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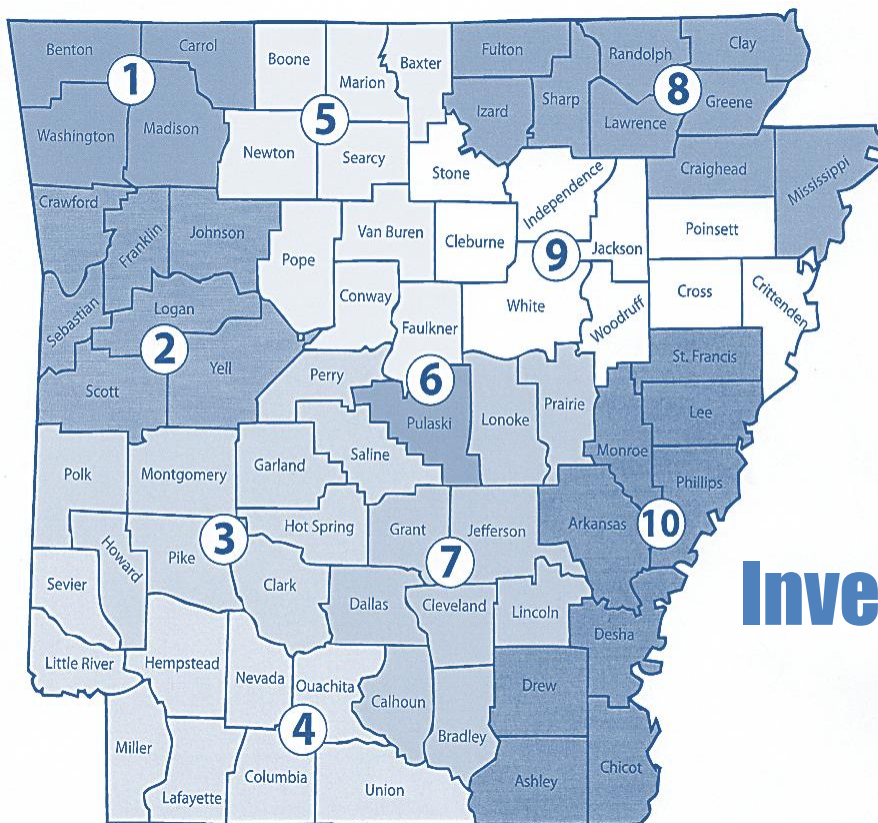
QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

REPORT

3rd QUARTER

SFY 2026

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Investigations

IN-HOME SERVICES

Prevention Services

FOSTER CARE

Differential Response
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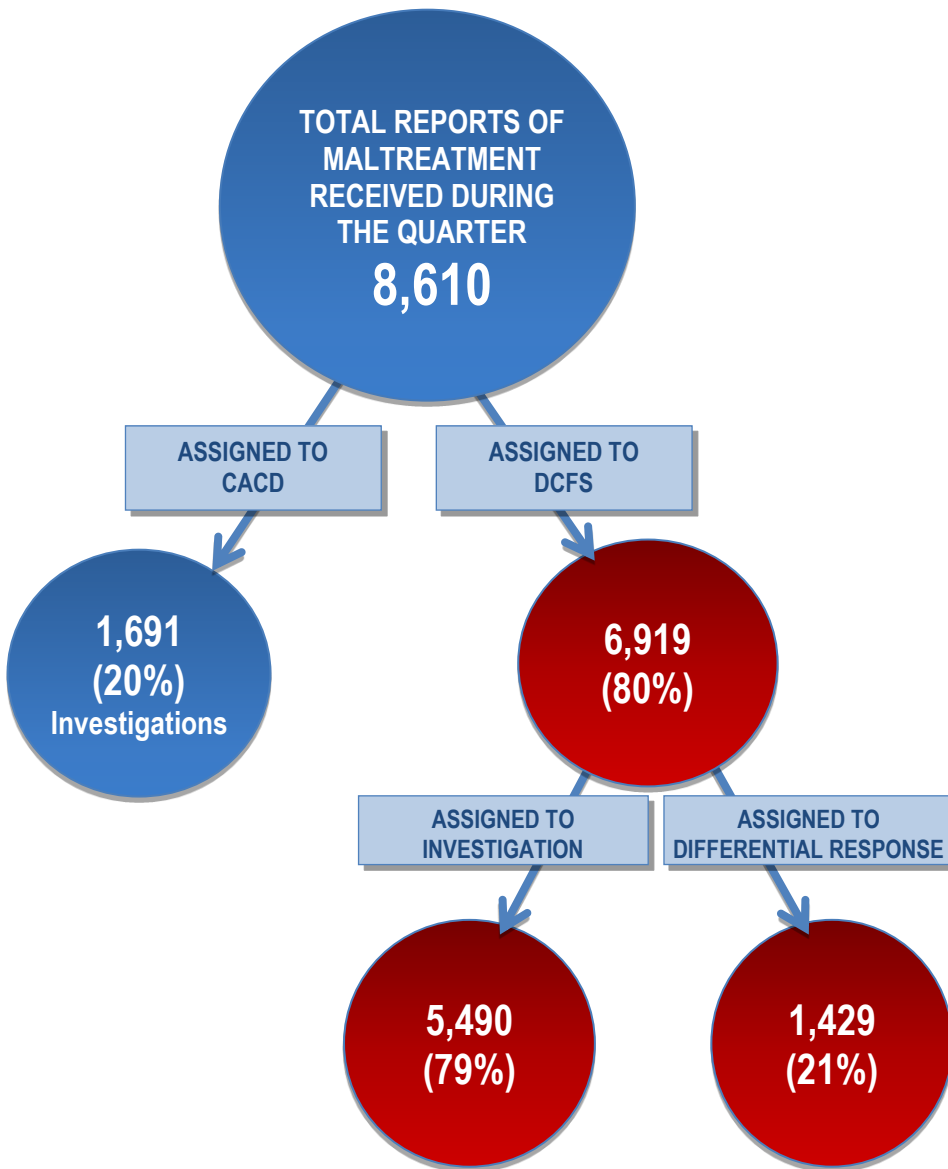
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Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports
Maltreatment Reports Received During
3rd Quarter SFY 2026



Of the 8,610 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the third quarter, 80 percent were assigned to DCFS and 20 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 79 percent were assigned for an investigation and 21 percent were handled through differential response (DR).

DR 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

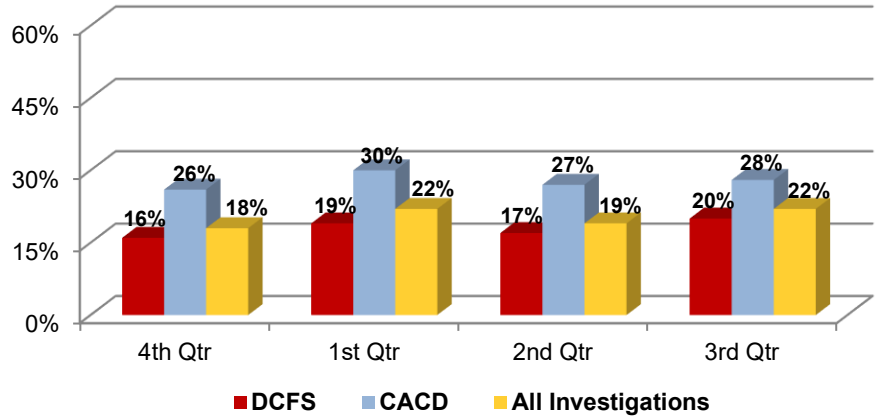
Quick Facts

Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the third quarter were found true, compared to 28 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 22 percent.

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

Percentage of Investigations Found True



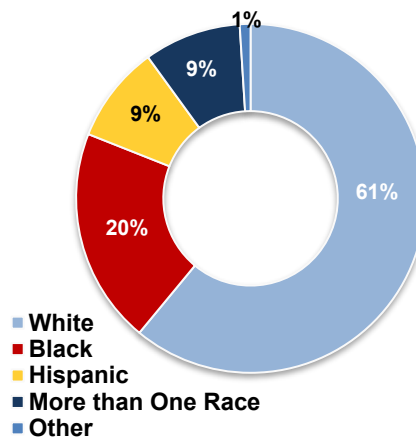
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 1,799 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations during the quarter.

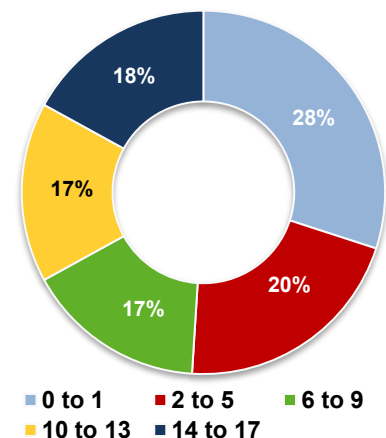
Of those children, 61 percent were white, 20 percent were black, 9 percent were Hispanic, and 9 percent were multiracial. Approximately half (48 percent) were under six years of age.

