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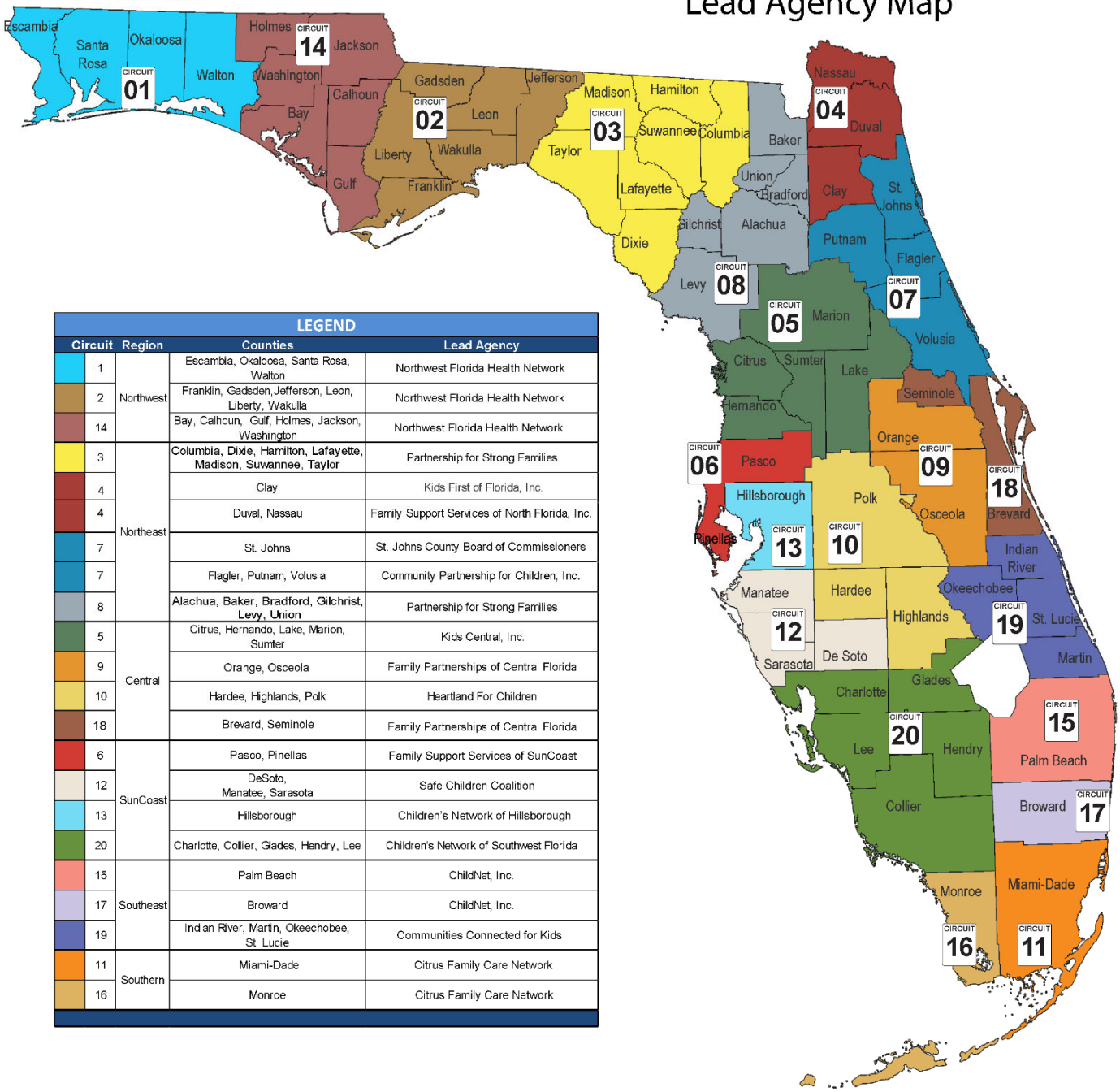
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Department of Children & Families

Community-Based Care

Lead Agency Map



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Circuit		Region	Counties	Lead Agency
	1	Northwest	Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton	Northwest Florida Health Network
	2		Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	Northwest Florida Health Network
	14		Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington	Northwest Florida Health Network
	3	Northeast	Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor	Partnership for Strong Families
	4		Clay	Kids First of Florida, Inc.
	4		Duval, Nassau	Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc.
	7		St. Johns	St. Johns County Board of Commissioners
	7		Flagler, Putnam, Volusia	Community Partnership for Children, Inc.
	8		Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Union	Partnership for Strong Families
	5	Central	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter	Kids Central, Inc.
	9		Orange, Osceola	Family Partnerships of Central Florida
	10		Hardee, Highlands, Polk	Heartland For Children
	18		Brevard, Seminole	Family Partnerships of Central Florida
	6	SunCoast	Pasco, Pinellas	Family Support Services of SunCoast
	12		DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota	Safe Children Coalition
	13		Hillsborough	Children's Network of Hillsborough
	20		Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee	Children's Network of Southwest Florida
	15	Southeast	Palm Beach	ChildNet, Inc.
	17		Broward	ChildNet, Inc.
	19		Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie	Communities Connected for Kids
	11	Southern	Miami-Dade	Citrus Family Care Network
	16		Monroe	Citrus Family Care Network

List of Abbreviations Used

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)

Child Protective Investigator (CPI)

Family Support Services (FSS)

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)

Florida Continuous Quality Improvement Reviews (FL CQI)

Florida Department of Children and Families (Department)

Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW)

Foster Care (FC)

Foster Home (FH)

In-Home Care (IHC)

Office of Child and Family Well-Being (OCFW)

Out-of-Home Care (OOHC)

Quality Assurance (QA)

Quality Improvement (QI)

Results-Oriented Accountability Program (ROA)

Executive Summary

The Results-Oriented Accountability (ROA) Annual Report for state fiscal year (SFY) 2025-26 is submitted by the Florida Department of Children and Families (Department) pursuant to section 409.997, Florida Statutes (F.S.). This report describes the status of Florida's community-based child safety and well-being system and provides insight into statewide trends that reflect the quality of services from year to year. This report follows the flow of Florida's child welfare system, from the Florida Abuse Hotline (Hotline) through child protective investigations, case management services, and aftercare supports.

This ROA report complements the child welfare accountability system, which the Department implemented in collaboration with its community partners in accordance with Senate Bill 1326 of the 2020 Legislative Session. The accountability system assesses the health of the child welfare system in each circuit and reflects the collective contributions of Child Protective Investigations, Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, and Children's Legal Services.

The data presented throughout this report highlights several key areas in which Florida has continued to excel in providing services to children and families; a summary of these areas is outlined below.

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

Florida continues to stand out nationally for its prompt response to allegations of child maltreatment. Despite managing a higher average number of child abuse reports per capita compared to other states, Florida ranks second in the nation for response times. The Department responds to these cases more than eight times faster than the national average. More than 92 percent of alleged child victims are seen within 24 hours of a report, and 19 of 20 judicial circuits in Florida exceed the federal target of 90 percent, reflecting a strong commitment to timely intervention.

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

Florida continues to outperform national benchmarks in protecting children from repeated incidents of verified maltreatment. A key factor contributing to this success is regular in-person visits by case workers, which play a vital role in monitoring the safety and well-being of children at risk. In 2024, the most recent year of available national data, Florida ranked second in the nation for the percentage of caseworker visits completed in the child's home. The effectiveness of this case management approach is reflected in improved outcomes related to maltreatment indicators for both in-home and out-of-home care over the past seven years.

Key Insight #3: Florida Emphasizes Prevention and Community Stability.

Florida continues to prioritize keeping children safely within their families and communities whenever possible. Over the years, the number of children entering foster care has steadily declined, reaching its lowest level in nearly 20 years. In SFY 2025-26, 3.3 children were removed from their homes for every 100 children investigated for abuse, neglect, or abandonment. This trend reflects Florida's focus on early support, community-based services, and safe alternatives to removal whenever possible.

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

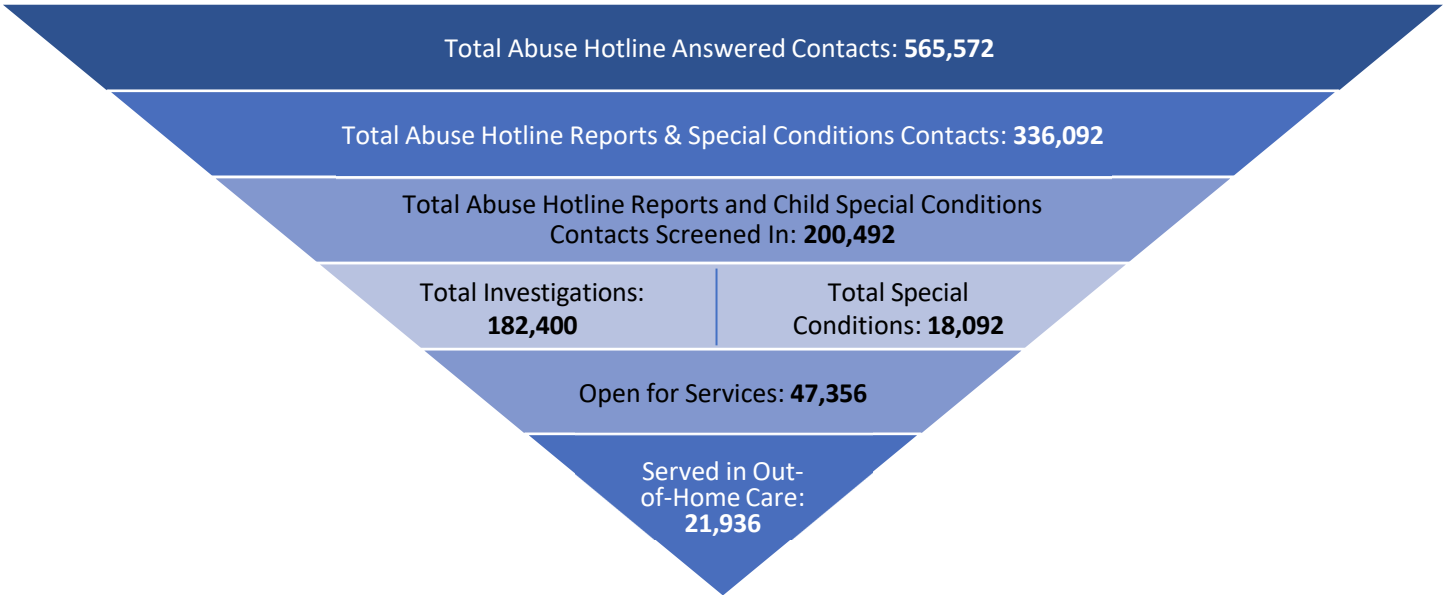
Florida is recognized for its strong emphasis on placing children with relatives or those known to the child before removal when placement in out-of-home care is necessary. Guided by section 39.4021, F.S., the state prioritizes kinship placements to preserve family connections and stability. Programs such as Family Finding and the Relative Caregiver Program support this effort by identifying, engaging, and assisting kinship caregivers. Florida also continues to focus on streamlining licensing process to reduce barriers and support timely placement of children with relatives and non-relatives through Level 1 placements.

Overview of Child Welfare in Florida

System Goals

Florida's community-based child welfare system was created to protect children from abuse, neglect, and abandonment as well as to prevent these forms of maltreatment through partnerships between the Department, other state agencies, the courts, law enforcement agencies, service providers, and local organizations such as faith-based entities, private-sector partners, and nonprofit organizations in communities across Florida. The system is designed to protect and promote the well-being of children through consistent decision-making, the establishment of local systems of care to match the needs of families with community resources, and the implementation of evidence-based approaches to achieve the following state outcomes, pursuant to section 409.986, F.S.:

- Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.
- Children are safely maintained in their homes, whenever possible and appropriate.
- Services are provided to protect children and prevent removal from their home.
- Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangements.
- Family relationships and connections are preserved for children.
- Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
- Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.
- Children receive services to meet their physical and mental health needs.
- Children develop the capacity for independent living and competence as adults.



Florida's Child Protection System of Care

System Overview

- Annually the Hotline receives more than 330,000 allegations of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect via phone calls, web reports, and faxes. The Hotline accepts reports of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and evaluates each contact to determine whether it will be screened-in or screened-out. A call is screened-out when there is insufficient information to constitute abuse, abandonment, neglect, or harm. When a call is screened-in, sufficient information is presented, and the report is assigned to a Child Protective Investigator. Calls are designated as either a child intake, in which abuse, neglect or abandonment maltreatment is suspected, or a Special Conditions Intake. A Special Conditions Intake is generated in circumstances that do not include maltreatment but warrants a level of field response, such as when a parent needs assistance or support, the child's caregiver is unavailable or there are allegations of a child-on-child sexual abuse incident.

- Child Protective Investigators (CPIs) determine the need for post-investigative services, including protecting the child through removal and placement in out-of-home care (OOHC), case-management in-home services (either judicially or non-judicially), or informally through voluntary Family Support Services (FSS) or community referrals. CPIs work closely with families to understand the circumstances surrounding each report and the family conditions and determine what protective actions, if any, are needed. They also collaborate with partner agencies, law enforcement, and service providers to develop plans that support family stability and child well-being. By gathering detailed information and making informed decisions about safety interventions, CPIs help protect vulnerable children and guide families toward long-term support and permanency.

- Pursuant to section 409.986(1), F.S., post-investigative services are provided through contracted Community-Based Care Lead Agencies (Lead Agencies). Lead Agencies have statutory and contractual responsibilities for ensuring safety, achieving permanency, and providing for the well-being of Florida's children in care. Lead Agencies work with a network of subcontracted providers to ensure that children and families receive tailored, community-driven support that address local needs and resources. Lead Agencies also help create more flexible, responsive, and collaborative systems of care, allowing for improved outcomes for Florida's vulnerable children and families. The Department ensures comprehensive oversight of the programmatic, administrative, and fiscal operations of these contracted entities.

- Children's Legal Services (CLS) is the legal arm of the Department and is responsible for representing the state in child welfare proceedings. CLS attorneys advocate for the safety, permanency, and well-being of children who enter the dependency system due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Their work includes presenting evidence to the court, collaborating closely with child protective investigators and case managers, and ensuring that legal processes are followed to protect children's rights. By providing this dedicated legal support, CLS helps ensure that judicial decisions are informed, timely, and focused on achieving stable, long-term outcomes that best serve each child's needs. CLS services are administered internally in all judicial circuits with the exception of Circuit 6 (Pasco and Pinellas Counties), where legal services are contracted to the State Attorney's Office.

Child Protective Investigations

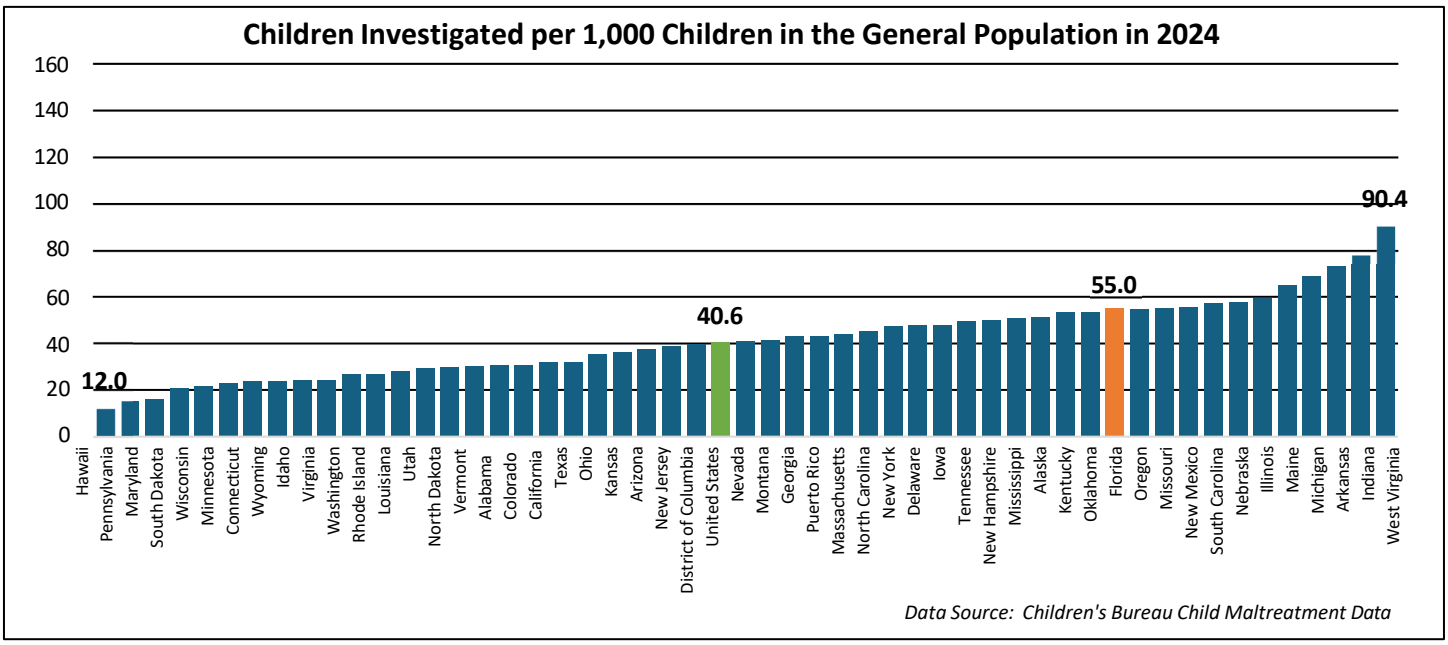
Intakes into the Child Welfare System

Reporting Rate: Children Investigated Compared to the Population

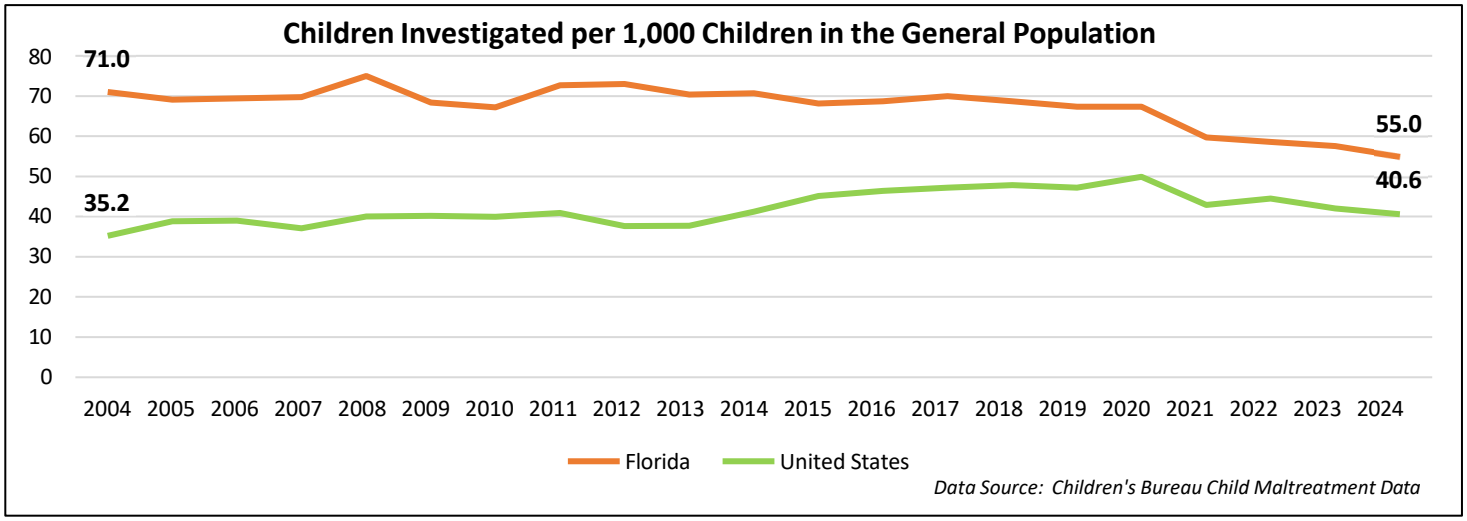
The Hotline was established by the Florida Legislature in 1971. When Hotline reports are screened-in, they are assigned to a Child Protective Investigator.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

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



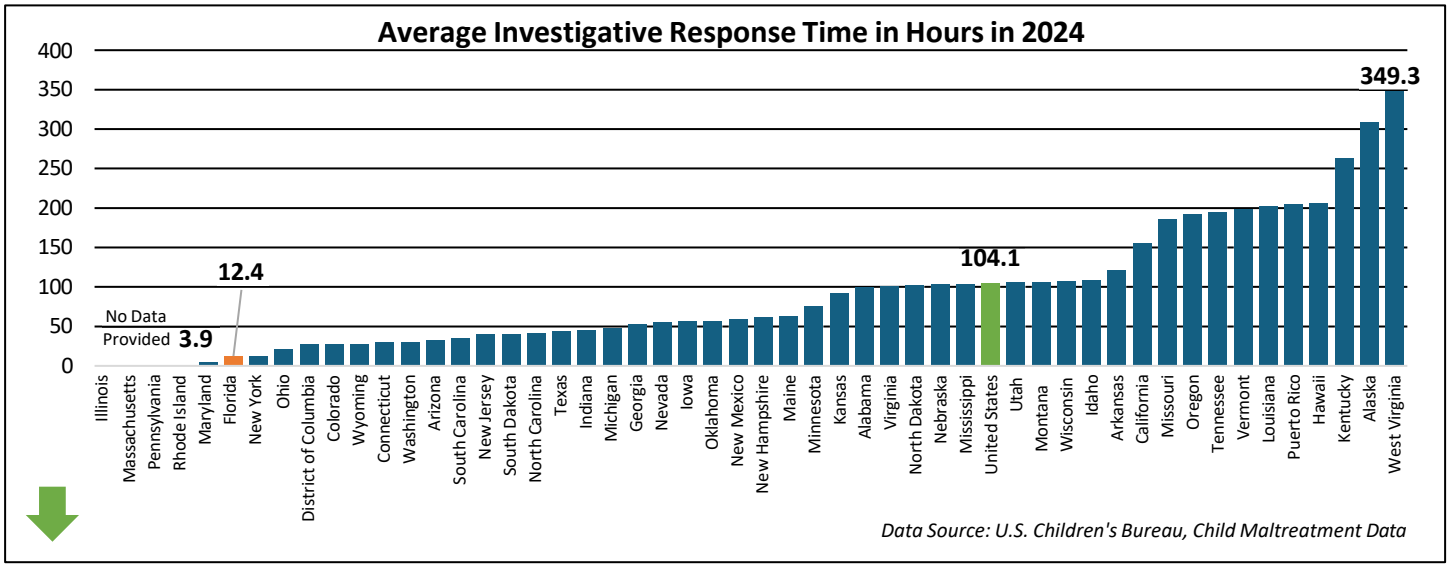
Florida Compared to Other States: Florida's investigation rate was the twelfth highest in the nation in FFY 2024, the most recent year of available national data.



Active Investigative Response Time

Timeliness in responding to alleged maltreatment is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of children. Prompt responses allow child welfare professionals to assess risk, evaluate safety, and implement services and support when necessary. Based on the nature of the allegations received and immediate safety concerns conveyed, Florida law requires some investigations to be commenced immediately (within 4 hours), while all others must be within 24 hours. These requirements have contributed to Florida having an exceptionally fast investigative response time compared to the national average.

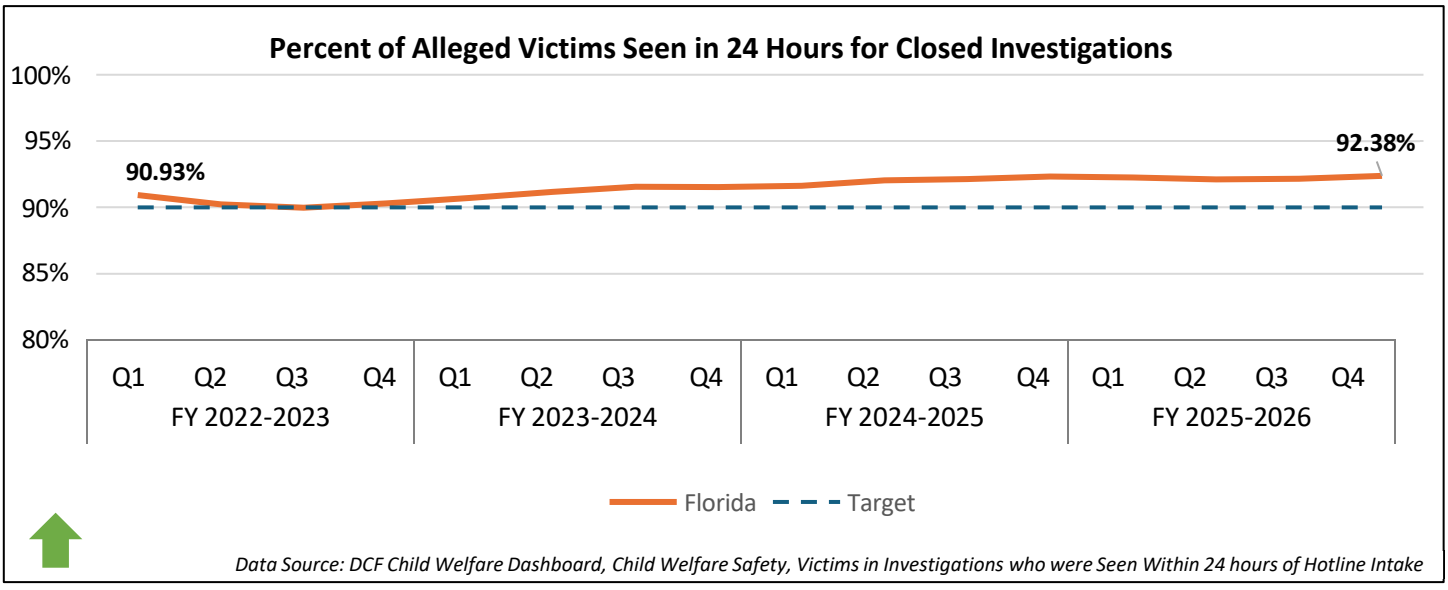
Florida Compared to Other States: In FFY 2024, the most recent available data, Florida had the second fastest investigative response time among all states reporting this data.



Percent of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours

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

Florida Statewide Trend: Florida's performance in seeing victims in a timely manner has traditionally been high and has remained at or above the internal target for more than ten years.



