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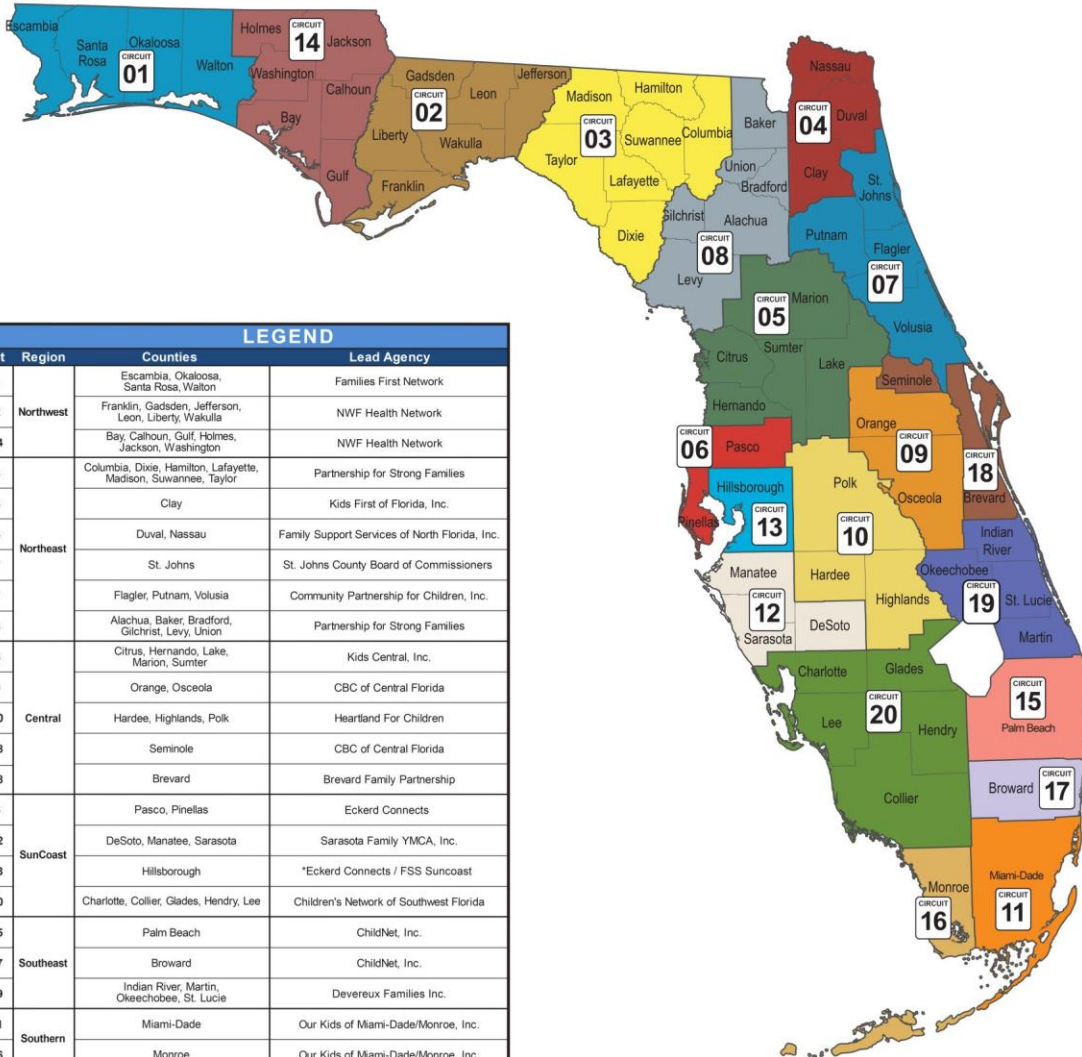
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Lead Agency Map



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Circuit	Region	Counties	Lead Agency
1		Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton	Families First Network
2	Northwest	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	NWF Health Network
14		Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington	NWF Health Network
3		Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor	Partnership for Strong Families
4		Clay	Kids First of Florida, Inc.
4	Northeast	Duval, Nassau	Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc.
7		St. Johns	St. Johns County Board of Commissioners
7		Flagler, Putnam, Volusia	Community Partnership for Children, Inc.
8		Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Union	Partnership for Strong Families
5		Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter	Kids Central, Inc.
9		Orange, Osceola	CBC of Central Florida
10	Central	Hardee, Highlands, Polk	Hearland For Children
18		Seminole	CBC of Central Florida
18		Brevard	Brevard Family Partnership
6		Pasco, Pinellas	Eckerd Connects
12	SunCoast	DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota	Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.
13		Hillsborough	*Eckerd Connects / FSS Suncoast
20		Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee	Children's Network of Southwest Florida
15		Palm Beach	ChildNet, Inc.
17	Southeast	Broward	ChildNet, Inc.
19		Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie	Devereux Families Inc.
11	Southern	Miami-Dade	Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc.
16		Monroe	Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc.

*Family Support Services of Suncoast (FSS Suncoast) took effect January 1, 2022. Eckerd Connects was the lead agency for the remainder of the reporting period.

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List of Abbreviations Used

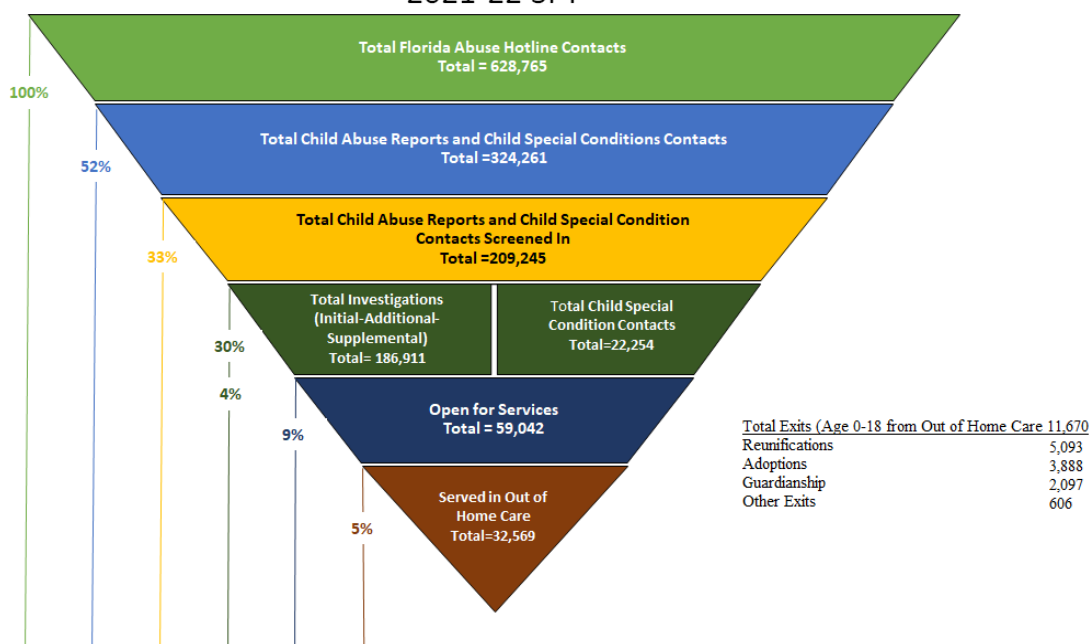
- Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)
- Child Protective Investigator (CPI)
- Family Support Services (FSS)
- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)
- Florida Continuous Quality Improvement Reviews (FL CQI)
- Florida Department of Children and Families (Department)
- Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW)
- Foster Care (FC)
- Foster Home (FH)
- Lead Agency for Community-Based Care (Lead Agency)
- Office of Child Welfare (OCW)
- Out-of-Home Care (OHC)
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Quality Improvement (QI)
- Rapid Safety Feedback Reviews (RSF)
- Results-Oriented Accountability Program (ROA)
- State Fiscal Year (SFY)

Overview of Child Welfare in Florida

Section 409.997, Florida Statutes (F.S.), states that the purpose of the results-oriented accountability program is to monitor and measure the use of resources, the quality and amount of services provided, and child and family outcomes. Further, it requires the Department of Children and Families (Department) to submit an annual Results-Oriented Accountability Program (ROA) Performance report.

Florida’s community-based child welfare system was created to protect and prevent children from abuse, neglect, and abandonment through a partnership between the Department, other state agencies, the courts, law enforcement agencies, service providers, and local communities. It is designed to provide equal protection to children through consistent intake decision-making regarding the children served and local systems of care to meet varying community needs, matching the needs of children and families to community resources, and allowing flexible development of evidence-based and promising approaches to the protection of children.

Florida Child Protection System Overview
2021-22 SFY



- The Florida Abuse Hotline receives more than 300,000 child-related calls, web reports, and faxes annually and screens-in those which meet the requirements for investigation or assessment of special conditions with no alleged maltreatment.
- Child Protective Investigations are conducted by Sheriffs’ offices in seven counties and by the Department in the remaining 60 counties. Investigators determine the need for post-investigation services, including protecting the child through removal and placement in out-of-home care (OHC), through case-managed in-home services (by court order or non-judicially), or through informal voluntary family support services (FSS).
- Pursuant to Section 409.986(1), F.S., post-investigation services are provided through contracted Community-Based Care Lead Agencies (Lead Agencies). Lead Agencies have responsibility for and participation in ensuring safety, permanence, and well-being for all children in the state. The Department ensures comprehensive oversight of the programmatic, administrative, and fiscal operations of these contracted entities.

Executive Summary

The Results-Oriented Accountability Annual Report for state fiscal year (SFY) 2021-2022 describes the status of Florida's community-based child welfare system. The report follows the flow of Florida's child welfare system from the Florida Abuse Hotline (Hotline) to child protective investigations to case management, and it offers insight into statewide trends that indicate quality of services year over year.

This report complements the child welfare accountability system, which the Department implemented in collaboration with its community partners in accordance with Senate Bill 1326 of the 2020 Legislative Session. The accountability system assesses the health of the child welfare system in each circuit and reflects the collective contributions of child protective investigators, community-based care lead agencies, and children's legal services.

Based on this system assessment, each circuit is assigned an annual circuit score in the Department's "Annual Accountability Report on the Health of Florida's Child Welfare System" report. This year's report will provide baseline circuit scores for year-one of the accountability system. These baseline scores will serve as a guidepost for the Department and its community partners as we work together to implement continuous system improvements and ensure the highest level of care for Florida's children and families.

An analysis of the data demonstrated throughout this report highlights a number of key areas in which the State of Florida has made tremendous strides, a summary of which is outlined below.

Takeaway #1: Florida maintains child placement in family settings and preserves community connections.

Removal of a child from their parent(s) is only done as a last resort, and Florida's entry rate into foster care has been declining. In fact, Florida is at a 19-year low for the number of children removed from their homes, and a child is removed in only about 3 percent of the cases that the Department investigates due to reports of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

In instances where it is necessary to remove a child, reunification with their parent is always the primary goal, when it can be done safely. Florida children spend less time in foster care, short and long-term, than the national averages, and 49 percent of Florida children are adopted from foster care by relatives, compared to the national average of 34 percent. Only 6 percent of children in Florida foster care are placed in a group home compared to the 10 percent national average, and there was a 23.2 percent reduction in the number of children in group care between January 2019 and April 2022.

These successes are not coincidental; the State of Florida has taken bold and strategic steps to improve its child welfare system, prioritizing the best interests of Florida's children every step of the way. While entries into out-of-home care (OHC) have been declining, the number of children in OHC has remained stable. This is attributed to a decline in discharge rates. While the rate of Florida children exiting OHC is consistent with national trends and above national averages; increasing discharges from out-of-home care by speeding a child's path to permanency is a Department priority.

In the coming year, as part of the continuous improvement cycle within the child welfare accountability system, the Department will complete a comprehensive system analysis to identify root causes that are impediments to permanent placement and implement solutions to address identified barriers.

Takeaway #2: Florida ensures that children are kept free from abuse and neglect.

The percent of children who do not experience a recurrence of verified maltreatment within 12-months (of a previous maltreatment) has consistently outperformed national standards.

Conducting frequent case worker visits in an at-risk child's home is essential for ensuring their continued safety and well-being. As of 2020, Florida boasted the fifth highest percentage of case worker visits conducted in the child's home in the nation. The impact of this case management effort is evident by improvements occurring for indicators of maltreatment in both in-home and out-of-home care over the past six years.

Moreover, Florida had the third highest percentage of children who are not maltreated while receiving out-of-home care in the nation.

Takeaway #3: Florida provides immediate response to maltreatment allegations.

Florida has consistently responded expeditiously to alleged maltreatments, which is particularly commendable considering that Florida investigates more child abuse allegations on average than other states. Based on the most recent data, Florida has the second fastest response time to allegations of maltreatment in the nation, with an average response time approximately 8 times faster than the national average.

In addition to providing a prompt initial response to maltreatment allegations, the percent of investigations closed within 60-days has continued to improve over the past six years, moving from an average of 94 percent to 98 percent from SFY 2016-2017 to SFY 2021-2022, and doubling the number of circuits meeting the 99 percent target in that time.

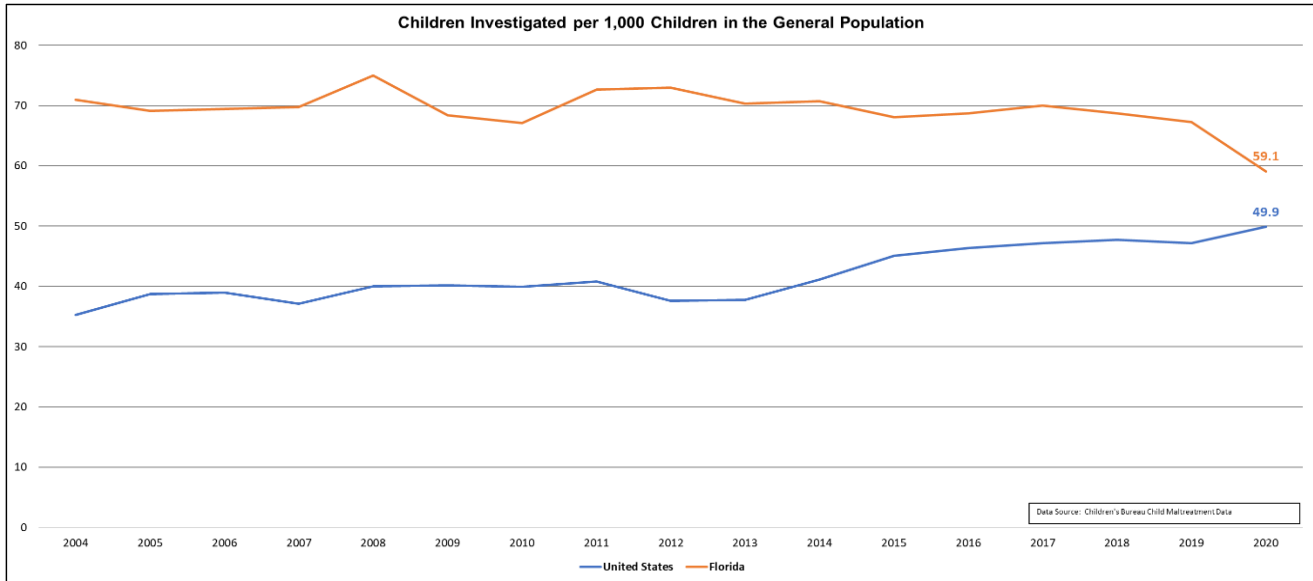
Child Protective Investigations Intakes into the Child Welfare System

Reporting Rate: Children Investigated Compared to the Population

The Hotline and child investigations have been used as the “front door” to Florida child welfare system since established by the Florida Legislature in 1971. According to a 2016 Florida study by the SAS Institute that followed a 2005 birth cohort for 10 years, *approximately one in every five children born in Florida in 2005 were reported to the child welfare system at least once within 60 months from birth.*

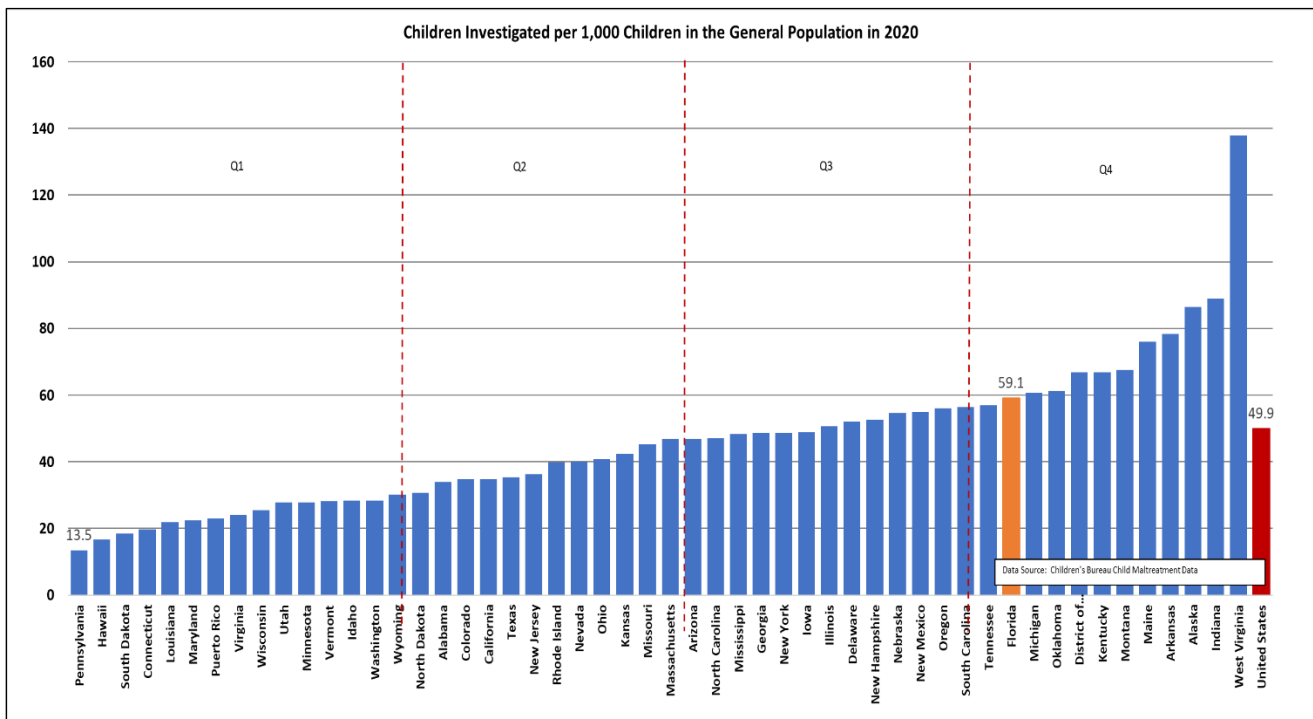
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida’s investigation rate is higher than the national average however, Florida has experienced some decline while the national average has climbed for the eight years.



Florida Compared to Other States

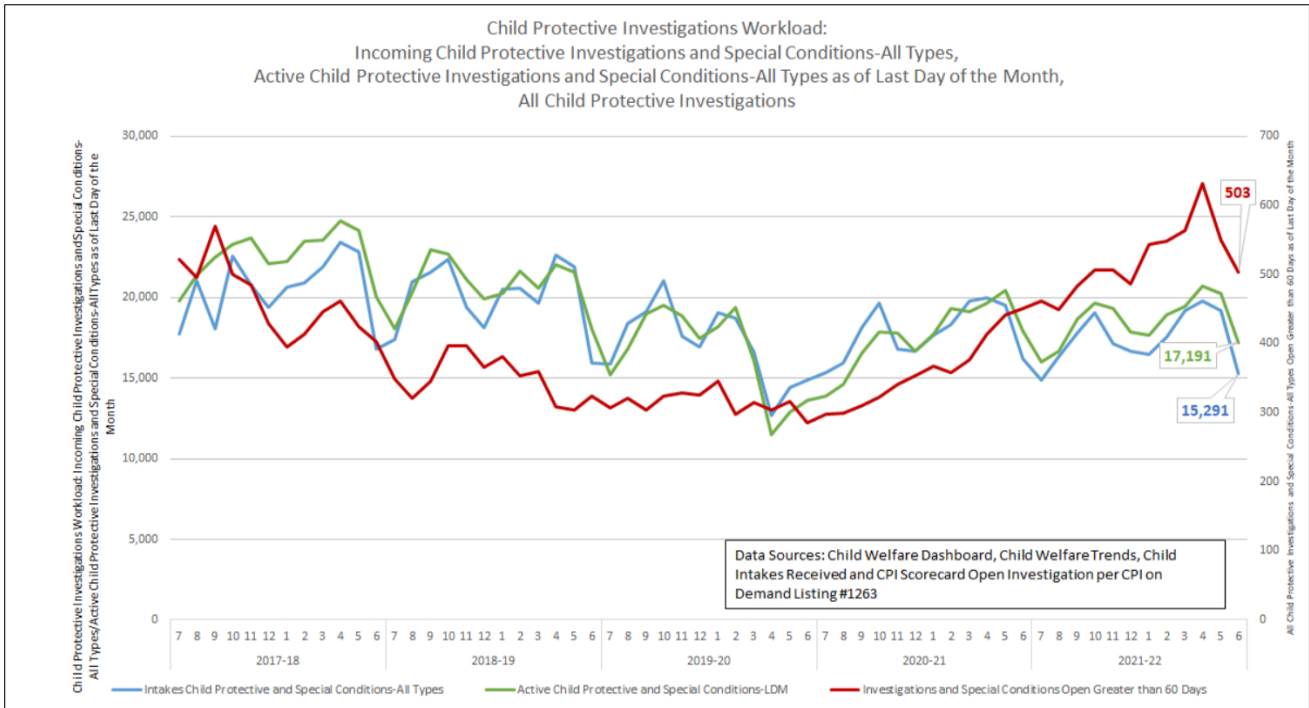
Florida’s investigation rate was the eleventh highest in the nation in FFY 2020.



CPI Workload Indicators

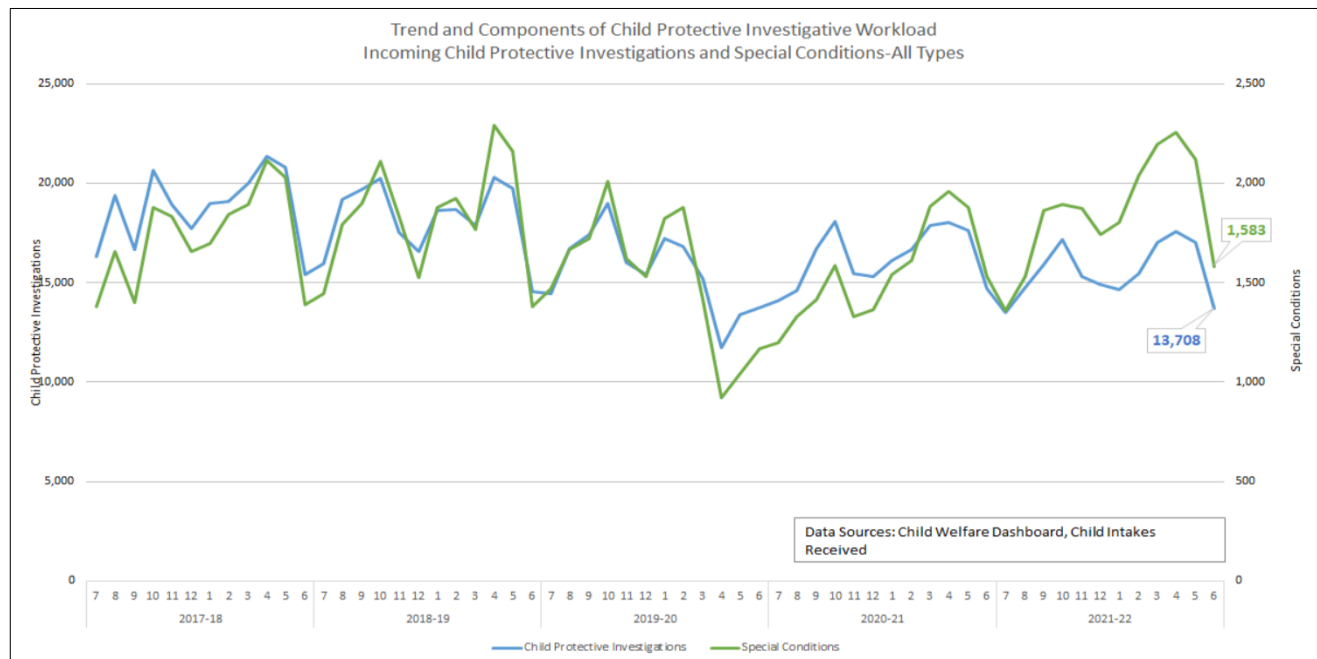
Incoming, Active, and Backlog Investigations

After trending downward, favorably, between SFY 2017-2018 and 2019-2020, the incoming and active investigative workload has been trending upward over the past two years. The number of active investigations open over 60 days (backlog) as of the last day of the month has also increased over the past two state fiscal years.



Maltreatment Investigations and Special Conditions Assessments

After experience sharp declines in SFY 2019-2020, the number of accepted child protective investigations has increased over the past two state fiscal years; however, average monthly numbers remain lower in comparison SFYs 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

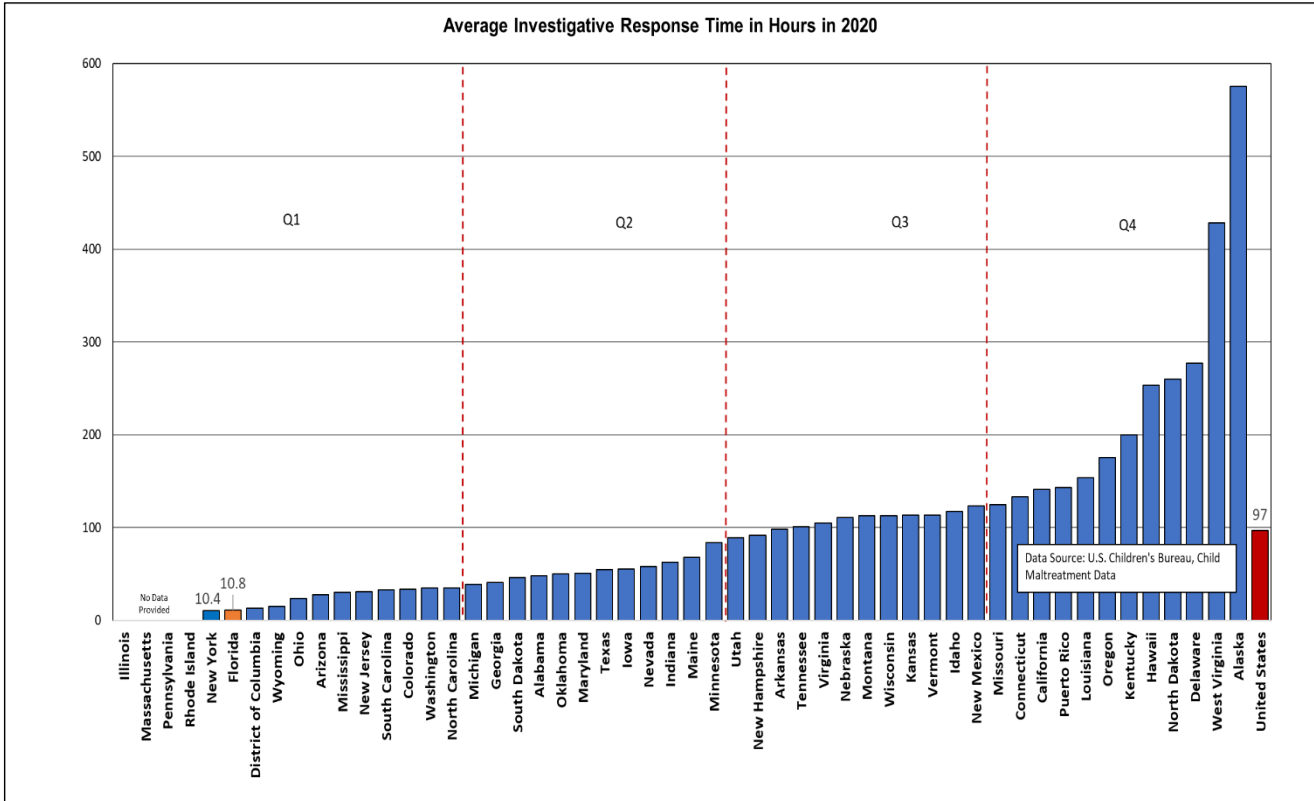


Average Investigative Response Time

Timeliness in responding to alleged maltreatment is important. Florida law requires that some investigations be commenced immediately while others must be commenced within 24 hours. These requirements have contributed to Florida having an extremely fast investigative response time when compared to the national average.

Florida Compared to Other States

In FFY 2020, Florida had the second fastest investigative response time of all reporting states.

