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Minnesota's Child Welfare Report for 2003

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The Minnesota Child Welfare Report for 2003

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Executive Summary

This **Child Welfare Report** describes the state of children in Minnesota's child protection, out-of-home care and adoption systems in 2003. It provides an overview of how children in these systems are faring and presents information about Minnesota's performance on key child welfare indicators requested by state and federal governments.

The report has three major sections, each followed with an appendix that provides specific county data on that section. Each section begins with **At a Glance** that highlights key information. Tables, charts and graphs that support the report's findings complete each section.

Section I - Child Maltreatment covers information about alleged and determined reports of child maltreatment, including sources of reports; prevalence of maltreatment by age, race and ethnicity; and use of Alternative Response and Structured Decision Making.

Section II - Children in Out-of-Home Care provides overall statistics on children in out-of-home care, including gender, age, race and ethnicity; placement frequency and duration; and re-entry and discharge.

Section III - Adoptions provides information from the Adoption Data System about children under state guardianship. It looks at the race of children awaiting adoption and of those adopted; the number of children adopted; the adoption of sibling groups; and the length of time from when the children become eligible for adoption to finalized adoption.

It is important to note that one cannot extrapolate information from one section of the report to another section. Children who are maltreated may or may not enter out-of-home care or be adopted. Children in out-of-home care may be in care for reasons other than maltreatment.

This report is provided in response to a legislative directive. Minnesota Statutes, section 257.0725 states: "The commissioner of human services shall publish an annual report on children in out-of-home placement. The report shall include information by county and statewide on the legal status, living arrangement, age, sex, race,

accumulated length of time in placement, reason for most recent placement, race of family with whom placed, and other information deemed appropriate on all children in out-of-home placement. Out-of-home placement includes placement in any facility by an authorized child placement agency."

The key findings in this report are as follows:

Section I - Child Maltreatment

- Minnesota assessed 17,571 reports of maltreatment involving 23,430 children in 2003.
- Of these reports, 5,410 received an Alternative Response assessment, a strengths-based and family focused alternative to working with families in the child protection system where no determination of maltreatment is made.
- In 5,998 of the 12,161 (49 percent) traditionally assessed reports, maltreatment was determined to have occurred (with 9,024 associated victims). Neglect accounted for 59 percent of the traditionally assessed reports and 66 percent of the determined reports. More than half of the reports were made to child protection by school personnel and law enforcement. The need for ongoing protective services was identified in half of all determined reports.
- African American/Black and American Indian children were about six times more likely to be reported as abused or neglected and were around seven times more likely to be determined victims of maltreatment than were White children.
- Families who neglected children were more likely to experience multiple family issues including substance abuse.
- Nine percent of all determined victims had at least one subsequent determined report of maltreatment within one year.

Section II - Children in Out-of-Home Care

- In 2003, 15,294 children spent some time in out-of-home care. More were boys than girls. The majority were White adolescents. African American/Black and American Indian children were represented in out-of-home care at a rate of four and seven times respectively of their representation in the Minnesota child population.
- Most children experienced no moves while in care. Most of the children were placed in a family type setting. About 24 percent were in care for one week or less. Children under age 8 spent an

Executive Summary *(continued)*

average of 19 fewer days in care than the average for all children.

- About 24 percent of the children who entered care in 2003 had experienced care within the previous 12 months. About 75 percent of the children left care to return home to a parent or other relative.

- Approximately 55 percent of children entered care for reasons related to their parents. All children entering for two or more reasons (parent and child-related) had a longer out-of-home placement duration and were most likely to re-enter care. Thirty percent of entries in care were attributed to child behavior or child substance abuse. These children were predominantly adolescents, had the shortest duration and re-entered care frequently.

- Relatively few children entered care for reasons of disability (less than 2 percent), but they stayed in care the longest, an average of more than two and one half years.

- Average number of days in care for placements ending in 2003 was 327 days.

Section III - Adoptions

- In 2003, 714 children under state guardianship (state wards) were adopted. The largest group of children (57 percent) were under age 6. An equal number of boys and girls were adopted.

- The average number of days in care, from the time they were available for adoption to the date of adoption, is 587 days, a decline of 46 days since 2002.

- African American/Black children and children of two or more races were eight times more likely than a White child to be adopted in 2003.

- Most siblings were adopted together.

Minnesota's Child Maltreatment Report for 2003

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Introduction

The data in this section describes alleged and determined incidents of child maltreatment assessed in Minnesota in 2003. Specifically, the data show the number of maltreatment reports; the number of child victims; the types and severity of maltreatment; what services were recommended and what actions were taken. It also looks at information such as the age and race/ethnicity of victims and their relationship to offenders.

Unless otherwise specified, a child was counted as a “subject of a report” each time they were in an assessment in the year 2003. However, if the counts were specified as “unique,” a child was only counted once in the specified category, no matter how many times they were assessed in the year.

The 2000 census changed the way race and ethnicity data were reported. Individuals may indicate they belong to more than one race. Hispanic ethnicity is specified separately from race. This report organizes data the same as the census. For example, children may be counted in their racial group or as having more than one race. They may also claim Hispanic ethnicity.

Anyone can and should report a suspected incident of child maltreatment. Some professionals, such as those working directly with children, are **mandated reporters** and must report to local child protective services if they observe or receive information about an abuse and/or neglect incident. **Non-mandated reporters** voluntarily provide information of known or suspected child maltreatment to the local child protective services.

Once a report of maltreatment is made, a screener reviews the initial information and decides whether or not the report meets the statutory criteria for further assessment. If it does, the agency decides whether to conduct an assessment in the traditional way or using an Alternative Response.

In a **traditional assessment**, a county child protection worker interviews persons involved with the report, including the alleged victims,

offenders and family members. If there is a preponderance of evidence that a child has been a victim of maltreatment and the harm was caused by an act, or failure to act, by a person responsible for the child’s care, the county child protection worker makes a **determination** that maltreatment has occurred. In some cases, statutory authority is given to counties to use an **Alternative Response (AR)**. In these situations, a county worker meets with all family members together to discuss and assess child safety concerns and review the family’s strengths and needs. In an Alternative Response assessment the focus is not on a particular incident and whether a parent maltreated a child but rather on determining how to increase the capacity of the family to support the child.

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- African American/Black and American Indian children were around seven times more likely to be determined victims of maltreatment than were White children.

- Families who neglected children were more likely to experience multiple family issues including substance abuse.

- Nine percent of all determined victims had at least one subsequent determined report of maltreatment within one year.

Child Maltreatment: Reports and Children Assessed

At a Glance

- *Minnesota counties assessed 17,571 reports of child maltreatment. Of these, 5,410 received an Alternative Response assessment.*
- *The majority of reports had an allegation of neglect (59 percent of traditional and 62 percent of Alternative Response assessments). Allegations of physical abuse were assessed in 35 percent of traditional and 41 percent of Alternative Response assessments. A report may contain allegations of different maltreatment types.*
- *Minnesota counties determined that child maltreatment occurred in 5,998 assessments of maltreatment, with 9,024 associated victims. The unique number of Minnesota children who were victimized was 8,510. Some children were determined victims of maltreatment more than once in the calendar year.*

Figure 1 - Child Maltreatment Reports and Children Assessed by Assessment Type

| Assessment Type | Reports | | Child Subjects of Reports | | Unique Child Subjects of Reports* | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Alleged | Determined | Alleged | Determined | Alleged | Determined |
| Total Traditional Assessments/Investigations | 12,161 | 5,998 | 18,323 | 9,024 | 16,561 | 8,510 |
| Traditional Family Assessment | 11,859 | 5,904 | 17,790 | 8,824 | 16,109 | 8,327 |
| Facility Investigation | 302 | 94 | 533 | 197 | 509 | 194 |
| Alternative Response Family Assessments | 5,410 | NA | 7,584 | NA | 7,331 | NA |
| Total Assessments - Traditional and Alternative Response | 17,571 | 5,998 | 25,907 | 9,024 | 23,430 | 8,510 |

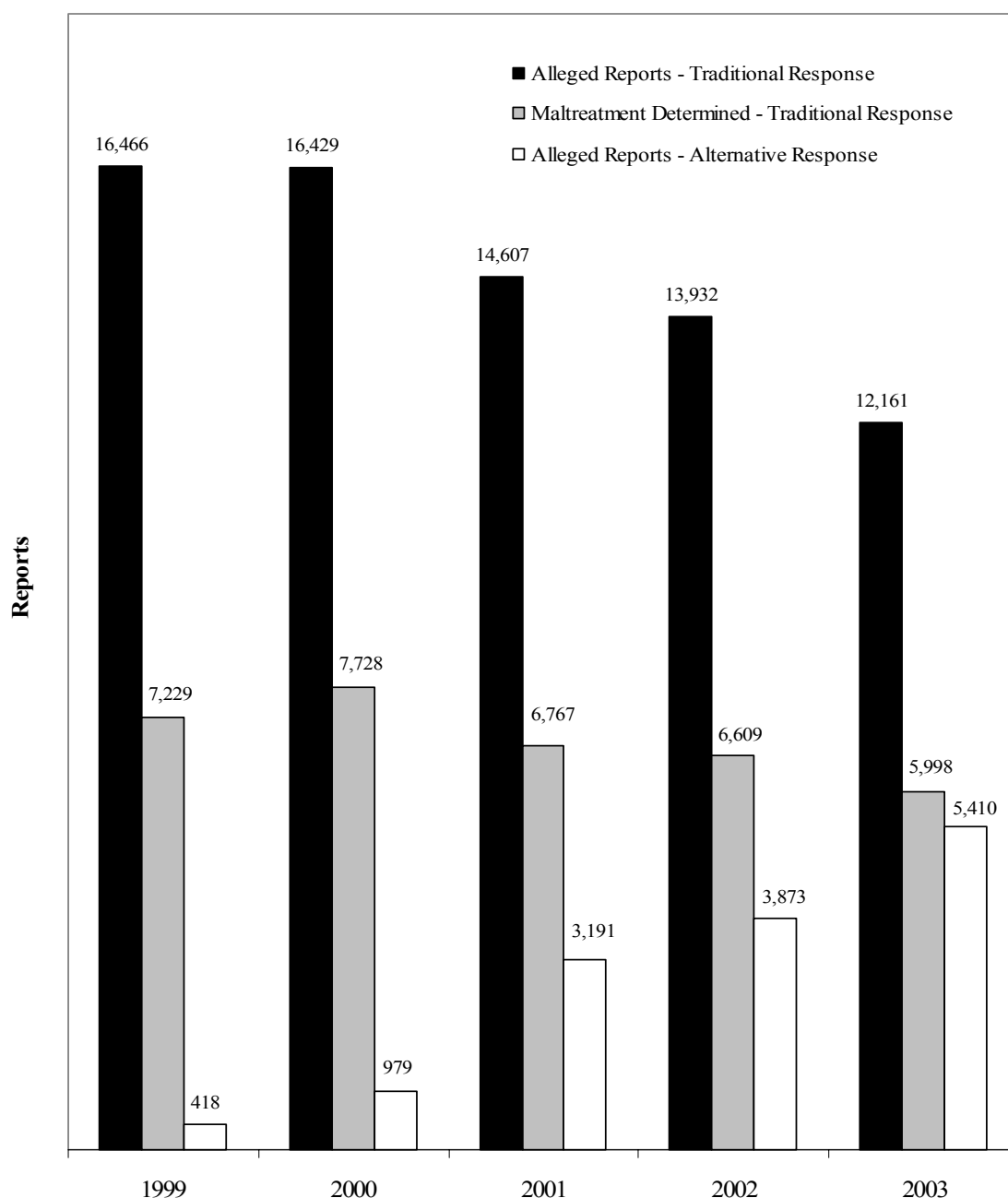
**Total unique child subjects does not equal the sum of those in the assessment types, as some children were in multiple assessments - traditional child protective services, Alternative Response and/or facility investigations.*

Figure 1 shows the counts of alleged and determined child maltreatment reports and subject children by the type of assessment. Some children were assessed more than once during the year. The "Unique Children" column counts them only once within the stated category. Maltreatment was determined to have occurred in 50 percent of traditional family assessments. In 2003, the Alternative Response program was used in 78 counties, up from 57 the previous year. Approximately 31 percent of all reports were assessed through Alternative Response, up from 22 percent in 2002. No determination of maltreatment is made as part of the Alternative Response assessment. Counties investigate alleged maltreatment in foster family homes and day care homes that are county licensed. Allegations of maltreatment in these facilities cannot be investigated using Alternative Response. About 31 percent of county facility investigations resulted in a determination that maltreatment had occurred. Maltreatment in residential facilities, institutions and day care centers is investigated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and is not counted here.

Child Maltreatment: Reports and Children Assessed *(continued)*

Figure 2 shows a dramatic decrease in the number of alleged and determined reports as the number of reports directed to Alternative Response increases. The rate of maltreatment determination grew from 44 percent in 1999 to 49 percent in 2003. This increased rate is likely the result of the implementation of Alternative Response. Alternative Response is applied to lower risk cases that would likely not result in a finding if investigated in the traditional manner.

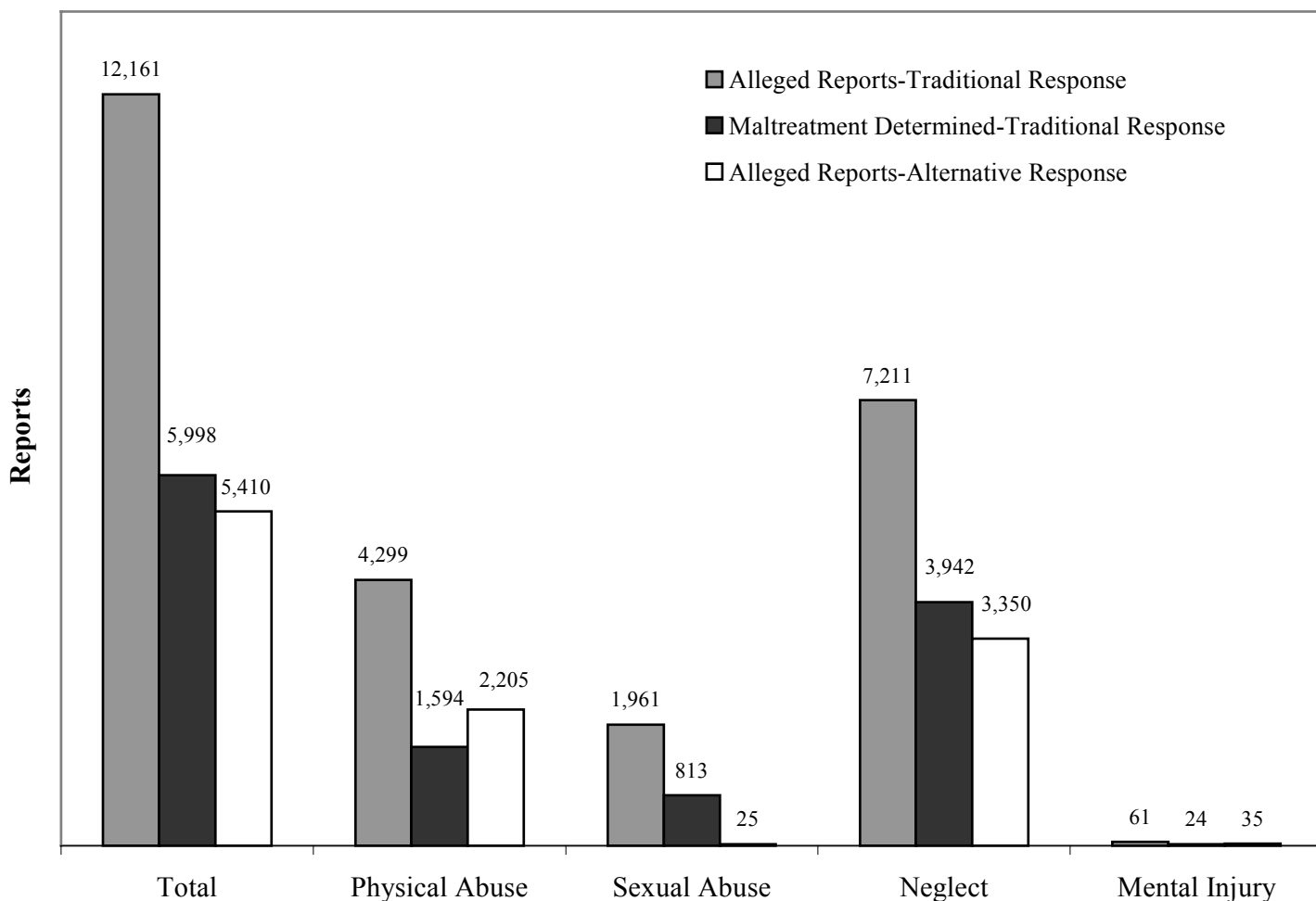
Figure 2 - Reports of Alleged and Determined Child Maltreatment Assessed (1999-2003)



Child Maltreatment: Reports and Children Assessed *(continued)*

In 2003, neglect was the most common allegation in traditional response alleged reports (around 59 percent). Physical abuse accounted for about 35 percent, sexual abuse for 16 percent and mental injury for less than 1 percent of the allegations. Of the four maltreatment types, neglect had the highest determination rate (55 percent), followed by sexual abuse (41 percent), mental injury (39 percent) and physical abuse (37 percent). Allegations of maltreatment in Alternative Response reports reflected similar distributions, with neglect allegations appearing in 62 percent of reports and physical abuse allegations in 41 percent. Mental injury represented less than 1 percent of Alternative Response allegations. Sexual abuse allegations are not eligible for an alternative response. The 25 Alternative Response sexual abuse reports are either data error or were undetermined allegations of a traditional response which was subsequently switched to an Alternative Response track.

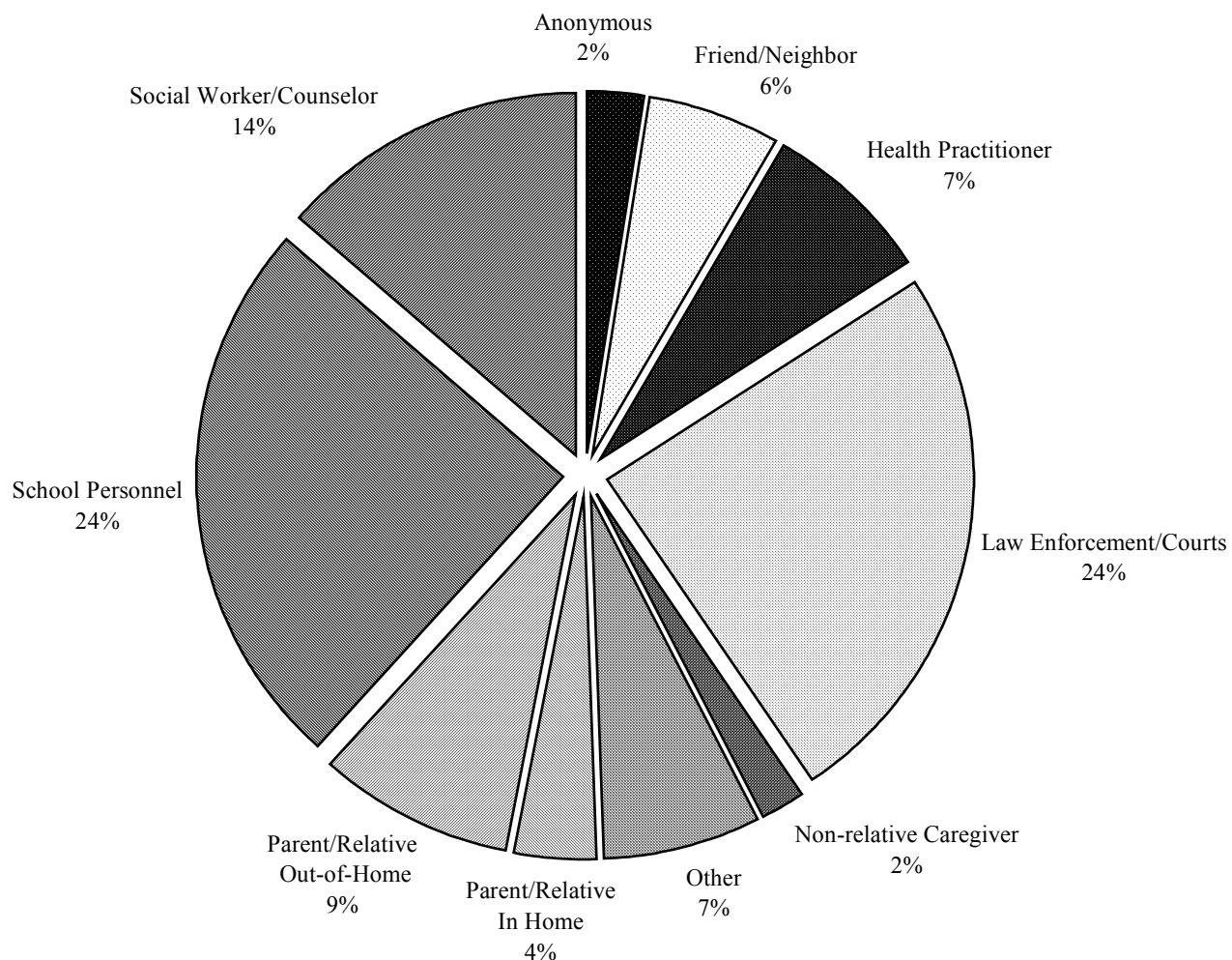
Figure 3 - Alleged and Determined Reports by Maltreatment Type



Child Maltreatment: Reports and Children Assessed *(continued)*

Figure 4 identifies the sources of maltreatment reports. Law enforcement/courts (24 percent) and schools (24 percent) were the largest reporters of maltreatment assessed. Over 75 percent of the reports were from those mandated by law to report suspected child maltreatment. Mandated reporters include people in law enforcement, health care, mental health, social services, education and child care, among others.

**Figure 4 - Sources of Alleged Maltreatment Reports
Alternative Response and Traditional**



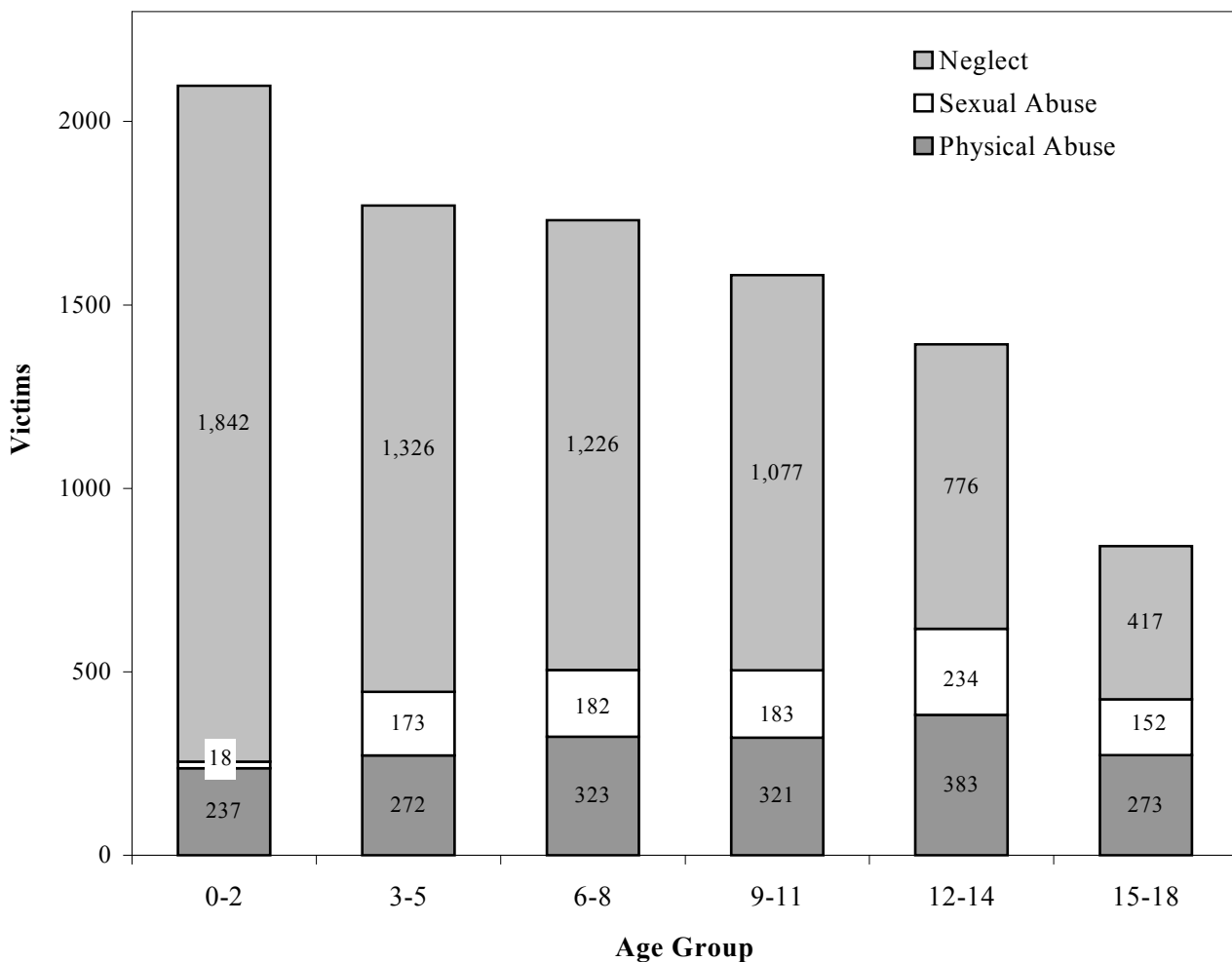
Demographics of Child Subjects

At a Glance

- *African American/Black and American Indian children continued to be over represented in the child protection system. The rate of allegations of child maltreatment statewide was 12.9 per 1,000 compared with rates of 57 and 56 for African American/Black and American Indian children per 1,000. The incidence statewide of child maltreatment was 6.6 cases per 1,000, compared to over 30 per 1,000 for both African American and American Indian children.*
- *The majority (74 percent) of determined offenders were the victims' birth parent(s).*
- *Younger children were more likely to be victims of neglect and older children were more likely to be victims of physical abuse.*

Figure 5 graphs the prevalence of each type of maltreatment by age of the determined victims. The largest numbers of victims are between the ages of zero and two. The data show that the determinations of neglect decrease with age. Physical and sexual abuse was most commonly found in children between 12 and 14.

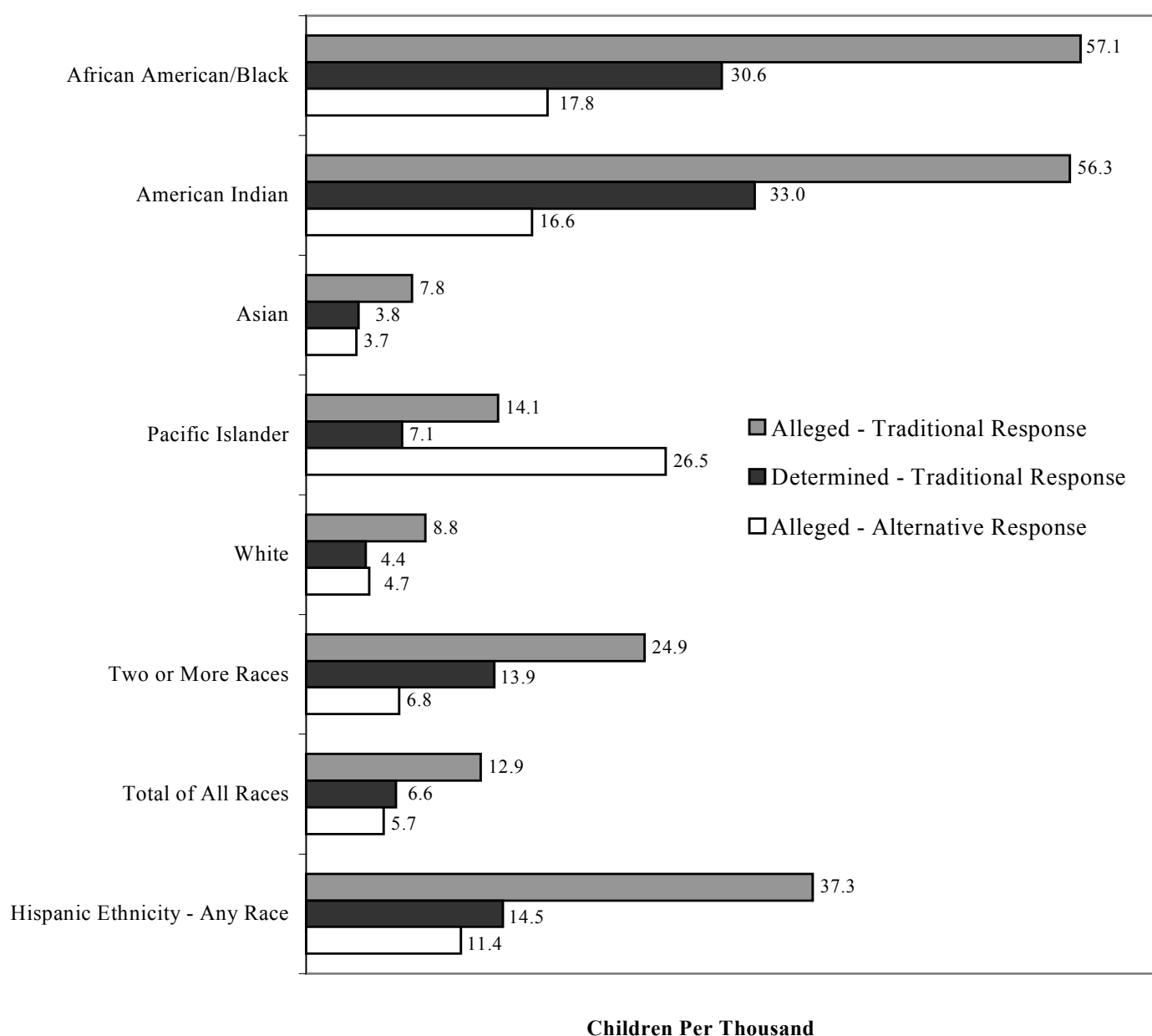
Figure 5 - Prevalance of Maltreatment by Victims Age



Demographics of Child Subjects *(continued)*

In Figure 6, “per thousand” counts were calculated by dividing the number of children for each race by the 2000 census child population for that race in Minnesota, then multiplying by one thousand. Figure 7 displays the raw data used in Figure 6. The data reveal that African American/Black and American Indian children are more likely to be reported as abused or neglected and also to be determined as abused or neglected. In the total Minnesota child population, 6.6 children per 1,000 were determined victims of child maltreatment in 2003. African American/Black and American Indian children were over-represented as victims of child maltreatment, 30.6 per 1,000 and 33.0 per 1,000, respectively.

Figure 6 - Race or Ethnicity of Children Assessed in Relation to the 2000 Minnesota Population of That Race or Ethnicity



Demographics of Child Subjects *(continued)*

Figure 7 - Race and Ethnicity of Child Subjects of Reports in Relation to the 2000 Minnesota Population

| Race | Alleged - Traditional Response | Alleged - Traditional Response per Thousand | Determined - Traditional Response | Determined - Traditional Response per Thousand | Alternative Response | Alternative Response per Thousand |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| African American/ Black | 3,671 | 57.1 | 1,970 | 30.6 | 1,143 | 17.8 |
| American Indian | 1,160 | 56.3 | 681 | 33 | 343 | 16.6 |
| Asian | 420 | 7.8 | 207 | 3.8 | 199 | 3.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 8 | 14.1 | 4 | 7.1 | 15 | 26.5 |
| White | 9,493 | 8.8 | 4,719 | 4.4 | 5,030 | 4.7 |
| Two or More Races | 1,093 | 24.9 | 608 | 13.9 | 300 | 6.8 |
| Unknown Race/ Other | 609 | - | 304 | - | 283 | - |
| Missing Race Data | 107 | - | 17 | - | 18 | - |
| Total of All Races | 16,561 | 12.9 | 8,510 | 6.6 | 7,331 | 5.7 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity - Any Race | 2,077 | 37.3 | 806 | 14.5 | 634 | 11.4 |

Demographics of Child Subjects *(continued)*

Figure 8 shows the relationship of the determined offenders to the victims of maltreatment. Birth parents accounted for 74 percent of all offenders. They were responsible in 85 percent of neglect and 67 percent of physical abuse determinations. Most neglect offenders were women and most sexual abuse offenders were men. About the same percent of men and women were physical abuse offenders.

Figure 8 - Offenders Relationship by Determined Maltreatment Type

| Offenders Relationship | Physical Abuse | Sexual Abuse | Neglect | Mental Injury | Total* |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| Adoptive Parent | 48 | 8 | 30 | 3 | 83 |
| Aunt/Uncle | 28 | 74 | 33 | 0 | 135 |
| Birth Parent | 1,069 | 153 | 3,950 | 20 | 5,003 |
| Child Day Care Provider | 13 | 3 | 34 | 0 | 48 |
| Foster Parent/Facility Staff | 17 | 9 | 32 | 0 | 50 |
| Grandparent | 21 | 21 | 66 | 0 | 104 |
| Other Non-relative | 87 | 90 | 141 | 3 | 304 |
| Other Relative | 15 | 75 | 16 | 0 | 106 |
| Parent Companion | 150 | 99 | 222 | 0 | 437 |
| Sibling | 16 | 146 | 20 | 0 | 181 |
| Stepparent | 139 | 93 | 114 | 2 | 328 |

**The sum of the offenders of each maltreatment type exceeds the total count because an offender may be counted in more than one maltreatment type.*

Child Protection Assessment

At a Glance

- *The severity of the maltreatment in determined reports largely depended on the maltreatment type. The severity of most determined neglect allegations was indicated as “exposed to threatening or dangerous conditions.” Physical abuse determinations generally indicated “moderate injury.”*
- *Families who neglected children were the most likely to experience multiple family issues, including substance abuse and poverty. Domestic violence and parenting issues were indicated most frequently in physical abuse assessments.*
- *Individual and family counseling, child protection case management, parenting education, chemical dependency services and out-of-home placement were the most frequently recommended services to these families.*

Figure 9 describes the severity of determined allegations by type of maltreatment for traditional assessments. Most neglect victims were determined to have been exposed to threatening or dangerous conditions while victims of physical abuse most often suffered moderate injury. There were 13 child deaths as a result of determined maltreatment in 2003.

