

Changes in CFSR Statewide Data Indicator Performance Throughout Round 3

Overview and Analytic Approach

The Children's Bureau (CB) will conduct a fourth round of reviews under the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) regulations, beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023. The purpose of CFSR is to determine compliance with title IV-B and IV-E plan requirements. CB uses the CFSR to assess state performance on seven outcomes and seven systemic factors. The seven outcomes focus on key items measuring safety, permanency, and well-being and CB uses performance on statewide data indicators to evaluate performance on two outcomes—safety and permanency.¹

The statewide data indicators (here forward referred to as “indicators”) are designed to evaluate how a state's performance on each indicator compares to national fixed values² that were set at the start of the Round and remained fixed throughout the round.³ The results are used in the determination of substantial conformity for the CFSR and, if needed, in the calculation of improvement goals and measurement of progress for indicators included in a state's Program Improvement Plan. As we begin CFSR Round 4, it is an ideal time to reflect on how performance on the indicators changed during Round 3. This brief describes changes in observed performance⁴ on the indicators at the national and state level and does not use comparisons to the fixed national performance values for Round 3.

The indicators are calculated using data submitted to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) on a six-month schedule and to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) on a 12-month schedule. Performance for each indicator is calculated based on a 12-month reporting window delineated by the AFCARS and NCANDS data periods used to identify a cohort of children to follow, and the additional data periods needed to follow those children to observe their outcome. Performance on the indicators is reported to states through a biannual release of data profiles.

The same 12-month window, or cohort, is not used for all indicators due to differences in how many data submissions are required to calculate a specific indicator, and which data are available when performance is calculated.

¹ See CFSR Technical Bulletin 13A for an explanation of the statewide data indicators and their use in CFSR.

² These fixed values for each indicator are referred to as “National Performance” and details about them are available in CFSR Technical Bulletins 8A.

³ The syntax to calculate performance was revised and validated, and the National Performance values did not change after revision.

⁴ This brief describes “observed performance” and not “risk-standardized performance”, which is described in CFSR Technical Bulletins 8A.

This report explores changes in performance since the start of Round 3. To do this, the analyses provided in this briefing are based on data periods corresponding to the earliest cohorts used in Round 3 to set national performance⁵ and the most recent cohorts presented in the last data profile released before the start of Round 4, roughly bookending Round 3. These cohorts are referred to in this briefing as “First” and “Last” (see Table 1) and are the 12-month cohorts of children examined here. It is worth pointing out that “last” does not indicate the final data periods used for analysis as some indicators require up to six data periods to calculate performance and thus use data that extend beyond the last 12-month cohorts identified below. Furthermore, states resubmit data to AFCARS and NCANDS, and the analyses reported here for the first and last 12-month (cohorts use the revised and finalized syntax for Round 3 and the most recent data states submitted; therefore, the values reported here do not necessarily match corresponding values reported in previous national workbooks and data profiles.

The change in national observed performance has implications for how states will be evaluated during CFSR Round 4, and the updated national performance indicators will be used as the basis for establishing a state’s risk standardized performance. However, those aspects of the updated measures are not the focus of this analysis, but will be the focus of future analyses which will specifically spotlight incorporating updated national performance into CFSR Round 4.

Table 1. Data periods that define the first and last cohort of children analyzed.

Statewide Data Indicator	12-Month Cohort Periods	
	First	Last
Permanency in 12 months (entries)	11B, 12A	19A, 19B
Permanency in 12 months (12-23 months)	13B, 14A	21A, 21B
Permanency in 12 months (24+ months)	13B, 14A	21A, 21B
Reentry to foster care in 12 months	11B, 12A	19A, 19B
Placement stability	13B, 14A	21A, 21B
Maltreatment in foster care	FY13; 13A, 13B	FY19; 19A, 19B
Recurrence of maltreatment	FY12	FY19
Context Measure		
Foster care entry rate	2012	2019

This report explores how performance on the indicators changed across Round 3 at a national level, and disaggregates the changes in national-level performance by state, and the age and race/ethnicity of children. These levels of analysis (national, state, age, race/ethnicity) provide an information on where the largest changes in the indicators are observed. Furthermore, these levels of analysis are aligned with information

⁵ Performance for the earliest reporting periods were recalculated using the revised syntax.

included in the supplemental context data provided with each data profile release. This report focuses on indicator performance changes; however, there are notable changes in counts of children across age, race/ethnicity, and state that are not directly addressed here.

Changes in Performance on Statewide Data Indicators

Table 2 displays the first and last 12-month cohort periods, the national-level performance and percent change⁶ for each statewide data indicator in Round 3.⁷ Also included is the foster care entry rate per 1,000 children in the national population. While the foster care entry rate is not one of the statewide data indicators, it is a useful metric for assessing how the foster care population has changed.

Table 2. National values for each statewide data indicator.

Statewide Data Indicator	Indicator Performance		
	First	Last	% change
Permanency in 12 months (entries)	42.6%	37.1%	-13.0%
Permanency in 12 months (12-23 months)	45.8%	43.8%	-4.4%
Permanency in 12 months (24+ months)	31.7%	37.3%	17.7%
Reentry to foster care in 12 months	8.1%	6.4%	-20.5%
Placement stability	4.52	4.48	-0.9%
Maltreatment in foster care	9.70	9.07	-6.5%
Recurrence of maltreatment	9.5%	9.7%	2.1%
Context Measure			
Foster care entry rate	3.07	3.19	3.9%

While modest percent changes are observed for most of the indicators, double-digit percent changes are revealed for three of the permanency measures. We explore each indicator separately in the subsequent sections. A summary of how each indicator is calculated is provided, and a detailed description is available in CFSR 3 Statewide Data Dictionary and Statewide Data Indicator Series. For each indicator, tables are presented that provide a count of the children at risk of experiencing the outcome (the denominator of the indicator) as well as performance on the indicator, and separate tables which disaggregate the data by the age and race/ethnicity⁸ of children in the cohort, and the state in which the children reside. While substantial differences are observed across age groups and states, generally there are not large performance changes

⁶ Percent change is calculated throughout as (Last – First) / First.

⁷ The names of some statewide data indicators are shortened in the table for formatting purposes. Each statewide data indicator is explored in depth in later sections.

⁸ Throughout this brief, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

across race and ethnicity of children. Sometimes dramatic changes are observed for subgroups with small numbers in the denominator—caution should be used when interpreting in these cases.

Permanency in 12 months for children entering care

This indicator was defined as: Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, what percent are discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care? Permanency, for the purposes of this indicator and the other permanency-in-12-months indicators, includes discharges from foster care to reunification with the child’s parents or primary caregivers, living with a relative, guardianship, or adoption. Additionally, a trial home visit adjustment was applied using all AFCARS reporting periods required to calculate performance on this indicator (Permanency in 12 months (entries)). Tables 3, 4, and 5 display performance on this indicator by the age children entered care, the race/ethnicity of the children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, performance on this indicator decreased by 13% between the 11B12A cohort and the 19A19B cohort and, for this indicator, higher values (increase) are desired. While there is a decrease for all age groups, children who entered care in the youngest age group (0 – 3 months) and the oldest age group (17 years) revealed the largest decreases (Table 3). Black or African American, Hispanic, and White children entering care are the three largest groups of children and all saw roughly equivalent decreases in the percentage of children entering care who obtained permanency (Table 4). Of states with percent changes greater than +/-15%, there is roughly equal representation of states with large (e.g., California and Florida) and small (e.g., Hawaii and Rhode Island) numbers of children entering foster care (Table 5).