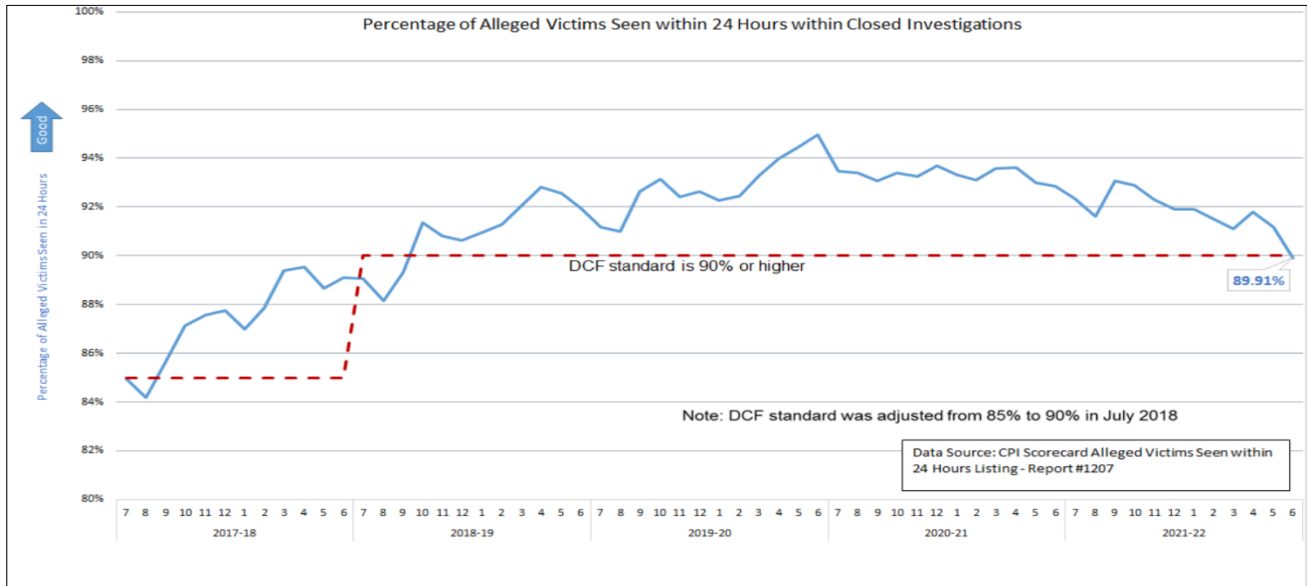


Percent of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours

In addition to initiating investigations in a timely manner, Florida also requires that investigators make timely face-to-face contact with each alleged victim.

Florida Statewide Trend

Although Florida's performance in timely investigative response has traditionally been high, prompting an adjustment of the target from 85 percent to 90 percent at the start of SFY 2018-2019.



Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

Nineteen of the twenty-eight DCF investigative areas and Sheriffs' offices have consistently achieved the target of 90 percent or higher of alleged victims seen within 24 hours in SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours																	
DCF Target 85.00% SFY 2014-15 to SFY 2017-18																	
DCF Target 90.00% SFY 2018-19																	
Investigative Region	Investigative Area	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22											
						7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
Central	DCF Circuit 05	89.01%	93.75%	94.80%	94.61%	95.37%	95.01%	94.67%	93.62%	94.50%	96.19%	94.35%	96.06%	95.52%	94.74%	92.61%	93.48%
	DCF Circuit 09	86.99%	92.45%	93.03%	94.32%	93.51%	91.74%	94.43%	94.21%	94.53%	92.54%	91.57%	91.83%	92.74%	92.97%	92.08%	90.90%
	DCF Circuit 10	92.46%	93.81%	93.83%	94.18%	92.69%	92.93%	94.20%	93.68%	95.53%	94.30%	94.16%	91.62%	91.17%	91.60%	90.32%	91.34%
	DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	89.94%	93.68%	94.41%	92.38%	91.18%	91.33%	90.85%	92.73%	93.44%	92.27%	91.64%	92.84%	93.38%	92.78%	90.19%	91.19%
	Seminole SO	90.72%	94.91%	98.36%	97.07%	94.85%	91.60%	97.17%	95.55%	93.73%	96.19%	96.71%	96.84%	96.66%	96.38%	96.17%	95.76%
Northeast	DCF Circuit 03	87.22%	89.89%	95.15%	92.08%	90.96%	91.95%	94.79%	95.83%	94.28%	92.88%	93.45%	96.11%	93.27%	94.74%	91.54%	92.02%
	DCF Circuit 04-Clay	79.42%	87.15%	92.48%	89.31%	95.98%	87.38%	91.63%	94.08%	91.44%	93.39%	93.81%	89.18%	97.34%	88.66%	83.65%	84.08%
	DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	85.79%	90.51%	91.44%	91.69%	89.49%	90.12%	92.07%	94.30%	93.18%	91.56%	89.88%	92.56%	88.29%	89.98%	87.51%	85.67%
	DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	82.48%	93.46%	93.86%	96.10%	92.90%	96.41%	96.86%	98.43%	97.35%	92.89%	96.02%	92.99%	95.22%	95.73%	88.31%	91.53%
	DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	88.76%	91.33%	93.05%	93.61%	92.83%	93.18%	91.14%	93.49%	93.43%	90.21%	92.72%	92.75%	93.43%	92.60%	91.90%	91.36%
DCF Circuit 08	79.93%	86.94%	91.67%	89.50%	85.18%	85.46%	85.82%	85.74%	81.42%	86.95%	80.85%	85.48%	88.76%	85.86%	84.03%	86.52%	
Northwest	DCF Circuit 01	82.40%	85.15%	92.04%	92.80%	93.96%	93.50%	94.33%	90.74%	90.05%	92.47%	90.38%	93.57%	95.09%	89.36%	93.35%	93.17%
	Walton SO	N/A	89.70%	92.21%	91.18%	97.37%	94.34%	94.44%	92.57%	82.50%	89.47%	94.85%	96.13%	98.73%	88.76%	92.45%	87.96%
	DCF Circuit 02	85.15%	87.11%	92.56%	92.94%	87.01%	86.65%	88.87%	87.32%	91.39%	92.21%	92.69%	90.13%	93.15%	93.04%	90.54%	95.40%
DCF Circuit 14	83.45%	86.47%	91.00%	92.22%	89.66%	93.21%	94.85%	96.19%	94.15%	92.34%	91.48%	86.99%	92.94%	90.68%	89.37%	91.38%	
Southeast	DCF Circuit 15	90.10%	90.93%	93.69%	95.68%	94.24%	92.71%	94.71%	95.24%	93.62%	93.61%	94.01%	93.83%	92.56%	94.03%	93.05%	93.44%
	Broward SO	88.01%	90.48%	92.44%	93.49%	93.62%	91.49%	93.07%	93.07%	91.43%	92.12%	92.95%	92.83%	91.89%	92.23%	93.05%	93.68%
DCF Circuit 19	92.15%	95.49%	95.52%	96.49%	95.50%	95.68%	94.78%	96.72%	95.95%	94.08%	96.49%	95.32%	94.24%	97.46%	93.48%	93.97%	
Southern	DCF Circuit 11	83.10%	89.49%	94.20%	95.13%	94.25%	92.40%	93.93%	92.78%	93.32%	92.55%	92.89%	88.68%	87.24%	90.74%	87.16%	89.43%
	DCF Circuit 16	90.18%	92.13%	94.88%	93.74%	97.37%	96.67%	90.48%	97.37%	94.83%	92.68%	98.25%	84.91%	95.74%	97.44%	80.43%	95.92%
SunCoast	Pasco SO	88.52%	90.87%	89.67%	91.32%	87.58%	86.59%	92.22%	89.64%	92.70%	93.18%	90.95%	92.44%	92.83%	94.13%	92.55%	90.56%
	Pinellas SO	91.64%	89.93%	90.44%	92.95%	91.28%	90.20%	88.82%	90.33%	90.92%	90.42%	90.70%	91.44%	91.10%	91.63%	91.18%	91.04%
	DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	76.87%	88.09%	88.52%	92.78%	88.66%	93.93%	94.61%	91.12%	93.79%	90.63%	93.29%	94.93%	87.24%	90.45%	86.19%	86.63%
	Manatee SO	92.92%	93.74%	94.22%	95.09%	92.81%	94.59%	95.42%	94.21%	96.01%	94.84%	97.81%	96.94%	96.71%	94.97%	92.77%	95.77%
	Hillsborough SO	90.61%	90.53%	91.45%	92.42%	92.02%	89.72%	94.16%	91.35%	90.33%	90.08%	89.03%	85.29%	90.81%	86.96%	90.80%	90.85%
	DCF Circuit 20	86.31%	90.85%	90.92%	90.66%	92.04%	91.03%	89.09%	89.13%	85.44%	83.54%	82.20%	79.72%	79.87%	76.19%	75.93%	79.22%
Statewide	87.46%	90.97%	92.81%	93.31%	92.34%	91.62%	93.07%	92.88%	92.32%	91.91%	91.91%	91.50%	91.09%	91.78%	91.19%	89.91%	

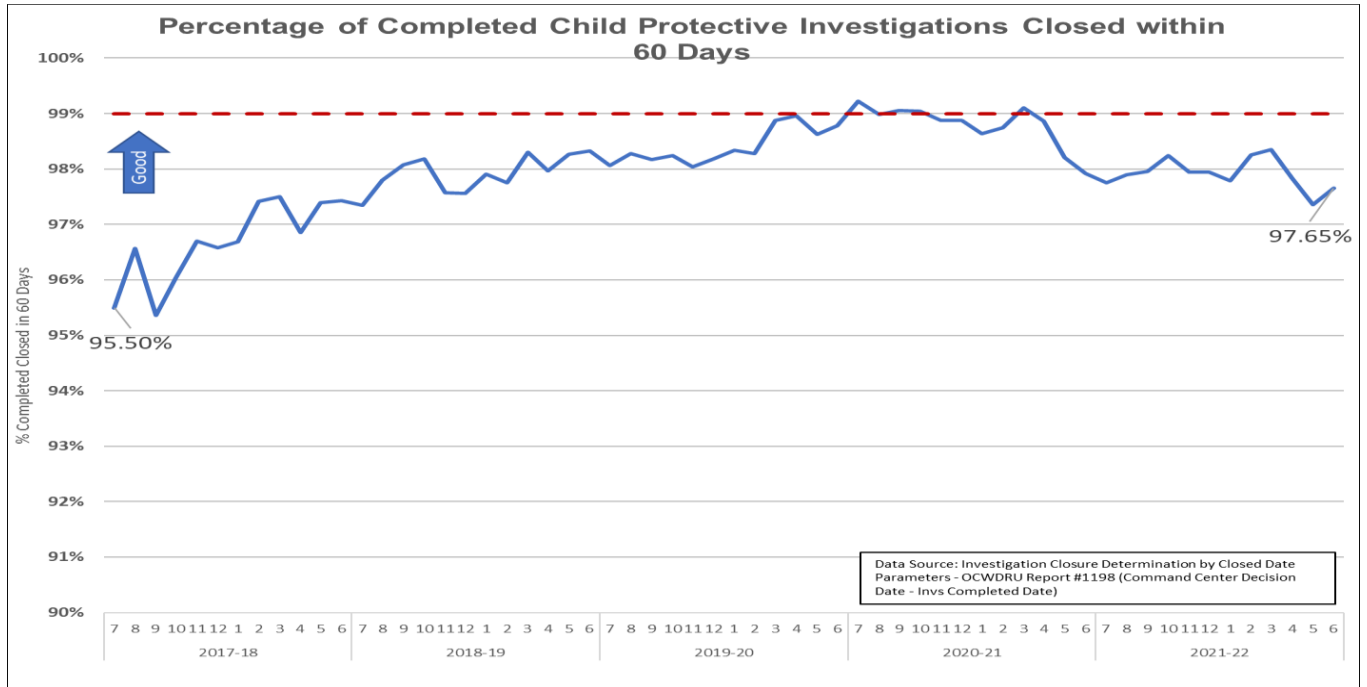
Data Source: CPI Scorecard Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours Listing - Report #1207

Percent of Investigations Completed within 60 Days

Florida has a statutory requirement to complete all but a few types of investigations (death, missing children, and those with a specified concurrent criminal investigation) within 60 days.

Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance in completing investigations within 60 days has improved over the past five years, but has declined slightly since Q4 of SFY 2020-2021.



Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

Ten investigative areas met the 99 percent target for completion of closed investigations in 60 days in SFY 2021-2022. An additional ten investigative areas were less than one percent of the target.

Percentage of Closed Child Protective Investigations (Special Conditions Excluded) Closed within 60 Days of Hotline Command Center Decision Date					
DCF Target 99%					
Investigative Area	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Circuit 1	88.8%	92.2%	93.6%	96.6%	94.4%
Circuit 2	94.3%	93.1%	94.0%	91.8%	98.5%
Circuit 3	89.6%	96.9%	98.8%	99.2%	99.1%
Circuit 4	96.2%	96.6%	97.9%	98.6%	99.3%
Circuit 5	97.0%	99.7%	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%
Circuit 6	99.6%	99.5%	99.6%	99.8%	99.2%
Circuit 7	96.8%	97.0%	98.7%	99.4%	99.6%
Circuit 8	95.2%	98.2%	99.1%	99.5%	99.3%
Circuit 9	98.3%	99.1%	99.4%	99.5%	99.1%
Circuit 10	98.8%	99.2%	99.6%	99.6%	98.5%
Circuit 11	96.0%	98.9%	99.8%	99.7%	99.1%
Circuit 12	94.3%	96.7%	98.0%	99.0%	95.3%
Circuit 13	99.4%	99.0%	99.2%	99.2%	97.3%
Circuit 14	85.6%	91.2%	96.0%	94.8%	97.3%
Circuit 15	94.9%	96.7%	98.9%	100.0%	99.5%
Circuit 16	98.2%	99.4%	99.6%	99.6%	98.1%
Circuit 17	99.5%	99.0%	99.3%	99.1%	99.5%
Circuit 18	97.6%	98.6%	99.1%	98.2%	97.2%
Circuit 19	96.6%	98.4%	99.4%	100.0%	99.9%
Circuit 20	97.7%	98.1%	94.8%	97.4%	90.7%
Statewide	96.6%	97.8%	98.4%	98.8%	98.0%

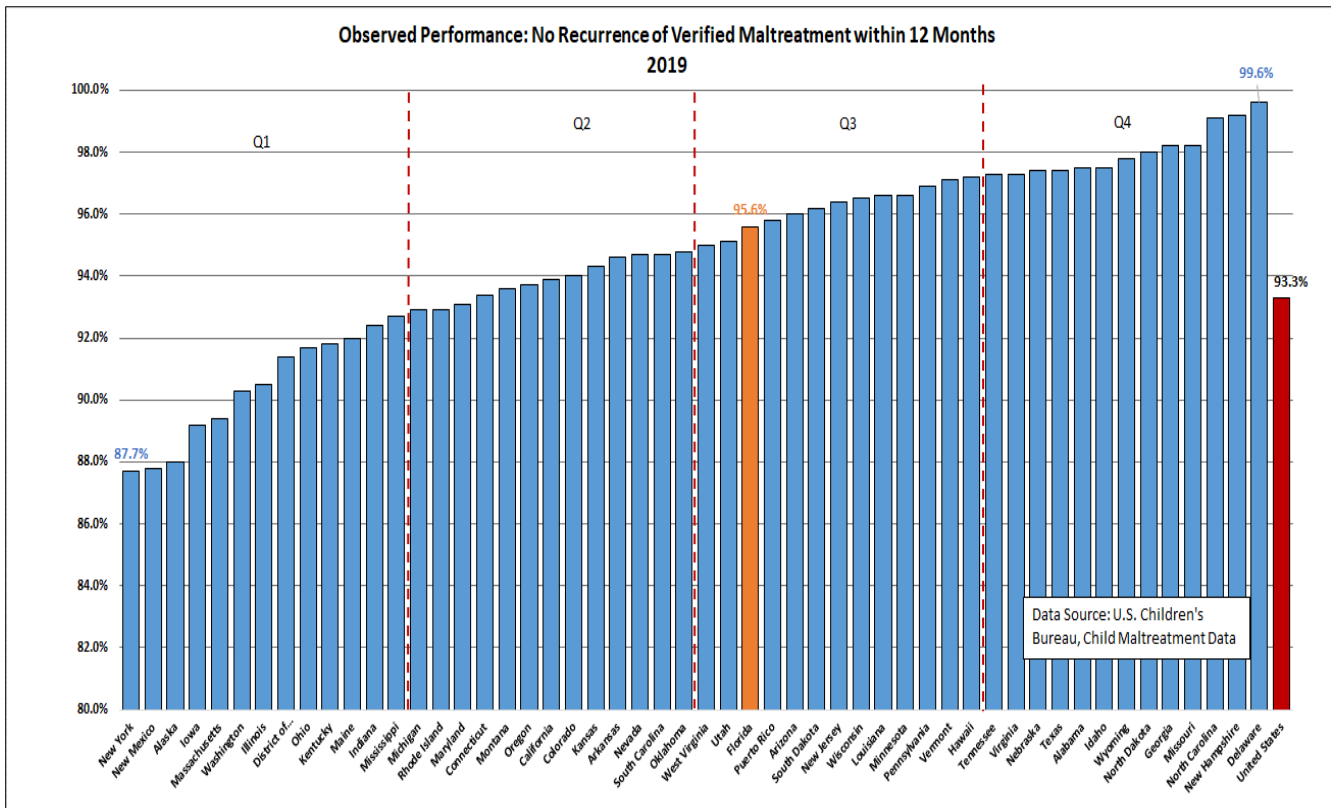
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Safety Outcome Indicator: No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment

The first safety outcome indicator in this report measures recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months of verified maltreatment, regardless of whether services were provided. This national data indicator for CFSR-3, answers the question, “Of all children who were victims of a substantiated maltreatment report during a 12-month period, what percent were victims of another substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months?”

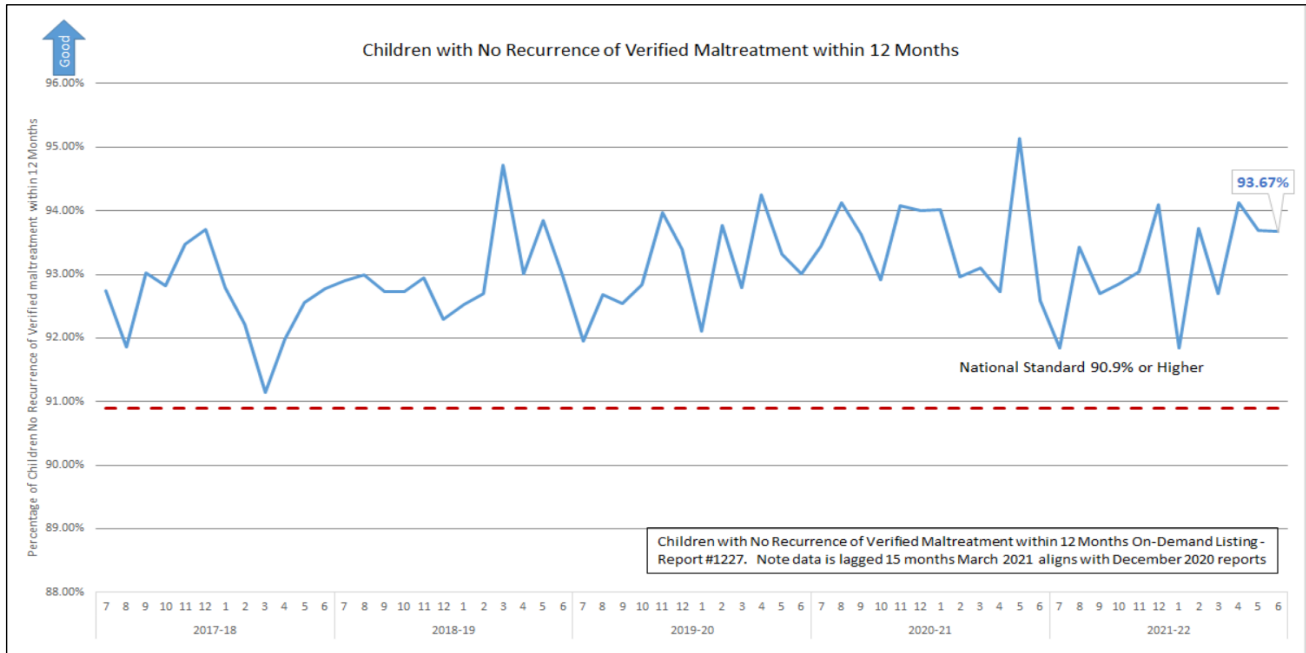
Florida Compared to Other States

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children’s Bureau; however, national data is available for no recurrence of a verified finding within 12 months with the most recent data provided through FFY 2019. Based on 2019 data, Florida’s observed performance of 95.6 percent places the state in third quartile of ranked states and is, favorably, above the national average.



Florida Statewide Trend

Florida presents performance on this indicator has stabilized at a level that is well above the national standard of 90.9 percent.



Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

All but three investigative areas met the national standard for this metric in SFY 2021-2022.

Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment within 12 Months																	
National Standard 90.90%																	
Investigative Region	Investigative Area	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22											
						7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
Central	DCF Circuit 05	93.42%	93.45%	93.56%	94.20%	92.24%	97.50%	91.56%	93.91%	92.81%	95.45%	92.37%	91.80%	98.10%	95.70%	97.60%	95.45%
	DCF Circuit 09	92.79%	92.57%	94.48%	95.19%	93.75%	93.33%	97.30%	93.67%	93.33%	97.10%	90.00%	95.00%	90.98%	96.83%	95.93%	93.45%
	DCF Circuit 10	94.24%	94.17%	92.09%	94.44%	92.52%	92.67%	92.52%	95.38%	88.72%	95.83%	92.79%	96.04%	96.00%	91.67%	95.10%	93.38%
	DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	90.40%	91.04%	90.37%	93.38%	96.00%	92.41%	94.12%	98.75%	91.03%	90.10%	94.19%	93.06%	92.31%	88.00%	93.51%	88.79%
	Seminole SO	92.13%	93.23%	95.10%	93.40%	91.67%	77.50%	81.58%	97.92%	90.24%	87.18%	90.20%	84.62%	92.86%	100.00%	86.00%	82.98%
Northeast	DCF Circuit 03	93.22%	93.78%	92.46%	95.80%	97.06%	100.00%	84.38%	96.77%	95.83%	93.33%	90.00%	94.74%	92.86%	100.00%	87.50%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 04-Clay	92.08%	93.03%	89.70%	92.13%	100.00%	94.37%	98.21%	92.86%	92.06%	98.39%	95.83%	87.23%	95.74%	92.31%	89.29%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	92.67%	93.47%	92.08%	92.74%	87.43%	92.68%	96.11%	94.08%	93.98%	93.47%	96.20%	95.63%	95.52%	97.27%	93.63%	94.25%
	DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	88.25%	92.25%	94.98%	88.89%	96.15%	100.00%	100.00%	90.00%	89.74%	88.89%	93.33%	96.30%	88.24%	95.00%	100.00%	94.74%
	DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	89.41%	90.25%	91.84%	93.53%	94.71%	95.52%	91.08%	97.04%	96.23%	97.01%	94.23%	98.78%	97.87%	92.00%	91.21%	97.12%
	DCF Circuit 08	92.97%	95.43%	92.58%	96.65%	96.67%	100.00%	95.12%	83.87%	100.00%	90.70%	89.83%	97.06%	94.44%	97.87%	95.65%	92.86%
Northwest	DCF Circuit 01	92.93%	91.25%	92.14%	92.14%	91.67%	95.76%	89.64%	94.41%	90.23%	93.15%	92.67%	92.70%	89.82%	85.61%	95.15%	94.38%
	Walton SO	N/A	N/A	83.16%	86.22%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	91.67%	92.86%	77.78%	100.00%	100.00%	83.33%	100.00%	88.89%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 02	95.80%	92.28%	94.18%	94.05%	93.22%	89.29%	96.23%	89.23%	97.56%	92.50%	97.92%	100.00%	94.12%	100.00%	92.31%	94.12%
Southeast	DCF Circuit 14	93.98%	95.58%	94.46%	94.24%	93.94%	91.84%	98.51%	91.80%	96.70%	96.00%	94.59%	95.12%	96.08%	89.09%	91.04%	95.31%
	DCF Circuit 15	93.12%	94.05%	94.32%	94.33%	94.29%	97.80%	95.00%	95.19%	95.83%	93.33%	100.00%	94.57%	93.10%	96.84%	87.25%	95.38%
	Broward SO	92.24%	92.98%	93.91%	95.33%	91.22%	96.00%	94.05%	88.70%	91.82%	96.45%	94.16%	91.67%	95.15%	98.28%	91.74%	97.52%
Southern	DCF Circuit 19	92.66%	92.33%	94.02%	95.54%	97.92%	97.10%	100.00%	92.19%	93.85%	100.00%	79.25%	100.00%	98.04%	92.59%	98.00%	92.68%
	DCF Circuit 11	95.89%	95.56%	95.10%	93.71%	84.29%	92.31%	81.97%	96.97%	91.84%	96.88%	95.59%	91.78%	94.12%	96.43%	100.00%	94.68%
SunCoast	DCF Circuit 16	92.76%	91.59%	96.59%	98.63%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	75.00%	100.00%	91.67%	100.00%	100.00%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Pasco SO	91.39%	92.41%	92.63%	93.60%	91.74%	94.83%	84.26%	90.20%	90.77%	96.12%	92.25%	89.47%	92.50%	92.05%	90.79%	95.89%
	Pinellas SO	90.85%	91.93%	91.15%	91.10%	79.73%	85.64%	87.86%	77.34%	85.29%	90.61%	85.03%	89.05%	85.35%	93.81%	94.77%	93.87%
	DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	91.72%	91.47%	93.27%	92.78%	88.06%	95.65%	92.00%	95.00%	97.83%	100.00%	87.80%	96.30%	95.08%	96.30%	97.30%	95.65%
	Manatee SO	91.08%	93.82%	92.41%	92.79%	100.00%	91.18%	95.35%	91.86%	91.23%	96.43%	75.68%	90.77%	94.03%	97.01%	88.89%	90.99%
	Hillsborough SO	92.89%	94.60%	93.42%	93.42%	94.01%	93.06%	90.95%	95.41%	97.25%	93.68%	93.93%	94.95%	90.48%	93.30%	94.07%	88.63%
DCF Circuit 20	92.81%	92.35%	94.54%	94.08%	93.01%	91.33%	96.32%	92.41%	98.65%	89.39%	88.89%	94.19%	87.80%	91.34%	94.62%	94.23%	
Statewide		92.61%	93.02%	93.04%	93.59%	91.84%	93.43%	92.69%	92.85%	93.04%	94.10%	91.84%	93.73%	92.70%	94.13%	93.69%	93.67%

Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment within 12 Months On-Demand Listing - Report #1227
 Note: Data is lagged by 15 months May 2022 data aligns with February 2021 reports

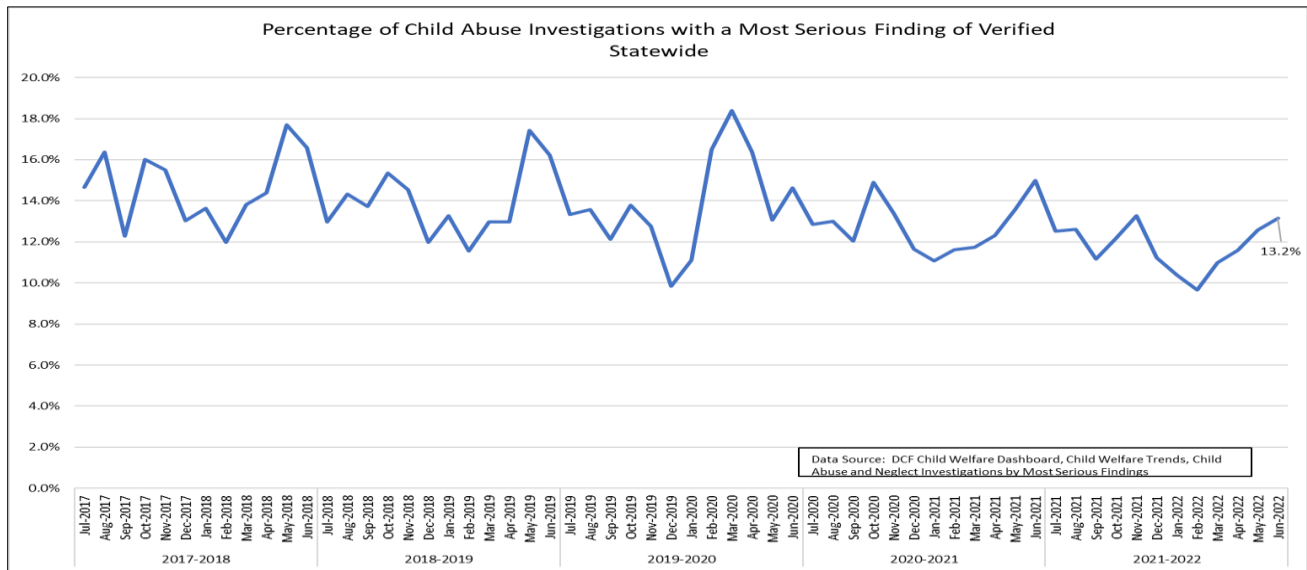
Investigative Decisions

Verification Rates

While evidence of maltreatment is important, the decision to provide post-investigation services should be based on safety determinations and service needs rather than simply verified evidence of maltreatment, regardless of danger to the child or the family's need for services. Decision-making based on safety determinations are presented in the indicators in the next section.

Florida Statewide Trend

The percent of children in investigations with at least one finding of "verified" maltreatment has gradually declined over the past five years, declining by 19 percent from SFY 2017-2018 to SFY 2021-22. The sharp uptick noted in March 2020 is associated with a decline in the overall number of children investigated during this time-period.



Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

The wide range of percentages in the figure below suggests that there is variation in local practice, rather than simply variation in evidence of maltreatment. Variation in verification rates affects variation in measured recurrence of maltreatment.