Figure 9 - Severity by Maltreatment Type for Determined Victims

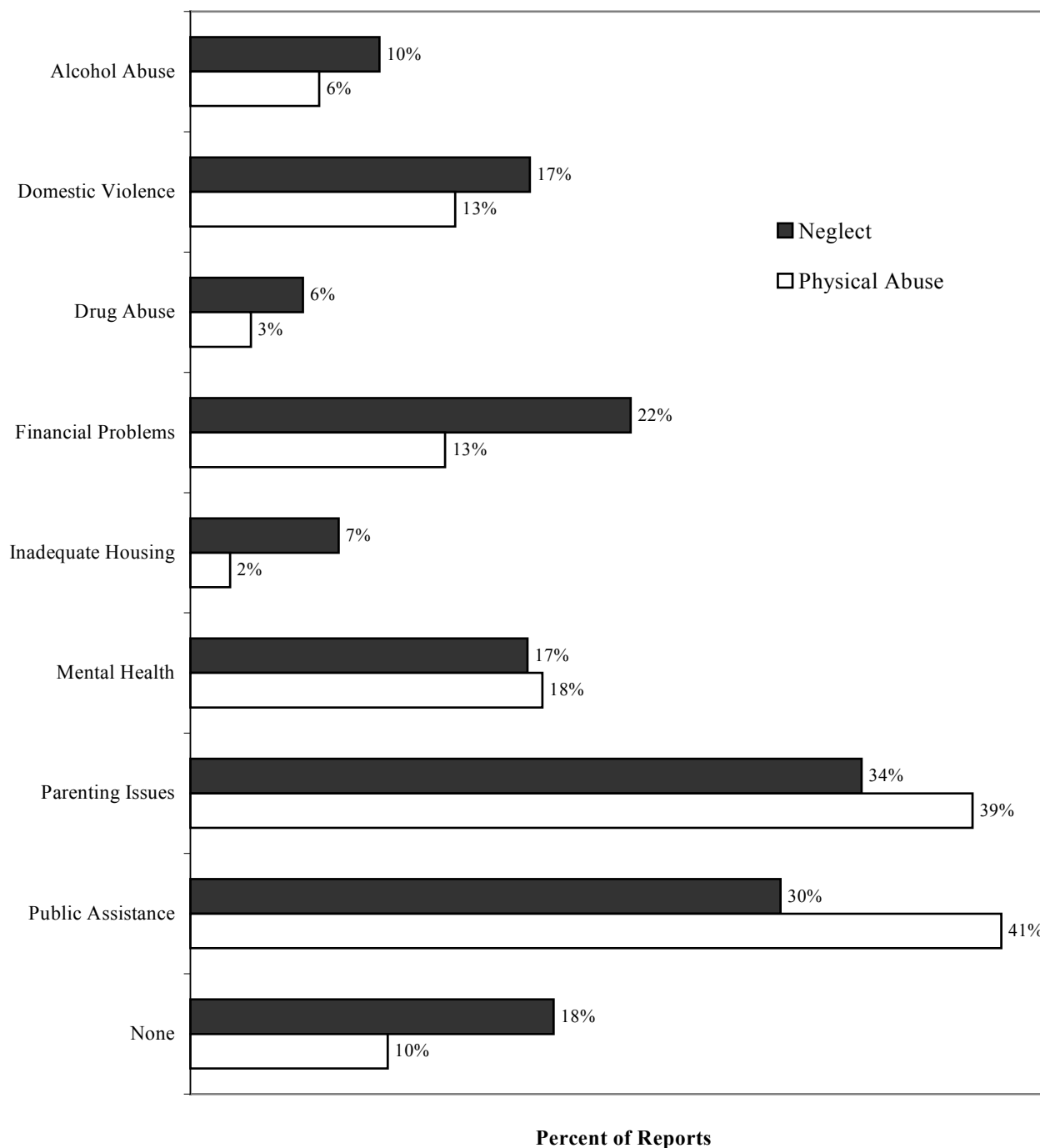
| Severity | Physical Abuse | Sexual Abuse | Neglect | Mental Injury | Total Determined Victims |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Death | 7 | - | 7 | - | 13 |
| Life-threatening Injury | 29 | 1 | 21 | - | 47 |
| Serious Injury | 100 | 49 | 41 | 2 | 185 |
| Moderate Injury | 901 | 60 | 85 | 1 | 1,031 |
| Possible Injury | 354 | 67 | 378 | 1 | 785 |
| Apparent Health Impairment | 5 | 7 | 112 | 4 | 124 |
| Exposed to Threatening or Dangerous Conditions | 193 | 256 | 4,306 | 9 | 4,669 |
| Other | 160 | 460 | 1,524 | 7 | 2,119 |
| No Discernible Injury or Impairment | 84 | 47 | 411 | 1 | 534 |
| Total Determined Victims* | 1,810 | 946 | 6,664 | 25 | 9,024 |

**The sum of the children in each maltreatment type and severity exceeds the total count because a child may have allegations of more than one maltreatment type, as well as more than one severity indicated.*

Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

Figures 10 and 11 show the prevalence of family conditions identified by the social worker during the assessment by maltreatment type. Public assistance and parenting issues were the most commonly identified issues in Alternative Response assessments.

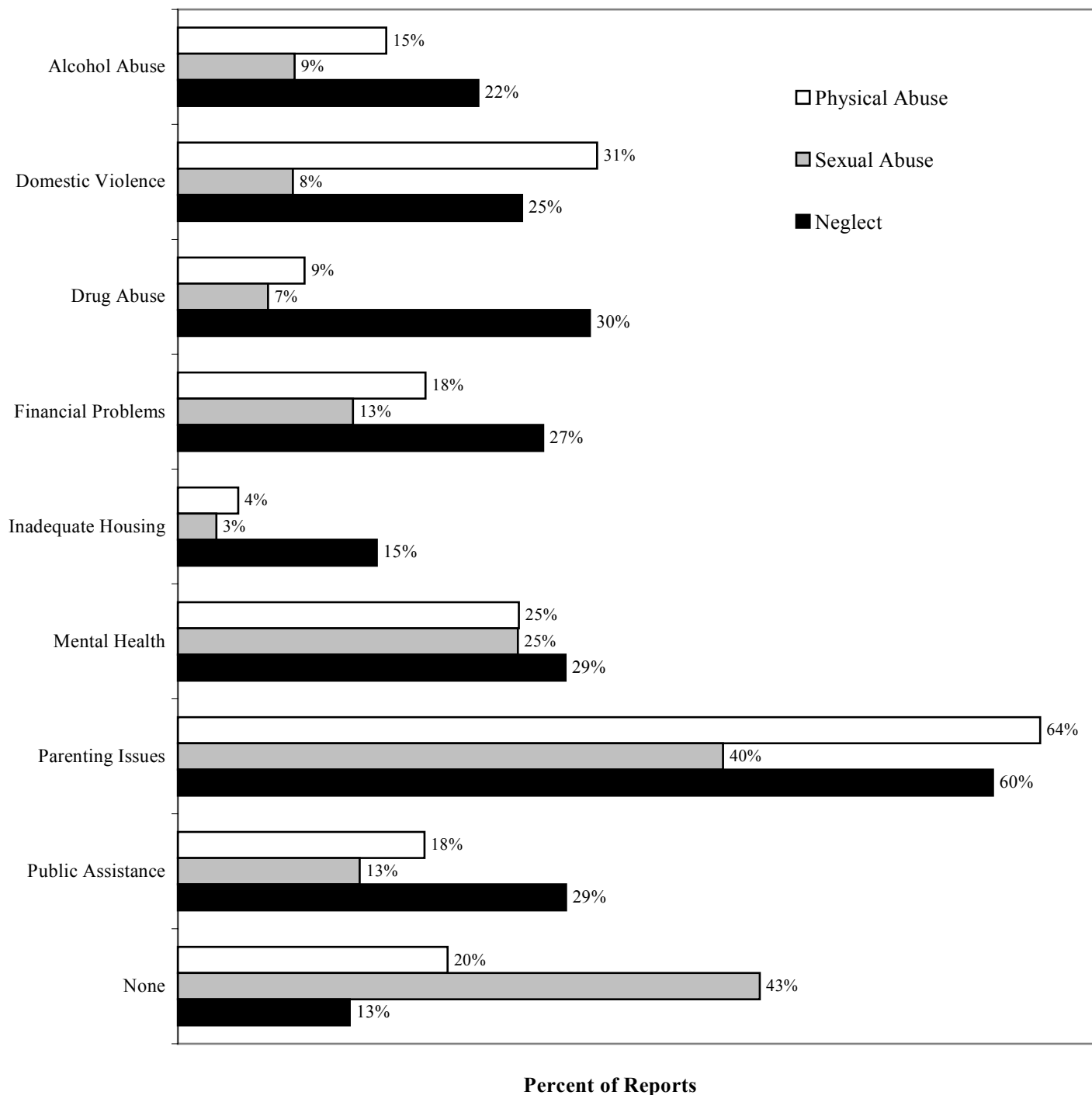
Figure 10 - Prevalence of Family Conditions by Alleged Maltreatment Type - Alternative Response



Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

In traditional assessments, with the exception of domestic violence and parenting issues, the identification of all other family problems was greatest in neglecting families. It is noteworthy that during the assessment, none of the family conditions were observed in 43 percent of sexually abusing families.

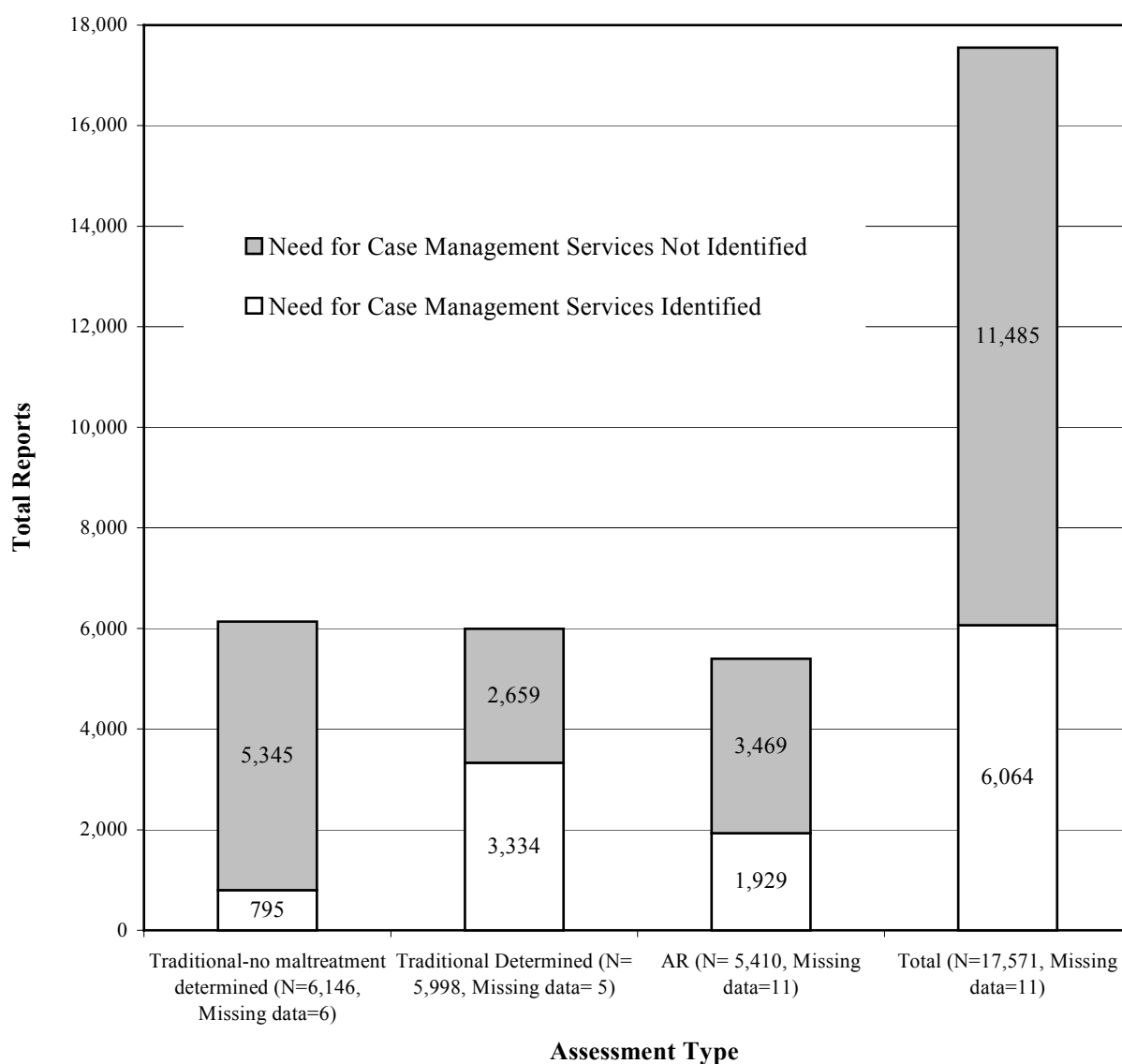
Figure 11 - Prevalence of Family Conditions by Determined Maltreatment Type - Traditional Response



Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

In Figure 12, the majority of alleged maltreatment reports were closed after the assessment. The need for protective services was identified in 3,334 of the 5,998 (56 percent) of determined reports. About 13 percent of reports that did not receive a determination were identified as needing protective services. Ongoing services were recommended/offered to 36 percent of Alternative Response assessed families.

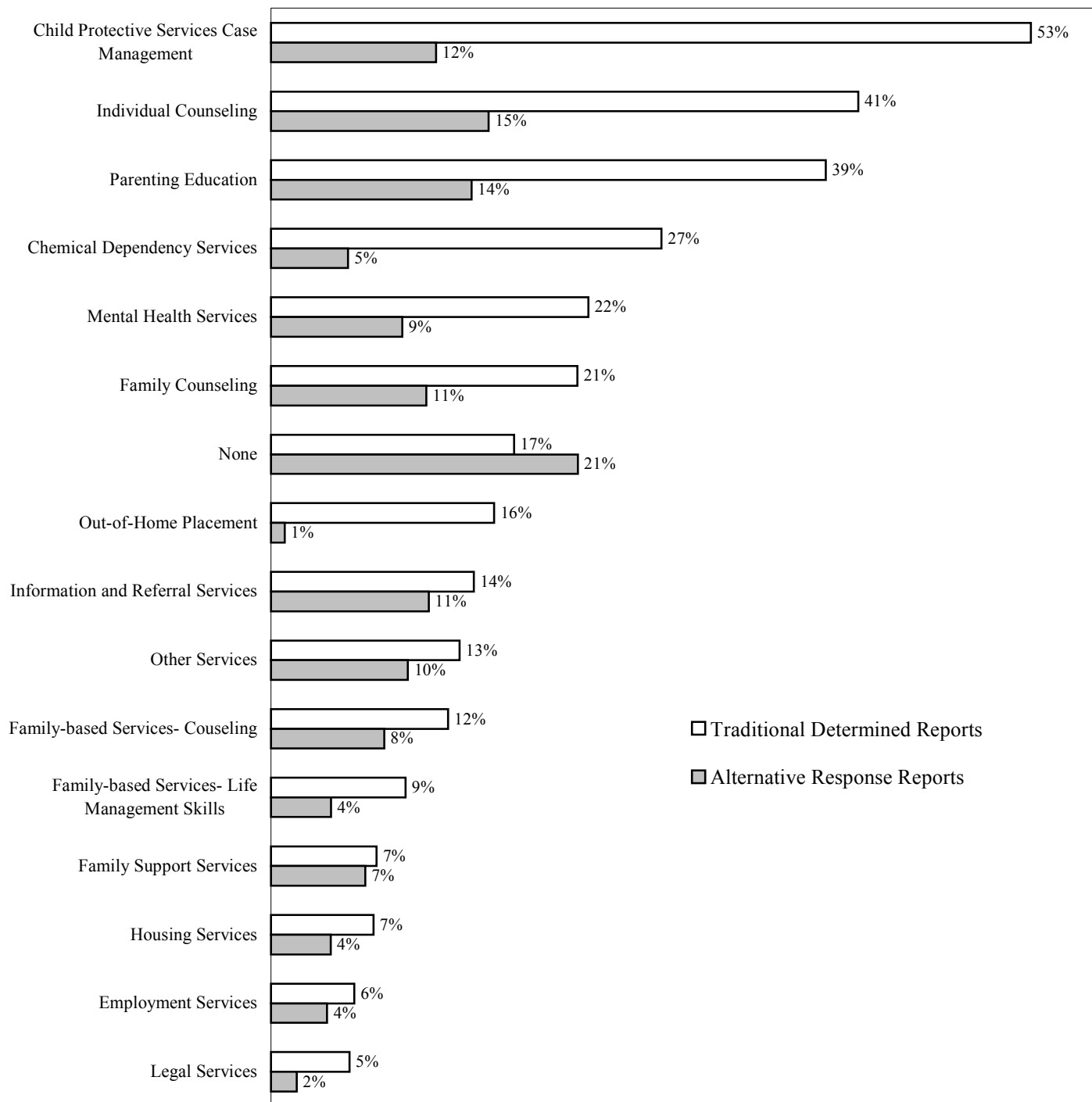
Figure 12 - Child Protective Services or Alternative Response Case Management Needed



Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

Figure 13 identifies the most frequently cited recommended services by the assessment worker. All services were recommended more often in traditional assessments than in Alternative Response. Chemical dependency services were recommended over five times more frequently in traditional determined maltreatment assessments than Alternative Response.

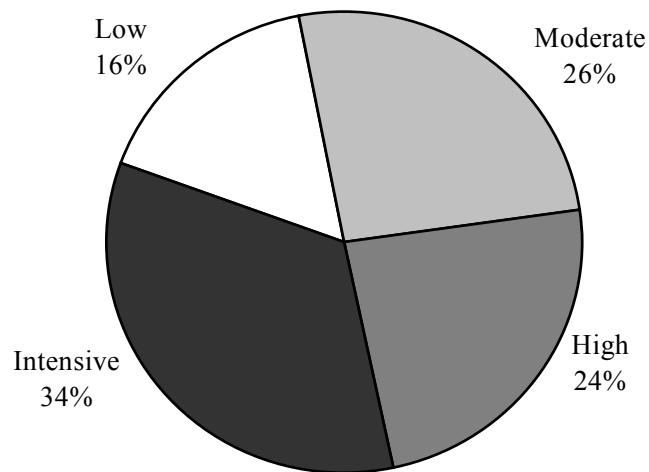
Figure 13 - Recommended Services - Alternative Response and Traditional Determined Reports



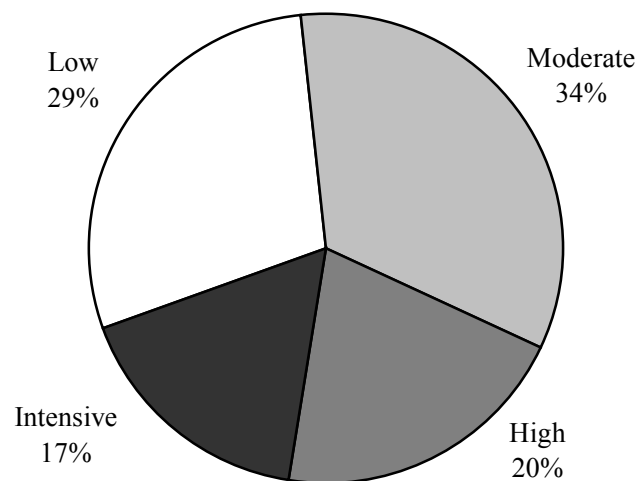
Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

In Figures 14 and 15, the assessment process includes the use of a tool to assess the risk of maltreatment in the family. This risk is determined based on quantifying and weighting observations of family conditions such as poverty, past child protection involvement, age of the parent and vulnerability of the child.

**Figure 14 - Structured Decision Making
Overall Risk - Traditional Assessment**



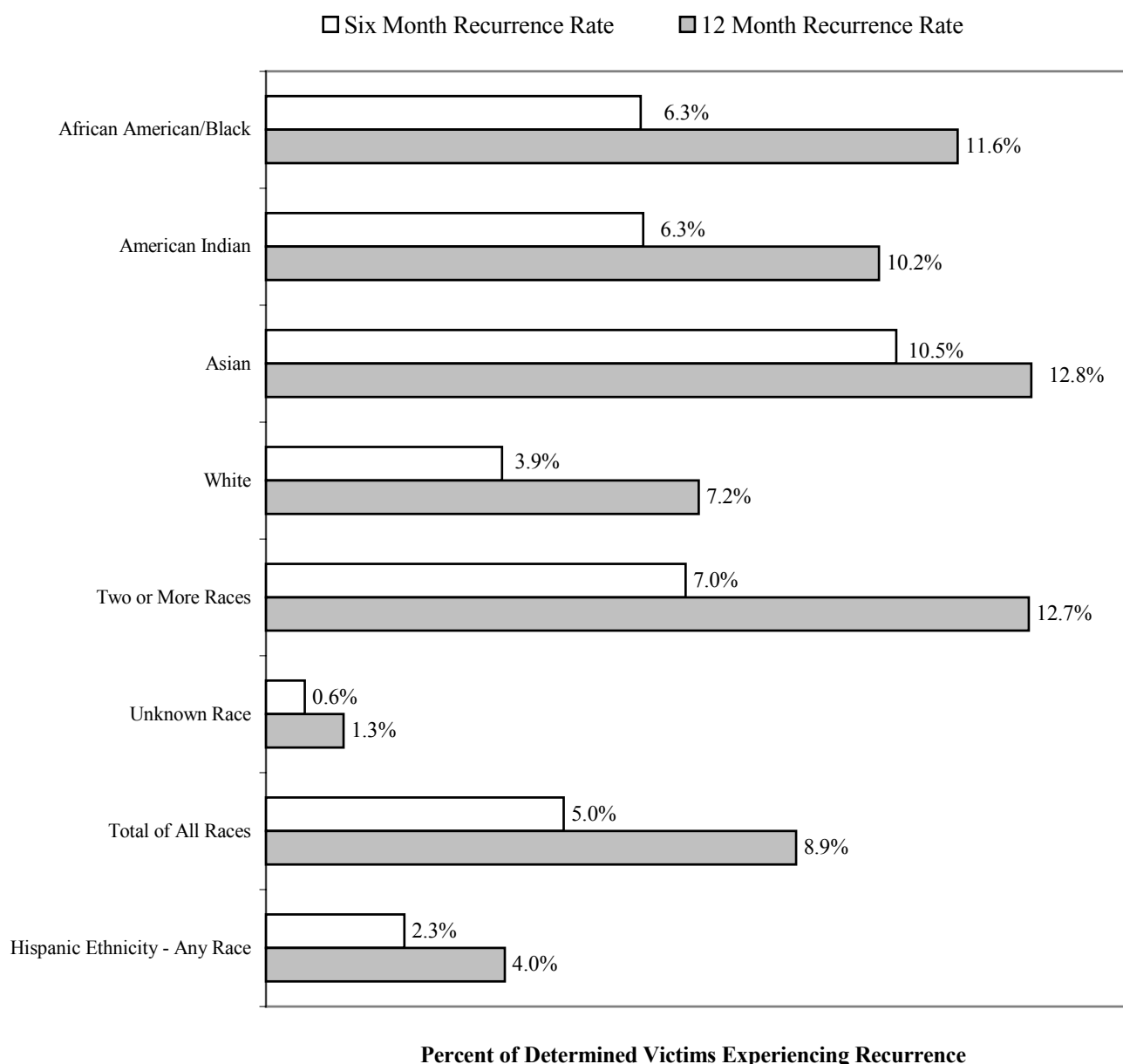
**Figure 15 - Structured Decision Making Overall
Risk - Alternative Response Assessment**



Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

In Figure 16a, of all victims in determined reports between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2003, 5.0 percent and 8.9 percent had a subsequent determined report of maltreatment within six and 12 months, respectively. Asian children and children indicating more than one race had the highest rates of recurrence in 2003. Such data may be misleading due to small numbers in both the numerator and denominator. See Figure 16b for the raw data.

Figure 16a - Percent of Six and 12 Month Recurrence Rate by Race



Child Protection Assessment *(continued)*

Figure 16b – Percent of Six and 12 Month Recurrence Rate by Race

| Race/Ethnicity | Determined Victims* | Maltreatment Recurrence Within Six Month | Percent of Six Month Recurrence Rate | Maltreatment Recurrence Within 12 Month | Percent of 12 Month Recurrence Rate |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| African American/Black | 1,151 | 72 | 6.3 | 133 | 11.6 |
| American Indian | 381 | 24 | 6.3 | 39 | 10.2 |
| Asian | 133 | 14 | 10.5 | 17 | 12.8 |
| Pacific Islander | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| White | 2,587 | 102 | 3.9 | 187 | 7.2 |
| Two or More Races | 314 | 22 | 7.0 | 40 | 12.7 |
| Unknown Race/Other | 154 | 1 | 0.6 | 2 | 1.3 |
| Missing Data | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Totals | 4,723 | 235 | 5.0 | 418 | 8.9 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity - Any Race | 476 | 11 | 2.3 | 19 | 4.0 |

**Victims determined between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2003.*

Federal Performance Indicators

Performance Indicators

| | Minnesota Results | Federal Standards |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Federal Indicator 1.1 Of all children who were victims of substantiated child abuse/neglect during the first six months of the reporting period, what percent had another substantiated report within six months? | 5.0% | 6.1% |
| Federal Indicator 2.1 Of all children who were served in foster care during the reporting period, what percent was the subject of determined maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff? | 0.37% | 0.57% |

Child Maltreatment Appendix

Child Subjects of Child Protection Reports by Maltreatment Type and Track

Note: A child may be a victim of more than one type of maltreatment, therefore "Totals" do not equal the sum of the victims in each maltreatment type.

| County | Totals | | | Physical Abuse | | | Sexual Abuse | | | Neglect | | | Mental Injury | | |
|------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response |
| | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | |
| Aitkin | 92 | 52 | | 20 | 9 | | 5 | 4 | | 73 | 44 | | 1 | | |
| Anoka | 769 | 472 | 411 | 191 | 98 | 168 | 147 | 86 | | 462 | 298 | 249 | | | |
| Becker | 384 | 152 | | 110 | 30 | | 27 | 11 | | 271 | 116 | | | | |
| Beltrami | 274 | 132 | 6 | 53 | 13 | 4 | 24 | 8 | | 199 | 112 | 2 | | | |
| Benton | 102 | 54 | 53 | 31 | 10 | 22 | 17 | 6 | | 60 | 39 | 31 | 1 | 1 | |
| Big Stone | 16 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | 8 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| Blue Earth | 240 | 89 | 82 | 82 | 14 | 10 | 29 | 13 | | 143 | 64 | 73 | | | |
| Brown | 98 | 52 | 46 | 22 | 7 | 22 | 8 | 5 | | 65 | 39 | 23 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Carlton | 57 | 44 | 80 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 3 | | 50 | 40 | 59 | | | |
| Carver | 201 | 124 | 154 | 62 | 25 | 39 | 26 | 9 | | 143 | 103 | 121 | 1 | 1 | |
| Cass | 62 | 27 | 141 | 18 | 8 | 67 | 23 | 11 | 1 | 27 | 9 | 77 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Chippewa | 15 | 11 | 24 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 2 | | 8 | 8 | 18 | | | |
| Chisago | 129 | 63 | 181 | 27 | 10 | 49 | 24 | 6 | | 90 | 50 | 136 | | | 1 |
| Clay | 161 | 122 | 176 | 35 | 18 | 49 | 20 | 7 | | 112 | 99 | 130 | | | |
| Clearwater | 11 | 5 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 7 | | | |
| Cook | 21 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 15 | 8 | 6 | | | |
| Cottonwood | 57 | 29 | 92 | 24 | 11 | 22 | 8 | 6 | | 29 | 13 | 71 | | | |
| Crow Wing | 135 | 91 | 69 | 27 | 15 | 9 | 27 | 13 | | 81 | 63 | 60 | | | |
| Dakota | 977 | 369 | 674 | 280 | 97 | 187 | 139 | 62 | | 595 | 218 | 498 | | | |
| Dodge | 82 | 47 | | 25 | 4 | | 8 | 2 | | 49 | 40 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Douglas | 250 | 111 | | 68 | 29 | | 8 | 1 | | 188 | 83 | | 2 | | |
| Fillmore | 45 | 14 | 58 | 20 | 7 | 22 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 8 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Freeborn | 150 | 63 | 74 | 48 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 2 | | 91 | 49 | 59 | | | |
| Goodhue | 30 | 19 | 36 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 17 | 9 | | 5 | 4 | 16 | | | |
| Grant | 18 | 12 | | 7 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 10 | 8 | | | | |
| Hennepin | 6,667 | 3,135 | 1,092 | 1607 | 527 | 371 | 679 | 236 | | 5096 | 2577 | 749 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Houston | 49 | 19 | 39 | 17 | 6 | 15 | 24 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 26 | 2 | | 1 |
| Hubbard | 37 | 19 | 25 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 6 | | 19 | 12 | 17 | | | 1 |

Child Subjects of Child Protection Reports by Maltreatment Type and Track *(continued)*

Note: A child may be a victim of more than one type of maltreatment, therefore "Totals" do not equal the sum of the victims in each maltreatment type.

| County | Totals | | | Physical Abuse | | | Sexual Abuse | | | Neglect | | | Mental Injury | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response |
| | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | |
| Isanti | 109 | 75 | 21 | 28 | 19 | 12 | 21 | 10 | | 65 | 48 | 9 | | | |
| Itasca | 111 | 71 | 39 | 28 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 8 | | 67 | 48 | 24 | | | |
| Jackson | 28 | 13 | 73 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 2 | | | 21 | 12 | 49 | | | 1 |
| Kanabec | 22 | 11 | 49 | 11 | 4 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 25 | | | |
| Kandiyohi | 182 | 82 | 133 | 59 | 15 | 42 | 38 | 18 | | 114 | 56 | 103 | 12 | | 11 |
| Kittson | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | 3 | | 2 | | | |
| Koochiching | 52 | 29 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 6 | | 31 | 20 | 4 | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | 4 | 4 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | 3 | 3 | 21 | | | 2 |
| Lake | 42 | 31 | 18 | 17 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 | | 34 | 26 | 13 | | | |
| Lake of the Woods | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Le Sueur | 85 | 50 | 7 | 29 | 12 | | 8 | 1 | | 51 | 37 | 7 | 1 | | |
| McLeod | 150 | 55 | 79 | 70 | 23 | 23 | 11 | | | 80 | 35 | 56 | | | 1 |
| Mahnomen | 66 | 28 | 6 | 13 | 5 | | 3 | 1 | | 52 | 22 | 6 | | | |
| Marshall | 20 | 9 | 25 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | | 11 | 7 | 20 | | | 1 |
| Meeker | 16 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 2 | | | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | | 1 |
| Mille Lacs | 88 | 38 | 62 | 21 | 5 | 30 | 52 | 22 | | 27 | 12 | 40 | | | |
| Morrison | 140 | 71 | 57 | 44 | 16 | 26 | 39 | 13 | | 80 | 44 | 34 | 7 | | |
| Mower | 180 | 86 | | 56 | 20 | | 28 | 14 | | 104 | 53 | | 3 | 2 | |
| Nicollet | 90 | 54 | 39 | 34 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 7 | | 45 | 32 | 25 | 2 | 2 | |
| Nobles | 26 | 13 | 26 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 3 | | | 15 | 11 | 14 | | | |
| Norman | 16 | 7 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 | | 6 | 5 | 19 | | | |
| Olmsted | 377 | 172 | 697 | 94 | 27 | 173 | 66 | 23 | | 228 | 126 | 532 | 1 | | 1 |
| Otter Tail | 257 | 109 | 71 | 114 | 35 | 5 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 146 | 73 | 69 | | | |
| Pennington | 12 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 1 | | | | 6 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Pine | 119 | 51 | 68 | 35 | 7 | 17 | 15 | | 2 | 74 | 45 | 52 | 2 | 1 | |
| Pipestone | 59 | 36 | 44 | 19 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 36 | 24 | 31 | 2 | 1 | |
| Polk | 245 | 93 | 139 | 88 | 20 | 26 | 23 | 7 | 3 | 150 | 66 | 115 | 2 | | 2 |
| Pope | 13 | 4 | 41 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 2 | | 1 |

Child Subjects of Child Protection Reports by Maltreatment Type and Track *(continued)*

Note: A child may be a victim of more than one type of maltreatment, therefore "Totals" do not equal the sum of the victims in each maltreatment type.

