



# **Results-Oriented Accountability 2023 Annual Performance Report**

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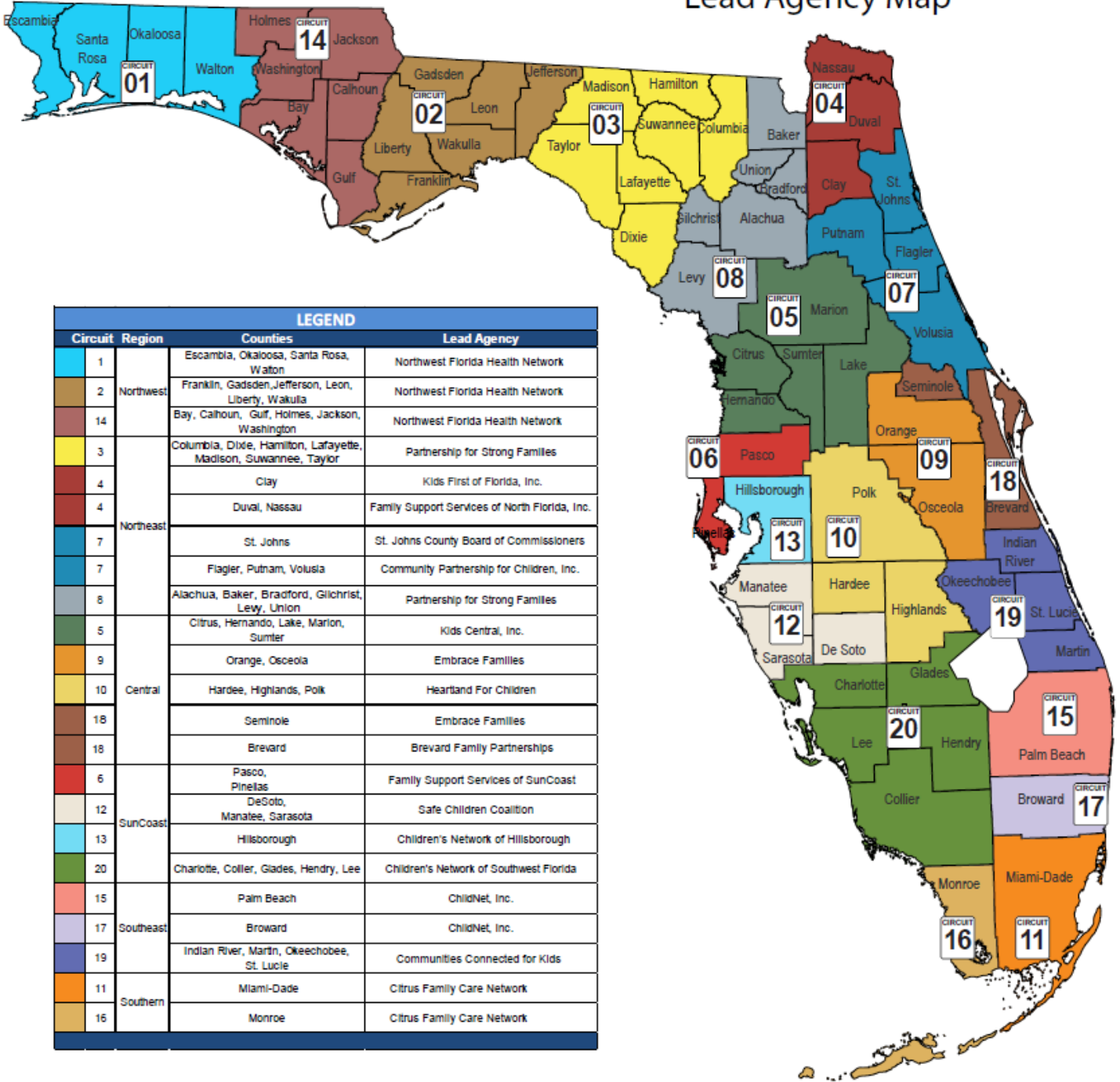
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# Community-Based Care

## Lead Agency Map



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Circuit	Region	Counties	Lead Agency
1	Northwest	Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton	Northwest Florida Health Network
2		Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	Northwest Florida Health Network
14		Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington	Northwest Florida Health Network
3	Northeast	Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor	Partnership for Strong Families
4		Clay	Kids First of Florida, Inc.
4		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	Central	Orange, Osceola	Embrace Families
10		Hardee, Highlands, Polk	Heartland For Children
18		Seminole	Embrace Families
18		Brevard	Brevard Family Partnerships
6	SunCoast	Pasco, Pinellas	Family Support Services of SunCoast
12		DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota	Safe Children Coalition
13		Hillsborough	Children's Network of Hillsborough
20		Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee	Children's Network of Southwest Florida
15	Southeast	Palm Beach	ChildNet, Inc.
17		Broward	ChildNet, Inc.
19		Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie	Communities Connected for Kids
11	Southern	Miami-Dade	Citrus Family Care Network
16		Monroe	Citrus Family Care Network

## List of Abbreviations Used

- Community-Based Care (CBC)
- 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)

## Executive Summary

The Results-Oriented Accountability Annual Report for state fiscal year (SFY) 2022-23 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 and case management, and offers insight into statewide trends and performance outcomes 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 circuit scores for year two of the accountability system. These 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 key areas in which Florida has made tremendous strides; a summary 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 20-year low for the number of children removed from their homes, and a child is removed in only about five percent of the cases that the Department investigates due to reports of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Among states reporting, Florida ranks eleventh in this measure, and is 22 percent lower than the national average. Overall, the total number of children in care in Florida has decreased by 17 percent since the beginning of SFY 2017-18.

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. When out of home care is necessary, Florida strives to keep the child in a family-like setting, and one where the child can maintain his or her connections to the community, demonstrated by the fact that children are placed within the region in which they were removed over 90 percent of the time.

Over the past year, as part of the continuous improvement cycle within the child welfare accountability system, the Department has completed a comprehensive system analysis to identify root causes that are impediments to permanent placement and is implementing 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 is essential for ensuring their continued safety and well-being of children in care, and Florida outperforms national averages for the percent of children receiving monthly caseworker visits. Additionally, the rate of abuse in out of home care is down by nearly 20 percent since fiscal year 2019-20 and Florida had the third highest percentage of children who are not maltreated while receiving out of home care nationally. The data points demonstrate the impact of this case management effort by improvements occurring for indicators of maltreatment in both in-home and out-of-home care over the past four years.

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

Based on the most recent data, Florida has the third fastest response time to allegations of maltreatment in the nation, with an average response time approximately eight times faster than the national average. This is particularly commendable considering that the rate of children investigated per 1,000 children in the general population is 33 percent higher in Florida 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 between SFY 2017-18 and SFY 2022-23, and doubling the number of circuits meeting the 99 percent target in that time.

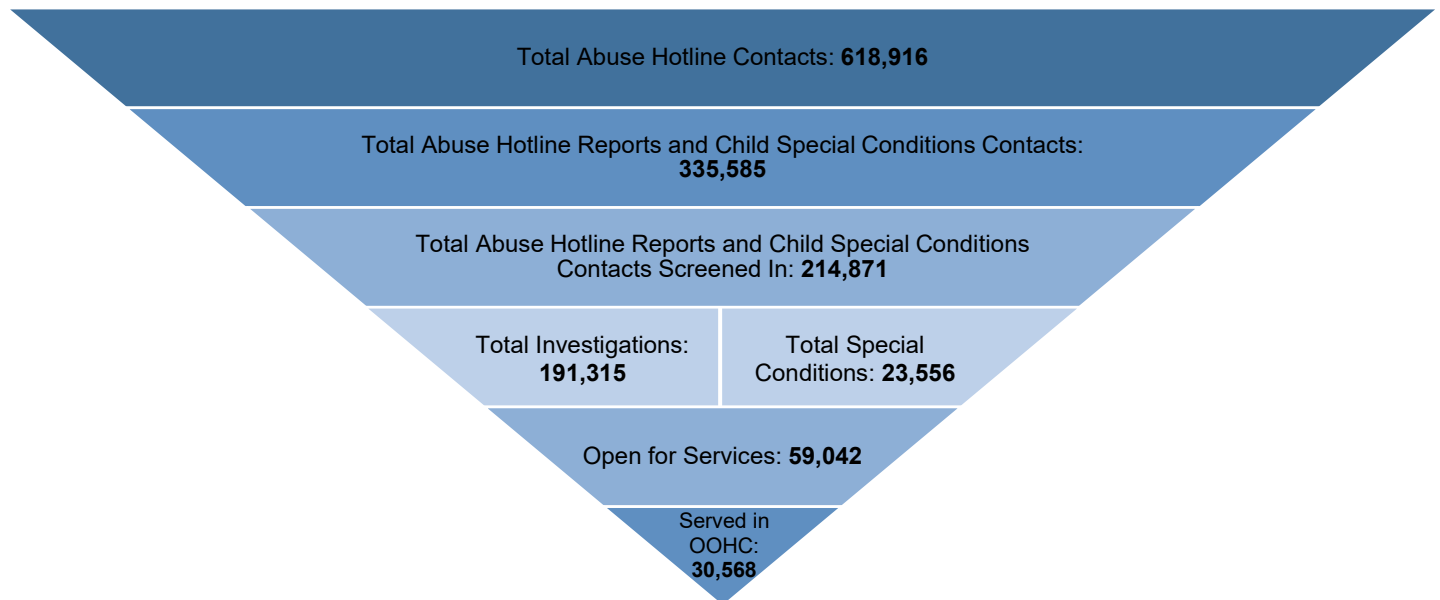
# Overview of Child Welfare in Florida

## System Goals

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 protect children through consistent decision-making, establish local systems of care to match the needs of families to community resources, and allow for deployment of evidence-based approaches to achieve the following outcomes, pursuant to section 409.986, Florida Statute (F.S.):

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

## Florida Child Protection System Overview SFY 2022-23



## System Overview

- The Florida Abuse Hotline receives more than 330,000 child-related calls, web reports, and faxes annually and screens-in those which meet the requirements for investigation or special conditions referrals, in which a child needs services or supervision from the Department but there are no allegations of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.
- Child Protective Investigators determine the need for post-investigative services, including protecting the child through removal and placement in out-of-home care (OHC), case-managed in-home services (by court order or non-judicially), or informal voluntary family support services (FSS).
- Pursuant to s. 409.986(1), F.S., post-investigation services are provided through contracted Community-Based Care Lead Agencies (Lead Agencies), who are responsible for continuing to ensure child safety, permanence, and well-being. The Department ensures comprehensive oversight of the programmatic, administrative, and fiscal operations of these contracted entities.

# Child Protective Investigations

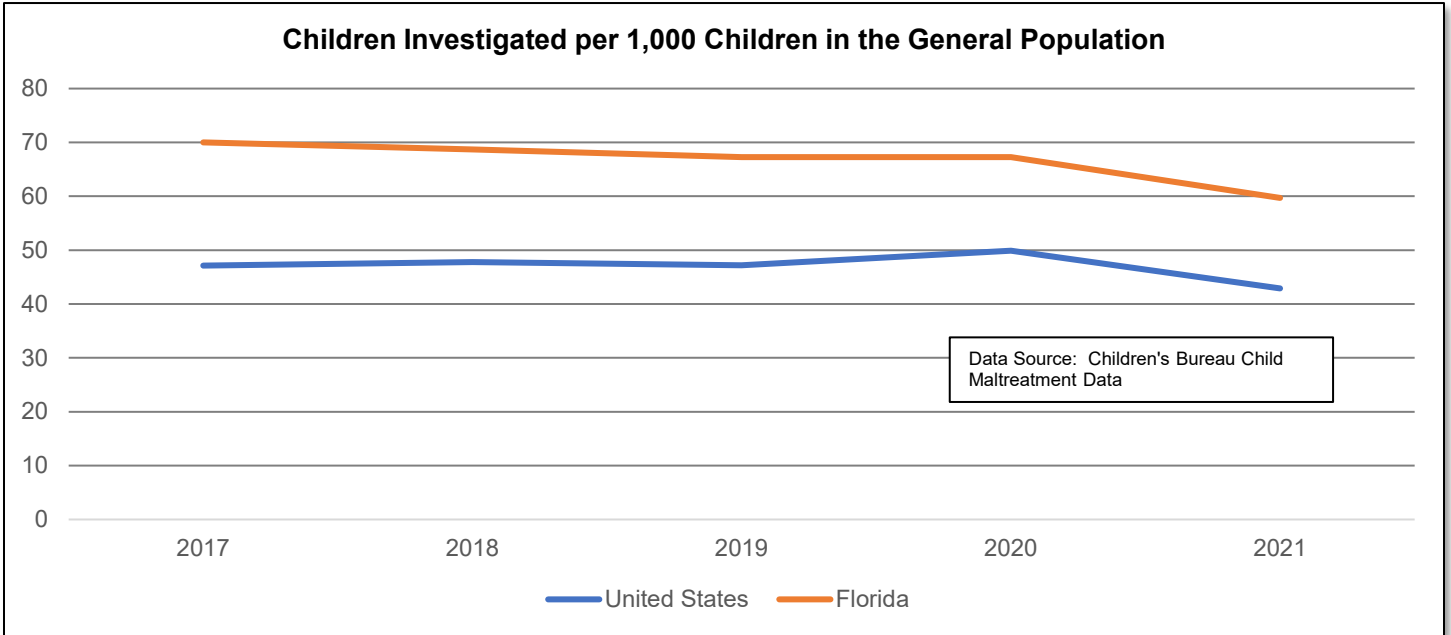
## Intakes into the Child Welfare System

### 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.

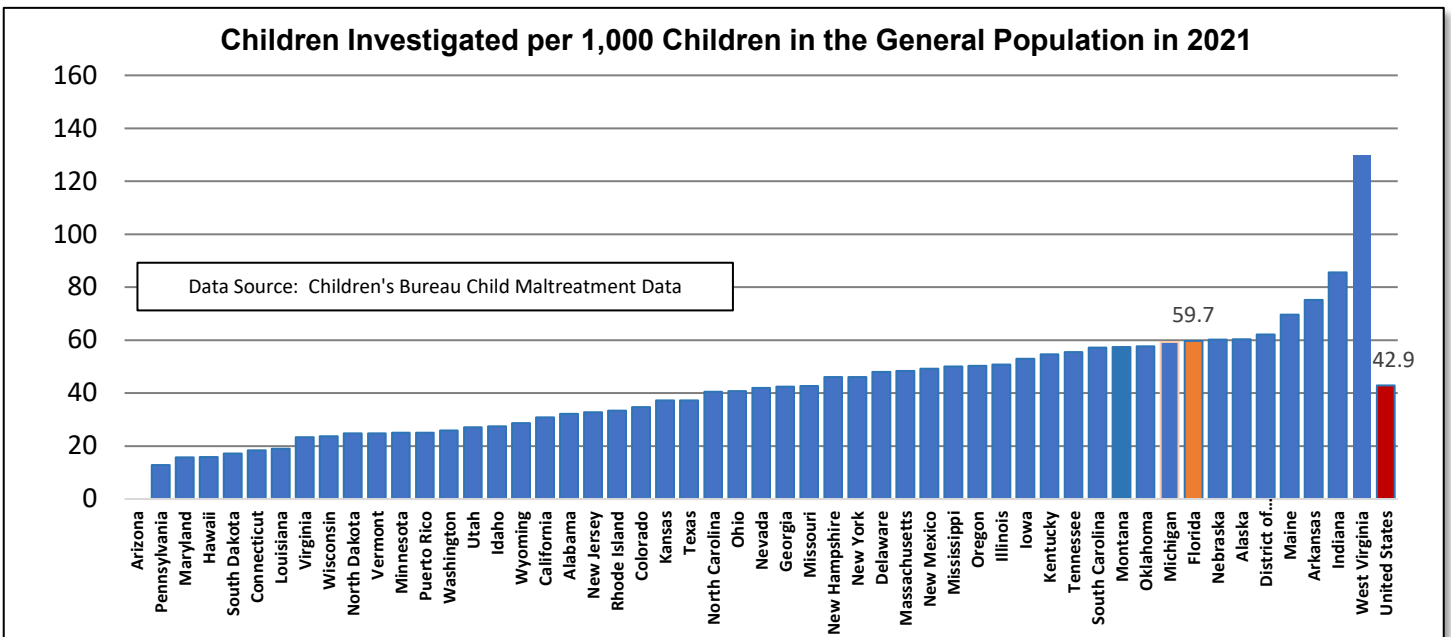
#### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Based on the most recent national data, Florida’s investigation rate (per 1,000 children in the general population) has been consistently higher than the national average. Between 2020 and 2021, both the state and national rate has decreased significantly.



#### Florida Compared to Other States

Based on the most recent national data, Florida’s investigation rate was the eighth highest in the nation in FFY 2021.



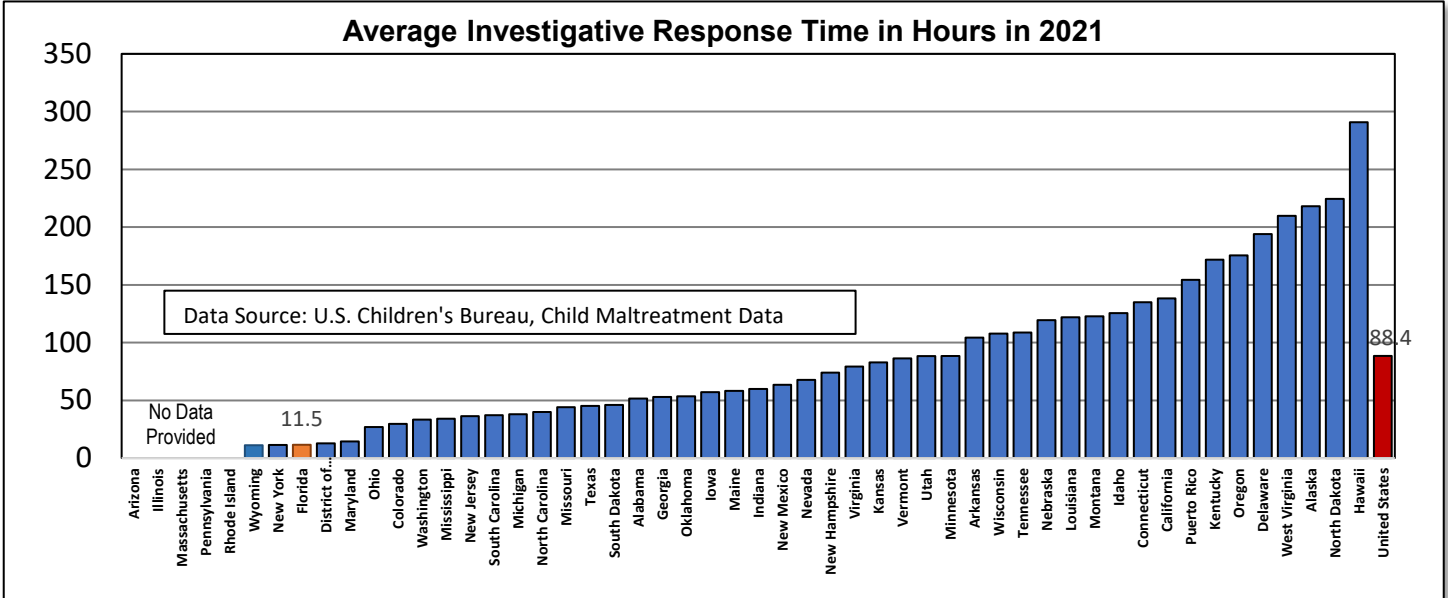


## Active Investigative Response Time

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's fast investigative response time when compared to the national average.

