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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) 2004 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, were served in foster care and were 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 one area 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 **16 percent**, three percentage points lower than the previous year (19%).

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

The percentage of children living with adoptive families within 12 months of the termination of parental rights was **60 percent**, six percentage points higher than the previous year (54%).

The Division has continued its efforts toward meeting these goals. However, there were two areas identified for improvement this year:

- 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 **8 percent**, three percentage points higher than the previous year (5%).

- Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services who Entered Care within One Year of the Initiation of Services

The percentage of children who entered care within one year of receiving protective services was **10 percent**, two percentage points higher than the previous year (8%).

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 three areas regarding compliance requirements this fiscal year:

- Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments

The percentage for timely initiations increased from 84 percent in SFY 2003 to **90 percent** in SFY 2004, a six-percentage point increase but below the goal of 95 percent.

- Comprehensive Health Assessments

The percentage for comprehensive health assessments increased from 89 percent in SFY 2003 to **92 percent** in SFY 2004, a three-percentage point increase but below the goal of 95 percent.

- Foster Home Re-evaluations

The percentage for foster-home re-evaluations increased to **96 percent**, two percentage points higher than SFY 2003, and also met the goal of 95 percent.

While the Division improved in three areas, there were three other areas which decreased in compliance this fiscal year, including:

- Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

The percentage for timely completion stood at **66 percent**, lower than SFY 2003 (76%) and below the goal of 90 percent.

- Foster Home Recruitment

There were 256 new foster homes recruited and approved during SFY 2004. This was **80 percent** of the goal and 12 percentage points lower than SFY 2003.

- 24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings

The percentage for 24-hour initial health screenings decreased from 88 percent in SFY 2003 to **84 percent** in SFY 2004, a four-percentage point decrease and below the goal of 95 percent.

The 72-hour initial health screenings decreased from 92 percent in SFY 2003 to **90 percent** in SFY 2004, a two percentage point decrease 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 2003 and SFY 2004. However, when trends were observed from SFY 1999 to SFY 2004, there were notable differences, including:

- Supportive Services, Protective Services and Foster Care

The combined number of supportive services, protective services and foster care cases decreased by less than one percent from last year, but was still **22 percent** higher than SFY 1999 (13,273 cases).

- Foster Care Children by Age

There was a slight increase in the number of foster children ages 12 and older from last year, but there was a **50 percent** increase from SFY 1999 (1,705 children) to SFY 2004 (2,553 children).

PART I: PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

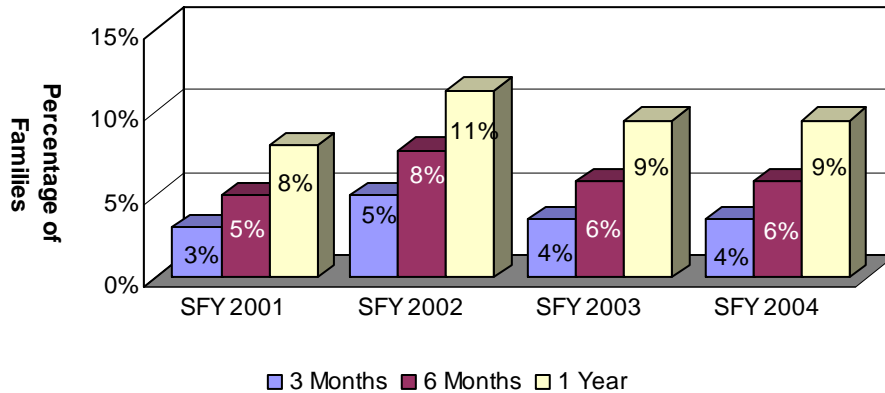
The Division has established nine performance measures to indicate levels of achievement of its major goals of child safety, family preservation and permanency:

- 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 5,640 families who were involved in a true report of maltreatment between July 2002 and June 2003, 210 families (4%) experienced a repeat true allegation of maltreatment within three months of the initial report. Of those same 5,640 families, 331 (6%) were involved in a repeat true report within six months of the original report and 535 (9%) were involved in a repeat true report within 12 months of the first report¹. All percentages remained the same from SFY 2003.

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

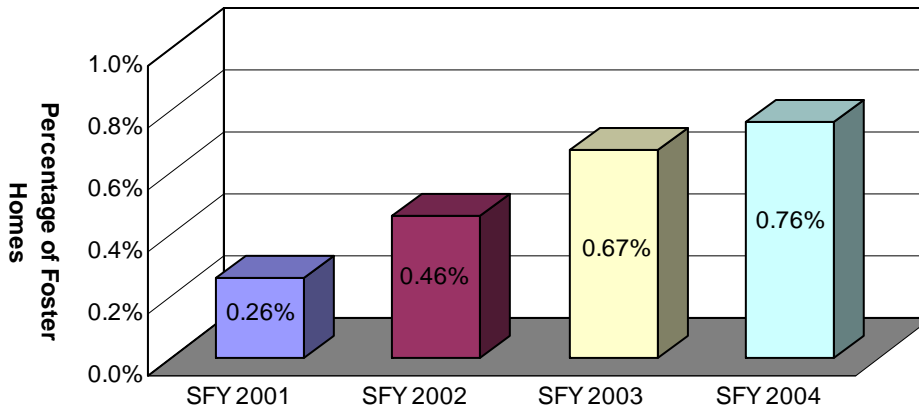


¹ Of the 535 repeat referrals during the year, 260 (49%) involved both the same type of abuse and the same perpetrator.

Percentage of Foster Families with True Cases Reports of Maltreatment

There were 113 foster home maltreatment reports received during SFY 2004. Of those, 13 were found to be true. Based on the 1,719 open DCFS foster homes during the year, the percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment was .76 percent. This percentage has steadily increased since SFY 2001.

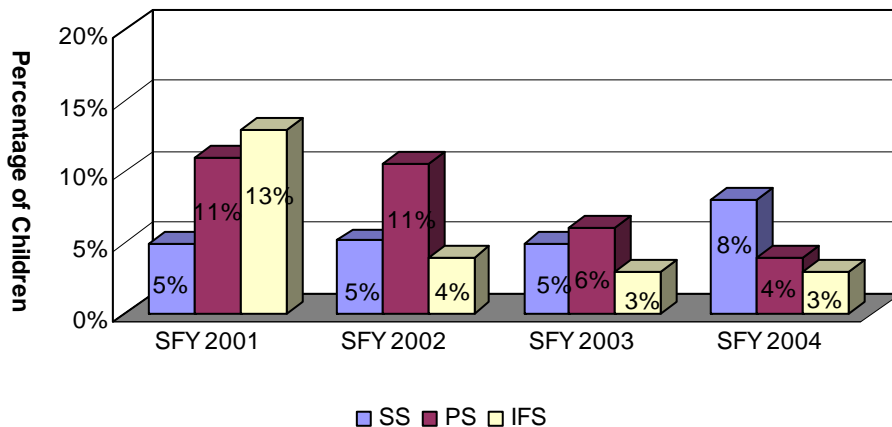
Chart 2: Percentage of Foster Families with True Cases of Maltreatment



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 1,229 children who began receiving supportive services (SS) between July 2002 and June 2003. Of those children, 94 or eight percent were involved in a true maltreatment report within one year of initiation of services. There were 11,775 children who began receiving protective services (PS) during that same time period, and of those children, 512 (4%) experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the 310 children who began receiving intensive family services (IFS), 10 children (3%) were involved in a true report within a year of the initiation of services². For supportive services, the percentage of children who were abused or neglected within one year of the initiation of services increased, while the percentage for protective services decreased and the percentage for IFS remained the same for SFY 2004.

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

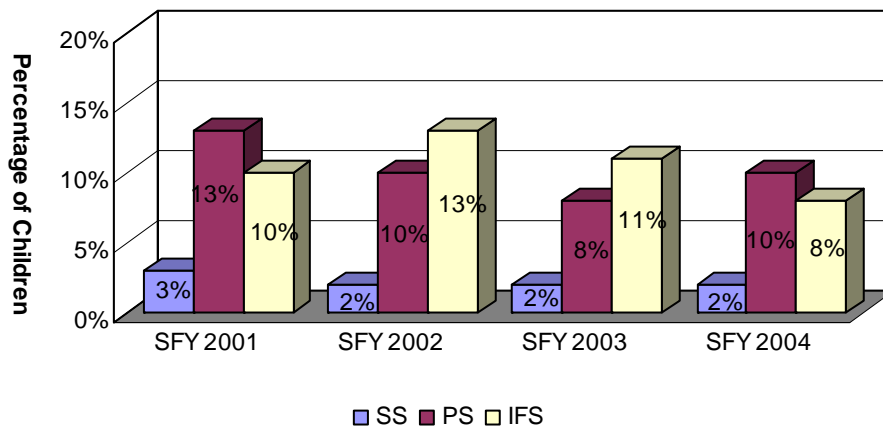


² Generally, families who receive supportive services have less severe problems, while families receiving intensive family services are, by definition, in imminent risk of having one or more child(ren) placed in foster care or already have children in foster care. Protective services families fall somewhere 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 those 1,229 children who began receiving supportive services (SS) between July 2002 and June 2003, only 22 (2%) entered foster care within one year of initiation of those services. Of the 11,775 children who began receiving protective services (PS) during that same time period, 1,129 (10%) entered foster care within one year of initiation of services. Twenty-six children (8%) of the 310 children who began receiving intensive family services (IFS) entered foster care within one year of receiving those services.

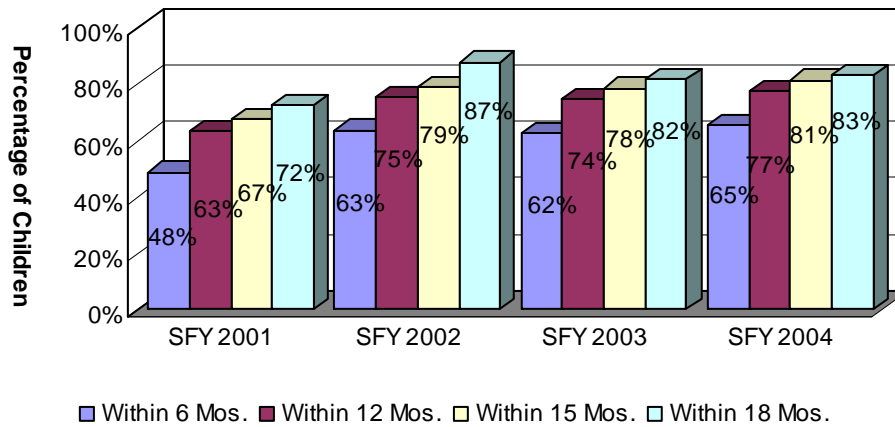
Chart 4: Percentage of Children Receiving SS, PS or IFS Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of Initiation of Services



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

There were 3,326 children who entered foster care between January 2002 and December 2002. Of that number, 2,151 children (65%) returned home within six months, 2,549 children (77%) returned home within 12 months, 2,678 children (81%) returned home within 15 months and 2,770 children (83%) returned home within 18 months of entering foster care.

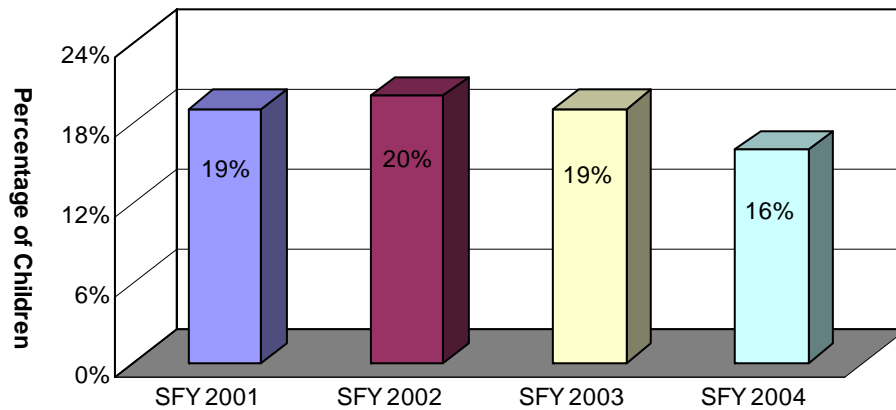
Chart 5: Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care who were Returned Home within Eighteen Months



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

Of those same 3,326 children who entered foster care between January 2002 and December 2002, 540 children (16%) experienced more than three placements within 18 months of entering care³. This is three percentage points lower than SFY 2003.

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

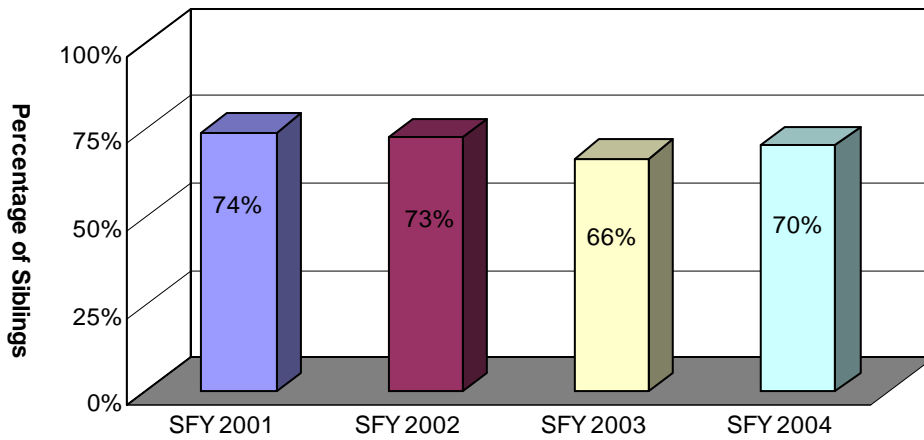


³ As reported in the SFY 2003 Multiple Placement Report, the children experiencing a high number of placements are primarily older children.

Percentage of Siblings in Foster Care who are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2004, there were 1,647 children in foster care that also had siblings in foster care. Of those children, 1,158 were placed with at least one of their siblings (70%), while 802 (49%) 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.

