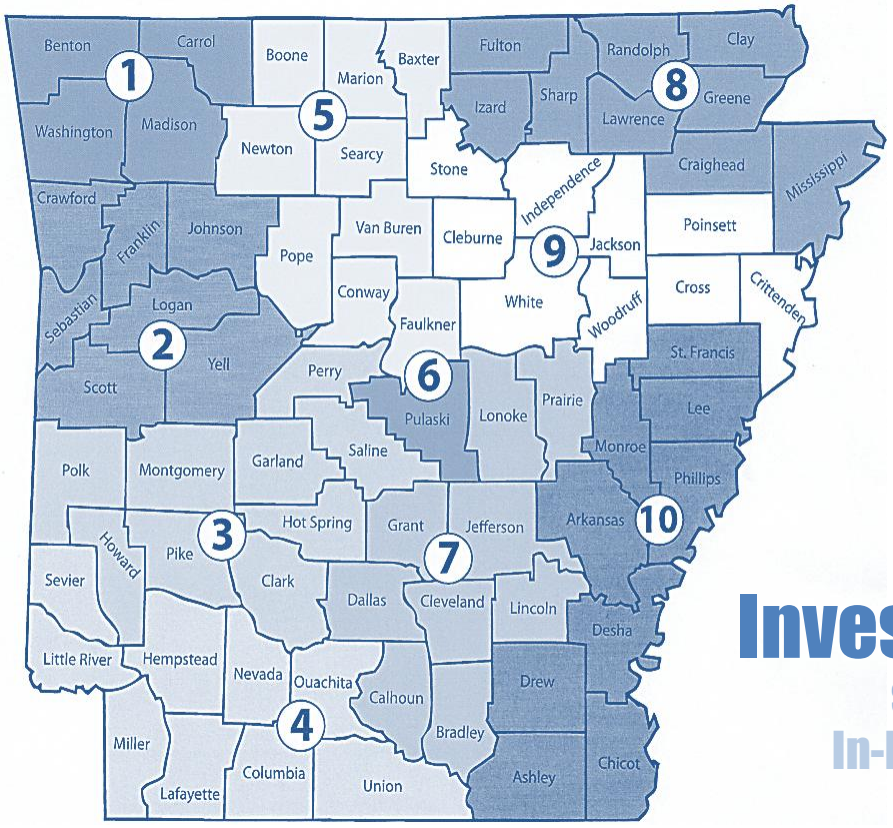
ANNUAL REPORT CARD

State Fiscal Year 2025

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



Investigations

Differential Response

Foster Care

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

In-home Protective Services

ADOPTIONS

Produced for

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Division of Children and Family Services

by

Evident Change

Table of Contents

Reports of Child Maltreatment 1
- Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports 1
- Meeting Agency Policies 4
- Benefits to Children and Families 6

In-Home Services 7
- Volume and Description of Cases 7
- Meeting Agency Policies 8
- Benefits to Children and Families 9

Foster Care 10
- Volume and Description of Cases 10
- Meeting Agency Policies 13
- Benefits to Children and Families 15

Adoption 16
- Volume and Description of Cases 16
- Meeting Agency Policies 17
- Benefits to Children and Families 18

Resources 19
- Caseworkers and Caseloads 19
- Foster Homes 20

Appendices 23
- *Appendix A*: Child Maltreatment Investigations by Area and County 23
- *Appendix B:* Children in Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity 25
- *Appendix C*: Children in Foster Care by Age 27
- *Appendix D:* Children in Foster Care by Gender 29
- *Appendix E:* Children in Foster Care by Length of Stay 31
- *Appendix F:* Services Provided During the Year 33
- *Appendix G:* Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality 35
- *Appendix H:* Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality 38
- *Appendix I:* Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation 40
- *Appendix J:* Average Caseload as of the End of SFY 2025, by County 41
- *Appendix K:* Foster Home Closure Reasons 42
- *Appendix L:* Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports 44

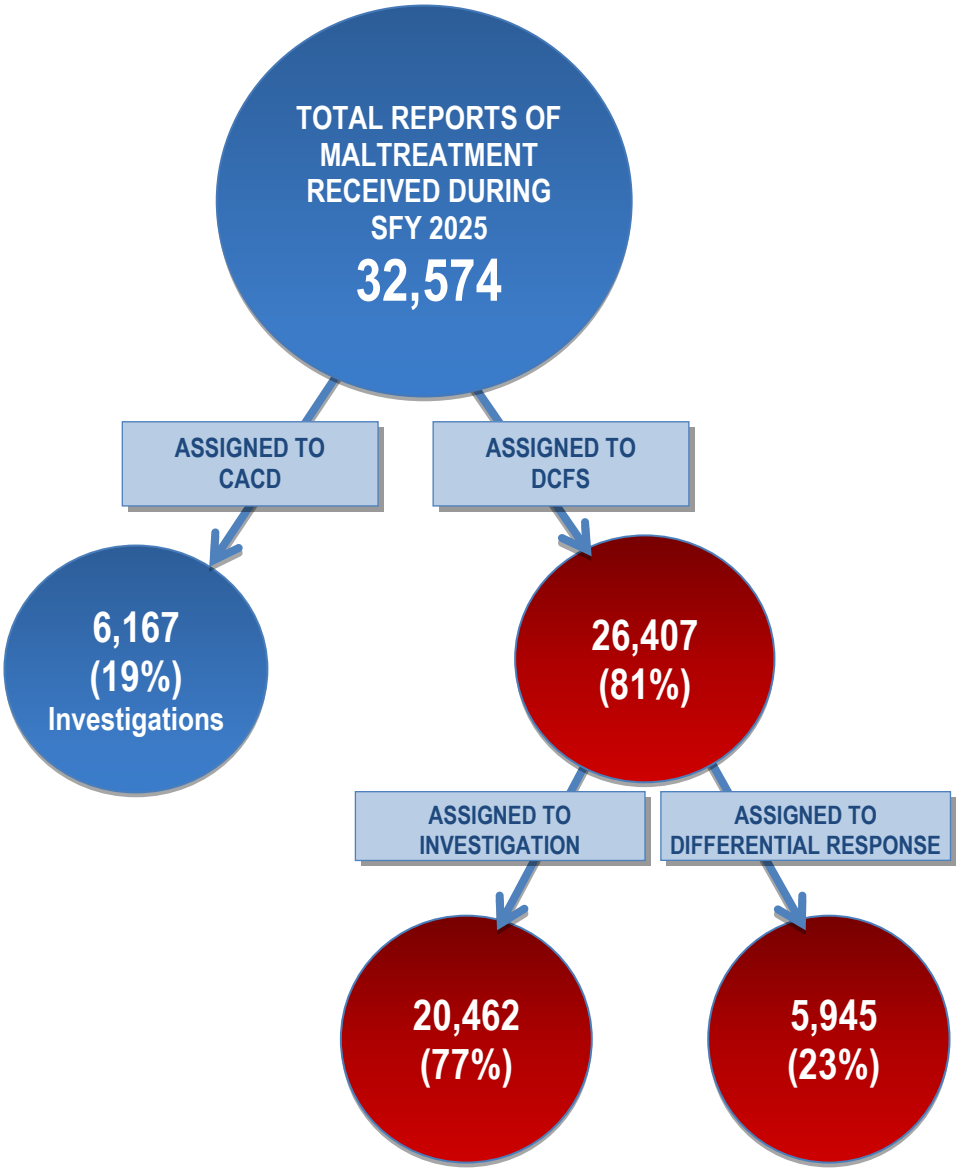
Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During SFY 2025



Of the 32,574 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, 81 percent were assigned to DCFS and 19 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 77 percent were assigned for an investigation and 23 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

DR allows the Division to respond to specific, low-risk maltreatment reports through a family assessment and provision of services rather than a traditional investigation.

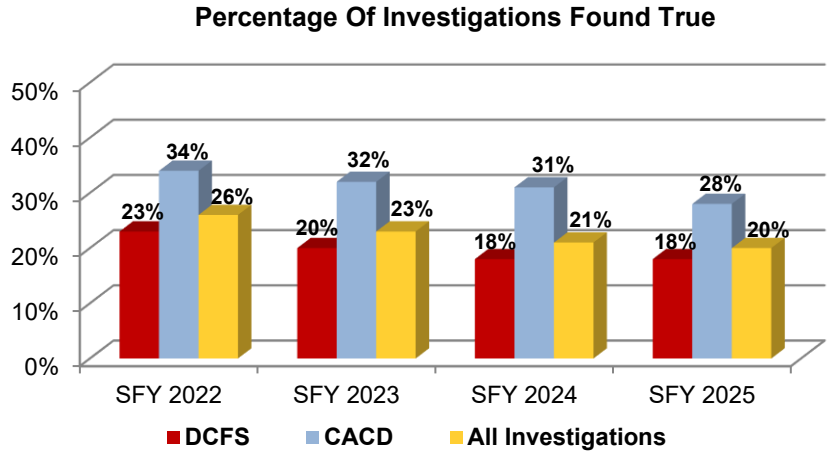
The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, and Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

Quick Facts

Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Eighteen percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during SFY 2025 were found true, compared to 28 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 20 percent.

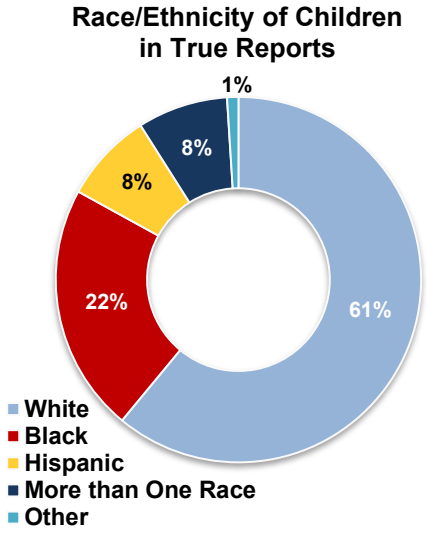


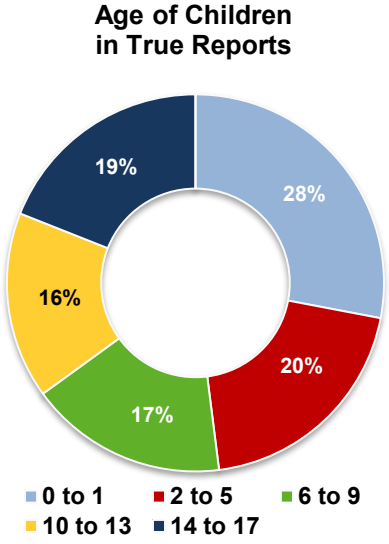
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 6,922 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

Of those children, 61 percent were white, 22 percent were black, 8 percent were Hispanic, and 8 percent were multiracial. Children ages five and younger accounted for nearly half (48 percent) of the victim children.

A majority of the victim children during SFY 2025 (54 percent) were female.





Types of Allegations in True Investigations

The majority of the 6,922 victim children in true investigations were involved in allegations of neglect (64 percent), followed by physical abuse (23 percent) and sexual abuse (20 percent).

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment		
	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	4,462	64%
Physical Abuse	1,597	23%
Sexual Abuse	1,406	20%
Sexual Exploitation	145	2%
Abandonment	82	1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

Quick Facts

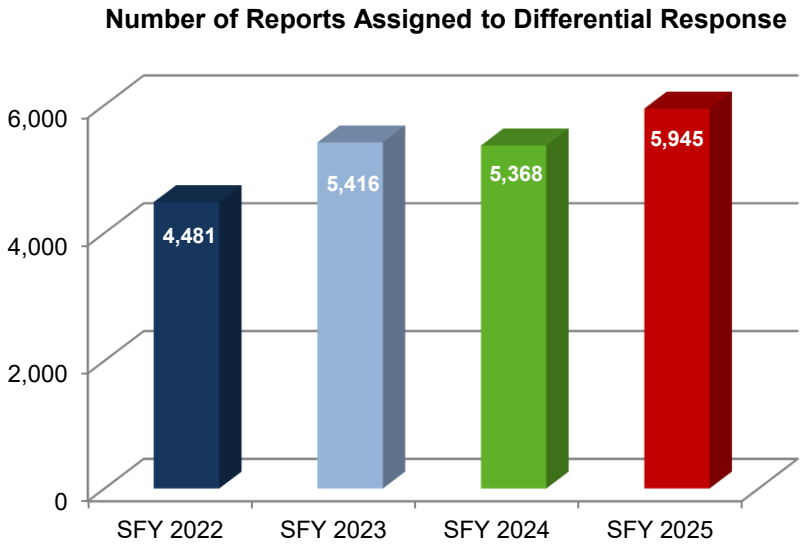
Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	**Child Fatality**	**Near Child Fatality**
True	13	15
Unsubstantiated	10	8
Inactive / Unable to Locate	1	0
Pending	14	2

During SFY 2025, there were 38 maltreatment investigations involving a child fatality. While several investigations were still pending, a majority of those in which a disposition had been rendered were found true. There were 25 investigations of near child fatalities during the year; most of those were found true as well.

Appendix G includes more details regarding the fatality and near fatality cases that are disclosable at the time of this report's release.

Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)



The number of reports assigned to DR during SFY 2025 (5,945) increased 11 percent over the number assigned during the previous year (5,368).

Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

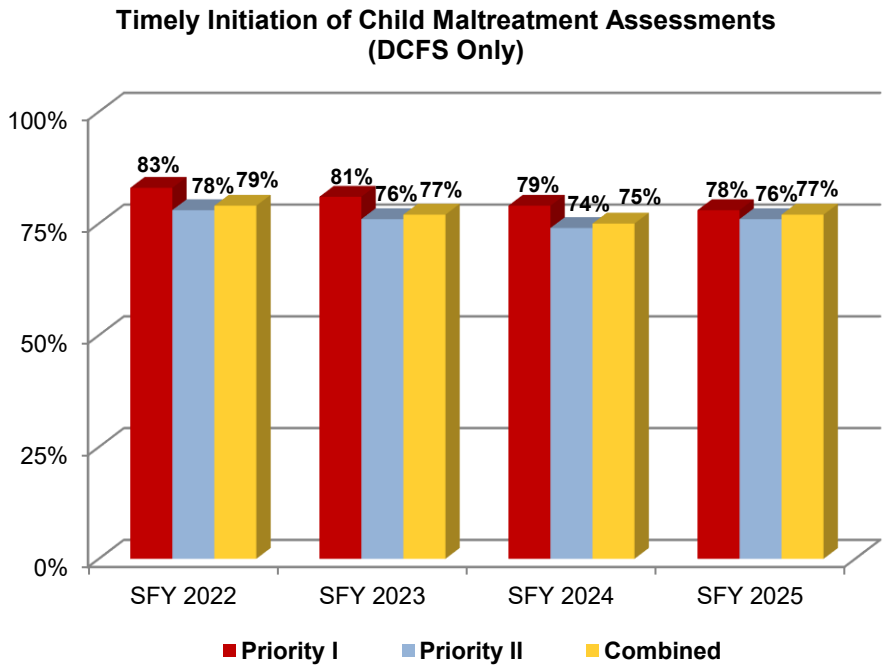
Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

Priority I reports cite more severe allegations while Priority II reports cite comparatively less serious allegations.