### Florida Compared to Other States

In FFY 2021, the most recent national data, Florida had the third fastest investigative response time of all reporting states.

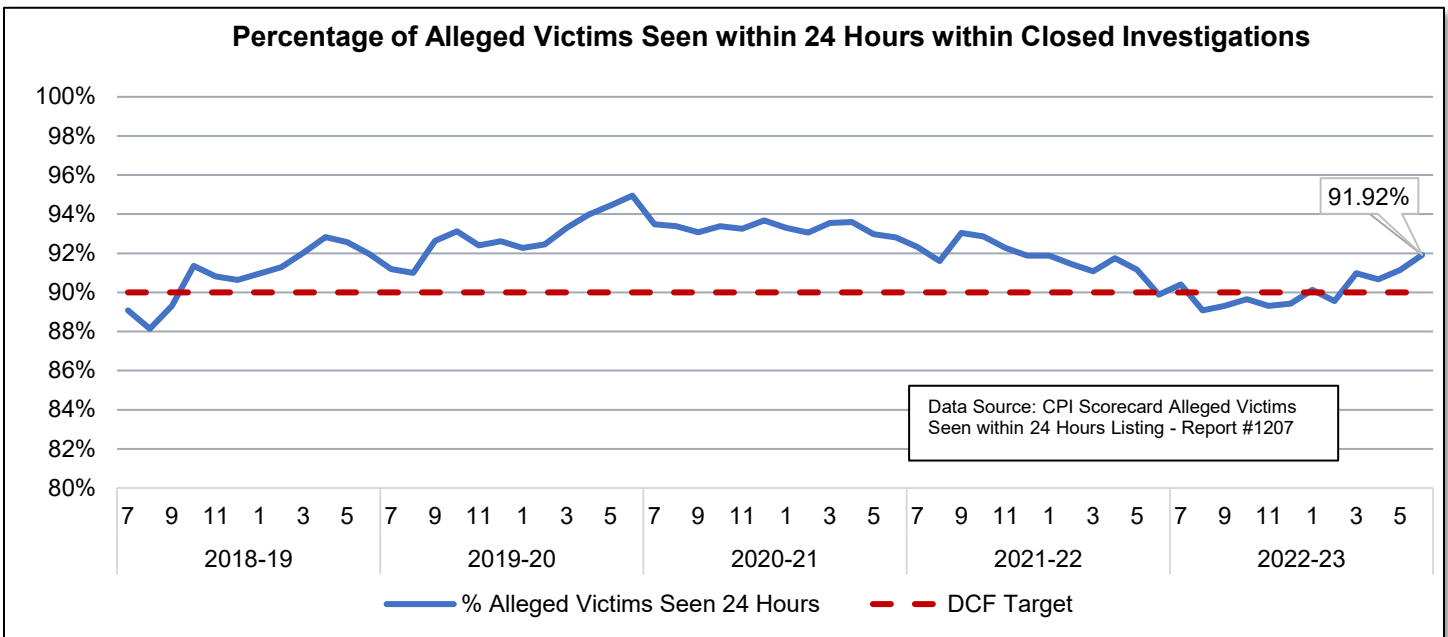


## Percent of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours

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

Florida's performance in timely investigative response has traditionally exceeded target.



## Circuit Comparisons

As of June 2023, all but five of the 26 Department investigative areas and Sheriffs' offices achieved the target of 90 percent or higher of alleged victims seen within 24 hours.

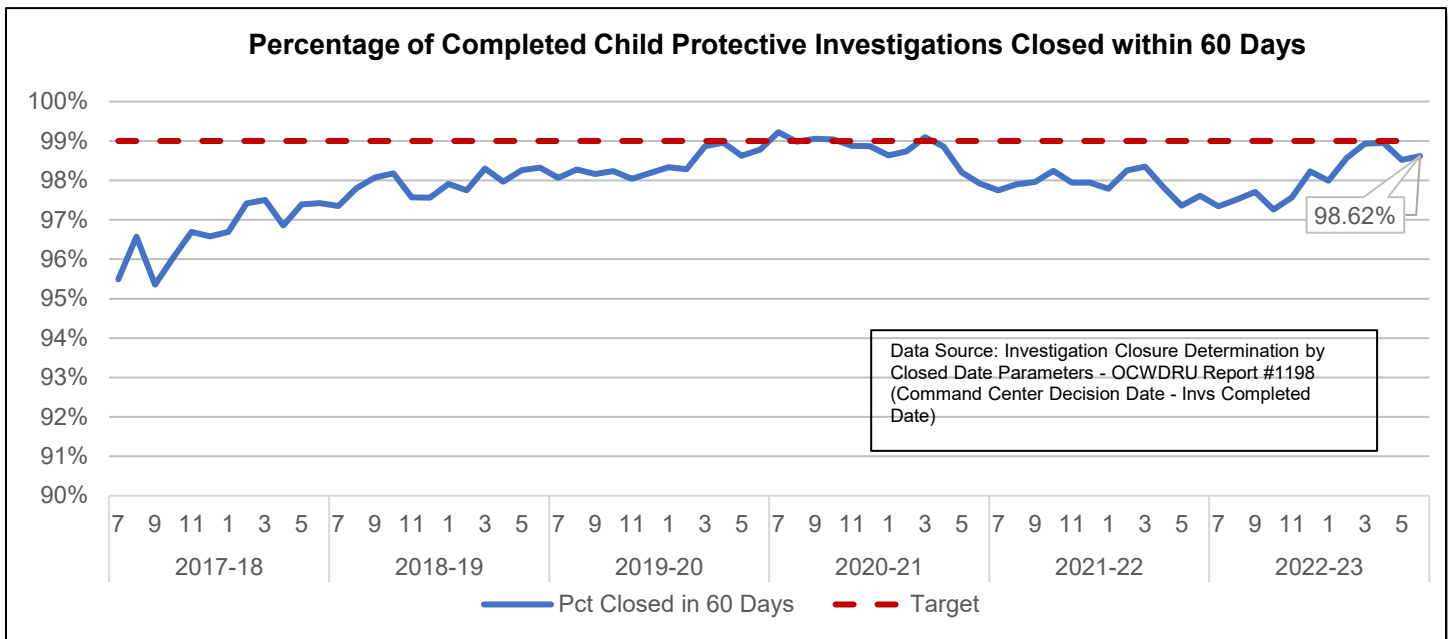
Percent of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours						
DCF Target 90%						
Region	Investigative Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Central	DCF Circuit 05	93.75%	94.80%	94.58%	94.62%	94.25%
	DCF Circuit 09	92.45%	93.03%	94.31%	92.69%	92.68%
	DCF Circuit 10	93.81%	93.83%	94.17%	92.68%	89.65%
	DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	93.68%	94.41%	92.37%	91.95%	93.92%
	Seminole SO	94.91%	98.36%	97.07%	95.63%	94.71%
Northeast	DCF Circuit 03	89.89%	95.15%	92.09%	93.32%	94.51%
	DCF Circuit 04-Clay	87.15%	92.48%	89.31%	90.80%	89.60%
	DCF Circuit 04-Duval, Nassau	90.51%	91.44%	91.65%	90.25%	92.85%
	DCF Circuit 07-St. Johns	93.46%	93.86%	96.10%	94.55%	91.13%
	DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam, Volusia	91.33%	93.05%	93.58%	92.35%	92.95%
	DCF Circuit 08	85.94%	91.67%	89.50%	85.10%	91.68%
Northwest	DCF Circuit 01	85.15%	92.04%	92.80%	92.49%	91.31%
	Walton SO	89.70%	92.21%	91.18%	92.62%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 02	87.11%	92.56%	92.93%	90.73%	93.39%
	DCF Circuit 14	86.47%	91.00%	92.24%	91.85%	92.09%
Southeast	DCF Circuit 15	90.93%	93.69%	95.68%	94.17%	92.17%
	Broward SO	90.48%	92.44%	93.47%	92.57%	90.51%
	DCF Circuit 19	95.49%	95.52%	96.48%	95.28%	95.12%
Southern	DCF Circuit 11	89.49%	94.20%	95.09%	91.59%	94.18%
	DCF Circuit 16	92.13%	94.88%	93.74%	93.50%	95.06%
Suncoast	Pasco SO	90.87%	89.67%	91.31%	91.22%	87.27%
	Pinellas SO	89.93%	90.44%	92.92%	90.81%	89.91%
	DCF Circuit 12-Desoto, Sarasota	88.09%	88.52%	92.76%	90.73%	95.19%
	Manatee SO	93.74%	94.22%	95.05%	95.15%	96.43%
	Hillsborough SO	90.53%	91.45%	92.42%	90.10%	90.43%
	DCF Circuit 20	90.85%	90.92%	90.66%	83.52%	88.68%
<b>Statewide</b>		<b>90.97%</b>	<b>92.81%</b>	<b>93.29%</b>	<b>91.62%</b>	<b>91.92%</b>

## Percent of Investigations Completed within 60 Days

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

### Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance started decreasing during SFY 2021-22 but began increasing in SFY 2022-23.



### Circuit Comparisons

As of June 2023, 16 administrative areas and sheriff's offices met the target of 99 percent of child protective investigations closed within 60 days of the decision date.

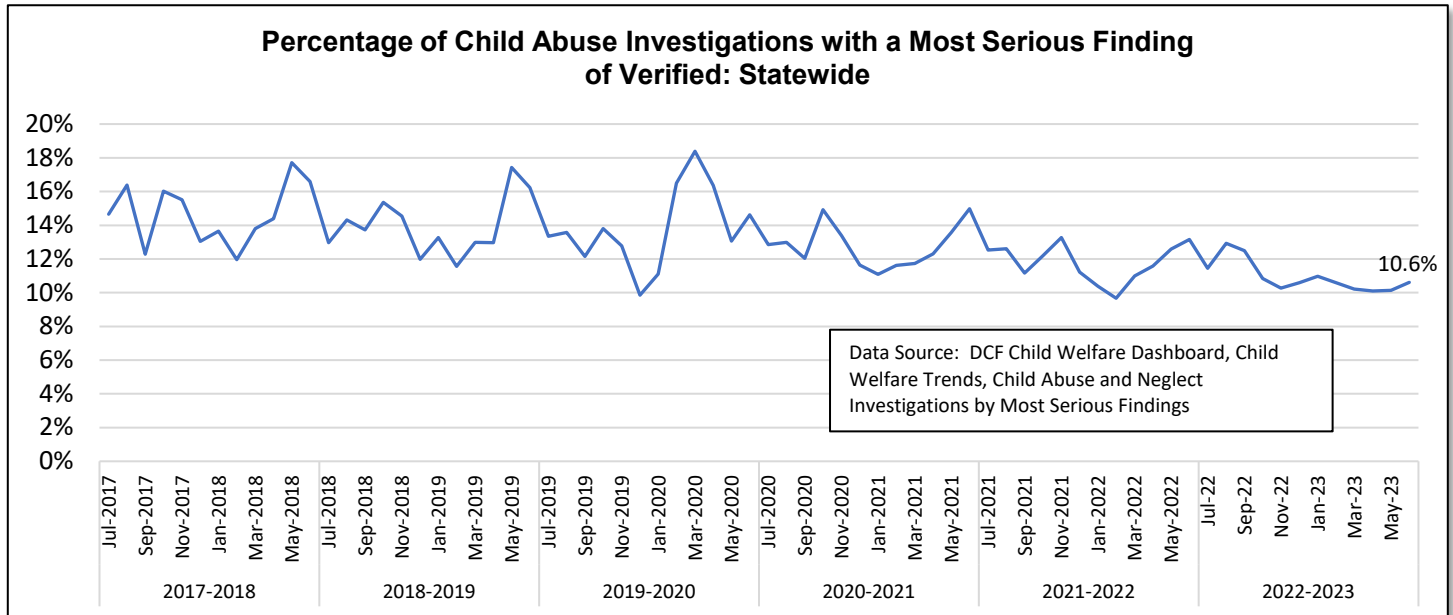
Percent of Closed Child Protective Investigations (Special Conditions Excluded) Closed within 60 Days of Hotline Command Center Decision Date DCF Target 99%						
Region	Investigative Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Central	DCF Circuit 05	99.66%	99.81%	99.79%	99.71%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 09	99.14%	99.39%	99.42%	98.99%	99.49%
	DCF Circuit 10	99.12%	99.49%	99.53%	98.42%	99.33%
	DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	98.84%	99.35%	98.89%	98.89%	99.54%
	Seminole SO	98.44%	98.34%	97.05%	93.76%	96.71%
Northeast	DCF Circuit 03	97.14%	98.63%	99.15%	98.96%	99.42%
	DCF Circuit 04-Clay	95.98%	97.58%	98.89%	99.52%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 04-Duval, Nassau	96.92%	97.87%	98.44%	98.85%	99.58%
	DCF Circuit 07-St. Johns	97.82%	99.11%	99.26%	99.22%	98.29%
	DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam, Volusia	97.22%	98.59%	99.20%	99.48%	100.00%
Northwest	DCF Circuit 08	98.20%	99.04%	99.40%	99.24%	99.23%
	DCF Circuit 01	96.52%	97.19%	97.05%	94.11%	98.84%
	Walton SO	59.96%	62.46%	98.29%	98.11%	100.00%
Southeast	DCF Circuit 02	94.18%	94.74%	92.56%	98.35%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 14	91.96%	96.24%	95.36%	96.85%	99.46%
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	Manatee SO	99.67%	99.70%	99.51%	99.58%	100.00%
	Hillsborough SO	98.81%	99.04%	98.91%	97.29%	96.12%
<b>Statewide</b>		<b>97.93%</b>	<b>98.40%</b>	<b>98.78%</b>	<b>97.90%</b>	<b>98.62%</b>

## 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.

### 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 uptick noted in March 2020 is associated with a decline in the overall number of children investigated during this time-period.



## Circuit Comparisons

Percentage of Investigations with Most Serious Finding of Verified					
Investigative Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Circuit 1	19.4%	19.6%	18.4%	19.5%	19.6%
Circuit 2	12.4%	12.4%	11.7%	11.5%	14.4%
Circuit 3	8.3%	9.0%	7.6%	8.5%	6.8%
Circuit 4	16.3%	16.9%	15.1%	11.6%	9.4%
Circuit 5	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.9%	7.4%
Circuit 6	18.3%	18.3%	19.4%	18.0%	14.2%
Circuit 7	15.5%	15.4%	13.4%	11.2%	10.9%
Circuit 8	8.5%	8.0%	8.5%	7.7%	7.9%
Circuit 9	12.0%	10.5%	9.9%	9.6%	8.4%
Circuit 10	12.5%	11.4%	13.3%	11.5%	11.8%
Circuit 11	10.1%	8.3%	7.6%	6.8%	6.7%
Circuit 12	17.3%	18.4%	17.5%	17.1%	15.9%
Circuit 13	14.9%	14.9%	16.3%	15.2%	15.3%
Circuit 14	11.8%	12.2%	14.3%	12.5%	12.2%
Circuit 15	9.7%	10.2%	9.8%	9.1%	8.0%
Circuit 16	11.2%	14.6%	13.0%	12.9%	14.5%
Circuit 17	15.8%	14.2%	12.9%	11.4%	9.7%
Circuit 18	11.1%	10.0%	11.4%	10.5%	9.0%
Circuit 19	12.9%	13.6%	11.0%	11.8%	13.0%
Circuit 20	13.6%	14.2%	12.4%	10.6%	11.3%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>

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

## Efforts to Prevent Removals

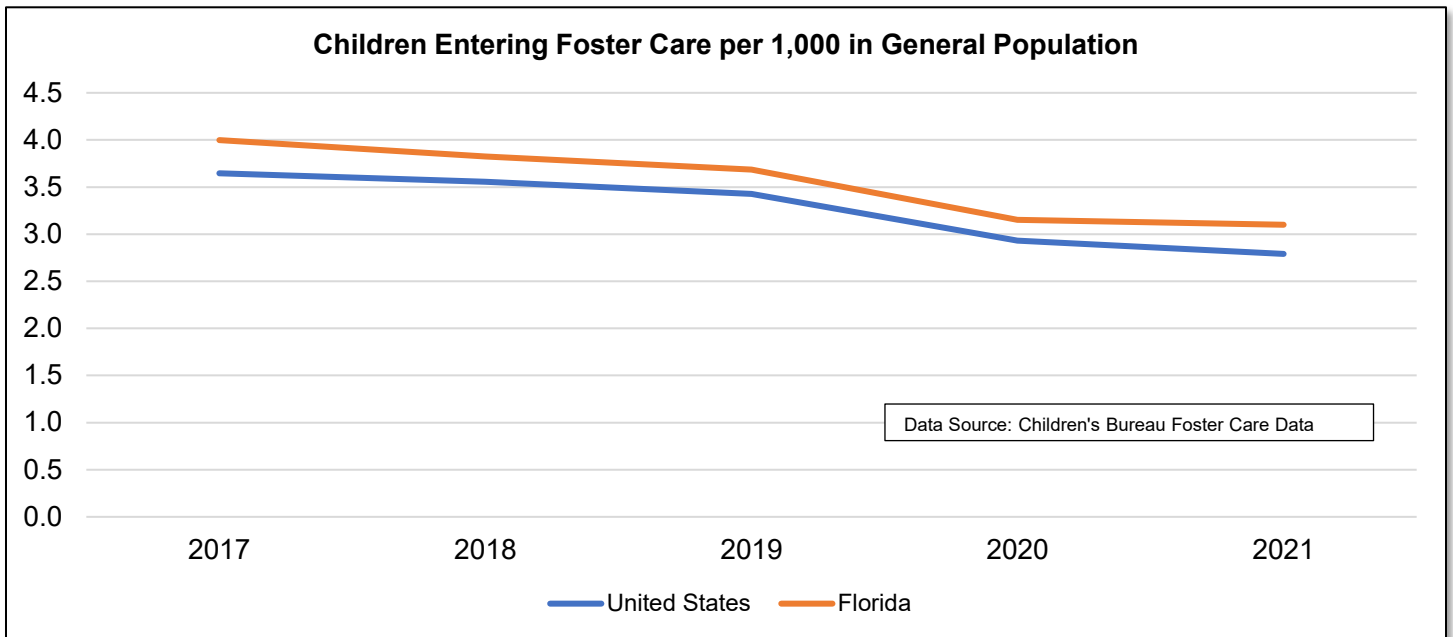
Florida's practice model requires child welfare professionals to make diligent efforts to prevent removals and for families to receive on-going case management.

To compare removals in different areas analysis compared removal rates per 1,000 children in the general population and per 100 children involved in investigations. The removal rate per 100 children in investigations is related to investigative decision-making.