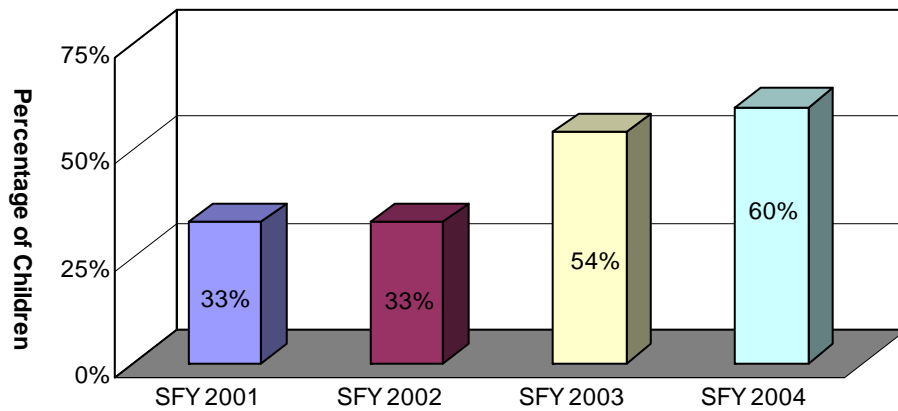
Chart 7: Percentage of Siblings in Care who are Placed Together



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

There were 418 children with the goal of adoption whose parents also had their parental rights terminated between July 2002 and June 2003. Of those children, 251 (60%) were placed with adoptive families within 12 months of the termination of parental rights. This was an increase from SFY 2003 (54%).

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 293 children who were placed in pre-adoptive homes between July 2002 and June 2003. Of those, 163 children or 56 percent had finalized adoptions within 12 months of being placed in their pre-adoptive home.

Of the children who were placed in pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2004, 44 (15%) experienced disruptions. 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 293 children placed in pre-adoptive homes, there were 125 children whose adoptions were still pending finalization 12 months after their placement.

Table 1: Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes during SFY 2004 whose Adoptions were Finalized within 12 Months of Entering Placement

Status	SFY 2003		SFY 2004	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Finalized Adoption	148	67%	163	56%
Disrupted Adoptive Placements	41	19%	44	15%
Children with a Disruption who were Replaced in a Pre-adoptive Home	30	14%	39	13%
Still Pending at the End of the Year	61	28%	125	43%

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.

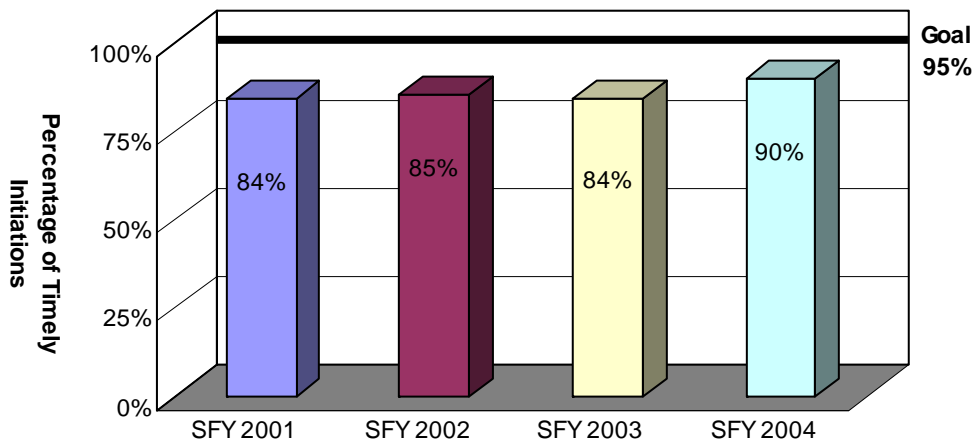
Goal Compliance Measure

- 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 20,536 referrals for child maltreatment assessments during SFY 2004. Of that number, 15,280 (74%) referrals were assigned to DCFS for investigation. Of those referrals assigned to DCFS, 13,765 assessments were initiated within the required period. This resulted in a compliance rate of 90 percent, higher than the three previous years, but lower than the goal of 95 percent.

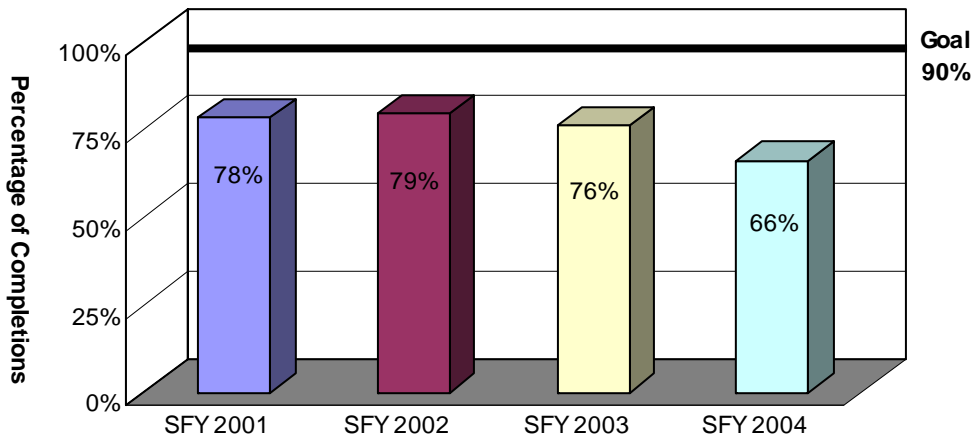
Chart 9: Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments



Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

Of the 15,280 assessments initiated, 10,009 were completed within the required 30-day period. This resulted in a compliance rate of 66 percent, lower than SFY 2003 and below the goal of 90 percent.

Chart 10: Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

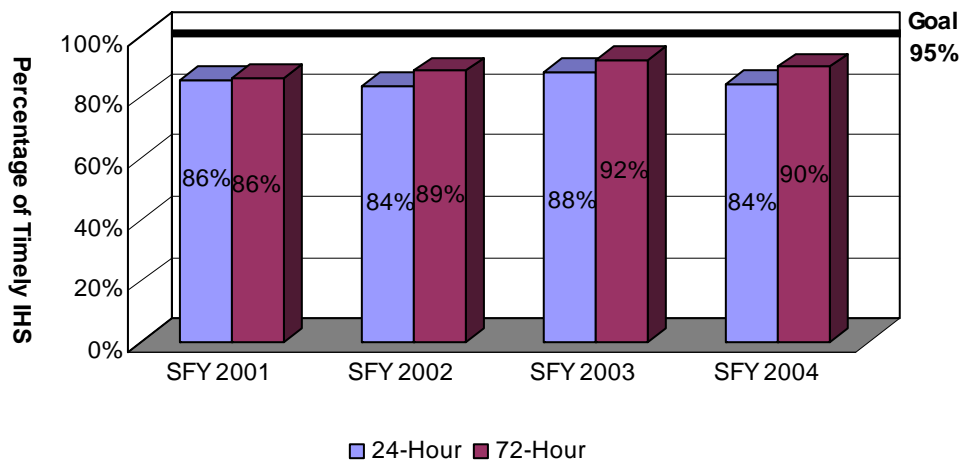


24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings

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 424 children who required the 24-hour health screening during SFY 2004, 358 (84%) received the screening in a timely manner. The compliance rate was four percentage points lower than SFY 2003 and below the goal of 95 percent.

All children entering foster care and that do not require the initial 24-hour health screening must undergo an initial health screening within 72 hours of their removal. Of the 2,826 children who required their health screening within 72 hours, 2,542 (90%) received their screenings in a timely manner, two percentage points lower than SFY 2003 and below the goal of 95 percent.

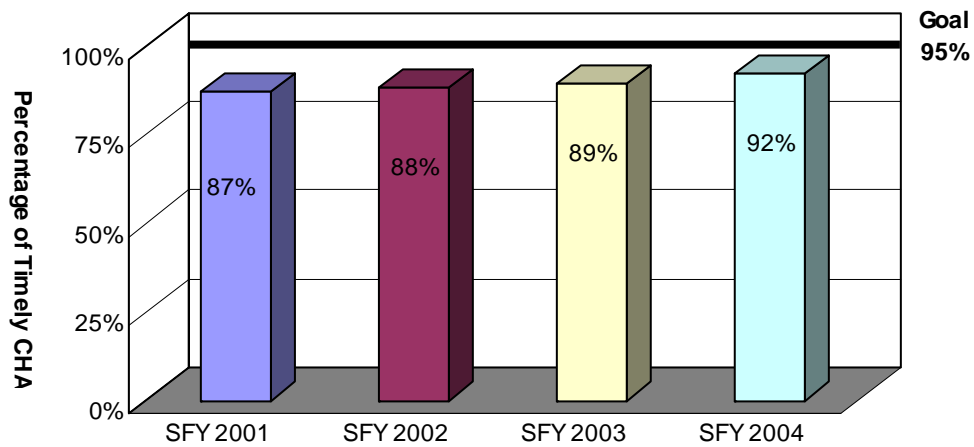
Chart 11: 24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings



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 1,417 children who entered foster care between May 2003 and April 2004 and who remained in care for at least 60 days. Of those, 1,307 children received their comprehensive health assessment within 60 days of entering care. The resulting compliance rate was 92 percent, which is the highest compliance rate achieved over the last four years, but still slightly below the goal of 95 percent.

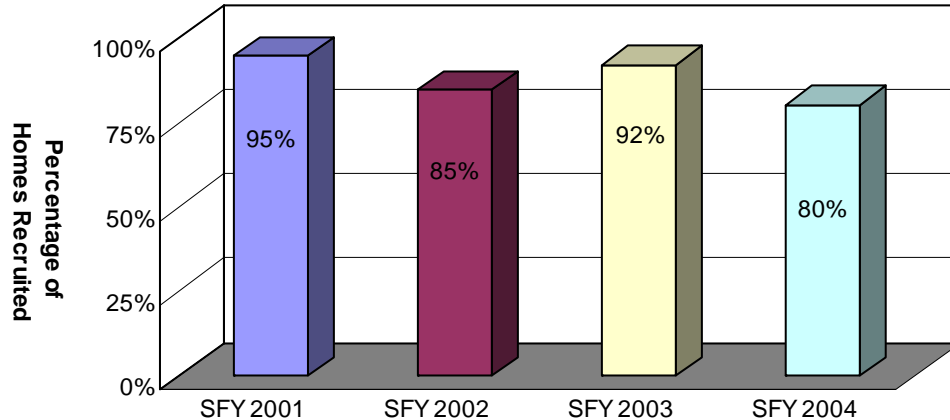
Chart 12: Comprehensive Health Assessments



Foster Home Recruitment

There were 256 new foster homes recruited during SFY 2004. This was 64 less than the goal of 320 homes for the state fiscal year. This number resulted in a compliance rate of 80 percent, 12 percentage points lower than SFY 2003.

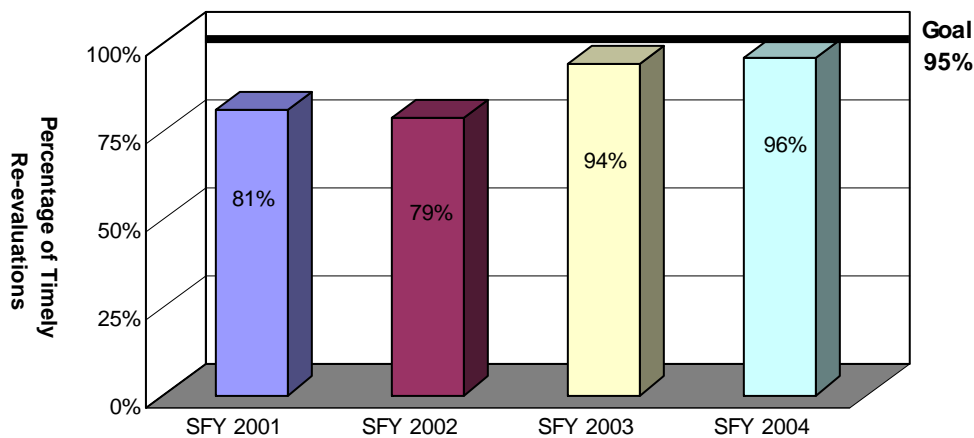
Chart 13: Foster Home Recruitment



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 949 DCFS foster homes that were active at the end of the year, 911 had a current completed re-evaluation. The resulting compliance rate was 96 percent, two percentage points higher than SFY 2003 and also exceeding the goal of 95 percent compliance.

Chart 14: Foster Home Re-evaluations

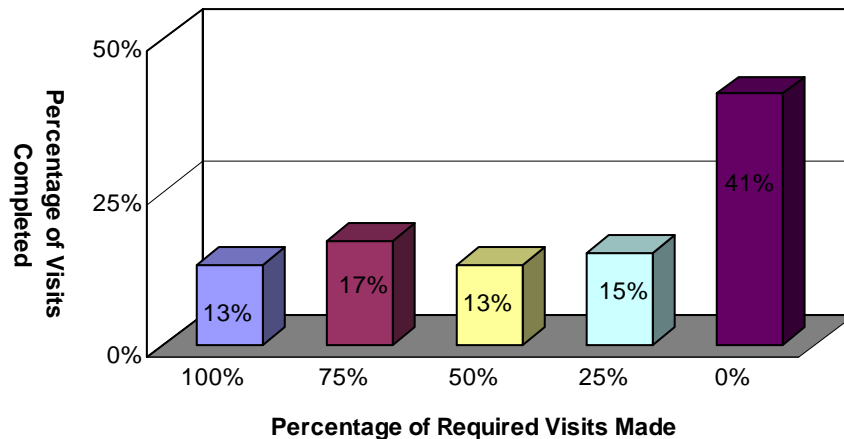


Required Visits Made by Worker

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

The information reported does not include all visits made to or on behalf of children in foster care. What is measured here is very narrowly defined. 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 with the child made at school, during a doctor’s visit or while providing transportation would not be counted in this report. Therefore, this section does not purport to completely report the frequency of all visits made with children in foster care, but only those visits that meet the defined criteria. The information reported below is based on visits made to children for whom weekly visits were necessary during the year. For example, 13 percent of the children who required weekly visits had 100 percent of those visits completed and 17 percent of the children had 75 percent of their required visits completed.