| County | Totals | | | Physical Abuse | | | Sexual Abuse | | | Neglect | | | Mental Injury | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response | Traditional | | Alternative Response |
| | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | | Alleged | Determined | |
| Ramsey | 1,247 | 865 | 622 | 322 | 199 | 224 | 182 | 110 | 3 | 859 | 606 | 405 | 2 | 2 | |
| Red Lake | 21 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | | 8 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| Redwood | 56 | 31 | 24 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 1 | | 38 | 23 | 22 | 1 | 1 | |
| Renville | 30 | 14 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 5 | | 15 | 7 | 9 | | | |
| Rice | 264 | 102 | | 48 | 8 | | 26 | 7 | | 193 | 88 | | | | |
| Rock | 20 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | | |
| Roseau | 24 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | 12 | 11 | 3 | | | |
| St. Louis | 502 | 270 | 352 | 148 | 49 | 142 | 73 | 27 | 3 | 308 | 201 | 210 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Scott | 315 | 146 | 146 | 59 | 30 | 40 | 46 | 20 | | 231 | 100 | 108 | 1 | 1 | |
| Sherburne | 46 | 32 | 33 | 14 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 19 | 18 | 19 | | | |
| Sibley | 59 | 25 | 18 | 22 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 22 | 14 | 1 | | |
| Stearns | 248 | 142 | | 64 | 26 | | 54 | 21 | | 136 | 98 | | | | |
| Steele | 210 | 54 | | 87 | 23 | | 19 | 4 | | 108 | 29 | | 4 | 1 | |
| Stevens | 28 | 17 | | 17 | 8 | | 2 | | | 10 | 9 | | 1 | | |
| Swift | 68 | 40 | 25 | 26 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 3 | | 36 | 18 | 19 | 1 | | |
| Todd | 86 | 42 | 85 | 43 | 15 | 23 | 23 | 12 | 2 | 23 | 15 | 60 | | | |
| Traverse | 21 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | | | 14 | 9 | 15 | | | |
| Wabasha | 28 | 15 | 49 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 3 | | 15 | 9 | 40 | | | |
| Wadena | 81 | 43 | 30 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 | | 60 | 35 | 27 | | | |
| Waseca | 76 | 37 | 55 | 21 | 7 | 18 | 6 | 4 | | 49 | 27 | 38 | 2 | | |
| Washington | 510 | 238 | 126 | 139 | 46 | 40 | 30 | 13 | | 374 | 189 | 89 | 3 | 1 | |
| Watonwan | 59 | 18 | 1 | 11 | 4 | | 7 | | | 46 | 14 | 1 | | | |
| Wilkin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winona | 79 | 38 | 144 | 27 | 11 | 57 | 14 | 6 | | 53 | 25 | 94 | 5 | | 3 |
| Wright | 188 | 93 | 240 | 73 | 22 | 66 | 27 | 14 | 2 | 99 | 57 | 176 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Yellow Medicine | 47 | 31 | 46 | 14 | 9 | 20 | 3 | 3 | | 31 | 20 | 25 | | | 2 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 148 | 31 | 12 | 42 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 3 | | 92 | 10 | 8 | | | |
| Faribault-Martin | 210 | 97 | 195 | 64 | 18 | 47 | 24 | 5 | | 144 | 78 | 152 | 1 | 1 | |
| Minnesota | 18,323 | 9,024 | 7,584 | 4,986 | 1,810 | 2,400 | 2,345 | 946 | 34 | 12,407 | 6,664 | 5,315 | 79 | 25 | 47 |

State Safety Indicator 4.3 - Cases in Which Child Protective Services Needed

What was the number and percent of cases in Minnesota in which child protective services were needed?

| County | Total Traditional Reports | Reports Needing Child Protective Services | Percent of Reports Needing Child Protective Services |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Aitkin | 53 | 17 | 32.1 |
| Anoka | 557 | 165 | 29.6 |
| Becker | 233 | 83 | 35.6 |
| Beltrami | 178 | 72 | 40.4 |
| Benton | 69 | 42 | 60.9 |
| Big Stone | 11 | 3 | 27.3 |
| Blue Earth | 173 | 45 | 26.0 |
| Brown | 61 | 28 | 45.9 |
| Carlton | 35 | 25 | 71.4 |
| Carver | 135 | 47 | 34.8 |
| Cass | 43 | 15 | 34.9 |
| Chippewa | 12 | 9 | 75.0 |
| Chisago | 92 | 40 | 43.5 |
| Clay | 105 | 58 | 55.2 |
| Clearwater | 10 | 4 | 40.0 |
| Cook | 17 | 8 | 47.1 |
| Cottonwood | 39 | 17 | 43.6 |
| Crow Wing | 97 | 40 | 41.2 |
| Dakota | 715 | 133 | 18.6 |
| Dodge | 52 | 19 | 36.5 |
| Douglas | 157 | 54 | 34.4 |
| Fillmore | 33 | 9 | 27.3 |
| Freeborn | 120 | 21 | 17.5 |
| Goodhue | 25 | 11 | 44.0 |
| Grant | 14 | 6 | 42.9 |
| Hennepin | 4,243 | 1,161 | 27.4 |
| Houston | 36 | 10 | 27.8 |
| Hubbard | 32 | 13 | 40.6 |
| Isanti | 66 | 30 | 45.5 |
| Itasca | 81 | 34 | 42.0 |
| Jackson | 10 | 4 | 40.0 |
| Kanabec | 15 | 3 | 20.0 |
| Kandiyohi | 98 | 54 | 55.1 |
| Kittson | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Koochiching | 35 | 12 | 34.3 |
| Lac qui Parle | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| Lake | 27 | 18 | 66.7 |
| Lake of the Woods | 7 | 1 | 14.3 |
| Le Sueur | 55 | 33 | 60.0 |
| McLeod | 100 | 22 | 22.0 |
| Mahnomen | 38 | 12 | 31.6 |
| Marshall | 18 | 8 | 44.4 |
| Meeker | 13 | 6 | 46.2 |
| Mille Lacs | 64 | 16 | 25.0 |

State Safety Indicator 4.3 - Cases in Which Child Protective Services Needed *(continued)*

What was the number and percent of cases in Minnesota in which child protective services were needed?

| County | Total Traditional Reports | Reports Needing Child Protective Services | Percent of Reports Needing Child Protective Services |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Morrison | 89 | 50 | 56.2 |
| Mower | 128 | 28 | 21.9 |
| Nicollet | 66 | 26 | 39.4 |
| Nobles | 17 | 1 | 5.9 |
| Norman | 10 | 4 | 40.0 |
| Olmsted | 264 | 124 | 47.0 |
| Otter Tail | 171 | 96 | 56.1 |
| Pennington | 9 | 4 | 44.4 |
| Pine | 85 | 36 | 42.4 |
| Pipestone | 38 | 23 | 60.5 |
| Polk | 161 | 43 | 26.7 |
| Pope | 10 | 6 | 60.0 |
| Ramsey | 850 | 435 | 51.2 |
| Red Lake | 11 | 8 | 72.7 |
| Redwood | 37 | 13 | 35.1 |
| Renville | 21 | 12 | 57.1 |
| Rice | 175 | 49 | 28.0 |
| Rock | 20 | 1 | 5.0 |
| Roseau | 14 | 4 | 28.6 |
| St. Louis | 345 | 132 | 38.3 |
| Scott | 200 | 53 | 26.5 |
| Sherburne | 38 | 16 | 42.1 |
| Sibley | 45 | 16 | 35.6 |
| Stearns | 171 | 58 | 33.9 |
| Steele | 163 | 60 | 36.8 |
| Stevens | 21 | 8 | 38.1 |
| Swift | 55 | 31 | 56.4 |
| Todd | 62 | 36 | 58.1 |
| Traverse | 14 | 7 | 50.0 |
| Wabasha | 21 | 13 | 61.9 |
| Wadena | 50 | 16 | 32.0 |
| Waseca | 60 | 28 | 46.7 |
| Washington | 308 | 132 | 42.9 |
| Watonwan | 40 | 4 | 10.0 |
| Wilkin | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Winona | 58 | 21 | 36.2 |
| Wright | 125 | 53 | 42.4 |
| Yellow Medicine | 29 | 12 | 41.4 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 77 | 32 | 41.6 |
| Faribault-Martin | 124 | 34 | 27.4 |
| Minnesota | 12,161 | 4,135 | 34.0 |

Federal Safety Indicator 1.1 and State Safety Indicator 1.2

Of all children who were victims of determined maltreatment during the first six months of 2003, what number had another determined report within six or 12 months?

| County | Total Determined Victims 01/01-06/30/03 | Victims - Recurrence Within Six Month | Percent of Six Month Recurrence Rate | Victims - Recurrence Within 12 Month | Percent of 12 Month Recurrence Rate |
|-------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Aitkin | 30 | 4 | 13.3 | 4 | 13.3 |
| Anoka | 253 | 6 | 2.4 | 8 | 3.2 |
| Becker | 64 | 6 | 9.4 | 8 | 12.5 |
| Beltrami | 70 | 7 | 10.0 | 9 | 12.9 |
| Benton | 20 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 20.0 |
| Big Stone | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 |
| Blue Earth | 51 | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | 2.0 |
| Brown | 24 | 2 | 8.3 | 3 | 12.5 |
| Carlton | 19 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Carver | 67 | 4 | 6.0 | 9 | 13.4 |
| Cass | 13 | 1 | 7.7 | 1 | 7.7 |
| Chippewa | 7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Chisago | 32 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Clay | 70 | 1 | 1.4 | 3 | 4.3 |
| Clearwater | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Cook | 5 | 1 | 20.0 | 1 | 20.0 |
| Cottonwood | 11 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Crow Wing | 38 | 2 | 5.3 | 2 | 5.3 |
| Dakota | 180 | 8 | 4.4 | 10 | 5.6 |
| Dodge | 21 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.8 |
| Douglas | 49 | 2 | 4.1 | 5 | 10.2 |
| Fillmore | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Freeborn | 33 | 1 | 3.0 | 4 | 12.1 |
| Goodhue | 9 | 1 | 11.1 | 1 | 11.1 |
| Grant | 6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Hennepin | 1,715 | 102 | 5.9 | 192 | 11.2 |
| Houston | 7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Hubbard | 11 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Isanti | 48 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 2.1 |
| Itasca | 38 | 2 | 5.3 | 2 | 5.3 |
| Jackson | 11 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Kanabec | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Kandiyohi | 40 | 2 | 5.0 | 2 | 5.0 |
| Kittson | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Koochiching | 20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Lake | 11 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Lake of the Woods | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Le Sueur | 30 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 3.3 |
| McLeod | 44 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 2.3 |
| Mahnomen | 13 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 15.4 |
| Marshall | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 1 | 16.7 |
| Meeker | 8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Mille Lacs | 19 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |

Federal Safety Indicator 1.1 and State Safety Indicator 1.2 (continued)

Of all children who were victims of determined maltreatment during the first six months of 2003, what number had another determined report within six or 12 months?

| County | Total Determined Victims 01/01-06/30/03 | Victims - Recurrence Within Six Month | Percent of Six Month Recurrence Rate | Victims - Recurrence Within 12 Month | Percent of 12 Month Recurrence Rate |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Morrison | 32 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 12.5 |
| Mower | 32 | 3 | 9.4 | 5 | 15.6 |
| Nicollet | 26 | 1 | 3.8 | 2 | 7.7 |
| Nobles | 11 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 9.1 |
| Norman | 7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Olmsted | 74 | 8 | 10.8 | 12 | 16.2 |
| Otter Tail | 77 | 2 | 2.6 | 6 | 7.8 |
| Pennington | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Pine | 34 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Pipestone | 6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Polk | 55 | 1 | 1.8 | 4 | 7.3 |
| Pope | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Ramsey | 449 | 30 | 6.7 | 43 | 9.6 |
| Red Lake | 8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Redwood | 9 | 1 | 11.1 | 1 | 11.1 |
| Renville | 7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Rice | 54 | 4 | 7.4 | 7 | 13.0 |
| Rock | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Roseau | 9 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| St. Louis | 119 | 9 | 7.6 | 11 | 9.2 |
| Scott | 79 | 5 | 6.3 | 12 | 15.2 |
| Sherburne | 7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Sibley | 17 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Stearns | 58 | 2 | 3.4 | 3 | 5.2 |
| Steele | 22 | 3 | 13.6 | 4 | 18.2 |
| Stevens | 11 | 1 | 9.1 | 1 | 9.1 |
| Swift | 18 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 11.1 |
| Todd | 24 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 |
| Traverse | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Wabasha | 11 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Wadena | 20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Waseca | 18 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Washington | 147 | 5 | 3.4 | 9 | 6.1 |
| Watonwan | 10 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Wilkin | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Winona | 20 | 3 | 15.0 | 4 | 20.0 |
| Wright | 43 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 2.3 |
| Yellow Medicine | 14 | 1 | 7.1 | 3 | 21.4 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 23 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Faribault-Martin | 50 | 2 | 4.0 | 5 | 10.0 |
| Minnesota | 4,723 | 235 | 5.0 | 418 | 8.9 |

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Introduction

This section focuses on children in out-of-home placement. The terms “out-of-home placement,” “out-of-home care,” “foster care,” and “in care” are used interchangeably in this report. All terms refer to children who experienced one or more days in a placement setting outside of their original home during the 2003 calendar year. Various tables feature age, racial and ethnic identity, number of placements, number of placement settings, length of time in care, reasons for entry, reasons for discharge and re-entries into care. Comparisons are made to the child population by race in Minnesota to understand if there are racial disparities in numbers of children in placement, as well as to racial differences in reasons for entry and pattern of re-entries.

In this report a placement is defined as an entry into, and an ultimate discharge from, out-of-home care. The location of the placement is called a placement setting. A child may experience one or more settings in a given placement. On occasion, a child may leave one setting to go to another type of placement setting and then returns to the first placement. Each of these times is counted as an additional placement. If there is a change from one placement setting to another, a move has taken place. A discharge from care occurs when a child is no longer in out-of-home care.

Totals in the tables reflect the fact that 15,294 unique children had 16,886 placements in out-of-home care and experienced 24,722 placement settings.

Key findings in this section are as follows:

Out-of-Home Care

■ In 2003, 15,294 children spent some time in out-of-home care. More were boys than girls. The majority were White adolescents. African American/Black and American Indian children were represented in out-of-home care at a rate of four and seven times respectively of their representation in the Minnesota child population.

■ The total number of children experiencing out-of-home care is 11 percent lower than the previous year.

■ Most children experienced no moves while in care in 2003. Most of the children were placed in a family type setting. About 24 percent were in care for one week or less. Children under age 8 spent an average of 19 fewer days in care than the average for all children.

■ About 24 percent of the children who entered care in 2003 had experienced care within the previous 12 months. About 75 percent of the children left care to return home to a parent or other relative.

Out-of-Home Care by Reasons for Entry

Different outcomes were observed for children when reasons for entering care were grouped into four categories: parent reasons, child reasons, child disabilities or two or more of these reasons.

■ Approximately 55 percent of children entered care for reasons related to their parents.

Children belonging to two or more racial groups entered care more frequently for parent-related reasons. All children entering for two or more reasons (parent and child-related) had a longer out-of-home placement duration and were most likely to re-enter care. Thirty percent of entries in care were attributed to child behavior or child substance abuse. These children were predominantly adolescents, had the shortest duration and re-entered care frequently.

■ Relatively few children entered care for reasons of disability (less than 2 percent), but they stayed in care the longest, an average of more than two and one half years.

■ Average number of days in care for placements ending in 2003 was 327 days.

Children in Out-of-Home Placement

At a Glance

In 2003, about 15,300 children experienced out-of-home placement. This is a count of unique children, and is the third year in which a decline has been observed.

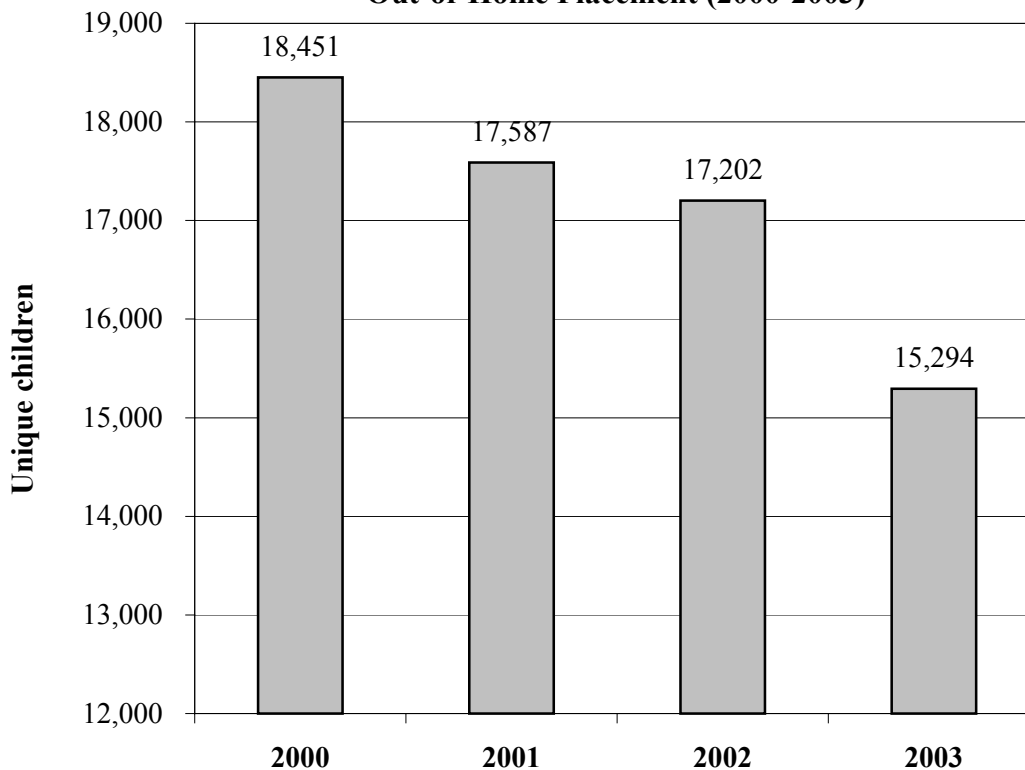
Figure 17 shows that in 2003, 15,294 children experienced 16,886 out-of-home placements (out-of-home care). This is a unique count of children. About 800 fewer children were in care at the end of the year than at the beginning. The total number of children experiencing out-of-home care is 11.1 percent lower than the previous year.

Figure 1 - Flow of Children in Out-of-Home Placement

| | Children* | Placements |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Entered Care | 7,992 | 9,157 |
| Continued in Care | 7,729 | 7,729 |
| Left Care | 9,037 | 9,948 |
| Remained in Care | 6,938 | 6,938 |
| Unique Counts | 15,294 | 16,886 |

**Children may be counted in more than one category.*

Figure 2 - Total Children Experiencing Out-of-Home Placement (2000-2003)



Children in Out-of-Home Placement: Demographics

At a Glance

- *More boys than girls spent time in out-of-home placement.*
- *The majority of the children were adolescents.*
- *The majority of children in out-of-home care were White.*
- *African American/Black and American Indian children continued to be over-represented in out-of-home placement relative to their proportions in the child populations.*

Figure 3 indicates that more boys (55 percent) experienced out-of-home care in 2003 than did girls (45 percent). This pattern of more boys than girls is consistent in out-of-home care placements. There also appears to be a slight increase in the percent of girls over the past two years.

Figure 3 - Gender of Children in Out-of-Home Placement

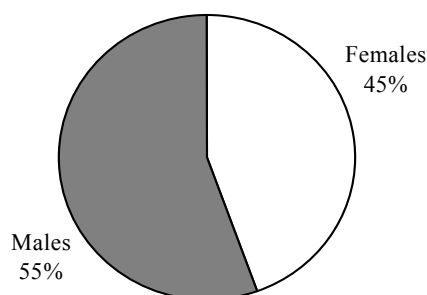


Figure 5 - Age Groups of Children in Out-of-Home Placement

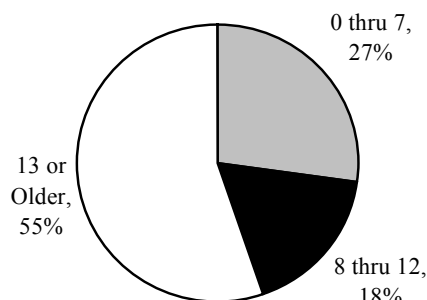


Figure 5 shows the percent of children in three age groups (0-7, 8-12 and 13 years and older). Over half (55 percent) of the children in out-of-home placement were teenagers. The median age was 13 years in 2003.

Figure 4 lists the age distribution of children in out-of-home placement.

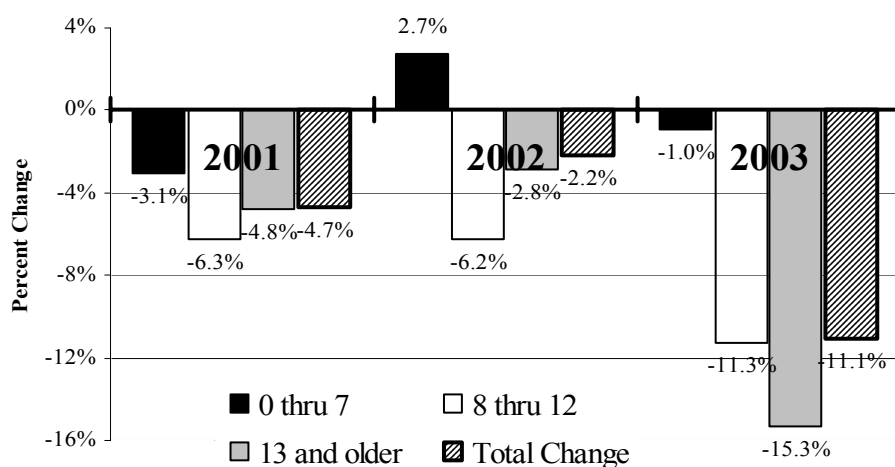
Figure 4 - Age of Children in Out-of-Home Placement

| Age | Total Children | Percent |
|--------------|----------------|------------|
| <1 | 421 | 2.8 |
| 1 | 640 | 4.2 |
| 2 | 645 | 4.2 |
| 3 | 534 | 3.5 |
| 4 | 537 | 3.5 |
| 5 | 503 | 3.3 |
| 6 | 442 | 2.9 |
| 7 | 433 | 2.8 |
| 8 | 468 | 3.1 |
| 9 | 477 | 3.1 |
| 10 | 475 | 3.1 |
| 11 | 578 | 3.8 |
| 12 | 697 | 4.6 |
| 13 | 884 | 5.8 |
| 14 | 1,212 | 7.9 |
| 15 | 1,424 | 9.3 |
| 16 | 1,616 | 10.6 |
| 17 | 1,641 | 10.7 |
| 18 | 1,221 | 8.0 |
| 19 | 344 | 2.2 |
| 20 | 65 | 0.4 |
| 21 | 22 | 0.1 |
| 22 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Missing Data | 14 | 0.1 |
| Total | 15,294 | 100 |

Children in Out-of-Home Placement: Demographics *(continued)*

The relative size and representation of age groups has changed in the past three years. Deviation from the Total Change indicates an age group that grew or shrank more than could be expected. In 2003, the percent in the 0 thru 7 age group has increased, and the 13 or older age group has decreased more than could be expected, based on the overall changes.

Figure 6 - Percent Change From Prior Year in Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age Group and Overall



Children in Out-of-Home Placement: Demographics *(continued)*

Figure 7 - Race/Ethnicity of Children in Out-of-Home Care

| Race | Total Children in Care | Percent of Total Children in Care | Percent of Children in 2000 Minnesota Population |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| African American/Black | 3,270 | 21.4 | 5.0 |
| American Indian | 1,805 | 11.8 | 1.6 |
| Asian | 348 | 2.3 | 4.2 |
| Pacific Islander | 6 | 0.0 | - |
| White | 8,568 | 56.0 | 83.9 |
| Two or More Races | 980 | 6.4 | 3.4 |
| Unknown Race/Other | 276 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Missing Data | 41 | 0.3 | - |
| Total | 15,294 | 100 | 100 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity - Any Race* | 1,063 | 7.0 | 5.5 |

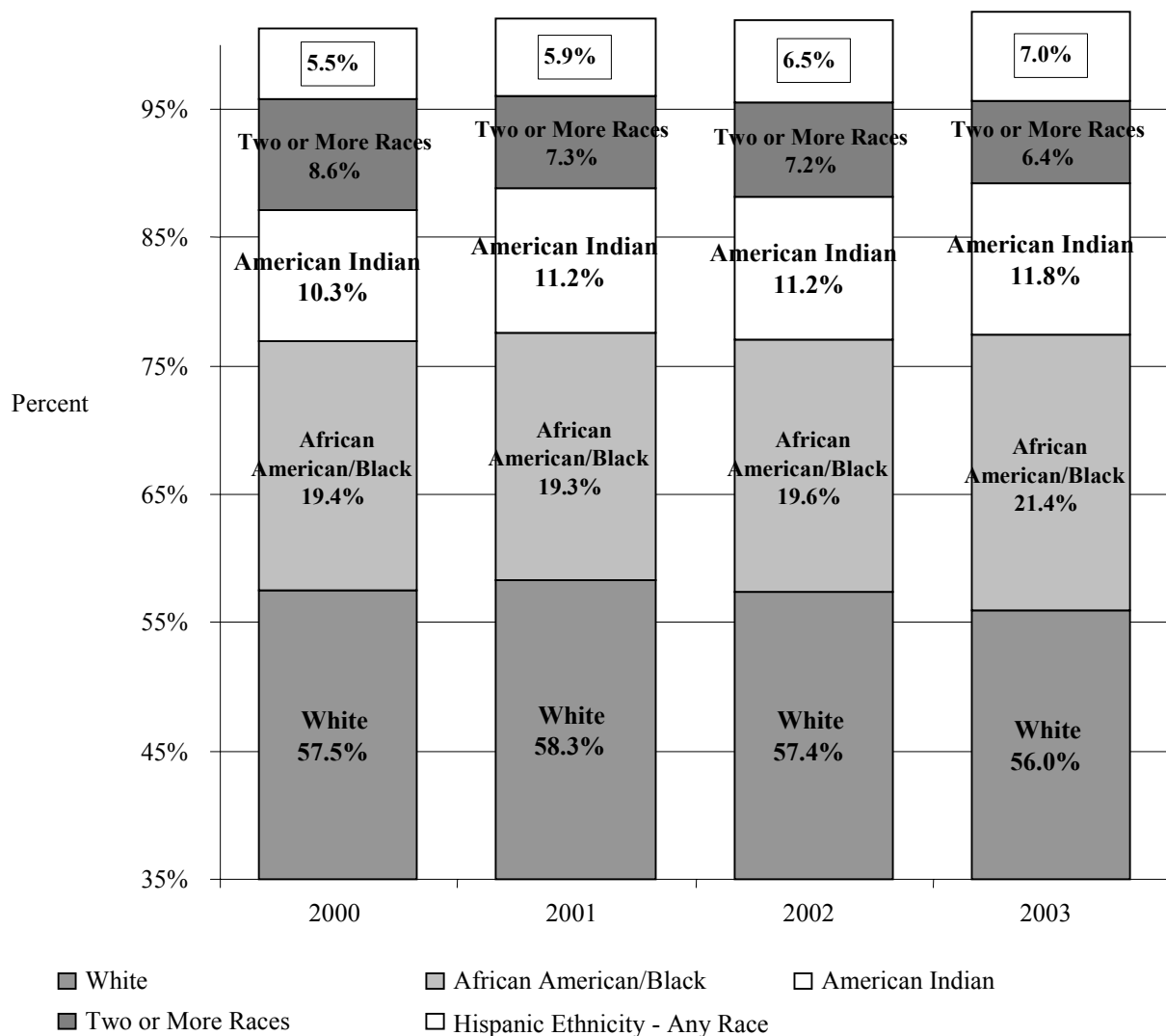
**Hispanic person can be of any race.*

Note: For the first time in 2003, the calculation of Two or More Races changed. If a child's record indicated one of two races was Unknown, the remaining race became the single race of the child. In the past, this child would be identified as Two or More races.

Children in Out-of-Home Placement: Demographics (*continued*)

Figure 8 shows the number of children in out-of-home placement by race. Although White children made up the largest number of children in care, the proportion of African American/Black and American Indian children was about four and seven times respectively of their representation in the Minnesota child population. White and Asian children were under-represented in out-of-home placements compared to their proportion in the child population. Children with Hispanic ethnicity can be of any race and have appeared in out-of-home placement in a slightly higher number than their proportion in the Minnesota child population. This rise may be due in part to the growth in the Hispanic child population in recent years.

Figure 8 - Race of Children in Out-of-Home Care as a Percent of Total - Largest Racial Groups



From 2000 to 2003, American Indian, African American/Black, and Hispanic children have increased in their representation, while White children have decreased in their percent of the total. The decrease in Two or More races in 2003 is due in part to the change in attribution of primary race in 2003.

Number of Placements, Duration and Moves

At a Glance

- *The greatest percentage of children in out-of-home care (91 percent) experienced only one placement in 2003.*
- *About 65 percent of the children in placement experienced only one placement setting.*
- *Over half of children in care spent some time in a non-relative foster care setting.*
- *Over 75 percent of the days that children spent in care were in some type of family setting.*
- *About one-fourth of children who left care in 2003 spent one week or less in placement.*
- *About 12 percent of all children in care in 2003 spent one week or less in placement.*
- *Children under age 8 who entered care in 2003 averaged less time in placement than older children.*

Figure 9 - Placement Frequency For Children in Out-of-Home Care in 2003

| Number of Placements | Unique Children | Percent |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | 13,953 | 91.2 |
| 2 | 1,142 | 7.5 |
| 3 | 161 | 1.1 |
| 4 | 27 | 0.2 |
| 5 | 9 | 0.1 |
| 6 | 1 | 0.0 |
| 7 or More | 1 | 0.0 |
| Total | 16,886 | 100 |

Figure 9 lists the distribution of the number of placements for all children in care. Ninety-one percent experienced only one placement within the year 2003. The percent of children experiencing only one placement increased from 2001 to 2003.

Figure 10 lists the frequency of moves for children in out-of-home care within the calendar year. Approximately 65 percent of the children experienced no moves while in placement, which is higher than in 2002 or 2001. Almost 22 percent experienced one move while in placement.

Figure 10 - Frequency of Moves Within a Placement For Children in Out-of-Home Care

| Moves | Unique Children | Percent |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 0 (no moves) | 9,867 | 64.5 |
| 1 | 3,307 | 21.6 |
| 2 or More | 2,119 | 13.9 |
| Missing Data | 1 | 0.0 |
| Total | 15,294 | 100 |

Number of Placements, Duration and Moves *(continued)*

Figure 11 reports on the types and frequency of placement settings that children experienced. More than half of the 15,294 children spent some time in non-relative foster family homes and about 30 percent spent some time in a residential/institutional setting.

Figure 11 - Placement Settings Experienced by Children in Out-of-Home Care

| Placement Setting | Placement Setting Occurrences | Children* |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Pre-adoptive Home - Relative | 234 | 229 |
| Pre-adoptive Home - Non-relative | 807 | 759 |
| Foster Family Home - Relative | 3,467 | 3,097 |
| Foster Family Home - Non-relative | 10,485 | 8,085 |
| Group Home | 3,156 | 2,432 |
| Residential Treatment/Institution | 6,471 | 4,641 |
| Supervised Independent Living | 48 | 49 |
| Runaway (from placement) | 54 | 50 |
| Total | 24,722 | 19,338 |

**Each child is counted only once under each placement setting but may be counted in more than one setting.*

Figure 12 - Days in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting

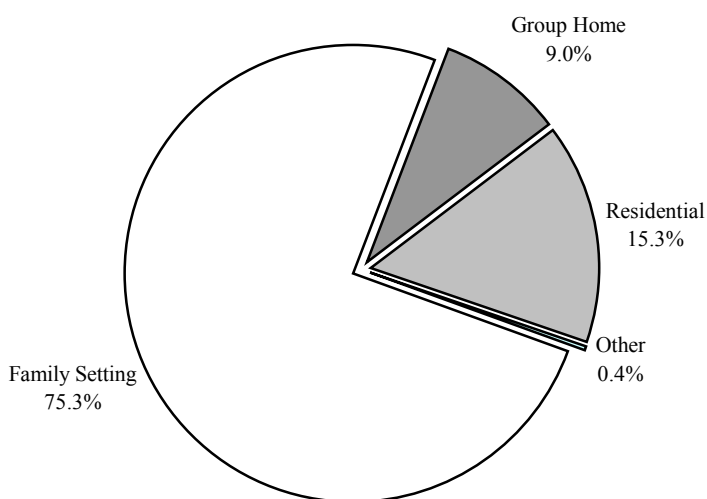


Figure 12 shows the number of days that children spent in care by placement setting during calendar year 2003. Over 75 percent of the days that children spent in care were in family settings. “Family Setting” includes foster family and pre-adoptive homes with relatives or non-relatives. “Other” includes supervised independent living, runaway from placement and unknown settings.

Comparing Figures 11 and 12, it is interesting to note that while 26 percent of the 24,722 placement settings and 30 percent of the 15,294 unique children spent time in residential/institutional settings at some point during the year, only 15 percent of the days were spent in those settings.

Number of Placements, Duration and Moves *(continued)*

Figure 13 describes the duration of placements that ended in 2003. Note that some of these placements began prior to 2003, thus the length of time of some placements exceeded 365 days. Less than one-fourth of these placements were one week or less and 22 percent were more than one year. The average number of days per placement that ended was 327.

