

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	TREND
REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT:	65,731	63,521	59,675	61,798	60,841	62,639	

State hotline reports rose since a recent low in FY13.

PERCENTAGE OF REPORTS SUBSTANTIATED:	40.1	39.6	39.8	39.5	39.0	36.1	
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Fewer of the reports of abuse or neglect were substantiated in FY16 than in recent years.

PENDING RATE:	4.8	3.9	4.4	5.2	5.2	5.5	
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The monthly average of new cases per child protective worker has continued to rise.

AVERAGE CHILD PROTECTIVE CASELOAD:	9.4	8.7	8.2	9.8	10.5	10.6	
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Caseloads have risen steadily since FY13.

ACS SUPERVISION ORDERED BY FAMILY COURT (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):	4,913	5,180	5,009	5,712	6,158	6,427	
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The total number of court-ordered supervisions as an outcome of Article 10 filings continues to rise.

CHILD FATALITIES IN CASES KNOWN TO ACS (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):	46	43	50	44	58	43	
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This includes deaths from natural causes.

PREVENTIVE SERVICES

FAMILIES RECEIVING ACS-CONTRACTED PREVENTIVE SERVICES (ANNUAL, CUMULATIVE):	21,535	19,172	20,853	21,039	22,280	22,147	
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The number of families in preventive programs has risen only slightly in recent years even as the foster care population has dropped dramatically.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN PREVENTIVE CASES (ACTIVE, JUNE):	23,294	22,952	25,762	25,172	26,123	24,459	
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June 2016 saw fewer children in preventive programs than in each of the previous three years.

PERCENT OF PREVENTIVE CASES REFERRED BY ACS:	71.0	72.0	72.0	68.1	72.0	74.6	
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The majority of cases in preventive services continue to be referred by ACS Child Protective Services.

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO FOSTER CARE:	6,313	5,698	4,779	4,501	4,104	3,702	
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A record low in FY16.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM FOSTER CARE:	7,055	6,453	5,416	4,969	4,250	4,421	
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Nineteen percent more children were discharged than admitted.

TOTAL AVERAGE FOSTER CARE POPULATION:	14,843	13,820	12,958	11,728	11,098	9,926	
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The number of children in foster care is at a record low.

MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY FOR CHILDREN BEFORE RETURN TO PARENTS (MONTHS):	6.4	5.5	6.8	7.5	6.6	7.7	
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Children entering foster care for the first time returned home in about 7 - 8 months in FY16.

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH REUNIFICATION GOAL (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):	51.5	52.1	49.1	48.5	50.0	49.8	
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About half of the children in foster care at any point in time are expected to return home.

PERCENTAGE OF SEPARATED SIBLINGS (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):	47.4	47.1	44.7	44.7	45.6	42.4	
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About 58 percent of siblings in foster care lived together in the most recent year.

RECIDIVISM RATE (%) (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):	12.6	13.6	13.1	13.0	11.6	10.7	
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The percentage of children returning to foster care within one year of discharge continued to decline.

PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER CHILDREN IN KINSHIP CARE:	34.9	35.0	34.4	33.5	32.8	32.5	
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Kinship care remains about one-third of the foster care system.

PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER PLACEMENTS IN BOROUGH OF ORIGIN:	60.5	57.9	60.7	61.6	62.4	63.2	
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This number includes residential care as well as foster boarding homes.

PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER PLACEMENTS IN CONTIGUOUS COMMUNITY DISTRICTS:	35.4	33.5	33.5	33.3	36.8	36.0	
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The number of children placed in foster homes close to home was over one-third of the system in FY16.

ADOPTION SERVICES

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH ADOPTION AS A GOAL (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):	31.1	30.7	32.4	31.5	29.8	29.8	
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The percentage of children in care with a goal of adoption remains below one-third.

NUMBER OF FINALIZED ADOPTIONS:	1,186	1,295	1,310	1,101	1,004	1,052	
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The percentage of children discharged from foster care who were adopted rose to nearly a quarter in both FY15 and FY16.

AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE ADOPTIONS (YEARS):	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	NA	
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This is the time it takes to finalize once a child is considered appropriate for adoption.