Chart 15a: Required Foster Care Weekly Visits Made by Worker



As previously stated, supervisors may approve a deviation from the weekly visit requirement based on the needs of the child and the circumstances of the child's placement. The information reported below is based on visits made to children for whom bi-weekly and monthly visits were determined necessary during the year. As the charts illustrate below, compliance with bi-weekly visitation requirements stood at 42 percent and monthly visits stood at 68 percent.

Chart 15b: Required Foster Care Bi-Weekly Visits Made by Worker

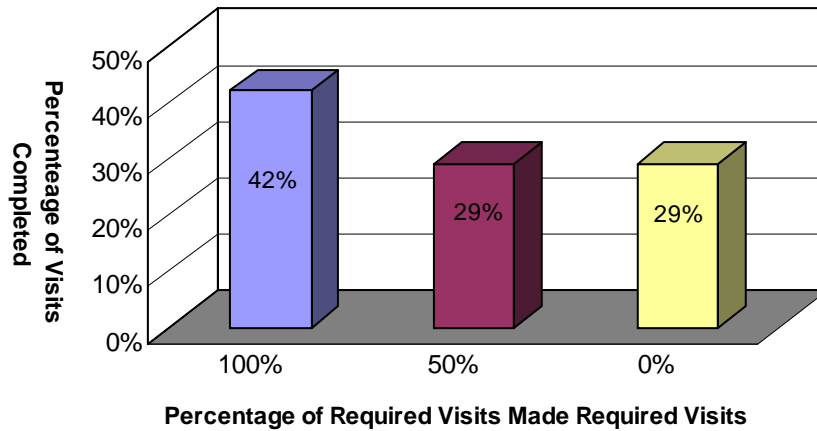
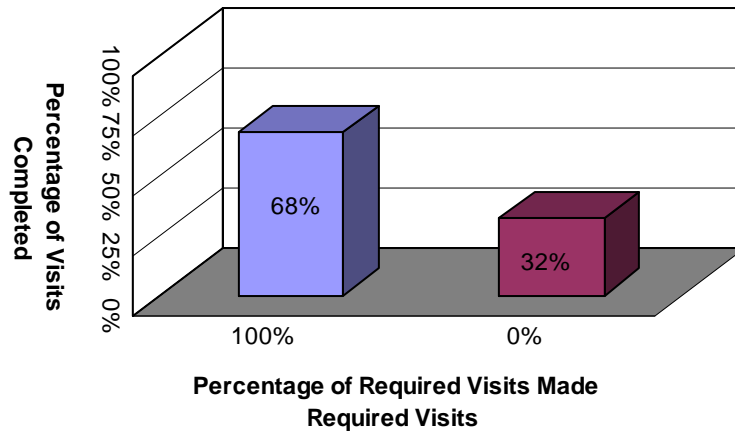


Chart 15c: Required Foster Care Monthly Visits Made by Worker



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 20,536 maltreatment assessments assigned during SFY 2004, an eight percent increase from SFY 2003 (19,536). Of those, 5,515 reports (27%) were found to be true, the same as the national percentage⁴. There were 8,004 victim children involved in the 5,515 true reports during SFY 2004. DCFS Area I had the highest percentage of true reports (34%) and DCFS Area IX had the lowest percentage of true reports (23%). (See APPENDIX A for area and county breakdown).

Table 2: Child Maltreatment Assessments

	Total Assessments	True Assessments	Percent True
SFY 2004	20,536	5,515	27%
SFY 2003	19,536	5,698	29%
SFY 2002	18,976	5,822	31%

⁴ Source: Child Maltreatment 2002, 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

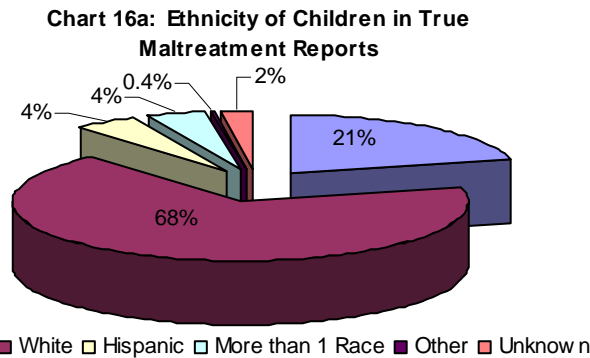
There were 8,004 victim children involved in true reports during SFY 2004. This number represented a two percent increase from SFY 2003 (7,841 children)⁵.

Table 3: Characteristics of Children in True Maltreatment Reports SFY 2004

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	162	59	1	0	0	18	20	260
	Male	222	79	0	1	0	14	11	327
2 to 5	Female	632	163	2	2	1	49	34	883
	Male	593	187	0	2	0	62	38	882
6 to 11	Female	968	300	1	1	0	55	53	1,378
	Male	895	300	2	3	0	59	50	1,309
12 to 15	Female	912	277	1	2	1	53	50	1,296
	Male	468	152	1	2	0	11	36	670
16 to 18	Female	409	97	3	2	1	22	20	554
	Male	185	53	0	0	0	11	14	263
18+	Female	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Male	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total*		5,452	1,667	11	15	3	354	326	7,828

*Demographic information was not entered into CHRIS for 176 children.

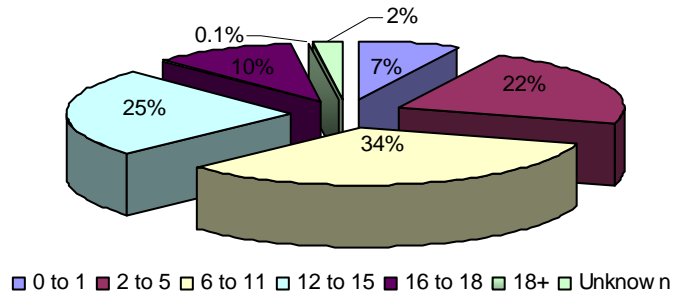
The chart below shows that 68 percent of the children involved in true maltreatment reports were white, while twenty-one percent of the children were black. Both reflect a decrease of one percentage point each from SFY 2003.



⁵ 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).

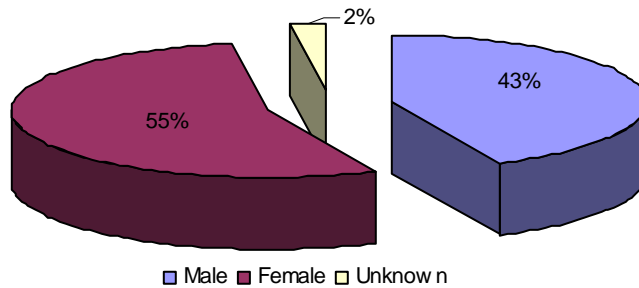
The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the highest number of children involved in the 5,515 true reports during SFY 2004 (34%).

Chart 16b: Ages of Children Involved in True Maltreatment Reports



Fifty-five percent of the children involved in true reports were female, while 43 percent were male.

Chart 16c: Gender of Children In True Maltreatment Reports



Children Involved in Allegations of True Maltreatment Reports

The majority of the 8,004 children in true maltreatment reports were involved in neglect allegations (64%) during SFY 2004, followed by sexual abuse allegations (28%) and then physical abuse allegations (23%)⁶.

Table 4: Percentage of Children Involved in True Allegations of Maltreatment SFY 2004

	SFY 2003		SFY 2004	
Neglect	4,890	62%	5,158	64%
Physical Abuse	1,872	24%	1,877	23%
Sexual Abuse	2,331	30%	2,238	28%

⁶ 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 6,433 children in foster care during SFY 2004, a four percent increase from SFY 2003 (6,213 children). This includes children who remained in care from the previous year as well as children who came into care during SFY 2004. (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 state fiscal year.

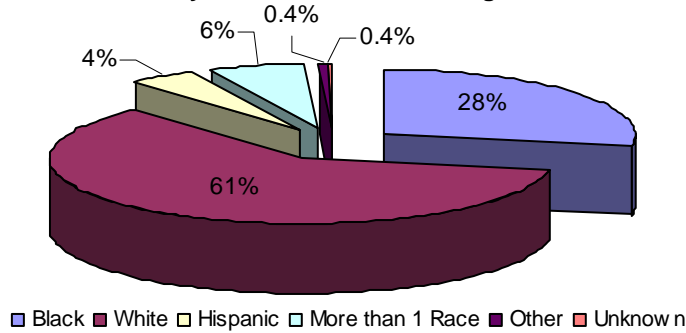
Table 5: Characteristics of Children in Foster Care During the Year SFY 2004

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	<i>Female</i>	215	88	0	2	1	23	22	351
	<i>Male</i>	267	102	0	0	1	22	22	414
2 to 5	<i>Female</i>	457	184	2	0	0	51	38	732
	<i>Male</i>	459	206	0	0	2	50	55	772
6 to 11	<i>Female</i>	461	219	1	0	0	25	60	766
	<i>Male</i>	540	235	0	1	0	36	51	863
12 to 15	<i>Female</i>	432	187	0	2	0	33	50	704
	<i>Male</i>	402	203	1	1	0	13	46	666
16 to 18	<i>Female</i>	324	139	3	3	0	16	27	512
	<i>Male</i>	190	112	3	0	0	11	14	330
18+	<i>Female</i>	98	64	0	0	0	3	5	170
	<i>Male</i>	73	47	0	1	0	1	7	129
Total*		3,918	1,786	10	10	4	284	397	6,409

*Demographic information had not been entered into CHRIS for 24 children.

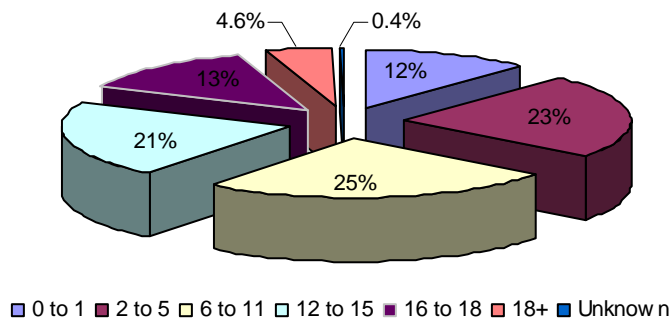
The chart below shows that 61 percent of the children in foster care during the state fiscal year were white, while 28 percent of the children were black. National data reveals that only 37 percent of the children in the national foster care system were white, while 38 percent of the children were black⁷.

17a: Ethnicity of Children in Care During the Year



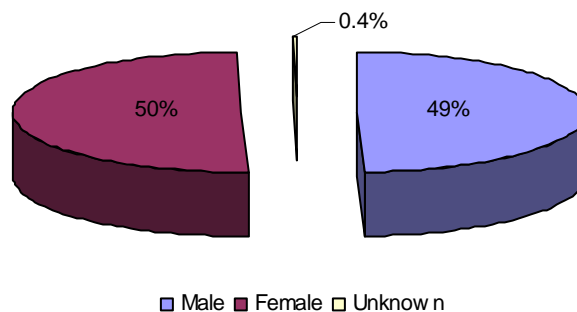
The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the highest number of children who were in care during the year (25%).

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 percent of the children were female, while 49 percent were male.

17c: Gender of Children in Care During the Year



⁷ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2000 and 9/30/2001 as of March 2003.

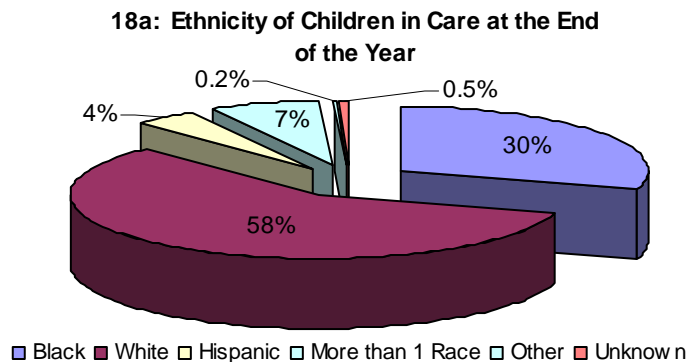
There were 3,241 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2004, a three percent increase from the 3,146 children in care at the end of SFY 2003. The following table outlines the characteristics of the children in foster care at the end of the latest state fiscal year.

Table 6: Characteristics of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Year SFY 2004

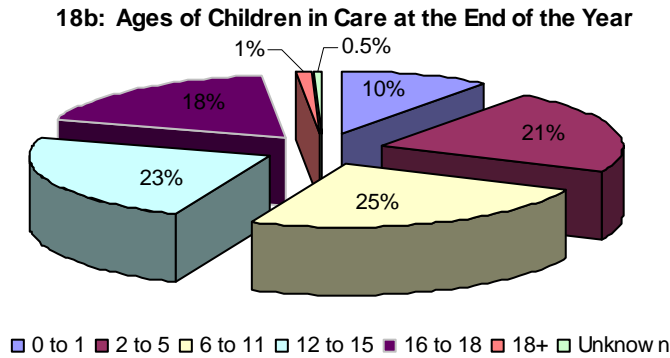
Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	83	47	0	0	0	10	12	152
	Male	109	48	0	0	0	7	11	175
2 to 5	Female	202	96	1	0	0	20	18	337
	Male	214	90	0	0	1	23	31	359
6 to 11	Female	223	101	0	0	0	18	38	380
	Male	257	121	0	0	0	17	32	427
12 to 15	Female	219	104	0	0	0	11	34	368
	Male	227	132	0	0	0	9	25	393
16 to 18	Female	198	118	2	2	0	8	22	350
	Male	132	88	2	0	0	6	17	245
18+	Female	12	5	0	0	0	1	0	18
	Male	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	22
Total*		1,884	964	5	2	1	130	240	3,226

*Demographic information had not been entered into CHRIS for 15 children.