## Removal Rates per 1,000 Children in the General Population

### *Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average*

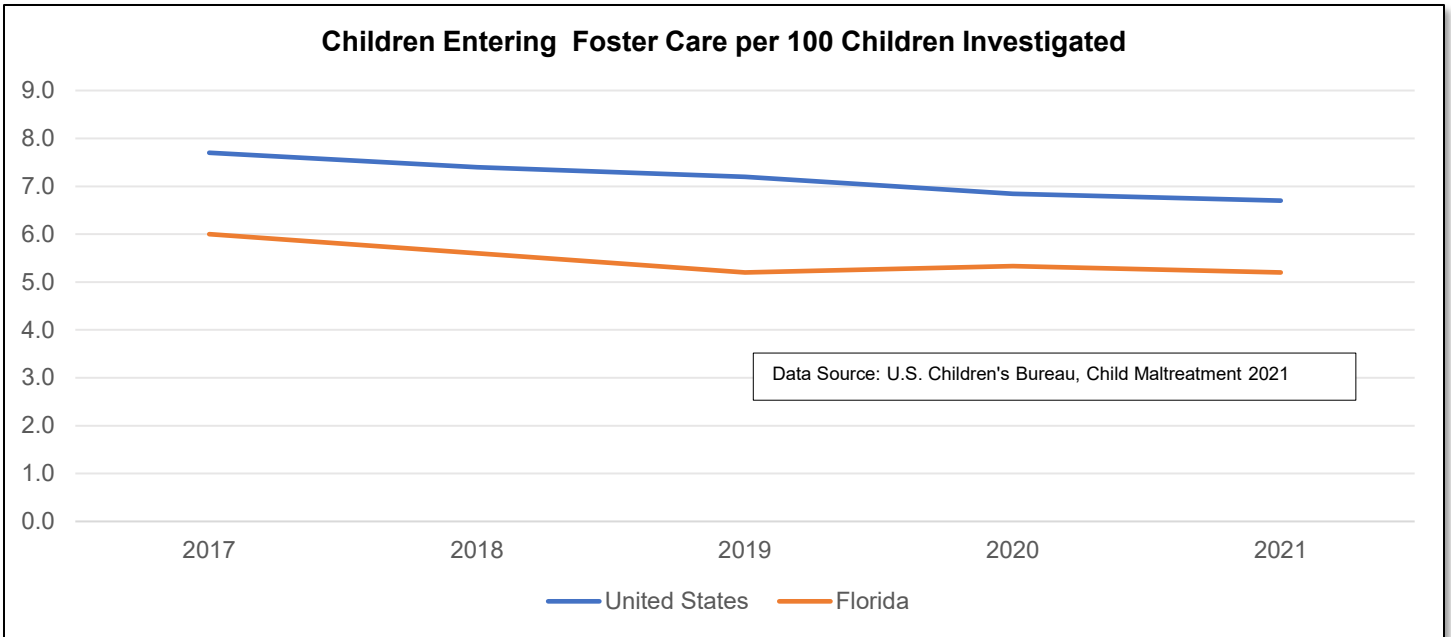
Florida's entry rate into foster care per 1,000 children in the general population has consistently been higher than the national average; however, Florida's rate has been declining since 2006 and has been moving closer to the national average.



## Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

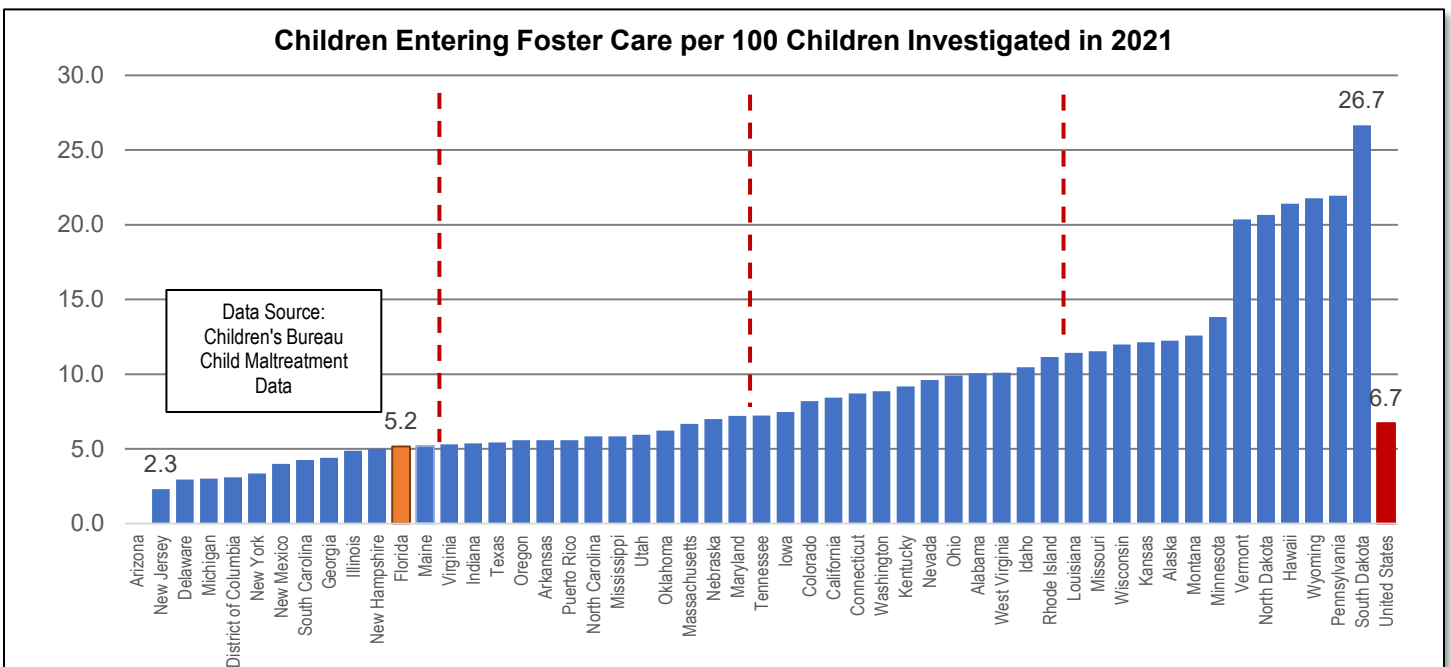
### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

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 lower than the national rate.



### Florida Compared to Other States

When making state-by-state comparisons differences in state policies and practices, including variations in the legal definitions of maltreatment, affect rates, and should be considered. For example, states with very low reporting rates tend to have relatively high removal rates; whereas states with a very high reporting rate tend to have a relatively low removal rate. With these variables in mind, Florida ranked eleventh in 2021 (the most recent year national data available) in children entering care per 100 children investigated.



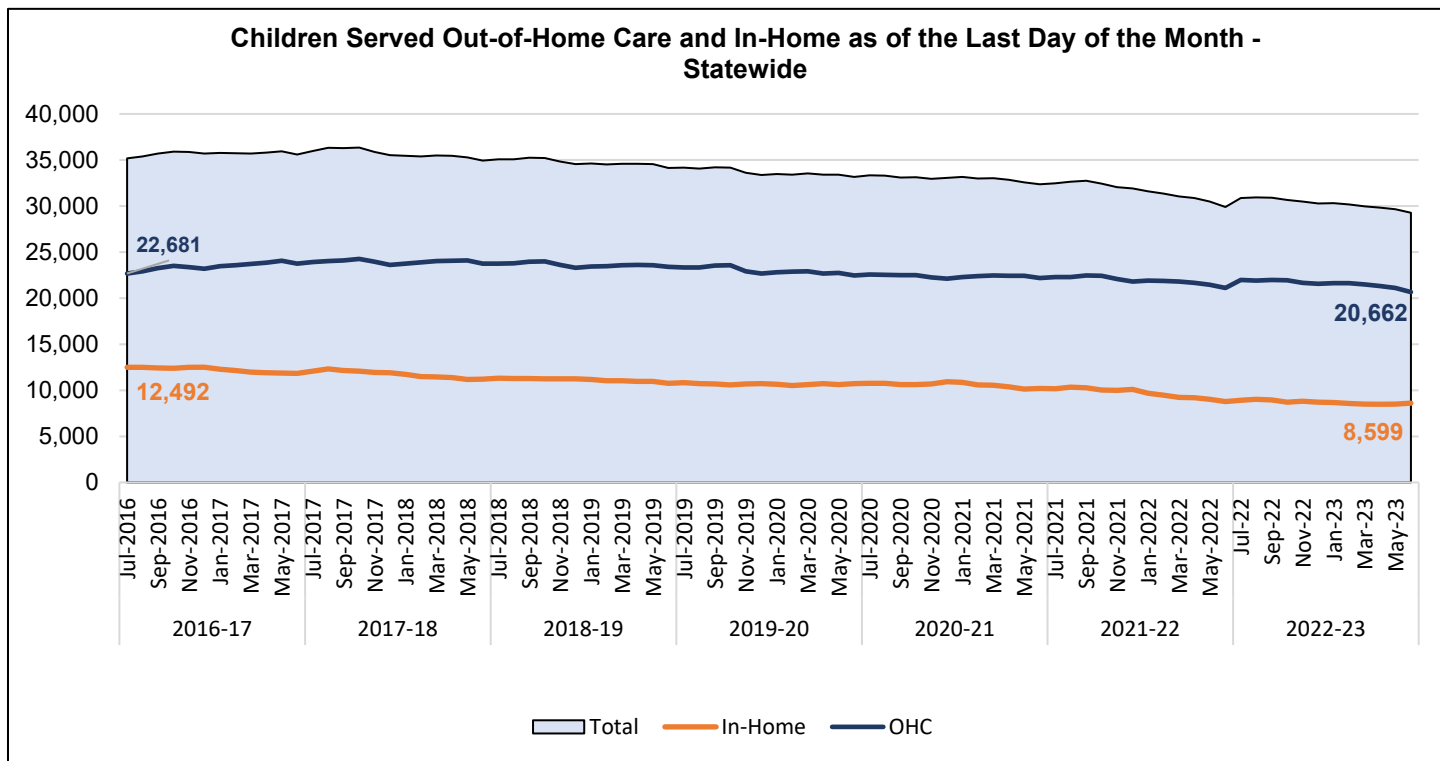
## Case Management and Ongoing Services

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

CBC Lead Agency outcomes include: “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

The total number of children in care has declined by 17 percent since SFY 2016-2017, with the decreases in both the number of children receiving in-home and out-of-home care.

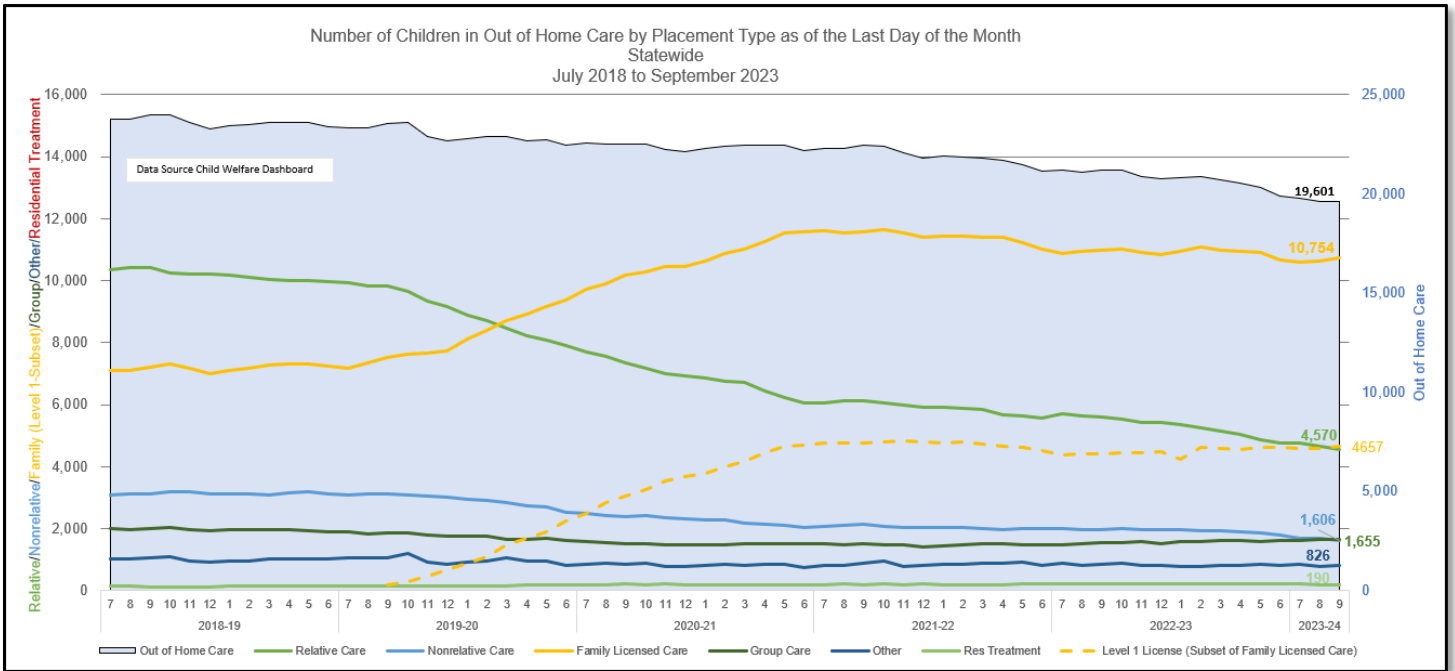


## Out-of-Home Care Placement Types

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 a significant relationship to the child before removal.

### Florida Statewide Trend

Since SFY 2018-19 OHC numbers and placement type usage has been fairly stable. SFY 2019-20 changes related to categorization of licensed relative and nonrelative placements (Level 1 licensing) 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.

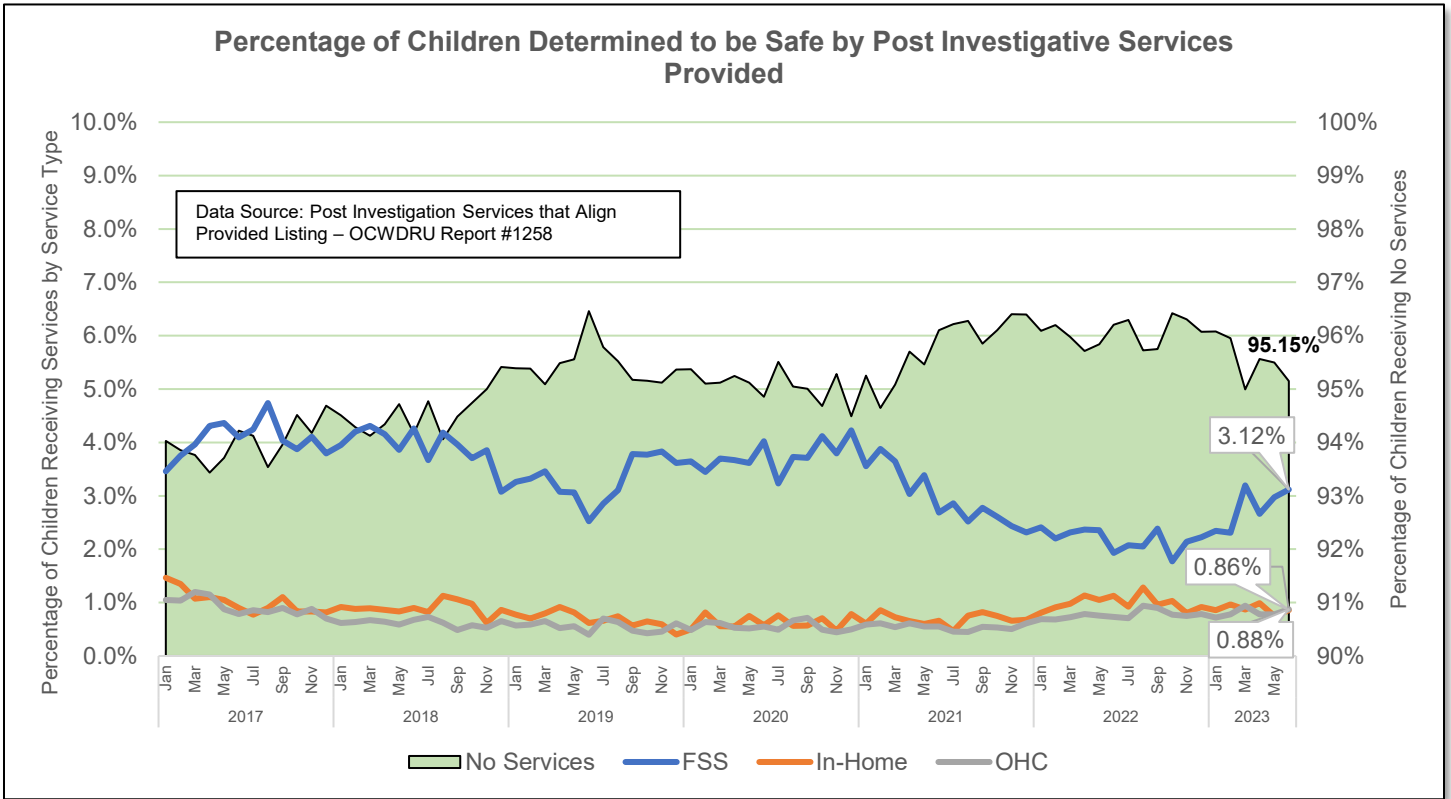




# Services Provided for Children Determined to be Safe

## Florida Statewide Trend

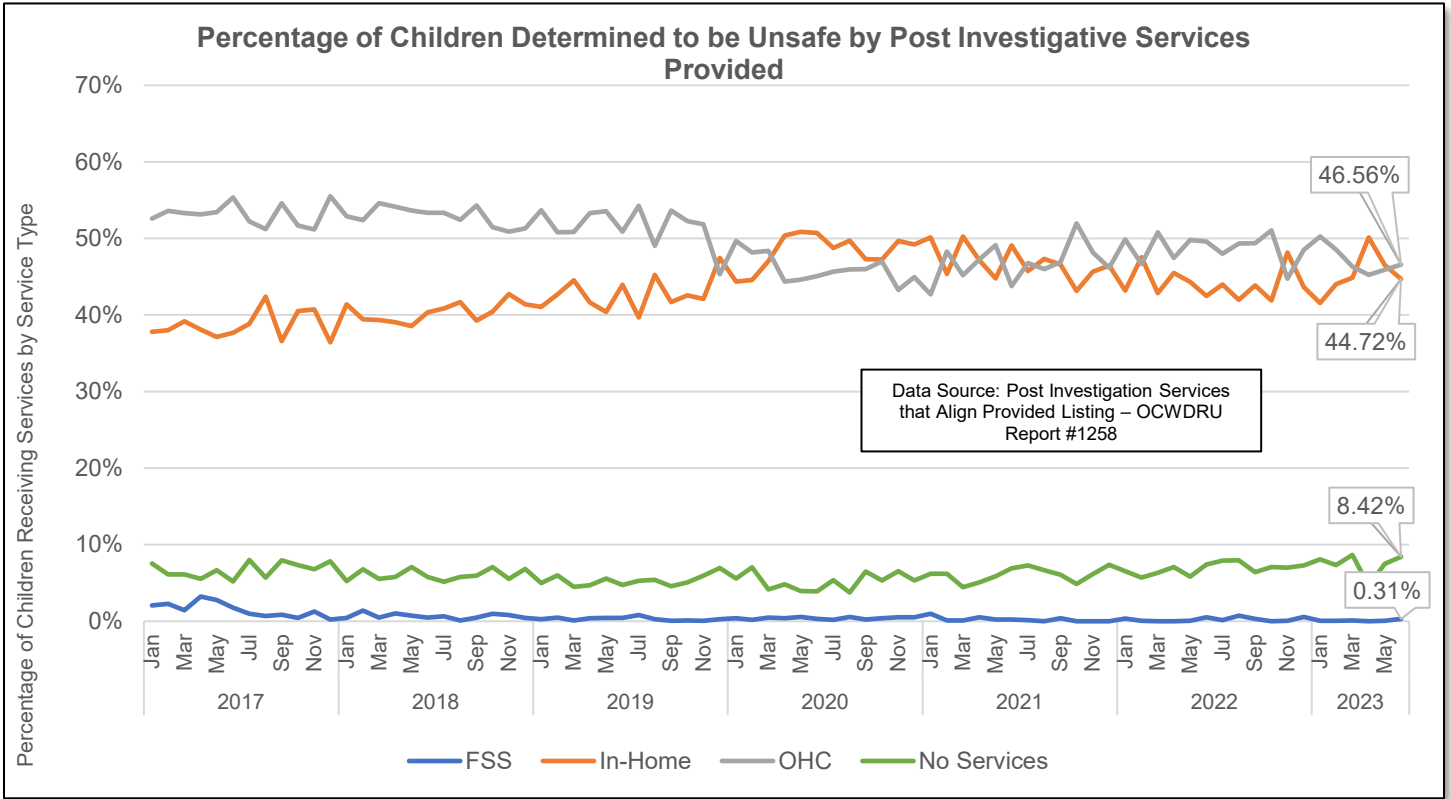
This chart looks at all children with a safety determination of 'safe' in investigations closed during the month and shows what post investigation service (if any) the child is receiving. The percentage of children closed with a 'safe' status post investigation services with "no services" is displayed on a secondary (right) axis as an area chart. Referrals to community services are often made in cases.



