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Executive Summary

The 2009 Child Welfare Report describes the state of children involved in Minnesota's child protection response continuum during 2009 in the areas of child maltreatment assessment/investigation, out-of-home care and adoption. It provides an overview of how children are faring, and presents information about Minnesota's performance on key child welfare indicators required by state and federal governments.

The report has four main sections, each followed with an appendix that provides specific county or tribal data on that section. Each section begins with "At a Glance" to highlight key information. Appendices with local-level data complete each section.

Section I — Child Maltreatment covers information about alleged and determined reports of child abuse and neglect to local child welfare agencies. Data include counts of assessments and investigations, and sources of reports; prevalence of maltreatment by age, race and ethnicity; offender relationships; and use of the Family Assessment and Family Investigative responses and Structured Decision Making instruments implemented by social workers.

Section II — Children in Out-of-home Care data 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 trend information about children under state guardianship. It looks at the demographics of children awaiting adoption and of those adopted; the number of children adopted; and the length of time from when children became eligible for adoption to finalized adoption.

Section IV — Federal performance measures are included with local level data in the categories of child safety, timeliness and permanency of reunification, timeliness of adoptions of children discharged from foster care, achieving permanency for children in care for extended periods of time, and placement stability.

It is important to note that one cannot extrapolate information from one section of the report to another. Most children assessed or investigated by child protection for alleged maltreatment did not enter out-of-home care while children who were in out-of-home care may have been 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 child maltreatment and on children in out-of-home placement. The commissioner shall confer with counties, child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, the courts, and other groups on how to improve the content and utility of the department's annual report. In regard to child maltreatment, the report shall include the number and kinds of maltreatment reports received and any other data that the commissioner determines is appropriate to include in a report on child maltreatment. In regard to children in out-of-home placement, the report shall include, by county and statewide, information on 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-placing agency."

The key findings in this report are as follows:

Section I — Child Maltreatment

- Minnesota counties, and the Leech Lake and the White Earth Bands of Ojibwe, assessed 17,218 reports of maltreatment involving 24,499 children in 2009.
- Of all maltreatment reports, 11,427 received a Family Assessment, a strengths-based and family-focused method for working with families in the child protection system where no determination of maltreatment is made.
- Non-medical neglect, found in 63 percent of Family Assessments and 55 percent of Family Investigations, was the most common allegation of maltreatment. This includes neglecting to provide adequate food, clothing or shelter, endangerment, educational neglect, abandonment and inadequate supervision.
- The need for ongoing protective services was identified in 50 percent of Family Investigations and 17 percent of Family Assessments. Another 17 percent of Family Assessments were offered optional ongoing services.
- American Indian and African American/Black children had the highest rates of contact with the child protection system. They were more than six and four times more likely to be reported as abused or neglected than were White children, respectively.

Section II — Children in Out-of-home Care

- In 2009, 11,699 children spent some time in out-of-home care. The total number of children who experienced out-of-home care has decreased about 15 percent since 2008, and 37 percent since 2000.
- The majority in placement were adolescents. African American/Black and American Indian children were represented in out-of-home care disproportionate to their representation in the Minnesota child population. Slightly more boys than girls spent time in care.
- Sixty-three percent of children experienced no moves while in care in 2009. Most of the children were placed in a family-type setting. Approximately 22 percent were in care for one week or less.
- About 65 percent of discharges from care involved return to the caretakers prior to placement; another 10 percent were adopted.

Section III — Adoption

- In 2009, 652 children came under state guardianship (became state wards) as a result of court terminations of parental rights. Sixty-five percent of children entering guardianship were in the birth–5 age group. Fifty-three percent of children entering guardianship were White, followed by African American/Black children (19.5 percent).
- There were 1,235 children under state guardianship at the beginning of 2009, and 1,118 at the end of the year, a decrease of 9 percent.
- There were 653 state wards adopted in 2009. Eighty-six percent of adopted wards were under age 12. The majority were White (45.9 percent), followed by African American/Black children (25.9 percent).
- The number of state wards aging out of out-of-home care at age 18 without a permanent home was 109 for 2009. This number has increased steadily since 2000 (73).
- African American/Black and American Indian children in Minnesota were respectively 4.4 and 4.7 times more likely than their White counterparts to be state wards who were adopted from guardianship.

Section IV — Federal Performance Measures

- Minnesota met the national standards on safety measures for recurrence of maltreatment.
- Child welfare agencies excelled in the area of timeliness of reunification of children in placement with primary caretakers, however, failed to meet the national standard for the rate of re-entry into foster care (24.0 percent).
- Placement stability for children met the national standard for those placed less than one year, with 86.0 percent of children in two or fewer settings while in out-of-home care.
- For children achieving permanency through adoption, child welfare agencies concluded the process in a timely manner with 47.0 percent of adoptees in care for less than two years prior to adoption. Minnesota did not meet national standards for permanency for older children and those in care for long periods of time.

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Introduction

The data in this section describe alleged and determined incidents of child maltreatment assessed in Minnesota in calendar year 2009. Specifically, the data show the number of maltreatment reports, the number of child victims, the types and severity of maltreatment, recurrence and re-reporting of maltreatment, what services were recommended, and what actions were taken. It also looks at other 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 s/he was included in a maltreatment assessment or investigation in 2009. However, if the counts were specified as “unique,” a child was counted once in the specified category no matter how many times s/he was assessed during 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 in the same manner 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 concern. **Non-mandated reporters** voluntarily provide information of known or suspected child maltreatment to local child protection agencies.

Once a report of maltreatment is made, a screener reviews the initial information about the concern and decides whether or not the report meets the statutory criteria for a child protection response. If it does, the agency determines if the allegations require a **Family Investigation (FI)** or a **Family Assessment (FA)**. State law indicates a Family Assessment response is preferred practice, except in situations that include alleged egregious harm, sexual abuse and/or maltreatment in a child daycare or foster care home. The screener also considers a history of past reports and level of cooperation from a family. In a **Family Investigation**, county/tribal child protection workers interview persons involved with the report, including the alleged victims, alleged 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 a child’s care, the county/tribal child protection worker makes a **determination** that maltreatment has occurred. In a Family Assessment, no determination of maltreatment is made. In these situations, a county or tribal worker meets with all family members together to discuss and assess child safety concerns, and reviews the family’s strengths and needs.

Key findings in this section include:

- Minnesota counties and the Leech Lake and White Earth Bands of Ojibwe assessed 17,218 reports of maltreatment involving 24,499 children in 2009.
- Of all accepted maltreatment reports, 11,427 received a Family Assessment, a strengths-based and family-focused method for working with families in the child protection system where no determination of maltreatment is made.
- Of the 5,478 investigated reports, maltreatment was determined to have occurred in 3,163 Family Investigations (with 4,742 associated victims) and 91 Facility Investigations (with 150 associated victims).
- Non-medical neglect was the most common allegation in 63 percent of Family Assessments and 55 percent of Family Investigations.
- School personnel and law enforcement made 50 percent of all maltreatment reports to local child protection agencies.
- The need for ongoing protective services was identified in 50 percent of Family Investigations and 17 percent of Family Assessments. Another 17 percent of Family Assessments were offered optional supportive services.
- American Indian and African American/Black children had the highest rates of contact with the child protection system. They were more than six and four times more likely to be reported as abused or neglected than were White children, respectively.
- Fewer than five percent of all determined victims had at least one subsequent determined report of maltreatment within six months.

Child Maltreatment Reports: Assessments and Investigations

At a Glance

- *Minnesota counties and tribes assessed 17,218 reports of child maltreatment. Of these reports, 66 percent received a Family Assessment response.*
- *The most common allegation of maltreatment was for non-medical neglect, followed by physical abuse. A report may include allegations of different maltreatment types.*
- *Law enforcement and school personnel were the most frequent reporters of all reports accepted for assessment or investigation.*

Table 1 includes the counts of alleged and determined child maltreatment reports and child subjects by type of assessment. Some children were assessed more than once during the year. The “unique child subjects of reports” column counts them only once within the stated category. Sixty-six percent of reports alleging maltreatment were referred to Family Assessment response, up from 63 percent in 2008. Maltreatment was determined to have occurred in 58 percent of Family Investigations. Counties also investigate alleged maltreatment in family foster homes and daycare homes that are licensed by the county or tribe. About 29 percent of Facility Investigations resulted in a determination that maltreatment had occurred. Maltreatment occurring in state-licensed residential facilities, institutions and daycare centers is investigated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and is not counted here.

Table 1. Child Maltreatment Reports and Child Subjects by Response Category

Response category	Reports		Child subjects of reports		Unique child subjects of reports*	
	Alleged	Determined	Alleged	Determined	Alleged	Determined
Family Assessment	11,427	NA	15,873	NA	14,974	NA
Family Investigation	5,478	3,163	8,083	4,742	7,520	4,504
Facility Investigation	313	91	543	150	532	150
Total Reports	17,218	3,254	24,499	4,892	22,312	4,645

**Total unique child subjects does not equal the sum of children across response types, as some children were in more than one type of assessment.*

Figure 1 shows the 2000–2009 trend in the number of maltreatment reports assessed or investigated by counties or tribes. There has been a downward trend in the total number of reports after a spike in 2005 and 2006. The use of the Family Assessment response has increasingly replaced Family Investigation as the preferred response.

Figure 1. Child Maltreatment Reports by Response Category, 2000–2009

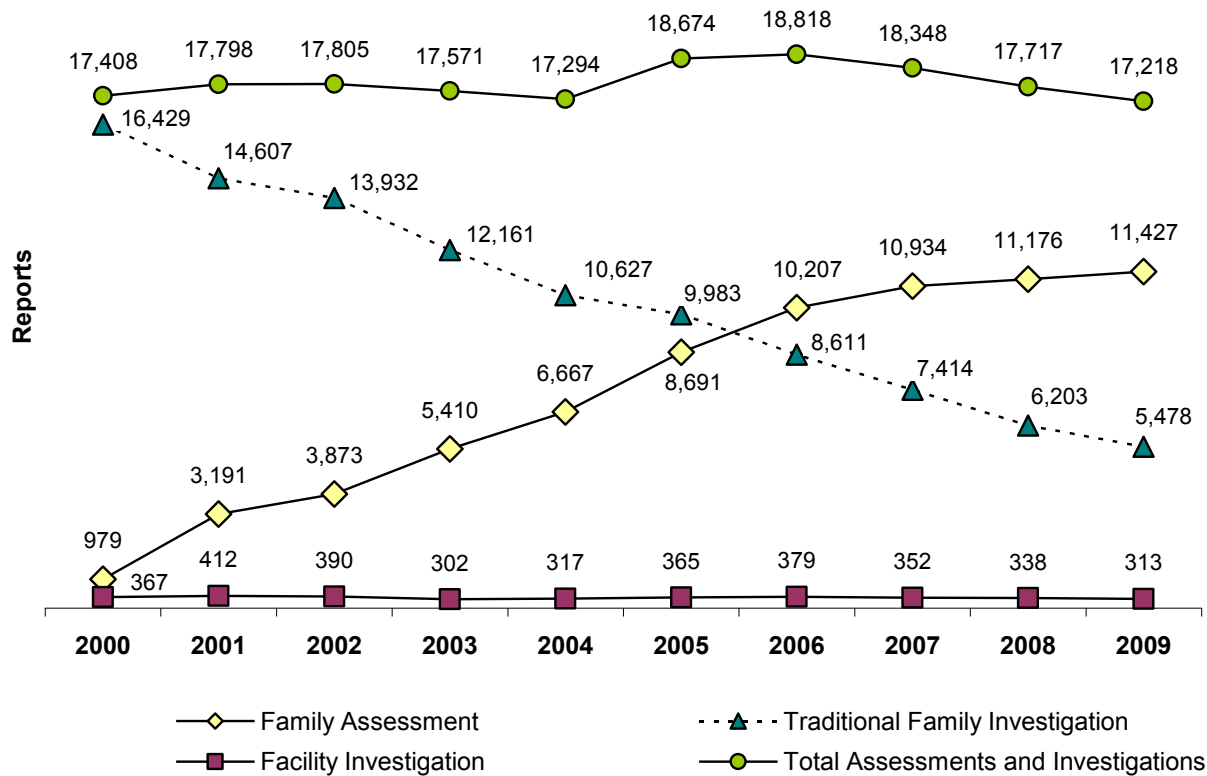


Figure 2 shows that non-medical neglect was the most common type of maltreatment alleged in all reports. This category includes emotional neglect, physical neglect (food, clothing and shelter), disregard for safety, inadequate supervision, abandonment, expulsion from home, prenatal exposure to alcohol or drugs, educational neglect, endangerment, failure to thrive, and chronic chemical abuse. Allegations of non-medical neglect appeared in 63 percent of Family Assessments, 56 percent of Family Investigations, and 50 percent of Facility Investigations. Physical abuse allegations appeared in 38 percent of Family Assessments, 28 percent of Family Investigations, and 47 percent of Facility Investigations. Sexual abuse allegations prompted 28 percent of Family Investigations and 13 percent of Facility Investigations. By law, sexual abuse allegations must be investigated and result in a determination of whether or not maltreatment had occurred. The 127 Family Assessment sexual abuse reports were possibly unfounded allegations of Family Investigations that were switched to a Family Assessment response in the data system. About 1 percent of all reports had an allegation of mental injury. Medical neglect allegations appeared in 1.6 percent of all reports.

Figure 2. Reports by Maltreatment Type

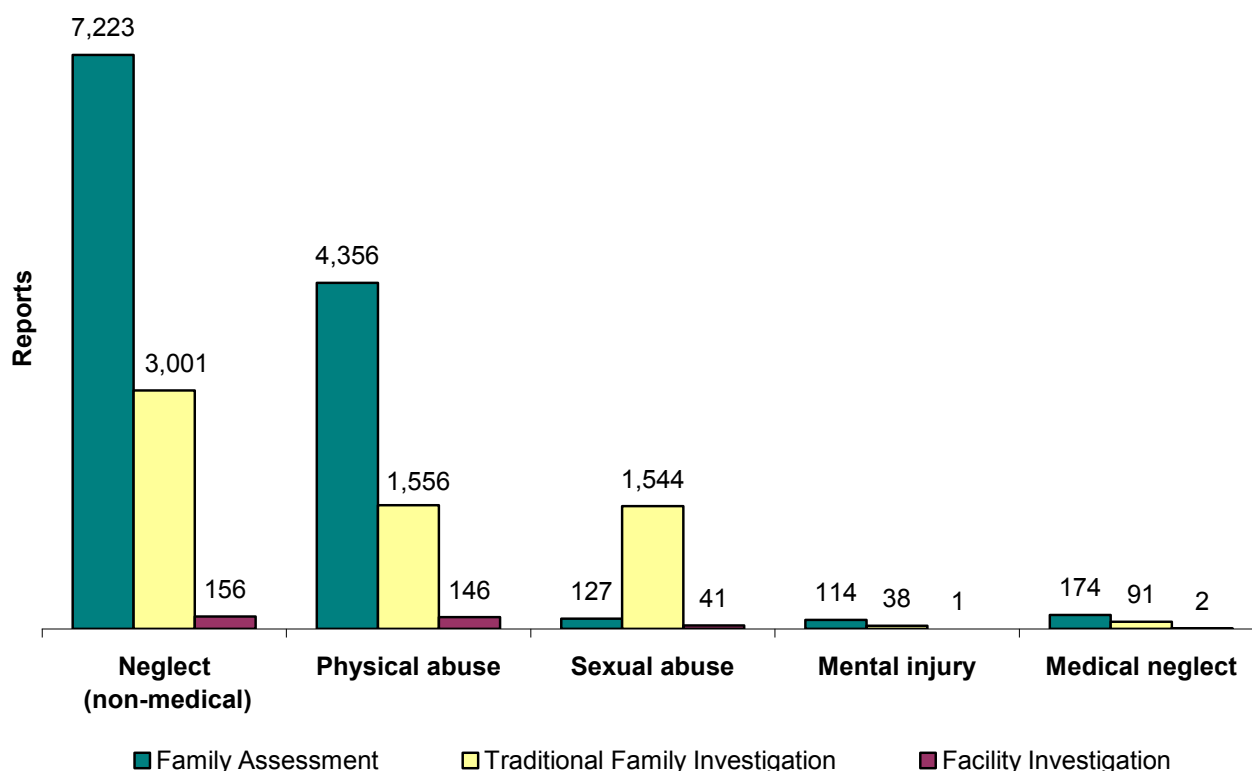


Table 2 contains the percent of investigated reports that resulted in a determination that maltreatment had occurred. In Family Investigations, medical neglect allegations were the most likely to receive a determination, followed by non-medical neglect. Facility investigations were less likely to be determined, with fewer than 30 percent demonstrating sufficient evidence of maltreatment.

Table 2. Determined Family and Facility Investigations by Maltreatment Type

Maltreatment type	Family Investigation			Facility Investigation		
	Alleged	Determined	Percent determined	Alleged	Determined	Percent determined
Neglect (non-medical)	3,001	1,950	65.0	156	51	32.7
Physical abuse	1,556	776	49.9	146	34	23.3
Sexual abuse	1,544	657	42.6	41	12	29.3
Mental injury	38	20	52.6	1	0	0.0
Medical neglect	91	62	68.1	2	0	0.0
Total reports*	5,478	3,163	57.7	313	91	29.1

Table 3 identifies the sources of all maltreatment reports accepted for assessment or investigation. Law enforcement and school personnel made the highest number of reports of maltreatment to child protection agencies. More than 70 percent of reports were from those mandated by law to report suspected child maltreatment. Mandated reporters include those in law enforcement, health care, mental health, social services, education and child care, among others who work with children.

Table 3. Sources of Assessed Maltreatment Reports

Report source	Reports	Percent of reports
Law enforcement/courts	4,790	27.8
School personnel	3,795	22.0
Social worker/counselor	2,277	13.2
Health practitioner	1,747	10.1
Parent or relative out of the home	1,126	6.5
Friend/acquaintance/neighbor	758	4.4
Parent or relative in the home	539	3.1
Non-relative caregiver	502	2.9
Other	1,246	7.2
Anonymous	438	2.5
Total reports	17,218	100.0

Demographics of Child Subjects

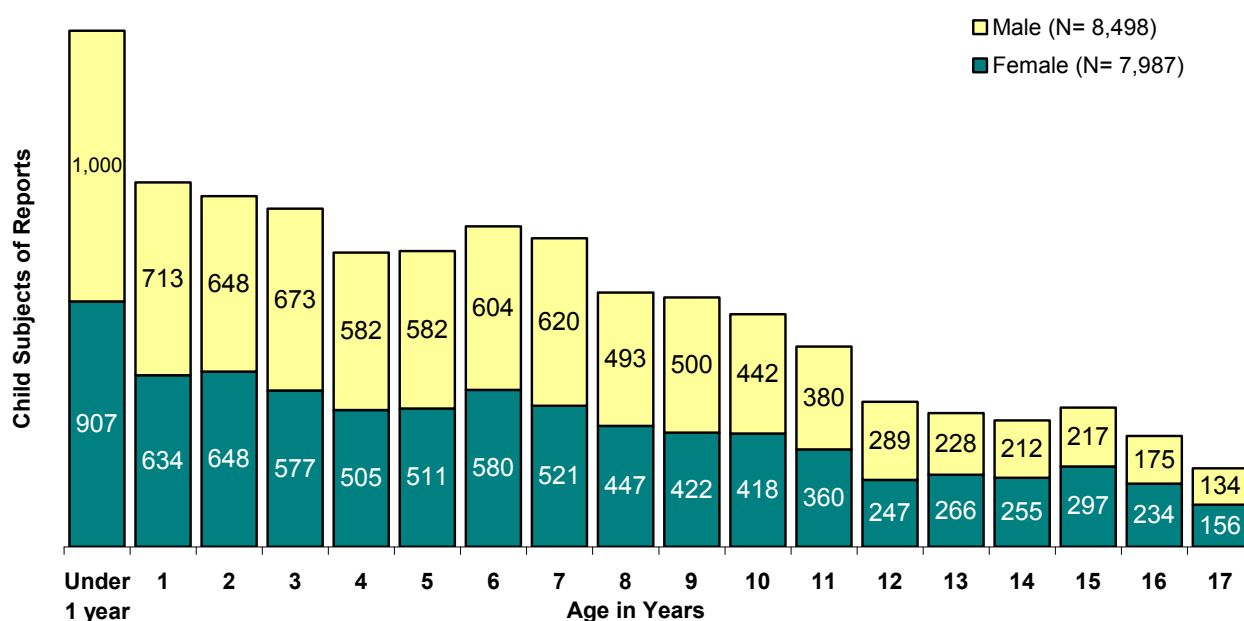
At a Glance

- *About 43 percent of all children in reports of maltreatment were age 5 or younger.*
- *Girls made up 70 percent of alleged victims of sexual abuse.*
- *Children for whom there were allegations of medical neglect were the most likely to have a disability, with 42 percent indicating at least one diagnosed condition.*
- *Seventy-six percent of alleged offenders were biological parents of the child subjects.*
- *African American/Black and American Indian children continued to be over-represented in the child protection system. The incidence statewide of children assessed by child protection amongst all children was 17.7 per thousand, compared to 48.9 per thousand for African American/Black children, and 72.5 per thousand for American Indian children.*

Figures 3 through 6 illustrate the numbers of children reported to child protection by age, gender and maltreatment type. Mental injury maltreatment type is not included due to very small numbers. Overall, girls and boys are equally likely to be reported to child protection, but tend to be reported for different reasons. The figures also show patterns according to age.

Figure 3 shows that infants are the most vulnerable to certain types of neglect due to the high levels of care and supervision required for their health and safety. After infancy, the risk of a child being reported for suspected neglect decreases with age, with a notable exception at age 6, when educational neglect reports peak. Boys slightly outnumber girls overall for non-medical neglect allegations, but only in children ages 12 and under.

Figure 3. Child Subjects of Non-medical Neglect Reports by Age and Gender



Note: Eight subjects of reports were aged 18 to 20.

Figure 4 shows peaks in physical abuse allegations for infants, 6-year-olds and 14-year-olds. Boys made up 58 percent of physical abuse reports in children under age 13, while girls appeared more frequently in the teen years.