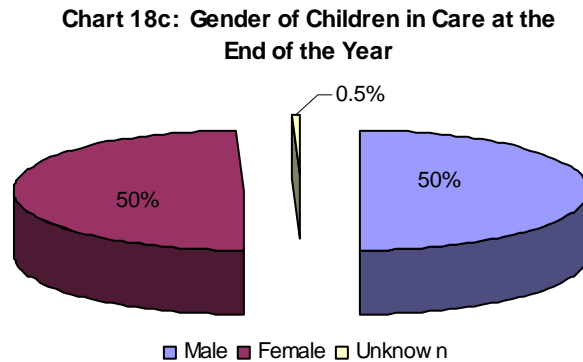
The chart below shows that 58 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the year were white, while 30 percent of the children were black. Demographics regarding the ethnicity of children who were in care during the year were similar to the ethnicity of children in care at the end of the year.



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 2004. Fifty percent of the children were female, up one percentage point from the end of SFY 2003.



Entries into Foster Care

During SFY 2004, data showed that 3,461 children entered foster care. This represented a two percent decrease from the last fiscal year (3,530). The following table outlines the characteristics of children who entered foster care during SFY 2004.

Table 7: Characteristics of Children who Entered Foster Care During the Year SFY 2004

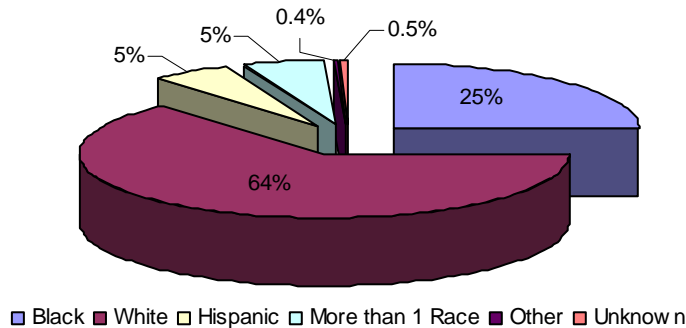
Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	<i>Female</i>	186	70	0	0	1	19	18	294
	<i>Male</i>	220	86	0	0	0	19	19	344
2 to 5	<i>Female</i>	279	83	2	0	0	24	23	411
	<i>Male</i>	281	110	0	0	1	30	31	453
6 to 11	<i>Female</i>	266	118	1	0	0	19	21	425
	<i>Male</i>	304	121	0	1	0	21	27	474
12 to 15	<i>Female</i>	278	98	0	1	0	20	19	416
	<i>Male</i>	192	94	1	1	0	8	22	318
16 to 18	<i>Female</i>	139	45	3	0	0	9	5	201
	<i>Male</i>	64	36	1	0	0	6	1	108
Total*		2,209	861	8	3	2	175	186	3,444

*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 25 percent of the children were black. National data indicates that 46 percent of the children who entered care were white and 28 percent were black.

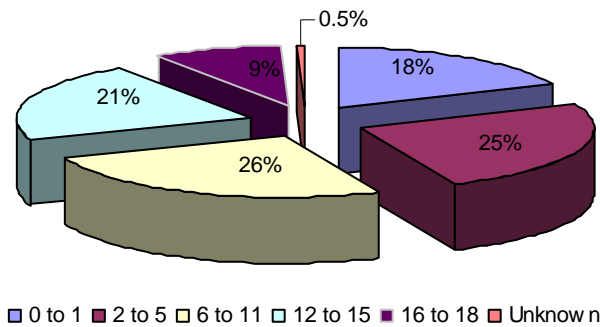
Hispanic children represented five percent of the children who entered foster care, while they represented 16 percent nationally⁸.

Chart 19a: Ethnicity of Children who Entered Care



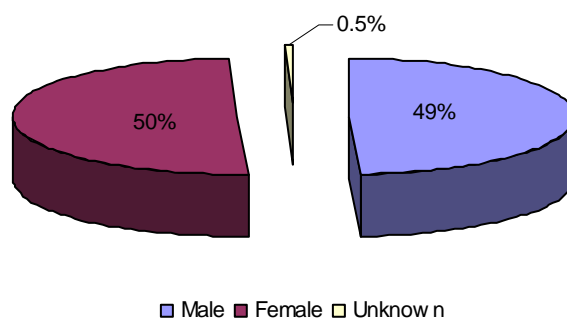
The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the greatest percentage of children (26%) who entered foster care during SFY 2004.

Chart 19b: Ages of Children who Entered Care



The following chart shows the gender of the children who entered foster care during SFY 2004. Fifty percent of the children were female and 49 percent were male. These percentages are similar to those in SFY 2003.

Chart 19c: Gender of Children who Entered Care



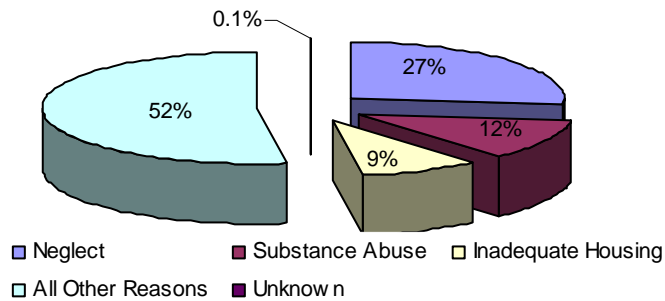
⁸ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2000 and 9/30/2001 as of March 2003.

Table 8: Reasons Children Placed in Foster Care by Age during During the Year SFY 2004

	0 to 1	2 to 5	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 18	18+	Total
Neglect	576	820	909	554	146	3	3,008
Substance Abuse	249	302	417	315	90	0	1,373
Parent Incarceration	187	331	342	223	38	0	1,121
Physical Abuse	225	270	361	254	95	2	1,207
Child’s Behavior	6	27	149	405	163	1	751
Abandonment	82	116	160	176	83	2	619
Inadequate Housing	175	282	337	181	52	0	1,027
Caretaker Illness	154	133	186	221	71	1	766
Sexual Abuse	25	117	237	226	71	0	676
Truancy	4	21	45	124	58	0	252
Child’s Disability	19	14	22	13	8	0	76
Parent Death	0	2	7	17	10	0	36
Sex Offender	7	4	12	41	7	0	71
Relinquishment	10	3	14	23	3	0	53
Managed Mental Health	0	1	7	12	4	0	24
Teen Parent in Care	56	2	2	5	8	0	73
Other	22	29	49	57	15	1	173
Total*	1,797	2,474	3,256	2,847	922	10	11,306

*Demographics had not been entered into CHRIS for 56 children.

Chart 20: Most Prevalent Reasons Children Entered Care



The reasons for entry into foster care for the children who were in foster care at the end of the year (Table 9) were very similar to those who were placed during the year (Table 8). Neglect and substance abuse⁹ were the most prevalent reasons children entered into care.

Table 9: Reasons Children in Foster Care at the End of the Year were Placed in Care SFY 2004

	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
Neglect	Female	449	211	3	0	0	36	66	765
	Male	492	230	0	0	1	39	62	824
Substance Abuse	Female	38	80	0	0	0	9	18	346
	Male	225	81	0	0	0	8	27	343
Parent Incarceration	Female	157	57	0	0	0	13	27	254
	Male	176	55	1	0	0	12	27	271
Physical Abuse	Female	144	119	0	0	0	14	20	297
	Male	161	100	0	0	0	13	17	291
Child's Behavior	Female	133	55	1	1	0	2	11	203
	Male	138	67	2	0	0	8	14	229
Abandonment	Female	68	73	0	0	0	9	13	163
	Male	87	81	0	0	1	6	5	180
Inadequate Housing	Female	150	68	0	0	0	24	26	268
	Male	170	82	0	0	0	15	20	287
Caretaker Illness	Female	138	48	0	1	0	7	8	202
	Male	159	56	0	0	0	7	22	244
Sexual abuse	Female	166	48	1	1	0	9	18	243
	Male	61	15	0	0	0	6	8	90
Truancy	Female	52	21	0	1	0	3	3	80
	Male	43	19	0	0	0	2	3	67
Child's Disability	Female	14	6	0	0	0	0	1	21
	Male	21	7	0	0	0	0	2	30
Parent Death	Female	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	8
	Male	7	6	1	0	0	0	1	15
Sex Offender	Female	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	9
	Male	22	6	0	0	0	2	1	31
Relinquishment	Female	9	12	0	0	0	0	2	23
	Male	10	5	0	0	0	0	1	16
Teen Parent in Care	Female	14	7	0	0	0	1	0	22
	Male	8	4	0	0	0	0	2	14
Other	Female	27	24	0	0	0	1	4	56
	Male	45	34	0	0	0	1	2	82
Total*		3,597	1,678	9	4	2	248	436	5,974

*Demographics had not been entered into CHRIS for 44 children.

⁹ Of the 689 instances where entry was attributed to substance abuse, substance abuse by parents (639 instances) accounted for the largest percentage (93%) as compared to substance abuse by children (7%).

Exits from Foster Care

There were 3,363 children who exited foster care during SFY 2004, a four percent decrease from SFY 2003 (3,495 children). The table below outlines the characteristics of the children who left foster care during SFY 2004.

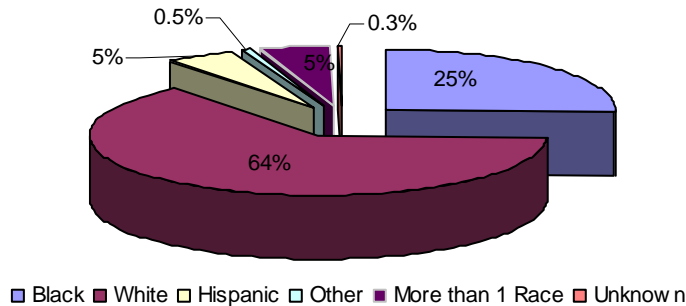
Table 10: Characteristics of Children Exiting Foster Care During the Year SFY 2004

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	140	43	0	2	1	13	10	209
	Male	162	56	0	0	1	16	11	246
2 to 5	Female	271	90	1	0	0	31	21	414
	Male	258	120	0	0	1	30	29	438
6 to 11	Female	255	122	1	0	0	9	26	413
	Male	298	118	0	1	0	19	23	459
12 to 15	Female	230	84	0	2	0	23	18	357
	Male	187	81	1	1	0	5	21	296
16 to 18	Female	211	70	1	1	0	11	9	303
	Male	119	51	1	1	0	6	4	182
18+	Female	7	12	0	0	0	0	1	20
	Male	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	17
Total*		2,147	855	5	8	3	163	173	3,354

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

Of the 3,363 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 black¹⁰.

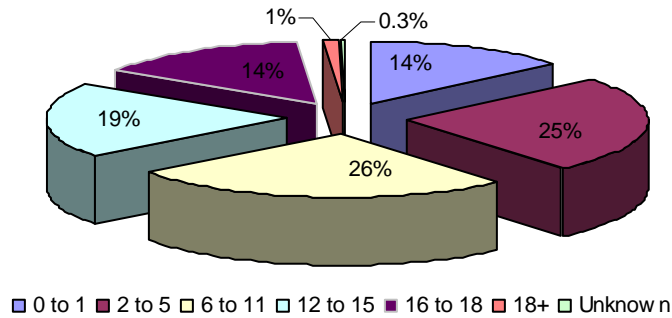
Chart 21a: Ethnicity of Children who Exited Care



¹⁰ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2000 and 9/30/2001 as of March 2003.

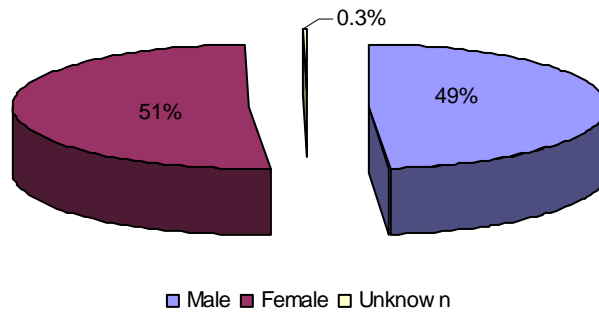
The following chart shows that children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the highest percentage of children (26%) who exited foster care during the year, followed closely by children between the ages of 2 and 5 (25%).

Chart 21b: Ages of Children who Exited Care



The following chart shows the gender of the children who left care during the year. Fifty-one percent of the children were female and 49 percent were male.

Chart 21c: Gender of Children who Exited Care

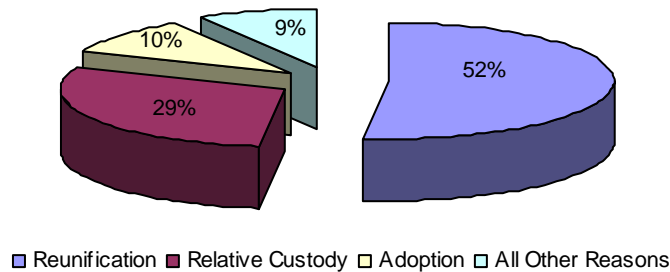


**Table 11: Reasons Children Exited Foster Care by Age
SFY 2004**

Reason	Age						Total
	0 to 1	2 to 5	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 18	Over 18	
Reunification	230	432	483	387	215	1	1,748
Relative Custody	184	263	265	189	81	0	982
Adoption	34	142	106	48	14	0	344
Child Aged Out	0	0	1	0	140	34	175
Non-Relative Custody	4	17	18	23	25	2	89
Emancipation	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Death of Child	3	0	1	1	1	0	6
Custody Transfer	2	2	0	5	2	0	11
Total	457	856	874	653	486	37	3,363

The most prevalent reason children left foster care during SFY 2004 was for reunification (52%). The second most prevalent reason a child left care was for relative custody (29%), followed by adoption (10%). National data indicates the top three most prevalent reasons children left care were reunification (57%), adoption (18%) and relative care (10%)¹¹.