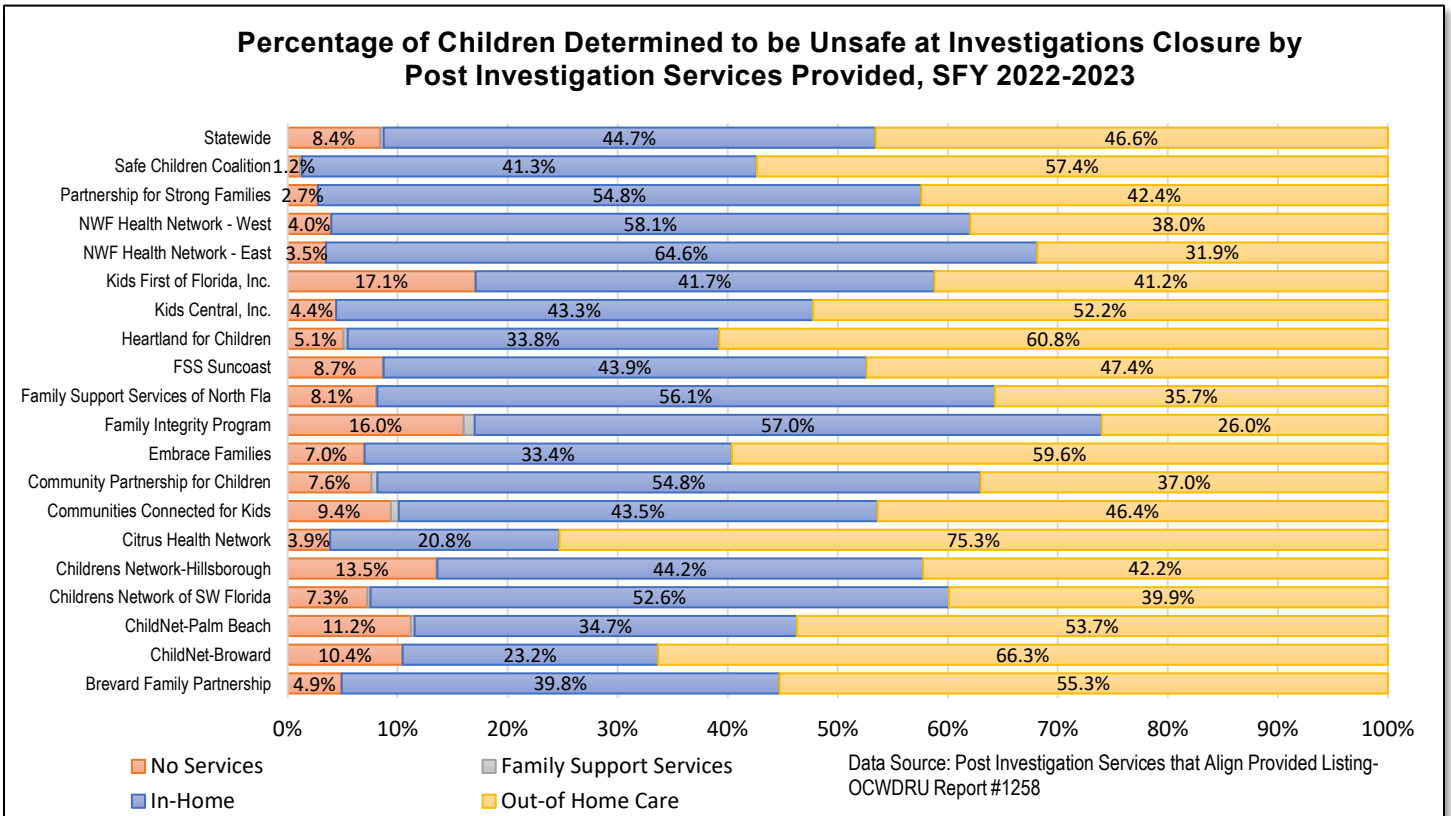
## CBC Lead Agency Comparison

# Services Provided for Children Determined to be Unsafe

## Florida Statewide Trend



## CBC Lead Agency Comparison



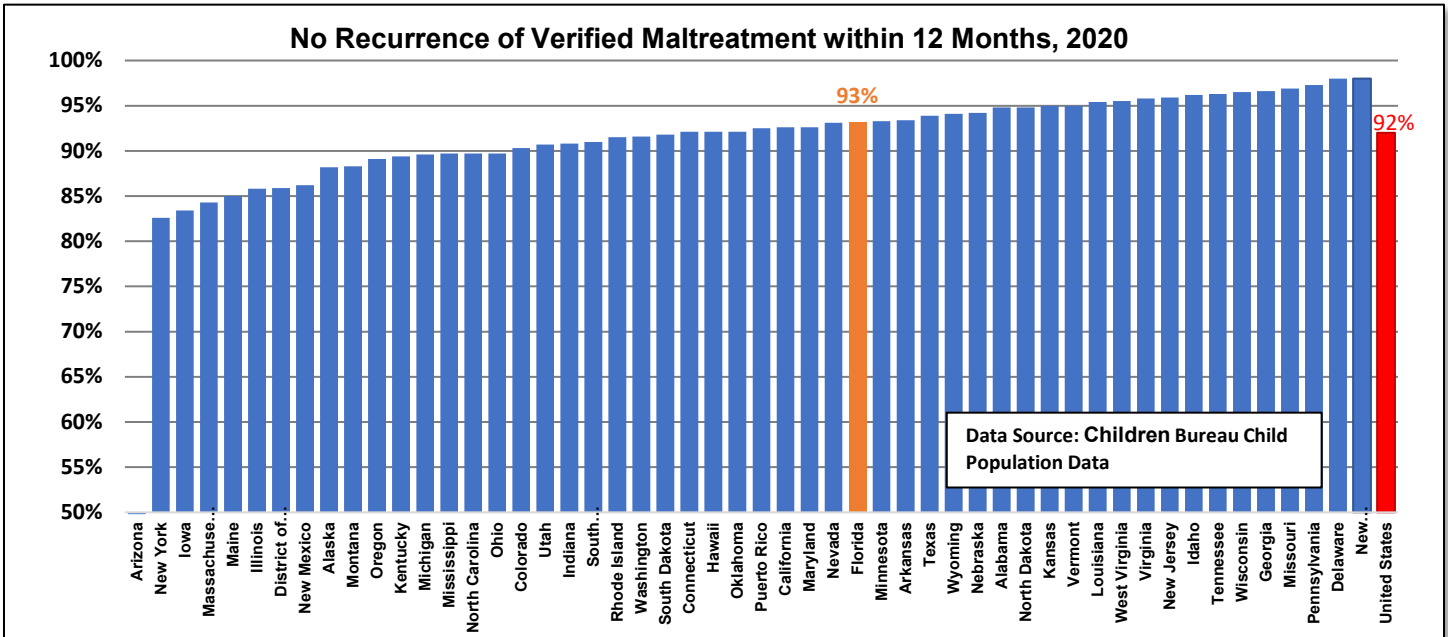
# Safety Indicators

## No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment

This federal indicator measures the percent of all children, including those receiving services and those not receiving services, who were victims of a substantiated maltreatment report during a 12-month period that were again victims of another substantiated maltreatment within the following 12 months.

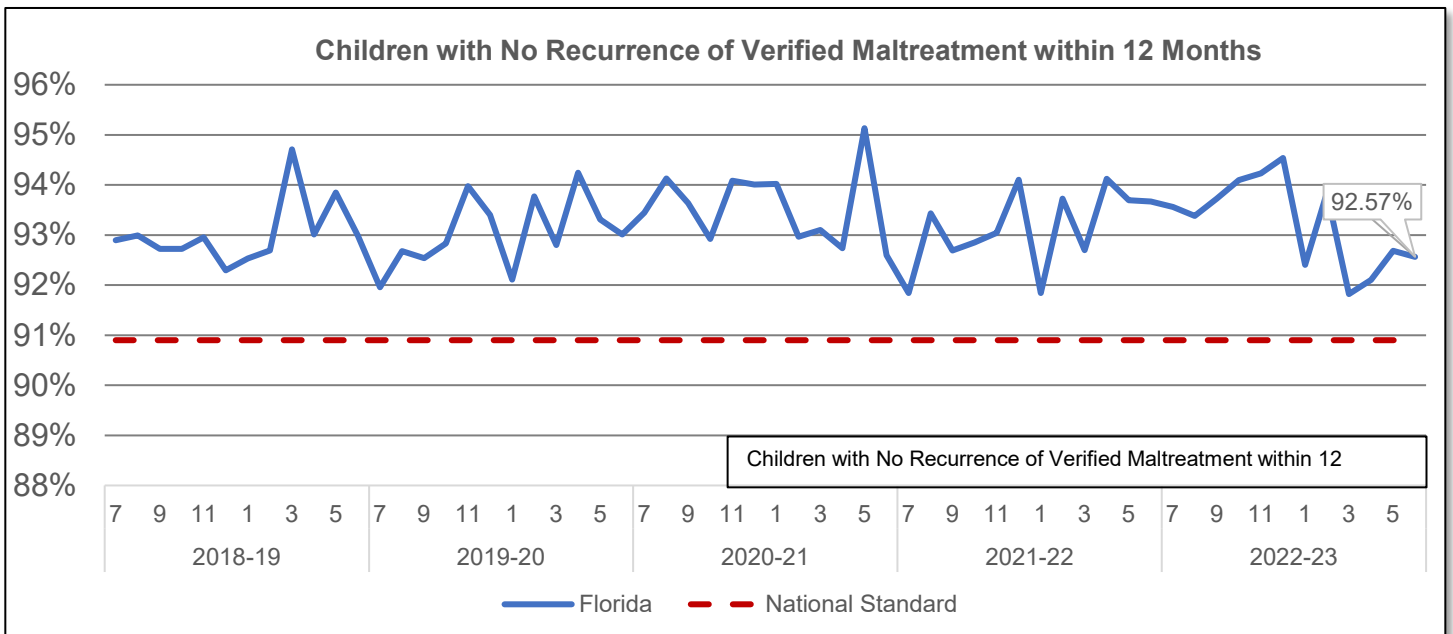
### Florida Compared to Other States

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 2020. Based on 2020 data, Florida’s observed performance of 93 percent compares favorably to the national average.



### Florida Statewide Trend

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



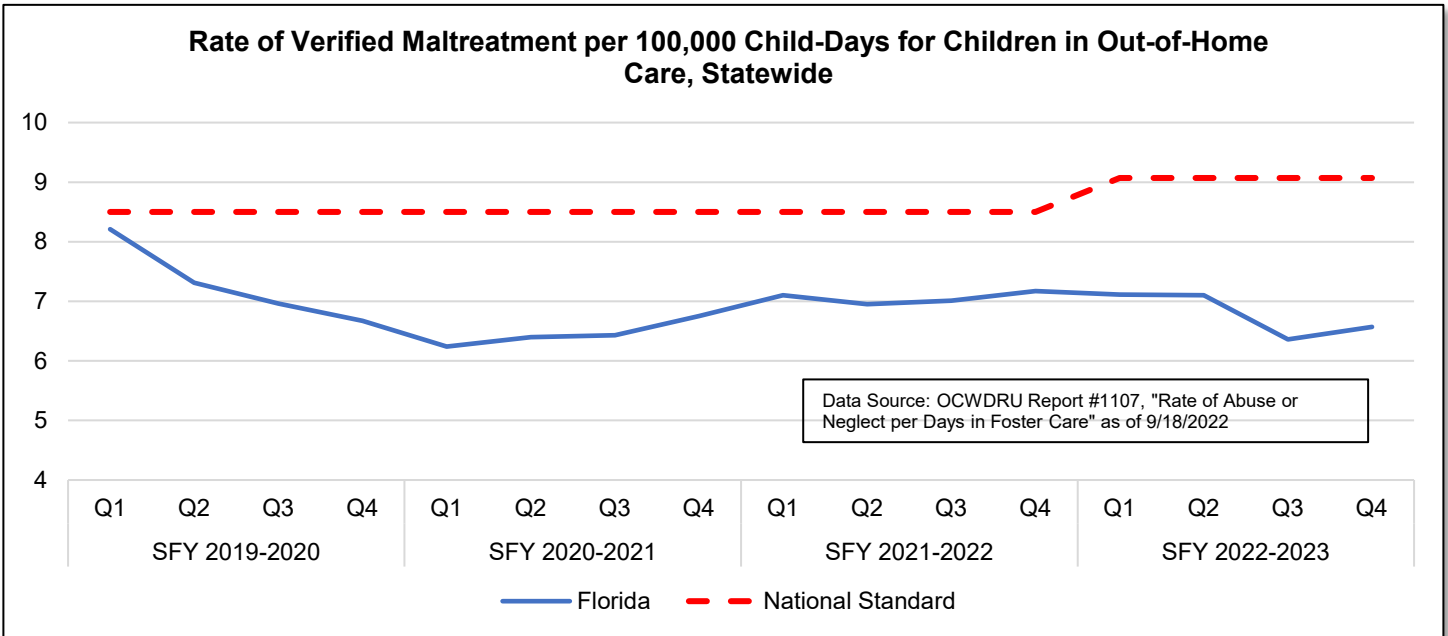
## Circuit Comparisons

All but 9 investigative areas met the national standard for this metric as of the end of SFY 2022-23.

Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment within 12 Months						
DCF Target 90.90%						
Region	Investigative Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Central	DCF Circuit 05	93.45%	93.56%	94.20%	94.41%	89.26%
	DCF Circuit 09	92.57%	94.48%	95.19%	94.31%	96.48%
	DCF Circuit 10	94.17%	92.09%	94.44%	93.54%	92.19%
	DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	91.04%	90.37%	93.38%	92.52%	90.77%
	Seminole SO	93.23%	95.10%	93.40%	88.66%	95.65%
Northeast	DCF Circuit 03	93.78%	92.46%	95.80%	93.97%	88.24%
	DCF Circuit 04-Clay	93.03%	89.70%	92.13%	94.72%	100.00%
	DCF Circuit 04-Duval, Nassau	93.47%	92.08%	92.74%	94.17%	97.41%
	DCF Circuit 07-St. Johns	92.25%	94.98%	88.89%	94.68%	85.71%
	DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam, Volusia	90.25%	91.84%	93.53%	95.10%	92.50%
DCF Circuit 08	95.43%	92.58%	96.65%	94.58%	83.87%	
Northwest	DCF Circuit 01	91.25%	92.14%	92.14%	92.16%	93.84%
	Walton SO	N/A	83.16%	86.22%	96.26%	55.56%
	DCF Circuit 02	92.28%	94.18%	94.05%	94.34%	90.16%
Southeast	DCF Circuit 14	95.58%	94.46%	94.24%	94.31%	95.74%
	DCF Circuit 15	94.05%	94.32%	94.33%	94.81%	94.12%
	Broward SO	92.98%	93.91%	95.33%	93.96%	93.67%
Southern	DCF Circuit 19	92.33%	94.02%	95.54%	95.01%	98.88%
	DCF Circuit 11	95.56%	95.10%	93.71%	93.30%	95.77%
	DCF Circuit 16	91.59%	96.59%	98.63%	95.59%	100.00%
Suncoast	Pasco SO	92.41%	92.63%	93.60%	91.68%	95.88%
	Pinellas SO	91.93%	91.15%	91.10%	87.70%	85.04%
	DCF Circuit 12-Desoto, Sarasota	91.47%	93.27%	92.78%	94.60%	95.45%
	Manatee SO	93.82%	92.41%	92.79%	91.80%	98.44%
	Hillsborough SO	94.60%	93.42%	93.42%	93.31%	84.76%
DCF Circuit 20	92.35%	94.54%	94.54%	92.49%	96.24%	
<b>Statewide</b>		<b>93.02%</b>	<b>93.04%</b>	<b>93.04%</b>	<b>93.15%</b>	<b>92.57%</b>

## Maltreatment in Foster Care

This federal indicator measures the rate of all children in foster care during a 12-month period who were a victim of maltreatment while in foster care. Considering maltreatment in foster care is a relatively rare occurrence, the rate is calculated per 100,000 days in care. The federal target for this measure increased from 8.50 to 9.07 occurrences per 100,000 days in care beginning in SFY 2022-2023. Florida has consistently performed better than the national standard for this metric.



### CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Florida has met the federal target for this metric for the past three years, with 17 of the 19 Lead Agency circuit areas met target in SFY 2022-23.

