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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Annual Report Card (ARC) is distributed to agency managers and to the legislative committees dealing with children and youth. The ARC for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005 consists of three parts:

1. **Performance Indicators**, which provide information on service outcomes, such as:
  - a. *Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year After a Previous True Report*
  - b. *Percentage of Siblings in Placement who Are Placed Together*
  - c. *Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within Twelve Months of the Termination of Parental Rights*
  
2. **Compliance Index**, which reports on the Division's compliance with requirements set by DCFS with guidance from the Arkansas legislative children and youth committees, such as:
  - a. *Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments*
  - b. *24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings for Children Entering Foster Care*
  - c. *Foster Home Recruitment*
  
3. **Description of Population and Services**, which describes the children who were the subjects of maltreatment reports, served in foster care and/or provided adoption services, such as:
  - a. *Types of Allegations in Child Maltreatment Reports*
  - b. *Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care*
  - c. *Characteristics of Children Placed in Adoptive Homes*

The ARC provides this information on a yearly basis, showing trends over time. Descriptions of the client population at the various service stages are provided as well, so that the agency has information on populations and issues to target during efforts to improve performance.

### Part I: Performance Indicators

The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has established nine performance indicators to measure progress with regard to its major goals of child safety, permanency and well-being.

The Division improved in two areas regarding performance indicators this fiscal year:

- Percentage of Children in Foster Care who Experienced More than Three Placements within Eighteen Months of Entering Care

The percentage of children in foster care who experienced more than three placements within eighteen months of entering care was **15 percent**, one percentage point lower than the previous year (16%) which was a continuing drop from the SFY 2003 (19%).

- Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Services

The percentage of children who were abused or neglected within one year of receiving supportive services was **five percent**, three percentage points lower than the previous year (8%).

The Division has continued its efforts toward meeting its goals. However, there was one area identified for improvement this year:

- Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

The percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment was **1.42 percent**, higher than the previous year (.76%).

## Part II: Compliance Index

DCFS has set compliance measures with guidance from the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth. An index is compiled by reporting the level of compliance with these measures.

The Division improved in two areas regarding compliance requirements this fiscal year:

- 24-Hour Initial Health Screenings

The percentage of initial health screenings completed within 24-hours of entering care increased to **87 percent**, three percentage points higher than SFY 2004.

- Foster Home Re-evaluations

The percentage of foster-home re-evaluations increased to **99.8 percent**, almost four percentage points higher than SFY 2004, and in compliance with the goal of 95 percent.

While the Division improved in three areas, there were three other areas which decreased in compliance during SFY 2005, including:

- Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments

The percentage of assessments initiated in a timely manner is at **84 percent**, lower than SFY 2004 (90%) and below the goal of 95 percent.

- Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

The percentage of timely completed assessments stood at **49 percent**, lower than SFY 2004 (66%) and below the goal of 90 percent.

- Comprehensive Health Assessments

The percentage of comprehensive health assessments completed in a timely manner is at **84 percent**, lower than SFY 2004 (92%) and below the goal of 95 percent.

### **Part III: Description of Population and Services**

This section describes the number and status of maltreatment assessments, services provided, children who were subjects of maltreatment reports, children who were served in foster care and children who received adoption services.

There were no remarkable differences in population and services between SFY 2004 and SFY 2005. However, when trends were observed from SFY 2000 to SFY 2005, there were notable differences, including:

- Supportive Services, Protective Services and Foster Care

The combined number of supportive services, protective services and foster care cases increased by three percent between SFY 2000 and SFY 2005.

- Foster Care Children by Age

There was a slight increase in the number of foster children ages 0 to 5 years from last year, but there was a **42 percent** increase from SFY 2000 (1,650 children) to SFY 2005 (2,335 children) in children served in that age group.

## **PART I: PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

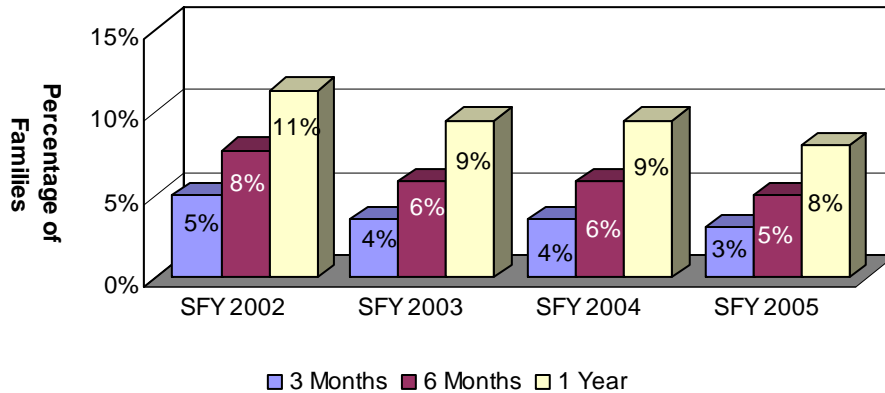
The Division has established nine performance measures to indicate levels of achievement of its major goals of child safety, family preservation and permanency:

- Percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment three months, six months and one year after a previous true report;
- Percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment;
- Percentage of children receiving Supportive Services, Protective Services or Intensive Family Service (IFS) who were abused or neglected within one year of the initiation of services;
- Percentage of children receiving Supportive Services, Protective Services or Intensive Family Service (IFS) who entered foster care within one year of the initiation of services;
- Percentage of children in foster care who returned home within 18 months;
- Percentage of children in foster care who have experienced more than three placements within eighteen months of entering care;
- Percentage of siblings in foster care who are placed together;
- Percentage of children living with adoptive families within 12 months of the termination of parental rights; and
- Number of children placed in pre-adoptive homes whose adoption were finalized within 12 months of entering a pre-adoptive placement.

***Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year after a Previous True Report***

Of the 5,533 families who were involved in a true report of maltreatment between July 2003 and June 2004, 161 families (3%) experienced a repeat true allegation of maltreatment within three months of the initial report. Of those same 5,533 families, 278 (5%) were involved in a repeat true report within six months of the original report and 459 (8%) were involved in a repeat true report within 12 months of the first report<sup>1</sup>. All percentages decreased from SFY 2004.

**Chart 1: Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment within 3 Months, 6 Months and One Year after a Previous True Report**



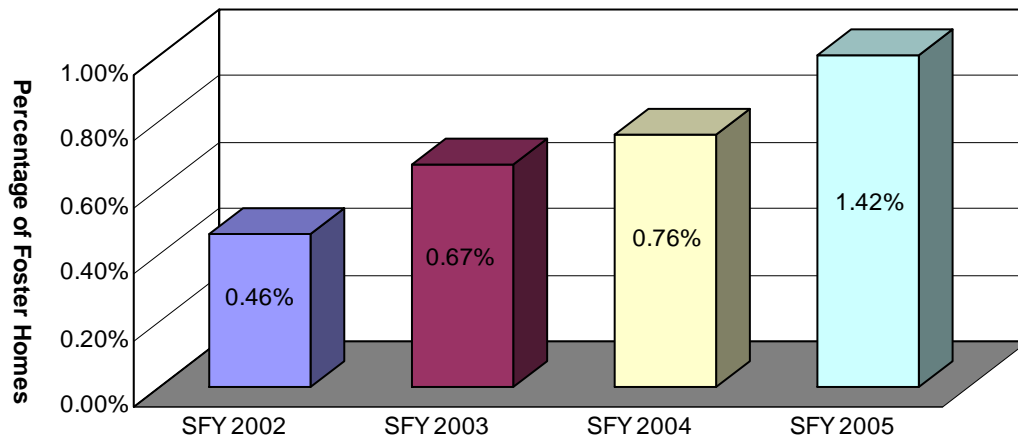
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<sup>1</sup> Of the 459 repeat referrals during the year, 222 (48%) involved both the same type of abuse and the same perpetrator.

***Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment***

There were 124 foster home maltreatment reports received during SFY 2005. Of those, 24 were found to be true. Based on the 1,693 open DCFS foster homes<sup>2</sup> during the year, the percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment was 1.42 percent. This percentage has steadily increased since SFY 2002.

**Chart 2: Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment**



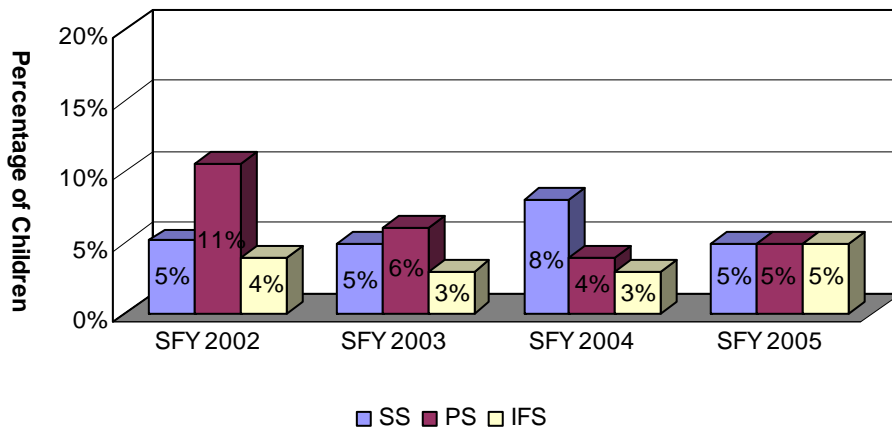
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<sup>2</sup> This includes family and therapeutic foster homes.

***Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive Services, Protective Services or Intensive Family Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Services***

There were 918 children who began receiving supportive services (SS) between July 2003 and June 2004. Of those children, 43 (5%) were involved in a true maltreatment report within one year of initiation of services. There were 9,551 children who began receiving protective services (PS) during that same time period, and of those children, 473 (5%) experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the 134 children who began receiving intensive family services (IFS), seven children (5%) were involved in a true report within a year of the initiation of services<sup>3</sup>. For supportive services, the percentage of children who were abused or neglected within one year of the initiation of services decreased, while the percentage for protective services and IFS increased between SFY 2004 and SFY 2005.

**Chart 3: Percentage of Children Receiving PS, SS or IFS Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of Initiation of Services**

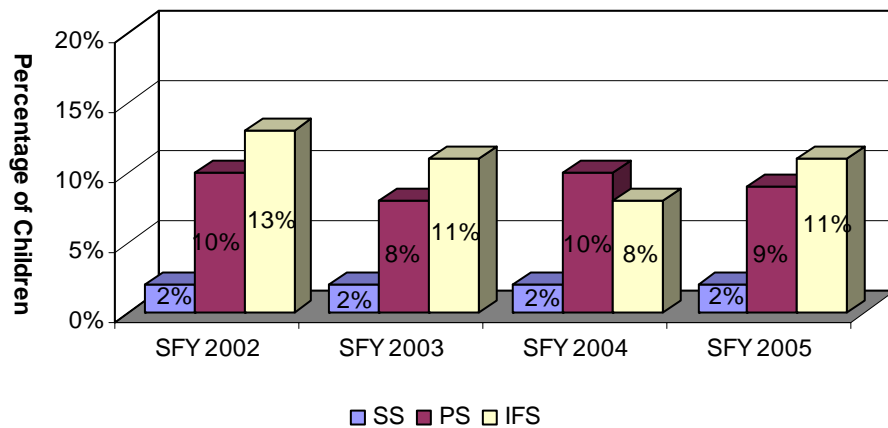


<sup>3</sup> Generally, families who receive supportive services have less severe problems, while families receiving intensive family services are, by definition, in imminent risk of having one or more child(ren) placed in foster care or already have children in foster care. Protective services families fall somewhere between those extremes.

***Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive Services, Protective Services or Intensive Family Services who Entered Care within One Year of Initiation of Services***

Of the 918 children who began receiving supportive services (SS) between July 2003 and June 2004, only 16 (2%) entered foster care within one year of initiation of those services. Of the 9,551 children who began receiving protective services (PS) during that same time period, 894 (9%) entered foster care within one year of initiation of services. Fifteen children (11%) of the 134 children who began receiving intensive family services (IFS) entered foster care within one year of receiving those services.

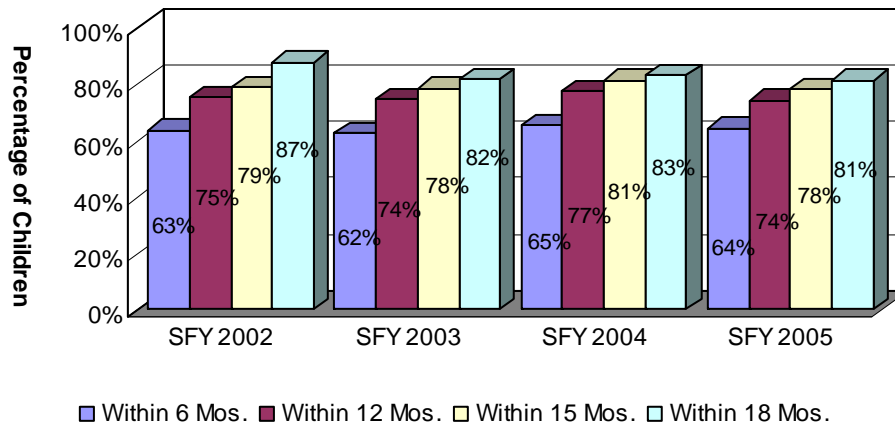
**Chart 4: Percentage of Children Receiving SS, PS or IFS Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of Initiation of Services**



***Percentage of Children in Foster Care who Returned Home within Eighteen Months***

There were 3,286 children who entered foster care between January 2003 and December 2003. Of that number, 2,111 children (64%) returned home within six months, 2,439 children (74%) returned home within 12 months, 2,578 children (78%) returned home within 15 months and 2,652 children (81%) returned home within 18 months of entering foster care.

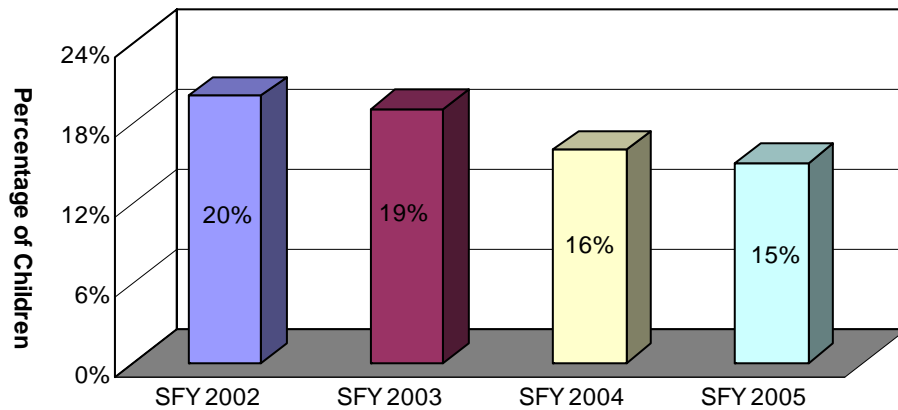
**Chart 5: Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care who were Returned Home within Eighteen Months**



***Percentage of Children in Foster Care who Experienced more than Three Placements within Eighteen Months of Entering Care***

Of those same 3,286 children who entered foster care between January 2003 and December 2003, 489 children (15%) experienced more than three placements within 18 months of entering care. This is one percentage point lower than SFY 2004 and has been declining over the last four fiscal years.