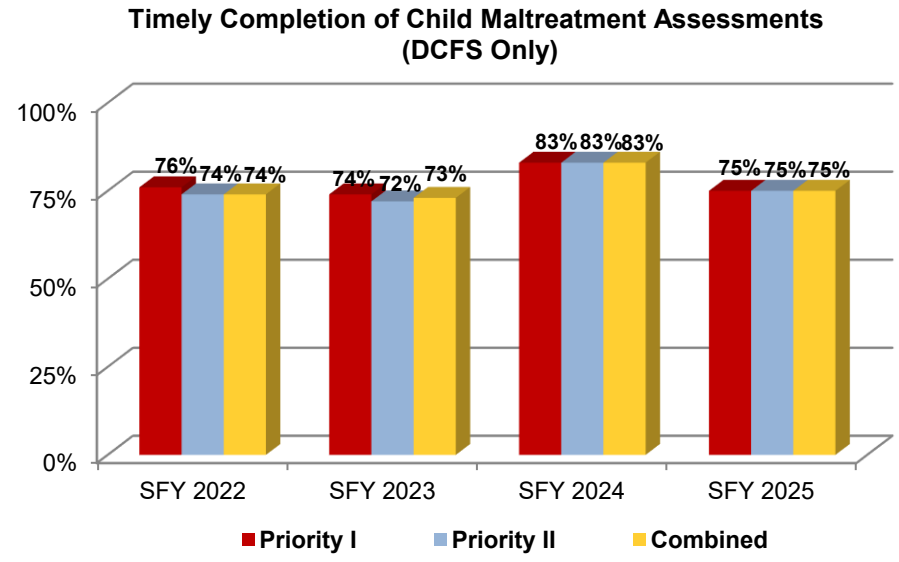
Initiation occurs when all victim children are interviewed or observed (if too young for an interview) within the designated timeframes.

DCFS initiated 77 percent of its investigations on time during SFY 2025, performing slightly better on its Priority I investigations than Priority II.



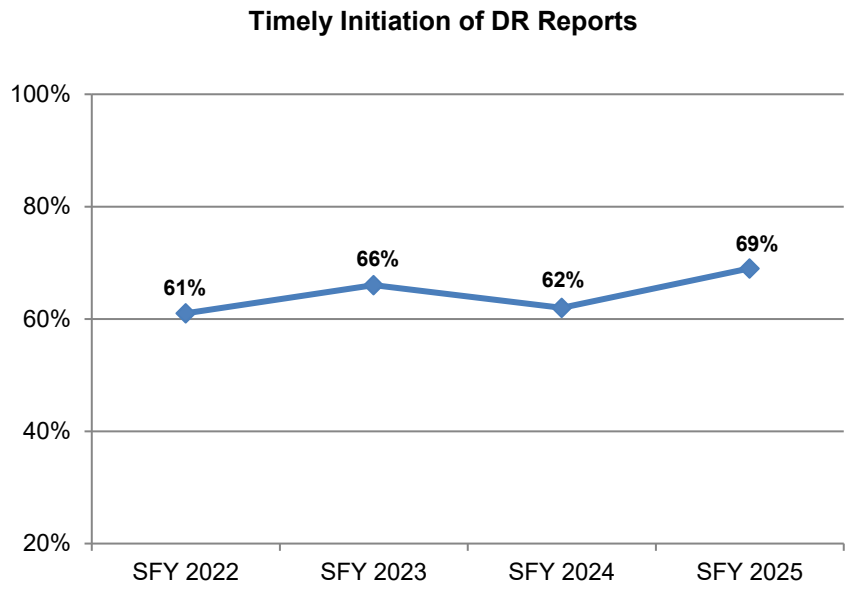
Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 75 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during SFY 2025, lower than the timely completion rate observed for the previous year.



Quick Facts

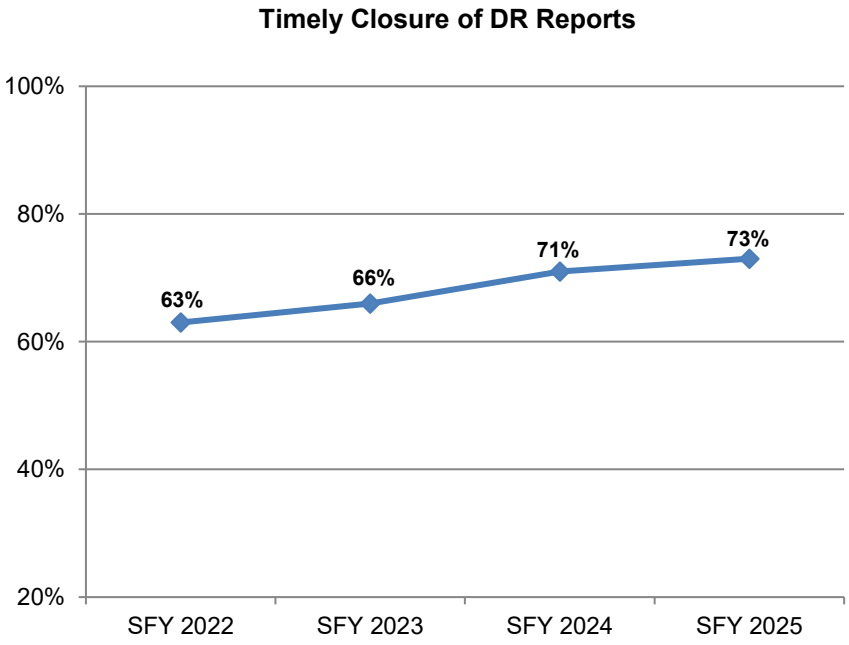
Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR



DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 69 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2025, an improvement over its performance during the previous year (62 percent).

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR



Reports assigned to DR are to close within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

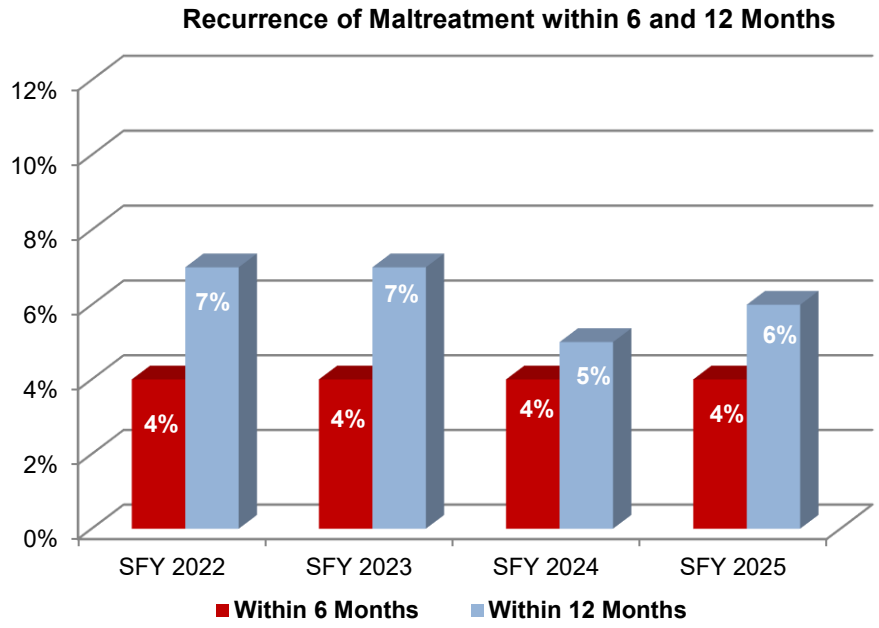
The agency closed 73 percent of its DR reports on time during SFY 2025, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

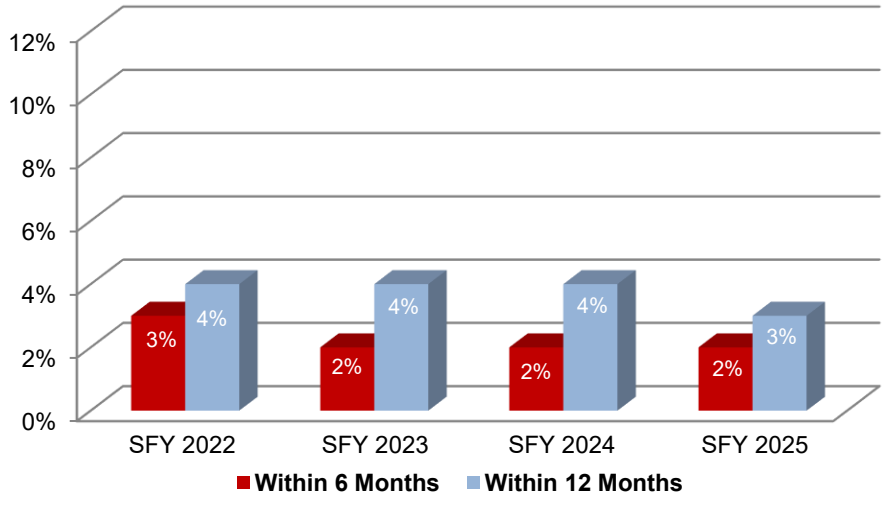
Four percent of the victim children involved in true investigations during the previous year experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months. Six percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months.



The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

Three percent of the children who began receiving DR services were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within six months, and two percent were involved in a true investigation within 12 months.

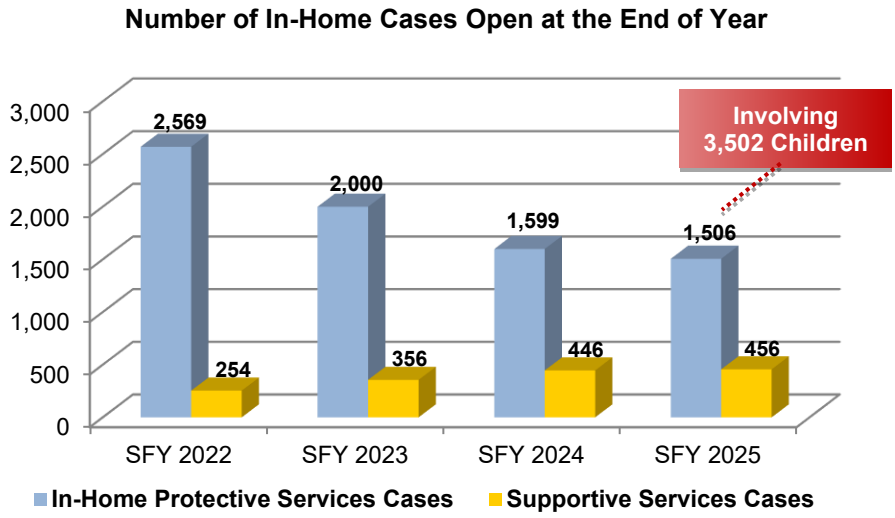


In-Home Services

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

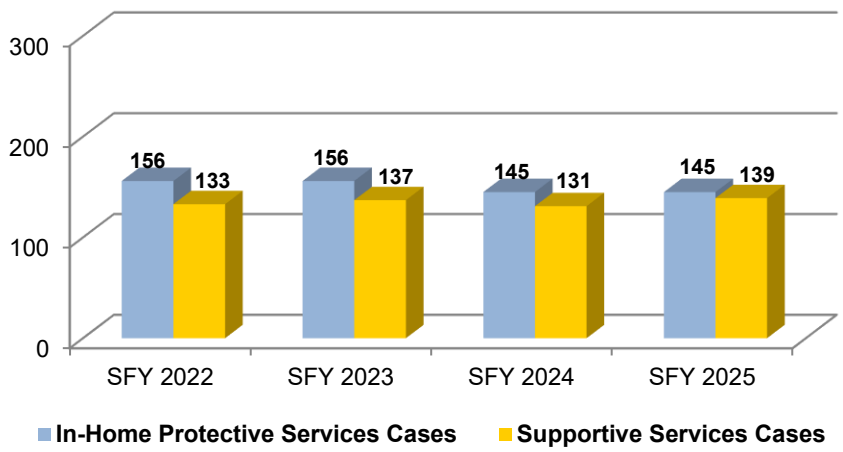


In most instances DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases open at the end of SFY 2025 decreased by six percent compared to one year ago. At the end of the year, there were 1,506 in-home protective services cases open across the state, involving 3,502 children.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 456 supportive services cases at the end of the year.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

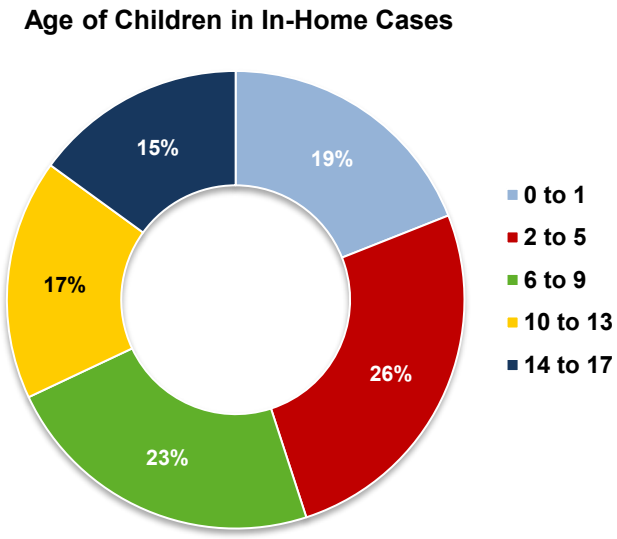


Both in-home protective services cases and supportive services cases that were active as of the end of SFY 2025 had been open, on average, for just over four and one-half months.

Quick Facts

Age of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Over half (55 percent) of the children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of SFY 2025 were ages six or older.

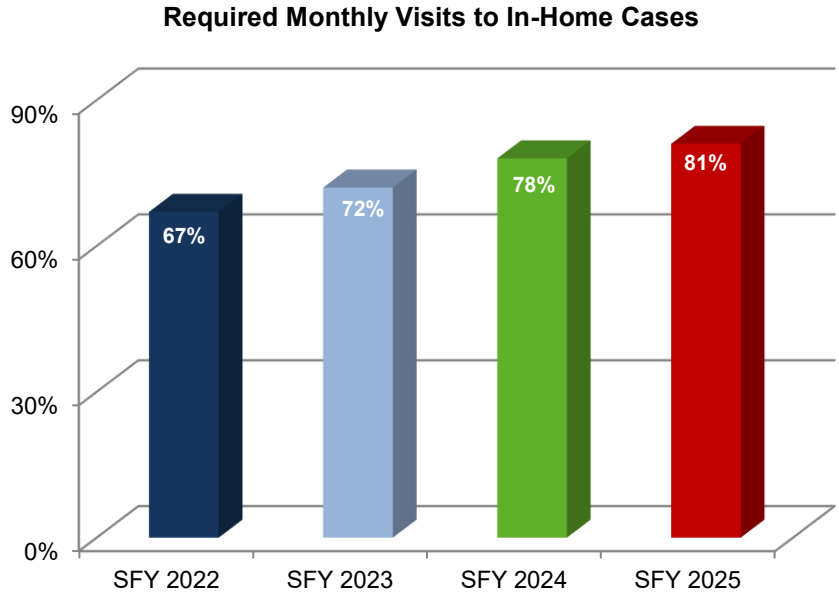


Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

Families with an open in-home protective services case must receive a face-to-face visit from a caseworker each month. Caseworkers made 81 percent of these required visits during SFY 2025.

