



# **Results-Oriented Accountability 2025 Annual Performance Report**

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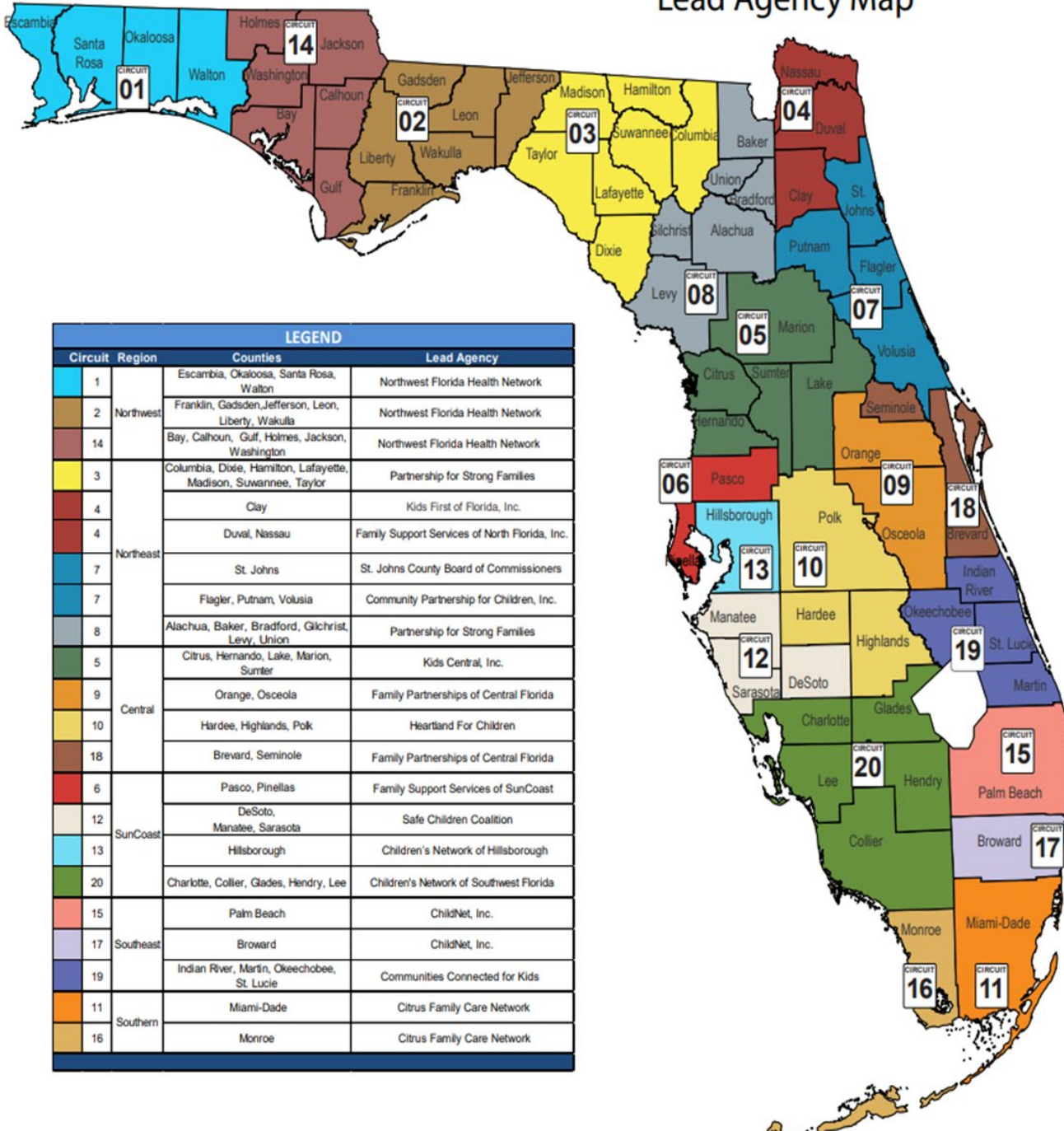
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# Department of Children & Families

## Community-Based Care

### Lead Agency Map



## 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 of Child Welfare (FICW)
- Foster Care (FC)
- Foster Home (FH)
- In-Home Care (IHC)
- Office of Child and Family Well-Being (OCFW)
- Out-of-Home Care (OOHC)
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Quality Improvement (QI)
- Results-Oriented Accountability Program (ROA)
- State Fiscal Year (SFY)

## Executive Summary

The Results-Oriented Accountability (ROA) Annual Report for state fiscal year (SFY) 2024-2025 is submitted by the Department pursuant to section 409.997, Florida Statutes (F.S.). This report describes the status of Florida's community-based child safety and well-being system and offers insight into statewide trends that indicate the quality of services year over year. This report follows the flow of Florida's child welfare system, from the Florida Abuse Hotline (Hotline) to child protective investigations to case management services and after care supports.

This ROA 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.

The data demonstrated throughout this report highlights several key areas in which Florida has continued to excel in its services to the most vulnerable, a summary of which is outlined below.

### **Key Insight #1: Florida Responds Rapidly to Allegations of Child Maltreatment**

Florida stands out nationally for its prompt action in responding to child maltreatment allegations. Despite managing a higher average number of child abuse reports per capita compared to other states, Florida ranks second in the nation for response speed. The state responds to these cases nearly eight times faster than the national average. More than 92 percent of alleged child victims are seen within 24 hours of a report, and all 20 of Florida's judicial circuits exceed the federal target of 90 percent, reflecting a strong commitment to timely intervention.

### **Key Insight #2: Florida Safeguards Children from Abuse and Neglect.**

Florida continues to outperform national benchmarks in protecting children from repeat incidents of verified maltreatment. A key factor in this success is regular in-person visits by caseworkers, which play a vital role in monitoring the safety and well-being of children at risk. In 2023, Florida ranked third in the nation for the percentage of caseworker visits completed in the child's home. The effectiveness of this case management approach is reflected in improved outcomes related to maltreatment indicators for both in-home and out-of-home care over the past six years.

### **Key Insight #3: Florida Emphasizes Family-Based Placement and Community Stability.**

Florida continues to prioritize keeping children safely within their families and communities whenever possible. Over the years, the number of children entering foster care has steadily declined, reaching its lowest level in nearly 20 years. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2025, only 4.9 percent of investigations related to abuse, neglect, or abandonment led to a child being removed from their home. This trend reflects Florida's focus on early support, community-based services, and safe alternatives to removal, whenever possible.

### **Key Insight #4: Florida Leads in Emphasis on Kinship and Relative Placements**

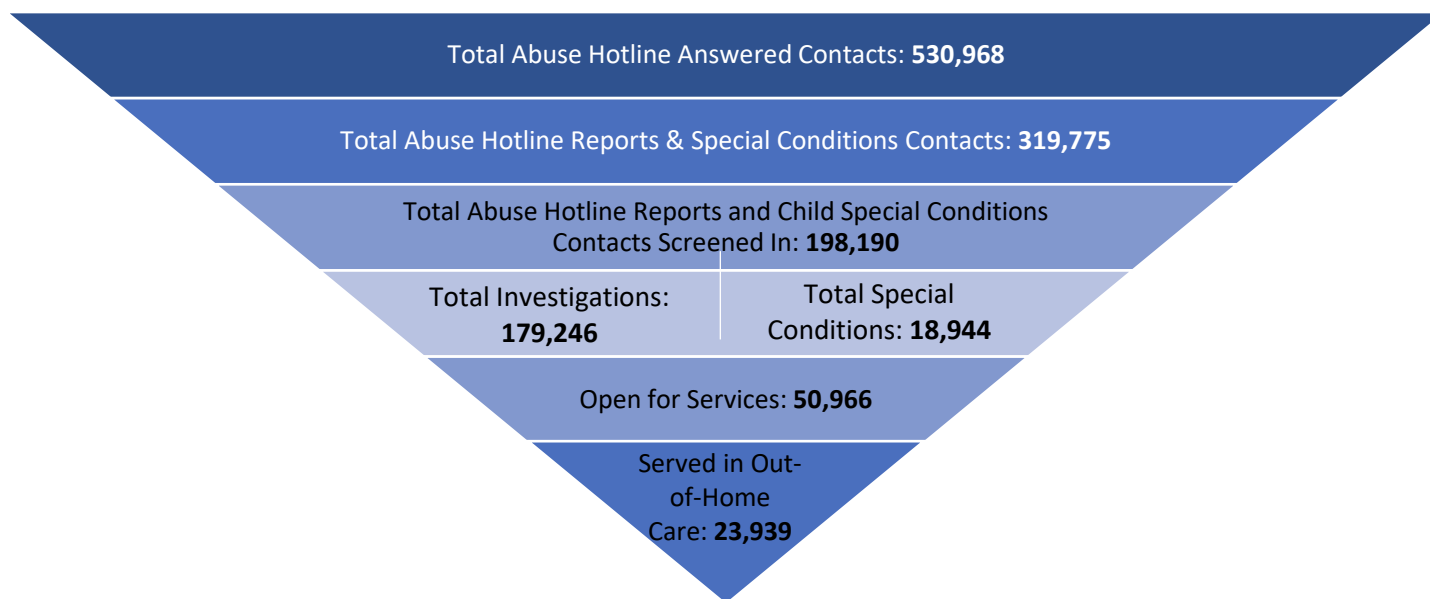
Florida is recognized for its strong emphasis on placing children with relatives or those known to the child before removal when placement in out-of-home care is necessary. Guided by section 39.4021, Florida Statute (F.S.), the state prioritizes kinship placements to preserve family connections and stability. Programs such as Family Finding and the Relative Caregiver Program support this effort by identifying, engaging, and assisting kin caregivers. Through these initiatives, Florida maintains one of the highest rates of kinship placements in the nation, promoting stability, continuity, and better long-term outcomes for children.

# 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 organizations such as faith-based entities, private sector partners, and not for profits in communities across Florida. It is designed to protect and promote the well-being of children through consistent decision-making, established local systems of care to match the needs of families to community resources, and deployment of evidence-based approaches to achieve the following state outcomes, pursuant to section 409.986, F.S.:

- Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.
- Children are safely maintained in their homes, whenever possible and appropriate.
- Services are provided to protect children and prevent 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 Overview SFY 2024-2025

### System Overview

- Annually the Hotline receives more than 315,000 allegations of abuse, abandonment, or neglect via phone calls, web reports, and faxes. The Hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day and 7 days a week of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment, and evaluates each contact to determine whether it will be screened-in or screened-out. A call is screened-out when there is insufficient information to constitute abuse, abandonment, neglect, or harm. When a call is screened-in, sufficient information is presented, and the report is assigned to a Child Protective Investigator. Calls are designated as either a child intake, in which an abuse, neglect or abandonment maltreatment is suspected, or a Special Conditions Intake. A Special Conditions Intake is when a parent needs assistance or support, the child's caregiver is unavailable or there are allegations of a child-on-child sexual abuse incident.

- Child Protective Investigators determine the need for post-investigative services, including protecting the child through removal and placement in out-of-home care (OOHC), case-management in-home services (both judicially or non-judicially), or informally through voluntary Family Support Services (FSS). Pursuant to section 409.986(1), F.S., post-investigative services are provided through contracted Community-Based Care Lead Agencies (Lead Agencies). Lead Agencies have statutory and contractual responsibility for, and participation in, ensuring safety, achieving permanency, and well-being for Florida’s children in their care. 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

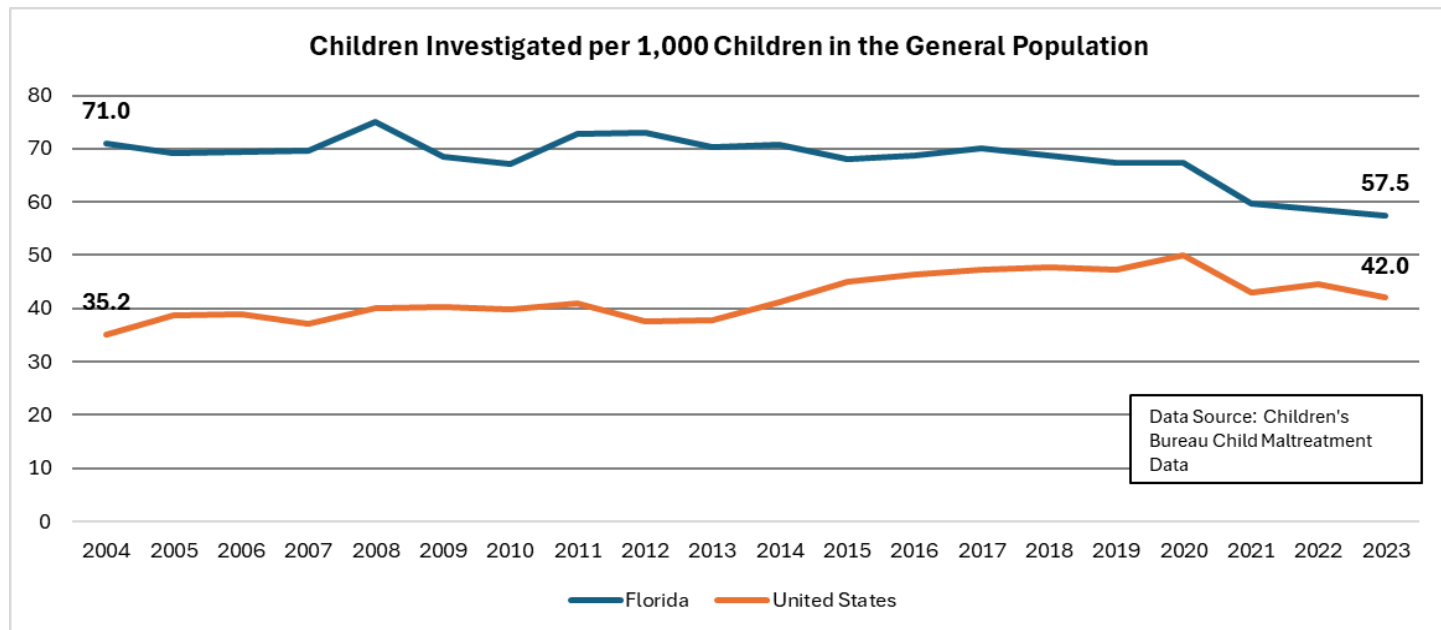
#### Reporting Rate: Children Investigated Compared to the Population

The Hotline was established by the Florida Legislature in 1971. When Hotline reports are screened-in, they are assigned to a Child Protective Investigator.

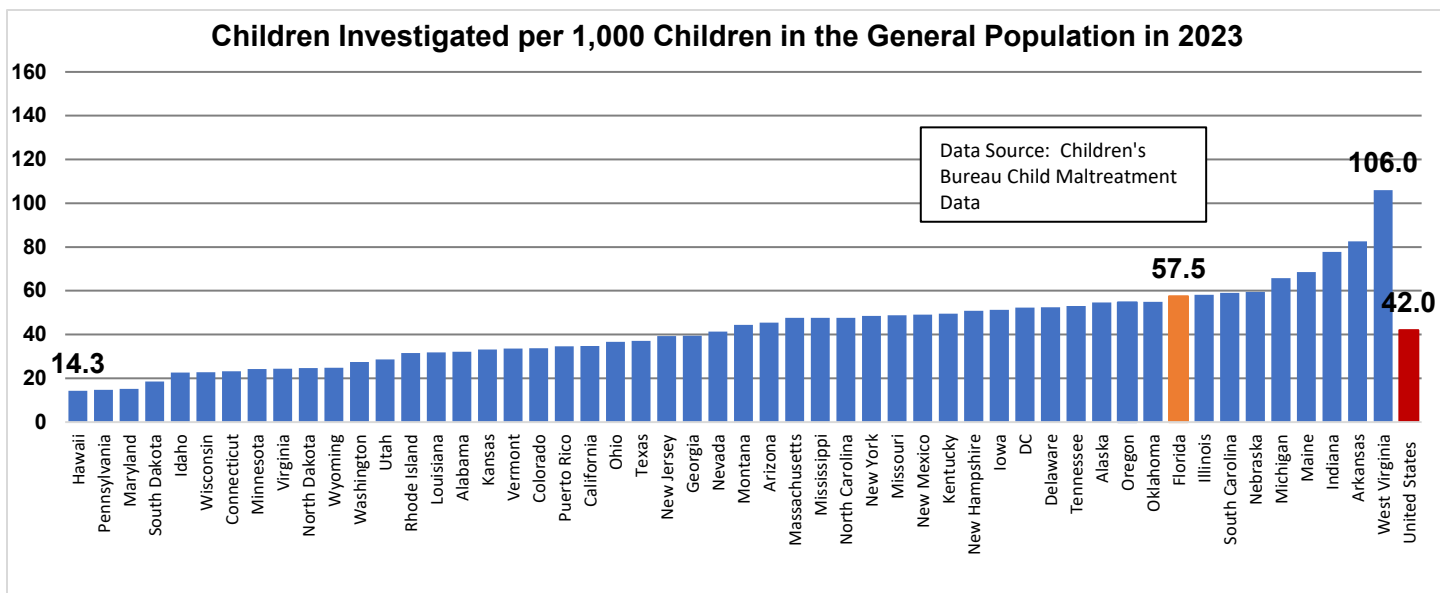
#### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida’s investigation rate has been consistently higher than the national average, although both rates have been decreasing since 2020. Chapter 39.201, F.S., designates everyone as a mandated reporter, meaning anyone who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected must report it to the Hotline. Failure to report suspected abuse is a criminal offense, warranting a third-degree felony. In other states, mandatory reporting is limited to certain professionals, such as teachers, doctors, social workers, or law enforcement, and failure to report is a misdemeanor.

When compared to other states, Florida’s investigation rate was the ninth highest in the nation in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, the most recent year of available national data. The FFY runs from October 1 through September 30, which differs from the State Fiscal Year (SFY), which runs from July 1 through June 30.





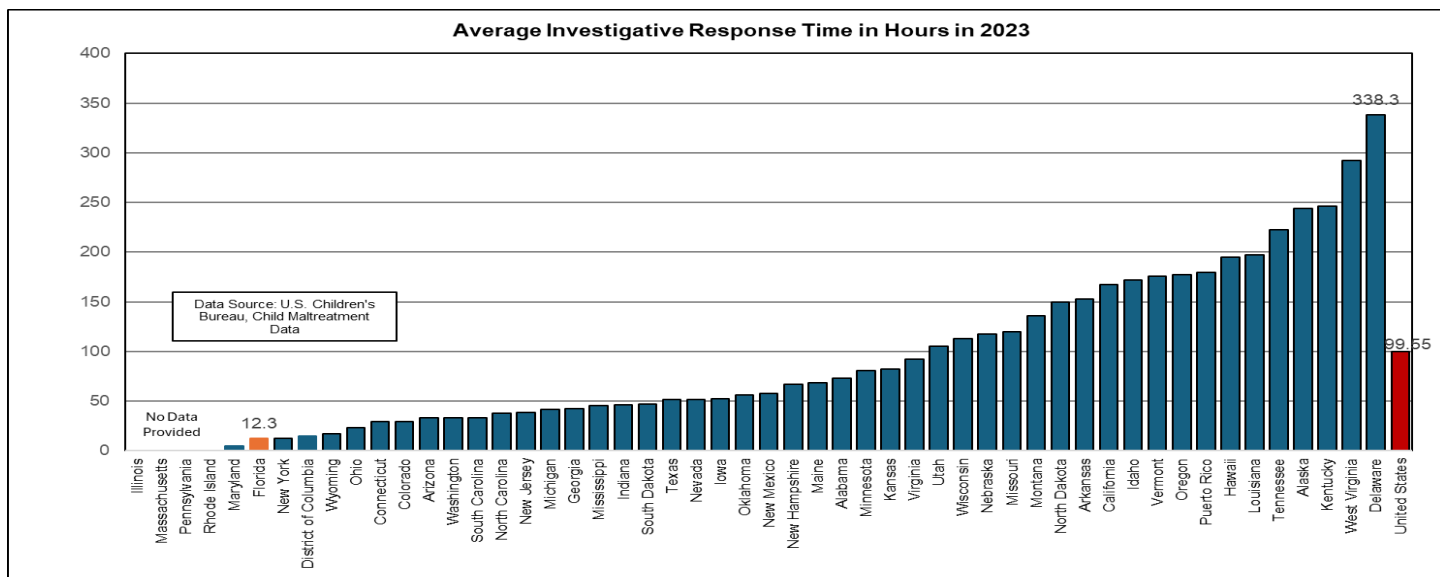


## Active Investigative Response Time

Timeliness in responding to alleged maltreatment is critical to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children. Prompt responses allow child welfare professionals to assess risk, evaluate safety and implement services and supports, when necessary. Based on the nature of the allegations received and immediate safety concerns conveyed, Florida law requires some investigations to be commenced immediately (within 4 hours) while all 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

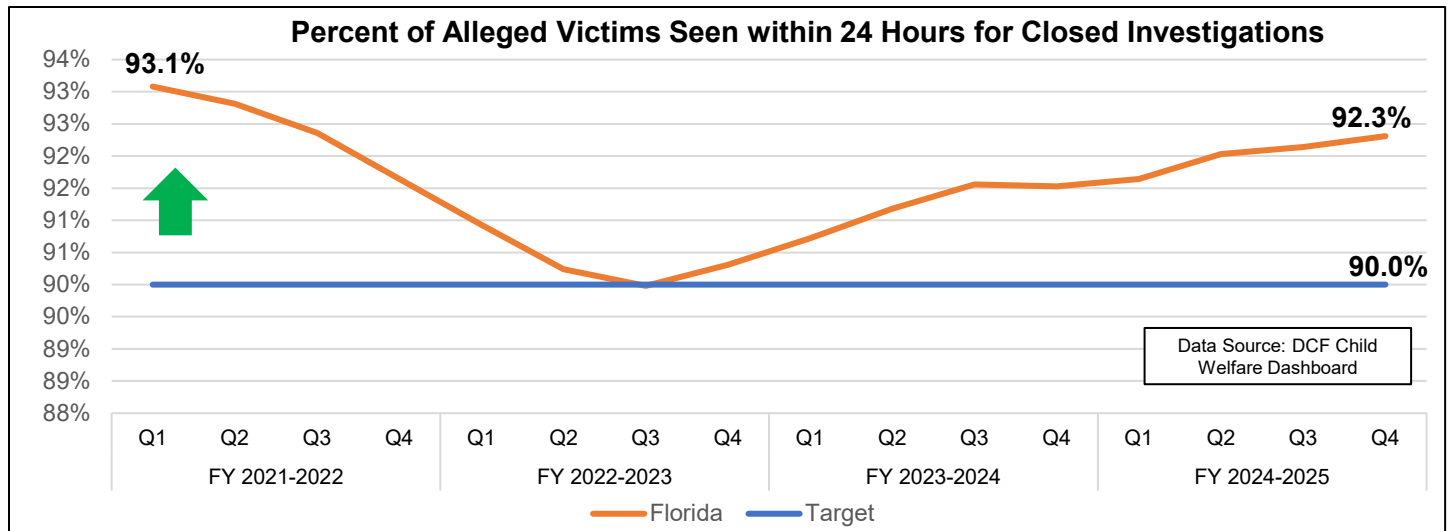
In FFY 2023, the most recent available data, Florida had the second fastest investigative response time of all states reporting this data.



## Percent of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours

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

**Florida Statewide Trend** Florida's performance in seeing victims timely has traditionally been high and has remained at or above the internal target for over ten years.



## Circuit Comparisons

As of June 2025, all DCF investigative areas achieved the 90% standard for the percentage of alleged victims seen within 24-hours.