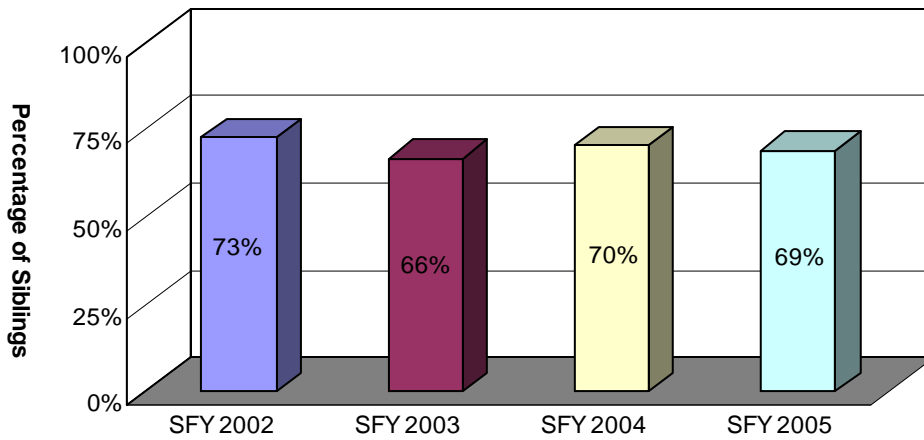
**Chart 6: Percentage of Children in Foster Care who Experienced More than Three Placements within Eighteen Months of Entering Care**



***Percentage of Siblings in Foster Care who are Placed Together***

At the end of SFY 2005, there were 1,699 children in foster care that also had siblings in foster care. Of those children, 1,176 were placed with at least one of their siblings (69%), while 778 (46%) were placed with all of their siblings. These figures do not exclude children who have been placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.

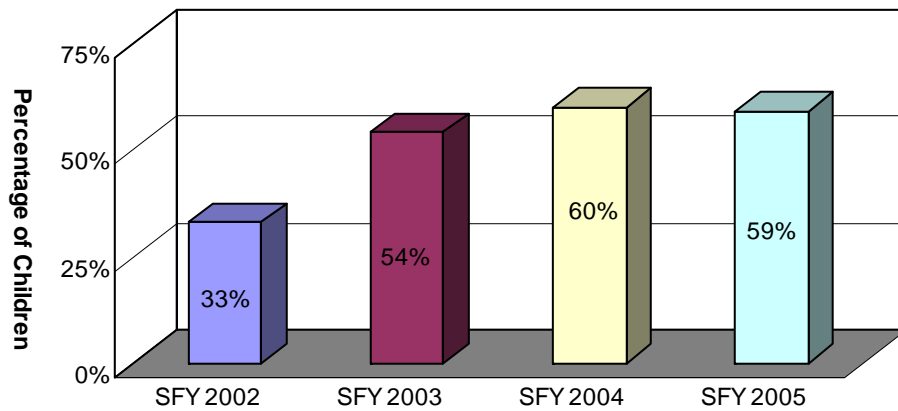
**Chart 7: Percentage of Siblings in Care who are Placed Together**



***Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within Twelve Months of Termination of Parental Rights***

There were 275 children with the goal of adoption whose parents also had their parental rights terminated between July 2003 and June 2004. Of those children, 162 (59%) were placed with an adoptive family within 12 months of the termination of parental rights, or roughly the same as SFY 2004 (60%).

**Chart 8: Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within 12 Months of Termination of Parental Rights**



***Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes whose Adoptions were Finalized within Twelve Months of Entering Placement***

There were 215 children who were placed in pre-adoptive homes between July 2003 and June 2004, a significant decrease from the previous year, (293) 27%. Of those, 122 children or 57 percent had finalized adoptions within 12 months of being placed in their pre-adoptive home.

Of the children who were placed in a pre-adoptive home during SFY 2005, 44 (20%) experienced a disruption. Although disruptions have increased by five percentage points, the fact is the number of disruptions have remained the same since SFY 2003 (44), but the number of children who were placed decreased during SFY 2005 increasing the percentage. A disruption occurs when a child has been placed in a pre-adoptive home and the family or the child has decided not to proceed with the adoption and the child leaves the pre-adoptive home.

Of the 215 children placed in pre-adoptive homes, the adoption was still pending finalization 12 months after the placement for 85 children.

**Table 1: Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes during SFY 2005 whose Adoptions were Finalized within 12 Months of Entering Placement**

Status	SFY 2004		SFY 2005	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Finalized Adoption	163	56%	122	57%
Disrupted Adoptive Placements	44	15%	44	20%
Children with a Disruption who were Re-placed in a Pre-adoptive Home	39	13%	36	17%
Still Pending at the End of the Year	125	43%	85	40%

## PART II: COMPLIANCE INDEX

The Division has set compliance measures with guidance from the Joint Interim Committee on Children and Youth. An index is compiled by reporting the level of compliance with these measures.

### **Goal   Compliance Measure**

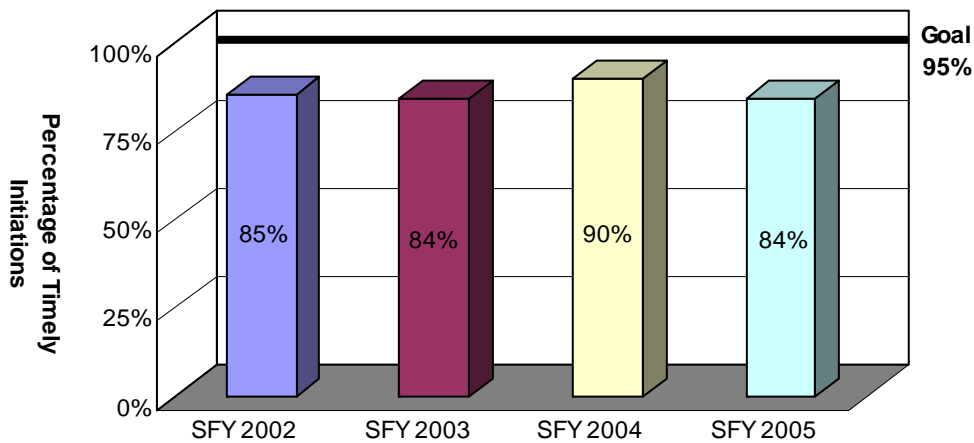
- 95%**   ***Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments.*** The investigator interviews or observes the victim child outside the presence of the alleged offender within 24 hours of any alleged severe maltreatment or within 72 hours otherwise.
- 90%**   ***Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments.*** A determination must be made regarding an allegation of child maltreatment within 30 days of receipt of the allegation.
- 95%**   ***24-Hour Initial Health Screenings.*** The screening is conducted within 24 hours after removal from the home on children who enter foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, or if there is evidence of acute illness or injury.
- 95%**   ***72-Hour Initial Health Screenings.*** This screening is conducted within 72 hours after removal from the home on all children who enter foster care who are not subject to the 24 hour screening.
- 95%**   ***Comprehensive Health Assessments.*** Within 60 days of a child's entering foster care, an evaluation of their physical and mental health status must be completed.
- 320 Homes**   ***Foster Home Recruitment.*** DCFS must ensure a sufficient number and variety of foster homes are available which meet minimal standards and match the needs and characteristics of foster children.
- 95%**   ***Foster Home Re-evaluations.*** DCFS must re-evaluate, at least annually, each foster home's ability to care for children.
- 85%**   ***Required Visits Made by Worker.*** DCFS must provide data on the percentages of required weekly visits made by DCFS workers to children in foster care.

***Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments***

There were 23,433 referrals for child maltreatment assessments during SFY 2005. Of that number, 17,679 (75%) referrals were assigned to DCFS for investigation. Of those referrals assigned to DCFS, 14,758 assessments were initiated within the required period. This resulted in a compliance rate of 84 percent, a decrease from SFY 2004.

The Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police was responsible for handling the remaining child abuse referrals. CACD was responsible for 5,575 Priority I referrals and 179 Priority II referrals that came in during SFY 2005. Of the Priority I referrals, 5,484 (98%) were in a initiated timely manner. Of the Priority II referrals, 175 (98%) were initiated in a timely manner.

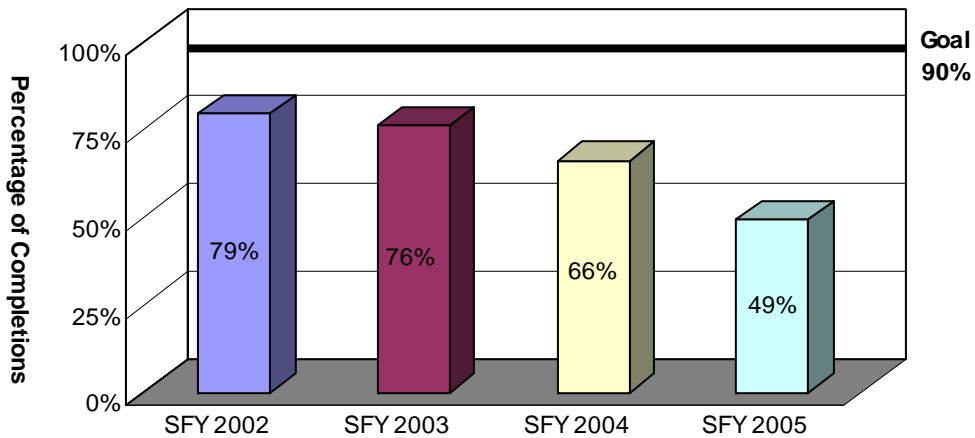
**Chart 9: Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments**



***Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments***

Of the 17,679 assessments initiated, 8,737 were completed within the required 30-day period. This resulted in a compliance rate of 49 percent, a significant decrease from SFY 2004 and below the goal of 90 percent.

**Chart 10: Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments**

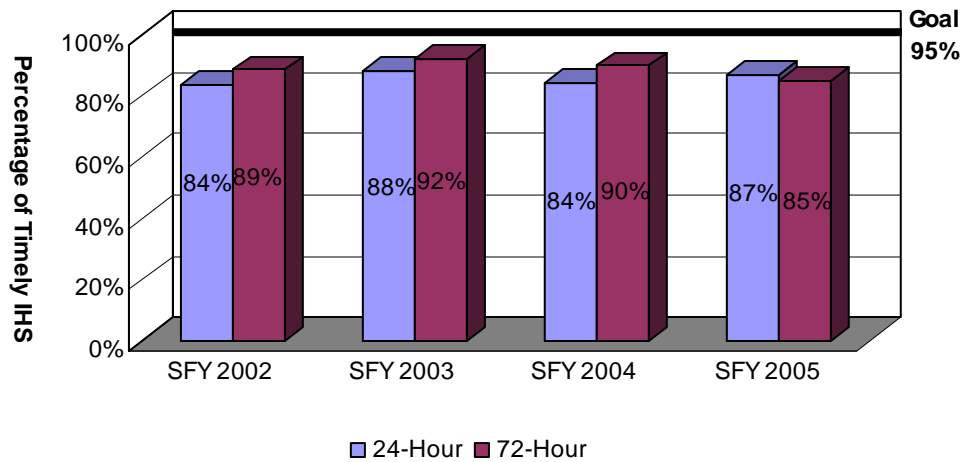


**24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings**

If a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment or if there is evidence of acute illness or injury, an initial health screening must be conducted within 24 hours of the child’s removal from the home. Of the 623 children who required the 24-hour health screening during SFY 2005, 545 (87%) received the screening in a timely manner. The compliance rate was three percentage points higher than what it was for SFY 2004 but still below the goal of 95 percent.

All children entering foster care that do not require the initial 24-hour health screening must undergo an initial health screening within 72 hours of their removal. Of the 2,661 children who required their health screening within 72 hours, 2,262 (85%) received their screenings in a timely manner, five percentage points lower than SFY 2004 and below the goal of 95 percent.

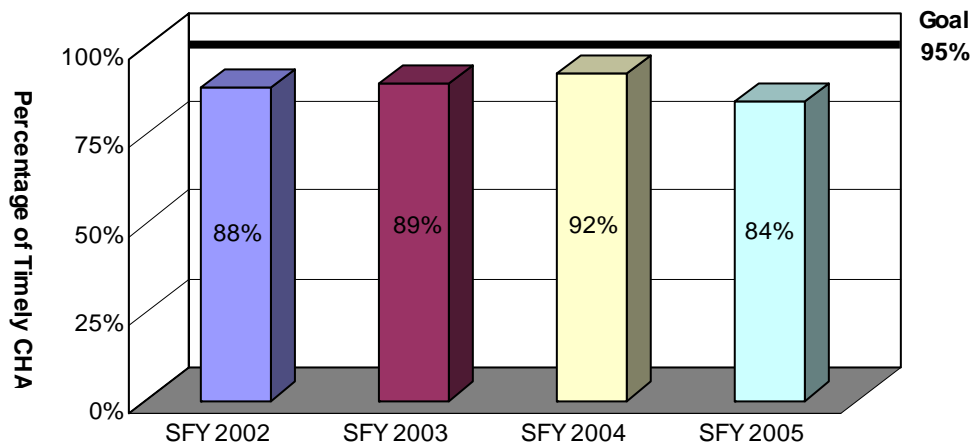
**Chart 11: 24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings**



### ***Comprehensive Health Assessments***

All children who enter foster care must receive a comprehensive health assessment to evaluate their physical and mental health status within 60 days of entering foster care. There were 1,471 children who entered foster care between May 2004 and April 2005 and who remained in care for at least 60 days. Of those children, 1,234 received their comprehensive health assessment within 60 days of entering care. The resulting compliance rate was 84 percent, which was a decrease of eight percentage points from SFY 2004 and still below the goal of 95 percent.

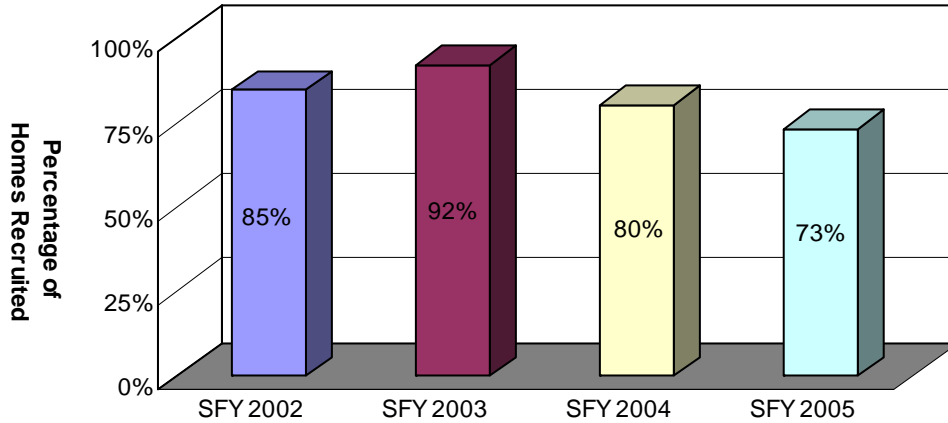
**Chart 12: Comprehensive Health Assessments**



***Foster Home Recruitment***

There were 232 new foster homes recruited during SFY 2005. This was 88 less than the goal of 320 homes for the state fiscal year. This number resulted in a compliance rate of 73 percent, seven percentage points lower than SFY 2004.