Table 3. Permanency in 12 months for children entering care, by age at entry.

Age at entry	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	210,734	228,875	42.6%	37.1%	-13.0%
0 – 3 months	22,579	30,720	34.1%	28.2%	-17.5%
4 – 11 months	12,731	13,929	40.6%	35.4%	-12.8%
1 – 5 years	65,870	69,554	44.1%	38.2%	-13.4%
6 – 10 years	41,073	48,690	46.1%	40.0%	-13.2%
11 – 16 years	59,330	58,644	44.9%	40.2%	-10.4%
17 years	9,151	7,338	26.9%	21.3%	-20.8%

Table 4. Permanency in 12 months for children entering care, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	210,734	228,875	42.6%	37.1%	-13.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	4,487	4,991	37.4%	33.8%	-9.8%
Asian	1,369	1,368	51.1%	43.4%	-15.0%
Black or African American	46,147	46,529	41.7%	35.7%	-14.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	505	630	39.0%	39.8%	2.1%
Hispanic (of any race)	44,820	49,058	40.2%	35.2%	-12.6%
White	93,793	105,176	44.9%	38.6%	-14.1%
Two or More	12,973	17,381	38.0%	34.8%	-8.5%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	6,285	3,262	43.8%	45.8%	4.7%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	355	480	85.9%	57.1%	-33.6%

Table 5. Permanency in 12 months for children entering care, by state⁹

State	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	210,734	228,875	42.6%	37.1%	-13.0%
Alabama	2,567	3,658	49.6%	43.8%	-11.7%
Alaska	849	1,440	29.8%	29.0%	-2.8%
Arizona	8,197	8,600	31.3%	34.4%	10.1%
Arkansas	3,214	2,806	65.1%	45.4%	-30.2%
California	28,634	25,450	37.6%	31.6%	-15.8%
Colorado	4,269	3,728	56.5%	51.5%	-8.9%
Connecticut		1,893		21.2%	
Delaware	500	258	38.8%	34.1%	-12.1%
District of Columbia	478	350	29.5%	28.0%	-5.1%
Florida	15,519	14,284	50.1%	37.3%	-25.6%

⁹ Note that values are not available for some states due to data quality problems in their AFCARS submissions. This applies to all indicators in this report and includes data quality problems in NCANDS submissions for the two safety indicators.

State	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Georgia	5,748	6,111	46.4%	33.6%	-27.6%
Hawaii	808	982	45.5%	35.5%	-22.0%
Idaho	1,040	1,103	45.8%	49.4%	8.0%
Illinois		6,438		11.6%	
Indiana	6,887	8,943	47.4%	47.4%	0.1%
Iowa	3,895	3,531	46.2%	41.0%	-11.3%
Kansas	3,484	3,994	41.5%	34.8%	-16.1%
Kentucky	4,615	5,994	50.5%	45.6%	-9.8%
Louisiana	2,928	2,307	53.1%	47.1%	-11.2%
Maine	675	1,155	26.8%	32.8%	22.4%
Maryland	2,447		40.8%		
Massachusetts	4,748	5,015	48.1%	43.6%	-9.4%
Michigan	7,149	5,459	33.2%	27.6%	-16.8%
Minnesota	4,655	5,347	60.9%	45.0%	-26.1%
Mississippi	2,329	2,202	48.3%	46.3%	-4.1%
Missouri	5,678	6,578	37.2%	29.8%	-19.8%
Montana	1,049	2,029	37.5%	53.6%	43.0%
Nebraska	2,998	1,988	39.1%	37.9%	-3.2%
Nevada	2,562	2,790	43.1%	41.6%	-3.4%
New Hampshire	452	762	36.7%	44.6%	21.5%
New Jersey	4,359	2,376	41.6%	38.3%	-8.0%
New Mexico	1,035	867	33.0%	30.8%	-6.8%
New York	9,388	7,380	34.8%	31.2%	-10.3%
North Carolina		4,840		26.6%	
North Dakota	761	851	40.9%	41.5%	1.5%
Ohio	8,500	10,821	47.3%	45.5%	-3.9%
Oklahoma	4,705	4,320	31.3%	29.4%	-6.2%
Oregon	4,090	3,201	44.9%	40.0%	-10.7%
Pennsylvania	8,679	8,731	40.2%	35.3%	-12.2%
Puerto Rico		996		25.3%	

State	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Rhode Island	1,110	1,088	50.9%	30.6%	-39.9%
South Carolina	2,502	3,476	63.7%	59.1%	-7.1%
South Dakota	1,066	1,078	46.2%	40.1%	-13.3%
Tennessee	5,051	5,797	48.5%	40.8%	-15.9%
Texas	16,739	18,274	38.6%	35.9%	-7.1%
Utah	1,952	1,869	47.8%	42.9%	-10.4%
Vermont	568	643	37.9%	38.4%	1.5%
Virginia	2,495	2,494	28.8%	26.2%	-9.1%
Washington	4,395	4,485	33.5%	42.2%	26.0%
West Virginia		4,906		35.1%	
Wisconsin	4,197	4,272	47.1%	40.0%	-15.1%
Wyoming	768	915	55.6%	62.6%	12.6%

Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12 – 23 months

This indicator was defined as: Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care continuously between 12 and 23 months, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day? Tables 6, 7 and 8 display performance on this indicator by the age of children in care 12-23 months on the first day of the 12-month period, the race/ ethnicity of these children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, performance on this indicator decreased by 4.4% between the 13B14A cohort and the 21A21B cohort and, for this indicator, higher values (increase) are desired. The largest percent decrease is for the 1 – 5 age group, and this age group also accounts for the most children in care (Table 6). Black or African American, Hispanic, and White children in care are the three largest groups of children and all saw roughly equivalent decreases in the percentage of children in care who obtained permanency (Table 7). There is a nearly equal split across states with a decrease in performance observed for 25 states and an increase observed for 21 states (six states have incomplete data), and the largest percent increases and decreases were roughly equal at 21.5% (Alaska) and 24.8% (New Hampshire), respectively (Table 8).

Table 6. Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12 – 23 months, by age at entry.