The majority of victim children (54 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Age of Children in True Reports



Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation for the 1,799 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	1,234	69%
Physical Abuse	428	24%
Sexual Abuse	286	16%
Sexual Exploitation	23	1%
Abandonment	9	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

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Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

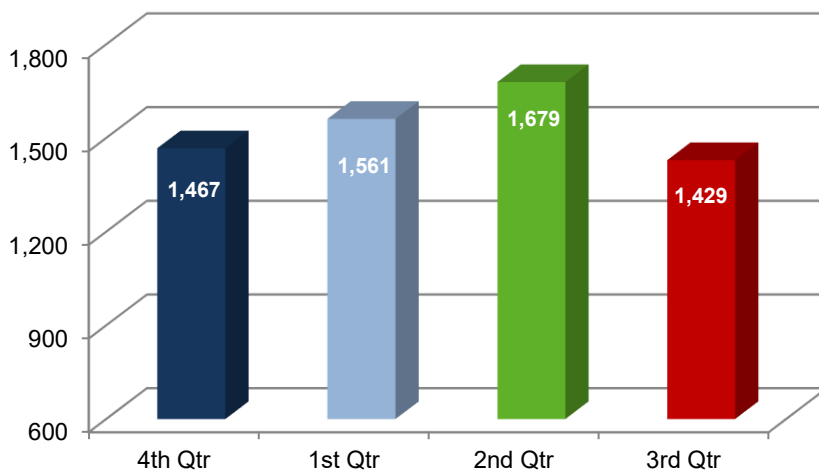
Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Child Near Fatality
True	0	1
Unsubstantiated	2	5
Inactive	1	0
Pending	6	3

During the third quarter, there were nine maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of those, two were unsubstantiated, one was inactive, and six were still pending.

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

Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

Number of Reports Assigned for Differential Response



The number of reports assigned for DR during the third quarter (1,429) decreased by 15 percent from the previous quarter.

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Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

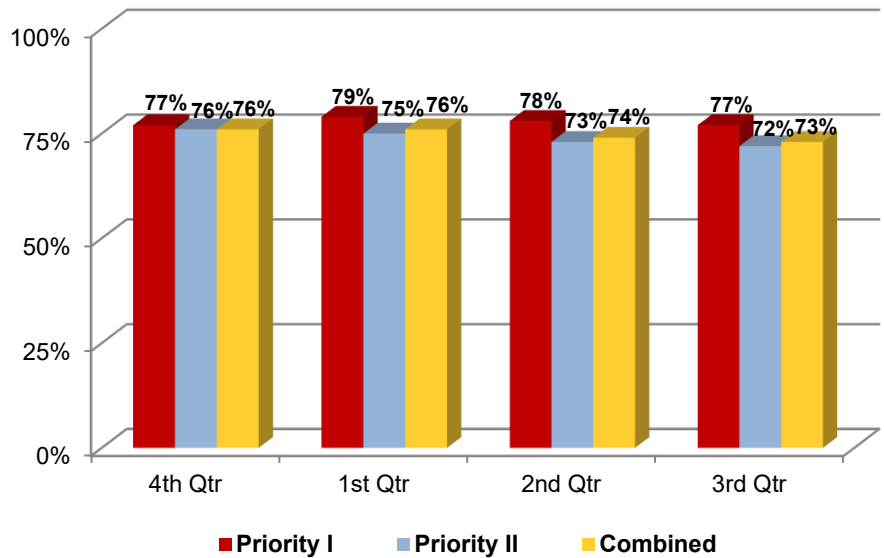
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

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

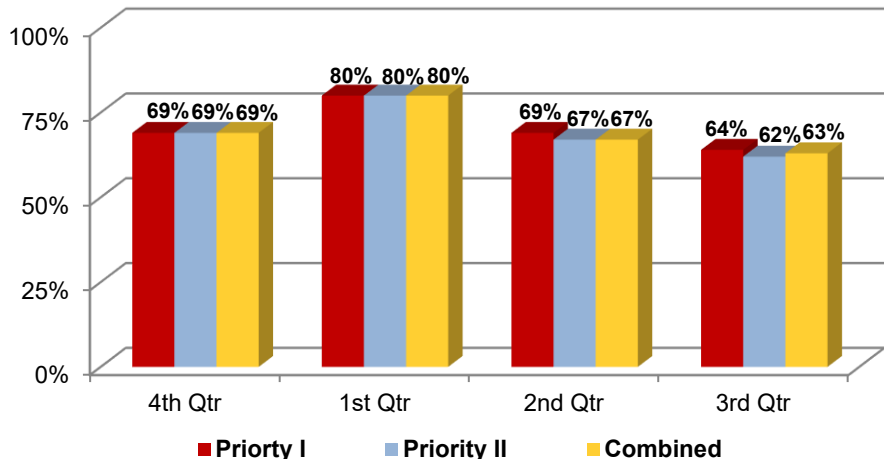
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 63 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 (67 percent).

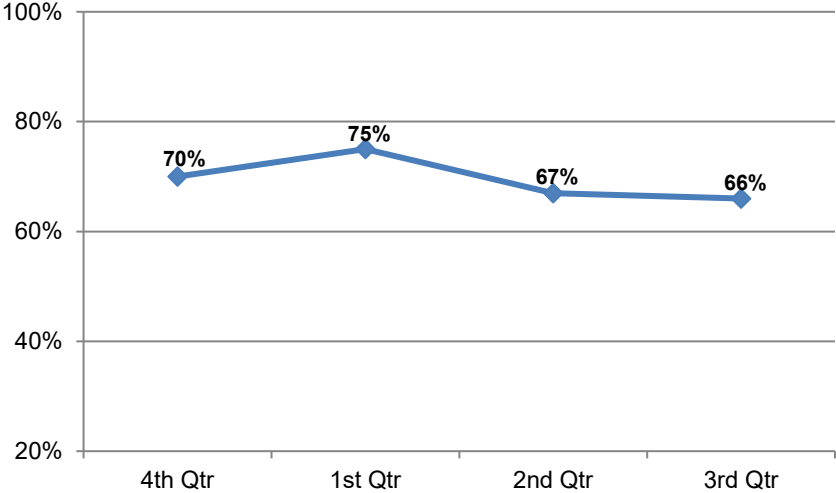
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

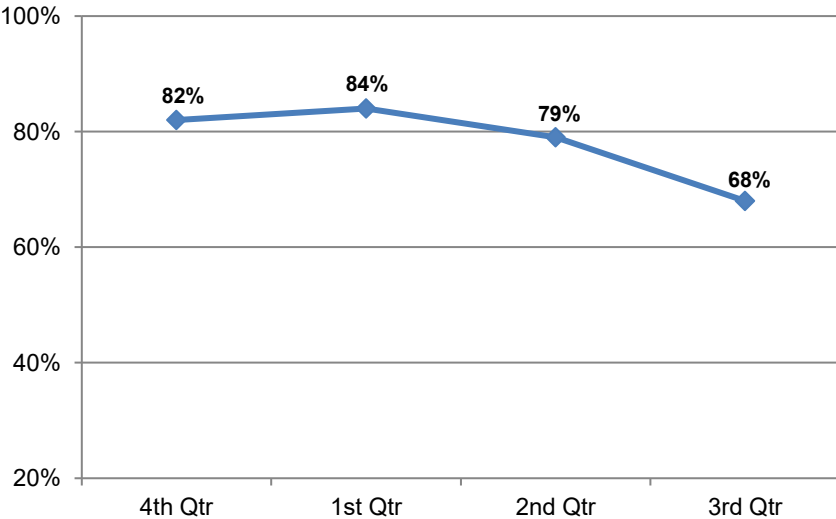


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 66 percent of its DR reports on time during the third 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 68 percent of DR reports on time during the third quarter, a decline from the previous quarter (79 percent).

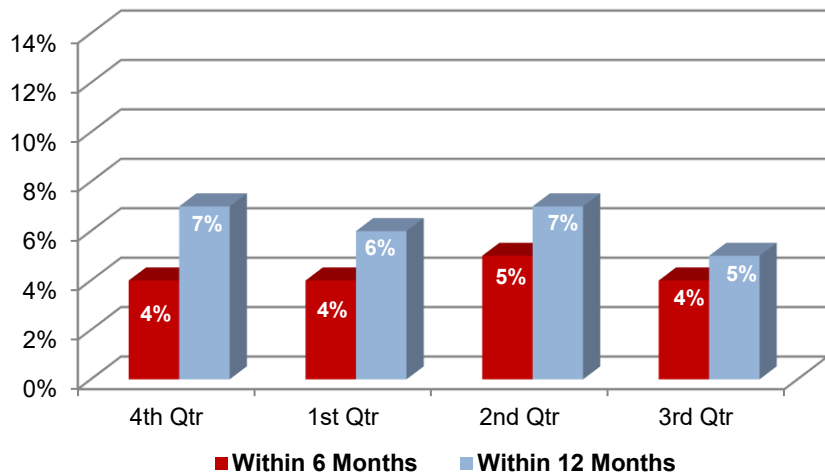
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Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Five percent of the victim children involved in true investigations during the third quarter of SFY 2025 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

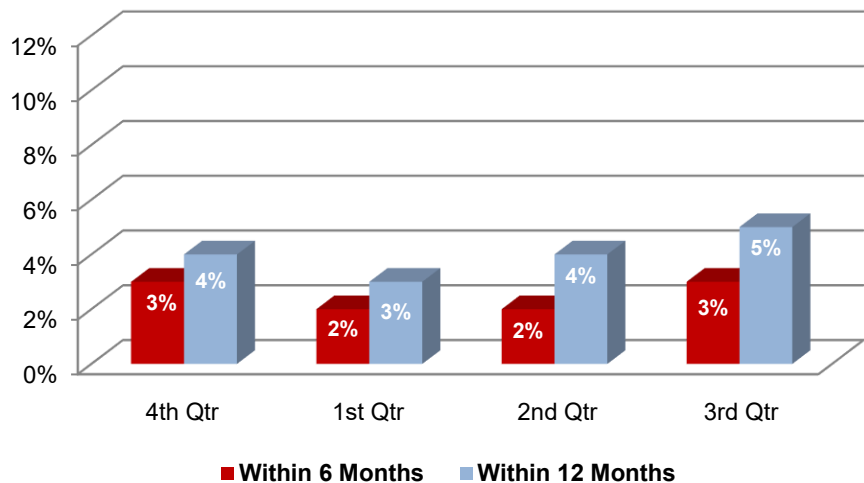


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.7 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families Who Received DR Services

Five percent of the children who began receiving DR services during the third quarter of SFY 2025 were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and three percent were involved within six months.