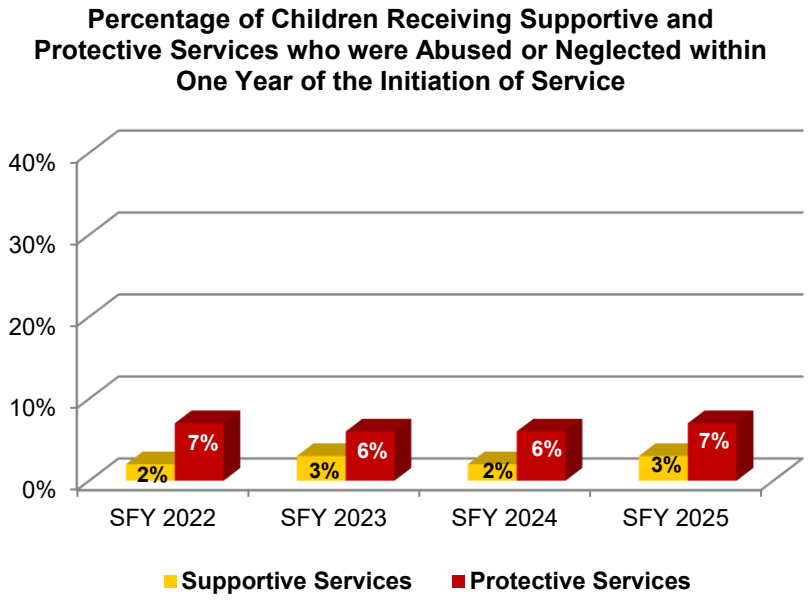
The in-home visitation rate has steadily improved in recent years. The Division's goal is 85 percent.



Quick Facts

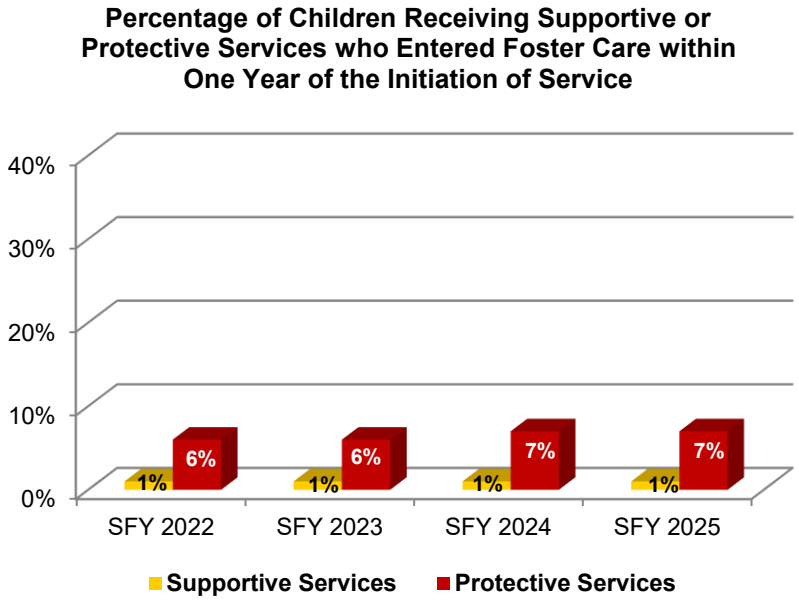
Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services



Of the children who began receiving in-home protective services during the year prior to SFY 2025, seven percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the year prior to SFY 2025, three percent were involved in a true report within one year.

Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services



Of the children who began receiving protective services one year prior to SFY 2025, seven percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Meanwhile, one percent of the children who began receiving supportive services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

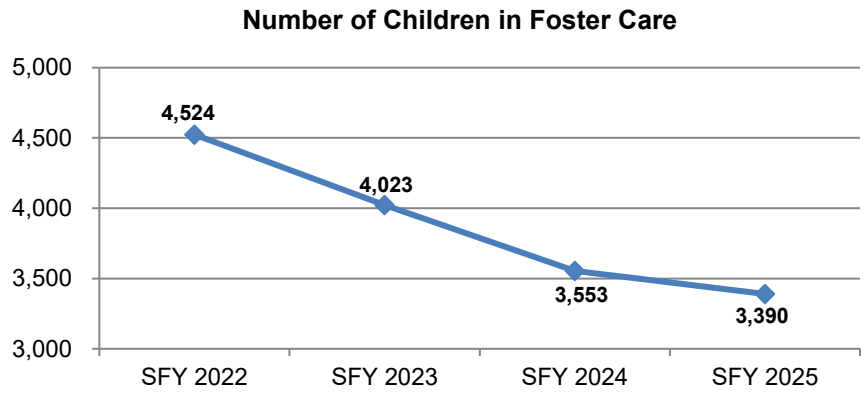
Overall, in-home services prevent the vast majority of the children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year of initiation.

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

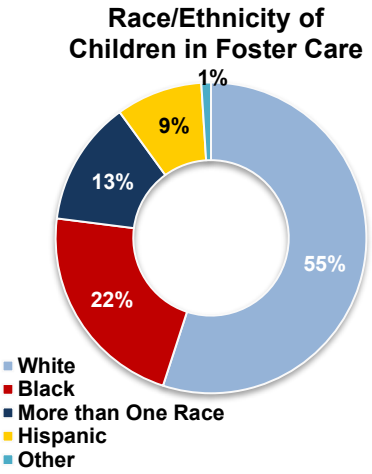
There were 3,390 children in foster care at the end of SFY 2025. This represented a decrease of five percent from SFY 2024 (3,553).

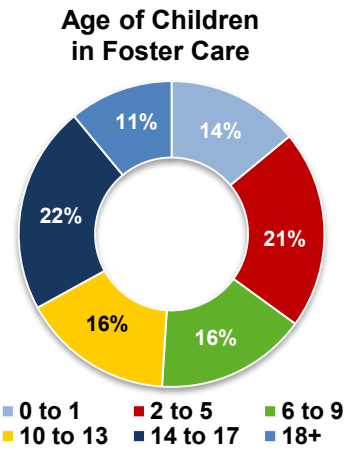


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

At the end of SFY 2025, children ages five years or younger made up 35 percent of all children in foster care. Fifty-five percent of those in care were white, 22 percent were black, and 13 percent were multiracial.

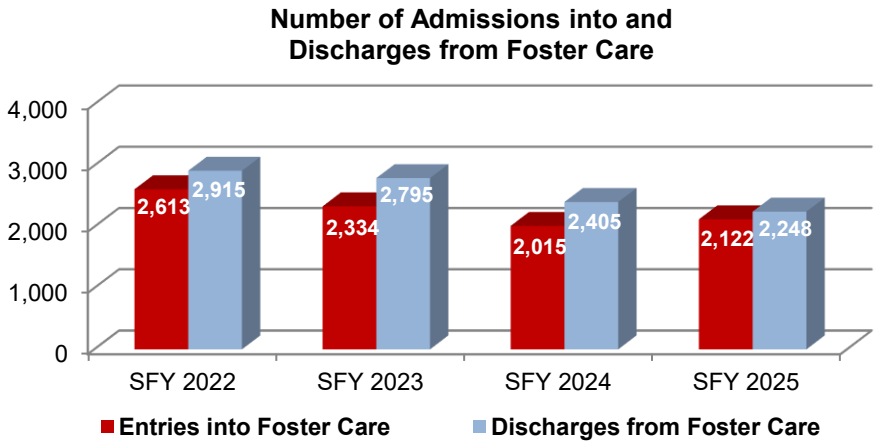
Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.





Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

More children exited foster care during SFY 2025 than had entered.



Quick Facts

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care
SFY 2025

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	1,085	51%
Substance Abuse	877[1]	41%
Parent Incarceration	465	22%
Physical Abuse	369	17%
Inadequate Housing	310	15%
Sexual Abuse	136	6%
Abandonment	131	6%
Caretaker Illness	83	4%
Child's Behavior	78	4%
Death of Parent(s)	30	1%
Truancy	18	1%
All Other Reasons	40	2%

A child may have more than one reason for entry.

Neglect and substance abuse were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care during the year.

Arkansas' Safe Haven Law allows for anonymous and legal relinquishment of infants up to 30 days old in designated locations (e.g., hospitals, police and fire stations, Safe Haven baby boxes), with the infants then entering foster care so DCFS can work to find them a permanent home. No children entered foster care via the Safe Haven Law during the year.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care
SFY 2025

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	952	42%
Adoption	549	24%
Guardianship	232	10%
Relative Custody	232	10%
Child Aged Out	191	9%
Non-Custodial Parent Custody	50	2%
Non-Relative Custody	25	1%
All Other Reasons	16	<1%

National data[2] indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (44%), adoption (27%), and guardianship (10%).

Forty-two percent of the children who left foster care during SFY 2025 were reunified with their own family, 24 percent were adopted, and 10 percent each were discharged to relative custody and guardianship.

Overall, 91 percent of the children exiting care in Arkansas achieved permanency either by returning home or via discharge to relatives, an adoptive home, or another permanent arrangement.

[1] These 877 cases of substance abuse include 703 instances of parental drug abuse, 143 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 22 instances of drug abuse by children, and 9 instances of alcohol abuse by children.
[2] National data from the Children's Bureau (May 2025).

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2025, just over half (53 percent) had been in care for 12 months or longer.

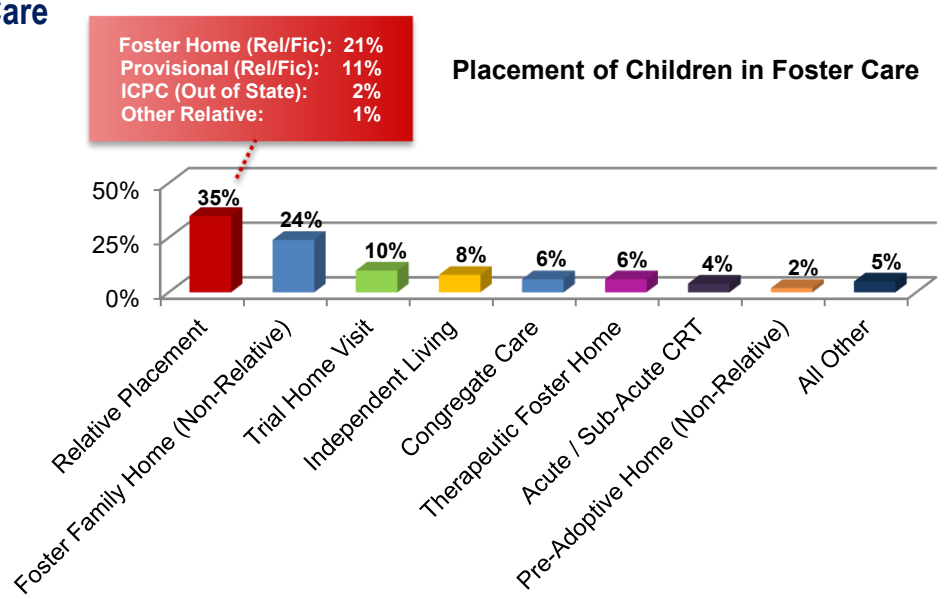
Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
SFY 2025

Length of Stay	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 days	142	4%
30-90 Days	344	10%
3-6 Months	371	11%
6-12 Months	733	22%
12-24 Months	813	24%
24-36 Months	371	11%
36+ Months	616	18%
Total	3,390	100%

Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 77 percent of the children in foster care at the end of SFY 2025 resided in a family-like setting (i.e., relative placement, foster family home, therapeutic foster home, trial home visit, pre-adoptive home).

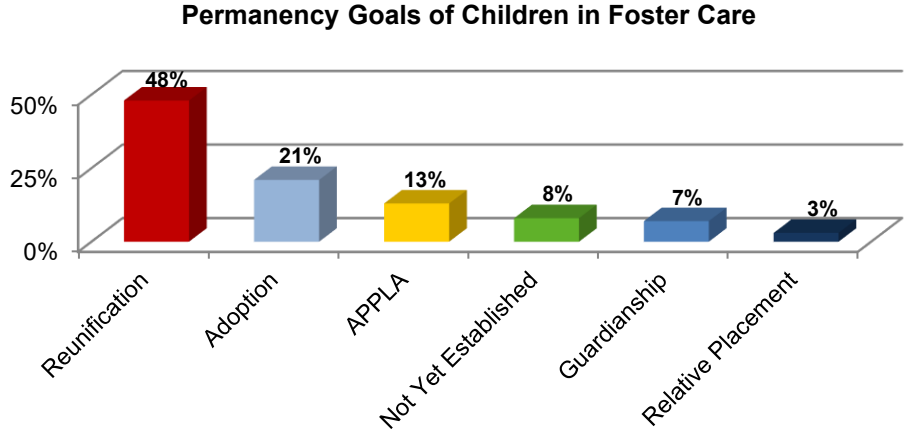
Six percent resided in congregate care, which represents placement in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), residential treatment care or residential care only program, or emergency shelter.



Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

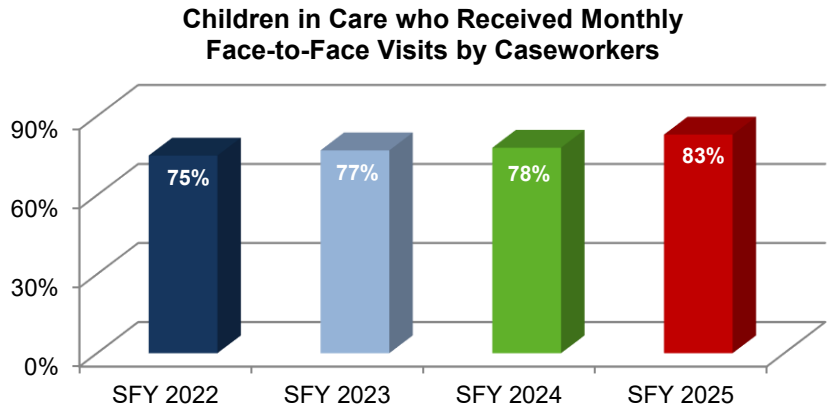
Forty-eight percent of the children in care at the end of SFY 2025 had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 21 percent had a goal of adoption.