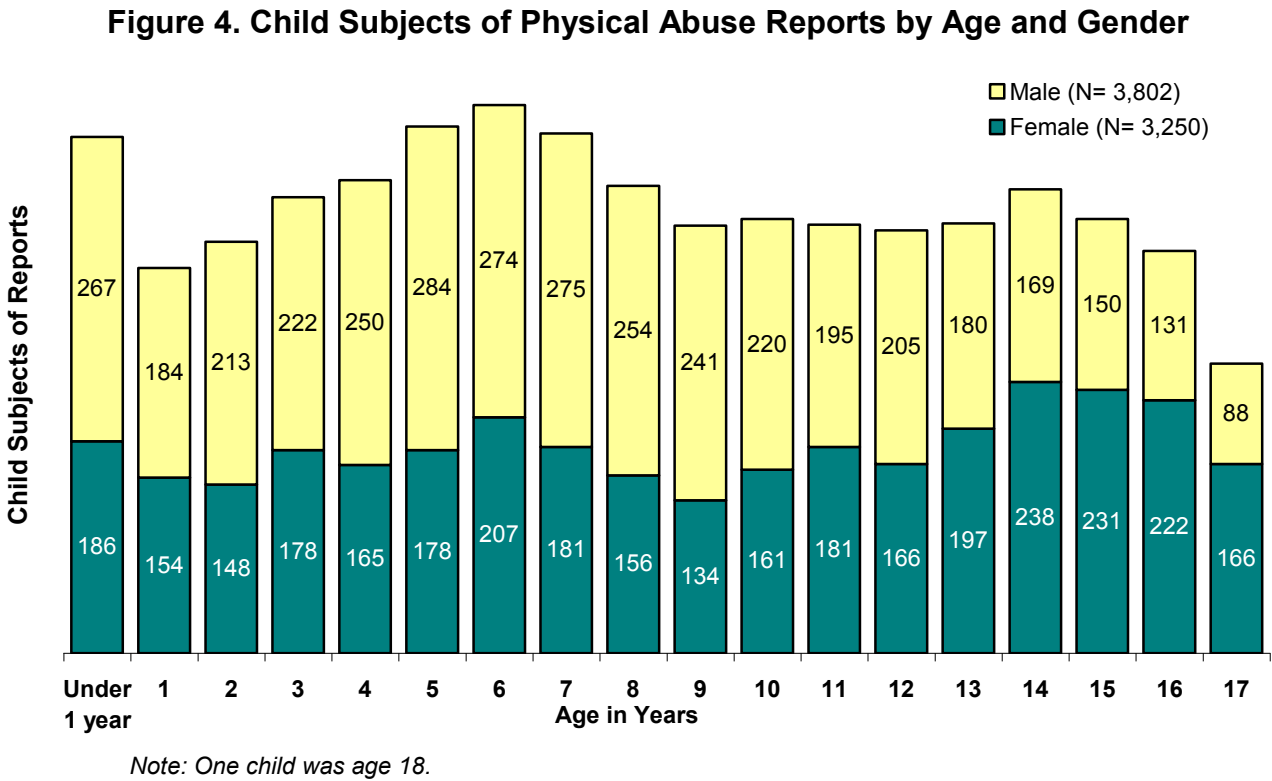
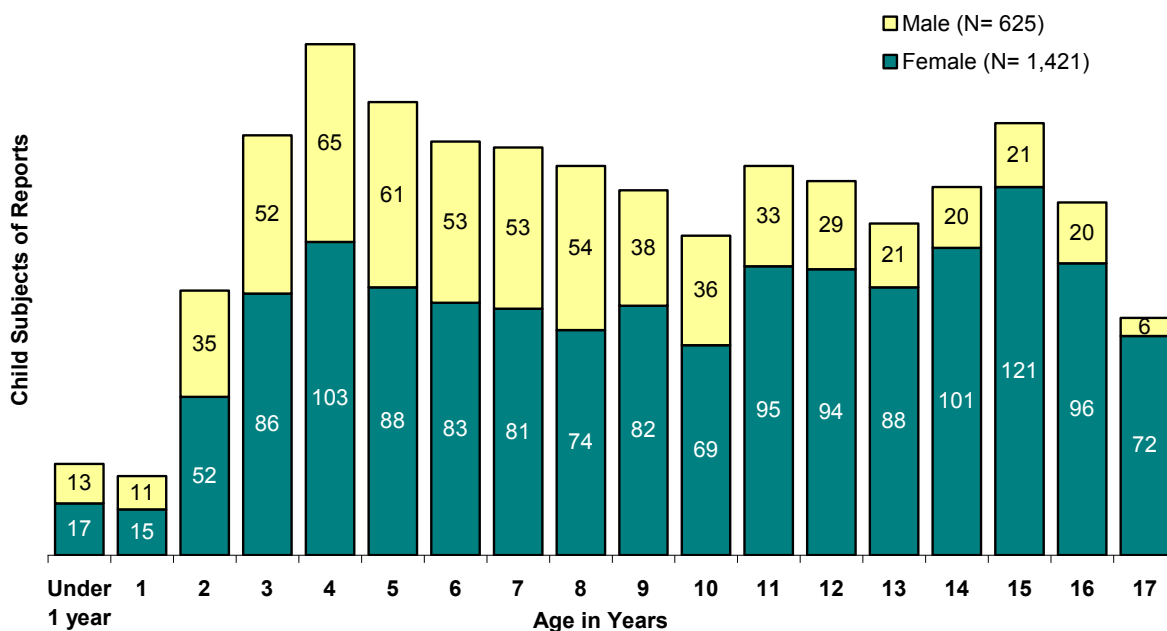


Figure 5 shows that girls were 2.3 times more likely to be alleged victims of sexual abuse, except amongst children under age 2, where child protection investigations of sexual abuse allegations were relatively rare. Boys were the subjects of sexual abuse allegations most often between 4 and 6 years of age, after which the risk decreased. The pattern of sexual abuse investigations involving girls showed peaks at ages 4 and 15.

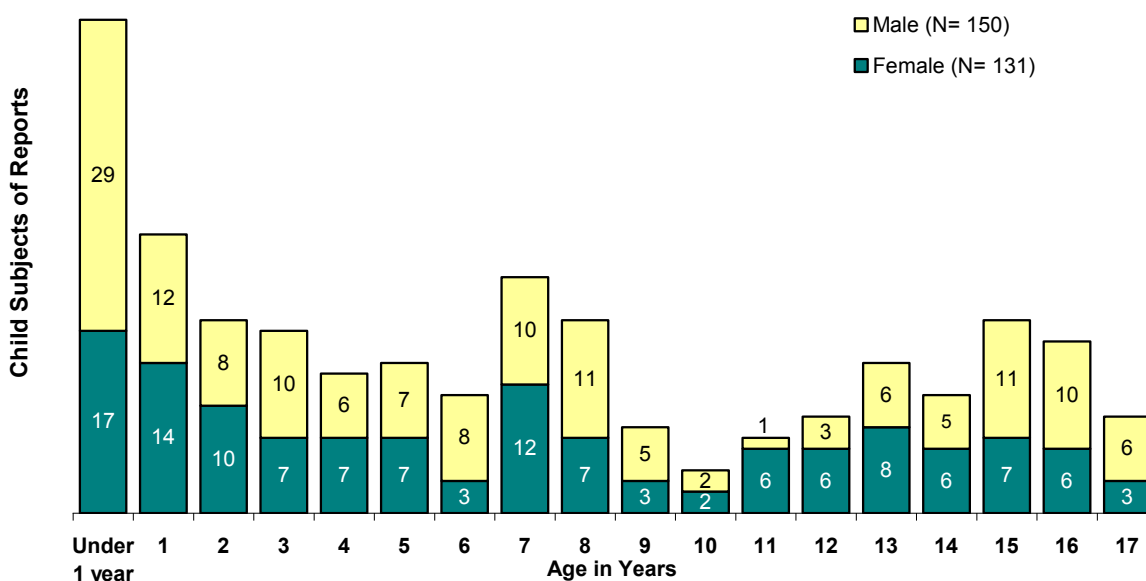
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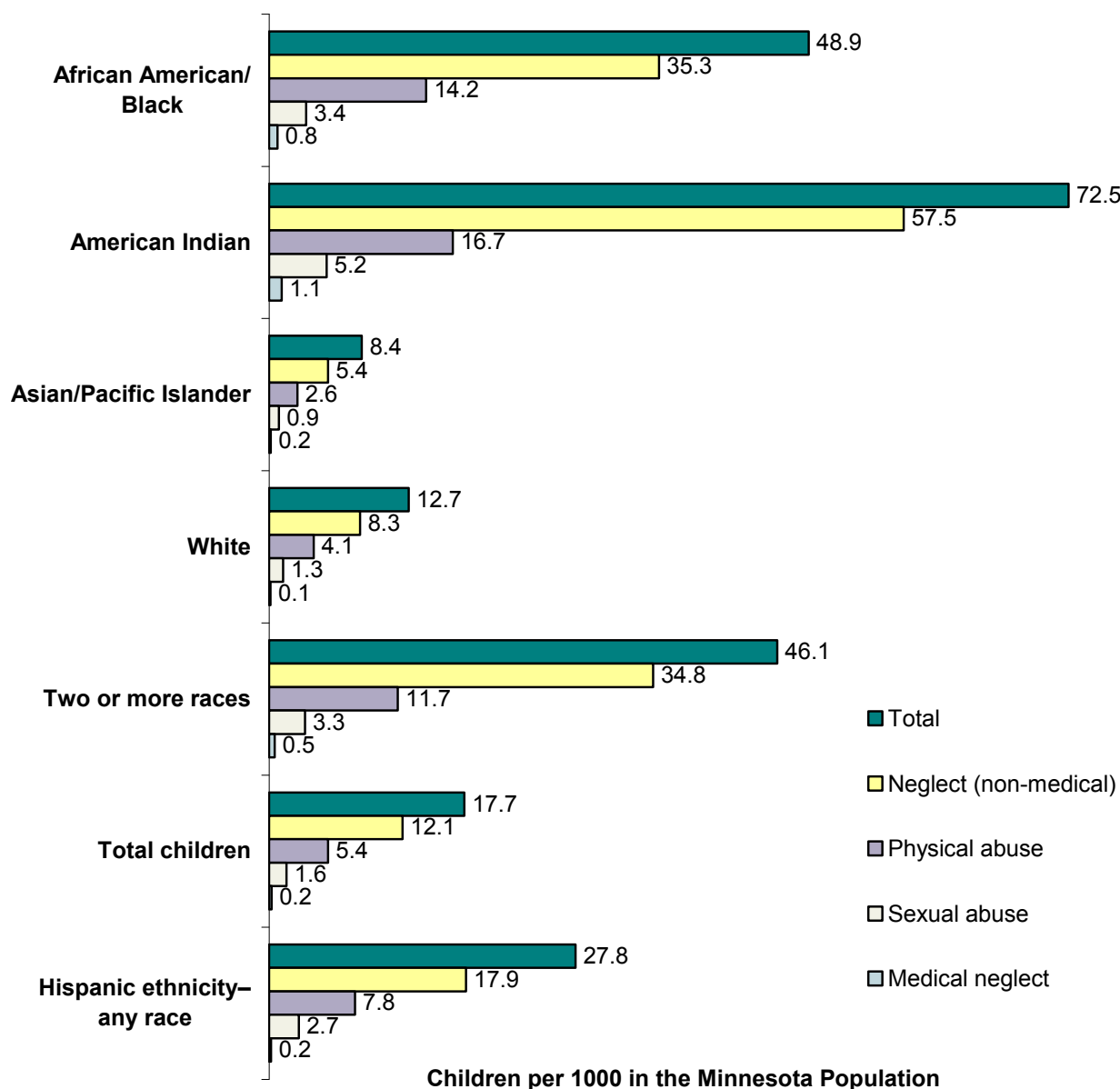
Figure 6 reveals that infants and toddlers were at much higher risk of medical neglect than children of any other age. More than 16 percent of children reported for medical neglect were under age 1.

Figure 6. Child Subjects of Medical Neglect Reports by Age and Gender



In Figure 7, child subjects per 1,000 counts were calculated by dividing the number of unique child subjects of reports for each race by the 2009 U.S. Census Bureau child population estimate for that race in Minnesota, then multiplying by 1,000. Table 4 shows the raw data used to calculate the rates. In the total Minnesota child population, 17.7 children per thousand were alleged victims of child maltreatment in 2009. African American/Black and American Indian children were more likely than children of other races to be involved with the child protection system. They were four and six times more likely than a White child to be a subject of an allegation of maltreatment, respectively. Asian/Pacific Islander children had the lowest rate of reports to child protection overall, and for each maltreatment type, while American Indian children had the highest rates overall, and for each maltreatment type. Mental injury data were excluded due to small numbers.

Figure 7. Child Subjects of Reports per 1,000 in the Minnesota Child Population



**There were 470 unique children with a race code of “unable to determine race” which cannot be compared to population data.*

Table 4. Child Subjects of Reports by Race and Maltreatment Type

Race	2009 Child population estimate	Total unique children	Neglect (non-medical)	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse	Mental injury	Medical neglect
African American/Black	89,815	4,395	3,174	1,278	302	5	69
American Indian	23,759	1,722	1,367	396	124	17	27
Asian/Pacific Islander	66,476	558	356	171	60		10
White	1,036,460	13,126	8,551	4,199	1,308	169	144
Two or more races	44,287	2,041	1,542	517	144	12	22
Unable to determine	NA	470	260	186	55		3
Total children	1,260,797	22,312	15,250	6,747	1,993	203	275
Hispanic ethnicity—any race	94,442	2,625	1,687	736	256	14	16

Table 5 shows the percentage of children in all assessments and investigations by their disability status and maltreatment allegations. While 17 percent of children reported to child protection had a known disability, only an estimated 3.5 percent of the Minnesota population under age 18 had a disability. [U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey] Emotional and behavioral disturbances were by far the most commonly identified disabilities, followed by developmental disabilities. Children for whom there were allegations of medical neglect were the most likely to have a disability, with 41.6 percent indicating one or more disabilities.

Table 5. Child Subjects of Reports by Disability Status and Maltreatment Type

Disability status	Percentage with a disability					
	Total unique children (N=23,312)	Neglect (non-medical) (N=15,250)	Physical abuse (N=6,747)	Sexual abuse (N=1,993)	Mental injury (N=20,36)	Medical neglect (N=275)
Chemical dependency	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.4
Developmental disability	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.2	4.9	7.5
Emotional or behavioral disturbance	8.5	6.4	12.5	11.9	16.5	10.7
Hearing or vision impairment	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	2.8
Learning disability	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.4	0.5	1.8
Physical disability	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.0	7.5
Speech impairment	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.4
Other clinically diagnosed condition	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.8	3.9	16.7
Currently being evaluated	1.9	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.9	3.6
Any disability	17.0	14.3	21.7	19.6	28.6	41.6

Table 6 shows the relationship of alleged offenders to the children in assessments and investigations. Birth parents accounted for 76 percent of alleged offenders. Adoptive parents, stepparents, and unmarried partners of parents followed with another 11.7 percent of alleged offenders.

Table 6. Relationship of Alleged Offenders to Child Subjects of Reports

Relationship	Percent of alleged offenders (N=21,086)
Biological parent	75.9
Adoptive parent	1.3
Stepparent	3.8
Unmarried partner of parent	6.6
Legal guardian	1.3
Sibling	2.2
Other relative (non-foster parent)	4.2
Relative foster parent	0.2
Non-relative foster parent	0.5
Child daycare provider	0.8
Group home or residential facility staff	0.2
Friends or neighbors	0.4
Other	1.5
Unknown or missing	1.0

Results of Child Protection Assessments and Investigations

At a Glance

- *There were 21 deaths determined to be a result of maltreatment in 2009, and 44 victims with life-threatening injuries.*
- *Most families (78 percent) were experiencing one or more family conditions that may have contributed to risk of child maltreatment.*
- *About 50 percent of Family Investigations and 17 percent of Family Assessments were identified as needing further protective services. Optional supportive services were recommended or offered to 17 percent of families who received a Family Assessment response.*
- *The most frequently recommended services to families included individual counseling, parenting education and chemical dependency services.*
- *Some children were determined victims of maltreatment more than once during the calendar year. Children of color had slightly higher maltreatment recurrence rates than White children. These data should be read with caution because of the small numbers in both the numerators and denominators.*

Figure 8 shows the 2000–2009 trend in the number of deaths and life-threatening injuries found to be the result of maltreatment by a caretaker. After a downward trend from 2000, with notable dips in 2004 and 2005, incidents of the most serious maltreatment returned to earlier levels. Note that these data are counted from the date that the incident was determined to be a result of maltreatment, rather than the actual date of death.

Figure 8. Deaths and Life-threatening Injuries, 2000–2009

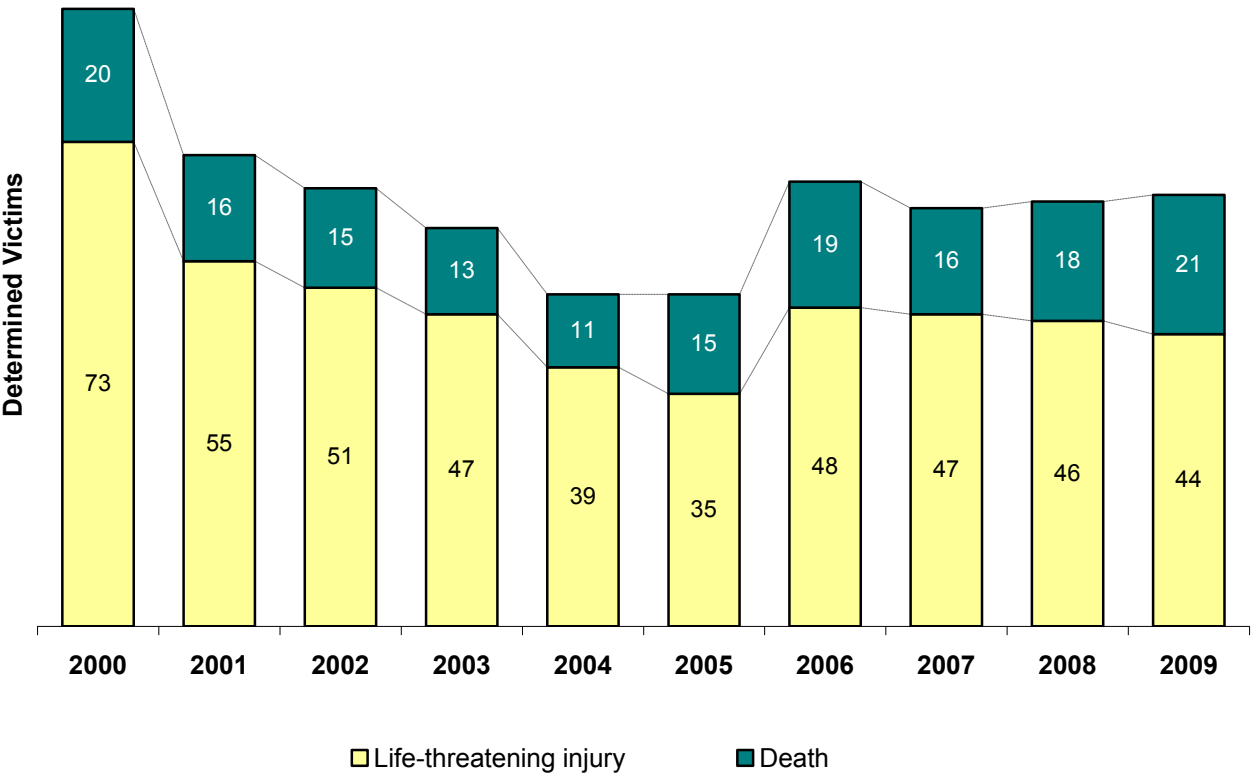
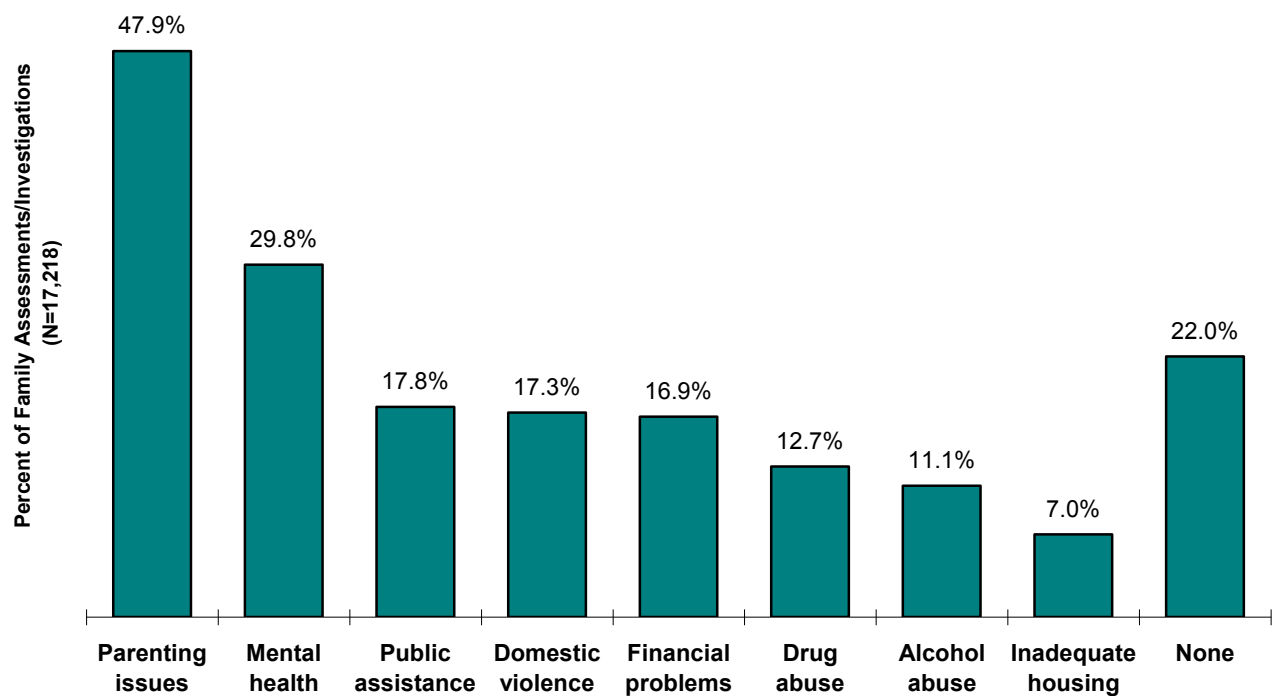


Figure 9 depicts the prevalence of known family conditions identified by the social worker during the assessment or investigation. Most families (78 percent) were experiencing at least one of the eight issues shown below. Nearly 48 percent of families in maltreatment reports had parenting issues, while almost 30 percent were dealing with mental health conditions.

Figure 9. Prevalence of Family Conditions



The assessment/investigation process includes use of the Structured Decision Making– Family Risk Assessment (SDM-FRA) instrument to determine the risk of future child maltreatment in the family. This risk is determined based on quantifying and weighting observations of family conditions such as past child protection involvement, parental characteristics, domestic violence, and vulnerability of the child. The purpose of the risk assessment is to determine the family’s need for ongoing services or monitoring. Families with lower risk of maltreatment tended to be assigned to a Family Assessment more often than Family Investigation. Figure 10 illustrates this difference.

