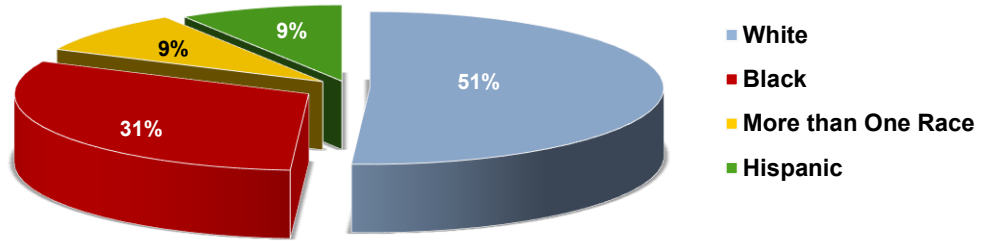
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to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

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 35 children in foster care who were involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents identified as the alleged offenders.

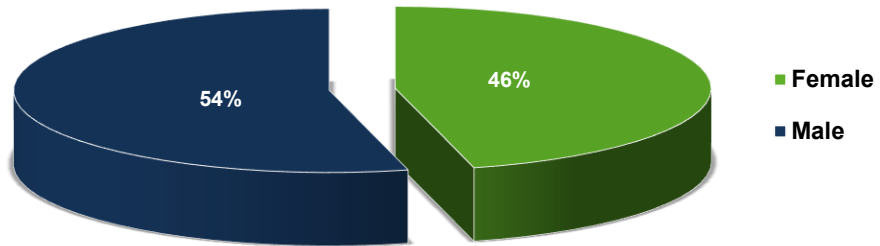


<sup>5</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes.

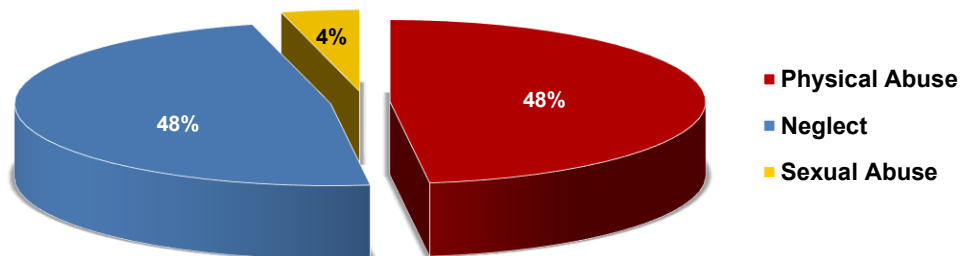
**Race / Ethnicity**



**Gender**



**Allegations**



### Location of Foster Homes where Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)</b>
<b>Benton</b>	7
<b>Jefferson</b>	7
<b>Pulaski</b>	4
<b>Sebastian</b>	4
<b>Saline</b>	3
<b>Crawford</b>	2
<b>Pope</b>	2
<b>Chicot</b>	1
<b>Craighead</b>	1
<b>Dallas</b>	1
<b>Lawrence</b>	1
<b>Monroe</b>	1
<b>Washington</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>