Figure 13 - Length of Placements Ending in 2003

| Days in Care | Number of Placements | Percent of Placements |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 to 7 | 2,349 | 23.6 |
| 8 to 30 | 1,315 | 13.2 |
| 31 to 90 | 1,384 | 13.9 |
| 91 to 180 | 1,220 | 12.3 |
| 181 to 365 | 1,429 | 14.4 |
| 366+ | 2,251 | 22.6 |
| Episodes Ending in 2003 | 9,948 | 100 |

Figure 14 - Days in Care in 2003 Only

| Days in Care | Number of Children | Percent of Children |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 0-7 | 1,905 | 12.5 |
| 8-30 | 1,517 | 9.9 |
| 31-90 | 2,440 | 16.0 |
| 91-180 | 2,676 | 17.5 |
| 181-365 | 6,756 | 44.2 |
| Total | 15,294 | 100 |

Figure 14 describes the number of days children spent in care *within* the calendar year. About 22 percent of the children spent 30 days or less in care, while 44 percent spent more than one half of the year in care. The average number of days in care in the calendar year was 175.

Figure 15 shows the number of days in care for children under age 8. Consistent with Figure 13, about 23 percent of the children spent 30 days or less in care. For the children under 8, 39 percent compared to 44 percent in Figure 14, spent more than one half of the year in care. The average number of days in care for these children was 156, somewhat less than the average of 175 days for children of all ages.

Figure 15 - Days in Care in 2003 Only For Children Under Age 8

| Days in Care | Number of Children | Percent of Children |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 0-7 | 585 | 14.1 |
| 8-30 | 384 | 9.2 |
| 31-90 | 749 | 18.0 |
| 91-180 | 825 | 19.9 |
| 181-365 | 1,612 | 38.8 |
| Total | 4,155 | 100 |

Re-entry Into Placement and Reasons for Placements and Reasons for Discharge

At A Glance

- *Twenty-four percent of children who entered care in 2003 (7,992) re-entered care one or more times within the previous 12 months.*
- *White children were the most likely to re-enter care in 2003.*
- *Most children, about 75 percent, left care to be reunified with parent or primary caretaker.*

Figure 16 presents the out-of-home placement re-entry rate for all children who entered care by race and ethnicity. Re-entry means that a child was in placement in 2003, as well as a prior placement within 12 months of the 2003 placement. This is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) guidelines. White children have the highest re-entry rate, 25.9 percent.

Figure 16 - Re-entry Rate Within 12 Months of a Prior Placement For All Children Who Entered Care in 2003

| Race | Entered Care | Re-entered Care Within 12 Months | Percent |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| African American/Black | 1,673 | 387 | 23.1 |
| American Indian | 816 | 189 | 23.2 |
| Asian | 220 | 52 | 23.6 |
| Pacific Islander | 4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| White | 4,589 | 1,188 | 25.9 |
| Two or More Races | 452 | 104 | 23.0 |
| Unknown Race/Other | 202 | 18 | 8.9 |
| Missing Data | 36 | 3 | 8.3 |
| Total Children | 7,992 | 1,941 | 24.3 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity - Any Race* | 576 | 139 | 24.1 |

**Hispanic ethnicity persons may be of any race.*

Re-entry Into Placement and Reasons for Placements and Reasons for Discharge *(continued)*

Figure 17 - Reasons For Entering Out-of-Home Care

| Reasons | Number of Children | Number of Reasons |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Abandonment | 1,090 | 1,110 |
| Alleged Neglect | 4,677 | 4,812 |
| Alleged Physical Abuse | 1,744 | 1,777 |
| Alleged Sexual Abuse | 774 | 782 |
| Caretaker Inability to Cope | 3,212 | 3,336 |
| Child Alcohol Abuse | 350 | 373 |
| Child Behavior | 6,050 | 7,044 |
| Child Disability | 1,032 | 1,068 |
| Child Drug Abuse | 613 | 682 |
| Inadequate Housing | 908 | 925 |
| Parent Alcohol Abuse | 1,382 | 1,428 |
| Parent Death | 129 | 129 |
| Parent Drug Abuse | 2,244 | 2,333 |
| Parent Incarceration | 897 | 906 |
| Relinquishment of Parental Rights | 348 | 348 |

Figure 17 indicates the reasons why children entered care. For this figure children were counted only once within each reason. However, because children may have entered care for multiple reasons, or may have entered multiple times for different reasons, they may be counted in more than one reason. The figure shows that child behavior was the most common reason cited for placement, followed by alleged neglect.

Figure 18 reports that 74.4 percent of the children left care to return home to a parent, primary caretaker or other relative.

Figure 18 - Reasons For Discharge From Care

| Reasons For Discharge | Placements | Percent |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Reunification With Parents/Primary Caretakers | 6,997 | 70.3 |
| Living With Other Relatives | 404 | 4.1 |
| Transfer to Another Agency | 238 | 2.4 |
| Runaway From Placement (placement no longer planned) | 326 | 3.3 |
| Reached Age of Majority or Emancipated | 629 | 6.3 |
| Adoption Finalized | 728 | 7.3 |
| Guardianship | 42 | 0.4 |
| Death of Child | 13 | 0.1 |
| Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative | 533 | 5.4 |
| Missing Data | 38 | 0.4 |
| Total* | 9,948 | 100 |

**Some children were in care more than once during the year.*

Re-entry Into Placement and Reasons for Placements and Reasons for Discharge *(continued)*

In Figure 19 combining percents from three of the reasons that result in discharge to home settings (Reunification with Parents/caretakers; Living with Other Relatives; and Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative) shows that these reasons have stayed level from 2001 to 2003.

Figure 19 - Percent of Discharges to Home Settings (2001-2003)

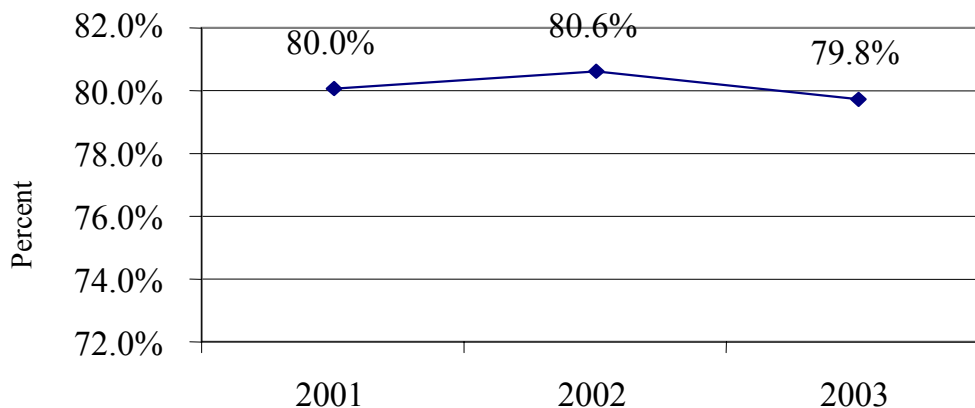
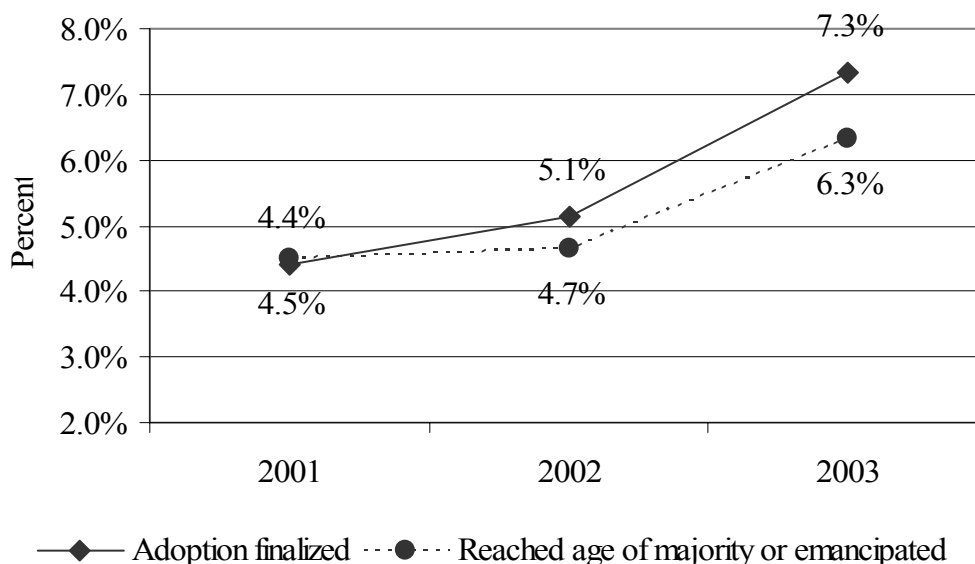


Figure 20 indicates the percent of discharges to Adoption and discharges to Reached Age of Majority or Emancipated have increased from 2001 to 2003.

Figure 20 - Percent of Discharges to Adoption and to Reaching Age of Majority



Out-of-Home Care: Categories of Reasons for Entry

At a Glance

- *Fifty-five percent of children entered care for parent reasons.*
 - *The percent of parent related reasons has increased since 2001.*
 - *White children were more likely to enter care for parent reasons and reasons related to their own behavior, while African American/Black and American Indian children were more likely to enter care for reasons related to their parents' behavior.*
 - *Children who entered care for parent reasons or their own disability were most often placed in non-relative family foster homes.*
 - *Children who entered care for reasons related to parents' behavior stayed in care an average of one year and one month.*
 - *Children who entered care for behavior reasons were most often placed in residential treatment facilities or institutions.*
 - *Children who entered care for reasons related to their own behavior were twice as likely to re-enter care than children who entered care for reasons related to their parents' behavior.*
 - *Children who entered care for reasons related to their disability stayed in care the longest, averaging two and one half years.*
 - *The percentage of children entering care for disability reasons has remained stable from 2000 through 2003.*
 - *Most children left care to live with their parents or primary caretakers regardless of the reasons for entry.*
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The reasons why children enter care influence their paths while in care, as well as what happens to them when they leave care. This section examines where children were placed when they entered care, how long they spent in placement, their reunification rate and their re-entry rate within the year.

For the purposes of this section, the 15 reasons for entry have been divided into four categories:

- Reasons related to parents include alleged physical abuse, alleged sexual abuse, alleged neglect, parental substance abuse, death or abandonment by a parent, parental inability to cope, incarceration, relinquishment of parental rights and inadequate housing.
- Reasons related to children include a child's behavior, delinquency, status offenses and their own substance abuse.
- Reasons related to a child's disability include children who are developmentally disabled or who have a diagnosis of serious emotional disturbance.
- Reasons related to two or more of the above categories.

Out-of-Home Care: Categories of Reasons for Entry *(continued)*

Figure 21 indicates the four reasons why children entered care: parent behavior, child behavior, child disability and two or more of these reasons. When reasons for entry were grouped together, most children entered care for parent-related reasons, as compared to Figure 16 where child behavior is the single reason most often cited for children's entry into care.

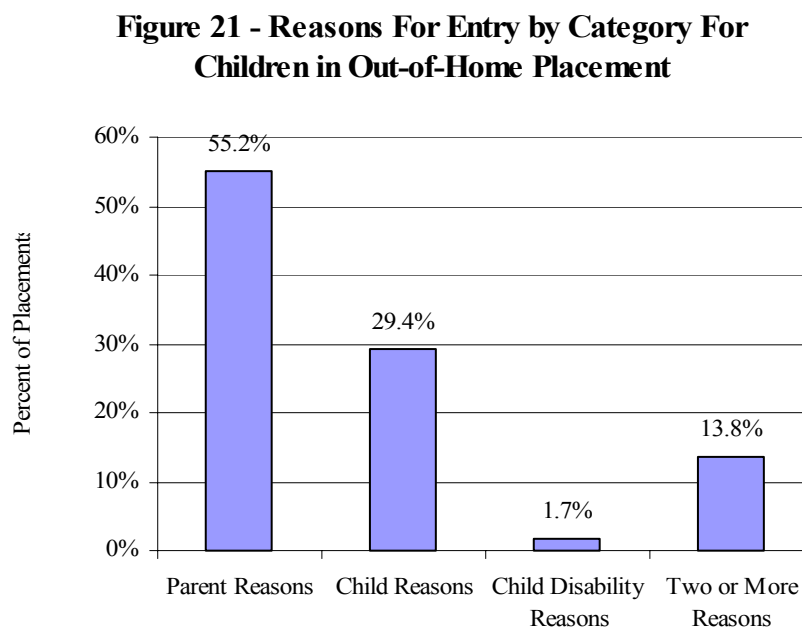


Figure 22 - Categories of Reasons For Entry by Race and Ethnicity of Children in Out-of-Home Placement

| Race | Parent | Child | Child Disability | Two or More Reasons | Unique Children |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| African American/Black | 2,322 | 655 | 29 | 335 | 3,270 |
| American Indian | 1,214 | 370 | 14 | 243 | 1,805 |
| Asian | 155 | 154 | 7 | 34 | 348 |
| Pacific Islander | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| White | 4,310 | 2,798 | 219 | 1,423 | 8,568 |
| Two or More Races | 723 | 136 | 6 | 138 | 980 |
| Unknown/Other | 170 | 75 | 3 | 31 | 276 |
| Missing Data | 11 | 20 | 1 | 11 | 41 |
| Total | 8,907 | 4,210 | 279 | 2,217 | 15,294 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity - Any Race* | 691 | 248 | 12 | 135 | 1,063 |

*Hispanic ethnicity persons may be of any race.

Figure 22 illustrates the distribution of children who entered care by race, according to the four categories of reasons for entry. Children of all races entered care more frequently for the combined parent reasons than for child reasons, but the ratio of parent to child reasons was highest for children of Two or More Races (four and one half times more parent than child reasons). African American/Black and American Indian children had three times more parent reasons than child reasons, and White children showed one and one half times more parent than child reasons.

Out-of-Home Care: Categories of Reasons for Entry *(continued)*

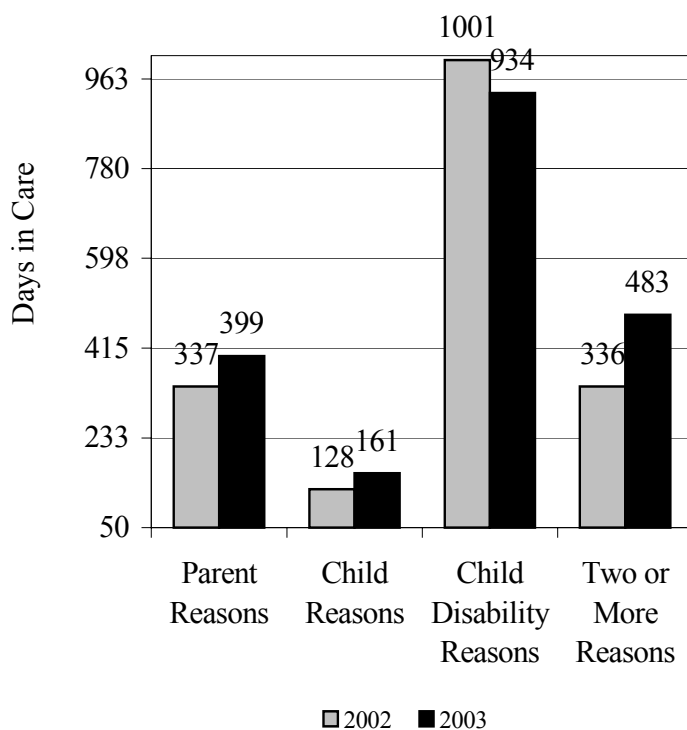
Figure 23 illustrates that children who entered care for parent or child disability reasons were most often placed in non-relative family foster homes. Children who entered for child behavior reasons were most often placed in residential treatment facilities or institutions.

Figure 23 - Placement Setting by Category of Reasons For Entry

| Placement Setting | Parent Reasons | Child Reasons | Child Disability | Two or More Reasons | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Foster Family Home - Non-relative | 5,718 | 1,108 | 144 | 1,192 | 8,162 |
| Foster Family Home - Relative | 2,729 | 110 | 10 | 251 | 3,100 |
| Group Home | 460 | 1,341 | 73 | 589 | 2,463 |
| Pre-adoptive Home - Non-relative | 687 | 12 | 0 | 60 | 759 |
| Pre-adoptive Home - Relative | 214 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 229 |
| Residential Treatment/Institution | 1,371 | 2,469 | 73 | 828 | 4,741 |
| Runaway (from placement) | 15 | 27 | | 8 | 50 |
| Supervised Independent Living | 14 | 16 | 4 | 11 | 45 |
| Total | 11,208 | 5,088 | 304 | 2,949 | 19,549 |

Figure 24 - Average Length of Stay Per Placement by Category of Reason in 2002 and 2003

Figure 24 displays the duration of placements for all children who left care by category of reasons for entry. Some placements began prior to 2003, thus the length of time in care for some children exceeded 365 days. Children who entered care for child disability reasons averaged the longest stays, about 2.5 years. Overall, the average number of days in care for placements ending in 2003 was 327 days. Placements for reasons related to parents or two or more reasons lasted, on average, more than one year.



Out-of-Home Care: Categories of Reasons for Entry *(continued)*

Figure 25 reports where children went when they were discharged from care by the four categories of reasons for entry. Regardless of the reason for entry, reunification was the most common outcome. Children who entered care for child behavior reasons were most likely to be reunified with parents/primary caretakers. Children with disabilities were the least likely to be reunified with parents/primary caretakers. Children who were discharged to adoption or permanent transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative, entered care due to parent related reasons.

Figure 25 - Reasons For Discharge by Reasons For Entry Category

| Reason For Discharge | Parent Reasons | Child Reasons | Child Disability | Two or More Reasons | Total Placements |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Reunification With Parents/Primary Caretakers | 3,103 | 3,073 | 73 | 748 | 6,997 |
| Living With Other Relatives | 284 | 82 | 1 | 37 | 404 |
| Adoption Finalized | 677 | 10 | 0 | 41 | 728 |
| Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative | 470 | 17 | 1 | 45 | 533 |
| Other* | 471 | 484 | 37 | 256 | 1,248 |
| Missing Data | 16 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 38 |
| Total | 5,021 | 3,675 | 112 | 1,140 | 9,948 |

**Reached age of majority or emancipated, guardianship transferred to another agency, runaway from placement, death.*

Figure 26 - Percent Reasons For Discharge by Reasons For Entry Category

| Reason For Discharge | Parent Reasons | Child Reasons | Child Disability | Two or More Reasons | Total Placements |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Reunification With Parents/Primary Caretakers | 61.8 | 83.6 | 65.2 | 65.6 | 70.3 |
| Living With Other Relatives | 5.7 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 4.1 |
| Adoption Finalized | 13.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 7.3 |
| Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative | 9.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 5.4 |
| Other* | 9.4 | 13.2 | 33.0 | 22.5 | 12.5 |
| Missing Data | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

**Reached age of majority or emancipated, guardianship transferred to another agency, runaway from placement, death.*

Out-of-Home Care: Categories of Reasons for Re-entry (*continued*)

Figure 27 reports the re-entry rate for children in care by the four categories of reasons for entry. Re-entry means that a child who was in placement in 2003 was in a prior placement within 12 months. Children who entered care for reasons related to parent behavior were the least likely to re-enter care. Children who entered care for reasons related to child behavior, child disability, or for multiple reasons were more than two times as likely to have had a prior placement than children who entered for parent related reasons.

Figure 27 - Re-entry by Category of Reasons in 2003

| | Parent Reasons | Child Reasons | Child Disability | Two or More Reasons | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Entered Care* | 4,323 | 2,746 | 63 | 860 | 7,992 |
| Re-entered Within 12 Months | 629 | 970 | 18 | 324 | 1,941 |
| Re-entry Rate (Percent) | 14.6 | 35.3 | 28.6 | 37.7 | 24.3 |

**Only last placement is counted.*

Out-of-Home Care Performance Measures: Outcomes and Indicators

In 1998, Minnesota counties began to use performance indicators to measure how well the state's child welfare system was protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect, and how well the system was providing permanent homes. This section provides statewide performance on three federal indicators that pertain to children in out-of-home placements. The national standards for these measures were established by the federal Department of Health and Human Services in 2001.

Performance of each Minnesota county on these indicators is provided in the Appendix.

| Performance Indicators | National Standards | 2003 Results |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
| Federal Permanency Indicator 4.1 Of all the children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percent were reunified within 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home? | 76.2% or more | 90.3% |
| Federal Permanency Indicator 4.2 Of all the children who entered out-of-home placement during the year, what percent re-entered placement within 12 months of a prior placement? | 8.6% or less | 24.3% |
| Federal Permanency Indicator 6.1 Of all children who have been in out-of-home placement less than 12 months from the time of the last removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings during that time period? | 86.7% or more | 86.0% |

Children in Out-of-Home Care Appendix

Flow of Children in Out-of-Home Care - 2003

| County | Continued in Placement From Previous Year | Entered Placement in 2003 | Left Placement in 2003 | Remained in Placement After End of Year |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Aitkin | 46 | 38 | 48 | 38 |
| Anoka | 367 | 378 | 383 | 366 |
| Becker | 105 | 78 | 94 | 91 |
| Beltrami | 150 | 79 | 109 | 121 |
| Benton | 47 | 53 | 54 | 55 |
| Big Stone | 6 | 13 | 11 | 8 |
| Blue Earth | 65 | 84 | 77 | 78 |
| Brown | 31 | 58 | 56 | 36 |
| Carlton | 94 | 66 | 77 | 85 |
| Carver | 83 | 108 | 110 | 82 |
| Cass | 88 | 138 | 159 | 74 |
| Chippewa | 21 | 11 | 16 | 13 |
| Chisago | 94 | 129 | 155 | 69 |
| Clay | 97 | 68 | 86 | 82 |
| Clearwater | 16 | 17 | 16 | 18 |
| Cook | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| Cottonwood | 43 | 18 | 38 | 23 |
| Crow Wing | 112 | 120 | 112 | 131 |
| Dakota | 253 | 250 | 306 | 189 |
| Dodge | 21 | 51 | 45 | 27 |
| Douglas | 36 | 42 | 46 | 32 |
| Fillmore | 18 | 25 | 23 | 20 |
| Freeborn | 64 | 60 | 68 | 59 |
| Goodhue | 57 | 63 | 71 | 49 |
| Grant | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Hennepin | 2,050 | 1,903 | 2,191 | 1,819 |
| Houston | 28 | 50 | 51 | 28 |
| Hubbard | 24 | 68 | 69 | 27 |
| Isanti | 63 | 59 | 64 | 58 |
| Itasca | 132 | 190 | 207 | 126 |
| Jackson | 29 | 13 | 19 | 23 |
| Kanabec | 20 | 62 | 61 | 25 |
| Kandiyohi | 66 | 60 | 75 | 55 |
| Kittson | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Koochiching | 23 | 45 | 37 | 34 |
| Lac qui Parle | 6 | 11 | 12 | 5 |
| Lake | 26 | 22 | 19 | 31 |
| Lake of the Woods | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Le Sueur | 59 | 16 | 45 | 32 |
| McLeod | 37 | 44 | 48 | 40 |
| Mahnomen | 29 | 31 | 41 | 22 |
| Marshall | 9 | 17 | 17 | 12 |
| Meeker | 27 | 23 | 29 | 22 |

Flow of Children in Out-of-Home Care - 2003 *(continued)*

| County | Continued in Placement From Previous Year | Entered Placement in 2003 | Left Placement in 2003 | Remained in Placement After End of Year |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Mille Lacs | 49 | 76 | 84 | 46 |
| Morrison | 47 | 54 | 73 | 28 |
| Mower | 67 | 64 | 73 | 58 |
| Nicollet | 19 | 42 | 37 | 26 |
| Nobles | 17 | 20 | 29 | 7 |
| Norman | 9 | 13 | 15 | 8 |
| Olmsted | 114 | 127 | 164 | 82 |
| Otter Tail | 70 | 50 | 68 | 51 |
| Pennington | 33 | 28 | 29 | 29 |
| Pine | 63 | 76 | 79 | 65 |
| Pipestone | 10 | 34 | 25 | 18 |
| Polk | 45 | 78 | 74 | 51 |
| Pope | 12 | 4 | 9 | 7 |
| Ramsey | 1,195 | 936 | 1,131 | 1,020 |
| Red Lake | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Redwood | 30 | 21 | 23 | 28 |
| Renville | 18 | 15 | 15 | 20 |
| Rice | 52 | 32 | 38 | 48 |
| Rock | 14 | 13 | 15 | 12 |
| Roseau | 17 | 30 | 32 | 16 |
| St. Louis | 404 | 367 | 409 | 372 |
| Scott | 64 | 106 | 120 | 54 |
| Sherburne | 44 | 69 | 54 | 65 |
| Sibley | 12 | 22 | 26 | 13 |
| Stearns | 136 | 176 | 196 | 122 |
| Steele | 28 | 40 | 44 | 24 |
| Stevens | 7 | 14 | 12 | 9 |
| Swift | 18 | 7 | 17 | 7 |
| Todd | 49 | 24 | 32 | 42 |
| Traverse | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Wabasha | 26 | 62 | 56 | 35 |
| Wadena | 24 | 43 | 30 | 38 |
| Waseca | 30 | 41 | 47 | 27 |
| Washington | 125 | 298 | 310 | 130 |
| Watsonwan | 18 | 8 | 17 | 7 |
| Wilkin | 19 | 13 | 19 | 14 |
| Winona | 40 | 95 | 107 | 27 |
| Wright | 101 | 132 | 151 | 88 |
| Yellow Medicine | 21 | 29 | 29 | 22 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 61 | 65 | 80 | 49 |
| Faribault-Martin | 61 | 75 | 95 | 44 |
| Minnesota | 7,729 | 7,992 | 9,037 | 6,938 |

Count of Children, Placements and Placement Settings

| County | Unique Children | Placements | Placement Settings |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| Aitkin | 83 | 89 | 174 |
| Anoka | 726 | 777 | 1,171 |
| Becker | 176 | 186 | 282 |
| Beltrami | 225 | 232 | 316 |
| Benton | 99 | 120 | 168 |
| Big Stone | 19 | 20 | 27 |
| Blue Earth | 142 | 167 | 247 |
| Brown | 85 | 98 | 129 |
| Carlton | 155 | 162 | 233 |
| Carver | 184 | 210 | 280 |
| Cass | 221 | 249 | 367 |
| Chippewa | 29 | 32 | 38 |
| Chisago | 217 | 235 | 303 |
| Clay | 162 | 169 | 233 |
| Clearwater | 32 | 35 | 49 |
| Cook | 10 | 14 | 19 |
| Cottonwood | 60 | 61 | 84 |
| Crow Wing | 229 | 243 | 388 |
| Dakota | 488 | 534 | 722 |
| Dodge | 71 | 83 | 131 |
| Douglas | 75 | 86 | 108 |
| Fillmore | 41 | 48 | 56 |
| Freeborn | 121 | 133 | 191 |
| Goodhue | 116 | 136 | 198 |
| Grant | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Hennepin | 3,857 | 4,150 | 6,798 |
| Houston | 76 | 87 | 109 |
| Hubbard | 92 | 116 | 153 |
| Isanti | 121 | 126 | 187 |
| Itasca | 303 | 387 | 565 |
| Jackson | 42 | 42 | 47 |
| Kanabec | 81 | 94 | 107 |
| Kandiyohi | 124 | 136 | 220 |
| Kittson | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Koochiching | 67 | 78 | 100 |
| Lac qui Parle | 16 | 22 | 25 |
| Lake | 48 | 50 | 76 |
| Lake of the Woods | 8 | 10 | 13 |
| Le Sueur | 74 | 79 | 99 |
| McLeod | 81 | 88 | 149 |
| Mahnomen | 57 | 67 | 101 |
| Marshall | 24 | 29 | 36 |
| Meeker | 49 | 53 | 66 |
| Mille Lacs | 121 | 142 | 212 |
| Morrison | 97 | 111 | 186 |

| County | Unique Children | Placements | Placement Settings |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Mower | 123 | 140 | 188 |
| Nicollet | 58 | 67 | 77 |
| Nobles | 35 | 38 | 40 |
| Norman | 21 | 31 | 34 |
| Olmsted | 238 | 270 | 366 |
| Otter Tail | 117 | 122 | 153 |
| Pennington | 56 | 65 | 102 |
| Pine | 136 | 151 | 229 |
| Pipestone | 43 | 50 | 66 |
| Polk | 120 | 137 | 186 |
| Pope | 15 | 16 | 21 |
| Ramsey | 2,073 | 2,245 | 3,209 |
| Red Lake | 8 | 9 | 13 |
| Redwood | 50 | 52 | 66 |
| Renville | 33 | 36 | 46 |
| Rice | 84 | 86 | 125 |
| Rock | 27 | 28 | 41 |
| Roseau | 46 | 48 | 70 |
| St. Louis | 745 | 811 | 1,100 |
| Scott | 169 | 189 | 257 |
| Sherburne | 112 | 123 | 168 |
| Sibley | 32 | 42 | 54 |
| Stearns | 298 | 351 | 477 |
| Steele | 63 | 73 | 103 |
| Stevens | 21 | 21 | 28 |
| Swift | 24 | 25 | 28 |
| Todd | 72 | 75 | 108 |
| Traverse | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| Wabasha | 85 | 99 | 170 |
| Wadena | 67 | 69 | 96 |
| Waseca | 69 | 80 | 104 |
| Washington | 417 | 484 | 584 |
| Watsonwan | 22 | 26 | 35 |
| Wilkin | 32 | 33 | 50 |
| Winona | 127 | 176 | 259 |
| Wright | 226 | 256 | 359 |
| Yellow Medicine | 50 | 53 | 75 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 118 | 140 | 229 |
| Faribault-Martin | 134 | 158 | 210 |
| Minnesota | 15,294 | 16,886 | 24,722 |

Gender of Children in Out-of-Home Placement by County

| County | Female | Male | Total | Percent Male |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Aitkin | 37 | 46 | 83 | 55.4 |
| Anoka | 353 | 373 | 726 | 51.4 |
| Becker | 87 | 89 | 176 | 50.6 |
| Beltrami | 111 | 114 | 225 | 50.7 |
| Benton | 48 | 51 | 99 | 51.5 |
| Big Stone | 10 | 9 | 19 | 47.4 |
| Blue Earth | 61 | 81 | 142 | 57.0 |
| Brown | 38 | 47 | 85 | 55.3 |
| Carlton | 82 | 73 | 155 | 47.1 |
| Carver | 75 | 109 | 184 | 59.2 |
| Cass | 101 | 120 | 221 | 54.3 |
| Chippewa | 9 | 20 | 29 | 69.0 |
| Chisago | 101 | 116 | 217 | 53.5 |
| Clay | 67 | 95 | 162 | 58.6 |
| Clearwater | 8 | 24 | 32 | 75.0 |
| Cook | 2 | 8 | 10 | 80.0 |
| Cottonwood | 23 | 37 | 60 | 61.7 |
| Crow Wing | 95 | 134 | 229 | 58.5 |
| Dakota | 241 | 247 | 488 | 50.6 |
| Dodge | 28 | 43 | 71 | 60.6 |
| Douglas | 34 | 41 | 75 | 54.7 |
| Fillmore | 12 | 29 | 41 | 70.7 |
| Freeborn | 61 | 60 | 121 | 49.6 |
| Goodhue | 51 | 65 | 116 | 56.0 |
| Grant | 4 | 5 | 9 | 55.6 |
| Hennepin | 1,761 | 2,096 | 3,857 | 54.3 |
| Houston | 34 | 42 | 76 | 55.3 |
| Hubbard | 44 | 48 | 92 | 52.2 |
| Isanti | 63 | 58 | 121 | 47.9 |
| Itasca | 131 | 172 | 303 | 56.8 |
| Jackson | 15 | 27 | 42 | 64.3 |
| Kanabec | 32 | 49 | 81 | 60.5 |
| Kandiyohi | 48 | 76 | 124 | 61.3 |
| Kittson | 3 | 2 | 5 | 40.0 |
| Koochiching | 24 | 43 | 67 | 64.2 |
| Lac qui Parle | 5 | 11 | 16 | 68.8 |
| Lake | 29 | 19 | 48 | 39.6 |
| Lake of the Woods | 3 | 5 | 8 | 62.5 |
| Le Sueur | 33 | 41 | 74 | 55.4 |
| Mahnomen | 43 | 38 | 81 | 46.9 |
| Marshall | 32 | 25 | 57 | 43.9 |
| McLeod | 7 | 17 | 24 | 70.8 |
| Meeker | 16 | 33 | 49 | 67.3 |

| County | Female | Male | Total | Percent Male |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Mille Lacs | 49 | 72 | 121 | 59.5 |
| Morrison | 46 | 51 | 97 | 52.6 |
| Mower | 59 | 64 | 123 | 52.0 |
| Nicollet | 30 | 28 | 58 | 48.3 |
| Nobles | 6 | 29 | 35 | 82.9 |
| Norman | 7 | 14 | 21 | 66.7 |
| Olmsted | 103 | 135 | 238 | 56.7 |
| Otter Tail | 45 | 72 | 117 | 61.5 |
| Pennington | 29 | 27 | 56 | 48.2 |
| Pine | 62 | 74 | 136 | 54.4 |
| Pipestone | 22 | 21 | 43 | 48.8 |
| Polk | 50 | 70 | 120 | 58.3 |
| Pope | 6 | 9 | 15 | 60.0 |
| Ramsey | 980 | 1,093 | 2,073 | 52.7 |
| Red Lake | - | 8 | 8 | 100.0 |
| Redwood | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50.0 |
| Renville | 14 | 19 | 33 | 57.6 |
| Rice | 43 | 41 | 84 | 48.8 |
| Rock | 10 | 17 | 27 | 63.0 |
| Roseau | 17 | 29 | 46 | 63.0 |
| St. Louis | 339 | 406 | 745 | 54.5 |
| Scott | 90 | 79 | 169 | 46.7 |
| Sherburne | 51 | 61 | 112 | 54.5 |
| Sibley | 10 | 22 | 32 | 68.8 |
| Stearns | 127 | 171 | 298 | 57.4 |
| Steele | 31 | 32 | 63 | 50.8 |
| Stevens | 8 | 13 | 21 | 61.9 |
| Swift | 10 | 14 | 24 | 58.3 |
| Todd | 26 | 46 | 72 | 63.9 |
| Traverse | 5 | 5 | 10 | 50.0 |
| Wabasha | 43 | 42 | 85 | 49.4 |
| Wadena | 32 | 35 | 67 | 52.2 |
| Waseca | 35 | 34 | 69 | 49.3 |
| Washington | 202 | 215 | 417 | 51.6 |
| Watsonwan | 7 | 15 | 22 | 68.2 |
| Wilkin | 13 | 19 | 32 | 59.4 |
| Winona | 34 | 93 | 127 | 73.2 |
| Wright | 90 | 136 | 226 | 60.2 |
| Yellow Medicine | 24 | 26 | 50 | 52.0 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 51 | 67 | 118 | 56.8 |
| Faribault-Martin | 45 | 89 | 134 | 66.4 |
| Minnesota | 6,938 | 8,356 | 15,294 | 54.6 |