Figure 10. Structured Decision Making (SDM) Risk Assessment Level by Response Category

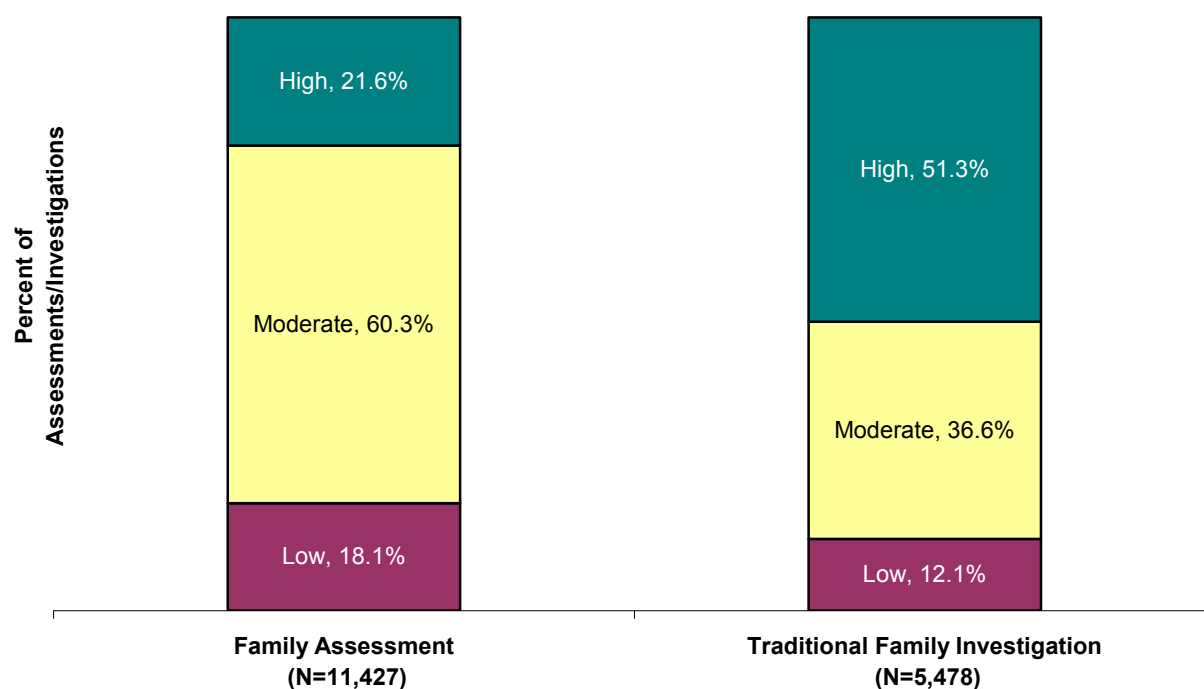


Figure 11 shows that the majority of alleged maltreatment reports were closed after the assessment or investigation. Protective or supportive services were required or offered in 6,516 of the 16,905 total Family Assessments and Family Investigations (38.5 percent). About 50 percent of Family Investigations and 17 percent of Family Assessments were identified as needing further protective services. Optional supportive services were recommended or offered to 17 percent of families who received a Family Assessment response.

Figure 11. Family Referrals for Ongoing Case Management Services by Response Category

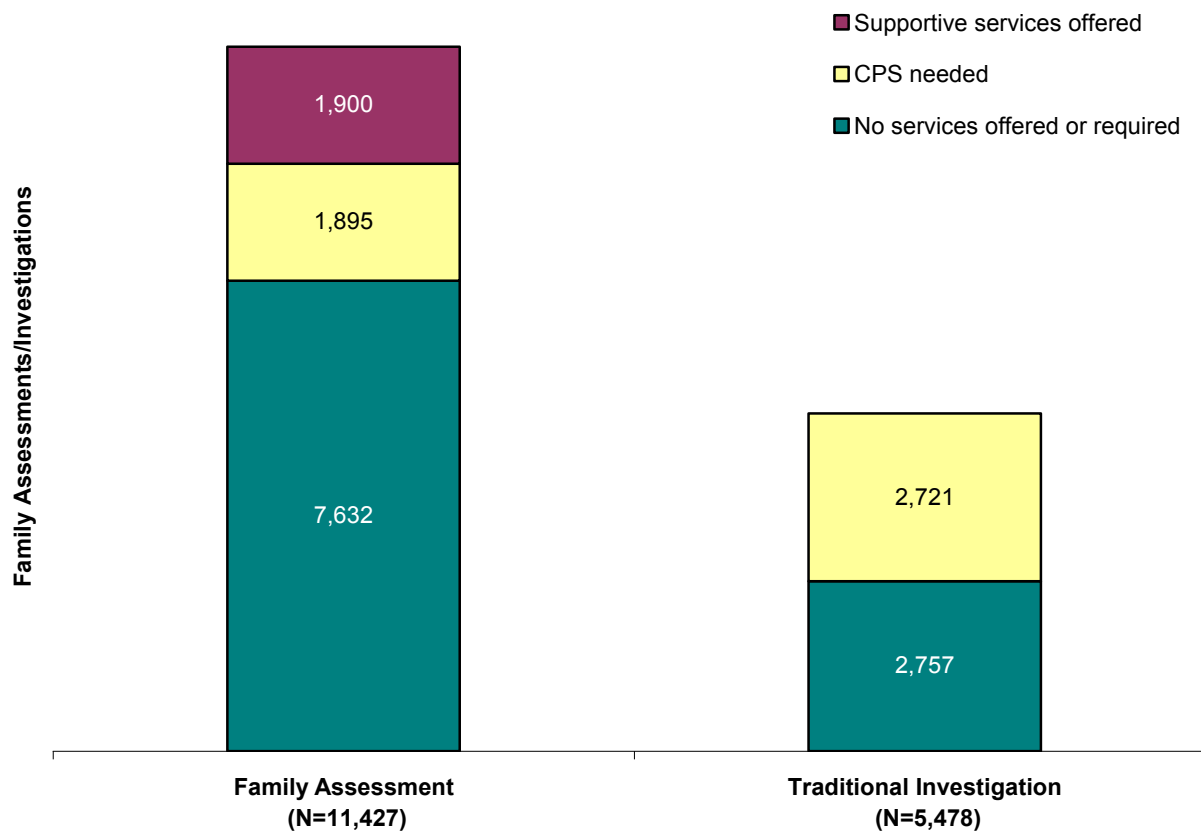
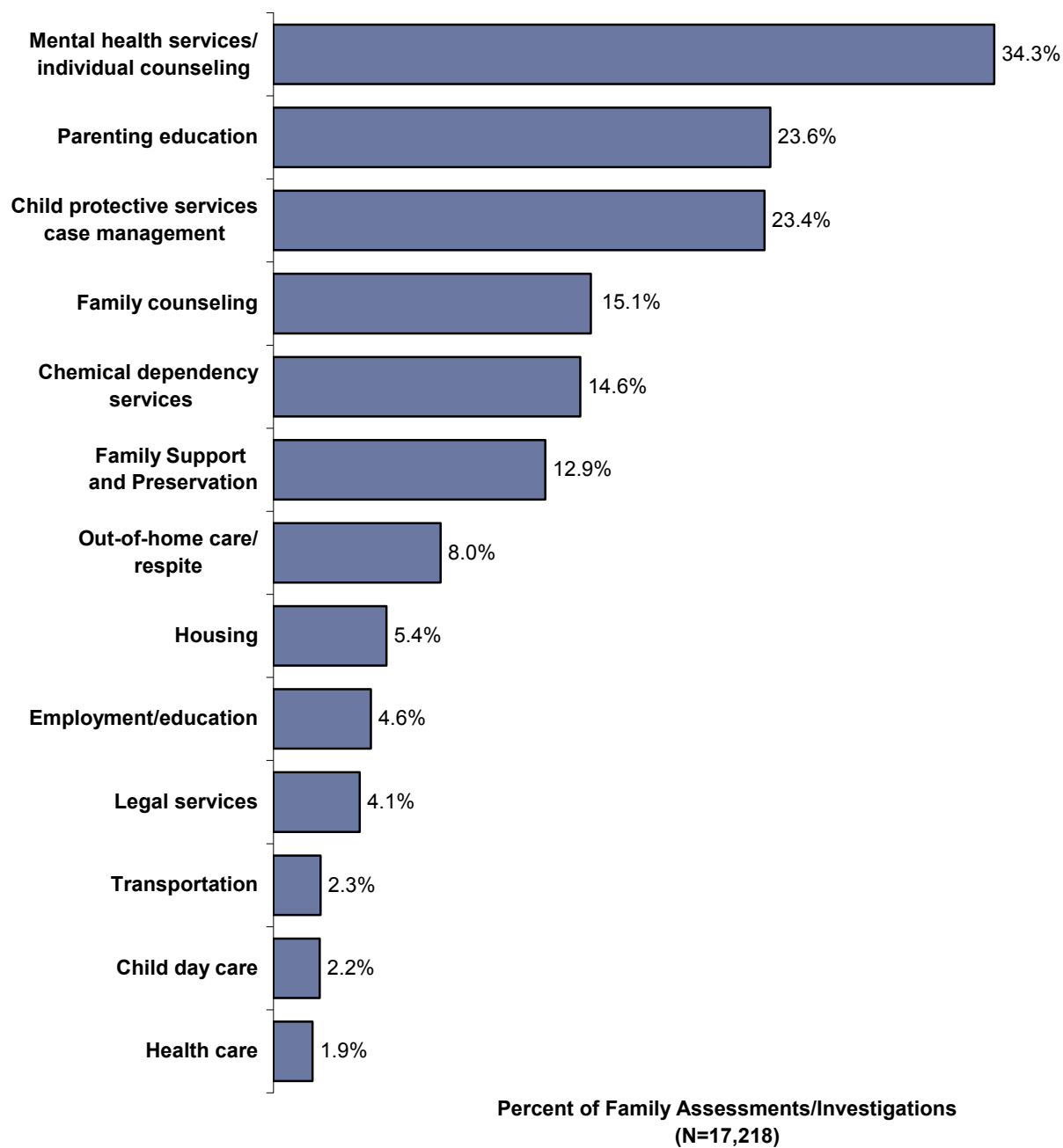


Figure 12 identifies the frequency at which the assessment/investigation worker recommended various services to address the trauma of child maltreatment and reduce risk factors to prevent further abuse or neglect. The most commonly recommended service was mental health or individual counseling, followed by parenting education and mandated child protective services.

Figure 12. Recommended Services



In Figure 13, of all victims in determined investigations between July 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2008, 4.7 percent had a subsequent determined report of maltreatment within six months. A child was more likely to be re-reported within six months due to child protective services monitoring of the family, unresolved family conditions, or heightened surveillance of ongoing maltreatment by mandated reporters. Children of color had higher maltreatment recurrence rates than White children. Data should be read with caution because of the small numbers in both the numerators and denominators. Table 7 includes the raw data.

Figure 13. Six- and 12-month Maltreatment Recurrence Rate by Race

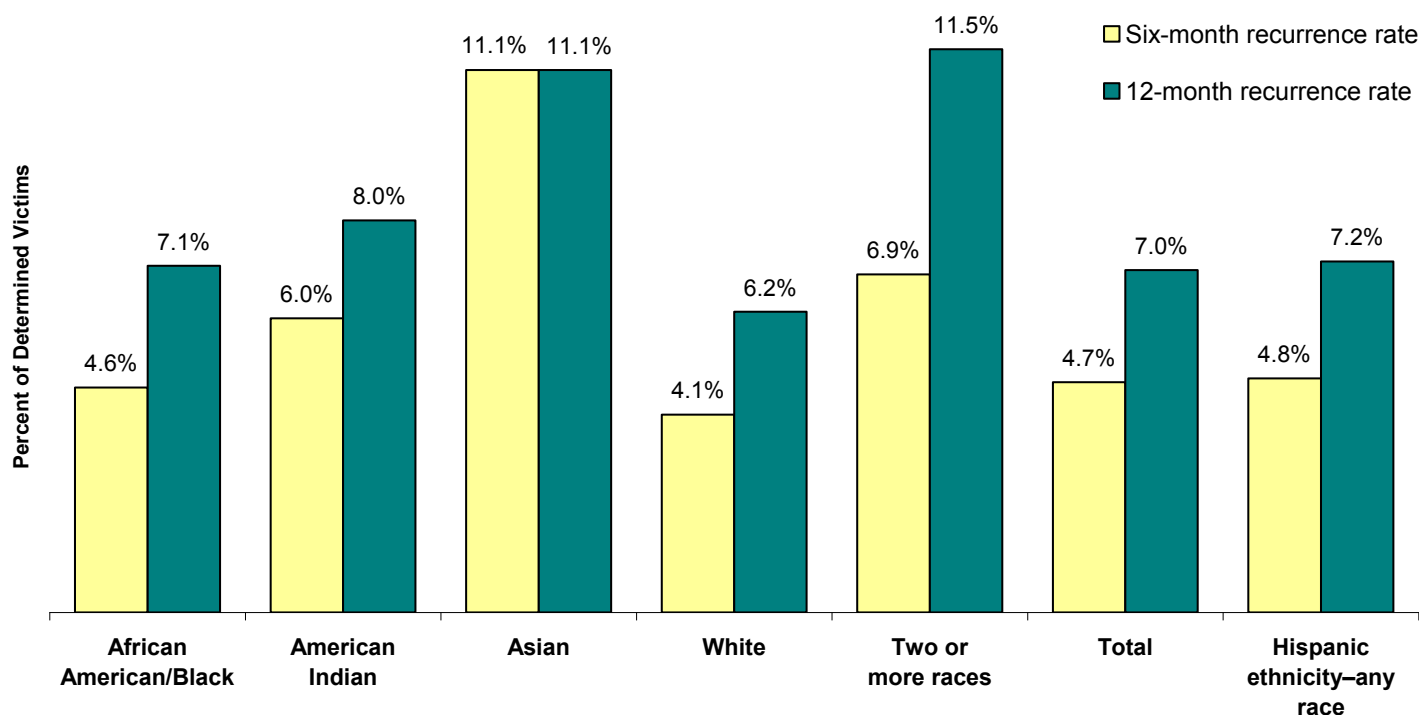


Table 7. Six- and 12-month Maltreatment Recurrence Rate by Race

Race	Determined victims 7/1/2008– 12/31/2008	Victims– recurrence within six months	Percent recurring within six months	Victims– recurrence within 12 months	Percent recurring within 12 months
African American/Black	521	24	4.6	37	7.1
American Indian	249	15	6.0	20	8.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	72	8	11.1	8	11.1
White	1,234	50	4.1	76	6.2
Two or more races	260	18	6.9	30	11.5
Unable to determine	187	4	2.1	6	3.2
Total	2,523	119	4.7	177	7.0
Hispanic ethnicity–any race	292	14	4.8	21	7.2

Family Assessment does not result in a determination of maltreatment; therefore, the safety performance measure of repeat maltreatment did not apply to 66 percent of children who received an assessment in response to a report alleging child abuse or neglect. Table 8 and the corresponding tables in the Appendix refer to the rate of re-reporting that can be applied across Family Investigation and Family Assessment for purposes of monitoring the effectiveness of interventions as a result of initial and subsequent reports of maltreatment. Children initially seen in Family Assessments had a slightly higher rate of re-report than did those in Family Investigations. Children who were the subjects of Facility Investigations had a much lower rate of re-report.

Table 8. Six- and 12-month Re-reporting Rate by Response Category

Response type	Total unique children 7/1/2008– 12/31/2008	Re-reported within six months	Percent re-reported within six months	Re-reported within 12 months	Percent re-reported within 12 months
Family Assessment	6,898	674	9.8	1,115	16.2
Family Investigation	4,012	361	9.0	583	14.5
Facility Investigation	257	13	5.1	24	9.3
Total*	10,964	1,017	9.3	1,687	15.4

**Total is less than the sum of each response type as children may have been in more than one response type.*

Federal Performance Indicators

Minnesota counties began using performance indicators in 1998 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 two federal indicators that pertain to child maltreatment and protection. The national standards for these measures were established by the federal Department of Health and Human Services in 2001.

Federal Performance Indicators	Minnesota results, 2009	Federal standards
Safety Measure 1.2: Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence Of all who were victims of determined maltreatment during the last six months of 2008, what number did not have another determined report within six months?	95.3% (119 of 2,523)	94.6% or higher
Safety Measure 1.2: Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care Of all children who were served in foster care during the reporting period, what percent were not the subjects of determined maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?	99.56% (52 of 11,699)	99.68% or higher

Child Maltreatment Appendix

Child Subjects of Maltreatment Reports per 1,000 in the Child Population

Note: Investigation is a unique count of children in Family Investigations or Facility Investigations.

County/Tribe	Child population, 2009 (estimated)	Total		Family Assessment		Investigation--Alleged		Investigation--Determined	
		Unique children	Children per 1000	Unique children	Children per 1000	Unique children	Children per 1000	Unique children	Children per 1000
Aitkin	2,811	93	33.1	73	26.0	26	9.2	18	6.4
Anoka	84,469	1,005	11.9	605	7.2	418	4.9	222	2.6
Becker	7,701	272	35.3	138	17.9	141	18.3	90	11.7
Beltrami	11,111	210	18.9	96	8.6	123	11.1	71	6.4
Benton	9,830	130	13.2	90	9.2	43	4.4	30	3.1
Big Stone	1,075	50	46.5	22	20.5	28	26.0	16	14.9
Blue Earth	11,787	284	24.1	168	14.3	130	11.0	84	7.1
Brown	5,689	126	22.1	95	16.7	37	6.5	23	4.0
Carlton	8,122	150	18.5	104	12.8	49	6.0	35	4.3
Carver	26,585	257	9.7	182	6.8	82	3.1	47	1.8
Cass	6,239	193	30.9	160	25.6	37	5.9	16	2.6
Chippewa	2,933	32	10.9	28	9.5	4	1.4	3	1.0
Chisago	13,643	108	7.9	91	6.7	18	1.3	12	0.9
Clay	12,878	224	17.4	172	13.4	55	4.3	24	1.9
Clearwater	1,984	70	35.3	52	26.2	28	14.1	13	6.6
Cook	916	15	16.4	13	14.2	2	2.2	2	2.2
Cottonwood	2,760	36	13.0	25	9.1	12	4.3	5	1.8
Crow Wing	14,215	242	17.0	181	12.7	71	5.0	33	2.3
Dakota	102,580	1,504	14.7	862	8.4	679	6.6	274	2.7
Dodge	5,576	137	24.6	102	18.3	36	6.5	23	4.1
Douglas	7,645	205	26.8	131	17.1	82	10.7	45	5.9
Fillmore	5,024	72	14.3	65	12.9	7	1.4	5	1.0
Freeborn	6,714	143	21.3	113	16.8	33	4.9	16	2.4
Goodhue	10,937	77	7.0	55	5.0	25	2.3	18	1.6
Grant	1,257	21	16.7	18	14.3	3	2.4	3	2.4
Hennepin	261,191	5,414	20.7	3,454	13.2	2,159	8.3	1,452	5.6
Houston	4,329	65	15.0	58	13.4	8	1.8	0	0.0
Hubbard	3,956	96	24.3	76	19.2	21	5.3	8	2.0
Isanti	9,856	145	14.7	103	10.5	46	4.7	42	4.3
Itasca	9,776	231	23.6	158	16.2	74	7.6	37	3.8
Jackson	2,263	77	34.0	62	27.4	20	8.8	9	4.0
Kanabec	3,766	75	19.9	59	15.7	17	4.5	9	2.4
Kandiyohi	9,943	264	26.6	144	14.5	129	13.0	68	6.8
Kittson	947	14	14.8	14	14.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Koochiching	2,709	124	45.8	119	43.9	10	3.7	3	1.1
Lac qui Parle	1,504	18	12.0	12	8.0	6	4.0	6	4.0
Lake	1,958	47	24.0	30	15.3	17	8.7	15	7.7
Lake of the Woods	748	18	24.1	15	20.1	3	4.0	1	1.3
Le Sueur	6,921	93	13.4	47	6.8	47	6.8	36	5.2
McLeod	9,445	220	23.3	164	17.4	61	6.5	18	1.9
Mahnomen	1,467	15	10.2	12	8.2	3	2.0	0	0.0
Marshall	2,106	50	23.7	47	22.3	3	1.4	3	1.4
Meeker	5,776	45	7.8	18	3.1	27	4.7	15	2.6
Mille Lacs	6,509	127	19.5	89	13.7	42	6.5	29	4.5
Morrison	8,101	162	20.0	112	13.8	55	6.8	38	4.7

Child Subjects of Maltreatment Reports per 1,000 in the Child Population *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Child population, 2009 (estimated)	Total		Family Assessment		Investigation–Alleged		Investigation–Determined	
		Unique children	Children per 1000	Unique children	Children per 1000	Unique children	Children per 1000	Unique children	Children per 1000
Mower	9,621	168	17.5	132	13.7	39	4.1	16	1.7
Nicollet	6,954	73	10.5	39	5.6	38	5.5	23	3.3
Nobles	5,699	58	10.2	43	7.5	19	3.3	12	2.1
Norman	1,586	41	25.9	35	22.1	6	3.8	5	3.2
Olmsted	35,910	621	17.3	561	15.6	66	1.8	25	0.7
Otter Tail	11,961	213	17.8	131	11.0	88	7.4	43	3.6
Pennington	3,174	42	13.2	27	8.5	16	5.0	10	3.2
Pine	6,114	143	23.4	100	16.4	47	7.7	17	2.8
Pipestone	2,381	45	18.9	35	14.7	14	5.9	3	1.3
Polk	7,245	324	44.7	262	36.2	79	10.9	34	4.7
Pope	2,280	55	24.1	43	18.9	14	6.1	11	4.8
Ramsey	116,740	1,620	13.9	852	7.3	800	6.9	491	4.2
Red Lake	938	8	8.5	5	5.3	3	3.2	3	3.2
Redwood	3,815	79	20.7	62	16.3	24	6.3	16	4.2
Renville	3,752	35	9.3	23	6.1	12	3.2	5	1.3
Rice	14,819	291	19.6	241	16.3	59	4.0	38	2.6
Rock	2,415	3	1.2	3	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Roseau	4,162	29	7.0	15	3.6	14	3.4	11	2.6
St. Louis	38,546	1,394	36.2	934	24.2	513	13.3	299	7.8
Scott	38,409	461	12.0	371	9.7	93	2.4	59	1.5
Sherburne	25,312	225	8.9	153	6.0	77	3.0	46	1.8
Sibley	3,764	75	19.9	51	13.5	25	6.6	18	4.8
Stearns	33,880	378	11.2	257	7.6	131	3.9	75	2.2
Steele	9,788	153	15.6	121	12.4	33	3.4	16	1.6
Stevens	1,904	65	34.1	57	29.9	14	7.4	12	6.3
Swift	2,164	106	49.0	72	33.3	34	15.7	21	9.7
Todd	5,857	103	17.6	80	13.7	23	3.9	17	2.9
Traverse	758	26	34.3	21	27.7	5	6.6	5	6.6
Wabasha	5,090	74	14.5	64	12.6	10	2.0	5	1.0
Wadena	3,171	91	28.7	69	21.8	24	7.6	12	3.8
Waseca	4,665	60	12.9	45	9.6	15	3.2	3	0.6
Washington	61,313	647	10.6	417	6.8	252	4.1	130	2.1
Watsonwan	2,854	22	7.7	17	6.0	6	2.1	2	0.7
Wilkin	1,496	38	25.4	37	24.7	1	0.7	0	0.0
Winona	9,490	245	25.8	198	20.9	58	6.1	36	3.8
Wright	35,909	458	12.8	353	9.8	117	3.3	67	1.9
Yellow Medicine	2,222	43	19.4	37	16.7	6	2.7	4	1.8
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	9,081	125	13.8	117	12.9	9	1.0	3	0.3
Faribault-Martin	7,806	334	42.8	184	23.6	176	22.5	93	11.9
Leech Lake*	3,246	168	51.8	133	41.0	42	12.9	21	6.5
White Earth*	2,903	217	74.8	143	49.3	82	28.2	21	7.2
Minnesota	1,260,797	22,312	17.7	14,974	11.9	8,001	6.3	4,645	3.7

*There are no 2009 child population estimates for Indian reservations in Minnesota. As a proxy, the 2000 U.S. Census numbers for American Indian children residing on the Leech Lake and White Earth reservations were used. The Leech Lake reservation has land in Cass, Itasca, Beltrami and Hubbard counties. The White Earth reservation overlaps Mahnommen, Becker and Clearwater counties.