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

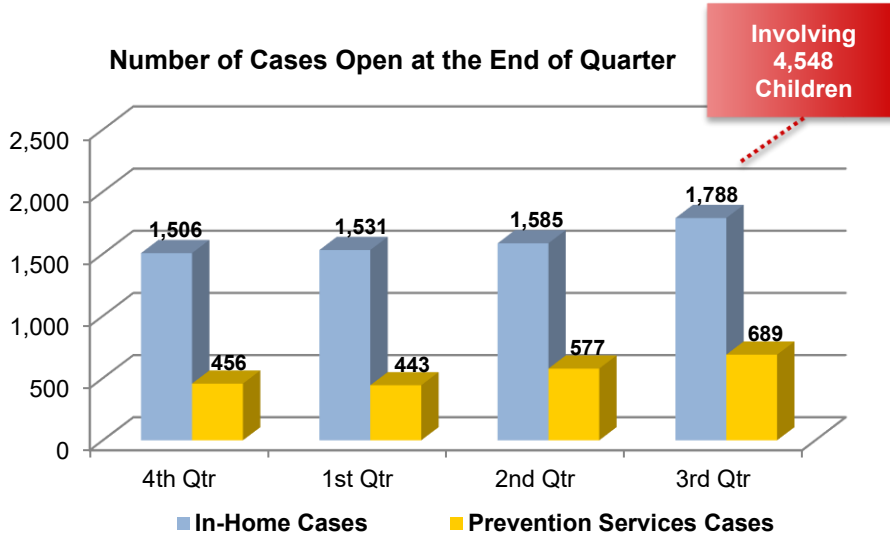


In-Home Services

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Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

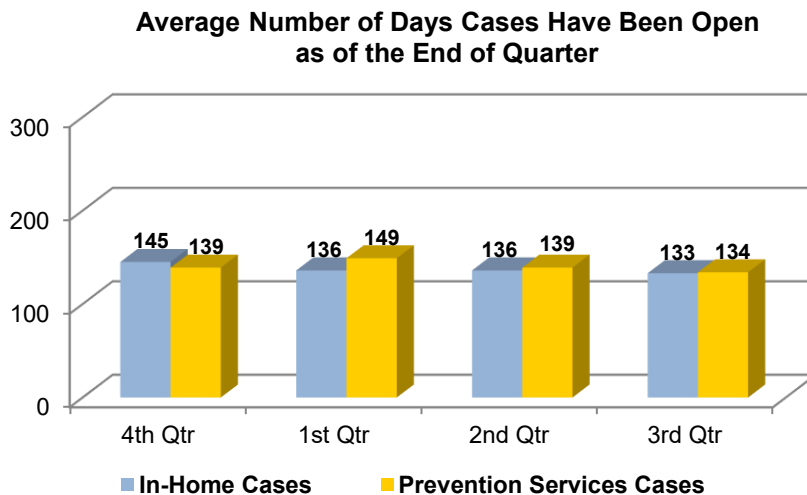


In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home. These are offered via an in-home case.

The number of in-home cases increased during the quarter. There were 1,788 in-home cases— involving 4,548 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 689 prevention services cases at the end of the quarter.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



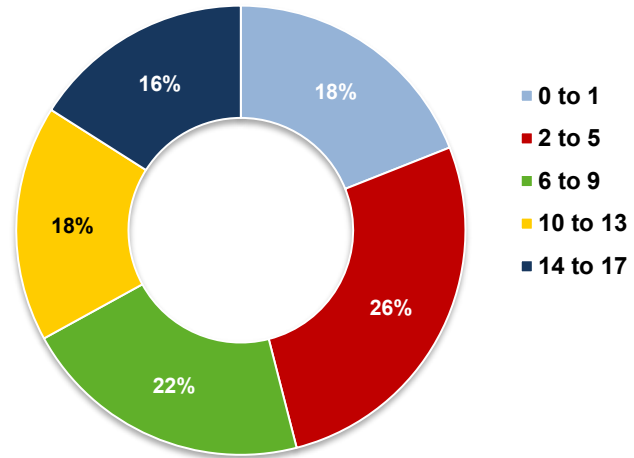
Both in-home cases and prevention services cases that were active as of the end of the quarter had been open, on average, for just under four and one-half months.

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Age of Children in In-Home Cases

Over half (56 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



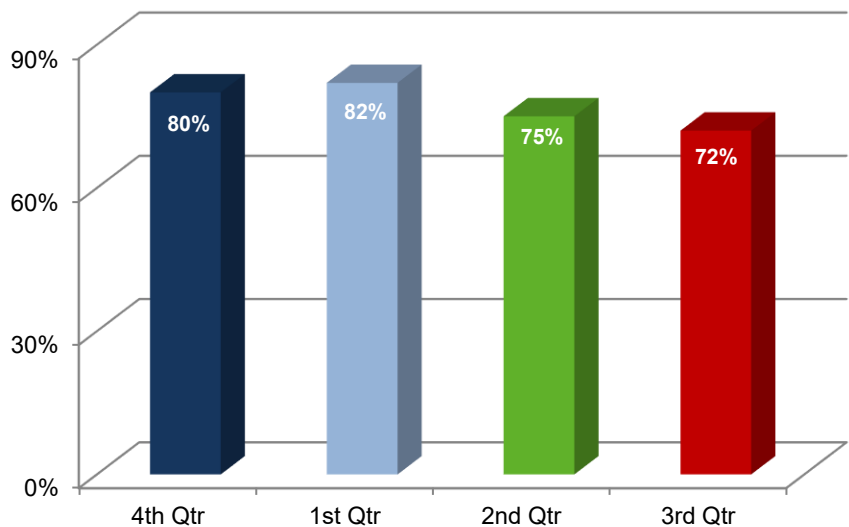
Meeting Agency Policies

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 72 percent of these required visits during the third 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

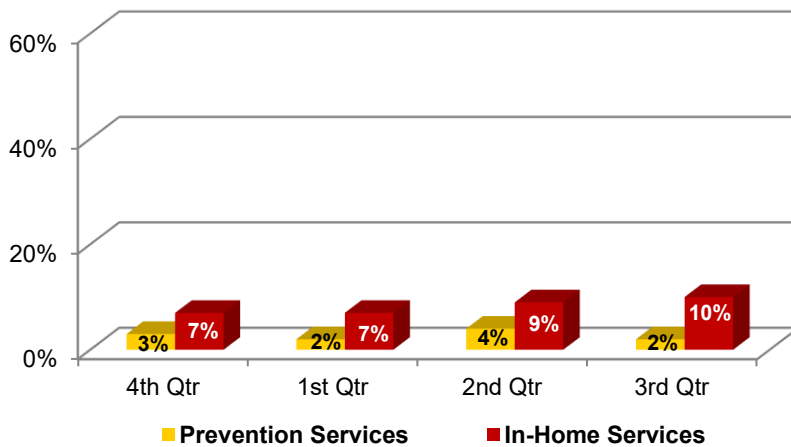


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Benefits to Children and Families

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

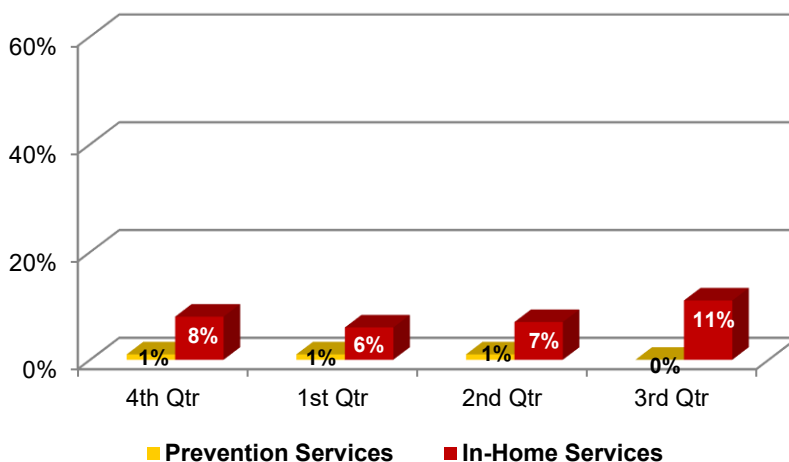


The percentage of children involved in an in-home case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation was ten percent for the third quarter.

The rate of maltreatment for children involved through a prevention services case was two percent for the third 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 third quarter one year ago, 11 percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.

Zero 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.