Age Groups of Children in Out-of-Home Placement

| County | 0-7 years | 8 - 12 years | 13+ years | Age Unknown | Total |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Aitkin | 20 | 18 | 45 | | 83 |
| Anoka | 260 | 126 | 340 | | 726 |
| Becker | 53 | 26 | 97 | | 176 |
| Beltrami | 66 | 52 | 107 | | 225 |
| Benton | 18 | 17 | 64 | | 99 |
| Big Stone | 5 | 3 | 11 | | 19 |
| Blue Earth | 39 | 22 | 81 | | 142 |
| Brown | 18 | 7 | 60 | | 85 |
| Carlton | 29 | 35 | 91 | | 155 |
| Carver | 54 | 27 | 103 | | 184 |
| Cass | 45 | 54 | 122 | | 221 |
| Chippewa | 7 | 1 | 21 | | 29 |
| Chisago | 64 | 44 | 109 | | 217 |
| Clay | 50 | 20 | 92 | | 162 |
| Clearwater | 2 | 5 | 25 | | 32 |
| Cook | 3 | 2 | 5 | | 10 |
| Cottonwood | 10 | 8 | 42 | | 60 |
| Crow Wing | 84 | 29 | 116 | | 229 |
| Dakota | 150 | 91 | 247 | | 488 |
| Dodge | 16 | 9 | 46 | | 71 |
| Douglas | 19 | 8 | 48 | | 75 |
| Fillmore | 4 | 2 | 35 | | 41 |
| Freeborn | 17 | 19 | 85 | | 121 |
| Goodhue | 39 | 10 | 67 | | 116 |
| Grant | 1 | - | 8 | | 9 |
| Hennepin | 1,223 | 746 | 1,879 | 9 | 3,857 |
| Houston | 13 | 19 | 44 | | 76 |
| Hubbard | 11 | 10 | 71 | | 92 |
| Isanti | 39 | 33 | 49 | | 121 |
| Itasca | 49 | 43 | 211 | | 303 |
| Jackson | 5 | 6 | 31 | | 42 |
| Kanabec | 10 | 10 | 61 | | 81 |
| Kandiyohi | 35 | 23 | 66 | | 124 |
| Kittson | - | - | 5 | | 5 |
| Koochiching | 14 | 14 | 39 | | 67 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1 | 2 | 13 | | 16 |
| Lake | 14 | 10 | 24 | | 48 |
| Lake of the Woods | - | 1 | 7 | | 8 |
| Le Sueur | 19 | 9 | 46 | | 74 |
| McLeod | 41 | 10 | 30 | | 81 |
| Mahnomen | 17 | 13 | 27 | | 57 |
| Marshall | 3 | 7 | 14 | | 24 |
| Meeker | 5 | 9 | 35 | | 49 |
| Mille Lacs | 17 | 21 | 83 | | 121 |

Age Groups of Children in Out-of-Home Placement *(continued)*

| County | 0-7 years | 8 - 12 years | 13+ years | Age Unknown | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Morrison | 22 | 12 | 63 | | 97 |
| Mower | 23 | 18 | 82 | | 123 |
| Nicollet | 10 | 8 | 40 | | 58 |
| Nobles | 7 | 4 | 24 | | 35 |
| Norman | 1 | 5 | 15 | | 21 |
| Olmsted | 83 | 38 | 117 | | 238 |
| Otter Tail | 38 | 17 | 62 | | 117 |
| Pennington | 11 | 4 | 41 | | 56 |
| Pine | 34 | 22 | 80 | | 136 |
| Pipestone | 10 | 2 | 31 | | 43 |
| Polk | 18 | 17 | 85 | | 120 |
| Pope | 1 | 4 | 10 | | 15 |
| Ramsey | 570 | 426 | 1,075 | 2 | 2,073 |
| Red Lake | 3 | 1 | 4 | | 8 |
| Redwood | 7 | 5 | 38 | | 50 |
| Renville | 6 | 4 | 23 | | 33 |
| Rice | 21 | 10 | 53 | | 84 |
| Rock | 5 | 4 | 18 | | 27 |
| Roseau | 7 | 3 | 36 | | 46 |
| St. Louis | 226 | 150 | 368 | 1 | 745 |
| Scott | 45 | 26 | 96 | 2 | 169 |
| Sherburne | 32 | 14 | 66 | | 112 |
| Sibley | 6 | 3 | 23 | | 32 |
| Stearns | 77 | 50 | 171 | | 298 |
| Steele | 12 | 14 | 37 | | 63 |
| Stevens | 3 | 6 | 12 | | 21 |
| Swift | 1 | 7 | 16 | | 24 |
| Todd | 19 | 13 | 40 | | 72 |
| Traverse | - | - | 10 | | 10 |
| Wabasha | 23 | 7 | 55 | | 85 |
| Wadena | 21 | 11 | 35 | | 67 |
| Waseca | 15 | 9 | 45 | | 69 |
| Washington | 80 | 63 | 274 | | 417 |
| Watonwan | 2 | 4 | 16 | | 22 |
| Wilkin | 4 | 7 | 21 | | 32 |
| Winona | 8 | 8 | 111 | | 127 |
| Wright | 56 | 28 | 142 | | 226 |
| Yellow Medicine | 15 | 10 | 25 | | 50 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 29 | 17 | 72 | | 118 |
| Faribault-Martin | 15 | 23 | 96 | | 134 |
| Minnesota Total | 4,155 | 2,695 | 8,430 | 14 | 15,294 |
| Minnesota Percent | 27.2 | 17.6 | 55.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 |

Children in Out-of-Home Placement by Race and Ethnicity

| County | African American/ Black | American Indian | Asian | Pacific Islander | White | Two or More Races | Unknown Races/ Other | Missing Data | Total Children | Hispanic Ethnicity - Any Race** |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Aitkin | * | 21 | * | * | 57 | * | * | * | 83 | * |
| Anoka | 53 | 24 | * | * | 569 | 65 | 12 | * | 726 | 25 |
| Becker | * | 96 | * | * | 73 | * | * | * | 176 | * |
| Beltrami | * | 163 | * | * | 53 | * | * | * | 225 | * |
| Benton | * | * | * | * | 88 | * | * | * | 99 | * |
| Big Stone | * | * | * | * | 13 | * | * | * | 19 | * |
| Blue Earth | 24 | * | * | * | 107 | * | * | * | 142 | 10 |
| Brown | * | * | * | * | 83 | * | * | * | 85 | 8 |
| Carlton | * | 50 | * | * | 92 | 9 | * | * | 155 | * |
| Carver | 11 | * | * | * | 136 | 23 | * | * | 184 | 23 |
| Cass | * | 138 | * | * | 79 | * | * | * | 221 | * |
| Chippewa | * | * | * | * | 24 | * | * | * | 29 | * |
| Chisago | * | * | * | * | 200 | 9 | * | * | 217 | * |
| Clay | 7 | 36 | * | * | 96 | 23 | * | * | 162 | 33 |
| Clearwater | * | 13 | * | * | 18 | * | * | * | 32 | * |
| Cook | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 10 | * |
| Cottonwood | * | * | * | * | 56 | * | * | * | 60 | * |
| Crow Wing | 8 | 12 | * | * | 204 | * | * | * | 229 | * |
| Dakota | 95 | 9 | 9 | * | 341 | 14 | 15 | * | 488 | 17 |
| Dodge | * | * | * | * | 60 | * | * | * | 71 | 16 |
| Douglas | * | * | * | * | 66 | * | * | * | 75 | * |
| Fillmore | * | * | * | * | 36 | * | * | * | 41 | * |
| Freeborn | * | * | * | * | 112 | * | * | * | 121 | 32 |
| Goodhue | * | * | * | * | 108 | * | * | * | 116 | * |
| Grant | * | * | * | * | 8 | * | * | * | 9 | * |
| Hennepin | 1,755 | 491 | 126 | * | 865 | 490 | 102 | 25 | 3,857 | 287 |
| Houston | 8 | * | * | * | 65 | * | * | * | 76 | * |
| Hubbard | * | 28 | * | * | 60 | * | * | * | 92 | * |
| Isanti | * | * | * | * | 108 | 11 | * | * | 121 | * |
| Itasca | * | 70 | * | * | 227 | * | * | * | 303 | * |
| Jackson | * | * | * | * | 39 | * | * | * | 42 | * |
| Kanabec | * | * | * | * | 79 | * | * | * | 81 | * |
| Kandiyohi | * | * | * | * | 111 | * | * | * | 124 | 45 |
| Kittson | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Koochiching | * | * | * | * | 57 | * | * | * | 67 | * |
| Lac qui Parle | * | * | * | * | 15 | * | * | * | 16 | * |
| Lake | * | * | * | * | 41 | * | * | * | 48 | 7 |
| Lake of the Woods | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8 | * |
| Le Sueur | * | * | * | * | 71 | * | * | * | 74 | * |
| McLeod | * | * | * | * | 62 | 8 | * | * | 81 | 20 |
| Mahnomen | * | 42 | * | * | 8 | * | * | * | 57 | * |
| Marshall | * | * | * | * | 20 | * | * | * | 24 | * |
| Meeker | * | * | * | * | 47 | * | * | * | 49 | * |
| Mille Lacs | * | 43 | * | * | 77 | * | * | * | 121 | * |

Children in Out-of-Home Placement by Race and Ethnicity *(continued)*

| County | African American/ Black | American Indian | Asian | Pacific Islander | White | Two or More Races | Unknown Races/ Other | Missing Data | Total Children | Hispanic Ethnicity -Any Race** |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| Morrison | * | * | * | * | 94 | * | * | * | 97 | * |
| Mower | * | * | * | * | 112 | * | * | * | 123 | 11 |
| Nicollet | * | * | * | * | 48 | * | * | * | 58 | 9 |
| Nobles | * | * | * | * | 25 | * | * | * | 35 | 12 |
| Norman | * | * | * | * | 19 | * | * | * | 21 | * |
| Olmsted | 47 | * | 13 | * | 155 | 23 | * | * | 238 | 13 |
| Otter Tail | * | 12 | * | * | 91 | 7 | * | * | 117 | 8 |
| Pennington | * | 7 | * | * | 49 | * | * | * | 56 | * |
| Pine | * | 25 | * | * | 99 | * | * | * | 136 | * |
| Pipestone | * | 8 | * | * | 27 | 8 | * | * | 43 | 9 |
| Polk | * | 22 | * | * | 95 | * | * | * | 120 | 35 |
| Pope | * | * | * | * | 15 | * | * | * | 15 | * |
| Ramsey | 985 | 117 | 145 | * | 695 | 80 | 50 | * | 2,073 | 164 |
| Red Lake | * | * | * | * | 7 | * | * | * | 8 | * |
| Redwood | * | 18 | * | * | 30 | * | * | * | 50 | * |
| Renville | * | * | * | * | 23 | * | * | * | 33 | * |
| Rice | * | * | * | * | 71 | * | * | * | 84 | 7 |
| Rock | * | * | * | * | 21 | * | * | * | 27 | * |
| Roseau | * | * | * | * | 38 | * | * | * | 46 | * |
| St. Louis | 55 | 196 | * | * | 436 | 32 | 18 | * | 745 | 11 |
| Scott | 13 | 8 | * | * | 133 | 11 | * | * | 169 | 14 |
| Sherburne | 8 | * | * | * | 94 | * | * | * | 112 | * |
| Sibley | * | * | * | * | 32 | * | * | * | 32 | * |
| Stearns | 31 | * | * | * | 232 | 24 | * | * | 298 | 20 |
| Steele | * | * | * | * | 56 | * | * | * | 63 | 18 |
| Stevens | * | * | * | * | 18 | * | * | * | 21 | * |
| Swift | * | * | * | * | 23 | * | * | * | 24 | * |
| Todd | * | * | * | * | 68 | * | * | * | 72 | * |
| Traverse | * | * | * | * | 7 | * | * | * | 10 | * |
| Wabasha | 7 | * | * | * | 71 | * | * | * | 85 | * |
| Wadena | * | * | * | * | 64 | * | * | * | 67 | * |
| Waseca | * | * | * | * | 61 | * | * | * | 69 | 7 |
| Washington | 46 | 14 | 10 | * | 301 | 16 | 30 | * | 417 | 22 |
| Watonwan | * | * | * | * | 21 | * | * | * | 22 | 13 |
| Wilkin | * | * | * | * | 30 | * | * | * | 32 | * |
| Winona | 9 | * | * | * | 109 | * | * | * | 127 | * |
| Wright | 7 | 7 | * | * | 197 | 12 | * | * | 226 | 14 |
| Yellow Medicine | * | 21 | * | * | 26 | * | * | * | 50 | * |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | * | * | * | * | 111 | * | * | * | 118 | 16 |
| Faribault-Martin | * | * | * | * | 121 | * | * | * | 134 | 14 |
| Minnesota | 3,270 | 1,805 | 348 | 6 | 8,568 | 980 | 276 | 41 | 15,294 | 1,063 |
| Minnesota Percent | 21.4 | 11.8 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 56.0 | 6.4 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 7.0 |

* Number of children is six or fewer and is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Totals include omitted data.

**Hispanic ethnicity may be of any race

American Indian Children in Out-of-Home Placement

| County | American Indian Only | American Indian as Part of Two or More Races | Total Children With American Indian Race |
|--|----------------------|--|--|
| Aitkin | 21 | 4 | 25 |
| Anoka | 24 | 28 | 52 |
| Becker | 96 | 2 | 98 |
| Beltrami | 163 | 3 | 166 |
| Carlton | 50 | 7 | 57 |
| Carver | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Cass | 138 | - | 138 |
| Chisago | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Clay | 36 | 14 | 50 |
| Clearwater | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Cook | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Crow Wing | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Dakota | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| Hennepin | 491 | 210 | 701 |
| Hubbard | 28 | - | 28 |
| Itasca | 70 | 4 | 74 |
| Kandiyohi | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| McLeod | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Mahnomen | 42 | - | 42 |
| Mille Lacs | 43 | - | 43 |
| Otter Tail | 12 | 6 | 18 |
| Pennington | 7 | - | 7 |
| Pine | 25 | 2 | 27 |
| Pipestone | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Polk | 22 | 1 | 23 |
| Ramsey | 117 | 29 | 146 |
| Redwood | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| Renville | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| St. Louis | 196 | 19 | 215 |
| Scott | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Stearns | 6 | 19 | 25 |
| Washington | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| Wright | 7 | 9 | 16 |
| Yellow Medicine | 21 | 3 | 24 |
| Faribault-Martin | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Subtotal (35 counties)* | 1,732 | 410 | 2,142 |
| Other Counties (39 counties with 6 or fewer American Indian children) | 73 | 30 | 103 |
| Total (74 counties) | 1,805 | 440 | 2,245 |

*Counties are not included if there were less than seven children total to prevent identification of individuals. Totals include omitted data.

American Indian Children in Out-of-Home Placement by Tribe

| Tribe | American Indian Only | American Indian as Part of Two or More Races | Total |
|--|----------------------|--|--------------|
| Alaskan Native Band or Tribe | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Band of Chippewa | 74 | 8 | 82 |
| Canadian Tribe | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe | 20 | 3 | 23 |
| Crow Creek Sioux Tribe | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Devils Lake Sioux Tribe | 23 | 11 | 34 |
| Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa | 85 | 9 | 94 |
| Forest County Potawatomi Community | 2 | - | 2 |
| Grand Portage Band of Chippewa | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Hannahville Indian Community | 1 | - | 1 |
| Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community | 2 | - | 2 |
| Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Chippewa | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Leech Lake Band of Chippewa | 369 | 47 | 416 |
| Lower Sioux Indian Community | 21 | 4 | 25 |
| Menominee Indian Tribe | 7 | - | 7 |
| Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa | 143 | 18 | 161 |
| Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (not Band Specific) | 19 | 8 | 27 |
| Oglala Sioux Tribe - Pine Ridge | 41 | 6 | 47 |
| Omaha Tribe of Nebraska | 2 | - | 2 |
| Oneida Tribe | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Prairie Island Indian Community (Sioux) | 2 | - | 2 |
| Red Cliff Band of Chippewa | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Red Lake Band of Chippewa | 155 | 40 | 195 |
| Rosebud Sioux Tribe | 24 | 7 | 31 |
| Santee Sioux Tribe | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa | 3 | - | 3 |
| Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe | 41 | 12 | 53 |
| Sokaogon Chippewa (Mole Lake) Community | 2 | - | 2 |
| St. Croix Chippewa | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Standing Rock Sioux Tribe | 31 | 12 | 43 |
| Stockbridge Munsee Community | - | 1 | 1 |
| Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation | 1 | - | 1 |
| Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa | 34 | 15 | 49 |
| Upper Sioux Community | 22 | - | 22 |
| White Earth Band of Chippewa | 281 | 44 | 325 |
| Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe | 2 | - | 2 |
| Yankton Sioux Tribe | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| Unknown Chippewa | 37 | 5 | 42 |
| Unknown Sioux | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Other Foreign Tribe | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Other U.S. Tribe | 57 | 37 | 94 |
| Unknown Tribe | 238 | 111 | 349 |
| Count of Children Within Each Tribe* | 1,855 | 458 | 2,313 |
| Total Unique Children* | 1,805 | 440 | 2,245 |

*Children are counted once within each tribe, but a child could indicate more than one tribe. "Total Unique Children" counts the total number of individual children.

Placement Frequency For Children in Out-of-Home Care by County

Count of children by the number of placements a child experienced in 2003.

| County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7+ | Unique Children | Total Placements |
|-------------------|-------|-----|----|---|---|---|----|-----------------|------------------|
| Aitkin | 77 | 6 | | | | | | 83 | 89 |
| Anoka | 680 | 41 | 5 | | | | | 726 | 777 |
| Becker | 166 | 10 | | | | | | 176 | 186 |
| Beltrami | 218 | 7 | | | | | | 225 | 232 |
| Benton | 83 | 13 | 2 | | 1 | | | 99 | 120 |
| Big Stone | 18 | 1 | | | | | | 19 | 20 |
| Blue Earth | 124 | 13 | 4 | | 1 | | | 142 | 167 |
| Brown | 75 | 7 | 3 | | | | | 85 | 98 |
| Carlton | 148 | 7 | | | | | | 155 | 162 |
| Carver | 163 | 16 | 5 | | | | | 184 | 210 |
| Cass | 198 | 20 | 1 | 2 | | | | 221 | 249 |
| Chippewa | 26 | 3 | | | | | | 29 | 32 |
| Chisago | 200 | 16 | 1 | | | | | 217 | 235 |
| Clay | 155 | 7 | | | | | | 162 | 169 |
| Clearwater | 29 | 3 | | | | | | 32 | 35 |
| Cook | 7 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 10 | 14 |
| Cottonwood | 59 | 1 | | | | | | 60 | 61 |
| Crow Wing | 215 | 14 | | | | | | 229 | 243 |
| Dakota | 452 | 29 | 4 | 3 | | | | 488 | 534 |
| Dodge | 61 | 8 | 2 | | | | | 71 | 83 |
| Douglas | 64 | 11 | | | | | | 75 | 86 |
| Fillmore | 35 | 5 | 1 | | | | | 41 | 48 |
| Freeborn | 113 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | | 121 | 133 |
| Goodhue | 100 | 13 | 2 | 1 | | | | 116 | 136 |
| Grant | 8 | 1 | | | | | | 9 | 10 |
| Hennepin | 3,590 | 245 | 18 | 4 | | | | 3,857 | 4,150 |
| Houston | 66 | 9 | 1 | | | | | 76 | 87 |
| Hubbard | 71 | 18 | 3 | | | | | 92 | 116 |
| Isanti | 116 | 5 | | | | | | 121 | 126 |
| Itasca | 236 | 53 | 11 | 3 | | | | 303 | 387 |
| Jackson | 42 | | | | | | | 42 | 42 |
| Kanabec | 70 | 9 | 2 | | | | | 81 | 94 |
| Kandiyohi | 112 | 12 | | | | | | 124 | 136 |
| Kittson | 5 | | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Koochiching | 60 | 5 | | 2 | | | | 67 | 78 |
| Lac qui Parle | 10 | 6 | | | | | | 16 | 22 |
| Lake | 46 | 2 | | | | | | 48 | 50 |
| Lake of the Woods | 7 | | 1 | | | | | 8 | 10 |
| Le Sueur | 70 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 74 | 79 |
| McLeod | 74 | 7 | | | | | | 81 | 88 |
| Mahnomen | 49 | 6 | 2 | | | | | 57 | 67 |
| Marshall | 19 | 5 | | | | | | 24 | 29 |
| Meeker | 45 | 4 | | | | | | 49 | 53 |

Placement Frequency For Children in Out-of-Home Care by County *(continued)*

Count of children by the number of placements a child experienced in 2003.

| County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7+ | Unique Children | Total Placements |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Mille Lacs | 103 | 16 | 1 | 1 | | | | 121 | 142 |
| Morrison | 85 | 11 | | 1 | | | | 97 | 111 |
| Mower | 108 | 13 | 2 | | | | | 123 | 140 |
| Nicollet | 50 | 7 | 1 | | | | | 58 | 67 |
| Nobles | 33 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 35 | 38 |
| Norman | 14 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | 21 | 31 |
| Olmsted | 217 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 238 | 270 |
| Otter Tail | 113 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 117 | 122 |
| Pennington | 49 | 5 | 2 | | | | | 56 | 65 |
| Pine | 124 | 10 | 1 | 1 | | | | 136 | 151 |
| Pipestone | 40 | | 2 | 1 | | | | 43 | 50 |
| Polk | 107 | 9 | 4 | | | | | 120 | 137 |
| Pope | 14 | 1 | | | | | | 15 | 16 |
| Ramsey | 1,917 | 140 | 16 | | | | | 2,073 | 2,245 |
| Red Lake | 7 | 1 | | | | | | 8 | 9 |
| Redwood | 48 | 2 | | | | | | 50 | 52 |
| Renville | 31 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 33 | 36 |
| Rice | 82 | 2 | | | | | | 84 | 86 |
| Rock | 26 | 1 | | | | | | 27 | 28 |
| Roseau | 44 | 2 | | | | | | 46 | 48 |
| St. Louis | 685 | 54 | 6 | | | | | 745 | 811 |
| Scott | 155 | 10 | 3 | | 1 | | | 169 | 189 |
| Sherburne | 102 | 9 | 1 | | | | | 112 | 123 |
| Sibley | 23 | 8 | 1 | | | | | 32 | 42 |
| Stearns | 260 | 28 | 7 | 1 | 2 | | | 298 | 351 |
| Steele | 53 | 10 | | | | | | 63 | 73 |
| Stevens | 21 | | | | | | | 21 | 21 |
| Swift | 23 | 1 | | | | | | 24 | 25 |
| Todd | 69 | 3 | | | | | | 72 | 75 |
| Traverse | 10 | | | | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Wabasha | 74 | 9 | 1 | 1 | | | | 85 | 99 |
| Wadena | 65 | 2 | | | | | | 67 | 69 |
| Waseca | 59 | 9 | 1 | | | | | 69 | 80 |
| Washington | 366 | 37 | 12 | 2 | | | | 417 | 484 |
| Watsonwan | 18 | 4 | | | | | | 22 | 26 |
| Wilkin | 31 | 1 | | | | | | 32 | 33 |
| Winona | 97 | 17 | 11 | | 1 | | 1 | 127 | 176 |
| Wright | 204 | 15 | 6 | 1 | | | | 226 | 256 |
| Yellow Medicine | 47 | 3 | | | | | | 50 | 53 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 100 | 16 | 1 | | 1 | | | 118 | 140 |
| Faribault-Martin | 117 | 11 | 5 | 1 | | | | 134 | 158 |
| Minnesota Total | 13,953 | 1,142 | 161 | 27 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 15,294 | 16,886 |
| Minnesota Percent | 91.2 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | |

Frequency of Moves Within a Placement For Children in Out-of-Home Care

| County | No Moves (1 setting) | One Move (2 settings) | Two or More Moves (3+ settings) | Total Children* | Percent With 0 or 1 Moves | Percent With Two or More Moves |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aitkin | 40 | 24 | 19 | 83 | 77.1 | 22.9 |
| Anoka | 452 | 184 | 90 | 726 | 87.6 | 12.4 |
| Becker | 117 | 32 | 27 | 176 | 84.7 | 15.3 |
| Beltrami | 169 | 36 | 20 | 225 | 91.1 | 8.9 |
| Benton | 54 | 32 | 13 | 99 | 86.9 | 13.1 |
| Big Stone | 15 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 94.7 | 5.3 |
| Blue Earth | 89 | 28 | 25 | 142 | 82.4 | 17.6 |
| Brown | 60 | 12 | 13 | 85 | 84.7 | 15.3 |
| Carlton | 107 | 27 | 21 | 155 | 86.5 | 13.5 |
| Carver | 123 | 41 | 20 | 184 | 89.1 | 10.9 |
| Cass | 136 | 48 | 37 | 221 | 83.3 | 16.7 |
| Chippewa | 20 | 9 | - | 29 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Chisago | 152 | 50 | 15 | 217 | 93.1 | 6.9 |
| Clay | 105 | 47 | 10 | 162 | 93.8 | 6.2 |
| Clearwater | 23 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 84.4 | 15.6 |
| Cook | 7 | | 3 | 10 | 70.0 | 30.0 |
| Cottonwood | 46 | 9 | 5 | 60 | 91.7 | 8.3 |
| Crow Wing | 147 | 37 | 45 | 229 | 80.3 | 19.7 |
| Dakota | 342 | 93 | 53 | 488 | 89.1 | 10.9 |
| Dodge | 37 | 22 | 12 | 71 | 83.1 | 16.9 |
| Douglas | 53 | 17 | 5 | 75 | 93.3 | 6.7 |
| Fillmore | 30 | 8 | 3 | 41 | 92.7 | 7.3 |
| Freeborn | 78 | 30 | 13 | 121 | 89.3 | 10.7 |
| Goodhue | 70 | 31 | 15 | 116 | 87.1 | 12.9 |
| Grant | 8 | 1 | - | 9 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Hennepin | 2,209 | 986 | 661 | 3,856 | 82.9 | 17.1 |
| Houston | 58 | 13 | 5 | 76 | 93.4 | 6.6 |
| Hubbard | 56 | 21 | 15 | 92 | 83.7 | 16.3 |
| Isanti | 83 | 22 | 16 | 121 | 86.8 | 13.2 |
| Itasca | 157 | 75 | 71 | 303 | 76.6 | 23.4 |
| Jackson | 37 | 5 | - | 42 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Kanabec | 60 | 16 | 5 | 81 | 93.8 | 6.2 |
| Kandiyohi | 70 | 30 | 24 | 124 | 80.6 | 19.4 |
| Kittson | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 60.0 | 40.0 |
| Koochiching | 49 | 10 | 8 | 67 | 88.1 | 11.9 |
| Lac qui Parle | 9 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 93.8 | 6.3 |
| Lake | 32 | 10 | 6 | 48 | 87.5 | 12.5 |
| Lake of the Woods | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 75.0 | 25.0 |
| Le Sueur | 57 | 10 | 7 | 74 | 90.5 | 9.5 |
| McLeod | 39 | 29 | 13 | 81 | 84.0 | 16.0 |
| Mahnomen | 36 | 12 | 9 | 57 | 84.2 | 15.8 |
| Marshall | 15 | 7 | 2 | 24 | 91.7 | 8.3 |
| Meeker | 38 | 7 | 4 | 49 | 91.8 | 8.2 |

Frequency of Moves Within a Placement For Children in Out-of-Home Care (continued)

| County | No Moves (1 setting) | One Move (2 settings) | Two or More Moves (3+ settings) | Total Children* | Percent With 0 or 1 Moves | Percent With Two or More Moves |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mille Lacs | 80 | 22 | 19 | 121 | 84.3 | 15.7 |
| Morrison | 60 | 18 | 19 | 97 | 80.4 | 19.6 |
| Mower | 78 | 31 | 14 | 123 | 88.6 | 11.4 |
| Nicollet | 44 | 11 | 3 | 58 | 94.8 | 5.2 |
| Nobles | 32 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 94.3 | 5.7 |
| Norman | 12 | 7 | 2 | 21 | 90.5 | 9.5 |
| Olmsted | 161 | 47 | 30 | 238 | 87.4 | 12.6 |
| Otter Tail | 88 | 26 | 3 | 117 | 97.4 | 2.6 |
| Pennington | 33 | 12 | 11 | 56 | 80.4 | 19.6 |
| Pine | 93 | 21 | 22 | 136 | 83.8 | 16.2 |
| Pipestone | 31 | 7 | 5 | 43 | 88.4 | 11.6 |
| Polk | 77 | 28 | 15 | 120 | 87.5 | 12.5 |
| Pope | 10 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 93.3 | 6.7 |
| Ramsey | 1,445 | 364 | 264 | 2,073 | 87.3 | 12.7 |
| Red Lake | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 75.0 | 25.0 |
| Redwood | 37 | 10 | 3 | 50 | 94.0 | 6.0 |
| Renville | 23 | 7 | 3 | 33 | 90.9 | 9.1 |
| Rice | 61 | 14 | 9 | 84 | 89.3 | 10.7 |
| Rock | 18 | 6 | 3 | 27 | 88.9 | 11.1 |
| Roseau | 31 | 9 | 6 | 46 | 87.0 | 13.0 |
| St. Louis | 523 | 142 | 80 | 745 | 89.3 | 10.7 |
| Scott | 120 | 29 | 20 | 169 | 88.2 | 11.8 |
| Sherburne | 76 | 21 | 15 | 112 | 86.6 | 13.4 |
| Sibley | 19 | 7 | 6 | 32 | 81.3 | 18.8 |
| Stearns | 204 | 53 | 41 | 298 | 86.2 | 13.8 |
| Steele | 36 | 19 | 8 | 63 | 87.3 | 12.7 |
| Stevens | 16 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 95.2 | 4.8 |
| Swift | 20 | 4 | - | 24 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Todd | 48 | 16 | 8 | 72 | 88.9 | 11.1 |
| Traverse | 8 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 90.0 | 10.0 |
| Wabasha | 43 | 23 | 19 | 85 | 77.6 | 22.4 |
| Wadena | 46 | 15 | 6 | 67 | 91.0 | 9.0 |
| Waseca | 44 | 18 | 7 | 69 | 89.9 | 10.1 |
| Washington | 310 | 71 | 36 | 417 | 91.4 | 8.6 |
| Watonwan | 13 | 8 | 1 | 22 | 95.5 | 4.5 |
| Wilkin | 22 | 7 | 3 | 32 | 90.6 | 9.4 |
| Winona | 68 | 29 | 30 | 127 | 76.4 | 23.6 |
| Wright | 144 | 50 | 32 | 226 | 85.8 | 14.2 |
| Yellow Medicine | 37 | 7 | 6 | 50 | 88.0 | 12.0 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 65 | 30 | 23 | 118 | 80.5 | 19.5 |
| Faribault-Martin | 94 | 21 | 19 | 134 | 85.8 | 14.2 |
| Minnesota | 9,867 | 3,307 | 2,119 | 15,293 | 86.1 | 13.9 |

* No placement setting data is available for one child.