Percentage of Investigations with Most Serious Finding of Verified					
Investigative Area	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
DCF Areas	13.2%	12.8%	12.3%	11.8%	10.8%
SO Areas	18.3%	15.9%	15.5%	15.9%	14.6%
Circuit 1	16.4%	19.4%	19.6%	18.4%	19.5%
Circuit 2	11.2%	12.4%	12.4%	11.7%	11.5%
Circuit 3	12.6%	8.3%	9.0%	7.6%	8.5%
Circuit 4	15.5%	16.3%	16.9%	15.1%	11.6%
Circuit 5	11.0%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.9%
Circuit 6	18.5%	18.3%	18.3%	19.4%	18.0%
Circuit 7	14.9%	15.5%	15.4%	13.4%	11.2%
Circuit 8	9.2%	8.5%	8.0%	8.5%	7.7%
Circuit 9	12.7%	12.0%	10.5%	9.9%	9.6%
Circuit 10	11.8%	12.5%	11.4%	13.3%	11.5%
Circuit 11	11.2%	10.1%	8.3%	7.6%	6.8%
Circuit 12	15.7%	17.3%	18.4%	17.5%	17.1%
Circuit 13	15.9%	14.9%	14.9%	16.3%	15.2%
Circuit 14	11.6%	11.8%	12.2%	14.3%	12.5%
Circuit 15	10.8%	9.7%	10.2%	9.8%	9.1%
Circuit 16	18.1%	11.2%	14.6%	13.0%	12.9%
Circuit 17	23.8%	15.8%	14.2%	12.9%	11.4%
Circuit 18	12.8%	11.1%	10.0%	11.4%	10.5%
Circuit 19	15.5%	12.9%	13.6%	11.0%	11.8%
Circuit 20	15.5%	13.6%	14.2%	12.4%	10.6%
Statewide	14.5%	13.8%	13.5%	12.7%	11.7%

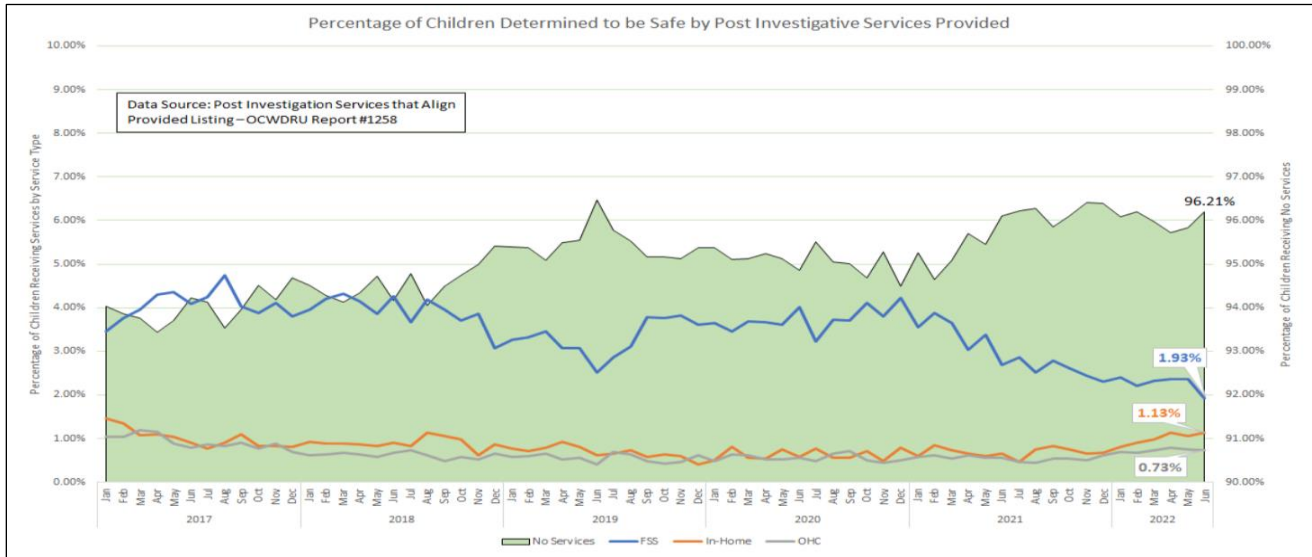
Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations by Most Serious Findings

Safety Determination and Services Provided

Section 39.301, Florida Statutes, defines the requirements for assessment of safety and development of safety plans.

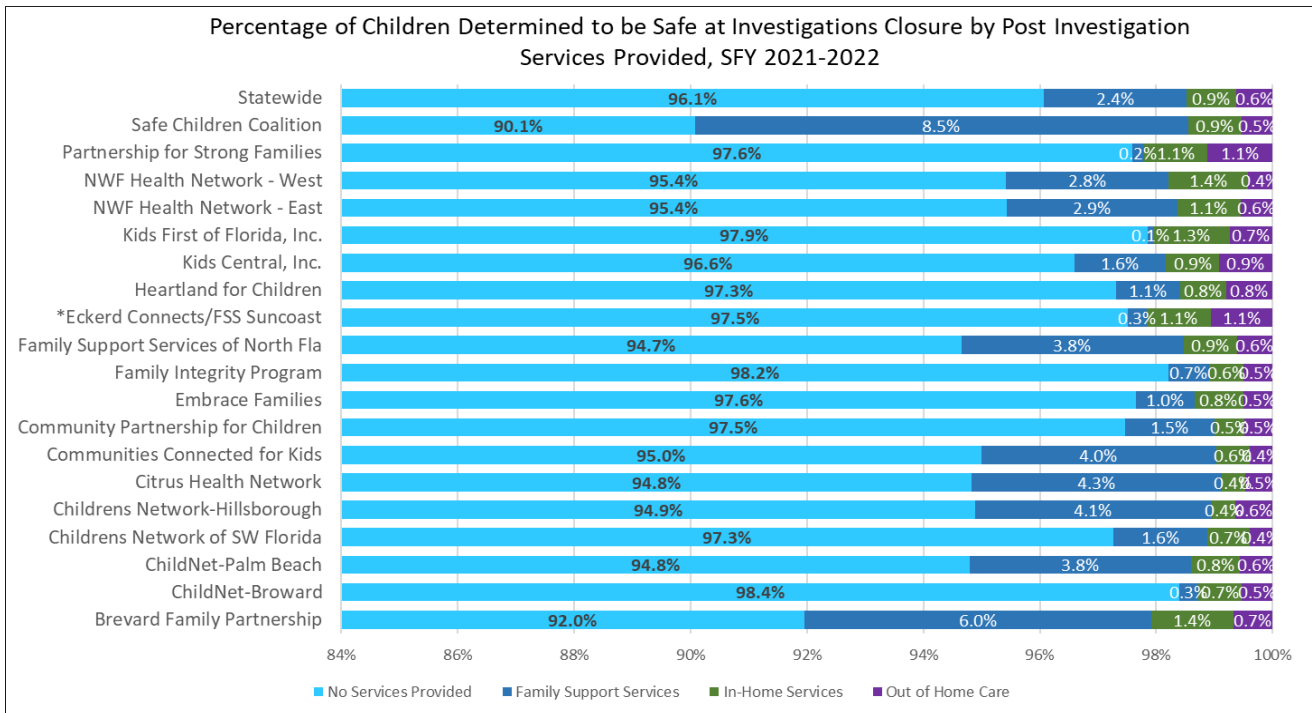
Safe Determinations and Services

This chart looks at all children with a safety determination of 'safe' in investigations closed during the month and shows what post investigation service (if any) the child is receiving. Due to the disproportionately high percentage of children closing safe who do not receive post investigation services, the "no services" percentage is displayed on a secondary (right) axis as an area chart.



Services for Safe Children

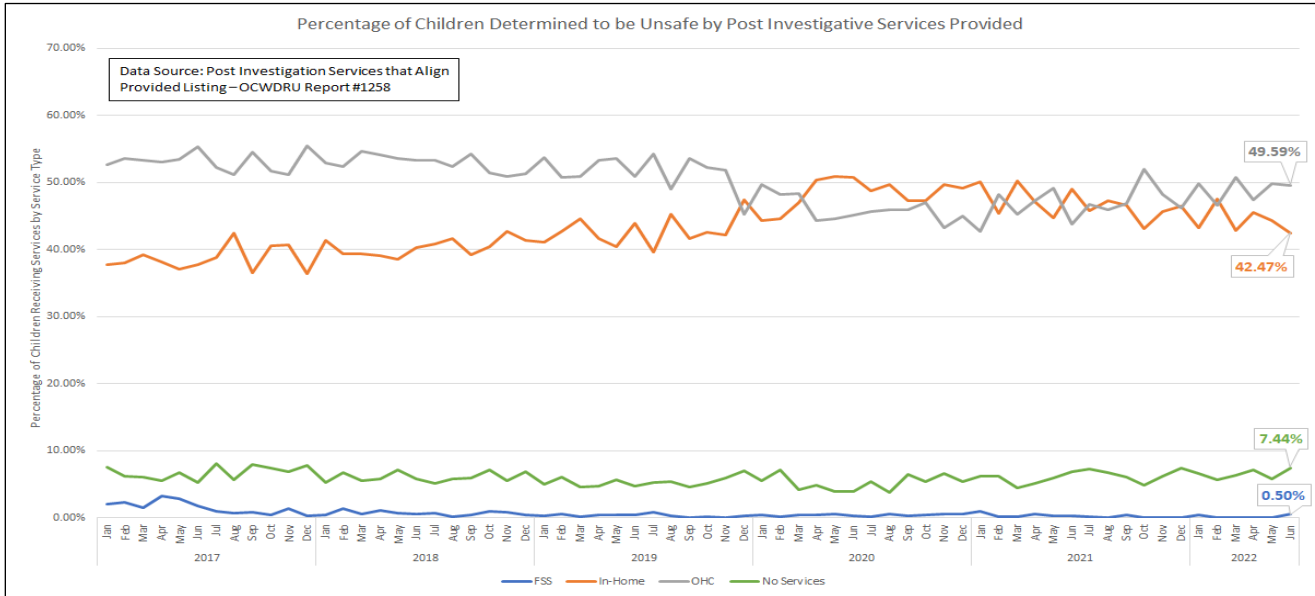
There is variation between CBCs for service provision for safe children, with some CBCs providing services to over 10 percent of the safe population in closed investigations, and others providing services to less than 5 percent.



*Family Support Services of Suncoast (FSS Suncoast) took effect January 1, 2022; Eckerd Connects was the lead agency for the remainder of the reporting period.

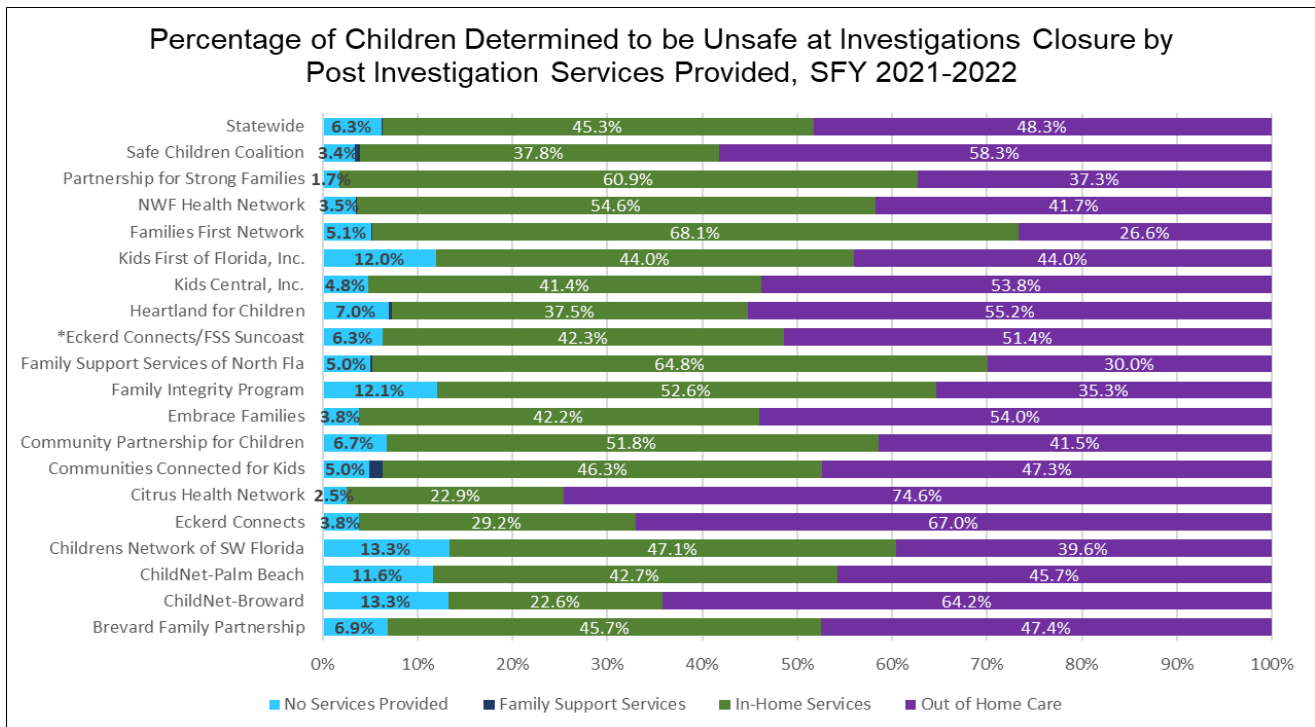
Efforts to Prevent Removals

Florida's practice model requires child welfare professionals to make diligent efforts to prevent removals and for families to receive on-going case management. The most recent available data indicates 49.59 percent of children determined unsafe were removed from their homes and 42.47 percent received services in-home, totaling 92.06 percent of children determined to be unsafe receiving ongoing case management. In instances where there are no ongoing case management services in unsafe cases, a majority of these cases do not meet the level of judicial intervention and parents have refused services.



Services for Unsafe Children

There variation between CBCs for service provision for unsafe children, ranging from as few as 1.7 percent with services not provided to as high as 13.3 percent.



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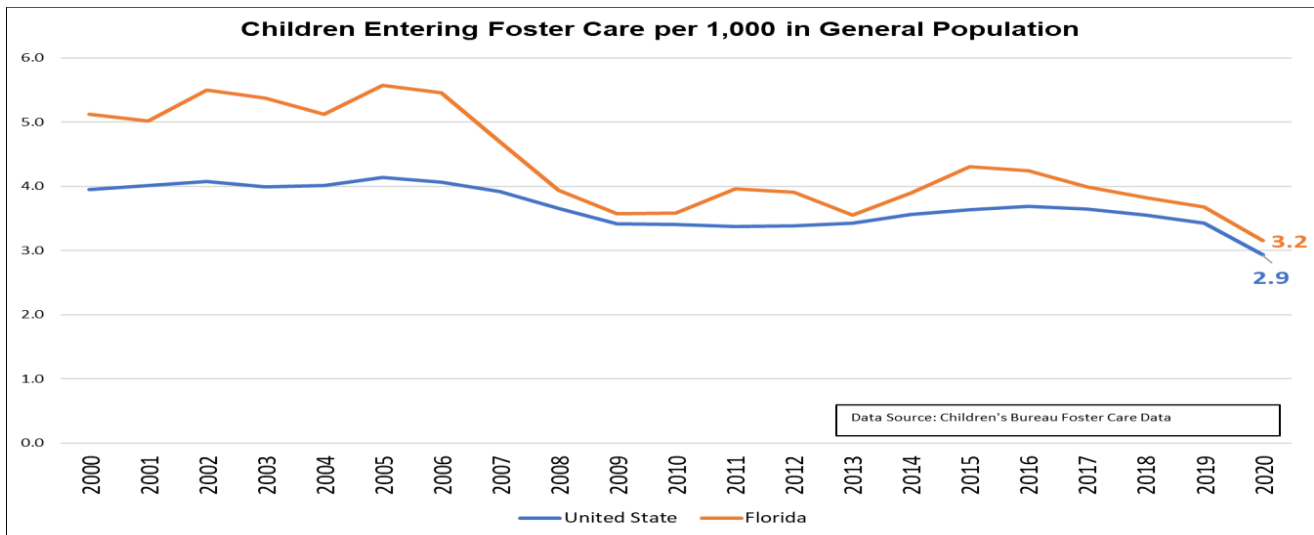
Removals to Prevent Abuse, Abandonment, and/or Neglect

Removal Rates per 1,000 Children in the General Population

To compare removals in different areas, removal rates per 1,000 children in the general population and per 100 children in investigations are calculated. The rate per 1,000 children in the general population indicator does not consider how many children were investigated with a chance of removal. The removal rate per 100 children in investigations indicator is limited to children with a chance of being removed, so it is more directly related to investigative decision-making.

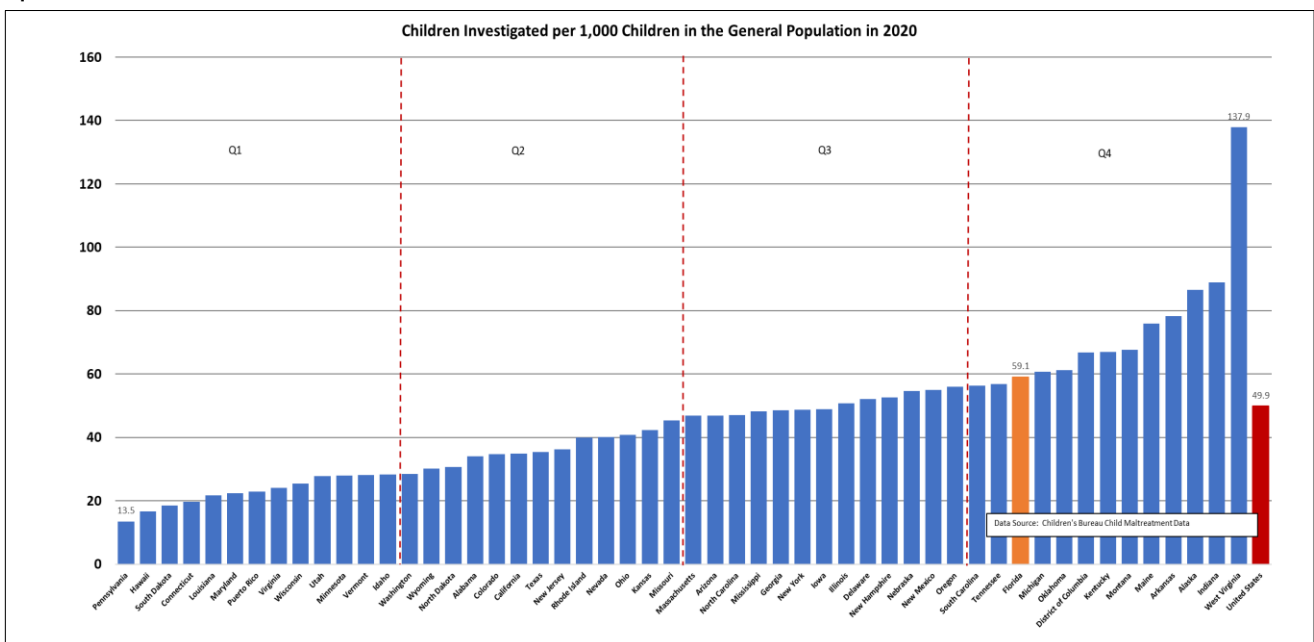
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida’s entry rate into foster care per 1,000 children in the general population has consistently been higher than the national average; however, Florida’s rate has been declining since 2006 and has been moving closer to the national average.



Florida Compared to Other States

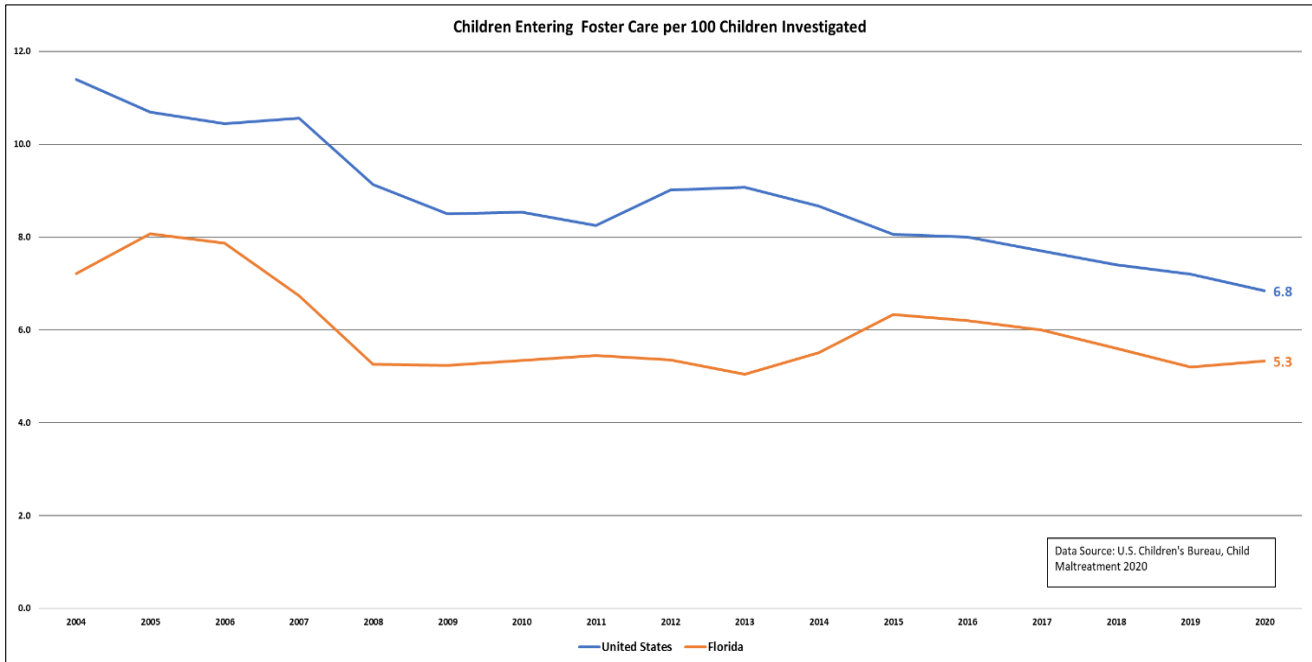
Florida’s rate of children investigated per 1,000 general population in FFY 2020 was in the fourth quartile of ranked states.



Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

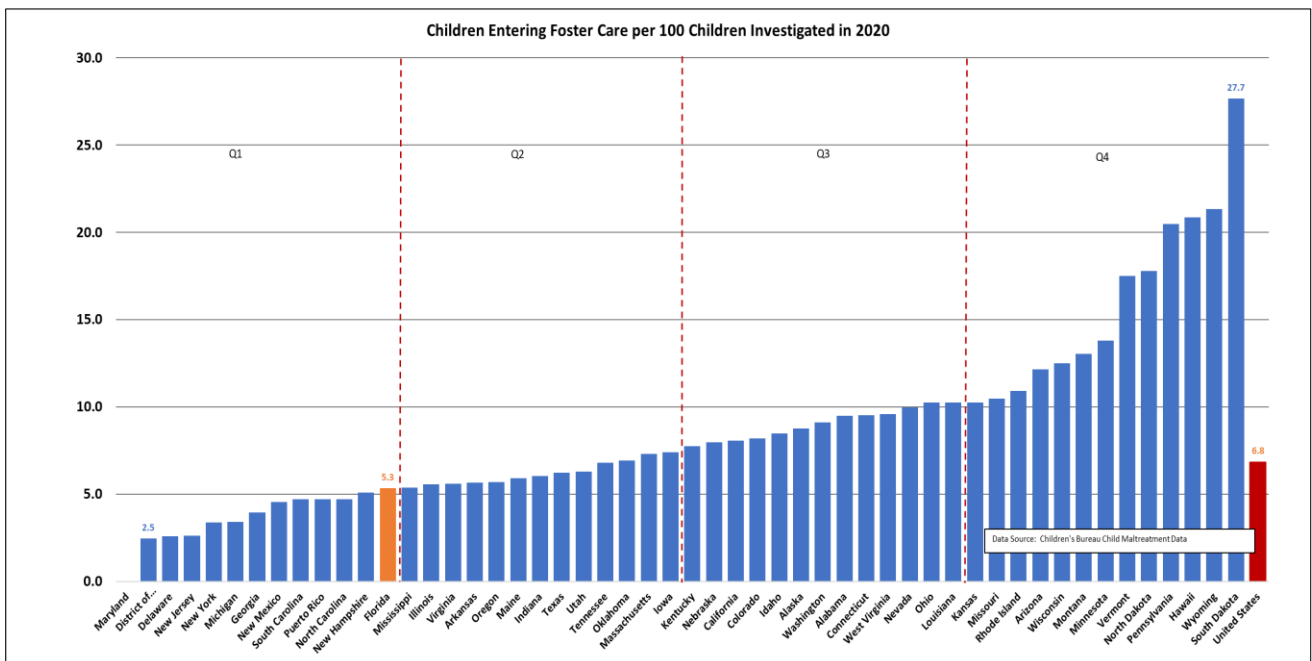
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

For the most recent year of data, children investigated include those who are the subject of at least one alleged maltreatment and/or alternative response report. Florida's rate is historically much lower than the national rate, but both the state and national rate have been declining since FFY 2015.



Florida Compared to Other States

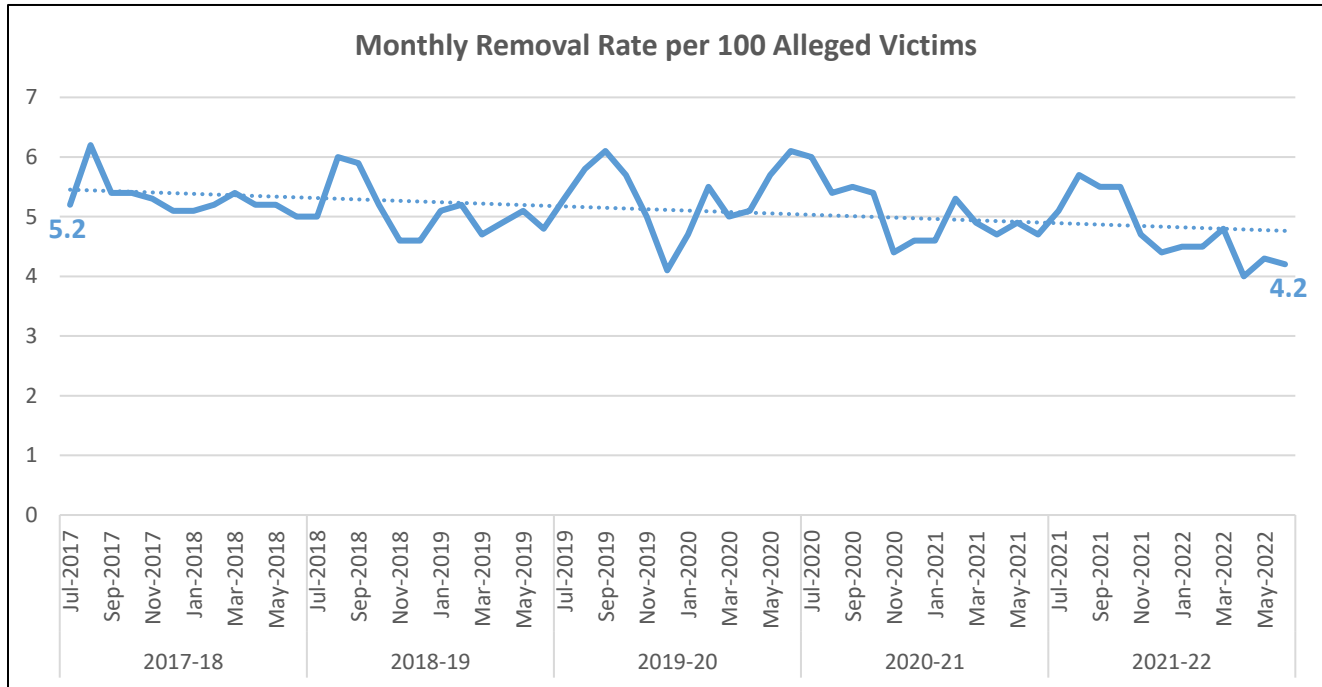
State-by-state comparisons should be made with caution when comparing rate of foster care entry. Differences in state policies and practices, including variations in the legal definitions of maltreatment, affect rates, and these rates are largely influenced by state differences in other indicators. For example, states with very low reporting rate tend to have a relatively high removal rate; states with a very high reporting rate tend to have a relatively low removal rate. With these variables in mind, Florida ranked twelfth in 2020 (the most recent year available) in children entering care per 100 children investigated.



Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

Florida Statewide Trend

The average rate of removal per 100 alleged victims has demonstrated decreasing trends over the past five state fiscal years.



Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

In order to compare communities, the rate of removals per 100 children in investigations is used. Rates of removals varies by circuit area, with a low rate of 3.1 to a high of 8.0 in SFY 2021-22.