Child Subjects of Reports by Maltreatment Type and Response Category

Note: A report may allege more than one type of maltreatment; therefore, totals do not equal the sum of the reports in maltreatment types. "Det." is an abbreviation for "determined." Children are counted for each assessment or investigation of which they are a subject. "Investigation" is a count of children in Family Investigations and Facility Investigations.

County/Tribe	Totals			Neglect (non-medical)			Physical abuse			Sexual abuse			Mental injury			Medical neglect		
	FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation	
		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.
Aitkin	77	26	18	60	19	13	16	2	2		4	2	2	1	1	3	1	1
Anoka	632	456	238	416	275	145	217	102	58		93	37				5	1	
Becker	143	160	103	109	130	94	59	54	27		24	5	28	30	14			
Beltrami	101	135	74	81	88	61	21	20	6		26	6					4	3
Benton	92	47	33	52	21	20	38	14	11	3	12	2		1	1			
Big Stone	22	29	16	16	20	15	5	11	4		2					1		
Blue Earth	181	149	90	137	108	76	46	32	15		13	4	2	4		1	1	
Brown	111	40	23	46	12	8	64	14	7		19	11	1	1	1	3	1	1
Carlton	107	49	35	71	31	23	37	15	11		7	4				2	2	2
Carver	187	85	48	143	52	33	47	21	10	1	14	4	2	2	2			
Cass	173	37	16	122	19	10	70	13	4	6	12	4	6	1		3		
Chippewa	28	4	3	20	3	3	8				1							
Chisago	95	18	12	47	6	4	42	6	5	2	7	3	1			5		
Clay	182	55	24	125	26	9	56	19	7		12	9				1		
Clearwater	60	31	13	45	12	6	19	13	4		6	3						
Cook	15	2	2	9	2	2	8			1						1		
Cottonwood	25	12	5	18	6	1	6	5	3	1	1	1						
Crow Wing	197	77	34	151	22	5	42	20	14	3	45	17				3		
Dakota	912	734	293	686	460	198	228	177	59		112	40				8	9	4
Dodge	121	36	23	75	19	12	43	1		1	19	11	2			11		
Douglas	144	91	48	122	59	39	30	37	7		4	2		1	1	2		
Fillmore	70	8	5	33	1	1	31			9	7	4	3			1		
Freeborn	117	36	16	70	10	7	50	15	7	4	17	6				2		
Goodhue	57	26	18	22	3	3	33	14	11	3	10	5		4	4		1	1
Grant	19	3	3	8			9			2	1	1	1	2	2			
Hennepin	3,635	2,378	1,543	2,680	1,653	1,183	1,042	458	221	5	558	228	1			49	44	36
Houston	64	8	0	30	5		23	1		6	3		3			2		
Hubbard	81	21	8	48	5		25	8	3	5	8	5				4		
Isanti	104	46	42	73	38	36	31	9	7	2	8	6	2	4	4			
Itasca	160	77	37	134	59	30	20	14	5		9	3	3			6	1	

Child Subjects of Reports by Maltreatment Type and Response Category *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Totals			Neglect (non-medical)			Physical abuse			Sexual abuse			Mental injury			Medical neglect		
	FA	FI		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation	
		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.
Jackson	63	24	9	34	15	4	27	4	3	1	5	2	2			1	1	
Kanabec	61	18	9	31	11	8	22	2	2	2	6		5			2		
Kandiyohi	152	147	74	113	87	53	48	66	34		24	4		4			1	
Kittson	15	0	0	13			2											
Koochiching	162	10	3	100	6	1	36	2		13	2	2	10			3		
Lac qui Parle	12	6	6	3	5	5	6	1	1				3					
Lake	30	17	15	27	14	14	6	1	1		3	1					1	1
Lake of the Woods	15	3	1	12	2		1				1	1	1			1		
Le Sueur	48	48	37	45	33	25	3	16	8		7	5						
McLeod	178	65	20	133	47	9	48	21	9	1	8	5	4	3			4	1
Mahnomen	12	3	0	8			3	3					1			1		
Marshall	52	3	3	34			19	3	3				1					
Meeker	18	29	16	14	8	7	3	19	7		1	1		1	1	1		
Mille Lacs	93	43	29	69	21	15	21	15	13	7	19	9	2			1	1	1
Morrison	117	58	41	74	28	20	39	12	7	3	20	14				6		
Mower	138	39	16	77	7	5	66	12	4	2	23	7	1					
Nicollet	39	39	23	21	22	16	12	12	5	4	5	2	2				2	1
Nobles	43	20	12	28	14	9	17	7	4		4	1						
Norman	36	7	5	23			13	1	1	3	6	4	1					
Olmsted	613	68	25	491	4	3	129	17	7		48	16	3			2		
Otter Tail	140	91	44	107	54	31	31	29	15		25	10				3		
Pennington	27	16	10	22	10	7	8	5	2					1	1			
Pine	104	49	17	71	25	10	36	14	4	1	16	3	1			3		
Pipestone	36	14	3	18	7	3	15	5		1	2		1			1	1	
Polk	312	82	36	242	44	25	77	14	6	1	32	7				1		
Pope	49	16	11	34	11	10	15	2	2	1	6	1						
Ramsey	861	829	503	607	613	363	258	162	103	3	114	67				4	12	8
Red Lake	5	3	3	3	3	3	2											
Redwood	64	24	16	53	19	15	8	2			3	1	3					
Renville	23	12	5	15	2	2	10	7	1	1	4	2					3	1

Child Subjects of Reports by Maltreatment Type and Response Category *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Totals			Neglect (non-medical)			Physical abuse			Sexual abuse			Mental injury			Medical neglect		
	FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation	
		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.
Rice	256	61	40	186	32	24	69	9	6	3	20	10						
Rock	3	0	0	1			2						1					
Roseau	15	15	11	9	8	8	6	1	1		6	2						
St. Louis	1,002	562	311	623	313	206	412	187	85		112	39	4			6	2	
Scott	392	99	61	273	49	32	115	19	5		33	22	4	4	4	5		
Sherburne	159	78	47	74	32	29	80	24	13	5	30	10						
Sibley	51	29	19	36	22	18	14	9		1	3	1	2	2		1		
Stearns	264	150	88	164	86	56	102	38	15	4	40	21				2	1	
Steele	133	35	17	86	6	3	44	13	7		17	7	4			1		
Stevens	69	14	12	52	12	11	16	2	1		2	1				1		
Swift	76	36	21	62	27	17	19	7	3	1	6	4	1			2		
Todd	80	23	17	47	15	14	33	2		1	6	3	2					
Traverse	23	5	5	17	5	5	4			2								
Wabasha	66	10	5	41	3	2	24				8	3	2			1		
Wadena	78	28	15	64	21	13	21	8	2	3	2	1	1					
Waseca	46	15	3	32	9	3	12	6								2		
Washington	429	287	144	260	166	96	189	78	33	1	84	32	1	1	1		2	
Watonwan	18	6	2	9			9	2	1		3						1	1
Wilkin	39	1	0	26	1		8			4			1					
Winona	217	73	46	127	42	31	96	23	15		22	9	2	1		1		
Wright	361	118	68	207	58	36	155	48	23	12	16	8	6			5	2	2
Yellow Medicine	38	6	4	19			16	5	4		2	1	5					
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	124	9	3	71	1		52	2		1	6	3	1			1		
Faribault-Martin	209	179	93	169	140	73	40	26	12		34	15				3		
Leech Lake	144	46	24	129	43	24	31	11	1	5	9	7	2			1		
White Earth	151	82	21	132	31	15	16	51	6	3	3	1	1			7		
Minnesota	15,873	8,626	4,892	11,087	5,398	3,416	4,932	2,120	983	144	1,902	788	138	68	37	182	99	64

Assessments and Investigations by Maltreatment Type and Response Category

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"Investigation" combines Family Investigations and Facility Investigations.

County/Tribe	Totals			Neglect (non-medical)			Physical abuse			Sexual abuse			Mental injury			Medical neglect		
	FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation	
		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.
Aitkin	44	14	10	29	8	6	15	2	2		4	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
Anoka	506	336	175	301	169	91	206	94	53		88	34				5	1	
Becker	102	89	50	74	67	43	49	36	15		18	5	19	15	7			
Beltrami	71	86	42	53	45	30	20	19	6		21	5					4	3
Benton	79	37	23	43	12	11	34	13	10	3	12	2		1	1			
Big Stone	13	18	8	10	9	7	2	10	3		2					1		
Blue Earth	116	112	67	79	75	54	40	31	15		12	4	2	2		1	1	
Brown	77	31	16	30	9	6	45	12	6		14	6	1	1	1	3	1	1
Carlton	75	32	22	44	19	14	32	9	7		7	4				2	2	2
Carver	141	63	38	98	32	24	46	21	10	1	13	4	2	1	1			
Cass	113	28	12	71	11	6	59	11	4	5	11	4	5	1		3		
Chippewa	21	3	2	13	2	2	8				1							
Chisago	71	16	10	31	4	2	34	6	5	2	7	3	1			5		
Clay	121	32	19	71	11	7	49	12	5		11	8				1		
Clearwater	34	22	9	23	7	4	15	11	3		4	2						
Cook	11	1	1	7	1	1	4			1						1		
Cottonwood	20	11	5	14	6	1	5	4	3	1	1	1						
Crow Wing	114	63	32	76	15	5	36	18	13	2	37	16				2		
Dakota	713	522	212	495	271	124	220	163	55		104	38				8	9	4
Dodge	86	22	15	48	7	5	35	1		1	17	10	2			10		
Douglas	106	57	26	88	29	17	26	31	7		4	2		1	1	2		
Fillmore	56	8	5	22	1	1	27			8	7	4	2			1		
Freeborn	89	27	14	46	10	7	45	13	7	3	11	4				2		
Goodhue	49	18	11	18	2	2	30	8	6	2	9	4		2	2		1	1
Grant	18	2	2	7			9			2	1	1	1	1	1			
Hennepin	2,616	1,544	1,005	1,750	990	691	944	370	194	4	434	191	1			47	42	35
Houston	53	4	0	22	1		20	1		6	3		3			2		
Hubbard	56	17	6	33	3		21	8	3	2	6	3				3		
Isanti	80	22	20	49	17	16	31	6	4	2	6	4	2	1	1			
Itasca	97	47	22	74	34	16	18	10	5		9	3	3			6	1	

Assessments and Investigations by Maltreatment Type and Response Category *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Totals			Neglect (non-medical)			Physical abuse			Sexual abuse			Mental injury			Medical neglect		
	FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation	
		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.
Jackson	43	16	8	19	7	3	22	4	3	1	5	2	2			1	1	
Kanabec	57	14	7	27	8	6	22	2	2	2	6		5			2		
Kandiyohi	96	94	45	70	49	29	35	41	19		22	4		3			1	
Kittson	10	0	0	8			2											
Koochiching	153	9	3	91	5	1	36	2		13	2	2	10			3		
Lac qui Parle	10	2	2	3	1	1	6	1	1				1					
Lake	18	9	8	15	7	7	6	1	1		2	1					1	1
Lake of the Woods	10	2	1	7	1		1				1	1	1			1		
Le Sueur	31	36	29	28	21	17	3	14	8		7	5						
McLeod	117	43	16	78	29	7	43	15	9	1	7	4	3	3			2	1
Mahnomen	7	3	0	3			3	3					1			1		
Marshall	31	1	1	15			17	1	1				1					
Meeker	18	29	16	14	8	7	3	19	7		1	1		1	1	1		
Mille Lacs	67	31	18	47	14	9	19	9	7	4	18	8	2			1	1	1
Morrison	86	42	31	48	13	10	36	12	7	1	19	14				6		
Mower	108	33	13	53	5	4	59	10	2	2	20	7	1					
Nicollet	36	34	19	20	18	12	12	11	5	3	5	2	2				2	1
Nobles	33	14	8	19	9	5	16	6	4		4	1						
Norman	22	6	4	10			9	1	1	3	5	3	1					
Olmsted	386	62	24	273	3	2	122	17	7		43	16	2			2		
Otter Tail	105	61	28	77	28	15	28	20	8		21	10				2		
Pennington	19	14	9	14	8	6	6	5	2					1	1			
Pine	70	37	14	43	15	7	31	14	4	1	15	3	1			3		
Pipestone	24	10	3	11	5	3	11	3		1	2		1			1	1	
Polk	195	58	24	137	26	15	66	13	5	1	29	6				1		
Pope	36	12	8	21	8	7	15	2	2	1	5	1						
Ramsey	705	559	347	457	375	229	255	135	79	3	103	63				4	11	7
Red Lake	4	3	3	2	3	3	2											
Redwood	41	11	7	32	7	6	8	2			2	1	1					
Renville	11	9	4	6	2	2	5	5	1	1	4	2					2	1

Assessments and Investigations by Maltreatment Type and Response Category *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Totals			Neglect (non-medical)			Physical abuse			Sexual abuse			Mental injury			Medical neglect		
	FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation		FA	Investigation	
		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.		Alleged	Det.
Rice	176	40	27	126	18	16	51	6	4	3	16	7						
Rock	3	0	0	1			2						1					
Roseau	11	10	6	5	3	3	6	1	1		6	2						
St. Louis	707	365	194	400	180	117	335	134	60		91	31	4			6	2	
Scott	281	73	42	177	32	21	103	18	4		27	18	2	1	1	5		
Sherburne	124	56	31	52	18	16	69	21	10	5	21	7						
Sibley	35	16	11	21	12	10	13	5		1	3	1	2	1		1		
Stearns	191	89	50	99	41	26	94	29	13	4	29	15				2	1	
Steele	91	31	15	51	5	2	38	12	6		16	7	3			1		
Stevens	37	6	4	22	4	3	14	2	1		2	1				1		
Swift	49	26	14	35	18	11	19	6	2	1	4	2	1			2		
Todd	57	15	9	29	7	6	28	2		1	6	3	2					
Traverse	17	2	2	11	2	2	4			2								
Wabasha	50	8	3	29	2	1	20				7	2	2			1		
Wadena	52	16	8	40	10	6	19	7	2	3	2	1	1					
Waseca	36	10	1	23	4	1	11	6								2		
Washington	310	191	94	165	98	57	166	65	28	1	60	21	1	1	1		2	
Watonwan	14	6	2	5			9	2	1		3						1	1
Wilkin	25	1	0	14	1		6			4			1					
Winona	159	50	34	91	26	22	72	18	13		18	6	2	1		1		
Wright	254	91	55	139	38	25	118	42	23	10	13	6	3			5	2	2
Yellow Medicine	30	4	2	13			14	3	2		2	1	5					
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	116	9	3	63	1		52	2		1	6	3	1			1		
Faribault-Martin	127	96	48	93	62	33	35	22	10		24	11				2		
Leech Lake	84	18	8	74	15	8	20	6	1	5	4	2	1			1		
White Earth	94	24	12	78	18	9	14	5	3	3	3	1	1			7		
Minnesota	11,427	5,791	3,254	7,223	3,157	2,001	4,356	1,702	810	127	1,585	669	114	39	20	174	93	62

Child Protection Services Needed or Supportive Services Offered

What were the number and percent of Family Assessments (FA) where child protection services were needed or optional supportive services offered? What were the number and percent of Family Investigations (FI) where child protective services were needed?

County/Tribe	Total FA reports	FA with CPS needed	Percent FA with CPS needed	FA with supportive services offered	Percent FA with supportive services offered	Total alleged FI reports	Alleged FI with CPS needed	Percent FI with CPS needed
Aitkin	44	14	31.8	10	22.7	14	9	64.3
Anoka	506	39	7.7	69	13.6	322	129	40.1
Becker	102	28	27.5	6	5.9	87	55	63.2
Beltrami	71	20	28.2	11	15.5	86	42	48.8
Benton	79	15	19.0	9	11.4	35	26	74.3
Big Stone	13	9	69.2		0.0	18	10	55.6
Blue Earth	116	20	17.2	16	13.8	109	53	48.6
Brown	77	22	28.6	0	0.0	29	12	41.4
Carlton	75	37	49.3	2	2.7	27	21	77.8
Carver	141	35	24.8	10	7.1	60	30	50.0
Cass	113	28	24.8	42	37.2	24	9	37.5
Chippewa	21	13	61.9	1	4.8	3	1	33.3
Chisago	71	21	29.6	0	0.0	15	10	66.7
Clay	121	19	15.7	38	31.4	25	12	48.0
Clearwater	34	5	14.7	4	11.8	22	11	50.0
Cook	11	6	54.5	1	9.1	1	1	100.0
Cottonwood	20	2	10.0	0	0.0	11	5	45.5
Crow Wing	114	35	30.7	6	5.3	51	22	43.1
Dakota	713	75	10.5	193	27.1	513	134	26.1
Dodge	86	18	20.9	15	17.4	19	7	36.8
Douglas	106	30	28.3	1	0.9	54	23	42.6
Fillmore	56	10	17.9	1	1.8	8	4	50.0
Freeborn	89	16	18.0	12	13.5	25	9	36.0
Goodhue	49	6	12.2	0	0.0	18	9	50.0
Grant	18	4	22.2	1	5.6	2	1	50.0
Hennepin	2,616	3	0.1	823	31.5	1474	802	54.4
Houston	53	17	32.1	12	22.6	4	1	25.0
Hubbard	56	16	28.6	11	19.6	15	8	53.3
Isanti	80	19	23.8	1	1.3	20	14	70.0
Itasca	97	18	18.6	1	1.0	37	23	62.2
Jackson	43	14	32.6	4	9.3	10	5	50.0
Kanabec	57	15	26.3	8	14.0	14	11	78.6
Kandiyohi	96	17	17.7	8	8.3	88	54	61.4
Kittson	10	2	20.0	2	20.0	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	153	26	17.0	2	1.3	9	3	33.3
Lac qui Parle	10	1	10.0	1	10.0	2	2	100.0
Lake	18	15	83.3	0	0.0	9	7	77.8
Lake of the Woods	10	3	30.0	1	10.0	2	1	50.0
Le Sueur	31	4	12.9	2	6.5	36	25	69.4
McLeod	117	33	28.2	3	2.6	40	22	55.0
Mahnomen	7	2	28.6	0	0.0	3	1	33.3
Marshall	31	6	19.4	1	3.2	1	1	100.0
Meeker	18	4	22.2	1	5.6	28	14	50.0

Child Protection Services Needed or Supportive Services Offered *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Total FA reports	FA with CPS needed	Percent FA with CPS needed	FA with supportive services offered	Percent FA with supportive services offered	Total alleged FI reports	Alleged FI with CPS needed	Percent FI with CPS needed
Mille Lacs	59	20	33.9	1	1.7	66	28	42.4
Morrison	85	28	32.9	19	22.4	20	11	55.0
Mower	86	13	15.1	14	16.3	33	20	60.6
Nicollet	55	1	1.8	4	7.3	45	29	64.4
Nobles	41	10	24.4	0	0.0	16	8	50.0
Norman	26	8	30.8	7	26.9	3	0	0.0
Olmsted	400	127	31.8	41	10.3	45	18	40.0
Otter Tail	135	57	42.2	1	0.7	75	41	54.7
Pennington	11	5	45.5	1	9.1	6	1	16.7
Pine	98	31	31.6	9	9.2	53	35	66.0
Pipestone	36	14	38.9	0	0.0	12	5	41.7
Polk	212	56	26.4	42	19.8	45	21	46.7
Pope	36	21	58.3	2	5.6	13	8	61.5
Ramsey	666	120	18.0	81	12.2	580	339	58.4
Red Lake	2	1	50.0	0	0.0	3	3	100.0
Redwood	35	10	28.6	2	5.7	21	13	61.9
Renville	6	5	83.3	0	0.0	16	7	43.8
Rice	157	38	24.2	3	1.9	43	26	60.5
Rock	4	1	25.0	0	0.0	5	0	0.0
Roseau	4	3	75.0	0	0.0	3	3	100.0
St. Louis	764	115	15.1	73	9.6	310	148	47.7
Scott	171	33	19.3	0	0.0	110	39	35.5
Sherburne	137	26	19.0	13	9.5	75	34	45.3
Sibley	31	5	16.1	0	0.0	24	14	58.3
Stearns	177	30	16.9	8	4.5	78	38	48.7
Steele	97	39	40.2	7	7.2	26	21	80.8
Stevens	19	5	26.3	1	5.3	20	14	70.0
Swift	43	23	53.5	0	0.0	25	13	52.0
Todd	77	34	44.2	3	3.9	15	8	53.3
Traverse	10	2	20.0	2	20.0	2	1	50.0
Wabasha	38	10	26.3	5	13.2	9	6	66.7
Wadena	51	21	41.2	0	0.0	21	10	47.6
Waseca	35	11	31.4	7	20.0	25	11	44.0
Washington	284	23	8.1	59	20.8	252	99	39.3
Watonwan	19	3	15.8	7	36.8	7	3	42.9
Wilkin	18	8	44.4	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
Winona	109	20	18.3	0	0.0	43	23	53.5
Wright	210	37	17.6	61	29.0	108	39	36.1
Yellow Medicine	18	13	72.2	1	5.6	5	3	60.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	104	40	38.5	4	3.8	16	6	37.5
Faribault-Martin	143	41	28.7	0	0.0	90	44	48.9
Leech Lake	73	35	47.9	1	1.4	28	24	85.7
White Earth	71	42	59.2	4	5.6	34	18	52.9
Minnesota	11,427	1,895	16.6	1,900	16.6	5,478	2,721	49.7

Maltreatment Recurrence

Of all who were victims of determined maltreatment during the last six months of the prior calendar year (2008), what number had another determined report within six and 12 months?