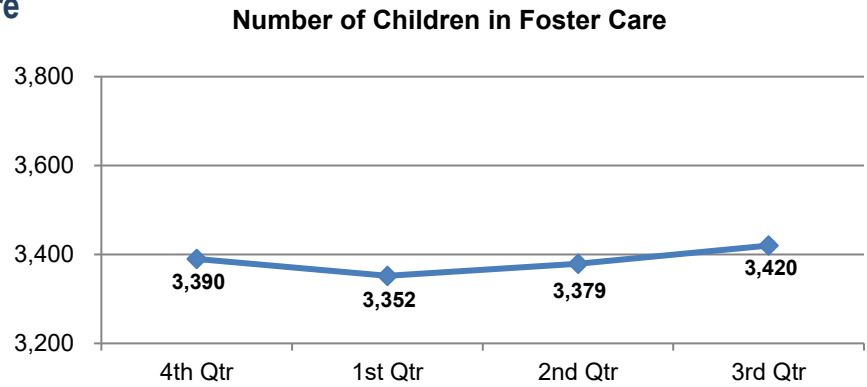
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Foster Care

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 3,420 children in foster care at the end of the third quarter of SFY 2026, an increase of one percent over the previous quarter (3,379).

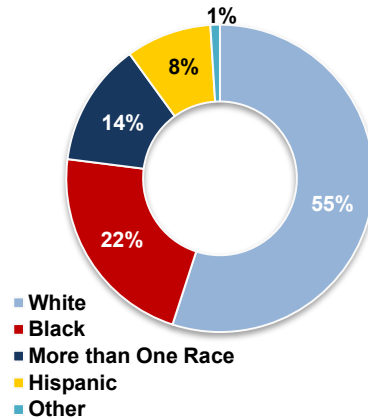


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

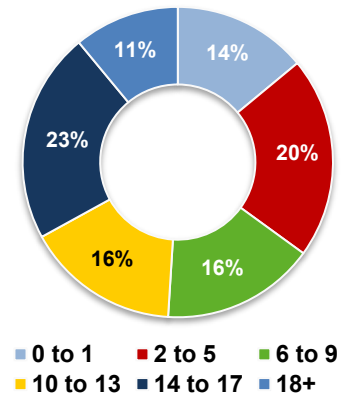
At the end of the quarter, children ages five years or younger made up just over one-third (34 percent) of all children in foster care. Fifty-five percent of those in care were white, 22 percent were black, and 14 percent were multiracial.

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



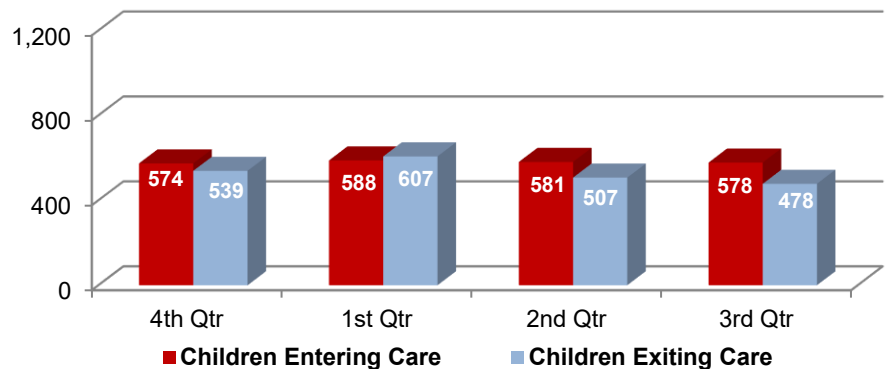
Age of Children in Foster Care



Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

More children entered foster care during the third 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
3rd Quarter SFY 2026

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	317	55%
Substance Abuse	233 ¹	40%
Parent Incarceration	123	21%
Physical Abuse	90	16%
Inadequate Housing	63	11%
Caretaker Illness	37	6%
Sexual Abuse	28	5%
Abandonment	25	4%
Child's Behavior	20	3%
Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case	10	2%
All Other Reasons	20	3%

A child may have more than one reason for entry.

Neglect was the most common reason for children entering foster care during the third 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. 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 2026

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	226	47%
Adoption	100	21%
Relative Custody	45	9%
Child Aged Out	41	9%
Guardianship	38	8%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	19	4%
Non-Relative Custody	6	1%
All Other Reasons	3	<1%

National data² indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (44%), adoption (27%), and guardianship (10%).

Forty-seven percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family, and 21 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.

¹ These 233 cases of substance abuse include 188 instances of parental drug abuse, 34 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 6 instances of drug abuse by a child, and 5 instances of alcohol abuse by a child.

² National data from the Children's Bureau (May 2025).

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Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the third quarter, nearly half (48 percent) had been in care for 12 months or longer.

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).

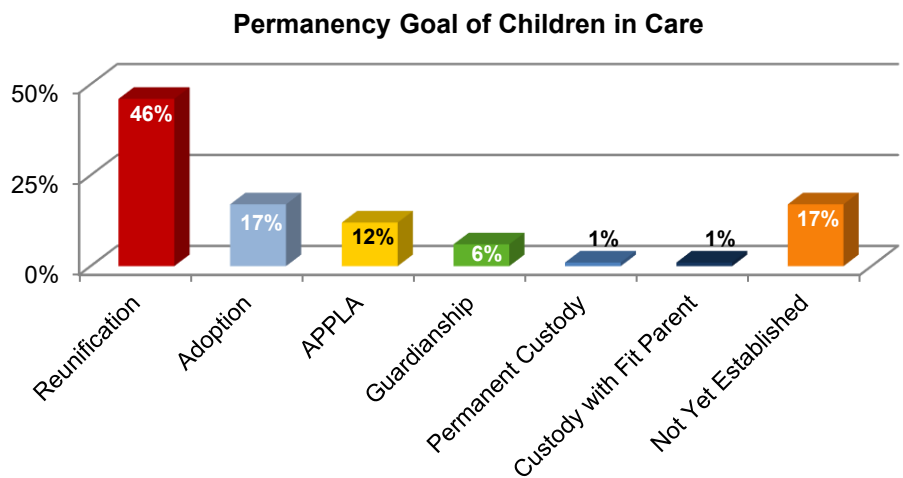
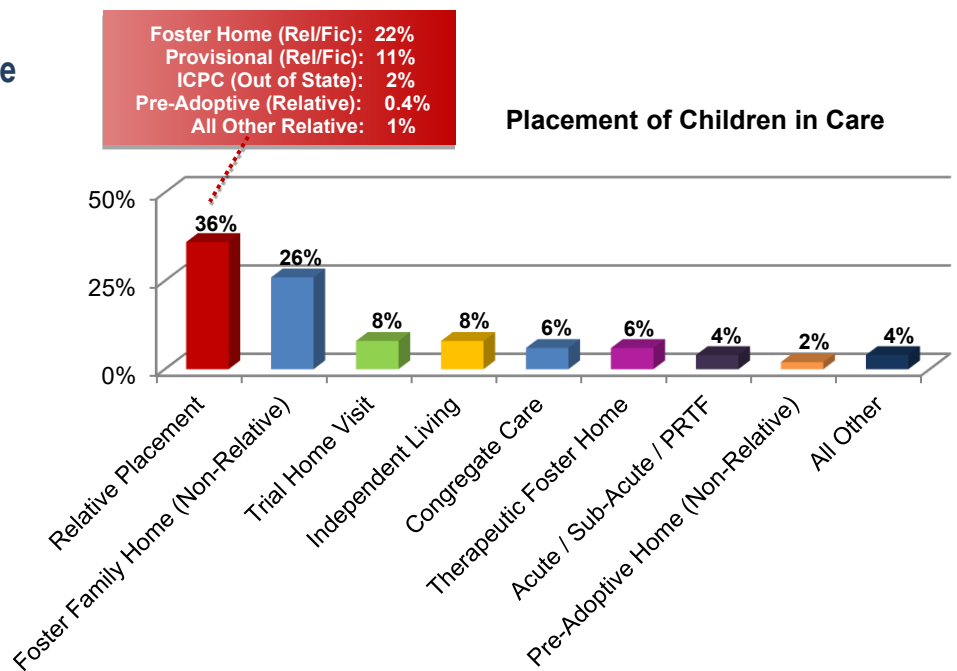
Six percent resided in congregate care, which represents placement in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), residential treatment care or residential care only program, stepdown community reintegration program, or emergency shelter.

Permanency Goal of Children in Foster Care

Forty-six 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 (17 percent), followed by another planned permanent living arrangement (APPLA) at 12 percent.

Length of Stay in Foster Care
3rd Quarter SFY 2026

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 days	189	5%
1-3 Months	317	9%
3-6 Months	440	13%
6-12 Months	841	25%
12-24 Months	752	22%
24-36 Months	328	10%
36+ Months	553	16%
Total	3,420	100%



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Meeting Agency Policies

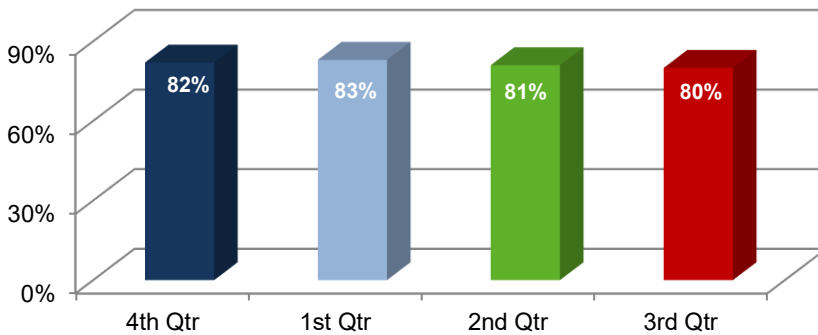
Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care

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.