Removal Rate per 100 Alleged Victims					
Investigative Area	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
DCF Areas	3.8	3.94	4.09	3.54	4.6
SO Areas	5.65	5.52	6.13	6.1	6.5
Circuit 1	5.24	5.95	6.5	4.02	4.8
Circuit 2	4.13	3.89	3.86	2.26	4.9
Circuit 3	3.67	3.93	4.66	4.18	3.4
Circuit 4	3.50	3.60	4.20	2.70	4.8
Circuit 5	3.84	4.24	3.95	5.11	4.7
Circuit 6	4.90	4.20	6.30	5.20	4.7
Circuit 7	3.67	3.39	3.76	2.60	7.5
Circuit 8	4.67	5.36	4.97	4.61	3.6
Circuit 9	3.80	4.12	3.75	2.96	4.4
Circuit 10	3.99	5.61	4.95	4.29	3.1
Circuit 11	4.68	4.71	4.71	4.89	5.2
Circuit 12	6.01	8.06	8.09	5.48	4.2
Circuit 13	6.7	6.17	7.85	7.31	6.0
Circuit 14	5.57	5.09	4.47	4.6	6.8
Circuit 15	3.59	3.07	3.74	4.35	4.2
Circuit 16	4.04	5.06	5.41	5.81	4.5
Circuit 17	4.54	4.55	4.50	5.95	8.2
Circuit 18	3.06	3.56	4.31	4.21	4.4
Circuit 19	3.94	4.10	3.77	3.44	5.1
Circuit 20	4.06	3.53	3.64	3.94	4.6
Broward SO	4.54	4.55	4.5	5.95	4.4
Hillsborough SO	6.7	6.17	7.85	7.31	6.8
Manatee SO	4.65	5.19	3.81	3.07	6.1
Pasco SO	4.89	4.17	6.3	5.16	6.8
Pinellas SO	6.51	6.65	6.91	6.69	8.0
Seminole SO	6.74	6.87	5.52	5.71	5.3
Walton SO	7.18	7.62	7.98	5.71	7.8
Statewide	4.52	4.61	4.87	4.41	4.7

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Removal Rates per 100 Alleged Victims

Community-Based Care

Source of Indicators in this Section

The remaining outcome indicators in this report are based primarily on the seven federal outcomes related to the three goals of Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being established by ASFA and the nine outcomes established by Florida's CBC statute language, which contain the requirements for ROA.

The Children's Bureau established seven national outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect.
- Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care.
- Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care.
- Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry.
- Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption.
- Outcome 6: Increase placement stability.
- Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.

Section 409.986, Florida Statutes (F.S.), established these nine outcomes "...to protect the best interest of children by achieving the following outcomes in conjunction with the Community-Based Care Lead Agency, community-based subcontractors, and the community alliance:

- A. Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.
- B. Children are safely maintained in their homes, if possible and appropriate.
- C. Services are provided to protect children and prevent their removal from their home.
- D. Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangements.
- E. Family relationships and connections are preserved for children.
- F. Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
- G. Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.
- H. Children receive services to meet their physical and mental health needs.
- I. Children develop the capacity for independent living and competence as an adult."

The Children's Bureau established seven data indicators for CFSR-3 to support the three ASFA goals and outcomes. The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children's Bureau, but the initial standards and measured performance of Florida, other states, and areas within Florida are presented in this report as important indicators of safety and permanency. The Children's Bureau measures both "observed" (actual) performance and "risk standardized" performance, which is adjusted according to the median age of children served and entry rates into foster care. Only observed performance is presented in this report.

CBC Caseload Indicators

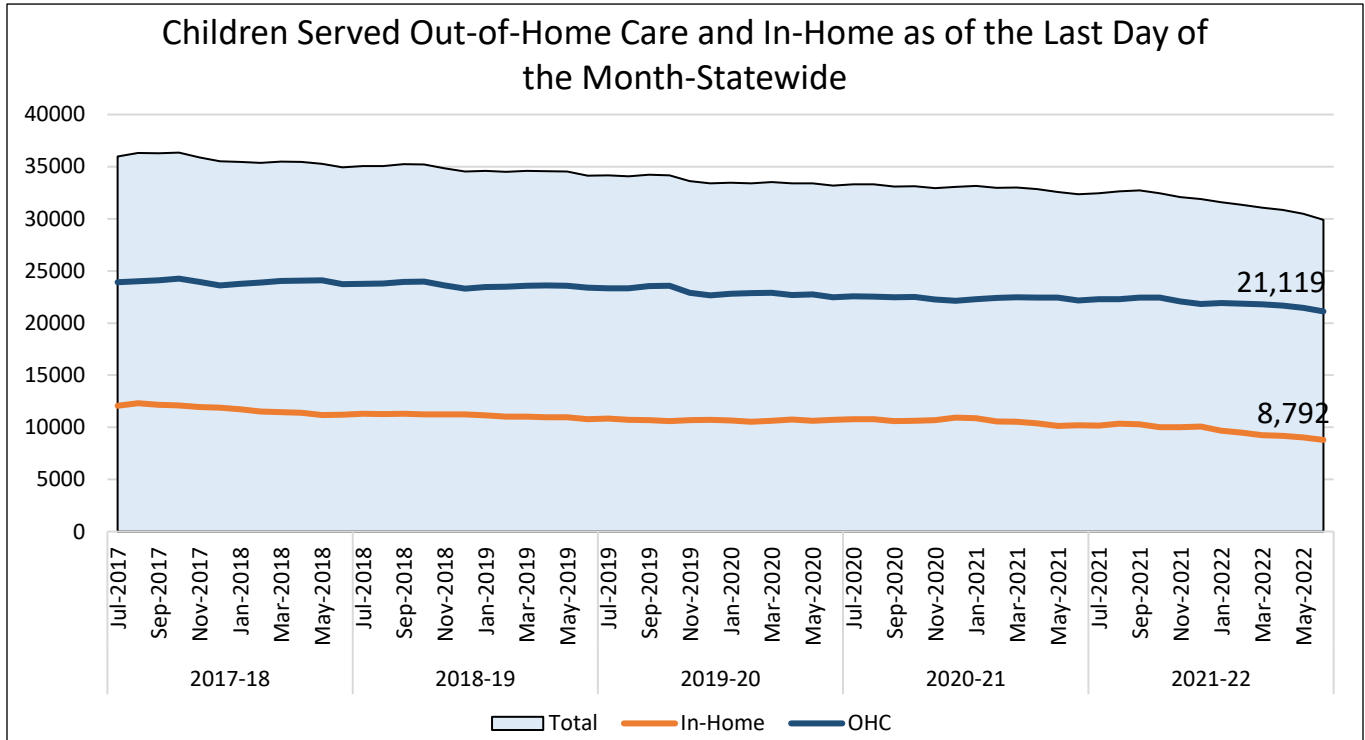
Protection of Children in their Own Homes

Mix of Case-Managed Services: In-Home Services vs. Out-of-Home Care

Two CBC Lead Agency outcomes are “Children are safely maintained in their homes, if possible and appropriate” and “Services are provided to protect children and prevent their removal from their home”.

Florida Statewide Trend

Since SFY 2017-2018, the number of children in OHC has slightly declined.



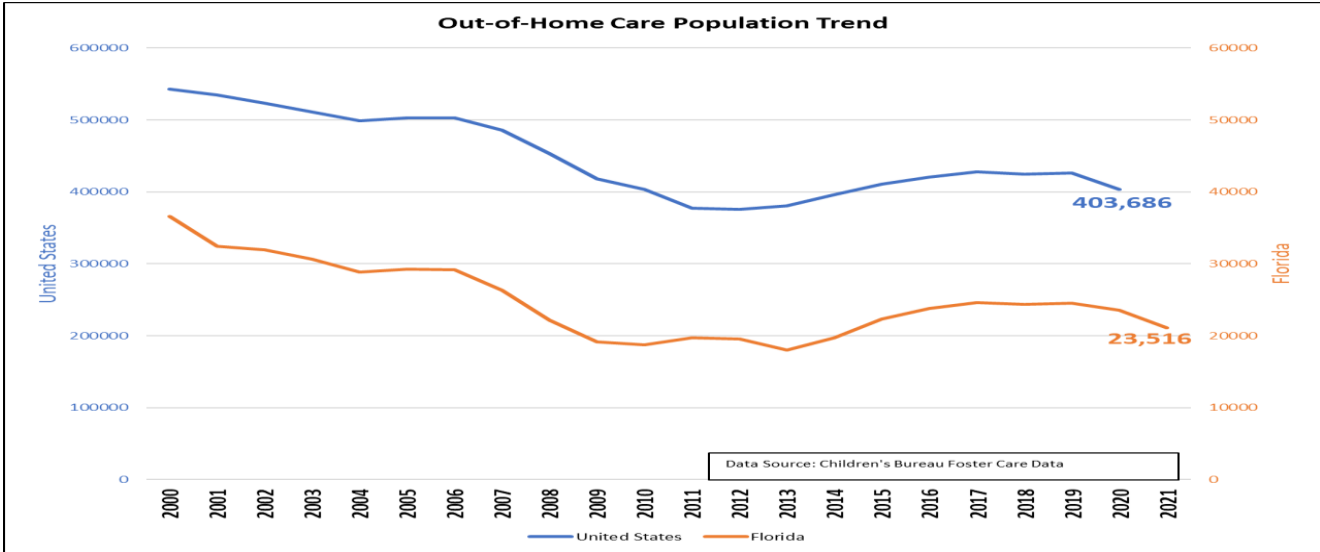
Florida's Out-of-Home Care Population in Context

Florida's OHC population has grown since 2013. Changes in Florida parallel changes nationally. These charts show trends and the relative size of Florida's OHC population to the general population of children and children in investigations, an indicator of need.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

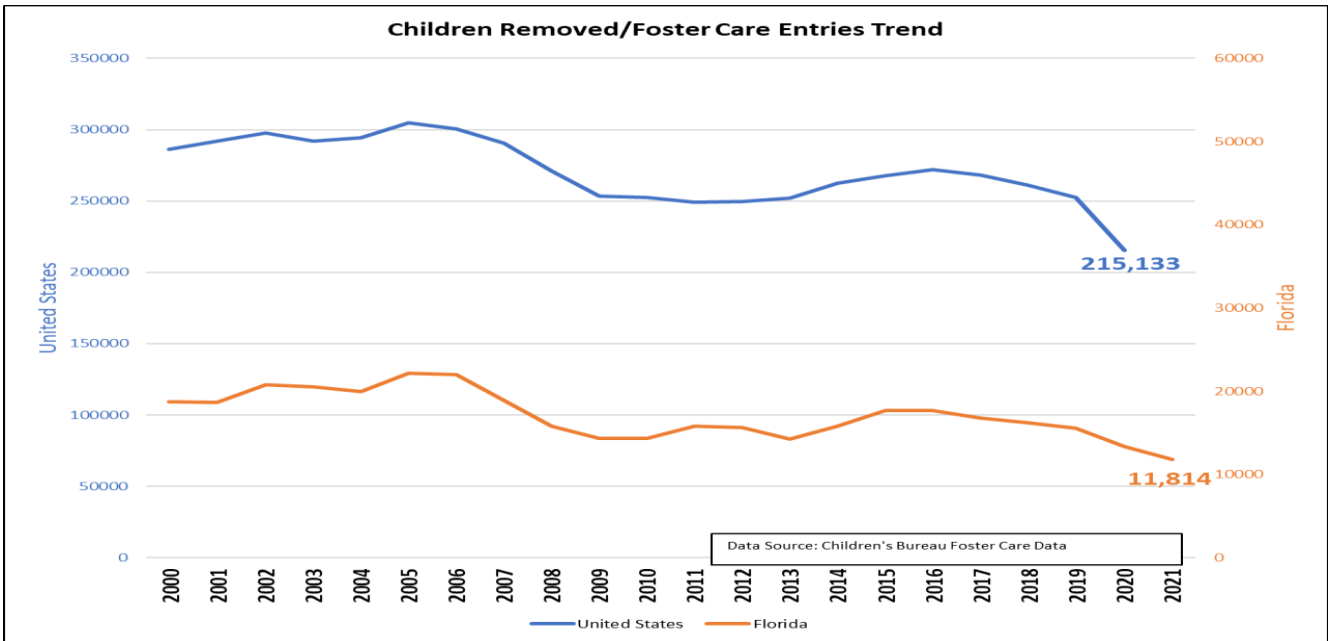
Children in Out-of-Home Care Population Trend

The number of children in OHC dropped sharply from FFY 2000 to FFY 2010, nationally and in Florida, but have been increasing since FFY 2013.



Children Removed/Foster Care Entries Trend

The number of children removed has declined substantially from FFY 2005 to FFY 2010 across the nation and in Florida and both experienced a three-year increase in between FFY 2013 and FFY 2015. Since 2015, the number of removals in Florida been declining.

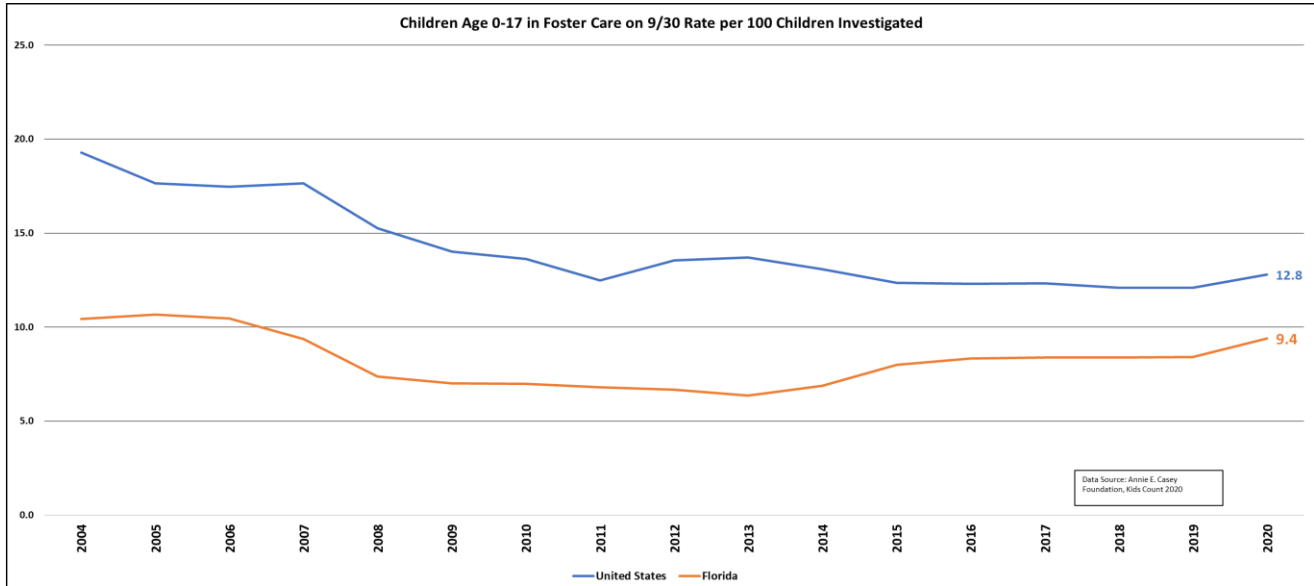


Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Children Investigated

Children removed and placed in OHC are not taken from the general population, but from those in investigations. The number of children investigated is a better indicator of need. However, the relative size of the OHC population is affected by permanency performance, as much as removal rate.

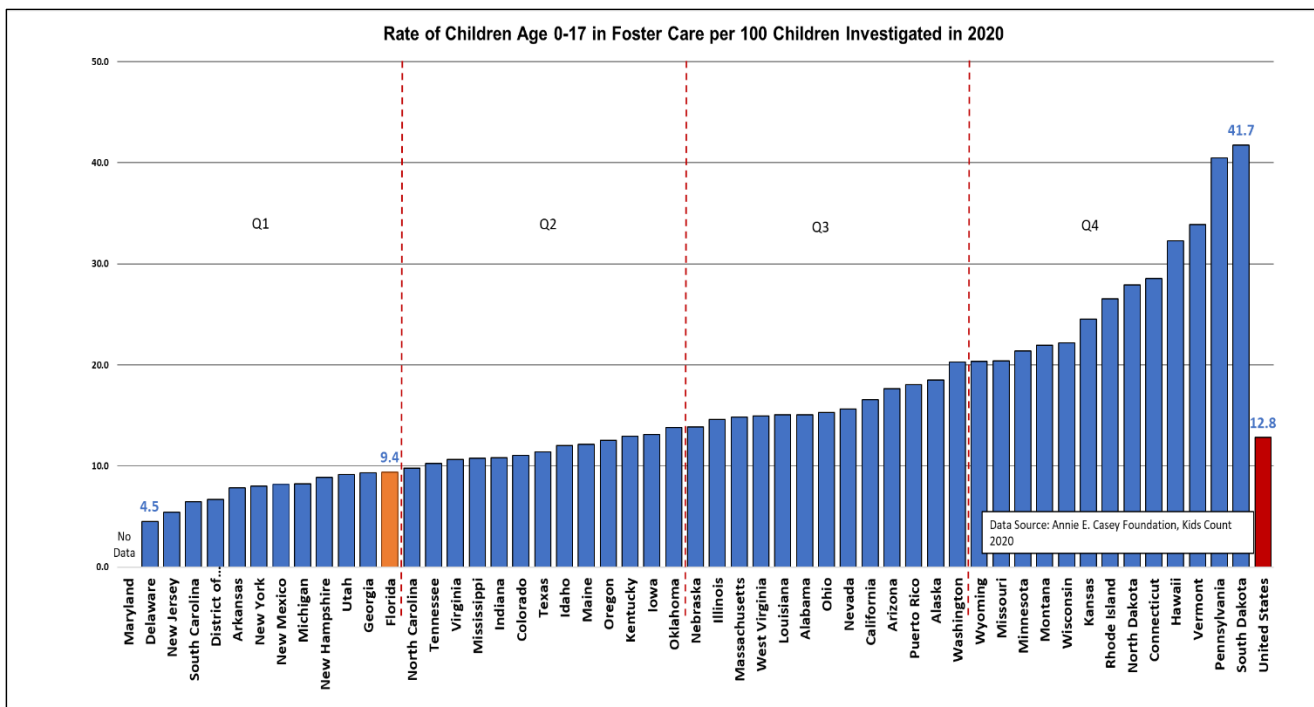
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

The most recent data for this measure indicates that both Florida and national OHC rate per 100 children investigated has been generally stable over the last five years, with slight increases nationally and in Florida in 2020, and Florida's rate remains lower than the national average.



Florida Compared to Other States

Florida's OHC rate per 100 children investigated was one of the lowest in the nation in FFY 2020, due in part to Florida's high reporting rate.

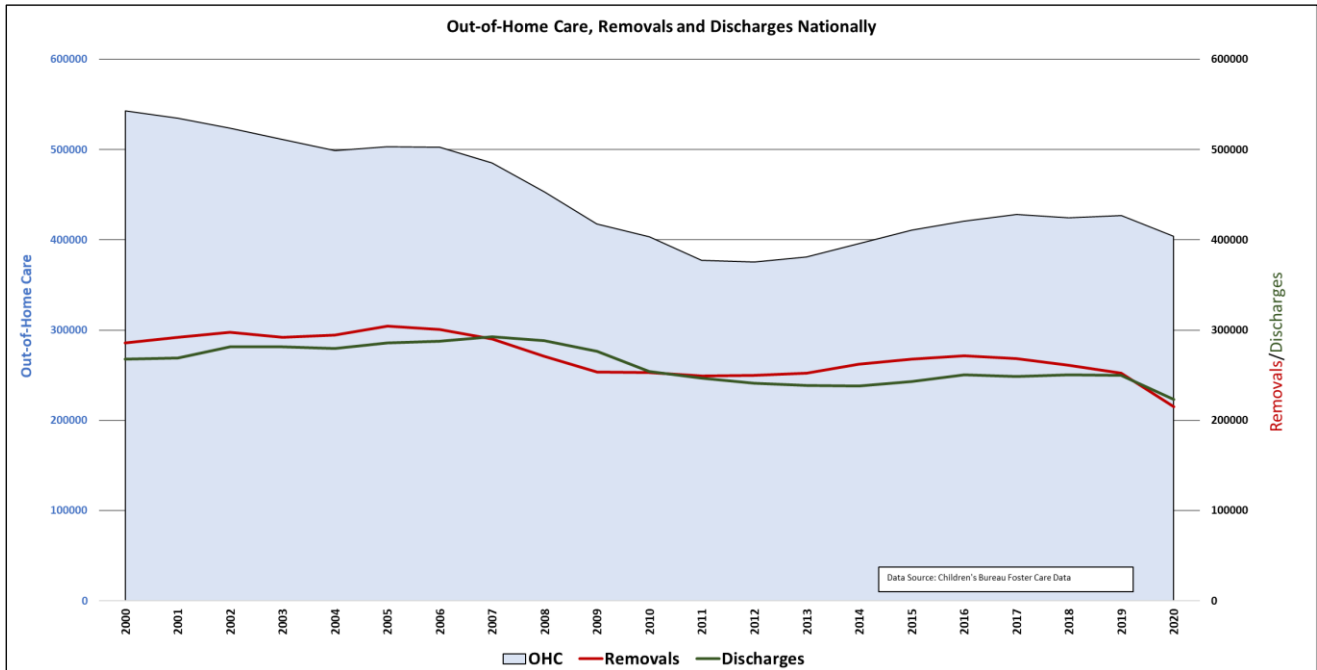


Relationship between Out-of-Home Care, Removals, and Discharges

Changes in the children in OHC population are driven by changes in removals/entries and discharges/exits.

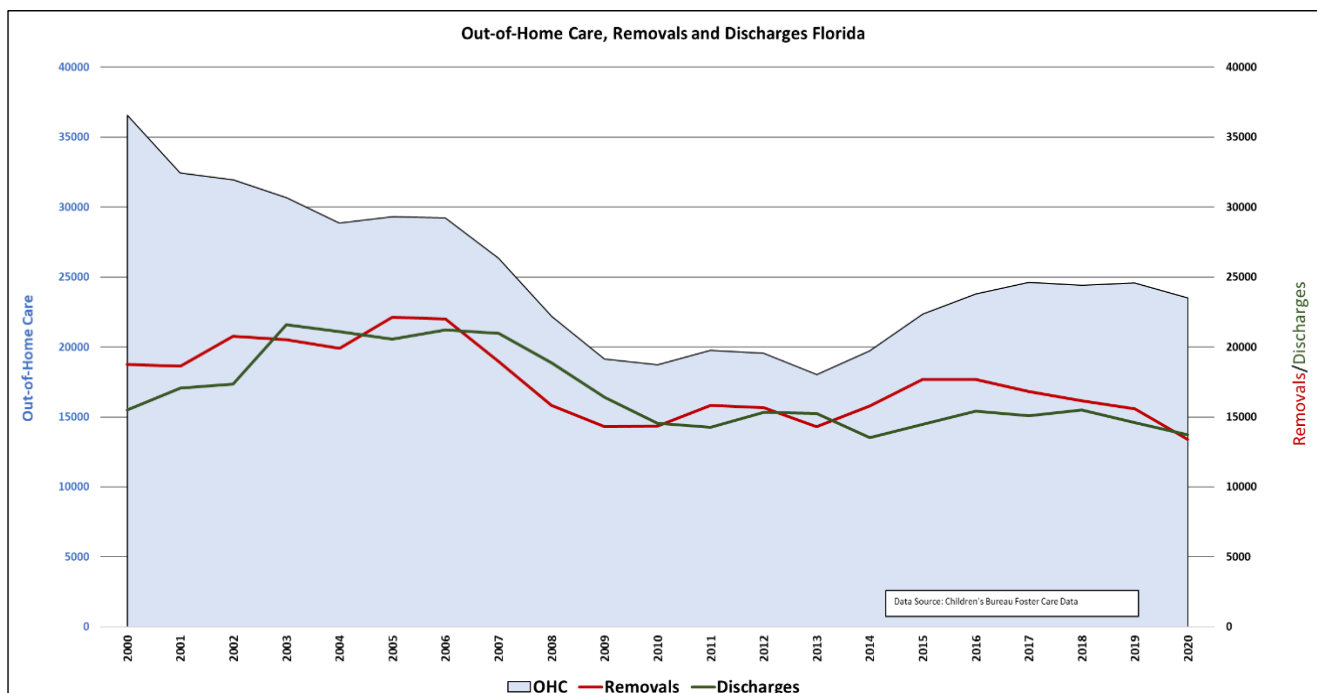
National Trend

This chart shows that the national reduction in OHC from FFY 2007 through FFY 2011 was driven by a reduction in removals. The recent increase in OHC was driven by increases in removals with no increase in discharges.



Florida Statewide Trend

Florida was similar to the national trend, but with steep reductions in removals and OHC in FFYs 2007-09. The simultaneous increase in removals and decrease in discharges beginning in FFY 2014 has driven the OHC increase over the last five FFYs of available data.

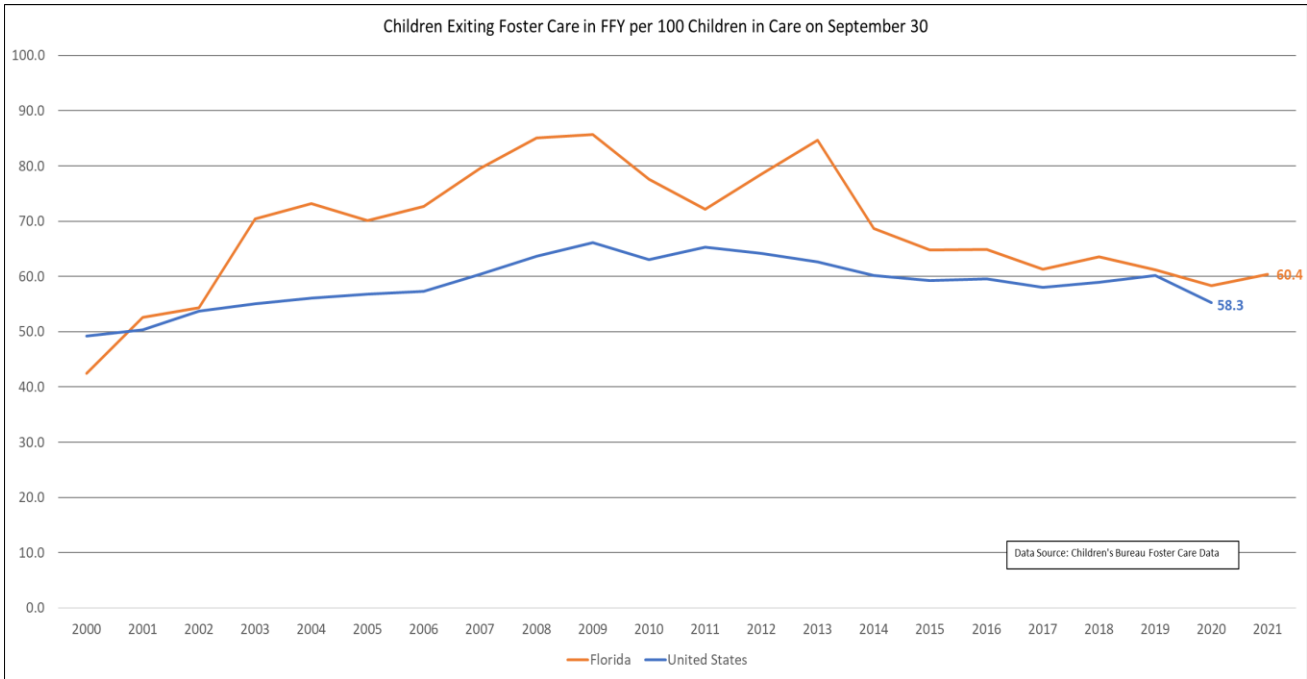


Children Exiting Foster Care per 100 Children in Care

To compare states and communities, discharges in a given period are compared to the number of children in OHC at the end of the period.

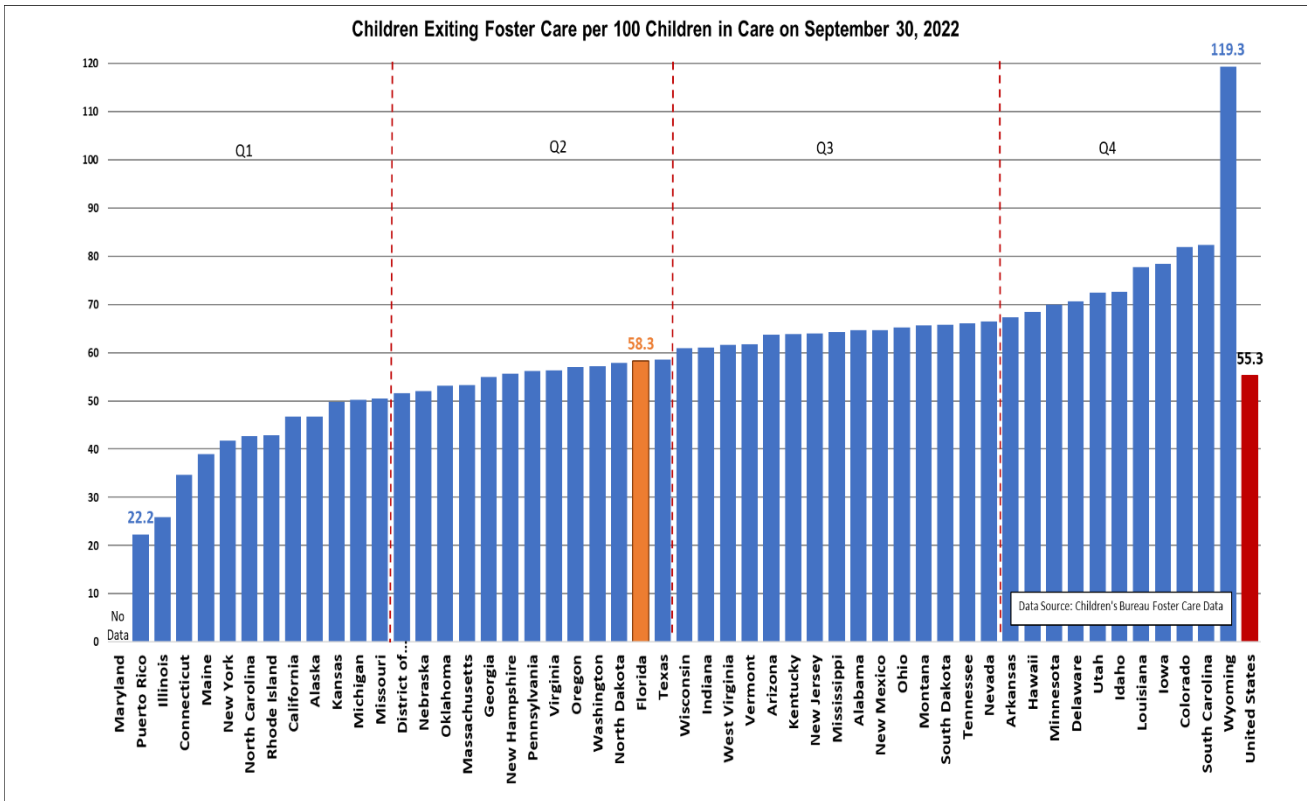
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida’s exit rate from Foster Care has consistently been above the national average since 2000, but has been declining since FFY 2013.