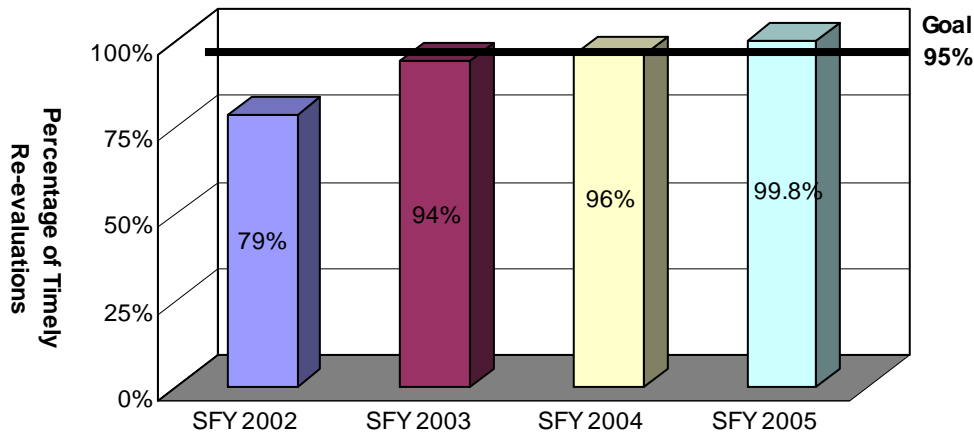
**Chart 13: Foster Home Recruitment**



***Foster Home Re-evaluations***

On an annual basis, at a minimum, DCFS is required to re-evaluate each foster home's ability to care for children. Of the 870 DCFS foster homes that were active at the end of the year, 868 had a currently completed re-evaluation. The resulting compliance rate was 99.8 percent, almost four percentage points higher than SFY 2004 and exceeding the goal of 95 percent compliance.

**Chart 14: Foster Home Re-evaluations**



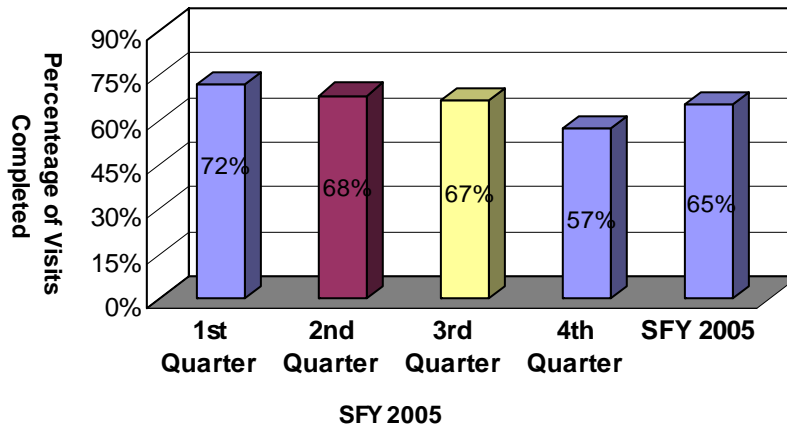
***Required Visits Made by Worker***

Previous DCFS policy required that caseworkers make regular visits to children in foster care. The appropriate frequency was considered to be no less than weekly. Supervisors could approve a deviation from this frequency based on the needs of the child and the circumstances of the child’s placement.

The definition of what was measured with the prior policy was very narrow. The caseworker must have chosen to document the purpose of the visit from a pick list of several different types of visit purposes. In order to meet the necessary criteria, the visit must have occurred in the home. Visits made with the child at school, during a doctor’s visit or while providing transportation would not qualify. As a result, prior annual reports were not able to report the frequency of all visits made with children in foster care, but only those visits that met the appropriate criteria.

DCFS acknowledges the importance of worker contact with children in foster care and believes that these visits should often be in the home. However, DCFS believed a change in policy that would recognize that some visits in other locations may also meet good practice objectives would be appropriate. DCFS developed and promulgated a policy that went into effect in January 2005 that recognizes visits in other locations and by other DCFS staff, with the requirement that the child's worker also has to continue to make contact with the child. The following graph reports the percentage of visits made by the worker utilizing the new policy.

**Chart 15: Required Foster Care Monthly Visits Made by Worker**



### **PART III: DESCRIPTION OF POPULATION AND SERVICES**

This section describes the number and status of maltreatment assessments, children who were served in foster care and children who were provided adoption services.

Section I outlines the characteristics of children, such as age, gender and ethnicity, in true maltreatment reports. Additionally, this section describes the types of allegations in maltreatment reports.

Section II describes the foster care population, specifically; the characteristics of children in foster care, entries and exits of children in foster care, reasons children came into care, lengths of stay for children in foster care and in relative care, placements of children in foster care and the number of placements children experience while in care.

Section III focuses on adoption data such as the characteristics of children available for adoption, current placement of those children, characteristics of children placed in adoptive homes, children whose parents have had their parental rights terminated but have not been placed in an adoptive home, finalized adoptions and adoption subsidies.

APPENDIX F provides an area and county breakdown for Foster Care, Protective Service and Supportive Service cases.

**Part III: Description of Population and Services**  
**Section I: True Child Maltreatment Reports**

***Child Maltreatment Assessments***

There were 23,433 maltreatment assessments assigned during SFY 2005, a 14 percent increase from SFY 2004 (20,536). Of those, 5,678 reports (24%) were found to be true, two percent below the national percentage<sup>4</sup>. There were 8,069 victim children involved in the 5,678 true reports during SFY 2005. DCFS Area I had the highest percentage of true reports (28%), with both DCFS Area II and VII having the lowest percentage of true reports (21%). (See APPENDIX A for area and county breakdown).

**Table 2: Child Maltreatment Assessments**

	<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>True Assessments</b>	<b>Percent True</b>
SFY 2005	23,433	5,678	24%
SFY 2004	20,536	5,515	27%
SFY 2003	19,536	5,698	29%

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<sup>4</sup> Source: Child Maltreatment 2003, Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau.

**Characteristics of Children in True Maltreatment Reports**

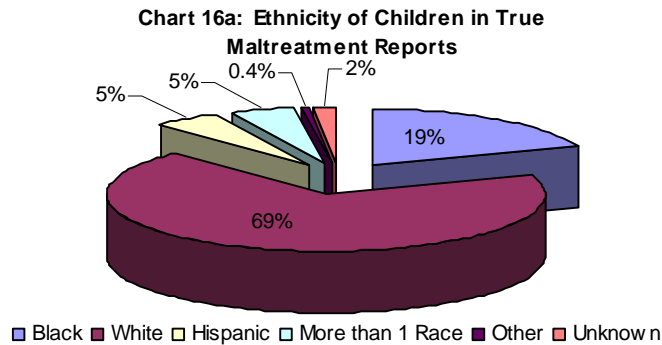
As indicated above, there were 8,069 victim children involved in true reports during SFY 2005. This number represented a one percent increase from SFY 2004 (8,004 children)<sup>5</sup>.

**Table 3: Characteristics of Children in True Maltreatment Reports SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	208	70	0	1	0	18	22	319
	Male	252	65	0	0	3	28	22	370
2 to 5	Female	625	162	1	0	4	55	50	897
	Male	645	183	1	0	2	58	51	940
6 to 11	Female	983	268	1	3	0	48	81	1,384
	Male	879	256	4	1	3	60	63	1,266
12 to 15	Female	857	221	3	3	0	59	41	1,184
	Male	459	118	0	0	1	24	23	625
16 to 18	Female	453	142	1	0	0	30	25	651
	Male	184	71	0	0	0	8	13	276
18+	Female	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Male	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
<b>Total*</b>		<b>5,553</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>7,924</b>

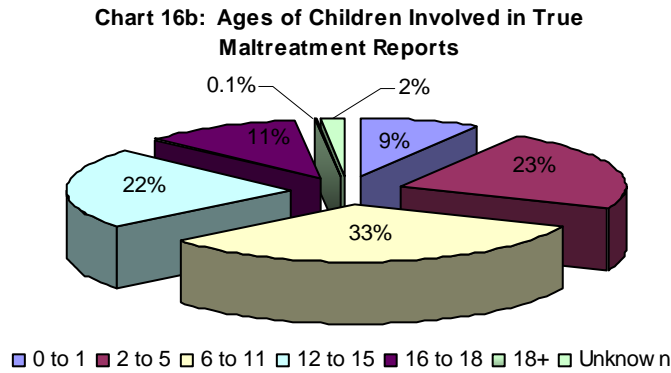
\*Demographic information was not entered into CHRIS for 145 children.

The chart below shows that 69 percent of the children involved in true maltreatment reports were white, while 19 percent of the children were black and five percent were hispanic. The number of white children increased by one percentage point, while the number of black children decreased by two percentage points from SFY 2004.

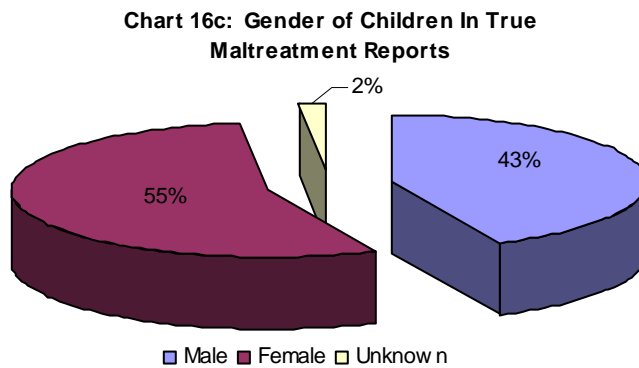


<sup>5</sup> The table above, and each subsequent demographic table, divides up these other races and ethnicities into the following categories: “Hispanic,” “More than One Race,” “Asian” (includes Indonesian, Cambodian, Hmong and Vietnamese), “AIAN” (includes Native American, Alaskan Native and American Indian) and “NAPI” (includes Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders).

The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the highest number of children involved in the 5,678 true reports during SFY 2005 (33%). These percentages are similar to the ones from the end of SFY 2004



Fifty-five percent of the children involved in true reports were female, while 43 percent were male. These are the same percentages from the end of SFY 2004.



***Children Involved in Allegations of True Maltreatment Reports***

The majority of the 8,069 children in true maltreatment reports were involved in neglect allegations (65%) during SFY 2005, followed by sexual abuse allegations (29%) and then physical abuse allegations (23%)<sup>6</sup>.

**Table 4: Percentage of Children Involved in True Allegations of Maltreatment  
SFY 2005**

	SFY 2004		SFY 2005	
<b>Neglect</b>	5,158	64%	5,240	65%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	1,877	23%	1,873	23%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	2,238	28%	2,307	29%

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<sup>6</sup> The total number represented will outnumber the total children involved in true maltreatment reports because a child can be involved in more than one allegation.

**Part III: Description of Population and Services  
Section II: Foster Care**

***Characteristics of Children in Foster Care***

There were 6,399 children in foster care during SFY 2005, a slight decrease from SFY 2004 (6,433 children). This includes children who remained in care from the previous year as well as children who came into care during SFY 2005. (See APPENDICES B, C and D for an area and county breakdown of demographic information.) The table below describes the characteristics of children in foster care during the most recent state fiscal year.

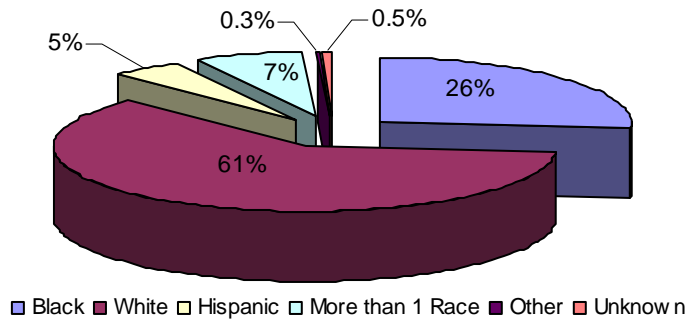
**Table 5: Characteristics of Children in Foster Care During the Year  
SFY 2005**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>NAPI</b>	<b>His-panic</b>	<b>More Than 1 Race</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>0 to 1</b>	<i>Female</i>	236	96	0	1	1	27	26	<b>387</b>
	<i>Male</i>	279	92	0	0	1	25	19	<b>416</b>
<b>2 to 5</b>	<i>Female</i>	433	188	2	0	1	50	46	<b>720</b>
	<i>Male</i>	485	186	0	1	4	53	54	<b>783</b>
<b>6 to 11</b>	<i>Female</i>	492	181	1	1	0	43	74	<b>792</b>
	<i>Male</i>	496	204	3	0	0	42	51	<b>796</b>
<b>12 to 15</b>	<i>Female</i>	453	185	1	1	0	25	53	<b>718</b>
	<i>Male</i>	360	196	0	0	0	19	47	<b>622</b>
<b>16 to 18</b>	<i>Female</i>	290	142	1	0	0	13	25	<b>470</b>
	<i>Male</i>	210	114	1	1	0	8	25	<b>359</b>
<b>18+</b>	<i>Female</i>	95	58	1	0	0	5	11	<b>171</b>
	<i>Male</i>	70	52	0	0	0	7	5	<b>134</b>
<b>Total*</b>		<b>3,899</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>6,368</b>

\*Demographic information had not been entered into CHRIS for 31 children.

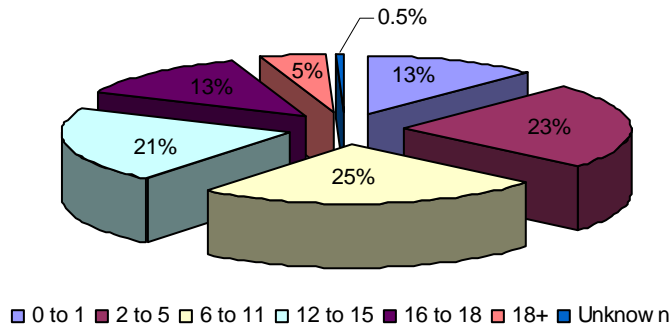
The chart below shows that 61 percent of the children in foster care during the state fiscal year were white, while 26 percent of the children were black. National data reveals that only 37 percent of the children in the national foster care system were white, while 38 percent of the children were black<sup>7</sup>.

**17a: Ethnicity of Children in Care During the Year**



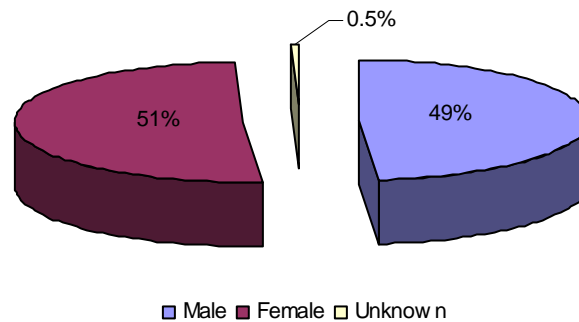
The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the highest number of children who were in care during the year (25%).

**17b: Ages of Children in Care During the Year**



The following chart shows the gender of the children in foster care during the year. Fifty-one percent of the children were female, while 49 percent were male.

**17c: Gender of Children in Care During the Year**



<sup>7</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2002 and 9/30/2003 as of April 2005.

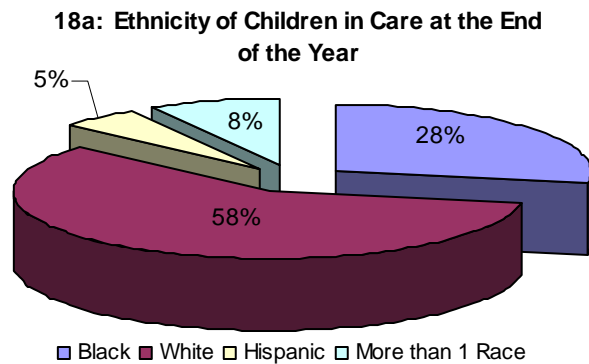
There were 3,346 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2005, a three percent increase from the 3,241 children in care at the end of SFY 2004. The following table outlines the characteristics of the children in foster care at the end of the latest state fiscal year.