Circuit Comparisons: As of June 2026, all DCF investigative areas, with the exception of Circuit 17, have achieved the 90 percent standard for alleged victims seen within 24 hours.

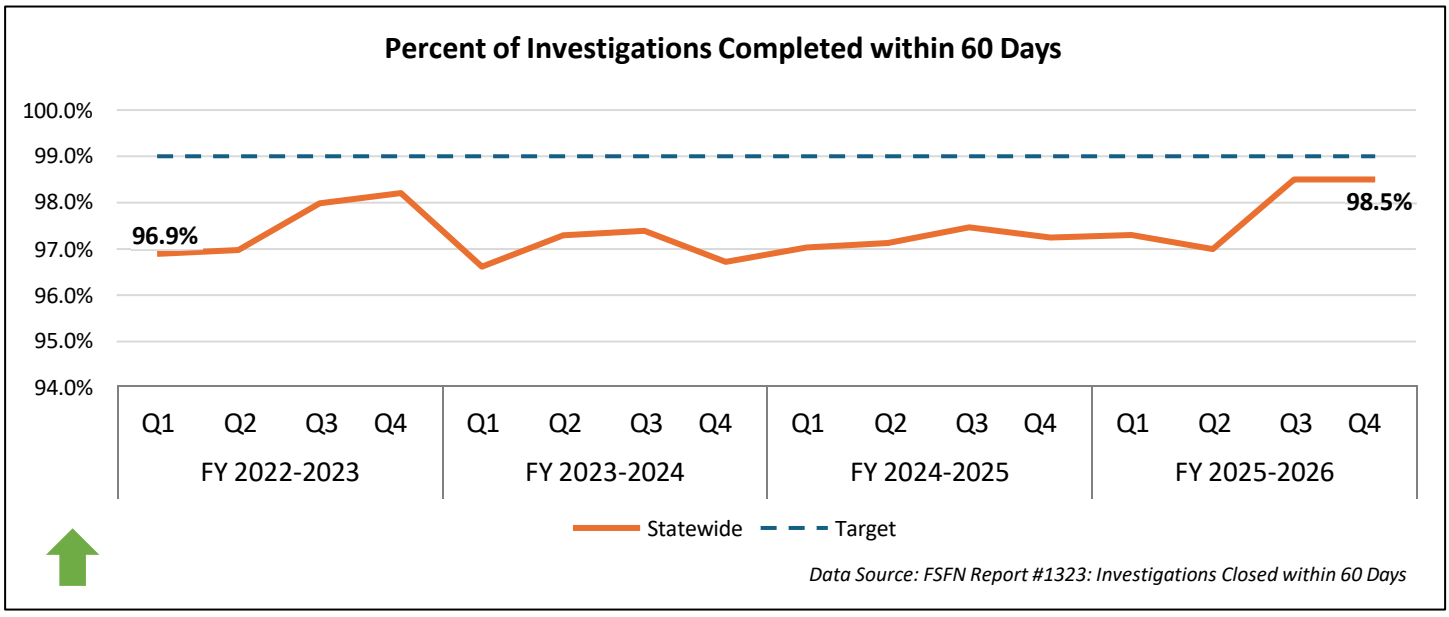
Percentage of Alleged Victims Seen in 24 Hours (DCF Target 90% of Higher)													
Region	Circuit	SFY 2023-24				SFY 2024-25				SFY 2025-26			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central	Circuit 5	92.2%	92.3%	92.5%	92.6%	92.9%	93.8%	93.9%	93.5%	93.1%	92.2%	92.1%	92.1%
	Circuit 9	93.2%	93.0%	92.6%	92.3%	92.0%	92.3%	92.4%	92.6%	93.0%	92.7%	93.1%	93.1%
	Circuit 10	89.7%	89.9%	90.4%	90.6%	90.9%	91.1%	91.3%	91.5%	91.8%	92.2%	92.3%	92.3%
	Circuit 18	93.9%	93.6%	93.6%	93.1%	92.7%	93.1%	93.1%	93.2%	93.6%	93.5%	93.3%	93.3%
Northeast	Circuit 3	92.7%	92.5%	91.5%	90.4%	90.0%	90.7%	91.2%	91.9%	91.7%	91.6%	92.5%	92.5%
	Circuit 4	87.0%	90.3%	93.0%	92.8%	92.6%	91.7%	90.7%	90.6%	90.9%	91.6%	93.0%	93.0%
	Circuit 7	91.0%	92.2%	93.5%	93.9%	93.8%	92.9%	92.5%	92.1%	91.7%	91.3%	90.2%	90.2%
	Circuit 8	91.7%	91.6%	91.7%	91.2%	90.7%	90.6%	91.1%	92.1%	92.7%	93.1%	92.1%	92.1%
Northwest	Circuit 1	90.7%	92.3%	92.5%	92.6%	92.4%	91.8%	91.3%	91.6%	91.0%	91.1%	90.8%	90.8%
	Circuit 2	94.0%	94.0%	93.8%	94.2%	93.1%	92.4%	92.3%	92.3%	93.8%	94.9%	95.7%	95.7%
	Circuit 14	93.2%	92.8%	93.6%	93.7%	93.6%	93.8%	93.1%	93.3%	92.8%	93.1%	93.7%	93.7%
Southeast	Circuit 15	91.7%	91.0%	91.0%	90.7%	90.0%	90.5%	90.3%	90.7%	91.0%	91.1%	91.3%	91.3%
	Circuit 17	91.7%	91.6%	91.8%	92.3%	93.0%	93.8%	93.8%	92.9%	91.6%	89.6%	89.6%	89.6%
	Circuit 19	94.7%	94.3%	93.9%	93.5%	93.3%	93.7%	93.5%	93.2%	93.0%	93.3%	94.5%	94.5%
Southern	Circuit 11	91.6%	92.7%	93.8%	94.5%	94.6%	94.9%	94.8%	94.4%	94.7%	94.5%	95.2%	95.2%
	Circuit 16	90.6%	90.1%	91.7%	92.1%	93.9%	94.8%	96.1%	96.0%	96.7%	96.7%	96.9%	96.9%
SunCoast	Circuit 6	89.9%	89.6%	89.6%	90.7%	91.5%	92.5%	92.6%	92.1%	91.4%	91.5%	92.3%	92.3%
	Circuit 12	93.7%	93.7%	93.1%	91.9%	91.0%	90.7%	91.0%	91.3%	92.1%	93.0%	94.2%	94.2%
	Circuit 13	86.9%	86.9%	87.3%	88.2%	90.0%	91.8%	92.4%	92.2%	91.4%	91.2%	91.6%	91.6%
	Circuit 20	83.2%	84.9%	84.5%	82.8%	83.9%	86.0%	88.8%	92.5%	92.7%	92.2%	92.1%	92.1%
Statewide		**90.9%**	**90.7%**	**91.2%**	**91.6%**	**91.5%**	**91.6%**	**92.0%**	**92.1%**	**92.3%**	**92.3%**	**92.1%**	**92.2%**

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

Percent of Investigations Completed within 60 Days

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

Florida Statewide Trend: Statewide performance has been below the 99 percent target since the fourth quarter of SFY 2020-21 but has improved from the 97.2 percent reported in the previous annual report.



Circuit Comparisons: As of June 2026, six of the 20 circuit areas met the target of 99 percent of child protective investigations closed within 60 days of the decision date.[1]

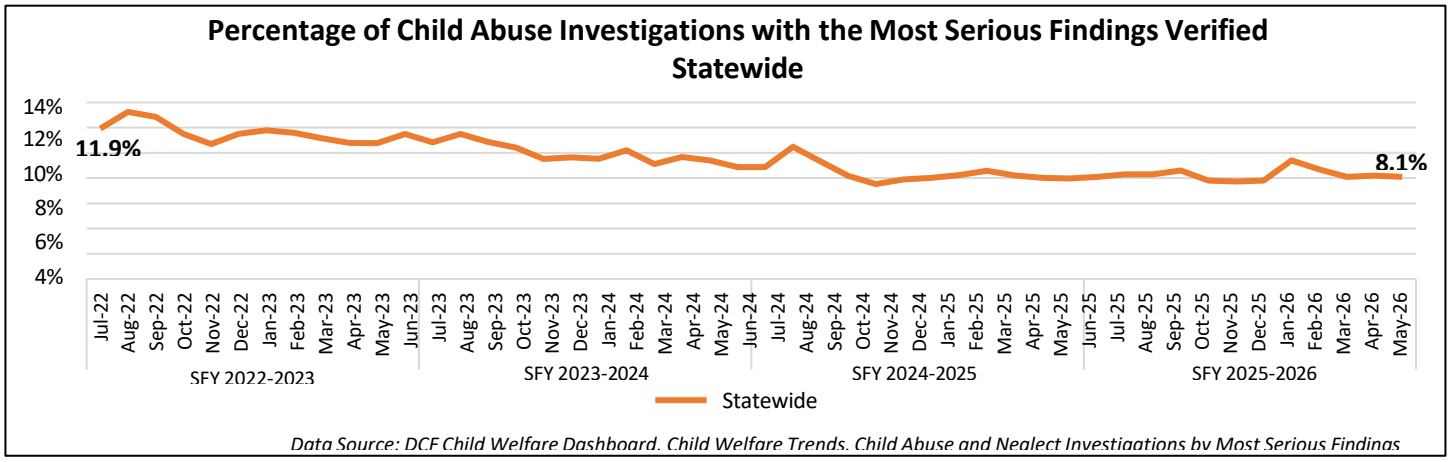
Percentage of Investigations Closed within 60 Days (DCF Target 99% or Higher)													
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	Circuit 10	98.1%	98.5%	98.4%	97.6%	97.6%	96.7%	98.5%	99.0%	99.1%	98.9%	99.4%	98.8%
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	Circuit 4	99.2%	99.0%	98.8%	95.2%	93.8%	94.8%	96.6%	95.1%	95.5%	96.8%	98.7%	98.6%
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	Circuit 16	100%	100%	100%	97.7%	98.7%	99.0%	96.6%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98.6%
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	Circuit 20	85.1%	82.8%	80.5%	84.1%	94.0%	97.6%	97.0%	98.1%	97.6%	98.5%	99.2%	99.1%
Statewide		**96.9%**	**96.6%**	**97.3%**	**97.4%**	**96.7%**	**97.0%**	**97.1%**	**97.5%**	**97.2%**	**97.3%**	**97.0%**	**98.5%**

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

Verification Rates

While evidence of maltreatment is an important consideration, community referrals for services should be guided by child safety determinations and a comprehensive assessment of family needs, rather than solely by whether maltreatment is verified. A "verified" finding of maltreatment indicates that an allegation of maltreatment is supported by a preponderance of credible evidence in the case file.

Florida Statewide Trend: Following the decline described in the previous annual report, the percentage of children in investigations with at least one verified maltreatment finding has remained relatively stable. A national comparison is not available for this measure due to state differences in maltreatment definitions, terminology, and thresholds for maltreatment findings.



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

[1] In June 2023, the Department assumed responsibility for child protective investigations from local sheriff's offices in Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, Hillsborough, Seminole, Broward, and Walton counties.

Circuit Comparisons

Percentage of Child Abuse Investigations with the Most Serious Finding Verified (No DCF Target)				
Investigative Area	**SFY 2022-23**	**SFY 2023-24**	**SFY 2024-25**	**SFY 2025-26**
Circuit 1	21.7%	17.6%	14.0%	12.6%
Circuit 2	18.0%	12.1%	17.7%	14.7%
Circuit 3	6.1%	4.8%	3.8%	5.4%
Circuit 4	10.3%	6.9%	7.0%	10.5%
Circuit 5	7.7%	5.3%	5.6%	4.1%
Circuit 6	16.0%	10.9%	6.3%	8.3%
Circuit 7	9.7%	5.2%	5.0%	8.1%
Circuit 8	5.8%	6.7%	4.7%	10.8%
Circuit 9	7.4%	6.7%	6.7%	5.4%
Circuit 10	12.9%	10.8%	10.3%	8.0%
Circuit 11	7.9%	7.2%	9.4%	8.3%
Circuit 12	15.9%	7.6%	9.1%	11.0%
Circuit 13	19.2%	11.2%	6.7%	7.0%
Circuit 14	13.0%	18.4%	15.3%	14.4%
Circuit 15	8.2%	7.9%	7.6%	7.0%
Circuit 16	20.3%	12.5%	19.4%	34.4%
Circuit 17	8.8%	7.2%	5.5%	4.6%
Circuit 18	7.4%	8.7%	3.8%	3.2%
Circuit 19	11.3%	10.8%	7.6%	7.1%
Circuit 20	10.6%	9.8%	12.5%	12.7%
Statewide	**11.5%**	**8.9%**	**8.0%**	**8.1%**

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

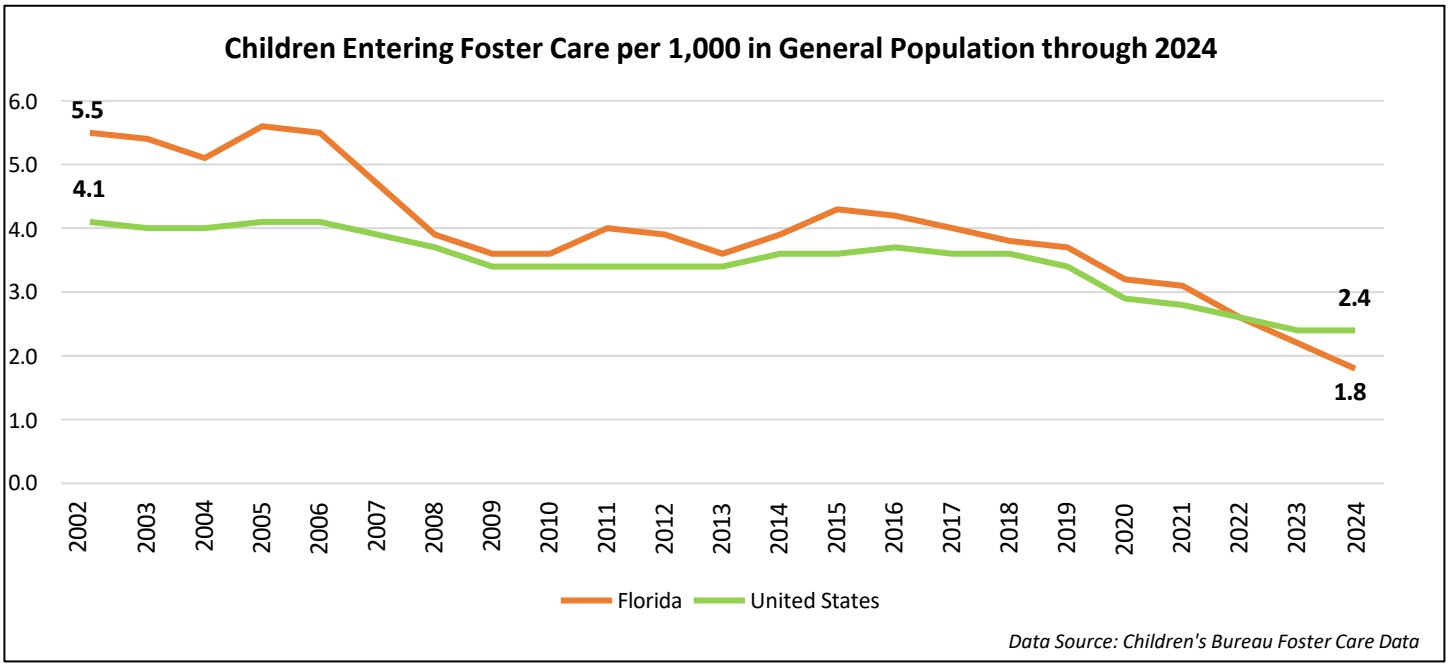
Rates of Removals

Section 39.402, F.S., requires that child welfare professionals make diligent efforts to prevent removals and for families to receive on-going case management. Instances of cases closing with the child being deemed unsafe without initiating ongoing case management services typically occur when the cases do not meet the requirements for judicial intervention and the parents have refused services. When this occurs, the Department works with the family to mitigate risk by engaging them in voluntary services or providing referrals to community partners.

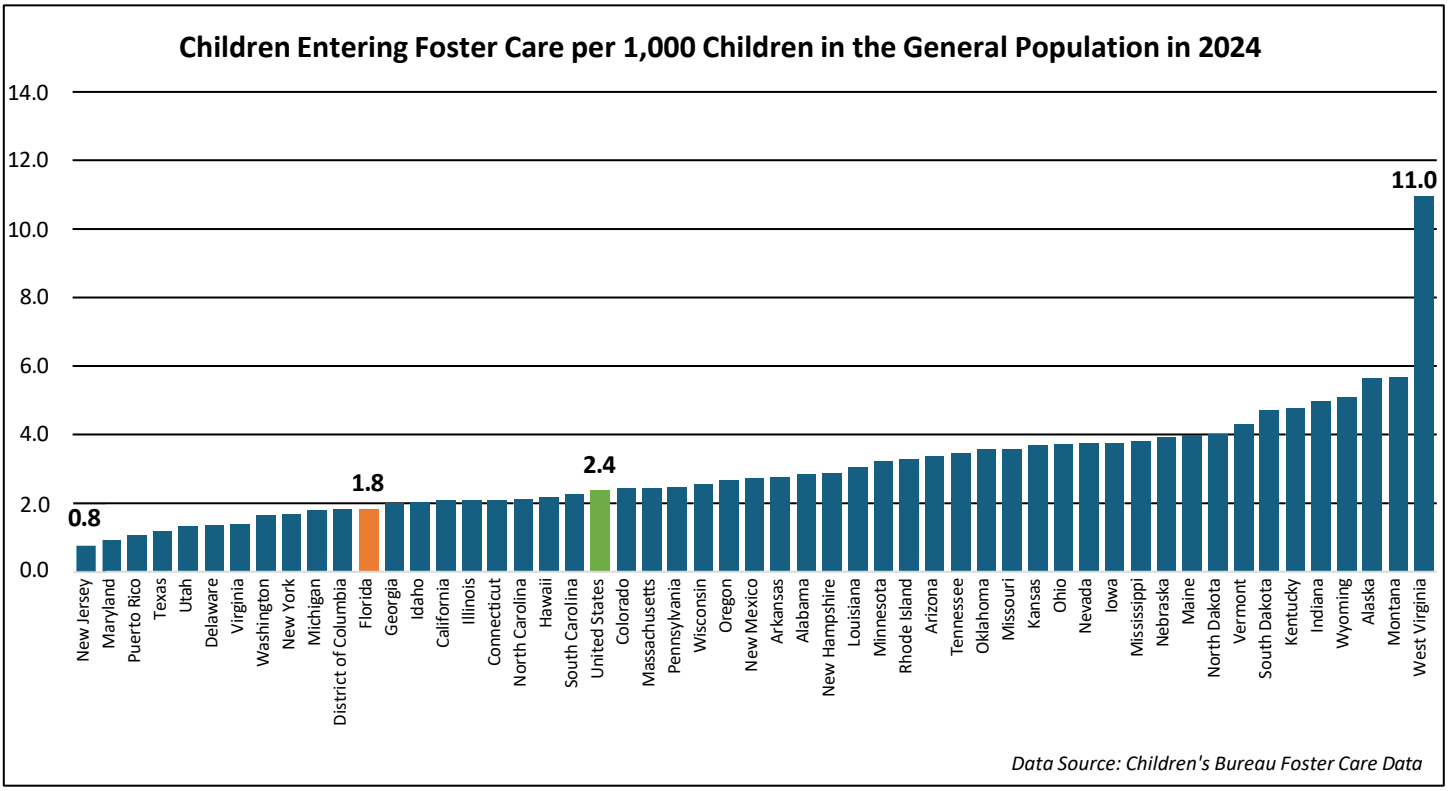
Removal Rates per 1,000 Children in the General Population

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

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average: In FFY 2024, Florida's entry rate into foster care per 1,000 children in the general population fell just below the national average. Historically, Florida's rate has been higher than the national average, although the state's rate has been declining since FFY 2006.



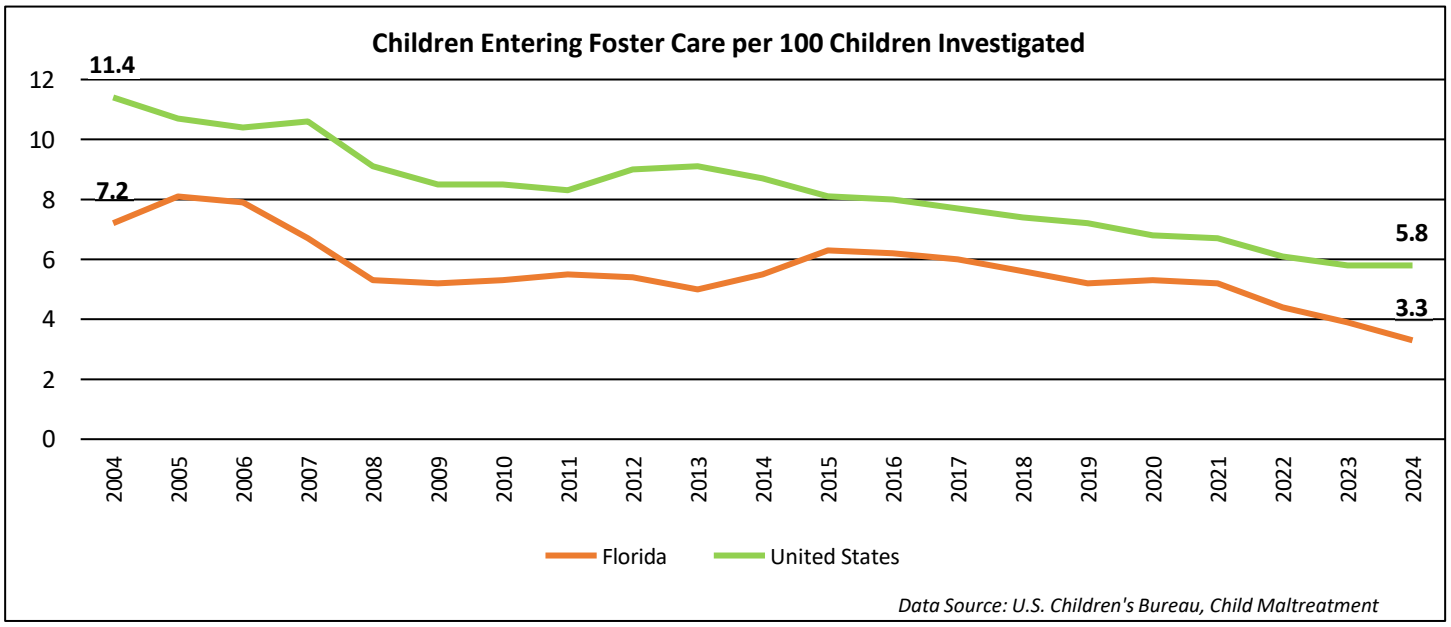
Florida Compared to Other States: In FFY 2024, the most recent year for which national data are available, Florida ranked the 12th lowest in the rate of children entering OOHC per 1,000 children in the general population. This suggests that, despite Florida's relatively high rate of investigations, a smaller proportion of children are placed in OOHC. When making state comparisons, differences in state policies and practices, including variations in the legal definitions of maltreatment, can affect rates and should be considered.



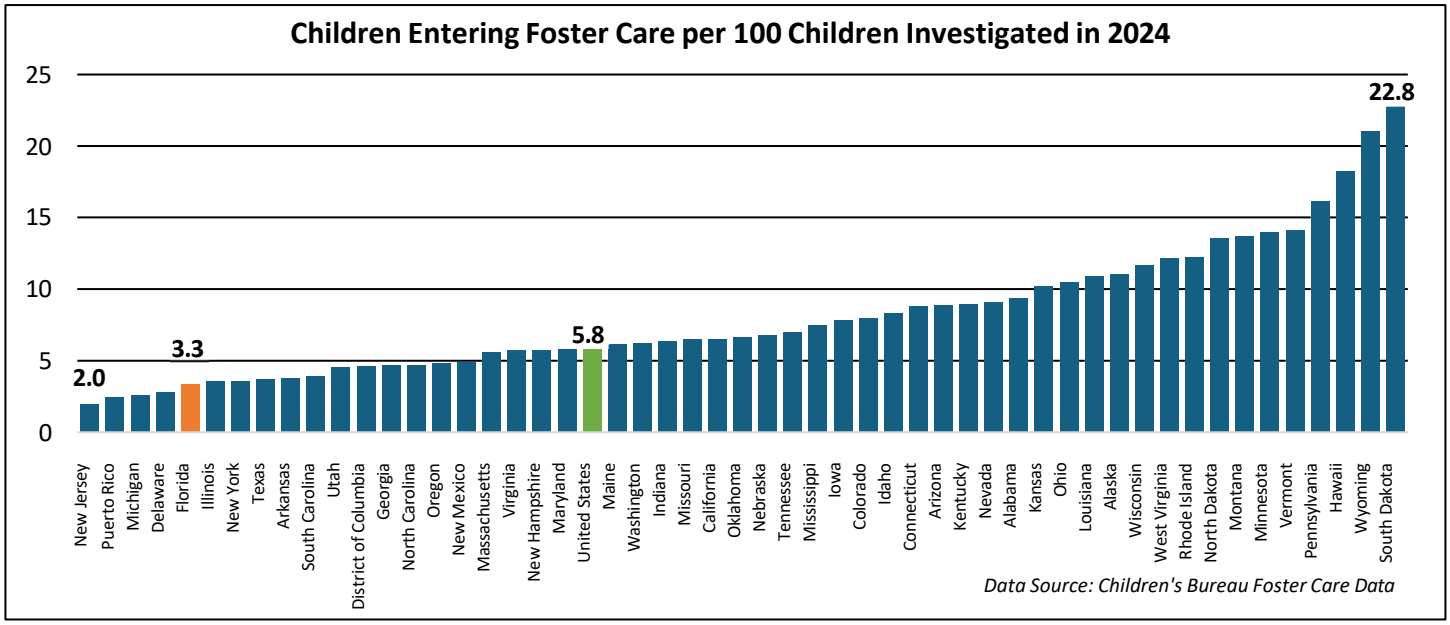
Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida's rate of children entering foster care per 100 children investigated remained below the national average in FFY 2024, the most recent year of data available. Historically, Florida has been lower than the national rate on this indicator, with both state and national rates declining since FFY 2015.