County/Tribe	Unique determined victims 7/1/08-12/31/08	Victims--recurrence within six months	Percent recurring within six months	Victims--recurrence within 12 months	Percent recurring within 12 months
Aitkin	9	0	0.0	1	11.1
Anoka	112	1	0.9	1	0.9
Becker	23	0	0.0	0	0.0
Beltrami	36	0	0.0	0	0.0
Benton	26	1	3.8	1	3.8
Big Stone	7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Blue Earth	41	3	7.3	5	12.2
Brown	29	5	17.2	5	17.2
Carlton	13	0	0.0	0	0.0
Carver	20	0	0.0	2	10.0
Cass	4	1	25.0	1	25.0
Chippewa	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chisago	13	1	7.7	2	15.4
Clay	29	1	3.4	1	3.4
Clearwater	10	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cook	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cottonwood	7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Crow Wing	12	0	0.0	0	0.0
Dakota	182	7	3.8	12	6.6
Dodge	12	1	8.3	1	8.3
Douglas	17	5	29.4	7	41.2
Fillmore	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Freeborn	4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Goodhue	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grant	2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hennepin	866	58	6.7	86	9.9
Houston	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hubbard	10	0	0.0	0	0.0
Isanti	12	0	0.0	0	0.0
Itasca	23	0	0.0	1	4.3
Jackson	2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Kanabec	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kandiyohi	33	2	6.1	2	6.1
Kittson	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Koochiching	2	2	100.0	2	100.0
Lac qui Parle	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lake	5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Le Sueur	17	2	11.8	5	29.4
McLeod	9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mahnomen	2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marshall	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Meeker	7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mille Lacs	24	0	0.0	0	0.0

Maltreatment Recurrence (continued)					
County/Tribe	Unique determined victims 7/1/08- 12/31/08	Victims– recurrence within six months	Percent recurring within six months	Victims– recurrence within 12 months	Percent recurring within 12 months
Morrison	12	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mower	10	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nicollet	11	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nobles	8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Norman	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Olmsted	5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Otter Tail	22	1	4.5	1	4.5
Pennington	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pine	26	0	0.0	1	3.8
Pipestone	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Polk	28	2	7.1	2	7.1
Pope	5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ramsey	216	6	2.8	9	4.2
Red Lake	2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Redwood	7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Renville	8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rice	21	2	9.5	2	9.5
Rock	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Roseau	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
St. Louis	117	1	0.9	5	4.3
Scott	25	1	4.0	1	4.0
Sherburne	20	2	10.0	2	10.0
Sibley	4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Stearns	40	0	0.0	1	2.5
Steele	12	1	8.3	1	8.3
Stevens	2	1	50.0	2	100.0
Swift	14	0	0.0	0	0.0
Todd	7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Traverse	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wabasha	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wadena	12	0	0.0	0	0.0
Waseca	8	1	12.5	1	12.5
Washington	72	2	2.8	3	4.2
Watsonwan	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wilkin	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Winona	19	9	47.4	9	47.4
Wright	37	0	0.0	2	5.4
Yellow Medicine	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Faribault-Martin	39	0	0.0	0	0.0
Leech Lake	22	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Earth	34	0	0.0	0	0.0
Minnesota	2,523	119	4.7	177	7.0

Child Subjects of Reports Re-reported for Alleged Maltreatment Within Six and 12 Months of an Assessment or Investigation

Of all who were child subjects of a maltreatment report during the last six months of 2008, what number were in another maltreatment report within six and 12 months?

County/Tribe	Unique child subjects of reports 7/1/08-12/31/08	Child subjects--re-reported within six months	Percent re-reported within six months	Child subjects--re-reported within 12 months	Percent re-reported within 12 months
Aitkin	38	0	0.0	1	2.6
Anoka	512	41	8.0	65	12.7
Becker	138	11	8.0	19	13.8
Beltrami	123	10	8.1	14	11.4
Benton	82	4	4.9	8	9.8
Big Stone	21	3	14.3	5	23.8
Blue Earth	125	15	12.0	21	16.8
Brown	74	17	23.0	21	28.4
Carlton	51	0	0.0	8	15.7
Carver	119	2	1.7	11	9.2
Cass	122	18	14.8	25	20.5
Chippewa	21	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chisago	96	3	3.1	7	7.3
Clay	136	9	6.6	21	15.4
Clearwater	46	9	19.6	9	19.6
Cook	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cottonwood	28	4	14.3	4	14.3
Crow Wing	128	10	7.8	17	13.3
Dakota	847	76	9.0	134	15.8
Dodge	37	3	8.1	5	13.5
Douglas	85	10	11.8	21	24.7
Fillmore	41	4	9.8	4	9.8
Freeborn	53	1	1.9	7	13.2
Goodhue	51	2	3.9	3	5.9
Grant	14	0	0.0	1	7.1
Hennepin	2,708	284	10.5	447	16.5
Houston	18	3	16.7	4	22.2
Hubbard	46	3	6.5	5	10.9
Isanti	54	0	0.0	3	5.6
Itasca	117	5	4.3	16	13.7
Jackson	40	2	5.0	2	5.0
Kanabec	43	0	0.0	2	4.7
Kandiyohi	121	12	9.9	19	15.7
Kittson	15	0	0.0	0	0.0
Koochiching	55	10	18.2	18	32.7
Lac qui Parle	12	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake	22	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	11	0	0.0	0	0.0
Le Sueur	58	3	5.2	9	15.5
McLeod	97	10	10.3	15	15.5
Mahnomen	9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marshall	44	2	4.5	8	18.2
Meeker	30	1	3.3	2	6.7

Child Subjects of Reports Re-reported for Alleged Maltreatment Within Six and 12 Months of an Assessment or Investigation (continued)

County/Tribe	Unique child subjects of reports 7/1/08-12/31/08	Child subjects--re-reported within six months	Percent re-reported within six months	Child subjects--re-reported within 12 months	Percent re-reported within 12 months
Mille Lacs	79	2	2.5	7	8.9
Morrison	68	3	4.4	10	14.7
Mower	78	3	3.8	8	10.3
Nicollet	51	3	5.9	5	9.8
Nobles	29	1	3.4	3	10.3
Norman	12	2	16.7	4	33.3
Olmsted	277	16	5.8	33	11.9
Otter Tail	136	13	9.6	17	12.5
Pennington	8	2	25.0	2	25.0
Pine	96	6	6.3	13	13.5
Pipestone	34	0	0.0	2	5.9
Polk	202	38	18.8	56	27.7
Pope	35	4	11.4	6	17.1
Ramsey	640	29	4.5	52	8.1
Red Lake	5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Redwood	46	2	4.3	7	15.2
Renville	12	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rice	113	16	14.2	21	18.6
Rock	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Roseau	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
St. Louis	696	118	17.0	181	26.0
Scott	184	10	5.4	22	12.0
Sherburne	118	6	5.1	10	8.5
Sibley	34	1	2.9	4	11.8
Stearns	170	13	7.6	23	13.5
Steele	66	3	4.5	5	7.6
Stevens	25	6	24.0	11	44.0
Swift	50	4	8.0	9	18.0
Todd	53	2	3.8	7	13.2
Traverse	6	2	33.3	2	33.3
Wabasha	16	2	12.5	2	12.5
Wadena	57	6	10.5	10	17.5
Waseca	44	2	4.5	3	6.8
Washington	338	29	8.6	42	12.4
Watsonwan	14	1	7.1	1	7.1
Wilkin	23	1	4.3	1	4.3
Winona	83	21	25.3	25	30.1
Wright	177	7	4.0	18	10.2
Yellow Medicine	12	1	8.3	1	8.3
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	50	3	6.0	8	16.0
Faribault-Martin	163	20	12.3	37	22.7
Leech Lake	70	14	20.0	17	24.3
White Earth	94	18	19.1	21	22.3
Minnesota	10,964	1,017	9.3	1,687	15.4

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Aitkin	27	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	1	9.1
Anoka	312	27	8.7	45	14.4	198	14	7.1	20	10.1
Becker	67	6	9.0	11	16.4	71	6	8.5	9	12.7
Beltrami	53	7	13.2	8	15.1	74	4	5.4	7	9.5
Benton	48	1	2.1	3	6.3	33	3	9.1	5	15.2
Big Stone	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	20	2	10.0	4	20.0
Blue Earth	67	9	13.4	13	19.4	61	7	11.5	9	14.8
Brown	47	12	25.5	15	31.9	30	9	30.0	10	33.3
Carlton	33	0	0.0	6	18.2	16	0	0.0	1	6.3
Carver	85	1	1.2	7	8.2	32	1	3.1	4	12.5
Cass	113	18	15.9	25	22.1	12	1	8.3	1	8.3
Chippewa	20	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chisago	72	2	2.8	5	6.9	19	1	5.3	2	10.5
Clay	96	5	5.2	13	13.5	29	3	10.3	3	10.3
Clearwater	31	6	19.4	6	19.4	17	3	17.6	3	17.6
Cook	6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	-	0	-
Cottonwood	19	2	10.5	2	10.5	9	2	22.2	2	22.2
Crow Wing	101	9	8.9	14	13.9	23	1	4.3	1	4.3
Dakota	458	45	9.8	67	14.6	386	31	8.0	68	17.6
Dodge	21	2	9.5	4	19.0	14	1	7.1	1	7.1
Douglas	54	5	9.3	10	18.5	31	5	16.1	11	35.5
Fillmore	30	4	13.3	4	13.3	11	0	0.0	0	0.0
Freeborn	39	1	2.6	6	15.4	14	0	0.0	1	7.1
Goodhue	37	2	5.4	3	8.1	8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grant	10	0	0.0	1	10.0	4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hennepin	1,505	156	10.4	246	16.3	1,188	128	10.8	201	16.9
Houston	15	3	20.0	4	26.7	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hubbard	29	2	6.9	4	13.8	13	1	7.7	1	7.7
Isanti	38	0	0.0	2	5.3	13	0	0.0	1	7.7

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Itasca	58	0	0.0	7	12.1	55	5	9.1	8	14.5
Jackson	35	2	5.7	2	5.7	3	1	33.3	1	33.3
Kanabec	42	0	0.0	2	4.8	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Kandiyohi	62	8	12.9	13	21.0	58	3	5.2	5	8.6
Kittson	12	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Koochiching	48	8	16.7	15	31.3	6	2	33.3	3	50.0
Lac qui Parle	12	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	-	0	-
Lake	16	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	7	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Le Sueur	38	3	7.9	6	15.8	23	2	8.7	5	21.7
McLeod	70	9	12.9	12	17.1	25	1	4.0	3	12.0
Mahnomen	6	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marshall	35	1	2.9	6	17.1	8	1	12.5	2	25.0
Meeker	12	1	8.3	1	8.3	18	0	0.0	1	5.6
Mille Lacs	45	0	0.0	3	6.7	34	2	5.9	3	8.8
Morrison	55	3	5.5	10	18.2	13	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mower	53	3	5.7	7	13.2	24	0	0.0	1	4.2
Nicollet	33	3	9.1	4	12.1	19	0	0.0	1	5.3
Nobles	20	1	5.0	3	15.0	7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Norman	12	2	16.7	4	33.3	0	0	-	0	-
Olmsted	259	15	5.8	32	12.4	17	1	5.9	1	5.9
Otter Tail	90	10	11.1	13	14.4	46	3	6.5	4	8.7
Pennington	4	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Pine	54	3	5.6	7	13.0	41	2	4.9	6	14.6
Pipestone	25	0	0.0	1	4.0	7	0	0.0	1	14.3
Polk	165	31	18.8	47	28.5	41	7	17.1	9	22.0
Pope	30	4	13.3	6	20.0	5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ramsey	324	18	5.6	30	9.3	318	12	3.8	23	7.2
Red Lake	3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0	0.0	0	0.0

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Redwood	28	1	3.6	6	21.4	18	1	5.6	1	5.6
Renville	1	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rice	87	12	13.8	17	19.5	20	5	25.0	6	30.0
Rock	2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	-	0	-
Roseau	2	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
St. Louis	506	100	19.8	148	29.2	202	19	9.4	33	16.3
Scott	128	7	5.5	17	13.3	57	3	5.3	5	8.8
Sherburne	83	1	1.2	5	6.0	32	4	12.5	4	12.5
Sibley	22	1	4.5	3	13.6	13	0	0.0	1	7.7
Stearns	116	12	10.3	21	18.1	49	1	2.0	2	4.1
Steele	50	2	4.0	4	8.0	17	1	5.9	1	5.9
Stevens	14	4	28.6	4	28.6	14	4	28.6	9	64.3
Swift	33	2	6.1	7	21.2	14	2	14.3	2	14.3
Todd	43	2	4.7	7	16.3	9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Traverse	6	2	33.3	2	33.3	0	0	-	0	-
Wabasha	15	2	13.3	2	13.3	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wadena	41	4	9.8	8	19.5	16	2	12.5	2	12.5
Waseca	31	1	3.2	2	6.5	12	1	8.3	1	8.3
Washington	169	8	4.7	15	8.9	164	21	12.8	26	15.9
Watonwan	10	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1	33.3	1	33.3
Wilkin	20	1	5.0	1	5.0	3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Winona	57	14	24.6	16	28.1	29	10	34.5	12	41.4
Wright	122	7	5.7	16	13.1	46	0	0.0	3	6.5
Yellow Medicine	12	1	8.3	1	8.3	0	0	-	0	-
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	44	2	4.5	7	15.9	7	1	14.3	1	14.3
Faribault-Martin	110	16	14.5	24	21.8	53	7	13.2	16	30.2
Leech Lake Tribe	40	6	15.0	9	22.5	32	8	25.0	8	25.0
White Earth Band	46	15	32.6	17	37.0	57	3	5.3	4	7.0
Minnesota	6,898	674	9.8	1,115	16.2	4,012	361	9.0	583	14.5

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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 2009 calendar year. Various tables and figures feature data about child demographics, removal episodes out of the original home, number of placement settings within a removal episode, length of time in care, reasons for entry, 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.

An episode of care is defined as an entry into, and an ultimate discharge from, out-of-home care. An episode could have more than one living arrangement, called a “placement setting.” A child may experience one or more placement locations, or “moves,” which may occur in different types of settings in a given episode.

A child in the custody of the county or tribe may have spent time in other settings during an episode of out-of-home care, such as summer camp, hospital, a trial home visit, boarding school, non-custodial parent’s home, job corps or an unauthorized absence. These locations, and days in these locations, are not included in the listing or the sum of days in placement settings. However, these locations and days are included within the start and end dates of an episode of care. A discharge from care occurs when a child is no longer in the legal custody of the county or tribe.

Key findings in this section include:

- In 2009, 11,699 children spent some time in out-of-home care. The total number of children who experienced out-of-home care has decreased about 15 percent since 2008, and 37 percent since 2000.
- The majority in placement were adolescents. African American/Black and American Indian children were represented in out-of-home care disproportionate to their representation in the Minnesota child population. Slightly more boys than girls spent time in care.
- Approximately 60 percent of reasons offered for entry into care were solely related to children’s parents. Twenty-five percent were attributed to children’s behavior or substance abuse.
- Sixty-three percent of children experienced no moves while in care in 2009. Most of the children were placed in a family type setting. About 22 percent were in care for one week or less.
- About 65 percent of discharges from care involved return to the caretakers prior to placement; another 10 percent were adopted.

Note that percent columns may not total 100 percent due to rounding issues.

Total Children in Out-of-home Care

Table 1 shows that in 2009, 11,699 children experienced 12,601 episodes of removal from home for placement in out-of-home care. The number of children in care at the end of 2009 (5,593) was about 7 percent less than the beginning of 2009 (6,036).

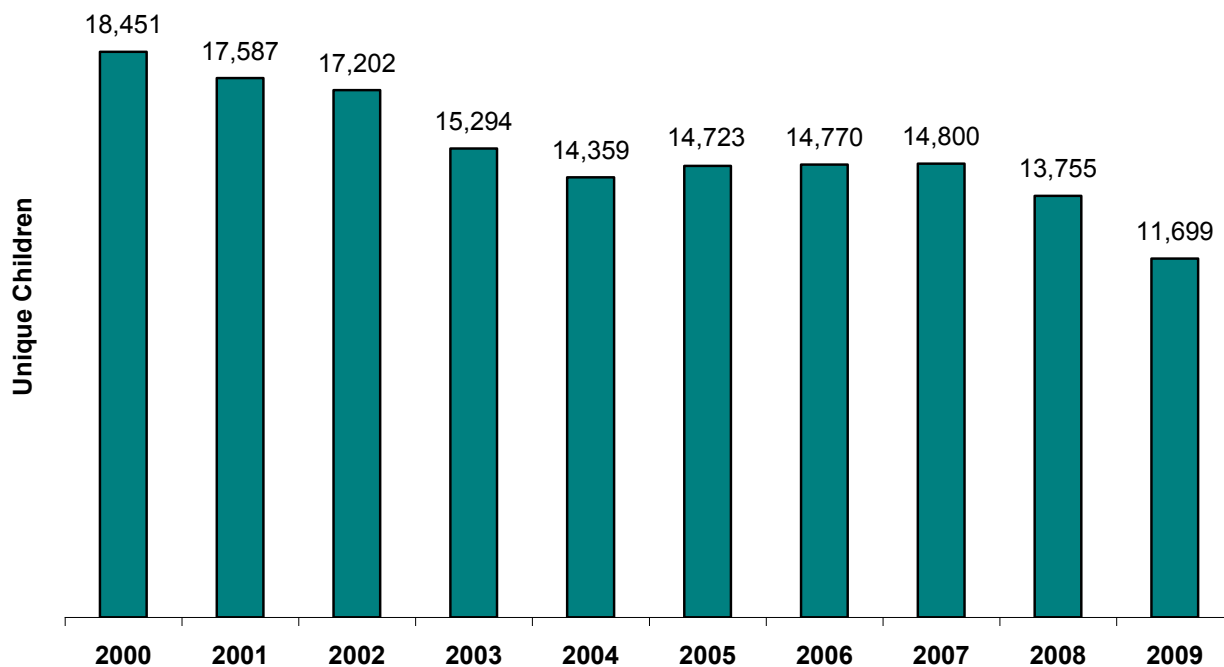
Table 1. Flow of Children in Out-of-home Care

	Children	Episodes
Entered care	6,036	6,646
Continued in care (from prior year)	5,955	5,955
Left care	6,557	7,008
Remained in care (at year end)	5,592	5,593
Total unique children*	11,699	12,601

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

Figure 1 shows that the number of children experiencing out-of-home care decreased dramatically from 2000 to 2004, and remained stable until a 7 percent decrease in 2008 and another annual decrease of 15 percent in 2009.

Figure 1. Total Children in Out-of-home Care, 2000–2009



Gender, Age and Race of Children in Out-of-home Care

At a Glance

- *Boys were more likely than girls to spend time in out-of-home care*
- *The majority of children in care were adolescents*
- *Trends show decreasing numbers of children age 8 and older placed out-of-home, with dramatic decreases amongst children 13 and older*
- *White children comprised the largest number of children in out-of-home care; however, African American/Black and American Indian children continued to be over-represented in out-of-home placements relative to their proportions in the child population*

Figure 2 reveals that overall, boys made up 55 percent of children in out-of-home care in 2009. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds in care were the largest segment of both boys and girls. These primarily represent placements in juvenile correctional settings. Boys and girls had similar rates of placement until age 10, when boys became increasingly more at risk, relative to girls. Due to their vulnerability and dependence on others for basic needs and supervision, children under 3 years of age were at higher risk of placement than other children under age 12.

Figure 2. Children in Out-of-home Care by Age and Gender

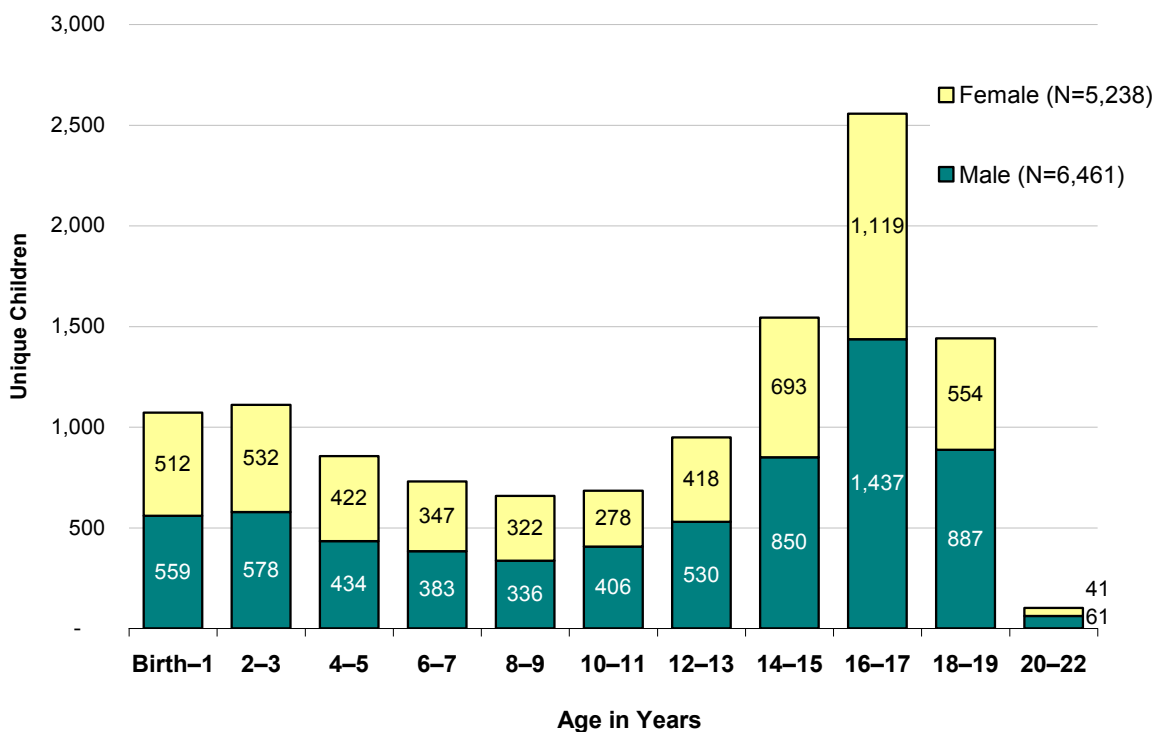


Figure 3 shows the relative size of three age groups in out-of-home care. Adolescents comprised the majority of children placed out-of-home.

Figure 3. Children in Out-of-home Care by Age Group

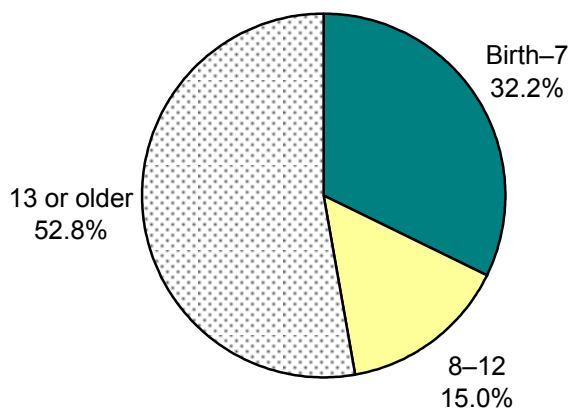


Figure 4 graphs the trend by age group since 2000. Children in the birth–7 age group trended upward slightly between 2000 and 2008 but saw a 16 percent decrease in 2009. Children in care in the 8–12-year-old age group and those aged 13 and older decreased by 49 percent and 43 percent, respectively.