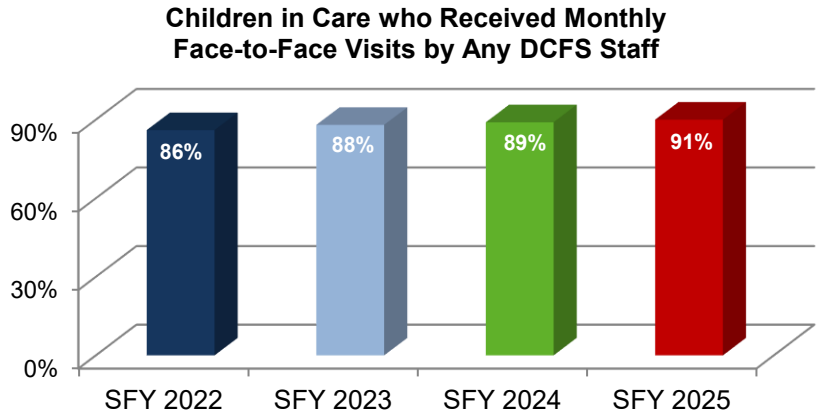
These figures differ slightly from national data from the Children's Bureau as of May 2025, with averages of 42 percent for reunification and 23 percent for adoption.



Quick Facts

Monthly Visits to Children in Foster Care



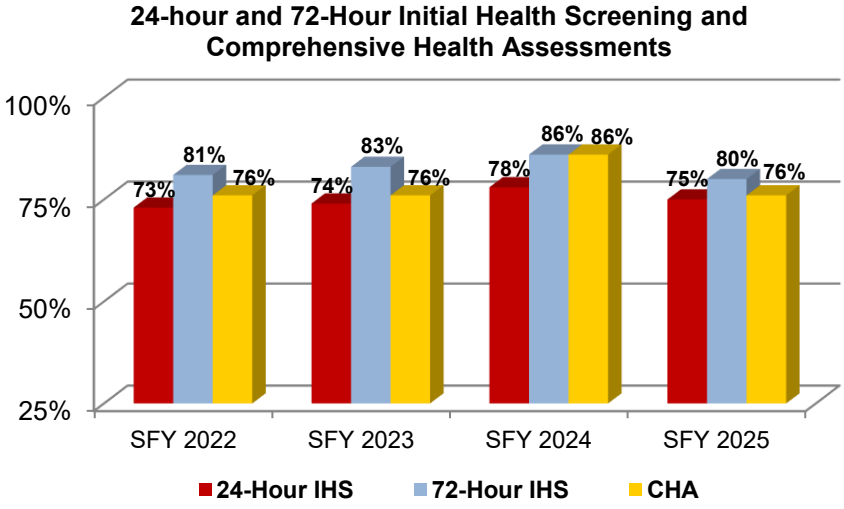


To ensure safety and well-being, best practice requires children in foster care to be visited in their placements by their caseworkers each month. The Division's goal is to make 95 percent of these visits.

DCFS caseworkers made 83 percent of their required monthly face-to-face visits with children in care statewide during SFY 2025.

On average, 91 percent of the children received a face-to-face monthly contact from *any* DCFS staff member—regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose—during the year.

Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments



Depending on the severity of alleged maltreatment that leads to a child's entry into care, DCFS must complete either a 24-hour initial health screening (IHS) or 72-hour IHS. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering care.

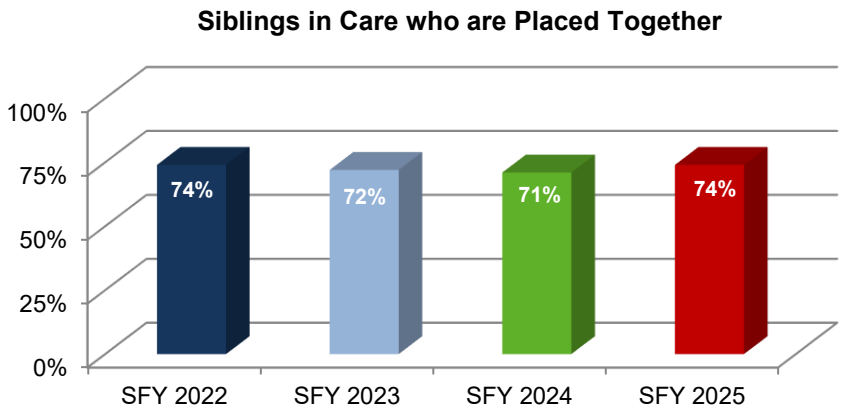
DCFS completed 75 percent of its required 24-hour IHSs, 80 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 76 percent of its CHAs on time during SFY 2025.

Quick Facts

Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of SFY 2025, 74 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 55 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

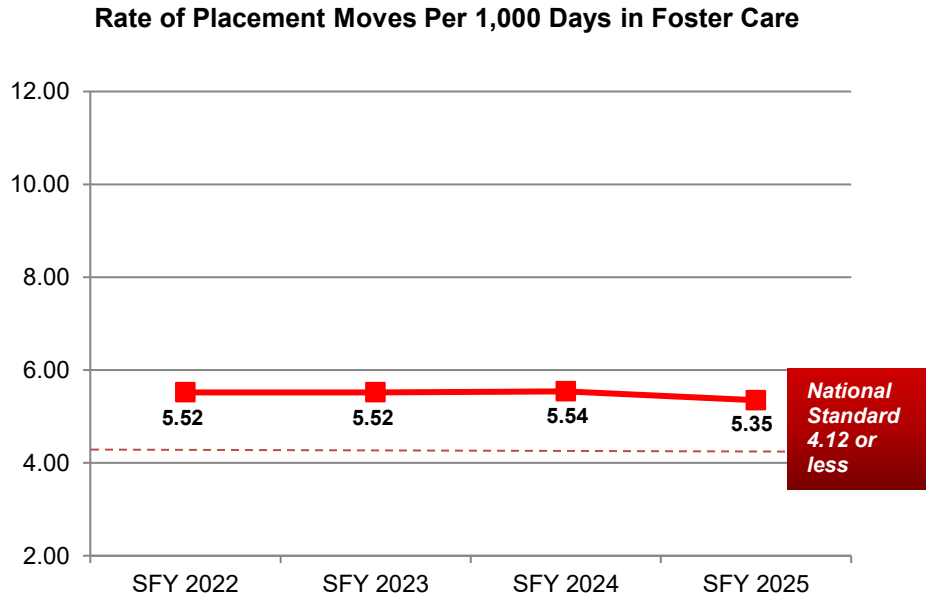
These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.



Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

Placement stability is measured by the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care for children who enter care over a 12-month period.

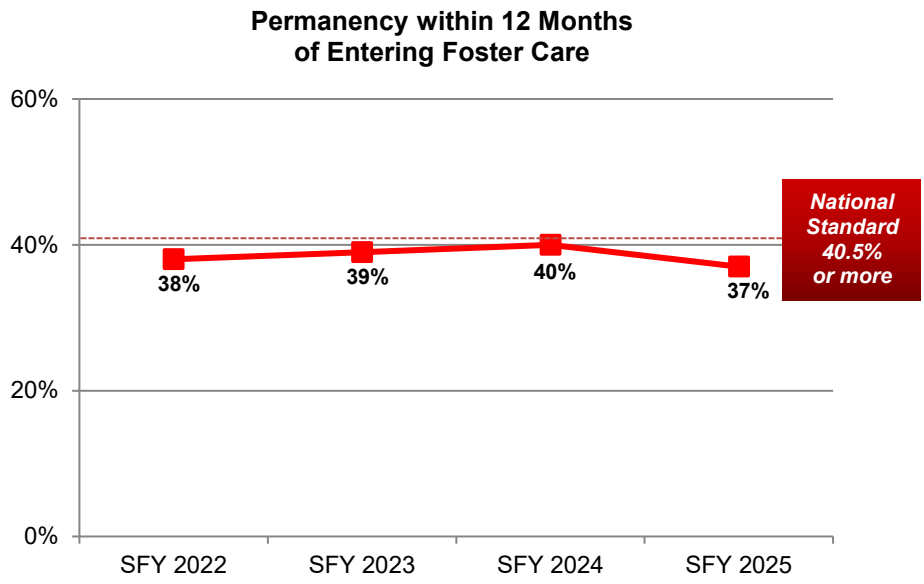
For SFY 2025, the placement stability rate was 5.35, an improvement over the previous year. The national standard is a rate of 4.12.



Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

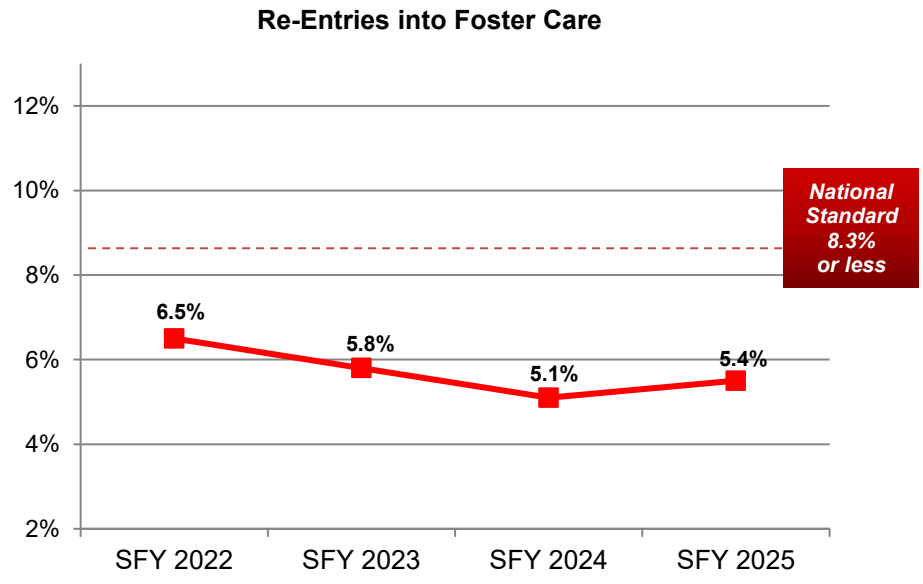
Achieving Permanency



The national standard is for 40.5 percent of all children entering foster care to achieve permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) within 12 months of removal. Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

For SFY 2025, 37 percent of the children entering care in Arkansas achieved permanency within 12 months.

Preventing Children's Re-Entry Into Foster Care



For SFY 2025, just over five percent of the children who were discharged to their families re-entered foster care within 12 months. The Division consistently meets the national standard of 8.3 percent or less.

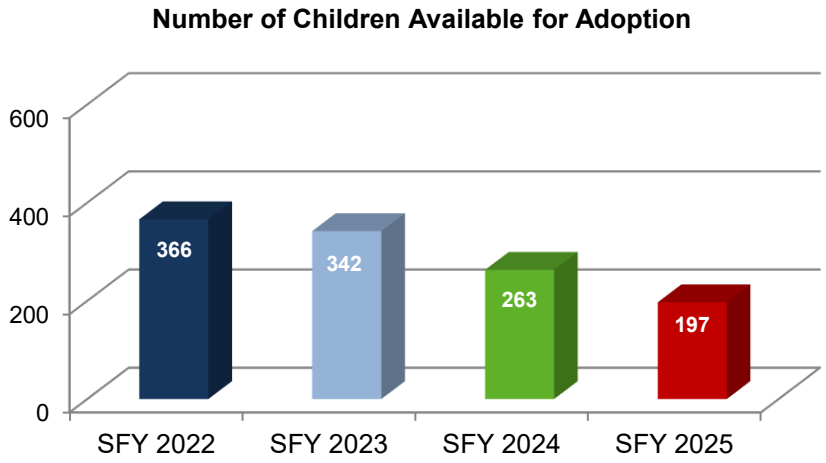
Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Cases

Children Available for Adoption [3]

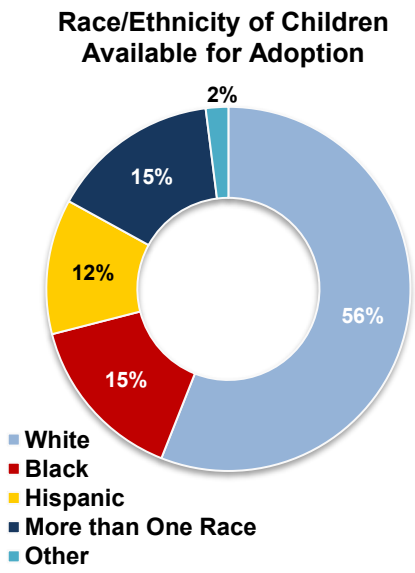
At the end of SFY 2025, 197 children were available for adoption.

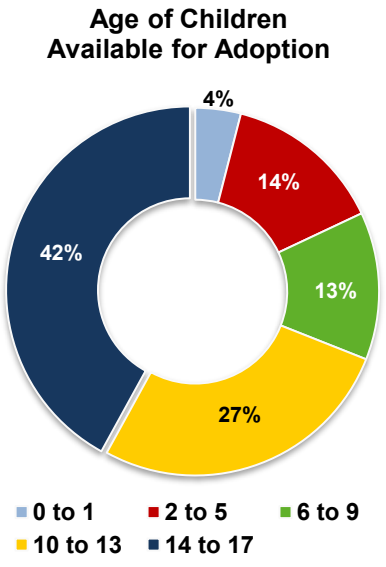
DCFS estimates that it has identified a possible pre-adoptive placement for approximately 20 percent of the children available for adoption.



Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 56 percent were white, 15 percent were black, 15 percent were multiracial, and 12 percent were Hispanic. Children ages ten and older made up 69 percent of the children available for adoption.