Florida Compared to Other States: In FFY 2024, the most recent year for which national data are available, Florida ranked 5th lowest in the rate of children entering care per 100 children investigated. This represents a positive decrease in ranking from FFY 2022, in which Florida ranked 21st in children entering OOHC per children investigated. When making state-by-state comparisons, differences in state policies and practices, including variations in legal definitions of maltreatment, can affect rates and should be considered. For example, states with very low reporting rates tend to have relatively high removal rates, whereas states with very high reporting rates tend to have a relatively low removal rate.

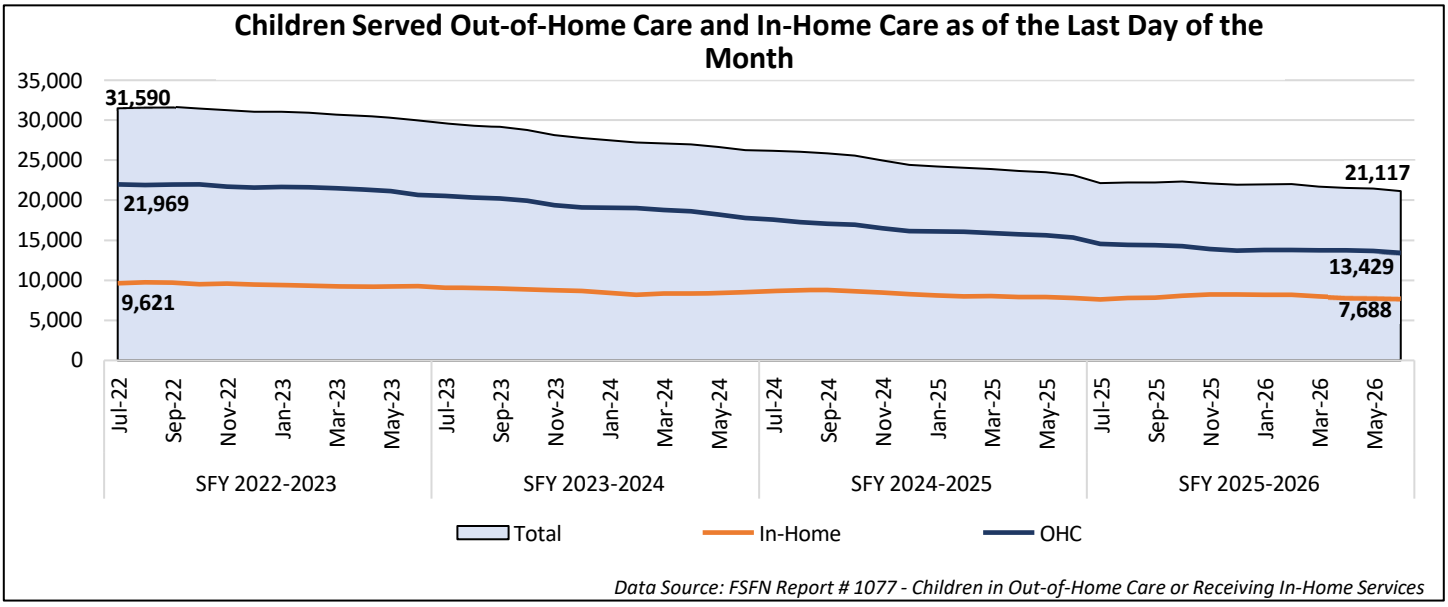


Case Management and Ongoing Services

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

Two Lead Agency outcomes are: "Children are safely maintained in their homes, if possible and appropriate," and "Services are provided to protect children and prevent their removal from their home."

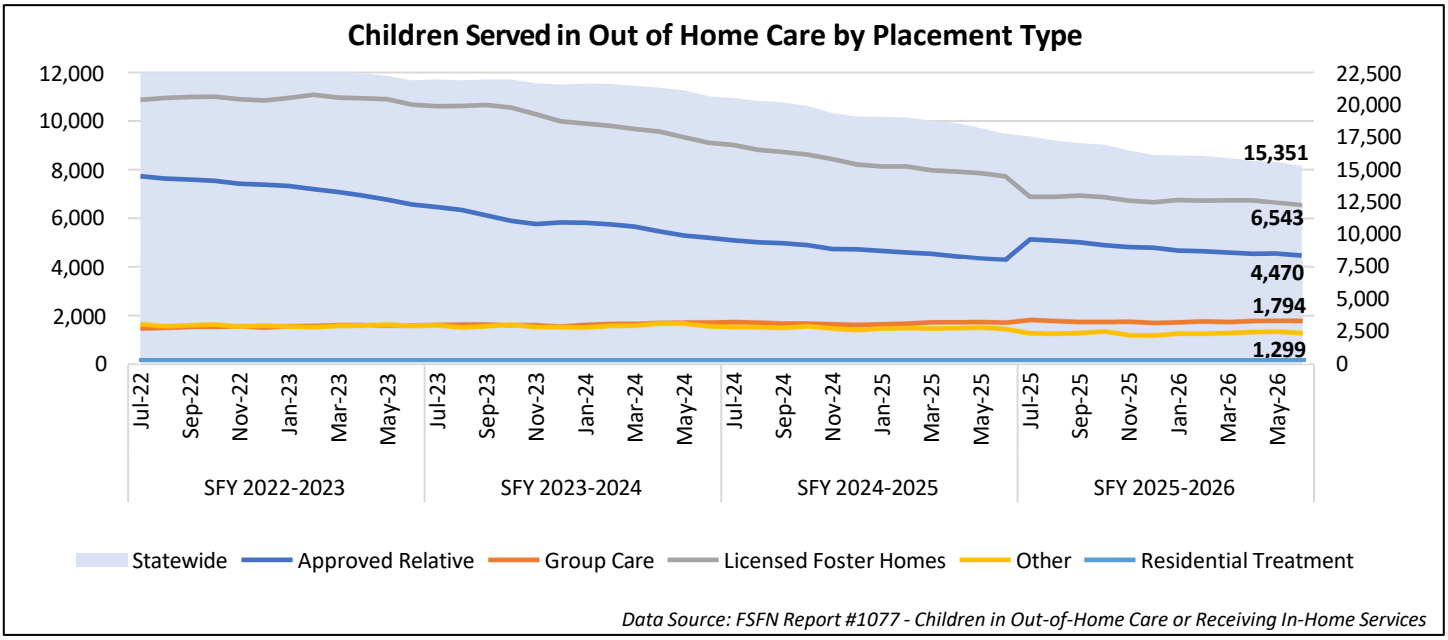
Florida Statewide Trend: From the beginning of SFY 2022-23 to the end of SFY 2025-26, the total number of children in care decreased by 34.3 percent. This measure comprises the total number of children in OOHC, which has decreased by 38.9 percent, and the number of children receiving in-home care, which decreased by 20.1 percent.



Data Source: FSFN Report # 1077 - Children in Out-of-Home Care or Receiving In-Home Services

Trends and Variations in Placement Types

When the goal is reunification, federal law requires that case plans be designed to achieve a safe placement in the least restrictive, most family-like setting available within proximity to a parent(s)' home. When children must be removed, priority is given to placement with family members and other kin who had a significant, family-like relationship with the child prior to removal.

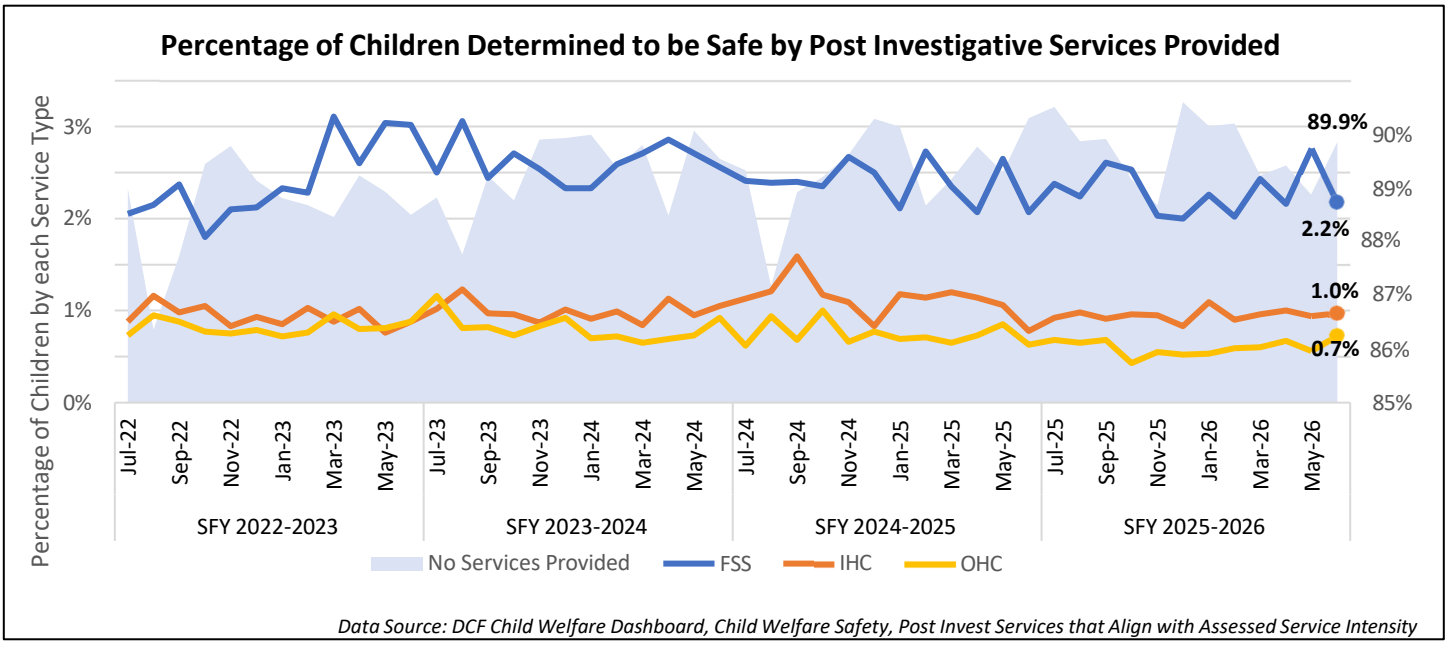


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Florida Statewide Trend: Since SFY 2021-22, data on OOHC placement have remained stable. In SFY 2019-20, a new licensure type, Level I, was introduced, allowing relatives and non-relatives who have an existing relationship with the child to be licensed under a child-specific license. Level I licensure provides caregivers with financial support to help meet children's needs while preserving familiar relationships. This has led to a decrease in relative and non-relative care, while the number of placements in family licensed care has increased. In general, the number of children placed in traditional foster homes has remained stable.

Services for Safe Children

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



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

Lead Agency Comparison: Statewide, 4 percent of children assessed as safe were provided formal services, with one Lead Agency exceeding 10 percent (Safe Children Coalition) and two below 2 percent (ChildNet-Broward, Family Integrity Program, and Partnership for Strong Families).

Percentage of Post-Investigations Services Provided to Children Determined to be Safe				
Lead Agency	**No Formal Services**	**FSS**	**In-Home**	**OOHC**
ChildNet-Broward	95.6%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	89.1%	5.0%	0.4%	1.2%
Children's Network of SW Florida	88.5%	1.5%	0.9%	0.3%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	89.9%	0.6%	1.3%	0.8%
Citrus Health Network	87.8%	4.4%	0.5%	1.3%
Communities Connected for Kids	94.0%	2.9%	0.6%	0.1%
Community Partnership for Children	90.1%	1.7%	1.5%	1.3%

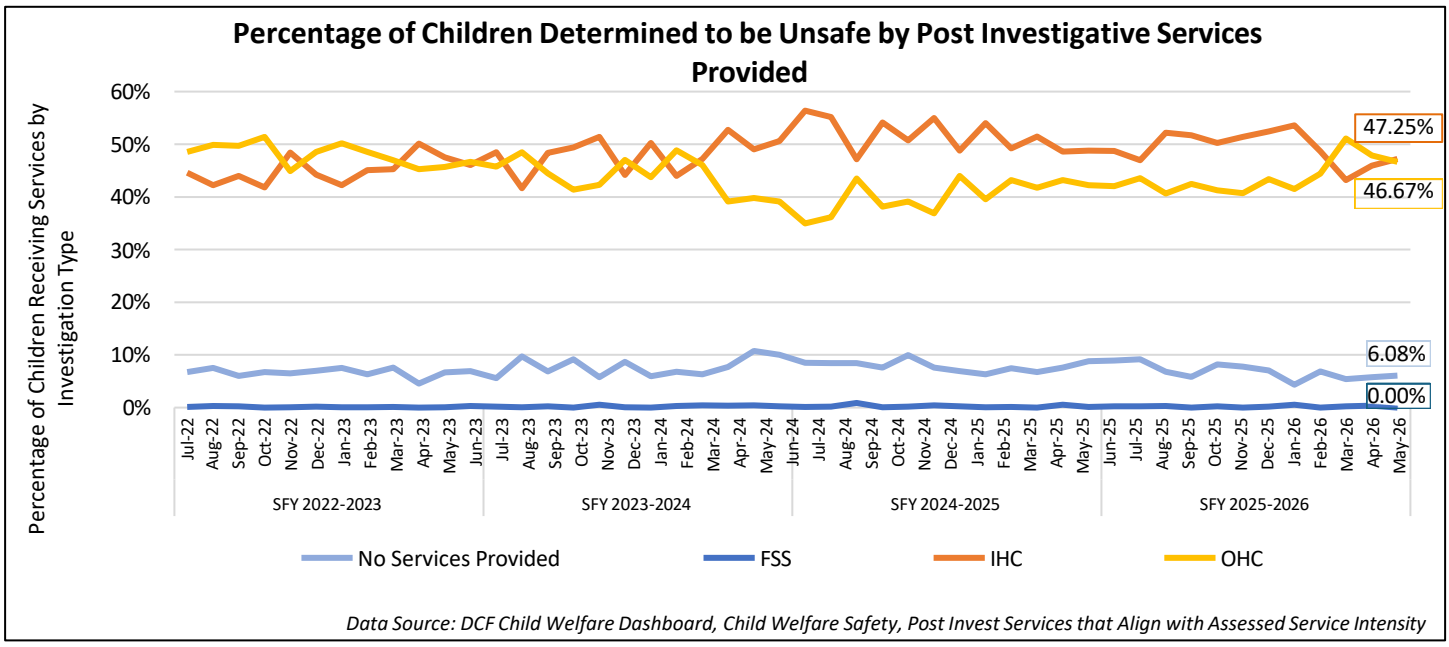
Family Integrity Program	94.4%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%

Family Partnerships of Central Florida	93.6%	2.6%	1.0%	0.6%
Family Support Services of North Fla	84.7%	2.0%	1.6%	0.8%
FSS Suncoast	89.9%	2.6%	0.4%	0.5%
Heartland for Children	90.8%	2.4%	1.4%	0.6%
Kids Central, Inc.	93.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	90.2%	0.2%	2.2%	0.2%
NWF Health Network - East	88.6%	1.1%	1.7%	1.0%
NWF Health Network - West	88.7%	3.8%	0.9%	0.1%
Partnership for Strong Families	91.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%
Safe Children Coalition	83.4%	12.7%	0.4%	1.1%
Statewide	**89.9%**	**2.2%**	**1.0%**	**0.7%**

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

Services for Unsafe Children

As shown below, children determined to be unsafe at investigative closure are more likely to receive formal case management services, which may include both in-home and out-of-home services to mitigate identified safety concerns. Instances in which children are deemed unsafe but do not receive services include, for example, cases in which a Child Protective Investigator considered that a child is unsafe, but the court finds insufficient probable cause; instead they are offered in-home non-judicial services, which the family subsequently refuses.



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

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

Note that the data on the following page is as of the last day of SFY 2025-26 (June 30, 2026).

Percentage of Post-Investigative Services Provided to Children Determined to be Unsafe (as of 6/30/26)				
Lead Agency	**No Formal Services**	**FSS**	**In-Home**	**OOHC**
ChildNet-Broward	9.43%	0.00%	7.55%	83.02%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	4.55%	0.00%	25.00%	70.45%
Children's Network of SW Florida	7.07%	0.00%	61.62%	31.31%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	10.53%	0.00%	42.11%	47.37%
Citrus Health Network	0.00%	0.00%	21.21%	78.79%
Communities Connected for Kids	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Community Partnership for Children	23.21%	0.00%	51.79%	25.00%
Family Integrity Program	7.14%	0.00%	50.00%	42.86%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	4.55%	0.00%	34.85%	60.61%
Family Support Services of North Fla	2.38%	0.00%	58.93%	38.69%
FSS Suncoast	7.07%	0.00%	53.54%	39.39%
Heartland for Children	2.90%	0.00%	42.03%	55.07%
Kids Central, Inc.	14.08%	0.00%	39.44%	46.48%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	13.79%	0.00%	37.93%	48.28%
NWF Health Network - East	0.00%	0.00%	67.50%	32.50%
NWF Health Network - West	1.33%	0.00%	50.67%	48.00%
Partnership for Strong Families	3.28%	0.00%	67.21%	29.51%
Safe Children Coalition	0.00%	0.00%	56.25%	43.75%
Statewide	**6.08%**	**0.00%**	**47.25%**	**46.67%**

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

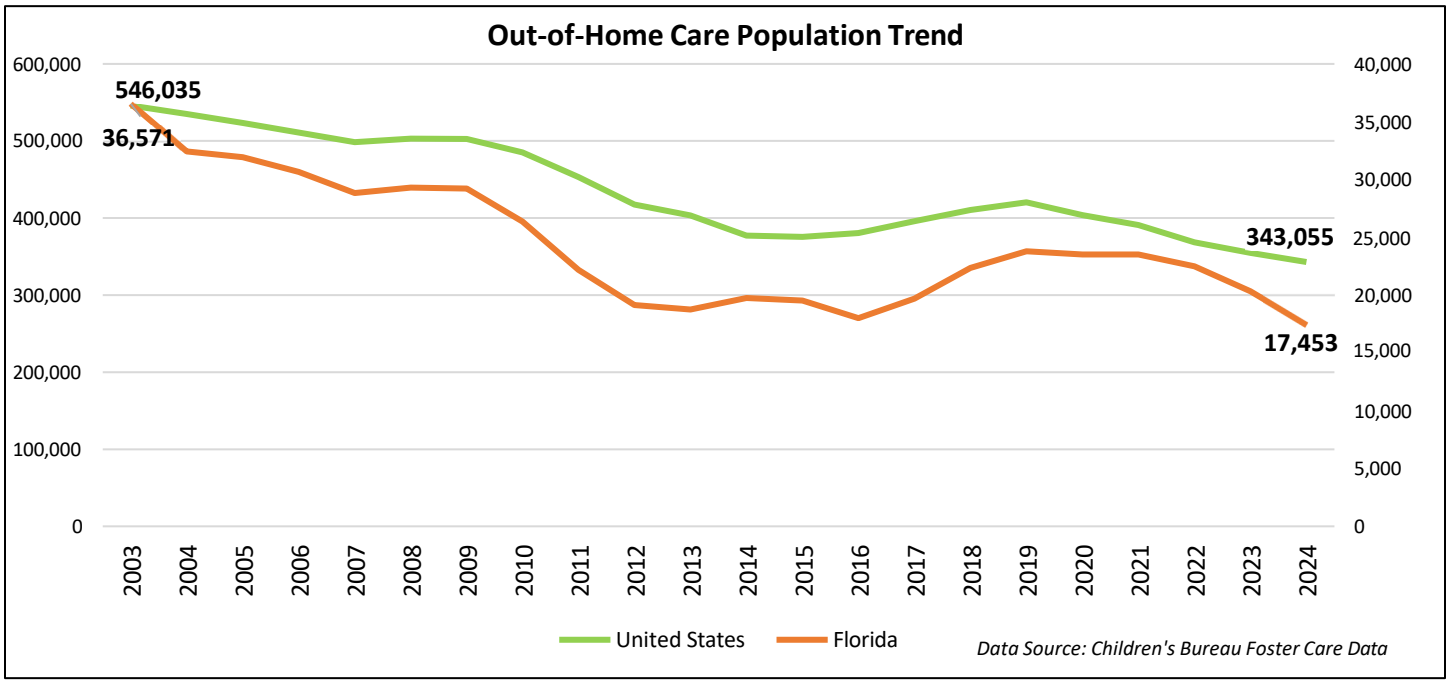
Florida's Out of Home Care Population in Context

Changes in Florida's OOHC population parallels change nationally, with both showing significant declines over the past several years. These charts illustrate trends and the relative size of Florida's OOHC population compared to both the general population of children and children in investigations, which serves as an indicator of need.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

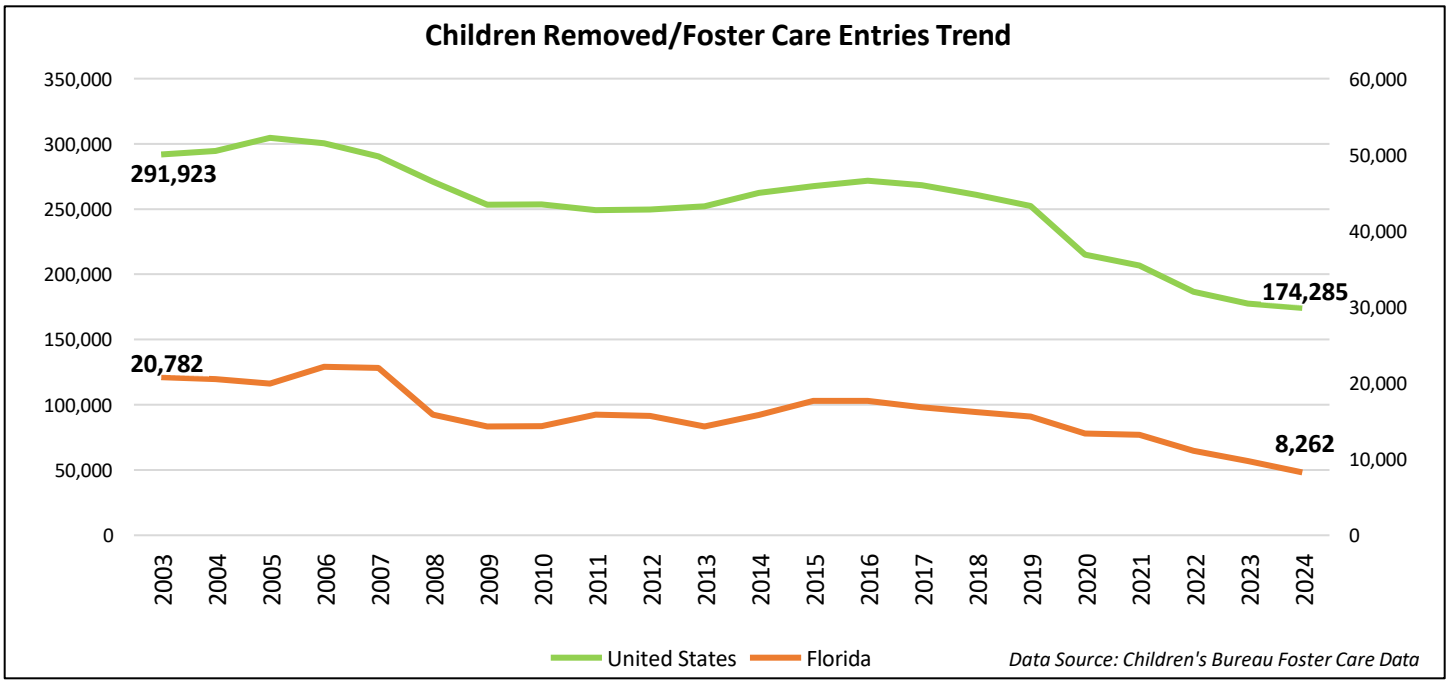
Children in Out-of-Home Care Population Trend: After increasing between 2016 and 2019, the number of children in out-of-home has decreased in recent years, both nationally and in Florida, reaching historic lows. Notably, the rate of decline in Florida has been greater than the national rate. This measure reflects specifically the number of children in out-of-home care on the last day of the FFY. The total includes children across all out-of-home placement types, including relative and non-relative placements, Level 1 placements, and other placement settings.

See the two charts on the following page for a comparison of national and Florida trends for removals and out-of-home care. The data presented reflect trends through 2024, the most recent year of available national data.



Children Removed/Foster Care Entries Trend

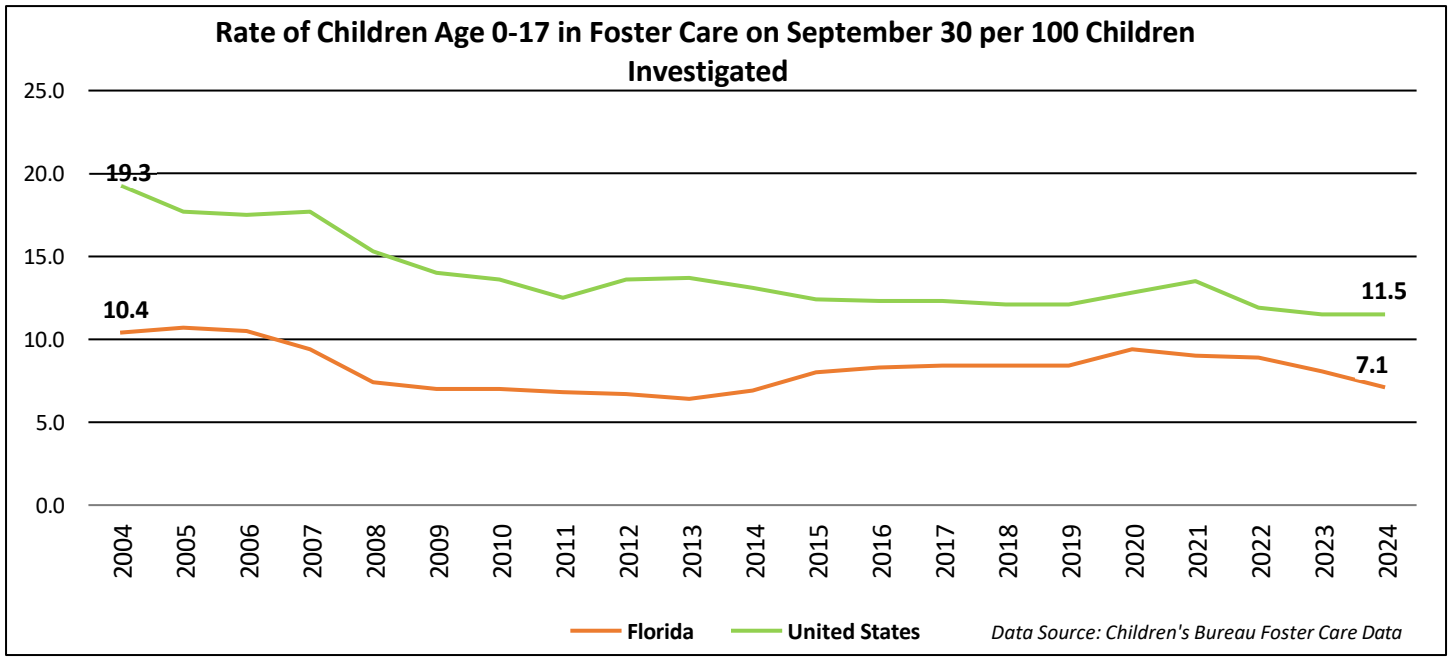
Since 2019, the number of children removed has declined significantly across the nation and in Florida.