**Table 6: Characteristics of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Year SFY 2005**

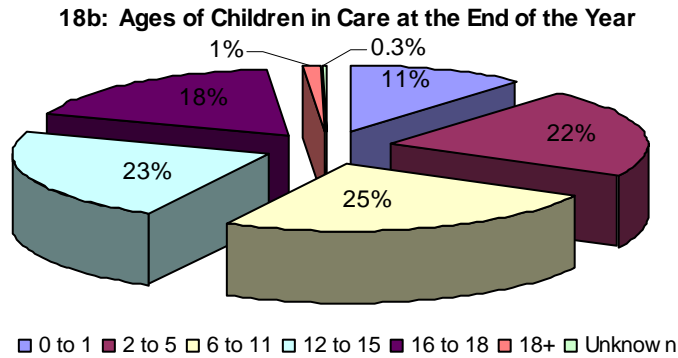
Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	102	51	0	1	0	13	12	179
	Male	118	50	0	0	0	12	13	193
2 to 5	Female	188	91	0	0	0	30	30	339
	Male	241	86	0	0	0	26	35	389
6 to 11	Female	237	90	0	0	0	20	42	389
	Male	275	109	1	0	0	23	38	446
12 to 15	Female	247	115	0	0	0	16	33	411
	Male	190	122	0	0	0	11	29	352
16 to 18	Female	187	106	0	0	0	9	22	324
	Male	154	90	1	0	0	9	22	276
18+	Female	8	10	0	0	0	1	0	19
	Male	8	8	0	0	0	1	2	19
<b>Total*</b>		<b>1,956</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>3,336</b>

\*Demographic information had not been entered into CHRIS ten children.

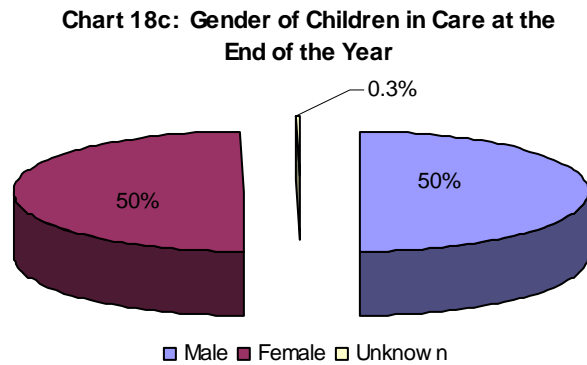
The chart below shows that 58 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the SFY 2005 were white, while 28 percent of the children were black. Demographics regarding the ethnicity of children who were in care during the year were similar to the ethnicity of children in care at the end of the year.



The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 and children between the ages of 12 and 15 represented the highest percentage of children who were in care at the end of the state fiscal year (23% and 25%, respectively).



The following chart shows the gender of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2005. These percentages are similar to the ones from the end of SFY 2004.



***Entries into Foster Care***

During SFY 2005, data showed that 3,562 children entered foster care. This represented a three percent increase from the last fiscal year (3,461). The following table outlines the characteristics of children who entered foster care during SFY 2005.

**Table 7: Characteristics of Children who Entered Foster Care During the Year SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	<i>Female</i>	208	86	0	1	1	24	22	<b>342</b>
	<i>Male</i>	245	80	0	0	1	23	15	<b>364</b>
2 to 5	<i>Female</i>	258	90	1	0	1	25	23	<b>398</b>
	<i>Male</i>	291	91	0	1	3	33	21	<b>440</b>
6 to 11	<i>Female</i>	294	100	1	1	0	24	35	<b>455</b>
	<i>Male</i>	276	110	3	0	0	22	20	<b>431</b>
12 to 15	<i>Female</i>	284	110	1	1	0	15	19	<b>430</b>
	<i>Male</i>	197	92	0	0	0	12	21	<b>322</b>
16 to 18	<i>Female</i>	154	57	0	0	0	8	7	<b>226</b>
	<i>Male</i>	91	35	0	1	0	3	7	<b>137</b>
<b>Total*</b>		<b>2,298</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>3,545</b>

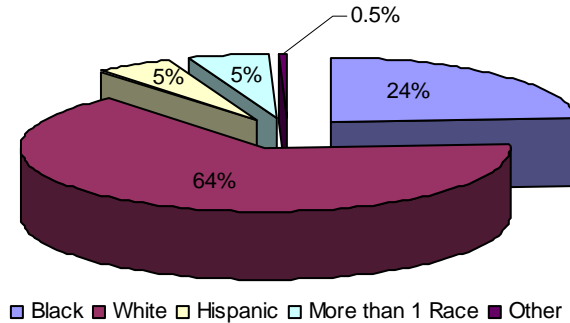
\*Demographic information had not been entered into CHRIS for 17 children.

The chart on the following page shows that 64 percent of the children who entered foster care during the year were white, while 24 percent of the children were black. National data indicates that 46 percent of the children who entered care were white and 27 percent were black<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children for children in foster care between 10/01/2002 and 9/30/2003 as of April 2005.

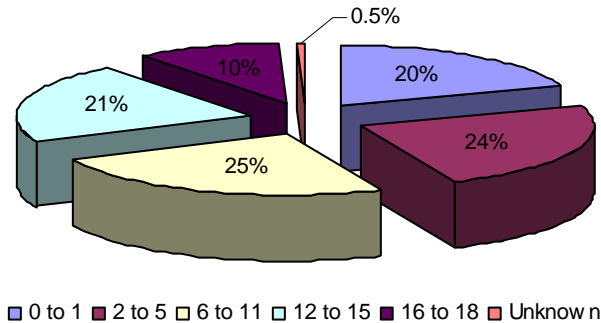
Hispanic children represented five percent of the children who entered foster care, while they represented 17 percent nationally<sup>9</sup>. These percentages are similar to those in SFY 2004.

**Chart 19a: Ethnicity of Children who Entered Care**



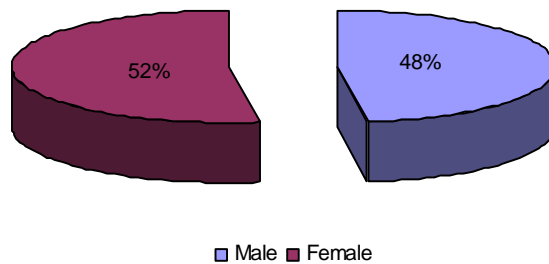
The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the greatest percentage of children (25%) who entered foster care during SFY 2005.

**Chart 19b: Ages of Children who Entered Care**



The following chart shows the gender of the children who entered foster care during SFY 2005. Fifty-two percent of the children were female and 48 percent were male. These percentages are similar to those in SFY 2004.

**Chart 19c: Gender of Children who Entered Care**



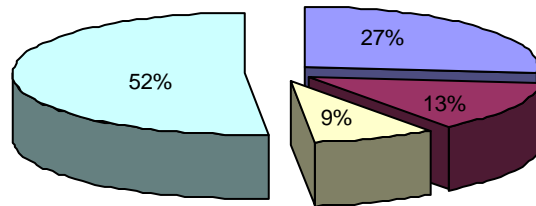
<sup>9</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2002 and 9/30/2003 as of April 2004.

Neglect and substance abuse<sup>10</sup> were the most prevalent reasons children entered foster care. The reasons for entry into foster care for the children who were in foster care during the year (Table 8) were very similar to those who were placed at the end of the year (Table 9).

**Table 8: Reasons Children Placed in Foster Care by Age During the Year SFY 2005**

	0 to 1	2 to 5	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 18	18+	Total
<b>Neglect</b>	554	825	908	553	143	3	<b>2,986</b>
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	319	333	403	311	87	0	<b>1,453</b>
<b>Parent Incarceration</b>	213	351	371	226	47	1	<b>1,209</b>
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	202	265	330	249	104	1	<b>1,151</b>
<b>Child’s Behavior</b>	5	20	132	369	142	2	<b>670</b>
<b>Abandonment</b>	69	99	153	162	79	1	<b>563</b>
<b>Inadequate Housing</b>	168	270	278	192	44	1	<b>953</b>
<b>Caretaker Illness</b>	139	161	181	229	78	2	<b>790</b>
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	41	122	240	222	67	2	<b>694</b>
<b>Truancy</b>	4	30	63	117	58	0	<b>272</b>
<b>Child’s Disability</b>	16	10	16	14	5	1	<b>62</b>
<b>Parent Death</b>	1	4	12	15	12	1	<b>45</b>
<b>Sex Offender</b>	10	6	15	35	8	1	<b>75</b>
<b>Relinquishment</b>	9	3	8	18	1	0	<b>39</b>
<b>Managed Mental Health</b>	0	0	3	11	3	0	<b>17</b>
<b>Teen Parent in Care</b>	66	2	0	3	7	0	<b>78</b>
<b>Other</b>	9	16	53	32	9	0	<b>119</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>3,166</b>	<b>2,761</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11,179</b>

**Chart 20: Most Prevalent Reasons Children Entered Care**



■ Neglect ■ Substance Abuse ■ Inadequate Housing ■ All Other Reasons

<sup>10</sup> Of the 750 instances where entry was attributed to substance abuse, substance abuse by parents (698 instances) accounted for the largest percentage (93%) as compared to substance abuse by children (7%).

**Table 9: Reasons Children in Foster Care at the End of the Year were Placed in Care  
SFY 2005**

	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
Neglect	Female	482	204	0	0	0	45	81	812
	Male	507	216	0	0	0	42	65	830
Substance Abuse	Female	256	82	0	0	0	14	21	373
	Male	246	84	0	0	0	0	30	375
Parent Incarceration	Female	191	58	0	0	0	25	29	303
	Male	195	51	1	0	0	26	31	304
Physical Abuse	Female	130	98	0	0	0	12	20	260
	Male	156	84	0	0	0	15	16	271
Child's Behavior	Female	125	57	0	0	0	3	7	192
	Male	122	58	1	0	0	11	11	203
Abandonment	Female	76	60	0	1	0	6	7	150
	Male	88	74	0	0	0	9	8	179
Inadequate Housing	Female	150	67	0	0	0	23	24	264
	Male	184	76	0	0	0	14	24	298
Caretaker Illness	Female	160	36	0	1	0	14	13	224
	Male	158	51	1	0	0	9	22	241
Sexual abuse	Female	180	56	0	0	0	13	28	277
	Male	69	19	0	0	0	6	13	107
Truancy	Female	56	23	0	0	0	3	2	84
	Male	44	13	0	0	0	3	3	63
Child's Disability	Female	16	6	0	0	0	0	1	23
	Male	17	2	0	0	0	1	2	22
Parent Death	Female	8	2	0	0	0	1	2	13
	Male	6	5	0	0	0	0	7	18
Sex Offender	Female	10	3	0	0	0	0	1	14
	Male	18	5	0	0	0	3	0	26
Relinquishment	Female	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	11
	Male	10	4	0	0	0	0	2	16
Managed Mental Health	Female	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Male	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	7
Adoption	Female	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teen Parent in Care	Female	16	13	0	0	0	1	0	30
	Male	11	5	0	0	0	1	2	19
Other	Female	16	15	0	0	0	0	3	34
	Male	34	17	0	0	0	0	2	53
<b>Total*</b>		<b>3,746</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>6,101</b>

\*There are more reasons for entry than children in care because a child may have more than one reason for entry.

***Exits from Foster Care***

There were 3,437 children who exited foster care during SFY 2005, a two percent increase from SFY 2004 (3,363 children). The table below outlines the characteristics of the children who left foster care during SFY 2005.

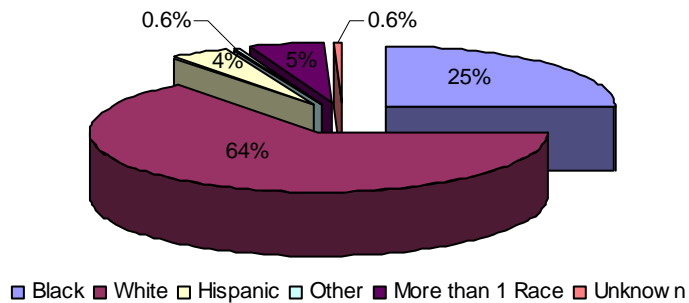
**Table 10: Characteristics of Children Exiting Foster Care During the Year SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	144	53	0	0	1	14	15	227
	Male	181	51	0	0	1	14	6	253
2 to 5	Female	277	108	2	0	1	21	18	427
	Male	277	112	0	1	4	27	20	441
6 to 11	Female	282	104	1	1	0	23	35	446
	Male	250	105	2	0	0	19	14	390
12 to 15	Female	239	80	1	1	0	10	21	352
	Male	195	82	0	0	0	8	20	305
16 to 18	Female	209	90	2	1	0	8	17	327
	Male	123	66	0	1	0	5	7	202
18+	Female	14	7	0	0	0	0	1	21
	Male	11	12	0	0	0	0	1	24
<b>Total*</b>		<b>2,202</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>3,415</b>

\*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for 22 children.

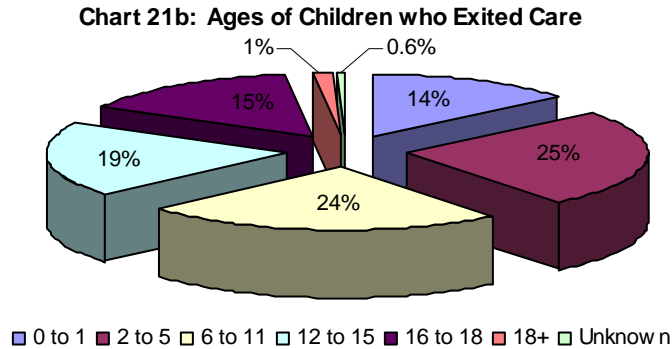
Of the 3,437 children who left foster care, 64 percent were white, while 25 percent of the children were black. National data indicates that 45 percent of the children who left foster care were white and 30 percent were black<sup>11</sup>. These percentages were similar to those in SFY 2004.

**Chart 21a: Ethnicity of Children who Exited Care**

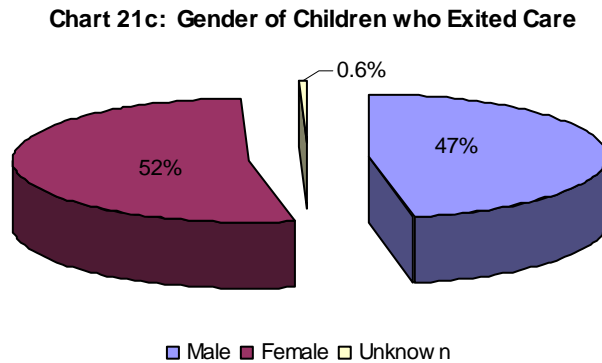


<sup>11</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2002 and 9/30/2003 as of April 2004.

The following chart shows that children between the ages of two and five represented the highest percentage of children (25%) who exited foster care during the year, followed closely by children between the ages of 6 and 11 (24%).



The following chart shows the gender of the children who left care during the year. Fifty-two percent of the children were female and 47 percent were male.