Percentage of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours (DCF Target 90% or Higher)													
Region	Investigative Area	FY 2022-2023				FY 2023-2024				FY 2024-2025			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central	Circuit 5	94.0%	93.2%	92.4%	92.3%	92.2%	92.3%	92.5%	92.6%	92.9%	93.8%	93.9%	93.5%
	Circuit 9	92.6%	92.5%	92.9%	93.2%	93.2%	93.0%	92.6%	92.3%	92.0%	92.3%	92.4%	92.6%
	Circuit 10	91.9%	90.8%	90.3%	90.0%	89.7%	89.9%	90.4%	90.6%	90.9%	91.1%	91.3%	91.5%
	Circuit 18	93.2%	93.3%	93.2%	93.5%	93.9%	93.6%	93.6%	93.1%	92.7%	93.1%	93.1%	93.2%
Northeast	Circuit 3	93.3%	92.7%	92.5%	92.7%	92.7%	92.5%	91.5%	90.4%	90.0%	90.7%	91.2%	91.9%
	Circuit 4	88.1%	84.8%	83.1%	84.6%	87.0%	90.3%	93.0%	92.8%	92.6%	91.7%	90.7%	90.6%
	Circuit 7	91.9%	90.9%	90.0%	90.0%	91.0%	92.2%	93.5%	93.9%	93.8%	92.9%	92.5%	92.1%
	Circuit 8	86.1%	87.8%	89.4%	91.1%	91.7%	91.6%	91.7%	91.2%	90.7%	90.6%	91.1%	92.1%
Northwest	Circuit 1	91.4%	90.9%	90.4%	90.2%	90.7%	92.3%	92.5%	92.6%	92.4%	91.8%	91.3%	91.6%
	Circuit 2	92.6%	93.6%	93.9%	94.2%	94.0%	94.0%	93.8%	94.2%	93.1%	92.4%	92.3%	92.3%
	Circuit 14	91.5%	91.7%	92.0%	92.5%	93.2%	92.8%	93.6%	93.7%	93.6%	93.8%	93.1%	93.3%
Southeast	Circuit 15	93.7%	93.2%	92.5%	92.0%	91.7%	91.0%	91.0%	90.7%	90.0%	90.5%	90.3%	90.7%
	Circuit 17	92.5%	92.6%	92.7%	92.3%	91.7%	91.6%	91.8%	92.3%	93.0%	93.8%	93.8%	92.9%
	Circuit 19	95.2%	94.8%	94.6%	94.7%	94.7%	94.3%	93.9%	93.5%	93.3%	93.7%	93.5%	93.2%
Southern	Circuit 11	90.1%	89.2%	88.9%	90.0%	91.6%	92.7%	93.8%	94.5%	94.6%	94.9%	94.8%	94.4%
	Circuit 16	93.0%	92.9%	90.4%	91.2%	90.6%	90.1%	91.7%	92.1%	93.9%	94.8%	96.1%	96.0%
SunCoast	Circuit 6	91.1%	90.9%	90.7%	90.2%	89.9%	89.6%	89.6%	90.7%	91.5%	92.5%	92.6%	92.1%
	Circuit 12	92.4%	92.0%	91.7%	92.9%	93.7%	93.7%	93.1%	91.9%	91.0%	90.7%	91.0%	91.3%
	Circuit 13	89.2%	88.0%	88.0%	87.7%	86.9%	86.9%	87.3%	88.2%	90.0%	91.8%	92.4%	92.2%
	Circuit 20	80.7%	78.9%	79.2%	81.5%	83.2%	84.9%	84.5%	82.8%	83.9%	86.0%	88.8%	92.5%
Statewide		90.9%	90.2%	90.0%	90.3%	90.7%	91.2%	91.6%	91.5%	91.6%	92.0%	92.1%	92.3%

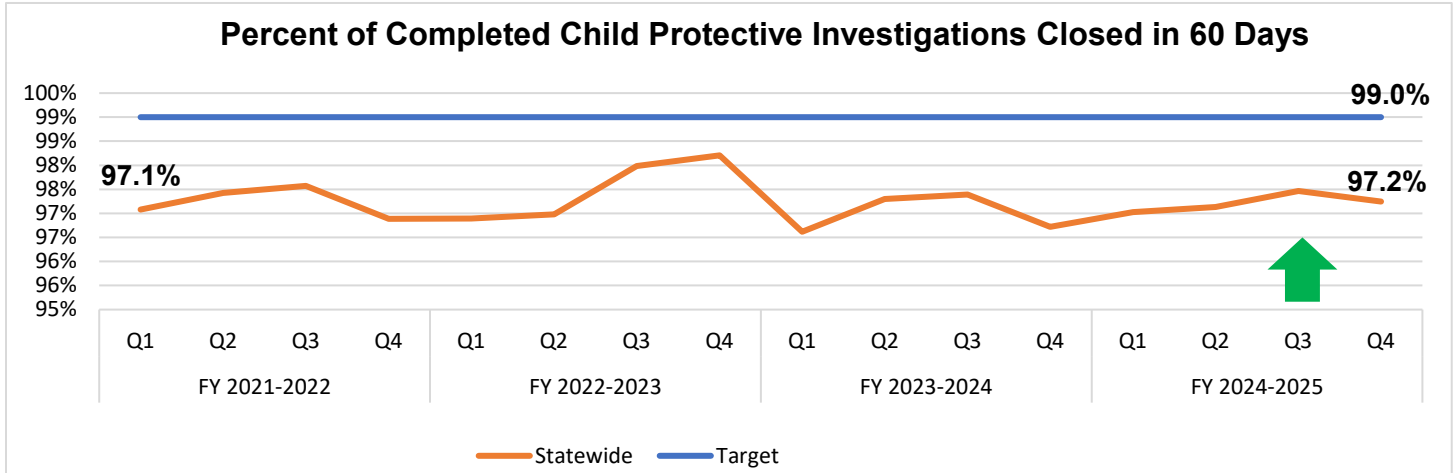
Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Safety, Victims in Investigations who were Seen Within 24 hours of Hotline Intake

## Percent of Investigations Completed within 60 Days

Florida has a statutory requirement to complete all investigations with 60 days, with some exceptions (death, missing children, and those with a specified concurrent criminal investigation). The 99% target is a Florida-set target and is not associated with federal targets.

### Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance has been below the internally set 99% target, beginning in the last quarter of SFY 2020-2021.



Data Source: FSFN Report #1323: Investigations Closed within 60 Days

### Circuit Comparisons

As of June 2025, 10 of the 20 circuit areas met the target of 99% of child protective investigations closed within 60 days of the decision date.<sup>1</sup>

Region	Investigative Area	Percentage of Investigations Closed within 60 Days (DCF Target 99% or Higher)															
		FY 2021-2022				FY 2022-2023				FY 2023-2024				FY 2024-2025			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central	Circuit 5	99.8%	99.6%	99.4%	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.3%	99.7%	99.6%	99.7%	99.6%	99.1%	99.2%	98.9%	99.2%	99.3%
	Circuit 9	98.0%	98.1%	98.8%	98.8%	99.2%	99.2%	99.4%	99.4%	99.4%	98.8%	99.3%	98.4%	98.8%	98.2%	98.5%	99.0%
	Circuit 10	98.3%	97.9%	98.2%	97.4%	97.6%	98.3%	97.9%	98.5%	98.1%	98.5%	98.4%	97.6%	97.6%	96.7%	98.5%	99.0%
	Circuit 18	94.1%	95.4%	97.9%	98.4%	98.4%	99.2%	98.6%	98.5%	98.6%	97.3%	97.8%	98.7%	98.9%	99.0%	99.5%	99.3%
Northeast	Circuit 3	98.3%	99.3%	99.2%	98.2%	99.2%	99.1%	98.9%	99.4%	99.0%	99.3%	98.7%	95.4%	95.8%	96.0%	96.8%	96.0%
	Circuit 4	97.0%	99.3%	99.6%	98.5%	97.9%	98.0%	99.2%	99.4%	99.2%	99.0%	98.8%	95.2%	93.8%	94.8%	96.6%	95.1%
	Circuit 7	97.7%	99.1%	99.6%	99.6%	99.1%	98.8%	99.7%	99.5%	99.8%	99.8%	99.3%	97.8%	98.5%	98.4%	98.8%	95.7%
	Circuit 8	97.9%	98.5%	99.2%	99.3%	99.7%	99.7%	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.2%	98.2%	95.3%	98.9%	99.1%	99.5%
Northwest	Circuit 1	85.4%	89.5%	95.5%	96.7%	96.5%	94.4%	97.5%	97.4%	98.9%	98.9%	99.0%	96.2%	95.8%	96.4%	96.8%	96.1%
	Circuit 2	91.9%	99.5%	98.8%	99.9%	100%	99.9%	100%	100%	99.7%	99.9%	99.5%	99.3%	98.6%	99.0%	99.3%	98.9%
	Circuit 14	90.4%	96.8%	95.4%	97.6%	97.4%	98.5%	99.9%	99.4%	99.4%	99.6%	99.8%	99.0%	98.6%	99.2%	99.2%	99.5%
Southeast	Circuit 15	99.5%	99.3%	99.1%	99.1%	99.2%	98.9%	98.4%	96.8%	98.0%	96.4%	97.5%	94.6%	96.8%	97.9%	97.2%	97.8%
	Circuit 17	98.1%	98.8%	98.6%	99.0%	98.9%	98.6%	98.3%	97.9%	98.4%	99.2%	99.2%	98.4%	95.8%	96.0%	93.2%	86.6%
	Circuit 19	99.5%	99.4%	99.6%	99.2%	99.0%	99.0%	99.3%	99.9%	99.0%	98.7%	98.6%	97.9%	97.3%	97.2%	98.5%	99.2%
Southern	Circuit 11	98.9%	99.0%	98.4%	97.7%	98.1%	98.7%	98.6%	98.8%	98.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.2%	98.9%	98.9%	98.7%	99.3%
	Circuit 16	100%	98.7%	93.0%	98.1%	100%	99.0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97.7%	98.7%	99.0%	96.6%	100%
SunCoast	Circuit 6	99.1%	99.1%	98.7%	99.0%	98.9%	99.0%	98.5%	99.4%	96.6%	93.7%	96.8%	96.7%	97.1%	98.0%	96.9%	98.3%
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	Circuit 20	96.9%	89.5%	88.8%	80.2%	76.1%	78.7%	87.5%	90.6%	85.1%	82.8%	80.5%	84.1%	94.0%	97.6%	97.0%	98.1%
Statewide		97.1%	97.4%	97.6%	96.9%	97.0%	98.0%	98.2%	96.6%	97.3%	97.4%	96.7%	97.0%	97.1%	97.5%	97.2%	

Data Source: FSFN Report #1323: Investigations Closed within 60 Days

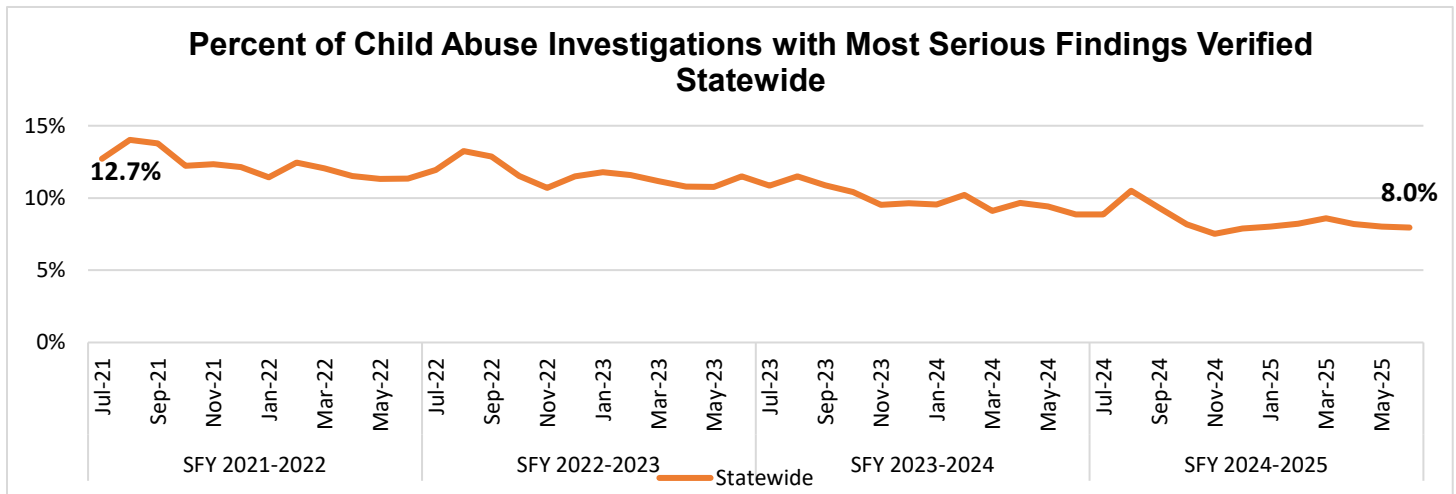
<sup>1</sup> As of June 2023, the Department assumed responsibility for child protective investigations from local sheriff's offices in Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, Hillsborough, Seminole, Broward, and Walton counties.

## Verification Rates

While evidence of maltreatment is important, the decision to provide community referrals for services should be based on child safety determinations and holistic family needs rather than simply verified evidence of maltreatment. A “verified” finding of maltreatment indicates an allegation in the investigative report that can be proven and supported by evidence in the case file.

### Florida Statewide Trend

The percentage of children in investigations with at least one finding of “verified” maltreatment has declined over the past four years, with monthly averages declining by 4.7% from SFY 2021-2022 to SFY 2024-2025. A national comparison is not available for this measure due to state differences in definitions, terminology, and thresholds for determining the severity of findings.



## Circuit Comparisons

Percentage of Investigations with Most Serious Finding of Verified (No DCF Target)				
Investigative Area	SFY 2021-2022	SFY 2022-2023	SFY 2023-2024	SFY 2024-2025
Circuit 1	19.1%	20.4%	19.4%	17.4%
Circuit 2	12.6%	15.6%	13.2%	14.9%
Circuit 3	8.5%	6.8%	8.2%	4.6%
Circuit 4	11.6%	9.7%	8.0%	9.0%
Circuit 5	8.2%	7.8%	7.0%	4.7%
Circuit 6	18.7%	15.3%	11.4%	8.8%
Circuit 7	11.4%	10.4%	8.4%	6.3%
Circuit 8	8.2%	7.5%	7.8%	6.4%
Circuit 9	9.5%	8.1%	7.8%	6.4%
Circuit 10	11.9%	12.7%	11.2%	9.1%
Circuit 11	7.1%	7.6%	7.8%	7.8%
Circuit 12	17.7%	16.7%	11.6%	10.7%
Circuit 13	15.9%	16.6%	12.3%	8.4%
Circuit 14	13.1%	13.4%	12.6%	11.8%
Circuit 15	9.9%	8.3%	8.3%	6.8%
Circuit 16	14.5%	16.3%	13.5%	15.9%
Circuit 17	12.7%	10.6%	7.8%	5.8%
Circuit 18	10.4%	9.1%	7.3%	6.1%
Circuit 19	12.9%	14.2%	12.4%	9.3%
Circuit 20	11.6%	12.6%	11.9%	10.7%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

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

## Rates of Removals

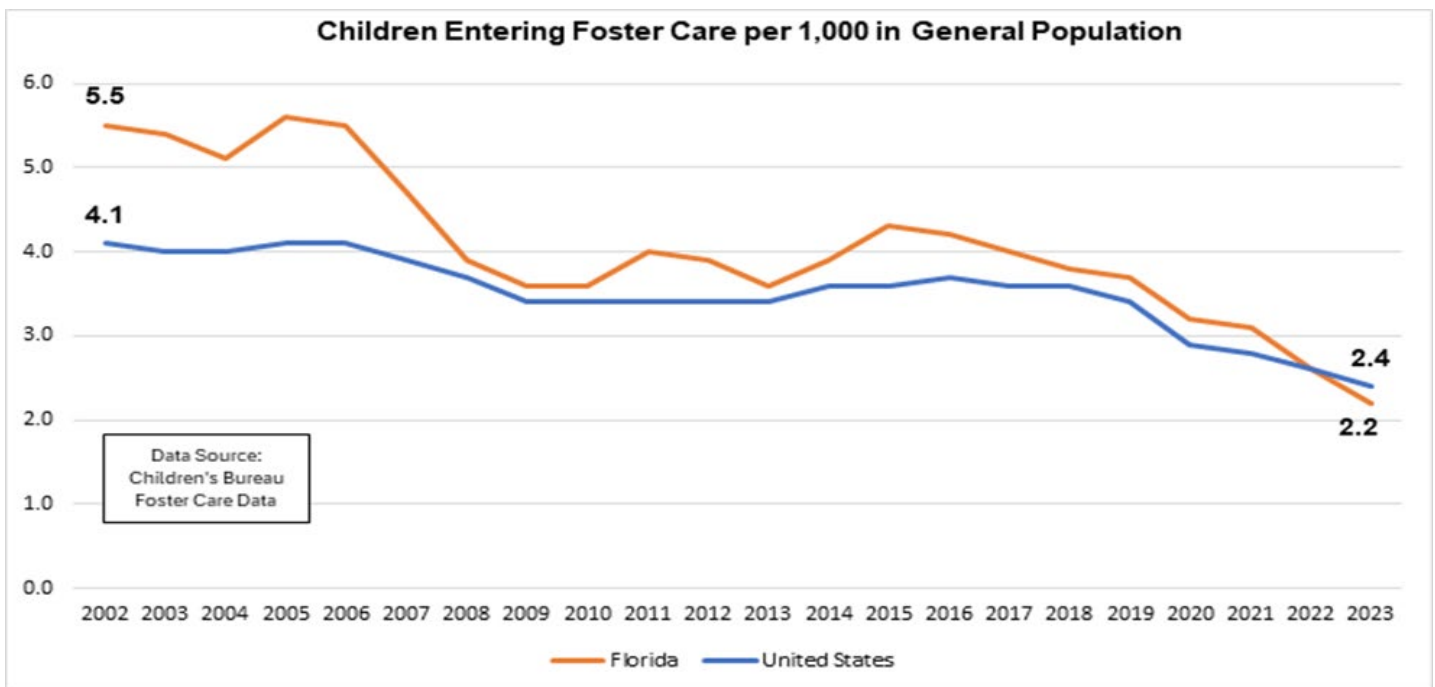
Section 39.402, F.S., requires child welfare professionals make diligent efforts to prevent removals and for families to receive on-going case management. Instances of unsafe cases with no ongoing case management services typically occur because the cases do not meet the requirements for judicial intervention and the parents have refused services. When this occurs, the Department works with the family to mitigate any risk by engaging the family in voluntary services or referrals to community partners.

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

To compare removals across circuits and geographical regions, removal rates per 1,000 children in the general population and per 100 children in investigations are calculated. The removal rate per 100 children in investigations indicator is more directly related to investigative decision-making because it focuses solely on the population of children involved in investigations and therefore at risk of removal.

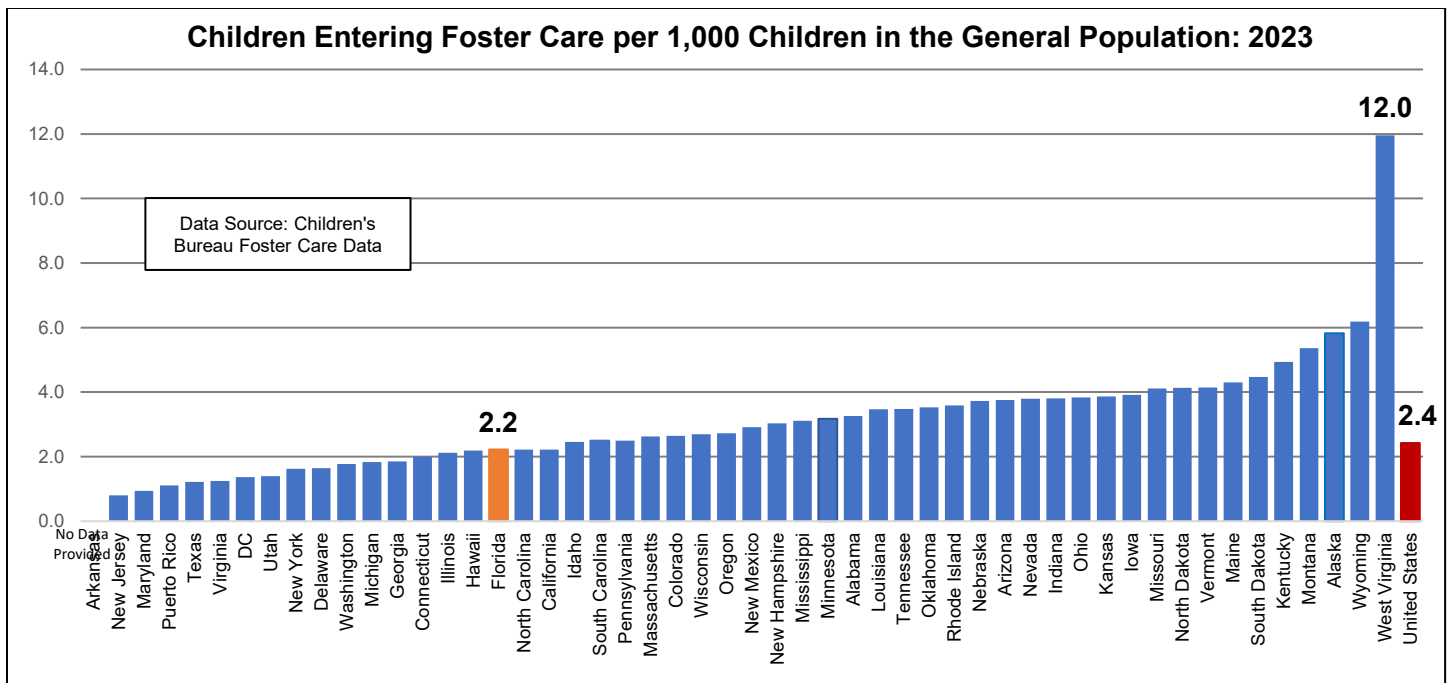
#### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

In FFY 2023, Florida's entry rate into foster care per 1,000 children in the general population fell just below the national average. Historically, Florida's rate has been higher than the national average though the state's rate has been declining since FFY 2006.



### Florida Compared to Other States

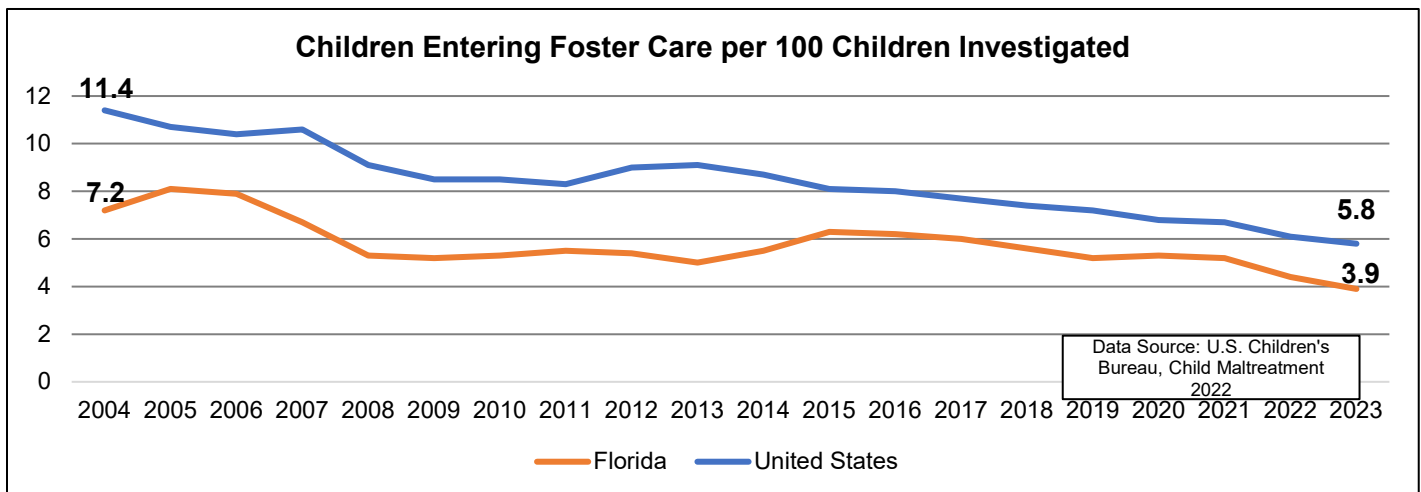
In FFY 2023, the most recent year national data are available, Florida ranked the 16<sup>th</sup> lowest in children entering OOHC per 1,000 children in the general population. Fewer children per 1,000 entered OOHC in Florida than in most other states; only 15 states had a lower rate. This suggests that despite Florida's relatively high rate of investigations, a smaller proportion of children are placed in OOHC. When making state comparisons, differences in state policies and practices, including variations in the legal definitions of maltreatment, affect rates and should be considered.



## Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

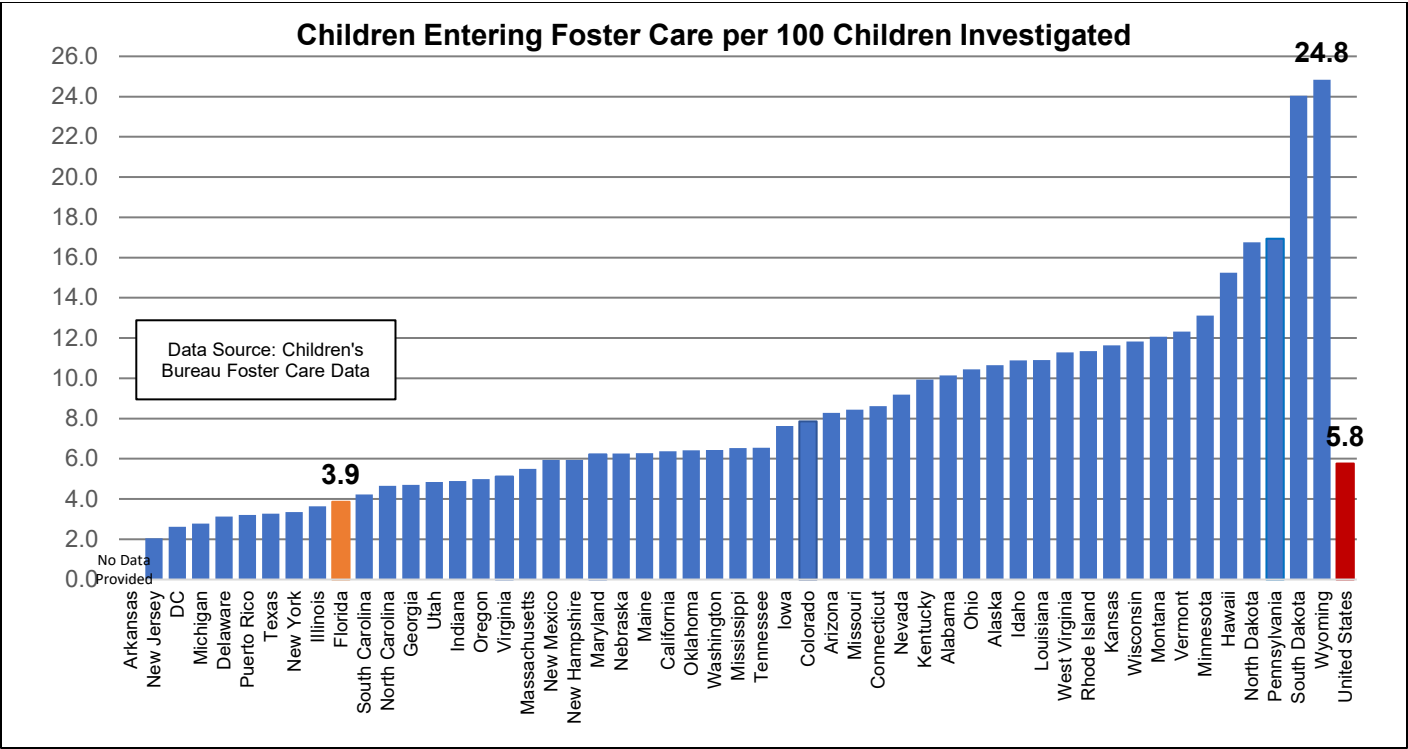
### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida's rate of children entering foster care per 100 children investigated remains below the national average as of FFY 2023, the most recent year of data available. Historically, Florida has been lower than the national rate on this indicator with both the state and national rate declining since FFY 2015.



### Florida Compared to Other States

In FFY 2023, the most recent year for which national data is available, Florida ranked 9<sup>th</sup> lowest in children entering care per 100 children investigated. This is a positive decrease in ranking from FFY 2022, in which Florida ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in children entering OOHC per children investigated. When making state-by-state comparisons, differences in state policies and practices, including variations in 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.



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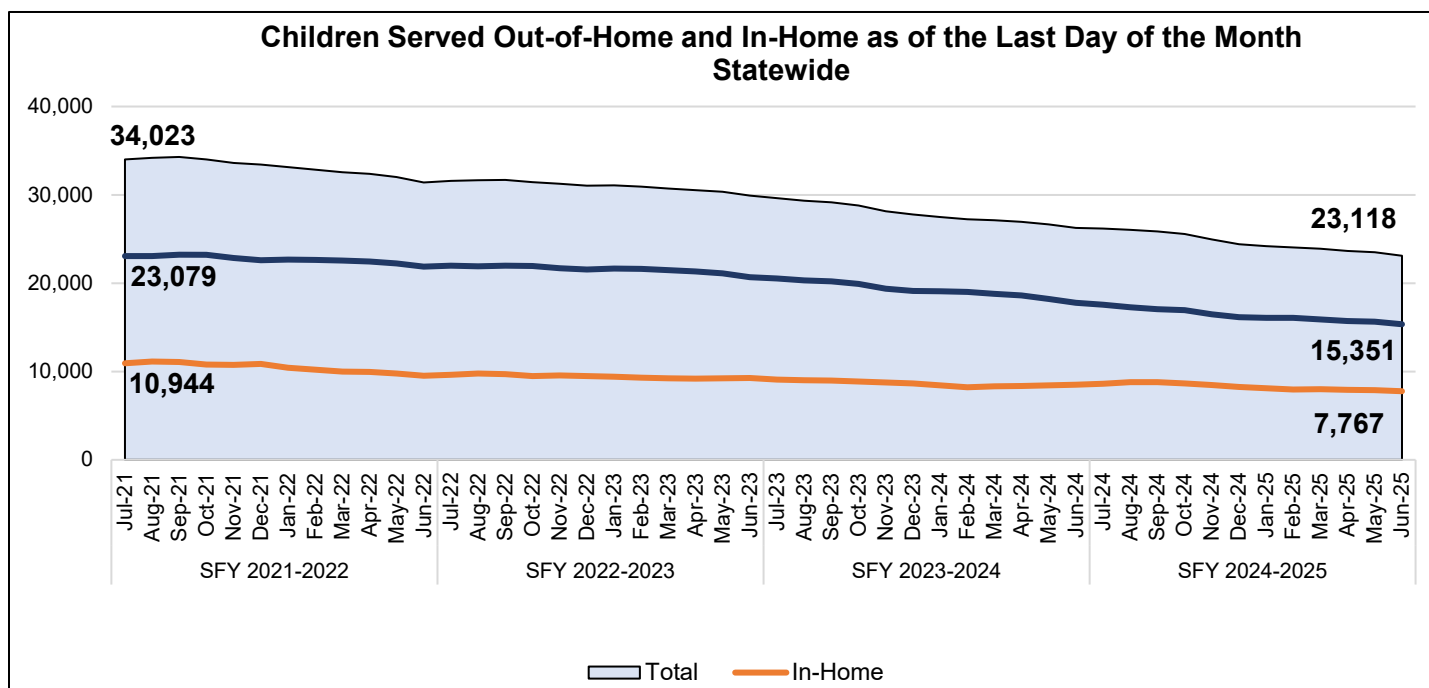
## Case Management and Ongoing Services

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

Two 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

From the beginning of SFY 2021-22 to the end of SFY 2024-25, the total number of children in care has decreased by 32.8%. This measure comprises the total number of children in OOH, which has decreased by 34.6%, and the number of children in in-home care, which has decreased by 29.0%.



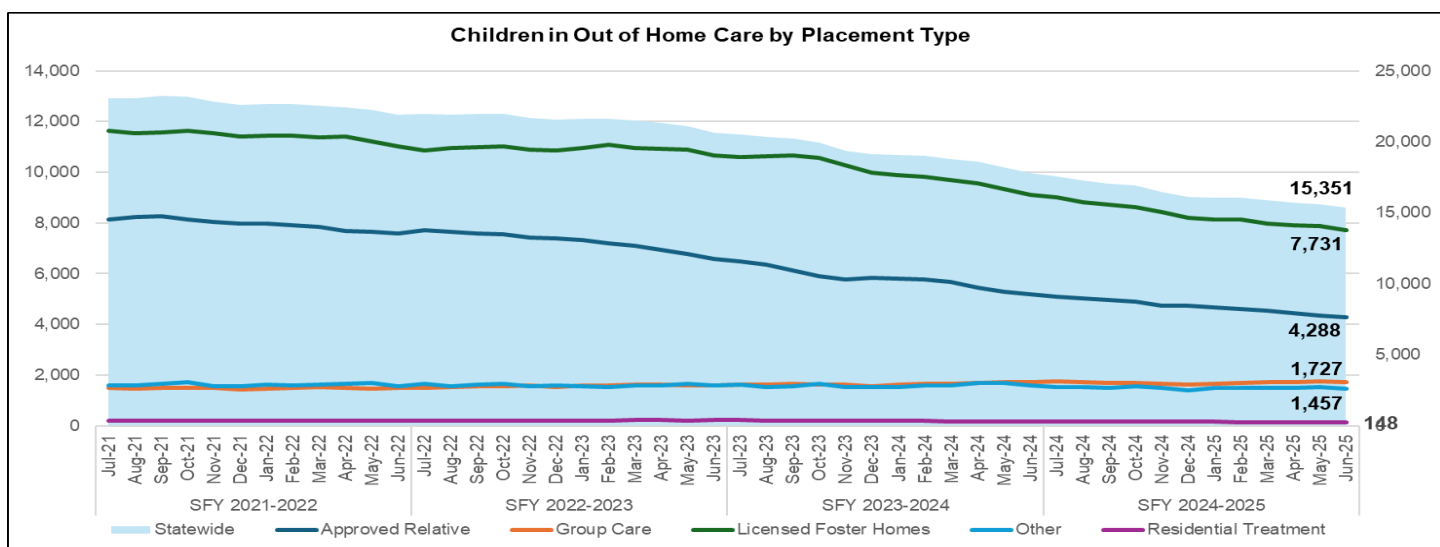
### Trends and Variations in Placement Types

When the goal is reunification, federal law requires case plans be designed to achieve a safe placement in the least restrictive, most family-like setting available within proximity to a parent(s) home. When children must be removed, priority is given to placement with kin who had a significant relationship with the child prior to removal. In tracking federal requirements, Florida defines “kin” as a person who has an emotionally significant, family-like relationship with a child, even if not related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

#### Florida Statewide Trend

Since SFY 2021-2022, data on OOH placement have been stable. In SFY 2019-20, a new licensure type, Level I, was added, allowing relatives and non-relatives who have an existing relationship with the child to be licensed under a child-specific license. This has led to a decrease in relative and non-relative care while increasing family licensed care placements. In general, the number of children placed in traditional foster homes has remained stable.

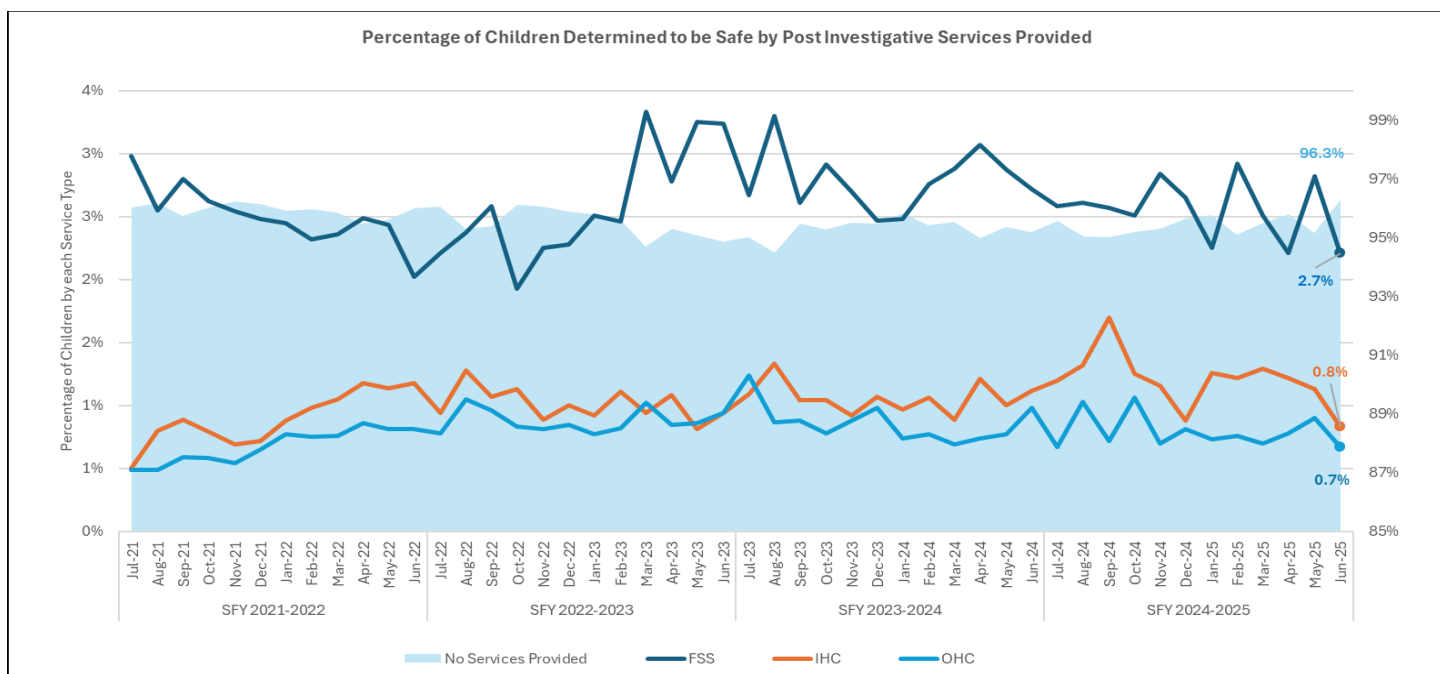




## Services for Safe Children

### Services Provided for Safe Determinations

This chart looks at all children with an investigative determination of 'safe' in investigations closed during the month and shows post-investigation services (if any) the child is receiving. The percentages for "no services" are charted on the right axis due to the disproportionately high percentage of children closed with a safety determination of safe who do not receive formal post-investigation services. Formal services are those that are provided through the Lead Agencies with a formalized case management provision (e.g., in-home care, out-of-home care, family support services, etc.). In many cases in which children who are determined to be safe receive formal case management services as outlined below, it is because these same children were already receiving services at the time of the determination. Additional services may also be provided informally, through the provision of community provider service referrals that do not require ongoing case management oversight.



## Lead Agency Comparison

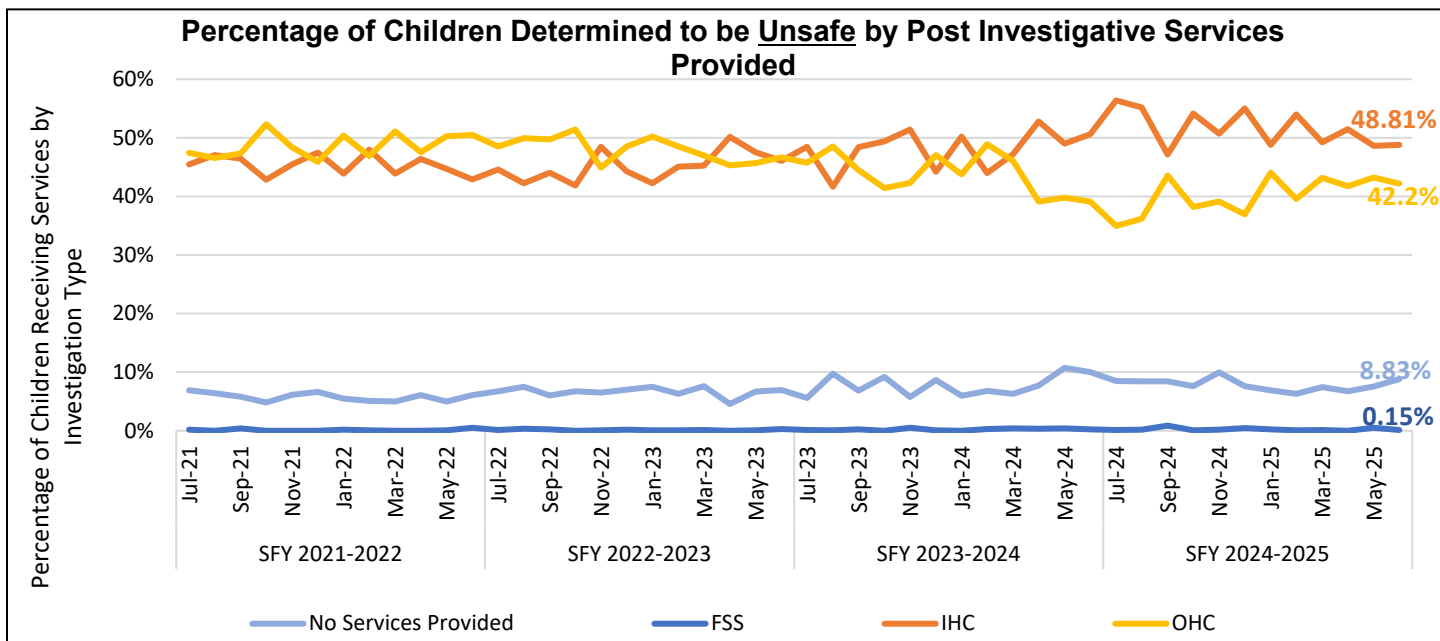
Statewide, 4.6% of children assessed as safe were provided formal services, with one Lead Agency exceeding 10 percent (FSS SunCoast) and two below 2 percent (ChildNet-Broward and Kids First of Florida, Inc.)

Percentage of Post-Investigations Services Provided to Children Determined to be Safe				
Lead Agency	No Formal Services	FSS	In-Home	OOHC
ChildNet-Broward	98.2%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	95.9%	2.8%	0.8%	0.6%
Children's Network of SW Florida	95.4%	2.6%	1.3%	0.7%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	96.7%	0.6%	1.8%	0.9%
Citrus Health Network	94.9%	3.3%	0.6%	1.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	96.7%	1.9%	0.9%	0.5%
Community Partnership for Children	96.1%	2.2%	1.2%	0.5%
Family Integrity Program	97.6%	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	96.1%	2.2%	0.6%	0.8%
Family Support Services of North Fla	90.5%	7.1%	1.6%	0.7%
FSS Suncoast	89.5%	7.8%	1.7%	0.9%
Heartland for Children	96.3%	2.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Kids Central, Inc.	96.9%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	97.8%	0.3%	1.5%	0.3%
NWF Health Network - East	96.5%	1.1%	1.4%	1.1%
NWF Health Network - West	97.1%	0.6%	1.6%	0.7%
Partnership for Strong Families	96.9%	0.2%	1.8%	1.2%
Safe Children Coalition	91.3%	6.1%	2.1%	0.5%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Safety, Post Invest Services that Align with Assessed Service Intensity

## Services for Unsafe Children

As shown below, children determined to be unsafe at investigative closure are more likely to receive formal case management services, which may include both in-home and out-of-home services to mitigate identified safety concerns. Instances in which children are deemed unsafe but do not receive services include, for example, children who are found unsafe by the Child Protective Investigator but are judicially denied probable cause and instead are instructed to complete in-home non-judicial services that the family then refused.



## Lead Agency Comparison

Florida administers service provision through local Lead Agencies, allowing flexibility to address community needs and local conditions. Differences in local resources community characteristics, and operational capacities can lead to variation in how services are implemented. For example, greater access to providers and services in some areas enables a broader range of support options.

Percentage of Post-Investigative Services Provided to Children Determined to be Unsafe, SFY 2024-2025				
Lead Agency	No Formal Services	FSS	In-Home	OOHC
ChildNet-Broward	8.8%	0.0%	26.2%	65.0%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	6.3%	0.0%	36.7%	57.1%
Children's Network of SW Florida	3.8%	0.1%	62.0%	34.2%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	17.4%	0.2%	58.5%	23.9%
Citrus Health Network	4.5%	0.0%	26.1%	69.4%
Communities Connected for Kids	9.4%	1.0%	42.3%	47.3%
Community Partnership for Children	10.1%	0.3%	59.9%	29.7%
Family Integrity Program	32.2%	0.0%	44.1%	23.7%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	6.7%	0.2%	35.0%	58.1%
Family Support Services of North Fla	5.5%	0.3%	63.2%	31.0%
FSS Suncoast	14.7%	0.4%	57.2%	27.7%
Heartland for Children	3.2%	0.0%	36.8%	60.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	3.1%	1.2%	40.7%	55.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	8.7%	0.0%	58.9%	32.5%
NWF Health Network - East	4.3%	0.2%	76.7%	18.8%
NWF Health Network - West	4.9%	0.3%	54.0%	40.8%
Partnership for Strong Families	8.1%	0.0%	59.8%	32.1%
Safe Children Coalition	5.7%	0.5%	32.3%	61.5%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>51.7%</b>	<b>40.2%</b>
<i>Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Safety, Post Investigations Services that Align with Assessed Service Intensity</i>				

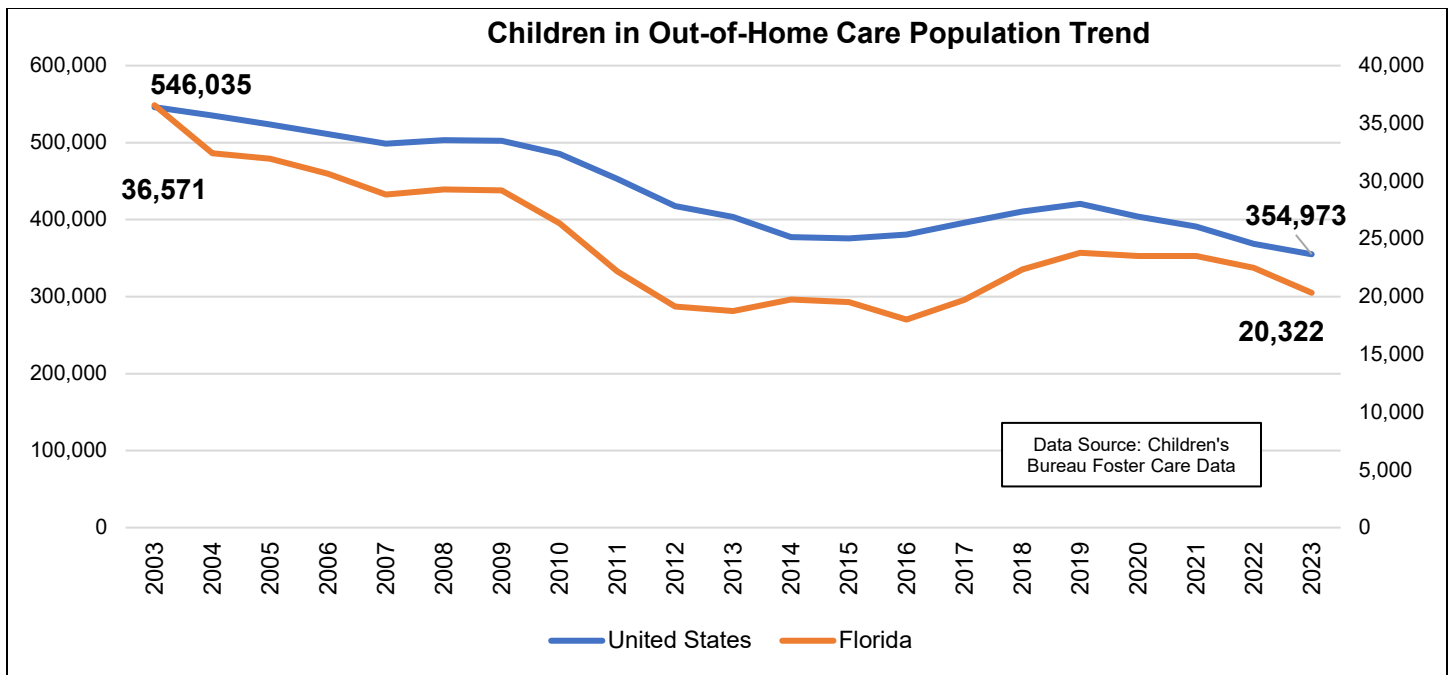
## Florida's Out of Home Care Population in Context

Changes in Florida's OOHC population parallels changes nationally, both showing significant decline over the past several years. These charts show trends and the relative size of Florida's OOHC population compared to both the general population of children and children in investigations, an indicator of need.

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

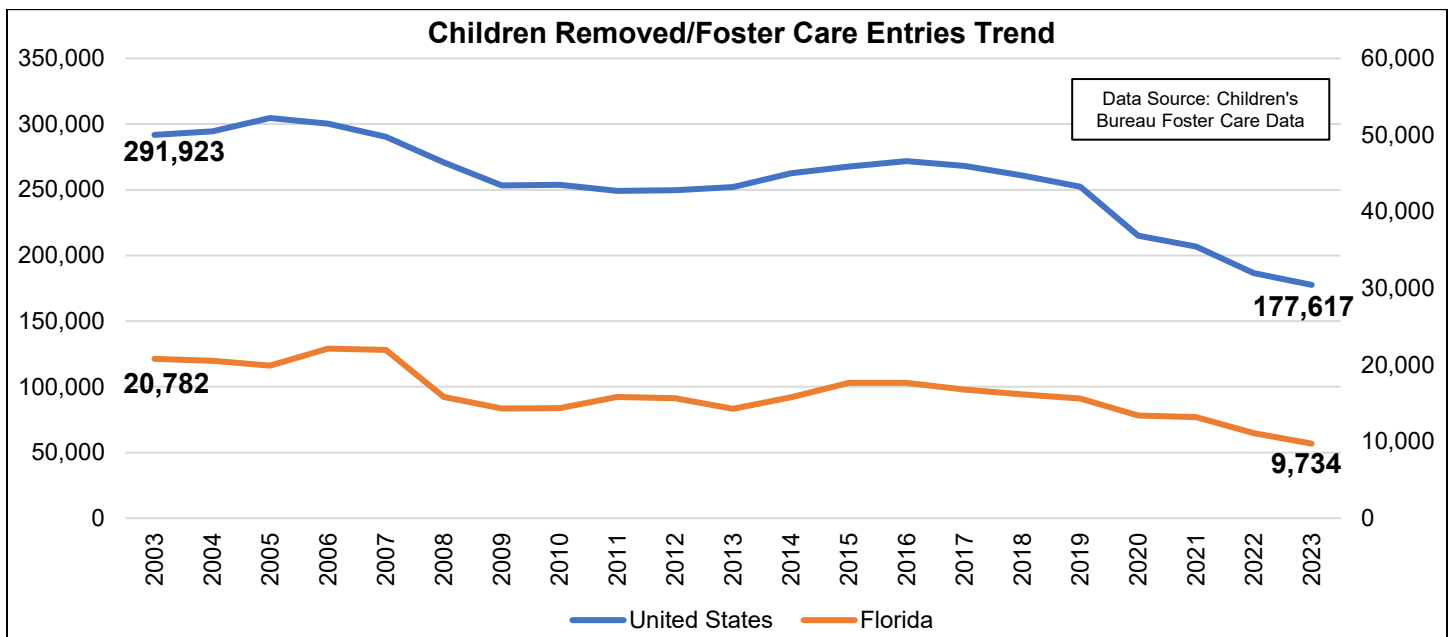
#### Children in Out-of-Home Care Population Trend

After increasing between 2013 and 2019, the out-of-home population trend has decreased over the past few years, both nationally and in Florida, reaching historic lows and decreasing at a greater rate in Florida than the nationally. This measure is specific to children in out-of-home care on the last day of the federal fiscal year.