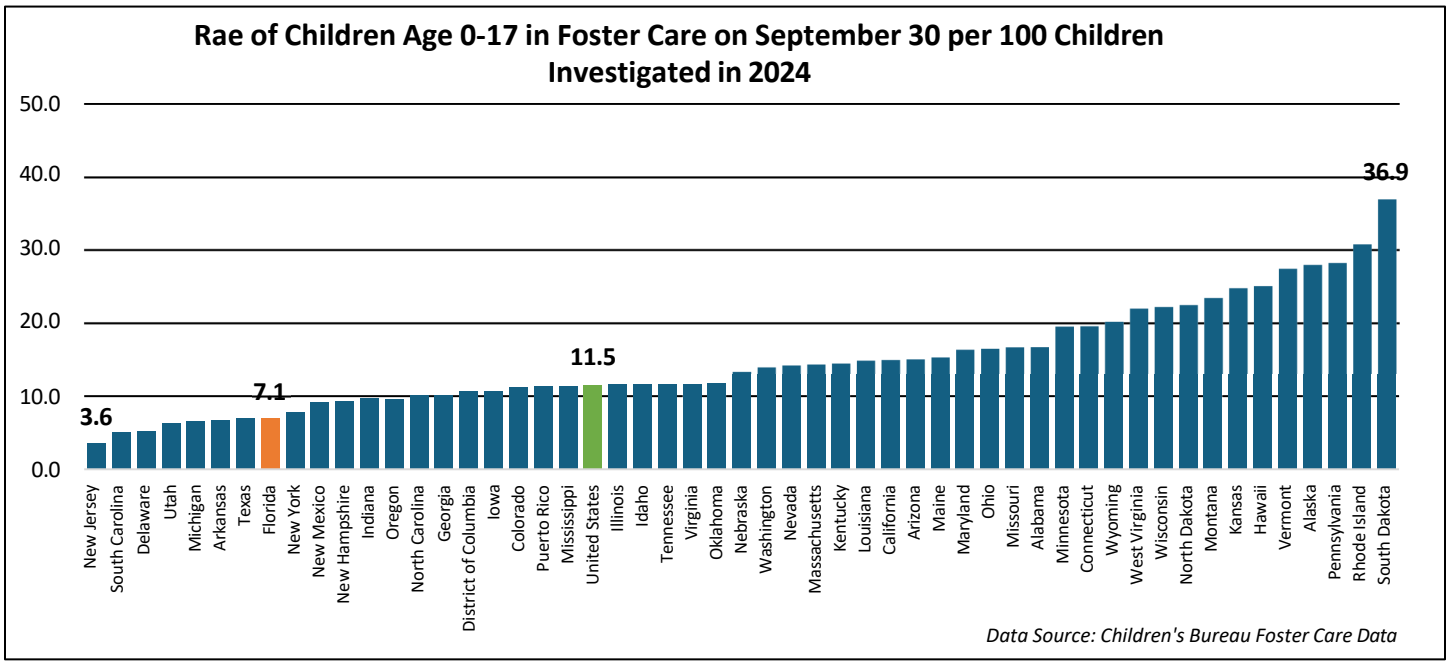
Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Children Investigated

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

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average: The most recent data for this measure indicates that both Florida and national OOHC rates per 100 children investigated have remained generally stable over the past five years, with Florida experiencing a slight decline over the past couple of years and declining from 8.06 children reported in last year's annual report to 7.1 this reporting period.



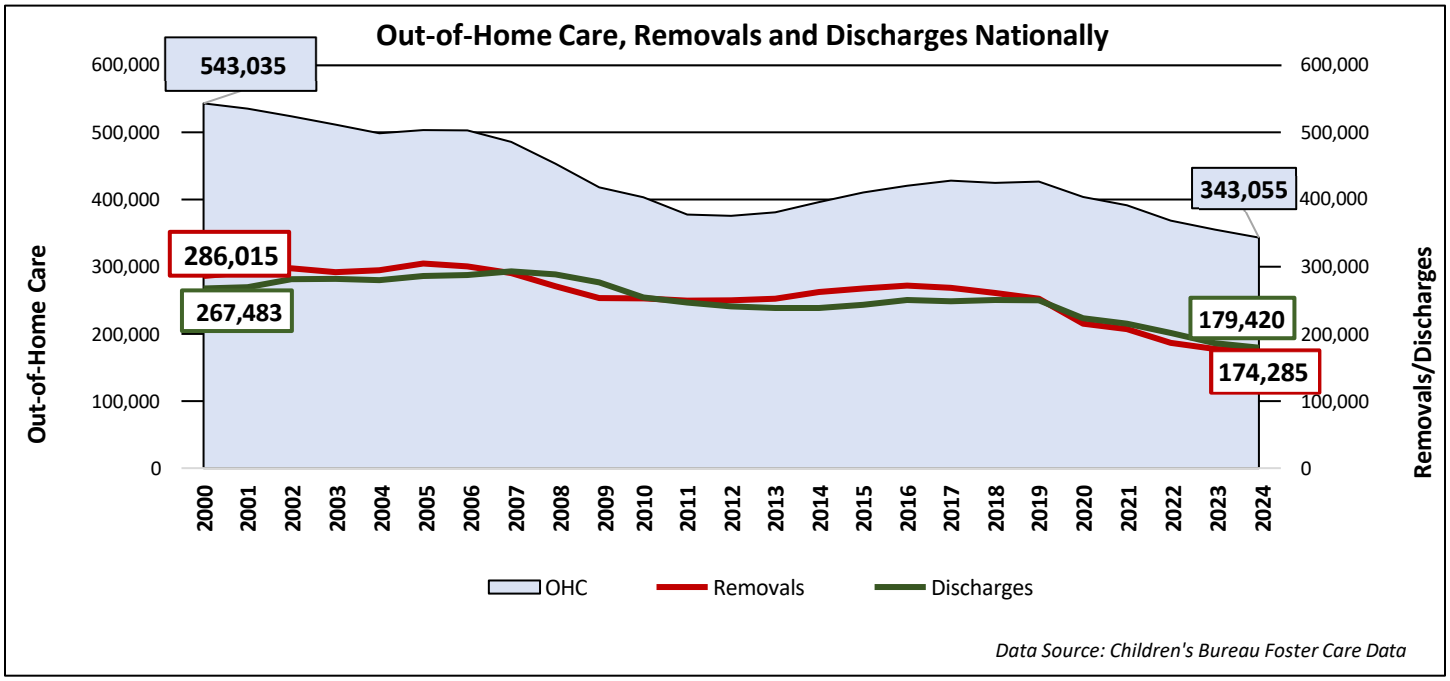
Florida Compared to Other States: Based on the most recent national data available for this metric, Florida's OOHC rate per 100 children investigated was 8th lowest in the nation in FFY 2024.



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

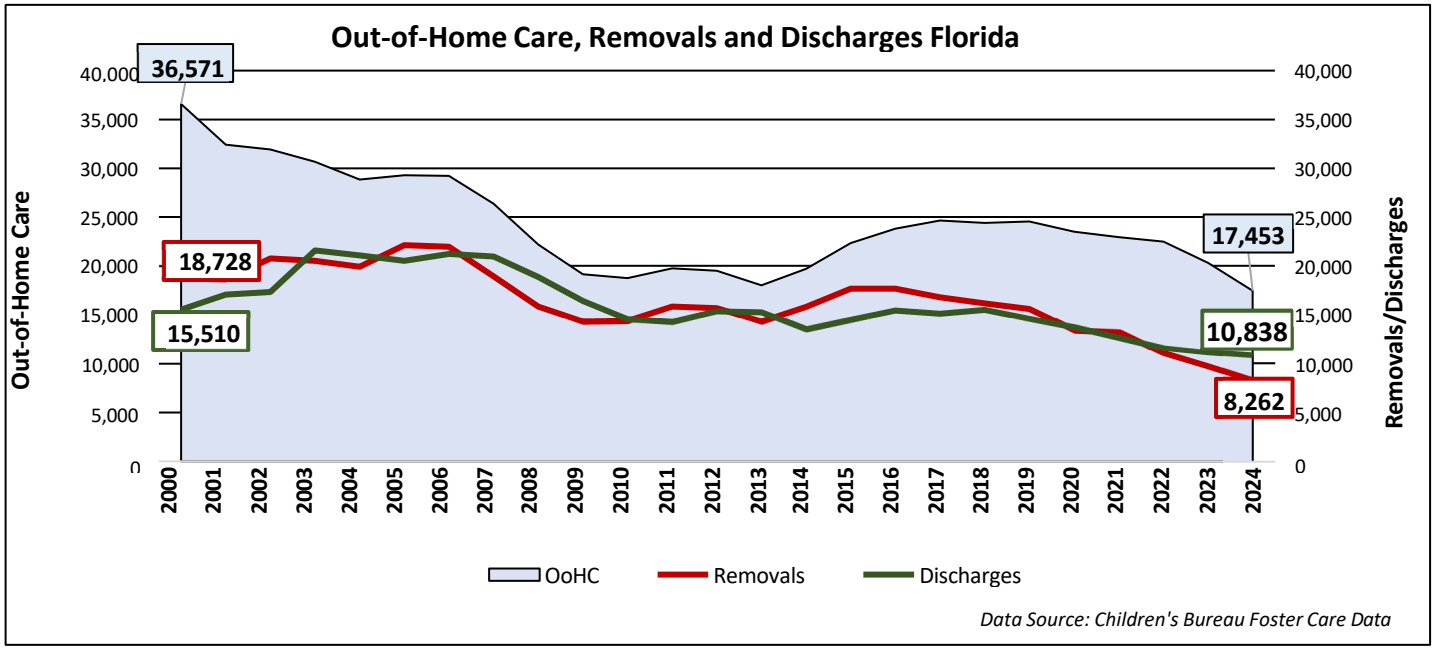
Changes in the population of children in OOHC are driven by changes in removals/entries and discharges/exits.

National Trend: This chart illustrates long-term decreases in the number of children in OOHC, with more significant decreases occurring between FFY 2007 and FFY 2011, and more recently, between FFY 2018 and FFY 2024. These decreases were primarily driven by a reduction in removals.



Florida Statewide Trend:

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



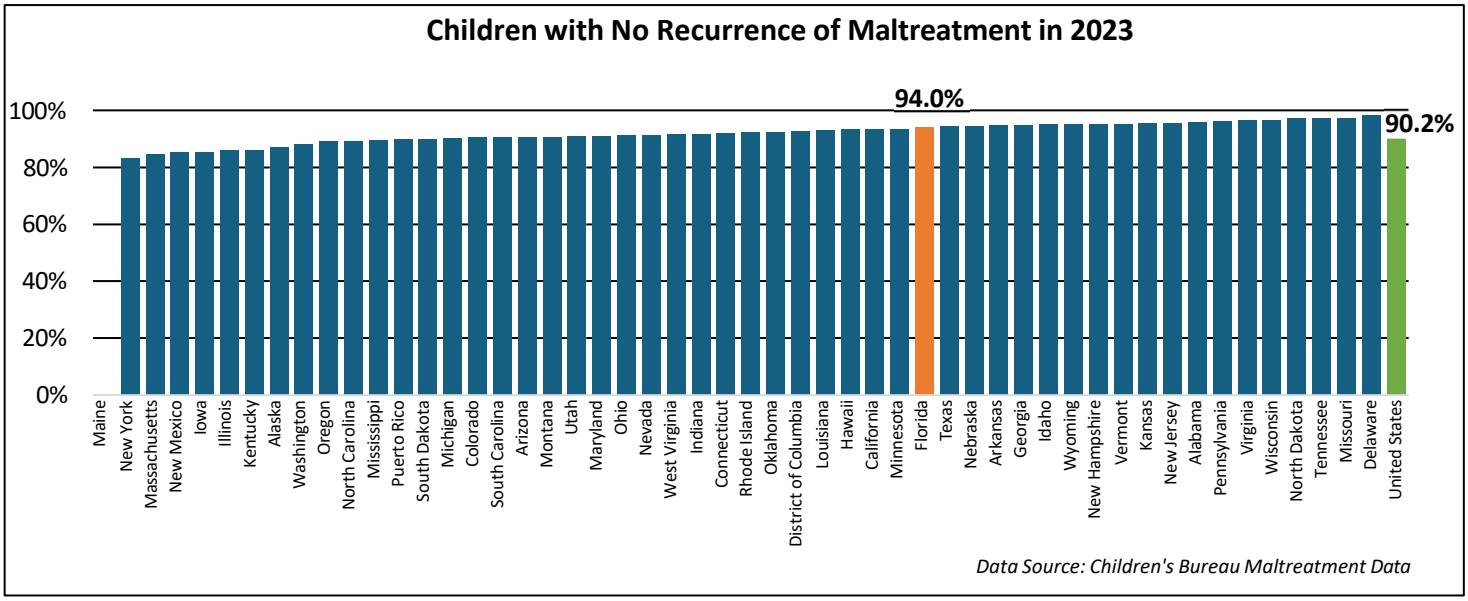
Safety Outcomes

Individual Safety Indicators

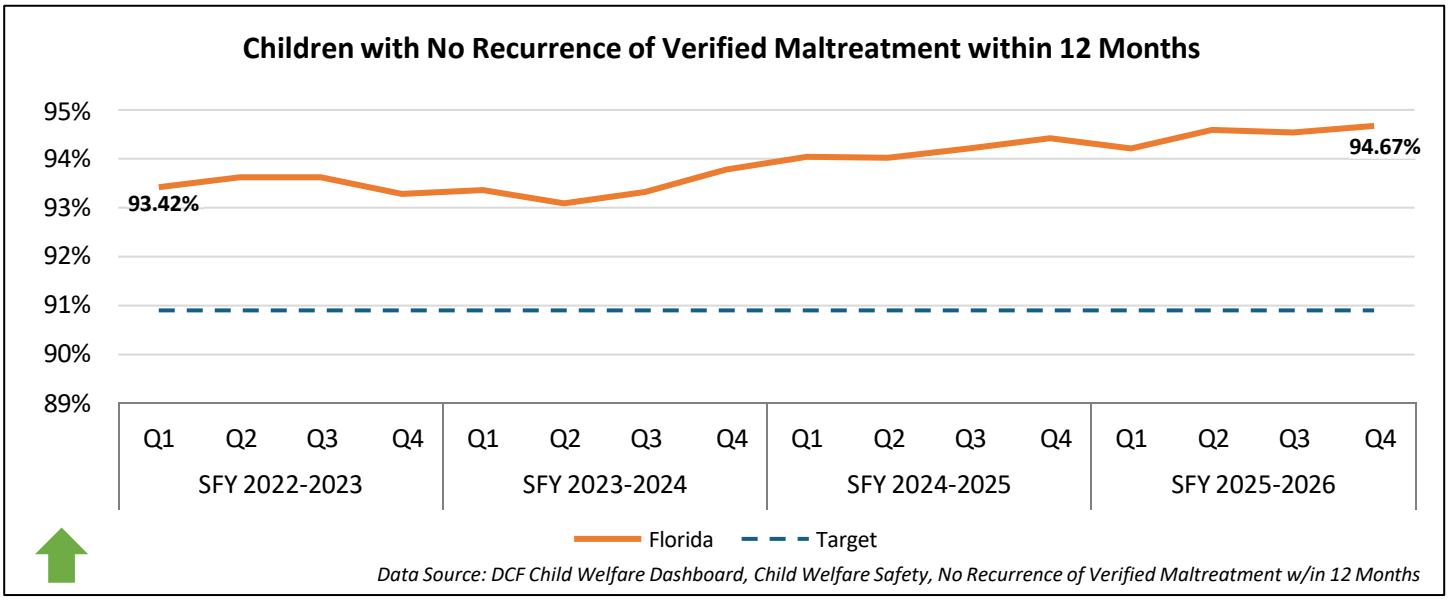
With the exception of Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment, these are post-investigation measures. Therefore, the analysis is presented at the Lead Agency level rather than the circuit level. The Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) is a federal and state collaboration to ensure quality services for children and families in the child welfare system, focusing on outcomes within the domains of Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being.

No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment: This safety outcome measures the recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months of verified maltreatment, regardless of whether services were provided. This national measure addresses the question: "Of all children who were victims of a substantiated maltreatment report during a 12-month period, what percent were victims of another substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months?"

Florida Compared to Other States: In FFY 2023, the most recent data available, Florida's performance of 94 percent exceeded the national average of 90.2 percent, and Florida's performance was higher than national average for each of the preceding five years. This performance also reflects improvement from the previous reporting cycle of 93.2 percent.



Florida Statewide Trend: Florida's performance on this indicator has stabilized at a level that is well above the standard of 90.9 percent.



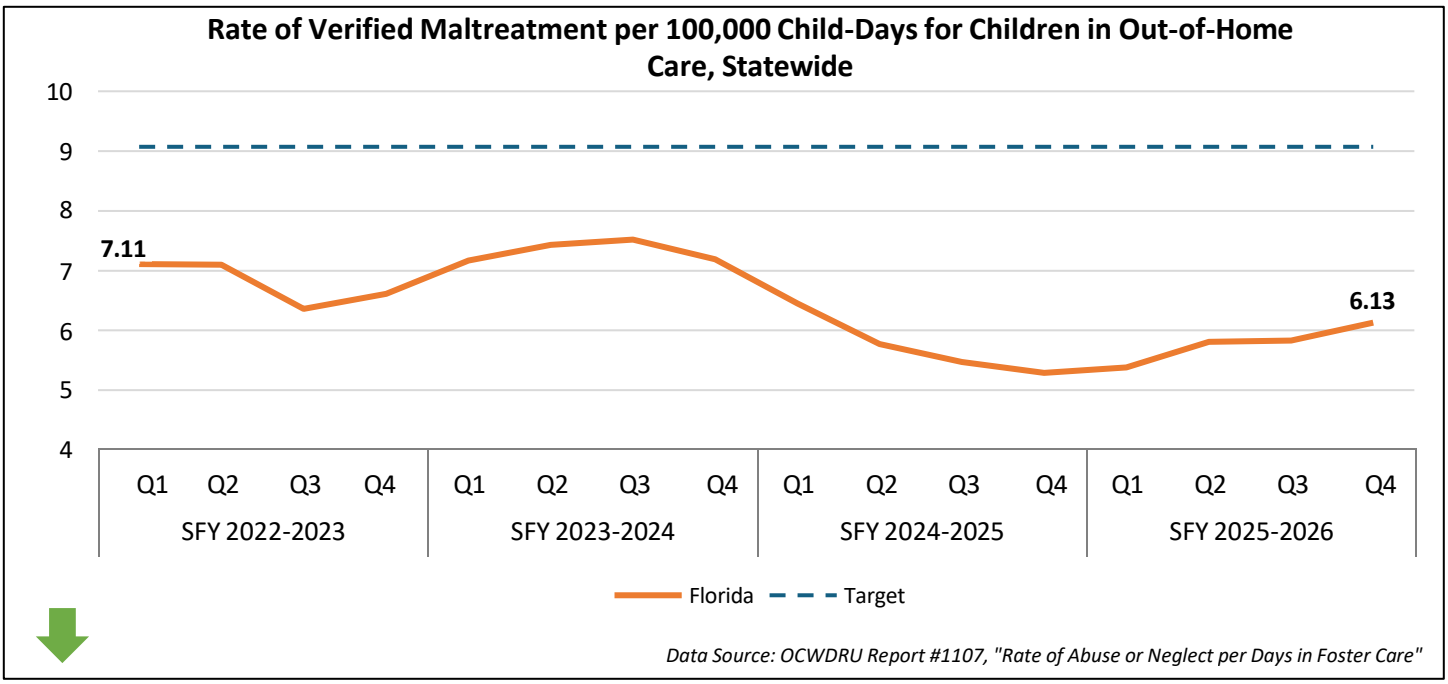
Circuit Comparisons: All but one circuit met the national standard for this metric as of the end of SFY 2025-26.

Percentage of Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment in 12 Months (Target of 90.9% or Higher)													
Region	Circuit	SFY 2023-24				SFY 2024-25				SFY 2025-26			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central	Circuit 5	94.80%	93.80%	93.50%	95.40%	94.90%	96.00%	96.70%	96.00%	96.64%	96.68%	96.50%	97.89%
	Circuit 9	92.50%	94.00%	94.50%	94.50%	94.60%	93.50%	92.80%	92.70%	92.58%	93.83%	95.09%	95.19%
	Circuit 10	92.10%	92.80%	94.00%	92.60%	93.40%	93.80%	93.60%	95.80%	95.92%	95.76%	95.88%	95.19%
	Circuit 18	94.90%	95.00%	94.60%	93.70%	93.50%	93.80%	93.70%	94.40%	94.55%	95.29%	95.26%	96.03%
Northeast	Circuit 3	95.70%	95.10%	95.50%	95.40%	96.10%	95.20%	93.70%	93.90%	94.97%	96.59%	99.35%	99.31%
	Circuit 4	95.10%	95.00%	94.10%	94.40%	95.00%	95.60%	96.50%	96.80%	95.90%	95.72%	95.40%	95.57%
	Circuit 7	93.70%	93.90%	94.50%	95.20%	95.30%	95.30%	94.60%	95.00%	94.87%	96.71%	96.01%	94.99%
	Circuit 8	94.80%	93.50%	93.90%	95.30%	93.50%	94.80%	95.00%	95.50%	95.01%	92.80%	92.59%	92.04%
Northwest	Circuit 1	91.00%	89.80%	89.70%	90.00%	90.70%	91.40%	91.90%	92.60%	92.71%	93.01%	92.63%	93.15%
	Circuit 2	94.10%	93.60%	93.80%	94.70%	93.60%	93.40%	92.90%	91.60%	91.74%	92.49%	90.68%	90.08%
	Circuit 14	96.00%	95.00%	94.70%	93.30%	92.20%	92.10%	93.00%	94.50%	94.26%	93.44%	92.96%	92.42%
Southeast	Circuit 15	94.80%	95.00%	96.00%	96.50%	96.40%	95.10%	94.90%	95.00%	93.91%	94.59%	94.17%	95.11%
	Circuit 17	93.30%	92.70%	93.90%	93.70%	93.70%	93.70%	93.40%	93.90%	94.71%	94.07%	93.86%	92.81%
	Circuit 19	94.50%	93.80%	94.80%	93.90%	93.00%	91.30%	91.20%	90.40%	92.68%	93.60%	93.99%	96.03%
Southern	Circuit 11	97.50%	97.00%	96.00%	95.30%	95.90%	94.90%	95.10%	96.40%	95.48%	96.70%	97.29%	96.16%
	Circuit 16	98.50%	98.60%	94.70%	94.50%	94.30%	92.50%	96.30%	95.70%	95.52%	98.33%	100%	95.24%
SunCoast	Circuit 6	91.50%	90.80%	91.70%	93.20%	94.40%	94.60%	95.10%	94.60%	93.07%	93.35%	93.50%	93.59%
	Circuit 12	93.20%	93.40%	93.20%	94.50%	94.70%	95.10%	95.10%	94.30%	93.68%	94.41%	94.43%	95.71%
	Circuit 13	91.60%	90.60%	90.70%	93.00%	93.70%	93.40%	94.50%	94.40%	93.98%	95.30%	95.16%	95.69%
	Circuit 20	93.90%	94.50%	94.60%	95.00%	95.60%	95.50%	95.60%	95.40%	94.34%	94.03%	94.22%	94.46%
Statewide		**93.40%**	**93.40%**	**93.10%**	**93.30%**	**93.80%**	**94.00%**	**94.00%**	**94.20%**	**94.40%**	**94.67%**	**94.54%**	**94.59%**

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

Maltreatment in Foster Care

The federal CFSR round 4 measures maltreatment as a rate per 100,000 days in care. It answers the question, "Of all children in foster care during a 12-month period, what is the rate of victimization, per day of care?" Florida's rates have consistently met national standards.



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

Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: As of the end of SFY 2025-26, all but one Lead Agency met the federal standard of 9.07 established for the rate of abuse per 100,000 bed days in OOHC.