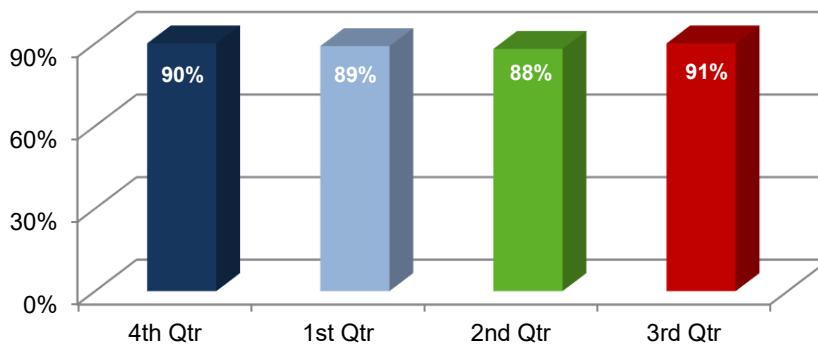
DCFS caseworkers made 80 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care during the third quarter. This was slightly less than the visitation rates observed for previous quarters.

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

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

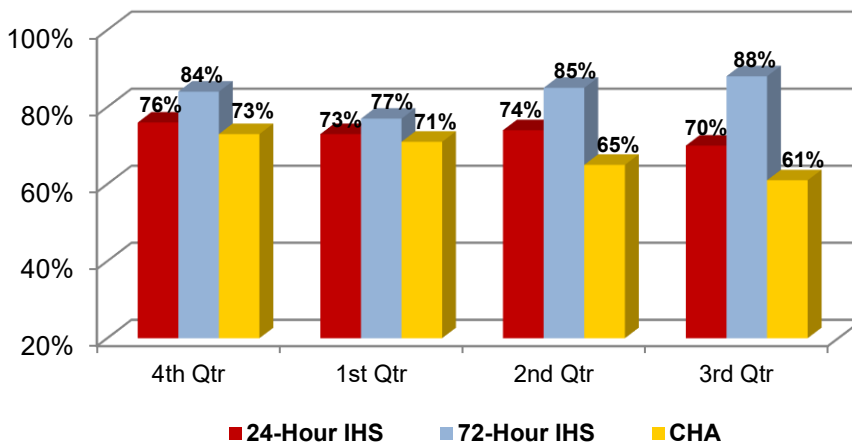


Children in Care who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits from Any DCFS Staff



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.

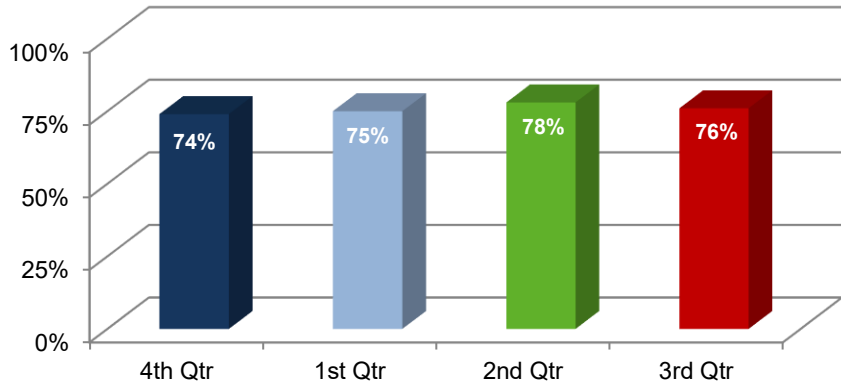
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Siblings in Care Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 76 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 56 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

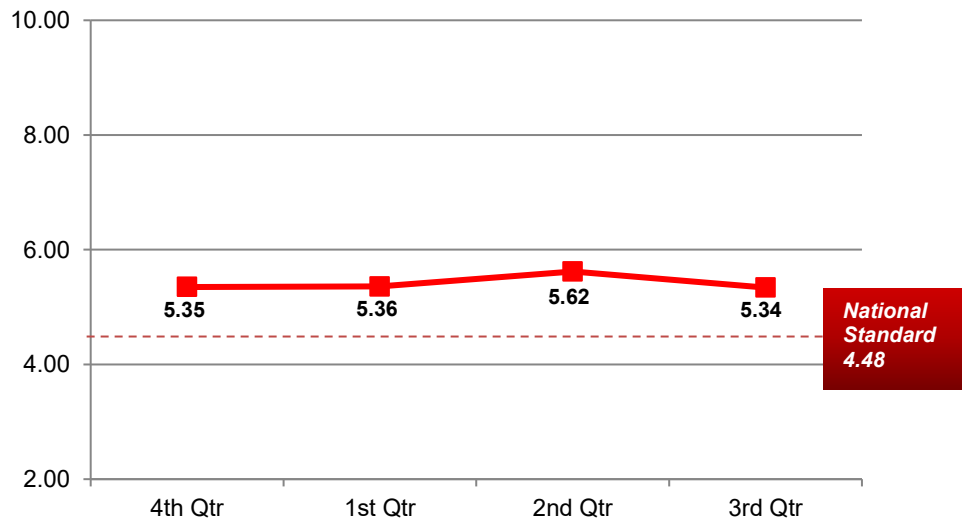


Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

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 third quarter, the placement stability rate was 5.34, an improvement over the rate observed for the previous quarter. The national standard is 4.48.

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

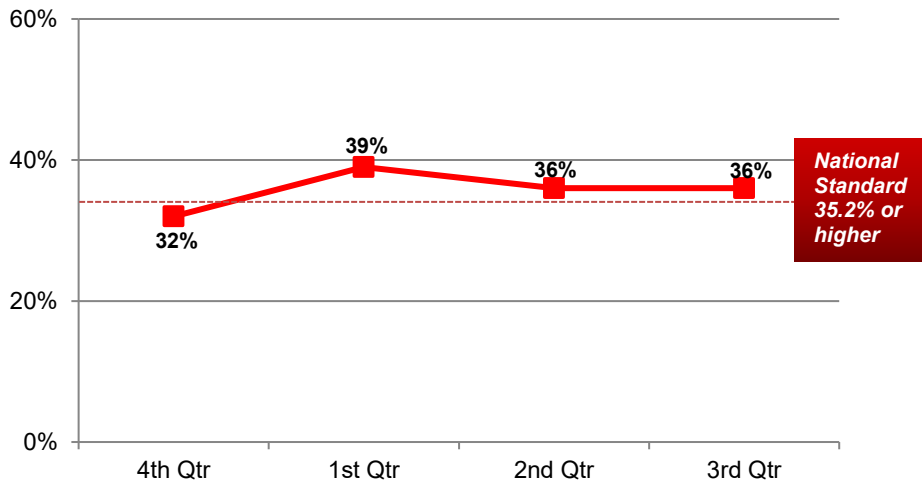


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Benefits to Children and Families

Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months

Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Foster Care

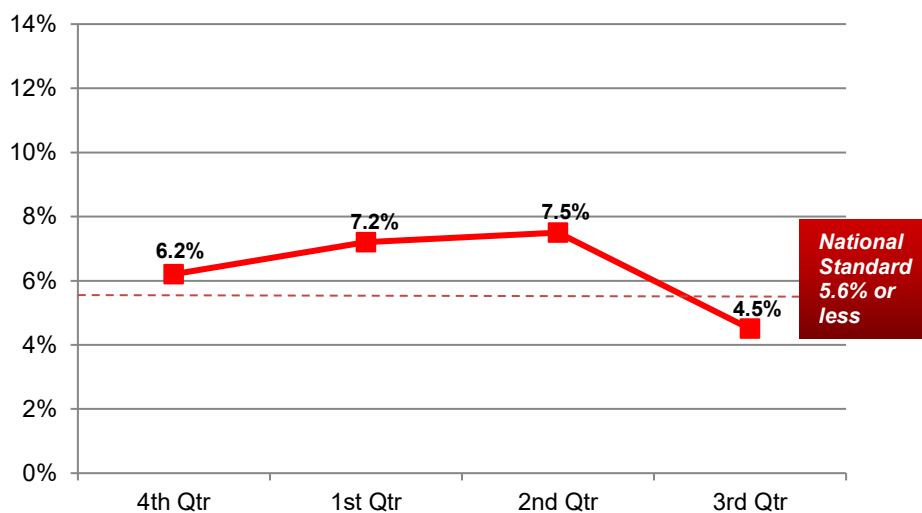


The national standard is for 35.2 percent of all children entering foster care to achieve permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) within 12 months of removal. Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship,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

For the third quarter of SFY 2026, 36 percent of the children entering care in Arkansas achieved permanency within 12 months. This is identical to the previous quarter.

Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care

Re-Entries Into Foster Care



Less than five 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 2026. This is less than the previous quarter.

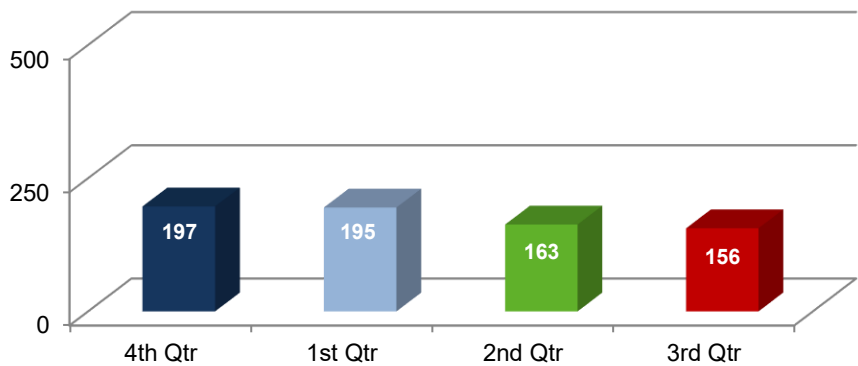
Volume and Description of Cases

Children Available for Adoption ³

At the end of the third quarter, 156 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.