### Children Removed/Foster Care Entries Trend

Since 2019, the number of children removed has declined significantly across the nation and in Florida.

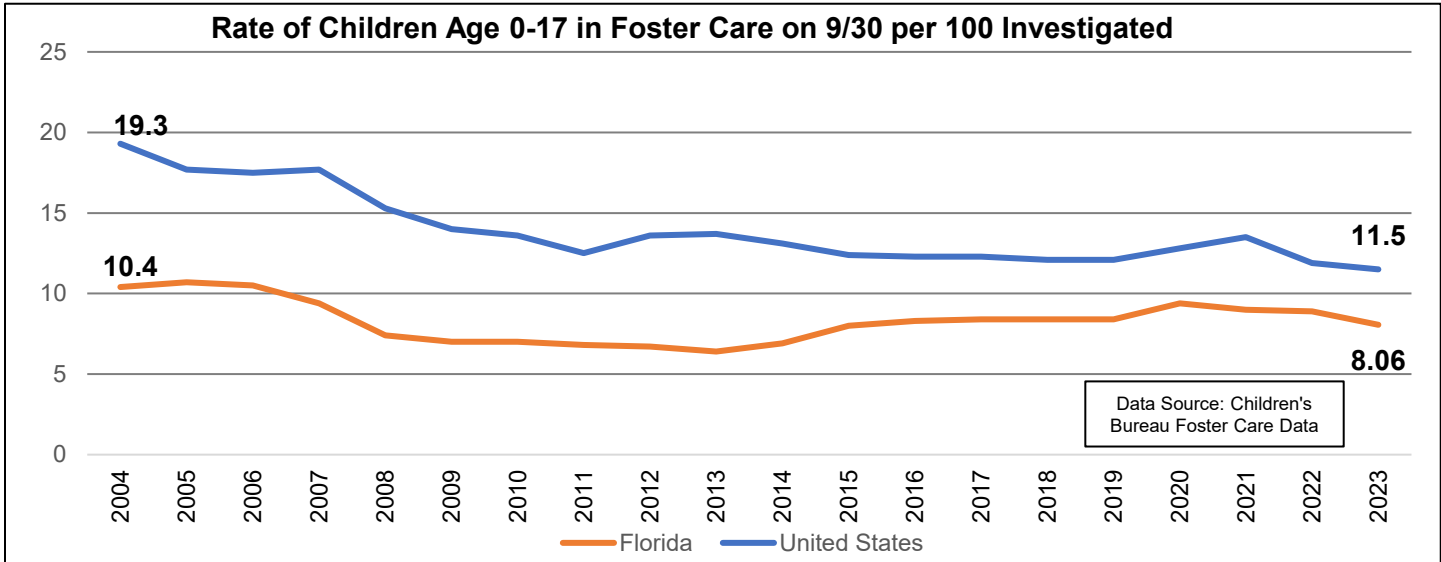


### Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Children Investigated

To account for national differences in reporting rates, it is important to normalize OOH data by comparing the rate of children investigated. The relative size of the OOH population is also affected by both permanency performance and the removal rate.

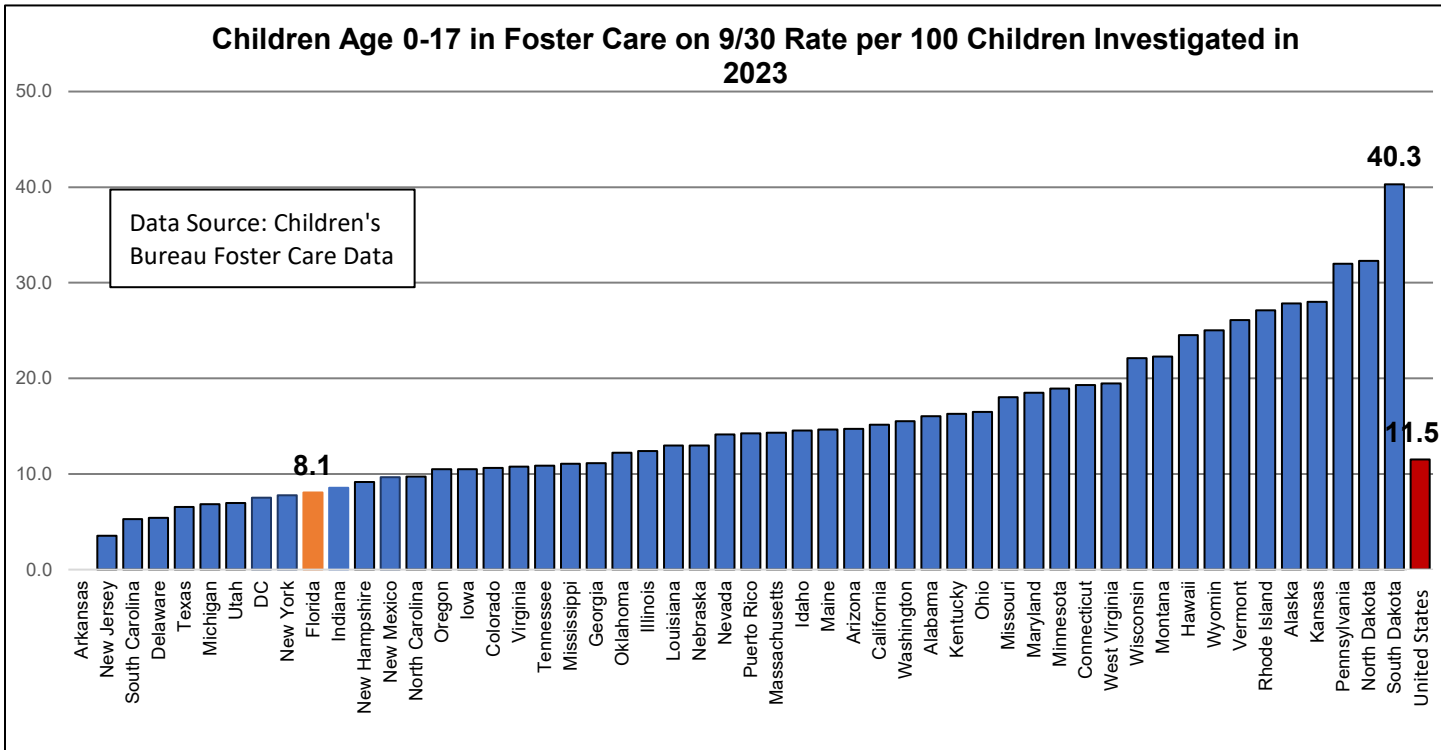
### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

The most recent data for this measure indicates both Florida and national OOH rates per 100 children investigated has been generally stable over the past five years, although the nationwide trend showed a sharp decline in the past FFY for which data is available (2023).



### Florida Compared to Other States

Based on the most recent national data available for this metric, Florida's OOH rate per 100 children investigated was among the lowest in the nation in FFY 2023.

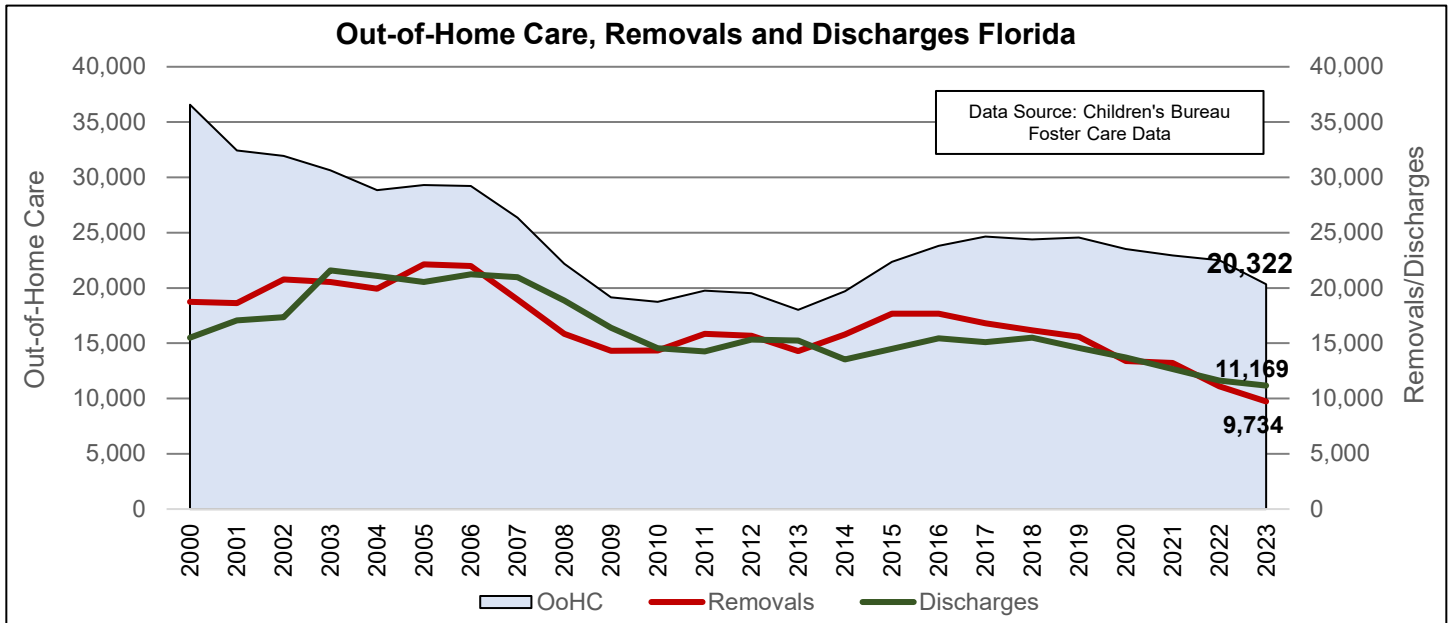


## Relationship between Out-of-Home Care, Removals, and Discharges

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

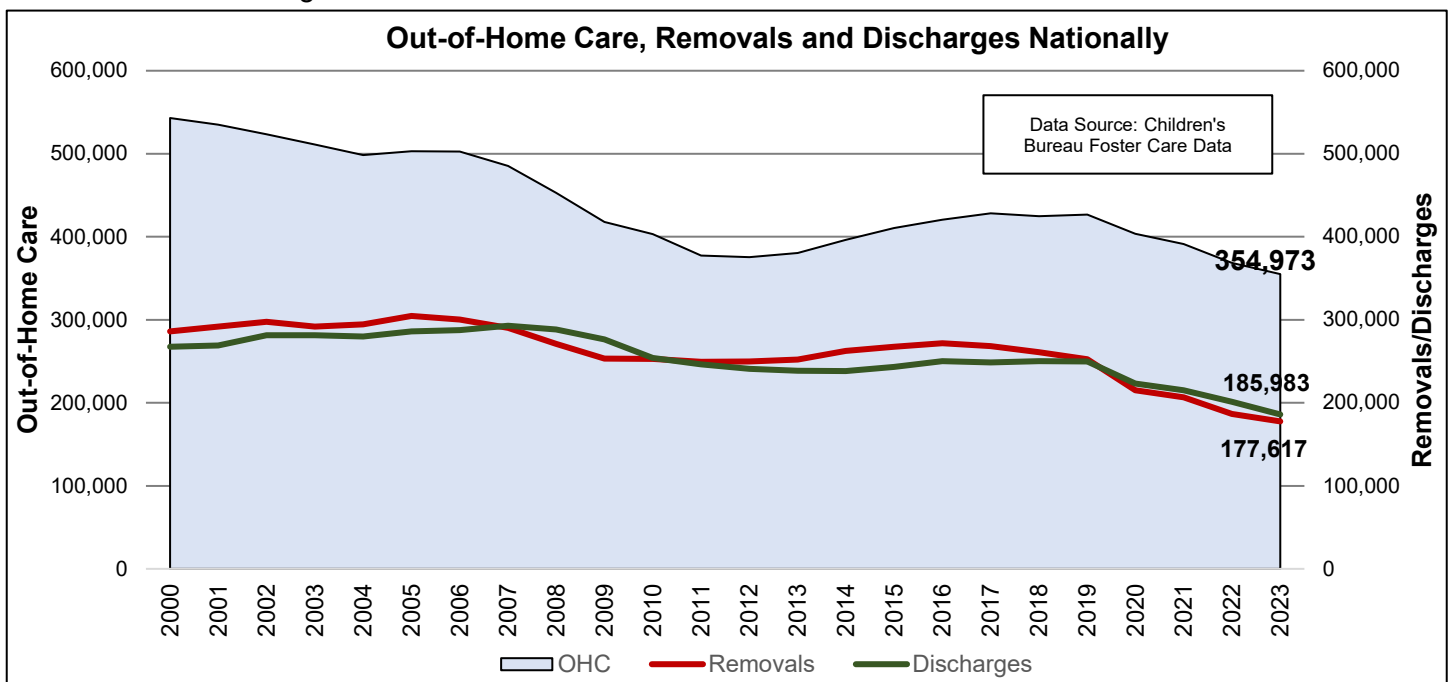
### National Trend

This chart shows long-term decreases in the number of children in OOHC, with more significant decreases occurring between FFY 2007 and FFY 2011, and more recently, between FFY 2018 and FFY 2023. These decreases were primarily driven by a reduction in removals.



### Florida Statewide Trend

Florida metrics are similar to national trends, with steep reductions in removals and OOHC in FFYs 2007-2009. Between FFY 2014 and FFY 2018 the number of children in OOHC began to increase due to a rise in removals and decline in discharges. Reductions in removals have since led to more recent reductions in OOHC.



## Safety Outcomes

### Individual Safety Indicators

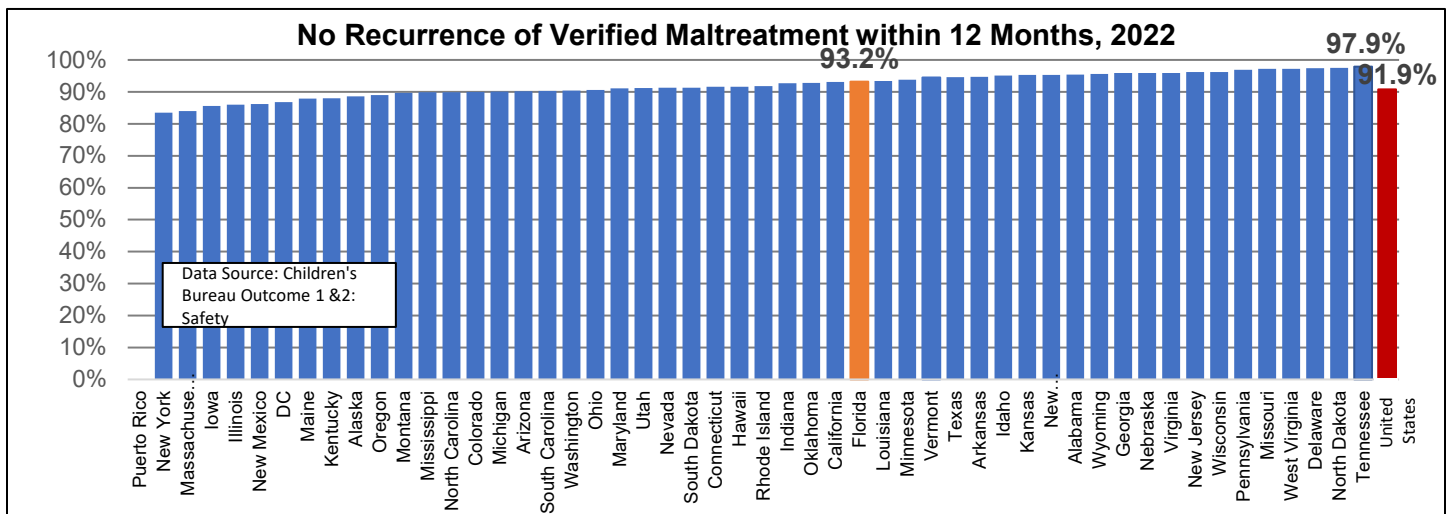
With the exception of Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment, these are post-investigation measures, therefore, analysis is shown at the Lead Agency level rather than the circuit level. The Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) is a federal and state collaboration to ensure quality services for children and families in the child welfare system. It involves state-level assessment and on-site reviews to evaluate if states are in substantial conformity with federal requirements and outcomes. The review focuses on outcome for children and families within the domains of Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being.

### No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment

This safety outcome measures recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months of verified maltreatment, regardless of whether services were provided. This national data indicator for CFSR-4, 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?"

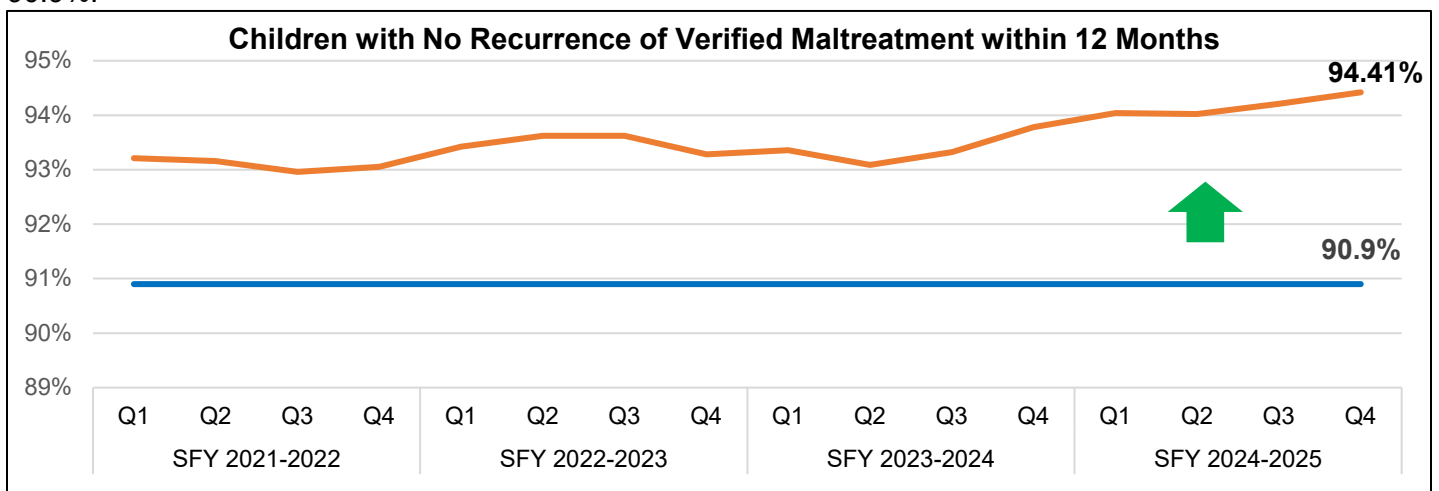
### Florida Compared to Other States

In FFY 2022 (in part, because of the necessary time lag in the calculation of this metric, the most recent data available is 2022, compared to 2023 for the majority of the metrics), Florida's performance of 93.2% exceeded the national average of 91.9%, and Florida's performance was higher than national average for each of the four years prior.



### Florida Statewide Trend

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



Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Safety, No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment w/in 12 Months

## Circuit Comparisons

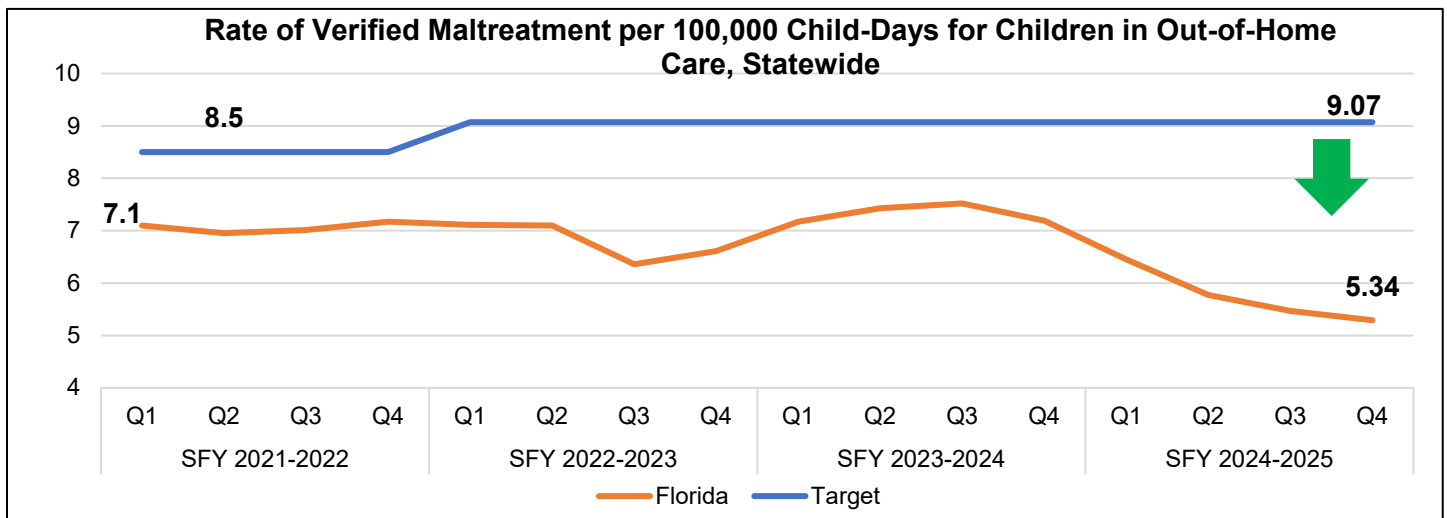
All but one circuit met the national standard for this metric as of the end of SFY 2024-2025.

Percentage of Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment in 12 Months (Target of 90.9% or Higher)													
Region	Circuit	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central	Circuit 5	94.6%	95.1%	95.5%	93.8%	94.8%	93.8%	93.5%	95.4%	94.9%	96.0%	96.7%	96.0%
	Circuit 9	94.1%	93.0%	93.3%	92.9%	92.5%	94.0%	94.5%	94.5%	94.6%	93.5%	92.8%	92.7%
	Circuit 10	94.0%	93.6%	92.7%	92.3%	92.1%	92.8%	94.0%	92.6%	93.4%	93.8%	93.6%	95.7%
	Circuit 18	93.0%	92.9%	93.5%	95.3%	94.9%	95.0%	94.6%	93.7%	93.5%	93.8%	93.7%	94.4%
Northeast	Circuit 3	95.2%	96.1%	97.3%	97.7%	95.7%	95.1%	95.5%	95.4%	96.1%	95.2%	93.7%	93.9%
	Circuit 4	95.0%	95.1%	95.0%	95.1%	95.1%	95.0%	94.1%	94.4%	95.0%	95.6%	96.5%	96.8%
	Circuit 7	95.0%	94.4%	94.1%	93.6%	93.7%	93.9%	94.5%	95.2%	95.3%	95.3%	94.6%	95.0%
	Circuit 8	94.4%	95.8%	95.7%	94.0%	94.8%	93.5%	93.9%	95.3%	93.5%	94.8%	95.0%	95.5%
Northwest	Circuit 1	92.4%	92.6%	92.3%	91.7%	91.0%	89.8%	89.7%	90.0%	90.7%	91.4%	91.9%	92.6%
	Circuit 2	94.7%	95.7%	94.2%	93.4%	94.1%	93.6%	93.8%	94.7%	93.6%	93.4%	92.9%	91.6%
	Circuit 14	94.9%	95.6%	94.5%	95.9%	96.0%	95.0%	94.7%	93.3%	92.2%	92.1%	93.0%	94.5%
Southeast	Circuit 15	93.9%	94.1%	93.5%	93.7%	94.8%	95.0%	96.0%	96.5%	96.4%	95.1%	94.9%	95.0%
	Circuit 17	93.6%	93.8%	92.9%	92.5%	93.3%	92.7%	93.9%	93.7%	93.7%	93.7%	93.4%	93.9%
	Circuit 19	93.2%	94.0%	93.8%	94.4%	94.5%	93.8%	94.8%	93.9%	93.0%	91.3%	91.2%	90.4%
Southern	Circuit 11	95.0%	95.9%	97.2%	97.4%	97.5%	97.0%	96.0%	95.3%	95.9%	94.9%	95.1%	96.4%
	Circuit 16	95.1%	95.8%	97.3%	98.7%	98.5%	98.6%	94.7%	94.5%	94.3%	92.5%	96.3%	95.7%
SunCoast	Circuit 6	90.1%	91.7%	92.3%	91.3%	91.5%	90.8%	91.7%	93.2%	94.4%	94.6%	95.1%	94.6%
	Circuit 12	92.6%	91.8%	93.3%	92.5%	93.2%	93.4%	93.2%	94.5%	94.7%	95.1%	95.1%	94.3%
	Circuit 13	94.2%	93.9%	93.3%	92.1%	91.6%	90.6%	90.7%	93.0%	93.7%	93.4%	94.5%	94.3%
	Circuit 20	92.1%	92.2%	92.7%	93.1%	93.9%	94.5%	94.6%	95.0%	95.6%	95.5%	95.6%	95.3%
Statewide		93.4%	93.6%	93.6%	93.3%	93.4%	93.1%	93.3%	93.8%	94.0%	94.0%	94.2%	94.1%

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Safety, No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment w/in 12 Months

## Maltreatment in Foster Care

The federal CFSR round 4 measures it as a rate per 100,000 days in care. 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’s rates have consistently exceeded national standards.



Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1107, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect per Days in Foster Care"



## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

As of the end of SFY 2024-2025, all but one of the Lead Agency contracted catchment area met the federal 9.07 standard established for the **rate** of abuse per 100,000 bed days in OOHC.

Rate of Verified Maltreatment per 100,000 Child Bed Days for Children in Out-of-Home Care (Target 9.07 or Lower)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	8.59	9.37	6.30	6.08	5.97	6.90	8.49	7.33	6.90	6.45	7.34	8.72
ChildNet-Palm Beach	10.42	10.89	10.05	7.88	8.62	8.08	7.77	8.71	4.40	4.88	4.78	5.10
Children's Network of SW FL	7.01	4.49	5.05	4.65	4.71	4.36	3.55	4.50	4.51	4.46	5.60	4.58
Children's Network-Hillsborough	7.43	7.22	7.28	7.31	6.10	8.39	7.15	6.67	7.98	5.09	4.17	5.06
Citrus Health Network	2.84	2.48	1.68	4.16	4.95	6.01	6.42	5.32	6.22	5.96	5.78	6.08
Communities Connected for Kids	8.13	8.91	8.93	9.04	10.35	9.64	11.73	13.44	13.43	12.49	10.22	6.88
Community Partnership for Children	5.27	8.27	6.94	6.89	6.51	6.02	7.60	5.82	6.19	6.21	5.67	4.01
Family Integrity Program	2.24	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.83	9.56	10.38	11.02	0.00	0.00
Family Partnerships of Central FL	8.12	7.88	8.47	8.14	9.74	9.83	9.63	9.45	7.55	7.62	6.51	5.65
Family Support Services of North FL	5.34	5.42	4.87	5.75	7.38	6.54	6.03	5.58	3.95	3.70	4.01	4.03
FSS Suncoast	8.42	7.84	5.68	6.84	7.08	5.66	6.00	5.92	4.14	4.71	4.21	3.82
Heartland for Children	8.82	8.47	7.21	6.52	7.98	8.55	7.76	6.10	5.75	3.87	3.74	3.87
Kids Central, Inc.	4.99	3.79	2.75	2.58	4.45	5.94	5.09	6.14	4.48	3.70	5.07	5.07
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	4.73	7.11	4.40	4.75	3.75	1.32	0.00	1.54	3.20	3.38	3.43	1.76
NWF Health Network - East	5.00	5.09	4.19	6.12	5.34	7.14	7.78	5.71	7.03	5.65	5.60	5.87
NWF Health Network - West	9.34	11.01	11.44	10.22	12.76	11.95	12.87	11.96	9.31	9.03	8.00	10.37
Partnership for Strong Families	5.82	6.48	7.17	8.46	9.06	8.49	8.18	8.59	6.90	6.06	5.30	3.36
Safe Children Coalition	5.89	5.79	4.41	5.68	4.95	5.87	7.42	7.29	7.90	6.81	5.36	3.08
<b>Statewide</b>	7.11	7.10	6.36	6.61	7.17	7.43	7.52	7.19	6.45	5.77	5.47	5.34

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1107, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect per Days in Foster Care"

## Maltreatment During Case-Managed Services

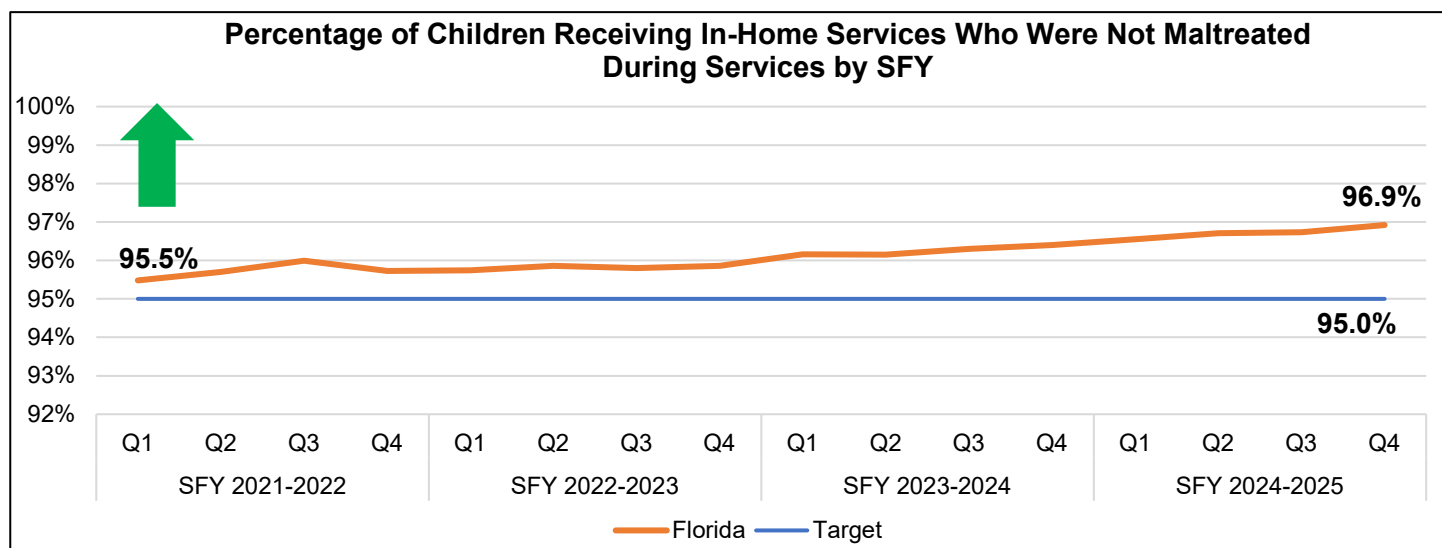
Children receiving case-managed in-home services include:

- 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.

Florida's practice model requires services to be provided by the least intrusive means necessary and requires reasonable efforts to allow children to remain safely in their home, whenever possible.

## Florida Statewide Trend

Performance for this metric has remained above the state established target since FY 19-20 .



Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1109, "Children who are Not Neglected or Abused During In-Home Services"

## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

As of the end of SFY 2024-2025, 16 of the 18 (89 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 95% state standard established for the percentage of children not abused during in-home services.

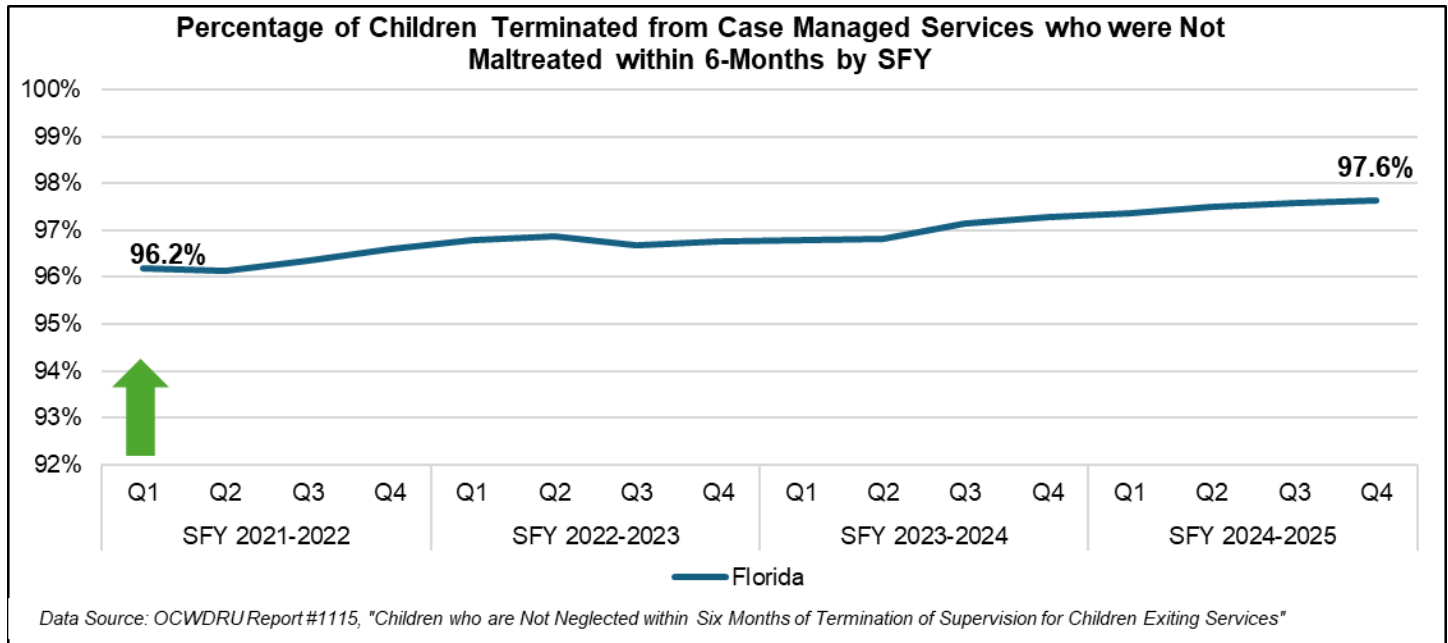
Percentage of Children Not Abused During In-Home Services (DCF Target 95% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	96.8%	96.2%	95.9%	95.6%	95.9%	95.7%	94.6%	94.7%	95.5%	96.6%	97.6%	97.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	95.7%	96.5%	97.1%	96.9%	96.8%	96.4%	96.2%	96.3%	96.3%	96.9%	97.8%	98.6%
Children's Network of SW Florida	97.4%	97.8%	96.5%	96.3%	97.1%	97.0%	98.2%	98.2%	97.9%	97.6%	96.7%	96.5%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	96.1%	95.9%	96.4%	96.0%	97.4%	97.7%	97.4%	97.8%	98.1%	97.7%	97.9%	98.0%
Citrus Health Network	95.6%	96.7%	96.5%	96.5%	96.1%	95.8%	96.1%	97.1%	98.1%	98.6%	98.0%	98.5%
Communities Connected for Kids	94.7%	94.5%	93.9%	93.3%	94.0%	94.1%	95.0%	95.9%	95.1%	95.4%	93.3%	93.6%
Community Partnership for Children	94.2%	94.2%	95.7%	96.1%	97.3%	97.4%	96.9%	97.5%	97.7%	97.6%	97.9%	97.6%
Family Integrity Program	96.1%	95.1%	94.7%	95.4%	98.5%	98.5%	96.5%	98.0%	97.9%	96.9%	99.1%	98.1%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	94.4%	94.9%	95.0%	94.7%	95.1%	95.0%	94.7%	94.4%	95.4%	95.2%	96.4%	97.1%
Family Support Services of North FL	96.6%	96.6%	95.7%	95.4%	96.1%	96.4%	96.6%	96.6%	97.1%	97.9%	97.4%	97.4%
FSS Suncoast	94.0%	94.0%	94.8%	95.9%	96.5%	96.7%	96.9%	97.3%	96.1%	95.0%	95.4%	96.2%
Heartland for Children	95.1%	95.0%	94.6%	94.6%	94.4%	94.0%	95.0%	95.7%	96.6%	97.7%	97.0%	97.5%
Kids Central, Inc.	95.7%	95.5%	95.4%	95.5%	95.5%	96.2%	96.1%	96.2%	96.2%	97.0%	97.4%	97.7%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	98.8%	99.0%	99.3%	99.6%	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.7%
NWF Health Network - East	96.4%	97.1%	97.2%	97.5%	97.2%	96.7%	96.3%	96.0%	95.8%	96.4%	96.2%	95.7%
NWF Health Network - West	95.2%	94.9%	94.3%	94.5%	93.7%	94.2%	94.6%	94.2%	94.6%	94.4%	94.3%	94.1%
Partnership for Strong Families	97.6%	97.7%	97.7%	97.4%	97.7%	96.5%	96.9%	96.0%	95.8%	96.9%	96.8%	97.6%
Safe Children Coalition	97.3%	97.0%	96.9%	97.2%	97.4%	97.4%	97.5%	97.4%	96.4%	98.0%	97.0%	96.9%
Statewide	95.7%	95.9%	95.8%	95.9%	96.2%	96.2%	96.3%	96.4%	96.6%	96.7%	96.7%	96.9%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1109, "Children who are Not Neglected or Abused During In-Home Services"

## Maltreatment after Termination of Case-Managed Services

Just as it is important to ensure the safety of children receiving services, it is also important that supervision is not terminated prematurely; otherwise, the risk of subsequent maltreatment is high. Florida has shown progress on this indicator over the past five years, though there is no national target to measure against nor is it consistently tracked across states.

## Florida Statewide Trend

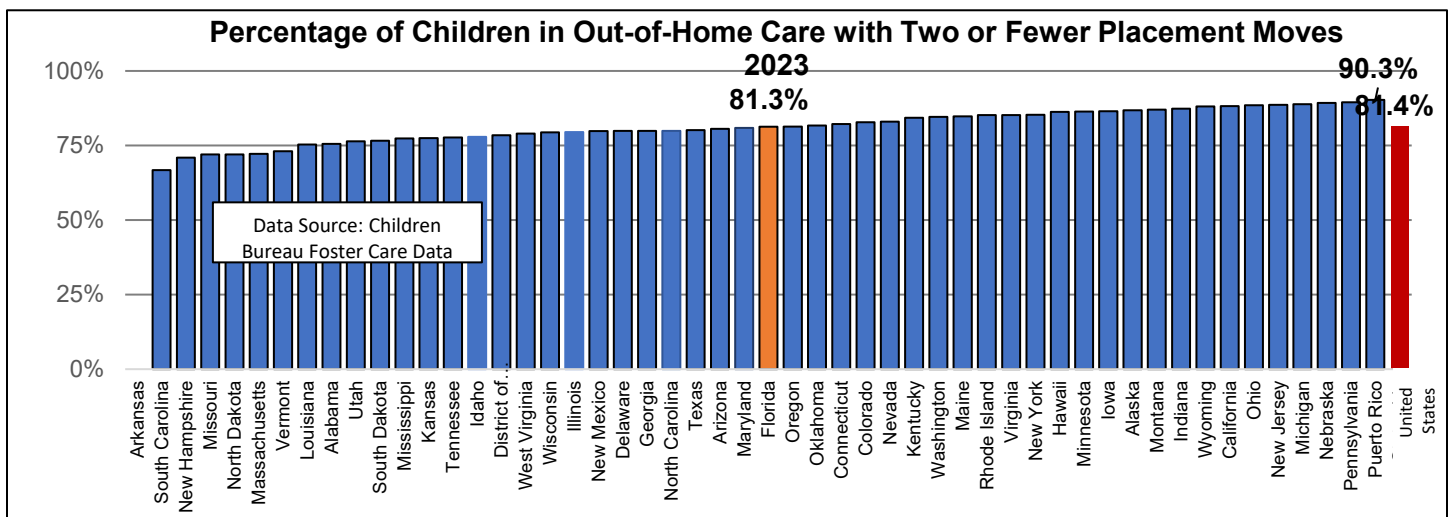


## Permanency Indicators

### Placement Stability

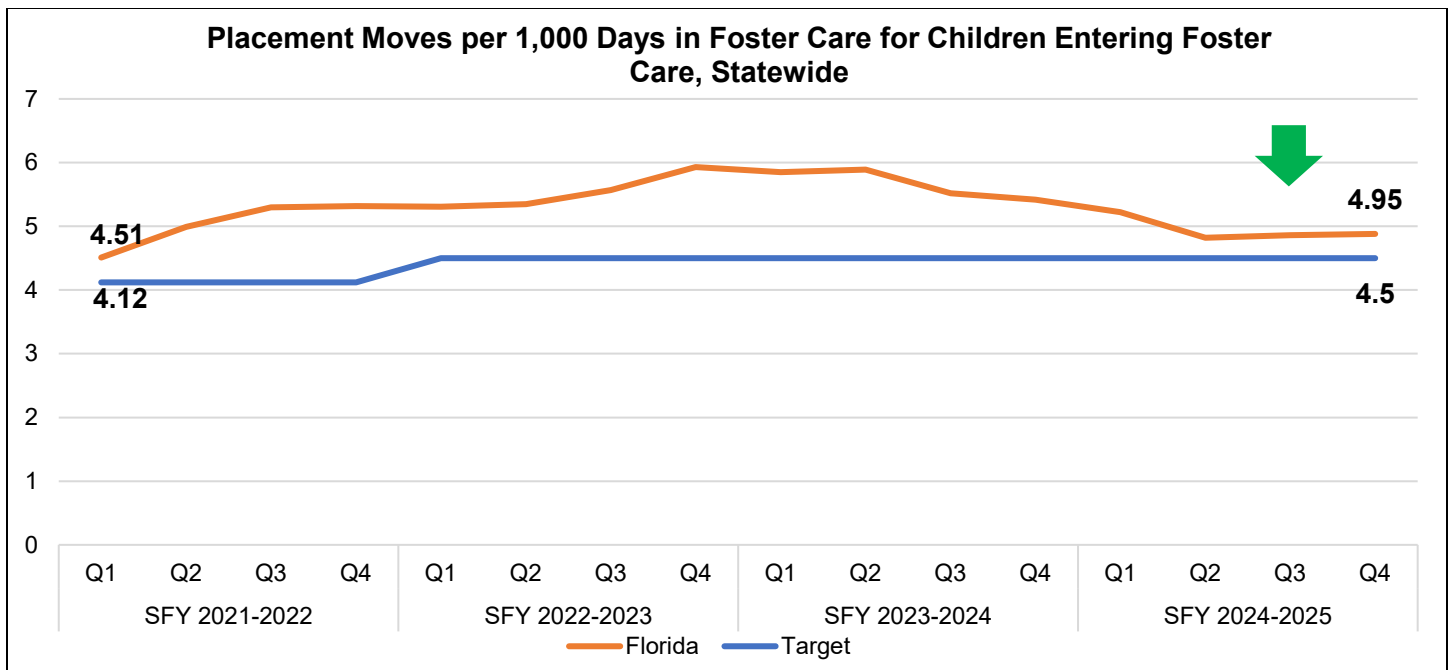
#### Florida Compared to Other States

Based on the most recent available data, FFY 2023, in a comparison of placement stability among ranked states, Florida fell within the second quartile and slightly below the national average for the percentage of children with two or fewer placement moves. that this measure differs from the rate of placement moves, which is the indicator used in Florida to evaluate placement stability.



## Florida Statewide Trend

As this is a rate measuring a negative outcome, lower numbers indicate positive performance. The number of statewide placement moves began increasing in SFY 2021-2022, peaking in the second quarter of SFY 2023-2024. While placement moves have since begun to decline, performance remains below the national standard and federal target of 4.5 moves per 1,000 days in foster care.



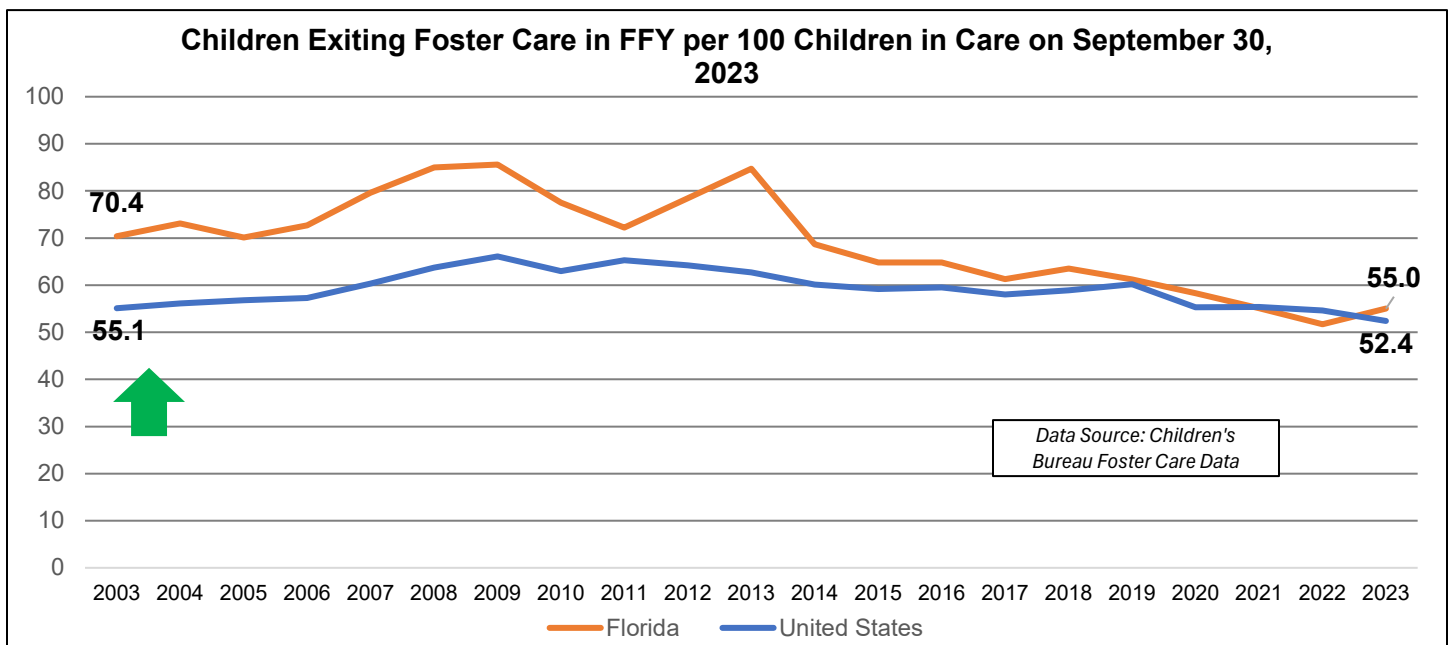
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## Children Exiting Foster Care per 100 Children in Care

To compare states and communities, discharges in each period are compared against the number of children in OOHC at the end of the period.

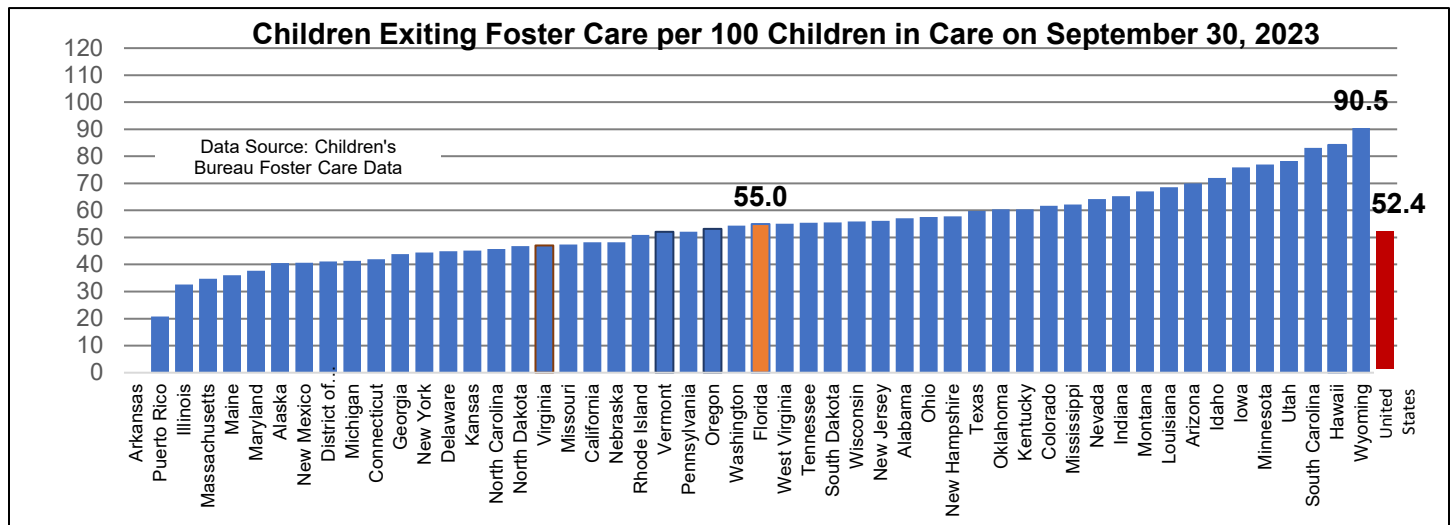
### Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida's exit rate from Foster Care has been declining since FFY 2013 and was slightly above the national average in FFY 2023, the most recent year of available data.