Age on 1st day	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	88,061	109,894	45.8%	43.8%	-4.4%
1 – 5 years	39,722	51,728	54.6%	48.7%	-10.8%
6 – 10 years	20,435	25,451	48.0%	45.8%	-4.7%
11 – 16 years	22,483	27,759	35.2%	37.8%	7.5%
17 years	5,421	4,956	17.3%	16.1%	-6.9%

Table 7. Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12 – 23 months, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	88,061	109,894	45.8%	43.8%	-4.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,940	2,517	37.4%	33.8%	-9.8%
Asian	451	579	51.1%	43.4%	-15.0%
Black or African American	19,805	23,281	41.7%	35.7%	-14.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	203	280	39.0%	39.8%	2.1%
Hispanic (of any race)	18,498	23,711	40.2%	35.2%	-12.6%
White	38,151	49,029	44.9%	38.6%	-14.1%
Two or More	6,355	9,037	38.0%	34.8%	-8.5%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2,634	1,299	43.8%	45.8%	4.7%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	24	161	41.7%	55.9%	34.2%

Table 8. Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12 – 23 months, by state¹⁰

State	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	88,061	109,894	51.1%	43.4%	-15.0%
Alabama	836	1,443	40.0%	48.4%	21.2%
Alaska	492	866	46.3%	36.4%	-21.5%
Arizona	3,804	3,791	54.4%	47.9%	-11.9%
Arkansas	775	1,096	54.7%	54.3%	-0.8%
California	11,676	12,641	43.1%	41.5%	-3.6%
Colorado	997	1,140	47.3%	50.8%	7.3%
Connecticut		1,182		37.7%	
Delaware	209	124	41.1%	46.8%	13.7%
District of Columbia	251	179	41.8%	47.5%	13.5%
Florida	4,557	6,315	58.5%	47.9%	-18.1%

¹⁰ Note that values are not available for some states due to data quality problems in their AFCARS submissions. This applies to all indicators in this report, and includes data quality problems in NCANDS submissions for the two safety indicators.

State	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Georgia	2,093	3,138	46.8%	37.9%	-19.1%
Hawaii	327	434	49.2%	55.5%	12.8%
Idaho	370	389	64.9%	52.2%	-19.5%
Illinois	3,371	5,048	21.3%	21.7%	
Indiana	2,666	3,769	45.3%	46.7%	3.1%
Iowa	1,479	1,511	61.4%	68.7%	11.9%
Kansas	1,529	2,150	43.8%	34.7%	-20.9%
Kentucky	1,595	2,517	34.3%	34.6%	1.0%
Louisiana	933	984	55.7%	54.1%	-3.0%
Maine	436	696	45.9%	40.5%	-11.7%
Maryland	1,005	951	44.9%	29.1%	
Massachusetts	1,802	2,349	40.8%	32.1%	-21.3%
Michigan	3,573	3,249	52.1%	44.4%	-14.9%
Minnesota	1,068	2,020	43.1%	53.6%	24.4%
Mississippi	862	954	39.4%	43.5%	10.3%
Missouri	2,628	3,709	45.4%	47.2%	4.0%
Montana	553	775	42.3%	42.1%	-0.6%
Nebraska	1,309	975	49.0%	46.6%	-4.9%
Nevada	1,212	1,308	55.4%	46.6%	-16.0%
New Hampshire	243	312	34.2%	42.6%	24.8%
New Jersey	1,795	1,082	44.1%	43.5%	-1.2%
New Mexico	561	486	45.6%	39.1%	-14.3%
New York	4,587	4,015	26.5%	26.1%	-1.5%
North Carolina		2,726		41.2%	
North Dakota	308	342	39.6%	35.7%	-9.9%
Ohio	2,773	4,142	46.2%	49.3%	6.5%
Oklahoma	2,775	2,582	41.4%	46.7%	12.9%
Oregon	1,978	1,637	41.9%	42.9%	2.3%
Pennsylvania	3,447	4,173	43.7%	38.4%	-12.0%
Puerto Rico		505		30.3%	

State	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Rhode Island	345	649	43.5%	44.5%	2.4%
South Carolina	604	1,076	42.9%	34.0%	-20.7%
South Dakota	281	449	43.8%	48.8%	11.4%
Tennessee	1,616	2,395	51.4%	45.8%	-11.0%
Texas	6,925	8,496	59.0%	60.3%	2.2%
Utah	517	701	52.4%	64.8%	23.6%
Vermont	256	330	46.5%	40.9%	-12.0%
Virginia	1,168	1,361	41.0%	42.5%	3.7%
Washington	2,672	2,507	43.5%	38.3%	-11.8%
West Virginia	1,135	2,167	65.1%	61.3%	
Wisconsin	1,513	1,862	44.0%	40.2%	-8.6%
Wyoming	154	196	51.9%	53.6%	3.1%

Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more

This indicator was defined as: Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care continuously for 24 months or more, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day? Tables 9, 10 and 11 display performance on this indicator by the age of children in care 24+ months on the first day of the 12-month period, the race/ ethnicity of these children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, performance on this indicator increased by 17.7% between the 13B14A cohort and the 21A21B cohort and, for this indicator, higher values (increase) are desired. The largest percent increases were observed for children 11 – 16 years old and 17 years old (Table 9). An increase in performance was observed for children of all racial and ethnic groups, except Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander which also had the fewest number of children in care 24+ months making the percent sensitive to fluctuation (Table 10). Nine states observed a decrease in performance; conversely performance increased for 38 states (Table 11). Taken together, the three permanency in 12 months indicators show a general shift of permanency taking longer to.

Table 9. Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more, by age at entry.

Age on 1st day	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	93,383	113,484	31.7%	37.3%	17.7%
1 – 5 years	21,247	31,565	55.1%	52.8%	-4.3%
6 – 10 years	21,901	30,456	42.8%	44.1%	3.1%
11 – 16 years	38,104	41,584	20.0%	27.1%	35.5%
17 years	12,131	9,879	7.5%	10.0%	33.6%

Table 10. Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	93,383	113,484	31.7%	37.3%	17.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,175	3,207	25.8%	32.7%	26.6%
Asian	481	485	22.2%	32.6%	46.4%
Black or African American	30,159	31,070	27.5%	32.1%	16.7%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	155	279	47.1%	41.9%	-11.0%
Hispanic (of any race)	18,940	24,580	31.5%	35.1%	11.4%
White	33,462	43,461	35.6%	42.0%	18.1%
Two or More	6,356	9,348	35.0%	40.0%	14.2%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1,644	813	28.8%	43.5%	51.0%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	11	241	54.5%	31.5%	-42.2%

Table 11. Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more, by state¹¹

State	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	93,383	113,484	31.7%	37.3%	17.7%
Alabama	1,432	1,466	33.7%	39.2%	16.3%
Alaska	524	826	40.6%	36.9%	-9.2%
Arizona	1,884	2,385	41.6%	37.5%	-9.8%
Arkansas	764	783	31.8%	31.2%	-2.0%
California	14,421	14,474	23.6%	32.5%	37.8%
Colorado	1,018	935	27.7%	45.8%	65.2%
Connecticut		1,223		41.5%	
Delaware	206	155	26.7%	23.2%	-13.0%
District of Columbia	495	209	36.6%	44.0%	20.4%
Florida	3,005	5,089	43.1%	44.8%	4.1%