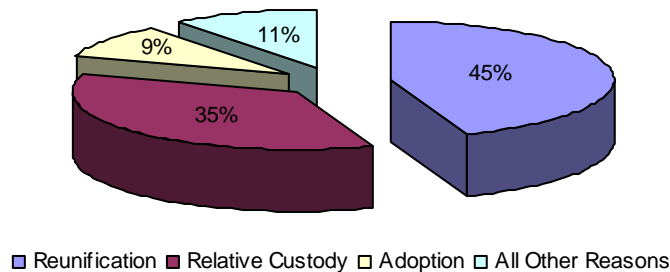
**Table 11: Reasons Children Exited Foster Care by Age  
SFY 2005**

Reason	Age						Total
	0 to 1	2 to 5	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 18	Over 18	
Reunification	212	402	386	341	180	0	1,521
Relative Custody	216	316	322	239	118	0	1,211
Adoption	34	124	104	48	10	0	320
Child Aged Out	0	0	0	0	169	43	212
Non-Relative Custody	9	21	16	25	29	1	101
Emancipation	0	0	0	0	16	1	17
Death of Child	4	1	0	0	1	0	6
Custody Transfer	6	4	8	4	6	0	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3,416</b>

\*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for 21 children.

The most prevalent reason children left foster care during SFY 2005 was for reunification (45%), this was a significant change from SFY 2004 (52%). The second most prevalent reason was for relative custody (35%) which was also a significant change from SFY 2004 (29%), followed by adoption (9%). National data indicates the top three most prevalent reasons children left care were reunification (55%), adoption (18%) and relative care (11%)<sup>12</sup>.

**Chart 22: Most Prevalent Reasons for Children Exiting Care**



<sup>12</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2002 and 9/30/2003 as of April 2004.

***Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care***

The Division has two primary goals for children in foster care: safety and permanency. The second of these goals is achieved by setting a permanency goal for each child in foster care. For children in care during the year, more children had the goal to return home than any other goal. National data reveal very similar figures to those shown here<sup>13</sup>.

**Table 12: Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care During the Year  
SFY 2004 – SFY 2005**

	SFY 2004		SFY 2005		National
<b>Return Home</b>	2,487	39%	2,691	42%	44%
<b>Adoption</b>	1,085	17%	979	15%	22%
<b>Independence</b>	732	11%	721	11%	n/a
<b>Remain at Home</b>	1,125	17%	523	8%	n/a
<b>Relative Care</b>	309	5%	257	4%	5%
<b>Guardianship</b>	32	.5%	34	.5%	3%
<b>Emancipation</b>	2	.03%	1	.02%	6%
<b>Long Term Care</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8%
<b>Not Yet Established</b>	661	10%	1,193	19%	11%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,399</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Sum of individual percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

<sup>13</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for FY 2001 (10/01/00 to 9/30/01) as of March 2003.

***Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care***

For SFY 2004, 63 percent of the children in foster care had been in care less than one year. Compared to national data, children in the Arkansas foster care system stay in care a substantially shorter amount time<sup>14</sup>. (See APPENDIX E for an area and county breakdown.)

**Table 13a: Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care  
SFY 2005**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Less than 30 days</b>	1,303	20%	4%
<b>30-90 Days</b>	1,016	16%	17%
<b>3-6 Months</b>	760	12%	
<b>6-12 Months</b>	930	15%	15%
<b>12-24 Months</b>	1,018	16%	20%
<b>24-36 Months</b>	554	9%	12%
<b>36+ Months</b>	818	13%	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,399</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 13b: Length of Stay of Children in Relative Care  
SFY 2005**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Less than 30 days</b>	9	6%
<b>30-90 Days</b>	21	13%
<b>3-6 Months</b>	22	14%
<b>6-12 Months</b>	33	21%
<b>12-24 Months</b>	40	26%
<b>24-36 Months</b>	11	7%
<b>36+ Months</b>	21	13%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 13c: Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care  
(Excluding Relative Care)  
SFY 2005**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Less than 30 days</b>	1,294	21%
<b>30-90 Days</b>	995	16%
<b>3-6 Months</b>	738	12%
<b>6-12 Months</b>	897	14%
<b>12-24 Months</b>	978	15%
<b>24-36 Months</b>	543	9%
<b>36+ Months</b>	797	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>14</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2001 (10/01/00 to 9/30/01) as of March 2003.

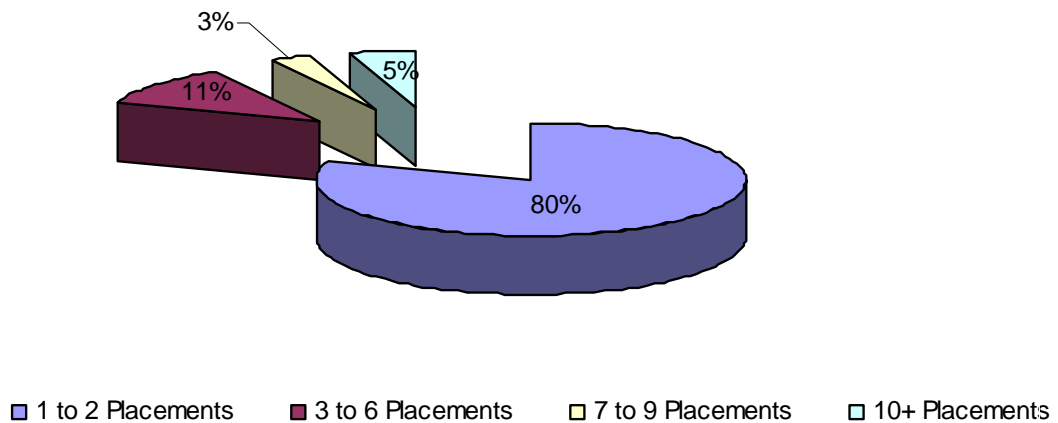
***Number of Placements of Children in Foster Care***

For SFY 2005, 80 percent of the children in care during the year experienced less than three placements. This represents a five percentage point increase from SFY 2004.

**Table 14: Number of Placements of Children in Foster Care  
SFY 2004 –SFY 2005**

	SFY 2004		SFY 2005	
<b>1-2 Placements</b>	4,795	75%	5,140	80%
<b>3-6 Placements</b>	1,123	17%	735	12%
<b>7-9 Placements</b>	257	4%	209	3%
<b>10+ Placements</b>	258	4%	315	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,399</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Chart 23: Number of Placements**



***Characteristics of Children who Experienced Two or More Placements***

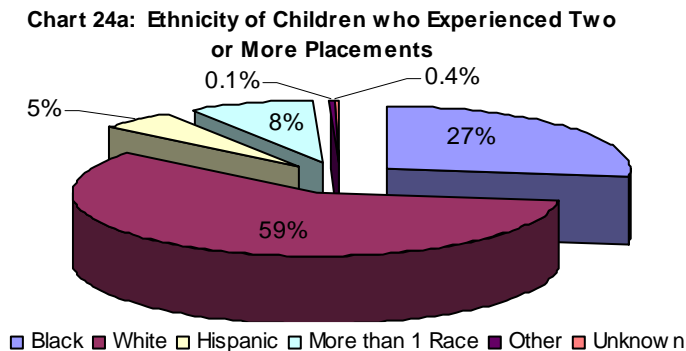
There were 3,346 children in care at the end of the year. Of those, 1,522 (45%) children experienced two or more placements while in foster care.

**Table 15: Characteristics of Children who Experienced Two or More Placements SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	20	11	0	0	0	4	1	36
	Male	23	8	0	0	0	5	3	39
2 to 5	Female	65	25	0	0	0	13	8	111
	Male	86	25	0	0	0	13	15	139
6 to 11	Female	84	38	0	0	0	9	17	148
	Male	141	43	0	0	0	12	17	213
12 to 15	Female	151	59	0	0	0	9	22	241
	Male	117	75	0	0	0	6	16	214
16 to 18	Female	114	62	0	0	0	2	12	190
	Male	90	61	1	0	0	7	16	175
18+	Female	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Male	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>896</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1,516</b>

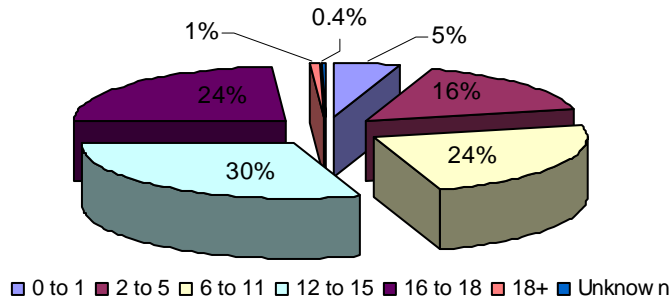
\*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for six children.

Of the 1,522 children who experienced two or more placements, 59 percent were white and 27 percent were black.



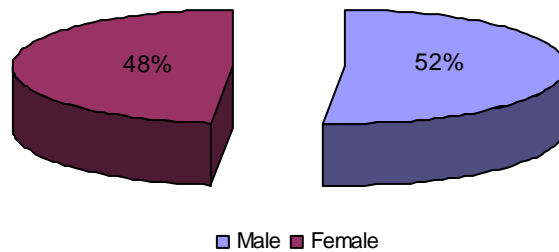
The largest group of children who experienced two or more placements was children between the ages of 12 and 15.

**Chart 24b: Ages of Children who Experienced Two or More Placements**



There were slightly more male children (52%) than female children (48%) who experienced two or more placements.

**Chart 24c: Gender of Children who Experienced Two or More Placements**



**Current Placement of Children in Foster Care**

More children who remained in foster care as of the end of SFY 2005 were placed in foster homes than in any other placement setting. Fifty-eight percent of the children were in DCFS foster homes, while eight percent of the children were placed in therapeutic foster homes. These percentages were similar to SFY 2004.

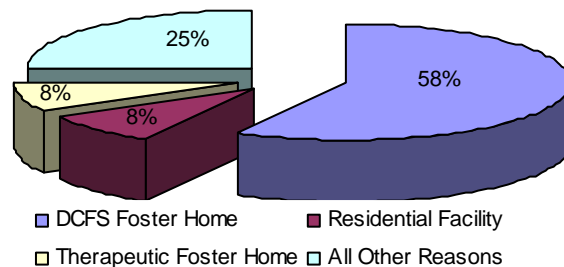
**Table 16: Current Placement of Children in Foster Care  
SFY 2005**

Placement	Age						Total
	0 to 1	2 to 5	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 18	Over 19	
DCFS Foster Home	324	558	500	331	221	12	<b>1,946</b>
Relative Care	8	38	44	26	17	0	<b>133</b>
Therapeutic Foster Home	2	34	109	83	38	1	<b>267</b>
Specialized Comm. Home	1	5	11	26	25	8	<b>76</b>
Adoptive Home*	12	45	54	12	2	0	<b>125</b>
Emergency Shelter	5	10	18	40	35	0	<b>108</b>
Residential Facility	4	6	39	122	110	2	<b>283</b>
Youth Services	0	0	0	8	12	1	<b>21</b>
Runaway	1	0	0	14	41	0	<b>56</b>
Trial Home Visit	8	26	36	30	13	0	<b>113</b>
Hospital/Medical	3	0	10	31	17	0	<b>61</b>
Education	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Sexual Offender Treatment	0	0	0	3	8	0	<b>11</b>
Detention	0	0	1	9	10	0	<b>20</b>
Independent Living	0	0	0	0	28	14	<b>42</b>
Mental Health Provider	0	0	11	19	15	0	<b>45</b>
Unknown**	7	7	4	9	11	0	<b>38</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3,346</b>

\*Non-finalized adoptions.

\*\*Unknown due to data entry after report completion.

**Chart 25: Current Placement of Children in Care**



***Characteristics of Children on Runaway Status at the End of the Year***

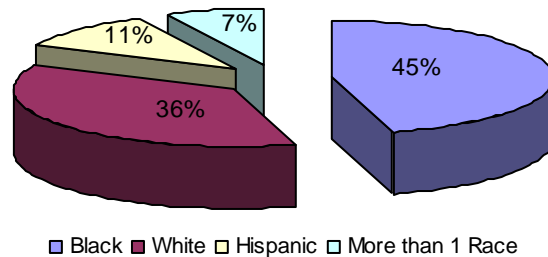
For SFY 2005, there were 55 children in runaway status at the end of the year. SFY 2005 marks the first complete year that this standard has been measured. Therefore, comparisons can be made in future reports.

**Table 17: Characteristics of Children on Runaway Status at the End of the Year SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 to 5	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 to 11	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 to 15	Female	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	7
	Male	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	7
16 to 18	Female	7	9	0	0	0	3	2	21
	Male	8	9	0	0	0	0	2	19
18+	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>55</b>

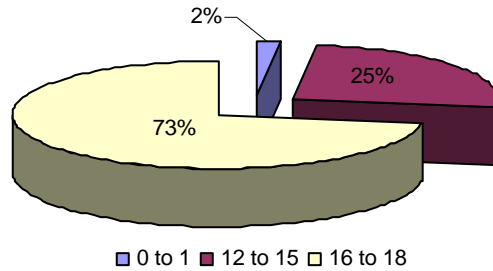
Of the children in runaway status at the end of the year, 36 percent were white and 45 percent were black.

**Chart 26a: Ethnicity of Children on Runaway Status at the End of the SFY 2005**



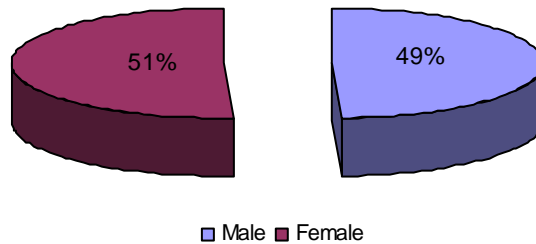
Seventy-three percent of the children who were in runaway status at the end of the year were between the ages of 16 and 18.

**Chart 26b: Ages of Children on Runaway Status at the End of the SFY 2005**



There were more female children (51%) than male children (49%) who were in runaway status at the end of the year.

**Chart 26c: Gender of Children on Runaway Status at the End of the SFY 2005**



**Characteristics of Children in Relative Care**

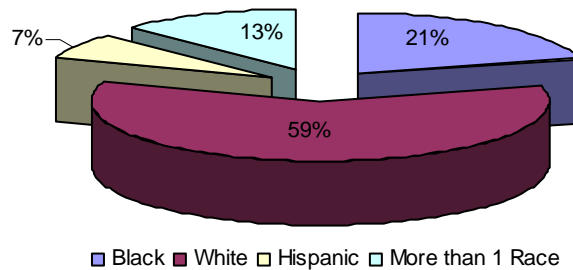
There were 157 children who were in relative care during SFY 2005. The table below outlines the demographics for those children.

**Table 18: Characteristics of Children in Relative Care  
SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	7
	Male	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
2 to 5	Female	10	5	0	0	0	6	2	23
	Male	16	6	0	0	0	0	3	25
6 to 11	Female	20	1	0	0	0	0	7	28
	Male	13	4	0	0	0	0	3	20
12 to 15	Female	7	6	0	0	0	1	0	14
	Male	7	6	0	0	0	0	3	16
16 to 18	Female	5	3	0	0	0	1	1	10
	Male	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>157</b>

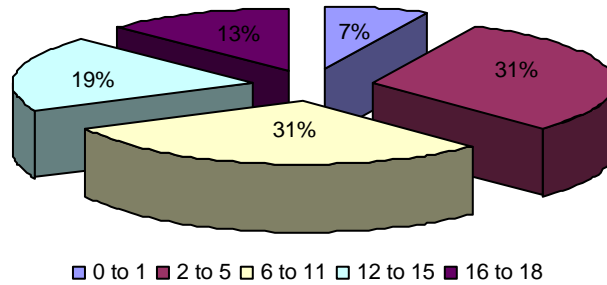
There is a noteworthy difference between the ethnicity of children in relative care and children in the overall foster care population. White children represented the highest percentage (59%), a significant increase from SFY 2004 (41%), of children in relative care for SFY 2005. Black children represented twenty-one percent, a significant decrease from SFY 2004 (21%).