## Florida Compared to Other States

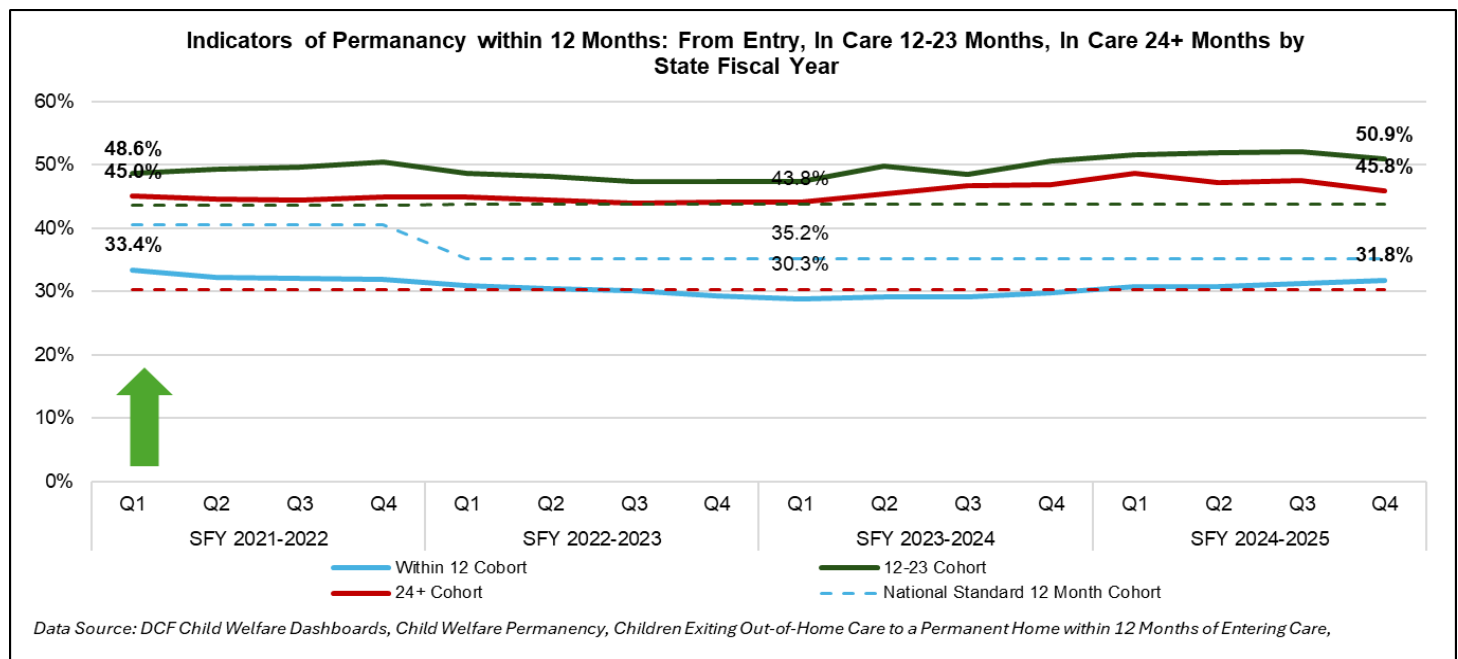
The most recently available national data indicates Florida's exit rate of 55 per 100 children in OOHC was slightly above national averages. This is a positive trend, increasing from 51.7 per 100 children in OOHC in FFY 2022.



## Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Care

### Florida Statewide Trend

Permanency in 12 months is measured based on the time in care for the children achieving permanency – those in care less than 12 months, 12-23 months, and 24 or more months. After a period of decline, the percentage of children achieving permanency has begun to increase across cohorts over the past two years.



Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboards

## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

As of the end of SFY 2024-2025, 7 of 18 (39 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the established federal target of 35.2% for the percentage of children in OOHC less than 12-months achieving permanency.<sup>2</sup>

Permanency in 12 Months (Target 35.2% or Higher, beginning SFY 2022-2023)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	32.1%	30.6%	31.5%	32.6%	31.9%	33.7%	33.0%	31.8%	32.7%	35.8%	36.8%	42.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	32.3%	34.8%	34.9%	35.4%	35.9%	35.3%	35.7%	36.0%	39.9%	42.2%	43.6%	42.7%
Children's Network of SW Florida	33.6%	33.2%	36.3%	34.4%	33.5%	34.1%	35.2%	39.6%	42.1%	44.2%	39.9%	36.9%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	27.2%	27.4%	28.2%	28.7%	24.6%	23.1%	19.7%	18.1%	21.2%	19.6%	21.0%	21.6%
Citrus Health Network	27.9%	25.5%	25.0%	22.9%	23.9%	24.2%	24.5%	23.6%	20.4%	21.6%	22.8%	24.0%
Communities Connected for Kids	45.5%	43.7%	38.7%	39.0%	37.1%	36.9%	35.5%	34.5%	36.4%	34.7%	37.8%	38.2%
Community Partnership for Children	25.0%	25.9%	26.0%	25.8%	26.9%	27.1%	27.0%	26.6%	25.4%	25.4%	28.8%	30.3%
Family Integrity Program	49.2%	38.8%	42.4%	29.4%	27.3%	27.0%	25.7%	28.6%	37.5%	30.3%	39.3%	36.1%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	31.1%	31.2%	29.5%	26.0%	28.1%	27.9%	25.2%	24.4%	24.7%	24.6%	26.2%	29.0%
Family Support Services of North FL	34.4%	31.4%	29.0%	27.5%	23.3%	23.2%	22.0%	23.0%	25.9%	25.8%	24.7%	25.7%
FSS Suncoast	26.1%	25.1%	26.1%	26.4%	26.3%	28.7%	29.2%	30.8%	33.2%	32.3%	30.4%	30.7%
Heartland for Children	35.5%	34.2%	29.2%	29.3%	28.7%	28.6%	34.2%	35.7%	34.8%	36.7%	33.7%	31.1%
Kids Central, Inc.	31.9%	31.7%	29.5%	28.8%	25.3%	24.6%	27.0%	26.2%	29.0%	27.0%	28.3%	28.6%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	32.8%	34.5%	34.8%	30.5%	21.8%	12.7%	13.2%	19.2%	21.8%	26.0%	37.5%	37.5%
NWF Health Network - East	29.0%	30.3%	31.8%	33.1%	34.9%	33.5%	34.5%	38.4%	36.5%	36.7%	37.4%	33.0%
NWF Health Network - West	24.4%	24.2%	27.3%	25.5%	27.8%	28.5%	29.1%	30.6%	31.5%	32.1%	31.5%	36.3%
Partnership for Strong Families	23.4%	25.3%	26.1%	26.0%	24.5%	22.3%	23.8%	24.7%	23.9%	26.6%	30.3%	28.5%
Safe Children Coalition	39.2%	36.0%	35.9%	34.1%	36.8%	41.3%	40.6%	41.4%	39.6%	35.6%	31.9%	30.6%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>30.9%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>30.1%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>30.7%</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Permanency, Children Exiting Out-of-Home Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months of Entering Care

## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons (continued)

For children in care 12-23 months achieving permanency, 13 of 18 (83 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the federal target of 43.8 percent, while 17 of 18 (94 percent) met the target for children in OHOC 24 or more months achieving permanency.

Children in Care 12-23 Months and Achieving Permanency within 12 Months (Target 43.8% or Higher, beginning SFY 2022-2023)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	52.1%	54.2%	57.8%	56.7%	50.2%	58.0%	49.5%	50.3%	56.7%	56.1%	52.7%	47.7%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	61.8%	58.2%	56.8%	61.1%	60.9%	59.4%	55.6%	62.1%	55.3%	61.1%	57.8%	57.7%
Children's Network of SW FL	57.8%	58.7%	59.1%	61.2%	60.0%	59.9%	66.6%	63.3%	66.6%	63.5%	58.4%	57.5%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	33.9%	32.1%	31.3%	32.3%	35.3%	36.1%	37.2%	41.6%	41.5%	41.7%	45.3%	40.6%
Citrus Health Network	44.1%	44.3%	39.7%	46.2%	46.2%	52.3%	51.8%	45.1%	47.2%	48.3%	53.8%	44.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	76.6%	62.9%	65.9%	71.0%	67.5%	70.2%	58.3%	64.8%	71.6%	63.6%	73.2%	64.4%
Community Partnership for Children	53.5%	57.7%	56.4%	56.7%	53.7%	50.6%	46.0%	58.2%	60.2%	60.8%	64.1%	60.0%
Family Integrity Program	87.9%	88.1%	80.0%	81.0%	85.7%	65.4%	65.2%	79.0%	80.0%	62.5%	50.0%	33.3%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	49.2%	47.3%	48.2%	46.5%	45.9%	44.7%	43.5%	46.4%	46.7%	51.2%	52.5%	55.0%
Family Support Services of North FL	63.3%	65.9%	60.3%	58.2%	53.0%	53.5%	49.8%	45.8%	55.2%	58.4%	56.3%	55.3%
FSS Suncoast	42.6%	38.2%	38.4%	40.4%	46.7%	49.7%	49.9%	54.0%	51.3%	51.3%	53.9%	57.6%
Heartland for Children	43.8%	49.2%	43.9%	44.1%	45.6%	47.0%	46.0%	48.2%	48.8%	44.7%	38.1%	43.5%
Kids Central, Inc.	39.6%	40.2%	37.3%	37.5%	31.2%	35.3%	32.7%	37.0%	35.3%	39.3%	37.6%	42.4%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	45.7%	53.4%	48.8%	39.3%	53.3%	61.0%	54.2%	60.5%	46.7%	57.1%	59.1%	76.7%
NWF Health Network - East	51.5%	56.2%	54.2%	64.9%	60.8%	53.1%	53.3%	48.1%	56.0%	50.2%	52.6%	55.8%

<sup>2</sup> Family Partnerships of Central Florida was awarded the lead agency contract for Circuits 9 and 18 on May 1, 2024.

NWF Health Network - West	41.8%	47.0%	49.7%	45.8%	47.8%	63.4%	60.7%	65.5%	64.9%	55.5%	59.6%	60.2%
Partnership for Strong Families	57.0%	46.5%	41.8%	41.3%	44.7%	49.5%	55.7%	55.9%	58.5%	57.3%	46.4%	43.4%
Safe Children Coalition	46.2%	49.8%	55.8%	54.0%	50.2%	55.3%	49.6%	52.5%	54.8%	58.1%	57.9%	64.2%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>47.3%</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>49.8%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>50.6%</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>52.0%</b>	<b>52.0%</b>	<b>51.8%</b>

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Permanency, Children in Out-of-Home Care 12-23 Months and Exiting Out-of-Home Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months

Children in Care 24+ Months and Achieving Permanency within 12 Months (Target 30.3% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	36.7%	34.4%	36.1%	37.9%	38.8%	32.5%	36.0%	37.1%	39.0%	34.9%	40.7%	37.6%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	50.8%	48.9%	42.3%	48.4%	48.7%	45.7%	47.3%	43.8%	41.3%	38.3%	40.1%	32.3%
Children's Network of SW FL	54.9%	46.9%	49.3%	51.9%	49.3%	55.9%	55.8%	53.4%	53.8%	53.2%	46.2%	49.5%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	35.0%	36.0%	36.9%	34.5%	35.6%	40.9%	46.9%	48.1%	50.8%	48.9%	47.2%	47.0%
Citrus Health Network	34.9%	34.0%	36.1%	34.5%	36.1%	38.9%	45.2%	39.5%	41.1%	41.4%	44.4%	42.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	57.5%	47.2%	27.7%	28.6%	32.8%	37.7%	39.0%	38.6%	42.2%	42.9%	44.9%	45.8%
Community Partnership for Children	53.5%	57.4%	51.6%	52.3%	52.3%	53.4%	55.8%	53.4%	51.0%	45.5%	46.0%	37.4%
Family Integrity Program	48.3%	56.0%	66.7%	58.6%	44.4%	23.1%	30.8%	30.0%	28.6%	58.3%	63.6%	28.6%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	47.5%	43.4%	43.7%	49.5%	50.7%	49.3%	46.2%	43.8%	45.9%	50.2%	50.9%	49.8%
Family Support Services of North FL	43.0%	38.1%	41.2%	38.5%	39.4%	31.5%	41.0%	44.1%	46.8%	42.4%	39.4%	44.4%
FSS Suncoast	40.3%	42.7%	41.5%	38.8%	41.0%	42.6%	42.4%	49.4%	51.3%	52.0%	55.4%	53.9%
Heartland for Children	47.7%	46.3%	48.5%	46.3%	45.2%	44.1%	43.5%	45.1%	45.5%	46.7%	48.6%	43.5%
Kids Central, Inc.	40.9%	44.6%	44.8%	43.0%	40.9%	41.4%	40.3%	39.4%	42.4%	40.8%	44.1%	43.9%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	58.8%	53.7%	55.8%	66.2%	55.3%	61.3%	59.1%	58.8%	57.6%	46.0%	44.4%	47.4%
NWF Health Network - East	55.7%	54.3%	49.8%	49.1%	51.6%	52.2%	52.7%	51.1%	48.1%	52.5%	46.9%	51.2%
NWF Health Network - West	50.8%	48.3%	51.8%	58.9%	54.1%	59.5%	59.3%	58.0%	59.4%	49.8%	45.6%	44.6%
Partnership for Strong Families	43.3%	46.1%	40.2%	32.5%	31.3%	39.4%	43.7%	44.1%	53.5%	50.2%	49.4%	48.5%
Safe Children Coalition	53.5%	54.4%	55.1%	48.3%	54.1%	52.9%	52.2%	49.0%	52.7%	47.4%	47.7%	55.1%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>46.7%</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>47.2%</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Permanency, Children in Out-of-Home Care 24+ Months and Exiting Out-of-Home Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months

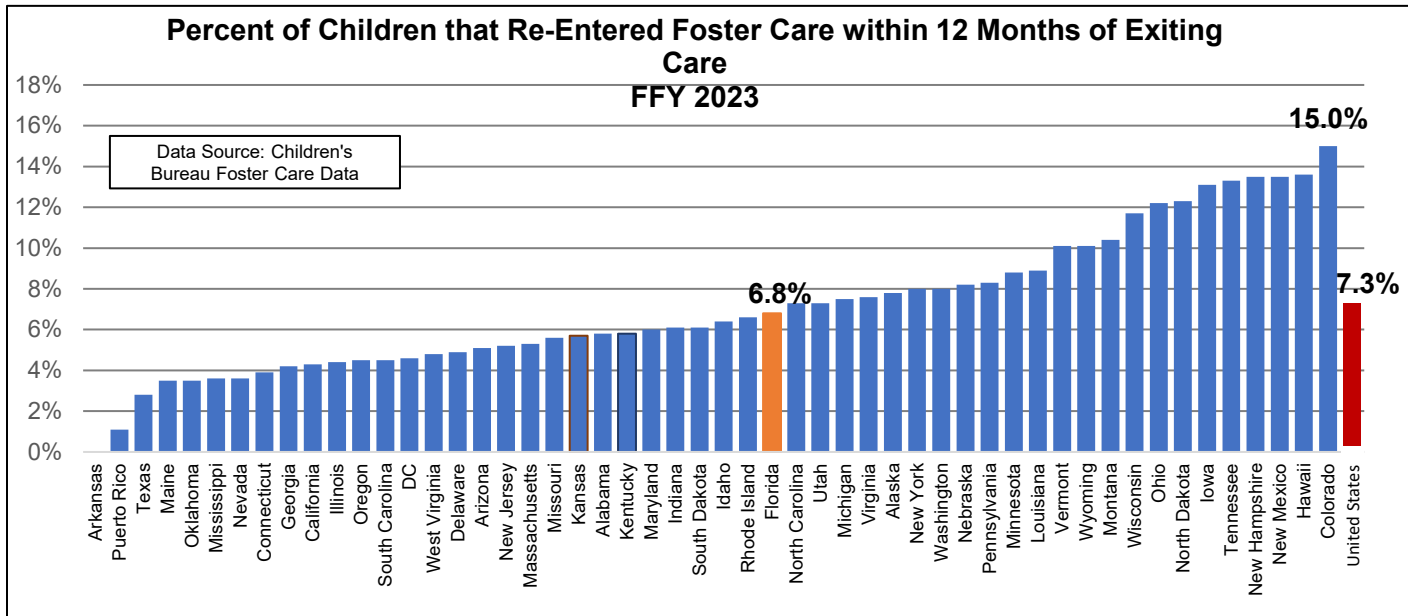
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## Re-Entry into Foster Care

This permanency indicator reflects the percentage of children re-entering care after being discharged within the prior 12 months.

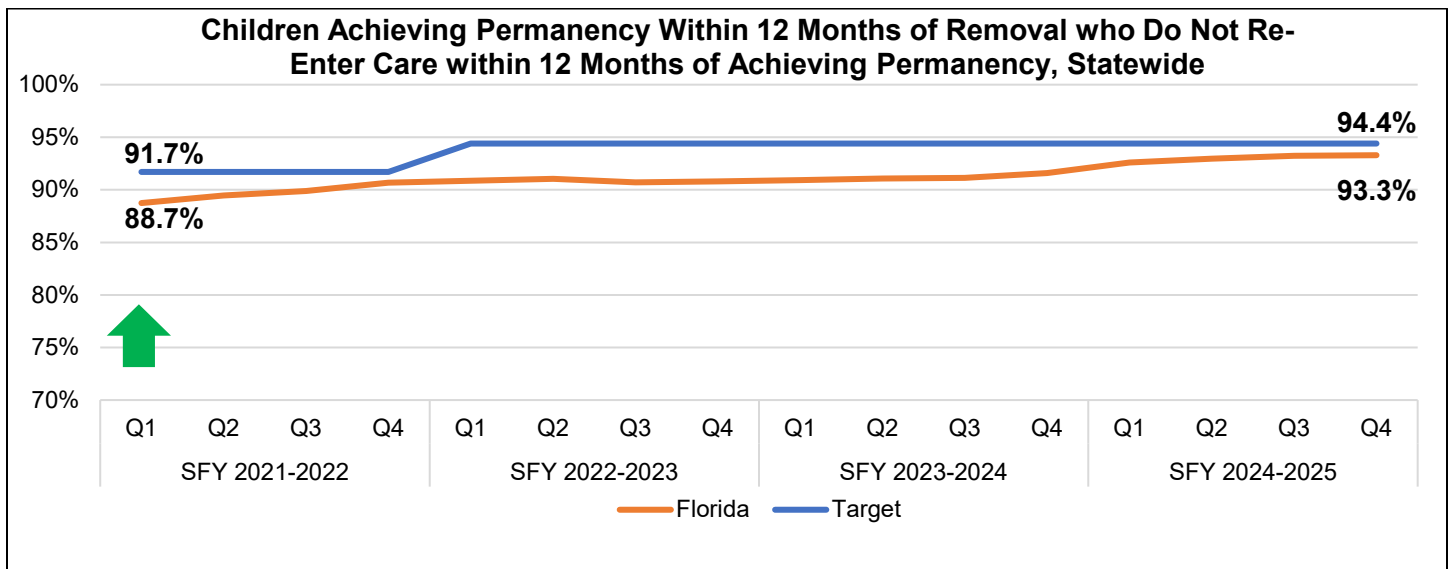
### Florida Compared to Other States

Florida's rate of re-entry into foster care within 12-Months of exiting care during FFY 2023 was below the national average of 7.3%.



### Florida Statewide Trend

Although the national CFSR round 4 indicator is the percent of children that re-entered care, Florida tracks this indicator as the percent who did not re-enter care. Florida's performance has shown some improvement, with the average quarterly performance increasing by 2.6% from SFY 2022-2023 to SFY 2024-2025.



Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1100, "Children who Do Not Re-Enter Foster Care within Twelve Months of Moving to a Permanent Home"



## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

By the end of SFY 2024-2025, 9 of 18 (50 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the federal target for the percentage of children who achieved permanency that did not reenter OOHC within 12-months.

Children Who Do Not Re-Enter Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months of Permanency (Target of 94.4% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	80.2%	83.5%	81.8%	82.9%	86.6%	86.2%	91.5%	94.5%	95.1%	94.9%	94.7%	94.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	92.8%	94.3%	95.5%	97.1%	96.0%	96.1%	92.9%	93.1%	92.7%	92.1%	93.5%	92.7%
Children's Network of SW FL	95.2%	95.4%	92.9%	91.6%	93.1%	92.5%	94.8%	95.2%	94.7%	94.9%	93.8%	94.6%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	94.0%	91.4%	92.4%	91.7%	87.0%	87.9%	89.2%	91.4%	96.3%	96.5%	96.2%	96.6%
Citrus Health Network	95.2%	92.5%	91.3%	89.6%	90.6%	92.7%	93.1%	92.2%	90.1%	91.8%	91.3%	90.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	92.3%	89.9%	92.1%	90.2%	88.9%	91.9%	91.5%	91.9%	93.8%	93.7%	94.4%	96.0%
Community Partnership for Children	86.6%	88.0%	87.0%	90.4%	85.5%	80.7%	81.7%	80.6%	86.5%	93.9%	94.7%	92.5%
Family Integrity Program	93.0%	90.5%	90.0%	79.4%	76.0%	86.4%	80.0%	92.3%	91.7%	87.5%	100.0%	75.0%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	92.0%	93.8%	92.1%	92.1%	90.1%	89.7%	89.2%	87.8%	90.4%	91.5%	94.6%	95.0%
Family Support Services of North FL	83.2%	87.8%	87.4%	89.1%	95.3%	94.4%	95.5%	96.3%	95.4%	95.1%	92.0%	90.3%
FSS Suncoast	93.7%	91.1%	92.5%	88.9%	90.8%	91.0%	89.6%	92.4%	91.3%	92.9%	94.6%	95.5%
Heartland for Children	92.3%	94.3%	93.0%	92.3%	93.1%	92.4%	90.2%	93.2%	93.9%	95.2%	94.4%	94.9%
Kids Central, Inc.	87.9%	85.2%	85.5%	88.7%	88.6%	93.4%	93.7%	92.4%	93.4%	89.7%	89.2%	89.8%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	86.1%	87.8%	86.7%	87.5%	96.1%	92.5%	95.4%	93.3%	87.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
NWF Health Network - East	91.8%	94.5%	94.7%	95.9%	95.9%	91.9%	91.7%	88.4%	90.2%	93.1%	91.2%	91.7%
NWF Health Network - West	89.6%	91.4%	90.6%	95.2%	92.4%	93.7%	93.9%	91.0%	96.2%	92.7%	91.1%	89.4%
Partnership for Strong Families	94.4%	94.9%	95.5%	95.3%	94.0%	94.4%	93.2%	96.1%	95.1%	93.6%	95.7%	95.3%
Safe Children Coalition	91.8%	91.6%	91.5%	92.1%	92.1%	92.1%	91.9%	88.2%	88.5%	89.4%	91.0%	94.4%
Statewide	90.9%	91.0%	90.7%	90.8%	90.9%	91.1%	91.1%	91.6%	92.6%	93.0%	93.2%	93.3%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1100, "Children who Do Not Re-Enter Foster Care within Twelve Months of Moving to a Permanent Home"

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

## Caseworker Visits with Children in Care

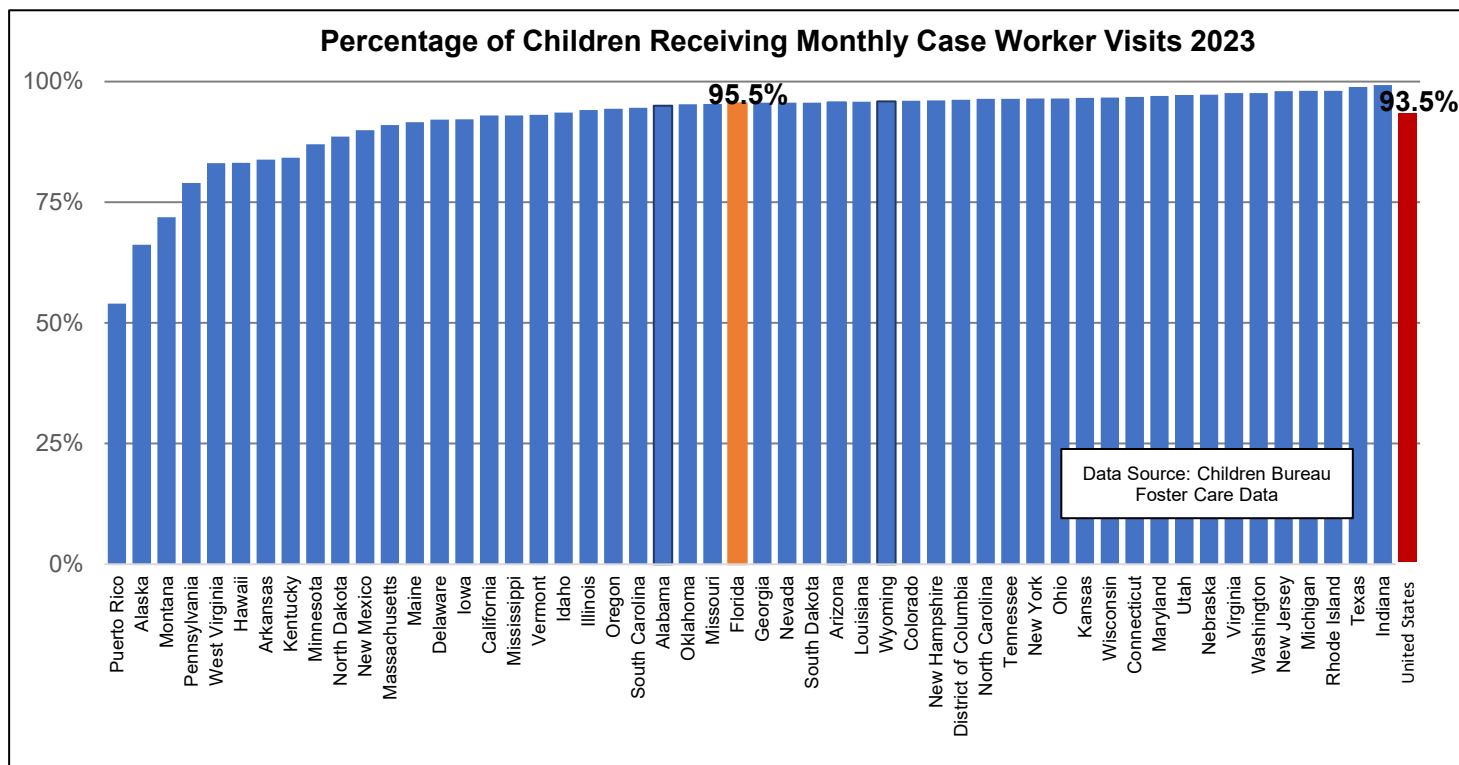
According to the Children’s Bureau, achieving permanency in a timely manner for children in foster care can be linked in part to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the CFSR, an association was found between the caseworker-visits measures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

## 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

Based on the most recent FFY data available for this indicator, Florida outperforms national averages for case worker visits with children and has done so for the past several years.