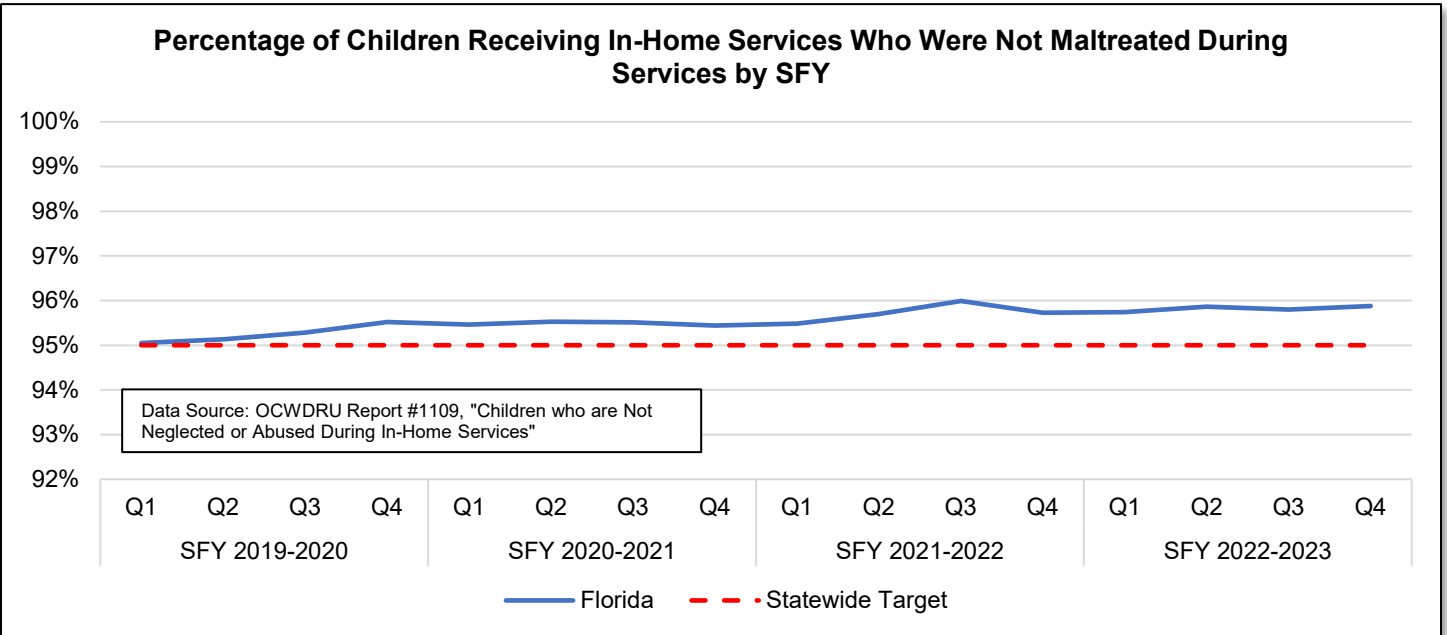
Rate of Foster Care Children with a Verified Maltreatment per 100,000 Days in Care				
Previous National Standard (2019-20 to 2021-22) : <=8.5    Current National Standard (2022-23): <=9.07				
CBC Lead Agency	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Brevard Family Partnership	6.36	10.01	9.84	8.24
ChildNet-Broward	6.14	6.89	8.12	6.08
ChildNet-PalmBeach	4.28	5.42	7.76	7.88
Childrens Network of SW Florida	9.56	7.95	7.47	4.66
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	6.30	6.88	7.38	7.16
Citrus Health Network	7.85	7.37	3.39	3.93
Communities Connected for Kids	3.86	7.66	6.68	9.04
Community Partnership for Childrent	5.71	5.56	3.99	7.17
Embrace Families	9.22	5.05	8.51	8.07
Family Integrity Program	5.08	7.76	4.06	0.00
Family Support Services of North Fl	8.64	9.15	6.64	5.75
FSS SunCoast	10.16	5.86	7.30	6.72
Heartland for Children	4.48	8.77	9.74	6.52
Kids Central, Inc.	5.18	4.61	4.16	2.57
Kids First of Florida, Inc	5.36	6.13	5.38	4.73
NWF Health Network-East	4.49	3.22	5.72	6.13
NWF Health Network-West	5.20	8.18	6.84	10.23
Partnership for Strong Families	3.68	5.19	4.29	8.46
Safe Children Coalition	6.34	10.27	8.69	5.67
Florida	6.70	6.79	6.91	6.57

## Maltreatment During Case-Managed Services

Children receiving in-home services include children found to be unsafe and in need of ongoing assessment, planning, and services, and children receiving post-placement supervision. As this service is for unsafe children, 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.



### CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Percent of Children Receiving In-Home Services Who Were Not Maltreated During Services				
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	92.89%	95.22%	95.30%	94.96%
ChildNet-Broward	96.32%	95.89%	96.51%	95.63%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	95.54%	96.37%	95.98%	96.89%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	96.43%	96.00%	96.55%	96.32%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	95.49%	95.02%	96.92%	96.00%
Citrus Health Network	97.55%	96.49%	95.50%	96.54%
Communities Connected for Kids	95.18%	97.53%	94.48%	93.26%
Community Partnership for Children	93.94%	94.48%	95.46%	96.09%
Embrace Families	94.84%	95.05%	94.98%	94.63%
Family Integrity Program	94.28%	95.85%	98.50%	95.36%
Family Support Services of North Fla	95.50%	96.35%	96.67%	95.38%
FSS Suncoast	95.13%	94.32%	93.24%	95.93%
Heartland for Children	93.41%	96.96%	95.38%	94.60%
Kids Central, Inc.	97.03%	93.91%	95.69%	95.48%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	94.04%	96.37%	96.65%	99.61%
NWF Health Network - East	96.18%	95.82%	95.83%	97.53%
NWF Health Network - West	96.23%	94.42%	95.18%	94.48%
Partnership for Strong Families	95.85%	95.32%	96.75%	97.42%
Safe Children Coalition	94.05%	96.07%	97.90%	97.23%
<b>Statewide</b>	95.52%	95.44%	95.73%	95.86%
National Standard	95%	95%	95%	95%

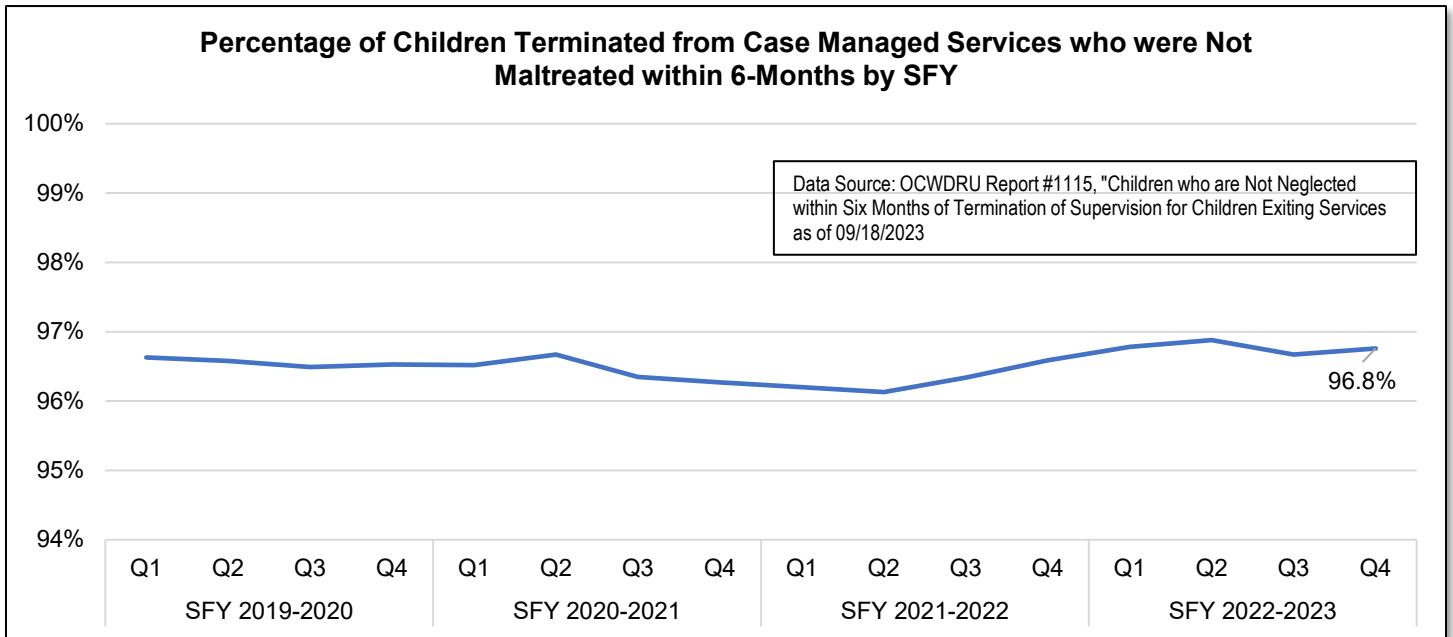
Source: OCFWDRU #1107--"Children Who Are Not Abuse or Neglected While Receiving Services"

## Maltreatment after Termination of Case-Managed Services

Maltreatment within six months of termination of case management helps determine if supervision may have been terminated prematurely.

### Florida Statewide Trend

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



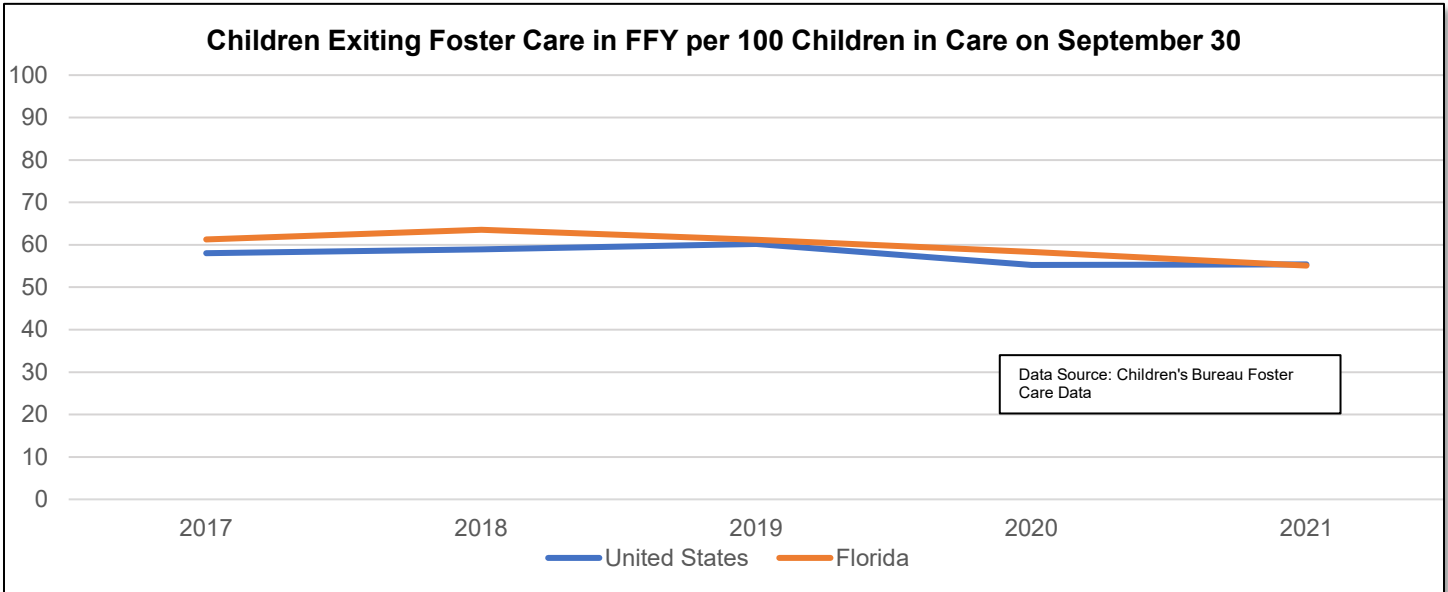
# Permanency Indicators

## 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.

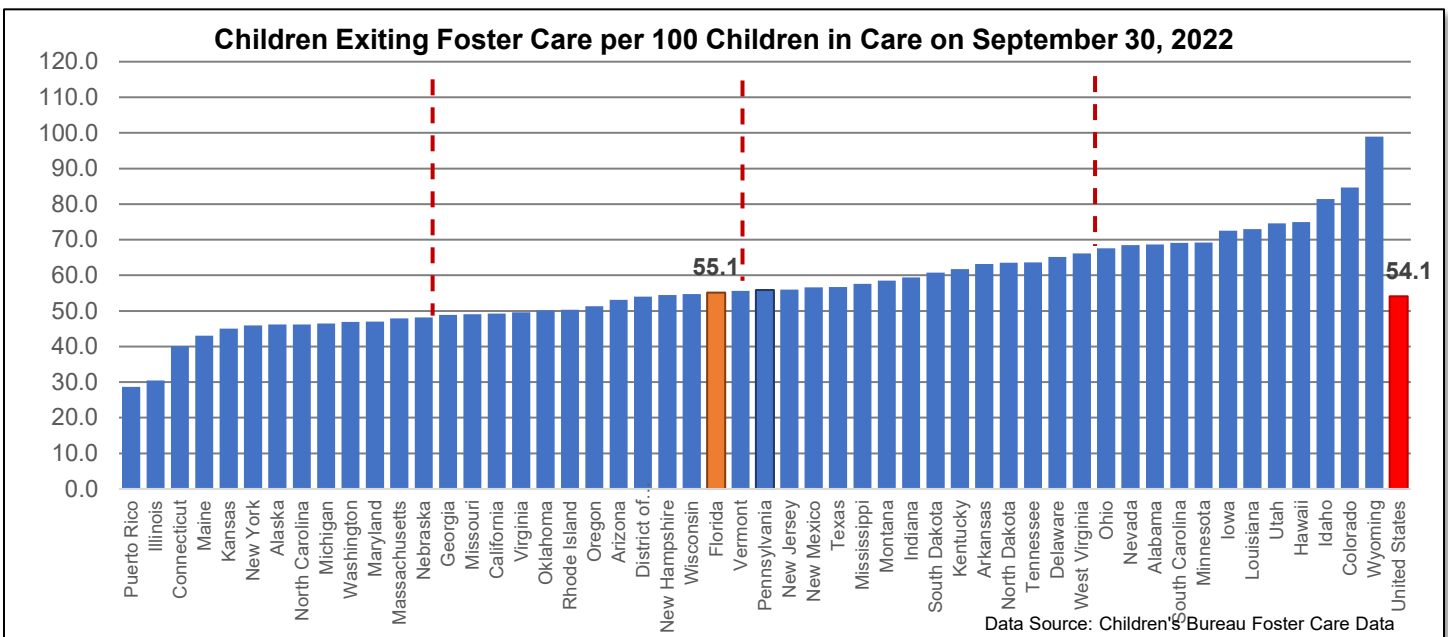
### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida's exit rate from Foster Care has been declining and dipped below the national average for the first time during FFY 2021 (the most recent year national data is available).



### Florida Compared to Other States

The last available national data indicates that Florida's exit rate of 55.1 per 100 children in out-of-home care was in the second quartile of ranked states.



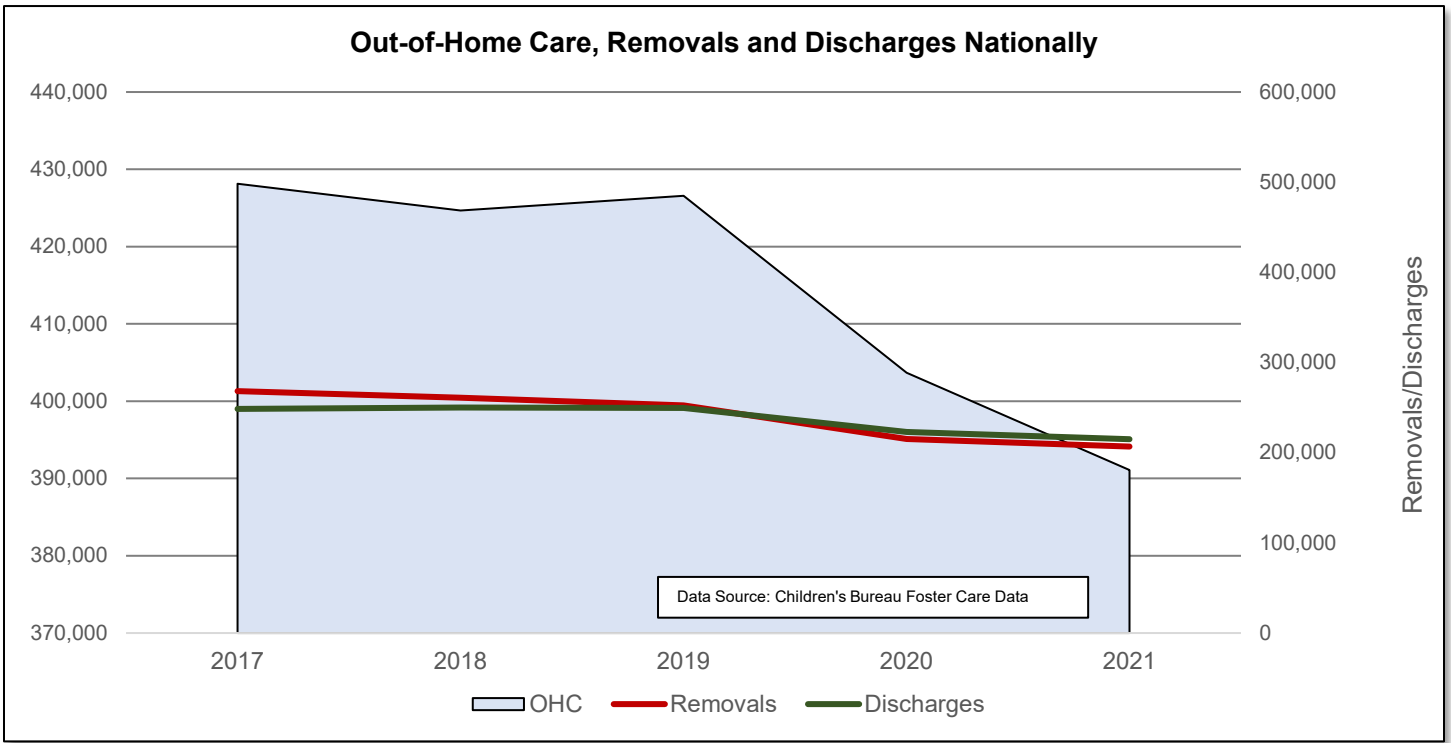


## Relationship between Out-of-Home Care, Removals, and Discharges

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

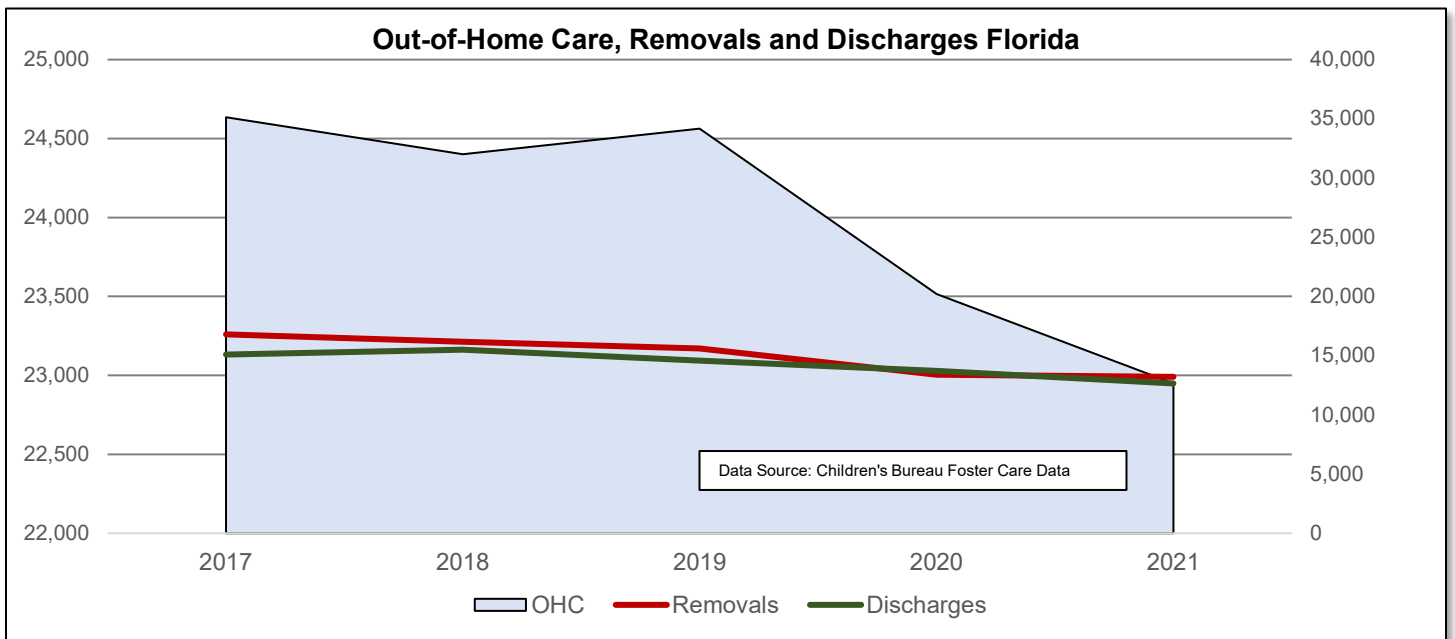
### National Trend

This chart shows that the national reduction in OHC from FFY 2017 through FFY 2021.