Florida Compared to Other States

The last available national data indicates that Florida’s exit rate of 58.3 per 100 children in out-of-home care was in the second quartile of ranked states.



CBC Safety Outcome Indicators

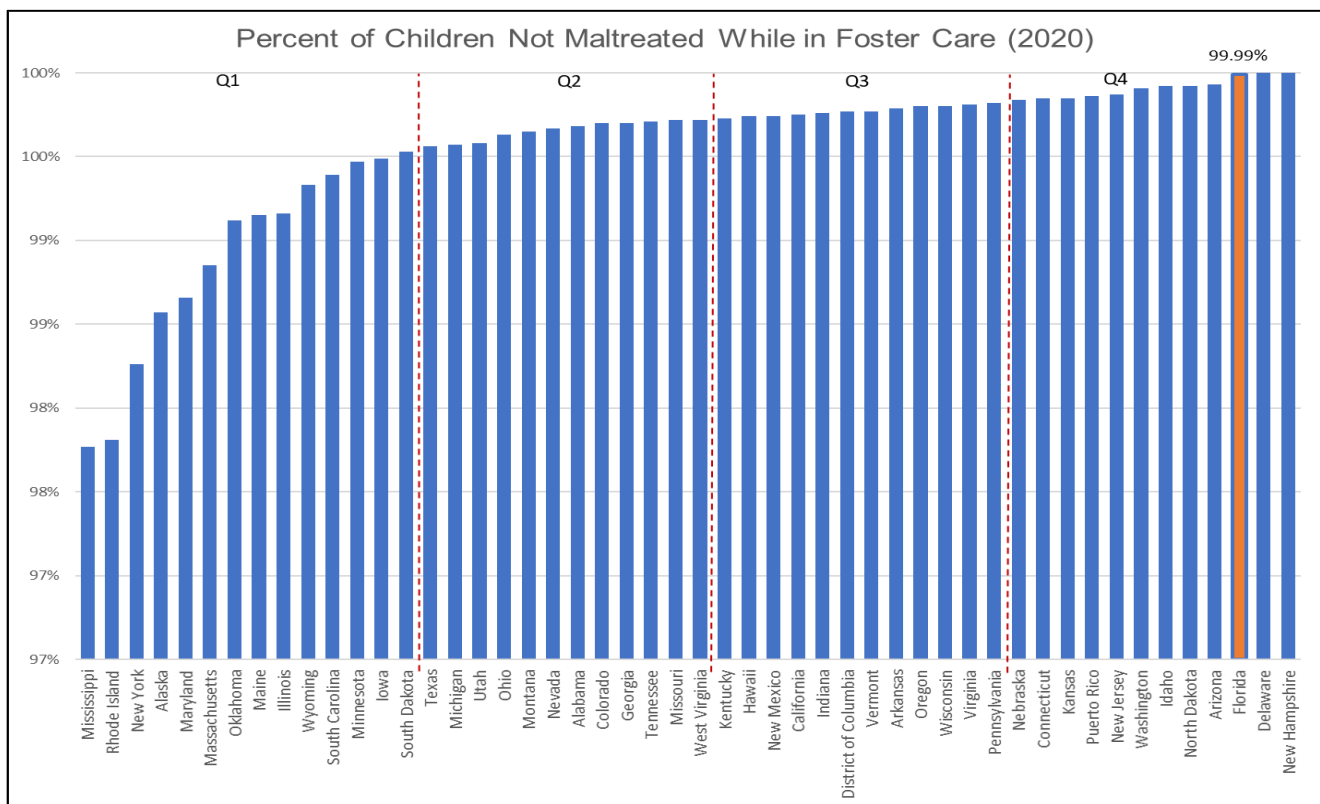
Individual Safety Indicators

Maltreatment in Foster Care

Maltreatment in foster care is a rare event compared to the safety indicators in the last chart, so it is measured as a rate per 100,000 days in care in the federal CFSR-3. It answers the question, “Of all children in foster care during a 12-month period, what is the rate of victimization, per day of care?”

Florida Compared to Other States

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children’s Bureau; however, the Children’s Bureau continues to track metrics related to the percentage of children that do not experience abuse while residing in foster care. For FFY 2020 Florida’s 99.99% mark ranked third in the nation behind only Wyoming.

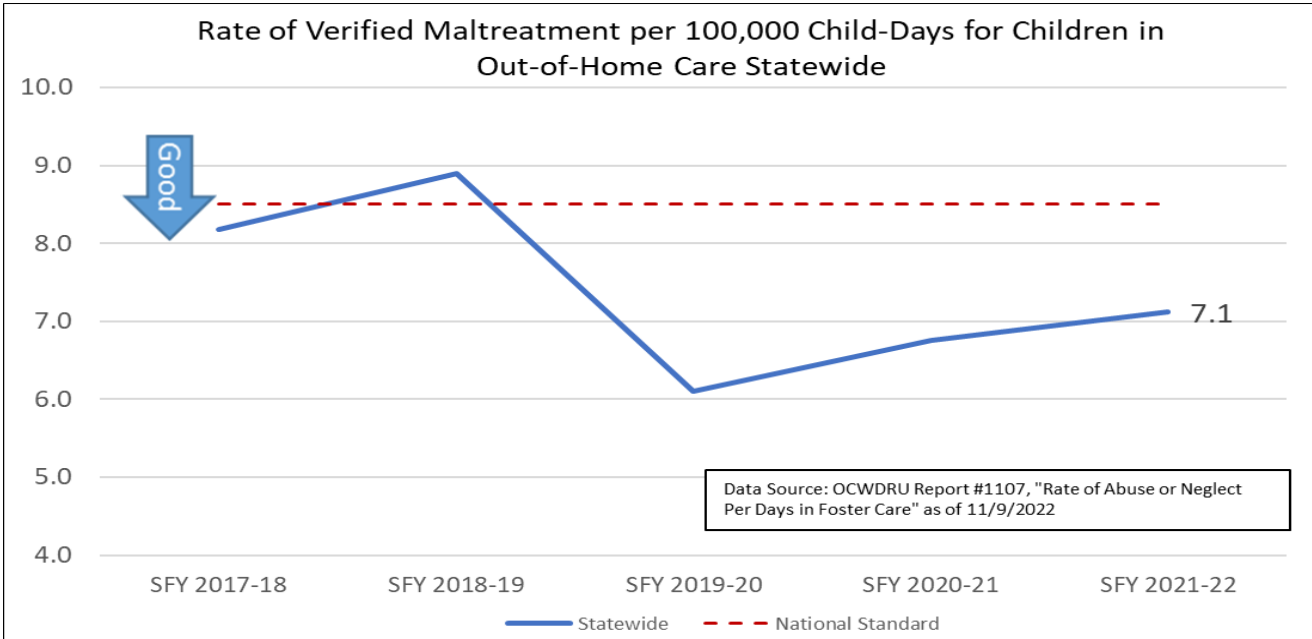


Maltreatment in Foster Care

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children’s Bureau. Florida’s calculated rates can vary slightly from other published sources appearing in the federal data profile used for CFSR-3, which uses AFCARS and NCANDS files submitted by states. These variations tend to result in Florida data appearing higher within the national comparison chart than the state and CBC data displayed below.

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida’s rate of maltreatment in foster care has declined by 35 percent over the last five years.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Florida has met the federal target for this metric for the past three years, with fourteen of the nineteen CBC circuit areas having met target in FY 2021-22.

Rate of Verified Maltreatment per 100,000 Child-Days for Children in Out-of-Home Care					
CBC	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21	SFY 2021-22
Brevard Family Partnership	8.9	6.8	3.3	3.2	7.4
ChildNet-Broward	6.4	5.7	3.6	5.2	8.6
ChildNet-Palm Beach	13.7	5.2	6.2	6.1	10.4
Childrens Network of SW Florida	7.3	8.4	8.7	9.2	7.0
Eckerd Connects	8.7	8.9	7.5	5.1	7.4
Citrus Health Network	13.1	7.3	5.1	7.8	2.8
Communities Connected for Kids	6.2	16.6	5.3	5.6	8.1
Community Partnership for Children	8.2	5.6	5.9	4.6	5.3
Embrace Families	6.6	4.8	4.2	8.8	8.5
Family Integrity Program	6.8	9.8	9.0	5.9	2.2
Family Support Services of North Fla	9.1	9.7	6.6	10.3	5.3
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	11.5	15.2	5.5	10.0	8.5
Heartland for Children	10.3	8.7	8.6	8.0	8.8
Kids Central, Inc.	6.6	11.2	3.5	7.7	5.0
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	7.8	8.9	5.5	5.4	4.7
Families First Network	5.1	10.9	4.4	8.2	5.0
NWF Health Network	10.4	9.3	5.2	6.9	9.3
Partnership for Strong Families	9.2	8.3	5.1	6.9	5.8
Safe Children Coalition	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.4	5.9
Statewide	8.2	8.9	6.1	6.8	7.1
Federal Target 8.5 or Lower	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1106, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect Per Days in Foster Care" as of 11/8/2022

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Maltreatment During Case-Managed Services

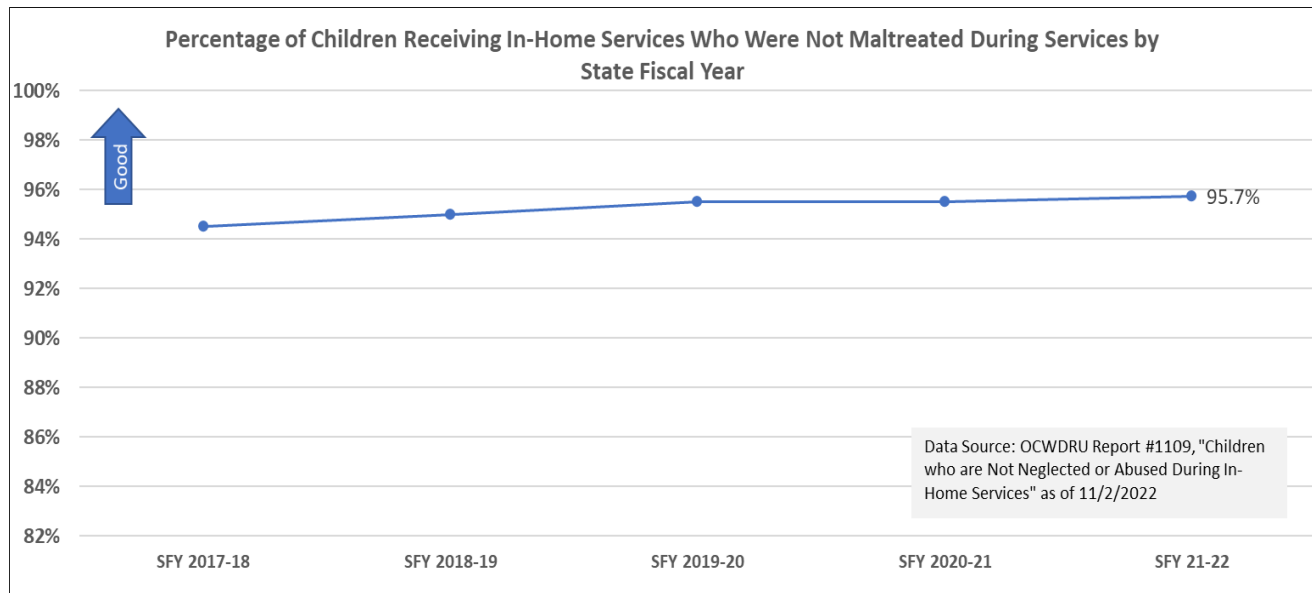
Children receiving case-managed in-home services include:

- Children found to be unsafe and needing ongoing assessment, planning, services, and frequent case manager visits to ensure safety while preventing removal and placement.
- Children receiving post-placement supervision.

As this service is for unsafe children with potential for removal, it is not surprising that some may have verified maltreatment while receiving these services. As with other recurrence indicators, measurement is influenced by verification rates.

Florida Statewide Trend

Performance for this metric has demonstrated slight improvement over the last five years.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

There is a narrow range of variance when comparing children that are not maltreated while receiving in-home services by area.

Percentage of Children Receiving In-Home Services Who Were Not Maltreated During Services by State Fiscal Year					
CBC	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21	SFY 21-22
Brevard Family Partnership	93.9%	93.6%	93.3%	96.0%	94.6%
ChildNet-Broward	92.1%	95.0%	96.0%	96.3%	96.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	96.1%	95.7%	95.8%	96.6%	95.7%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	94.8%	95.7%	96.6%	95.2%	97.4%
Eckerd Connects	95.6%	96.4%	95.6%	95.0%	96.1%
Citrus Health Network	95.9%	97.5%	97.5%	97.2%	95.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	93.1%	97.1%	96.1%	97.3%	94.7%
Community Partnership for Children	92.6%	93.4%	94.6%	95.2%	94.1%
Embrace Families	94.6%	94.5%	94.6%	94.8%	94.3%
Family Integrity Program	96.7%	95.8%	93.5%	97.9%	96.1%
Family Support Services of North Fla	95.2%	94.2%	94.9%	96.4%	96.6%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	93.7%	93.8%	94.8%	94.5%	93.8%
Heartland for Children	96.3%	93.7%	94.3%	97.0%	95.1%
Kids Central, Inc.	93.6%	95.2%	96.0%	95.0%	95.7%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	95.3%	96.3%	94.8%	95.1%	98.8%
Families First Network	98.3%	96.6%	96.8%	95.7%	96.4%
NWF Health Network	92.4%	94.4%	96.5%	93.2%	95.1%
Partnership for Strong Families	95.6%	94.5%	96.3%	95.4%	97.6%
Safe Children Coalition	94.4%	95.1%	94.5%	96.9%	97.3%
Statewide	94.5%	95.0%	95.5%	95.5%	95.7%
No Federal Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1109, "Children who are Not Neglected or Abused During In-Home Services" as of 11/2/2022

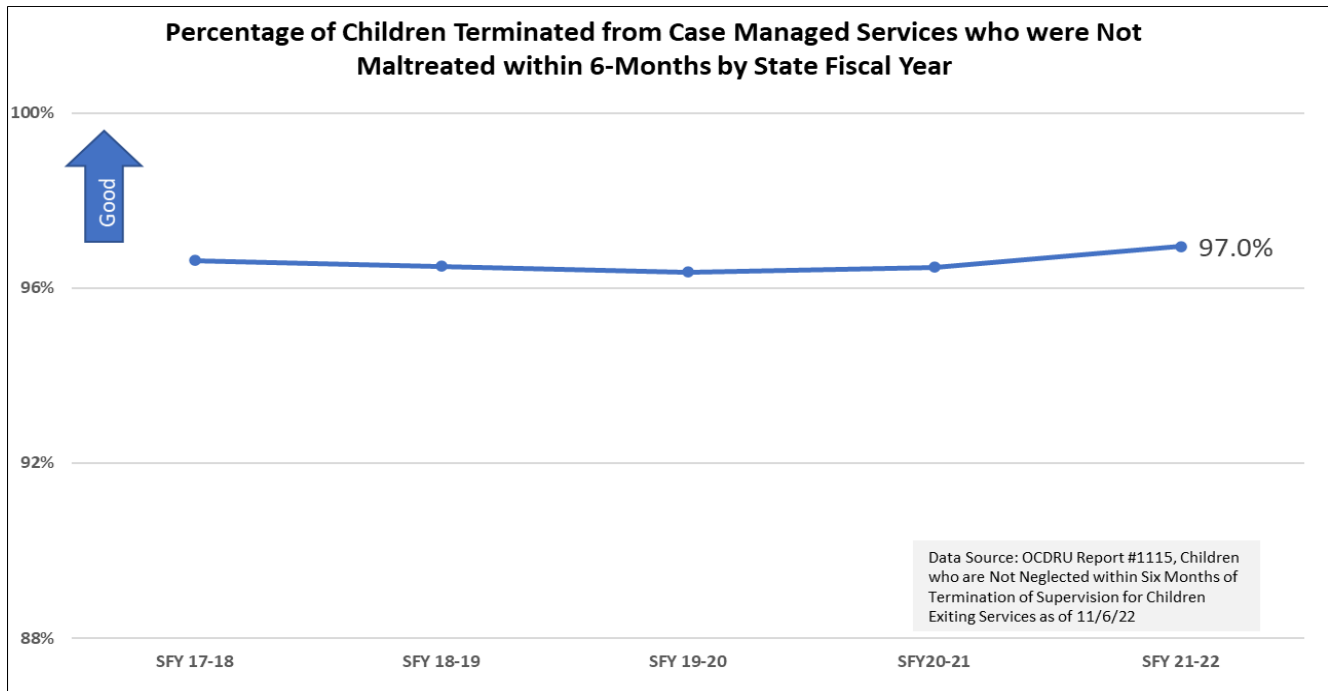
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Maltreatment after Termination of Case-Managed Services

Just as it is important to ensure safety of children receiving services, it is also important that supervision not be terminated prematurely; otherwise, the risk of subsequent maltreatment remains high.

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida has shown slight progress on this indicator over the last five years.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

The high rate of non-recurrence on this indicator connotes that children are generally safe after services are terminated. The chart below contains data for the entire fiscal year.

Percentage of Children Terminated from Case Managed Services who were Not Maltreated within 6-Months by State Fiscal Year

CBC	SFY 17-18	SFY 18-19	SFY 19-20	SFY 20-21	SFY 21-22
Brevard Family Partnership	95.64%	94.3%	96.8%	96.9%	96.4%
ChildNet-Broward	97.46%	97.2%	98.1%	96.2%	95.0%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	96.97%	97.0%	98.1%	95.0%	97.4%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	96.05%	96.5%	96.9%	97.1%	96.9%
Eckerd Connects	96.23%	97.2%	95.9%	97.3%	96.3%
Citrus Health Network	98.79%	98.0%	98.4%	97.5%	98.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	96.81%	98.0%	95.3%	98.5%	96.6%
Community Partnership for Children	95.72%	94.0%	95.8%	96.8%	97.1%
Embrace Families	96.52%	96.3%	97.1%	96.6%	98.1%
Family Integrity Program	94.44%	98.1%	94.7%	98.8%	95.3%
Family Support Services of North Fla	96.19%	95.3%	95.4%	96.0%	98.1%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	95.49%	96.3%	94.3%	94.0%	96.0%
Heartland for Children	97.00%	96.9%	97.0%	96.7%	98.1%
Kids Central, Inc.	97.40%	96.5%	97.4%	96.5%	97.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	95.73%	96.0%	94.3%	94.8%	96.4%
Families First Network	99.39%	98.4%	95.9%	97.8%	97.6%
NWF Health Network	96.28%	95.6%	96.8%	97.9%	97.5%
Partnership for Strong Families	97.08%	98.1%	97.5%	98.1%	97.8%
Safe Children Coalition	96.98%	97.0%	96.0%	95.3%	96.1%
Statewide	96.63%	96.5%	96.4%	96.5%	97.0%
No National Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: OCDRU Report #1115, Children who are Not Neglected within Six Months of Termination of Supervision for Children Exiting Services as of 11/6/22.

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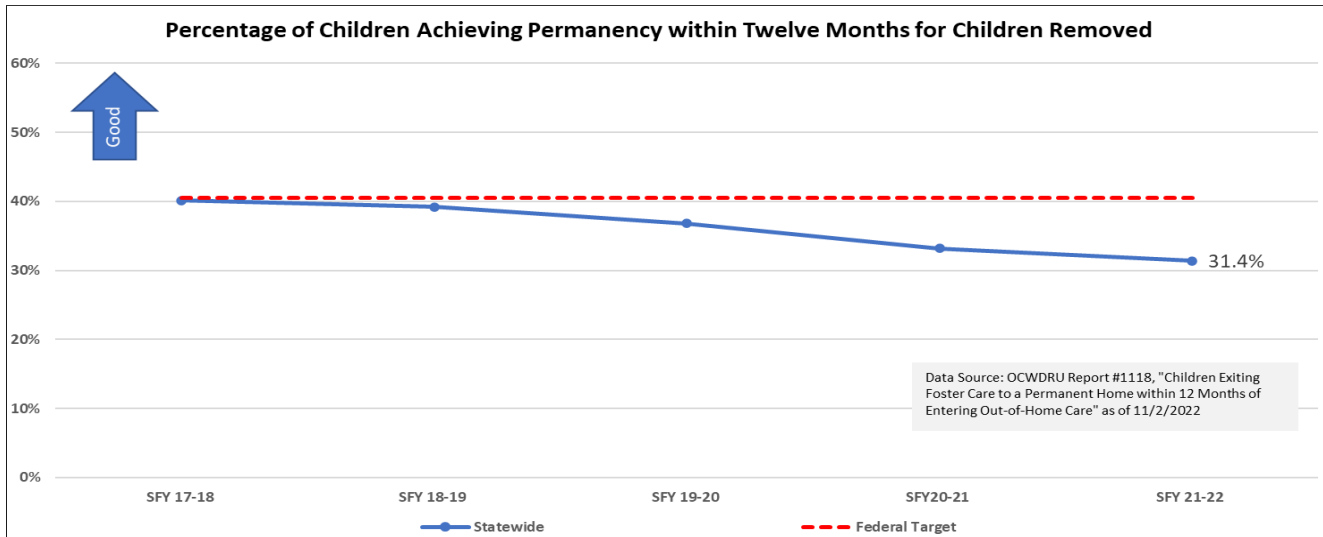
Permanency Indicators

Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Care

The first of the CFSR-3 permanency indicators answers the question, “Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what percent were discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering care?”

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida’s performance has been declining over past five years and did not meet the initial national standard of 40.5 percent in FY 2021-2022.



Current comparison to other states is not available; federal data comparing states’ performance has not been updated since 2012.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Florida’s statewide performance has been declined in 17 of the 19 CBC Lead Agency areas during the period used for CFSR-3. Only two Lead Agencies met the national target for this metric in FY 2021-2022.

CBC	SFY 17-18	SFY 18-19	SFY 19-20	SFY20-21	SFY 21-22
Brevard Family Partnership	53.50%	54.1%	39.3%	32.7%	33.1%
ChildNet-Broward	42.40%	38.4%	42.3%	31.8%	35.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	44.80%	47.1%	42.5%	44.8%	33.3%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	43.10%	45.9%	44.3%	42.9%	37.4%
Eckerd Connects	41.70%	37.2%	32.0%	27.0%	25.4%
Citrus Health Network	34.70%	36.3%	34.1%	36.5%	30.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	46.30%	40.8%	34.7%	46.3%	45.5%
Community Partnership for Children	27.80%	23.7%	32.0%	29.5%	26.9%
Embrace Families	39.80%	42.0%	36.3%	35.7%	30.8%
Family Integrity Program	31.60%	48.1%	51.0%	35.7%	48.8%
Family Support Services of North Fla	39.50%	43.5%	44.3%	34.2%	37.1%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	38.40%	34.1%	29.0%	26.3%	27.2%
Heartland for Children	44.40%	40.6%	40.0%	30.8%	34.8%
Kids Central, Inc.	40.20%	39.2%	40.8%	37.2%	33.4%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	17.50%	32.1%	25.5%	32.0%	30.4%
Families First Network	30.30%	30.8%	26.9%	28.2%	30.8%
NWF Health Network	38.30%	34.0%	32.3%	27.9%	23.1%
Partnership for Strong Families	43.90%	45.5%	42.3%	28.1%	23.4%
Safe Children Coalition	40.40%	39.8%	39.7%	33.2%	38.7%
Statewide	40.10%	39.2%	36.8%	33.2%	31.4%
Federal Target	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%	40.5%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1118, "Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months of Entering Out-of-Home Care" as of 11/2/2022

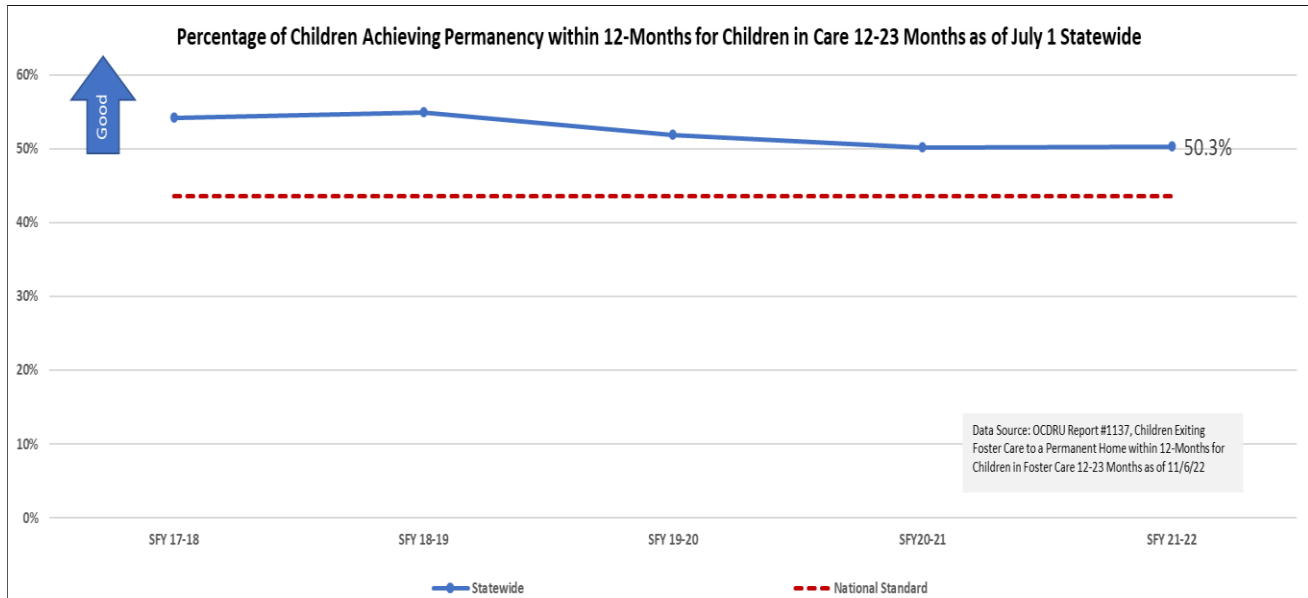
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Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 12-23 Months

This permanency indicator answers the question, “Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day?”

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida’s performance has declined over the past five years, but continues to exceed the national standard.



Current comparison to other states is not available; federal data comparing states’ performance has not been updated since 2014.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Performance in all but three of the CBCs exceeded the national standard for this metric for SFY 2021-22.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within 12-Months for Children in Care 12-23 Months as of July 1					
CBC	SFY 17-18	SFY 18-19	SFY 19-20	SFY 20-21	SFY 21-22
Brevard Family Partnership	59.69%	65.6%	48.6%	52.4%	56.1%
ChildNet-Broward	53.85%	54.2%	59.0%	50.6%	51.0%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	64.98%	53.7%	60.0%	59.3%	61.1%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	55.14%	64.2%	57.8%	54.4%	61.0%
Eckerd Connects	46.57%	50.9%	43.9%	42.6%	38.5%
Citrus Health Network	49.33%	61.1%	59.2%	47.9%	48.9%
Communities Connected for Kids	61.64%	56.6%	56.8%	57.7%	77.6%
Community Partnership for Children	55.12%	50.5%	58.7%	34.2%	52.4%
Embrace Families	57.29%	53.2%	47.8%	51.5%	46.3%
Family Integrity Program	59.65%	74.2%	79.0%	73.1%	63.9%
Family Support Services of North Fla	79.70%	75.2%	62.6%	63.6%	63.4%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	49.90%	46.7%	42.3%	49.3%	44.5%
Heartland for Children	50.68%	55.1%	52.1%	52.8%	50.3%
Kids Central, Inc.	45.47%	41.0%	51.8%	47.7%	43.2%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	62.69%	52.5%	67.5%	53.1%	46.0%
Families First Network	52.42%	57.9%	44.9%	51.0%	49.8%
NWF Health Network	53.57%	47.9%	42.3%	48.1%	41.5%
Partnership for Strong Families	68.04%	68.3%	63.3%	53.3%	61.0%
Safe Children Coalition	54.77%	55.7%	52.9%	52.2%	54.8%
Statewide	54.21%	54.9%	51.9%	50.2%	50.3%
National Standard	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%

Data Source: OCDRU Report #1137, Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12-Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months as of 11/6/22

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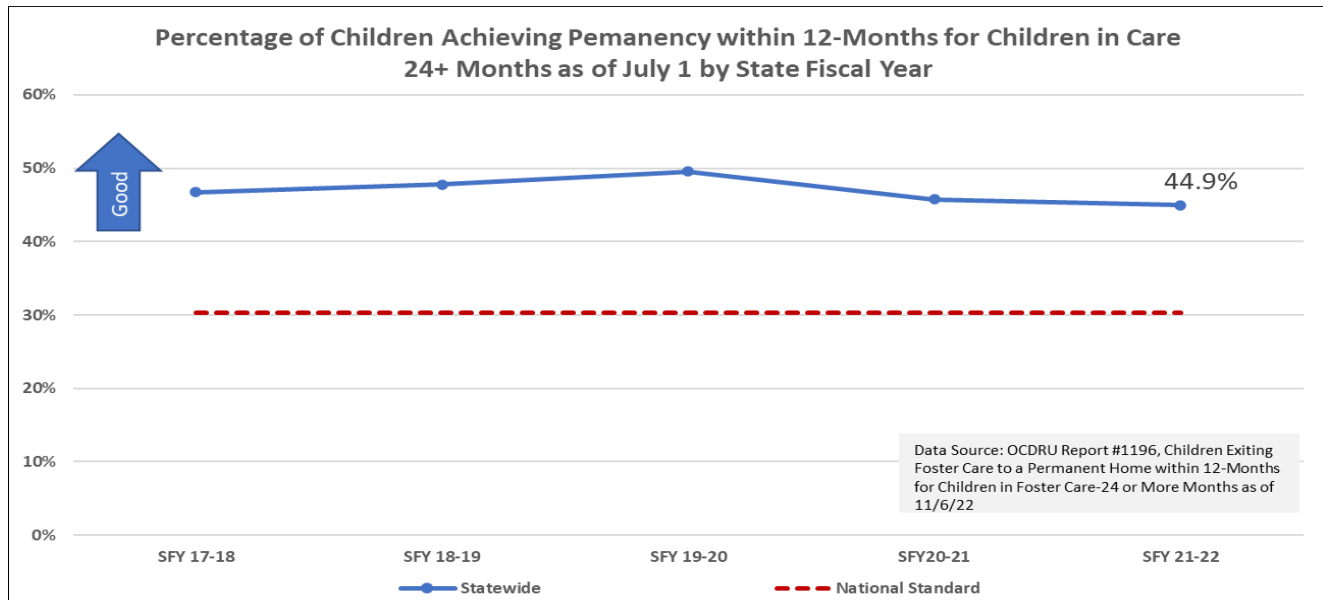
Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 24+ Months

This permanency indicator answers the question, “Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in care (in that episode) for 24 months or more, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day?”

Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 24+ Months

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida’s performance has consistently met the national standard for this metric.



Current comparison to other states is not available; federal data comparing states’ performance has not been updated since 2014.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

There is strong performance throughout the state on this measure, with all CBCs having met the national standard for this metric in SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within 12-Months for Children in Care 24+ Months as of July 1						
CBC	SFY 16-17	SFY 17-18	SFY 18-19	SFY 19-20	SFY 20-21	SFY 21-22
Brevard Family Partnership	47.62%	52.83%	48.5%	50.0%	50.5%	62.2%
ChildNet-Broward	44.52%	39.25%	46.0%	49.6%	42.4%	39.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	36.75%	39.24%	43.9%	42.0%	44.9%	49.2%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	52.97%	45.73%	43.1%	54.0%	53.6%	54.7%
Eckerd Connects	44.36%	51.80%	42.6%	45.9%	47.6%	34.8%
Citrus Health Network	38.79%	38.05%	37.5%	41.1%	31.4%	34.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	50.00%	54.26%	42.4%	59.8%	51.6%	64.3%
Community Partnership for Children	54.14%	49.18%	54.2%	62.7%	35.4%	46.5%
Embrace Families	44.74%	50.50%	53.1%	45.0%	49.7%	47.3%
Family Integrity Program	42.86%	46.15%	55.9%	57.1%	25.0%	52.4%
Family Support Services of North Fla	47.44%	36.07%	42.0%	46.3%	36.3%	40.2%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	42.92%	48.60%	48.9%	44.2%	40.5%	39.2%
Heartland for Children	49.12%	54.75%	47.5%	50.8%	45.3%	51.4%
Kids Central, Inc.	46.48%	45.80%	47.6%	53.7%	52.3%	40.1%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	41.18%	67.50%	46.9%	61.4%	45.5%	58.2%
Families First Network	54.55%	49.21%	59.5%	45.2%	53.3%	54.1%
NWF Health Network	46.99%	56.77%	52.2%	56.3%	55.1%	48.8%
Partnership for Strong Families	41.89%	45.16%	57.3%	52.8%	44.6%	48.2%
Safe Children Coalition	43.16%	49.31%	60.6%	54.4%	44.6%	51.2%
Statewide	45.26%	46.74%	47.8%	49.5%	45.8%	44.9%
National Standard	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%

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Re-entry to Foster Care

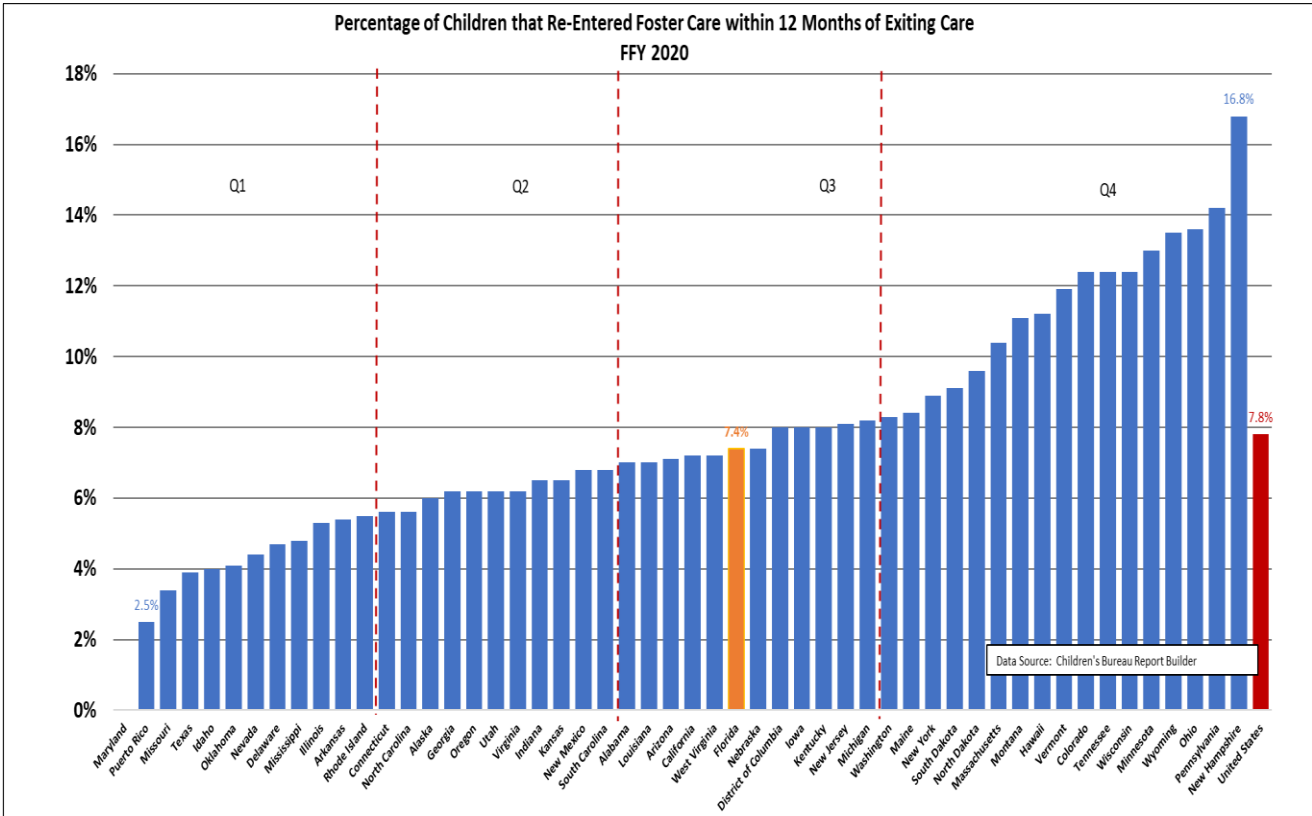
Areas with high performance on the entry cohort indicator tend to have high re-entry rates.

Re-entry to Foster Care in 12 Months

This permanency indicator is paired with the entry cohort and answers the question, “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 re-entered care within 12 months of their discharge?”

Florida Compared to Other States

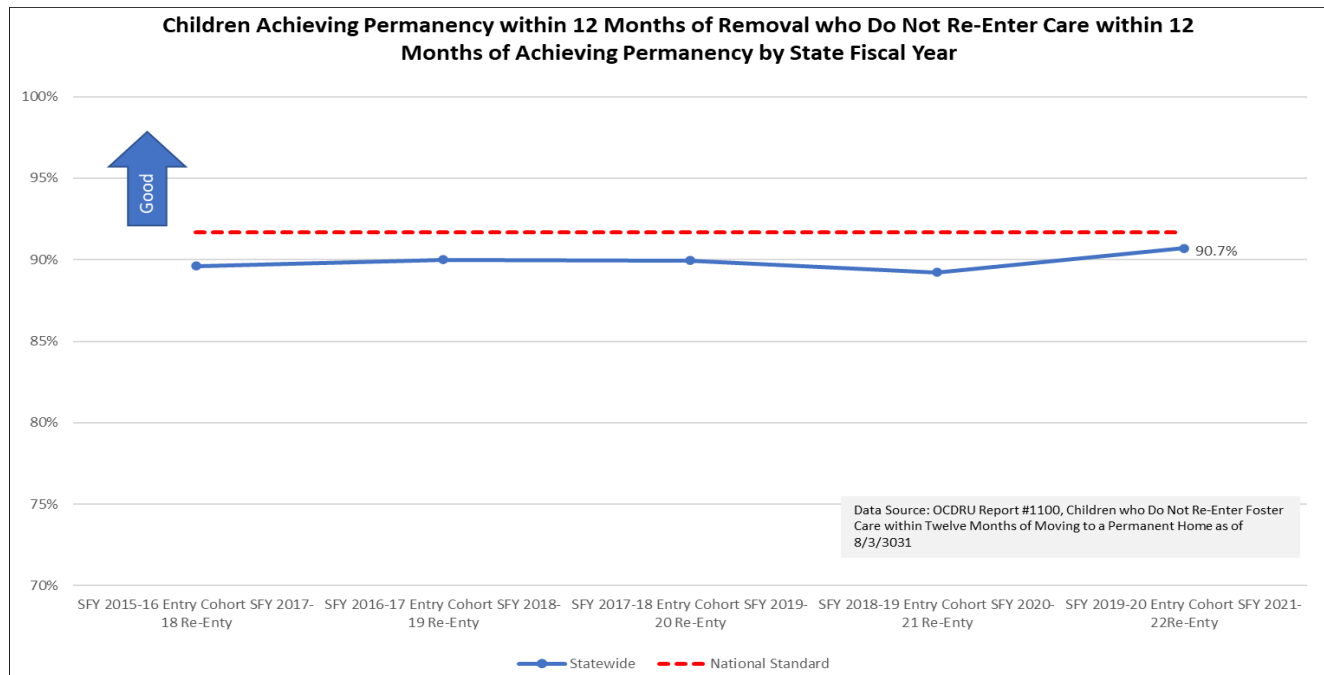
Florida’s rate of re-entry into Foster Care within 12-Months of exiting care during FFY 2020 was in the third quartile among nationally ranked states and was below the national average of 7.8 percent.



Re-entry to Foster Care in 12 Months

Florida Statewide Trend

Although the national CFSR-3 indicator is the percent that re-entered care (initial standard 8.3 percent), Florida displays the indicator as the percent that did not re-enter care (initial standard 91.7 percent). Florida's performance in the SFY 2019-2020 entry cohort did not meet the federal standard for this metric, but shows improvement.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Ten CBC Lead Agencies were able to meet the federal target for the percentage of children that achieved permanency that did not reenter OHC for the SFY 2019-2020 entry cohort.

Children Achieving Permanency within 12-Months of Removal who Do Not Re-Enter Care within 12-Months of Achieving Permanency					
Agency	SFY 2015-16 Entry SFY 2017-18 Re-Entry	SFY 2016-17 Entry SFY 2018-19 Re-Entry	SFY 2017-18 Entry SFY 2019-20 Re-Entry	SFY 2018-19 Entry SFY 2020-21 Re-Entry	SFY 2019-20 Entry SFY 2021-22 Re-Entry
Brevard Family Partnership	89.9%	89.4%	87.8%	82.5%	92.8%
ChildNet-Broward	90.3%	90.2%	89.5%	90.7%	83.0%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	94.4%	91.2%	90.1%	88.8%	92.7%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	92.1%	91.9%	86.6%	89.0%	94.7%
Eckerd Connects	88.4%	90.4%	90.4%	88.9%	89.6%
Citrus Health Network	90.0%	90.5%	86.9%	93.1%	88.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	84.7%	87.8%	90.9%	88.7%	90.4%
Community Partnership for Children	82.9%	83.6%	85.6%	87.5%	86.4%
Embrace Families	91.0%	87.6%	92.0%	94.2%	92.1%
Family Integrity Program	90.7%	94.1%	97.7%	79.2%	88.7%
Family Support Services of North Fla	91.6%	95.6%	89.8%	89.7%	86.4%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	90.7%	90.1%	90.0%	89.3%	93.5%
Heartland for Children	85.9%	89.6%	88.1%	84.0%	92.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	88.6%	95.1%	91.8%	91.7%	86.2%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	92.7%	88.5%	97.8%	91.5%	90.7%
Families First Network	91.1%	88.5%	92.9%	85.9%	92.4%
NWF Health Network	87.1%	84.5%	91.8%	87.5%	92.9%
Partnership for Strong Families	92.6%	92.6%	91.5%	92.3%	93.7%
Safe Children Coalition	92.0%	89.6%	89.6%	90.3%	92.3%
Statewide	89.6%	90.0%	90.0%	89.2%	90.7%
National Standard	91.7%	91.7%	91.7%	91.7%	91.7%

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Drivers of Timely Permanency

Caseworker Visits with Children in Care

According to the Children’s Bureau, achieving permanency in a timely manner for children in foster care can be linked in part to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the CFSR, an association was found between caseworker visits measures and positive outcomes for children in foster care. For example, frequent contact between the caseworker and the child was associated with better ratings on the CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

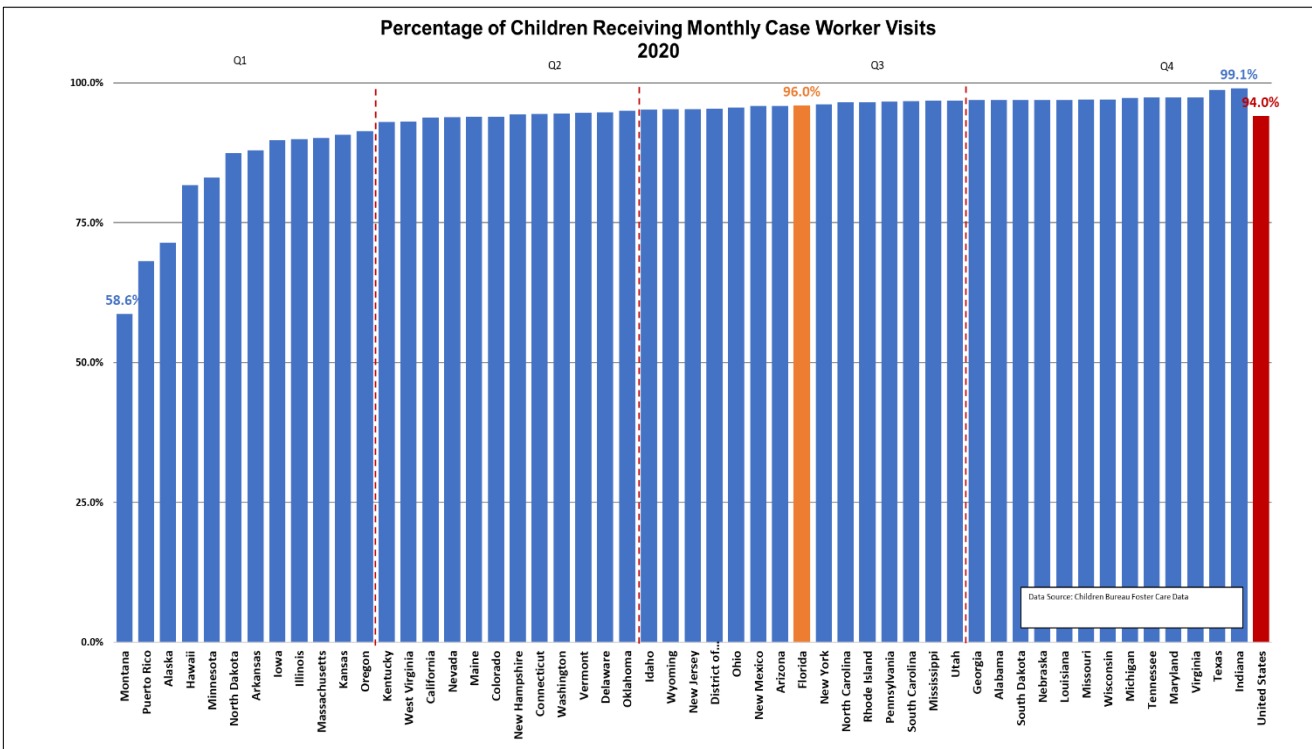
Title IV-B of the Social Security Act requires states to collect data on monthly caseworker visits for children in foster care. The caseworker visit data includes the percentage of children visited each full month they were in care, as well as the proportion of those visits that occurred in the homes where the children were then living.

Percentage of Children Receiving Monthly Caseworker Visits

This federal indicator answers the question, “Of the children in care, what percent received monthly caseworker visits?”

Florida Compared to Other States

Florida has consistently performed above national averages for case management visits with children. The chart below includes the most recent FFY data available for this indicator.

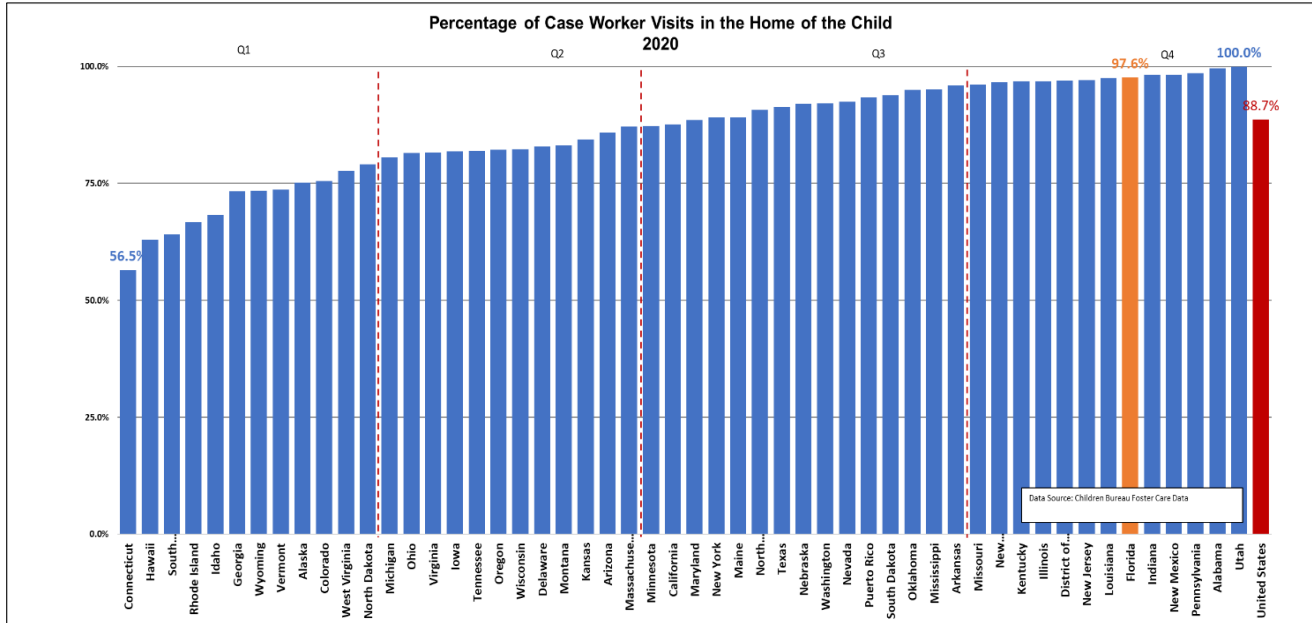


Percentage of Monthly Visits that Occurred in the Home of the Child

This related federal indicator answers the question, “Of the children visited, what percent of the visits were in the home of the child?”

Florida Compared to Other States

Florida is among the nationwide leaders when comparing the percentage of monthly visits that were made in the child’s home. Below includes the most recent FFY data available for this indicator.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Florida’s similar indicator measures percent of visits completed within 30 days of the last visit. Average statewide performance, 99.24 percent, is just slightly below the 99.5 percent target with twelve of the nineteen CBC Lead Agencies meeting the target.

Percentage of Children Under Supervision that are Seen Every 30 Days												
CBC	FY 2020 Q1	FY 2020 Q2	FY 2020 Q3	FY 2020 Q4	FY 2021 Q1	FY 2021 Q2	FY 2021 Q3	FY 2021 Q4	FY 2022 Q4	FY 2022 Q3	FY 2022 Q2	FY 2022 Q1
Brevard Family Partnership	99.59%	99.75%	99.80%	99.85%	99.90%	99.91%	99.90%	99.88%	99.77%	99.78%	99.80%	99.88%
ChildNet-Broward	99.88%	99.88%	99.89%	99.86%	99.82%	99.74%	99.78%	99.80%	99.71%	99.75%	99.85%	99.80%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	99.91%	99.90%	99.89%	99.87%	99.69%	99.53%	99.61%	99.64%	99.64%	99.72%	99.75%	99.76%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	99.90%	99.87%	99.89%	99.94%	99.96%	99.97%	99.93%	99.94%	99.88%	99.87%	99.85%	99.90%
Eckerd Connects	99.69%	99.60%	99.66%	99.64%	99.68%	99.70%	99.59%	99.32%	98.30%	98.27%	99.07%	99.14%
Citrus Health Network	99.47%	99.46%	99.61%	99.69%	99.73%	99.75%	99.73%	99.73%	99.67%	99.69%	99.68%	99.69%
Communities Connected for Kids	99.54%	99.41%	99.41%	99.51%	99.66%	99.72%	99.74%	99.69%	99.63%	99.57%	99.61%	99.60%
Community Partnership for Children	99.71%	99.78%	99.74%	99.69%	99.53%	98.99%	99.05%	99.03%	99.36%	99.41%	99.55%	99.05%
Embrace Families	99.73%	99.62%	99.44%	99.26%	99.17%	99.18%	99.24%	99.18%	97.72%	97.91%	98.45%	98.71%
Families First Network	99.56%	99.50%	99.50%	99.48%	99.52%	99.51%	99.55%	99.51%	99.62%	99.61%	99.59%	99.55%
Family Integrity Program	100.00%	99.63%	99.95%	99.95%	99.95%	99.99%	99.99%	99.86%	99.76%	99.99%	99.96%	99.86%
Family Support Services of North Fla	99.77%	99.76%	99.73%	99.69%	99.74%	99.76%	99.76%	99.75%	99.86%	99.80%	99.76%	99.69%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	99.69%	99.68%	99.69%	99.73%	99.80%	99.81%	99.73%	99.48%	97.09%	97.88%	98.58%	98.80%
Heartland for Children	99.91%	99.93%	99.93%	99.95%	99.94%	99.92%	99.93%	99.91%	99.82%	99.82%	99.87%	99.88%
Kids Central, Inc.	99.73%	99.88%	99.85%	99.83%	99.82%	99.75%	99.77%	99.76%	99.40%	99.45%	99.54%	99.72%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	99.96%	99.93%	99.87%	99.81%	99.70%	99.30%	98.22%	97.36%	95.34%	94.55%	94.30%	96.20%
NWF Health Network	99.24%	99.38%	99.37%	99.51%	99.56%	99.33%	99.34%	99.35%	99.66%	99.69%	99.56%	99.35%
Partnership for Strong Families	99.80%	99.75%	99.79%	99.78%	99.80%	99.74%	99.74%	99.77%	99.93%	99.93%	99.86%	99.79%
Safe Children Coalition	99.85%	99.82%	99.76%	99.76%	99.74%	99.71%	99.60%	99.53%	99.43%	99.47%	99.36%	99.37%
Statewide	99.25%	99.38%	99.43%	99.48%	99.60%	99.54%	99.51%	99.43%	98.91%	99.02%	99.21%	99.27%

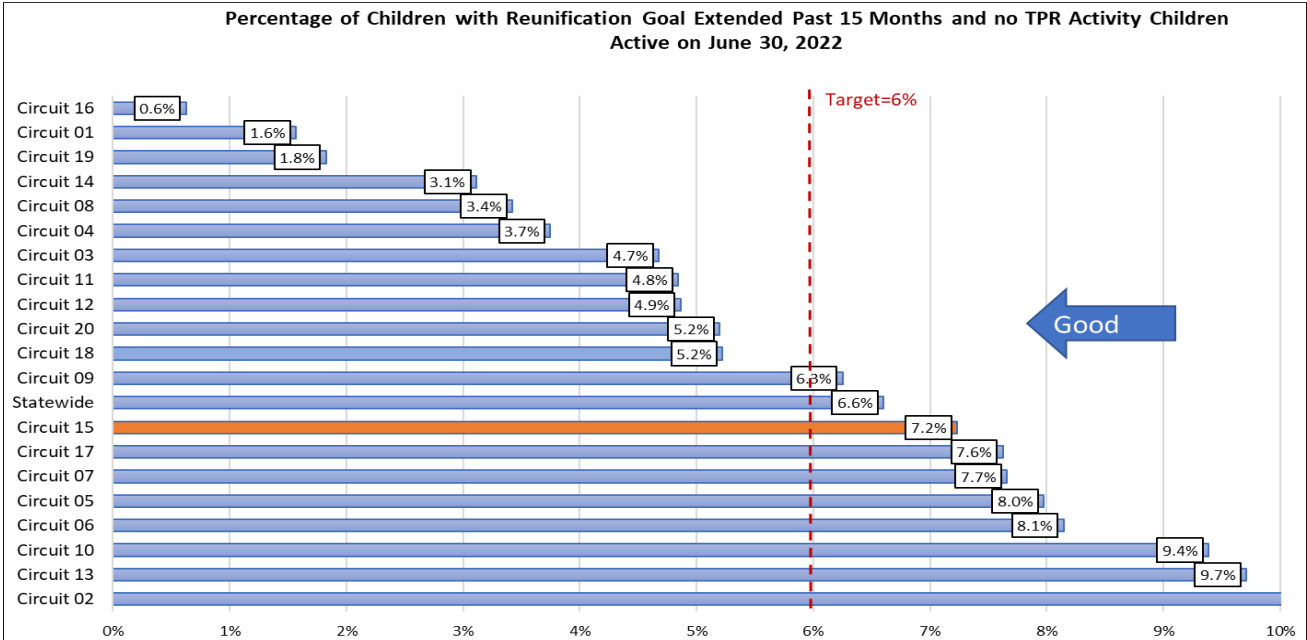
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Children's Legal Services Indicators

Reunification Goal after 15 Months & No Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Activity

Circuit Comparisons

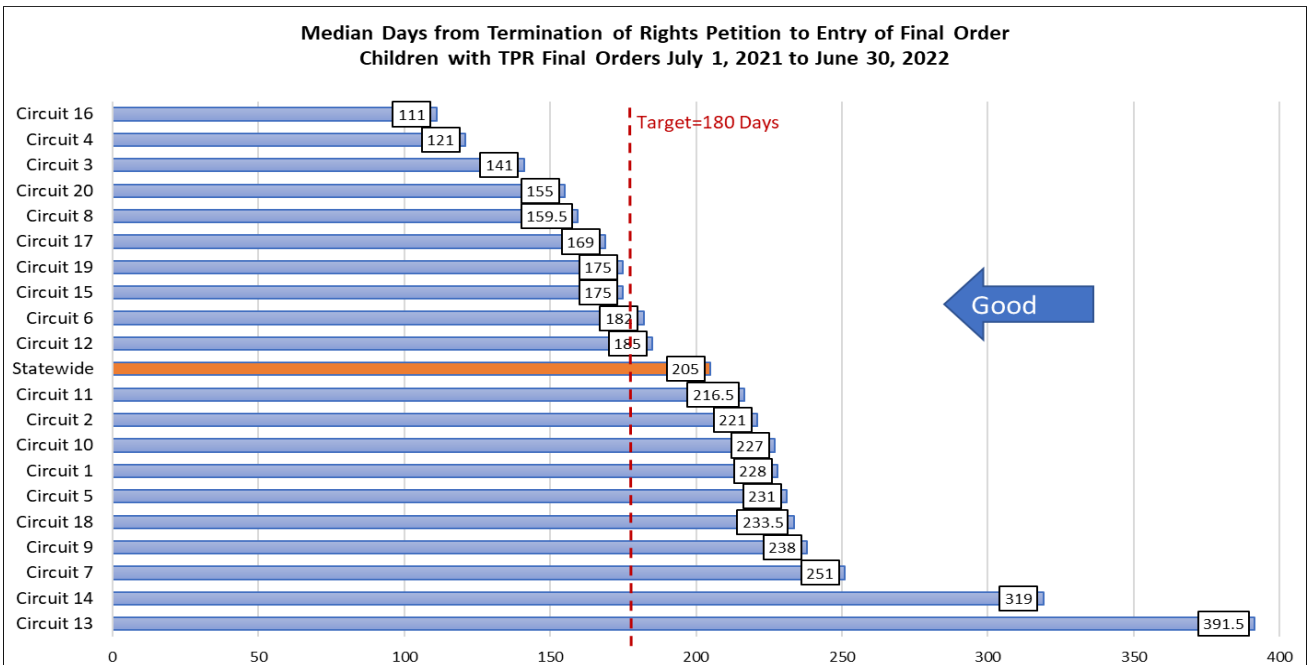
The statewide performance met the established target for this metric during SFY 2021-2022 with a median performance of 5.6 percent. Wide variation is observed amongst the circuits, with percentages ranging from 0.9 percent to 9.2 percent.