Rate of Verified Maltreatment per 100,000 Child Bed Days for Children in Out-of-Home Care (Target 9.07 or Lower)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2023-24				SFY 2024-25				SFY 2025-26			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	8.59	9.37	6.30	6.08	5.97	6.90	8.49	7.33	6.90	6.45	7.34	8.70
ChildNet-Palm Beach	10.42	10.89	10.05	7.88	8.62	8.08	7.77	8.71	4.40	4.88	4.78	5.10
Children's Network of SW FL	7.01	4.49	5.05	4.65	4.71	4.36	3.55	4.50	4.51	4.46	5.60	4.57
Children's Network-Hillsborough	7.43	7.22	7.28	7.31	6.10	8.39	7.15	6.67	7.98	5.09	4.17	4.84
Citrus Health Network	2.84	2.48	1.68	4.16	4.95	6.01	6.42	5.32	6.22	5.96	5.78	5.88
Communities Connected for Kids	8.13	8.91	8.93	9.04	10.35	9.64	11.73	13.44	13.43	12.49	10.22	6.90
Community Partnership for Children	5.27	8.27	6.94	6.89	6.51	6.02	7.60	5.82	6.19	6.21	5.67	4.01
Family Integrity Program	2.24	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.83	9.56	10.38	11.02	0.00	0.00
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	8.12	7.88	8.47	8.14	9.74	9.83	9.63	9.45	7.55	7.62	6.51	5.38
Family Support Services of North Fla	5.34	5.42	4.87	5.75	7.38	6.54	6.03	5.58	3.95	3.70	4.01	4.03
FSS Suncoast	8.42	7.84	5.68	6.84	7.08	5.66	6.00	5.92	4.14	4.71	4.21	3.62
Heartland for Children	8.82	8.47	7.21	6.52	7.98	8.55	7.76	6.10	5.75	3.87	3.74	4.10
Kids Central, Inc.	4.99	3.79	2.75	2.58	4.45	5.94	5.09	6.14	4.48	3.70	5.07	5.26
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	4.73	7.11	4.40	4.75	3.75	1.32	0.00	1.54	3.20	3.38	3.43	1.76
NWF Health Network - East	5.00	5.09	4.19	6.12	5.34	7.14	7.78	5.71	7.03	5.65	5.60	5.48
NWF Health Network - West	9.34	11.01	11.44	10.22	12.76	11.95	12.87	11.96	9.31	9.03	8.00	10.64
Partnership for Strong Families	5.82	6.48	7.17	8.46	9.06	8.49	8.18	8.59	6.90	6.06	5.30	3.36
Safe Children Coalition	5.89	5.79	4.41	5.68	4.95	5.87	7.42	7.29	7.90	6.81	5.36	3.08
Statewide	**7.11**	**7.10**	**6.36**	**6.61**	**7.17**	**7.43**	**7.52**	**7.19**	**6.45**	**5.77**	**5.47**	**5.29**

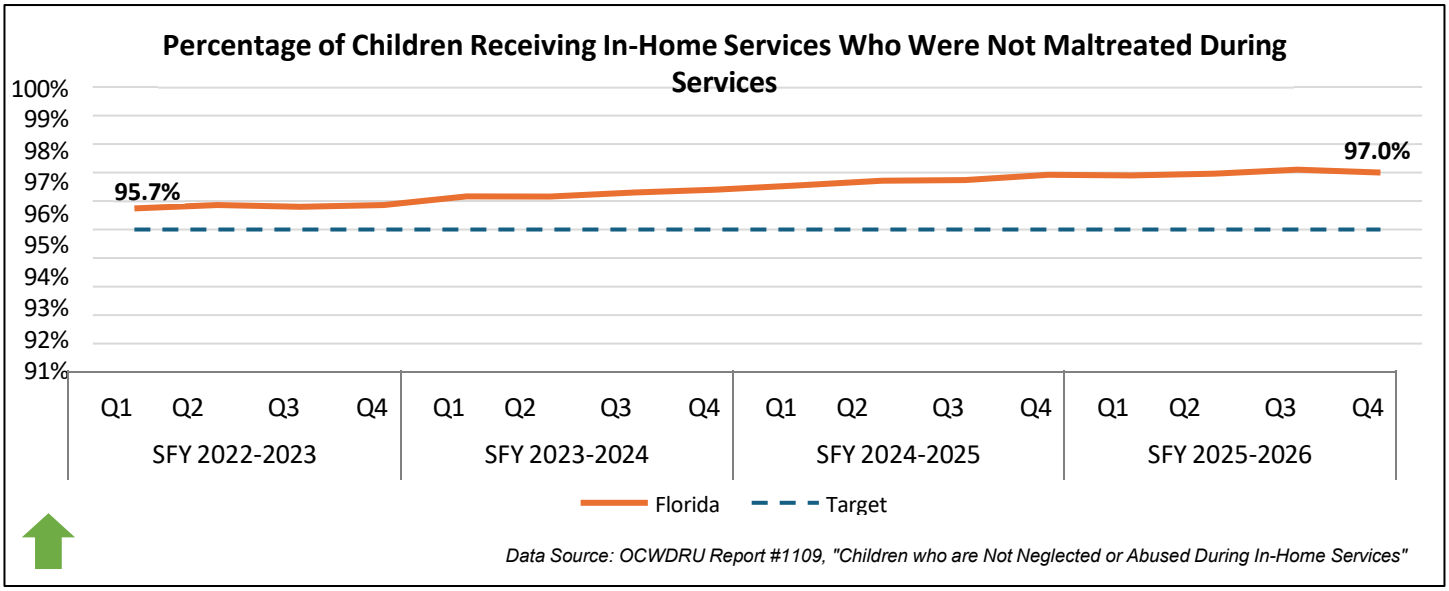
Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1107, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect per Days in Foster Care"

Maltreatment During Case-Managed Services

Children receiving case-managed in-home services include those who have been determined to be unsafe and requiring ongoing assessment, planning, services, and frequent case manager visits to ensure safety while preventing removal and placement. This population also includes children receiving post-placement supervision, which is required for a minimum of 6 months following judicial reunification pursuant to section 39.701, F.S.

Florida's practice model requires that services be provided through the least intrusive means necessary and that reasonable efforts be made to allow children to remain safely in their homes whenever possible.

Florida Statewide Trend: Performance for this metric has remained above the state-established target since 2019-20.



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

Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

As of the end of SFY 2025-26, 17 of the 18 (89 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 95 percent state standard established for the percentage of children who were not abused during in-home services.

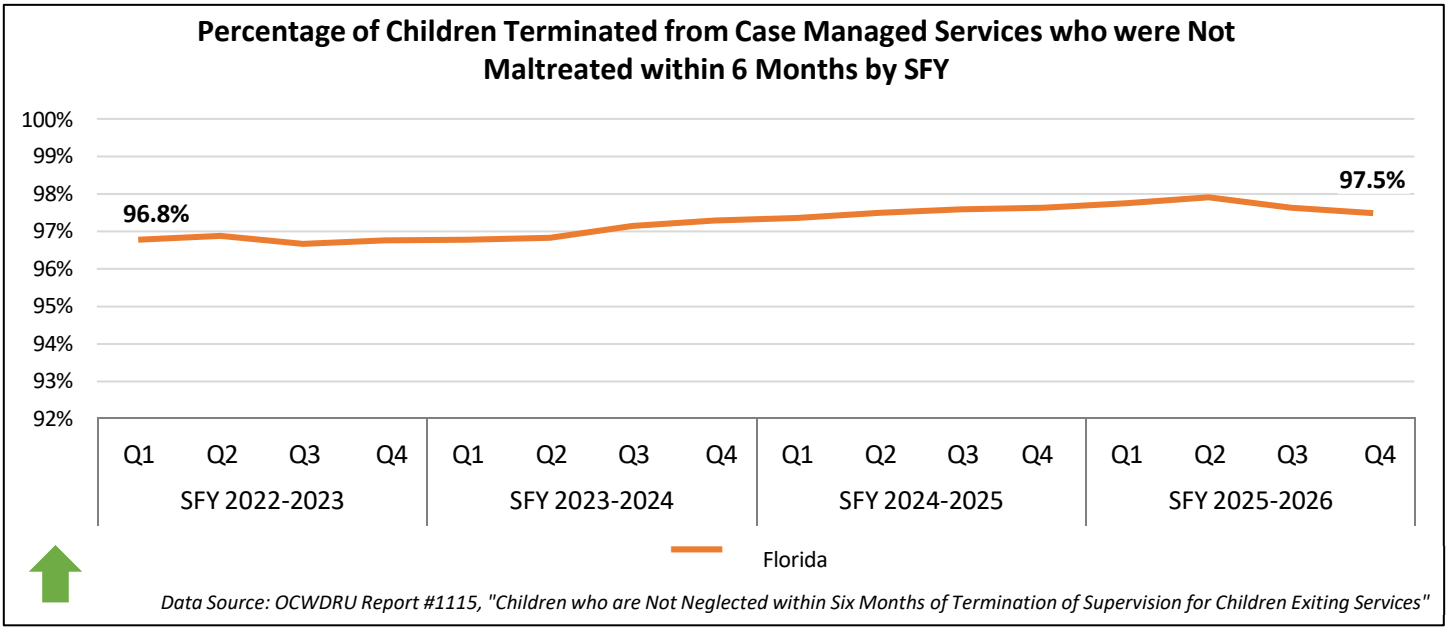
Percentage of Children Not Abused During In-Home Services (DCF Target 95% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	**SFY 2023-24**				**SFY 2024-25**				**SFY 2025-26**			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
ChildNet-Broward	95.9%	95.7%	94.6%	94.7%	95.5%	96.6%	97.6%	97.9%	95.4%	94.8%	95.7%	93.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	96.8%	96.4%	96.2%	96.3%	96.3%	96.9%	97.8%	98.6%	98.9%	98.7%	98.5%	98.3%
Children's Network of SW Florida	97.1%	97.0%	98.2%	98.2%	97.9%	97.6%	96.7%	96.6%	96.4%	96.5%	97.1%	97.6%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	97.4%	97.7%	97.4%	97.8%	98.1%	97.7%	97.9%	97.9%	98.2%	98.4%	98.5%	98.5%
Citrus Health Network	96.1%	95.8%	96.1%	97.1%	98.1%	98.6%	98.0%	98.5%	98.0%	98.2%	98.6%	98.4%
Communities Connected for Kids	94.0%	94.1%	95.0%	95.9%	95.1%	95.4%	93.3%	93.6%	93.7%	95.0%	97.1%	97.1%
Community Partnership for Children	97.3%	97.4%	96.9%	97.5%	97.7%	97.6%	97.9%	97.6%	97.5%	97.8%	97.5%	97.5%
Family Integrity Program	98.5%	98.5%	96.5%	98.0%	97.9%	96.9%	99.1%	98.1%	96.0%	94.0%	91.9%	90.9%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	95.1%	95.0%	94.7%	94.4%	95.4%	95.2%	96.4%	97.1%	97.0%	96.8%	96.4%	97.0%
Family Support Services of North Fla	96.1%	96.4%	96.6%	96.6%	97.1%	97.9%	97.4%	97.4%	96.9%	96.9%	97.2%	96.9%
FSS Suncoast	96.5%	96.7%	96.9%	97.3%	96.1%	95.0%	95.4%	96.2%	96.9%	98.0%	97.7%	97.4%
Heartland for Children	94.4%	94.0%	95.0%	95.7%	96.6%	97.7%	97.0%	97.5%	97.7%	97.8%	98.2%	97.8%
Kids Central, Inc.	95.5%	96.2%	96.1%	96.2%	96.2%	97.0%	97.4%	97.7%	98.5%	98.1%	98.4%	97.7%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	100%	100%	100%	99.7%	99.7%	98.2%	95.7%	95.2%
NWF Health Network - East	97.2%	96.7%	96.3%	96.0%	95.8%	96.4%	96.2%	95.7%	96.2%	96.1%	96.4%	96.8%
NWF Health Network - West	93.7%	94.2%	94.6%	94.2%	94.6%	94.4%	94.3%	94.1%	94.1%	94.8%	95.6%	95.8%
Partnership for Strong Families	97.7%	96.5%	96.9%	96.0%	95.8%	96.9%	96.8%	97.6%	96.4%	96.6%	96.3%	95.5%
Safe Children Coalition	97.4%	97.4%	97.5%	97.4%	96.4%	98.0%	97.0%	96.9%	97.6%	97.8%	97.6%	97.0%
Statewide	**96.2%**	**96.2%**	**96.3%**	**96.4%**	**96.6%**	**96.7%**	**96.7%**	**96.9%**	**96.9%**	**97.0%**	**97.1%**	**97.0%**

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

Maltreatment after Termination of Case-Managed Services

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

Florida Statewide Trend



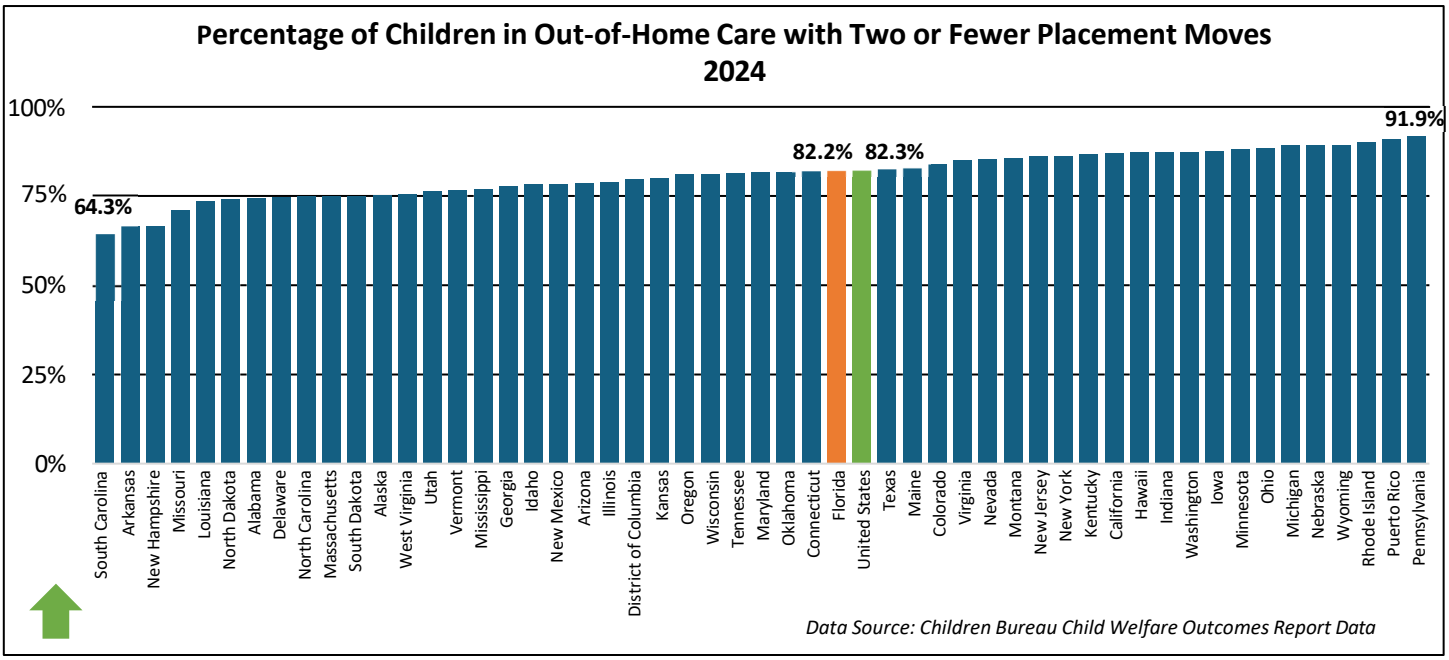
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Permanency Indicators

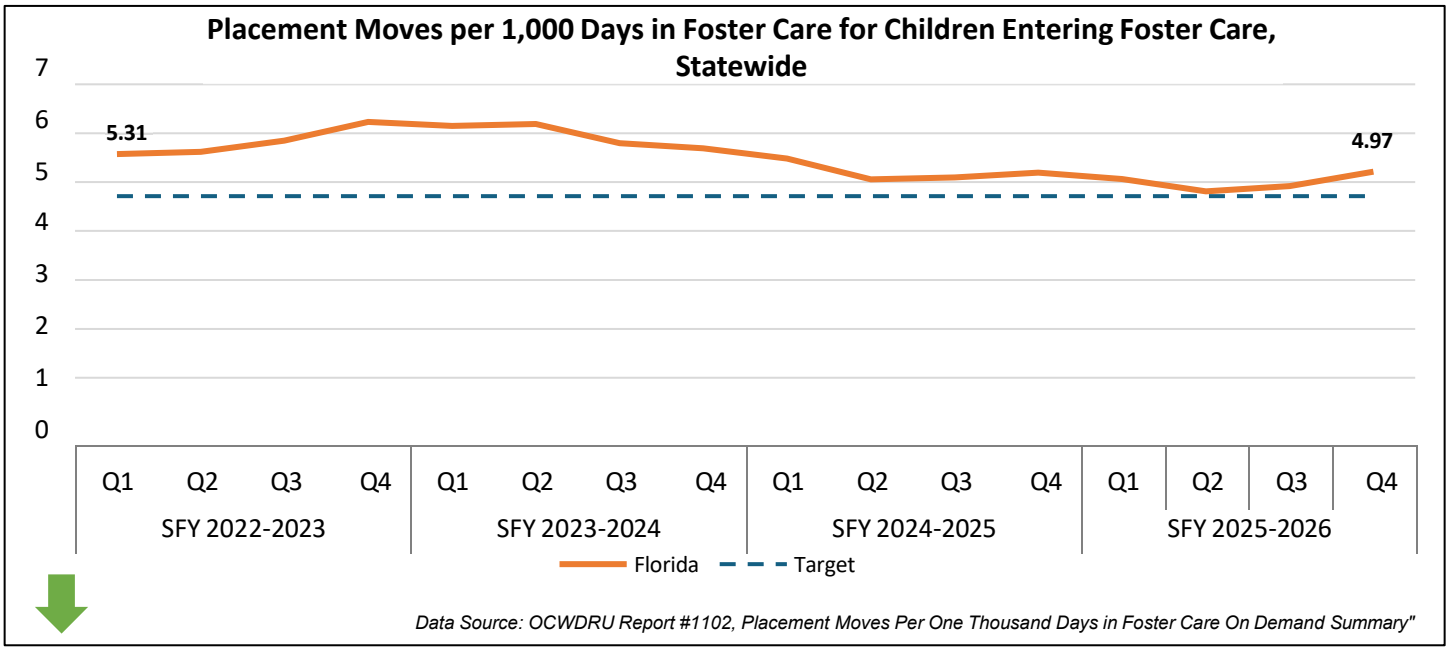
Placement Stability

Florida Compared to Other States

Based on the most recent available data, FFY 2024, in a comparison of placement stability among ranked states, Florida was slightly below the national average for the percentage of children with two or fewer placement moves. This measure differs from the rate of placement moves, which is the indicator used in Florida to evaluate placement stability.



Florida Statewide Trend: Because this measure tracks an undesirable outcome, lower numbers indicate better performance. The number of statewide placement moves began increasing in SFY 2021-22, peaking in the second quarter of SFY 2023-24. Although placement moves have declined recently, performance exceeds the federal target of 4.5 moves per 1,000 days in foster care and has shown a slight uptick in 2025-26.

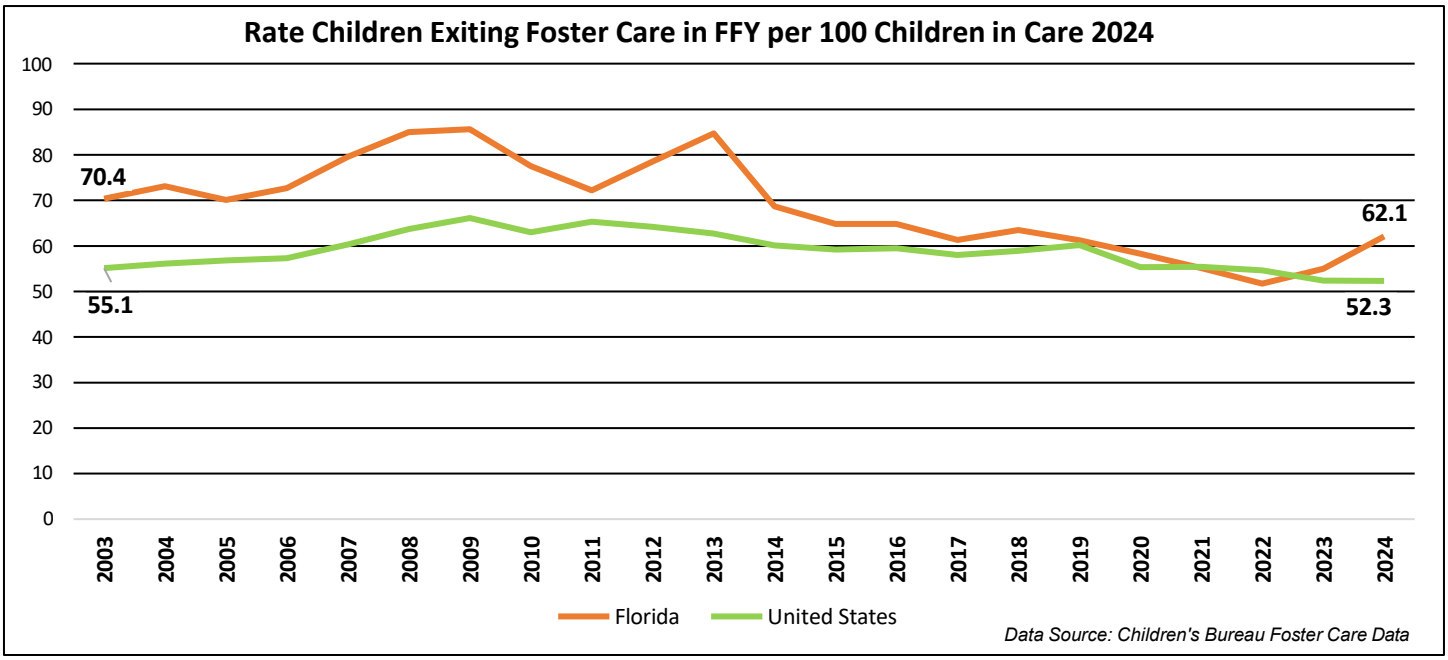


Children Exiting Foster Care per 100 Children in Care

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

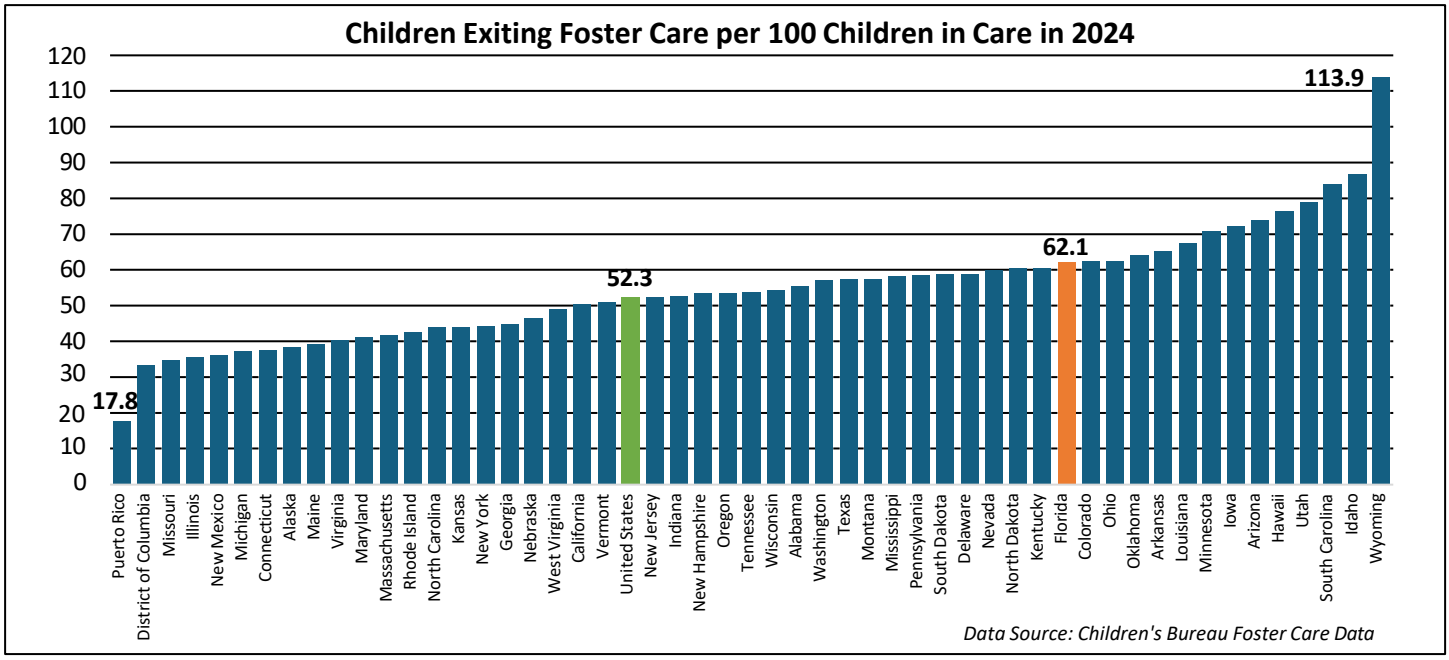
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Florida's exit rate from Foster Care declined from FFY 2013 to 2022 but began improving in 2023. By 2024, the most recent year of available data, Florida's exit rate was above national average, reflecting positive progress.



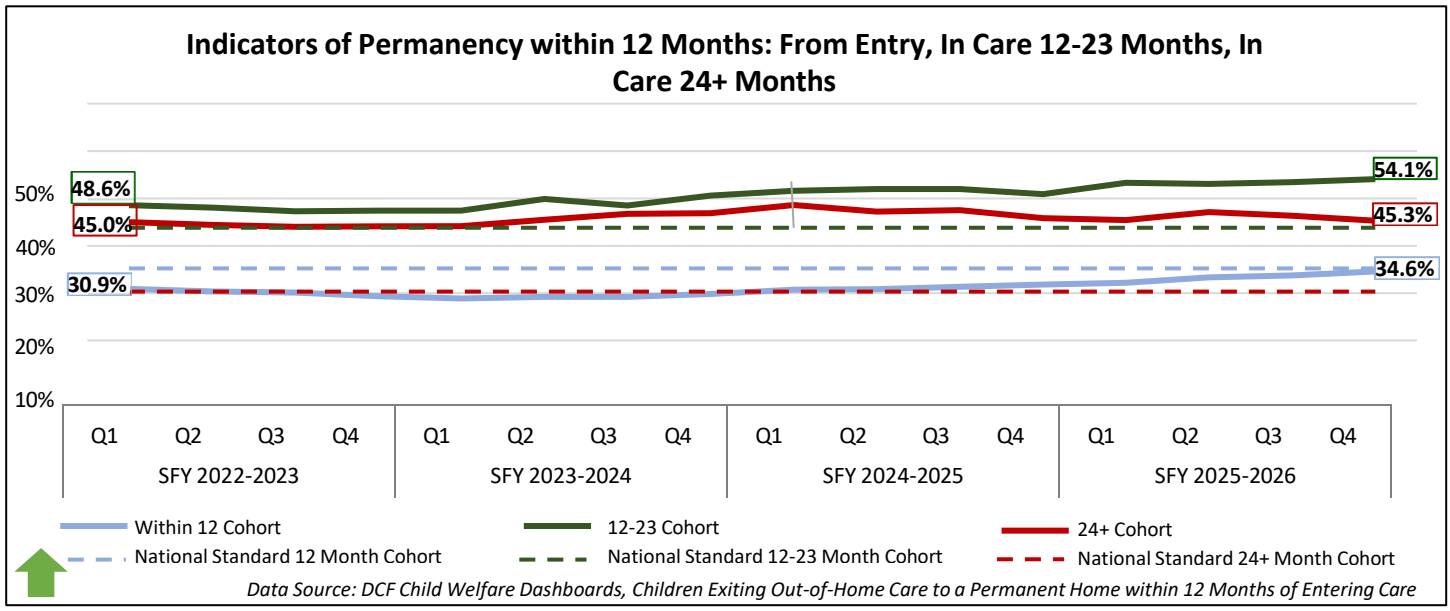
Florida Compared to Other States:

Florida's exit rate per 100 children in OOHC was 14th highest in the nation in 2024, the most recent year of available national data.



Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Care

Florida Statewide Trend: Permanency within 12 months is measured based on the length of time children have been in care before achieving permanency, with separate cohorts for children in care less than 12 months, 12 to 23 months, and 24 or more months. Performance across these cohorts may be influenced by factors such as the type of permanency achieved, judicial timeframes, and the complexity of individual cases. Florida has consistently met the target for the 12 to 23 months and 24 months or more cohorts. Although the less than 12-month cohort has not met the target in several years, performance has improved over the past two years and is approaching the target.



Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: As of the end of SFY 2025-26, 8 of 18 (44 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the established federal target of 35.2 percent for children in OOHC less than 12 months who achieved permanency.

Permanency in 12 Months (DCF Target 35.2% or Higher, beginning SFY 2022-2023)																
CBC	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025				SFY 2025-2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	32.1%	30.6%	31.5%	32.6%	31.9%	33.7%	33.0%	31.8%	32.7%	35.8%	36.8%	42.3%	45.5%	43.7%	45.5%	43.6%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	32.3%	34.8%	34.9%	35.4%	35.9%	35.3%	35.7%	36.0%	39.9%	42.2%	43.6%	42.7%	40.0%	38.3%	33.3%	35.9%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	33.6%	33.2%	36.3%	34.4%	33.5%	34.1%	35.2%	39.6%	42.1%	44.2%	39.9%	36.8%	37.5%	39.8%	43.9%	46.6%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	27.2%	27.4%	28.2%	28.7%	24.6%	23.1%	19.7%	18.1%	21.2%	19.6%	21.0%	21.5%	19.0%	21.9%	21.1%	22.5%
Citrus Health Network	27.9%	25.5%	25.0%	22.9%	23.9%	24.2%	24.5%	23.6%	20.4%	21.6%	22.8%	24.1%	25.9%	25.3%	24.7%	28.3%
Communities Connected for Kids	45.5%	43.7%	38.7%	39.0%	37.1%	36.9%	35.5%	34.5%	36.4%	34.7%	37.8%	38.2%	38.8%	40.1%	42.2%	39.1%
Community Partnership for Children	25.0%	25.9%	26.0%	25.8%	26.9%	27.1%	27.0%	26.6%	25.4%	25.4%	28.8%	30.3%	30.4%	32.8%	34.3%	31.4%
Family Integrity Program	49.2%	38.8%	42.4%	29.4%	27.3%	27.0%	25.7%	28.6%	37.5%	30.3%	39.3%	36.1%	31.6%	33.3%	32.3%	17.2%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	31.1%	31.2%	29.5%	26.0%	28.1%	27.9%	25.2%	24.4%	24.7%	24.6%	26.2%	28.9%	32.1%	32.6%	35.9%	38.3%
Family Support Services of North Fla	34.4%	31.4%	29.0%	27.5%	23.3%	23.2%	22.0%	23.0%	25.9%	25.8%	24.7%	25.9%	24.2%	25.9%	28.5%	28.7%
FSS Suncoast	26.1%	25.1%	26.1%	26.4%	26.3%	28.7%	29.2%	30.8%	33.2%	32.3%	30.4%	30.6%	30.1%	32.2%	33.1%	32.3%
Heartland for Children	35.5%	34.2%	29.2%	29.3%	28.7%	28.6%	34.2%	35.7%	34.8%	36.7%	33.7%	31.1%	32.7%	33.8%	36.2%	40.2%
Kids Central, Inc.	31.9%	31.7%	29.5%	28.8%	25.3%	24.6%	27.0%	26.2%	29.0%	27.0%	28.3%	28.5%	28.7%	29.1%	25.0%	26.9%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	32.8%	34.5%	34.8%	30.5%	21.8%	12.7%	13.2%	19.2%	21.8%	26.0%	37.5%	37.0%	42.0%	44.7%	34.5%	31.8%
NWF Health Network - East	29.0%	30.3%	31.8%	33.1%	34.9%	33.5%	34.5%	38.4%	36.5%	36.7%	37.4%	33.0%	34.9%	37.1%	34.3%	37.1%
NWF Health Network - West	24.4%	24.2%	27.3%	25.5%	27.8%	28.5%	29.1%	30.6%	31.5%	32.1%	31.5%	36.0%	32.6%	32.8%	34.6%	29.7%
Partnership for Strong Families	23.4%	25.3%	26.1%	26.0%	24.5%	22.3%	23.8%	24.7%	23.9%	26.6%	30.3%	28.5%	27.7%	28.5%	23.6%	28.2%
Safe Children Coalition	39.2%	36.0%	35.9%	34.1%	36.8%	41.3%	40.6%	41.4%	39.6%	35.6%	31.9%	30.6%	30.7%	39.5%	45.0%	46.6%
Statewide	**30.9%**	**30.4%**	**30.1%**	**29.3%**	**28.9%**	**29.2%**	**29.2%**	**29.8%**	**30.7%**	**30.8%**	**31.3%**	**31.8%**	**32.2%**	**33.3%**	**33.7%**	**34.6%**

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

Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons (continued): For children in care 12-23 months achieving permanency, each of the Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the federal target of 43.8 percent for children in care 12-23 months, and 30.3 percent for children in care more than 24 months.

Children in Care 12-23 Months and Achieving Permanency within 12 Months (DCF Target 43.8% or Higher, beginning SFY 2022-2023)																
CBC	SFY 2022-2023				SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025				SFY 2025-2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	52.1%	54.2%	57.8%	56.7%	50.2%	58.0%	49.5%	50.3%	56.7%	56.1%	52.7%	47.0%	46.9%	43.4%	42.9%	49.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	61.8%	58.2%	56.8%	61.1%	60.9%	59.4%	55.6%	62.1%	55.3%	61.1%	57.8%	56.6%	53.6%	61.0%	63.5%	56.7%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	57.8%	58.7%	59.1%	61.2%	60.0%	59.9%	66.6%	63.3%	66.6%	63.5%	58.4%	57.5%	62.5%	66.9%	63.8%	63.7%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	33.9%	32.1%	31.3%	32.3%	35.3%	36.1%	37.2%	41.6%	41.5%	41.7%	45.3%	39.4%	39.3%	39.4%	38.8%	49.5%
Citrus Health Network	44.1%	44.3%	39.7%	46.2%	46.2%	52.3%	51.8%	45.1%	47.2%	48.3%	53.8%	42.0%	46.4%	49.1%	51.1%	49.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	76.6%	62.9%	65.9%	71.0%	67.5%	70.2%	58.3%	64.8%	71.6%	63.6%	73.2%	64.4%	68.1%	63.5%	65.0%	72.0%
Community Partnership for Children	53.5%	57.7%	56.4%	56.7%	53.7%	50.6%	46.0%	58.2%	60.2%	60.8%	64.1%	60.0%	60.1%	57.0%	58.6%	53.1%
Family Integrity Program	87.9%	88.1%	80.0%	81.0%	85.7%	65.4%	65.2%	79.0%	80.0%	62.5%	50.0%	33.3%	22.2%	42.9%	53.3%	71.4%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	49.2%	47.3%	48.2%	46.5%	45.9%	44.7%	43.5%	46.4%	46.7%	51.2%	52.5%	53.8%	55.9%	51.6%	55.5%	55.5%
Family Support Services of North Fla	63.3%	65.9%	60.3%	58.2%	53.0%	53.5%	49.8%	45.8%	55.2%	58.4%	56.3%	53.3%	58.3%	57.3%	55.9%	50.2%
FSS Suncoast	42.6%	38.2%	38.4%	40.4%	46.7%	49.7%	49.9%	54.0%	51.3%	51.3%	53.9%	57.6%	55.6%	48.3%	48.5%	49.6%
Heartland for Children	43.8%	49.2%	43.9%	44.1%	45.6%	47.0%	46.0%	48.2%	48.8%	44.7%	38.1%	43.0%	52.9%	56.5%	58.6%	64.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	39.6%	40.2%	37.3%	37.5%	31.2%	35.3%	32.7%	37.0%	35.3%	39.3%	37.6%	42.4%	43.1%	45.7%	46.3%	47.3%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	45.7%	53.4%	48.8%	39.3%	53.3%	61.0%	54.2%	60.5%	46.7%	57.1%	59.1%	67.4%	75.9%	71.0%	69.0%	58.1%
NWF Health Network - East	51.5%	56.2%	54.2%	64.9%	60.8%	53.1%	53.3%	48.1%	56.0%	50.2%	52.6%	55.0%	64.1%	64.2%	65.8%	63.3%
NWF Health Network - West	41.8%	47.0%	49.7%	45.8%	47.8%	63.4%	60.7%	65.5%	64.9%	55.5%	59.6%	57.6%	62.0%	63.3%	52.6%	50.4%
Partnership for Strong Families	57.0%	46.5%	41.8%	41.3%	44.7%	49.5%	55.7%	55.9%	58.5%	57.3%	46.4%	43.4%	44.8%	49.1%	54.4%	52.1%
Safe Children Coalition	46.2%	49.8%	55.8%	54.0%	50.2%	55.3%	49.6%	52.5%	54.8%	58.1%	57.9%	64.2%	58.5%	58.0%	54.6%	57.1%
Statewide	**48.6%**	**48.1%**	**47.3%**	**47.4%**	**47.4%**	**49.8%**	**48.5%**	**50.6%**	**51.6%**	**52.0%**	**52.0%**	**50.9%**	**53.3%**	**53.1%**	**53.4%**	**54.1%**

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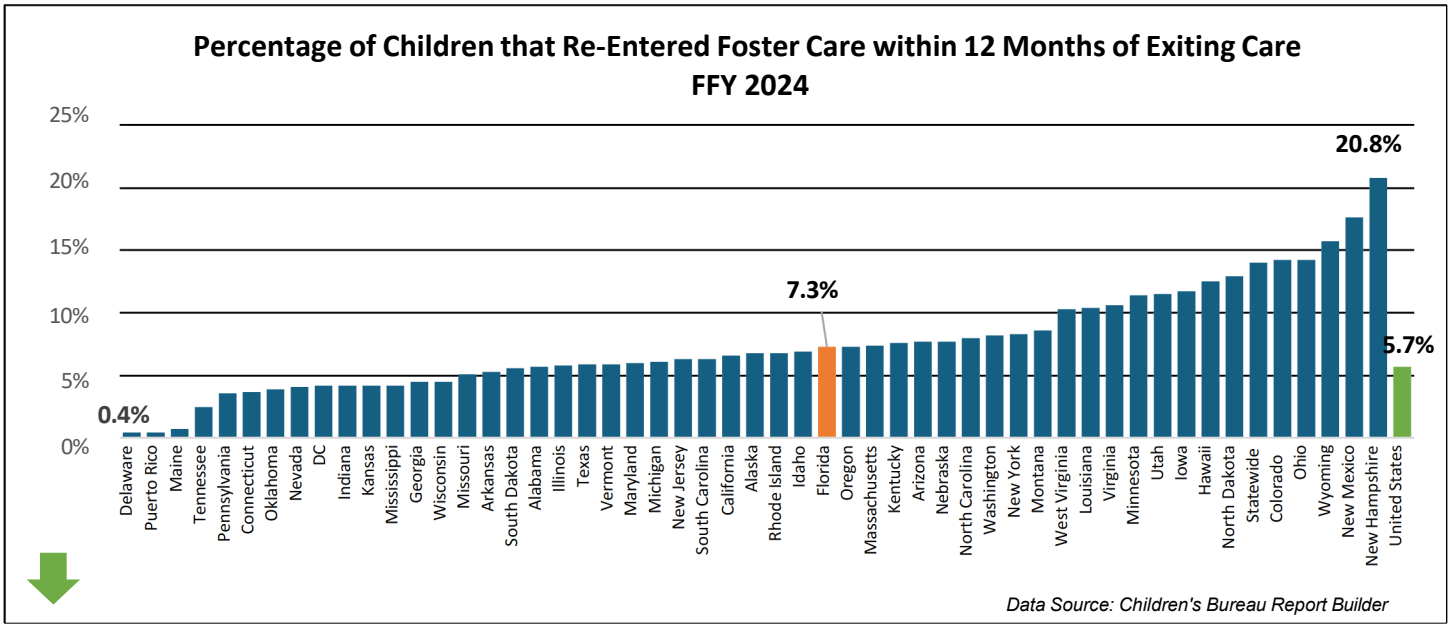
Children in Care 24+ Months and Achieving Permanency within 12 Months (DCF Target 30.3% or Higher)												
CBC	SFY 2023-2024				SFY 2024-2025				SFY 2025-2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	38.8%	32.5%	36.0%	37.1%	39.0%	34.9%	40.7%	37.2%	36.3%	41.0%	39.6%	32.4%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	48.7%	45.7%	47.3%	43.8%	41.3%	38.3%	40.1%	31.5%	38.3%	31.3%	36.8%	36.4%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	49.3%	55.9%	55.8%	53.4%	53.8%	53.2%	46.2%	49.5%	46.3%	47.8%	47.9%	40.5%
Childrens Network-Hillsborough	35.6%	40.9%	46.9%	48.1%	50.8%	48.9%	47.2%	46.3%	46.3%	50.7%	49.1%	53.3%
Citrus Health Network	36.1%	38.9%	45.2%	39.5%	41.1%	41.4%	44.4%	41.1%	42.5%	44.6%	38.5%	41.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	32.8%	37.7%	39.0%	38.6%	42.2%	42.9%	44.9%	46.5%	40.6%	42.7%	39.1%	36.4%
Community Partnership for Children	52.3%	53.4%	55.8%	53.4%	51.0%	45.5%	46.0%	37.4%	44.1%	49.4%	41.0%	44.8%
Family Integrity Program	44.4%	23.1%	30.8%	30.0%	28.6%	58.3%	63.6%	28.6%	20.0%	25.0%	33.3%	37.5%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	50.7%	49.3%	46.2%	43.8%	45.9%	50.2%	50.9%	49.4%	48.0%	49.1%	48.2%	43.7%
Family Support Services of North Fla	39.4%	31.5%	41.0%	44.1%	46.8%	42.4%	39.4%	44.0%	37.1%	40.0%	46.1%	47.8%
FSS Suncoast	41.0%	42.6%	42.4%	49.4%	51.3%	52.0%	55.4%	53.1%	50.4%	44.9%	41.3%	35.0%
Heartland for Children	45.2%	44.1%	43.5%	45.1%	45.5%	46.7%	48.6%	42.7%	46.9%	53.9%	54.4%	57.2%
Kids Central, Inc.	40.9%	41.4%	40.3%	39.4%	42.4%	40.8%	44.1%	43.7%	44.0%	48.9%	48.7%	52.5%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	55.3%	61.3%	59.1%	58.8%	57.6%	46.0%	44.4%	39.5%	55.6%	54.8%	48.7%	30.8%
NWF Health Network - East	51.6%	52.2%	52.7%	51.1%	48.1%	52.5%	46.9%	47.6%	54.2%	53.7%	53.2%	46.4%
NWF Health Network - West	54.1%	59.5%	59.3%	58.0%	59.4%	49.8%	45.6%	44.6%	42.4%	46.3%	49.6%	42.0%
Partnership for Strong Families	31.3%	39.4%	43.7%	44.1%	53.5%	50.2%	49.4%	47.6%	41.3%	33.7%	40.9%	44.4%
Safe Children Coalition	54.1%	52.9%	52.2%	49.0%	52.7%	47.4%	47.7%	54.6%	51.7%	57.7%	52.3%	43.4%
Statewide	**44.2%**	**45.4%**	**46.7%**	**46.8%**	**48.6%**	**47.2%**	**47.5%**	**45.8%**	**45.4%**	**47.1%**	**46.3%**	**45.3%**

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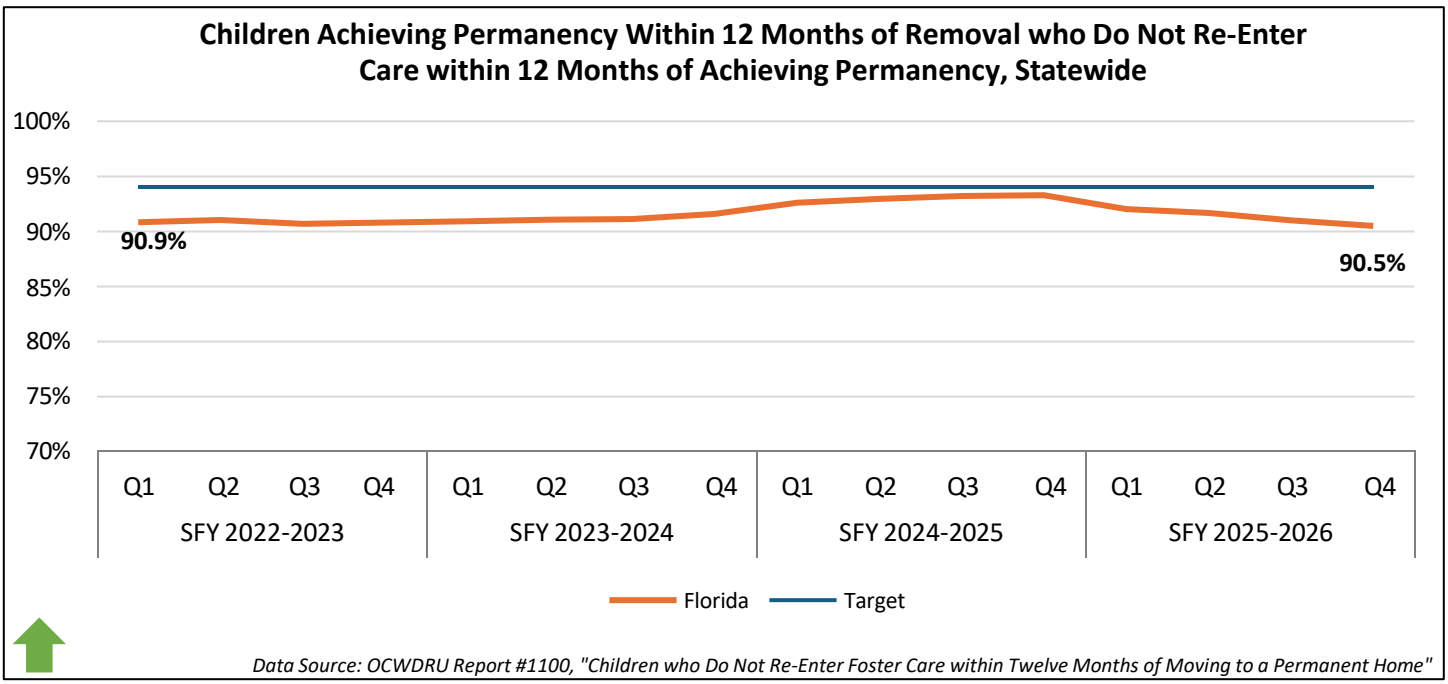
Re-Entry into Foster Care

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

Florida Compared to Other States: Florida's rate of re-entry into foster care within 12 months of exiting care during FFY 2024 was above the national average of 5.7 percent. Although Florida's rate of re-entry remains above the national average, the state's lower rate of repeat maltreatment suggests positive outcomes in preventing subsequent maltreatment, highlighting the distinction between preventing maltreatment and sustaining long-term family stability following exit from care.



Florida Statewide Trend: Although the national CFSR round 4 indicator measures the percent of children who re-entered care, Florida tracks this indicator as the percentage of children who did not re-enter care. Florida's performance has been mixed, decreasing slightly over the past year.



Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons

By the end of SFY 2025-26, 3 of 18 (17 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the federal target for the percentage of children who achieved permanency that did not re-enter OOHC within 12 months.

Children who do Not Re-Enter Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months of Moving to a Permanent Home (DCF Target 94.4%)												
Lead Agency	**SFY 2023-24**				**SFY 2024-25**				**SFY 2025-26**			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
ChildNet-Broward	86.6%	86.2%	91.5%	94.5%	95.1%	94.9%	94.7%	94.5%	93.7%	97.1%	93.4%	90.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	96.0%	96.1%	92.9%	93.1%	92.7%	92.1%	93.5%	92.7%	91.4%	91.0%	88.8%	89.5%
Children's Network of SW Florida	93.1%	92.5%	94.8%	95.2%	94.7%	94.9%	93.8%	94.6%	93.8%	94.2%	94.8%	94.3%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	87.0%	87.9%	89.2%	91.4%	96.3%	96.5%	96.2%	95.8%	97.4%	99.1%	97.9%	97.7%
Citrus Health Network	90.6%	92.7%	93.1%	92.2%	90.1%	91.8%	91.3%	90.2%	89.7%	84.4%	85.6%	86.1%
Communities Connected for Kids	88.9%	91.9%	91.5%	91.9%	93.8%	93.7%	94.4%	96.0%	96.0%	95.5%	95.2%	95.6%
Community Partnership for Children	85.5%	80.7%	81.7%	80.6%	86.5%	93.9%	94.7%	92.5%	90.5%	89.1%	87.9%	88.4%
Family Integrity Program	76.0%	86.4%	80.0%	92.3%	91.7%	87.5%	100.0%	75.0%	72.7%	66.7%	66.7%	88.9%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	90.1%	89.7%	89.2%	87.8%	90.4%	91.5%	94.6%	95.0%	96.3%	95.4%	94.4%	93.1%
Family Support Services of North Fla	95.3%	94.4%	95.5%	96.3%	95.4%	95.1%	92.0%	90.3%	87.9%	83.7%	79.4%	80.4%
FSS Suncoast	90.8%	91.0%	89.6%	92.4%	91.3%	92.9%	94.6%	95.5%	92.8%	91.1%	89.9%	86.3%
Heartland for Children	93.1%	92.4%	90.2%	93.2%	93.9%	95.2%	94.4%	94.9%	95.1%	93.8%	95.8%	92.4%
Kids Central, Inc.	88.6%	93.4%	93.7%	92.4%	93.4%	89.7%	89.2%	89.8%	87.4%	90.5%	89.7%	89.6%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	96.1%	92.5%	95.4%	93.3%	87.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	88.9%	90.0%
NWF Health Network - East	95.9%	91.9%	91.7%	88.4%	90.2%	93.1%	91.2%	91.7%	90.4%	88.8%	88.9%	86.1%
NWF Health Network - West	92.4%	93.7%	93.9%	91.0%	96.2%	92.7%	91.1%	89.4%	83.7%	85.5%	84.9%	90.4%
Partnership for Strong Families	94.0%	94.4%	93.2%	96.1%	95.1%	93.6%	95.7%	95.4%	96.5%	93.9%	93.1%	91.9%
Safe Children Coalition	92.1%	92.1%	91.9%	88.2%	88.5%	89.4%	91.0%	94.4%	91.0%	91.4%	93.8%	94.4%
Statewide	**90.9%**	**91.1%**	**91.1%**	**91.6%**	**92.6%**	**93.0%**	**93.2%**	**93.3%**	**92.0%**	**91.7%**	**91.0%**	**90.5%**

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Well-Being Indicators

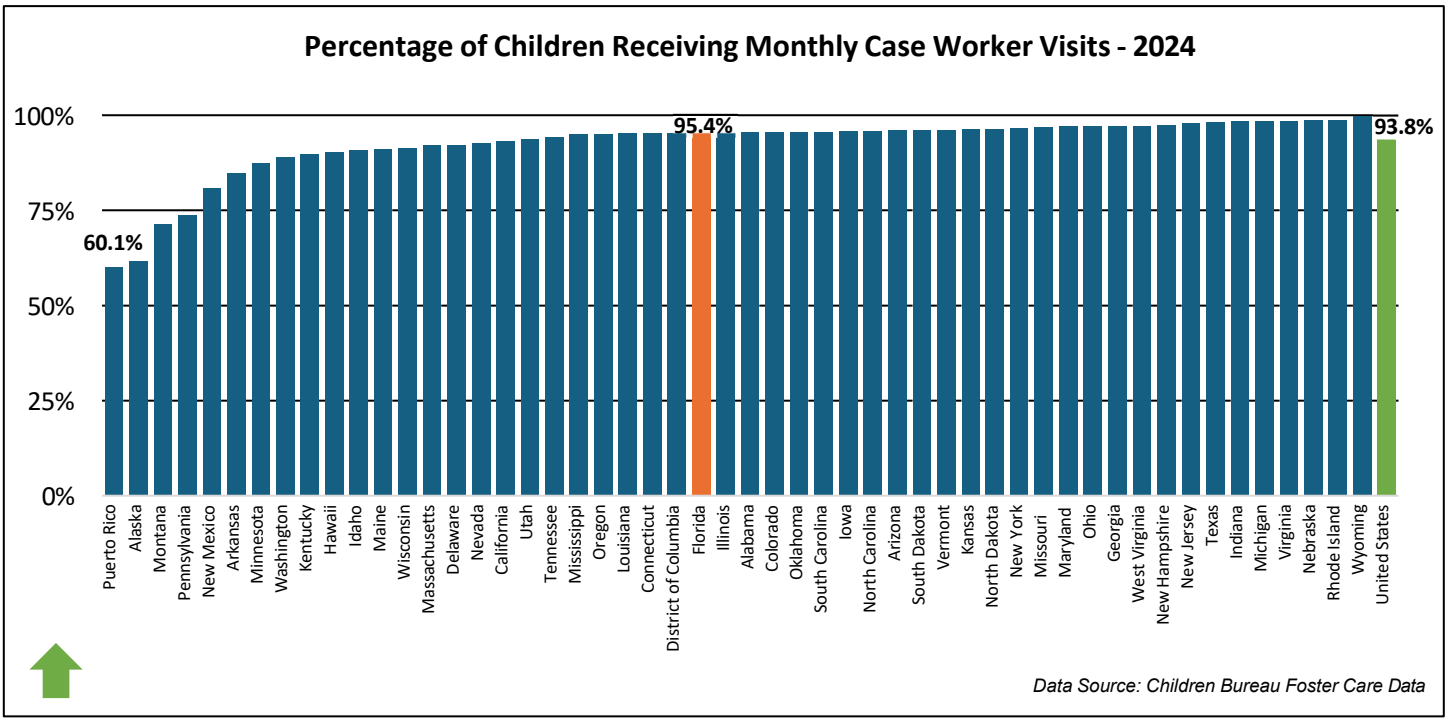
Caseworker Visits with Children in Care

According to the Children's Bureau, achieving permanency in a timely manner for children in foster care can be linked, in part, to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the CFSR, an association was found between the caseworker visits measures and positive outcomes for children in foster care. For example, frequent contact between the caseworker and the child was associated with better ratings on the CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: *Children have permanency and stability in their living situation*s. Title IV-B of the Social Security Act requires states to collect data on monthly caseworker visits with children in foster care. The caseworker-visit data includes the percentage of children visited each full month they were in care, as well as the proportion of those visits that occurred in the homes where the children were living at that time.