### Florida Statewide Trend

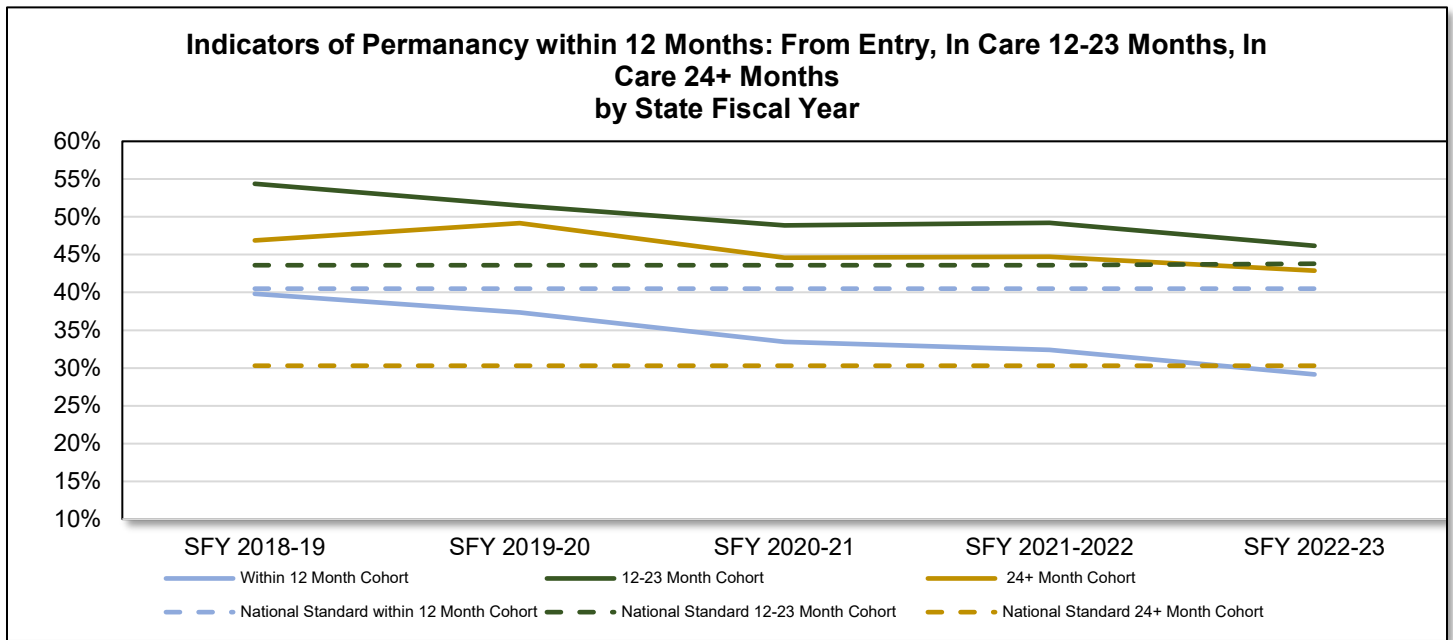
Florida was similar to the national trend, with reductions in removals and OHC in FFYs 2017-21.



## Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Care

### Florida Statewide Trend

Florida's performance for each cohort of children (children in care within 12 months; children in care 12-23 months; and children in care 24 months or longer) has generally declined over the past several years, with the children within 12 months cohort declining most notably and falling below national standards.



### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

For children achieving permanency in 12 months, only two of 19 Lead Agencies met the target of 35 percent as of the end of SFY 2021-22.

Children Achieving Permanency within Twelve Months for Children Removed					
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	36.60%	39.33%	32.62%	33.09%	28.95%
ChildNet-Broward	36.20%	42.18%	31.90%	35.75%	32.56%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	42.10%	42.40%	45.32%	33.33%	35.39%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	46.60%	44.26%	42.92%	37.39%	34.37%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	46.90%	32.13%	26.98%	25.35%	28.65%
Citrus Health Network	38.10%	34.14%	36.48%	30.74%	22.92%
Communities Connected for Kids	35.80%	34.75%	46.30%	45.54%	39.00%
Community Partnership for Children	23.50%	32.45%	29.60%	26.88%	25.81%
Embrace Families	40.10%	36.36%	35.78%	30.76%	24.57%
Family Integrity Program	55.10%	50.98%	35.71%	48.75%	29.41%
Family Support Services of North Fla	48.10%	44.70%	34.77%	37.12%	27.51%
FSS Suncoast	26.90%	29.01%	26.30%	27.18%	26.43%
Heartland for Children	46.80%	40.07%	30.88%	34.79%	29.26%
Kids Central, Inc.	39.90%	40.99%	37.21%	33.26%	28.83%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	30.00%	25.54%	32.56%	30.41%	30.48%
NWF Health Network - East	30.00%	27.13%	28.47%	30.77%	33.05%
NWF Health Network - West	31.20%	32.23%	28.11%	23.08%	25.45%
Partnership for Strong Families	44.70%	42.20%	28.11%	23.48%	25.95%
Safe Children Coalition	43.20%	39.97%	33.19%	38.74%	34.07%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>38.70%</b>	<b>37.36%</b>	<b>33.59%</b>	<b>31.88%</b>	<b>29.31%</b>
National Standard	40.50%	40.50%	40.50%	40.50%	35.20%

Source: FSFN OCWDRU #1119 -- "Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months of Entering Care"

### Circuit/CBC Comparisons (continued)

For children in care 12-23 months, 14 of 19 Lead Agencies met the federal target of 43.6 percent, while 18 of 19 met the target for children in care 24 or more months.

Child in Care 12-23 Months Who Achieved Permanency Within an Additional 12 Months					
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	61.81%	47.83%	51.77%	55.69%	49.39%
ChildNet-Broward	53.62%	58.25%	50.76%	50.76%	56.67%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	53.13%	59.78%	59.27%	61.67%	61.06%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	62.97%	57.83%	54.49%	61.00%	61.16%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	44.34%	43.75%	42.55%	38.45%	32.31%
Citrus Health Network	54.42%	58.46%	47.60%	48.21%	46.22%
Communities Connected for Kids	54.07%	56.65%	57.02%	77.61%	71.03%
Community Partnership for Children	50.34%	58.89%	34.13%	52.06%	56.66%
Embrace Families	57.92%	47.46%	51.19%	46.33%	45.14%
Family Integrity Program	73.08%	78.95%	70.37%	63.93%	80.95%
Family Support Services of North Fla	75.93%	62.23%	64.42%	63.38%	58.19%
FSS Suncoast	43.37%	42.13%	48.88%	44.05%	40.35%
Heartland for Children	55.17%	51.85%	52.07%	50.00%	44.11%
Kids Central, Inc.	39.86%	50.57%	46.17%	43.22%	37.53%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	58.16%	66.67%	53.08%	45.98%	39.29%
NWF Health Network - East	50.88%	44.70%	50.99%	49.82%	64.93%
NWF Health Network - West	47.02%	41.91%	48.05%	41.51%	45.78%
Partnership for Strong Families	66.20%	63.13%	53.33%	61.03%	41.25%
Safe Children Coalition	53.89%	52.67%	51.84%	54.82%	54.01%
<b>Statewide</b>	53.60%	51.48%	49.88%	50.39%	47.39%
National Standard	43.60%	43.60%	43.60%	43.60%	43.80%

Source: FSFN OCWDRU #1137 -- "Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months"

Children in Care 24+ Months Who Achieved Permanency Within an Additional 12 Months					
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	43.60%	49.47%	50.50%	61.97%	55.86%
ChildNet-Broward	45.24%	49.00%	42.38%	39.79%	37.89%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	42.47%	42.24%	44.91%	49.20%	48.43%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	51.76%	54.18%	53.15%	54.67%	51.90%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	45.91%	45.44%	47.46%	34.62%	34.46%
Citrus Health Network	42.13%	40.38%	31.03%	34.49%	34.47%
Communities Connected for Kids	60.23%	59.82%	51.56%	64.34%	28.57%
Community Partnership for Children	58.16%	62.60%	34.12%	46.59%	52.33%
Embrace Families	50.85%	45.14%	49.71%	47.34%	47.20%
Family Integrity Program	54.17%	57.14%	25.00%	52.38%	58.62%
Family Support Services of North Fla	41.10%	46.34%	36.26%	39.77%	38.46%
FSS Suncoast	47.39%	44.06%	40.36%	38.85%	38.83%
Heartland for Children	50.00%	50.20%	44.90%	51.42%	46.31%
Kids Central, Inc.	41.24%	52.81%	51.21%	39.77%	42.96%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	46.67%	62.50%	43.18%	58.23%	66.22%
NWF Health Network - East	53.16%	45.22%	53.11%	54.13%	49.12%
NWF Health Network - West	46.79%	56.25%	55.14%	48.82%	58.90%
Partnership for Strong Families	54.26%	51.38%	43.24%	48.15%	32.50%
Safe Children Coalition	66.10%	54.05%	44.56%	50.73%	48.34%
<b>Statewide</b>	47.70%	49.17%	45.48%	44.85%	44.05%
National Standard	30.30%	30.30%	30.30%	30.30%	30.30%

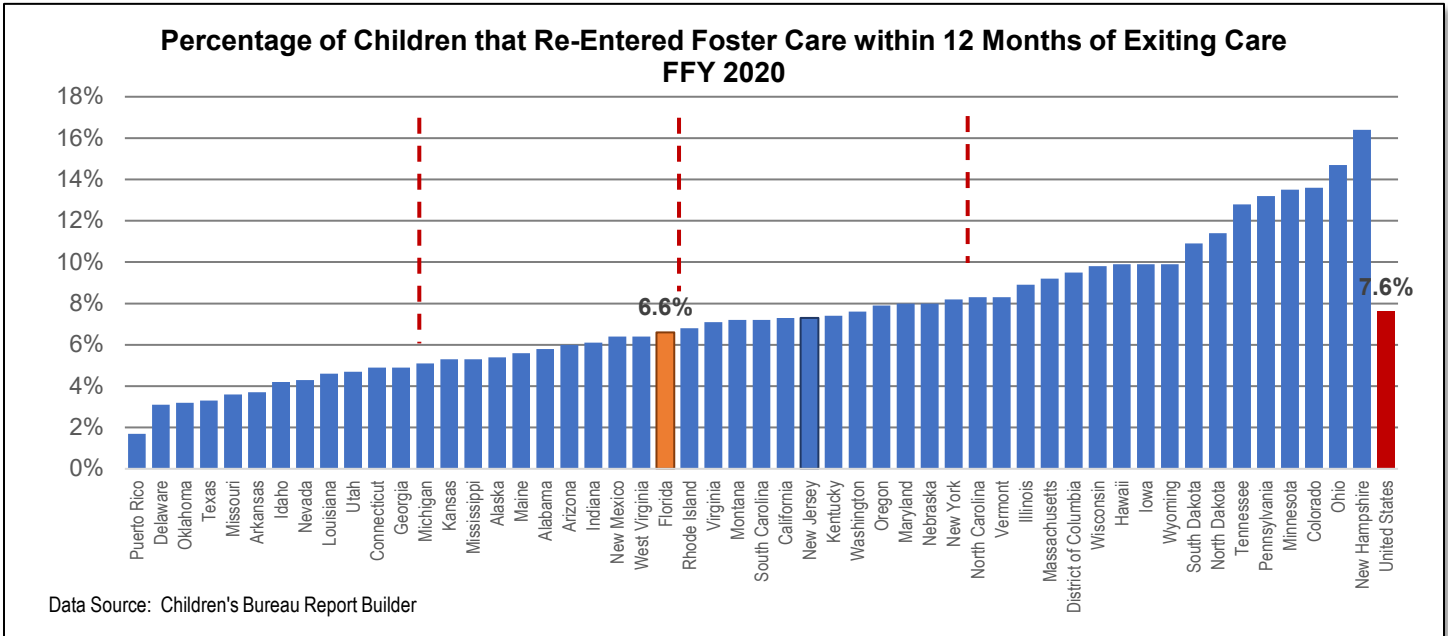
Source: FSFN OCWDRU #1196 -- "Children Exiting Foster Care to A Permanent Home within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care Twenty-Four Months or I

## Re-Entry into Foster Care

This national permanency indicator measures the percent of all children who entered out-of-home care in a 12-month period and were reunified, placed with a relative, or entered a guardianship within 12 months, who subsequently re-entered care within 12 months.

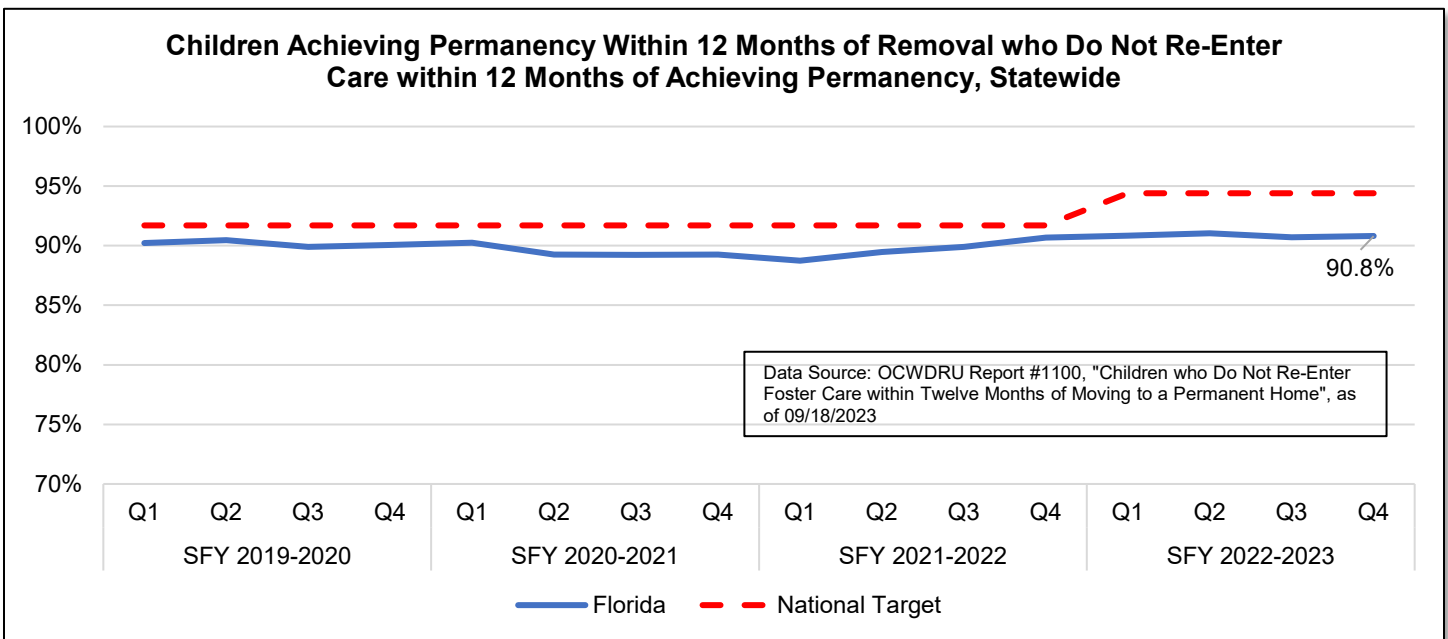
### Florida Compared to Other States

Florida's rate of re-entry into Foster Care within 12-Months of exiting care during FFY 2020 was in the second quartile among ranked states and was below the national average of 7.6 percent.



### Florida Statewide Trend

Florida displays the indicator as the percent that did not re-enter care (initial standard 91.7 percent). Florida's performance in the SFY 2020-21 entry cohort did not meet the federal standard for this metric but has shown some slight improvement during the past two years.



### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Four CBC Lead Agencies were able meet the federal target for the percentage of children that achieved permanency that did not reenter OHC for the SFY 2022-23.

Children Achieving Permanency within 12 Months of Removal Who Did Not Re-Enter Care within 12 Months of Achieing Permanency					
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	84.21%	88.97%	82.45%	92.81%	91.81%
ChildNet-Broward	90.43%	89.47%	90.71%	83.03%	82.86%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	85.11%	90.08%	88.76%	92.72%	97.13%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	93.22%	86.56%	89.00%	94.68%	91.59%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	90.20%	90.38%	88.89%	89.59%	91.67%
Citrus Health Network	76.19%	86.90%	93.09%	87.57%	89.57%
Communities Connected for Kids	78.05%	90.91%	88.67%	90.38%	90.23%
Community Partnership for Children	91.67%	85.61%	87.50%	86.41%	90.44%
Embrace Families	93.33%	92.19%	94.26%	92.11%	92.19%
Family Integrity Program	100.00%	97.67%	79.17%	88.68%	79.41%
Family Support Services of North Fla	84.75%	89.78%	89.69%	86.39%	89.06%
FSS Suncoast	86.67%	90.52%	89.33%	93.51%	88.86%
Heartland for Children	83.13%	88.15%	83.98%	92.00%	92.27%
Kids Central, Inc.	95.24%	91.71%	91.94%	86.21%	88.74%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	91.67%	97.83%	91.53%	90.74%	87.50%
NWF Health Network - East	94.12%	92.94%	85.81%	92.36%	95.90%
NWF Health Network - West	95.12%	91.77%	87.45%	92.89%	95.21%
Partnership for Strong Families	90.16%	91.49%	92.27%	93.71%	95.28%
Safe Children Coalition	90.59%	89.89%	90.27%	92.34%	92.07%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>89.28%</b>	<b>90.05%</b>	<b>89.25%</b>	<b>90.67%</b>	<b>90.80%</b>
National Standard	91.70%	91.70%	91.70%	91.70%	94.40%