Timeliness of Termination of Parental Rights, from Petition to Order

Circuit Comparisons

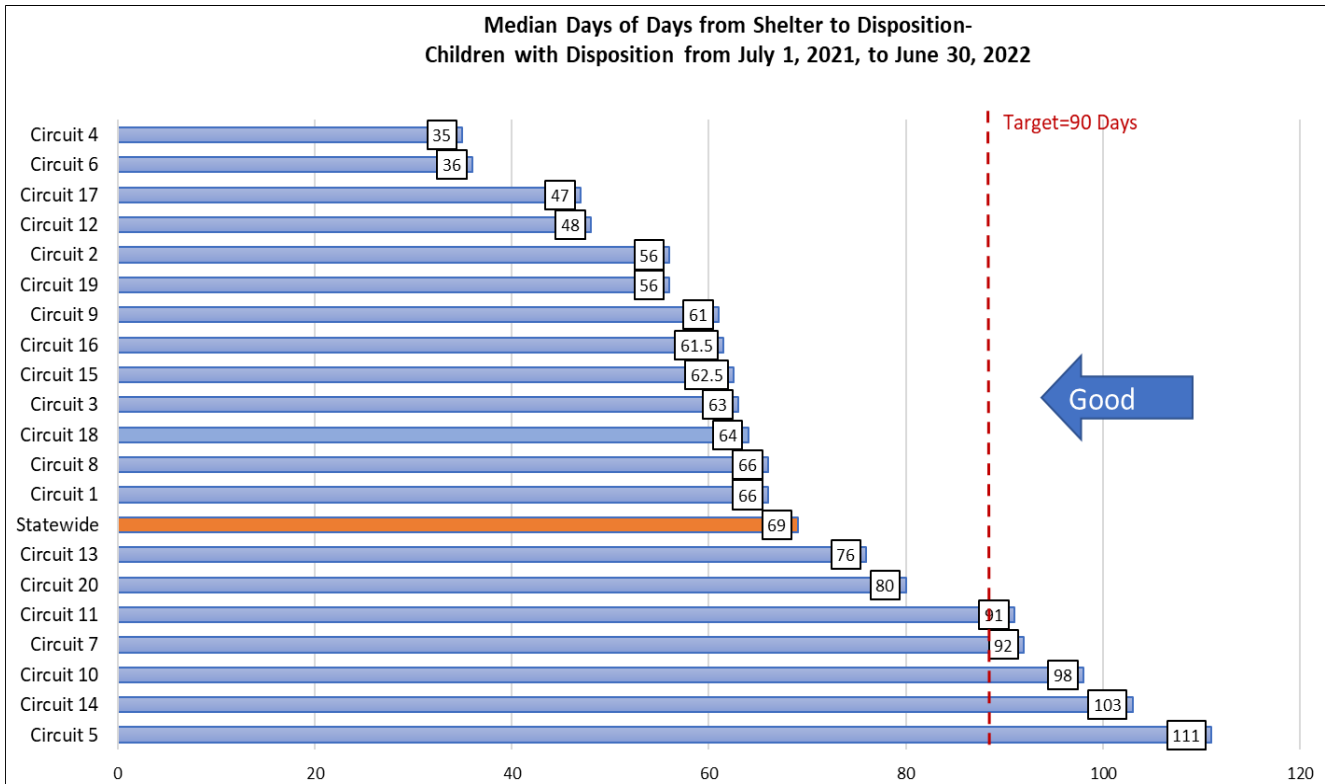
The statewide performance did not meet the established target for this metric during SFY 2021-22 with a median performance of 211 days. Wide variation is observed amongst the circuits, with median days ranging from 76 to 391.5-days.



Time from Removal Date to Disposition Order

Circuit Comparisons

The statewide median met the established target at 69 days in SFY 2021-22. Wide variation is observed amongst circuits, with median days ranging from 35 to 111 days.



Well-Being of Children in Out-of-Home Care

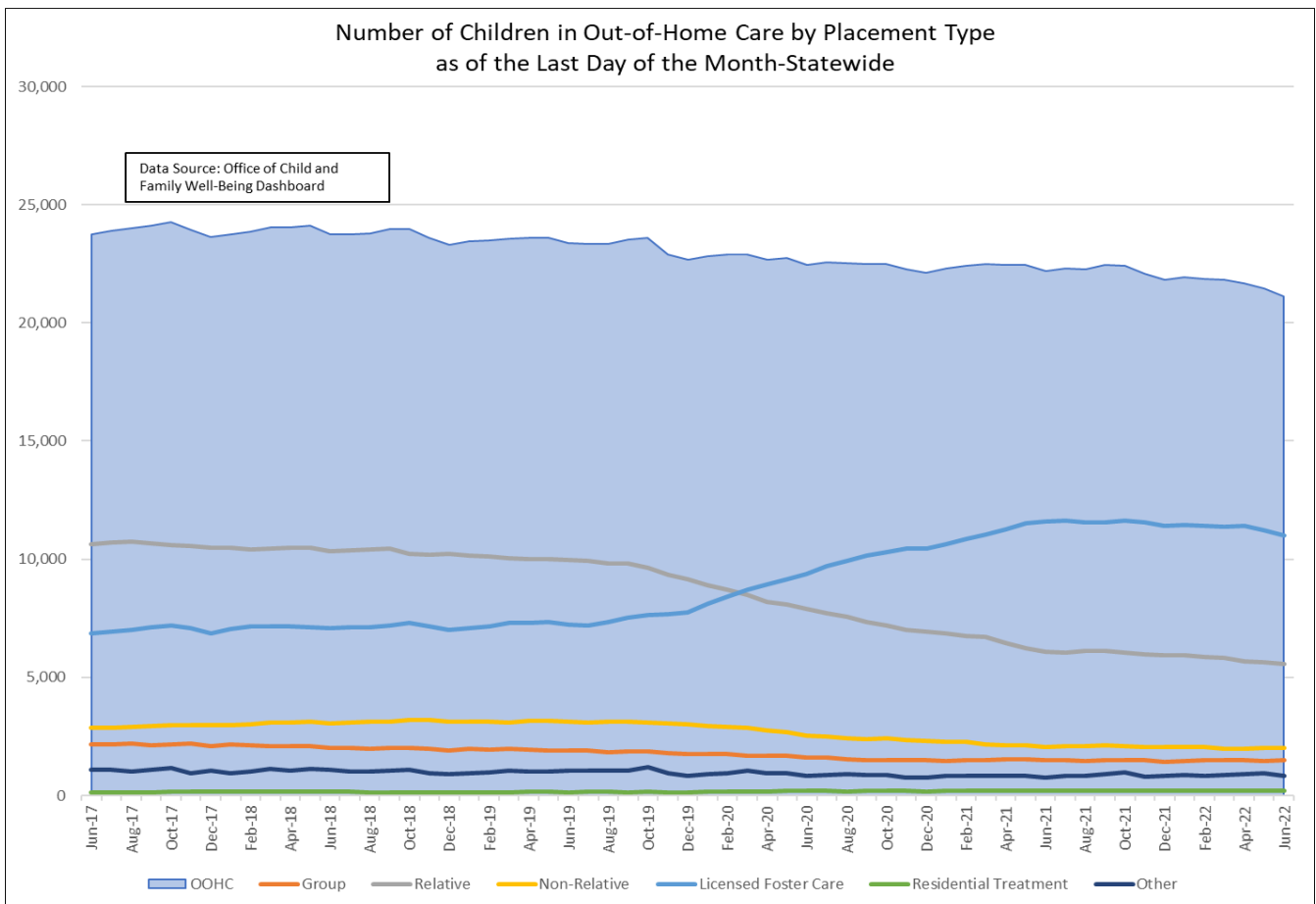
Appropriate Placements for Children Removed from Families

Trends and Variations in Placement Types

Federal law requires that a case plan be designed to achieve a safe placement in the least restrictive, most family-like setting available, within close proximity to a parent(s) home, when the goal is reunification. When children must be removed, priority is given to placement with kin, both relatives and unrelated persons, with significant relationship to the child before removal.

Florida Statewide Trend

Since SFY 2017-18 OHC numbers and placement type usage has been fairly stable. SFY 2019-2020 changes related to categorization of licensed relative and nonrelative placements as licensed relative and nonrelative foster homes have created the recent trend of decreasing relative and nonrelative care and increasing family licensed care placements. In general, the number of children placed in traditional foster home has remained fairly stable.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Statewide, there is a wide range in use of kinship care, the benefits of which include reduced trauma, maintained familial connections, and reduced costs of care.

Average Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Placement Type by SFY - No DCF Target															
CBC	SFY 2017-18			SFY 2018-19			SFY 2019-20			SFY 2020-21			SFY 2021-22		
	Percentage Relative and Non-Relative Care	Percentage Licensed Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Non-Relative Care	Percentage Licensed Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Non-Relative Care	Percentage Licensed Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Non-Relative Care	Percentage Licensed Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Non-Relative Care	Percentage Licensed Care	Percentage Other
Brevard Family Partnership	61.6%	33.8%	4.6%	58.3%	36.5%	5.2%	58.9%	37.3%	3.9%	48.6%	48.1%	3.2%	43.3%	53.8%	2.8%
ChildNet-Broward	52.5%	42.5%	5.0%	53.4%	42.0%	4.6%	45.3%	49.2%	5.5%	30.6%	65.6%	3.8%	26.0%	69.4%	4.6%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	48.9%	43.8%	7.3%	53.4%	40.2%	6.4%	53.6%	41.4%	5.0%	39.9%	56.8%	3.3%	26.9%	70.2%	2.9%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	53.0%	43.6%	3.4%	51.5%	44.2%	4.3%	47.2%	48.2%	4.6%	38.2%	58.1%	3.7%	30.7%	65.6%	3.7%
Eckerd Connects	57.4%	39.5%	3.0%	56.6%	40.7%	2.7%	53.2%	43.3%	3.5%	41.9%	54.8%	3.3%	40.4%	55.7%	3.9%
Citrus Health Network	49.8%	45.4%	4.9%	46.9%	48.1%	5.0%	38.5%	57.0%	4.5%	27.6%	67.7%	4.7%	28.2%	67.8%	4.0%
Communities Connected for Kids	59.1%	34.1%	6.8%	58.3%	36.0%	5.7%	55.0%	38.3%	6.7%	39.5%	55.5%	4.9%	35.6%	57.4%	7.0%
Community Partnership for Children	58.4%	37.3%	4.3%	56.2%	39.5%	4.3%	52.5%	42.3%	5.2%	43.1%	53.4%	3.5%	32.7%	63.1%	4.2%
Embrace Families	60.1%	36.0%	4.0%	63.8%	32.6%	3.6%	56.9%	39.4%	3.7%	45.4%	51.7%	2.9%	39.1%	57.7%	3.3%
Families First Network	53.8%	41.0%	5.3%	55.1%	41.3%	3.6%	54.0%	41.9%	4.1%	45.3%	50.7%	4.0%	40.4%	55.6%	4.0%
Family Integrity Program	54.1%	41.2%	4.7%	64.4%	32.1%	3.5%	51.8%	44.5%	3.7%	32.5%	64.1%	3.4%	26.8%	65.8%	7.4%
Family Support Services of North Fla	49.2%	41.9%	8.9%	50.4%	40.3%	9.3%	43.5%	47.3%	9.2%	34.1%	58.5%	7.4%	26.2%	66.9%	6.9%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	55.9%	39.6%	4.4%	53.8%	42.0%	4.1%	51.6%	44.8%	3.5%	40.2%	55.7%	4.0%	38.9%	57.1%	4.0%
Heartland for Children	65.1%	31.5%	3.4%	64.1%	31.8%	4.1%	57.3%	39.6%	3.1%	43.7%	53.0%	3.3%	35.7%	61.1%	3.2%
Kids Central, Inc.	55.8%	41.7%	2.5%	57.2%	40.5%	2.3%	51.8%	45.6%	2.6%	46.3%	51.6%	2.1%	44.4%	53.2%	2.3%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	67.0%	29.0%	4.1%	64.1%	32.9%	3.0%	56.2%	39.4%	4.4%	34.4%	61.9%	3.8%	35.0%	61.1%	3.9%
NWF Health Network	60.0%	36.6%	3.4%	59.3%	37.4%	3.3%	54.9%	42.2%	2.9%	42.0%	55.6%	2.4%	33.1%	63.7%	3.2%
Partnership for Strong Families	66.1%	29.3%	4.5%	63.3%	31.6%	5.2%	55.9%	39.2%	4.9%	46.4%	50.0%	3.6%	42.8%	53.1%	4.2%
Safe Children Coalition	60.8%	35.1%	4.1%	59.1%	36.4%	4.5%	52.0%	43.7%	4.3%	42.8%	52.0%	5.2%	37.0%	58.0%	5.1%

Data Source: Office of Child and Family Well-Being Dashboard

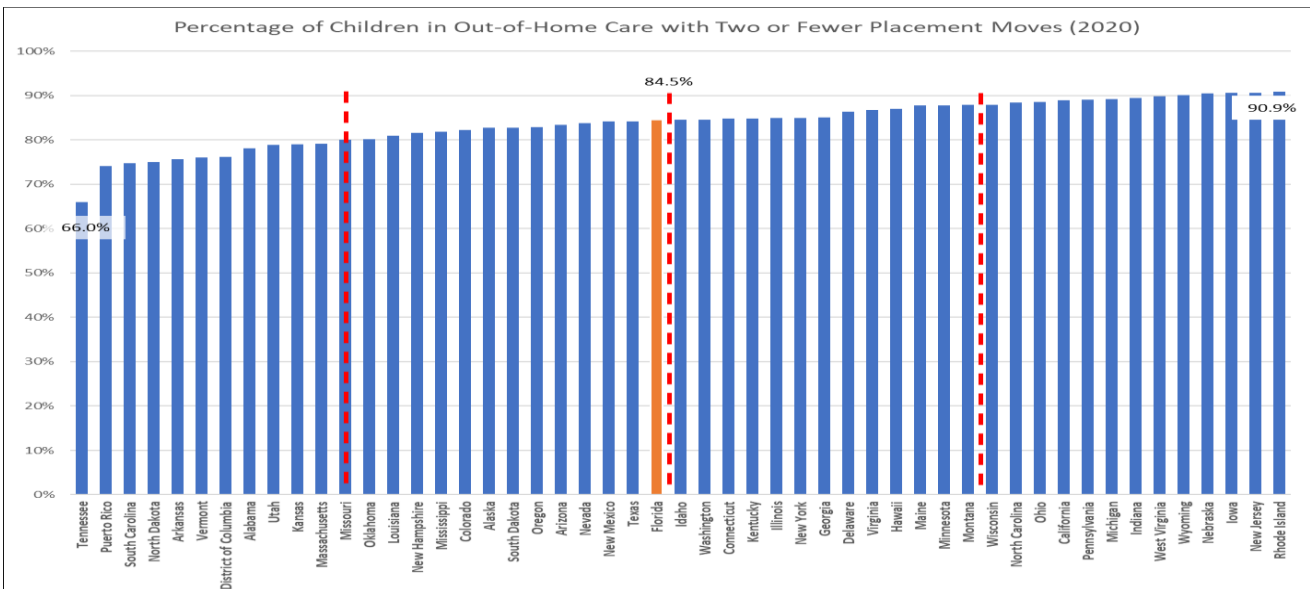
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Stable Placements That Maintain Connections Placement Stability

The Children’s Bureau issued Technical Bulletin #9 in October 2016 that alerted states to technical errors calculation syntax for national and state performance data for placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care. Data for the percentage of children with two or fewer placement moves as of September 30, 2016, was provided as a surrogate measure for state-to-state comparison.

Florida Compared to Other States

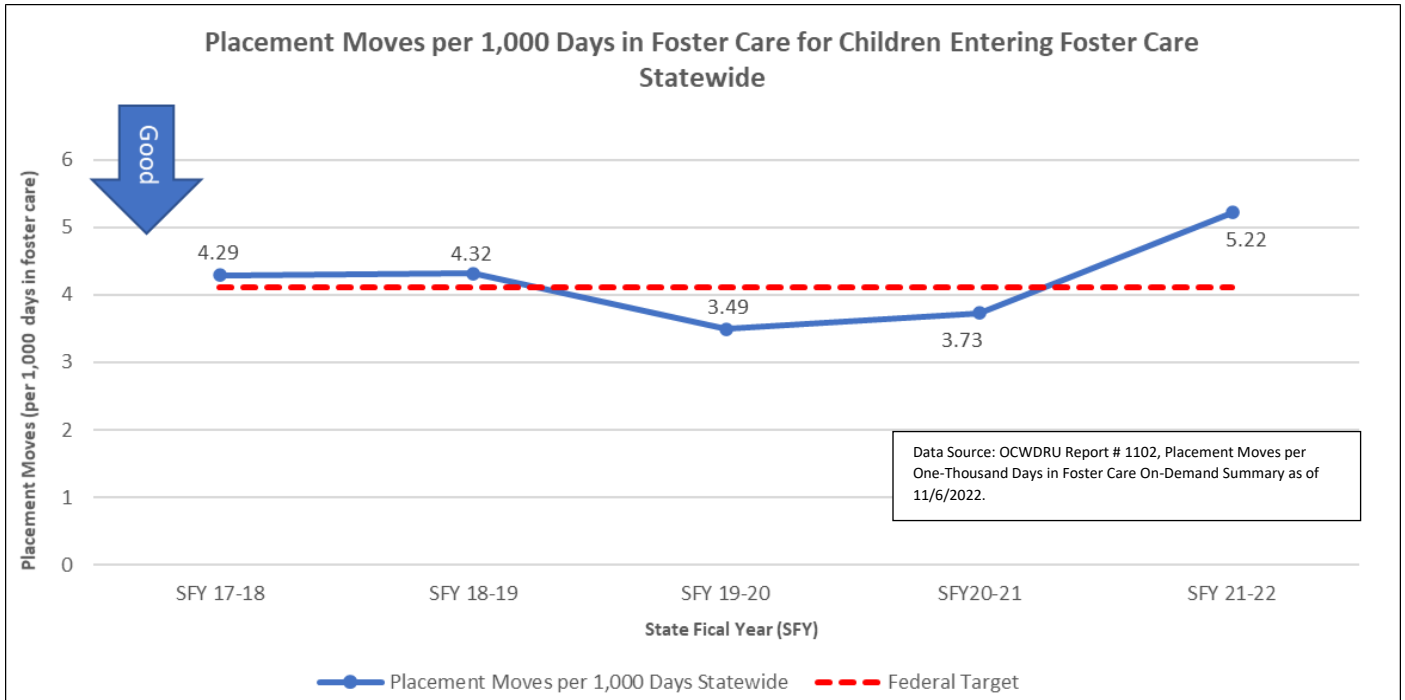
Based on based on the most recent available FFY data, Florida fell within the second quartile, near to the national average, in a comparison of placement stability amongst ranked states.



Placement Stability

Florida Statewide Trend

The number of statewide placement moves increased in SFY 2021-2022 and did not meet the national standard of 4.12 moves per 1,000 days in foster care.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Eight CBCs met the federal target of 4.12 and eleven CBC Lead Agencies did not meet the federal target.

Placement Moves per 1,000 Days in Foster Care for Children Entering Care from July 1 to June 30					
CBC	SFY 17-18	SFY 18-19	SFY 19-20	SFY 20-21	SFY 21-22
Brevard Family Partnership	3.08	3.38	2.87	2.93	3.83
ChildNet-Broward	3.4	3.24	2.98	3.32	4.33
ChildNet-Palm Beach	4.64	4.15	2.63	2.82	3.7
Childrens Network of SW Florida	4.79	4.17	3.68	3.38	4.75
Eckerd Connects	6.82	6.01	5.04	4.39	7.78
Citrus Health Network	5.26	4.89	3.57	3.17	3.1
Communities Connected for Kids	3.19	3.26	3.06	3.22	2.81
Community Partnership for Children	3.38	3.15	2.57	2.54	4.09
Embrace Families	4.08	3.2	2.92	3.24	6.03
Family Integrity Program	3.28	2.3	3.37	2.84	2.86
Family Support Services of North Fla	3.01	3.28	3.17	3.23	5.67
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	4.32	6.56	4.49	5.47	6.01
Heartland for Children	2.72	2.76	2.63	2.66	3.83
Kids Central, Inc.	3.59	3.66	3.32	4.39	6.35
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	3.64	3.28	3.07	3.57	2.65
Families First Network	3.84	3.37	3.38	3.19	4.73
NWF Health Network	6.46	7.58	4.69	4.81	7.2
Partnership for Strong Families	3.81	3.74	3.02	4.39	4.54
Safe Children Coalition	3.44	4.12	3.54	3.61	5.13
Placement Moves per 1,000 Days Statewide	4.29	4.32	3.49	3.73	5.22
Federal Target	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.12

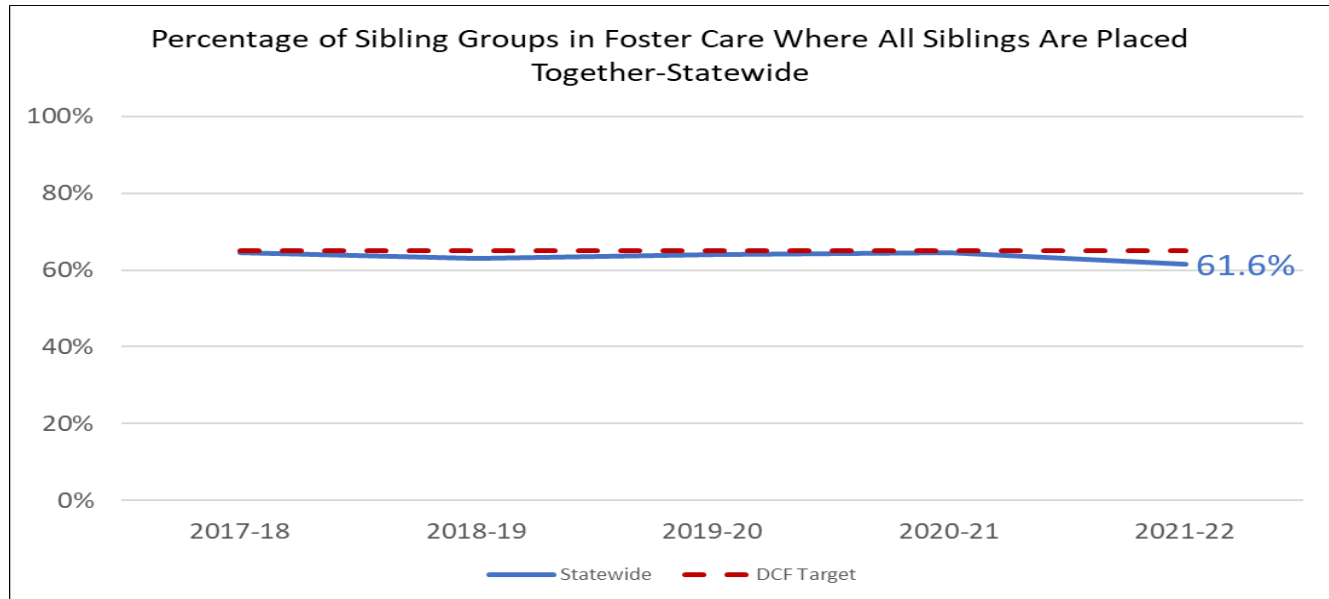
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Percent of Siblings Placed Together

Research demonstrates that sibling relationships are important to children's development and emotional well-being. Sibling relationships play a vital role in helping children achieve developmental milestones, providing emotional support, companionship and comfort, and helping maintain a sense of identity and belonging in times of change.

Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance for this measure has been relatively stable over the last five years, declining slightly in SFY 2021-2022 to 61.6 percent.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Only two of the 19 CBC Lead Agencies closed SFY 2021-2022 at or above the 65 percent standard.

Percentage of Sibling Groups in Foster Care Where All Siblings Are Placed Together by State Fiscal Year					
CBC	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Brevard Family Partnership	56.3%	65.9%	67.2%	66.8%	62.1%
Child Net-Broward	59.8%	63.7%	61.9%	70.0%	64.6%
Child Net-Palm Beach	62.0%	57.5%	61.5%	69.2%	63.1%
Children's Network of SW FL	61.5%	66.9%	68.3%	64.4%	62.1%
Eckerd Connects	64.6%	60.9%	59.8%	60.9%	62.1%
Citrus Health Network	55.6%	52.8%	57.6%	60.8%	64.3%
Communities Connected for Kids	79.4%	68.2%	63.3%	60.2%	56.8%
Community Partnership for Children	60.8%	63.2%	69.7%	66.5%	61.4%
Embrace Families	66.0%	61.5%	64.3%	65.5%	61.5%
Family Integrity Program	65.9%	71.1%	64.6%	80.0%	59.1%
Family Support Services of North Fla	73.1%	66.5%	66.7%	58.2%	57.2%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	63.9%	57.3%	60.5%	60.1%	62.2%
Heartland for Children	61.6%	65.6%	60.9%	62.7%	59.7%
Kids Central, Inc	75.0%	72.9%	73.1%	73.0%	64.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	72.0%	68.1%	67.4%	71.1%	66.7%
Families First Network	64.6%	61.3%	63.3%	63.5%	60.6%
NWF Health Network	64.6%	61.3%	63.3%	63.5%	58.8%
Partnership for Strong Families	64.1%	59.4%	65.3%	64.1%	56.6%
Safe Children Coalition	71.6%	63.7%	63.1%	67.8%	67.8%
Statewide	64.6%	62.9%	64.0%	64.5%	61.6%
DCF Target of 65.0% or Higher	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1124, Sibling Groups Where all Siblings Are Placed Together as of 11/7/2022

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Proximity of Placement to Community of Removal

Normalcy for foster children, maintenance of family connections, parent-child visitation, and school stability require that children be placed in proximity of the neighborhood or community of removal. Keeping the child in the same community from which the child was removed will also promote family reunification.

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 674) requires:

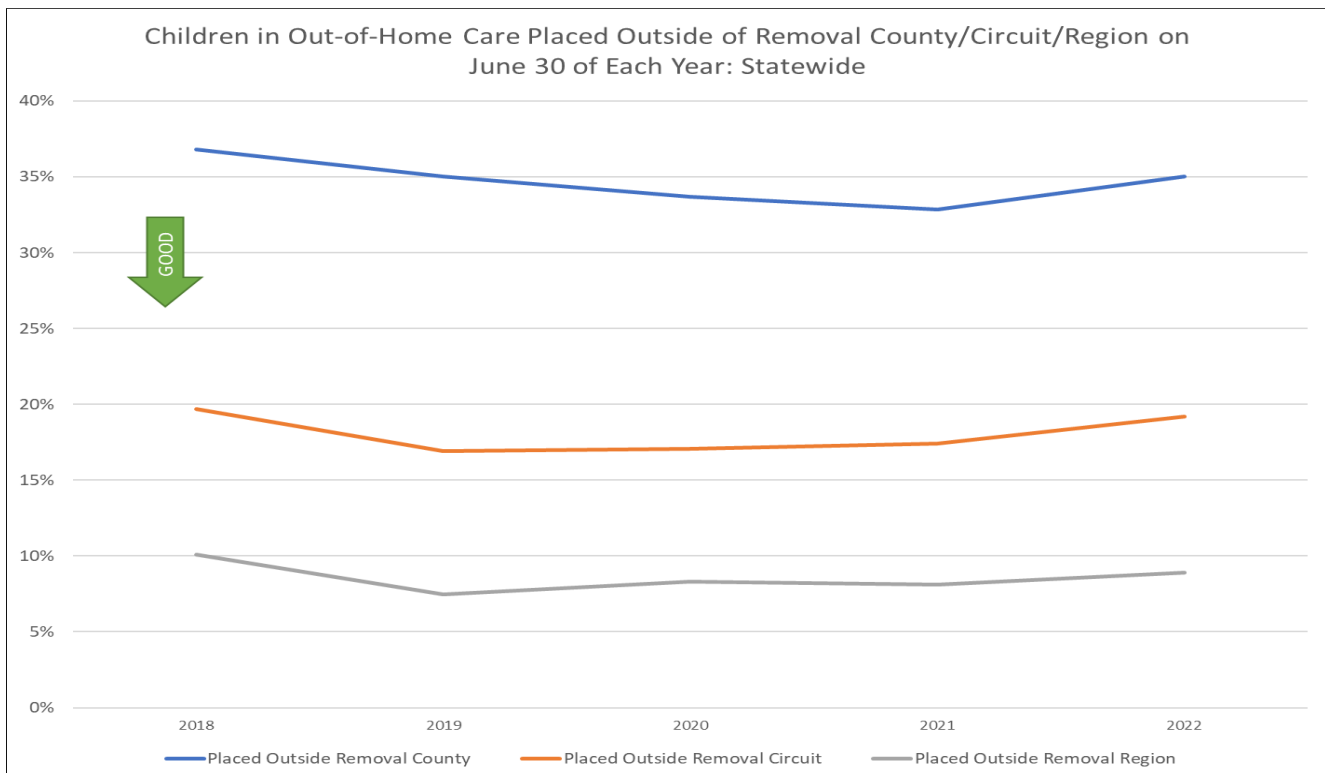
“A plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care, including assurances that each placement of the child in foster care takes into account the appropriateness of the current educational setting and the proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement; and an assurance [of coordination with] local educational agencies to ensure that the child remains in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of each placement,” and that “each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child.”

Some states use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to organize and analyze data in terms of geographic location. Most often a visual representation of the data is developed by plotting the data points on a map. For many foster care agencies nationwide, GIS is a powerful tool: it can help agency staff track the location of available foster homes, map the locations of schools and their catchment areas, and allow foster family recruiters to focus their efforts on the areas with the greatest need. Other states focus on recruiting and maintaining foster families within the school districts, with a focus on recruiting in the towns with the highest removal rates, reaching out to principals and administrators of schools to help raise awareness about the need for foster families.