Percentage of Children Receiving Monthly Caseworker Visits

This federal indicator answers the question, "Of the children in care, what percent received monthly caseworker visits?"

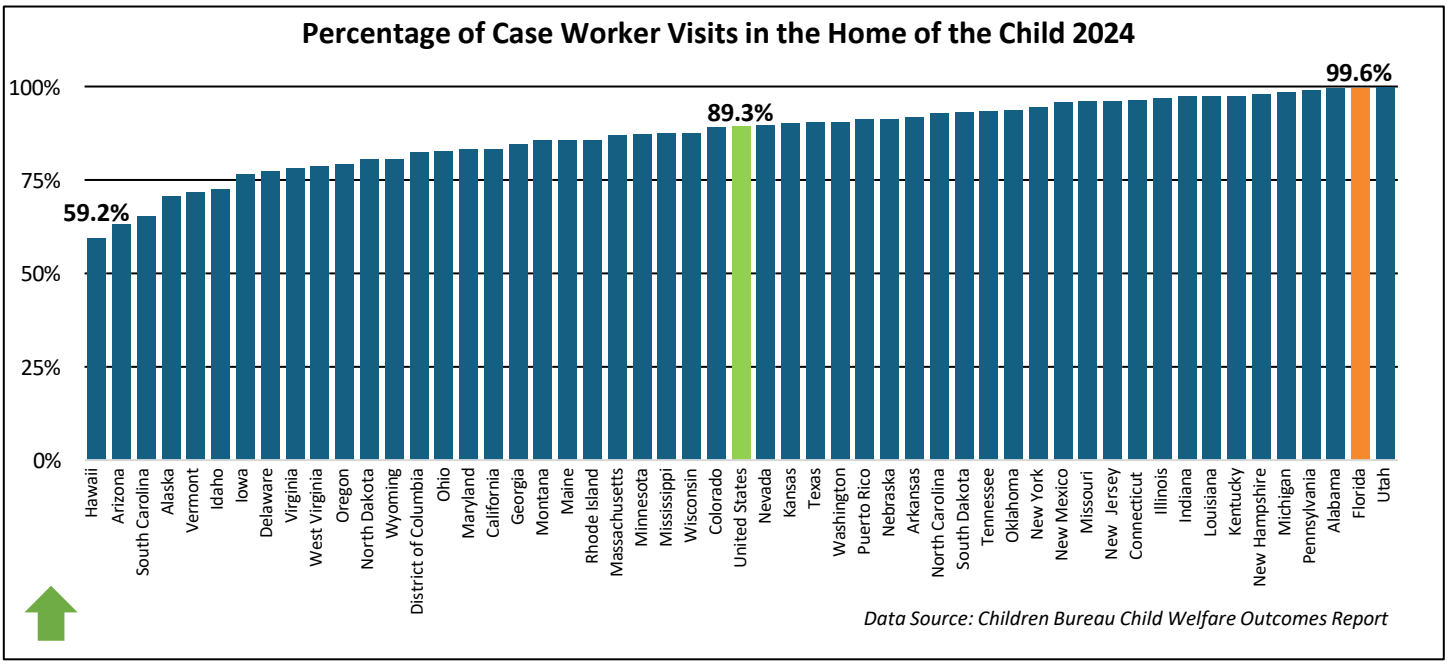
Florida Compared to Other States: Based on the most recent FFY data available for this indicator, Florida outperforms national averages for caseworker visits with children, a trend that has been sustained several years.



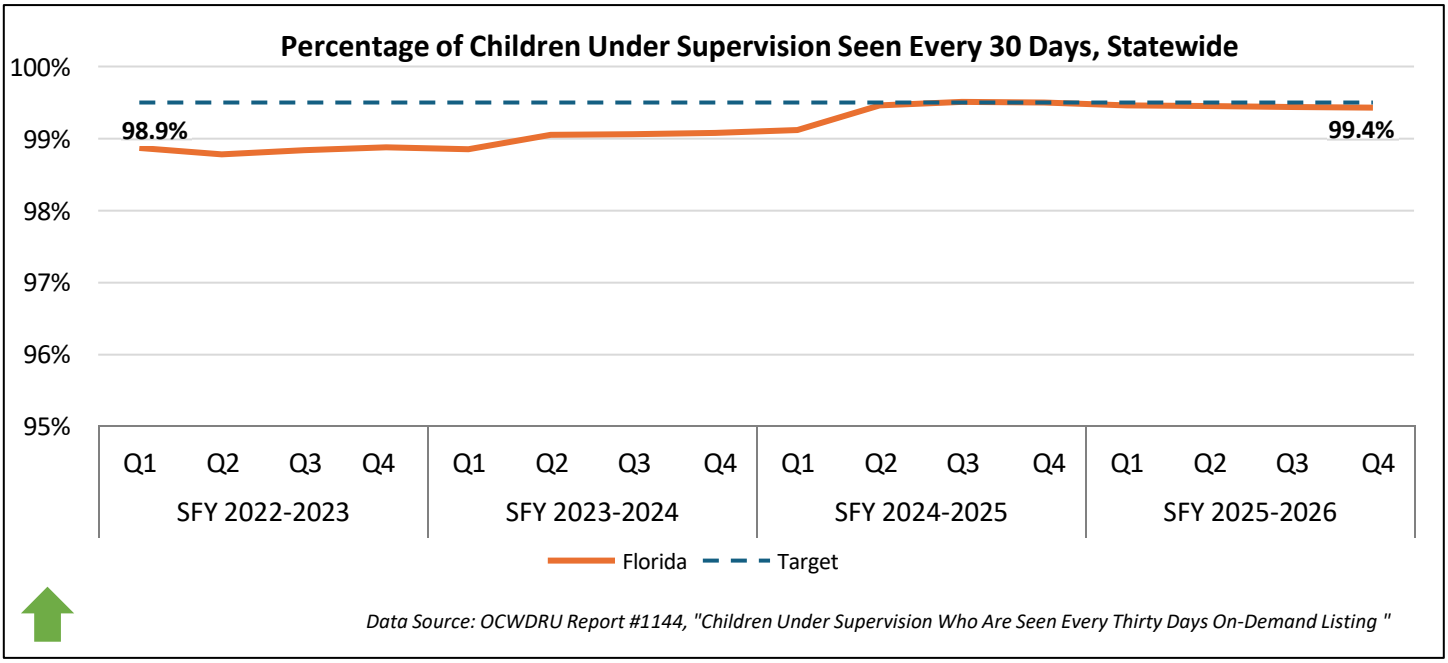
Percentage of Monthly Visits that Occurred in the Home of the Child

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

Florida Compared to Other States: Based on FFY 2024 data, the most recent data available for this indicator, Florida ranks second nationwide in the percentage of monthly caseworker visits conducted in the child's home.



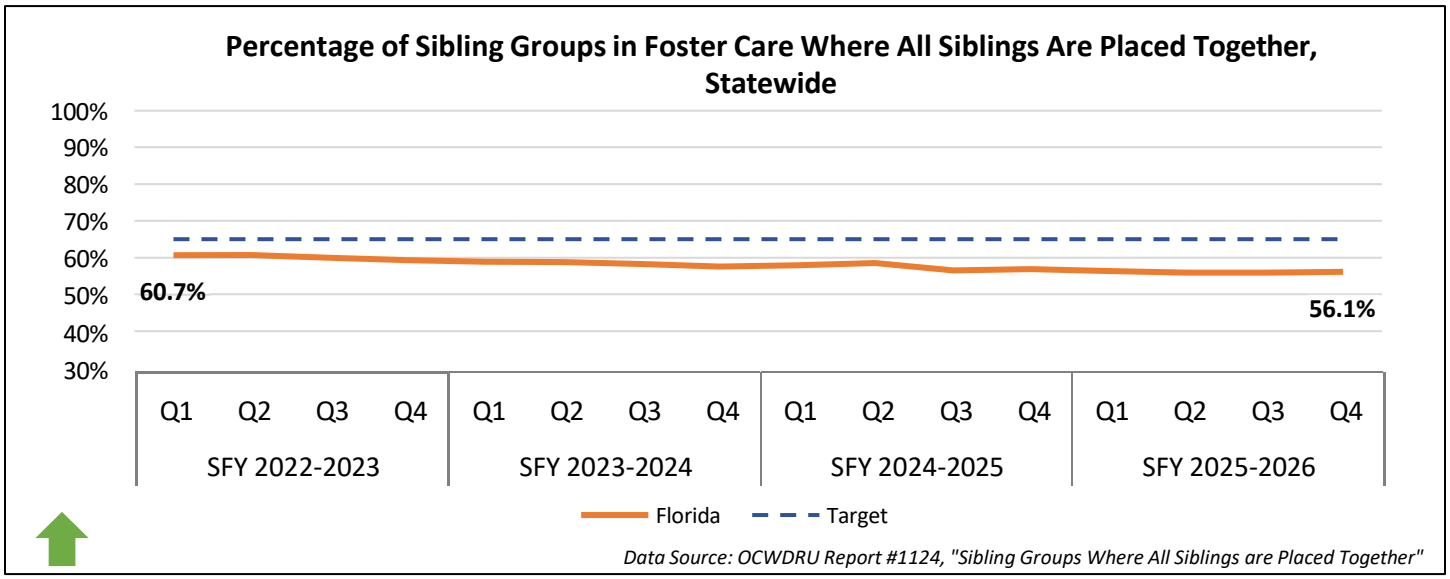
Florida Statewide Data: Although significant improvement has been observed since SFY 2022-23, the percent of children under supervision who are seen every 30 days remains just slightly below the Florida target of 99.5 percent.



Percent of Siblings Placed Together

Sibling relationships play a vital role in helping children achieve developmental milestones by providing emotional support, companionship, and comfort, while helping them maintain a sense of identity and belonging during times of change.

Florida Statewide Trend: Statewide performance on this measure has declined over the past four years, with the most recent performance at 56.1 percent. Although no federal target exists, Florida has established a statewide target of 65 percent and prioritizes sibling placements in accordance with section 39.4022, F.S. Placement decisions may be influenced by several factors, including the size of sibling groups, placement with non-offending parents or kin, and the availability of safe placements that allow siblings to remain together in accordance with established safety plans.



Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: As of the end of SFY 2025-26, none of the Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 65 percent standard established for the percent of sibling groups placed together.

Sibling Groups Where All Siblings are Placed Together (DCF Target 65.0% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2022-23				SFY 2023-24				SFY 2025-26			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	65.1%	67.0%	64.8%	61.6%	64.7%	63.2%	63.4%	63.5%	61.6%	60.9%	56.9%	59.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	63.3%	63.4%	65.7%	66.7%	67.4%	64.8%	62.0%	60.1%	62.1%	61.8%	59.2%	60.8%
Children's Network of SW Florida	59.4%	61.2%	57.6%	57.1%	56.4%	62.2%	61.5%	60.6%	60.1%	62.3%	63.9%	64.5%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	56.6%	55.4%	54.8%	53.2%	54.7%	57.0%	56.1%	53.4%	53.4%	53.9%	55.3%	53.4%
Citrus Health Network	60.4%	61.6%	60.4%	60.9%	61.1%	63.8%	60.2%	58.3%	58.7%	60.1%	60.5%	56.9%
Communities Connected for Kids	70.2%	73.2%	67.9%	61.1%	70.3%	65.8%	61.3%	59.7%	63.8%	60.5%	58.2%	62.5%
Community Partnership for Children	62.2%	56.6%	55.6%	55.9%	52.8%	52.1%	50.9%	59.5%	52.6%	54.9%	58.7%	59.2%
Family Integrity Program	40.0%	33.3%	28.6%	57.1%	55.6%	66.7%	71.4%	77.8%	81.8%	75.0%	66.7%	53.3%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	57.6%	57.1%	56.5%	55.6%	57.5%	55.7%	52.4%	54.1%	52.4%	51.4%	50.5%	52.2%
Family Support Services of North Fla	52.2%	55.3%	53.4%	49.6%	46.4%	43.3%	42.2%	43.9%	44.0%	41.4%	44.0%	47.9%
FSS Suncoast	57.1%	57.7%	59.4%	57.6%	57.7%	57.5%	58.1%	60.8%	61.8%	56.5%	59.4%	55.5%
Heartland for Children	54.8%	55.7%	60.1%	59.7%	61.2%	58.6%	58.4%	62.6%	61.1%	58.0%	59.3%	63.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	64.0%	63.4%	60.8%	61.3%	60.9%	62.2%	59.9%	60.8%	59.4%	58.0%	57.1%	58.2%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	62.8%	60.6%	55.6%	51.4%	44.4%	46.2%	36.7%	39.3%	46.9%	50.0%	62.5%	61.5%
NWF Health Network - East	53.9%	51.3%	51.1%	57.1%	59.3%	60.3%	57.9%	55.1%	51.6%	54.7%	53.9%	53.2%
NWF Health Network - West	58.7%	59.3%	56.6%	53.5%	53.3%	54.3%	51.6%	53.1%	53.3%	51.9%	51.7%	52.6%
Partnership for Strong Families	48.9%	51.2%	50.3%	53.4%	50.8%	56.0%	54.9%	55.0%	55.4%	54.9%	54.6%	53.3%
Safe Children Coalition	65.9%	66.7%	65.7%	66.7%	64.2%	66.7%	64.1%	60.7%	56.2%	61.5%	56.3%	59.7%

Statewide	**58.9%**	**58.8%**	**58.3%**	**57.6%**	**57.9%**	**58.6%**	**56.6%**	**57.3%**	**56.4%**	**55.9%**	**55.9%**	**56.1%**

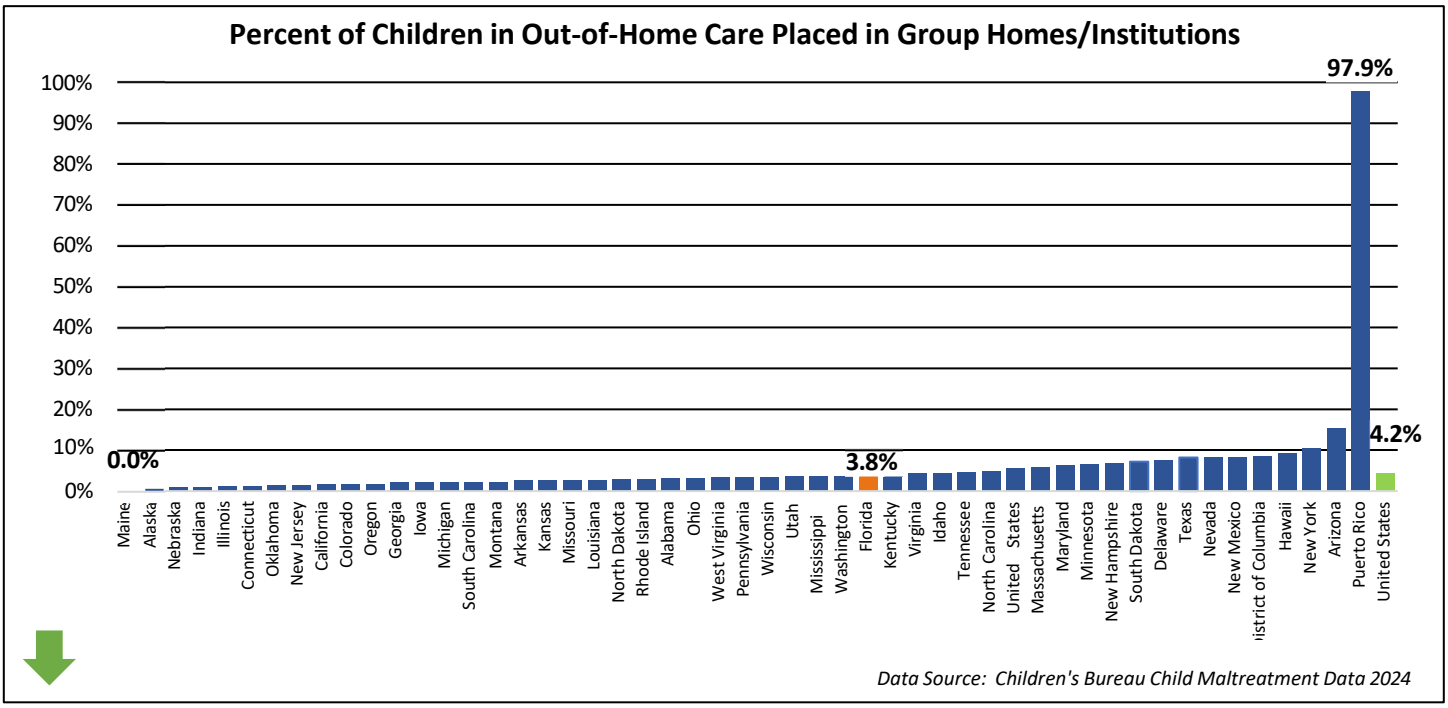
Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, "Sibling Groups Where All Siblings are Placed Together"

Placement in Family Setting

Federal law mandates that a case plan includes a discussion of how the plan is designed to achieve a safe placement for the child in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting available. Although there is an appropriate role for group care in the continuum of foster care settings, there is consensus among multiple stakeholders that most children and youth, especially young children, are best served in a family-like setting. Placement in group care should be based on the specialized behavioral and mental health needs or clinical disabilities of the child. It should be used only for as long as is necessary to stabilize the child or youth so they can return to a family-like setting. One of the original seven Adoption and Safe Families Act (AFSA) outcomes was to "Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions."

Percent of Children in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

Florida Compared to Other States: Based on the most recent FFY 2024 data, Florida, at 3.8 percent, is below the national average of 4.2 percent for the percentage of children in OOHC who are placed in either a group home or institutional setting, such as Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities.



Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: There is variance in the percentage of children placed in group care settings across the state. The percentage of children in group care settings increases with age, with an average of 44 percent of children in OOHC ages 13 to 17 placed in group care, 11 percent of children ages 6 to 12, and just over one percent of children ages 0 to 5. It is important to note that younger children may be placed in group care settings to remain with a sibling in that placement to help maintain sibling connections. In the charts on the following pages, Lead Agencies with a percentage higher than the state average are shown in orange and the Lead Agencies with a percentage lower than the state average are shown in blue.

Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons (continued)

Percentage of Children (All Ages) in Out-of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2025-26												
Lead Agency	**Jul-25**	**Aug-25**	**Sep-25**	**Oct-25**	**Nov-25**	**Dec-25**	**Jan-26**	**Feb-26**	**Mar-26**	**Apr-26**	**May-26**	**Jun-26**
ChildNet-Broward	16.7%	15.2%	15.0%	16.0%	18.6%	16.8%	15.5%	17.1%	16.9%	16.8%	17.2%	16.9%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	15.9%	14.5%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	12.9%	14.3%	15.5%	14.9%	13.9%	13.6%	14.4%
Children's Network of SW Florida	15.2%	15.3%	14.2%	15.8%	16.0%	16.9%	15.0%	15.3%	14.7%	14.3%	15.5%	15.9%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	14.2%	13.9%	14.3%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	14.4%	13.5%	13.9%	14.0%	14.0%
Citrus Health Network	10.8%	10.8%	10.9%	9.8%	9.1%	9.6%	8.1%	9.7%	9.5%	9.7%	10.0%	10.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	19.7%	20.9%	18.9%	18.4%	20.9%	20.1%	17.5%	19.5%	18.9%	21.7%	20.5%	20.9%
Community Partnership for Children	12.8%	12.8%	13.7%	13.2%	13.3%	12.9%	13.2%	13.0%	13.3%	13.4%	14.8%	15.1%
Family Integrity Program	7.7%	9.4%	9.7%	11.3%	12.3%	10.9%	14.0%	14.1%	13.6%	16.3%	16.9%	16.0%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	15.6%	16.1%	15.6%	15.6%	15.3%	14.5%	16.7%	15.0%	15.7%	16.0%	16.2%	16.5%
Family Support Services of North Fla	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%	5.3%	5.6%	5.0%	4.4%	4.5%	5.0%	4.8%	3.9%	3.6%
FSS Suncoast	22.1%	21.6%	21.6%	22.4%	23.3%	23.8%	17.3%	22.9%	22.8%	22.7%	22.3%	22.5%
Heartland for Children	13.0%	13.4%	12.6%	13.0%	13.1%	13.0%	11.3%	12.9%	12.8%	13.5%	11.8%	11.5%
Kids Central, Inc.	10.9%	11.2%	10.8%	11.2%	11.3%	11.2%	9.6%	13.0%	13.3%	13.8%	14.6%	15.0%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	8.8%	9.8%	8.1%	6.8%	6.7%	6.8%	7.3%	6.0%	7.2%	5.9%	5.1%	4.2%
NWF Health Network - East	19.4%	18.8%	18.4%	18.9%	19.1%	17.4%	14.2%	19.2%	17.7%	17.9%	18.0%	17.0%
NWF Health Network - West	13.2%	12.0%	12.9%	13.8%	13.0%	14.3%	12.1%	14.3%	14.0%	14.4%	14.4%	15.3%
Partnership for Strong Families	14.0%	12.7%	12.3%	13.4%	13.3%	12.8%	12.1%	12.9%	13.7%	14.5%	15.0%	15.7%
Safe Children Coalition	14.8%	14.3%	14.6%	13.7%	14.1%	12.0%	12.4%	13.8%	14.5%	16.2%	15.9%	17.7%
Statewide	**14.0%**	**13.8%**	**13.6%**	**13.8%**	**14.1%**	**13.8%**	**12.8%**	**14.1%**	**14.1%**	**14.3%**	**14.3%**	**14.6%**

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Percentage of Children (Age 0-5) in Out-of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2025-26												
Lead Agency	**Jul-25**	**Aug-25**	**Sep-25**	**Oct-25**	**Nov-25**	**Dec-25**	**Jan-26**	**Feb-26**	**Mar-26**	**Apr-26**	**May-26**	**Jun-26**
ChildNet-Broward	3.1%	1.4%	2.6%	2.8%	5.2%	3.9%	2.5%	3.6%	2.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	3.3%	1.9%	1.1%	2.6%	1.5%	1.1%	1.9%	1.9%	2.3%	1.5%	0.7%	3.1%
Children's Network of SW Florida	1.0%	1.3%	0.3%	1.3%	0.7%	1.7%	0.3%	1.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.7%	1.4%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	1.5%	1.3%	0.8%	1.5%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.5%
Citrus Health Network	0.8%	1.1%	1.5%	1.3%	0.9%	1.1%	0.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.3%	1.8%	1.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	3.5%	5.2%	3.4%	3.1%	6.4%	6.0%	3.8%	4.5%	5.1%	7.5%	5.2%	5.5%
Community Partnership for Children	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Family Integrity Program	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%
Family Support Services of North Fla	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%	1.1%	0.7%	1.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%
FSS Suncoast	1.6%	1.6%	1.8%	1.0%	1.7%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%
Heartland for Children	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Kids Central, Inc.	0.9%	0.6%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	2.2%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.5%
NWF Health Network - East	1.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%
NWF Health Network - West	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%	0.6%	1.4%	0.9%	0.9%
Partnership for Strong Families	1.1%	1.1%	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Safe Children Coalition	1.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Statewide	**1.2%**	**0.9%**	**0.9%**	**1.0%**	**1.2%**	**1.1%**	**0.7%**	**1.2%**	**1.2%**	**1.1%**	**1.0%**	**1.2%**

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Percentage of Children (Age 6-12) in Out-of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2025-26												
Lead Agency	**Jul-25**	**Aug-25**	**Sep-25**	**Oct-25**	**Nov-25**	**Dec-25**	**Jan-26**	**Feb-26**	**Mar-26**	**Apr-26**	**May-26**	**Jun-26**
ChildNet-Broward	9.3%	9.1%	9.7%	10.6%	13.3%	13.0%	8.7%	11.9%	10.8%	10.7%	10.2%	10.5%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	7.6%	6.7%	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%	5.5%	4.0%	7.6%	7.1%	6.7%	5.8%	6.4%
Children's Network of SW Florida	7.7%	8.5%	7.5%	10.9%	13.2%	14.2%	8.6%	12.8%	13.4%	14.3%	13.9%	14.8%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	8.9%	9.0%	8.5%	7.3%	6.4%	6.3%	9.5%	5.3%	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%
Citrus Health Network	6.5%	6.6%	5.7%	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%	4.4%	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%	7.1%	7.5%
Communities Connected for Kids	9.9%	13.2%	15.3%	13.2%	13.1%	10.1%	10.5%	14.8%	13.5%	17.8%	17.3%	16.3%
Community Partnership for Children	5.3%	6.0%	8.1%	7.5%	7.1%	6.6%	8.2%	8.5%	6.0%	7.1%	7.4%	7.1%
Family Integrity Program	7.7%	15.4%	12.5%	13.3%	14.3%	14.3%	9.1%	11.8%	10.5%	15.8%	14.3%	8.3%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	10.6%	11.1%	10.8%	10.4%	9.7%	8.2%	13.2%	7.7%	10.0%	10.4%	10.0%	10.2%
Family Support Services of North Fla	3.3%	3.2%	4.1%	4.7%	4.4%	3.8%	3.2%	2.6%	2.9%	3.4%	2.5%	2.2%
FSS Suncoast	18.1%	18.0%	18.9%	21.0%	20.4%	21.1%	13.5%	19.9%	20.2%	19.9%	20.9%	21.5%
Heartland for Children	9.5%	10.0%	9.7%	10.0%	9.7%	10.1%	8.4%	8.1%	7.6%	9.0%	8.4%	7.3%
Kids Central, Inc.	5.6%	5.7%	6.5%	6.2%	6.6%	7.6%	5.6%	10.1%	10.7%	11.1%	12.1%	14.2%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	2.5%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%	4.8%	3.3%	4.0%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%
NWF Health Network - East	19.8%	21.0%	21.1%	21.4%	19.4%	15.7%	8.9%	19.6%	18.6%	18.3%	19.0%	16.8%
NWF Health Network - West	14.2%	12.2%	12.9%	15.1%	14.6%	16.3%	12.9%	16.4%	15.3%	16.3%	16.7%	16.8%
Partnership for Strong Families	6.5%	4.6%	4.7%	5.7%	5.8%	4.9%	5.7%	7.1%	7.3%	6.7%	8.4%	7.6%
Safe Children Coalition	9.8%	9.1%	9.7%	8.3%	6.9%	5.0%	7.8%	5.7%	5.5%	8.1%	7.5%	8.5%
Statewide	**9.4%**	**9.4%**	**9.5%**	**9.7%**	**9.6%**	**9.4%**	**8.7%**	**9.8%**	**9.7%**	**10.3%**	**10.5%**	**10.6%**