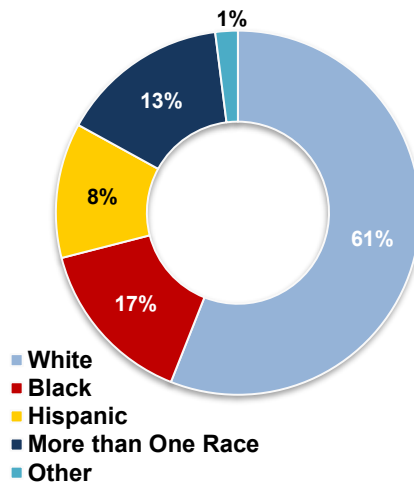
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



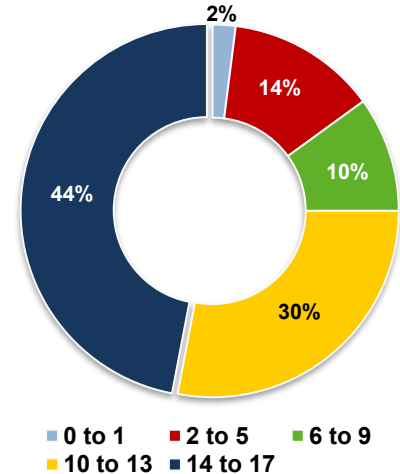
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 61 percent were white, 17 percent were black, 13 percent were multiracial, and 8 percent were Hispanic. Children ages ten and older made up 74 percent of the children available for adoption.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Age of Children Available for Adoption



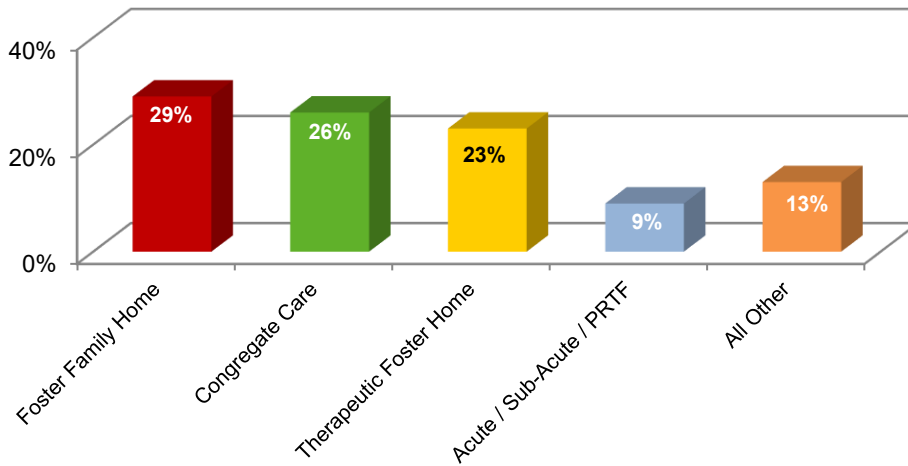
³ Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

Quick Facts

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

Just over half (52 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

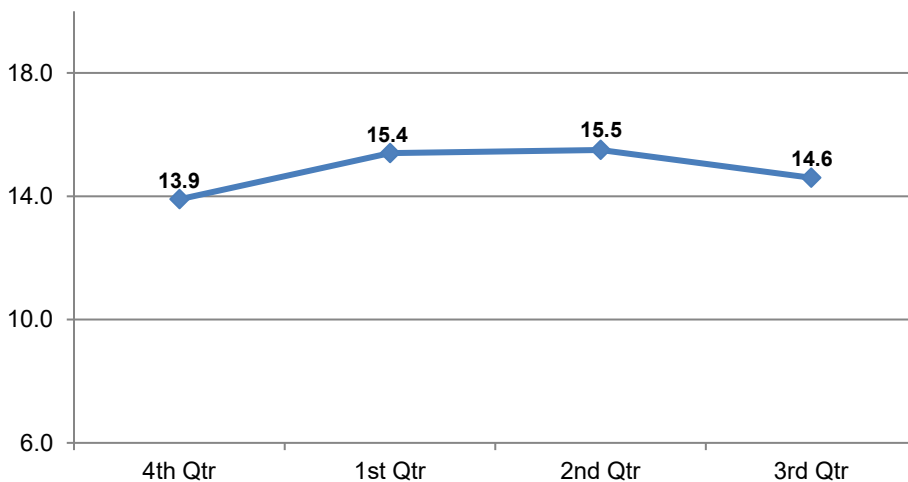


Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption

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

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



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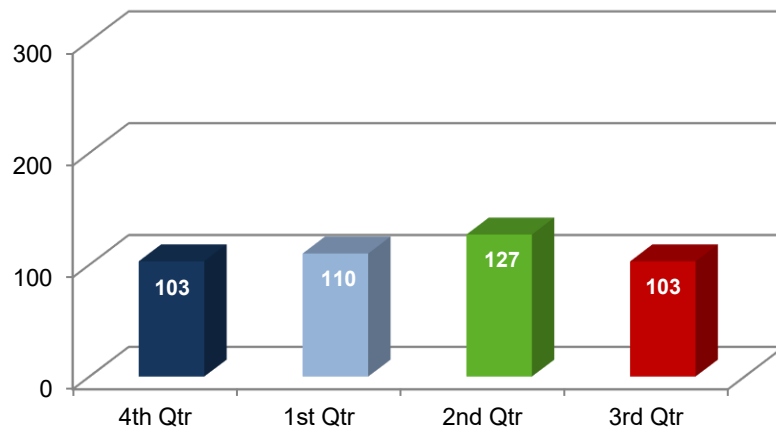
Finalized Adoptions

One-hundred and three adoptions were finalized during the third quarter of SFY 2026.

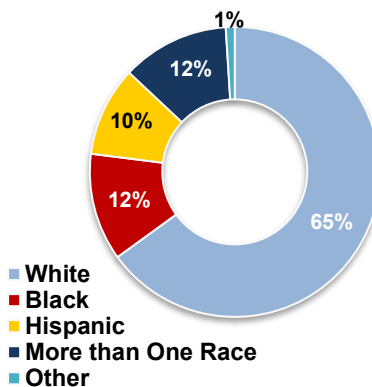
Of those adoptions, nearly one-third (32 percent) were finalized by relatives.

Children ages zero to five made up over half half (53 percent) of those adopted during the quarter. Sixty-five percent of those adopted during the quarter were white.

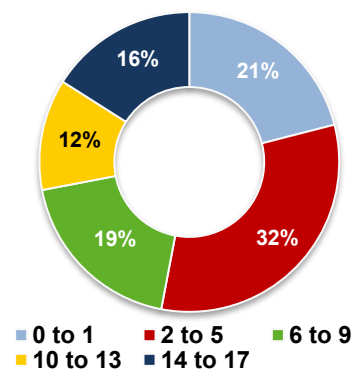
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Age of Children with Finalized Adoption



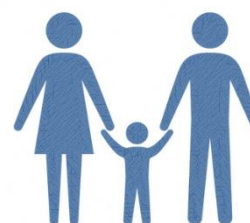
Subsidized Adoptions

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, **147** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 141 were federally funded subsidies and 6 were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **8,054** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

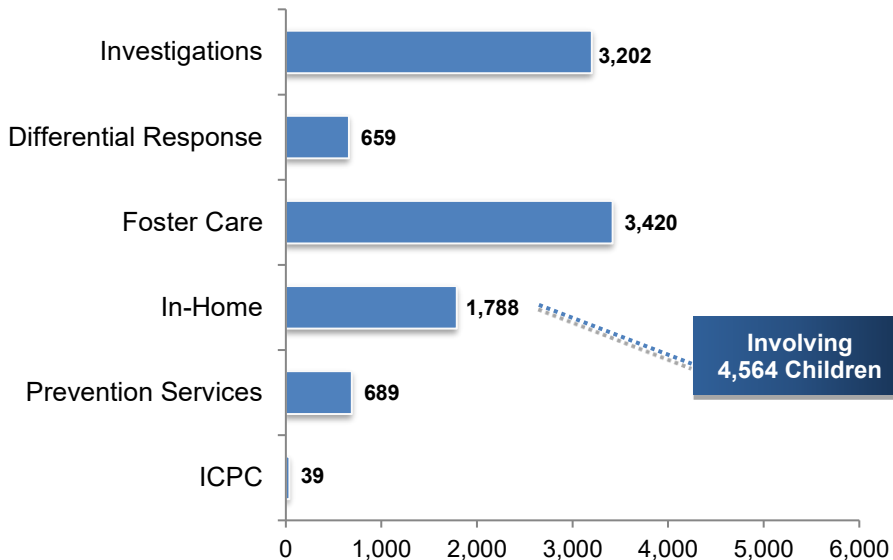
Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

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

- 3,202 investigations of child maltreatment and 659 DR cases;
- 3,420 foster care cases;
- 1,788 in-home cases, involving 4,564 children;
- 689 prevention services cases and 39 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 418 social service workers who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