Chart 22: Most Prevalent Reasons for Children Exiting Care



¹¹ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for children in foster care between 10/01/2000 and 9/30/2001 as of March 2003.

Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

The Division has two primary goals for children in foster care: safety and permanent placements. 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 here¹².

**Table 12: Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care During the Year
SFY 2003 – SFY 2004**

	SFY 2003		SFY 2004		National
Return Home	2,702	43%	2,487	39%	44%
Adoption	1,004	16%	1,085	17%	22%
Independence	784	13%	732	11%	n/a
Remain at Home	519	8%	1,125	17%	n/a
Relative Care	218	4%	309	5%	5%
Guardianship	19	.3%	32	.5%	3%
Emancipation	4	.06%	2	.03%	6%
Long Term Care	0	0%	0	0%	8%
Not Yet Established	963	15%	661	10%	11%
Total*	6,213	100%	6,433	100%	100%

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

¹² 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, 61 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 time¹³. (See APPENDIX E for an area and county breakdown.)

**Table 13a: Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care
SFY 2004**

	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	1,390	22%	4%
30-90 Days	977	15%	17%
3-6 Months	714	11%	
6-12 Months	864	13%	15%
12-24 Months	1,193	19%	20%
24-36 Months	621	10%	12%
36+ Months	774	12%	32%
Total*	6,433	100%	100%

*The sum of individual percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

**Table 13b: Length of Stay of Children in Relative Care
SFY 2004**

	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 days	24	13%
30-90 Days	27	14%
3-6 Months	15	8%
6-12 Months	29	16%
12-24 Months	39	21%
24-36 Months	23	12%
36+ Months	30	16%
Total	187	100%

**Table 13c: Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care
(Excluding Relative Care)
SFY 2004**

	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 days	1,366	22%
30-90 Days	950	15%
3-6 Months	699	11%
6-12 Months	835	13%
12-24 Months	1,054	17%
24-36 Months	598	10%
36+ Months	744	12%
Total	6,246	100%

¹³ 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.

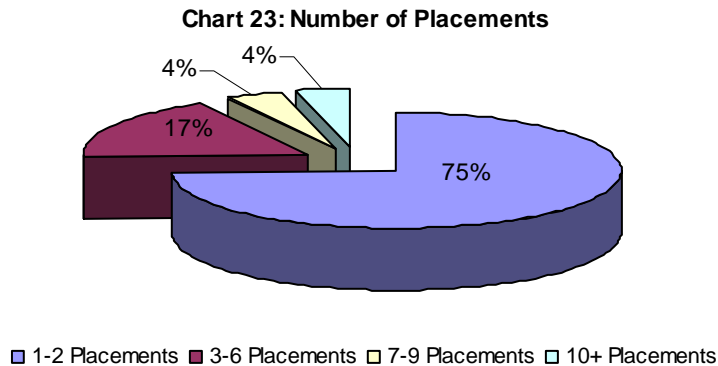
Number of Placements of Children in Foster Care

For SFY 2004, 75 percent of children in care during the year experienced less than three placements. This represents a one percentage point increase from SFY 2003.

**Table 14: Number of Placements of Children in Foster Care
SFY 2003 –SFY 2004**

	SFY 2003		SFY 2004	
1-2 Placements	4,589	74%	4,795	75%
3-6 Placements	1,038	17%	1,123	17%
7-9 Placements	234	4%	257	4%
10+ Placements	352	6%	258	4%
Total*	6,213	100%	6,433	100%

*The sum of individual percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.



Current Placement of Children in Foster Care

At the end of SFY 2004, more children 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. Nine percent of the children were placed in residential facilities.

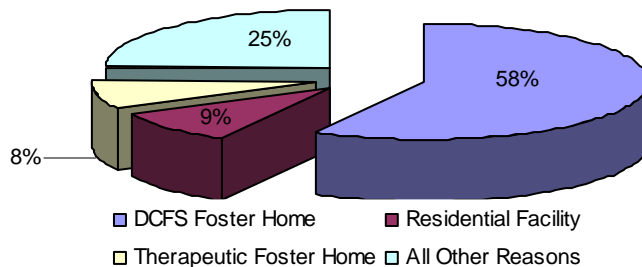
**Table 15: Current Placement of Children in Foster Care
SFY 2004**

Placement	Age						Total
	0 to 1	2 to 5	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 18	Over 19	
DCFS Foster Home	274	551	482	332	229	16	1,884
Relative Care	5	25	28	25	4	0	87
Therapeutic Foster Home	0	35	97	74	47	4	257
Specialized Comm. Home	1	6	14	31	45	8	105
Adoptive Home*	16	39	54	22	8	1	140
Emergency Shelter	3	8	16	22	29	0	78
Residential Facility	5	7	49	131	105	1	298
Youth Services	0	0	0	14	18	0	32
Runaway	0	1	0	12	47	0	60
Trial Home Visit	15	27	45	29	14	0	130
Hospital/Medical	7	2	15	42	17	0	83
Community Service Organization	0	0	0	3	2	1	6
Sexual Offender Treatment	0	0	0	12	6	0	18
Detention	0	0	0	3	4	0	7
Independent Living	0	0	0	0	9	10	19
Mental Health Provider	0	0	5	6	7	0	18
Unknown**	2	2	6	3	6	0	19
Total	328	703	811	761	597	41	3,241

*Non-finalized adoptions.

**Unknown due to data entry after report completion.

Chart 24: Current Placement of Children in Care



Characteristics of Children in Relative Care

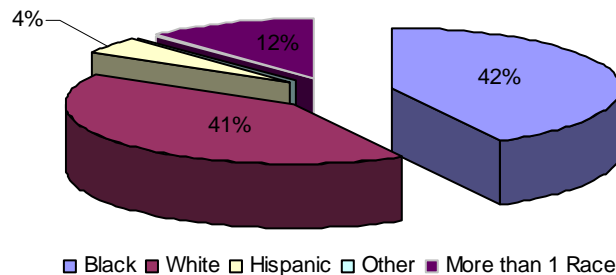
There were 187 children who were in relative care during SFY 2004. The table below outlines the demographics for those children.

**Table 16: Characteristics of Children in Relative Care
SFY 2004**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	9
	Male	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	13
2 to 5	Female	15	16	0	0	0	6	1	38
	Male	13	11	0	0	0	0	2	26
6 to 11	Female	9	9	0	0	0	0	5	23
	Male	12	8	0	0	0	0	6	26
12 to 15	Female	5	12	0	0	0	0	3	20
	Male	9	9	0	0	0	0	5	23
16 to 18	Female	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	7
	Male	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total		77	79	0	0	0	8	23	187

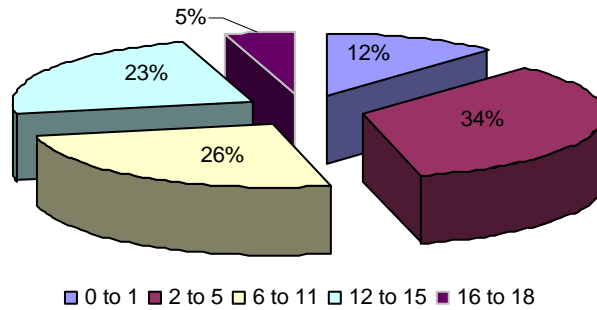
There is a noteworthy difference between the ethnicity of children in relative care and children in the overall foster care population. Black children represented the highest percentage (42%) of children in relative care for SFY 2004. In the overall foster care population, 29 percent of the children are black. This is a 13 percentage point difference.

Chart 25a: Ethnicity of Children in Relative Care



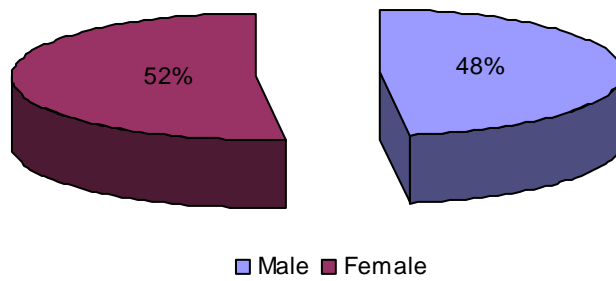
Children between the ages of 2 and 5 represented the largest age group of children in relative care (34%), followed by children between the ages of 6 and 11 (26%).

Chart 25b: Ages of Children in Relative Care



Of the 187 children who were in relative care during the year, 52 percent were female and 48 percent were male.

Chart 25c: 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

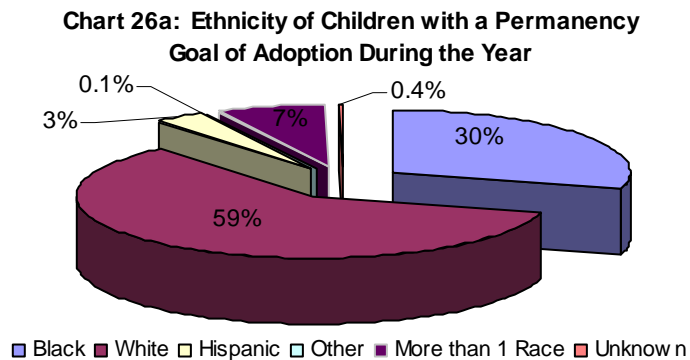
There were 1,080 children with the permanency goal of adoption during SFY 2004. The table below outlines the characteristics of these children.

Table 17: Characteristics of Children with the Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year SFY 2004

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	19	12	0	0	0	2	3	36
	Male	17	11	0	0	0	1	0	29
2 to 5	Female	87	43	0	0	0	12	5	147
	Male	98	46	0	0	0	8	11	163
6 to 11	Female	97	48	0	0	0	2	21	168
	Male	131	65	0	0	0	5	16	217
12 to 15	Female	65	31	0	0	0	2	9	107
	Male	86	50	0	0	0	2	9	147
16 to 18	Female	23	9	0	0	0	0	4	36
	Male	19	4	1	0	0	0	2	26
Total*		642	319	1	0	0	34	80	1,076

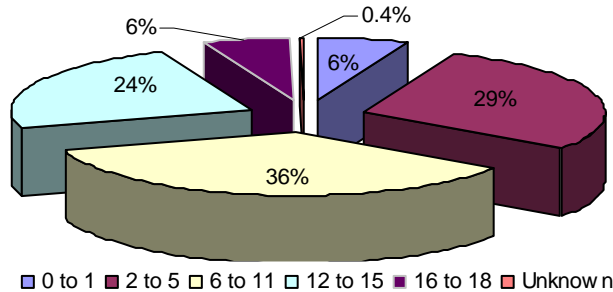
*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for four children.

Fifty-nine percent of the children whose permanency goal was adoption during the year were white, while 30 percent were black and three percent were Hispanic. These percentages were similar to SFY 2003.



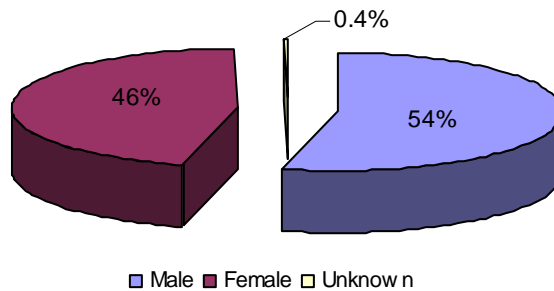
Children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented 36 percent of the children with a permanency goal of adoption during the year.

Chart 26b: Ages of Children with a Permanency Goal of Adoption During the Year



Of the 1,080 children whose permanency goal was adoption, 54 percent were male and 46 percent were female.

Chart 26c: 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 758 children whose permanency goal at the end of SFY 2004 was adoption. The following table outlines the characteristics of those children.

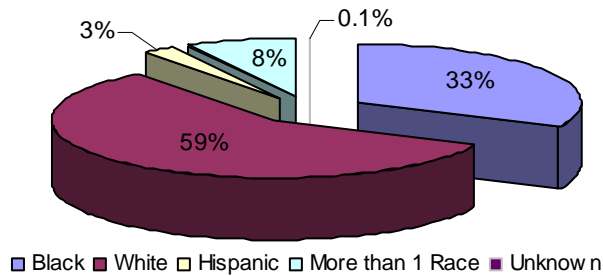
Table 18: Characteristics of Children with the Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year SFY 2004

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	8	10	0	0	0	2	2	22
	Male	12	6	0	0	0	1	0	19
2 to 5	Female	56	31	0	0	0	5	2	94
	Male	54	27	0	0	0	3	6	90
6 to 11	Female	74	31	0	0	0	2	15	122
	Male	93	46	0	0	0	2	14	155
12 to 15	Female	52	24	0	0	0	2	8	86
	Male	68	43	0	0	0	2	8	121
16 to 18	Female	17	8	0	0	0	0	4	29
	Male	14	3	0	0	0	0	2	19
Total*		448	229	0	0	0	19	61	757

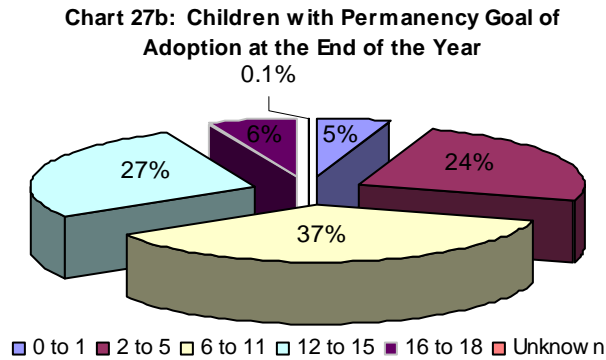
*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for one child.

Fifty-nine percent of the children with the permanency goal of adoption were white, 33 percent were black and eight percent had more than one ethnicity.