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal Circuit and County

Florida Statewide Trend

In the last past five years, there has been a slight reduction in the percent of children placed outside their removal county and circuit; however, slight increases for placements outside of the removal county and circuit were observed in FY 2021-2022.



Proximity of Placement to Community of Removal

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal County

There is wide variation across circuits, with urban areas generally placing more children *within* their removal county, and circuits with larger rural areas placing more children *outside* their removal county.

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside of Removal County (as of June 30 each year)						
Region	Circuit	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Northwest	Circuit 01	53.8%	57.4%	51.0%	52.3%	55.1%
Northwest	Circuit 02	47.6%	45.2%	43.9%	42.3%	46.0%
Northwest	Circuit 14	68.1%	70.2%	57.8%	45.7%	51.9%
Northeast	Circuit 03	95.3%	88.1%	66.7%	71.8%	69.7%
Northeast	Circuit 04	18.5%	15.4%	20.0%	21.4%	25.6%
Northeast	Circuit 07	41.0%	41.2%	41.8%	42.3%	42.6%
Northeast	Circuit 08	70.4%	62.5%	44.1%	46.6%	57.5%
Central	Circuit 05	63.2%	55.0%	46.1%	47.8%	51.1%
Central	Circuit 09	53.9%	42.4%	42.5%	40.3%	45.2%
Central	Circuit 10	25.8%	25.8%	23.6%	29.5%	30.9%
Central	Circuit 18	27.0%	22.9%	23.4%	24.5%	25.8%
SunCoast	Circuit 06	48.9%	50.0%	49.9%	45.3%	46.7%
SunCoast	Circuit 12	55.0%	44.2%	47.4%	42.9%	46.6%
SunCoast	Circuit 13	21.3%	17.4%	15.8%	14.7%	15.5%
SunCoast	Circuit 20	39.9%	35.0%	28.7%	27.7%	29.8%
Southeast	Circuit 15	20.4%	15.4%	17.0%	18.4%	17.9%
Southeast	Circuit 17	11.8%	10.0%	13.6%	12.2%	18.2%
Southeast	Circuit 19	58.8%	61.0%	55.2%	53.4%	49.7%
Southern	Circuit 11	7.3%	5.7%	6.9%	8.6%	8.5%
Southern	Circuit 16	25.0%	32.4%	50.0%	35.5%	50.0%
Statewide		36.80%	35.00%	33.70%	32.85%	35.02%

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal Circuit

The percent of children placed outside of their removal circuit is lower than the percent of children placed out-of-county, as many children who are not placed in their home county are placed in a neighboring county within the same circuit.

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside of Removal Circuit (as of June 30 each year)						
Region	Circuit	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Northwest	Circuit 01	15.1%	21.7%	17.0%	16.8%	16.7%
Northwest	Circuit 02	22.9%	17.8%	12.6%	11.9%	18.4%
Northwest	Circuit 14	45.5%	40.9%	37.5%	24.8%	30.2%
Northeast	Circuit 03	82.2%	73.3%	54.4%	58.1%	39.5%
Northeast	Circuit 04	10.8%	8.0%	8.4%	8.4%	10.1%
Northeast	Circuit 07	16.0%	16.8%	20.6%	18.4%	22.0%
Northeast	Circuit 08	50.3%	40.8%	32.2%	33.1%	45.2%
Central	Circuit 05	14.4%	8.4%	7.0%	13.0%	14.3%
Central	Circuit 09	38.4%	29.1%	28.2%	29.0%	32.0%
Central	Circuit 10	13.9%	13.5%	10.8%	15.5%	16.1%
Central	Circuit 18	25.4%	19.1%	22.2%	23.1%	24.5%
SunCoast	Circuit 06	25.8%	21.8%	23.8%	21.6%	23.3%
SunCoast	Circuit 12	22.1%	13.6%	14.8%	17.6%	20.6%
SunCoast	Circuit 13	21.3%	16.6%	15.1%	14.5%	15.3%
SunCoast	Circuit 20	12.5%	11.1%	11.1%	8.4%	10.0%
Southeast	Circuit 15	20.4%	15.2%	16.8%	18.2%	17.9%
Southeast	Circuit 17	11.8%	9.7%	13.6%	12.1%	18.0%
Southeast	Circuit 19	14.2%	15.6%	15.7%	20.9%	21.2%
Southern	Circuit 11	7.3%	5.2%	6.6%	8.6%	8.2%
Southern	Circuit 16	25.0%	32.4%	50.0%	35.5%	50.0%
Statewide		19.7%	16.9%	17.1%	17.4%	19.2%

Placement in Family Setting

Federal law mandates that a case plan include a discussion of how the plan is designed to achieve a safe placement for the child in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting available.

Although there is an appropriate role for group care in the continuum of foster care settings, there is consensus across multiple stakeholders that most children and youth, but especially young children, are best served in a family setting. Stays in group care should be based on the specialized behavioral and mental health needs or clinical disabilities of the child. It should be used only for as long as is necessary to stabilize the child or youth so they can return to a family-like setting. One of the original seven ASFA outcomes was “Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.”

Percent of Children in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

The percentage of children placed in licensed care group care settings has trended downward over the past five years. The number of children in group care settings ranged, by circuit, from 1.24 percent to 11.65 percent during FY 2021-2022.

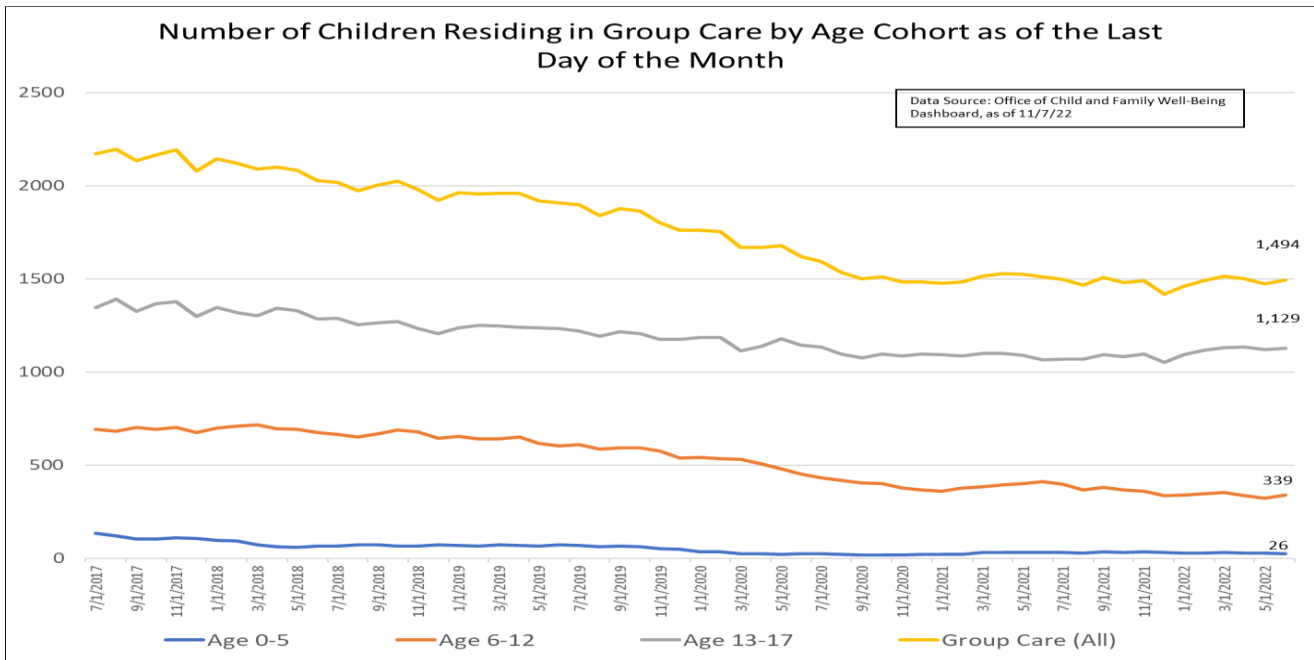
Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Placed in Group Care (as of June 30 each year)					
CBC	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Brevard Family Partnership	4.92%	5.25%	4.79%	3.33%	4.51%
Child Net-Broward	11.61%	10.47%	9.84%	9.15%	11.65%
Child Net-Palm Beach	11.36%	11.95%	9.56%	7.66%	9.33%
Children's Network of SW FL	6.45%	6.08%	6.51%	5.55%	6.59%
Eckerd Connects	9.87%	9.29%	9.19%	7.97%	7.10%
Citrus Health Network	11.92%	8.45%	7.63%	5.93%	5.22%
Communities Connected for Kids	13.99%	11.62%	13.38%	10.21%	10.85%
Community Partnership for Children	6.38%	7.61%	6.76%	5.58%	6.69%
Embrace Families	10.84%	8.87%	8.34%	8.77%	8.24%
Family Integrity Program	4.76%	4.14%	3.98%	3.65%	5.56%
Family Support Services of North Fla	5.35%	4.08%	2.62%	1.17%	1.44%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	34.68%	35.92%	38.44%	36.21%	9.20%
Heartland for Children	8.49%	8.31%	7.42%	6.94%	7.69%
Kids Central, Inc	8.13%	6.86%	5.69%	4.44%	4.11%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	3.15%	2.49%	2.58%	1.87%	1.24%
Families First Network	9.58%	8.82%	10.75%	8.25%	6.65%
NWF Health Network	10.94%	12.86%	9.47%	9.19%	8.01%
Partnership for Strong Families	5.54%	3.38%	4.08%	3.15%	4.41%
Safe Children Coalition	10.00%	8.84%	9.29%	9.15%	7.76%
Statewide	9.11%	8.54%	8.16%	7.21%	7.00%

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Children in Group Care by Age Group

Florida Statewide Trend

The statewide numbers for children placed (all ages) placed in group care has decreased by 31 percent over the last five years.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Children Ages 0-5 Years in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

Consistent with ASFA-Outcome 7 to “Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions,” the percentage of young children in group care has declined over the past five years and is generally low throughout the state, with 16 areas placing less than 1 percent of children ages 0-5 in group care in SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 0-5 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30					
CBC	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Brevard Family Partnership	0.69%	0.29%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%
Child Net-Broward	2.07%	1.57%	0.39%	1.52%	1.40%
Child Net-Palm Beach	2.26%	1.78%	0.00%	0.24%	1.20%
Children's Network of SW FL	0.00%	0.15%	0.15%	0.16%	0.20%
Eckerd Connects	0.71%	1.09%	0.66%	0.70%	0.10%
Citrus Health Network	1.60%	0.96%	0.45%	0.24%	0.00%
Communities Connected for Kids	0.27%	1.36%	0.32%	1.69%	2.30%
Community Partnership for Children	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Embrace Families	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.12%	0.30%
Family Integrity Program	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Family Support Services of North Fla	0.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	0.36%	0.72%	0.08%	0.42%	0.20%
Heartland for Children	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Kids Central, Inc	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Families First Network	0.00%	1.77%	0.97%	0.42%	0.50%
NWF Health Network	0.44%	0.19%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Partnership for Strong Families	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Safe Children Coalition	0.39%	0.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Statewide	0.55%	0.63%	0.21%	0.30%	0.26%

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Children Ages 6-12 Years in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

The proportion of children ages 6 to 12 in licensed care who are placed in group care ranges has declined, favorably, over the past five years. The number of children in group care settings ranged, by circuit, from 0 percent to 10.39 percent in SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 6-12 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30					
CBC	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Brevard Family Partnership	6.31%	4.10%	3.03%	1.48%	4.49%
Child Net-Broward	8.28%	7.29%	5.68%	7.67%	10.28%
Child Net-Palm Beach	4.04%	5.30%	3.09%	2.53%	3.50%
Children's Network of SW FL	6.56%	6.41%	2.42%	4.17%	5.74%
Eckerd Connects	11.59%	11.86%	8.40%	7.10%	8.32%
Citrus Health Network	11.09%	8.42%	5.54%	3.42%	3.33%
Communities Connected for Kids	16.47%	14.56%	8.61%	6.63%	6.03%
Community Partnership for Children	6.90%	6.70%	3.01%	3.47%	2.45%
Embrace Families	5.17%	4.06%	5.13%	2.81%	4.57%
Family Integrity Program	1.79%	1.85%	1.79%	0.00%	0.00%
Family Support Services of North Fla	2.40%	1.98%	1.15%	1.55%	0.92%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	11.76%	12.11%	12.20%	11.37%	10.39%
Heartland for Children	9.87%	3.65%	4.71%	4.51%	7.23%
Kids Central, Inc	7.98%	6.94%	4.30%	4.72%	3.38%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	1.08%	2.75%	0.99%	0.00%	0.00%
Families First Network	15.79%	16.30%	14.03%	12.82%	8.15%
NWF Health Network	14.96%	7.96%	8.05%	5.97%	3.37%
Partnership for Strong Families	1.13%	2.17%	1.50%	1.71%	2.37%
Safe Children Coalition	10.45%	8.36%	7.12%	5.56%	4.72%
Statewide	9.12%	8.10%	6.38%	5.72%	5.88%

Children Ages 13-17 Years in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

The proportion of children ages 13 to 17 in licensed care who are placed in group care ranges has declined, favorably, over the past five years. The number of children in group care settings ranged, by circuit, from 0 percent to 10.39 percent in SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 13-17 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30						
CBC	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Brevard Family Partnership	15.28%	14.91%	17.42%	12.68%	13.94%	16.45%
Child Net-Broward	35.34%	36.12%	31.40%	28.67%	34.41%	34.08%
Child Net-Palm Beach	42.24%	45.13%	35.11%	31.67%	26.92%	31.34%
Children's Network of SW FL	22.74%	22.34%	23.37%	22.11%	23.19%	24.62%
Eckerd Connects	31.44%	33.42%	28.65%	27.06%	22.81%	25.05%
Citrus Health Network	21.93%	17.85%	18.77%	14.43%	11.15%	11.82%
Communities Connected for Kids	34.23%	37.07%	42.55%	36.09%	26.56%	33.63%
Community Partnership for Children	30.37%	31.00%	26.57%	27.86%	27.86%	29.95%
Embrace Families	41.52%	35.31%	34.94%	35.08%	31.51%	26.97%
Family Integrity Program	12.50%	21.43%	26.09%	15.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Family Support Services of North Fla	20.86%	17.16%	10.06%	3.93%	6.90%	4.65%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	28.07%	34.68%	35.92%	38.44%	36.21%	36.46%
Heartland for Children	30.57%	29.24%	35.19%	30.74%	27.38%	29.29%
Kids Central, Inc	30.43%	25.44%	18.97%	16.10%	19.05%	20.80%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	18.92%	12.24%	9.84%	7.35%	7.69%	5.77%
Families First Network	27.57%	26.79%	33.17%	24.52%	26.73%	24.43%
NWF Health Network	40.43%	41.95%	40.23%	38.38%	30.28%	32.39%
Partnership for Strong Families	25.77%	19.70%	20.49%	16.54%	17.39%	19.02%
Safe Children Coalition	30.46%	29.83%	33.85%	32.42%	19.61%	27.92%
Statewide	29.78%	29.54%	28.57%	26.26%	24.39%	25.46%

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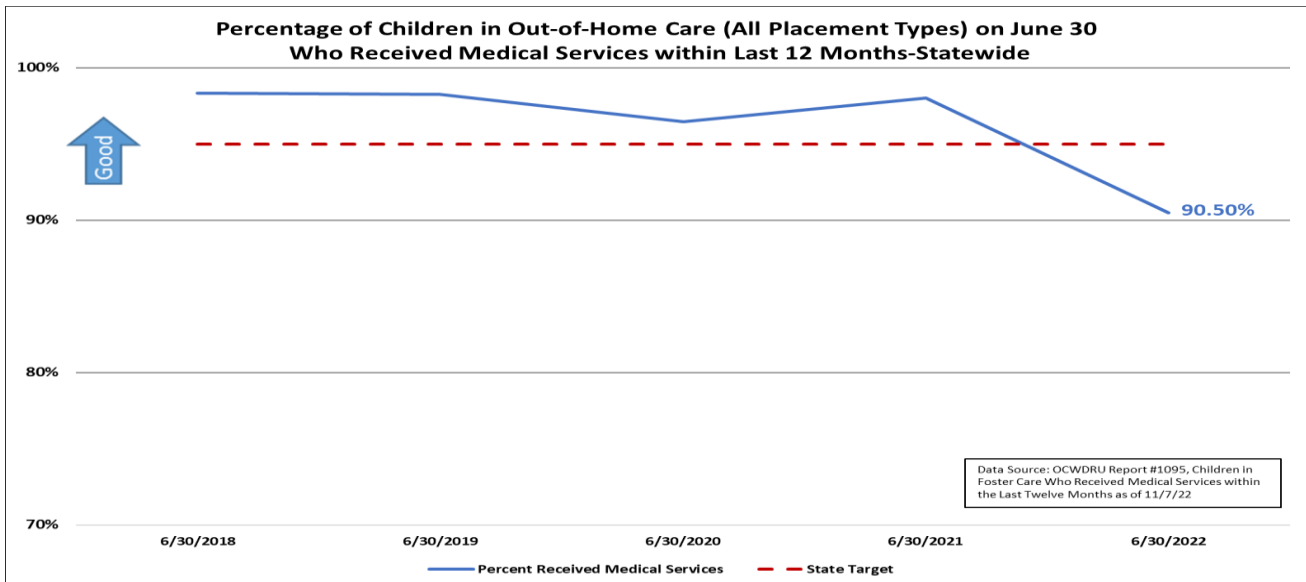
Physical and Mental Health Needs

One of nine statutory CBC Lead Agency outcomes identified in Florida Statutes is that “Children Receive Services to Meet their Physical and Mental Health Needs.”

Medical Services

Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance for this metric declined during SFY 2021-2022 and did not meet the established target.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Twelve of the 19 CBC Lead Agency areas met the target for this metric during SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care (All Placement Types) on June 30 Who Received Medical Services within Last 12 Months					
CBC	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Brevard Family Partnership	98.8%	98.9%	96.8%	98.2%	97.4%
Child Net-Broward	95.6%	98.0%	98.1%	98.0%	96.7%
Child Net-Palm Beach	99.1%	98.4%	97.4%	98.8%	98.3%
Children's Network of SW FL	99.1%	99.3%	97.8%	99.1%	97.4%
Eckerd Connects	93.5%	97.2%	97.8%	97.3%	93.6%
Citrus Health Network	98.3%	98.2%	96.5%	98.0%	97.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	98.7%	97.8%	94.5%	98.0%	96.9%
Community Partnership for Children	96.6%	96.9%	92.7%	94.8%	96.0%
Embrace Families	98.0%	97.7%	93.0%	91.0%	67.8%
Family Integrity Program	98.3%	100.0%	98.4%	98.6%	100.0%
Family Support Services of North Fla	97.5%	95.4%	94.0%	95.0%	96.4%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	99.3%	98.7%	90.6%	94.0%	77.9%
Heartland for Children	98.9%	97.9%	98.2%	98.9%	97.8%
Kids Central, Inc	98.0%	98.0%	96.2%	97.2%	88.8%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	92.2%	96.4%	85.0%	94.7%	92.0%
Families First Network	93.4%	96.8%	91.6%	93.9%	94.1%
NWF Health Network	98.3%	95.4%	94.1%	97.3%	95.4%
Partnership for Strong Families	97.6%	98.2%	94.3%	94.7%	91.0%
Safe Children Coalition	93.3%	95.6%	97.9%	97.3%	96.1%
Statewide	97.1%	97.6%	95.0%	96.2%	90.5%
DCF Target 95.0% or Higher	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%

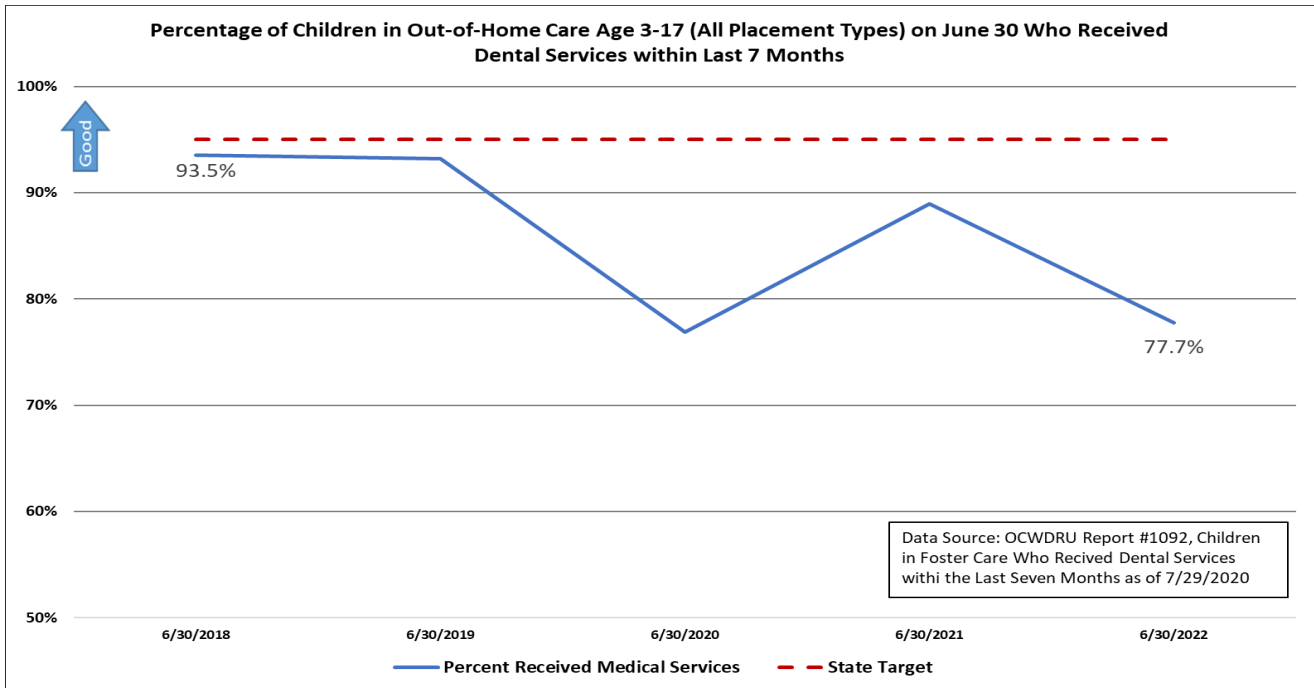
Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1095, Children in Foster Care Who Received Medical Services within the Last Twelve Months as of 11/7/2022

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Dental Services

Florida Statewide Trend

The percent of percent of children who received dental services has declined over the past three years, moving from an average of 93 percent to an average of 81 percent from 2020-2022.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Four of the 19 CBC areas met the target established for this metric during FY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care Age 3-17 (All Placement Types) on June 30 Who Received Dental Services within Last 7 Months					
Area	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Brevard Family Partnership	94.24%	95.63%	87.28%	94.65%	93.04%
Child Net-Broward	92.04%	95.71%	85.62%	95.93%	91.34%
Child Net-Palm Beach	97.63%	95.94%	77.63%	97.05%	93.22%
Children's Network of SW FL	97.95%	98.82%	92.66%	96.77%	96.63%
Eckerd Connects	85.94%	92.01%	81.86%	81.90%	77.43%
Citrus Health Network	94.79%	96.21%	77.52%	97.47%	96.45%
Communities Connected for Kids	97.42%	96.03%	82.65%	96.42%	96.03%
Community Partnership for Children	90.45%	90.93%	65.26%	72.38%	73.08%
Embrace Families	95.45%	95.23%	68.43%	78.51%	38.48%
Family Integrity Program	94.59%	99.11%	57.14%	95.70%	96.49%
Family Support Services of North Fla	94.62%	88.30%	80.04%	94.62%	87.05%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	96.78%	89.48%	57.40%	83.76%	49.42%
Heartland for Children	94.57%	93.27%	84.92%	95.81%	93.26%
Kids Central, Inc	97.08%	96.61%	85.55%	93.44%	69.95%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	78.66%	81.62%	54.79%	78.50%	80.56%
Families First Network	89.88%	92.39%	75.98%	91.97%	87.91%
NWF Health Network	96.42%	92.33%	74.74%	91.82%	91.95%
Partnership for Strong Families	92.42%	97.52%	85.16%	85.41%	75.76%
Safe Children Coalition	89.75%	79.25%	71.19%	90.13%	88.01%
Statewide	93.55%	93.24%	76.87%	88.96%	77.74%
DCF Target	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1092, Children in Foster Care Who Received Dental Services within the Last Seven Months as of 11/7/2022

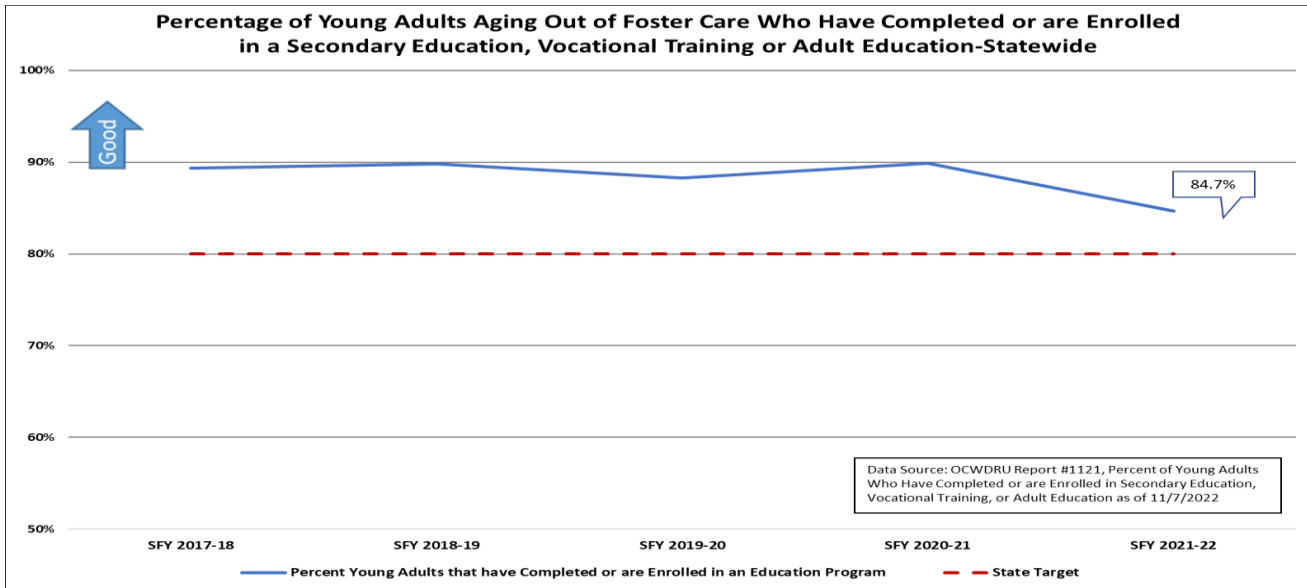
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Preparation for Independent Living as Adults

Two of the nine CBC Lead Agency outcomes identified in Florida Statutes are that “Children Receive Appropriate Services to Meet their Educational Needs” and that “Children Develop the Capacity for Independent Living and Competence as an Adult.”

Young Adults Aging Out Enrolled in Education Programs

For children who don’t achieve permanency prior to reaching adulthood, it is crucial that they are prepared for life after foster care by the time they “age out” of care. While education is one indicator of preparation for adulthood, other variables that influence this measure, including time in care, the child’s education level when entering care, developmental delays, level, and type of trauma experienced by the child.



Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Twelve of the 19 CBC areas met the 80 percent target established for this metric in SFY 2021-2022.

Percentage of Young Adults Aging Out of Foster Care Who Have Completed or are Enrolled in a Secondary Education, Vocational Training or Adult Education by SFY					
CBC	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Brevard Family Partnership	96.3%	78.6%	96.3%	85.7%	95.0%
ChildNet-Broward	90.7%	93.8%	98.2%	91.0%	92.2%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	98.4%	92.5%	98.4%	95.2%	73.2%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	95.5%	94.1%	92.3%	89.6%	92.3%
Eckerd Connects	91.8%	90.4%	85.2%	80.3%	60.0%
Citrus Health Network	87.2%	91.6%	82.8%	89.9%	94.8%
Communities Connected for Kids	83.3%	83.3%	82.6%	95.0%	85.0%
Community Partnership for Children	64.5%	92.0%	92.6%	86.2%	92.3%
Embrace Families	86.7%	73.7%	89.7%	94.6%	88.0%
Family Integrity Program	75.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%
Family Support Services of North Fla	96.3%	100.0%	93.3%	97.6%	96.9%
*Eckerd Connects/FSS Suncoast	87.2%	87.8%	83.1%	96.2%	94.2%
Heartland for Children	90.7%	95.7%	88.2%	90.5%	100.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	94.6%	93.5%	88.9%	86.5%	72.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	87.5%	100.0%	100.0%	81.8%	57.1%
Families First Network	100.0%	91.7%	68.8%	92.6%	89.7%
NWF Health Network	85.4%	90.0%	74.3%	87.8%	76.7%
Partnership for Strong Families	87.0%	88.9%	92.9%	78.6%	86.4%
Safe Children Coalition	79.4%	81.0%	82.1%	77.4%	69.2%
Statewide	89.4%	89.8%	88.3%	89.9%	84.7%
DCF Target 80.0% or Higher	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1121, "Percent of Young Adults Who Have Completed or are Enrolled in Secondary Education, Vocational Training, or Adult Education" as of 11/7/22

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