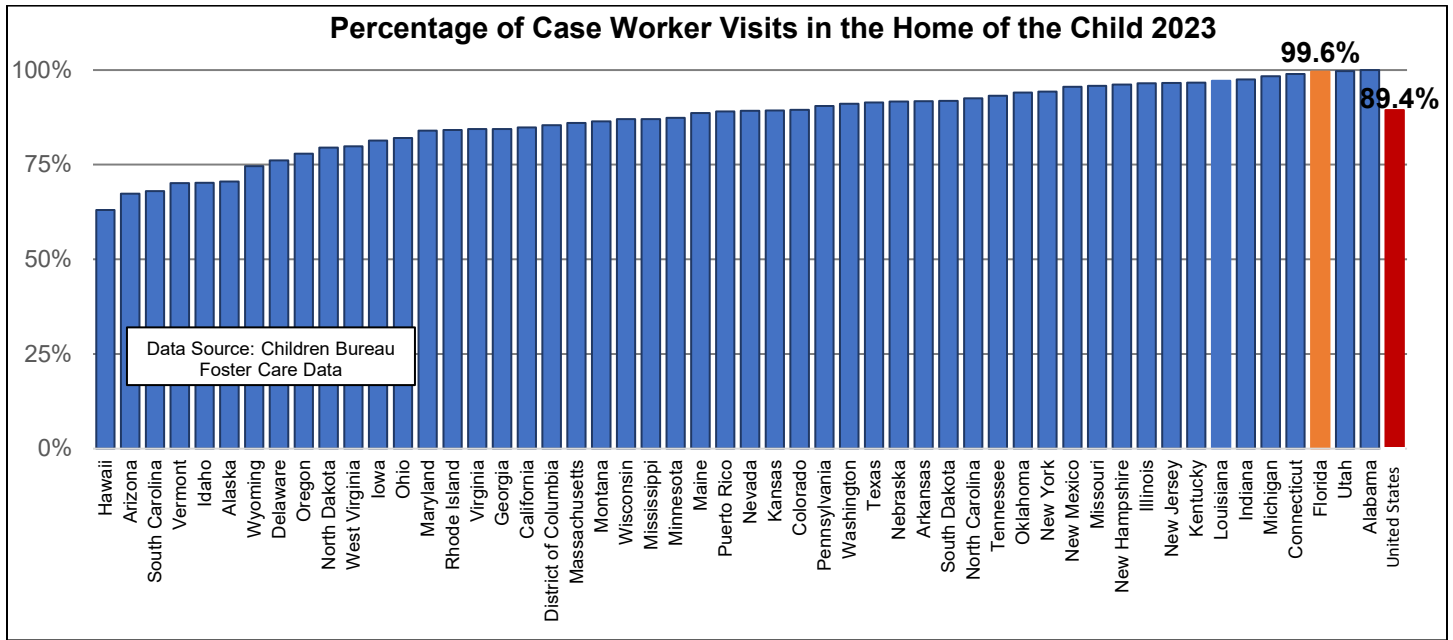


## Percentage of Monthly Visits that Occurred in the Home of the Child

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

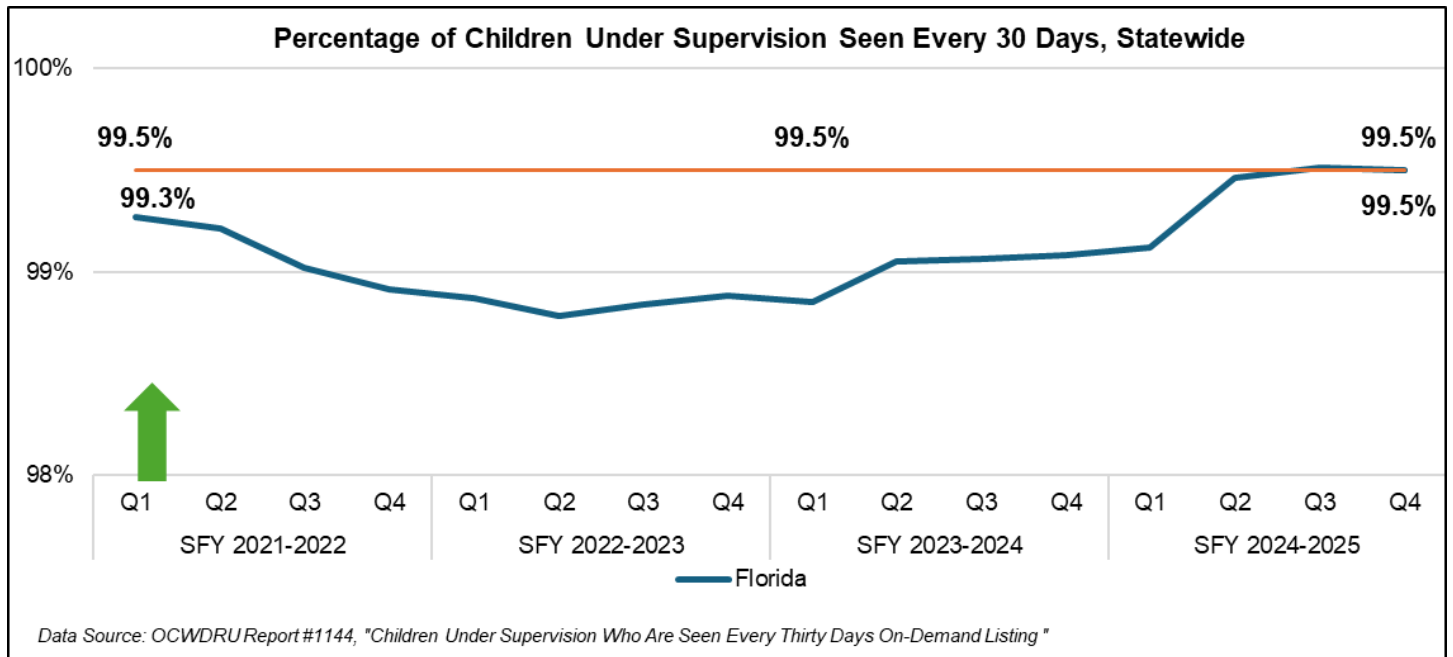
### Florida Compared to Other States

Based on the data for FFY 2023, the most recent data available for this indicator, Florida is among the nationwide leaders when comparing the percentage of monthly visits that were made in the child’s home.



### Florida Statewide Data

Following a slight decline between SFY 2021-2022 and Quarter 2 of SFY 2021-2022, the percent of children under supervision who are seen every 30 days has demonstrated consistent improvement. The 99.5% target is internally established and not associated with federally established targets.

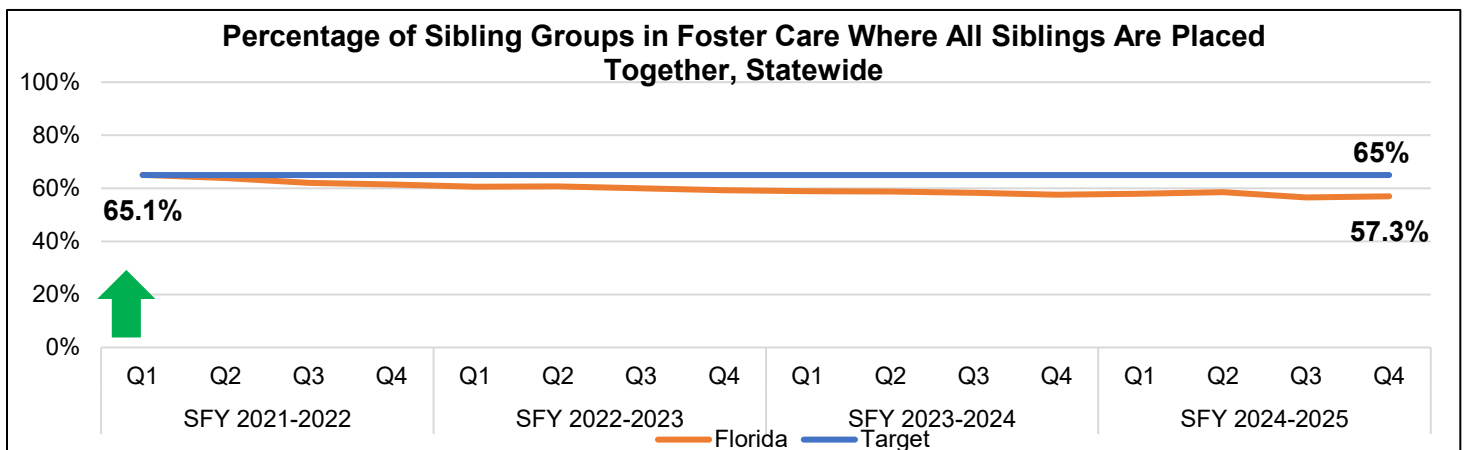


## Percent of Siblings Placed Together

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, 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 four years, from a quarterly average of 63% in SFY 2021-2022 to 58% in SFY 2024-2025. Although no federal target exists, Florida has established a statewide target of 65% and prioritizes sibling placements in accordance with section 39.4022, F.S., which states that in instances in which sibling groups are removed from the home, a multidisciplinary staffing must be held to determine and assess the sibling relationships from the perspective of each child to ensure the best placement for each child. Under section 39.402, F.S. the department must report to the court its efforts to keep siblings together, unless the court finds such placements are not in the best interest of each child. Additionally, Chapter 39.4024(5)(a), F.S., mandates that the department and Lead Agencies reassess sibling placement, visitation, and other sibling contact at least every six months when siblings are separated.



Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1124, "Sibling Groups Where All Siblings are Placed Together"

### Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

As of the end of SFY 2024-2025, one of the Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 65% standard established for the percent of sibling groups placed together.

Lead Agency	Children Placed with Siblings (DCF Target 65% or Higher)											
	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	64.8%	64.5%	66.8%	65.8%	65.1%	67.0%	64.8%	61.6%	64.7%	63.2%	63.4%	63.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	60.3%	57.4%	58.1%	62.5%	63.3%	63.4%	65.7%	66.7%	67.4%	64.8%	62.0%	60.1%
Children's Network of SW FL	59.1%	60.2%	58.4%	57.0%	59.4%	61.2%	57.6%	57.1%	56.4%	62.2%	61.5%	60.6%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	59.1%	59.3%	57.9%	58.1%	56.6%	55.4%	54.8%	53.2%	54.7%	57.0%	56.1%	53.4%
Citrus Health Network	59.5%	61.4%	61.0%	58.5%	60.4%	61.6%	60.4%	60.9%	61.1%	63.8%	60.2%	58.3%
Communities Connected for Kids	58.0%	62.5%	67.3%	71.3%	70.2%	73.2%	67.9%	61.1%	70.3%	65.8%	61.3%	59.7%
Community Partnership for Children	62.0%	59.2%	60.6%	65.5%	62.2%	56.6%	55.6%	55.9%	52.8%	52.1%	50.9%	59.5%
Family Integrity Program	61.1%	56.3%	53.9%	58.3%	40.0%	33.3%	28.6%	57.1%	55.6%	66.7%	71.4%	77.8%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	58.5%	58.3%	58.2%	57.4%	57.6%	57.1%	56.5%	55.6%	57.5%	55.7%	52.4%	54.1%
Family Support Services of North FL	56.2%	55.8%	48.9%	52.7%	52.2%	55.3%	53.4%	49.6%	46.4%	43.3%	42.2%	43.9%
FSS Suncoast	62.4%	63.9%	60.9%	58.1%	57.1%	57.7%	59.4%	57.6%	57.7%	57.5%	58.1%	60.8%
Heartland for Children	59.1%	56.5%	58.8%	56.0%	54.8%	55.7%	60.1%	59.7%	61.2%	58.6%	58.4%	62.6%
Kids Central, Inc.	65.2%	63.2%	63.2%	63.5%	64.0%	63.4%	60.8%	61.3%	60.9%	62.2%	59.9%	60.8%

Kids First of Florida, Inc.	63.8%	64.7%	59.1%	58.7%	62.8%	60.6%	55.6%	51.4%	44.4%	46.2%	36.7%	39.3%
NWF Health Network - East	61.8%	64.4%	63.4%	55.3%	53.9%	51.3%	51.1%	57.1%	59.3%	60.3%	57.9%	55.1%
NWF Health Network - West	60.0%	61.0%	61.2%	60.1%	58.7%	59.3%	56.6%	53.5%	53.3%	54.3%	51.6%	53.1%
Partnership for Strong Families	55.9%	52.7%	53.1%	54.7%	48.9%	51.2%	50.3%	53.4%	50.8%	56.0%	54.9%	55.0%
Safe Children Coalition	65.3%	65.4%	66.3%	63.8%	65.9%	66.7%	65.7%	66.7%	64.2%	66.7%	64.1%	60.7%
Statewide	60.7%	60.7%	60.0%	59.3%	58.9%	58.8%	58.3%	57.6%	57.9%	58.6%	56.6%	57.3%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1124, "Sibling Groups Where All Siblings are Placed Together"

## Placement in Family Setting

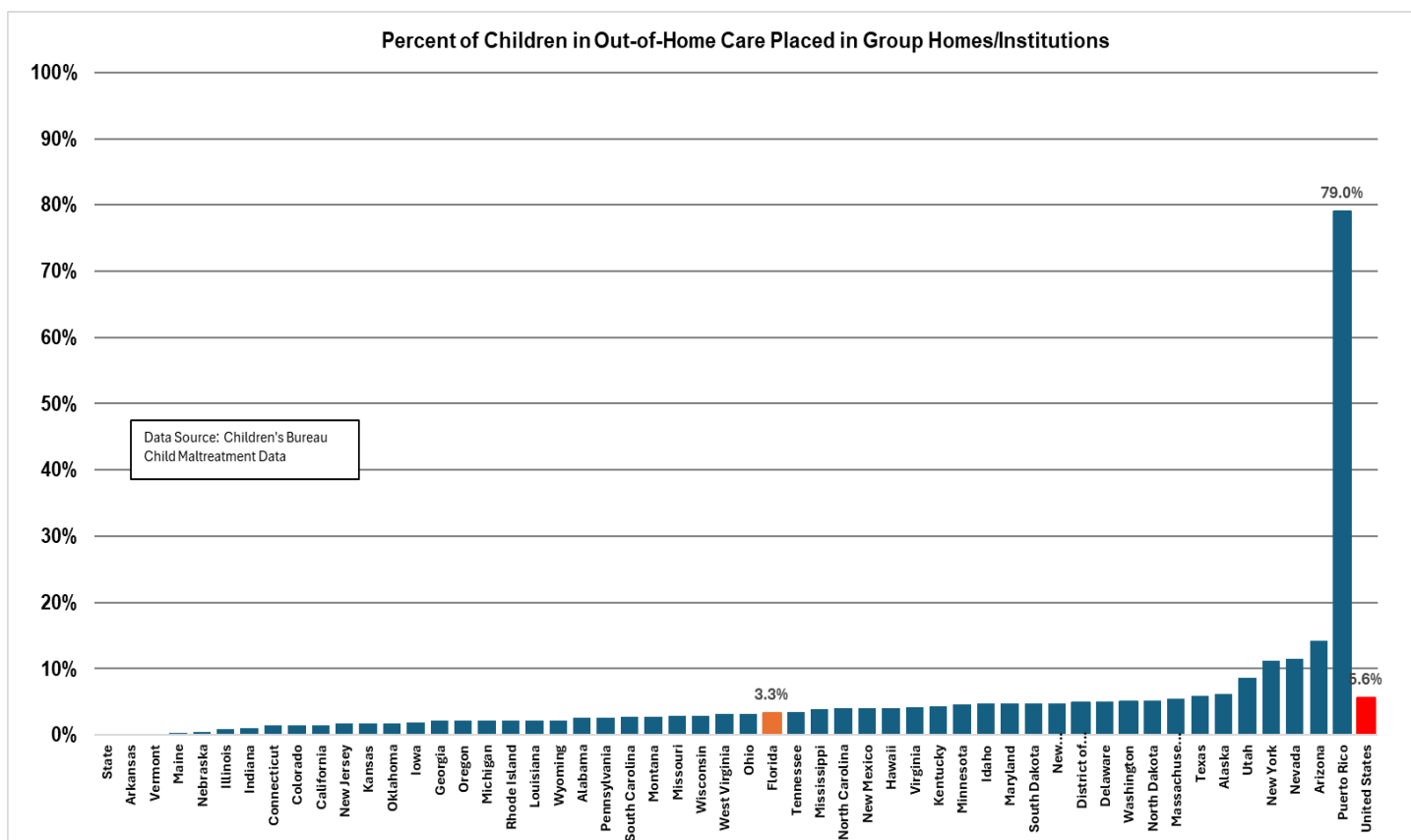
Federal law mandates that a case plan includes a discussion of how the plan is designed to achieve a safe placement for the child in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting available.

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, especially young children, are best served in a family-like 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 Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) outcomes was "Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions."

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

### Florida Compared to Other States

Based on the most recent FFY 2023 data, Florida, at 3.3 percent, is below the national average of 5.6 percent for the percentage of children in OOHC who are placed in either a group home or institutional setting, such as Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities.



## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

There is variance in the percentage of children placed in group care settings across the state. The percentage of children in group care settings increases with age, with an average of 36 percent of children in OOHC ages 13-17 in group care, 8 percent of children ages 6-12, and less than one percent of children ages 0-5. In the charts below, Lead Agencies with a percentage higher than the state average are orange and the Lead Agencies with a percentage lower than the state average are blue.

Percentage of Children (All Ages) in Out-of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2024-2025												
Lead Agency	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
ChildNet-Broward	13.2%	12.7%	11.9%	12.2%	12.4%	12.1%	13.0%	13.3%	13.9%	13.3%	13.8%	14.3%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	14.3%	14.8%	13.6%	12.7%	12.7%	13.8%	13.4%	13.2%	13.1%	13.3%	13.4%	13.4%
Children's Network of SW Florida	13.6%	14.3%	14.0%	13.7%	13.8%	13.0%	13.3%	14.5%	14.3%	14.5%	14.8%	13.1%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	13.9%	13.8%	14.5%	14.0%	14.2%	13.7%	12.9%	13.6%	13.3%	13.8%	12.7%	13.1%
Citrus Health Network	7.2%	7.6%	7.5%	6.9%	7.5%	6.8%	7.2%	7.6%	8.0%	8.5%	8.7%	8.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	13.6%	13.3%	13.6%	13.4%	14.0%	14.3%	14.8%	15.3%	17.7%	17.5%	17.0%	18.8%
Community Partnership for Children	11.2%	11.9%	12.2%	12.5%	13.0%	11.7%	11.6%	11.9%	12.7%	12.4%	12.1%	11.2%
Family Integrity Program	11.3%	11.9%	11.5%	11.3%	13.2%	13.7%	14.0%	13.5%	13.5%	11.1%	8.8%	6.9%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	13.0%	13.4%	13.2%	13.9%	14.0%	14.7%	15.7%	16.3%	16.1%	16.4%	15.7%	15.2%
Family Support Services of North Fla	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	1.8%	1.7%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%
FSS Suncoast	16.2%	16.0%	16.2%	15.9%	15.5%	15.8%	16.1%	16.1%	16.9%	18.0%	19.4%	20.6%
Heartland for Children	9.5%	8.9%	7.9%	8.7%	8.7%	9.1%	9.3%	9.5%	10.1%	9.6%	10.3%	10.4%
Kids Central, Inc.	7.1%	7.7%	7.6%	7.7%	7.9%	8.1%	8.2%	8.2%	9.0%	9.0%	8.9%	9.3%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	3.0%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%	4.7%	4.2%	3.1%	4.7%	4.1%	4.7%	5.2%
NWF Health Network - East	10.5%	10.6%	10.0%	10.7%	11.6%	11.8%	12.3%	11.7%	13.2%	13.2%	15.6%	16.1%
NWF Health Network - West	10.0%	9.9%	10.0%	10.7%	10.7%	10.4%	10.9%	10.3%	10.2%	10.4%	11.1%	11.6%
Partnership for Strong Families	8.6%	8.9%	9.2%	9.4%	10.3%	10.1%	9.3%	10.0%	10.3%	10.0%	10.5%	10.7%
Safe Children Coalition	12.5%	11.2%	11.3%	9.6%	10.2%	10.5%	11.1%	10.9%	12.2%	12.4%	13.3%	14.0%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1077, "Children and Young Adults in Out-of-Home Care or Receiving In-Home Services"

Percentage of Children Ages 0-5 in Out-Of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2024-2025												
Lead Agency	24-Jul	24-Aug	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	25-May	25-Jun
ChildNet-Broward	1.9%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%	2.1%	2.1%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Children's Network of SW FL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Citrus Health Network	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	2.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	3.0%	2.3%	2.3%
Community Partnership for Children	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Family Integrity Program	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Family Support Services of North FL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FSS Suncoast	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Heartland for Children	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NWF Health Network - East	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
NWF Health Network - West	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Partnership for Strong Families	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Safe Children Coalition	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1077, "Children and Young Adults in Out-of-Home Care or Receiving In-Home Services"

### Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons (continued)

Percentage of Children Ages 6-12 in Out-Of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2024-2025												
Lead Agency	24-Jul	24-Aug	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	25-May	25-Jun
ChildNet-Broward	8.3%	8.6%	7.9%	6.9%	6.5%	8.0%	8.4%	8.7%	9.1%	9.6%	9.8%	9.6%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	5.3%	5.5%	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	4.3%	4.2%	5.2%	4.9%	5.5%	4.6%
Children's Network of SW Florida	11.1%	11.5%	10.5%	9.8%	10.8%	10.6%	8.4%	7.9%	7.0%	7.5%	7.3%	8.5%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	11.0%	11.5%	11.3%	11.8%	12.0%	11.5%	10.5%	9.2%	9.9%	10.0%	10.4%	9.5%
Citrus Health Network	4.7%	4.5%	4.9%	4.9%	4.3%	4.6%	4.1%	4.4%	4.8%	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%
Communities Connected for Kids	13.7%	3.7%	4.3%	5.1%	4.6%	7.6%	6.8%	7.8%	8.1%	12.6%	13.3%	13.0%
Community Partnership for Children	6.2%	6.4%	5.9%	5.5%	8.0%	8.8%	7.6%	8.2%	7.5%	7.1%	7.8%	6.6%
Family Integrity Program	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	7.7%	7.7%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	11.9%	11.9%	11.7%	11.2%	11.9%	12.5%	13.2%	13.2%	13.6%	14.1%	14.2%	12.8%
Family Support Services of North Fla	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	2.4%	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.1%
FSS Suncoast	11.9%	12.8%	12.3%	12.5%	12.4%	12.6%	13.2%	13.4%	12.4%	14.6%	15.7%	17.6%
Heartland for Children	7.2%	7.3%	7.7%	7.7%	8.4%	8.9%	8.1%	8.2%	9.2%	9.0%	9.4%	9.4%
Kids Central, Inc.	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%	4.8%	4.7%	5.6%	4.2%	4.9%	4.8%	5.5%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	2.9%	2.6%
NWF Health Network - East	4.7%	7.0%	6.8%	6.3%	4.9%	7.3%	6.6%	8.9%	8.2%	10.9%	10.1%	15.1%
NWF Health Network - West	10.2%	11.4%	10.0%	10.5%	11.7%	12.4%	11.6%	12.0%	11.9%	12.6%	12.0%	12.0%
Partnership for Strong Families	5.1%	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%	3.9%	4.5%	5.7%	4.9%	5.0%	6.5%	5.6%	6.3%
Safe Children Coalition	3.5%	5.0%	3.8%	5.2%	3.1%	3.9%	5.1%	6.7%	6.7%	7.5%	6.8%	8.4%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1077, "Children and Young Adults in Out-of-Home Care or Receiving In-Home Services"