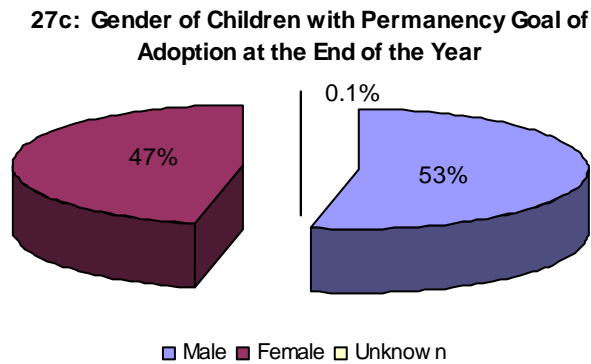
Chart 27a: Ethnicity of Children with Permanency Goal of Adoption at the End of the Year



Children between the ages of 6 and 11 continued to 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%).



There were more male children (53%) than female children (47%) with the permanency goal of adoption at the end of SFY 2004.



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

There were 404 children whose parents have had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2004. The table below outlines the characteristics of those children.

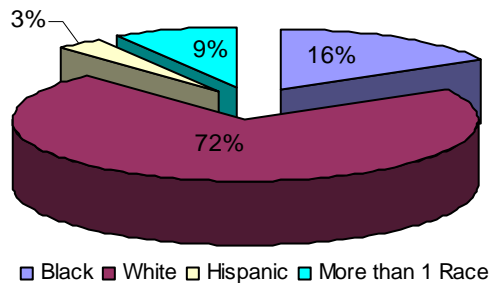
**Table 19: Characteristics of Children whose Parents had their Parental Rights Terminated During the Year
SFY 2004**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	19	4	0	0	0	2	5	30
	Male	24	4	0	0	0	1	2	31
2 to 5	Female	53	16	0	0	0	4	3	76
	Male	46	12	0	0	0	2	10	70
6 to 11	Female	37	9	0	0	0	2	1	49
	Male	44	10	0	0	0	0	8	62
12 to 15	Female	21	6	0	0	0	1	1	29
	Male	27	3	0	0	0	1	3	34
16 to 18	Female	11	2	0	0	0	0	2	15
	Male	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total*		290	66	0	0	0	13	35	404

*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for 5 children.

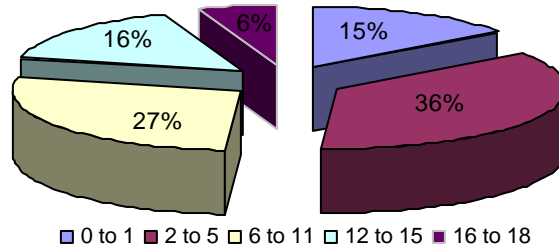
Seventy-two percent of the children whose parents had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2004 were white, while sixteen percent of the children were black and nine percent had more than one ethnicity.

Chart 28a: Ethnicity of Children whose Parents had their Parental Rights Terminated During the Year



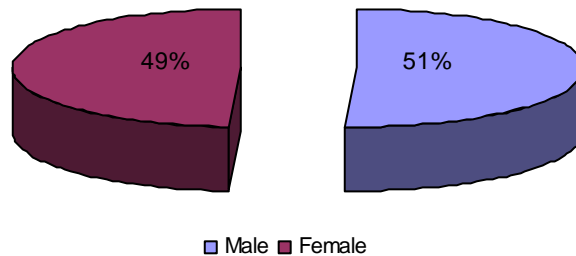
The two largest groups of children whose parents had their parental rights terminated were between the ages of 2 and 5 and children between the ages of 6 and 11.

Chart 28b: Ages of Children whose Parents had their Parental Rights Terminated During the Year



There were more male children than female children whose parents had their parental rights terminated during SFY 2004.

Chart 28c: Gender of Children whose Parents had their Parental Rights Terminated During the Year



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

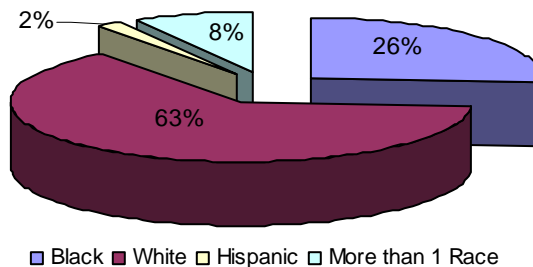
There were 498 children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2004. Demographic information for children available for adoption is very similar to previous reports.

**Table 20: Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Year
SFY 2004**

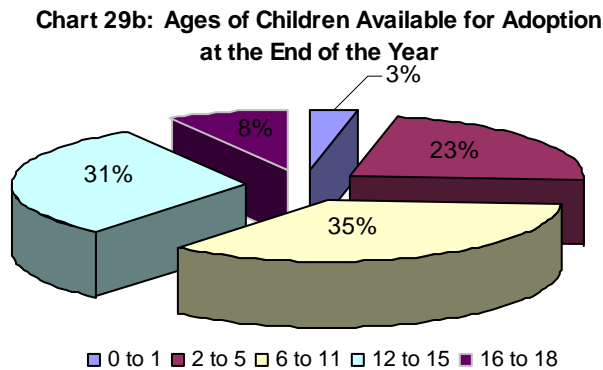
Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	7
	Male	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	9
2 to 5	Female	37	17	0	0	0	2	0	56
	Male	33	18	0	0	0	1	5	57
6 to 11	Female	47	21	0	0	0	2	8	78
	Male	67	22	0	0	0	1	8	98
12 to 15	Female	41	15	0	0	0	2	6	64
	Male	55	25	0	0	0	1	7	88
16 to 18	Female	16	5	0	0	0	0	4	25
	Male	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	16
Total		316	131	0	0	0	9	42	498

Sixty-three percent of the children available for adoption at the end of the year were white, while 26 percent of the children were black. The percentage of white children increased from 59 percent in SFY 2003, and the percentage of black children decreased from 32 percent in SFY 2003.

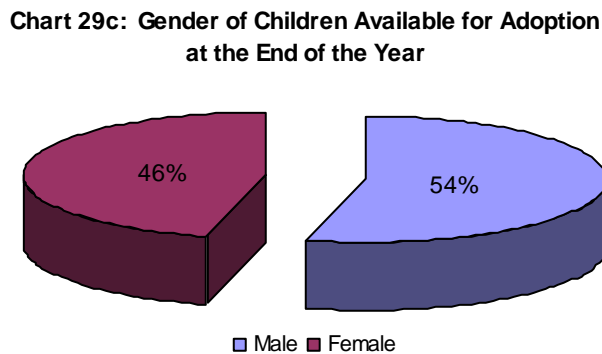
Chart 29a: Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Year



There were more children between the ages of 6 and 11 available for adoption at the end of SFY 2004 than any other group of children.



There were more male children available for adoption than female children at the end of SFY 2004. Fifty-four percent of the children were male and 46 percent were female.



Current Placement of Children Available for Adoption

More children available for adoption at the end of the SFY 2004 were placed in DCFS foster homes than in any other type of placement. These results were similar to previous reports.

**Table 21: Current Placement of Children Available for Adoption
SFY 2004**

Placement	Number of Children	Percentage
DCFS Foster Home	199	40%
Adoptive Home**	76	15%
Foster Parent Adoptive Home**	39	8%
Relative Adoptive Home**	3	.6%
Therapeutic Foster Home	75	15%
Relative Care	18	4%
Specialized Community Home	23	5%
Residential Facility	35	7%
Hospital/Medical	18	4%
Emergency Shelter	6	1%
Youth Services	2	.4%
Sexual Offender Treatment	2	.4%
Runaway	2	.4%
Total*	498	100%

*The sum of individual percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

**Non-finalized Adoptions

Characteristics of Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes

There were 417 children placed in pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2004. This number represented a slight decrease from the 422 children placed in pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2003. The characteristics of the children placed during the latest state fiscal year are outlined in the table below.

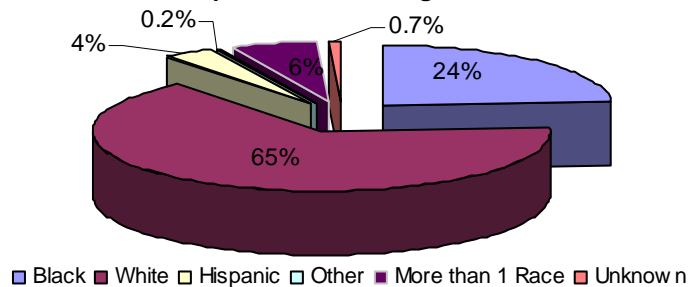
Table 22: Characteristics of Children Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes SFY 2004

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	11	2	0	0	0	0	2	15
	Male	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	15
2 to 5	Female	53	14	0	0	0	7	3	77
	Male	55	22	0	0	0	5	8	90
6 to 11	Female	36	15	0	0	0	0	7	58
	Male	51	21	0	0	0	2	4	78
12 to 15	Female	20	8	0	0	0	1	2	31
	Male	26	10	0	0	0	0	0	36
16 to 18	Female	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Male	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Total		272	100	1	0	0	15	26	414

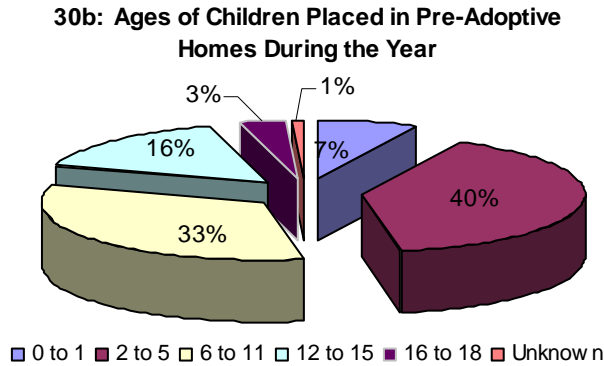
*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for three children.

Of the 417 children in pre-adoptive homes during the year, 65 percent were white, compared to 62 percent in SFY 2003, and 24 percent were black, compared to 25 percent in SFY 2003.

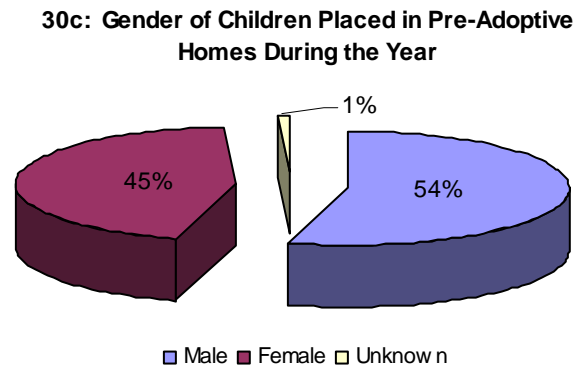
Chart 30a: Ethnicity of Children Placed in Pre-Adoptive Homes During the Year



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



Of the 417 children placed in pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2004, 54 percent were male and 45 percent were female.



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

There were 393 children whose parents had their parental rights terminated who were not placed in pre-adoptive homes. This number was derived by subtracting the number of children placed in adoptive homes at the end of the year (105) from the number of children available for adoption at the end of the year (498).

Special Needs

There were 247 children with special needs who were placed in pre-adoptive homes during SFY 2004¹⁴. 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 sibling.

**Table 23: Children with Special Needs Placed in Pre-adoptive Homes
SFY 2004**

Special Need Condition	Number of Children
Race	178
Age	237
Member of sibling group	89

¹⁴ 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

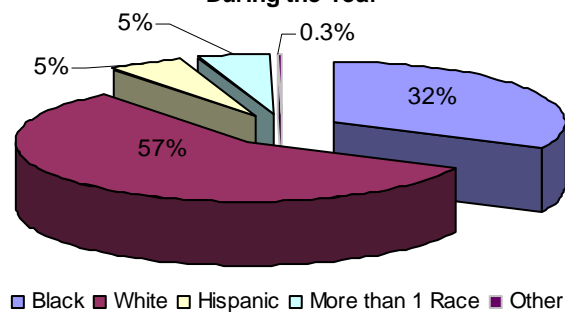
There were 328 children whose adoptions were finalized during SFY 2004. The characteristics of those children are outlined in the following table.

**Table 24: Characteristics of Children with Finalized Adoptions
SFY 2004**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	Female	6	1	0	0	0	3	1	11
	Male	7	3	0	0	0	0	2	12
2 to 5	Female	35	13	0	0	0	6	7	61
	Male	39	24	0	0	0	3	4	70
6 to 11	Female	23	23	0	0	0	2	2	50
	Male	39	24	0	0	0	2	0	65
12 to 15	Female	14	9	0	0	0	1	0	24
	Male	17	8	0	0	0	1	0	26
16 to 18	Female	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Male	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Total		187	106	1	0	0	18	16	328

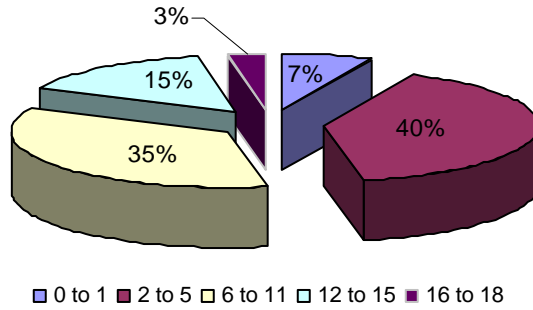
There were 328 children whose adoptions were finalized during SFY 2004. Of those, 57 percent were white, 32 percent were black and five percent were Hispanic.

31a: Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoptions During the Year



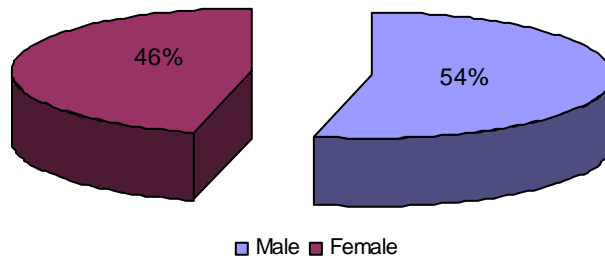
Children between the ages of 2 and 5 represented the largest group of children whose adoptions were finalized during SFY 2004.

Chart 31b: Ages of Children with Finalized Adoptions During the Year



Fifty-four percent of the children whose adoptions were finalized during SFY 2004 were male, and 46 percent of the children were female.