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Percentage of Children (Age 13-17) in Out-of-Home Care Who Were Placed in Group Care for SFY 2025-26												
Lead Agency	**Jul-25**	**Aug-25**	**Sep-25**	**Oct-25**	**Nov-25**	**Dec-25**	**Jan-26**	**Feb-26**	**Mar-26**	**Apr-26**	**May-26**	**Jun-26**
ChildNet-Broward	44.4%	41.8%	40.8%	42.0%	44.7%	41.6%	42.6%	44.2%	44.3%	45.5%	46.2%	46.3%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	44.4%	41.7%	38.5%	37.7%	38.5%	38.4%	47.9%	43.2%	41.4%	41.2%	41.7%	41.4%
Children's Network of SW Florida	47.4%	47.7%	47.0%	48.0%	44.8%	48.1%	49.3%	44.3%	42.1%	40.5%	43.6%	44.4%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	45.1%	42.9%	44.0%	43.0%	42.5%	41.3%	43.9%	44.2%	42.9%	44.3%	43.7%	43.2%
Citrus Health Network	33.0%	33.0%	33.5%	31.8%	28.9%	31.0%	27.3%	29.2%	29.1%	29.1%	27.6%	29.2%
Communities Connected for Kids	52.4%	52.3%	45.8%	46.9%	50.5%	50.0%	47.6%	47.7%	47.1%	51.5%	52.2%	56.8%
Community Partnership for Children	45.2%	45.1%	47.1%	45.8%	45.8%	44.2%	44.1%	45.3%	47.9%	48.7%	52.8%	52.8%
Family Integrity Program	17.6%	18.8%	23.5%	27.8%	31.3%	23.8%	42.9%	38.1%	36.0%	41.7%	45.5%	47.8%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	46.0%	47.4%	46.2%	46.5%	45.7%	44.2%	47.9%	46.3%	48.1%	47.7%	49.3%	48.9%
Family Support Services of North Fla	13.5%	14.5%	14.0%	14.8%	16.0%	15.4%	13.4%	15.2%	15.2%	16.0%	12.9%	12.7%
FSS Suncoast	55.2%	53.5%	53.1%	55.5%	57.0%	58.6%	46.7%	56.7%	55.7%	56.1%	54.8%	54.1%
Heartland for Children	47.9%	51.5%	47.4%	48.7%	49.5%	50.0%	41.6%	48.3%	47.3%	48.9%	43.6%	45.9%
Kids Central, Inc.	41.4%	42.0%	38.9%	40.4%	40.9%	38.3%	40.8%	41.7%	42.8%	43.3%	44.2%	43.1%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	20.5%	24.4%	22.0%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	16.3%	15.2%	19.0%	16.3%	12.2%	9.5%
NWF Health Network - East	57.0%	57.0%	53.6%	55.6%	57.1%	53.2%	50.0%	55.6%	52.3%	53.5%	55.6%	51.7%
NWF Health Network - West	48.3%	45.1%	47.8%	48.9%	46.8%	51.2%	48.8%	51.2%	51.1%	48.9%	49.7%	53.6%
Partnership for Strong Families	45.9%	43.5%	43.0%	45.0%	45.6%	45.2%	39.3%	42.3%	46.6%	47.9%	46.8%	49.4%
Safe Children Coalition	43.3%	43.7%	48.3%	45.9%	46.8%	43.3%	40.2%	51.6%	55.3%	57.6%	57.7%	61.6%
Statewide	**43.1%**	**42.7%**	**41.8%**	**42.3%**	**42.4%**	**42.0%**	**41.3%**	**42.8%**	**42.8%**	**43.3%**	**43.3%**	**43.7%**

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Proximity of Placement to Community of Removal

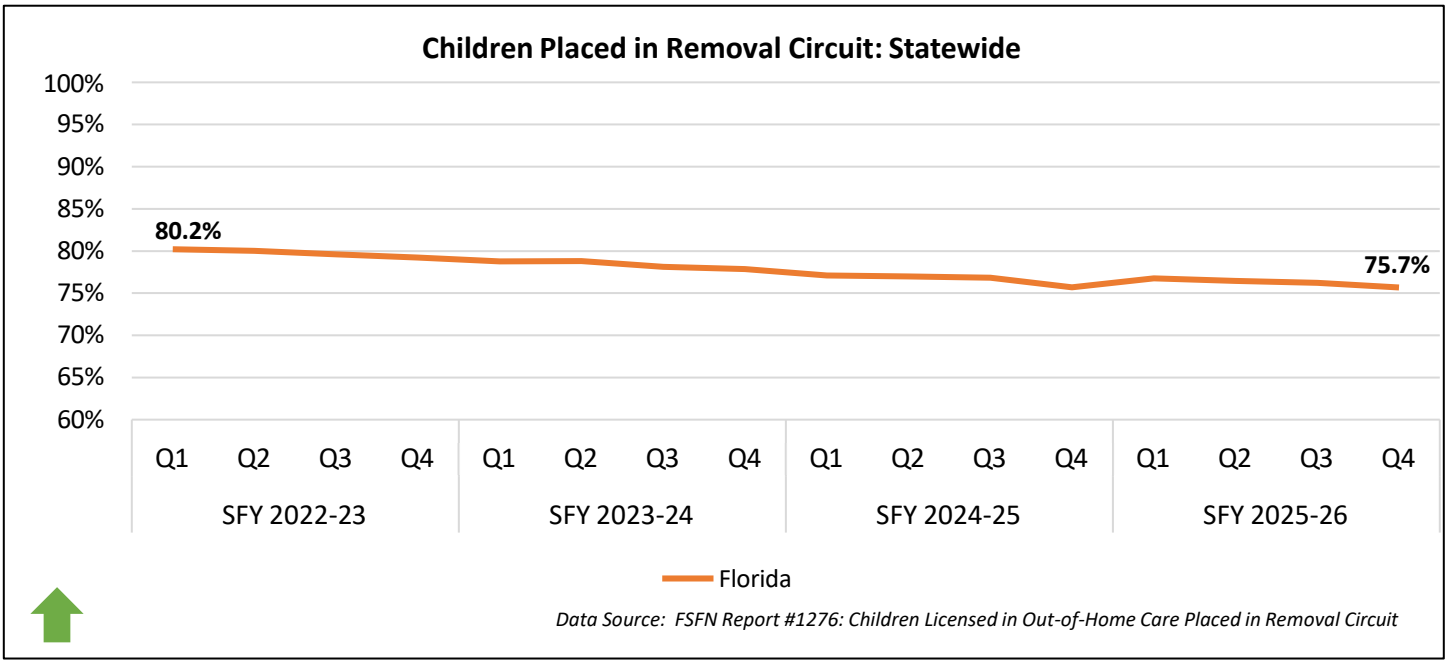
Normalcy for children in foster care, maintenance of family connections, parent-child visitation, and school stability require that children be placed in proximity to their neighborhood or community of removal. Keeping the child in the same community from which they were removed also promotes family reunification.

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

"A plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care, including assurances that each placement of the child in foster care takes into account the appropriateness of the current educational setting and the proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement; and an assurance [of coordination with] local educational agencies to ensure that the child remains in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of each placement," and that "each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child."

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

Florida Statewide Trend: The percentage of children placed in their removal circuit has remained relatively stable over the past four years, with the most recent quarterly average at 75.7 percent, demonstrating consistency in placement practices over time.

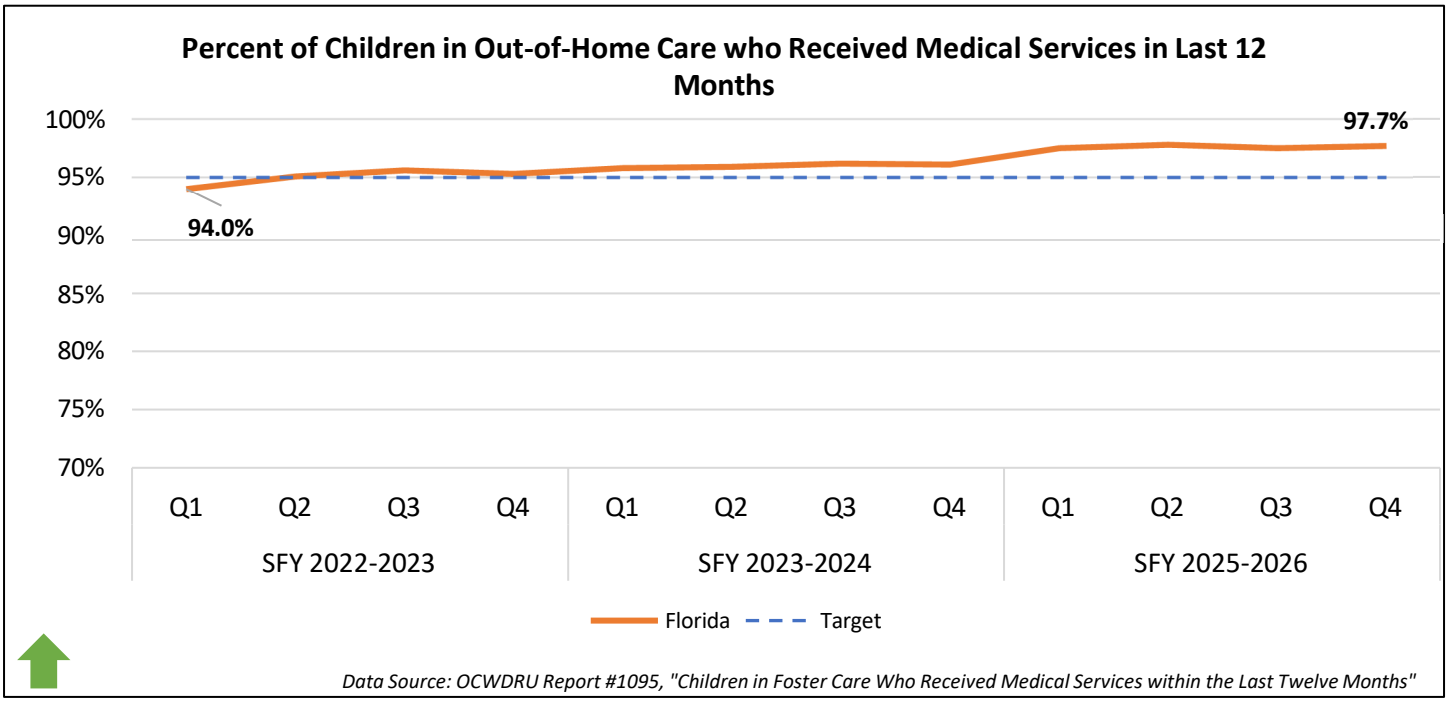


Physical and Mental Health Needs

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

Medical Services

Florida Statewide Trend: The percentage of children in OOHC who received medical services within the past twelve months has increased since the first quarter of SFY 2022-23. See the chart on the following page.



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

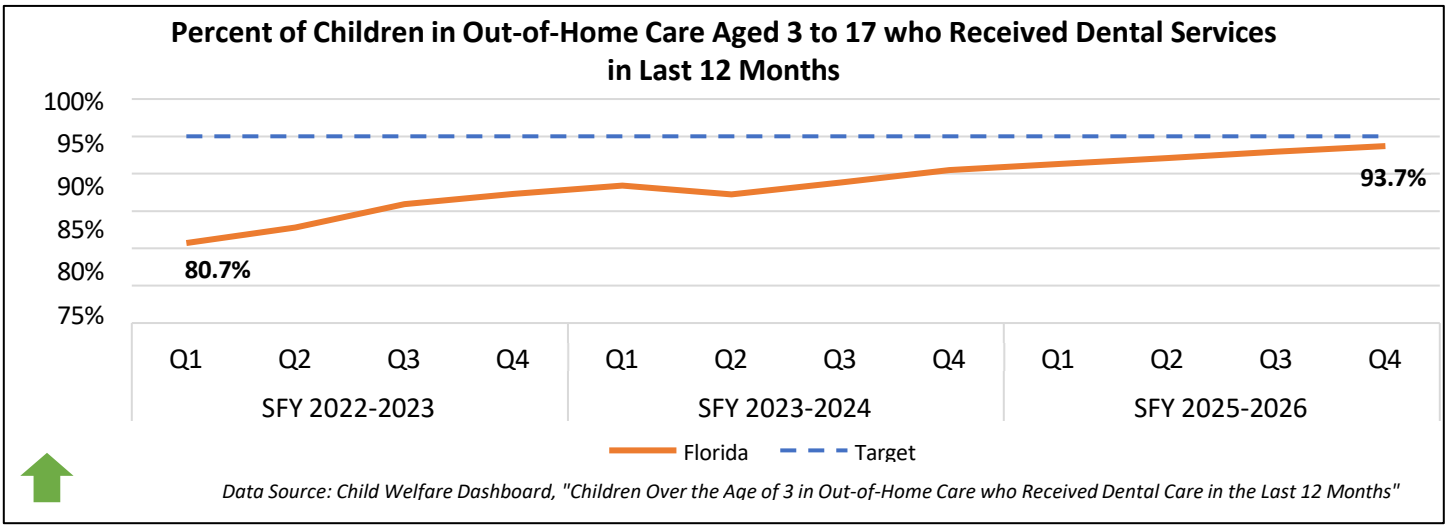
Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: By the end of SFY 2025-26, all 18 Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 95 percent standard established for the percent of children in OOHC who received medical services within the past 12 months. This represents an increase from 13 at the end of the first quarter SFY 2023-24.

Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care who Received Medical Services in Last 12 Months (DCF Target 95% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	**SFY 2023-24**				**SFY 2024-25**				**SFY 2025-26**			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
ChildNet-Broward	96.7%	97.8%	97.6%	96.7%	97.1%	98.2%	97.8%	97.1%	98.4%	98.6%	97.4%	97.7%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	98.5%	97.6%	97.8%	97.4%	98.5%	96.1%	98.4%	97.8%	98.5%	98.3%	98.6%	98.1%
Children's Network of SW Florida	98.0%	98.4%	98.1%	98.2%	97.2%	98.0%	98.6%	98.1%	98.9%	97.7%	98.9%	99.0%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	94.0%	96.9%	97.2%	97.5%	97.5%	96.0%	97.8%	97.5%	98.6%	99.0%	97.9%	97.2%
Citrus Health Network	96.6%	98.0%	97.9%	97.9%	97.2%	98.2%	97.5%	94.2%	96.3%	97.2%	96.2%	98.7%
Communities Connected for Kids	99.0%	98.9%	97.8%	97.4%	97.7%	98.5%	97.5%	98.7%	98.8%	98.6%	99.2%	99.1%
Community Partnership for Children	98.1%	98.3%	98.4%	98.1%	97.7%	97.6%	98.6%	97.9%	97.0%	98.9%	98.7%	98.3%
Family Integrity Program	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Family Partnerships of Central Fla	89.1%	92.1%	94.2%	92.7%	95.0%	96.4%	96.9%	95.3%	97.0%	97.0%	95.7%	96.6%
Family Support Services of North Fla	97.4%	96.1%	97.0%	96.9%	98.0%	96.8%	95.0%	94.0%	96.7%	97.0%	96.6%	98.4%
FSS Suncoast	83.9%	88.9%	90.8%	92.3%	92.7%	94.4%	94.7%	97.9%	98.8%	99.3%	98.4%	98.9%
Heartland for Children	98.7%	98.1%	98.9%	97.8%	96.7%	97.1%	97.1%	96.9%	97.8%	97.9%	98.6%	98.6%
Kids Central, Inc.	90.7%	89.3%	89.4%	89.2%	91.1%	91.6%	91.4%	94.8%	96.6%	98.7%	98.8%	98.5%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	100%	96.2%	90.4%	86.0%	80.9%	71.6%	72.5%	87.3%	99.2%	98.4%	100%	99.3%
NWF Health Network - East	98.0%	98.0%	98.3%	96.9%	97.8%	98.1%	96.6%	97.4%	96.8%	97.3%	94.3%	96.8%
NWF Health Network - West	96.0%	97.1%	95.1%	96.7%	95.7%	97.7%	97.5%	96.2%	98.6%	98.9%	99.0%	97.9%
Partnership for Strong Families	93.9%	97.0%	97.1%	97.2%	97.5%	95.7%	95.2%	94.4%	98.0%	96.7%	97.2%	97.4%
Safe Children Coalition	98.7%	98.0%	97.3%	97.5%	98.2%	98.4%	98.1%	99.1%	99.8%	99.8%	99.2%	99.2%
Statewide	**94.0%**	**95.1%**	**95.6%**	**95.3%**	**95.8%**	**95.9%**	**96.2%**	**96.1%**	**97.5%**	**97.8%**	**97.5%**	**97.7%**

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

Dental Services

Florida Statewide Trend: The percentage of children who received dental services in the past twelve months has been increasing since the second quarter SFY 2022-23, improving from 80.7 percent to 93.7 percent at the end of SFY 2025-26.



Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, "Children Over the Age of 3 in Out-of-Home Care who Received Dental Care in the Last 12 Months"

Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: By the end of SFY 2025-26, nine of the 18 (50 percent) Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 95 percent standard established for the percent of children in OOHC ages 3-17 receiving dental services within the past seven months. This represents an increase from five Lead Agencies during SFY 2023-24.

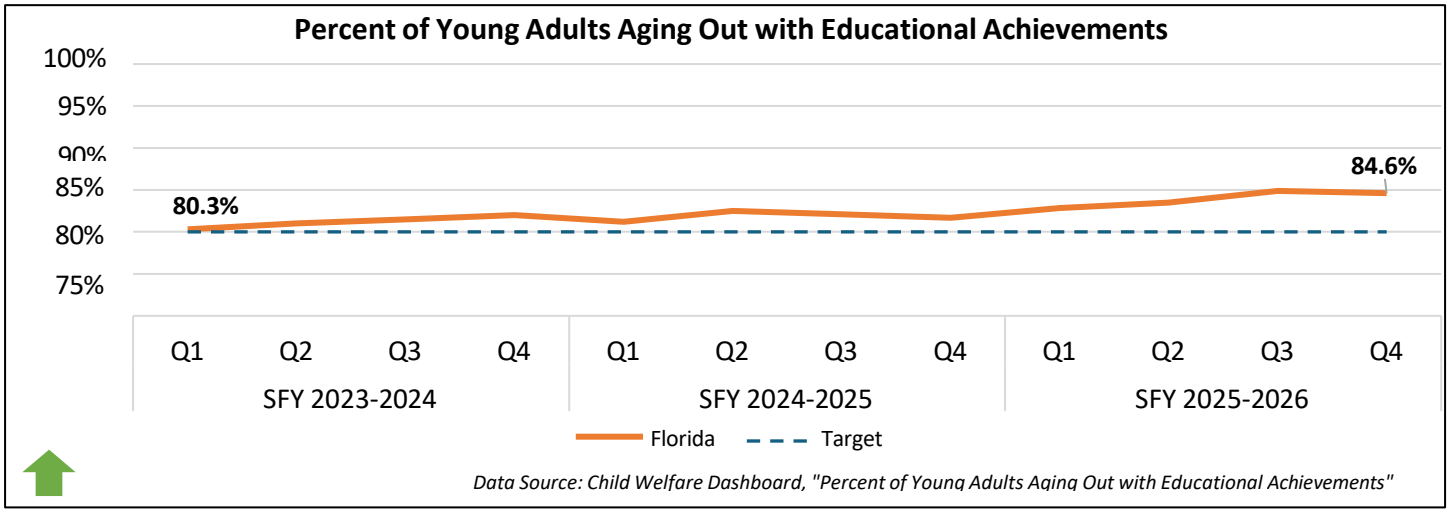
Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care Aged 3 to 17 who Received Dental Services in Last 12 Months (DCF Target 95% or Higher)												
Lead Agency	SFY 2023-24				SFY 2024-25				SFY 2025-26			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ChildNet-Broward	91.9%	94.9%	94.2%	95.6%	94.6%	94.1%	95.2%	96.2%	96.8%	94.3%	94.5%	95.7%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	94.8%	92.7%	93.1%	94.1%	96.7%	96.6%	96.5%	96.3%	96.5%	96.3%	95.8%	97.1%
Children's Network of SW Florida	95.8%	97.8%	98.1%	98.8%	96.9%	98.1%	97.8%	97.8%	97.9%	97.7%	98.4%	97.7%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	76.1%	82.2%	89.6%	91.7%	93.7%	90.3%	94.0%	96.0%	95.4%	95.0%	94.0%	94.3%
Citrus Health Network	97.0%	96.5%	97.0%	96.7%	96.4%	96.9%	95.8%	92.3%	95.4%	95.4%	94.2%	97.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	97.1%	95.9%	96.1%	95.2%	96.7%	94.7%	96.7%	96.8%	96.2%	96.4%	96.9%	97.9%
Community Partnership for Children	80.1%	86.6%	92.1%	93.5%	92.4%	92.1%	91.8%	94.1%	95.7%	94.9%	96.5%	94.9%
Family Integrity Program	97.5%	97.2%	100.0%	100.0%	97.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	97.7%	100.0%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	73.0%	73.4%	79.7%	84.1%	86.2%	88.9%	89.3%	91.3%	90.8%	89.5%	92.9%	93.6%
Family Support Services of North Fla	83.1%	84.8%	87.0%	84.3%	88.3%	82.8%	86.5%	79.8%	72.1%	76.0%	83.4%	83.1%
FSS Suncoast	58.4%	65.3%	73.0%	77.9%	81.5%	79.9%	84.8%	88.7%	95.0%	96.2%	96.4%	96.1%
Heartland for Children	92.8%	95.0%	95.5%	94.0%	92.2%	87.2%	89.6%	91.9%	88.7%	93.8%	95.0%	94.6%
Kids Central, Inc.	69.6%	66.4%	68.3%	71.4%	74.0%	72.8%	74.3%	81.7%	88.6%	92.8%	95.4%	95.7%
Kids First of Florida, Inc.	85.0%	83.6%	68.8%	64.2%	57.7%	49.0%	36.7%	64.0%	83.3%	86.9%	93.3%	93.8%
NWF Health Network - East	91.7%	87.7%	88.7%	91.9%	91.4%	92.9%	91.6%	95.7%	90.6%	84.3%	81.6%	83.4%
NWF Health Network - West	86.0%	86.9%	89.0%	88.1%	84.1%	85.8%	87.4%	86.9%	93.3%	93.7%	94.9%	94.6%
Partnership for Strong Families	57.5%	69.3%	71.9%	70.0%	75.6%	65.7%	77.0%	81.6%	77.4%	82.3%	79.4%	86.2%
Safe Children Coalition	91.2%	91.5%	92.9%	90.6%	94.5%	93.6%	91.4%	92.6%	95.4%	97.4%	95.2%	97.6%
Statewide	**80.7%**	**82.8%**	**85.9%**	**87.3%**	**88.4%**	**87.2%**	**88.8%**	**90.5%**	**91.3%**	**92.1%**	**93.0%**	**93.7%**

Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, "Children Over the Age of 3 in Out-of-Home Care who Received Dental Care in the Last 12 Months"

Preparation for Independent Living as Adults

Young Adults Aging Out Enrolled in Education Programs

For children who do not achieve permanency before reaching adulthood, it is crucial that they are prepared to live and thrive independently upon exiting OOHC. Several factors may influence this measure, including time in care, the child's education level, developmental delays, and the level and type of trauma experienced by the child. The percentage of young adults aging out with educational achievements has increased from 80.3 percent at the beginning of SFY 2023-2024 to 84.6 percent at the end of SFY 2025-2026, above the DCF target of 80 percent.



Circuit/Lead Agency Comparisons: Fourteen of the 18 Lead Agency contracted catchment areas met the 80 percent target established by the state for this metric in SFY 2025-26.

Percent of Young Adults Aging Out with Educational Achievements (DCF Target 80% or higher)												
Lead Agency	**SFY 2023-24**				**SFY 2024-25**				**SFY 2025-26**			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
ChildNet-Broward	71.2%	71.4%	70.0%	81.1%	82.5%	84.1%	78.1%	79.7%	80.7%	79.7%	82.9%	82.4%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	90.2%	92.9%	88.1%	87.2%	83.7%	89.7%	89.7%	90.6%	93.6%	95.4%	93.0%	92.2%
Children's Network of SW Florida	88.6%	95.0%	95.1%	94.3%	97.3%	95.2%	94.9%	93.0%	95.0%	97.5%	97.6%	100.0%
Children's Network-Hillsborough	67.9%	72.2%	77.2%	77.6%	74.2%	78.5%	80.0%	81.7%	82.9%	83.3%	84.7%	86.5%
Citrus Health Network	92.4%	91.8%	90.1%	88.6%	88.1%	82.8%	84.6%	84.4%	85.7%	84.5%	83.7%	81.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	84.6%	73.9%	70.0%	72.7%	70.8%	80.8%	90.9%	85.7%	92.0%	85.7%	87.0%	90.5%
Community Partnership for Children	94.1%	96.7%	85.7%	86.2%	88.2%	92.3%	94.6%	91.4%	94.1%	96.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Family Integrity Program	85.7%	87.5%	57.1%	66.7%	50.0%	33.3%	50.0%	33.3%	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Family Partnerships of Central Florida	78.6%	80.0%	84.7%	84.6%	78.2%	77.4%	74.0%	73.1%	76.9%	79.1%	81.8%	76.9%
Family Support Services of North Fla	88.1%	90.2%	95.2%	92.5%	97.6%	95.2%	92.5%	93.0%	87.5%	87.8%	86.8%	86.8%
FSS Suncoast	66.3%	60.6%	58.6%	58.5%	60.7%	69.5%	72.1%	71.0%	69.1%	69.6%	77.1%	79.4%
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Safe Children Coalition	72.7%	71.0%	73.3%	69.2%	77.3%	80.0%	77.8%	76.9%	80.0%	82.8%	88.5%	87.5%
Statewide	**80.3%**	**81.0%**	**81.5%**	**82.0%**	**81.2%**	**82.5%**	**82.1%**	**81.7%**	**82.9%**	**83.5%**	**84.9%**	**84.6%**

Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, "Percent of Young Adults Aging Out with Educational Achievement"