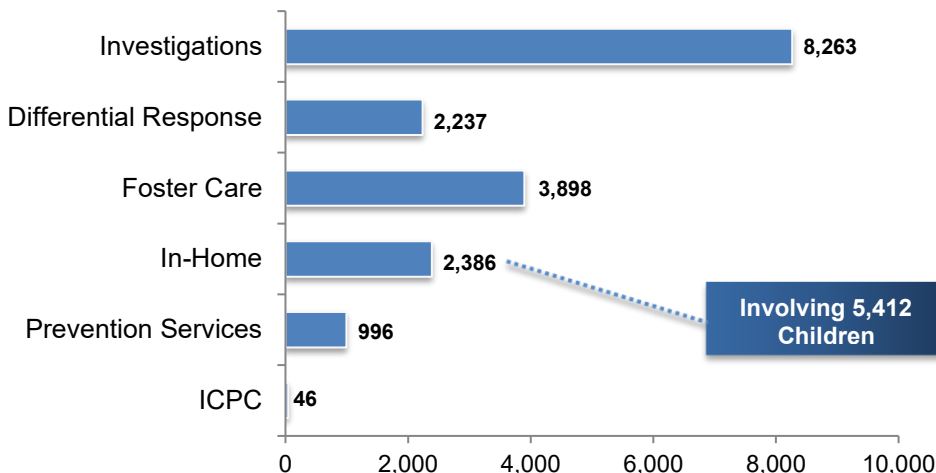
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or prevention services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

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 8,263 investigations, 2,237 DR cases, 3,898 children in foster care, 2,386 in-home cases, 996 prevention services cases, and 46 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



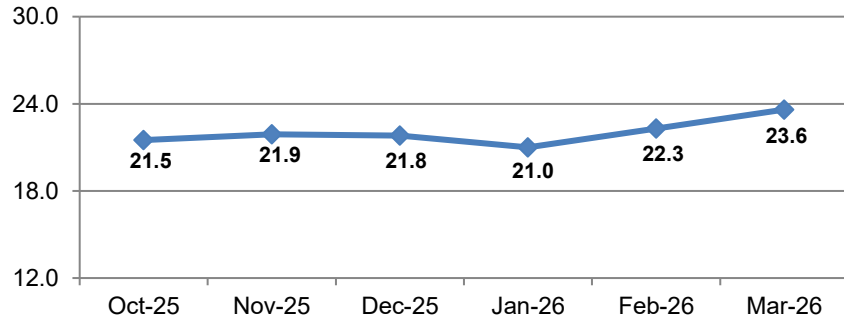
Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide was nearly 24 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 2026 is presented in Appendix B.

Average Caseload at the End of Month

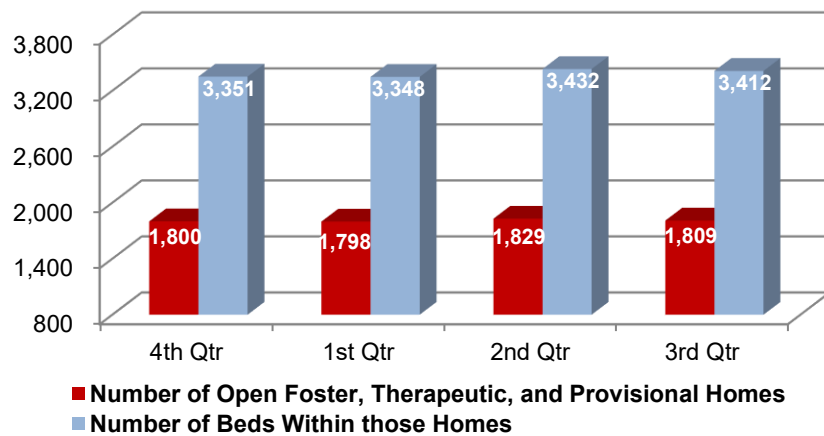


Foster Homes

Homes and Beds

A total of 1,809 foster, therapeutic, and provisional homes were open statewide at the end of the third quarter, providing a total of 3,412 available beds.

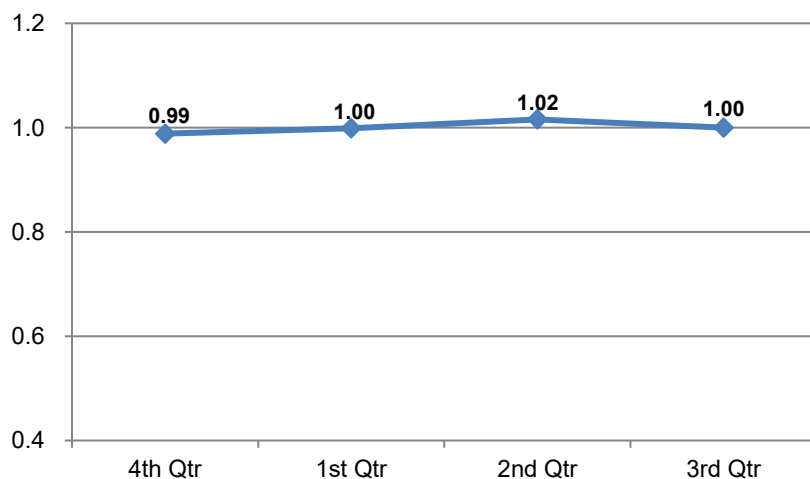
Number of Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



Ratio of Beds to Children in Foster Care

Based on the number of beds in foster, therapeutic, and provisional homes that were open at the end of the third quarter, the ratio of beds to children in foster care stood at 1.00. This resembled previous quarters.

Bed to Foster Child Ratio



Quick Facts

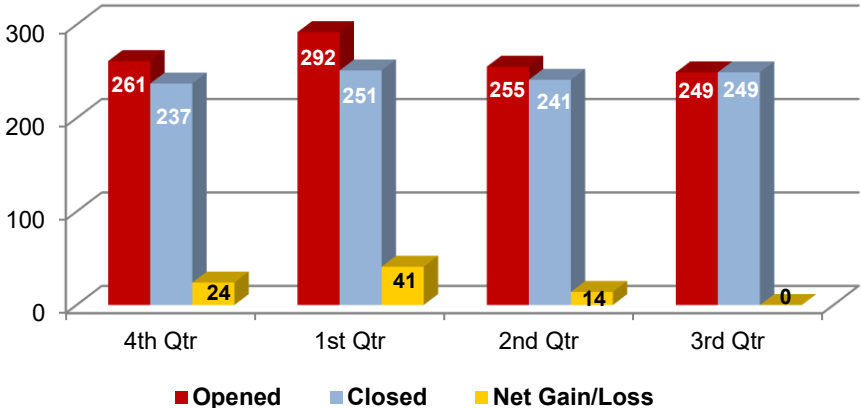
Licensed Foster Homes

During the most recent quarter, 249 new licensed foster homes were opened and 249 were closed.

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

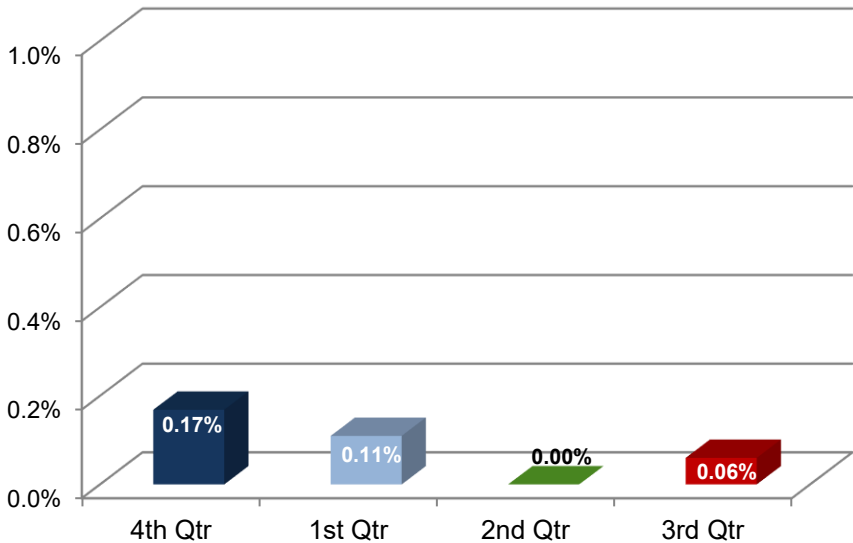
This excludes provisional and therapeutic foster homes.

Licensed Foster Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter



Licensed Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Licensed Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



A licensed foster parent was identified as an offender in one true report for the third quarter. Based on the 1,774 licensed foster families active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.06 percent.