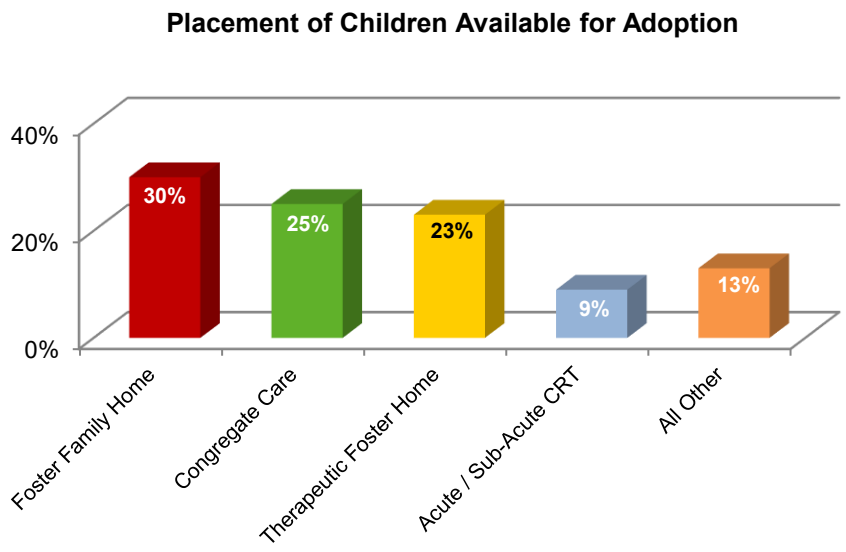




[3] Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

Quick Facts

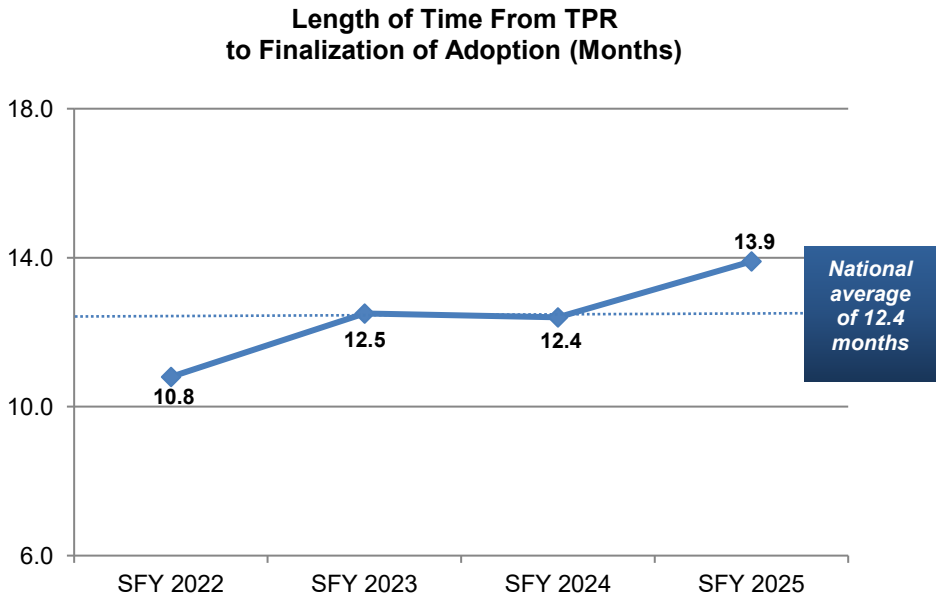
Placement of Children Available for Adoption



Just over half (53 percent) of the children available for adoption at the end of SFY 2025 resided in either a foster family home or therapeutic foster home. Twenty-five percent resided in congregate care.

Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption



Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was nearly 14 months during SFY 2025, over two months longer than the average observed for the previous year.

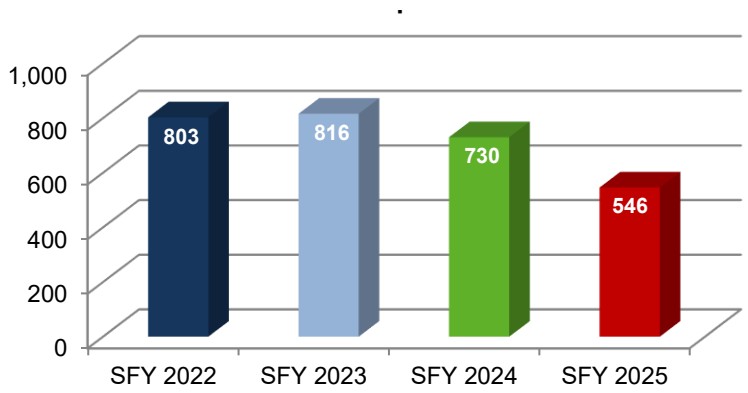
Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Finalized Adoptions

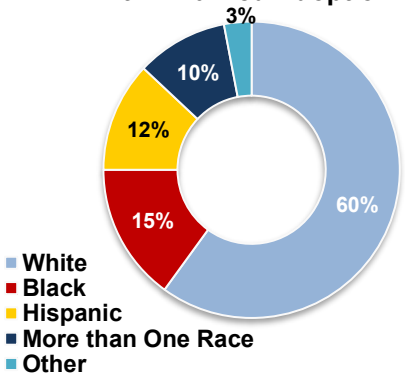
Five-hundred and forty-six adoptions were finalized during SFY 2025.

Thirty-six percent of the adoptions finalized during the year were by relatives.

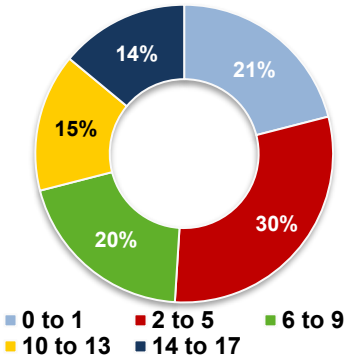


Children ages zero to five made just over half (51 percent) of children who were adopted during SFY 2025. White children made 60 percent of those adopted.

Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



Age of Children with Finalized Adoption



Subsidized Adoptions

Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- Caucasian and over nine
- African-American and at least two
- At least two members of a sibling group
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional.

During SFY 2025, 688 children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 658 were federally-funded and 30 were state funded subsidies.

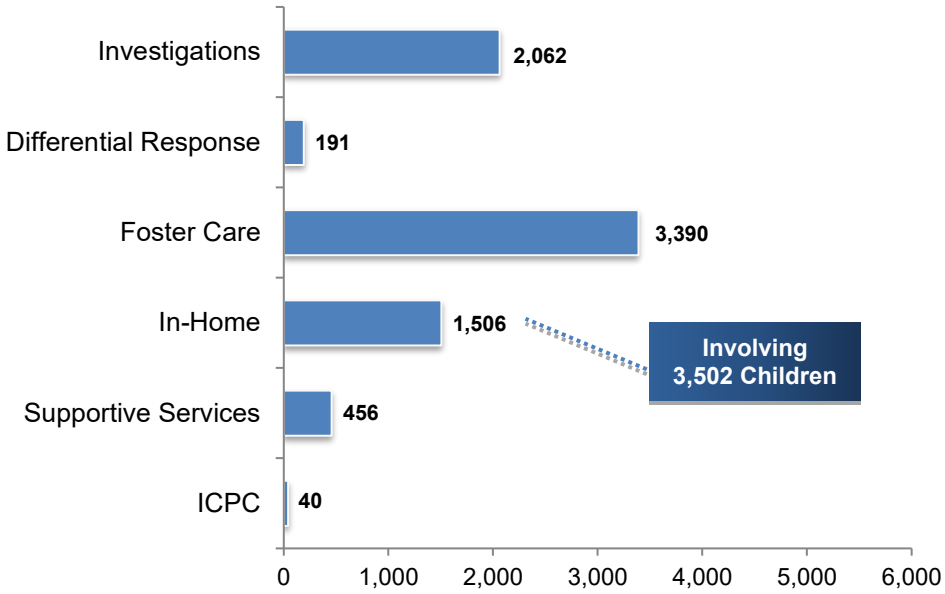
During SFY 2025, a total of 8,842 children received adoption subsidies.

Quick Facts

Caseworkers and Caseloads

Caseloads at the End of SFY 2025

Types of Cases at the End of SFY 2025



One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

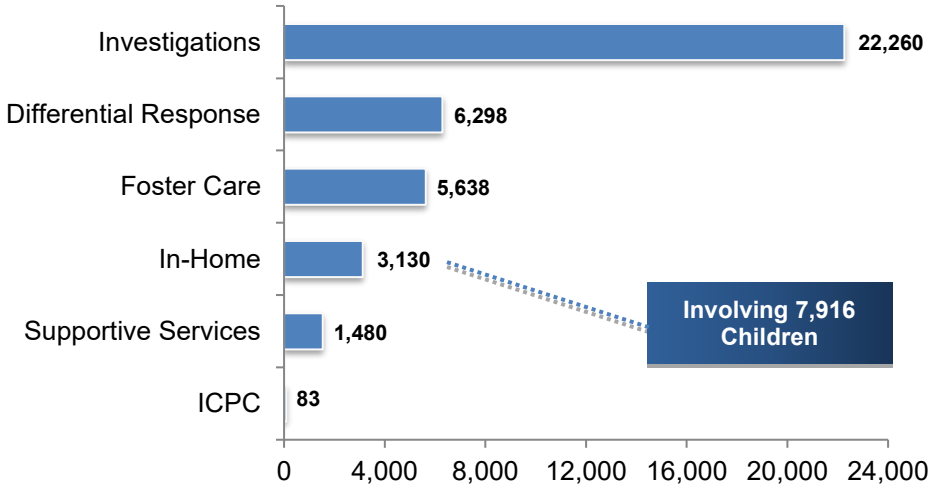
As of the end of SFY 2025, the Division was responsible for:

- **2,062 investigations of child maltreatment and 191 DR cases;**
- **3,390 foster care cases (3,237 excluding adoption cases);**
- **1,506 in-home cases, involving 3,502 children;**
- **456 supportive services cases and 40 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.**

This is while the Division was staffed with 438 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Year

Types of Cases Served During SFY 2025



This chart shows the number of cases that cycled through the system during SFY 2025, i.e., the number of families or children served during the year (as opposed to those active at the end of the year, described above).

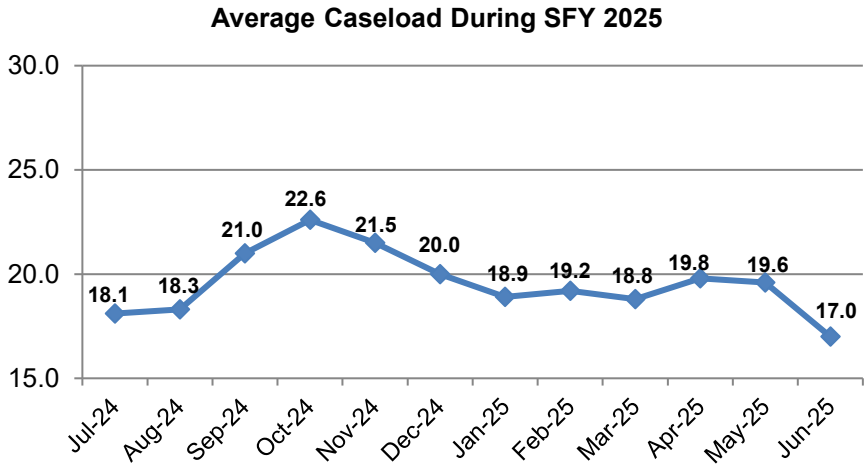
The Division oversaw 22,260 investigations; 5,638 children in foster care; 6,298 DR cases; 3,130 in-home protective services cases; 1,480 supportive services cases; and 83 ICPC cases.

Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at 17 cases per worker at the end of SFY 2025. This is less than the Division's goal of 20 or fewer cases per worker.

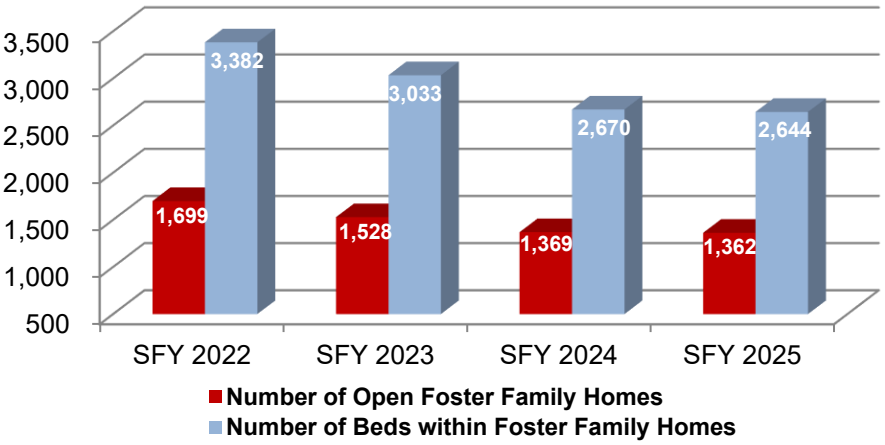
The average caseload for each county as of June 30, 2025 is presented in Appendix J.



Foster Homes

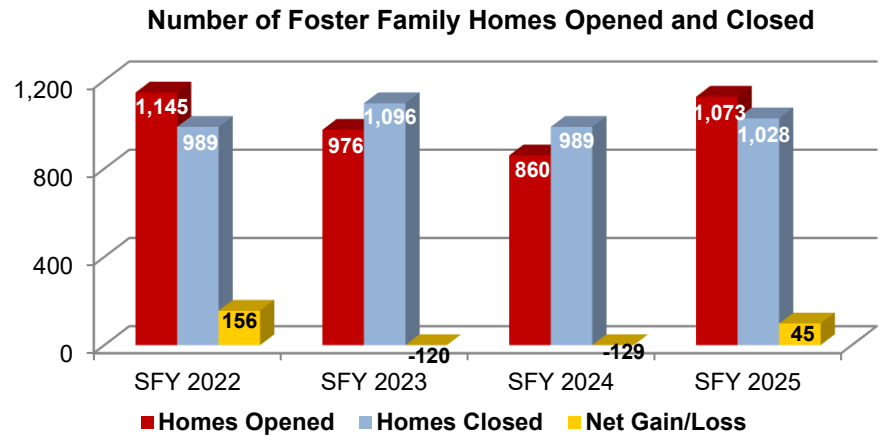
Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,362 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of SFY 2025, slightly less than the number open one year prior.



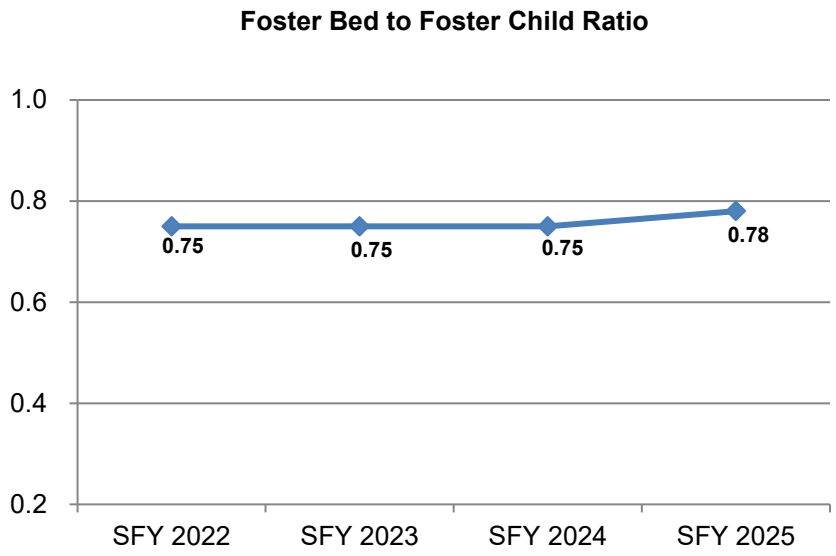
During SFY 2025, 1,073 new foster homes were opened and 1,028 were closed, resulting in a net gain of 45 homes.