Placement Settings Experienced by Children in Out-of-Home Care

| County | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | Foster Family Home - Relative | Group Home | Pre-Adoptive Home - Non-Relative | Pre-Adoptive Home - Relative | Residential Treatment/ Institution | Runaway (from placement) | Supervised Independent Living | Total Placements |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Aitkin | 90 | 16 | 15 | 4 | | 49 | | | 174 |
| Anoka | 665 | 194 | 52 | 44 | 3 | 213 | | | 1,171 |
| Becker | 147 | 47 | 25 | 5 | 2 | 50 | 6 | | 282 |
| Beltrami | 166 | 78 | 34 | 7 | 1 | 28 | | 2 | 316 |
| Benton | 65 | 31 | 39 | 8 | | 24 | 1 | | 168 |
| Big Stone | 18 | 2 | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | | 27 |
| Blue Earth | 155 | 9 | 1 | 1 | | 80 | | 1 | 247 |
| Brown | 71 | 4 | 28 | 1 | | 23 | | 2 | 129 |
| Carlton | 123 | 46 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 44 | | | 233 |
| Carver | 121 | 43 | 75 | 6 | 2 | 33 | | | 280 |
| Cass | 166 | 82 | 53 | 2 | 2 | 58 | | 4 | 367 |
| Chippewa | 13 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 14 | | | 38 |
| Chisago | 191 | 61 | 3 | 14 | | 34 | | | 303 |
| Clay | 112 | 31 | 21 | 17 | 2 | 46 | 4 | | 233 |
| Clearwater | 24 | 4 | 8 | 1 | | 11 | | 1 | 49 |
| Cook | 5 | 6 | 4 | | | 4 | | | 19 |
| Cottonwood | 30 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 1 | | 84 |
| Crow Wing | 209 | 58 | 35 | 18 | 15 | 53 | | | 388 |
| Dakota | 402 | 102 | 45 | 18 | 9 | 143 | | 3 | 722 |
| Dodge | 30 | 13 | 80 | 2 | | 5 | | 1 | 131 |
| Douglas | 51 | 18 | 7 | 5 | | 25 | 2 | | 108 |
| Fillmore | 19 | 3 | 8 | | | 25 | | 1 | 56 |
| Freeborn | 74 | 18 | 62 | 9 | | 28 | | | 191 |
| Goodhue | 104 | 12 | 7 | 14 | 1 | 60 | | | 198 |
| Grant | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | | 10 |
| Hennepin | 1,884 | 1,022 | 609 | 292 | 98 | 2,872 | 8 | 13 | 6,798 |
| Houston | 73 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 26 | | 1 | 109 |
| Hubbard | 43 | 12 | 10 | | | 88 | | | 153 |
| Isanti | 116 | 33 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 18 | | | 187 |
| Itasca | 134 | 89 | 201 | 3 | 2 | 134 | 2 | | 565 |

Placement Settings Experienced by Children in Out-of-Home Care *(continued)*

| County | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | Foster Family Home - Relative | Group Home | Pre-Adoptive Home - Non-Relative | Pre-Adoptive Home - Relative | Residential Treatment/ Institution | Runaway (from placement) | Supervised Independent Living | Total Placements |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Jackson | 22 | 7 | 8 | 1 | | 8 | | 1 | 47 |
| Kanabec | 35 | 9 | 9 | | 2 | 52 | | | 107 |
| Kandiyohi | 102 | 15 | 51 | 15 | | 36 | 1 | | 220 |
| Kittson | 4 | | 3 | | | 3 | | | 10 |
| Koochiching | 55 | 11 | 4 | | | 27 | | 3 | 100 |
| Lac qui Parle | 8 | | | | | 17 | | | 25 |
| Lake | 39 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 7 | | | 76 |
| Lake of the Woods | 6 | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | 13 |
| Le Sueur | 46 | 18 | 10 | 4 | | 19 | | 2 | 99 |
| McLeod | 76 | 45 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 149 |
| Mahnomen | 44 | 24 | 24 | 4 | | 5 | | | 101 |
| Marshall | 14 | 6 | 8 | | | 8 | | | 36 |
| Meeker | 26 | 10 | 15 | | | 15 | | | 66 |
| Mille Lacs | 73 | 28 | 21 | 4 | | 86 | | | 212 |
| Morrison | 61 | 15 | 69 | 16 | | 16 | 9 | | 186 |
| Mower | 84 | 15 | 36 | 10 | | 42 | 1 | | 188 |
| Nicollet | 25 | 4 | 26 | 4 | | 18 | | | 77 |
| Nobles | 12 | | 6 | | | 22 | | | 40 |
| Norman | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | | 18 | | | 34 |
| Olmsted | 213 | 18 | 70 | 16 | 8 | 39 | 2 | | 366 |
| Otter Tail | 82 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 35 | | | 153 |
| Pennington | 51 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 44 | | | 102 |
| Pine | 98 | 38 | 57 | 2 | 4 | 30 | | | 229 |
| Pipestone | 27 | 10 | 19 | | | 9 | | 1 | 66 |
| Polk | 92 | 11 | 74 | 5 | | 3 | | 1 | 186 |
| Pope | 7 | 4 | 7 | | | 3 | | | 21 |
| Ramsey | 1,553 | 585 | 360 | 84 | 26 | 594 | 5 | 2 | 3,209 |
| Red Lake | 6 | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 13 |
| Redwood | 38 | 3 | 15 | | | 10 | | | 66 |
| Renville | 12 | 7 | 8 | 1 | | 17 | | 1 | 46 |

Placement Settings Experienced by Children in Out-of-Home Care *(continued)*

| County | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | Foster Family Home - Relative | Group Home | Pre-Adoptive Home - Non-Relative | Pre-Adoptive Home - Relative | Residential Treatment/ Institution | Runaway (from placement) | Supervised Independent Living | Total Placements |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Rice | 82 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 19 | | | 125 |
| Rock | 19 | 4 | 6 | | | 12 | | | 41 |
| Roseau | 22 | 2 | 9 | | | 37 | | | 70 |
| St. Louis | 694 | 165 | 149 | 34 | 12 | 44 | 2 | | 1,100 |
| Scott | 91 | 36 | 18 | 6 | 6 | 99 | 1 | | 257 |
| Sherburne | 94 | 23 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 28 | | | 168 |
| Sibley | 20 | 5 | 14 | 1 | | 14 | | | 54 |
| Stearns | 246 | 22 | 78 | 19 | 6 | 105 | 1 | | 477 |
| Steele | 68 | 4 | 23 | | 1 | 7 | | | 103 |
| Stevens | 20 | | 4 | | | 4 | | | 28 |
| Swift | 9 | 1 | 9 | 4 | | 5 | | | 28 |
| Todd | 43 | 14 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 1 | | 108 |
| Traverse | 6 | | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | | 13 |
| Wabasha | 97 | 15 | 15 | 1 | | 42 | | | 170 |
| Wadena | 54 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 15 | | | 96 |
| Waseca | 58 | 12 | 8 | 2 | | 24 | | | 104 |
| Washington | 174 | 68 | 107 | 12 | 6 | 216 | | 1 | 584 |
| Watonwan | 20 | | 8 | | | 7 | | | 35 |
| Wilkin | 26 | | 9 | 1 | 1 | 13 | | | 50 |
| Winona | 47 | 3 | 13 | | | 196 | | | 259 |
| Wright | 182 | 54 | 43 | 11 | 2 | 65 | 2 | | 359 |
| Yellow Medicine | 31 | 16 | 22 | | | 5 | 1 | | 75 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 82 | 23 | 65 | 7 | | 45 | 2 | 5 | 229 |
| Faribault-Martin | 78 | 7 | 88 | 3 | 3 | 31 | | | 210 |
| Minnesota | 10,485 | 3,467 | 3,156 | 807 | 234 | 6,471 | 54 | 48 | 24,722 |

Days in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting During 2003

| County | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | Foster Family Home - Relative | Group Home | Pre-Adoptive Home - Non-Relative | Pre-Adoptive Home - Relative | Residential Treatment/ Institution | Runaway (from placement) | Supervised Independent Living | Total Days |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Aitkin | 9,377 | 3,050 | 90 | 344 | | 2,755 | | | 15,616 |
| Anoka | 74,207 | 30,424 | 8,288 | 7,238 | 156 | 15,756 | | | 136,069 |
| Becker | 19,300 | 6,045 | 3,625 | 948 | 730 | 4,823 | 338 | | 35,809 |
| Beltrami | 27,703 | 10,448 | 3,695 | 977 | 166 | 4,299 | | 32 | 47,320 |
| Benton | 8,063 | 3,565 | 2,200 | 778 | | 2,328 | 90 | | 17,024 |
| Big Stone | 2,367 | 12 | 211 | | | 492 | 93 | | 3,175 |
| Blue Earth | 17,565 | 1,831 | 333 | 290 | | 5,850 | | 365 | 26,234 |
| Brown | 7,469 | 385 | 2,046 | 229 | | 1,926 | | 651 | 12,706 |
| Carlton | 16,147 | 9,081 | 1,400 | 942 | 577 | 5,165 | | | 33,312 |
| Carver | 15,100 | 4,825 | 5,012 | 1,457 | 726 | 1,792 | | | 28,912 |
| Cass | 14,403 | 10,061 | 2,543 | 651 | 78 | 4,776 | | 279 | 32,791 |
| Chippewa | 2,490 | 852 | 651 | 449 | 365 | 1,444 | | | 6,251 |
| Chisago | 17,777 | 7,081 | 706 | 1,679 | | 3,512 | | | 30,755 |
| Clay | 17,187 | 3,768 | 4,462 | 2,720 | 257 | 3,408 | 413 | | 32,215 |
| Clearwater | 3,100 | 561 | 303 | 255 | | 1,656 | | 20 | 5,895 |
| Cook | 380 | 484 | 93 | | | 285 | | | 1,242 |
| Cottonwood | 3,606 | 1,667 | 368 | 851 | 426 | 3,089 | 52 | | 10,059 |
| Crow Wing | 19,666 | 5,848 | 1,650 | 4,287 | 3,561 | 5,914 | | | 40,926 |
| Dakota | 47,758 | 15,168 | 7,473 | 3,711 | 2,285 | 2,824 | | 188 | 79,407 |
| Dodge | 4,623 | 1,590 | 4,177 | 652 | | 240 | | - | 11,282 |
| Douglas | 4,493 | 2,250 | 1,149 | 976 | | 2,158 | 1 | | 11,027 |
| Fillmore | 3,419 | 381 | 1,409 | | | 1,188 | | 365 | 6,762 |
| Freeborn | 10,599 | 3,262 | 3,672 | 1,506 | | 3,004 | | | 22,043 |
| Goodhue | 10,883 | 1,183 | 387 | 3,242 | 186 | 2,009 | | | 17,890 |
| Grant | 957 | 103 | 151 | 43 | | 258 | | | 1,512 |
| Hennepin | 269,207 | 150,688 | 64,258 | 40,492 | 19,979 | 151,991 | 1,058 | 1,936 | 699,609 |
| Houston | 6,544 | 358 | 103 | 560 | | 2,040 | | 365 | 9,970 |
| Hubbard | 5,536 | 1,347 | 134 | | | 2,635 | | | 9,652 |
| Isanti | 12,951 | 4,121 | 481 | 1,327 | 439 | 1,260 | | | 20,579 |
| Itasca | 15,499 | 9,619 | 9,664 | 454 | 397 | 11,248 | 334 | | 47,215 |

Days in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting During 2003 *(continued)*

| County | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | Foster Family Home - Relative | Group Home | Pre-Adoptive Home - Non-Relative | Pre-Adoptive Home - Relative | Residential Treatment/ Institution | Runaway (from placement) | Supervised Independent Living | Total Days |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Jackson | 5,704 | 1,158 | 1,238 | 207 | | 1,792 | | 6 | 10,105 |
| Kanabec | 2,367 | 801 | 191 | | 214 | 3,300 | | | 6,873 |
| Kandiyohi | 10,390 | 1,557 | 3,004 | 3,051 | | 2,929 | 9 | | 20,940 |
| Kittson | 213 | | 104 | | | 508 | | | 825 |
| Koochiching | 5,908 | 1,643 | 409 | | | 1,934 | | 174 | 10,068 |
| Lac qui Parle | 692 | | | | | 567 | | | 1,259 |
| Lake | 4,708 | 1,686 | 202 | 1,207 | 160 | 1,309 | | | 9,272 |
| Lake of the Woods | 352 | | 209 | 280 | | 280 | | 13 | 1,134 |
| Le Sueur | 8,685 | 2,363 | 971 | 511 | | 3,558 | | 115 | 16,203 |
| McLeod | 7,900 | 4,440 | 1,431 | 839 | 730 | 512 | | 81 | 15,933 |
| Mahnomen | 2,884 | 3,124 | 956 | 836 | | 407 | | | 8,207 |
| Marshall | 1,879 | 514 | 909 | | | 779 | | | 4,081 |
| Meeker | 4,423 | 1,943 | 1,110 | | | 1,434 | | | 8,910 |
| Mille Lacs | 7,709 | 2,736 | 329 | 845 | | 3,408 | | | 15,027 |
| Morrison | 5,495 | 997 | 3,146 | 2,955 | | 1,272 | 188 | | 14,053 |
| Mower | 12,311 | 1,327 | 1,477 | 1,861 | | 3,984 | 89 | | 21,049 |
| Nicollet | 2,952 | 547 | 1,168 | 971 | | 1,543 | | | 7,181 |
| Nobles | 1,002 | | 530 | | | 2,521 | | | 4,053 |
| Norman | 565 | 79 | 8 | 1,646 | | 340 | | | 2,638 |
| Olmsted | 24,087 | 2,671 | 4,297 | 2,967 | 1,592 | 3,381 | 294 | | 39,289 |
| Otter Tail | 12,264 | 1,824 | 1,350 | 549 | 545 | 4,355 | | | 20,887 |
| Pennington | 7,126 | 845 | 513 | 282 | | 3,067 | | | 11,833 |
| Pine | 12,002 | 6,183 | 3,798 | 154 | 834 | 1,030 | | | 24,001 |
| Pipestone | 1,919 | 1,613 | 702 | | | 352 | | 1 | 4,587 |
| Polk | 14,519 | 1,106 | 3,435 | 879 | | 335 | | 303 | 20,577 |
| Pope | 1,255 | 867 | 886 | | | 74 | | | 3,082 |
| Ramsey | 186,936 | 108,592 | 29,368 | 13,664 | 5,086 | 46,060 | 610 | 70 | 390,386 |
| Red Lake | 669 | 447 | 230 | | | 141 | | | 1,487 |

Days in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting During 2003 *(continued)*

| County | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | Foster Family Home - Relative | Group Home | Pre-Adoptive Home - Non-Relative | Pre-Adoptive Home - Relative | Residential Treatment/ Institution | Runaway (from placement) | Supervised Independent Living | Total Days |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Redwood | 7,231 | 757 | 1,518 | | | 1,912 | | | 11,418 |
| Renville | 3,650 | 522 | 239 | 57 | | 1,638 | | 279 | 6,385 |
| Rice | 13,976 | 872 | 562 | 1,449 | 430 | 1,330 | | | 18,619 |
| Rock | 3,229 | 805 | 209 | | | 620 | | | 4,863 |
| Roseau | 2,135 | 402 | 894 | | | 1,969 | | | 5,400 |
| St. Louis | 98,071 | 24,681 | 3,275 | 5,308 | 3,192 | 4,141 | 70 | | 138,738 |
| Scott | 11,544 | 3,081 | 1,832 | 1,079 | 1,021 | 1,639 | 194 | | 20,390 |
| Sherburne | 10,830 | 2,208 | 1,906 | 1,222 | 350 | 3,207 | | | 19,723 |
| Sibley | 1,057 | 512 | 1,717 | 363 | | 711 | | | 4,360 |
| Stearns | 25,910 | 3,407 | 4,616 | 2,397 | 1,701 | 6,202 | 5 | | 44,238 |
| Steele | 6,676 | 885 | 1,059 | | 358 | 493 | | | 9,471 |
| Stevens | 2,417 | | 234 | | | 474 | | | 3,125 |
| Swift | 2,551 | 68 | 685 | 924 | | 557 | | | 4,785 |
| Todd | 9,742 | 1,729 | 2,442 | 570 | 47 | 1,670 | 2 | | 16,202 |
| Traverse | 808 | | 326 | | | 562 | 245 | | 1,941 |
| Wabasha | 7,002 | 1,644 | 988 | 251 | | 1,990 | | | 11,875 |
| Wadena | 6,644 | 1,254 | 718 | 365 | 1,095 | 957 | | | 11,033 |
| Waseca | 6,540 | 1,556 | 825 | 280 | | 1,656 | | | 10,857 |
| Washington | 18,960 | 9,758 | 5,253 | 3,343 | 1,531 | 9,999 | | 235 | 49,079 |
| Watonwan | 2,765 | | 557 | | | 629 | | | 3,951 |
| Wilkin | 4,490 | | 559 | 136 | 350 | 886 | | | 6,421 |
| Winona | 5,622 | 315 | 585 | | | 6,020 | | | 12,542 |
| Wright | 17,543 | 6,239 | 2,955 | 1,746 | 634 | 6,235 | 22 | | 35,374 |
| Yellow Medicine | 3,641 | 2,455 | 1,437 | | | 685 | 5 | | 8,223 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 8,792 | 2,648 | 4,255 | 1,080 | | 4,292 | 34 | 1,056 | 22,157 |
| Faribault-Martin | 8,758 | 484 | 5,550 | 658 | 583 | 3,666 | | | 19,699 |
| Minnesota Total | 1,305,876 | 505,403 | 237,901 | 131,990 | 50,781 | 405,437 | 4,146 | 6,534 | 2,648,068 |
| Minnesota Percent | 49.3 | 19.1 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 15.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 |

Length of Placements Ending in 2003

| County | Days in Placement | | | | | | Total* |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|------|--------|
| | 0 - 7 | 8 - 30 | 31- 90 | 91 - 180 | 181 - 365 | >366 | |
| Aitkin | 14 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 51 |
| Anoka | 118 | 40 | 31 | 60 | 49 | 113 | 411 |
| Becker | 4 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 23 | 36 | 95 |
| Beltrami | 1 | 7 | 21 | 7 | 37 | 38 | 111 |
| Benton | 12 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 13 | 65 |
| Big Stone | 5 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Blue Earth | 20 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 12 | 89 |
| Brown | 19 | 5 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 62 |
| Carlton | 3 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 33 | 77 |
| Carver | 28 | 25 | 21 | 18 | 14 | 22 | 128 |
| Cass | 62 | 14 | 19 | 28 | 30 | 22 | 175 |
| Chippewa | | | 2 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 19 |
| Chisago | 59 | 15 | 25 | 10 | 26 | 31 | 166 |
| Clay | 3 | 4 | 12 | 24 | 11 | 33 | 87 |
| Clearwater | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 17 |
| Cook | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 10 |
| Cottonwood | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 38 |
| Crow Wing | 20 | 17 | 7 | 20 | 14 | 34 | 112 |
| Dakota | 118 | 46 | 34 | 25 | 51 | 71 | 345 |
| Dodge | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 56 |
| Douglas | 11 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 54 |
| Fillmore | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 28 |
| Freeborn | 5 | 18 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 19 | 74 |
| Goodhue | 30 | 9 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 87 |
| Grant | | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Hennepin | 425 | 207 | 360 | 339 | 392 | 608 | 2,331 |
| Houston | 29 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 59 |
| Hubbard | 48 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 89 |
| Isanti | 10 | 10 | 9 | 17 | 8 | 14 | 68 |
| Itasca | 81 | 31 | 43 | 25 | 41 | 40 | 261 |
| Jackson | 1 | | 4 | | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| Kanabec | 33 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 69 |
| Kandiyohi | 16 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 81 |
| Kittson | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 3 |
| Koochiching | 9 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 44 |
| Lac qui Parle | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 17 |
| Lake | | 7 | | 1 | 8 | 3 | 19 |
| Lake of the Woods | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 6 |
| Le Sueur | | 6 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 20 | 47 |
| McLeod | 8 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 48 |
| Mahnomen | 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 45 |
| Marshall | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | | 17 |
| Meeker | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 31 |
| Mille Lacs | 23 | 22 | 22 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 96 |

Length of Placements Ending in 2003 *(continued)*

Days in Placement

| County | 0 - 7 | 8 - 30 | 31 - 90 | 91 - 180 | 181 - 365 | >366 | Total* |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Morrison | 17 | 14 | 19 | 12 | 4 | 17 | 83 |
| Mower | 21 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 22 | 82 |
| Nicollet | 10 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 41 |
| Nobles | 7 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 31 |
| Norman | 13 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 3 | 23 |
| Olmsted | 50 | 30 | 18 | 16 | 35 | 39 | 188 |
| Otter Tail | 7 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 11 | 17 | 71 |
| Pennington | 5 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 36 |
| Pine | 14 | 18 | 18 | 8 | 7 | 21 | 86 |
| Pipestone | 10 | 7 | 8 | 3 | | 4 | 32 |
| Polk | 16 | 11 | 30 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 86 |
| Pope | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Ramsey | 304 | 173 | 142 | 119 | 166 | 321 | 1,225 |
| Red Lake | | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 4 |
| Redwood | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 24 |
| Renville | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 16 |
| Rice | | 2 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 38 |
| Rock | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| Roseau | 1 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 32 |
| St. Louis | 103 | 67 | 57 | 41 | 65 | 106 | 439 |
| Scott | 67 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 135 |
| Sherburne | 4 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 58 |
| Sibley | 12 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 29 |
| Stearns | 56 | 49 | 33 | 21 | 20 | 50 | 229 |
| Steele | 2 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 49 |
| Stevens | 4 | | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| Swift | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 18 |
| Todd | | 1 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 33 |
| Traverse | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 4 |
| Wabasha | 27 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 64 |
| Wadena | 10 | 6 | 5 | | 2 | 8 | 31 |
| Waseca | 9 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 53 |
| Washington | 153 | 93 | 31 | 17 | 22 | 38 | 354 |
| Watonwan | | | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 19 |
| Wilkin | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 19 |
| Winona | 57 | 35 | 20 | 13 | 8 | 16 | 149 |
| Wright | 52 | 24 | 17 | 32 | 16 | 27 | 168 |
| Yellow Medicine | 5 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 31 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 7 | 12 | 15 | 22 | 16 | 19 | 91 |
| Faribault-Martin | 36 | 23 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 15 | 114 |
| Minnesota Total Episodes Ending | 2,349 | 1,315 | 1,384 | 1,220 | 1,429 | 2,251 | 9,948 |
| Minnesota Percent | 23.6 | 13.2 | 13.9 | 12.3 | 14.4 | 22.6 | 100.0 |

*Total number of placements ending in 2003.

Days in Care in Out-of-Home Care in 2003 Only

| County | Days in Placement | | | | | Total* |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|
| | 0 - 7 | 8 - 30 | 31- 90 | 91 - 180 | 181 - 365 | |
| Aitkin | 10 | 5 | 17 | 4 | 47 | 83 |
| Anoka | 102 | 54 | 91 | 131 | 348 | 726 |
| Becker | 5 | 7 | 28 | 44 | 92 | 176 |
| Beltrami | 3 | 21 | 33 | 45 | 123 | 225 |
| Benton | 9 | 10 | 20 | 23 | 37 | 99 |
| Big Stone | 4 | | 3 | 4 | 8 | 19 |
| Blue Earth | 20 | 11 | 24 | 17 | 70 | 142 |
| Brown | 18 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 34 | 85 |
| Carlton | 5 | 13 | 17 | 34 | 86 | 155 |
| Carver | 22 | 25 | 37 | 31 | 69 | 184 |
| Cass | 51 | 19 | 21 | 40 | 90 | 221 |
| Chippewa | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 29 |
| Chisago | 48 | 18 | 41 | 34 | 76 | 217 |
| Clay | 6 | 9 | 26 | 36 | 85 | 162 |
| Clearwater | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 32 |
| Cook | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| Cottonwood | 2 | 2 | 22 | 8 | 26 | 60 |
| Crow Wing | 25 | 15 | 34 | 50 | 105 | 229 |
| Dakota | 99 | 46 | 67 | 64 | 212 | 488 |
| Dodge | 4 | 7 | 11 | 24 | 25 | 71 |
| Douglas | 8 | 8 | 17 | 17 | 25 | 75 |
| Fillmore | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 41 |
| Freeborn | 4 | 17 | 23 | 26 | 51 | 121 |
| Goodhue | 16 | 11 | 28 | 18 | 43 | 116 |
| Grant | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Hennepin | 378 | 319 | 637 | 714 | 1,809 | 3,857 |
| Houston | 22 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 20 | 76 |
| Hubbard | 25 | 12 | 20 | 17 | 18 | 92 |
| Isanti | 12 | 15 | 26 | 16 | 52 | 121 |
| Itasca | 41 | 35 | 51 | 48 | 127 | 303 |
| Jackson | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 29 | 42 |
| Kanabec | 31 | 7 | 21 | 9 | 13 | 81 |
| Kandiyohi | 15 | 17 | 14 | 25 | 53 | 124 |
| Kittson | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Koochiching | 3 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 26 | 67 |
| Lac qui Parle | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 16 |
| Lake | 1 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 48 |
| Lake of the Woods | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Le Sueur | 1 | 5 | 9 | 21 | 38 | 74 |
| McLeod | 6 | 1 | 16 | 18 | 40 | 81 |
| Mahnomen | 6 | 9 | 15 | 8 | 19 | 57 |
| Marshall | | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 24 |
| Meeker | 1 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 21 | 49 |
| Mille Lacs | 16 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 32 | 121 |

Days in Care in Out-of-Home Care in 2003 Only *(continued)*

Days in Placement

| County | 0 - 7 | 8 - 30 | 31- 90 | 91 - 180 | 181 - 365 | Total* |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Morrison | 14 | 15 | 19 | 15 | 34 | 97 |
| Mower | 13 | 9 | 20 | 32 | 49 | 123 |
| Nicollet | 7 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 58 |
| Nobles | 7 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 35 |
| Norman | 6 | | 6 | 3 | 6 | 21 |
| Olmsted | 32 | 29 | 37 | 38 | 102 | 238 |
| Otter Tail | 8 | 9 | 28 | 21 | 51 | 117 |
| Pennington | 4 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 34 | 56 |
| Pine | 13 | 22 | 23 | 10 | 68 | 136 |
| Pipestone | 8 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 43 |
| Polk | 9 | 14 | 25 | 24 | 48 | 120 |
| Pope | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Ramsey | 274 | 196 | 270 | 318 | 1,015 | 2,073 |
| Red Lake | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Redwood | | 4 | 4 | 12 | 30 | 50 |
| Renville | 2 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 33 |
| Rice | 1 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 46 | 84 |
| Rock | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 27 |
| Roseau | 2 | 13 | 5 | 16 | 10 | 46 |
| St. Louis | 94 | 70 | 105 | 126 | 350 | 745 |
| Scott | 54 | 26 | 16 | 15 | 58 | 169 |
| Sherburne | 5 | 10 | 31 | 13 | 53 | 112 |
| Sibley | 9 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 32 |
| Stearns | 41 | 40 | 60 | 47 | 110 | 298 |
| Steele | 4 | 12 | 17 | 5 | 25 | 63 |
| Stevens | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 21 |
| Swift | | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 24 |
| Todd | 3 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 40 | 72 |
| Traverse | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Wabasha | 19 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 30 | 85 |
| Wadena | 9 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 27 | 67 |
| Waseca | 4 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 25 | 69 |
| Washington | 118 | 78 | 50 | 47 | 124 | 417 |
| Watonwan | | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 22 |
| Wilkin | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 |
| Winona | 27 | 22 | 30 | 19 | 29 | 127 |
| Wright | 37 | 27 | 29 | 45 | 88 | 226 |
| Yellow Medicine | 2 | 12 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 50 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 6 | 7 | 21 | 25 | 59 | 118 |
| Faribault-Martin | 20 | 18 | 18 | 39 | 39 | 134 |
| State Total | 1,905 | 1,517 | 2,440 | 2,676 | 6,755 | 15,294 |
| State Percent | 12.5 | 9.9 | 16.0 | 17.5 | 44.2 | 100.0 |

*Total number of placements ending in 2003.

Days in Out-of-Home Care in 2003 Only for Children Under Age 8

| County | Days in Placement | | | | | Total* |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|
| | 0 - 7 | 8 - 30 | 31- 90 | 91 - 180 | 181 – 365 | |
| Aitkin | 3 | | 6 | 1 | 10 | 20 |
| Anoka | 26 | 28 | 42 | 57 | 107 | 260 |
| Becker | 1 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 53 |
| Beltrami | 3 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 28 | 66 |
| Benton | | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 18 |
| Big Stone | 1 | | 1 | | 3 | 5 |
| Blue Earth | 9 | 2 | 5 | | 23 | 39 |
| Brown | 9 | | 2 | 2 | 5 | 18 |
| Carlton | | 2 | 1 | 11 | 15 | 29 |
| Carver | 3 | 10 | 7 | 18 | 16 | 54 |
| Cass | 10 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 19 | 45 |
| Chippewa | | | | | 7 | 7 |
| Chisago | 9 | 4 | 21 | 12 | 18 | 64 |
| Clay | 5 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 50 |
| Clearwater | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Cook | | | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| Cottonwood | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Crow Wing | 10 | 4 | 16 | 22 | 32 | 84 |
| Dakota | 24 | 15 | 31 | 24 | 56 | 150 |
| Dodge | | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 16 |
| Douglas | 4 | | 3 | 9 | 3 | 19 |
| Fillmore | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Freeborn | | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 17 |
| Goodhue | 6 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 15 | 39 |
| Grant | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Hennepin | 179 | 100 | 229 | 258 | 457 | 1,223 |
| Houston | 4 | 2 | | 5 | 2 | 13 |
| Hubbard | 2 | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| Isanti | 4 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 17 | 39 |
| Itasca | 3 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 16 | 49 |
| Jackson | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Kanabec | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Kandiyohi | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 35 |
| Kittson | | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| Koochiching | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Lac qui Parle | | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 14 |
| Lake | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 19 |
| Lake of the Woods | 1 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 17 | 41 |
| Le Sueur | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 17 |
| McLeod | | 2 | | | 1 | 3 |
| Mahnomen | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Marshall | | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 17 |
| Meeker | 3 | | 6 | 1 | 10 | 20 |
| Mille Lacs | 26 | 28 | 42 | 57 | 107 | 260 |

Days in Out-of-Home Care in 2003 Only for Children Under Age 8
(continued)

Days in Placement

| County | 0 - 7 | 8 - 30 | 31- 90 | 91 - 180 | 181 – 365 | Total* |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Morrison | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 22 |
| Mower | | 3 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 23 |
| Nicollet | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Nobles | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Norman | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Olmsted | 18 | 6 | 13 | 14 | 32 | 83 |
| Otter Tail | 6 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 38 |
| Pennington | 3 | | 1 | | 7 | 11 |
| Pine | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 19 | 34 |
| Pipestone | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Polk | 3 | | 6 | 2 | 7 | 18 |
| Pope | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | 111 | 55 | 81 | 72 | 251 | 570 |
| Red Lake | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| Redwood | | | | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Renville | | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Rice | | | 12 | 1 | 8 | 21 |
| Rock | 4 | | | | 1 | 5 |
| Roseau | | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| St. Louis | 24 | 20 | 38 | 51 | 93 | 226 |
| Scott | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 45 |
| Sherburne | 1 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 12 | 32 |
| Sibley | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Stearns | 15 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 29 | 77 |
| Steele | 2 | 1 | 8 | | 1 | 12 |
| Stevens | 2 | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Swift | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Todd | 2 | | 1 | 6 | 10 | 19 |
| Traverse | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 23 |
| Wabasha | 3 | | 3 | 7 | 8 | 21 |
| Wadena | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 15 |
| Waseca | 18 | 11 | 15 | 11 | 25 | 80 |
| Washington | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Watonwan | | | 1 | | 3 | 4 |
| Wilkin | | | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Winona | 5 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 21 | 56 |
| Wright | 2 | 3 | | 6 | 4 | 15 |
| Yellow Medicine | | | 6 | 8 | 15 | 29 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| Faribault-Martin | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 22 |
| State Total | 585 | 384 | 749 | 825 | 1,612 | 4,155 |
| State Percent | 14.1 | 9.2 | 18.0 | 19.9 | 38.8 | 100.0 |

*Total number of placements ending in 2003.