Figure 4. Children in Out-of-home Care by Age Group, 2000–2009

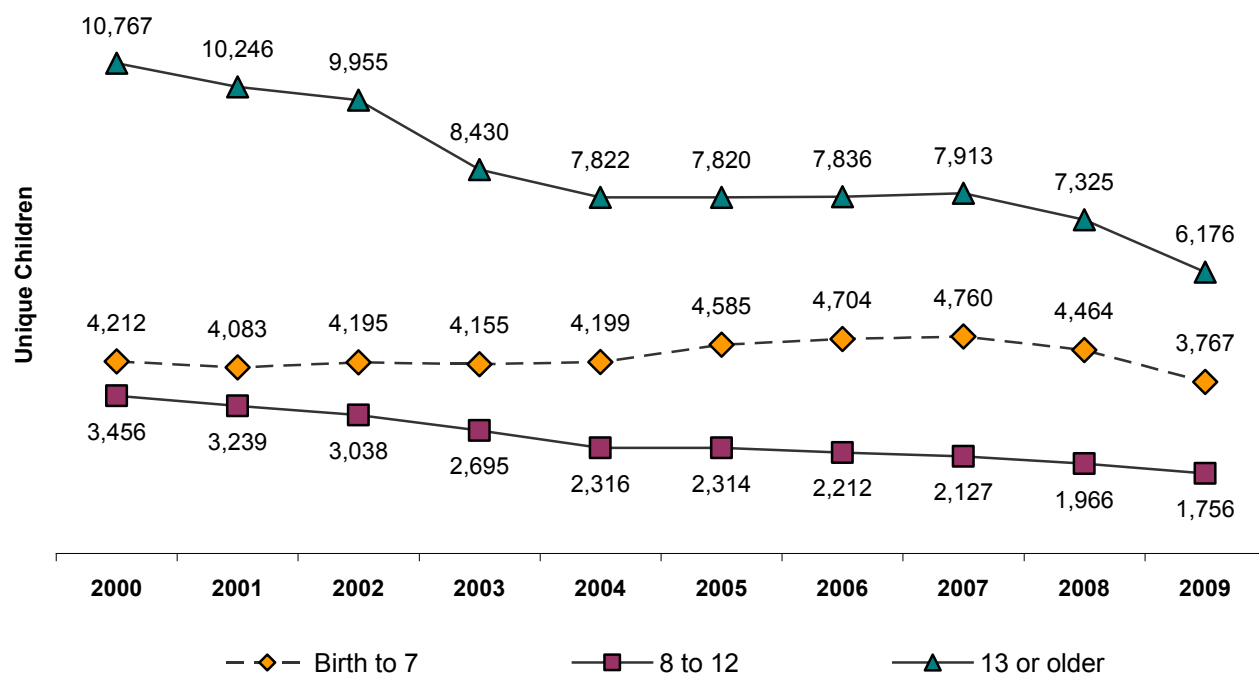


Table 2 illustrates the annual change in the foster care population in each age group from 2000–2009. There were dramatic decreases in 2009 for each age group.

Table 2. Children in Out-of-home Care by Age Group, Annual Percentage Change, 2000–2009

Age group	2000–2001	2001–2002	2002–2003	2003–2004	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009
Birth–7	-3.1%	2.7%	-1.0%	1.1%	9.2%	2.6%	1.2%	-6.2%	-15.6%
8–12	-6.3%	-6.2%	-11.3%	-14.1%	-0.1%	-4.4%	-3.8%	-7.6%	-10.7%
13 or older	-4.8%	-2.8%	-15.3%	-7.2%	0.0%	0.2%	1.0%	-7.4%	-15.7%
Total change	-4.7%	-2.2%	-11.1%	-6.1%	2.5%	0.3%	0.2%	-7.1%	-14.9%

In Table 3, rates per thousand were calculated by dividing the number of unique children in care for each race by the 2009 U.S. Census Bureau child population estimate for that race in Minnesota, then multiplying by 1,000. The rates show that American Indian, African American, and children of two or more races are respectively 12.0, 4.9 and 4.7 times more likely than a White child to be placed in out-of-home care.

Table 3. Children in Out-of-home Care per 1,000 in the Child Population by Race

Race	Total children in care	Minnesota child population, 2009 (estimated)	Rate in care per 1,000
African American/Black	2,432	89,815	27.1
American Indian	1,570	23,759	66.1
Asian	257	66,476	3.9
White	5,707	1,036,460	5.5
Two or more races	1,151	44,287	26.0
Unable to determine	551	NA	NA
Missing data	31	NA	NA
Total	11,699	1,260,797	9.3
Hispanic ethnicity—any race	1,111	94,442	11.8

The largest number of children in out-of-home care were White; however, African American/Black, American Indian, and children indicating two or more races were over-represented in out-of-home placements relative to their proportions in the child population. Note that Figure 5 does not include Hispanic ethnicity. In the Minnesota population, 7.5 percent of all children are of Hispanic ethnicity compared to 9.5 percent of children in care.

Figure 5. Children in Out-of-home Care Compared to the Minnesota Child Population by Race

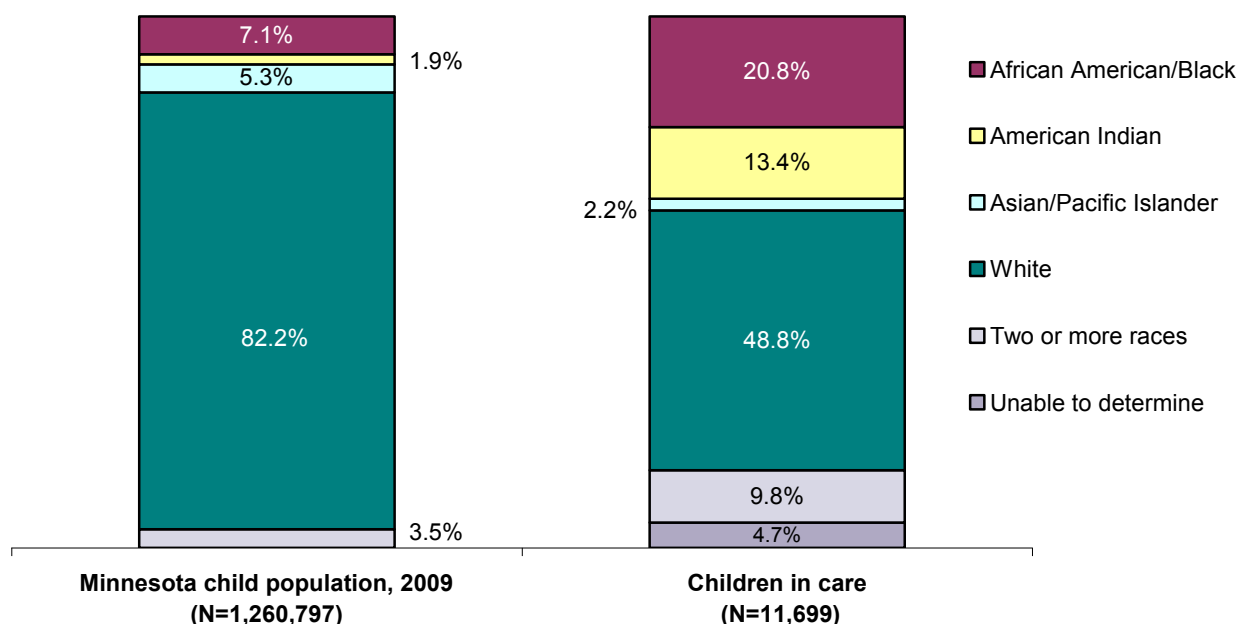


Figure 6 and Table 4 show the rate of children per 1000 who experienced out-of-home care by race from 2000–2009 and the overall percent change in those years. Children of all races saw a steady decline in the rate of entry into out-of-home care. Asian/Pacific Islander and African American/Black had the largest decreases with out-of-home-care rate decreases of 50.8 percent and 48.6 percent, respectively. American Indian children and those of Hispanic ethnicity also had sizeable reductions, but saw less improvement with decreases of 27.2 percent and 36.1 percent, respectively

Figure 6. Children in Out-of-home Care per 1,000 in the Child Population by Race, 2000–2009

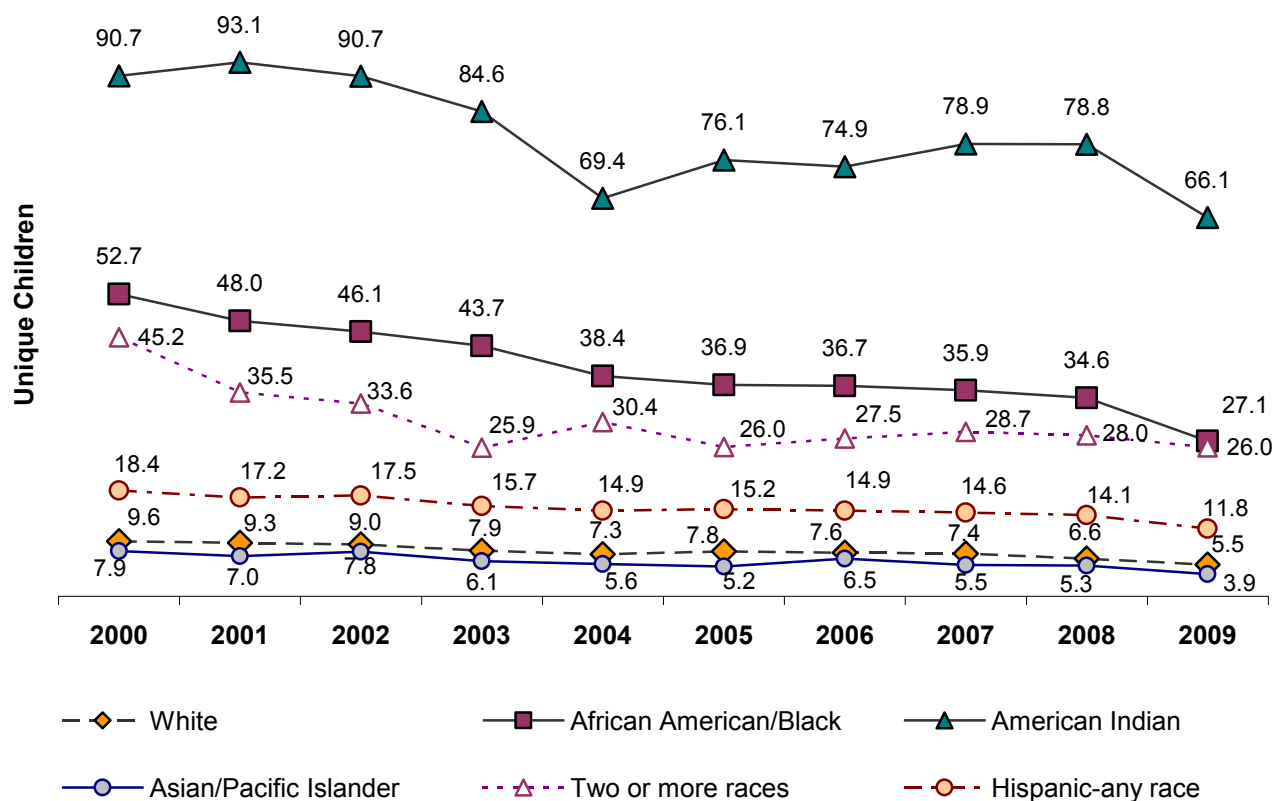


Table 4. Percent Change in Children in Out-of-home Care per 1,000 in the Child Population by Race, 2000–2009

Race/Ethnicity	2000–2009 percent change
African American/Black	-48.6%
American Indian	-27.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	-50.8%
White	-42.6%
Two or more races	-42.5%
Total	-35.3%
Hispanic-any race	-36.1%

Placement Settings and Time in Care

At a Glance

- *More than 50 percent of children in care spent some time in a non-relative family foster care setting*
- *About 72 percent of days children spent in care were in some type of family setting*
- *Almost 22 percent of episodes ending in 2009 lasted one week or less. Another 27 percent lasted more than one year.*

Table 5 shows the types and placement settings that children experienced in care. A child was counted only once for each time they experienced a placement setting type. Fifty percent of the children spent some time in a non-relative foster family home and almost 18 percent spent time in a relative foster family home. Slightly more than 19 percent spent time in a residential treatment or institutional facility, which is attributed to a large number of short-term emergency shelter placements.

Table 5. Placement Settings Experienced by Children in Out-of-home Care

Placement setting	Unique children in settings*	Percent
Pre-adoptive home–relative	446	3.8
Pre-adoptive home–non-relative	916	7.8
Foster family home–relative	2,102	18.0
Foster family home–non-relative	5,907	50.5
Group home	2,177	18.6
Residential treatment/institution	2,246	19.2
Supervised independent living	37	0.3
Foster home–corporate/shift staff	279	2.4
Juvenile correctional facility (non–secure, 12 or fewer children)	166	1.4
Juvenile correctional facility (non-secure, 13 or more children)	595	5.1
Juvenile correctional facility (locked)	515	4.4
ICF-MR	18	0.2
Total unique children*	11,699	100.0

* Totals are less than the sum of the categories, as a child may have spent time in more than one setting.

Table 6 depicts the duration of episodes that ended in 2009 that were one day or longer. About 22 percent of these episodes were one week or less, and 27.2 percent lasted more than one year.

Table 6. Length of Episodes Ending in 2009

Days in care	Number of episodes	Percent of episodes
1–7	1,512	21.8
8–30	690	9.9
31–90	878	12.7
91–180	800	11.5
181–365	1,171	16.9
366+	1,884	27.2
Total	6,935	100.0

Table 7 contains sums of the number of days in placement settings from 2004 to 2009. There were 2,079,532 total days of out-of-home care in calendar year 2009 in all placement settings; a decrease of 11 percent from 2008 and a 34 percent decrease since 2004. The pattern of days in care among placement settings showed that 2009 had a continuing increase in days in corporate foster homes and pre-adoptive homes and decreases in most other settings, most notably residential treatment/institutions and group homes.

Table 7. Days in Placement Settings During the Calendar Year, 2004–2009

Placement setting	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Pre-adoptive home–relative	50,252	98,635	92,330	93,698	94,097	96,023
Pre-adoptive home–non-relative	155,030	173,819	161,824	177,951	176,017	185,920
Foster family home–relative	647,266	534,096	534,350	491,247	392,737	306,359
Foster family home–non-relative	1,495,872	1,131,584	1,098,405	1,085,115	1,002,527	913,998
Group home	283,476	227,689	204,369	194,354	185,424	162,050
Residential treatment/Institution	482,347	340,710	326,711	313,806	292,197	251,645
Supervised independent living	4,101	5,921	4,418	5,456	4,923	3,465
Runaway (from placement)	8,121	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Foster home–corporate/shift staff	NA	30,230	39,775	50,536	56,386	63,928
Juvenile correctional facility (non-secure, 12 or fewer children)	NA	7,357	11,496	12,833	9,950	9,237
Juvenile correctional facility (non-secure, 13 or more children)	NA	40,997	72,471	74,957	81,293	51,494
Juvenile correctional facility (locked)	NA	NA	NA	46,140	36,111	31,708
ICF-MR	NA	1,853	3,414	2,871	2,971	3,705
Days during calendar year	3,126,465	2,592,891	2,549,563	2,548,964	2,334,633	2,079,532
Children in care during calendar year	14,359	14,723	14,770	14,800	13,755	11,699

Note: AFCARs as well as Minnesota child welfare reports did not include the placement settings in years where NA is shown.

Table 8 shows the distribution of placement days during calendar years 2004–2009. Most days of care were spent in family settings.

Table 8. Percentage of Days in Placement by Setting Category, 2004–2009

Placement setting category	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Family setting: <i>relative and non-relative pre-adoptive and foster family homes</i>	75.1	74.7	74.0	72.5	71.3	72.2
Group home: <i>ICF-MRs, group homes and corporate foster homes</i>	9.1	10.0	9.7	9.7	10.5	11.0
Residential treatment and institutions: <i>residential treatment and juvenile correctional facilities*</i>	15.4	15.0	16.1	17.6	18.0	16.5
Other settings: <i>supervised independent living and unknown settings</i>	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

*Includes locked correctional facilities beginning in 2007.

Table 9 shows how many times a child moved within an episode in the calendar year. Approximately 63 percent of children did not need to move from one placement to another. About 23 percent experienced one move (two placement settings). These percentages have changed little in the years 2006–2009, with the proportion of children moving two or more times decreasing slightly.

Table 9. Frequency of Moves Within an Episode of Out-of-home Care

Moves	2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Unique children	Percent	Unique children	Percent	Unique children	Percent	Unique children	Percent
0 (no moves)	9,212	62.4	9,220	62.3	8,586	62.4	7,396	63.2
1 move	3,308	22.4	3,309	22.4	3,144	22.9	2,714	23.2
2 or more moves	2,250	15.2	2,271	15.3	2,025	14.7	1,589	13.6
Total children	14,770	100.0	14,800	100.0	13,755	100.0	11,699	100.0

When a child moved from one placement setting to another, a reason for the move was selected from the list below. “Needs less restrictive,” followed by “Provider request,” and “Begin trial home visit” were the most frequently indicated reasons in 2009.

Table 10. Reason for Moves from Placement Settings

Reason for change/move in placement setting	Number of placements ended (N=8,667)	Percent
Begin trial home visit	1,000	11.5
Child's safety	329	3.8
Closer proximity	155	1.8
Education	25	0.3
Emergency to non-emergency	824	9.5
ICWA placement preference	72	0.8
Live with non-custodial parent (agency retains custody/responsibility)	109	1.3
Needs less restrictive	1,402	16.2
Needs medical treatment	102	1.2
Needs more structure	817	9.4
Needs specialized treatment	616	7.1
Pre-adoptive placement	395	4.6
Pre-adoptive placement disruption	57	0.7
Provider household changes	152	1.8
Provider request	1,052	12.1
Relative placement	794	9.2
Runaway	602	6.9
Sibling reunification	122	1.4
Unauthorized removal	42	0.5

Reasons for Entry, Re-entry Rate and Discharge

At a Glance

- *Children entering care solely because of a disability reason remained stable from 2004–2009, but children entering for child behavior or alcohol and other drug abuse reasons decreased dramatically since 2000*
- *About 24 percent of children who entered care in 2009 were previously in care one or more times within the previous 12 months*
- *Most children, about 65 percent, left care to be reunified with parent(s) or primary caretaker.*

Table 11 indicates the reasons why children entered care. Children were counted only once within each reason. However, because children may have entered care for multiple reasons, they may have been counted in more than one reason. The table identified child behavior as the most common reason cited for placement, followed by alleged neglect.

Table 11. Reasons for Entering Out-of-home Care

Reasons for entry	Unique children	Percent of reasons
Abandonment	584	5.0
Alleged neglect	3,447	29.5
Alleged physical abuse	1,434	12.3
Alleged sexual abuse	601	5.1
Caretaker inability to cope (illness or other)	1,962	16.8
Child alcohol abuse	336	2.9
Child drug abuse	421	3.6
Child behavior	4,103	35.1
Child disability	880	7.5
Death of parent(s)	71	0.6
Inadequate housing	593	5.1
Incarceration of parent	699	6.0
Parent alcohol abuse	1,060	9.1
Parent drug abuse	1,810	15.5
Termination of parental rights	147	1.3

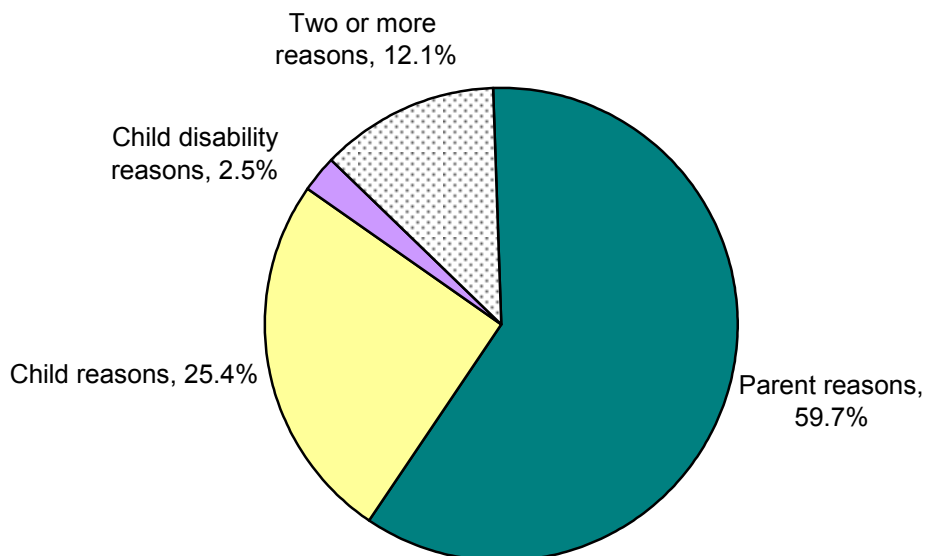
** A child may have been placed for more than one reason; therefore, the sum of the reasons for entry exceeds the number of children in placement.*

In Figure 7, the 15 reasons for entry have been divided into four categories: parent reasons, child behavior reasons, child disability and two or more of these reasons. The reasons in each category are:

- 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 alcohol or other drug 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.

Although child behavior was the single most often cited reason for entry into care, when reasons for entry were grouped together, most children entered care for parent-related reasons.

Figure 7. Categories of Reasons for Entering Out-of-home Care



The graph in Figure 8 shows a downward trend for all reasons for entry, but the number of placement episodes solely for child behavior or child alcohol and drug abuse reasons decreased by 65 percent since 2000 and those for parent reasons decreased by 31 percent.