Appendix K displays the closure reasons for the 1,028 foster homes that closed during the year.



Quick Facts

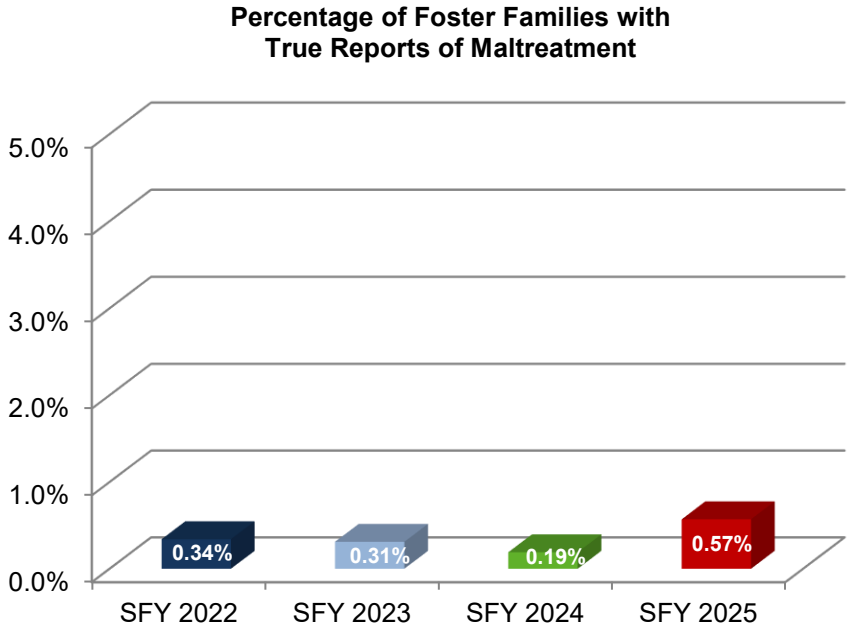
Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children



The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was 0.78 at the end of the year, higher than the previous year.

The Division's goal is to have at least one foster home bed available for each child in foster care.

Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Fifteen reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the year. Based on the 2,621 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.57 percent.

Appendix L provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.

Appendix A: Child Maltreatment Investigations by Area and County

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	2,072	198	13.23	1,668	34	0	10	21	30	27	84
1	Carroll (Berryville)	256	37	22.92	183	16	0	0	5	10	2	3
1	Madison (Huntsville)	139	19	17.91	104	3	0	0	2	2	4	5
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	2,029	270	19.68	1,451	79	1	18	14	56	52	88
Area Total		**4,496**	**524**	**16.84**	**3,406**	**132**	**1**	**28**	**42**	**98**	**85**	**180**
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	600	89	19.22	437	17	0	1	1	3	14	38
2	Franklin (Ozark)	174	22	15.57	134	3	0	0	1	2	4	7
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	222	44	27.45	142	9	0	3	0	2	4	18
2	Logan (Paris)	195	27	21.23	134	7	0	2	2	3	4	16
2	Scott (Waldron)	114	14	17.14	83	3	0	0	1	4	0	9
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	1,272	159	17.10	949	25	0	11	10	22	23	73
2	Yell (Danville)	195	23	19.68	144	11	0	0	3	1	6	7
Area Total		**2,772**	**378**	**18.74**	**2,023**	**75**	**0**	**17**	**18**	**37**	**55**	**168**
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	222	33	20.98	154	6	0	0	4	8	0	17
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	994	113	21.90	707	73	0	15	4	14	10	58
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	340	37	17.70	262	15	0	4	1	3	0	18
3	Howard (Nashville)	108	20	26.80	71	5	0	1	0	0	0	11
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	100	16	26.97	62	7	0	1	0	1	2	11
3	Perry (Perryville)	90	5	10.34	76	2	0	2	0	0	2	3
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	92	4	13.41	69	5	0	2	0	1	1	10
3	Polk (Mena)	207	38	22.16	149	1	0	1	3	2	0	13
3	Saline (Benton)	1,015	97	13.71	772	18	0	3	12	21	25	67
Area Total		**3,168**	**363**	**18.51**	**2,322**	**132**	**0**	**29**	**24**	**50**	**40**	**208**
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	140	16	20.93	100	11	0	0	0	2	0	11
4	Hempstead (Hope)	153	30	27.08	103	7	0	2	0	2	0	9
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	48	5	15.22	36	1	0	1	0	3	0	2
4	Little River (Ashdown)	105	21	31.18	62	7	0	1	0	2	0	12
4	Miller (Texarkana)	383	43	20.64	248	17	1	7	3	25	0	39
4	Nevada (Prescott)	59	7	13.79	47	1	0	0	0	3	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	189	29	21.91	132	9	0	0	1	7	0	11
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	155	20	18.31	113	5	0	0	1	2	1	13
4	Union (El Dorado)	264	23	14.17	210	8	0	5	0	4	4	10
Area Total		**1,496**	**194**	**20.32**	**1,051**	**66**	**1**	**16**	**5**	**50**	**5**	**108**
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	310	43	22.45	213	20	0	3	0	9	6	16
5	Boone (Harrison)	327	61	24.84	210	15	0	1	1	11	15	13
5	Conway (Morrilton)	224	24	16.19	162	5	0	2	3	11	3	14
5	Faulkner (Conway)	945	132	18.55	657	16	0	7	6	41	9	77
5	Marion (Yellville)	119	6	14.68	90	9	0	1	0	1	2	10
5	Newton (Jasper)	42	2	13.16	31	3	0	0	0	0	2	4
5	Pope (Russellville)	584	113	26.83	380	24	0	5	8	9	20	25
5	Searcy (Marshall)	52	6	17.02	38	1	0	1	0	0	1	5
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	199	29	19.89	139	7	0	1	0	5	5	13
Area Total		**2,802**	**416**	**21.14**	**1,920**	**100**	**0**	**21**	**18**	**87**	**63**	**177**

Area	County	Total	True	Sub Rate (%)	Unsub	Exempt Prenatal	Exempt Religious	Exempt UJO	Exempt No Risk	UTL	Admin Closure	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	840	117	17.40	645	10	0	5	7	14	1	41
6	Pulaski (North)	122	32	29.31	82	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
6	Pulaski (South)	1,551	207	17.90	1,175	30	0	15	12	34	2	76
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	624	117	22.86	442	14	0	2	3	16	1	29
Area Total		**3,137**	**473**	**19.20**	**2,344**	**55**	**0**	**23**	**22**	**64**	**4**	**152**
7	Bradley (Warren)	96	15	20.22	71	2	0	1	0	0	0	7
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	21	4	31.58	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	46	9	28.26	32	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	58	8	20.37	41	1	0	1	1	2	0	4
7	Grant (Sheridan)	151	16	13.99	103	1	0	2	1	20	0	8
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	445	76	25.96	289	22	0	7	3	16	3	29
7	Lincoln (Star City)	80	20	32.89	51	2	0	1	2	0	0	4
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	683	70	12.88	570	6	0	6	3	5	0	23
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	69	8	17.74	48	2	0	1	0	3	0	7
Area Total		**1,649**	**226**	**18.98**	**1,217**	**41**	**0**	**20**	**10**	**48**	**3**	**84**
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	192	21	20.11	141	12	0	2	1	1	1	13
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	1,343	149	22.04	949	117	1	11	1	36	2	77
8	Fulton (Salem)	95	14	20.45	66	1	0	2	1	1	3	7
8	Greene (Paragould)	757	121	22.75	533	33	0	8	0	13	4	45
8	Izard (Melbourne)	127	21	26.50	86	7	0	3	0	0	0	10
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	202	37	25.26	137	11	0	0	0	2	3	12
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	482	73	26.11	309	37	0	7	1	25	0	30
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	210	32	24.24	148	16	0	0	0	1	1	12
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	175	27	23.31	123	9	0	1	1	0	2	12
Area Total		**3,583**	**495**	**23.12**	**2,492**	**243**	**1**	**34**	**5**	**79**	**16**	**218**
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	214	26	15.42	169	4	0	1	0	0	1	13
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	399	71	25.54	254	19	0	1	3	18	1	31
9	Cross (Wynne)	148	19	19.57	109	4	0	3	1	2	0	10
9	Independence (Batesville)	358	31	14.29	268	14	0	1	0	5	3	36
9	Jackson (Newport)	158	31	29.79	96	7	0	2	2	1	2	17
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	306	66	31.23	189	20	0	2	1	6	1	21
9	Stone (Mountain View)	104	11	13.54	80	0	0	2	0	2	1	8
9	White (Searcy)	808	124	19.53	597	8	0	12	4	7	6	50
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	60	11	20.34	46	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Area Total		**2,555**	**390**	**21.20**	**1,808**	**77**	**0**	**24**	**11**	**42**	**15**	**187**
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	114	13	19.63	84	2	0	3	3	1	1	7
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	127	8	12.71	98	4	0	1	2	3	2	9
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	56	7	19.61	40	2	0	0	1	1	0	5
10	Desha (McGehee)	53	4	21.28	37	1	0	0	5	0	0	6
10	Drew (Monticello)	143	17	20.45	102	5	0	0	5	1	2	11
10	Lee (Marianna)	56	6	22.00	36	3	0	0	2	3	0	6
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	49	13	42.86	26	7	0	0	1	2	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	126	13	26.09	73	16	1	0	0	12	0	11
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	226	18	23.72	159	24	0	0	9	5	0	11
Area Total		**950**	**99**	**22.17**	**655**	**64**	**1**	**4**	**28**	**28**	**5**	**66**
99	Unknown County	21	5	29.41	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Statewide Total		**26,629**	**3,563**	**19.74**	**19,250**	**985**	**4**	**216**	**183**	**583**	**291**	**1,552**

Appendix B: Children in Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than One	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	233	115	6	1	0	5	77	28	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	46	42	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	44	33	1	1	0	0	4	5	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	374	193	34	0	2	15	70	59	1
Area Total		**697**	**383**	**43**	**2**	**2**	**20**	**152**	**93**	**2**
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	114	90	5	1	1	0	1	15	1
2	Franklin (Ozark)	50	44	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	62	50	1	2	0	0	1	3	5
2	Logan (Paris)	78	60	0	0	0	0	1	16	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	37	27	4	0	0	0	4	2	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	561	303	67	3	0	0	69	113	6
2	Yell (Danville)	42	31	0	0	0	0	9	1	1
Area Total		**944**	**605**	**77**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**86**	**152**	**17**
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	36	21	8	0	0	0	2	4	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	256	168	30	1	1	0	24	32	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	43	3	0	0	0	0	5	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	10	3	0	0	0	4	2	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Polk (Mena)	16	13	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
3	Saline (Benton)	85	55	9	0	2	0	9	8	2
Area Total		**515**	**356**	**53**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**39**	**56**	**7**
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	3	20	0	0	0	3	11	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	38	19	8	0	1	0	8	2	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	30	11	0	0	0	8	9	1
4	Miller (Texarkana)	131	54	48	0	0	1	8	18	2
4	Nevada (Prescott)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	32	14	15	0	0	0	0	3	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	28	13	3	0	0	3	6	3	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	45	20	12	0	0	0	2	9	2
Area Total		**378**	**158**	**120**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**35**	**55**	**5**
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	43	34	0	0	0	0	1	7	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	51	41	1	0	0	0	3	6	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	62	43	11	0	0	0	3	4	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	151	85	25	0	0	0	18	20	3
5	Marion (Yellville)	20	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	95	77	3	0	0	0	3	12	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	30	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Area Total		**475**	**348**	**41**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30**	**51**	**5**

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Hispanic	More than One	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	128	42	65	0	0	0	5	15	1
6	Pulaski (North)	177	34	95	0	1	0	26	21	0
6	Pulaski (South)	236	42	140	0	0	0	15	32	7
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	126	22	65	3	0	0	20	14	2
Area Total		**667**	**140**	**365**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**66**	**82**	**10**
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	7	3	0	0	0	1	3	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	7	7	0	0	0	1	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	34	32	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	159	40	97	0	0	0	1	21	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	34	19	10	0	0	0	1	3	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	65	14	0	0	0	7	13	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Total		**366**	**177**	**131**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**46**	**1**
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	251	119	82	0	0	0	15	30	5
8	Fulton (Salem)	20	17	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	177	118	18	0	0	2	10	27	2
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	37	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	53	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	109	42	52	0	0	0	6	8	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	70	62	2	0	0	2	2	2	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	48	44	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
Area Total		**790**	**512**	**155**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**36**	**74**	**8**
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	59	41	3	0	1	0	8	6	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	93	12	62	0	0	0	8	11	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	19	5	0	0	0	1	5	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	68	59	2	0	0	0	6	1	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	66	30	22	0	0	0	2	10	2
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	124	91	11	0	0	0	7	13	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	127	96	2	0	0	3	8	18	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	26	11	0	0	0	0	7	0
Area Total		**621**	**384**	**118**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**40**	**71**	**4**
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	32	5	18	0	0	0	1	6	2
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	15	5	8	0	0	0	2	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	9	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	11	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	3	4	0	0	0	3	8	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	26	7	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	55	14	33	0	0	0	2	6	0
Area Total		**185**	**48**	**99**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**28**	**2**
Statewide Total		**5,638**	**3,111**	**1,202**	**13**	**9**	**31**	**503**	**708**	**61**

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)	233	83	46	41	62	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	46	21	12	4	9	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	44	12	8	8	16	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	374	123	93	60	98	0
Area Total		**697**	**239**	**159**	**113**	**185**	**1**
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	114	41	28	14	31	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	50	20	7	4	19	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	62	31	21	4	6	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	5	0	0	1	4	0
2	Logan (Paris)	73	17	26	9	21	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	37	9	9	4	15	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	561	214	127	69	151	0
2	Yell (Danville)	42	14	9	8	11	0
Area Total		**944**	**346**	**227**	**113**	**258**	**0**
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	36	17	8	4	7	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	256	118	54	29	55	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	26	15	4	6	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	14	2	3	3	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	12	3	3	3	3	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	18	5	6	3	4	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	19	12	3	1	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	16	7	1	1	7	0
3	Saline (Benton)	85	32	15	11	27	0
Area Total		**515**	**234**	**107**	**59**	**115**	**0**
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	21	11	1	4	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	38	14	7	3	14	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	3	1	1	1	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	26	13	9	11	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	131	50	32	18	31	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	2	1	0	0	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	32	11	8	3	10	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	28	9	6	2	11	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	45	20	4	8	12	1
Area Total		**378**	**155**	**82**	**45**	**95**	**1**
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	43	15	17	2	9	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	51	23	12	6	10	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	62	32	14	5	10	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	151	54	41	18	38	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	20	5	1	1	13	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	4	3	2	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	95	38	24	13	20	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	11	5	3	2	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	10	11	3	8	0
Area Total		**475**	**186**	**126**	**52**	**110**	**1**