**Chart 27a: Ethnicity of Children in Relative Care**



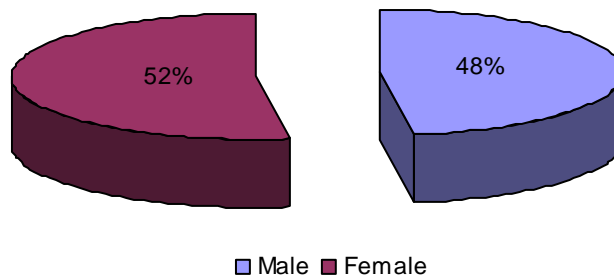
Children between the ages of two and five and children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the largest age group of children in relative care (31%), followed by children under the age of one (19%).

**Chart 27b: Ages of Children in Relative Care**



Of the 157 children who were in relative care during the year, 52 percent were female and 48 percent were male.

**Chart 27c: Gender of Children in Relative Care**



**Part III: Description of Population and Services**  
**Section III: Adoption**

***Characteristics of Children with the Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year***

There were 978 children with the permanency goal of adoption during SFY 2005. The table below outlines the characteristics of these children. This is a decrease from 1,076 children from SFY 2004 (9%).

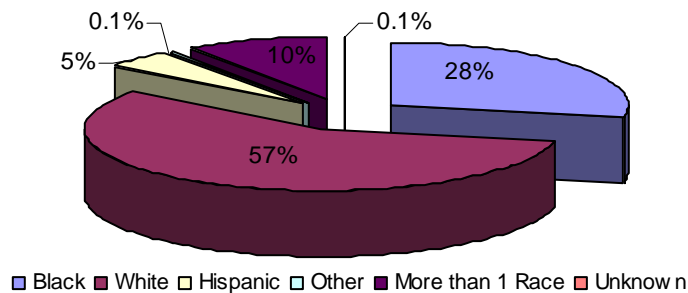
**Table 19: Characteristics of Children with the Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	16	9	0	0	0	1	4	30
	Male	23	4	0	0	0	4	1	32
2 to 5	Female	76	47	0	0	0	11	9	143
	Male	71	35	0	0	1	8	13	128
6 to 11	Female	101	41	0	0	0	8	21	171
	Male	113	49	0	0	0	5	18	185
12 to 15	Female	58	27	0	0	0	6	13	104
	Male	69	43	0	0	0	2	11	125
16 to 18	Female	14	9	0	0	0	0	2	25
	Male	20	10	0	0	0	1	3	334
<b>Total*</b>		<b>561</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>977</b>

\*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for one child.

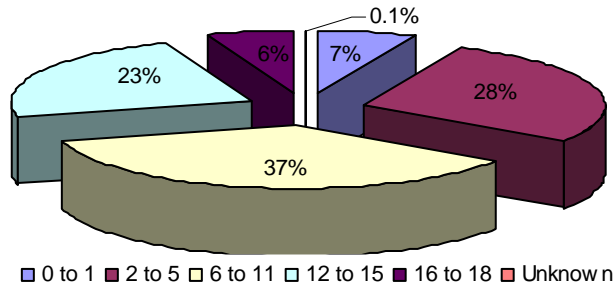
Fifty-seven percent of the children whose permanency goal was adoption during the year were white, while 28 percent were black and five percent were Hispanic. These percentages were similar to SFY 2004. These percentages are similar to SFY 2004.

**Chart 28a: Ethnicity of Children with a Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year**



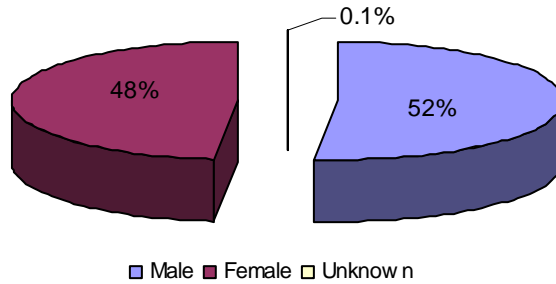
Children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented 37 percent of the children with a permanency goal of adoption during the year.

**Chart 28b: Ages of Children with a Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year**



Of the 978 children whose permanency goal was adoption, 52 percent were male and 48 percent were female.

**Chart 28c: Gender of Children with a Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year**



***Characteristics of Children with the Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year***

There were 737 children whose permanency goal at the end of SFY 2005 was adoption. This was a slight decrease from SFY 2004 (758). The following table outlines the characteristics of those children.

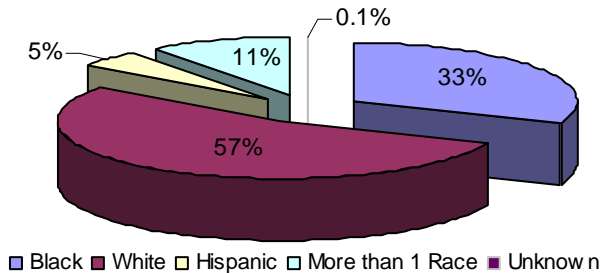
**Table 20: Characteristics of Children with the Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	10	6	0	0	0	1	2	19
	Male	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	16
2 to 5	Female	49	32	0	0	0	8	7	96
	Male	49	16	0	0	0	6	11	82
6 to 11	Female	72	31	0	0	0	6	18	127
	Male	92	35	0	0	0	5	14	146
12 to 15	Female	46	24	0	0	0	6	11	87
	Male	63	38	0	0	0	2	11	114
16 to 18	Female	10	7	0	0	0	0	2	19
	Male	16	10	0	0	0	1	3	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>736</b>

\*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for one child.

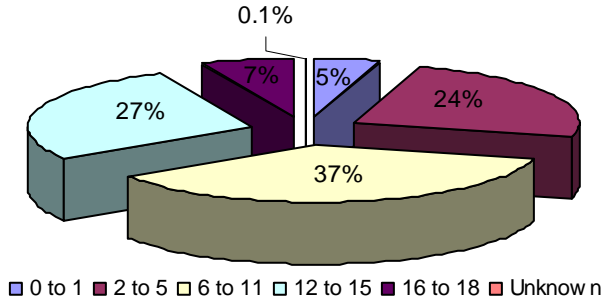
Fifty-seven percent of the children with the permanency goal of adoption were white, 33 percent were black and eleven percent had more than one ethnicity. These percentages were similar to SFY 2004.

**Chart 29a: Ethnicity of Children with Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year**



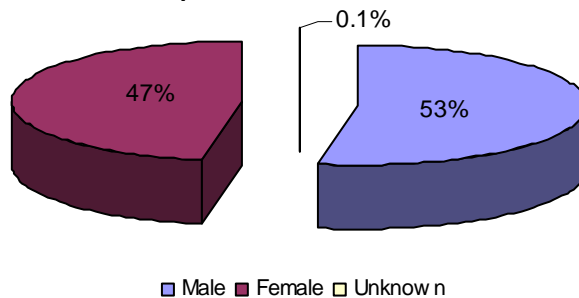
Children between the ages of 6 and 11 represent the largest group of children with the permanency goal of adoption at the end of the year. Children between the ages of 12 and 15 represented the second largest group of children (27%).

**Chart 29b: Children with Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year**



There were more male children (53%) than female children (47%) with the permanency goal of adoption at the end of SFY 2005.

**29c: Gender of Children with Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year**



***Characteristics of Children whose Parents have had Parental Rights Terminated During the Year***

There were 236 children whose parents had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2005. The table below outlines the characteristics of those children.

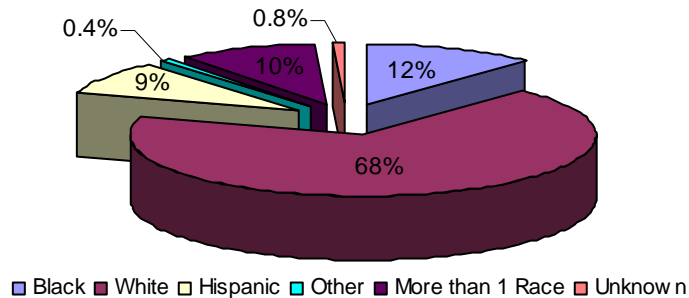
**Table 21: Characteristics of Children whose Parents have had Parental Rights Terminated During the Year  
SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	10
	Male	15	3	0	0	0	3	2	23
2 to 5	Female	27	5	0	0	0	5	5	42
	Male	32	3	0	0	1	6	2	44
6 to 11	Female	27	2	0	0	0	4	5	38
	Male	30	3	0	0	0	2	2	37
12 to 15	Female	13	2	0	0	0	0	4	19
	Male	5	4	0	0	0	1	1	11
16 to 18	Female	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Male	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>161</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>234</b>

Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for two children.

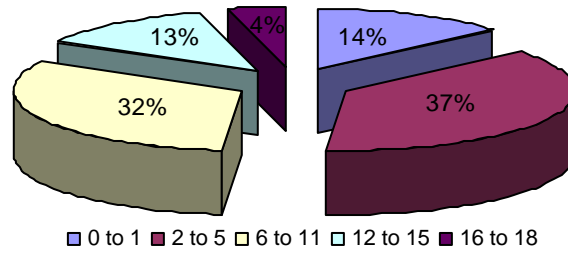
Sixty-eight percent of the children whose parents had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2005 were white, while 12 percent of the children were black and ten percent had more than one ethnicity.

**Chart 30a: Ethnicity of Children whose Parents have had Parental Rights Terminated During the Year**



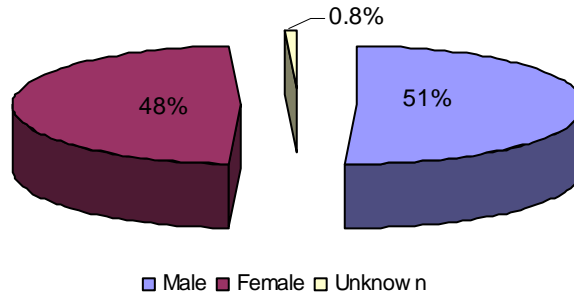
The two largest groups of children whose parents had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2005 were between the ages of 2 and 5 and children between the ages of 6 and 11.

**Chart 30b: Ages of Children whose Parents have had Parental Rights Terminated During the Year**



There were more male children than female children whose parents had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2005.

**Chart 30c: Gender of Children whose Parents have had Parental Rights Terminated During the Year**



***Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Year***

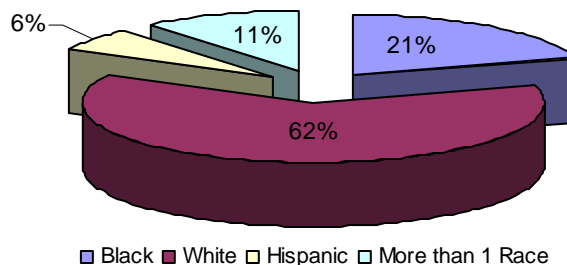
There were 436 children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2005. Demographic information for children available for adoption is very similar to previous reports.

**Table 22: Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Year SFY 2005**

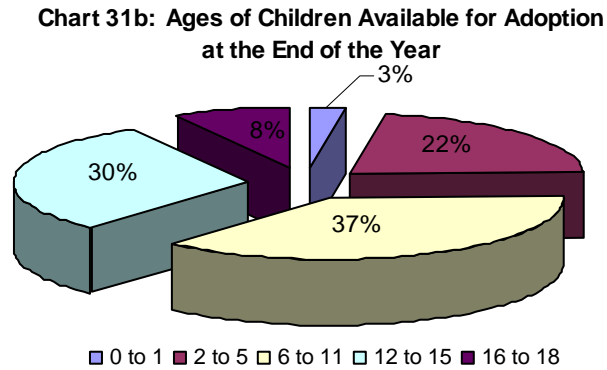
Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
	Male	6	2	0	0	0	1	0	9
2 to 5	Female	22	12	0	0	0	5	5	44
	Male	33	8	0	0	0	5	5	51
6 to 11	Female	50	13	0	0	0	4	9	76
	Male	61	16	0	0	0	3	7	87
12 to 15	Female	29	14	0	0	0	5	9	57
	Male	46	18	0	0	0	2	9	75
16 to 18	Female	9	2	0	0	0	0	2	13
	Male	14	5	0	0	0	1	2	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>271</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>436</b>

Sixty-two percent of the children available for adoption at the end of the year were white, while 21 percent of the children were black. The percentage of Hispanic children increased from two percent in SFY 2004 to six percent in SFY 2005; and the percentage of black children decreased from 26 percent in SFY 2004 to 21 percent in the recent SFY.

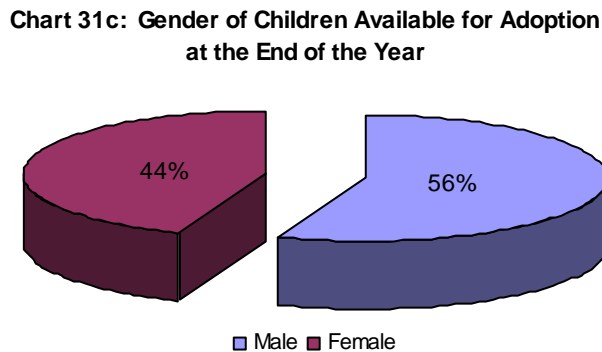
**Chart 31a: Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Year**



There were more children between the ages of 6 and 11 who were available for adoption at the end of SFY 2005 than any other group of children. These percentages were similar to SFY 2004.



More male children were available for adoption than female children at the end of SFY 2005. Fifty-six percent of the children were male and 44 percent were female.



***Current Placement of Children Available for Adoption***

More children who were available for adoption at the end of the SFY 2005 were placed in DCFS foster homes than in any other type of placement. These results were similar to previous reports.

**Table 23: Current Placement of Children Available for Adoption  
SFY 2005**

<b>Placement</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>DCFS Foster Home</b>	201	46%
<b>Pre-Adoptive Home**</b>	60	14%
<b>Pre-Adoptive Home (Relative)</b>	4	.9%
<b>Pre-Adoptive Home (Foster Home)</b>	10	2%
<b>Therapeutic Foster Home</b>	67	15%
<b>Relative Care</b>	16	4%
<b>Specialized Community Home</b>	24	6%
<b>Residential Facility</b>	34	8%
<b>Hospital/Medical</b>	11	3%
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	4	.9%
<b>Youth Services</b>	0	0%
<b>Sexual Offender Treatment</b>	3	.7%
<b>Trial Home Visit</b>	0	0%
<b>Runaway</b>	1	.2%
<b>Independent Living</b>	1	.2%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>100%</b>

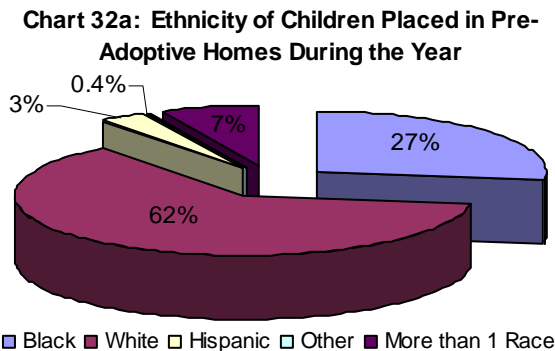
**Characteristics of Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes**

There were 273 children placed into pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2005. This number represented a decrease from the 414 children placed in pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2004. The characteristics of the children placed during the latest state fiscal year are outlined in the table below.