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State	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Georgia	1,539	4,418	35.7%	37.0%	3.7%
Hawaii	262	342	42.7%	57.3%	34.1%
Idaho	188	293	42.0%	49.1%	17.0%
Illinois	6,762	6,975	24.0%	28.2%	
Indiana	2,234	4,291	33.8%	48.1%	42.4%
Iowa	1,053	812	33.8%	51.5%	52.3%
Kansas	1,384	2,409	30.1%	33.6%	11.5%
Kentucky	1,691	2,560	34.4%	38.6%	12.2%
Louisiana	1,012	890	44.0%	48.5%	10.4%
Maine	327	538	28.1%	50.2%	78.4%
Maryland	1,648	1,361	25.4%	26.7%	
Massachusetts	2,464	3,595	25.0%	29.8%	19.1%
Michigan	3,126	3,297	39.8%	45.5%	14.4%
Minnesota	1,011	2,025	20.1%	40.9%	103.9%
Mississippi	771	1,202	35.0%	46.4%	32.6%
Missouri	2,424	3,286	33.5%	37.9%	13.2%
Montana	517	1,108	32.1%	36.6%	13.8%
Nebraska	1,170	709	40.6%	36.5%	-10.0%
Nevada	1,062	1,124	46.3%	45.4%	-2.1%
New Hampshire	175	321	35.4%	45.2%	27.5%
New Jersey	1,721	1,328	41.7%	46.7%	12.1%
New Mexico	496	869	36.9%	42.1%	14.2%
New York	8,809	6,365	28.4%	28.5%	0.4%
North Carolina		3,089		35.7%	
North Dakota	225	466	20.9%	35.8%	71.6%
Ohio	2,810	3,661	28.9%	37.5%	29.9%
Oklahoma	2,247	1,957	33.6%	40.7%	21.2%
Oregon	2,721	2,015	31.1%	42.3%	36.0%
Pennsylvania	2,757	4,411	39.9%	40.9%	2.5%
Puerto Rico		979		11.7%	

State	In care count		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Rhode Island	396	686	29.0%	44.5%	53.1%
South Carolina	922	1,252	37.1%	33.8%	-8.9%
South Dakota	417	427	28.3%	31.4%	10.9%
Tennessee	968	1,846	43.9%	39.2%	-10.8%
Texas	7,093	6,337	31.7%	35.7%	12.4%
Utah	423	302	23.2%	39.1%	68.7%
Vermont	215	298	27.9%	43.0%	53.9%
Virginia	1,280	1,282	30.0%	36.7%	22.5%
Washington	2,744	3,390	38.4%	41.0%	6.6%
West Virginia	744	1,171	54.7%	54.3%	
Wisconsin	1,669	2,122	38.3%	38.2%	-0.2%
Wyoming	157	130	36.3%	50.8%	39.8%

Reentry to foster care in 12 months

This indicator was defined as: Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, who discharged within 12 months to reunification, live with relative, or guardianship, what percent reentered care within 12 months of their discharge? Tables 12, 13 and 14 display performance on this indicator by the age children entered care for their prior episode, the race/ethnicity of the children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, performance on this indicator decreased by 20.5% between the 11B12A cohort and the 19A19B cohort and, for this indicator, lower values (decrease) are desired. The largest percent decrease was for children in the 11-16 years age group (Table 12). Black or African American, Hispanic, and White children exiting care are the three largest groups of children and all saw roughly equivalent decreases in the percentage of children who reenter care (Table 13). A lower reentry percentage was observed for 32 states, 15 states saw an increase in reentry percentage, and six states had incomplete data (Table 14). In general, there is a lot of variability in the amount of change, and in the amount of change observed for states with large versus small numbers of exits.

Table 12. Reentry to foster care in 12 months, by age at entry.

Age at prior episode entry	Count of exits		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	87,428	82,529	8.1%	6.4%	-20.5%
0 – 3 months	6,448	7,394	8.2%	7.2%	-12.0%
4 – 11 months	4,999	4,820	8.2%	7.3%	-11.0%
1 – 5 years	28,481	26,137	7.2%	5.9%	-17.1%
6 – 10 years	18,653	19,256	6.0%	5.0%	-16.0%
11 – 16 years	26,395	23,366	10.9%	7.9%	-27.9%
17 years	2,452	1,556	3.1%	3.0%	-1.2%

Table 13. Reentry to foster care in 12 months, by race/ ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	87,428	82,529	8.1%	6.4%	-20.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,644	1,664	10.2%	9.0%	-11.9%
Asian	683	577	4.8%	4.5%	-6.7%
Black or African American	18,809	16,296	8.6%	6.8%	-20.7%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	195	244	8.2%	2.9%	-65.0%
Hispanic (of any race)	17,594	16,852	7.7%	5.7%	-25.5%
White	40,777	39,322	8.0%	6.4%	-20.1%
Two or More	4,721	5,875	8.9%	7.3%	-17.1%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2,704	1,428	6.8%	5.6%	-17.7%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	301	271	5.0%	6.6%	33.3%

Table 14. Reentry to foster care in 12 months, by state

State	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	87,428	82,529	8.1%	6.4%	-20.5%
Alabama	1,254	1,570	4.5%	5.2%	15.5%
Alaska	248	414	3.6%	4.6%	26.5%
Arizona	2,430	2,775	7.9%	7.0%	-11.5%
Arkansas	2,048	1,228	5.8%	3.2%	-45.3%
California	10,470	7,851	9.2%	6.5%	-28.7%
Colorado	2,347	1,884	12.6%	9.6%	-23.8%
Connecticut		390		7.2%	
Delaware	192	84	2.1%	2.4%	14.3%
District of Columbia	139	96	7.9%	9.4%	18.5%
Florida	7,292	4,918	8.4%	7.5%	-10.9%
Georgia	2,616	2,023	5.5%	4.6%	-16.2%
Hawaii	355	341	10.1%	8.5%	-16.1%
Idaho	467	533	3.9%	3.2%	-17.3%

State	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Illinois		745		4.6%	
Indiana	3,222	4,217	4.4%	4.9%	10.3%
Iowa	1,735	1,389	10.3%	8.7%	-15.6%
Kansas	1,429	1,382	5.2%	6.1%	15.8%
Kentucky	2,323	2,723	9.8%	6.7%	-31.2%
Louisiana	1,545	1,075	4.9%	5.6%	15.0%
Maine	181	376	4.4%	8.2%	86.5%
Maryland	988		10.9%		
Massachusetts	2,279	2,184	13.2%	9.1%	-30.8%
Michigan	2,204	1,441	2.4%	4.8%	99.1%
Minnesota	2,788	2,356	14.7%	10.5%	-28.2%
Mississippi	1,116	1,013	4.3%	3.1%	-28.8%
Missouri	2,027	1,849	6.6%	4.8%	-26.6%
Montana	389	1,081	7.2%	8.3%	15.7%
Nebraska	1,154	731	5.5%	4.2%	-22.3%
Nevada	1,091	1,145	6.4%	4.0%	-37.4%
New Hampshire	161	338	3.7%	15.1%	304.9%
New Jersey	1,777	894	10.6%	7.0%	-33.4%
New Mexico	333	267	3.6%	3.7%	3.9%
New York	3,234	2,276	10.1%	9.3%	-8.2%
North Carolina		1,234		2.6%	
North Dakota	306	351	6.5%	11.1%	70.0%
Ohio	3,945	4,872	9.6%	7.4%	-23.1%
Oklahoma	1,399	1,121	6.1%	3.8%	-37.6%
Oregon	1,830	1,278	8.3%	5.4%	-34.6%
Pennsylvania	3,414	3,027	12.5%	10.4%	-17.3%
Puerto Rico		248		1.6%	
Rhode Island	546	328	17.0%	7.3%	-57.0%
South Carolina	1,562	2,042	5.6%	4.4%	-21.7%
South Dakota	491	430	10.2%	6.7%	-33.8%