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	128	50	35	20	23	0
6	Pulaski (North)	177	39	40	30	68	0
6	Pulaski (South)	236	86	70	20	60	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	126	39	27	16	44	0
Area Total		**667**	**214**	**172**	**86**	**195**	**0**
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	3	3	2	6	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	1	1	1	2	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	4	6	5	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	34	11	7	6	10	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	159	45	35	22	57	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	34	13	9	2	10	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	35	13	12	39	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	2	2	0	0	0	0
Area Total		**366**	**114**	**74**	**50**	**128**	**0**
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	20	5	6	4	5	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	251	96	77	29	48	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	20	2	2	8	8	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	177	75	48	27	27	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	17	13	4	4	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	26	17	4	10	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	107	40	31	20	16	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	2	0	0	0	2	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	70	24	20	5	21	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	48	18	10	6	14	0
Area Total		**790**	**303**	**224**	**107**	**155**	**1**
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	59	23	18	3	15	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	93	26	25	16	26	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	7	6	2	15	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	68	23	21	6	18	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	66	28	19	4	15	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	124	56	30	13	25	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	10	5	2	2	1	0
9	White (Searcy)	127	50	18	15	44	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	14	11	2	17	0
Area Total		**621**	**232**	**150**	**63**	**176**	**0**
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	32	11	5	2	12	2
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	15	8	1	4	2	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	6	1	0	0	5	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	6	1	1	2	2	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	7	3	1	5	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	11	10	1	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	16	4	5	2	5	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	0	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	26	10	9	4	3	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	55	24	17	5	9	0
Area Total		**185**	**76**	**42**	**20**	**45**	**2**
Statewide Total		**5,638**	**2,099**	**1,363**	**708**	**1,462**	**6**

Appendix D: Children in Foster Care by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	233	119	113	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	46	24	22	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	44	26	18	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	374	191	183	0
Area Total		**697**	**360**	**336**	**1**
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	114	50	64	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	50	24	26	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	62	33	29	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	5	5	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	73	37	36	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	37	16	21	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	561	299	262	0
2	Yell (Danville)	42	20	22	0
Area Total		**944**	**484**	**460**	**0**
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	36	18	18	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	256	136	120	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	28	23	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	8	14	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	12	1	11	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	18	10	8	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	19	10	9	0
3	Polk (Mena)	16	9	7	0
3	Saline (Benton)	85	46	39	0
Area Total		**515**	**266**	**249**	**0**
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	16	21	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	38	17	21	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	4	2	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	26	33	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	131	65	66	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	2	1	1	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	32	18	14	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	28	14	14	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	45	17	27	1
Area Total		**378**	**178**	**199**	**1**
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	43	24	19	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	51	27	24	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	62	33	28	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	151	82	69	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	20	5	15	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	4	6	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	95	48	47	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	11	6	5	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	22	10	0
Area Total		**475**	**251**	**223**	**1**

Area	County	Total	Male	Female	Unknown
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	128	61	67	0
6	Pulaski (North)	177	80	97	0
6	Pulaski (South)	236	123	113	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	126	76	50	0
Area Total		**667**	**340**	**327**	**0**
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	5	9	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	1	4	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	9	10	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	34	17	17	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	159	84	75	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	34	19	15	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	49	50	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	2	2	0	0
Area Total		**366**	**186**	**180**	**0**
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	20	9	11	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	251	135	115	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	20	6	14	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	177	87	90	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	22	16	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	35	22	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	107	60	47	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	2	0	2	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	70	31	39	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	48	19	29	0
Area Total		**790**	**404**	**385**	**1**
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	59	27	32	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	93	40	53	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	16	14	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	68	38	30	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	66	28	38	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	124	59	65	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	10	6	4	0
9	White (Searcy)	127	71	56	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	19	25	0
Area Total		**621**	**304**	**317**	**0**
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	32	13	17	2
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	15	7	8	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	6	1	5	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	6	4	2	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	10	6	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	11	6	5	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	16	9	7	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	2	0	2	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	26	17	9	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	55	28	27	0
Area Total		**185**	**95**	**88**	**2**
Statewide Total		**5,638**	**2,868**	**2,764**	**6**

Appendix E: Children in Foster Care by Length of Stay

Area	County	Total	Less than 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	3 to 6 Months	7 to 12 Months	12 to 24 Months	24 to 36 Months	Over 36 Months
1	Benton (Bentonville)	233	20	22	24	43	63	35	26
1	Carroll (Berryville)	46	5	3	2	5	18	7	6
1	Madison (Huntsville)	44	3	0	3	8	21	5	4
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	374	33	22	23	87	119	47	43
Area Total		**697**	**61**	**47**	**52**	**143**	**221**	**94**	**79**
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	114	11	12	8	29	31	9	14
2	Franklin (Ozark)	50	1	5	9	10	13	10	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	62	5	8	8	21	15	3	2
2	Logan (Paris)	78	2	3	7	8	29	7	22
2	Scott (Waldron)	37	3	4	6	1	10	2	11
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	561	23	40	48	86	161	89	114
2	Yell (Danville)	42	3	4	1	8	13	7	6
Area Total		**944**	**48**	**76**	**87**	**163**	**272**	**127**	**171**
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	36	1	12	4	6	5	1	7
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	256	20	22	10	66	68	38	32
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	4	0	2	7	23	10	5
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	0	3	0	6	8	1	4
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	12	1	1	3	0	5	0	2
3	Perry (Perryville)	18	0	0	0	4	3	0	11
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	19	0	7	0	5	5	1	1
3	Polk (Mena)	16	2	0	1	0	7	1	5
3	Saline (Benton)	85	6	7	14	13	28	8	9
Area Total		**515**	**34**	**52**	**34**	**107**	**152**	**60**	**76**
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	4	5	1	8	11	3	5
4	Hempstead (Hope)	38	0	0	6	6	13	6	7
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	3	3	8	10	17	6	12
4	Miller (Texarkana)	131	6	9	3	27	44	20	22
4	Nevada (Prescott)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	32	0	2	9	6	4	5	6
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	28	0	4	2	5	5	6	6
4	Union (El Dorado)	45	5	2	2	8	16	5	7
Area Total		**378**	**18**	**25**	**31**	**71**	**113**	**52**	**68**
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	43	4	0	3	6	13	2	15
5	Boone (Harrison)	51	1	7	2	11	16	5	9
5	Conway (Morrilton)	62	9	3	12	4	21	9	4
5	Faulkner (Conway)	151	18	4	19	32	34	20	24
5	Marion (Yellville)	20	0	0	1	3	6	6	4
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	1	0	0	0	1	5	3
5	Pope (Russellville)	95	9	9	6	39	18	5	9
5	Searcy (Marshall)	11	0	1	1	3	2	4	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	4	1	5	6	5	3	8
Area Total		**475**	**46**	**25**	**49**	**104**	**116**	**59**	**76**

Area	County	Total	Less than 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	3 to 6 Months	7 to 12 Months	12 to 24 Months	24 to 36 Months	Over 36 Months
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	128	18	11	11	14	34	26	14
6	Pulaski (North)	177	1	3	0	7	51	28	87
6	Pulaski (South)	236	35	25	23	35	64	12	42
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	126	17	7	8	20	22	7	45
Area Total		**667**	**71**	**46**	**42**	**76**	**171**	**73**	**188**
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	1	0	0	6	4	1	2
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	0	0	1	3	5	3	7
7	Grant (Sheridan)	34	3	1	2	5	16	7	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	159	12	17	17	34	35	21	23
7	Lincoln (Star City)	34	2	2	10	10	7	3	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	2	13	2	20	18	5	39
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Total		**366**	**22**	**33**	**32**	**81**	**85**	**40**	**73**
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	20	2	3	0	1	9	4	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	251	31	28	33	75	54	16	14
8	Fulton (Salem)	20	2	0	4	5	3	2	4
8	Greene (Paragould)	177	15	15	21	40	47	16	23
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	0	2	3	13	12	3	5
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	2	6	9	19	11	4	6
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	109	24	20	24	15	18	4	4
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	70	3	7	7	17	25	2	9
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	48	2	9	4	4	9	2	18
Area Total		**790**	**81**	**90**	**105**	**189**	**188**	**53**	**84**
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	59	0	3	4	20	22	3	7
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	93	6	4	2	18	26	13	24
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	1	2	3	1	8	9	6
9	Independence (Batesville)	68	0	7	3	9	23	11	15
9	Jackson (Newport)	66	2	12	4	17	24	3	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	124	2	17	11	20	35	20	19
9	Stone (Mountain View)	10	0	0	6	1	2	0	1
9	White (Searcy)	127	12	14	10	16	31	18	26
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	0	1	1	8	12	16	6
Area Total		**621**	**23**	**60**	**44**	**110**	**183**	**93**	**108**
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	32	11	0	2	2	7	3	7
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	15	2	0	0	3	5	4	1
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
10	Desha (McGehee)	6	1	0	2	2	1	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	0	3	0	1	7	3	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	11	0	0	3	6	2	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	0	0	3	3	8	1	3
10	Phillips (Helena)	26	1	3	1	5	10	5	1
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	55	3	8	4	14	14	7	5
Area Total		**185**	**20**	**14**	**15**	**37**	**54**	**23**	**22**
Statewide Total		**5,638**	**424**	**468**	**491**	**1,081**	**1,555**	**674**	**945**

Appendix F: Services Provided During the Year

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
1	Benton (Bentonville)	233	161	417	176	440
1	Carroll (Berryville)	46	26	65	10	22
1	Madison (Huntsville)	44	8	20	10	31
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	374	142	317	157	375
Area Total		**697**	**337**	**819**	**353**	**868**
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	114	98	222	23	47
2	Franklin (Ozark)	50	19	48	9	17
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	62	55	130	5	14
2	Logan (Paris)	78	53	155	10	26
2	Scott (Waldron)	37	14	38	16	42
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	561	141	427	98	254
2	Yell (Danville)	42	31	89	13	20
Area Total		**944**	**411**	**1,109**	**174**	**420**
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	36	25	57	4	9
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	256	101	230	58	121
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	51	21	45	15	33
3	Howard (Nashville)	22	15	34	3	6
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	12	9	21	10	19
3	Perry (Perryville)	18	2	7	1	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	19	7	13	4	13
3	Polk (Mena)	16	29	52	10	23
3	Saline (Benton)	85	54	127	54	130
Area Total		**515**	**263**	**586**	**159**	**356**
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	27	58	2	6
4	Hempstead (Hope)	38	13	36	3	7
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	6	13	3	5
4	Little River (Ashdown)	59	7	19	8	14
4	Miller (Texarkana)	131	40	101	19	63
4	Nevada (Prescott)	2	4	13	2	5
4	Ouachita (Camden)	32	21	61	6	17
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	28	11	29	11	29
4	Union (El Dorado)	45	22	41	2	3
Area Total		**378**	**151**	**371**	**56**	**149**
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	43	42	82	19	58
5	Boone (Harrison)	51	67	129	14	31
5	Conway (Morrilton)	62	21	47	5	12
5	Faulkner (Conway)	151	103	268	39	83
5	Marion (Yellville)	20	8	21	4	11
5	Newton (Jasper)	10	6	29	3	9
5	Pope (Russellville)	95	106	230	29	56
5	Searcy (Marshall)	11	7	19	5	18
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	32	26	59	9	20
Area Total		**475**	**386**	**884**	**127**	**298**

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	128	74	198	35	90
6	Pulaski (North)	177	10	25	3	1
6	Pulaski (South)	236	135	382	64	171
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	126	72	187	27	64
Area Total		**667**	**291**	**792**	**129**	**326**
7	Bradley (Warren)	14	5	11	4	9
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	1	2	1	3
7	Cleveland (Rison)	5	8	19	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	19	4	18	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	34	11	48	1	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	159	43	138	15	31
7	Lincoln (Star City)	34	13	52	2	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	99	54	127	24	49
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	2	6	14	1	2
Area Total		**366**	**145**	**429**	**48**	**98**
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	20	30	73	10	22
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	251	217	575	42	99
8	Fulton (Salem)	20	21	58	9	26
8	Greene (Paragould)	177	110	240	46	109
8	Izard (Melbourne)	38	10	19	17	42
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	57	31	66	28	59
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	109	55	170	33	82
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	70	38	89	13	31
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	48	27	71	21	70
Area Total		**790**	**539**	**1,361**	**219**	**540**
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	59	30	67	26	59
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	93	86	214	25	93
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	25	72	10	28
9	Independence (Batesville)	68	35	73	35	100
9	Jackson (Newport)	66	36	100	10	25
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	124	82	245	26	70
9	Stone (Mountain View)	10	11	33	7	18
9	White (Searcy)	127	116	274	32	82
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	44	17	43	1	3
Area Total		**621**	**438**	**1,121**	**172**	**478**
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	32	14	36	3	6
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	15	9	24	7	20
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	6	10	22	5	13
10	Desha (McGehee)	6	4	10	3	12
10	Drew (Monticello)	16	11	25	4	12
10	Lee (Marianna)	11	11	46	5	12
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	14	24	4	8
10	Phillips (Helena)	26	32	89	6	19
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	55	63	164	6	16
Area Total		**185**	**168**	**440**	**43**	**118**
Statewide Total		**5,638**	**3,130**	**7,916**	**1,480**	**3,651**

Appendix G: Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality

Per Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-1104(c), any information regarding a child fatality cannot be released by the Department of Human Services if release of such information would jeopardize a criminal investigation. Of the 38 child fatalities that were reported for SFY 2025, case-specific information could be disclosed for 14 of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website **https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/data-reports/state-child-fatality-list/** displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Sadie Well	Baxter	1	White	Female	3/21/2025	Inadequate supervision; Abuse	In-Home	Non-Relative	CACD	None	None
Nathan Crittenden	Benton	14	Black	Male	11/23/2024	Inadequate supervision; Substance – alter child mood	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case	Prior History
Raylen Morrow	Fulton	4	White	Female	9/2/2024	Inadequate supervision; Failure to protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Evelyn Voss	Pulaski	4	White	Female	8/9/2024	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History
Jaydein Rollins	Pulaski	2	Black	Male	7/8/2024	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment; Extreme or repeated cruelty; Poisonous/ noxious substance	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	None
Zhayviah Rollins	Pulaski	3	Black	Female	9/20/2024	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment; Extreme or repeated	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
						cruelty; Poisonous/ noxious substance					
Serenity Wilson	Pulaski	4	Black	Female	7/4/2024	Inadequate supervision; Failure to protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Dawud Green	Saline	0	Black	Male	12/23/2024	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Zathaileah Jennings	Scott	0	Whie	Female	9/26/2024	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment; Abuse with or without physical injury; Injury at variance with explanation	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
John Loeak	Washington	5	Asian	Male	9/2/2024	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Celia Hernandez	Pope	5	Hispanic	Female	8/21/2024	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Keaton Parks	Faulkner	0	Black	Male	7/24/2024	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Elysa Finley	Faulkner	0	White	Female	5/1/2025	Failure to provide care, maintenance, or support	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History

Pending Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Hendrix Noel	Poinsett	2	Multiple	Male	3/13/2025	Neglect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Appendix H: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality

Per Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-1108(c), any information regarding the near fatality of a child cannot be released by the Department of Human Services if release of such information would jeopardize a criminal investigation. Of the 25 near fatalities that were reported for SFY 2025, case-specific information could be disclosed for 13 of those incidents at the time of this report's release (see below).