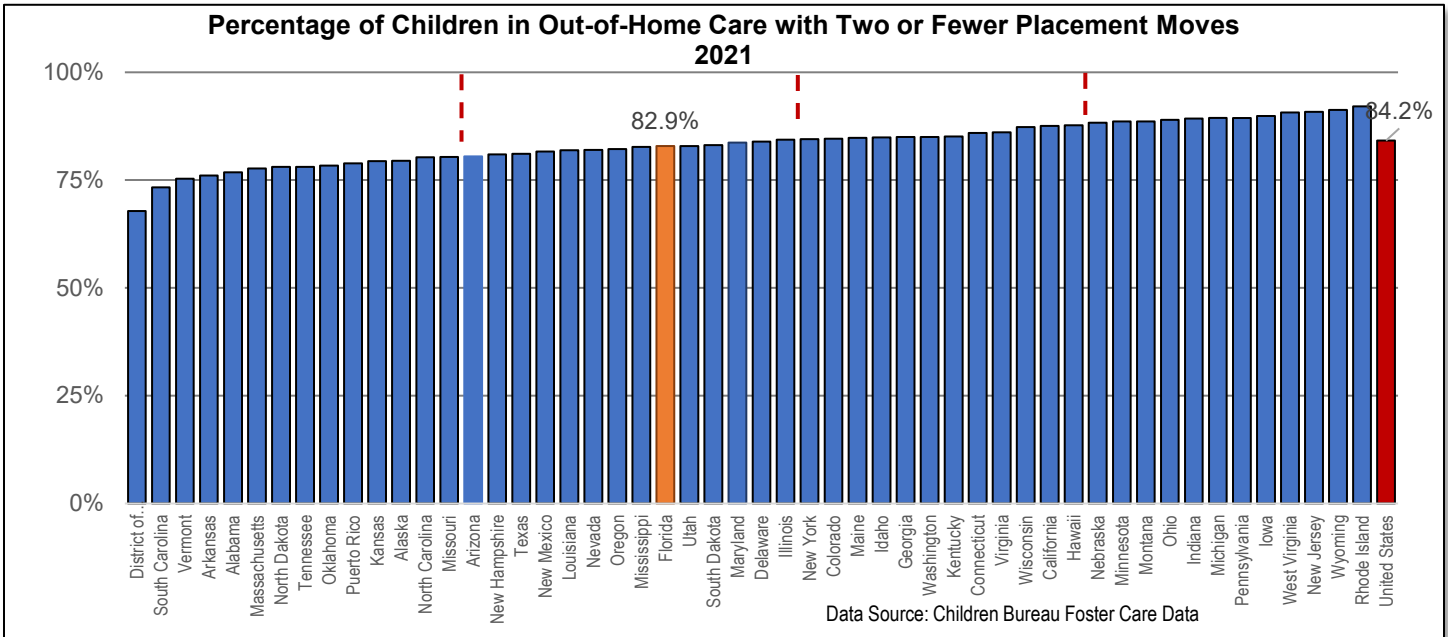
Source: FSFN OCWDRU #1099--"Children Who Do Not Re-Enter Foster Care within Twelve (12) Months of Moving to a Permanent Home"

## 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.

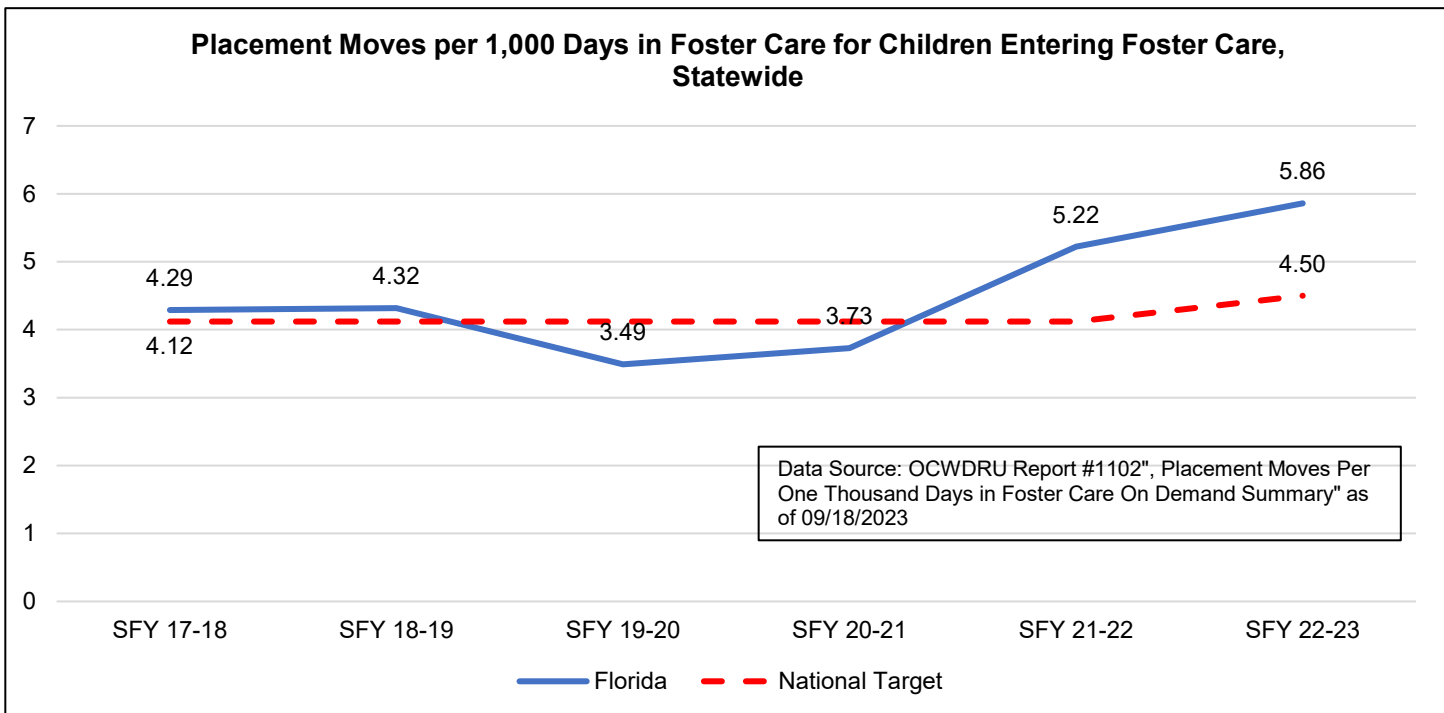
### Florida Compared to Other States

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



### Florida Statewide Trend

The number of statewide placement moves has been steadily increasing since SFY 2021-22 for placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care.



# Well-Being Indicators

## Caseworker Visits with Children in Care

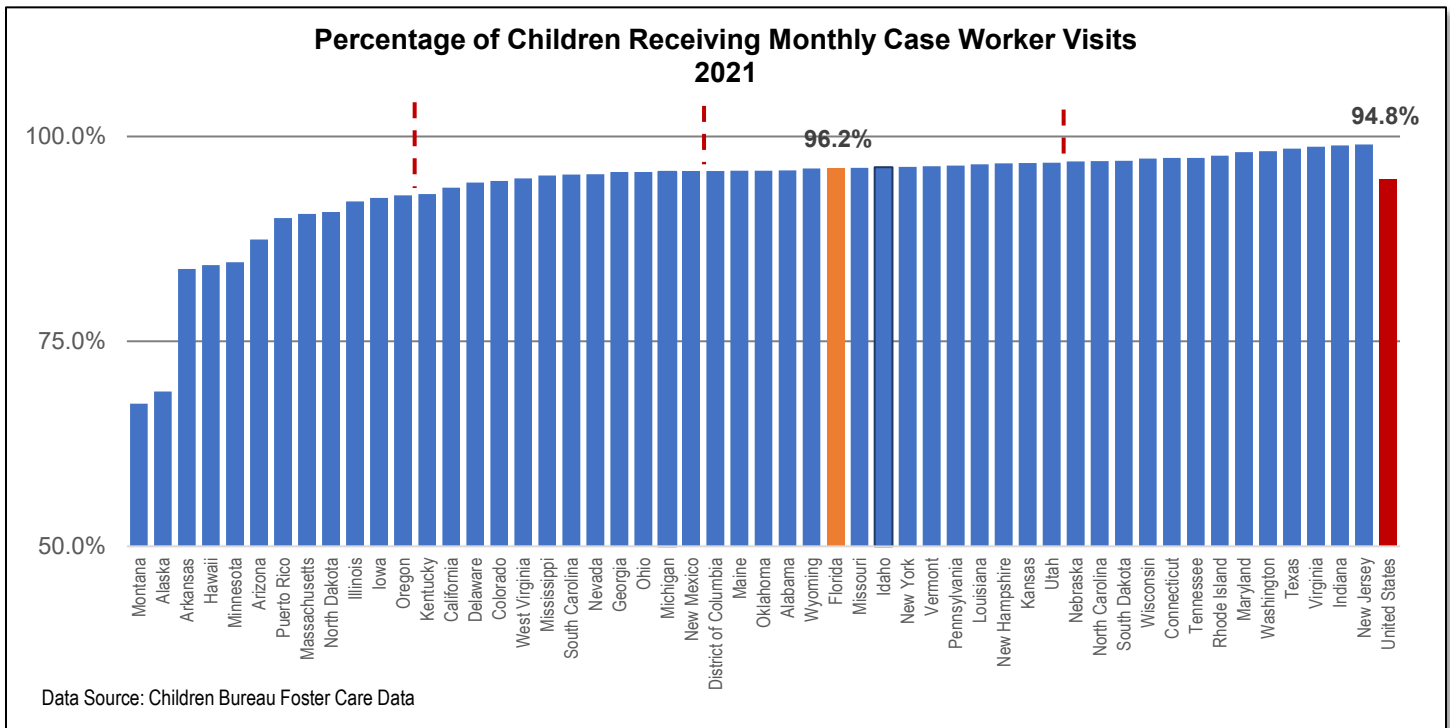
According to the Children’s Bureau, achieving permanency in a timely manner for children in foster care can be linked in part to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the CFSR, an association was found between caseworker visits measures and 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.

## Percentage of Children Receiving Monthly Caseworker Visits

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.

### 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.

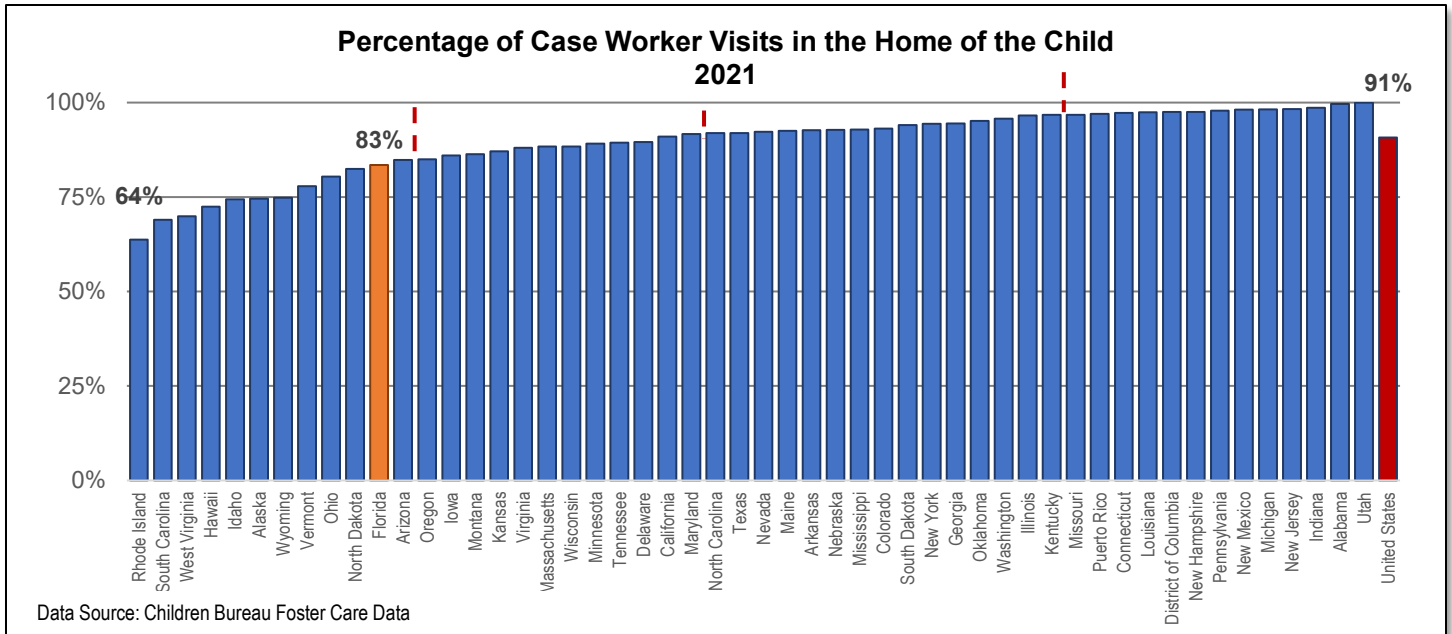


## Percentage of Monthly Visits that Occurred in the Home of the Child

This federal indicator measures the percent of the children visited in which the visit occurred in the home of the child.

### Florida Compared to Other States

Below includes the most recent FFY data available for the percentage of monthly visits that were made in the child's home.



### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Florida's similar indicator measures the percent of visits completed within 30 days of the last visit. Average statewide performance, 98.9 percent, is just slightly below the 99.5 percent target with 14 of the 19 CBC Lead Agencies meeting the target.

Children Under Supervision Seen Every 30 Days				
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	99.85%	99.88%	99.77%	99.76%
ChildNet-Broward	99.86%	99.80%	99.71%	99.71%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	99.87%	99.64%	99.64%	99.71%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	99.94%	99.94%	99.88%	99.89%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	99.64%	99.32%	98.30%	98.14%
Citrus Health Network	99.69%	99.73%	99.67%	99.62%
Communities Connected for Kids	99.51%	99.69%	99.63%	99.90%
Community Partnership for Children	99.69%	99.03%	99.36%	99.69%
Embrace Families	99.26%	99.18%	97.72%	98.31%
Family Integrity Program	99.95%	99.86%	99.76%	99.71%
Family Support Services of North Fla	99.69%	99.75%	99.86%	99.64%
FSS Suncoast	99.73%	99.48%	97.09%	98.36%
Heartland for Children	99.95%	99.91%	99.82%	99.82%
Kids Central, Inc.	99.83%	99.76%	99.40%	97.98%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	99.81%	97.36%	95.34%	99.87%
NWF Health Network - East	99.51%	99.35%	99.66%	99.60%
NWF Health Network - West	99.48%	99.51%	99.62%	99.70%
Partnership for Strong Families	99.78%	99.77%	99.93%	99.67%
Safe Children Coalition	99.76%	99.53%	99.43%	99.35%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>99.48%</b>	<b>99.43%</b>	<b>98.91%</b>	<b>98.88%</b>
National Standard	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%

Source: OCFWDRU #1144--"Children Under Supervision Seen Every 30 Days"

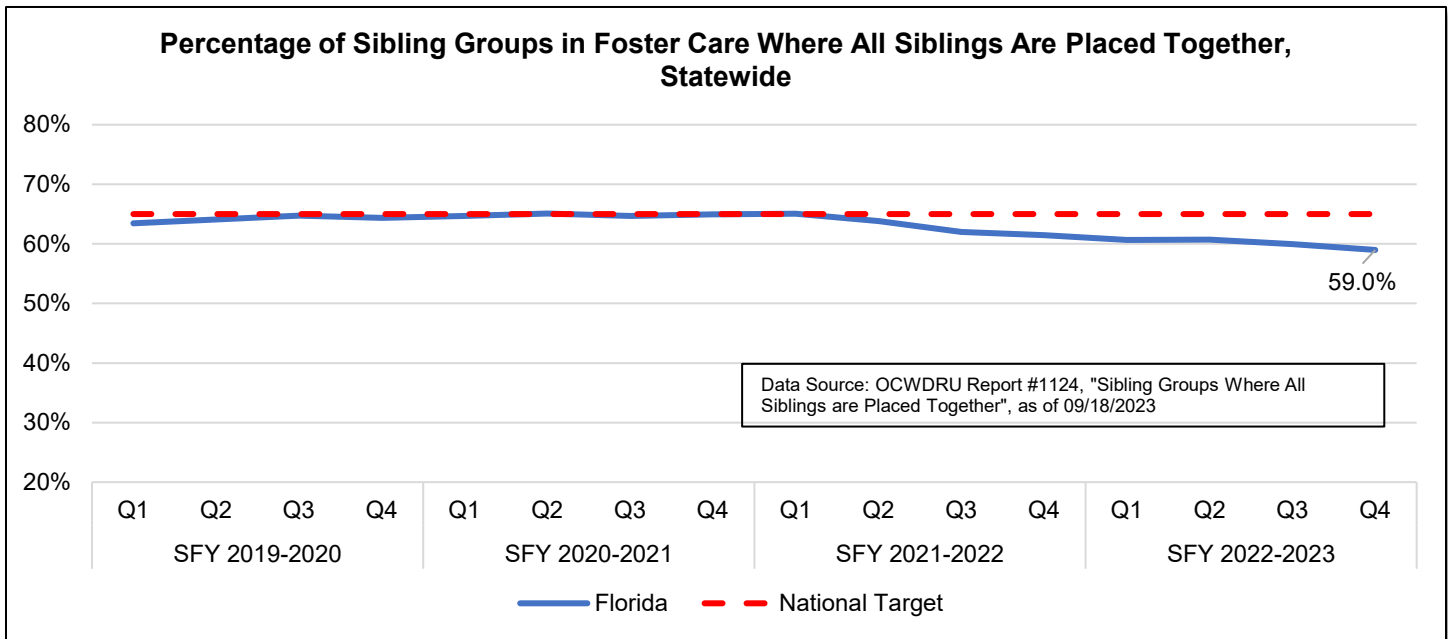


## Percent of Siblings Placed Together

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 declined over the past two years, from 61.6 percent in 2021-22 to 59 percent as of the end of 2022-23.



### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Only three of the 19 CBC Lead Agencies closed SFY 2022-23 above the 65 percent standard.

Percent of Sibling Groups in Foster Care Where All Siblings are Placed Together				
CBC Lead Agency	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Brevard Family Partnership	66.14%	66.97%	61.14%	59.57%
ChildNet-Broward	65.32%	69.92%	64.90%	65.04%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	61.54%	69.76%	63.39%	61.05%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	70.25%	64.19%	60.89%	56.90%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	60.67%	61.18%	58.73%	57.22%
Citrus Health Network	59.70%	60.93%	62.30%	57.04%
Communities Connected for Kids	65.00%	59.68%	54.46%	70.73%
Community Partnership for Children	67.12%	66.56%	61.45%	66.10%
Embrace Families	63.76%	65.60%	60.70%	62.90%
Family Integrity Program	69.44%	80.00%	59.09%	56.16%
Family Support Services of North Fla	66.05%	58.20%	56.62%	58.33%
FSS Suncoast	61.35%	60.13%	61.46%	51.75%
Heartland for Children	60.35%	63.55%	58.87%	58.56%
Kids Central, Inc.	73.60%	72.15%	65.55%	56.15%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	62.22%	71.76%	68.33%	63.99%
NWF Health Network - East	64.86%	63.60%	59.61%	56.52%
NWF Health Network - West	64.17%	63.50%	61.01%	56.19%
Partnership for Strong Families	65.46%	63.80%	56.50%	59.15%
Safe Children Coalition	64.66%	67.70%	66.52%	53.00%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>64.50%</b>	<b>64.74%</b>	<b>61.16%</b>	<b>58.98%</b>
National Standard	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%

Source: OCFWDRU #1144--"Children Under Supervision Seen Every 30 Days"

## 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.

Placements 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 Adoption and Safe Families Act (AFSA) outcomes was “Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.”

## Percent of Children in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

### ***Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons***

Ten of 19 CBC Lead Agencies were above the state average in SFY 2022-23.