Figure 8. Categories of Reasons for Entering Out-of-home Care, 2000–2009

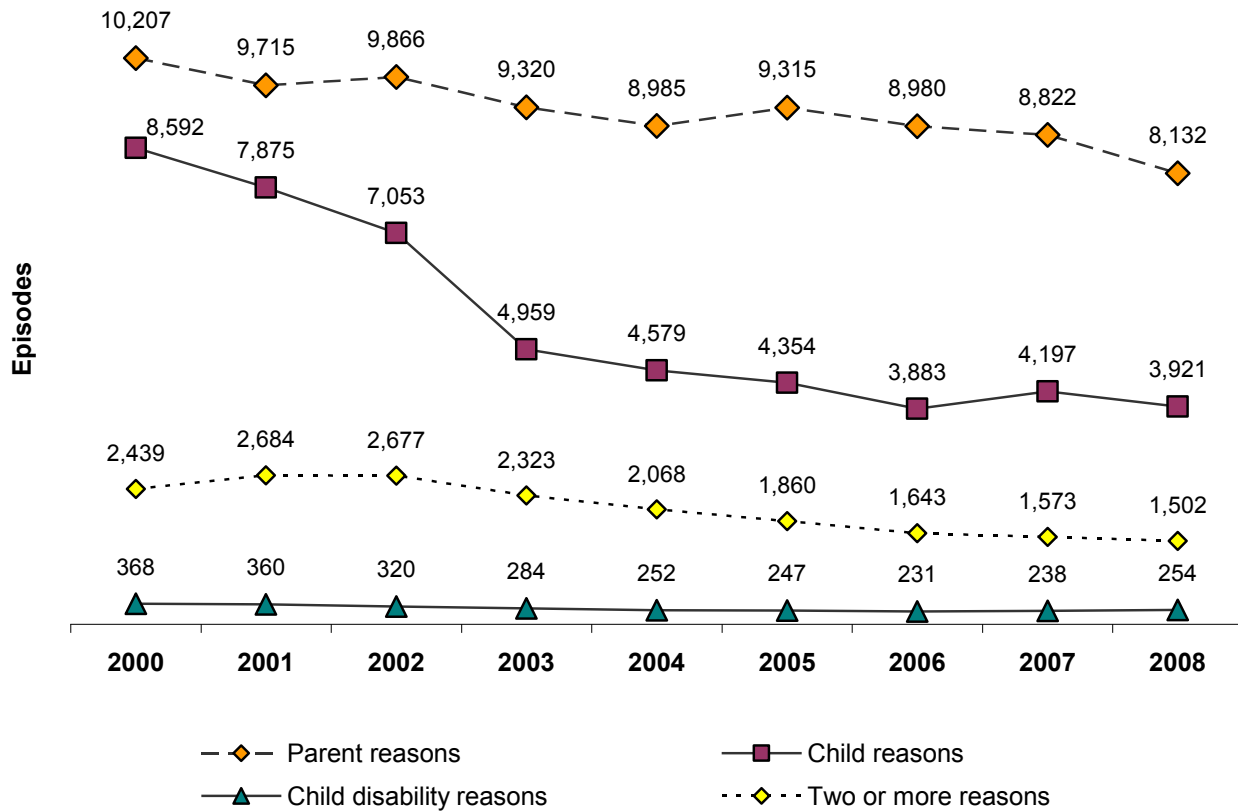


Table 12 presents the out-of-home placement re-entry rate for all children who entered care by race and ethnicity. Re-entry means that a child, who entered out-of-home care in 2009, had a prior episode in the previous 12 months. American Indian children had the highest re-entry rate, however, all races clustered around the state average.

Table 12. Re-entry Rate Within 12 Months of a Prior Episode by Race, Children who Entered Care in 2009

Race	Entered care in 2009	Re-entry within 12 months	Percent
African American/Black	1,213	296	24.4
American Indian	556	156	28.1
Asian	177	38	21.5
Pacific Islander	1	0	0.0
White	2830	677	23.9
Two or more races	446	113	25.3
Unable to determine	269	43	16.0
Missing data	13	0	0.0
Total children	5,505	1,323	24.0
Hispanic ethnicity--any race	558	111	19.9

Table 13 illustrates that 65 percent of the reasons for discharge when children left an episode of care in 2009 were for reunification with a parent or primary caretaker prior to placement. Another 11 percent had permanent transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative or were living with relatives, while 10 percent were discharged to adoption.

Table 13. Reasons for Discharge from Out-of-home Care in 2009

Reasons for discharge	Episode discharges	Percent
Reunification with parents/primary caretakers	4,323	64.9
Permanent transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative	488	7.3
Living with other relatives	248	3.7
Adoption finalized	661	9.9
Tribal customary adoption	15	0.2
Guardianship	34	0.5
Transfer to another agency	166	2.5
Transfer to tribal agency	14	0.2
Runaway from placement (placement no longer planned)	149	2.2
Death of child	6	0.1
Reached age of majority or emancipated	555	8.3
Total*	6,659	100.0

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

Figure 9 shows the overall percent of discharges from out-of-home care to a family home setting (reunification with parents/caretakers, living with other relatives, permanent transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative or finalized adoption). The graph shows that these reasons as a proportion of all reasons for discharges have remained fairly consistent since 2001.

Figure 9. Percent of Discharges to Home Settings, 2001–2009

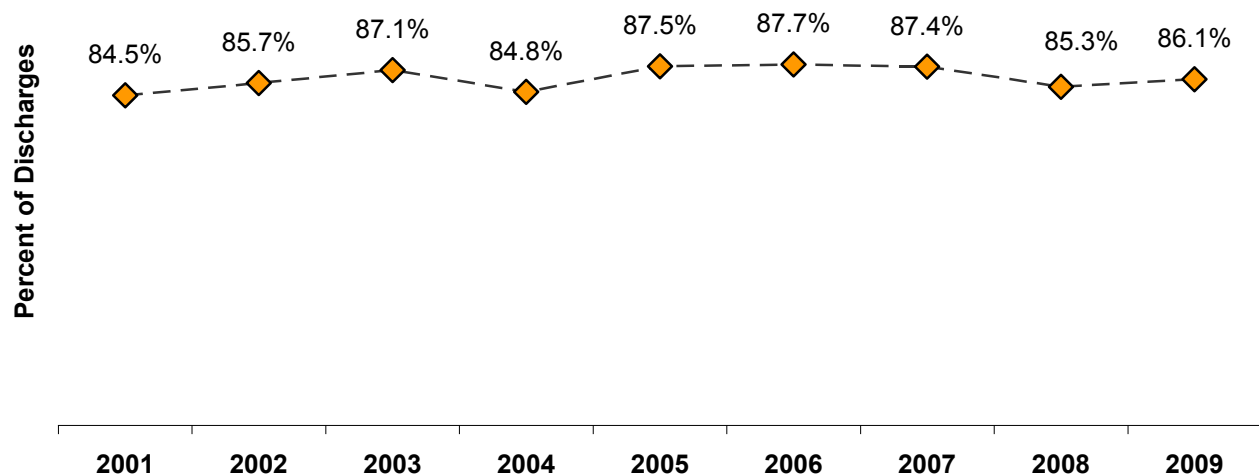
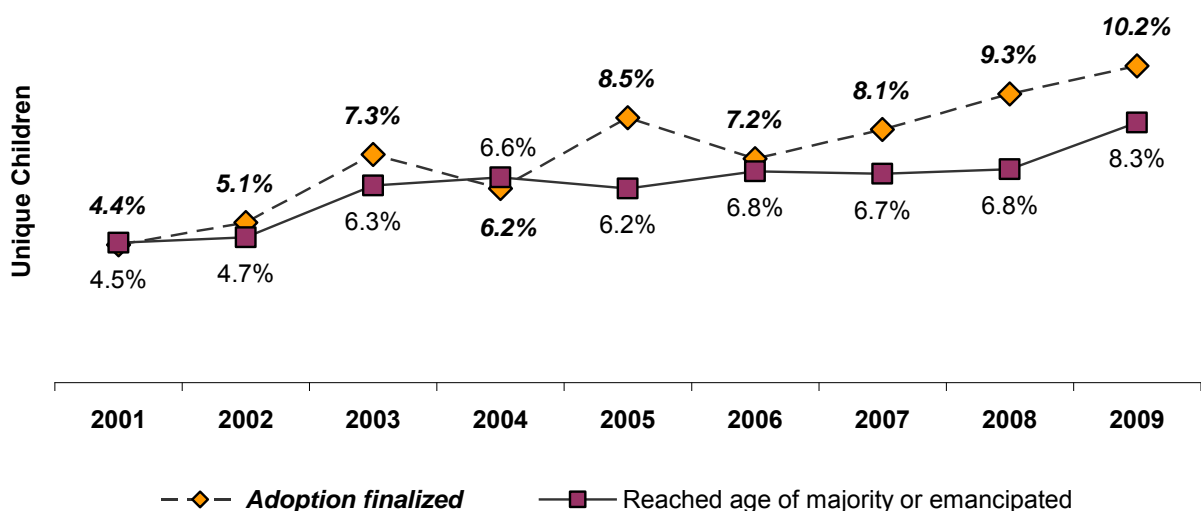


Figure 10 indicates that the proportion of discharges to adoption have shown an upward trend. Discharges due to reaching age of majority or emancipated had been stable for five years, in proportion to other discharge locations, but increased as a proportion of children discharged in 2009. Tribal customary adoptions were combined with adoptions in this figure.

Figure 10. Percent of Discharges to Adoption and Children Reaching Age of Majority (Age 18)



Federal and State Permanency Performance Indicators

The federal Child and Family Service Reviews examine state performance in child safety and permanency. To inform this process, the Administration for Children and Families created 15 permanency performance measures. The permanency measures can be grouped into the categories of: 1) Timeliness and permanency of reunification, 2) Timeliness of adoptions of children discharged from foster care, 3) Achieving permanency for children in care for extended periods of time, and 4) Placement stability. Section IV contains these individual measures by county for calendar year 2009. Caution should be used in drawing conclusions from measures with small numbers.

Table 14. Performance Indicators	Minnesota results, 2009	Federal standards
Permanency Measure 1.1: Time to Reunification Of children discharged to reunification with primary caretakers, percent reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home	83.7% (2,819 of 3,366)	75.2% or higher
Permanency Measure 1.2: Median Months to Reunification Median length of stay removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification	4.1 months	5.4 months or less
Permanency Measure 1.3: Reunification After First Removal Of children in care for the first time, percent discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months	61.8% (1,98 of 1,778)	48.4% or higher
Permanency Measure 1.4: Placement Re-entry Of children discharged to reunification, percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months	24.0% (1,323 of 5,505)	9.9% or lower
Permanency Measure 2.1: Adoption in Less than 24 Months Of children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption, percent adopted in less than 24 months	47.0% (317 of 674)	36.6% or higher
Permanency Measure 2.2: Median Months to Adoption Of children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption, median length of stay in care	24.8 months	27.3 months or less
Permanency Measure 2.3: Discharges to Adoption Of children in care for 17 continuous months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009 percent discharged from care to a finalized adoption by Dec. 31, 2009	20.5% (379 of 1,851)	22.7% or higher
Permanency Measure 2.4: Legally Free for Adoption Of children in care for 17 continuous months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009 and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, percent who became legally free for adoption during the first 6-months of 2009	1.7% (23 of 1,349)	10.9% or higher
Permanency Measure 2.5: Time to Adoption Once Legally Free Of all children who became legally free for adoption during 2008, percent discharged from care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free	36.5% (191 of 523)	53.7% or higher
Permanency Measure 3.1: Permanency for Children in Care 24 or More Months Of children in care for 24 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009, percent discharged to a permanent home by Dec. 31, 2009 and prior to their 18th birthday	19.8% (318 of 1,604)	29.1% or higher

Federal and State Permanency Performance Indicators *(continued)*

Performance Indicators	Minnesota results, 2009	Federal standards
Permanency Measure 3.2: Permanency for Children Legally Free for Adoption Of children discharged care during 2009, and who were legally free for adoption (i.e., there is a parental rights termination date for both parents) at the time of discharge, percent discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.7% (550 of 600)	98.0% or higher
Permanency Measure 3.3: Aging Out of Long Term Care Of children who aged out of care or reached their 18 th birthday while in care but had not yet been discharged, what percent were in foster care for three years or longer?	43.0% (404 of 939)	37.5% or lower
Permanency Measure 4.1: Placement Stability for Children in Care Less than 12 Months Of children in care during 2009 for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, percent with two or fewer placement settings	86.0% (4,916 of 5,713)	86.0% or higher
Permanency Measure 4.2: Placement Stability for Children in Care More than 12 and Less than 24 Months Of children in out-of-home care during 2009 for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, percent with two or fewer placement settings	57.9% (1,170 of 2,020)	65.4% or higher
Permanency Measure 4.3: Placement Stability for Children in Care 24 Months or Longer Of children in out-of-home care during 2009 for at least 24 months, percent with two or fewer placement settings?	29.4% (687 of 2,336)	41.8% or higher
State Permanency Measure: Time to a Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative Of children discharged to a transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative, percent discharged within 12 months	66.0% (317 of 480)	NA

Children in Out-of-home Care Appendix

Flow of Children in Out-of-home Care				
County/Tribe	Continued in placement from 2008	Entered placement in 2009	Left placement in 2009	Remained in placement after end of 2009
Aitkin	35	30	38	30
Anoka	306	339	366	288
Becker	60	74	63	72
Beltrami	106	103	64	144
Benton	43	42	55	34
Big Stone	10	13	11	12
Blue Earth	81	82	92	72
Brown	33	18	23	28
Carlton	67	59	54	77
Carver	56	61	68	56
Cass	46	51	54	44
Chippewa	8	9	13	4
Chisago	26	33	43	16
Clay	85	45	55	78
Clearwater	7	8	7	7
Cook	6	9	11	4
Cottonwood	19	23	26	18
Crow Wing	123	121	127	121
Dakota	169	206	230	148
Dodge	17	21	20	19
Douglas	31	48	28	52
Fillmore	14	9	9	14
Freeborn	44	18	27	35
Goodhue	48	24	32	39
Grant	8	7	10	5
Hennepin	1,413	1,209	1,508	1,140
Houston	27	20	20	28
Hubbard	32	19	32	20
Isanti	27	47	32	43
Itasca	62	93	90	69
Jackson	13	19	13	19
Kanabec	15	14	22	9
Kandiyohi	42	69	52	67
Kittson	2	7	7	2
Koochiching	34	31	38	27
Lac qui Parle	6	10	5	11
Lake	22	13	19	15
Lake of the Woods	3	6	7	2
Le Sueur	29	25	27	26
McLeod	28	40	39	28
Mahnomen	7	13	10	11
Marshall	8	6	6	8
Meeker	24	10	10	24

Flow of Children in Out-of-home Care (continued)				
County/Tribe	Continued in placement from 2008	Entered placement in 2009	Left placement in 2009	Remained in placement after end of 2009
Mille Lacs	24	29	26	26
Morrison	44	37	39	44
Mower	38	30	41	29
Nicollet	25	24	28	21
Nobles	32	46	46	34
Norman	11	4	9	6
Olmsted	92	73	87	81
Otter Tail	51	50	57	44
Pennington	27	22	23	28
Pine	46	31	35	42
Pipestone	11	10	14	7
Polk	57	59	66	52
Pope	14	14	16	12
Ramsey	737	919	1,076	604
Red Lake	4	7	6	5
Redwood	34	42	45	32
Renville	14	16	13	17
Rice	43	47	42	48
Rock	10	11	12	10
Roseau	8	19	16	12
St. Louis	417	372	324	477
Scott	50	89	99	41
Sherburne	59	43	49	55
Sibley	12	27	18	23
Stearns	146	118	143	125
Steele	21	29	29	24
Stevens	6	11	12	5
Swift	13	18	20	15
Todd	28	35	30	33
Traverse	1	3	4	0
Wabasha	10	19	16	15
Wadena	25	18	31	14
Waseca	19	12	13	17
Washington	114	131	153	95
Watonwan	20	19	22	17
Wilkin	20	6	13	13
Winona	41	54	66	27
Wright	125	104	131	101
Yellow Medicine	6	3	7	2
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	60	45	47	55
Faribault-Martin	43	89	78	56
Leech Lake	76	83	33	128
White Earth	79	114	59	134
Minnesota	5,955	6,036	6,557	5,592

Children in Out-of-home Care per 1,000 in the Child Population			
County/Tribe	Unique children	MN child population under 18 years– 2009 est.	Rate of children in care per 1,000
Aitkin	64	2,811	22.8
Anoka	627	84,469	7.4
Becker	130	7,701	16.9
Beltrami	207	11,111	18.6
Benton	81	9,830	8.2
Big Stone	23	1,075	21.4
Blue Earth	160	11,787	13.6
Brown	47	5,689	8.3
Carlton	124	8,122	15.3
Carver	113	26,585	4.3
Cass	94	6,239	15.1
Chippewa	16	2,933	5.5
Chisago	55	13,643	4.0
Clay	122	12,878	9.5
Clearwater	14	1,984	7.1
Cook	15	916	16.4
Cottonwood	41	2,760	14.9
Crow Wing	237	14,215	16.7
Dakota	368	102,580	3.6
Dodge	38	5,576	6.8
Douglas	78	7,645	10.2
Fillmore	23	5,024	4.6
Freeborn	59	6,714	8.8
Goodhue	70	10,937	6.4
Grant	15	1,257	11.9
Hennepin	2,562	261,191	9.8
Houston	47	4,329	10.9
Hubbard	49	3,956	12.4
Isanti	73	9,856	7.4
Itasca	150	9,776	15.3
Jackson	32	2,263	14.1
Kanabec	27	3,766	7.2
Kandiyohi	111	9,943	11.2
Kittson	9	947	9.5
Koochiching	63	2,709	23.3
Lac qui Parle	16	1,504	10.6
Lake	31	1,958	15.8
Lake of the Woods	9	748	12.0
Le Sueur	52	6,921	7.5
McLeod	65	9,445	6.9
Mahnomen	20	1,467	13.6
Marshall	14	2,106	6.6
Meeker	34	5,776	5.9
Mille Lacs	51	6,509	7.8

Children in Out-of-home Care per 1,000 in the Child Population <i>(continued)</i>			
County/Tribe	Unique children	MN child population under 18 years– 2009 est.	Rate of children in care per 1,000
Morrison	81	8,101	10.0
Mower	68	9,621	7.1
Nicollet	46	6,954	6.6
Nobles	76	5,699	13.3
Norman	15	1,586	9.5
Olmsted	163	35,910	4.5
Otter Tail	96	11,961	8.0
Pennington	49	3,174	15.4
Pine	77	6,114	12.6
Pipestone	20	2,381	8.4
Polk	107	7,245	14.8
Pope	28	2,280	12.3
Ramsey	1,620	116,740	13.9
Red Lake	8	938	8.5
Redwood	71	3,815	18.6
Renville	30	3,752	8.0
Rice	90	14,819	6.1
Rock	20	2,415	8.3
Roseau	26	4,162	6.2
St. Louis	777	38,546	20.2
Scott	137	38,409	3.6
Sherburne	101	25,312	4.0
Sibley	37	3,764	9.8
Stearns	256	33,880	7.6
Steele	45	9,788	4.6
Stevens	17	1,904	8.9
Swift	30	2,164	13.9
Todd	63	5,857	10.8
Traverse	4	758	5.3
Wabasha	29	5,090	5.7
Wadena	43	3,171	13.6
Waseca	30	4,665	6.4
Washington	238	61,313	3.9
Watonwan	38	2,854	13.3
Wilkin	26	1,496	17.4
Winona	90	9,490	9.5
Wright	224	35,909	6.2
Yellow Medicine	8	2,222	3.6
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	97	9,081	10.7
Faribault-Martin	131	7,806	16.8
Leech Lake	158	3,246	48.7
White Earth	193	2,903	66.5
Total	11,699	1,260,797	9.3

Children in Out-of-home Care by Age Group							
County/Tribe	Total	Birth-7 years	8-12 years	13+ years	Percent birth-7 years	Percent 8-12 years	Percent 13+ years
Aitkin	64	20	12	32	31.3	18.8	50.0
Anoka	627	264	118	245	42.1	18.8	39.1
Becker	130	36	22	72	27.7	16.9	55.4
Beltrami	207	83	34	90	40.1	16.4	43.5
Benton	81	27	10	44	33.3	12.3	54.3
Big Stone	23	9	4	10	39.1	17.4	43.5
Blue Earth	160	66	23	71	41.3	14.4	44.4
Brown	47	13	10	24	27.7	21.3	51.1
Carlton	124	28	14	82	22.6	11.3	66.1
Carver	113	18	11	84	15.9	9.7	74.3
Cass	94	25	14	55	26.6	14.9	58.5
Chippewa	16	4	0	12	25.0	0.0	75.0
Chisago	55	9	5	41	16.4	9.1	74.5
Clay	122	27	16	79	22.1	13.1	64.8
Clearwater	14	2	1	11	14.3	7.1	78.6
Cook	15	3	3	9	20.0	20.0	60.0
Cottonwood	41	7	4	30	17.1	9.8	73.2
Crow Wing	237	87	32	118	36.7	13.5	49.8
Dakota	368	131	41	196	35.6	11.1	53.3
Dodge	38	10	2	26	26.3	5.3	68.4
Douglas	78	24	11	43	30.8	14.1	55.1
Fillmore	23	8	4	11	34.8	17.4	47.8
Freeborn	59	10	5	44	16.9	8.5	74.6
Goodhue	70	20	18	32	28.6	25.7	45.7
Grant	15	4	3	8	26.7	20.0	53.3
Hennepin	2,562	921	378	1,263	35.9	14.8	49.3
Houston	47	12	12	23	25.5	25.5	48.9
Hubbard	49	6	9	34	12.2	18.4	69.4
Isanti	73	26	15	32	35.6	20.5	43.8
Itasca	150	40	30	80	26.7	20.0	53.3
Jackson	32	7	7	18	21.9	21.9	56.3
Kanabec	27	5	1	21	18.5	3.7	77.8
Kandiyohi	111	38	14	59	34.2	12.6	53.2
Kittson	9	4	2	3	44.4	22.2	33.3
Koochiching	63	15	12	36	23.8	19.0	57.1
Lac qui Parle	16	3	5	8	18.8	31.3	50.0
Lake	31	13	5	13	41.9	16.1	41.9
Lake of the Woods	9	1	1	7	11.1	11.1	77.8
Le Sueur	52	8	6	38	15.4	11.5	73.1
McLeod	65	20	10	35	30.8	15.4	53.8
Mahnomen	20	4	0	16	20.0	0.0	80.0
Marshall	14	2	3	9	14.3	21.4	64.3
Meeker	34	5	6	23	14.7	17.6	67.6