The website **https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/data-reports/state-child-fatality-list/** displays up-to-date documentation concerning all child fatalities and near fatalities reported in Arkansas once that information can be disclosed.

True Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Child #1	Scott	1	Multiple	Male	8/14/2024	Inadequate supervision; Threat of harm	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	None
Child #2	Clark	0	Multiple	Female	9/20/2024	Inadequate supervision; Abuse with or without physical injury	In-Home	Non-Relative	CACD	PS Case	None
Child #3	Franklin	5	White	Female	12/31/2024	Inadequate supervision; Failure to protect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case	Prior History
Child #4	Saline	12	Black	Female	2/5/2025	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	None
Child #5	Sebastian	1	White	Male	2/22/2025	Physical injury without justifiable cause; Chemical exposure; Poisonous/ noxious substances; substance-alters mood; Inadequate supervision; Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment; Threat of harm	In-Home	Relative	CACD	72-Hour Hold	Prior History

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Child #6	Pulaski	0	Black	Male	5/28/2025	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case	None
Child #7	Cleveland	3	White	Female	11/21/2024	Failure to provide care, maintenance, or support	In-Home	Relative	CACD	PS Case	Prior History

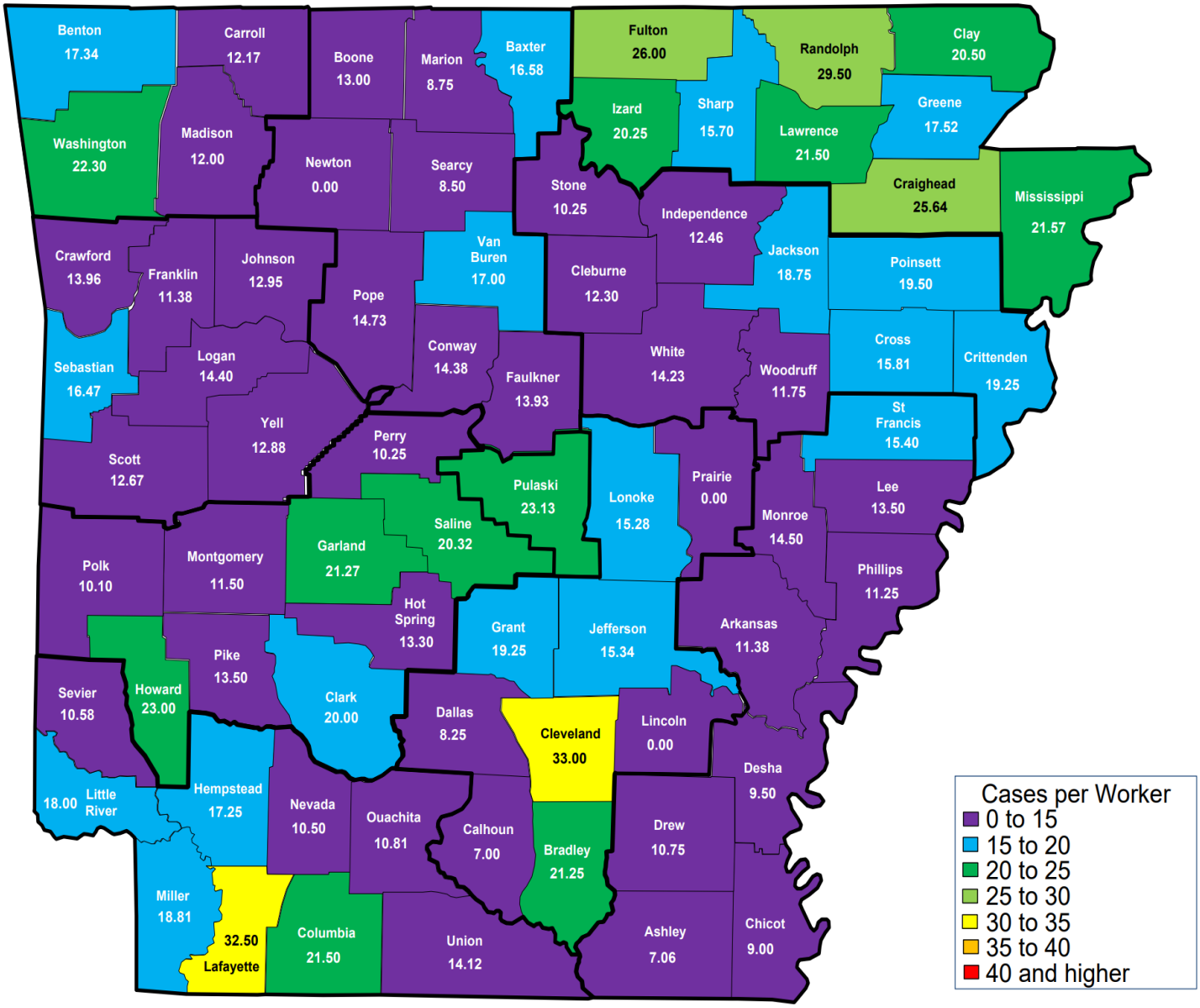
Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Near Fatality	Allegation(s) or Preliminary Cause of Death	Place-ment at the Time of Incident	Relation-ship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Investi-gating Agency	Action Taken by Agency	Prior DCFS Involve-ment
Child #8	Pulaski	15	Black	Male	4/21/2025	Neglect	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Child #9	Benton	2	White	Female	5/2/2025	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Child #10	Benton	1	White	Female	11/7/2024	Inadequate supervision	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Child #11	Hempstead	16	White	Male	11/27/2024	Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	Prior History
Child #12	Benton	15	White	Male	1/2/2025	Injury at a variance with explanation given	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None
Child #13	Craighead	0	Black	Female	8/8/2024	Nonaccidental physical injury; Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment	In-Home	Relative	CACD	None	None

Appendix I: Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Action Taken by Agency	Services Provided Prior to the Incident
Child #1	Benton	20	Multiple	Male	8/18/2024	Suicide	Independent Living / Extended Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #2	Sebastian	18	Hispanic	Female	10/6/2024	Drug Overdose	On Runaway / Extended Foster Care	None	Foster Care
Child #3	Craighead	0	Multiple	Male	12/30/2024	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	Foster Home	None	Foster Care
Child #4	Fulton	20	White	Female	6/29/2025	Car Accident	Independent Living / Extended Foster Care	None	Foster Care

Appendix J: Average Caseload as of the End of SFY 2025, by County



Lincoln, Newton, and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of SFY 2025; their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.

Appendix K: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody / Guardianship/ Relative Only	Founded Abuse/ Neglect	Provider/ Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
1	Benton (Bentonville)	3	32	10	4	0	10	0	59
1	Carroll (Berryville)	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	8
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	9
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	3	39	13	15	0	10	0	80
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	1	6	1	6	0	10	0	24
2	Franklin (Ozark)	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	5
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	1	4	2	6	0	5	0	18
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	0	2	0	3	0	6	0	11
2	Scott (Waldron)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	6	14	3	18	0	17	0	58
2	Yell (Danville)	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	10
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	3	0	1	0	3	0	7
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	3	10	6	8	0	9	0	36
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	8
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3	Polk (Mena)	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	6
3	Saline (Benton)	4	41	2	18	0	1	0	66
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	5
4	Hempstead (Hope)	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	6
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	Little River (Ashdown)	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	8
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	12
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	4
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	3	3	5	0	0	0	11
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
4	Union (El Dorado)	0	1	5	8	0	0	0	14
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	0	12	2	2	0	1	0	17
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	6	4	2	0	1	0	13
5	Conway (Morrilton)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
5	Faulkner (Conway)	2	19	8	10	0	1	0	40
5	Marion (Yellville)	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	6
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
5	Pope (Russellville)	2	10	8	3	0	0	0	23
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	6	6	1	0	0	0	13
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	7	5	1	0	0	0	13
6	Pulaski (North)	0	14	5	8	0	1	0	28
6	Pulaski (South)	0	19	7	10	0	2	1	39
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	0	9	3	1	0	0	0	13
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	7
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	0	7	3	4	0	1	2	17
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	4	16	5	5	0	0	11	41
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4

Area	County	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody / Guardianship/ Relative Only	Founded Abuse/ Neglect	Provider/ Services No Longer Needed	Other	Total
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	5
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	4	8	3	6	0	8	0	29
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	Greene (Paragould)	0	9	1	5	0	3	0	18
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	6
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	6
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	7
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	10
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	0	1	1	5	1	2	0	10
9	Cross (Wynne)	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	11
9	Independence (Batesville)	0	5	1	5	0	0	0	11
9	Jackson (Newport)	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	9
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	0	2	2	9	0	0	0	13
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	5
9	White (Searcy)	2	11	5	16	1	3	0	38
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	6
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	8
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	6	1	3	0	4	0	14
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	4
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	5
99	Out of State	0	0	3	6	0	2	1	12
Total		**46**	**395**	**156**	**265**	**4**	**145**	**17**	**1,028**

Details of the Major Closure Categories Above (Statewide)		
Closure Reason	**Specific Reason**	**Number of Homes Closed**
Adopted / Custody / Guardianship / Relative Only	Custody / Adopted / Guardianship	155
	Child(ren) Left Care	110
Change in Family Circumstances	Personal Issues	20
	Moved	15
	Health of Parent	7
	Pregnant	4
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Request	342
	Changed to Adopt Only	36
	Taking a Break	9
	Became Private Therapeutic Foster Home	8
Founded Abuse / Neglect	True Maltreatment	4
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	147
	Failed Re-evaluation / Non-Compliance	8
	Not taking Children when Contacted	1
Provider / Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	145
Other	Contract Ended	15
	Duplicate	1
	Selected in Error	1

Appendix L: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, SFY 2025

During SFY 2025 the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline received 582 reports of alleged maltreatment involving children who were residing in foster care.

In 163 reports involving 205 children, foster parents[4] were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown by the following table, 15 of those reports were found to be true.[5] All 15 homes involved in those true reports have been closed.

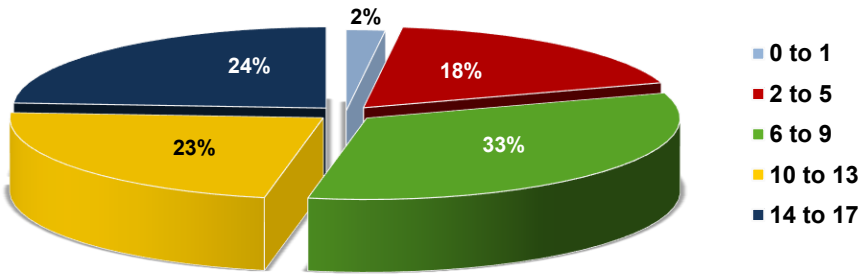
Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
SFY 2025

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
15	144	4

All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to assess the safety of all children residing in the home.

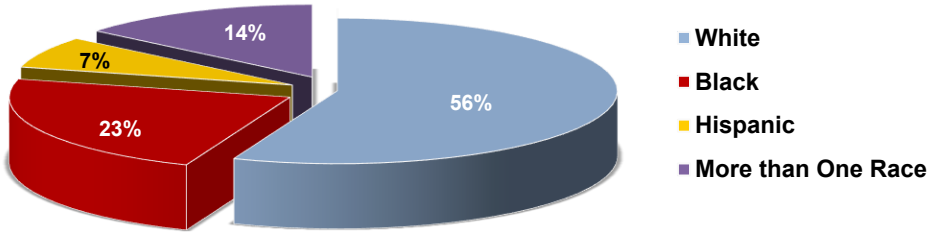
The following charts display the characteristics of the 205 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment, with foster parents as the alleged offenders.

Age

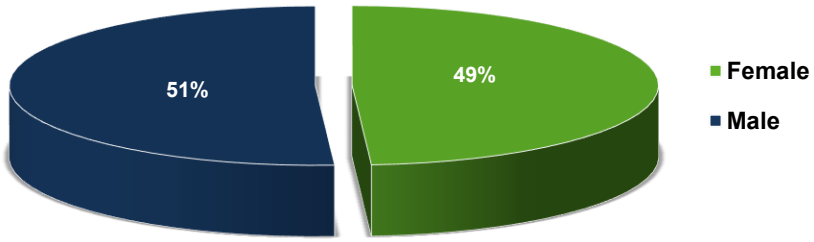


[4] This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes
[5] The number of true investigations involving foster families reported in this report may differ from what was reported in individual quarterly reports for the same time period. This is due to the fact that investigations with true findings can be later overturned to unsubstantiated and others that had pending findings may now have a final disposition.

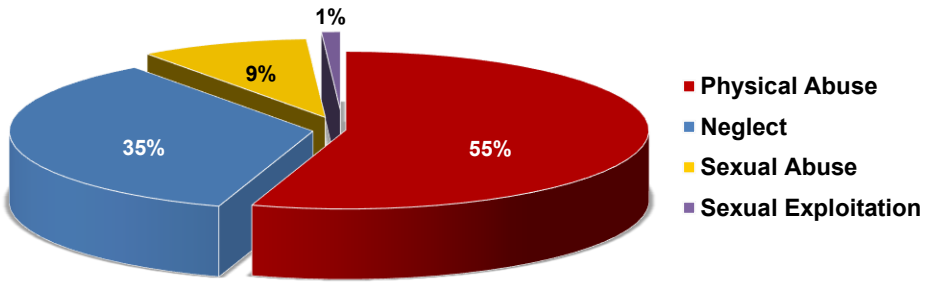
Race / Ethnicity



Gender



Allegation



County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)	County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report(s)
Pulaski	26	**Howard**	2
Jefferson	19	**Independence**	2
Sebastian	12	**Lawrence**	2
Crawford	11	**Mississippi**	2
Benton	10	**Phillips**	2
Faulkner	9	**Poinsett**	2
Washington	9	**Polk**	2
White	9	**Pope**	2
Saline	7	**Prairie**	2
Craighead	6	**Randolph**	2
Garland	6	**Searcy**	2
Lonoke	6	**Van Buren**	2
Drew	5	**Calhoun**	1
Lincoln	5	**Columbia**	1
Clay	4	**Conway**	1
Cleburne	3	**Cross**	1
Crittenden	3	**Greene**	1
Hot Spring	3	**Jackson**	1
Lafayette	3	**Lee**	1
Madison	3	**Little River**	1
Miller	3	**Marion**	1
St. Francis	3	**Monroe**	1
Union	3	**Sevier**	1
Carroll	2		