Chart 31c: Gender of Children with Finalized Adoptions During the Year



Subsidized Adoptions

There were 297 children who began receiving adoption subsidies during SFY 2004. Of those, 262 children received federally-funded subsidies, while 35 received state-funded subsidies.

Characteristics of Children who Receive Adoption Subsidies

There were 2,363 children who received adoption subsidies during SFY 2004. The following table outlines the characteristics of those children.

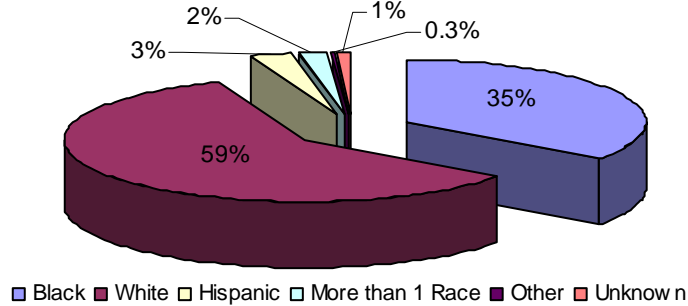
**Table 25: Characteristics of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies
SFY 2004**

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	His-panic	More Than 1 Race	Total
0 to 1	<i>Female</i>	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	6
	<i>Male</i>	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	9
2 to 5	<i>Female</i>	107	52	0	0	0	9	14	182
	<i>Male</i>	116	62	0	0	0	10	11	199
6 to 11	<i>Female</i>	245	174	2	1	0	16	12	450
	<i>Male</i>	288	166	0	1	0	8	6	469
12 to 15	<i>Female</i>	192	130	1	1	0	7	0	331
	<i>Male</i>	199	132	0	0	0	6	0	337
16 to 18	<i>Female</i>	92	48	0	0	0	2	1	143
	<i>Male</i>	71	39	1	0	0	2	0	113
18+	<i>Female</i>	38	13	0	0	0	1	0	52
	<i>Male</i>	35	16	0	0	0	1	0	52
Total*		1,389	836	4	3	0	63	48	2,343

*Demographic data had not been entered into CHRIS for 20 children.

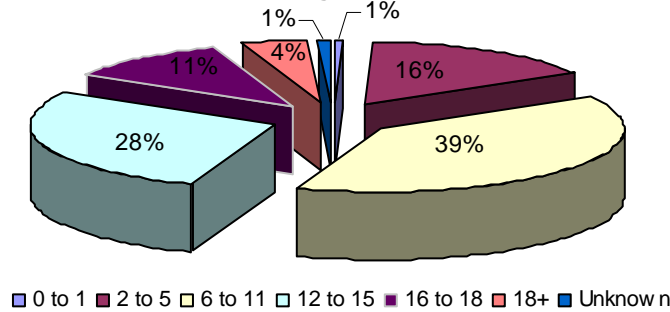
Fifty-nine percent of the children receiving adoption subsidies during the year were white, while 35 percent were black.

32a: Ethnicity of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies During SFY 2003



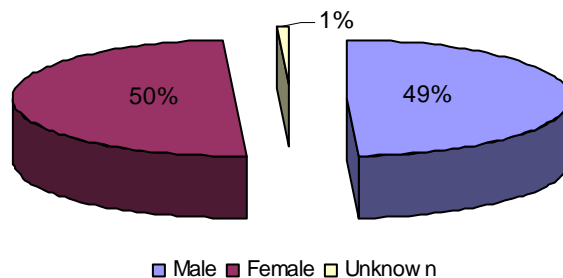
Children between the ages of 6 and 11 represented the largest group of children receiving adoption subsidies.

32b: Ages of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies During the Year



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

32c: Gender of Children Receiving Adoption Subsidies During the Year



Non-Foster Parent Adoptive Homes

There were 189 adoptive homes available at the beginning of SFY 2004 and 157 new homes approved during the year. Of the 346 adoptive homes available for placement during the year, 104 had children placed within them during the year.

**Table 26: Non-Foster Parent Adoptive Homes
SFY 2004**

Homes available for placement at beginning of year	189
News homes approved during the year	157
Homes in which children were placed during the year	104
Homes that closed without a placement	12
Homes that experienced a disruption	12
Homes available at the end of the year	242

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APPENDIX A: Child Maltreatment Assessments by Area and County

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub*	Exempt Religion	Exempt UJO	UTL	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	1,145	347	30%	644	0	6	65	83
1	Carroll (Berryville)	165	62	38%	89	1	0	10	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	104	35	34%	62	1	0	1	5
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1,153	361	31%	649	0	4	46	93
	Area Total	2,567	805	31%	1,444	2	10	122	184
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	437	114	26%	259	0	4	25	35
2	Franklin (Ozark)	111	39	35%	66	0	1	1	4
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	211	79	37%	123	0	2	7	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	161	36	22%	113	0	1	6	5
2	Scott (Waldron)	105	24	23%	69	0	1	5	6
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	989	208	21%	585	2	5	70	119
2	Yell (Danville)	170	49	29%	116	0	0	1	4
	Area Total	2,184	549	25%	1,331	2	14	115	173
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	148	43	29%	97	0	2	0	6
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	696	196	28%	453	0	0	35	12
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	301	75	25%	219	0	0	6	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	87	26	30%	56	0	1	3	1
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	74	24	32%	48	0	0	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	75	15	20%	54	0	0	4	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	61	8	13%	51	0	0	2	0
3	Polk (Mena)	174	45	26%	113	0	2	4	10
3	Saline (Benton)	693	164	24%	453	0	4	36	36
	Area Total	2,309	596	26%	1,544	0	9	92	68
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	139	26	19%	91	0	0	5	17
4	Hempstead (Hope)	164	53	32%	90	0	1	7	13
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	70	29	41%	38	0	0	2	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	98	30	31%	63	0	4	1	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	298	86	29%	174	0	2	17	19
4	Nevada (Prescott)	49	18	37%	22	0	0	1	8
4	Ouachita (Camden)	225	68	30%	148	0	2	4	3
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	127	41	32%	80	0	0	4	2
4	Union (El Dorado)	294	55	19%	202	0	5	15	17
	Area Total	1,464	406	28%	908	0	14	56	80
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	268	93	35%	162	0	0	1	12
5	Boone (Harrison)	314	70	22%	225	0	2	1	16
5	Conway (Morrilton)	195	62	32%	122	0	0	6	5
5	Faulkner (Conway)	543	208	38%	312	0	2	9	12
5	Marion (Yellville)	127	34	27%	85	0	1	4	3
5	Newton (Jasper)	74	22	30%	47	0	0	2	3
5	Pope (Russellville)	405	111	27%	288	0	0	6	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	61	21	34%	37	0	0	0	3
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	150	50	33%	93	0	2	2	3
	Area Total	2,137	671	31%	1,371	0	7	31	57
6	Pulaski	2,598	690	27%	1,671	4	18	129	86
	Area Total	2,598	690	27%	1,671	4	18	129	86

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Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt Religion	Exempt UJA	UTL	Unknown
7	Bradley (Warren)	79	23	29%	56	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	33	10	30%	22	0	1	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	41	19	46%	19	0	0	1	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	104	44	42%	59	0	1	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	120	34	28%	74	0	1	6	5
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	573	154	27%	345	0	1	55	18
7	Lincoln (Star City)	73	18	25%	51	0	1	1	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	422	89	21%	208	1	0	29	95
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	49	12	24%	22	0	0	4	11
	Area Total	1,494	403	27%	856	1	5	96	133
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	154	37	24%	103	0	1	8	5
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	691	137	20%	525	0	2	26	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	90	25	28%	56	0	0	2	7
8	Greene (Paragould)	439	113	26%	298	0	0	22	6
8	Izard (Melbourne)	130	28	22%	93	0	1	1	7
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	217	58	27%	153	0	1	5	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	301	56	19%	216	0	0	26	3
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	138	45	33%	85	1	1	5	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	167	28	17%	137	0	2	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	172	61	35%	107	0	2	2	0
	Area Total	2,499	588	24%	1,773	1	10	97	30
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	132	34	26%	97	0	0	0	1
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	378	88	23%	275	0	0	7	8
9	Cross (Wynne)	161	33	20%	111	0	0	6	11
9	Independence (Batesville)	311	73	23%	231	0	0	4	3
9	Jackson (Newport)	136	35	26%	98	0	0	3	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	302	51	17%	230	0	2	7	12
9	Stone (Mountain View)	79	22	28%	56	0	0	0	1
9	White (Searcy)	546	132	24%	394	0	2	14	4
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	56	11	20%	43	0	0	1	1
	Area Total	2,101	479	23%	1,535	0	4	42	41
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	62	23	37%	36	2	1	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	67	24	36%	43	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	139	27	19%	107	0	1	2	2
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	108	22	20%	84	0	0	1	1
10	Desha (McGehee)	109	22	20%	85	0	0	2	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	152	45	30%	106	0	0	1	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	53	14	26%	39	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley, Claredon)	56	9	16%	45	0	0	0	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	225	92	41%	122	0	0	6	5
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	203	48	24%	148	0	2	4	1
	Area Total	1,174	326	28%	815	2	4	16	11
99	State Office	9	2	22%	6	0	1	0	0
	Statewide Total	20,536**	5,515	29%	13,254	12	96	796	863

* "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	His-panic	More Than 1 Race	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	274	224	4	2	0	1	37	6	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	44	40	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	54	44	2	0	0	0	7	1	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	248	176	15	2	3	3	23	26	0
	Area Total	620	484	22	4	3	4	69	34	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	106	7	0	0	0	9	3	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	93	71	0	0	0	1	9	10	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	32	29	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	51	46	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	21	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	661	442	82	2	0	1	69	62	3
2	Yell (Danville)	35	27	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
	Area Total	1,018	741	90	2	0	2	99	79	5
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	21	20	0	0	0	2	6	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	271	191	42	0	0	1	13	23	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	50	45	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	63	23	27	0	0	0	3	10	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	46	40	1	0	0	0	3	2	0
3	Saline (Benton)	140	125	9	0	0	0	1	5	0
	Area Total	661	486	101	0	0	1	23	48	2
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	44	16	26	0	0	0	0	2	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	40	17	20	0	0	0	2	1	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	30	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	33	25	2	0	0	1	0	5	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	114	66	42	0	0	0	1	5	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	17	12	2	0	0	0	2	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	70	16	42	0	0	0	3	9	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	30	22	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	56	22	30	0	0	0	1	3	0
	Area Total	434	215	175	0	0	1	13	30	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	115	107	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	40	36	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	37	26	6	0	0	0	2	3	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	227	175	33	0	0	1	3	14	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	57	53	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	133	115	7	0	1	0	9	1	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	38	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	41	40	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Area Total	714	613	47	0	1	2	20	29	2
6	Pulaski	78	14	53	0	0	0	2	9	0
6	Pulaski (East)	127	18	97	0	0	0	1	11	0
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	86	58	17	0	0	0	3	7	1
6	Pulaski (North)	265	78	169	0	0	0	4	13	1
6	Pulaski (South)	299	110	155	1	0	0	5	24	4
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	239	70	148	1	0	0	7	13	0
	Area Total	1,094	348	639	2	0	0	22	77	6

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Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	NAPI	AIAN	Hispanic	More Than 1 Race	Unknown
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	9	30	0	0	0	3	5	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	5	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	34	16	16	0	0	0	0	2	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	33	14	18	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	35	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	271	62	193	1	0	0	4	9	2
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	14	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	86	10	0	0	0	1	1	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	551	241	275	1	0	0	9	22	3
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	38	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	144	104	27	0	0	0	6	7	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	63	53	7	0	0	0	2	0	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	34	3	30	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	71	20	37	0	0	0	2	12	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	44	37	1	0	0	0	0	6	0
	Area Total	540	396	103	0	0	0	11	29	1
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	18	15	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
9	Crittenden (W. Memphis)	82	16	54	0	0	0	1	9	2
9	Cross (Wynne)	11	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	70	52	5	1	0	0	1	11	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	53	31	20	0	0	0	0	2	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	32	29	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
9	White (Searcy)	153	126	7	0	0	0	9	10	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	21	13	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Area Total	440	290	97	1	0	0	11	38	3
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	23	16	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	46	26	19	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	3	26	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	45	14	30	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	97	46	45	0	0	0	3	3	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	20	3	15	0	0	0	1	1	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	21	4	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	7	49	0	0	0	1	4	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	77	17	49	0	0	0	5	5	1
	Area Total	429	145	257	0	0	0	10	15	2
99	State Office	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Statewide Total	6,502	3,960	1,806	10	4	10	287	401	24

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)	274	116	65	59	34	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	44	16	8	10	10	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	54	16	14	13	11	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	248	85	74	48	41	0
	Area Total	620	233	161	130	96	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	45	28	23	29	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	93	44	33	10	6	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	32	12	9	5	6	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	51	11	11	18	11	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	21	4	3	6	8	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	661	250	177	133	101	0
2	Yell (Danville)	35	12	8	10	5	0
	Area Total	1018	378	269	205	166	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	20	16	6	7	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	271	100	78	59	34	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	50	33	8	6	3	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	63	18	12	21	12	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	19	4	6	7	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	12	0	2	4	6	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	1	4	3	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	46	20	10	11	5	0
3	Saline (Benton)	140	43	34	26	37	0
	Area Total	661	239	170	143	109	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	44	23	7	5	9	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	40	15	10	8	7	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	30	12	8	8	2	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	33	15	6	6	6	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	114	34	26	30	24	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	17	12	1	1	3	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	70	36	5	16	13	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	30	2	15	10	3	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	56	18	14	10	14	0
	Area Total	434	167	92	94	81	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	115	38	31	21	25	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	40	17	7	10	6	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	37	9	12	8	8	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	227	90	53	60	24	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	57	11	12	16	18	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	26	6	7	7	6	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	133	67	27	22	17	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	38	7	11	7	13	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	41	7	16	8	10	0
	Area Total	714	252	176	159	127	0
6	Pulaski	78	33	24	14	7	0
6	Pulaski (East)	127	30	32	36	29	0
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	86	34	21	21	10	0
6	Pulaski (North)	265	85	76	58	46	0
6	Pulaski (South)	299	115	88	53	43	0
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	239	78	56	55	50	0
	Area Total	1094	375	297	237	185	0