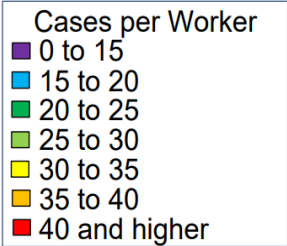
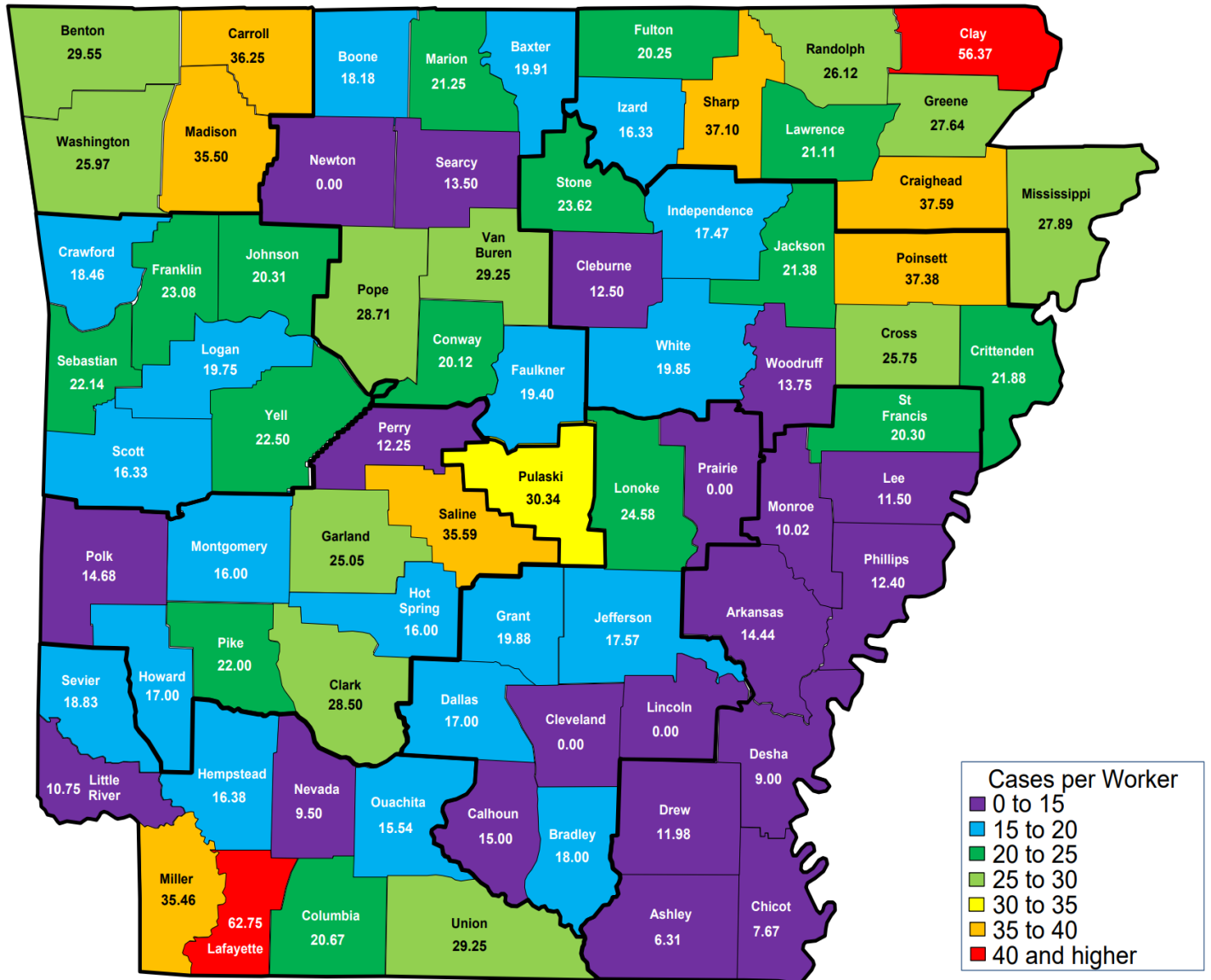
Appendix D provides more detail on reports of alleged maltreatment concerning foster homes.

Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations⁴

	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 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%
Third Quarter 2026	1,470	5,135 <i>4,979 Closed</i>	1,013	20%	1,516 <i>1,282 Closed</i>	357	28%

⁴ The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the third quarter refers to 11/1/2025 through 1/31/2026); 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, 2026, by County



Cleveland, Lincoln, Newton, 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	1	6	1	2	0	6	0	16
1	Carroll	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
1	Madison	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
1	Washington	0	10	5	1	0	1	0	17
2	Crawford	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	7
2	Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2	Johnson	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
2	Logan	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
2	Scott	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	Sebastian	0	5	1	0	0	6	0	12
2	Yell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Clark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Garland	1	3	0	1	0	4	0	9
3	Hot Spring	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
3	Howard	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
3	Montgomery	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Perry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	Pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline	0	8	2	2	0	0	0	12
4	Columbia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Hempstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
4	Sevier	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	Union	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	5
5	Baxter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Boone	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
5	Conway	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
5	Faulkner	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	9
5	Marion	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Newton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	6
5	Searcy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
6	Pulaski	0	15	6	2	0	2	0	25
7	Bradley	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
7	Jefferson	1	2	1	5	0	0	1	10
7	Lincoln	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke	0	7	0	1	0	0	1	9
7	Prairie	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	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
8	Craighead	0	1	2	4	0	2	0	9
8	Fulton	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Greene	1	4	1	0	0	5	0	11
8	Izard	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
8	Lawrence	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
8	Mississippi	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
8	Randolph	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
8	Sharp	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	Cleburne	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
9	Crittenden	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
9	Cross	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	9
9	Independence	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
9	Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Poinsett	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
9	Stone	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	White	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	6
9	Woodruff	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	Arkansas	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	Ashley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Phillips	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
10	St. Francis	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	4
	Out of State	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
	Total	8	110	33	43	0	52	3	249

Details of the Major Closure Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Custody / Guardianship	26
	Child(ren) Left Care	17
Change in Family Circumstances	Moved	3
	Pregnant	2
	Death of Parent	2
	Health of Parent	1
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	109
	Changed to Adopt Only	1
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	31
	Failed Re-evaluation / Non-Compliance	1
	Arrested	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider / Services No Longer Needed	52
Other	Other	3

Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 3rd Quarter SFY 2026

One-hundred and forty-seven reports of alleged maltreatment involving children in foster care were received by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the third quarter of SFY 2026.

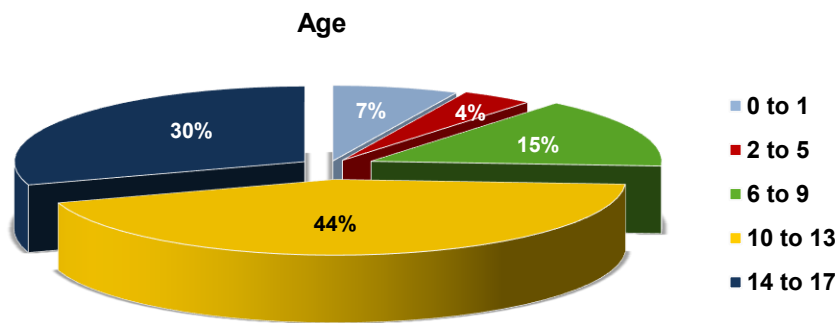
In 40 reports involving 47 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following table, one of those reports was found to be true.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
3rd Quarter SFY 2026**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
1	38	1

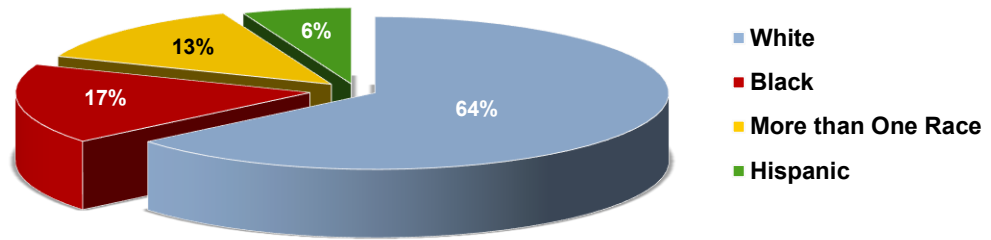
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to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

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 47 children in foster care who were involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents identified as the alleged offenders.

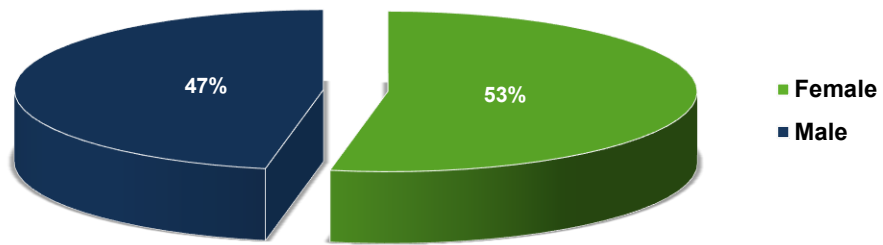


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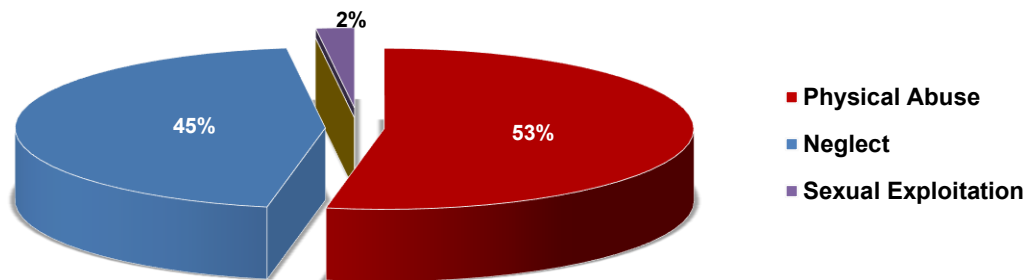
Race / Ethnicity



Gender



Allegations



Location of Foster Homes where Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)
Sebastian	5
Washington	5
Greene	4
Pulaski	3
Arkansas	2
Benton	2
Boone	2
Faulkner	2
Garland	2
Lonoke	2
Polk	2
White	2
Cleveland	1
Craighead	1
Grant	1
Howard	1
Independence	1
Jefferson	1
Lafayette	1
Logan	1
Mississippi	1
Ouachita	1
Phillips	1
Randolph	1
Saline	1
Sevier	1
Total	47