State	Count of entries		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Tennessee	2,382	2,300	9.1%	7.5%	-17.5%
Texas	6,270	6,416	3.4%	3.1%	-8.6%
Utah	764	670	5.5%	3.3%	-40.3%
Vermont	202	244	15.8%	11.5%	-27.6%
Virginia	702	634	3.8%	2.8%	-26.2%
Washington	1,447	1,878	4.1%	4.5%	9.2%
West Virginia		1,609		7.7%	
Wisconsin	1,911	1,687	11.5%	9.5%	-17.6%
Wyoming	423	571	8.3%	8.4%	1.6%

Placement stability

This indicator was defined as: Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what was the rate of placement moves, per 1,000 days of foster care? Tables 15, 16 and 17 display performance on this indicator by the age children entered foster care, the race/ethnicity of the children, and for each state, respectively. The numerator (number of moves) is included in this table to assist with understanding of performance displayed as a rate per 1,000 days in care.

Overall, performance on this indicator decreased by 0.9% between the 13B14A cohort and the 21A21B cohort and, for this indicator, lower values (decrease) are desired. Although performance did not change much overall, a rate decrease was observed for younger children and an increase for older children (Table 15). American Indian and Alaska Native children saw a 13.4% increase in placement moves per 1,000 days in care although the number of days in care decreased (Table 16). There is a lot of variability in the observed change across states and, while the rate of moves did not change much at a national level, there is considerable change for some states (Table 17).

Table 15. Placement stability, by age at entry.

Age at entry	Days in care		Moves		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	36,254,624	29,309,458	163,712	131,204	4.52	4.48	-0.9%
0 – 3 months	4,342,165	4,705,218	13,252	11,505	3.05	2.45	-19.9%
4 – 11 months	2,291,896	1,847,396	7,978	6,020	3.48	3.26	-6.4%
1 – 5 years	11,556,321	8,678,531	45,501	34,401	3.94	3.96	0.7%
6 – 10 years	7,477,573	5,976,560	32,141	26,649	4.30	4.46	3.7%
11 – 16 years	9,571,062	7,450,009	57,840	47,908	6.04	6.43	6.4%
17 years	1,015,607	651,744	7,000	4,721	6.89	7.24	5.1%

Table 16. Placement stability, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	Days in care		Moves		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	36,254,624	29,309,458	163,712	131,204	4.52	4.48	-0.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	751,815	630,531	3,325	3,161	4.42	5.01	13.4%
Asian	194,569	153,286	781	627	4.01	4.09	1.9%
Black or African American	7,576,707	5,742,766	40,243	29,550	5.31	5.15	-3.1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	65,778	80,176	305	333	4.64	4.15	-10.4%
Hispanic (of any race)	7,761,222	6,163,237	32,048	26,421	4.13	4.29	3.8%
White	16,443,926	13,687,180	71,717	58,566	4.36	4.28	-1.9%
Two or More	2,356,635	2,315,959	11,357	10,226	4.82	4.42	-8.4%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1,046,478	461,658	3,690	1,973	3.53	4.27	21.2%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	57,494	74,665	246	347	4.28	4.65	8.6%

Table 17. Placement stability, by state

States	Days in care		Moves		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	36,254,624	29,309,458	163,712	131,204	4.52	4.48	-0.9%
Alabama	434,413	522,367	2,541	3,209	5.85	6.14	5.0%
Alaska	180,972	224,820	812	1,114	4.49	4.96	10.4%
Arizona	1,558,222		5,422		3.48		
Arkansas	441,789	466,737	3,235	2,872	7.32	6.15	-16.0%
California	5,134,993	3,505,457	20,059	13,142	3.91	3.75	-4.0%
Colorado							
Connecticut	290,041	193,629	915	658	3.15	3.40	7.7%
Delaware	51,616	37,664	233	179	4.51	4.75	5.3%
District of Columbia	61,512	38,231	291	448	4.73	11.72	147.7%
Florida	2,195,789	2,134,037	10,982	11,681	5.00	5.47	9.4%
Georgia	812,826	723,649	4,788	2,978	5.89	4.12	-30.1%
Hawaii	106,460	132,979	505	487	4.74	3.66	-22.8%
Idaho	166,270	182,796	611	951	3.67	5.20	41.6%

States	Days in care		Moves		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Illinois	819,449	1,116,457	8,761	4,006	10.69	3.59	-66.4%
Indiana	1,267,817	1,132,950	4,026	3,711	3.18	3.28	3.1%
Iowa	717,877	458,376	2,354	1,367	3.28	2.98	-9.1%
Kansas	650,873	520,403	3,511	3,035	5.39	5.83	8.1%
Kentucky	751,270	667,483	3,234	3,140	4.30	4.70	9.3%
Louisiana	461,697	315,809	2,656	1,689	5.75	5.35	-7.0%
Maine	155,876	133,732	416	534	2.67	3.99	49.6%
Maryland	318,688	197,870	1,131	864	3.55	4.37	23.0%
Massachusetts	920,285	639,907	5,316	4,087	5.78	6.39	10.6%
Michigan	1,282,311	630,981	4,218	1,773	3.29	2.81	-14.6%
Minnesota	719,548	637,120	3,039	2,275	4.22	3.57	-15.5%
Mississippi	398,679	271,156	2,007	1,076	5.03	3.97	-21.2%
Missouri	1,050,731	1,070,481	6,151	5,831	5.85	5.45	-7.0%
Montana	197,004	238,238	716	833	3.63	3.50	-3.8%
Nebraska	385,790	306,160	1,134	1,011	2.94	3.30	12.3%
Nevada	426,297	358,645	2,552	1,924	5.99	5.36	-10.4%
New Hampshire	90,692	89,721	291	411	3.21	4.58	42.8%
New Jersey	692,227	223,695	2,820	647	4.07	2.89	-29.0%
New Mexico	188,126	109,596	1,170	651	6.22	5.94	-4.5%
New York	1,365,174	904,961	4,080	3,334	2.99	3.68	23.3%
North Carolina		824,875		4,771		5.78	
North Dakota	140,441	124,492	773	831	5.50	6.68	21.3%
Ohio	1,355,809	1,371,504	4,807	4,484	3.55	3.27	-7.8%
Oklahoma	965,807	564,757	6,267	3,106	6.49	5.50	-15.2%
Oregon	564,103	384,968	1,952	1,922	3.46	4.99	44.3%
Pennsylvania	1,378,244	1,021,100	5,290	3,406	3.84	3.34	-13.1%
Puerto Rico		111,657		617		5.53	
Rhode Island	190,264	127,979	514	342	2.70	2.67	-1.1%
South Carolina	361,327	330,691	1,930	3,129	5.34	9.46	77.1%
South Dakota	87,936	137,410	399	742	4.54	5.40	19.0%