Reasons For Entering Out-of-Home Care

Children may have entered care for multiple reasons and may have entered multiple times. Every reason is counted in this figure (not children).

| County | Alleged Physical Abuse | Alleged Sexual Abuse | Alleged Neglect | Parent Alcohol Abuse | Parent Drug Abuse | Child Alcohol Abuse | Child Drug Abuse | Child Behavior | Child Disability | Parent Death | Parent Incarceration | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Abandonment | Relinquishment of Parental Rights | Inadequate Housing |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Aitkin | 5 | 0 | 22 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| Anoka | 72 | 37 | 237 | 45 | 199 | 2 | 5 | 247 | 60 | 1 | 48 | 138 | 42 | 9 | 58 |
| Becker | 17 | 12 | 76 | 35 | 34 | 14 | 14 | 77 | 22 | 4 | 3 | 51 | 17 | 1 | 12 |
| Beltrami | 19 | 10 | 132 | 25 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 13 | 16 | 2 | 2 |
| Benton | 8 | 1 | 38 | 6 | 34 | 7 | 11 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| Big Stone | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Blue Earth | 24 | 12 | 50 | 21 | 32 | 11 | 19 | 83 | 15 | 2 | 10 | 59 | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| Brown | 6 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 53 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Carlton | 14 | 6 | 43 | 28 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 57 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 41 | 13 | 4 | 9 |
| Carver | 13 | 16 | 64 | 12 | 29 | 2 | 7 | 96 | 11 | 0 | 18 | 49 | 14 | 2 | 17 |
| Cass | 47 | 18 | 52 | 38 | 21 | 10 | 15 | 93 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 42 | 30 | 3 | 9 |
| Chippewa | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chisago | 26 | 6 | 85 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 92 | 20 | 5 | 11 | 18 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Clay | 13 | 3 | 35 | 29 | 16 | 9 | 15 | 65 | 11 | 3 | 16 | 44 | 20 | 1 | 10 |
| Clearwater | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cook | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Cottonwood | 6 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Crow Wing | 9 | 6 | 112 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Dakota | 71 | 20 | 175 | 61 | 77 | 5 | 12 | 160 | 47 | 9 | 26 | 122 | 51 | 14 | 49 |
| Dodge | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 48 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Douglas | 8 | 4 | 19 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 41 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Fillmore | 2 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Freeborn | 5 | 5 | 33 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 79 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 43 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| Goodhue | 12 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 34 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| Grant | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hennepin | 565 | 268 | 1,330 | 324 | 823 | 26 | 57 | 1,368 | 214 | 20 | 213 | 615 | 303 | 46 | 159 |
| Houston | 14 | 6 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Hubbard | 5 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 85 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Isanti | 21 | 7 | 50 | 12 | 34 | 3 | 3 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 0 | 16 |

Reasons For Entering Out-of-Home Care *(continued)*

Children may have entered care for multiple reasons and may have entered multiple times. Every reason is counted in this figure (not children).

| County | Alleged Physical Abuse | Alleged Sexual Abuse | Alleged Neglect | Parent Alcohol Abuse | Parent Drug Abuse | Child Alcohol Abuse | Child Drug Abuse | Child Behavior | Child Disability | Parent Death | Parent Incarceration | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Abandonment | Relinquishment of Parental Rights | Inadequate Housing |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Itasca | 32 | 10 | 50 | 46 | 45 | 17 | 21 | 274 | 54 | 2 | 19 | 77 | 24 | 2 | 12 |
| Jackson | 2 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Kanabec | 8 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Kandiyohi | 13 | 8 | 31 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 16 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Kittson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Koochiching | 2 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 51 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lake | 8 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Lake of the Woods | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Le Sueur | 6 | 4 | 32 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 43 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 26 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| McLeod | 4 | 7 | 48 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Mahnomen | 10 | 2 | 30 | 21 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 4 |
| Marshall | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Meeker | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 36 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Mille Lacs | 10 | 7 | 27 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 86 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 26 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| Morrison | 13 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 67 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| Mower | 10 | 12 | 33 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 83 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Nicollet | 3 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 43 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Nobles | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Norman | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Olmsted | 16 | 8 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 116 | 14 | 1 | 11 | 132 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Otter Tail | 19 | 1 | 39 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Pennington | 9 | 6 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 40 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Pine | 16 | 8 | 39 | 9 | 39 | 4 | 5 | 71 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 45 | 9 | 0 | 5 |
| Pipestone | 6 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Polk | 10 | 1 | 38 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 72 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| Pope | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramsey | 307 | 121 | 800 | 176 | 286 | 48 | 153 | 743 | 95 | 34 | 119 | 462 | 248 | 178 | 252 |
| Red Lake | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Redwood | 4 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 36 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Renville | 7 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Rice | 5 | 0 | 22 | 9 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 19 | 13 | 1 | 6 |

Reasons For Entering Out-of-Home Care *(continued)*

Children may have entered care for multiple reasons and may have entered multiple times. Every reason is counted in this figure (not children).

| County | Alleged Physical Abuse | Alleged Sexual Abuse | Alleged Neglect | Parent Alcohol Abuse | Parent Drug Abuse | Child Alcohol Abuse | Child Drug Abuse | Child Behavior | Child Disability | Parent Death | Parent Incarceration | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Abandonment | Relinquishment of Parental Rights | Inadequate Housing |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rock | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Roseau | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| St. Louis | 57 | 29 | 257 | 134 | 109 | 21 | 21 | 256 | 71 | 10 | 57 | 264 | 51 | 10 | 58 |
| Scott | 13 | 3 | 67 | 14 | 27 | 3 | 4 | 86 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 12 | 4 | 8 |
| Sherburne | 7 | 3 | 24 | 8 | 32 | 5 | 6 | 58 | 19 | 3 | 10 | 46 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Sibley | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Stearns | 18 | 10 | 97 | 17 | 39 | 16 | 19 | 161 | 21 | 0 | 4 | 55 | 12 | 7 | 16 |
| Steele | 17 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 37 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Stevens | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Swift | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Todd | 6 | 4 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Traverse | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wabasha | 10 | 6 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 59 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Wadena | 7 | 2 | 36 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Waseca | 3 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Washington | 42 | 10 | 93 | 26 | 45 | 16 | 41 | 306 | 60 | 3 | 28 | 118 | 13 | 7 | 32 |
| Watonwan | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilkin | 2 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Winona | 5 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 160 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Wright | 26 | 8 | 50 | 15 | 43 | 11 | 24 | 122 | 22 | 2 | 18 | 72 | 11 | 1 | 15 |
| Yellow Medicine | 5 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 11 | 2 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 13 | 22 | 75 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| Faribault-Martin | 2 | 7 | 27 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 112 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| State Total | 1,777 | 782 | 4,812 | 1,428 | 2,333 | 373 | 682 | 7,044 | 1,068 | 129 | 906 | 3,336 | 1,110 | 348 | 925 |

Reasons For Discharge From Out-of-Home Care

Children may have entered multiple times and may have exited multiple times. Every reason is counted in this figure (not children).

| County | Reunificati on With Parents/ Primary Caretakers | Living With Other Relatives | Transfe r To Anothe r Agency | Runaway From Placement (placemen t no longer planned) | Reached Age of Majority or Emancipate d | Adoptio n Finalized | Guardianshi p | Deat h of Child | Permanen t Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative | Missi ng Data | Total |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|-------|
| Aitkin | 40 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 51 |
| Anoka | 302 | 13 | 1 | 16 | 30 | 35 | 3 | | 10 | 1 | 411 |
| Becker | 57 | | 2 | | 10 | 14 | 8 | | 3 | 1 | 95 |
| Beltrami | 68 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 111 |
| Benton | 46 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | | | 4 | | 65 |
| Big Stone | 9 | | | | 3 | | | | | | 12 |
| Blue Earth | 62 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 | | | | | 89 |
| Brown | 46 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | | | | 62 |
| Carlton | 46 | 3 | | 5 | 10 | 5 | | | 7 | 1 | 77 |
| Carver | 105 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 8 | | | 4 | | 128 |
| Cass | 128 | 14 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 4 | | | 14 | 1 | 175 |
| Chippewa | 10 | 1 | 2 | | 4 | | | | 2 | | 19 |
| Chisago | 119 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 7 | | 1 | 15 | | 166 |
| Clay | 54 | | 5 | 7 | 6 | 13 | | | 2 | | 87 |
| Clearwater | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | 1 | | 17 |
| Cook | 6 | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 10 |
| Cottonwood | 27 | | 2 | | 4 | 3 | | | 2 | | 38 |
| Crow Wing | 60 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 1 | | 8 | | 112 |
| Dakota | 237 | 25 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 25 | 18 | | 1 | 1 | 345 |
| Dodge | 44 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | 6 | | 56 |
| Douglas | 34 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | | 4 | | 54 |
| Fillmore | 25 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | 28 |
| Freeborn | 55 | | 3 | 4 | 10 | 1 | | | 1 | | 74 |
| Goodhue | 55 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 87 |
| Grant | 6 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 7 |
| Hennepin | 1,506 | 63 | 56 | 121 | 166 | 244 | 1 | 3 | 157 | 14 | 2,331 |
| Houston | 48 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 3 | | | | | 59 |
| Hubbard | 81 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | 89 |
| Isanti | 44 | 5 | | 2 | 6 | 7 | | | 4 | | 68 |
| Itasca | 202 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 5 | | | 16 | 4 | 261 |
| Jackson | 13 | | | | 4 | | | | 2 | | 19 |
| Kanabec | 63 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 4 | | 69 |
| Kandiyohi | 65 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 9 | | | 1 | | 81 |
| Kittson | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Koochiching | 29 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | | | | 3 | | 44 |
| Lac qui Parle | 17 | | | | | | | | | | 17 |
| Lake | 12 | | 1 | | 2 | | | | 4 | | 19 |
| Lake of the Woods | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 6 |
| Le Sueur | 29 | | | 3 | 6 | 5 | | | 4 | | 47 |
| McLeod | 30 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | 11 | | 48 |
| Mahnomen | 26 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | | 5 | 1 | 45 |
| Marshall | 15 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 17 |

Reasons For Discharge From Out-of-Home Care *(continued)*

Children may have entered multiple times and may have exited multiple times. Every reason is counted in this figure (not children).

| County | Reunification With Parents/ Primary Caretakers | Living With Other Relatives | Transfer to Another Agency | Runaway From Placement (placement no longer planned) | Reached Age of Majority or Emancipated | Adoption Finalized | Guardianship | Death of Child | Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative | Missing Data | Total |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| Meeker | 22 | 2 | 1 | | 6 | | | | | | 31 |
| Mille Lacs | 80 | 5 | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 6 | | 96 |
| Morrison | 59 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | | | 1 | | 83 |
| Mower | 61 | 1 | 2 | | 7 | 6 | | | 5 | | 82 |
| Nicollet | 30 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | 41 |
| Nobles | 23 | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | | 31 |
| Norman | 20 | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | | 23 |
| Olmsted | 122 | 12 | 17 | 3 | 9 | 24 | 1 | | | | 188 |
| Otter Tail | 53 | | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | | | | | 71 |
| Pennington | 24 | 3 | | 1 | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | | 36 |
| Pine | 56 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | | | 10 | | 86 |
| Pipestone | 25 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | 32 |
| Polk | 75 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | | 86 |
| Pope | 4 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 | | 9 |
| Ramsey | 821 | 55 | 25 | 48 | 71 | 95 | 2 | 2 | 98 | 8 | 1,225 |
| Red Lake | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Redwood | 19 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 24 |
| Renville | 14 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 16 |
| Rice | 26 | | | 1 | 6 | 5 | | | | | 38 |
| Rock | 11 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 16 |
| Roseau | 21 | 2 | 4 | | 4 | | | 1 | | | 32 |
| St. Louis | 282 | 37 | 5 | 20 | 31 | 26 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 3 | 439 |
| Scott | 95 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 | | | 5 | | 135 |
| Sherburne | 36 | | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | | 8 | | 58 |
| Sibley | 24 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | | 29 |
| Stearns | 172 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 19 | | 1 | 19 | | 229 |
| Steele | 41 | | 1 | | 6 | 1 | | | | | 49 |
| Stevens | 8 | 3 | | | 1 | | | | | | 12 |
| Swift | 14 | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | 18 |
| Todd | 24 | 2 | | | 3 | 4 | | | | | 33 |
| Traverse | 3 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 4 |
| Wabasha | 52 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | | | | 2 | | 64 |
| Wadena | 24 | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | | | 2 | | 31 |
| Waseca | 39 | 3 | | | 5 | 3 | | | 3 | | 53 |
| Washington | 294 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 12 | | | 10 | | 354 |
| Watonwan | 15 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | 19 |
| Wilkin | 13 | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | | | | 19 |
| Winona | 130 | 7 | | 5 | 7 | | | | | | 149 |
| Wright | 133 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 10 | | | 1 | | 168 |
| Yellow Medicine | 27 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 31 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 74 | | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 | | | 4 | | 91 |
| Faribault-Martin | 94 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | | | 3 | | 114 |
| Total | 6,997 | 404 | 238 | 326 | 629 | 728 | 42 | 13 | 533 | 38 | 9,948 |

Federal Permanency Indicator 4.1 - Reunified Within 12 Months of Last Removal

Of all the children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percent were reunified within 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home?

| County | Total Children Reunified in 2003 | Children Reunified Within 12 Months | Percent Reunified Within 12 Months |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aitkin | 34 | 31 | 91.2 |
| Anoka | 264 | 223 | 84.5 |
| Becker | 48 | 43 | 89.6 |
| Beltrami | 61 | 52 | 85.3 |
| Benton | 28 | 26 | 92.9 |
| Big Stone | 8 | 8 | 100.0 |
| Blue Earth | 41 | 39 | 95.1 |
| Brown | 33 | 30 | 90.9 |
| Carlton | 41 | 35 | 85.4 |
| Carver | 80 | 73 | 91.3 |
| Cass | 108 | 97 | 89.8 |
| Chippewa | 7 | 5 | 71.4 |
| Chisago | 101 | 93 | 92.1 |
| Clay | 49 | 41 | 83.7 |
| Clearwater | 4 | 4 | 100.0 |
| Cook | 5 | 5 | 100.0 |
| Cottonwood | 26 | 16 | 61.5 |
| Crow Wing | 51 | 45 | 88.2 |
| Dakota | 197 | 184 | 93.4 |
| Dodge | 32 | 31 | 96.9 |
| Douglas | 23 | 20 | 87.0 |
| Fillmore | 18 | 17 | 94.4 |
| Freeborn | 45 | 39 | 86.7 |
| Goodhue | 39 | 35 | 89.7 |
| Grant | 5 | 5 | 100.0 |
| Hennepin | 1,275 | 1,143 | 89.7 |
| Houston | 38 | 36 | 94.7 |
| Hubbard | 55 | 53 | 96.4 |
| Isanti | 40 | 38 | 95.0 |
| Itasca | 129 | 116 | 89.9 |
| Jackson | 13 | 10 | 76.9 |
| Kanabec | 50 | 48 | 96.0 |
| Kandiyohi | 52 | 44 | 84.6 |
| Kittson | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| Koochiching | 18 | 16 | 88.9 |
| Lac qui Parle | 11 | 8 | 72.7 |
| Lake | 10 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Lake of the Woods | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| Le Sueur | 26 | 20 | 76.9 |
| McLeod | 23 | 22 | 95.7 |
| Mahnomen | 17 | 13 | 76.5 |
| Marshall | 11 | 11 | 100.0 |
| Meeker | 19 | 18 | 94.7 |

Federal Permanency Indicator 4.1 - Reunified Within 12 Months of Last Removal *(continued)*

Of all the children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percent were reunified within 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home?

| County | Total Children Reunified in 2003 | Children Reunified Within 12 Months | Percent Reunified Within 12 Months |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mille Lacs | 60 | 57 | 95.0 |
| Morrison | 46 | 45 | 97.8 |
| Mower | 45 | 39 | 86.7 |
| Nicollet | 23 | 22 | 95.7 |
| Nobles | 20 | 20 | 100.0 |
| Norman | 10 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Olmsted | 94 | 87 | 92.6 |
| Otter Tail | 49 | 45 | 91.8 |
| Pennington | 15 | 14 | 93.3 |
| Pine | 44 | 41 | 93.2 |
| Pipestone | 19 | 19 | 100.0 |
| Polk | 60 | 55 | 91.7 |
| Pope | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| Ramsey | 672 | 599 | 89.1 |
| Red Lake | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| Redwood | 18 | 15 | 83.3 |
| Renville | 11 | 9 | 81.8 |
| Rice | 24 | 21 | 87.5 |
| Rock | 10 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Roseau | 19 | 18 | 94.7 |
| St. Louis | 221 | 201 | 91.0 |
| Scott | 76 | 72 | 94.7 |
| Sherburne | 27 | 22 | 81.5 |
| Sibley | 16 | 13 | 81.3 |
| Stearns | 124 | 114 | 91.9 |
| Steele | 31 | 30 | 96.8 |
| Stevens | 8 | 8 | 100.0 |
| Swift | 13 | 13 | 100.0 |
| Todd | 22 | 18 | 81.8 |
| Traverse | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| Wabasha | 37 | 34 | 91.9 |
| Wadena | 22 | 21 | 95.5 |
| Waseca | 29 | 26 | 89.7 |
| Washington | 224 | 213 | 95.1 |
| Watsonwan | 11 | 8 | 72.7 |
| Wilkin | 12 | 9 | 75.0 |
| Winona | 84 | 78 | 92.9 |
| Wright | 108 | 102 | 94.4 |
| Yellow Medicine | 24 | 24 | 100.0 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 54 | 45 | 83.3 |
| Faribault-Martin | 73 | 70 | 95.9 |
| Minnesota | 5,603 | 5,060 | 90.3 |

Federal Permanency Indicator 4.2 - Re-entered Placement Within 12 Months of Prior Placement

Of all the children who entered out-of-home placement during the year, what percent re-entered placement within 12 months of a prior placement?

| County | Entered Placement in 2003 | Re-entered Placement Within 12 Months | Percent Re-entering Within 12 Months |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aitkin | 38 | 11 | 28.9 |
| Anoka | 378 | 55 | 14.6 |
| Becker | 78 | 13 | 16.7 |
| Beltrami | 79 | 8 | 10.1 |
| Benton | 53 | 17 | 32.1 |
| Big Stone | 13 | 2 | 15.4 |
| Blue Earth | 84 | 29 | 34.5 |
| Brown | 58 | 20 | 34.5 |
| Carlton | 66 | 8 | 12.1 |
| Carver | 108 | 28 | 25.9 |
| Cass | 138 | 30 | 21.7 |
| Chippewa | 11 | 4 | 36.4 |
| Chisago | 129 | 28 | 21.7 |
| Clay | 68 | 12 | 17.6 |
| Clearwater | 17 | 6 | 35.3 |
| Cook | 8 | 5 | 62.5 |
| Cottonwood | 18 | 3 | 16.7 |
| Crow Wing | 120 | 24 | 20.0 |
| Dakota | 250 | 56 | 22.4 |
| Dodge | 51 | 15 | 29.4 |
| Douglas | 42 | 14 | 33.3 |
| Fillmore | 25 | 7 | 28.0 |
| Freeborn | 60 | 18 | 30.0 |
| Goodhue | 63 | 20 | 31.7 |
| Grant | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| Hennepin | 1,903 | 398 | 20.9 |
| Houston | 50 | 13 | 26.0 |
| Hubbard | 68 | 26 | 38.2 |
| Isanti | 59 | 8 | 13.6 |
| Itasca | 190 | 89 | 46.8 |
| Jackson | 13 | 2 | 15.4 |
| Kanabec | 62 | 18 | 29.0 |
| Kandiyohi | 60 | 16 | 26.7 |
| Kittson | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| Koochiching | 45 | 13 | 28.9 |
| Lac qui Parle | 11 | 7 | 63.6 |
| Lake | 22 | 2 | 9.1 |
| Lake of the Woods | 5 | 1 | 20.0 |
| Le Sueur | 16 | 4 | 25.0 |
| McLeod | 44 | 14 | 31.8 |
| Mahnomen | 31 | 12 | 38.7 |
| Marshall | 17 | 6 | 35.3 |
| Meeker | 23 | 9 | 39.1 |

Federal Permanency Indicator 4.2 - Re-entered Placement Within 12 Months of Prior Placement *(continued)*

Of all the children who entered out-of-home placement during the year, what percent re-entered placement within 12 months of a prior placement?

| County | Entered Placement in 2003 | Re-entered Placement Within 12 Months | Percent Re-entering Within 12 Months |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mille Lacs | 76 | 23 | 30.3 |
| Morrison | 54 | 20 | 37.0 |
| Mower | 64 | 23 | 35.9 |
| Nicollet | 42 | 11 | 26.2 |
| Nobles | 20 | 3 | 15.0 |
| Norman | 13 | 7 | 53.8 |
| Olmsted | 127 | 21 | 16.5 |
| Otter Tail | 50 | 11 | 22.0 |
| Pennington | 28 | 9 | 32.1 |
| Pine | 76 | 22 | 28.9 |
| Pipestone | 34 | 3 | 8.8 |
| Polk | 78 | 20 | 25.6 |
| Pope | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| Ramsey | 936 | 238 | 25.4 |
| Red Lake | 6 | 2 | 33.3 |
| Redwood | 21 | 2 | 9.5 |
| Renville | 15 | 3 | 20.0 |
| Rice | 32 | 5 | 15.6 |
| Rock | 13 | 1 | 7.7 |
| Roseau | 30 | 2 | 6.7 |
| St. Louis | 367 | 85 | 23.2 |
| Scott | 106 | 23 | 21.7 |
| Sherburne | 69 | 14 | 20.3 |
| Sibley | 22 | 9 | 40.9 |
| Stearns | 176 | 51 | 29.0 |
| Steele | 40 | 12 | 30.0 |
| Stevens | 14 | 2 | 14.3 |
| Swift | 7 | 2 | 28.6 |
| Todd | 24 | 4 | 16.7 |
| Traverse | 6 | 3 | 50.0 |
| Wabasha | 62 | 20 | 32.3 |
| Wadena | 43 | 9 | 20.9 |
| Waseca | 41 | 12 | 29.3 |
| Washington | 298 | 80 | 26.8 |
| Watonwan | 8 | 4 | 50.0 |
| Wilkin | 13 | 2 | 15.4 |
| Winona | 95 | 33 | 34.7 |
| Wright | 132 | 29 | 22.0 |
| Yellow Medicine | 29 | 4 | 13.8 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 65 | 20 | 30.8 |
| Faribault-Martin | 75 | 22 | 29.3 |
| Minnesota | 7,992 | 1,941 | 24.3 |

Federal Permanency Indicator 6.1 - No More Than Two Placement Settings Within 12 Month or Less

Of all children who have been in out-of-home placement less than 12 months from the time of the last removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

| County | Children Placed Less Than 12 Months | Children With no More Than Two Placement Settings During Placement | Percent With Less Than Three Placement Settings During Placement |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aitkin | 56 | 42 | 75.0 |
| Anoka | 435 | 386 | 88.7 |
| Becker | 101 | 82 | 81.2 |
| Beltrami | 114 | 99 | 86.8 |
| Benton | 60 | 55 | 91.7 |
| Big Stone | 14 | 12 | 85.7 |
| Blue Earth | 94 | 82 | 87.2 |
| Brown | 63 | 59 | 93.7 |
| Carlton | 76 | 62 | 81.6 |
| Carver | 112 | 100 | 89.3 |
| Cass | 167 | 142 | 85.0 |
| Chippewa | 17 | 16 | 94.1 |
| Chisago | 148 | 139 | 93.9 |
| Clay | 92 | 82 | 89.1 |
| Clearwater | 19 | 19 | 100.0 |
| Cook | 10 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Cottonwood | 28 | 27 | 96.4 |
| Crow Wing | 146 | 116 | 79.5 |
| Dakota | 295 | 262 | 88.8 |
| Dodge | 62 | 53 | 85.5 |
| Douglas | 50 | 46 | 92.0 |
| Fillmore | 29 | 27 | 93.1 |
| Freeborn | 70 | 66 | 94.3 |
| Goodhue | 71 | 62 | 87.3 |
| Grant | 6 | 6 | 100.0 |
| Hennepin | 2,305 | 1832 | 79.5 |
| Houston | 53 | 50 | 94.3 |
| Hubbard | 72 | 68 | 94.4 |
| Isanti | 76 | 69 | 90.8 |
| Itasca | 222 | 180 | 81.1 |
| Jackson | 17 | 16 | 94.1 |
| Kanabec | 67 | 62 | 92.5 |
| Kandiyohi | 79 | 62 | 78.5 |
| Kittson | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| Koochiching | 50 | 44 | 88.0 |
| Lac qui Parle | 12 | 10 | 83.3 |
| Lake | 30 | 25 | 83.3 |
| Lake of the Woods | 6 | 5 | 83.3 |
| Le Sueur | 31 | 26 | 83.9 |
| McLeod | 55 | 38 | 69.1 |
| Mahnomen | 38 | 34 | 89.5 |
| Marshall | 21 | 19 | 90.5 |

Federal Permanency Indicator 6.1 - No More Than Two Placement Settings Within 12 Month or Less *(continued)*

Of all children who have been in out-of-home placement less than 12 months from the time of the last removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

| County | Children Placed Less Than 12 Months | Children With no More Than Two Placement Settings During Placement | Percent With Less Than Three Placement Settings During Placement |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Meeker | 33 | 27 | 81.8 |
| Mille Lacs | 88 | 69 | 78.4 |
| Morrison | 65 | 57 | 87.7 |
| Mower | 77 | 68 | 88.3 |
| Nicollet | 48 | 44 | 91.7 |
| Nobles | 29 | 28 | 96.6 |
| Norman | 13 | 13 | 100.0 |
| Olmsted | 146 | 135 | 92.5 |
| Otter Tail | 72 | 67 | 93.1 |
| Pennington | 30 | 25 | 83.3 |
| Pine | 84 | 66 | 78.6 |
| Pipestone | 35 | 32 | 91.4 |
| Polk | 88 | 80 | 90.9 |
| Pope | 5 | 5 | 100.0 |
| Ramsey | 1,098 | 961 | 87.5 |
| Red Lake | 6 | 5 | 83.3 |
| Redwood | 24 | 23 | 95.8 |
| Renville | 17 | 16 | 94.1 |
| Rice | 37 | 29 | 78.4 |
| Rock | 15 | 13 | 86.7 |
| Roseau | 38 | 33 | 86.8 |
| St. Louis | 407 | 370 | 90.9 |
| Scott | 116 | 104 | 89.7 |
| Sherburne | 76 | 72 | 94.7 |
| Sibley | 24 | 21 | 87.5 |
| Stearns | 194 | 171 | 88.1 |
| Steele | 44 | 41 | 93.2 |
| Stevens | 16 | 16 | 100.0 |
| Swift | 13 | 11 | 84.6 |
| Todd | 34 | 30 | 88.2 |
| Traverse | 6 | 4 | 66.7 |
| Wabasha | 66 | 52 | 78.8 |
| Wadena | 44 | 36 | 81.8 |
| Waseca | 46 | 45 | 97.8 |
| Washington | 312 | 296 | 94.9 |
| Watonwan | 12 | 12 | 100.0 |
| Wilkin | 16 | 15 | 93.8 |
| Winona | 101 | 86 | 85.1 |
| Wright | 150 | 133 | 88.7 |
| Yellow Medicine | 33 | 29 | 87.9 |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 79 | 66 | 83.5 |
| Faribault-Martin | 97 | 88 | 90.7 |
| Minnesota | 9,406 | 8,088 | 86.0 |

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Introduction

One of the major goals of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is to ensure that all children have safe, stable, loving and permanent homes. When children have their physical, emotional and mental health needs met, they are more successful in their families, schools and communities and are more likely to be productive members of society.

The Department provides permanency by supporting families to safely care for their children and successfully reunify them with their families or primary caregivers. For some children, the courts must execute a Termination of Parental Rights (TPR), and transfer their guardianship to the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. These children are known as Children Under State Guardianship and are referred to in this section as “state wards.” As the designated agent of the Commissioner, county social service agencies are responsible for the children’s placement, health and well being. It is the Department’s responsibility to work with county and private adoption agencies to find permanent families for these children.

Key findings in this section are as follows:

- In 2003, 714 children under state guardianship (state wards) were adopted. The largest group of children (57 percent) were under age 6. An equal number of boys and girls were adopted.
- On January 1, 2003, there were 1,529 state wards.
- The number of state wards leaving the adoption system during the same period was 825, either due to adoption finalization or reaching the age of majority.
- The number of state wards at the end of 2003 was 1,441.*
- The number of state ward adoptions between 1999 and 2003 increased by 90 children, but there was some fluctuation as adoptions went down in 2001 and increased in the following two years.

■ The average number of days in care, from the time they were available for adoption to the date of adoption, is 587 days, a decline of 46 days since 2002.

■ African American/Black children and children of two or more races were eight times more likely than a White child to be adopted in 2003.

■ Most siblings were adopted together.

The report also includes some of the demographic and social characteristics of the children adopted, or waiting to be adopted, such as age, gender, race and ethnicity. The length of waiting time is calculated from the date the child is legally available for adoption, as defined by a court ordered TPR, to the time of the actual adoption. It further reports on how long the state wards (1,529) have been waiting in the adoption system since their TPR. The number of siblings adopted together and those state wards waiting to be adopted is also included.

*There were four missing data elements for this analysis.

Adoptions

At a Glance

- *Younger state ward children were adopted more quickly than older children.*
 - *No difference was found for gender in state wards being adopted.*
 - *Compared to White children, African American/Black, American Indian and children identifying Two or More Races were adopted at a much higher rate than their proportion in the Minnesota child population.*
 - *The average number of days in care from the date of termination of parental rights to the date of adoption decreased by 160 days since 1999.*
 - *All siblings were adopted together or with at least one other sibling.*
 - *There was a rapid increase in the percentage of state wards exiting placement to a finalized adoption within two years of their placement.*
 - *The percentage of older state wards entering the system increased between 2000 and 2003.*
 - *More female state wards leave the system due to attaining age of majority than males.*
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Figure 1 - Activity in the Adoption System in 2003

| Activity | Total |
|---|-------|
| State Wards on January 1, 2003 | 1,529 |
| State Wards Entering The Adoption System in 2003 | 733 |
| State Wards Adopted in 2003 | 714 |
| State Wards Who Reached the Age of Majority in 2003 | 111 |
| State Wards Remaining on 12/31/2003* | 1,441 |

**The total does not add up to 1,441 due to missing data for analysis.*

Figure 1 shows the annual activity in the adoption system in 2003. There were 1,529 state wards at the beginning of the year and 733 new state wards that entered the system during the year. Seven hundred fourteen state wards left the system to a finalized adoption and 111 state wards reached the age of majority. The number of state wards remaining in the system at the end of the year was 1,441. Overall, there were 88 more state wards that left the system than those that remained in the system at the end of the year.

Adoptions *(continued)*

Figure 2 - Annual Activity in the Adoption System by Race in 2003

| Race | State Wards on 01/01/03 | Percent | State Wards Entering in 2003 | Percent | State Wards Attaining Age of Majority | Percent | State Wards Adopted in 2003 | Percent | State Wards Remaining on 12/31/03 | Percent |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| African American/Black | 477 | 31.2 | 127 | 17.3 | 33 | 29.7 | 152 | 21.3 | 424 | 29.4 |
| American Indian | 118 | 7.7 | 43 | 5.9 | 12 | 10.8 | 35 | 4.9 | 114 | 7.9 |
| Asian | 10 | 0.7 | 1 | 0.1 | - | 0.0 | 6 | 0.8 | 4 | 0.3 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.3 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 2 | 0.1 |
| White | 634 | 41.5 | 447 | 61.0 | 47 | 42.3 | 378 | 52.9 | 663 | 46.0 |
| Two or More Races | 283 | 18.5 | 92 | 12.6 | 18 | 16.2 | 143 | 20.0 | 208 | 14.4 |
| Unknown Race/Other | 3 | 0.2 | 16 | 2.2 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 8 | 0.6 |
| Missing Data | 4 | 0.3 | 5 | 0.7 | 1 | 0.9 | - | 0.0 | 18 | 1.2 |
| Total | 1,529 | 100.0 | 733 | 100.0 | 111 | 100.0 | 714 | 100.0 | 1,441 | 100.0 |

Figure 2 shows the annual activity in the adoption system by race. The increase or decrease in the number of state wards could be attributed to them entering or leaving the system. White state wards entered at a higher rate than they left the system, resulting in 29 more state wards to be adopted at the end of the year. State wards belonging to Two or More Races entered at a much lower rate than they left the system, resulting in 75 fewer state wards to be adopted.

Adoptions (continued)

**Figure 3a - Number of State Wards
Adopted by Age Group**

| Age Group | State Wards Adopted | Percent |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 0 to 5 | 406 | 56.9 |
| 6 to 11 | 232 | 32.5 |
| 12 to 14 | 58 | 8.1 |
| 15 and over | 18 | 2.5 |
| Total | 714 | 100.0 |

Figure 3a shows almost 90 percent of the state wards adopted were age 11 or younger.

**Figure 3b - Total State Wards at the Beginning and End of
2003 by Age Group**

| Age Group | 01/01/03 | | 12/31/03 | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent |
| 0-5 | 426 | 27.9 | 377 | 26.2 |
| 6-11 | 481 | 31.5 | 400 | 27.8 |
| 12-14 | 308 | 20.1 | 347 | 24.1 |
| 15-17 | 311 | 20.3 | 313 | 21.7 |
| Missing Data | 3 | 0.2 | 4 | 0.3 |
| Total | 1,529 | 100.0 | 1,441 | 100.0 |

Figure 3b shows that about 60 percent of the total state wards were in the 0-11 age group at the beginning of the year, and about 40 percent were in the older age groups. But these numbers, at the end of the year, were slightly lower for the younger group (54 percent) and higher for the older group (46 percent), indicating that a larger number of younger state wards left the system.

Adoptions (continued)

Figure 4a shows that male and female state wards were adopted at similar rates. There were more male state wards than female at the beginning and at the end of the year (Figure 4b).

Figure 4a - Gender of State Wards Adopted in 2003

| Gender | State Wards Adopted | Percent |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Female | 358 | 50.1 |
| Male | 356 | 49.9 |
| Total | 714 | 100 |

Figure 4b - Gender of State Wards at the Beginning and End of 2003

| Gender | 01/01/03 | | 12/31/03 | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent |
| Female | 705 | 46.1 | 671 | 46.6 |
| Male | 824 | 53.9 | 770 | 53.4 |
| Total | 1,529 | 100 | 1,441 | 100 |

Figure 5a - Incidence of Adoptions by Race

| Race | Children Adopted | Percent | Children Adopted per 1000 in Minnesota Population |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| African American/Black | 152 | 21.3 | 2.3 |
| American Indian | 35 | 4.9 | 1.7 |
| Asian | 6 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| White | 378 | 52.9 | 0.3 |
| Two or More Races | 143 | 20.0 | 3.4 |
| Total | 714 | 100.0 | 0.6 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity – Any Race | 59 | 8.3 | 0.7 |

Figure 5a shows the number of state wards adopted in 2003 by race and Hispanic ethnicity and the incidence of adoption per 1,000 Minnesota child populations. About 53 percent of the total state wards adopted were White. State wards who were African American/Black were eight times more likely to be adopted than White state wards per 1,000 Minnesota child population. In addition, American Indian state wards were six times and Two or More Races were 11 times more likely.