**Table 24: Characteristics of Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes SFY 2005**

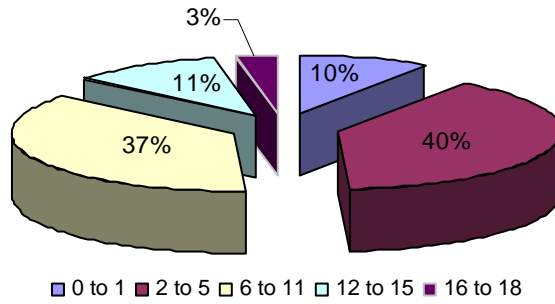
Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	10
	Male	10	4	0	0	0	2	0	16
2 to 5	Female	30	18	0	0	0	3	4	55
	Male	30	19	0	0	1	1	2	53
6 to 11	Female	34	11	0	0	0	2	4	51
	Male	36	10	0	0	0	0	3	49
12 to 15	Female	12	2	0	0	0	1	2	17
	Male	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	14
16 to 18	Female	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Male	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>170</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>273</b>

Of the 273 children placed into a pre-adoptive home during the year, 62 percent were white, compared to 65 percent in SFY 2004, and 27 percent were black, compared to 24 percent in SFY 2004.



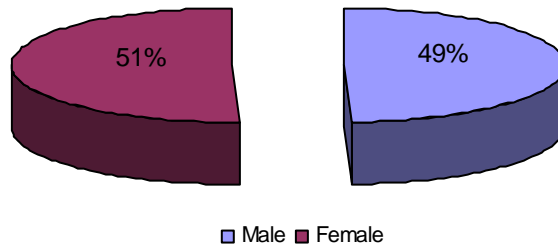
The largest group of children placed into a pre-adoptive home was between the ages of 2 and 5 (40%). The smallest percentage of children placed in a pre-adoptive placement, whose ages were known, was children who were between the ages of 16 and 18.

**32b: Ages of Children Placed in Pre-Adoptive Homes During the Year**



Of the 273 children placed into a pre-adoptive home during SFY 2005, 49 percent were male and 51 percent were female.

**32c: Gender of Children Placed in Pre-Adoptive Homes During the Year**



***Children not Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes whose Parents have had Parental Rights Terminated***

As of the end of SFY 2005, 362 children whose parents' parental rights were terminated had not been placed in a pre-adoptive home. This number was derived by subtracting the number of children placed in an adoptive home as of the end of the year (74) from the number of children available for adoption at the end of the year (436).

***Special Needs***

There were 162 children with special needs who were placed in a pre-adoptive home during SFY 2005<sup>15</sup>. Children with special needs are defined as children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment. Other children may be considered special needs if they are a Caucasian child over the age of nine, an African American child who is two years old or older, or a child who is a member of a sibling group of three or more that is being placed together with his or her siblings.

**Table 25: Children with Special Needs Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes  
SFY 2005**

<b>Special Need Condition</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
<b>Race</b>	135
<b>Age</b>	155
<b>Member of sibling group</b>	71

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<sup>15</sup> This number does not take into account children with severe medical and psychological needs because this data is not available in CHRIS (AR Children's Reporting and Information System). As enhancements are made to the data system to capture this information, the data will be provided in future reports.

***Characteristics of Children with Finalized Adoptions***

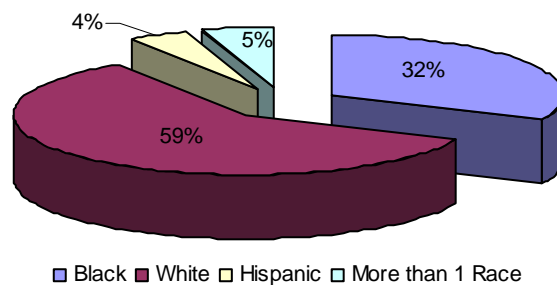
There were 287 children whose adoption was finalized during SFY 2005. The characteristics of those children are outlined in the following table.

**Table 26: Characteristics of Children with Finalized Adoptions  
SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
	Male	11	3	0	0	0	1	0	15
2 to 5	Female	31	15	0	0	0	4	3	54
	Male	21	25	0	0	0	3	5	54
6 to 11	Female	26	21	0	0	0	3	2	52
	Male	29	15	0	0	0	0	1	45
12 to 15	Female	19	4	0	0	0	1	1	25
	Male	14	6	0	0	0	0	1	21
16 to 18	Female	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Male	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>287</b>

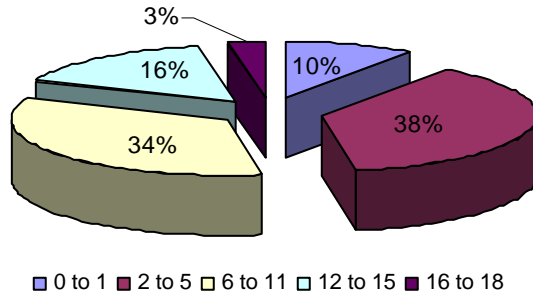
Of the children whose adoption was finalized during SFY 2005, 59 percent were white, 32 percent were black and four percent were Hispanic.

**33a: Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoptions  
During the Year**



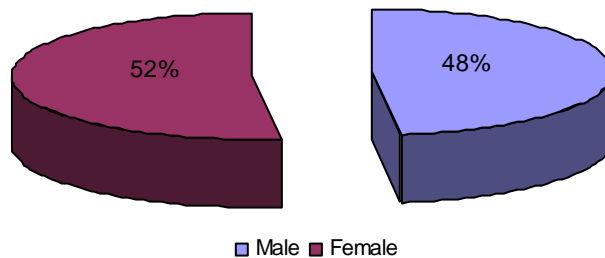
Children between the ages of 2 and 5 represented the largest group of children whose adoption was finalized during SFY 2005, followed closely by children between the ages of 6 and 11.

**Chart 33b: Ages of Children with Finalized Adoptions During the Year**



Fifty-two percent of the children whose adoption was finalized during SFY 2005 were female, and 48 percent of the children were male.

**Chart 33c: Gender of Children with Finalized Adoptions During the Year**



***Subsidized Adoptions***

There were 238 children who began receiving adoption subsidies during SFY 2005. Of those, 228 children were receiving federally-funded subsidies, while ten were receiving state-funded subsidies.

***Characteristics of Children who Receive Adoption Subsidies***

There were 2,482 children who received adoption subsidies during SFY 2005. The following table outlines the characteristics of those children.

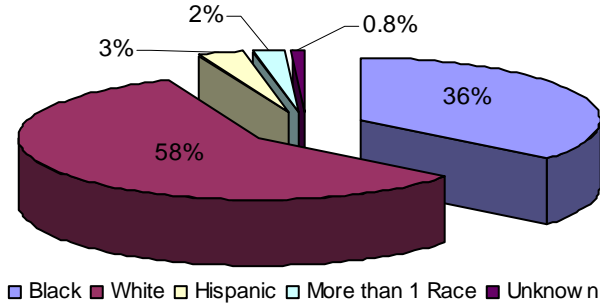
**Table 25: Characteristics of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies  
SFY 2005**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	His-panic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Male	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
2 to 5	Female	91	39	0	0	0	9	16	155
	Male	96	68	0	0	0	13	15	192
6 to 11	Female	253	188	2	1	0	20	18	482
	Male	298	182	0	1	0	9	9	499
12 to 15	Female	224	133	1	1	0	8	0	367
	Male	218	137	0	0	0	6	1	362
16 to 18	Female	84	53	0	0	0	2	0	139
	Male	87	43	1	0	0	3	0	134
18+	Female	49	27	0	0	0	1	1	78
	Male	29	19	0	0	0	0	0	48
<b>Total*</b>		<b>1,435</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2,463</b>

\*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for 19 children.

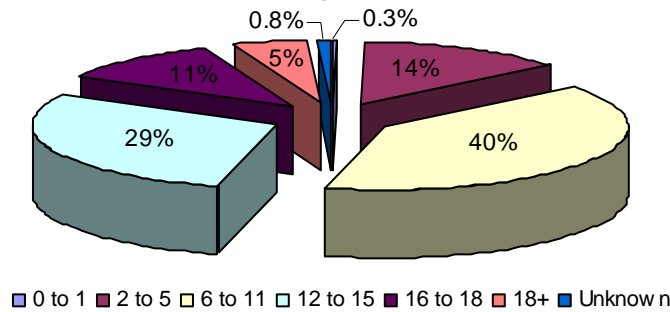
Fifty-eight percent of the children receiving adoption subsidies during the year were white, while 36 percent were black.

**34a: Ethnicity of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies During SFY 2005**



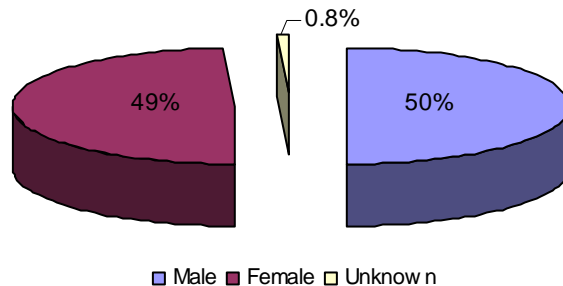
Children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the largest group of children receiving adoption subsidies.

**34b: Ages of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies During the Year**



Fifty percent of the children receiving adoption subsidies during the year were male and 49 percent were female.

**34c: Gender of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies During the Year**



### ***Adoptive Homes***

There were 233 adoptive homes available at the beginning of SFY 2005 and 121 new homes were approved during the year. Of the 354 adoptive homes available for placement during the year, 79 had children placed within them during the year.

**Table 26: Adoptive Homes  
SFY 2005**

Homes available for placement at beginning of year	233
News homes approved during the year	121
Homes in which children were placed during the year	79
Homes that closed without a placement	154
Homes that experienced a disruption	4
Homes available at the end of the year	125

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\* There were a large number of homes that closed during SFY 2005 due to data clean up within the CHRIS system.

**APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX A: Child Maltreatment Assessments by Area and County**

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub*	Exempt Religion	Exempt UJO	UTL	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	1,260	338	27%	733	0	8	111	70
1	Carroll (Berryville)	184	55	30%	113	0	0	6	10
1	Madison (Huntsville)	142	36	25%	79	0	2	4	21
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1,550	449	29%	802	0	11	56	232
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>333</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	502	92	18%	217	0	0	10	183
2	Franklin (Ozark)	168	45	27%	80	0	0	4	39
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	207	45	22%	74	0	2	0	86
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	185	43	23%	78	0	0	3	61
2	Scott (Waldron)	119	29	24%	72	0	0	5	10
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1,107	208	19%	537	8	3	51	299
2	Yell (Danville)	189	59	31%	97	0	4	2	31
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>709</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	146	41	28%	102	0	0	1	2
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	802	190	24%	558	0	5	21	28
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	327	59	18%	247	0	0	8	13
3	Howard (Nashville)	117	24	21%	83	0	1	6	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	63	23	37%	37	0	0	1	2
3	Perry (Perryville)	114	34	30%	78	0	0	2	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	75	20	27%	48	0	0	5	2
3	Polk (Mena)	171	47	27%	114	0	1	6	3
3	Saline (Benton)	793	210	26%	525	0	3	53	2
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>2,608</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>55</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	136	40	29%	90	0	2	0	4
4	Hempstead (Hope)	183	50	27%	95	0	2	4	32
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	69	19	28%	47	0	1	1	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	99	30	30%	65	0	0	1	3
4	Miller (Texarkana)	368	92	25%	187	0	2	27	60
4	Nevada (Prescott)	75	15	20%	32	0	0	7	21
4	Ouachita (Camden)	237	70	30%	143	2	0	17	5
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	133	37	28%	88	0	1	3	4
4	Union (El Dorado)	368	101	27%	208	0	2	24	33
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>163</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	322	84	26%	176	0	1	6	55
5	Boone (Harrison)	333	71	21%	180	0	0	1	81
5	Conway (Morrilton)	227	56	25%	153	0	9	5	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	646	188	29%	424	0	3	23	8
5	Marion (Yellville)	141	34	24%	98	0	0	2	7
5	Newton (Jasper)	45	9	20%	31	0	0	0	5
5	Pope (Russellville)	426	108	25%	300	0	4	5	9
5	Searcy (Marshall)	60	8	13%	43	0	1	1	7
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	166	37	22%	111	0	1	2	15
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>191</b>
6	Pulaski	2,922	652	22%	1,937	4	19	175	135
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>135</b>

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Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt Religion	Exempt UJA	UTL	Unknown
7	Bradley (Warren)	75	10	13%	62	0	0	1	2
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	32	17	53%	14	0	1	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	56	17	30%	36	0	0	2	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	94	23	24%	70	0	1	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	145	27	19%	111	0	0	5	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	604	163	27%	372	0	3	30	36
7	Lincoln (Star City)	82	24	29%	55	0	1	0	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	518	63	12%	258	0	3	12	182
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	43	5	12%	19	0	0	0	19
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>244</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	182	33	18%	140	0	0	5	4
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	868	204	24%	584	0	2	46	32
8	Fulton (Salem)	106	38	36%	61	0	0	3	4
8	Greene (Paragould)	511	114	22%	341	0	2	12	42
8	Izard (Melbourne)	144	49	34%	89	0	0	1	5
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	211	52	25%	153	0	3	3	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	359	92	26%	246	0	2	13	6
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	142	35	25%	98	0	0	8	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	177	40	23%	135	0	0	1	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	192	57	30%	126	0	1	5	3
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	181	71	39%	109	0	0	0	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	455	84	18%	354	1	0	12	4
9	Cross (Wynne)	168	31	18%	131	0	0	6	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	274	54	20%	216	0	1	3	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	156	41	26%	114	0	0	1	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	348	78	22%	253	0	1	10	6
9	Stone (Mountain View)	96	38	40%	58	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	620	131	21%	438	0	1	11	39
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	52	8	15%	42	0	0	1	1
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	72	18	25%	51	0	0	1	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	71	15	21%	54	0	1	1	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	170	39	23%	122	0	0	8	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	117	17	15%	97	0	0	1	2
10	Desha (McGehee)	145	25	17%	119	0	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	177	43	24%	131	0	0	1	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	54	17	31%	34	0	0	1	2
10	Monroe (Brinkley, Claredon)	69	16	23%	53	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	220	64	29%	137	1	1	7	10
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	255	73	29%	177	0	0	5	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>
99	<b>State Office</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>23,433**</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>14,749</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>2,002</b>

\* "Unsub" = Unsubstantiated; "UTL" = Unable to Locate; "UJO" = Underage Juvenile Offender; "Unknown" = Status of assessment is not identified in CHRIS.

\*\* This total includes both DCFS and CACD assessments.