States	Days in care		Moves		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Tennessee	883,113	855,580	6,775	5,935	7.67	6.94	-9.6%
Texas	2,994,714	2,748,837	11,435	12,033	3.82	4.38	14.6%
Utah	340,535	217,031	2,298	1,084	6.75	4.99	-26.0%
Vermont	96,811	85,274	638	548	6.59	6.43	-2.5%
Virginia	405,436	311,702	1,621	1,398	4.00	4.49	12.2%
Washington	831,406	519,390	3,886	2,771	4.67	5.34	14.1%
West Virginia	546,989	732,501	1,860	1,994	3.40	2.72	-19.9%
Wisconsin	689,326	548,075	2,838	1,798	4.12	3.28	-20.3%
Wyoming	127,049	105,528	452	375	3.56	3.55	-0.1%

Maltreatment in Foster Care

This indicator was defined as: Of all children in foster care during a 12-month period, what was the rate of victimization per 100,000 days of care? The denominator represents the total number of days in care for all children who were in care during a 12-month period. Tables 18, 19, and 20 display performance on this indicator by the age children entered care or their age on the first day of the 12-month period for children already in care, the race/ ethnicity of the children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, performance on this indicator decreased by 6.5% between the FY13 cohort and the FY19 cohort and, for this indicator, lower values (decrease) are desired. There is a clear age decrease in that the rate decreased for all age groups below 10 years and increased in all age groups over 10 years (Table 18). Black or African American, Hispanic, and White children are the three largest groups of children for days in care; however, there was a greater decrease in victimizations per 100,000 days in care for Hispanic and White children than for Black or African American children. Furthermore, there was a 24.4% increase in victimizations per 100,000 days in care for American Indian or Alaska Native children (Table 19). An increase in victimizations per 100,000 days in care was observed for 24 states, a decrease was observed for 22 states, and 6 states had incomplete data (Table 20).

Table 18. Maltreatment in Foster care, by age at entry or on first day.

Age at entry or on 1st day	Days in care		Victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	118,766,394	150,713,457	11,520	13,665	9.70	9.07	-6.5%
0 – 3 months	5,615,472	7,860,300	399	470	7.11	5.98	-15.8%
4 – 11 months	6,572,241	8,972,675	447	555	6.80	6.19	-9.1%
1 – 5 years	38,701,105	50,874,063	3,786	4,189	9.78	8.23	-15.8%
6 – 10 years	25,470,970	35,264,438	2,925	3,552	11.48	10.07	-12.3%
11 – 16 years	37,478,749	43,077,139	3,664	4,499	9.78	10.44	6.8%
17 years	4,927,857	4,664,842	299	400	6.07	8.57	41.3%

Table 19. Maltreatment in Foster care, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	Days in care		Victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	118,766,394	150,713,457	11,520	13,665	9.70	9.07	-6.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,883,229	3,641,021	217	341	7.53	9.37	24.4%
Asian	677,279	715,488	46	51	6.79	7.13	4.9%
Black or African American	26,620,270	33,839,213	2,533	3,163	9.52	9.35	-1.8%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	242,763	379,543	15	26	6.18	6.85	10.9%
Hispanic (of any race)	26,834,834	31,607,109	2,510	2,765	9.35	8.75	-6.5%
White	49,797,336	66,576,776	4,852	5,997	9.74	9.01	-7.6%
Two or More	8,214,196	11,627,627	871	1,143	10.60	9.83	-7.3%
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3,423,134	1,933,410	469	154	13.70	7.97	-41.9%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	73,353	393,270	7	25	9.54	6.36	-33.4%

Table 20. Maltreatment in Foster care, by state.

States	Days in care		Victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	118,766,394	150,713,457	11,520	13,665	9.70	9.07	-6.5%
Alabama	1,539,489	2,090,101	95	156	6.17	7.46	21.0%
Alaska	679,254	1,012,634	110	154	16.19	15.21	-6.1%
Arizona	4,988,087	4,806,159	179	146	3.59	3.04	
Arkansas	1,328,908	1,486,176	125	125	9.41	8.41	-10.6%
California	18,444,288	16,950,709	1,707	1,233	9.25	7.27	-21.4%
Colorado	1,787,036	1,756,459	172	124	9.62	7.06	
Connecticut	1,289,600	1,414,170	108	78	8.37	5.52	-34.1%
Delaware	261,745	214,104	18	2	6.88	0.93	-86.4%
District of Columbia	382,084	255,167	7	12	1.83	4.70	156.7%
Florida	6,710,463	8,650,594	707	641	10.54	7.41	-29.7%
Georgia	2,777,891	4,833,502	156	170	5.62	3.52	-37.4%
Hawaii	397,037	587,833	14	37	3.53	6.29	78.5%
Idaho	473,653	654,810	14	22	2.96	3.36	13.7%

States	Days in care		Victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Illinois		5,635,334		999		17.73	
Indiana	4,072,310	6,168,074	529	700	12.99	11.35	-12.6%
Iowa	2,250,008	2,161,512	367	556	16.31	25.72	57.7%
Kansas	2,250,555	2,852,405	157	155	6.98	5.43	-22.1%
Kentucky	2,481,315	3,329,054	344	527	13.86	15.83	14.2%
Louisiana	1,458,610	1,527,624	94	65	6.44	4.25	-34.0%
Maine	591,060	675,526	26	49	4.40	7.25	64.9%
Maryland	1,590,268	1,330,964	223	202	14.02	15.18	8.2%
Massachusetts	3,022,959	3,712,364	563	799	18.62	21.52	15.6%
Michigan	4,766,828	4,260,041	712	535	14.94	12.56	-15.9%
Minnesota	1,941,475	3,155,741	72	243	3.71	7.70	107.6%
Mississippi		1,519,945		156		10.26	
Missouri	3,657,213	4,551,801	175	258	4.79	5.67	18.5%
Montana	775,850	1,394,985	42	181	5.41	12.98	139.7%
Nebraska	1,634,809	1,182,819	180	94	11.01	7.95	-27.8%
Nevada	1,738,683	1,626,975	146	88	8.40	5.41	-35.6%
New Hampshire	245,218	460,086	5	10	2.04	2.17	6.6%
New Jersey	2,509,532	1,806,719	152	76	6.06	4.21	-30.6%
New Mexico	713,915	875,600	50	67	7.00	7.65	9.3%
New York	7,502,658	5,667,860	1,358	1,242	18.10	21.91	21.1%
North Carolina		3,850,841		166		4.31	
North Dakota	415,626	540,219	17	13	4.09	2.41	-41.2%
Ohio	4,351,154	5,614,460	556	553	12.78	9.85	-22.9%
Oklahoma	3,568,517	3,026,811	549	293	15.38	9.68	-37.1%
Oregon	2,877,225	2,552,309	363	480	12.62	18.81	49.1%
Pennsylvania		5,580,854		71		1.27	
Puerto Rico		835,615		17		2.03	
Rhode Island	584,269	749,651	66	127	11.30	16.94	50.0%
South Carolina	1,118,518	1,606,347	62	127	5.54	7.91	42.6%
South Dakota	488,838	581,304	22	35	4.50	6.02	33.8%