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Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	9	10	16	12	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	0	4	4	3	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	34	12	11	6	5	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	33	5	7	11	10	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	35	17	9	7	2	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	271	83	57	69	62	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	10	4	2	4	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	32	20	22	25	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	551	169	122	137	123	0
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	9	12	9	13	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	144	83	29	15	17	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	35	10	9	8	8	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	63	26	14	10	13	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	42	14	14	9	5	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	7	3	3	9	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	34	10	13	8	3	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	71	34	18	8	11	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	42	14	13	12	3	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	44	12	10	10	12	0
	Area Total	540	219	135	92	94	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	18	2	10	4	2	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	82	28	25	14	15	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	11	5	5	0	1	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	70	24	19	12	15	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	53	19	15	9	10	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	32	12	6	9	5	0
9	White (Searcy)	153	68	36	31	18	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	21	6	3	6	6	0
	Area Total	440	164	119	85	72	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	9	1	1	3	4	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	23	6	7	5	5	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	46	14	14	5	13	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	4	6	13	7	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	45	12	8	15	10	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	97	16	29	27	25	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	20	2	4	7	7	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	21	3	4	8	6	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	29	12	11	9	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	77	21	19	18	19	0
	Area Total	429	108	104	112	105	0
99	State Office	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Statewide Total	6,502	2,304	1,645	1,394	1,159	0

APPENDIX D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
1	Benton (Bentonville)	274	137	137
1	Carroll (Berryville)	44	18	26
1	Madison (Huntsville)	54	28	26
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	248	131	117
	Area Total	620	314	306
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	66	59
2	Franklin (Ozark)	93	37	56
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	32	14	18
2	Logan (Paris)	51	19	32
2	Scott (Waldron)	21	6	15
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	661	328	333
2	Yell (Danville)	35	15	20
	Area Total	1,018	485	533
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	25	24
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	271	148	123
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	50	19	31
3	Howard (Nashville)	63	37	26
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	19	8	11
3	Perry (Perryville)	12	5	7
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	11	8	3
3	Polk (Mena)	46	24	22
3	Saline (Benton)	140	65	75
	Area Total	661	339	322
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	44	23	21
4	Hempstead (Hope)	40	17	23
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	30	18	12
4	Little River (Ashdown)	33	14	19
4	Miller (Texarkana)	114	58	56
4	Nevada (Prescott)	17	10	7
4	Ouachita (Camden)	70	44	26
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	30	12	18
4	Union (El Dorado)	56	25	31
	Area Total	434	221	213
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	115	54	61
5	Boone (Harrison)	40	24	16
5	Conway (Morrilton)	37	17	20
5	Faulkner (Conway)	227	110	117
5	Marion (Yellville)	57	36	21
5	Newton (Jasper)	26	14	12
5	Pope (Russellville)	133	62	71
5	Searcy (Marshall)	38	20	18
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	41	25	16
	Area Total	714	362	352

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Area	County	Total	Male	Female
6	Pulaski	78	39	39
6	Pulaski (East)	127	68	59
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	86	47	39
6	Pulaski (North)	265	132	133
6	Pulaski (South)	299	158	141
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	239	130	109
	Area Total	1,094	574	520
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	24	23
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	6	5
7	Cleveland (Rison)	34	15	19
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	33	12	21
7	Grant (Sheridan)	35	21	14
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	271	133	138
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	8	12
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	42	57
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	1	1	0
	Area Total	551	262	289
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	18	25
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	144	78	66
8	Fulton (Salem)	35	13	22
8	Greene (Paragould)	63	22	41
8	Izard (Melbourne)	42	17	25
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	12	10
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	34	17	17
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	71	34	37
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	42	15	27
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	44	20	24
	Area Total	540	246	294
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	18	10	8
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	82	38	44
9	Cross (Wynne)	11	3	8
9	Independence (Batesville)	70	30	40
9	Jackson (Newport)	53	33	20
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	32	16	16
9	White (Searcy)	153	77	76
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	21	8	13
	Area Total	440	215	225
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	9	3	6
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	23	7	16
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	46	28	18
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	12	18
10	Desha (McGehee)	45	19	26
10	Drew (Monticello)	97	46	51
10	Lee (Marianna)	20	7	13
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	21	9	12
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	22	39
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	77	39	38
	Area Total	429	192	237
99	State Office	1	0	1
	Statewide Total	6,502	3,210	3,292

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)	274	77	42	24	36	59	17	19
1	Carroll (Berryville)	44	18	3	9	2	5	5	2
1	Madison (Huntsville)	54	6	9	10	8	11	5	5
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	248	71	40	40	27	25	14	31
	Area Total	620	172	94	83	73	100	41	57
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	31	30	18	11	17	10	8
2	Franklin (Ozark)	93	9	9	6	11	17	29	12
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	32	9	7	2	4	2	4	4
2	Logan (Paris, Booneville)	51	10	9	5	5	17	0	5
2	Scott (Waldron)	21	3	1	1	5	7	1	3
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	661	103	113	75	101	120	75	74
2	Yell (Danville)	35	5	10	1	8	2	7	2
	Area Total	1,018	170	179	108	145	182	126	108
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	12	6	8	8	1	7	7
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	271	51	39	43	27	44	31	36
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	50	19	9	9	5	8	0	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	63	8	5	5	12	18	12	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	19	5	0	8	3	3	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	12	3	3	0	1	2	2	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	2	0	1	1	3	2	2
3	Polk (Mena)	46	8	5	8	6	8	5	6
3	Saline (Benton)	140	41	19	19	12	23	10	16
	Area Total	661	149	86	101	75	110	69	71
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	44	23	1	0	9	2	0	9
4	Hempstead (Hope)	40	18	7	1	0	2	6	6
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	30	21	4	2	1	2	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	33	9	4	3	10	3	2	2
4	Miller (Texarkana)	114	34	12	15	11	18	11	13
4	Nevada (Prescott)	17	6	4	3	0	2	0	2
4	Ouachita (Camden)	70	21	10	11	7	9	3	9
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	32	6	6	4	2	0	8	6
4	Union (El Dorado)	54	21	8	4		8	2	11
	Area Total	434	159	56	43	40	46	32	58
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	115	20	8	11	21	20	19	16
5	Boone (Harrison)	40	13	10	2	3	4	8	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	37	2	15	6	6	4	4	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	227	66	41	32	21	36	20	11
5	Marion (Yellville)	57	8	7	12	11	14	3	2
5	Newton (Jasper)	26	3	4	6	8	1	3	1
5	Pope (Russellville)	133	34	15	22	28	16	11	7
5	Searcy (Marshall)	38	12	5	10	7	2	1	1
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	41	9	3	9	4	7	3	6
	Area Total	714	167	108	110	109	104	72	44

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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	78	16	7	14	7	22	7	5
6	Pulaski (East)	127	17	14	24	13	18	3	38
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	86	9	8	7	26	19	6	11
6	Pulaski (North)	265	32	57	31	45	36	18	46
6	Pulaski (South)	299	62	29	35	29	49	47	48
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	239	24	30	28	51	37	27	42
	Area Total	1,094	160	145	139	171	181	108	190
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	3	10	5	3	11	2	13
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	1	3	1	3	0	1	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	34	16	7	6	0	1	1	3
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	33	6	8	5	1	2	4	7
7	Grant (Sheridan)	35	14	5	3	3	2	1	7
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	271	91	44	15	24	28	34	35
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	9	5	0	2	1	0	3
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	33	15	18	5	15	7	6
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	551	174	97	53	41	60	50	76
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	1	6	15	7	5	0	9
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	144	13	30	16	20	35	17	13
8	Fulton (Salem)	35	7	3	3	5	10	4	3
8	Greene (Paragould)	63	19	16	7	4	5	2	10
8	Izard (Melbourne)	42	14	7	10	2	5	2	2
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	8	0	4	2	3	0	5
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	34	7	14	5	4	3	1	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	71	8	11	16	15	7	3	11
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	42	11	4	10	8	5	3	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	44	12	15	4	4	5	1	3
	Area Total	540	100	106	90	71	83	33	57
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	18	3	0	5	0	9	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	82	23	4	2	6	27	2	18
9	Cross (Wynne)	11	2	2	0	5	2	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	70	14	6	19	8	9	6	8
9	Jackson (Newport)	53	13	8	10	9	5	2	6
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	32	2	6	17	0	2	2	3
9	White (Searcy)	153	25	29	27	20	29	15	8
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	21	3	6	2	2	3	4	1
	Area Total	440	85	61	82	50	86	32	44
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	9	3	0	1	2	1	0	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	23	1	7	9	5	1	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	46	12	5	7	7	4	5	6
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	6	1	6	3	2	1	11
10	Desha (McGehee)	45	6	6	4	8	4	9	8
10	Drew (Monticello)	97	4	9	8	4	18	23	31
10	Lee (Marianna)	20	2	4	3	1	6	1	3
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	21	1	4	5	3	1	2	5
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	12	8	10	5	12	5	9
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	77	8	5	7	16	5	3	33
	Area Total	429	55	49	60	54	54	49	108
99	State Office	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Statewide Total	6,502	1,392	981	869	829	1,006	612	813

APPENDIX F: Services Provided during the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
1	Benton (Bentonville)	274	436	1,031	7	14	717
1	Carroll (Berryville)	44	99	196	8	14	151
1	Madison (Huntsville)	54	67	165	1	1	122
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	248	539	1,298	4	9	791
	Area Total	620	1,141	2,690	20	38	1,781
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	125	189	415	3	4	317
2	Franklin (Ozark)	93	117	290	1	2	211
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	32	83	185	2	4	117
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	51	82	189	6	14	139
2	Scott (Waldron)	21	50	95	2	5	73
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	661	587	1,324	7	11	1,255
2	Yell (Danville)	35	70	147	4	9	109
	Area Total	1,018	1,178	2,645	25	49	2,221
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	49	78	182	8	16	135
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	271	356	738	66	152	693
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	50	81	180	27	50	158
3	Howard (Nashville)	63	63	143	2	4	128
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	19	13	42	0	0	32
3	Perry (Perryville)	12	28	63	5	7	45
3	Pike (Murfreestboro)	11	21	42	1	3	33
3	Polk (Mena)	46	67	153	21	45	134
3	Saline (Benton)	140	229	506	14	35	383
	Area Total	661	936	2,049	144	312	1,741
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	44	43	98	16	30	103
4	Hempstead (Hope)	40	77	174	30	73	147
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	30	30	71	1	2	61
4	Little River (Ashdown)	33	38	99	8	15	79
4	Miller (Texarkana)	114	148	339	11	23	273
4	Nevada (Prescott)	17	39	84	1	2	57
4	Ouachita (Camden)	70	120	275	4	5	194
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	30	48	98	8	10	86
4	Union (El Dorado)	56	120	261	23	38	199
	Area Total	434	663	1,499	102	198	1,199
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	115	127	251	6	15	248
5	Boone (Harrison)	40	75	161	7	19	122
5	Conway (Morrilton)	37	98	241	1	1	136
5	Faulkner (Conway)	227	407	850	2	2	636
5	Marion (Yellville)	57	77	164	4	6	138
5	Newton (Jasper)	26	38	72	5	15	69
5	Pope (Russellville)	133	176	402	11	25	320
5	Searcy (Marshall)	38	46	132	6	8	90
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	41	80	193	1	1	122
	Area Total	714	1,124	2,466	43	92	1,881

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Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
6	Pulaski	78	66	151	8	16	152
6	Pulaski (East)	127	114	293	15	20	256
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	86	99	210	21	31	206
6	Pulaski (North)	265	256	613	40	76	561
6	Pulaski (South)	299	313	724	46	65	658
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	239	227	557	29	43	495
	Area Total	1,094	1,075	2,548	159	251	2,328
7	Bradley (Warren)	47	51	102	6	14	104
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	28	73	0	0	39
7	Cleveland (Rison)	34	34	77	0	0	68
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	33	44	121	4	11	81
7	Grant (Sheridan)	35	41	81	19	34	95
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	271	362	922	17	42	650
7	Lincoln (Star City)	20	20	43	1	2	41
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	126	265	5	6	230
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	1	6	9	1	1	8
	Area Total	551	712	1,693	53	110	1,316
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	43	68	143	17	40	128
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	144	210	558	13	27	367
8	Fulton (Salem)	35	38	74	2	5	75
8	Greene (Paragould)	63	116	303	14	33	193
8	Izard (Melbourne)	42	54	124	5	24	101
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	61	147	8	14	91
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	34	68	186	7	15	109
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	71	71	209	9	22	151
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	42	61	153	5	11	108
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	44	81	197	10	22	135
	Area Total	540	828	2,094	90	213	1,458
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	18	18	33	4	8	40
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	82	112	304	13	38	207
9	Cross (Wynne)	11	31	72	6	14	48
9	Independence (Batesville)	70	82	184	11	19	163
9	Jackson (Newport)	53	52	106	3	8	108
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	32	62	145	0	0	94
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	14	41	3	4	17
9	White (Searcy)	153	176	411	13	25	342
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	21	22	45	2	2	45
	Area Total	440	569	1,341	55	118	1,064
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	9	23	64	2	4	34
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	23	51	112	4	6	78
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	46	44	70	3	5	93
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	30	43	76	20	41	93
10	Desha (McGehee)	45	60	120	17	20	122
10	Drew (Monticello)	97	109	243	13	23	219
10	Lee (Marianna)	20	37	94	3	7	60
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	21	33	77	6	13	60
10	Phillips (Helena)	61	122	387	12	27	195
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	77	100	259	21	52	198
	Area Total	429	622	1,502	101	198	1,152
99	State Office	1	10	26	1	2	12
	Statewide Total	6,502	8,858	20,553	793	1,581	16,153