Percentage of Children Ages 13-17 in Out-Of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2024-2025												
Lead Agency	24-Jul	24-Aug	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	25-May	25-Jun
ChildNet-Broward	38.1%	37.9%	35.9%	35.4%	34.8%	35.4%	34.8%	37.0%	36.5%	34.7%	34.8%	35.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	49.3%	46.3%	49.2%	46.9%	44.9%	43.4%	48.6%	45.9%	46.4%	46.2%	45.7%	43.6%
Children's Network of SW FL	39.8%	41.3%	42.4%	41.9%	41.4%	39.7%	40.3%	42.6%	47.8%	46.3%	45.7%	44.0%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	38.1%	41.7%	43.5%	45.4%	42.3%	43.9%	42.1%	42.6%	41.9%	44.2%	44.8%	41.8%
Citrus Health Network	23.5%	24.4%	26.8%	25.8%	23.5%	24.5%	24.8%	24.1%	25.3%	27.4%	27.4%	28.0%
Communities Connected for Kids	39.7%	41.6%	42.0%	40.9%	43.3%	44.0%	42.3%	42.4%	41.3%	41.5%	44.1%	47.5%
Community Partnership for Children	38.9%	37.7%	40.7%	42.0%	40.3%	41.6%	38.5%	38.8%	41.9%	42.6%	40.9%	41.3%
Family Integrity Program	35.3%	31.3%	35.3%	35.3%	35.3%	33.3%	38.5%	46.2%	42.9%	50.0%	21.4%	28.6%
Family Partnerships of Central FL	37.6%	38.9%	40.0%	40.3%	41.5%	40.0%	40.0%	43.9%	46.2%	43.6%	45.7%	44.6%
Family Support Services of North FL	4.2%	4.9%	5.8%	6.5%	5.6%	5.7%	6.1%	6.9%	7.8%	7.5%	5.6%	7.0%
FSS Suncoast	45.0%	46.6%	45.9%	46.3%	43.6%	41.9%	42.4%	43.3%	43.1%	45.0%	48.6%	49.0%
Heartland for Children	30.0%	32.2%	29.5%	25.5%	28.9%	27.7%	31.0%	31.9%	33.8%	34.4%	32.7%	35.6%
Kids Central, Inc.	30.5%	31.3%	34.8%	34.8%	31.9%	33.8%	34.4%	33.5%	34.8%	36.9%	36.1%	34.1%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	11.4%	11.1%	13.3%	12.2%	11.8%	14.0%	14.3%	12.5%	10.4%	12.2%	10.4%	12.5%
NWF Health Network - East	39.6%	42.0%	43.4%	44.1%	44.1%	45.0%	45.9%	42.9%	44.7%	45.9%	46.1%	52.1%
NWF Health Network - West	37.5%	40.0%	41.3%	41.6%	41.3%	41.7%	42.2%	43.5%	40.7%	40.1%	42.2%	42.5%
Partnership for Strong Families	31.7%	32.0%	32.2%	33.0%	33.2%	34.1%	32.6%	31.1%	31.8%	33.5%	33.9%	34.7%
Safe Children Coalition	38.1%	40.8%	37.5%	37.7%	35.5%	33.1%	32.9%	33.3%	34.6%	38.1%	41.5%	43.5%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>34.7%</b>	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>37.7%</b>	<b>37.8%</b>

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1077, "Children and Young Adults in Out-of-Home Care or Receiving In-Home Services"

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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 to their neighborhood or community of removal. Keeping the child in the same community from which they were removed also promotes family reunification.

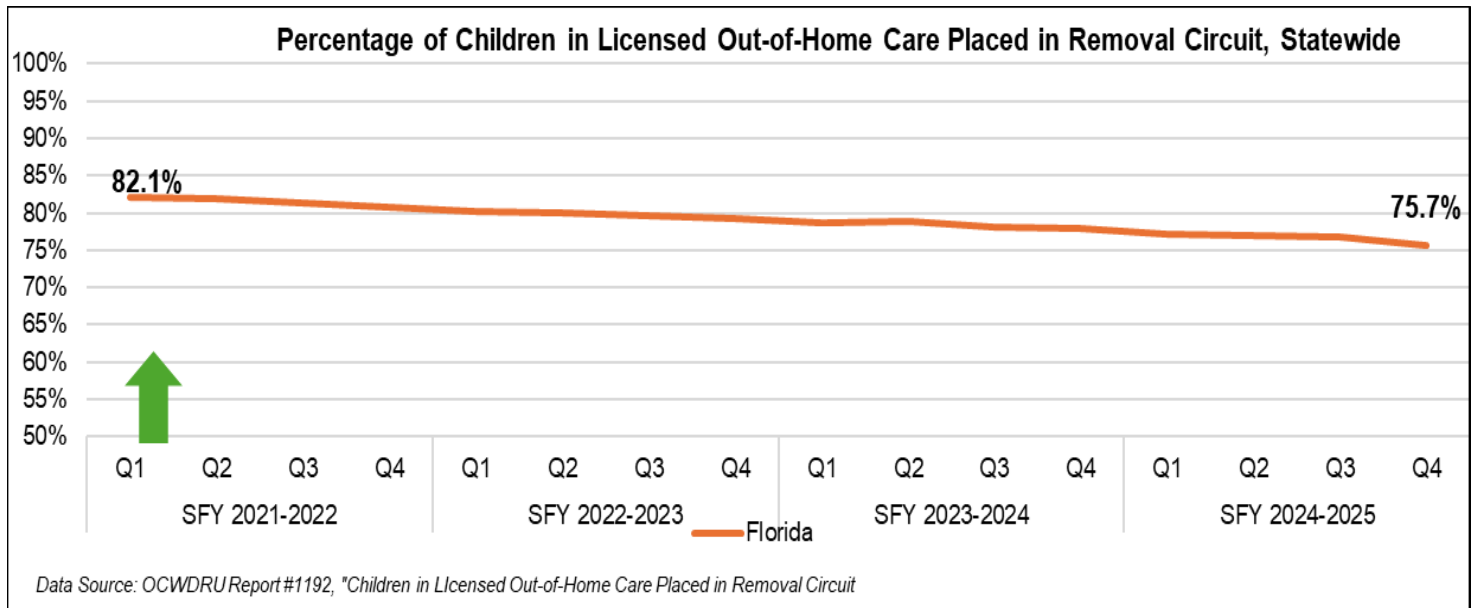
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 674) requires:

*“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.”*

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

### Florida Statewide Trend

The percentage of children placed in their removal region and circuit has declined over the past four years, with the quarterly average decreasing 6.4 percent from SFY 2021-2022 to SFY 2024-2025.



## Physical and Mental Health Needs

One of nine statutory Lead Agency outcomes identified in Florida Statutes is that “Children Receive Services to Meet their Physical and Mental Health Needs.” Though a contract requirement and associated with qualitative metrics within the CFSR, the 95 percent target is an internally established target.

### Medical Services

#### Florida Statewide Trend

The percentage of children in OOHC who received medical services within the past twelve months has been increasing since the second quarter of SFY 2023-2024.

#### Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

By the end of SFY 2024-2025, 13 of the 18 (72 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 95% state established standard established for the percent of children in OOHC receiving medical services within the last 12-months.

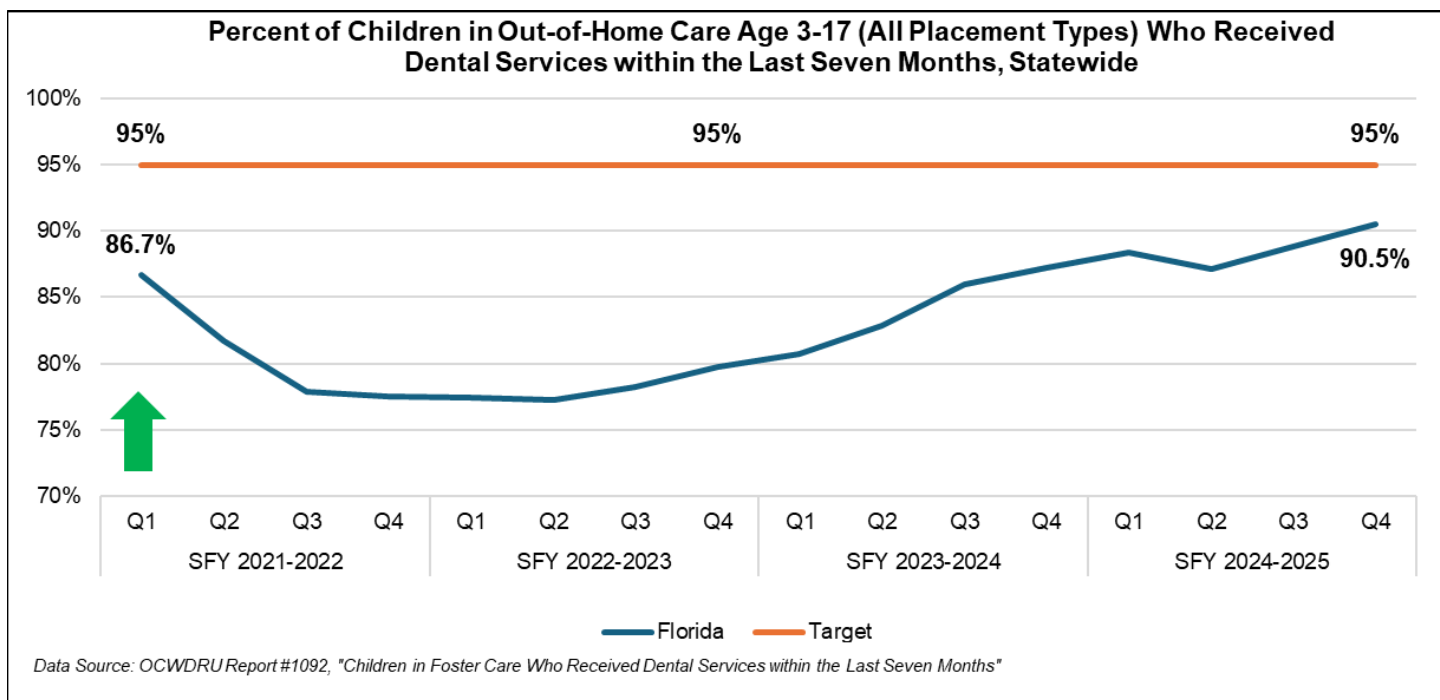
Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care who Received Medical Services in Last 12 Months (DCF Target 95% or Higher)												
CBC	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	96.5%	97.3%	96.8%	98.2%	96.7%	97.8%	97.6%	96.7%	97.1%	98.2%	97.8%	97.1%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	97.9%	97.9%	97.6%	97.9%	98.5%	97.6%	97.8%	97.4%	98.5%	96.1%	98.4%	97.8%
Children's Network of SW Florida	97.5%	97.4%	97.3%	96.7%	98.0%	98.4%	98.1%	98.2%	97.2%	98.0%	98.6%	98.1%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	87.5%	88.7%	86.5%	89.8%	94.0%	96.9%	97.2%	97.5%	97.5%	96.0%	97.8%	97.5%
Citrus Health Network	97.4%	98.1%	97.6%	98.5%	96.6%	98.0%	97.9%	97.9%	97.2%	98.2%	97.5%	94.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	98.6%	98.4%	98.8%	98.0%	99.0%	98.9%	97.8%	97.4%	97.7%	98.5%	97.5%	98.7%
Community Partnership for Children	96.3%	96.3%	93.5%	94.1%	98.1%	98.3%	98.4%	98.1%	97.7%	97.6%	98.6%	97.9%
Family Integrity Program	100%	100%	100.0%	98.3%	100.0%	100.0%	98.1%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	77.0%	88.7%	91.3%	89.4%	89.1%	92.1%	94.2%	92.7%	95.0%	96.4%	96.9%	95.3%
Family Support Services of North Fla	97.7%	96.4%	95.9%	96.5%	97.4%	96.1%	97.0%	96.9%	98.0%	96.8%	95.0%	94.0%
FSS Suncoast	81.3%	84.4%	81.6%	82.5%	83.9%	88.9%	90.8%	92.3%	92.7%	94.4%	94.7%	97.9%
Heartland for Children	98.3%	99.1%	99.2%	98.0%	98.7%	98.1%	98.9%	97.8%	96.7%	97.1%	97.1%	96.9%
Kids Central, Inc.	84.7%	83.4%	80.4%	86.0%	90.7%	89.3%	89.4%	89.2%	91.1%	91.6%	91.4%	94.8%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	94.4%	92.7%	95.4%	99.0%	100.0%	96.2%	90.4%	86.0%	80.9%	71.6%	72.5%	87.3%
NWF Health Network - East	94.4%	95.4%	95.4%	98.2%	98.0%	98.0%	98.3%	96.9%	97.8%	98.1%	96.6%	97.4%
NWF Health Network - West	95.2%	90.9%	92.9%	93.1%	96.0%	97.1%	95.1%	96.7%	95.7%	97.7%	97.5%	96.2%
Partnership for Strong Families	89.4%	86.2%	77.1%	90.5%	93.9%	97.0%	97.1%	97.2%	97.5%	95.7%	95.2%	94.4%
Safe Children Coalition	97.9%	97.3%	97.2%	98.4%	98.7%	98.0%	97.3%	97.5%	98.2%	98.4%	98.1%	99.1%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>90.1%</b>	<b>91.6%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>95.9%</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1095, "Children in Foster Care Who Received Medical Services within the Last Twelve Months"

## Dental Services

### Florida Statewide Trend

The percentage of children who received dental services in the past seven months has been increasing since the second quarter SFY 2022-2023, improving from 77.3% to 90.5% at the end of SFY 2024-2025. Though a contract requirement and associated with qualitative metrics within the CFSR, the 95% target is an internally established target.



## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

By the end of SFY 2024-2025, 7 of the 18 (39 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 95 percent standard established for the percent of children in OOHCA ages 3-17 receiving dental services within the last seven months, an increase from only 3 of the 18 Lead Agencies meeting the standard during SFY 2023-2024.

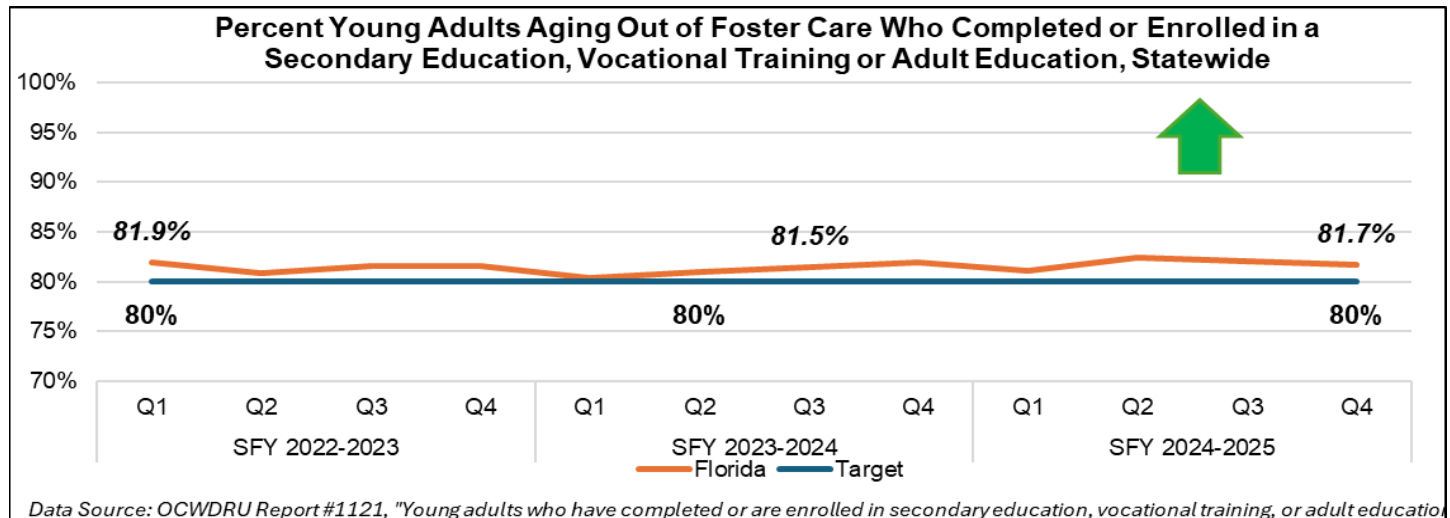
Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care Aged 3-17 who Received Dental Services within the Last 7 Months (DCF Target 95% or Higher)																
CBC	SFY 2021-2022				SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	96.1%	91.9%	90.4%	91.5%	90.7%	85.5%	90.1%	91.7%	91.9%	94.9%	94.2%	95.6%	94.6%	94.1%	95.2%	96.2%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	95.3%	93.7%	90.7%	93.2%	90.8%	90.4%	92.1%	94.4%	94.8%	92.7%	93.1%	94.1%	96.7%	96.6%	96.5%	96.3%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	97.0%	96.5%	96.6%	96.6%	95.8%	92.9%	96.3%	96.6%	95.8%	97.8%	98.1%	98.8%	96.9%	98.1%	97.8%	97.8%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	84.4%	77.0%	76.1%	77.2%	69.0%	67.8%	71.2%	72.6%	76.1%	82.2%	89.6%	91.7%	93.7%	90.3%	94.0%	96.0%
Citrus Health Network	94.1%	96.1%	96.7%	96.5%	96.8%	97.3%	97.3%	96.5%	97.0%	96.5%	97.0%	96.7%	96.4%	96.9%	95.8%	92.3%
Communities Connected for Kids	95.2%	93.8%	96.0%	96.0%	92.1%	92.2%	97.1%	96.5%	97.1%	95.9%	96.1%	95.2%	96.7%	94.7%	96.7%	96.8%
Community Partnership for Children	73.8%	72.2%	66.8%	72.5%	73.2%	75.8%	79.5%	77.8%	80.1%	86.6%	92.1%	93.5%	92.4%	92.1%	91.8%	94.1%
Family Integrity Program	91.1%	95.0%	100%	96.5%	97.9%	100%	100%	97.8%	97.5%	97.2%	100%	100%	97.2%	100%	100%	100%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	77.1%	70.9%	61.8%	54.2%	59.0%	71.2%	76.1%	76.5%	73.0%	73.4%	79.7%	84.1%	86.2%	88.9%	89.3%	91.3%
Family Support Services of North Fla	92.5%	89.7%	88.3%	87.1%	92.4%	91.1%	88.4%	85.7%	83.1%	84.8%	87.0%	84.3%	88.3%	82.8%	86.5%	79.8%
FSS Suncoast	83.3%	65.6%	48.8%	48.9%	59.8%	59.7%	48.6%	50.7%	58.4%	65.3%	73.0%	77.9%	81.5%	79.9%	84.8%	88.7%
Heartland for Children	90.6%	94.4%	91.8%	93.4%	93.9%	91.1%	95.4%	95.2%	92.8%	95.0%	95.5%	94.0%	92.2%	87.2%	89.6%	91.9%
Kids Central, Inc.	83.2%	76.5%	72.8%	69.7%	64.6%	61.7%	63.7%	66.6%	69.6%	66.4%	68.3%	71.4%	74.0%	72.8%	74.3%	81.7%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	74.4%	68.3%	84.4%	80.6%	72.0%	77.0%	88.6%	90.0%	85.0%	83.6%	68.8%	64.2%	57.7%	49.0%	36.7%	64.0%
NWF Health Network - East	91.1%	81.8%	84.0%	92.0%	90.3%	88.0%	87.4%	90.7%	91.7%	87.7%	88.7%	91.9%	91.4%	92.9%	91.6%	95.7%
NWF Health Network - West	86.8%	88.7%	85.7%	87.8%	88.4%	78.1%	75.5%	83.9%	86.0%	86.9%	89.0%	88.1%	84.1%	85.8%	87.4%	86.9%
Partnership for Strong Families	87.3%	80.2%	78.9%	75.5%	65.7%	61.3%	58.2%	60.9%	57.5%	69.3%	71.9%	70.0%	75.6%	65.7%	77.0%	81.6%
Safe Children Coalition	88.1%	85.7%	86.9%	87.9%	86.3%	87.8%	89.0%	91.3%	91.2%	91.5%	92.9%	90.6%	94.5%	93.6%	91.4%	92.6%
Statewide	86.7%	81.7%	77.9%	77.5%	77.4%	77.3%	78.2%	79.7%	80.7%	82.8%	85.9%	87.3%	88.4%	87.2%	88.8%	90.5%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1092, "Children in Foster Care Who Received Dental Services within the Last Seven Months".

## Preparation for Independent Living as Adults

Two of the nine Lead Agency outcomes identified in Florida Statutes are "Children Receive Appropriate Services to Meet their Educational Needs" and "Children Develop the Capacity for Independent Living and Competence as an Adult." Though associated with qualitative metrics within the CFSR, the 80 percent target is an internally established target.

## Young Adults Aging Out Enrolled in Education Programs



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

## Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

Eleven of the 18 Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 80 percent target established by the state for this metric in SFY 2024-2025, an increase from nine Lead Agencies in SFY 2023-2024.

Percent of Young Adults Aging Out with Education Achievements (DCF Target 80% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	83.9%	83.3%	80.3%	73.5%	71.2%	71.4%	70.0%	81.1%	82.5%	84.1%	78.1%	79.7%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	57.1%	62.0%	84.6%	84.6%	90.2%	92.9%	88.1%	87.2%	83.7%	89.7%	89.7%	90.6%
Children's Network of SW Florida	90.2%	84.1%	85.7%	87.0%	88.6%	95.0%	95.1%	94.3%	97.3%	95.2%	94.9%	93.0%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	61.8%	58.2%	61.3%	72.7%	67.9%	72.2%	77.2%	77.6%	74.2%	78.5%	80.0%	81.7%
Citrus Health Network	96.1%	98.7%	100%	97.3%	92.4%	91.8%	90.1%	88.6%	88.1%	82.8%	84.6%	84.4%
Communities Connected for Kids	82.6%	84.6%	86.4%	86.2%	84.6%	73.9%	70.0%	72.7%	70.8%	80.8%	90.9%	85.7%
Community Partnership for Children	87.5%	92.6%	93.9%	91.2%	94.1%	96.7%	85.7%	86.2%	88.2%	92.3%	94.6%	91.4%
Family Integrity Program	75.0%	66.7%	100%	87.5%	85.7%	87.5%	57.1%	66.7%	50.0%	33.3%	50.0%	33.3%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	86.3%	82.5%	82.3%	79.0%	78.6%	80.0%	84.7%	84.6%	78.2%	77.4%	74.0%	73.1%
Family Support Services of North Fla	96.9%	94.3%	92.1%	93.0%	88.1%	90.2%	95.2%	92.5%	97.6%	95.2%	92.5%	93.0%
FSS Suncoast	86.9%	79.3%	69.6%	61.5%	66.3%	60.6%	58.6%	58.5%	60.7%	69.5%	72.1%	71.0%
Heartland for Children	100%	97.4%	97.2%	97.3%	88.9%	86.8%	86.1%	84.6%	86.5%	83.7%	82.9%	86.1%
Kids Central, Inc.	73.3%	78.1%	80.6%	80.6%	82.9%	80.6%	85.7%	74.4%	65.7%	65.6%	65.5%	75.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	60.0%	50.0%	53.3%	53.3%	58.3%	55.6%	62.5%	85.7%	83.3%	100%	100%	71.4%
NWF Health Network - East	86.2%	82.1%	79.2%	79.2%	82.6%	84.6%	92.9%	93.8%	97.1%	100%	96.3%	90.5%
NWF Health Network - West	76.5%	83.9%	85.7%	90.9%	91.2%	91.4%	93.6%	93.6%	90.9%	85.7%	86.2%	84.0%
Partnership for Strong Families	92.6%	93.1%	92.6%	91.7%	73.9%	72.7%	67.9%	73.1%	68.0%	75.0%	80.8%	81.8%
Safe Children Coalition	72.1%	75.7%	73.5%	85.3%	72.7%	71.0%	73.3%	69.2%	77.3%	80.0%	77.8%	76.9%
<b>Statewide</b>	81.9%	80.9%	81.6%	81.5%	80.3%	81.0%	81.5%	82.0%	81.2%	82.5%	82.1%	81.7%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1121, "Young adults who have completed or are enrolled in secondary education, vocational training, or adult education"