States	Days in care		Victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Tennessee		2,997,960		266		8.87	
Texas	10,534,986	11,530,731	680	934	6.45	8.10	25.5%
Utah	908,260	865,043	84	91	9.25	10.52	13.7%
Vermont	336,560	453,537	17	18	5.05	3.97	-21.4%
Virginia	1,612,293	1,698,471	44	71	2.73	4.18	53.2%
Washington	3,477,575	3,804,260	317	317	9.12	8.33	-8.6%
West Virginia	1,613,127	2,623,122	41	75	2.54	2.86	12.5%
Wisconsin	2,276,107	2,816,868	72	92	3.16	3.27	3.2%
Wyoming	340,538	377,207	23	17	6.75	4.51	-33.3%

Recurrence of maltreatment

This indicator was defined as: Of all children who were victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report during a 12-month period, what percent were victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment report within 12 months of the initial victimization? Tables 21, 22, and 23 display performance on this indicator by the age at initial victimization, the race /ethnicity of the children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, performance on this indicator increased by 2.1% between the FY12 cohort and the FY19 cohort and, for this indicator, lower values (decrease) are desired. Although performance increased overall, a decrease was observed for children age 0—3 months (Table 21). Black or African American, Hispanic, and White children are the three largest groups of initial victims; small increases in recurrence of maltreatment are observed for Black or African American and Hispanic children but not White children (Table 22). While there is only a 2.1% change at the national level, many states saw large increases and decreases in performance. A double-digit percent increase in performance was observed for eighteen states and a double-digit percent decrease was observed for 11 states. Thus, the relatively small change at the national level reflects a balance of relatively large increases and decreases at the state level (Table 23).

Table 21. Recurrence of maltreatment, by age at entry or on first day.

Age at initial victimization	Count of initial victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	636,139	631,601	9.5%	9.7%	2.1%
0 – 3 months	50,232	63,827	8.5%	8.0%	-6.4%
4 – 11 months	31,964	31,223	10.3%	10.7%	3.6%
1 – 5 years	216,612	196,586	10.2%	10.3%	1.6%
6 – 10 years	165,517	162,979	9.8%	10.3%	5.2%
11 – 16 years	157,264	161,953	9.1%	9.5%	4.1%
17 years	14,550	15,033	3.6%	4.2%	13.9%

Table 22. Recurrence of maltreatment, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	Count of initial victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	636,139	631,601	9.5%	9.7%	2.1%
American Indian/Alaska Alaska Native	7,296	8,699	12.3%	12.0%	-2.1%
Asian	5,420	6,271	5.6%	6.3%	12.6%
Black or African American	127,231	129,069	9.2%	9.5%	3.6%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1,089	1,533	5.7%	6.4%	12.3%
Hispanic (of any race)	143,245	148,557	9.0%	9.1%	1.1%
White	272,530	272,716	10.6%	10.5%	-0.2%
Two or More	26,692	34,351	11.5%	11.6%	1.0%
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data	52,636	30,405	5.7%	4.9%	-14.7%

Table 23. Recurrence of maltreatment, by state.

State	Count of initial victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	636,234	631,921	9.5%	9.7%	2.1%
Alabama	8,807	11,152	4.1%	5.3%	27.2%
Alaska	2,401	3,022	16.9%	16.7%	-1.2%
Arizona	10,894	11,806	5.2%	4.9%	-5.1%
Arkansas	11,107	8,541	8.1%	7.1%	-12.6%
California	76,235	64,333	9.2%	7.5%	-17.7%
Colorado	10,328	12,231	7.0%	8.6%	23.0%
Connecticut	7,920	7,919	8.6%	8.6%	
Delaware	2,248		5.6%		
District of Columbia	2,108	1,836	10.8%	13.1%	20.9%
Florida	51,983	31,754	10.3%	6.7%	-34.8%
Georgia	19,195	9,822	6.2%	3.1%	-49.6%
Hawaii	1,366	1,369	3.4%	5.2%	50.7%
Idaho	1,415	1,796	5.5%	4.2%	-23.2%
Illinois	19,658	34,146	7.9%	13.4%	

State	Count of initial victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Indiana	21,217	23,328	8.8%	9.9%	12.4%
Iowa	10,702	11,643	11.2%	14.7%	30.9%
Kansas	1,965	2,891	3.9%	5.1%	32.4%
Kentucky	15,942	19,896	10.6%	11.8%	11.5%
Louisiana	7,616	7,910	8.3%	6.2%	-25.3%
Maine	3,844	4,366	11.1%	12.8%	15.2%
Maryland	13,235	7,603	9.6%	8.8%	
Massachusetts	19,336	24,801	13.8%	16.9%	23.0%
Michigan	33,060	32,672	12.3%	11.3%	-8.1%
Minnesota	4,289	7,003	6.6%	6.4%	-2.4%
Mississippi	7,138	9,253	8.4%	10.4%	24.6%
Missouri	4,388	4,906	2.9%	2.9%	-1.5%
Montana	1,327	3,691	6.3%	11.4%	82.4%
Nebraska	3,707	2,600	10.7%	5.1%	-52.6%
Nevada	5,592	5,023	7.3%	6.4%	-13.4%
New Hampshire	896	1,183	4.1%	3.9%	-5.8%
New Jersey	9,048	4,925	7.3%	5.1%	-30.3%
New Mexico	6,186	7,377	12.4%	13.8%	10.6%
New York	68,170	66,410	17.7%	18.1%	2.0%
North Carolina	8,817		4.8%		
North Dakota	1,447	1,718	5.2%	6.7%	29.1%
Ohio	28,966	25,429	10.2%	9.6%	-5.9%
Oklahoma	9,913	15,046	9.3%	8.5%	-8.8%
Oregon	10,705	12,565	8.3%	11.4%	37.2%
Pennsylvania					
Puerto Rico					
Rhode Island	3,195	3,265	10.9%	10.4%	-4.4%
South Carolina	11,049	18,004	5.6%	8.0%	41.8%
South Dakota	1,214	1,504	7.4%	8.8%	18.4%
Tennessee	9,419	9,595	4.2%	4.2%	-0.3%

State	Count of initial victims		Indicator performance		
	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Texas	62,039	63,867	5.6%	5.5%	-1.9%
Utah	9,457	10,583	9.2%	9.4%	2.5%
Vermont	658	770	7.9%	3.8%	-52.3%
Virginia		5,960		4.4%	
Washington	6,471	4,281	7.8%	8.2%	5.3%
West Virginia	4,409	6,588	4.0%	5.4%	
Wisconsin	4,378	4,449	4.8%	4.1%	-15.2%
Wyoming	774	1,089	2.7%	5.3%	96.3%

Context Measure: Foster care entry rate

Foster care entry rate was an indicator in Round 3, but is included here as additional context for interpreting changes in the indicators with respect to how the number of children entering foster care changed. Tables 24, 25, and 26 display the number of children in the general population, the number entering foster care, and the entry rate by the age at entry, the race /ethnicity of the children, and for each state, respectively.