Adoptions *(continued)*

Figure 5b - Race of State Wards at the Beginning and End of 2003

| Race | 01/01/2003 | | | 12/31/2003 | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards Per 1000 Population | State Wards | Percent | State Wards Per 1000 Population |
| African American/Black | 477 | 30.8 | 7.4 | 424 | 29.1 | 6.6 |
| American Indian | 118 | 7.6 | 5.7 | 114 | 7.8 | 5.5 |
| Asian | 10 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 4 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.1 | 3.5 |
| White | 634 | 41.1 | 0.6 | 663 | 45.6 | 0.6 |
| Two or More Races | 283 | 19.4 | 6.5 | 208 | 15.3 | 4.7 |
| Missing Data | 7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 26 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| Total | 1,529 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1,441 | 100.0 | 1.1 |
| Hispanic Ethnicity – Any Race | 119 | 7.8 | 2.1 | 139 | 9.6 | 2.5 |

Figure 5b compares the race of the state wards at the beginning and end of the year. About 41 percent of the total state wards were White, followed predominantly by African American/Black (30.8), children belonging to Two or More Races (19.4) and American Indian (7.6). The percentage of state wards at the end of the year was similar to the beginning of the year for African American/Black (30.8 and 29.1) and American Indian (7.6 and 7.8). There was an increase in White state wards at the end of the year (from 41.1 to 45.6) and a decline in state wards belonging to Two or More Races (19.4 to 15.3). African American/Black, American Indian and state wards belonging to Two or More Races were many times more likely to wait for adoption than White state wards per 1,000 Minnesota child populations at the beginning and end of the year.

Adoptions *(continued)*

Figure 6 - Days from Date of Authority for Placement (TPR) to Adoption

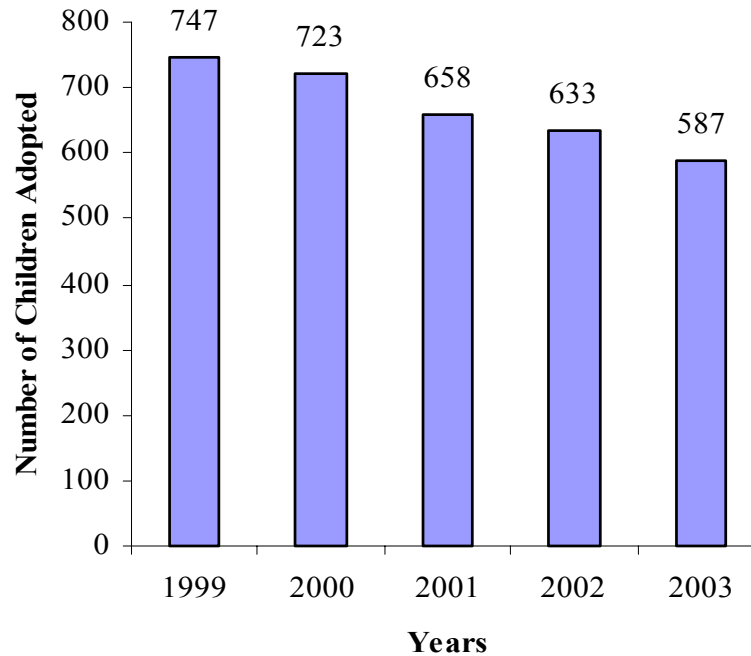


Figure 6 presents the average days to adoption for the years 1999 through 2003 for state wards. The days are from the date they became available for adoption (TPR) to the date they were adopted. The average days to adoption has declined by 160 days since 1999.

Adoptions (continued)

Figure 7a - Adopted State Wards: Time From TPR to Adoption

| Time Range* | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Number of Children Adopted | Percent of Children Adopted | Number of Children Adopted | Percent of Children Adopted | Number of Children Adopted | Percent of Children Adopted | Number of Children Adopted | Percent of Children Adopted |
| Waiting 0-6 Months | 60 | 9.46 | 51 | 9.38 | 167 | 26.98 | 131 | 18.35 |
| Waiting 6 Months to 1 Year | 126 | 19.87 | 145 | 26.65 | 60 | 9.69 | 202 | 28.29 |
| Waiting 1 to 2 Years | 229 | 36.12 | 200 | 36.76 | 235 | 37.96 | 240 | 33.61 |
| Waiting 2 to 3 Years | 109 | 17.19 | 66 | 12.13 | 93 | 15.02 | 75 | 10.50 |
| Waiting > 3 Years | 107 | 16.88 | 78 | 14.34 | 64 | 10.34 | 65 | 9.10 |
| Missing Data | 3 | 0.47 | 4 | 0.74 | | 0.00 | 1 | 0.14 |
| Waiting Total | 634 | 100.00 | 544 | 100.00 | 619 | 100.00 | 714 | 100.00 |

*Time range refers to the date of first TPR of either parent to the date of adoption.

Figure 7a refers to the waiting time for all adopted state wards from the date of TPR of the first parent to the date they were adopted. In 2003, more than 80 percent of the state wards adopted waited for less than two years prior to their adoption, and 20 percent waited for more than two years. This percentage has improved since 2000, when it was 65 and 35 respectively. This indicates that waiting time was much shorter for newer state wards.

Figure 7b - Waiting State Wards: From Date of TPR to the Beginning of the Year

| Time Range* | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | State Wards | Percent of State Wards Waiting | State Wards | Percent of State Wards Waiting | State Wards | Percent of State Wards Waiting | State Wards | Percent of State Wards Waiting |
| Waiting 0-6 Months | 268 | 15.66 | 277 | 16.91 | 304 | 18.54 | 296 | 19.40 |
| Waiting 6 Months to 1 Year | 246 | 14.38 | 290 | 17.70 | 262 | 15.98 | 218 | 14.29 |
| Waiting 1 to 2 Years | 325 | 18.99 | 277 | 16.91 | 306 | 18.66 | 274 | 17.96 |
| Waiting 2 to 3 Years | 266 | 15.55 | 165 | 10.07 | 161 | 9.82 | 143 | 9.37 |
| Waiting > 3 Years | 606 | 35.42 | 629 | 38.40 | 607 | 37.01 | 595 | 38.99 |
| Waiting Total | 1,711 | 100.00 | 1,638 | 100.00 | 1,640 | 100.00 | 1,526 | 100.00 |

*Time range refers to the date of first TPR of either parent to 01/01/04, indicating how long they have been in the system.

Figure 7b refers to the waiting time for all state wards who have not been adopted from TPR of the first parent to the beginning of the year. About 52 percent of state wards have been waiting to be adopted for less than two years and 48 percent have been waiting for more than two years. This percentage has changed very little since 2000. Overall, between 2000 and 2003, slightly more children left the system in less than two years.

Adoptions (continued)

Figure 8a - Sibling Group Preservation

| | Siblings Adopted | Percent |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|
| Sibling Group Preserved in Entirety in Adoption | 357 | 89.3 |
| Siblings Adopted With at Least One Other Sibling | 43 | 10.8 |
| Children in a Sibling Group Not Adopted With Another Sibling | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 400 | 100.0 |

Figure 8a displays the percent of sibling groups that remained together in their entirety in their adoptive homes. It also shows the percent of children in sibling groups who were adopted with at least one of their siblings, but not with the entire sibling group. Of the 714 children adopted, 400 (56 percent) were part of a sibling group. Almost 90 percent of the sibling group was preserved in its entirety when they were adopted. The remaining state wards in the sibling groups were adopted with at least one other sibling.

Figure 8b - Sibling Group by Age Group

| Ages of Children in Sibling Group | Total Siblings Adopted | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | Siblings | Percent |
| 0-5 | 193 | 48.3 |
| 6-11 | 160 | 40.0 |
| 12-14 | 38 | 9.5 |
| 15-17 | 9 | 2.3 |
| Total | 400 | 100.0 |

Figure 8b shows that 88 percent of the sibling groups adopted were in the younger age group of 0-11 years, while 12 percent were in the older age group of 12+ years.

Adoptions *(continued)*

Figure 8c - Age of Sibling Group State Wards

| Ages of Children in Sibling Group | Sibling Group on 01/01/03 | | Sibling Group on 12/31/03 | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | Siblings | Percent | Siblings | Percent |
| 0-5 | 248 | 25.8 | 227 | 25.3 |
| 6-11 | 357 | 37.1 | 300 | 33.4 |
| 12-14 | 203 | 21.1 | 218 | 24.3 |
| 15-17 | 155 | 16.1 | 153 | 17.0 |
| Total | 963 | 100.0 | 898 | 100.0 |

Figure 8c shows that the percent of younger sibling state wards were adopted more than the older sibling state wards, the difference between state wards at the beginning and end of the year was 63 versus 59 percent. This trend is similar to the general trend of younger children being adopted more than the older state wards (Figure 3a).

Comparing Figures 8b and 8c, it is noted that younger sibling state wards were adopted at a higher rate than their proportion in the total state wards population at the beginning and at the end of the year, while older sibling state wards were adopted at a lower rate than their proportion in the state wards population at the beginning of the year.

Adoptions (continued)

Figure 9a - Trends in State Wards Entering and Adopted - 1999-2003

| Year | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| State Wards Entering | 574 | 647 | 637 | 607 | 733 |
| State Wards Adopted | 624 | 634 | 545 | 619 | 714 |

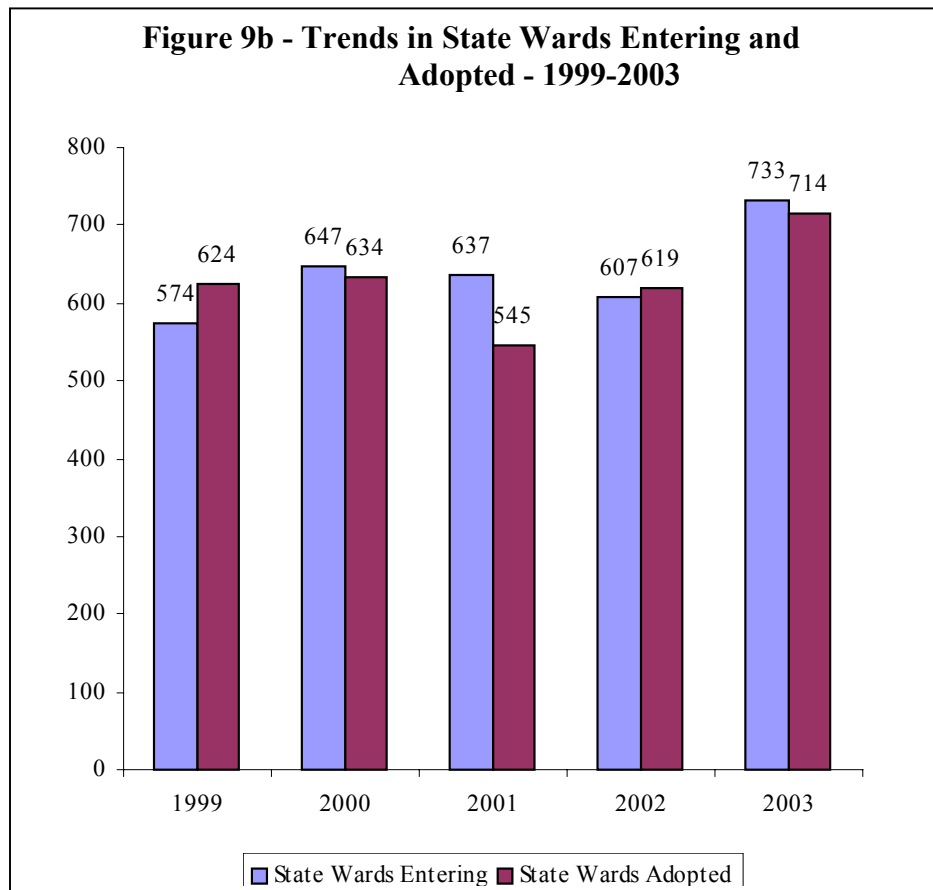


Figure 9b shows the trend in state wards entering the system and state wards being adopted between 1999-2003. The average number of state wards entering the system was 640, and the average number of state wards who were adopted was 627. Since 2000, there were slightly more state wards entering the system than leaving the system, except in 2002. Also, the lowest number of adoptions was in the year 2001. The significant increase in adoptions between 2001 and 2002 may partially be attributed to the new Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, which provided tax credit to the adoptive families.

Adoptions (continued)

Figure 10 - State Wards Entering by Age - 2000-2003

| Age Group | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent |
| 0-5 | 374 | 57.8 | 374 | 58.7 | 372 | 61.4 | 425 | 58.0 |
| 6-11 | 239 | 36.9 | 201 | 31.6 | 175 | 28.9 | 197 | 26.9 |
| 12-14 | 25 | 3.9 | 41 | 6.4 | 41 | 6.8 | 85 | 11.6 |
| 15+ | 8 | 1.2 | 18 | 2.8 | 18 | 3.0 | 25 | 3.4 |
| Missing Data | 1 | 0.2 | 3 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 647 | 100.0 | 637 | 100.0 | 606 | 100.0 | 733 | 100.0 |

Figure 10 shows that in 2003, almost 85 percent of the state wards entering the system were in the younger age group (0-11) and 15 percent in the older age group (12+). But this trend has changed since 2000. The percentage of older wards entering the system has increased three times from 5 to 15 percent.

Figure 11 - State Wards Entering by Race - 2000-2003

| Race | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent |
| African American/Black | 144 | 22.3 | 136 | 21.4 | 151 | 24.9 | 127 | 17.3 |
| American Indian | 44 | 6.8 | 27 | 4.2 | 29 | 4.8 | 43 | 5.9 |
| Asian | - | 0.0 | 5 | 0.8 | 3 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Pacific Islander | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 2 | 0.3 |
| White | 338 | 52.2 | 364 | 57.1 | 300 | 49.5 | 451 | 61.5 |
| Two or More Races | 121 | 18.7 | 98 | 15.4 | 120 | 19.8 | 88 | 12.0 |
| Unknown Race/Other | - | 0.0 | 4 | 0.6 | 1 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.7 |
| Missing Data | - | 0.0 | 3 | 0.5 | 2 | 0.3 | 16 | 2.2 |
| Total | 647 | 100.0 | 637 | 100.0 | 606 | 100.0 | 733 | 100.0 |

Figure 11 looks at the race of the state wards entering the system. In 2003, 733 state wards entered the system, an increase of 127 from the previous year. Most of this increase was due to more White state wards entering the system and a small decline in African American/Black and state wards belonging to Two or More Races. White state wards constituted almost 62 percent of the total state wards in 2003. There has been a 10 percent increase in this percentage since 2000. Simultaneously, there has been a decline in African American/Black and state wards belonging to Two or More Races in the same time period.

Adoptions *(continued)*

Figure 12 - State Wards Attaining Age of Majority by Gender

| Gender | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent |
| Female | 38 | 47.5 | 40 | 49.4 | 42 | 48.8 | 69 | 62.2 |
| Male | 41 | 51.3 | 38 | 46.9 | 43 | 50.0 | 42 | 37.8 |
| Missing Data | 1 | 1.3 | 3 | 3.7 | 1 | 1.2 | - | - |
| Total | 80 | 100.0 | 81 | 100.0 | 86 | 100.0 | 111 | 100.0 |

Figure 12 shows that in 2003, more females attained the age of majority (62 percent) than males (38 percent). This trend has changed since 2000, when both females and males attained the age of majority in almost similar proportions.

Figure 13 - State Wards Attaining Age of Majority by Race - 2000-2003*

| Race | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent | State Wards | Percent |
| African American/Black | 22 | 27.5 | 23 | 28.4 | 29 | 33.7 | 33 | 29.7 |
| American Indian | 6 | 7.5 | 7 | 8.6 | 6 | 7.0 | 12 | 10.8 |
| Asian | 1 | 1.3 | 1 | 1.2 | - | - | - | - |
| Pacific Islander | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| White | 40 | 50.0 | 39 | 48.1 | 39 | 45.3 | 47 | 42.3 |
| Two or More Races | 9 | 11.2 | 8 | 9.9 | 9 | 10.5 | 18 | 16.2 |
| Unknown Race/Other | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2.3 | - | - |
| Missing Data | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 3.7 | 1 | 1.2 | 1 | .09 |
| Total | 80 | 100.0 | 81 | 100.0 | 86 | 100.0 | 111 | 100.0 |

*State wards who were 17 on the first day of the year and would turn 18 at any time during the year.

Figure 13 shows race of the state wards leaving the system due to attaining age of majority. There were 111 state wards that left the system in 2003, and this number has been increasing since 2000. Forty-two percent of the state wards who left were White, which is down from 50 percent in 2000.

Adoptions (continued)

**Figure 14 - Federal Permanency Indicator 5.1 -
State Wards Who Exited Placement to Adoption
Within Two Years of Placement**

| Year | Total Adoptions | State Wards Adopted in Two Years or Less | Percent |
|------|-----------------|--|---------|
| 2000 | 612 | 184 | 30.1 |
| 2001 | 545 | 194 | 35.6 |
| 2002 | 613 | 237 | 38.7 |
| 2003 | 727 | 334 | 45.9 |

The differences in the number of adoptions for the year 2003 could be attributed to two different sources of data. These two sources of data are the Adoption Information System (AIS) data base and the Social Services Information System (SSIS) data base. Differences could be explained due to 'time lag' in data entry in these two different systems.

Figure 14 deals with the Federal Permanency Indicator where children exited foster care to a finalized adoption within two years from the date of their entry into care. This indicator was developed to measure how well the state's child welfare system was protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect and how well the system was providing permanent homes. In 2003, more than 45 percent of state wards were adopted within two years of placement. The percentage of children who were adopted within two years has increased significantly since 2000, indicating that Minnesota is performing at a much higher level than the national standard of 32.0 percent or higher.

Adoptions Appendix

Adoptions

Age of Adopted Children in 2003

| County | 0 to 5 | 6 to 11 | 12 to 14 | 15 and Over | Total |
|-------------------|--------|---------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Aitkin | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Anoka | 27 | 6 | 3 | | 36 |
| Becker | 11 | 1 | | | 12 |
| Beltrami | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 6 |
| Benton | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 6 |
| Big Stone | | | | | |
| Blue Earth | 3 | 3 | | | 6 |
| Brown | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Carlton | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Carver | 4 | 4 | | | 8 |
| Cass | 2 | 2 | | | 4 |
| Chippewa | | | | | |
| Chisago | 4 | 3 | | | 7 |
| Clay | 11 | 1 | | | 12 |
| Clearwater | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Cook | | | | | |
| Cottonwood | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Crow Wing | 12 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 18 |
| Dakota | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 26 |
| Dodge | | | | | |
| Douglas | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Faribault | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Fillmore | | | | | |
| Freeborn | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Goodhue | 7 | 2 | | | 9 |
| Grant | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Hennepin | 132 | 87 | 18 | 3 | 240 |
| Houston | 1 | 2 | | | 3 |
| Hubbard | | | | | |
| Isanti | 2 | 5 | | | 7 |
| Itasca | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Jackson | | | | | |
| Kanabec | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Kandiyohi | 8 | 1 | | | 9 |
| Kittson | | | | | |
| Koochiching | | | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | | | | | |
| Lake | | | | | |
| Lake of the Woods | | | | | |
| Le Sueur | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Lincoln | | | | | |
| Lyon | | | 1 | | 1 |
| McLeod | 1 | | | | 1 |

Adoptions

Age of Adopted Children in 2003 *(continued)*

| County | 0 to 5 | 6 to 11 | 12 to 14 | 15 and Over | Total |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Mahnomen | | | | | |
| Marshall | | | | | |
| Martin | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Meeker | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Mille Lacs | 1 | 2 | | | 3 |
| Morrison | 5 | 3 | | | 8 |
| Mower | 3 | 3 | | | 6 |
| Murray | | | | | |
| Nicollet | 3 | 1 | | | 4 |
| Nobles | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Norman | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Olmsted | 17 | 7 | | | 24 |
| Otter Tail | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Pennington | 1 | 2 | | | 3 |
| Pine | 1 | 4 | 2 | | 7 |
| Pipestone | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Polk | 3 | 1 | | | 4 |
| Pope | | | | | |
| Ramsey | 47 | 34 | 6 | 2 | 89 |
| Red Lake | | | | | |
| Redwood | | | | | |
| Renville | | | | | |
| Rice | 4 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Rock | | | | | |
| Roseau | | | | | |
| St. Louis | 19 | 8 | | | 27 |
| Scott | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Sherburne | 5 | | | | 5 |
| Sibley | | | | | |
| Stearns | 7 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Steele | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Stevens | | | | | |
| Swift | | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| Todd | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| Traverse | | | | | |
| Wabasha | | | | | |
| Wadena | 1 | 2 | | | 3 |
| Waseca | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| Washington | 7 | 3 | 2 | | 12 |
| Watsonwan | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Wilkin | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Winona | | | | | |
| Wright | 7 | 3 | | | 10 |
| Yellow Medicine | | | | | |
| Minnesota* | 406 | 232 | 58 | 18 | 714 |

*Counties that are blank did not have any adoptions in 2003.

Adoptions

Gender of Adopted Children in 2003

| County Name | Female | Male | Total |
|-------------------|--------|------|-------|
| Aitkin | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Anoka | 12 | 24 | 36 |
| Becker | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Beltrami | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Benton | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Big Stone | | | |
| Blue Earth | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Brown | | 1 | 1 |
| Carlton | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Carver | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Cass | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Chippewa | | | |
| Chisago | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Clay | 1 | 11 | 12 |
| Clearwater | | 2 | 2 |
| Cook | | | |
| Cottonwood | | 2 | 2 |
| Crow Wing | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| Dakota | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| Dodge | | | |
| Douglas | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Faribault | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Fillmore | | | |
| Freeborn | | 1 | 1 |
| Goodhue | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Grant | | 1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | 124 | 116 | 240 |
| Houston | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Hubbard | | | |
| Isanti | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Itasca | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Jackson | | | |
| Kanabec | 1 | | 1 |
| Kandiyohi | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Kittson | | | |
| Koochiching | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | | | |
| Lake | | | |
| Lake of the Woods | | | |
| Le Sueur | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Lincoln | | | |
| Lyon | 1 | | 1 |
| McLeod | 1 | | 1 |
| Mahnomen | | | |
| Marshall | | | |

Adoptions

Gender of Adopted Children in 2003 *(continued)*

| County Name | Female | Male | Total |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Martin | 2 | | 2 |
| Meeker | | 1 | 1 |
| Mille Lacs | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Morrison | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Mower | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Murray | | | |
| Nicollet | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Nobles | | 1 | 1 |
| Norman | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Olmsted | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| Otter Tail | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Pennington | 3 | | 3 |
| Pine | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Pipestone | | 1 | 1 |
| Polk | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Pope | | | |
| Ramsey | 42 | 47 | 89 |
| Red Lake | | | |
| Redwood | | | |
| Renville | | | |
| Rice | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Rock | | | |
| Roseau | | | |
| St. Louis | 14 | 13 | 27 |
| Scott | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Sherburne | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Sibley | | | |
| Stearns | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Steele | | 1 | 1 |
| Stevens | | | |
| Swift | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Todd | | 3 | 3 |
| Traverse | | | |
| Wabasha | | | |
| Wadena | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Waseca | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Washington | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Watonwan | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Wilkin | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Winona | | | |
| Wright | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Yellow Medicine | | | |
| Minnesota | 358 | 356 | 714 |

Counties that are blank did not have any adoptions in 2003.

Adoptions

Age of State Wards by County in 2003

| County | 0 to 5 | 6 to 11 | 12 to 14 | 15 and over | Missing Age | Total |
|-------------------|--------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Aitkin | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 6 |
| Anoka | 23 | 18 | 5 | | | 46 |
| Becker | 10 | 3 | 5 | 5 | | 23 |
| Beltrami | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| Benton | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | | 11 |
| Big Stone | | | | | | |
| Blue Earth | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 15 |
| Brown | | | | | | |
| Carlton | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 |
| Carver | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | 10 |
| Cass | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 7 |
| Chippewa | | | | | | |
| Chisago | 6 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Clay | 9 | 3 | 3 | | | 15 |
| Clearwater | 2 | 1 | | 4 | | 7 |
| Cook | | | | | | |
| Cottonwood | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 6 |
| Crow Wing | 6 | 4 | 4 | 8 | | 22 |
| Dakota | 16 | 19 | 10 | 1 | | 46 |
| Dodge | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Douglas | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 4 |
| Faribault | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| Fillmore | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Freeborn | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 11 |
| Goodhue | 7 | 4 | 3 | | | 14 |
| Grant | | | 1 | 115 | | 116 |
| Hennepin | 132 | 161 | 109 | 2 | 1 | 405 |
| Houston | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 7 |
| Hubbard | 1 | | | 3 | | 4 |
| Isanti | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | | 15 |
| Itasca | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 9 |
| Jackson | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Kanabec | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Kandiyohi | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | 10 |
| Kittson | | | | | | |
| Koochiching | | | | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | | | | | | |
| Lake | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 6 |
| Lake of the Woods | | | | | | |
| Le Sueur | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Lincoln | | | | | | |
| Lyon | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 |
| McLeod | 5 | 2 | | 2 | | 9 |

Adoptions

Age of State Wards by County in 2003 *(continued)*

| County | 0 to 5 | 6 to 11 | 12 to 14 | 15 and over | Missing Age | Total |
|------------|--------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Mahnomen | | | | | | |
| Marshall | | | | | | |
| Martin | 2 | | | 3 | | 5 |
| Meeker | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 6 |
| Mille Lacs | | 2 | | 2 | | 4 |
| Morrison | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 10 |
| Mower | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | 11 |
| Murray | | | | | | |
| Nicollet | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | 5 |
| Nobles | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Norman | | 2 | | 3 | | 5 |
| Olmsted | 11 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | 19 |
| Otter Tail | 3 | 3 | 5 | | | 11 |
| Pennington | 3 | 3 | 2 | | | 8 |
| Pine | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | 7 |
| Pipestone | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Polk | 5 | 3 | 3 | 95 | | 106 |
| Pope | | | | | | |
| Ramsey | 79 | 123 | 91 | 6 | | 299 |
| Red Lake | | | | | | |
| Redwood | | | | | | |
| Renville | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Rice | 2 | 1 | | | | 3 |
| Rock | | | 1 | 7 | | 8 |
| Roseau | | | | | | |
| St. Louis | 17 | 10 | 2 | 1 | | 30 |
| Scott | 2 | 1 | 6 | | | 9 |
| Sherburne | 3 | | | 4 | | 7 |
| Sibley | | | | | | |
| Stearns | 10 | 14 | 2 | | | 26 |
| Steele | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Stevens | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Swift | 1 | 3 | | | | 4 |
| Todd | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 5 |
| Traverse | | | | | | |
| Wabasha | | | 1 | 3 | | 4 |
| Wadena | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 4 |
| Waseca | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 7 |
| Washington | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | | 24 |
| Watonwan | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| Wilkin | | | | | | |
| Winona | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 6 |

Adoptions

Age of State Wards by County in 2003 *(continued)*

| County | 0 to 5 | 6 to 11 | 12 to 14 | 15 and over | Missing Age | Total |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Wright | 7 | 3 | 3 | | | 13 |
| Yellow Medicine | | | | | | |
| Missing County | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Statewide* | 426 | 480 | 308 | 312 | 3 | 1,529 |

*Counties that are blank did not have any state wards in 2003.

Adoptions

Gender of State Wards by County in 2003

| County | Female | Male | Total |
|-------------------|--------|------|-------|
| Aitkin | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Anoka | 9 | 40 | 49 |
| Becker | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Beltrami | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| Benton | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Big Stone | | | |
| Blue Earth | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| Brown | | | |
| Carlton | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Carver | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Cass | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Chippewa | | | |
| Chisago | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Clay | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| Clearwater | | 3 | 3 |
| Cook | | | |
| Cottonwood | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Crow Wing | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Dakota | 31 | 22 | 53 |
| Dodge | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Douglas | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Faribault | 1 | | 1 |
| Fillmore | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Freeborn | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Goodhue | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| Grant | | 1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | 260 | 258 | 518 |
| Houston | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Hubbard | | 2 | 2 |
| Isanti | 8 | 9 | 17 |
| Itasca | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Jackson | | 2 | 2 |
| Kanabec | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Kandiyohi | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Kittson | | | |
| Koochiching | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | | | |
| Lake | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Lake of the Woods | | | |
| Le Sueur | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Lincoln | | | |
| Lyon | 2 | | 2 |
| McLeod | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Mahnomen | | | |

Adoptions

Gender of State Wards by County in 2003 *(continued)*

| County | Female | Male | Total |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Marshall | | | |
| Martin | 4 | | 4 |
| Meeker | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Mille Lacs | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Morrison | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Mower | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Murray | | | |
| Nicollet | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Nobles | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Norman | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Olmsted | 8 | 11 | 19 |
| Otter Tail | 5 | 9 | 14 |
| Pennington | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Pine | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Pipestone | | 1 | 1 |
| Polk | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Pope | | | |
| Ramsey | 165 | 223 | 388 |
| Red Lake | | | |
| Redwood | | | |
| Renville | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Rice | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Rock | 1 | | 1 |
| Roseau | | | |
| St. Louis | 15 | 21 | 36 |
| Scott | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Sherburne | | 3 | 3 |
| Sibley | | | |
| Stearns | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Steele | | 1 | 1 |
| Stevens | 1 | | 1 |
| Swift | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Todd | 3 | | 3 |
| Traverse | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Wabasha | | 1 | 1 |
| Wadena | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Waseca | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Washington | 8 | 17 | 25 |
| Watsonwan | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Wilkin | | | |
| Winona | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Wright | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Yellow Medicine | | | |
| Missing Data | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Statewide* | 705 | 824 | 1,529 |

*Counties that are blank did not have any state wards in 2003.

Adoptions

Federal Permanency Indicator 5.1 - State Wards Who Exited Placement to Adoption Within Two Years of Placement

| County | State Wards On 01/01/03 | All State Wards Adopted in 2003* | State Wards Adopted in <25 Months | Percent Adopted in <25 months |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Aitkin | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Anoka | 49 | 35 | 24 | 68.6 |
| Becker | 18 | 14 | 6 | 42.9 |
| Beltrami | 18 | 6 | 4 | 66.7 |
| Benton | 9 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 |
| Big Stone | | | | |
| Blue Earth | 15 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 |
| Brown | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Carlton | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Carver | 12 | 8 | 6 | 75.0 |
| Cass | 6 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| Chippewa | | | | |
| Chisago | 11 | 7 | 2 | 28.6 |
| Clay | 16 | 13 | 11 | 84.6 |
| Clearwater | 3 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| Cook | | | | |
| Cottonwood | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Crow Wing | 17 | 18 | 15 | 83.3 |
| Dakota | 53 | 25 | 11 | 44.0 |
| Dodge | 3 | | | |
| Douglas | 3 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| Fillmore | 4 | | | |
| Freeborn | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Goodhue | 16 | 7 | 6 | 85.7 |
| Grant | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Hennepin | 518 | 244 | 94 | 38.5 |
| Houston | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Hubbard | 2 | | | |
| Isanti | 17 | 7 | 5 | 71.4 |
| Itasca | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Jackson | 2 | | | |
| Kanabec | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Kandiyohi | 11 | 9 | 6 | 66.7 |
| Kittson | | | | |
| Koochiching | | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | | | | |
| Lake | 5 | | | |
| Lake of the Woods | | | | |
| Le Sueur | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| McLeod | 8 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |

Adoptions

Federal Permanency Indicator 5.1 - State Wards Who Exited Placement to Adoption Within Two Years of Placement *(continued)*

| County | State Wards On 01/01/03 | All State Wards Adopted in 2003* | State Wards Adopted in <25 Months | Percent Adopted in <25 months |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mahnomen | | | | |
| Marshall | | | | |
| Meeker | 7 | | | |
| Mille Lacs | 4 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| Morrison | 11 | 8 | 3 | 37.5 |
| Mower | 11 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 |
| Nicollet | 5 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 |
| Nobles | 3 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Norman | 2 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| Olmsted | 19 | 24 | 23 | 95.8 |
| Otter Tail | 14 | 11 | 6 | 54.6 |
| Pennington | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Pine | 7 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 |
| Pipestone | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Polk | 11 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| Pope | | | | |
| Ramsey | 388 | 95 | 36 | 37.9 |
| Red Lake | | | | |
| Redwood | | | | |
| Renville | 7 | | | |
| Rice | 4 | 5 | 5 | 100.0 |
| Rock | 1 | | | |
| Roseau | | | | |
| St. Louis | 34 | 25 | 18 | 72.0 |
| Scott | 10 | 14 | 7 | 50.0 |
| Sherburne | 3 | 5 | 2 | 40.0 |
| Sibley | | | | |
| Stearns | 30 | 19 | 2 | 10.5 |
| Steele | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Stevens | 1 | | | |
| Swift | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Todd | 3 | 4 | 4 | 100.0 |
| Traverse | 2 | | | |
| Wabasha | 1 | | | |
| Wadena | 7 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| Waseca | 4 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| Washington | 25 | 12 | 5 | 41.7 |
| Watonwan | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Wilkin | | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| Winona | 5 | | | |
| Wright | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0.0 |

Adoptions

Federal Permanency Indicator 5.1 - State Wards Who Exited Placement to Adoption Within Two Years of Placement *(continued)*

| County | State Wards On 01/01/03 | All State Wards Adopted in 2003* | State Wards Adopted in <25 Months | Percent Adopted in <25 months |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Yellow Medicine | | | | |
| Lincoln-Lyon-Murray | 2 | 1 | 0 | 50.0 |
| Faribault-Martin | 5 | 4 | 4 | 80.0 |
| Missing County | 4 | | | |
| Statewide** | 1,529 | 727 | 334 | 45.9 |

**The source of data for adopted state wards is SSIS and that is why the number is 727 instead of 714. Some counties did not have any state wards and/or adoptions during the year. Also, some children may have entered the system as state wards in 2003 and may have been adopted in the same year.*

***Counties that are blank did not have any state wards in 2003.*