Children in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care by Age Group (as of the end of FY 2022-23)				
CBC Lead Agency	Ages 0-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-17	All Children 0-17
Brevard Family Partnership	0.0%	7.8%	29.0%	7.5%
ChildNet-Broward	1.6%	7.3%	38.6%	14.1%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	0.0%	7.1%	43.4%	13.4%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	0.1%	9.3%	30.5%	9.6%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	0.2%	7.6%	24.6%	8.8%
Citrus Health Network	0.0%	5.8%	22.0%	7.4%
Communities Connected for Kids	2.6%	12.6%	39.1%	15.0%
Community Partnership for Children	0.0%	4.8%	35.6%	10.4%
Embrace Families	0.4%	7.2%	35.8%	10.9%
Family Integrity Program	0.0%	0.0%	35.0%	11.9%
Family Support Services of North Fla	0.0%	2.1%	6.3%	2.0%
FSS Suncoast	0.0%	10.7%	36.7%	11.3%
Heartland for Children	0.7%	5.9%	33.7%	9.9%
Kids Central, Inc.	0.2%	5.3%	23.7%	6.1%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	0.0%	1.5%	20.0%	5.1%
NWF Health Network - East	0.0%	4.3%	37.6%	8.9%
NWF Health Network - West	0.4%	4.8%	29.5%	6.9%
Partnership for Strong Families	0.0%	6.0%	33.5%	8.8%
Safe Children Coalition	0.0%	8.6%	29.4%	10.2%
<b>Statewide</b>	0.3%	7.0%	30.6%	9.3%

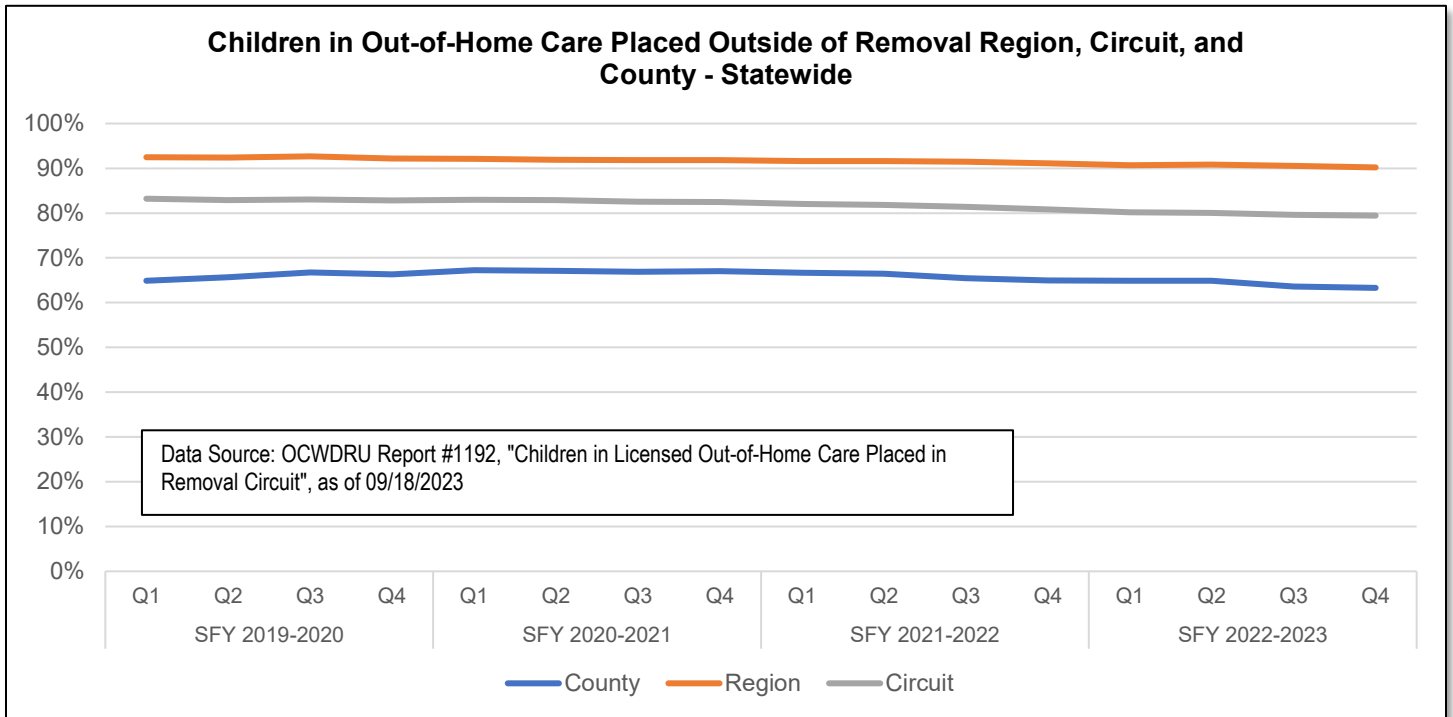
Source: FSN Data Repository

## 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.

### Florida Statewide Trend

In the last past four years, there has been a very slight reduction in the percent of children placed outside their removal region and circuit, with the percent of children placed outside their removal county remaining steady.



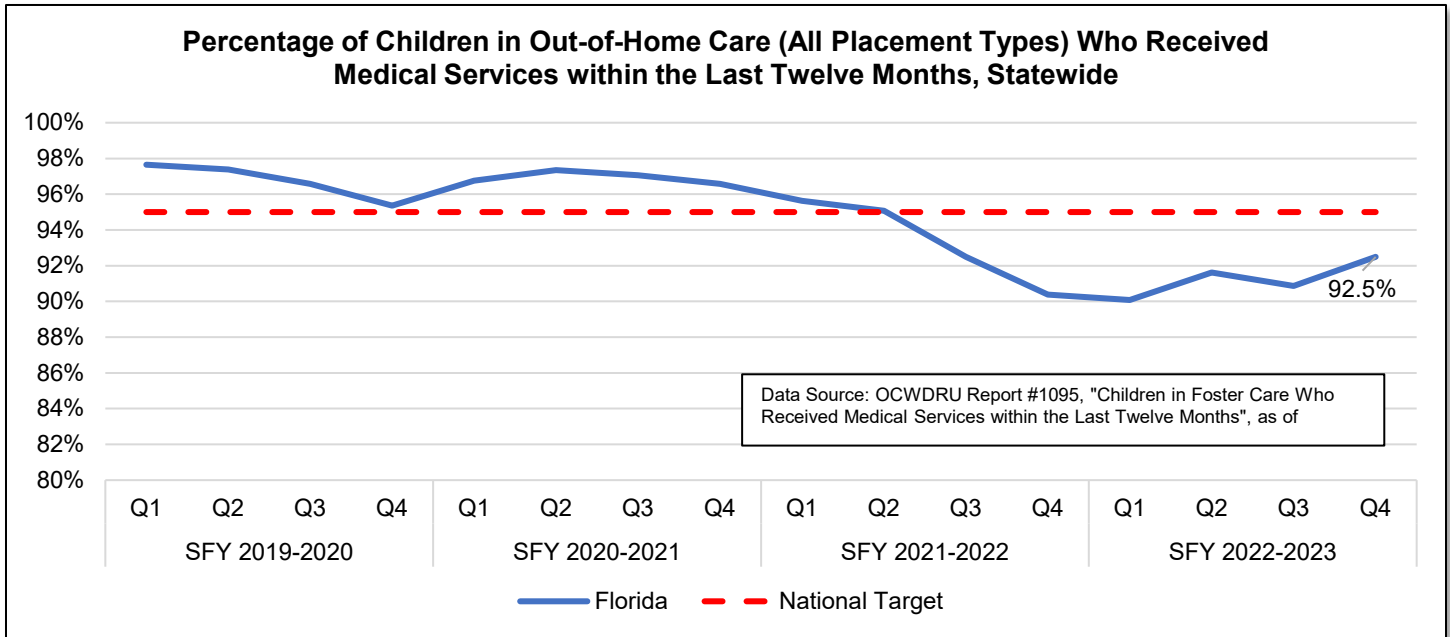
## Physical and Mental Health Needs

A CBC Lead Agency outcome is that “Children Receive Services to Meet their Physical and Mental Health Needs.”

### Medical Services

#### Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance for this metric has continued to decline since SFY 2021-22 and does not meet the established target.



#### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Twelve of the 19 CBC Lead Agencies met the target for this metric during SFY 2022-23.

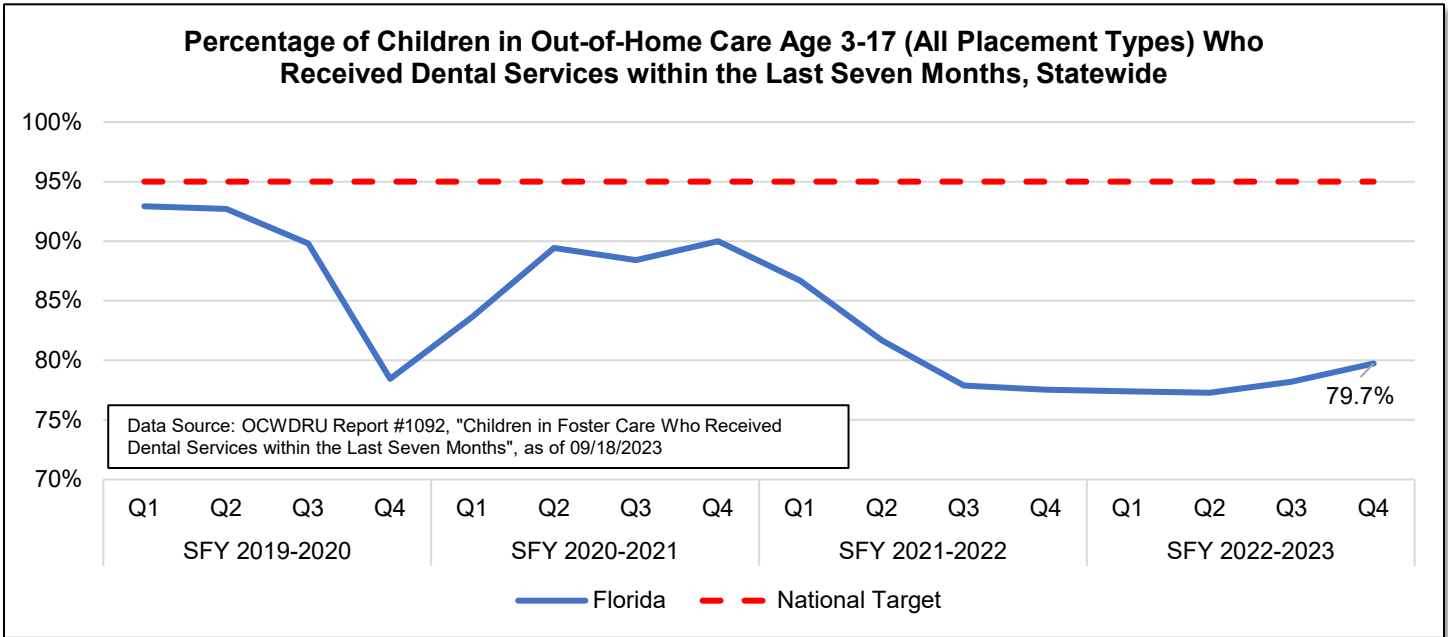
<b>Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care Who Received Medical Services within the Last Twelve Months (All Placement Types, Including Licensed and Kinship Care)</b>				
<b>CBC Lead Agency</b>	<b>FY 2019-2020</b>	<b>FY 2020-2021</b>	<b>FY 2021-2022</b>	<b>FY 2022-2023</b>
Brevard Family Partnership	96.80%	98.20%	97.39%	97.56%
ChildNet-Broward	98.32%	97.92%	97.19%	98.24%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	97.74%	98.95%	98.16%	97.94%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	97.81%	99.14%	97.38%	96.72%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	97.96%	97.54%	93.39%	89.80%
Citrus Health Network	96.24%	98.00%	97.66%	98.48%
Communities Connected for Kids	95.17%	97.99%	96.91%	97.97%
Community Partnership for Children	95.29%	95.57%	95.90%	94.14%
Embrace Families	94.20%	93.71%	67.17%	85.38%
Family Integrity Program	98.92%	98.59%	100.00%	98.31%
Family Support Services of North Fla	95.30%	96.40%	96.29%	96.52%
FSS Suncoast	92.44%	95.53%	77.32%	82.48%
Heartland for Children	98.32%	98.89%	97.75%	98.03%
Kids Central, Inc.	96.62%	97.32%	88.58%	86.02%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	88.36%	97.11%	91.95%	98.97%
NWF Health Network - East	94.55%	97.30%	95.26%	98.19%
NWF Health Network - West	93.82%	94.98%	94.01%	93.13%
Partnership for Strong Families	95.49%	96.21%	90.65%	90.50%
Safe Children Coalition	98.62%	97.55%	96.13%	98.39%
<b>Statewide</b>	95.36%	96.58%	90.38%	92.49%
National Standard	95%	95%	95%	95%

Source: Child Welfare Dashboard

## Dental Services

### Florida Statewide Trend

The percent of children who received dental services has declined over the past three years, moving from an average of 93 percent to 75 percent from 2020-2023.



### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Five of the 19 CBC Lead Agencies met the target established for this metric during SFY 2022-23.

<b>Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care Who Received Dental Services within the Last Seven Months All Placement Types, Included Licensed and Kinship Care</b>				
<b>CBC Lead Agency</b>	<b>FY 2019-2020</b>	<b>FY 2020-2021</b>	<b>FY 2021-2022</b>	<b>FY 2022-2023</b>
Brevard Family Partnership	88.18%	94.52%	93.04%	92.47%
ChildNet-Broward	86.07%	95.87%	91.46%	91.67%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	78.88%	97.26%	93.20%	94.44%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	93.11%	96.69%	96.60%	96.63%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	81.94%	84.10%	77.17%	72.61%
Citrus Health Network	77.84%	97.30%	96.45%	96.47%
Communities Connected for Kids	82.61%	96.70%	96.03%	96.54%
Community Partnership for Children	68.51%	75.20%	72.51%	77.82%
Embrace Families	72.42%	81.28%	37.73%	69.27%
Family Integrity Program	61.18%	95.79%	96.49%	97.78%
Family Support Services of North Fla	82.93%	94.93%	87.05%	85.71%
FSS Suncoast	62.60%	87.09%	48.88%	50.71%
Heartland for Children	85.37%	96.14%	93.39%	95.15%
Kids Central, Inc.	85.86%	92.56%	69.73%	66.57%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	58.06%	79.49%	80.56%	90.00%
NWF Health Network - East	74.69%	92.59%	92.01%	90.67%
NWF Health Network - West	78.01%	92.31%	87.80%	83.88%
Partnership for Strong Families	85.25%	86.75%	75.49%	60.90%
Safe Children Coalition	72.59%	89.97%	87.89%	91.27%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>78.45%</b>	<b>90.00%</b>	<b>77.53%</b>	<b>79.74%</b>
National Standard	95%	95%	95%	95%

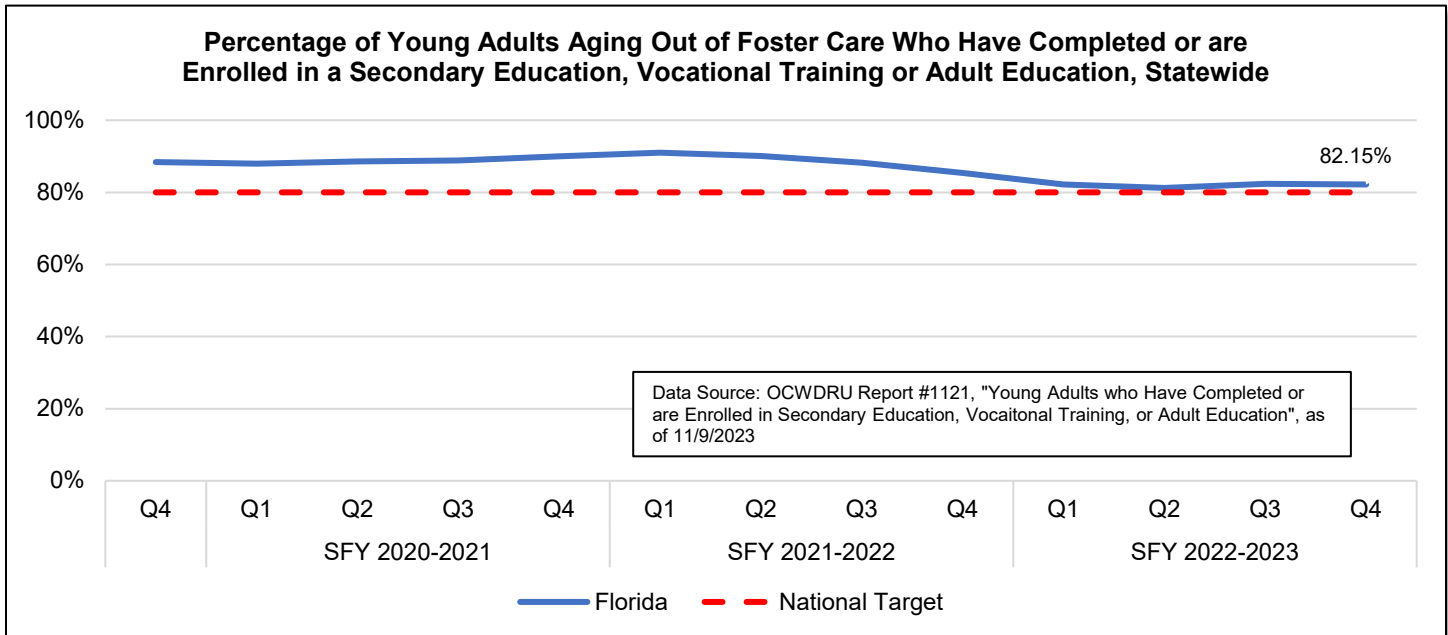
Source: Child Welfare Dashboard

## Preparation for Independent Living as Adults

CBC Lead Agency outcomes identified in Florida Statutes include “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 include time in care, the child’s education level when entering care, developmental delays, level, and type of trauma experienced by the child.



### Circuit/CBC Lead Agency Comparisons

Thirteen of the 19 areas met the target established for this metric in SFY 2022-23.

<b>Percent of Young Adults Aging Out of Foster Care Who Have Completed or are Enrolled in Secondary Education, Vocational Training, or Adult Education</b>				
<b>CBC Lead Agency</b>	<b>FY 2019-2020</b>	<b>FY 2020-2021</b>	<b>FY 2021-2022</b>	<b>FY 2022-2023</b>
Brevard Family Partnership	96.43%	90.48%	95.00%	90.91%
ChildNet-Broward	98.25%	95.52%	93.75%	75.00%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	98.39%	95.24%	73.17%	84.62%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	92.31%	89.36%	92.31%	86.96%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	85.23%	83.61%	60.00%	72.73%
Citrus Health Network	84.71%	88.16%	94.81%	97.26%
Communities Connected for Kids	82.61%	95.00%	85.00%	86.21%
Community Partnership for Children	92.31%	86.21%	92.31%	91.18%
Embrace Families	89.66%	94.59%	88.00%	78.02%
Family Integrity Program	100.00%	100.00%	66.67%	87.50%
Family Support Services of North Fla	93.33%	97.62%	100.00%	93.02%
FSS Suncoast	82.89%	96.20%	95.35%	61.54%
Heartland for Children	87.76%	90.24%	100.00%	97.30%
Kids Central, Inc.	86.67%	86.27%	73.08%	83.33%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	100.00%	81.82%	57.14%	53.33%
NWF Health Network - East	75.00%	96.30%	89.66%	79.17%
NWF Health Network - West	77.14%	87.80%	83.33%	90.91%
Partnership for Strong Families	92.86%	78.57%	86.36%	91.67%
Safe Children Coalition	84.62%	77.42%	69.23%	85.29%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>88.40%</b>	<b>89.99%</b>	<b>85.39%</b>	<b>82.15%</b>
National Standard	80%	80%	80%	80%

Source: OCWDRU #1122: --"Percent of Young Adults Who Have Completed or Are Enrolled in Secondary Education, Vocational Training or Adult Education