Overall, the entry rate increased by 9.9% between the FY12 cohort and the FY19 cohort. The entry rate increased the most for children under 1 year and this single-age group also accounts for the most entries of any single-age group (Table 24). White children account for the largest number of children entering care (more than twice as many as any other group) and had the largest percent increase in entry rate (Table 25). While there is only a 2.1% change at the national level, many states saw large increases and decreases in performance. There is a lot of variability across states—of the 46 states with complete entries data in both years, an entry rate increase was observed for 26 states and an entry rate decrease for 20 states (Table 26).

Table 24. Foster care entry rate, by age at entry.

Age at entry or on 1st day	U.S. Child Population		Entries		Entry Rate		
	2012	2019	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All ages	74,548,430	73,661,476	210,734	228,875	2.83	3.11	9.9%
< 1 year	3,966,147	3,783,686	35,310	44,649	8.90	11.80	32.5%
1 – 5 years	20,395,042	19,966,420	65,870	69,554	3.23	3.48	7.9%
6 – 10 years	20,611,581	20,419,479	41,073	48,690	1.99	2.38	19.7%
11 – 16 years	25,254,166	25,308,097	59,330	58,644	2.35	2.32	-1.4%
17 years	4,321,494	4,183,794	9,151	7,338	2.12	1.75	-17.2%

Table 25. Foster care entry rate, by race/ethnicity.

Race/ethnicity	U.S. Child Population		Entries		Entry Rate		
	2012	2019	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All race/ethnicity	74,548,430	73,661,476	210,734	228,875	2.83	3.11	9.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	638,461	601,581	4,487	4,991	7.03	8.30	18.1%
Asian	3,387,998	3,911,060	1,369	1,368	0.40	0.35	-13.4%
Black or African American	10,234,574	10,034,057	46,147	46,529	4.51	4.64	2.8%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	142,276	154,500	505	630	3.55	4.08	14.9%
Hispanic (of any race)	18,357,336	19,161,065	44,820	49,058	2.44	2.56	4.9%
White	38,929,574	36,488,222	93,793	105,176	2.41	2.88	19.6%
Two or More	2,858,211	3,310,991	12,973	17,381	4.54	5.25	15.7%
Unknown/Unable to Determine			6,285	3,262			
Missing Race/Ethnicity Data			355	480			

Table 25. Foster care entry rate, by state.

States	U.S. Child Population		Entries		Entry Rate		
	2012	2019	First	Last	First	Last	% change
All states	74,548,430	73,661,476	210,734	228,875	2.83	3.11	9.9%
Alabama	1,116,969	1,088,727	2,567	3,658	2.30	3.36	46.2%
Alaska	188,497	180,442	849	1,440	4.50	7.98	77.2%
Arizona	1,617,269	1,641,727	8,197	8,600	5.07	5.24	3.4%
Arkansas	711,325	701,317	3,214	2,806	4.52	4.00	-11.4%
California	9,194,518	8,881,104	28,634	25,450	3.11	2.87	-8.0%
Colorado	1,236,461	1,256,673	4,269	3,728	3.45	2.97	-14.1%
Connecticut	794,701	727,280		1,893		2.60	
Delaware	204,228	204,263	500	258	2.45	1.26	-48.4%
District of Columbia	107,665	127,952	478	350	4.44	2.74	-38.4%
Florida	4,008,841	4,233,967	15,519	14,284	3.87	3.37	-12.9%
Georgia	2,484,792	2,505,399	5,748	6,111	2.31	2.44	5.4%
Hawaii	307,500	299,419	808	982	2.63	3.28	24.8%
Idaho	427,984	448,116	1,040	1,103	2.43	2.46	1.3%

States	U.S. Child Population		Entries		Entry Rate		
	2012	2019	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Illinois	3,059,885	2,817,312		6,438		2.29	
Indiana	1,590,106	1,569,375	6,887	8,943	4.33	5.70	31.6%
Iowa	724,892	728,005	3,895	3,531	5.37	4.85	-9.7%
Kansas	726,595	701,453	3,484	3,994	4.79	5.69	18.7%
Kentucky	1,018,768	1,004,268	4,615	5,994	4.53	5.97	31.8%
Louisiana	1,114,172	1,089,906	2,928	2,307	2.63	2.12	-19.5%
Maine	265,161	249,610	675	1,155	2.55	4.63	81.8%
Maryland	1,347,568	1,338,232	2,447		1.82		
Massachusetts	1,403,712	1,353,615	4,748	5,015	3.38	3.70	9.5%
Michigan	2,273,085	2,144,307	7,149	5,459	3.15	2.55	-19.1%
Minnesota	1,277,702	1,303,212	4,655	5,347	3.64	4.10	12.6%
Mississippi	742,009	699,984	2,329	2,202	3.14	3.15	0.2%
Missouri	1,405,134	1,374,703	5,678	6,578	4.04	4.79	18.4%
Montana	222,917	228,888	1,049	2,029	4.71	8.86	88.4%
Nebraska	462,594	476,033	2,998	1,988	6.48	4.18	-35.6%
Nevada	655,644	694,730	2,562	2,790	3.91	4.02	2.8%
New Hampshire	276,393	255,785	452	762	1.64	2.98	82.2%
New Jersey	2,028,922	1,943,575	4,359	2,376	2.15	1.22	-43.1%
New Mexico	513,551	477,209	1,035	867	2.02	1.82	-9.9%
New York	4,265,680	4,031,894	9,388	7,380	2.20	1.83	-16.8%
North Carolina	2,280,788	2,304,554		4,840		2.10	
North Dakota	157,393	180,584	761	851	4.84	4.71	-2.5%
Ohio	2,669,129	2,581,403	8,500	10,821	3.18	4.19	31.6%
Oklahoma	941,095	953,923	4,705	4,320	5.00	4.53	-9.4%
Oregon	861,282	864,815	4,090	3,201	4.75	3.70	-22.1%
Pennsylvania	2,740,451	2,635,819	8,679	8,731	3.17	3.31	4.6%
Puerto Rico	835,456	572,801		996		1.74	
Rhode Island	217,533	203,923	1,110	1,088	5.10	5.34	4.6%
South Carolina	1,076,661	1,113,673	2,502	3,476	2.32	3.12	34.3%
South Dakota	205,596	217,817	1,066	1,078	5.18	4.95	-4.5%

States	U.S. Child Population		Entries		Entry Rate		
	2012	2019	First	Last	First	Last	% change
Tennessee	1,492,197	1,510,976	5,051	5,797	3.38	3.84	13.3%
Texas	6,992,273	7,406,777	16,739	18,274	2.39	2.47	3.1%
Utah	888,853	929,940	1,952	1,869	2.20	2.01	-8.5%
Vermont	124,914	114,325	568	643	4.55	5.62	23.7%
Virginia	1,862,624	1,868,689	2,495	2,494	1.34	1.33	-0.4%
Washington	1,588,982	1,661,024	4,395	4,485	2.77	2.70	-2.4%
West Virginia	384,519	360,439		4,906		13.61	
Wisconsin	1,316,963	1,267,935	4,197	4,272	3.19	3.37	5.7%
Wyoming	136,481	133,577	768	915	5.63	6.85	21.7%