**APPENDIX B: Children in Foster Care by Ethnicity**

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	NAPI	AIAN	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	229	193	1	0	0	1	30	4	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	35	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	31	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	302	212	19	2	6	0	31	32	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	143	120	4	0	0	1	14	3	1
2	Franklin (Ozark)	36	29	1	0	0	0	4	0	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	31	26	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	34	31	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	25	21	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	717	454	77	5	0	0	91	85	5
2	Yell (Danville)	22	17	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>8</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	55	29	20	0	0	0	1	5	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	228	160	35	0	0	0	9	23	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	44	1	0	0	0	3	3	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	52	29	19	0	0	0	3	1	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	20	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	19	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	46	40	1	0	0	0	3	2	0
3	Saline (Benton)	102	90	6	0	0	0	2	4	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	25	15	8	0	0	0	2	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	37	21	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	4	7	0	0	0	0	2	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	141	76	53	0	0	0	0	11	1
4	Nevada (Prescott)	19	10	6	0	0	0	2	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	68	9	46	0	0	0	1	10	2
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	21	15	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	60	16	39	0	0	0	0	5	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	113	108	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	49	44	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	57	38	7	0	0	0	5	6	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	180	147	24	0	0	0	1	7	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	46	42	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	21	17	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	131	112	7	0	1	0	6	5	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	31	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	39	32	0	1	0	0	2	4	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>
6	Pulaski	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	176	35	121	0	0	0	4	15	1
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	73	55	10	0	0	0	2	4	2
6	Pulaski (North)	285	92	163	0	0	0	12	17	1
6	Pulaski (South)	318	103	172	1	0	0	6	35	1
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	193	43	128	0	0	0	8	14	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>5</b>

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7	Bradley (Warren)	38	14	19	0	0	0	2	3	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	14	8	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	20	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	10	14	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	291	56	214	1	0	0	8	11	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	28	14	9	0	0	0	2	3	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	113	93	8	0	0	0	4	6	2
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	39	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	151	105	29	0	0	0	8	9	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	48	45	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	107	90	7	0	0	0	5	4	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	57	56	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	39	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	49	9	34	0	0	0	2	4	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	58	18	35	0	0	0	0	5	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	51	48	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	53	45	3	0	0	0	2	3	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	23	18	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
9	Crittenden (W. Memphis)	84	26	43	0	0	0	1	13	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	47	30	15	0	0	0	0	2	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	56	45	1	0	0	0	2	8	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	35	21	11	0	0	0	0	3	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	57	53	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	19	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	170	130	17	0	0	0	6	16	1
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	11	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	16	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	50	24	22	0	0	0	2	1	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	26	4	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	50	21	24	0	0	0	2	3	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	88	38	42	0	0	0	4	4	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	10	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	24	6	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	49	8	37	0	0	0	1	3	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	67	14	46	0	0	0	3	3	1
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>
99	State Office	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>30</b>

**APPENDIX C: Children in Foster Care by Age**

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	229	102	56	40	31	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	35	15	6	6	8	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	31	10	6	8	7	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	302	101	81	56	64	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	143	54	34	31	24	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	36	20	8	3	5	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	31	13	6	6	6	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	34	10	9	11	4	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	25	6	5	4	10	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	717	274	215	131	97	0
2	Yell (Danville)	22	7	5	7	3	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	55	19	17	5	14	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	228	91	56	54	27	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	26	6	13	6	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	52	12	9	18	13	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	15	6	5	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	20	3	4	7	6	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	5	5	8	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	46	17	16	6	7	0
3	Saline (Benton)	102	34	27	20	21	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	25	9	3	3	10	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	37	13	9	5	10	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	2	1	9	1	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	13	1	4	5	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	141	51	40	29	21	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	19	9	4	1	5	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	68	22	12	19	15	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	21	8	7	3	3	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	60	17	11	16	16	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	113	40	30	22	21	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	49	15	16	16	2	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	57	24	15	8	10	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	180	77	43	41	19	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	46	16	8	10	12	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	21	3	10	3	5	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	131	51	38	26	16	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	31	6	8	10	7	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	39	9	7	14	9	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>
6	Pulaski	1	0	0	1	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	176	50	41	47	38	0
6	Pulaski (Jxvile)	73	26	14	21	12	0
6	Pulaski (North)	285	107	69	52	57	0
6	Pulaski (South)	318	119	86	62	50	1
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	193	64	42	44	43	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1</b>

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Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
7	Bradley (Warren)	38	6	11	12	9	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	14	0	3	6	5	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	5	7	6	7	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	4	4	6	11	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	21	6	4	5	6	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	291	106	66	60	59	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	28	8	8	8	4	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	113	44	29	23	17	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>0</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	10	11	5	17	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	151	72	43	23	13	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	48	14	11	15	8	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	107	54	21	18	14	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	57	20	19	10	8	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	39	13	6	9	11	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	49	27	10	8	4	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	58	25	16	5	12	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	51	21	16	9	5	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	53	18	8	16	11	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	23	6	10	6	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	84	36	21	14	13	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	47	18	10	11	8	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	56	20	13	12	11	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	35	14	8	8	5	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	57	24	16	10	7	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	19	4	12	1	2	0
9	White (Searcy)	170	72	40	33	25	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	11	2	4	3	2	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	16	9	3	3	1	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	50	6	15	14	15	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	26	2	3	12	9	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	50	14	8	14	14	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	88	14	24	20	30	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	10	0	3	2	5	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	24	7	2	9	6	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	49	18	10	8	13	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	67	27	16	14	10	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>State Office</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1</b>

**APPENDIX D: Children in Foster Care by Gender**

<b>Area</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
1	Benton (Bentonville)	229	101	128
1	Carroll (Berryville)	35	17	18
1	Madison (Huntsville)	31	9	22
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	302	152	150
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>318</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	143	73	70
2	Franklin (Ozark)	36	19	17
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	31	16	15
2	Logan (Paris)	34	15	19
2	Scott (Waldron)	25	12	13
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	717	349	368
2	Yell (Danville)	22	8	14
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>516</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	55	29	26
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	228	115	113
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	20	31
3	Howard (Nashville)	52	36	16
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	14	14
3	Perry (Perryville)	20	5	15
3	Pike (Murfreeseboro)	21	8	13
3	Polk (Mena)	46	24	22
3	Saline (Benton)	102	51	51
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>301</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	25	10	15
4	Hempstead (Hope)	37	18	19
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	7	6
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	12	11
4	Miller (Texarkana)	141	73	68
4	Nevada (Prescott)	19	8	11
4	Ouachita (Camden)	68	35	33
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	21	11	10
4	Union (El Dorado)	60	23	37
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>210</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	113	55	58
5	Boone (Harrison)	49	30	19
5	Conway (Morrilton)	57	38	19
5	Faulkner (Conway)	180	84	96
5	Marion (Yellville)	46	23	23
5	Newton (Jasper)	21	11	10
5	Pope (Russellville)	131	54	77
5	Searcy (Marshall)	31	18	13
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	39	20	19
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>334</b>

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Area	County	Total	Male	Female
6	Pulaski	1	1	0
6	Pulaski (East)	176	90	86
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	73	50	23
6	Pulaski (North)	285	141	144
6	Pulaski (South)	318	158	160
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	193	97	96
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>509</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	38	19	19
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	14	12	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	11	14
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	14	11
7	Grant (Sheridan)	21	10	11
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	291	149	142
7	Lincoln (Star City)	28	10	18
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	113	55	58
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>275</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	21	22
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	151	87	64
8	Fulton (Salem)	48	19	29
8	Greene (Paragould)	107	47	60
8	Izard (Melbourne)	57	24	33
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	39	22	17
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	49	23	26
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	58	28	30
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	51	26	25
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	53	25	28
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>334</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	23	12	11
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	84	34	50
9	Cross (Wynne)	47	20	27
9	Independence (Batesville)	56	25	31
9	Jackson (Newport)	35	22	13
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	57	24	33
9	Stone (Mountain View)	19	11	8
9	White (Searcy)	170	82	88
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>261</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	11	2	9
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	16	3	13
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	50	28	22
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	26	13	13
10	Desha (McGehee)	50	19	31
10	Drew (Monticello)	88	40	48
10	Lee (Marianna)	10	2	8
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	24	10	14
10	Phillips (Helena)	49	15	34
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	67	30	37
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>State Office</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>3,291</b>

**APPENDIX E: Children in Foster Care by Lengths of Stay**

Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
1	Benton (Bentonville)	229	85	42	17	16	36	20	13
1	Carroll (Berryville)	35	12	2	3	4	7	4	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	31	6	8	1	4	5	6	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	302	76	42	33	42	48	18	43
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	143	32	36	14	20	21	8	12
2	Franklin (Ozark)	36	9	13	2	2	2	3	5
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	31	8	3	2	4	5	4	5
2	Logan (Paris, Booneville)	34	8	3	3	3	2	10	5
2	Scott (Waldron)	25	2	4	3	3	5	5	3
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	717	69	150	89	115	131	76	87
2	Yell (Danville)	22	7	3	1	4	5	2	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>117</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	55	9	3	7	16	6	1	13
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	228	52	28	18	34	47	16	33
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	7	11	15	8	9	1	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	52	4	8	9	2	9	8	12
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	2	11	6	6	1	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	20	5	5	0	6	2	2	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	21	5	3	0	9	0	3	1
3	Polk (Mena)	46	7	10	6	5	6	4	8
3	Saline (Benton)	102	40	14	6	9	13	6	14
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>81</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	25	13	2	1	1	1	1	6
4	Hempstead (Hope)	37	15	3	0	5	1	1	12
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	7	0	1	0	3	2	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	5	2	5	1	8	1	1
4	Miller (Texarkana)	141	37	22	18	23	12	16	13
4	Nevada (Prescott)	19	6	3	2	2	2	2	2
4	Ouachita (Camden)	68	27	6	4	8	13	3	7
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	21	4	5	4	1	0	2	5
4	Union (El Dorado)	60	24	7	9	7	4	1	8
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>54</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	113	22	9	8	21	21	11	21
5	Boone (Harrison)	49	15	12	9	6	0	4	3
5	Conway (Morrilton)	57	18	10	9	9	6	1	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	180	56	23	28	27	25	8	13
5	Marion (Yellville)	46	3	7	7	11	10	4	4
5	Newton (Jasper)	21	5	0	0	4	6	1	5
5	Pope (Russellville)	131	31	21	11	20	21	14	13
5	Searcy (Marshall)	31	5	6	2	9	8	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	39	7	5	12	7	2	4	2
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>65</b>

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Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
6	Pulaski	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	176	12	22	19	29	40	22	32
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	73	6	13	2	15	20	5	12
6	Pulaski (North)	285	36	43	36	58	32	34	46
6	Pulaski (South)	318	65	28	19	44	65	47	50
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	193	18	18	16	29	48	22	42
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>182</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	38	8	2	0	6	6	4	12
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	14	7	2	2	0	2	0	1
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	10	3	1	3	2	1	5
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	9	7	2	2	0	2	3
7	Grant (Sheridan)	21	4	2	7	4	3	0	1
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	291	117	53	21	16	15	18	51
7	Lincoln (Star City)	28	10	4	5	1	8	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	113	32	28	10	17	12	6	8
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>81</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	1	7	4	12	7	1	11
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	151	20	27	33	16	28	19	8
8	Fulton (Salem)	48	10	6	6	4	11	8	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	107	16	29	22	23	11	4	2
8	Izard (Melbourne)	57	16	11	3	11	12	4	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	39	6	10	6	7	5	0	5
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	49	4	8	14	13	6	3	1
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	58	1	3	15	8	16	6	9
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	51	5	8	9	12	13	1	3
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	53	4	11	13	17	5	3	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	23	7	1	6	1	4	4	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	84	19	13	12	14	11	6	9
9	Cross (Wynne)	47	9	12	6	2	14	4	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	56	6	9	7	10	7	5	12
9	Jackson (Newport)	35	7	6	11	4	0	3	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	57	13	18	8	8	6	2	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	19	7	4	5	0	1	2	0
9	White (Searcy)	170	40	31	30	16	31	11	11
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	11	7	1	0	0	2	0	1
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	16	4	4	3	1	4	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	50	8	10	1	10	9	2	10
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	26	2	4	5	3	4	2	6
10	Desha (McGehee)	50	1	4	13	8	10	3	11
10	Drew (Monticello)	88	12	6	5	8	14	13	30
10	Lee (Marianna)	10	4	0	0	1	1	1	3
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	24	3	4	3	5	3	1	5
10	Phillips (Helena)	49	1	5	16	3	12	6	6
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	67	1	4	2	16	11	5	28
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100</b>
99	<b>State Office</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>820</b>

**APPENDIX F: Services Provided during the Year**

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
1	Benton (Bentonville)	229	376	832	7	12	612
1	Carroll (Berryville)	35	76	162	2	4	113
1	Madison (Huntsville)	31	57	139	1	3	89
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	302	586	1,369	4	14	892
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,706</b>
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	143	158	354	0	0	301
2	Franklin (Ozark)	36	72	170	1	2	109
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	31	93	203	2	2	126
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	34	52	105	1	1	87
2	Scott (Waldron)	25	59	130	6	12	90
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	717	638	1,463	8	16	1,363
2	Yell (Danville)	22	65	128	1	1	88
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2,164</b>
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	55	72	142	14	32	141
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	228	364	699	60	121	652
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	68	124	25	37	144
3	Howard (Nashville)	52	59	145	0	0	111
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	23	62	0	0	51
3	Perry (Perryville)	20	64	128	9	19	93
3	Pike (Murfreestboro)	21	27	54	1	3	49
3	Polk (Mena)	46	66	150	17	43	129
3	Saline (Benton)	102	287	583	25	50	414
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,784</b>
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	25	49	95	11	17	85
4	Hempstead (Hope)	37	88	182	33	86	158
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	13	25	48	0	0	38
4	Little River (Ashdown)	23	34	74	1	1	58
4	Miller (Texarkana)	141	172	371	2	5	315
4	Nevada (Prescott)	19	47	88	1	4	67
4	Ouachita (Camden)	68	97	195	6	10	171
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	21	49	98	5	7	75
4	Union (El Dorado)	60	117	237	16	37	193
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,160</b>
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	113	144	274	3	5	260
5	Boone (Harrison)	49	63	147	2	1	114
5	Conway (Morrilton)	57	116	249	2	6	175
5	Faulkner (Conway)	180	310	630	3	6	493
5	Marion (Yellville)	46	76	151	4	6	126
5	Newton (Jasper)	21	26	52	6	11	53
5	Pope (Russellville)	131	171	363	3	5	305
5	Searcy (Marshall)	31	43	99	5	9	79
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	39	76	142	2	6	117
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,722</b>

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Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
6	Pulaski	1	10	29	1	2	12
6	Pulaski (East)	176	167	391	24	37	367
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	73	110	244	9	18	192
6	Pulaski (North)	285	306	702	36	61	627
6	Pulaski (South)	318	375	780	45	67	738
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	193	194	451	28	29	415
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2,351</b>
7	Bradley (Warren)	38	33	65	9	15	80
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	14	31	73	1	1	46
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	26	48	1	3	52
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	25	47	98	5	7	77
7	Grant (Sheridan)	21	33	66	18	35	72
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	291	376	898	16	43	683
7	Lincoln (Star City)	28	21	60	5	17	54
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	113	130	260	8	16	251
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,315</b>
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	59	118	8	20	110
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	151	258	607	5	8	414
8	Fulton (Salem)	48	60	109	4	9	112
8	Greene (Paragould)	107	141	321	21	45	269
8	Izard (Melbourne)	57	70	154	6	14	133
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	39	64	129	5	11	108
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	49	67	176	5	10	121
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	58	86	209	8	17	152
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	51	69	168	3	8	123
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	53	93	179	11	25	157
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,699</b>
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	23	43	82	4	8	70
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	84	111	261	14	34	209
9	Cross (Wynne)	47	60	123	10	20	117
9	Independence (Batesville)	56	60	124	9	21	125
9	Jackson (Newport)	35	52	112	4	3	91
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	57	70	190	5	13	132
9	Stone (Mountain View)	19	33	69	1	1	53
9	White (Searcy)	170	163	362	6	12	339
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,136</b>
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	11	25	59	2	5	38
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	16	41	78	2	5	59
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	50	57	89	5	8	112
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	26	26	47	14	23	66
10	Desha (McGehee)	50	58	94	11	17	119
10	Drew (Monticello)	88	126	218	11	18	225
10	Lee (Marianna)	10	42	81	4	9	56
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	24	35	89	12	28	71
10	Phillips (Helena)	49	122	332	9	20	180
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	67	105	246	11	25	183
	<b>Area Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,109</b>
99	<b>State Office</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>9,032</b>	<b>19,659</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>16,166</b>