Children in Out-of-home Care by Age Group *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Total	Birth-7 years	8-12 years	13+ years	Percent birth-7 years	Percent 8-12 years	Percent 13+ years
Mille Lacs	51	10	5	36	19.6	9.8	70.6
Morrison	81	33	13	35	40.7	16.0	43.2
Mower	68	25	14	29	36.8	20.6	42.6
Nicollet	46	18	8	20	39.1	17.4	43.5
Nobles	76	20	12	44	26.3	15.8	57.9
Norman	15	4	2	9	26.7	13.3	60.0
Olmsted	163	63	18	82	38.7	11.0	50.3
Otter Tail	96	28	14	54	29.2	14.6	56.3
Pennington	49	21	5	23	42.9	10.2	46.9
Pine	77	27	10	40	35.1	13.0	51.9
Pipestone	20	6	2	12	30.0	10.0	60.0
Polk	107	35	12	60	32.7	11.2	56.1
Pope	28	7	4	17	25.0	14.3	60.7
Ramsey	1,620	414	228	978	25.6	14.1	60.4
Red Lake	8	2	1	5	25.0	12.5	62.5
Redwood	71	8	10	53	11.3	14.1	74.6
Renville	30	1	3	26	3.3	10.0	86.7
Rice	90	44	10	36	48.9	11.1	40.0
Rock	20	4	3	13	20.0	15.0	65.0
Roseau	26	0	2	24	0.0	7.7	92.3
St. Louis	777	366	135	276	47.1	17.4	35.5
Scott	137	27	17	93	19.7	12.4	67.9
Sherburne	101	17	15	69	16.8	14.9	68.3
Sibley	37	6	3	28	16.2	8.1	75.7
Stearns	256	73	36	147	28.5	14.1	57.4
Steele	45	19	4	22	42.2	8.9	48.9
Stevens	17	5	6	6	29.4	35.3	35.3
Swift	30	7	2	21	23.3	6.7	70.0
Todd	63	22	13	28	34.9	20.6	44.4
Traverse	4	1	1	2	25.0	25.0	50.0
Wabasha	29	5	8	16	17.2	27.6	55.2
Wadena	43	13	6	24	30.2	14.0	55.8
Waseca	30	9	6	15	30.0	20.0	50.0
Washington	238	37	36	165	15.5	15.1	69.3
Watonwan	38	11	8	19	28.9	21.1	50.0
Wilkin	26	1	2	23	3.8	7.7	88.5
Winona	90	15	2	73	16.7	2.2	81.1
Wright	224	47	37	140	21.0	16.5	62.5
Yellow Medicine	8	1	4	3	12.5	50.0	37.5
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	97	11	14	72	11.3	14.4	74.2
Faribault-Martin	131	44	12	75	33.6	9.2	57.3
Leech Lake	158	83	38	37	52.5	24.1	23.4
White Earth	193	112	42	39	58.0	21.8	20.2
Minnesota	11,699	3,767	1,756	6,176	32.2	15.0	52.8

Children in Out-of-home Care by Race and Ethnicity

County/Tribe	African American/ Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	White	Two or more races	Unable to determine	Total children	Hispanic ethnicity– any race
Aitkin	*	15	*	42	7	*	64	*
Anoka	106	22	*	364	100	28	627	64
Becker	*	35	*	79	8	*	130	8
Beltrami	*	146	*	44	*	9	207	*
Benton	11	*	*	53	12	*	81	11
Big Stone	*	*	*	20	*	*	23	*
Blue Earth	21	9	*	104	16	9	160	13
Brown	*	*	*	41	*	*	47	7
Carlton	*	48	*	67	*	*	124	*
Carver	13	*	*	83	10	*	113	13
Cass	*	28	*	62	*	*	94	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	12	*	*	16	*
Chisago	*	*	*	46	7	*	55	*
Clay	8	24	*	81	9	*	122	20
Clearwater	*	*	*	10	*	*	14	*
Cook	*	*	*	9	*	*	15	*
Cottonwood	*	*	*	38	*	*	41	*
Crow Wing	11	18	*	197	10	*	237	*
Dakota	65	16	14	243	30	*	368	44
Dodge	*	*	*	35	*	*	38	*
Douglas	*	*	*	56	8	*	78	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	16	*	*	23	*
Freeborn	*	*	*	50	*	*	59	12
Goodhue	*	*	*	59	*	*	70	*
Grant	*	*	*	15	*	*	15	*
Hennepin	1,088	308	52	519	458	135	2,562	285
Houston	9	*	*	32	*	*	47	*
Hubbard	*	15	*	32	*	*	49	*
Isanti	*	*	*	60	12	*	73	*
Itasca	*	27	*	114	7	*	150	*
Jackson	*	*	*	29	*	*	32	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	20	*	*	27	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	102	*	*	111	42
Kittson	*	*	*	9	*	*	9	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	48	*	*	63	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	7	*	*	16	*
Lake	*	*	*	28	*	*	31	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	50	*	*	52	*
McLeod	*	*	*	56	*	*	65	16
Mahnomen	*	14	*	*	*	*	20	*
Marshall	*	*	*	9	*	*	14	*
Meeker	*	*	*	25	*	*	34	*
Mille Lacs	*	27	*	24	*	*	51	*
Morrison	*	*	*	70	7	*	81	*
Mower	*	*	*	48	8	*	68	15

Children in Out-of-home Care by Race and Ethnicity *(continued)*

County/Tribe	African American/ Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	White	Two or more races	Unable to determine	Total children	Hispanic ethnicity—any race
Nicollet	*	*	*	35	*	*	46	*
Nobles	7	*	*	44	*	19	76	27
Norman	*	*	*	9	*	*	15	*
Olmsted	24	*	*	105	30	*	163	20
Otter Tail	18	*	*	68	*	*	96	*
Pennington	*	11	*	29	*	*	49	*
Pine	*	20	*	47	*	*	77	*
Pipestone	*	*	*	10	*	*	20	*
Polk	*	7	*	80	13	*	107	34
Pope	*	*	*	25	*	*	28	*
Ramsey	729	72	137	439	144	90	1,620	166
Red Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*
Redwood	*	29	*	30	7	*	71	8
Renville	*	*	*	26	*	*	30	*
Rice	7	*	*	47	7	28	90	20
Rock	*	*	*	15	*	*	20	*
Roseau	*	*	*	22	*	*	26	*
St. Louis	86	233	*	355	35	50	777	24
Scott	19	10	10	79	15	*	137	19
Sherburne	9	*	*	82	9	*	101	*
Sibley	*	*	*	37	*	*	37	*
Stearns	58	8	*	157	20	8	256	14
Steele	8	*	*	28	*	*	45	*
Stevens	*	*	*	14	*	*	17	*
Swift	*	*	*	23	*	*	30	*
Todd	*	*	*	58	*	*	63	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	21	*	*	29	*
Wadena	*	*	*	34	*	*	43	*
Waseca	*	*	*	29	*	*	30	*
Washington	34	12	*	130	21	37	238	7
Watonwan	*	*	*	29	*	*	38	21
Wilkin	*	*	*	25	*	*	26	*
Winona	9	*	*	70	*	7	90	*
Wright	11	*	*	189	*	12	224	16
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	8	*	*	8	*
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	*	*	*	83	8	*	97	23
Faribault-Martin	*	10	*	103	*	12	131	27
Leech Lake	*	148	*	*	10	*	158	*
White Earth	*	174	*	*	18	*	193	19
Minnesota	2,432	1,570	257	5,707	1,151	551	11,699	1,109

**The number of children is less than seven in that cell, and is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Totals include the omitted data and the 31 children whose race data was not entered.*

American Indian Children in Out-of-home Care

Counts include children identifying more than one race in addition to American Indian

County/Tribe	American Indian children
Aitkin	20
Anoka	78
Becker	42
Beltrami	148
Benton	12
Blue Earth	20
Carlton	52
Cass	29
Clay	31
Crow Wing	22
Dakota	26
Douglas	9
Hennepin	542
Hubbard	15
Isanti	8
Itasca	33
Kandiyohi	7
Mahnomen	18
Mille Lacs	27
Morrison	7
Olmsted	11
Otter Tail	7
Pennington	13
Pine	21
Polk	19
Ramsey	134
Redwood	33
St. Louis	258
Scott	14
Stearns	22
Washington	26
Faribault/Martin	11
Leech Lake Tribe	158
White Earth Band	191
Total* (73 counties and two tribes)	2,064

**Counties were 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 Care by Tribe <i>(Counts include children identifying more than one race in addition to American Indian)</i>	
Tribe	American Indian children
Alaskan Native	7
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (cannot identify band)	13
Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa Indians	101
Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians	16
Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	393
Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians	127
Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Band of Chippewa Indians	93
White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	466
Lower Sioux Indian Community	25
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	216
Devils Lake Sioux Tribe	9
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	41
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	42
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	16
Oglala Sioux Tribe-Pine Ridge	40
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	26
Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe	42
Yankton Sioux Tribe	9
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	15
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Chippewa	23
Red Cliff Band of Chippewa	20
Unknown Chippewa	32
Unknown Sioux	19
Other US tribe	177
Other foreign tribe	20
Unknown tribe	338
Total*	2,183

**Children were counted once within each tribe, but a child could indicate more than one tribe.*

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

County/Tribe	Foster family home—non-relative	Foster family home—relative	Foster home—corporate/shift staff	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility—locked	Juvenile correctional facility—non-secure	Pre-adoptive home—non-relative	Pre-adoptive home—relative	Residential treatment center	Other*	Total placements
Aitkin	51	17		12	7	17	8	3	4		119
Anoka	620	109	6	28	4	57	96	34	36	2	992
Becker	82	34	3	18	9	40	16	3	11	2	218
Beltrami	137	72	5	20	3	16	5	3	30		291
Benton	47	13	4	22	5	20	6	1	21		139
Big Stone	20	3	1	4	1	3	1	1	3		37
Blue Earth	125	18	9	4	3	38	21	7	11		236
Brown	27	2	15	15	6	2	5	2	17		91
Carlton	73	37	3	26	17	12	9	1	40	2	220
Carver	77	21	1	25	27	20	1	2	15		189
Cass	63	24	2	22	3	7	4	2	26		153
Chippewa	2	1	2	5		4	1		3		18
Chisago	43	11		6	10	7	5	1	11		94
Clay	98	2	16	8	5	38	20	4	19	1	211
Clearwater	11	6		3	1	2					23
Cook	1			2		1	3		11		18
Cottonwood	21	4	2	12	7	9	1		17		73
Crow Wing	166	45		39	5	5	34	11	59		364
Dakota	248	79	5	47	10	3	21	13	83	1	510
Dodge	26	11		3	11	6	2	3	12		74
Douglas	55	12	2	5	6	6	9	3	16		114
Fillmore	18	2		2		1	3	1	2		29
Freeborn	47	8		9	5	1	5	2	16	1	94
Goodhue	54	8				0	17	8	16		103
Grant	11		2	1	1	2	3		2		22
Hennepin	1,642	635	57	457	161	15	197	108	1,327	18	4,617
Houston	36	1		5	1	2	10	1	10	3	69
Hubbard	36	9	2	10		7	1		4		69
Isanti	61	19		5		4	2	2	10		103
Itasca	73	39		63	4	5	7	2	40		233

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

County/Tribe	Foster family home—non-relative	Foster family home—relative	Foster home—corporate/shift staff	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility—locked	Juvenile correctional facility—non-secure	Pre-adoptive home—non-relative	Pre-adoptive home—relative	Residential treatment center	Other*	Total placements
Jackson	25	4	1	11	3	2		1	10		57
Kanabec	24		2	1	2	5			8		42
Kandiyohi	67	19	10	11		26	11		24		168
Kittson	2	5	1	1	1	1			1		12
Koochiching	49	8	7	6	7	2	2		40		121
Lac qui Parle	9	5	1	5	1	1			1		23
Lake	17	13		1	1	0	4	2	2		40
Lake of the Woods	4	1	1		1	2			2		11
Le Sueur	23	3		12	11	3	8		19		79
McLeod	42	22		11	1	2	6	6	11	1	102
Mahnomen	12	1	1	3	4	11			4		36
Marshall	6	5		2		2	2		1		18
Meeker	25	2	4	6	1	0	3	1	3		45
Mille Lacs	38	4	2	4	4	12		1	7		72
Morrison	71	12	4	6	5	2	11	6	7		124
Mower	51	11	1	11	2	0	10	2	9	2	99
Nicollet	19	5		13	2	1	7	4	17	1	69
Nobles	41	7		9	13	11	8	3	18	2	112
Norman	13			1		5	3		4		26
Olmsted	75	28	3	30	5	21	22	27	25	3	239
Otter Tail	66	16	5	3	1	39	9	1	4		144
Pennington	33	6	1	7		0	8	1	10		66
Pine	37	30	1	14	3	7	14	6	24		136
Pipestone	16			4		0			9		29
Polk	89	13	5	12	23	28	20	2	8	1	201
Pope	19	7	1	4	1	2		4	6		44
Ramsey	739	222	23	1,060	77	57	66	92	367	8	2,711
Red Lake	11	1			1	1	2		1		17
Redwood	20	13	4	22	26	4	6		18		113
Renville	9	2	4	17	2	6			9		49

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

County/Tribe	Foster family home—non-relative	Foster family home—relative	Foster home—corporate/shift staff	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility—locked	Juvenile correctional facility—non-secure	Pre-adoptive home—non-relative	Pre-adoptive home—relative	Residential treatment center	Other*	Total placements
Rice	56	29	4	7	2	2	7	8	11		126
Rock	12	3	2	2		1			7		27
Roseau	2	4	1	5		7	1		16		36
St. Louis	683	233	16	263	43	16	67	6	77		1,404
Scott	50	30	5	10	3	78	6	6	11	2	201
Sherburne	98	11	11	5	3	23	1	5	8		165
Sibley	17	3		10	12	2	3	1	8	2	58
Stearns	191	27	12	47	35	23	51	3	25	1	415
Steele	52	6	2	14	2	0	4		3		83
Stevens	5	8	1	2	1	1		1	2		21
Swift	12			10	9	4	2		26		63
Todd	41	6	3	7	1	8	7	1	11		85
Traverse	2	1		2		0					5
Wabasha	31	4		7	1	0			5	1	49
Wadena	18	8	1	10	1	2	5	7	7		59
Waseca	6	9	5	9		0	2	3	5		39
Washington	135	29	2	49	1	23	16	7	126		388
Watonwan	18	3	1	7	4	8	7		10		58
Wilkin	15		2	11		2			6	1	37
Winona	20	4	2	81	33	0	2		33		175
Wright	208	33	7	10	11	32	8	10	24		343
Yellow Medicine	6	2		1		1	3				13
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	51	12	14	37	21	4	9		34		182
Faribault-Martin	68	22	2	3	9	27	4	5	36	1	177
Leech Lake	125	74	1	12		12	5	1	4		234
White Earth	182	64	3	4		5	4	14	8		284
Minnesota	7,727	2,332	316	2,790	702	884	949	455	3,044	56	19,255

Days in Placement Settings Experienced by Children in Out-of-home Care

County/Tribe	Foster family home—non-relative	Foster family home—relative	Foster home—corporate/shift staff	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility—locked	Juvenile correctional facility—non-secure	Pre-adoptive home—non-relative	Pre-adoptive home—relative	Residential treatment center	Other*	Total placements
Aitkin	5,168	1,510		484	315	891	1,728	883	632		11,611
Anoka	54,988	15,929	1,756	6,197	242	1,305	14,299	5,359	4,544	277	104,896
Becker	9,690	3,546	1,047	1,740	311	2,429	3,407	778	1,056	201	24,205
Beltrami	21,226	9,646	980	2,394	465	2,466	849	148	4,422		42,596
Benton	3,931	1,961	934	1,227	238	1,480	1,504	213	2,915		14,403
Big Stone	1,878	276	127	509	30	179	93	71	409		3,572
Blue Earth	13,298	1,807	1,706	198	53	1,916	5,185	864	1,373		26,400
Brown	2,871	438	2,011	1,523	36	144	1,438	276	1,872		10,609
Carlton	9,870	6,078	841	501	1,082	1,456	1,749	365	4,394	74	26,410
Carver	10,584	2,658	365	2,725	1,121	849	300	730	1,593		20,925
Cass	7,048	2,328	524	1,541	183	272	1,009	588	2,306		15,799
Chippewa	100	257	730	774		781	217		349		3,208
Chisago	3,641	726		541	553	686	522	78	1,330		8,077
Clay	12,220	8	3,738	1,251	123	1,340	5,189	1,035	2,105	365	27,374
Clearwater	1,347	860		276	66	32					2,581
Cook	365			302		110	753		834		2,364
Cottonwood	1,915	472	364	1,094	411	675	174		1,507		6,612
Crow Wing	18,162	5,807		2,832	285	204	8,492	2,592	4,980		43,354
Dakota	29,181	9,279	1,575	5,030	295	343	5,046	2,708	3,692	365	57,514
Dodge	3,253	872		141	781	420	312	1,042	1,504		8,325
Douglas	6,747	2,855	730	835	851	686	1,425	268	1,418		15,815
Fillmore	2,768	533		376		27	440	365	316		4,825
Freeborn	7,802	1,152		1,208	271	365	1,189	438	2,039	36	14,500
Goodhue	7,338	1,107				0	3,014	1,527	2,431		15,417
Grant	736		567	190	2	41	340		207		2,083
Hennepin	188,640	83,594	12,139	40,507	6,833	252	26,324	17,754	85,566	1,428	463,037
Houston	4,794	48		244	18	274	3,232	184	1,022	434	10,250
Hubbard	5,319	417	647	514		976	344		419		8,636
Isanti	6,989	1,983		972		269	120	730	880		11,943
Itasca	7,759	5,100		4,800	590	793	1,573	28	4,210		24,853

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

County/Tribe	Foster family home—non-relative	Foster family home—relative	Foster home—corporate/shift staff	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility—locked	Juvenile correctional facility—non-secure	Pre-adoptive home—non-relative	Pre-adoptive home—relative	Residential treatment center	Other*	Total placements
Jackson	3,985	162	132	1,410	11	50		364	995		7,109
Kanabec	1,465		730	12	202	600			1,249		4,258
Kandiyohi	8,168	1,902	2,085	341		3,461	1,508		2,240		19,705
Kittson	3	36	365	4	81	167			22		678
Koochiching	4,373	495	417	1,262	349	38	628		2,267		9,829
Lac qui Parle	933	50	125	807	77	188			110		2,290
Lake	2,226	1,959		15	0	0	170	358	212		4,940
Lake of the Woods	554	41	8		26	95			174		898
Le Sueur	3,359	640		1,834	511	70	2,108		2,772		11,294
McLeod	4,699	1,577		923	1	78	423	772	667	365	9,505
Mahnomen	1,341	365	66	560	171	645			239		3,387
Marshall	1,460	408		146		274	66		94		2,448
Meeker	5,167	231	1,460	492	15	0	777	208	427		8,777
Mille Lacs	4,441	344	380	251	481	945		131	1,302		8,275
Morrison	8,608	1,859	628	164	311	225	2,736	1,091	1,361		16,983
Mower	7,144	1,477	127	621	7	0	2,911	78	1,189	332	13,886
Nicollet	2,128	787		1,251	95	19	1,341	434	2,660	63	8,778
Nobles	6,089	1,210		860	394	553	1,194	414	1,804	133	12,651
Norman	1,471			365		431	102		419		2,788
Olmsted	10,020	2,249	579	1,687	442	2,538	4,244	6,271	2,568	626	31,224
Otter Tail	7,081	2,349	1,006	516	212	2,900	1,670	365	358		16,457
Pennington	5,577	835	152	413		0	2,049	364	1,000		10,390
Pine	5,926	2,631	365	1,039	11	185	2,496	1,509	1,941		16,103
Pipestone	1,686			293		0			981		2,960
Polk	9,032	1,610	1,201	1,258	910	1,198	3,680	462	705	27	20,083
Pope	2,060	230	365	590	74	304		1,086	468		5,177
Ramsey	94,855	40,227	2,331	28,182	3,205	3,548	16,050	27,141	32,760	801	249,100
Red Lake	1,062	48			35	83	254		253		1,735
Redwood	2,038	1,311	763	1,460	1,041	468	1,714		2,372		11,167
Renville	1,069	552	698	1,574	34	874			1,493		6,294

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

County/Tribe	Foster family home—non-relative	Foster family home—relative	Foster home—corporate/shift staff	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility—locked	Juvenile correctional facility—non-secure	Pre-adoptive home—non-relative	Pre-adoptive home—relative	Residential treatment center	Other*	Total placements
Rice	7,750	2,176	530	1,522	249	167	540	1,540	1,552		16,026
Rock	944	454	570	449		3			1,141		3,561
Roseau	158	464	315	742		507	224		1,001		3,411
St. Louis	90,682	33,829	4,908	6,697	1,123	2,078	18,079	1,867	6,404		165,667
Scott	6,970	3,940	661	1,012	45	645	791	840	1,461	420	16,785
Sherburne	10,992	2,270	1,490	440	19	1,883	191	1,723	982		19,990
Sibley	2,099	226		278	394	179	915	63	1,152	465	5,771
Stearns	22,187	3,098	1,582	3,089	1,506	2,434	13,514	597	3,067	134	51,208
Steele	4,789	59	424	514	5	0	478		747		7,016
Stevens	507	626	365	248	3	1		165	156		2,071
Swift	987			715	283	636	342		1,509		4,472
Todd	4,708	991	714	266	10	613	1,474	42	1,591		10,409
Traverse	173	4		258		0					435
Wabasha	2,587	417		222	40	0			479	365	4,110
Wadena	1,369	1,349	262	814	44	23	1,103	1,107	846		6,917
Waseca	759	925	992	470		0	232	963	752		5,093
Washington	15,063	3,080	368	4,263	5	683	2,380	1,287	7,472		34,601
Watonwan	1,033	741	185	797	32	721	1,475		1,827		6,811
Wilkin	3,683		146	718		40			1,166	181	5,934
Winona	2,785	697	624	3,403	1,574	0	270		2,774		12,127
Wright	21,336	4,766	1,844	999	946	4,621	2,281	1,095	2,775		40,663
Yellow Medicine	309	83		119		22	650				1,183
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	5,956	1,047	2,650	3,006	1,010	395	1,353		3,809		19,226
Faribault-Martin	6,225	969	488	538	569	2,693	1,050	1,182	2,851	78	16,643
Leech Lake	17,266	10,302	39	762		654	1,825	89	299		31,236
White Earth	25,033	7,014	7	453		135	365	3,391	405		36,803
Total days	913,998	306,359	63,928	162,050	31,708	60,731	185,920	96,023	251,645	7,170	2,079,532

*"Other" includes Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR) and supervised independent living settings.

Reasons for Entering Out-of-home Care

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

County/Tribe	Aban- donment	Alleged neglect	Alleged physical abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker inability to cope	Inadequate housing	Incarcer- ation of parents	Parent alcohol abuse	Parent drug abuse	Death of parent(s)	TPR	Child alcohol abuse	Child drug abuse	Child behavior problem	Child disability
Aitkin	5	16	2	4	22	7	2	7	4		1	1		28	2
Anoka	32	278	120	28	135	44	100	61	163	3	9	1	3	126	39
Becker	5	51	22	4	26	18	1	5	13		1	7	13	64	11
Beltrami	13	114	10	8	21	6	12	31	31	5	2	3	3	51	8
Benton	3	32	14	2	7	3	15	14	15		1	1	7	38	4
Big Stone		9	7		4	3	2	3	4				3	10	1
Blue Earth	3	63	19	3	33	20	24	18	30		1	89	17	63	13
Brown	1	13	5	1	8			1	1		1	3	1	30	8
Carlton	9	29	10	6	29	9	7	14	14			3	13	66	17
Carver	4	35	13	7	26	2	1	9	16		1	3	18	66	12
Cass	7	46	12	6	30	2		9	13		1		1	35	12
Chippewa		2	1		5		2	1	1			4	7	13	3
Chisago	2	13	5	5	12	2		2	12			1	5	39	9
Clay	3	21	10	6	38	8	3	22	16	1	1	2	5	61	28
Clearwater		2	2	1	5			2						8	
Cook		3			3			3				2	1	12	3
Cottonwood	3	2	2		9	2			3			10	11	27	5
Crow Wing	9	90	19	6	53	25	21	24	19	1	2	7	2	100	7
Dakota	30	136	44	16	83	25	26	23	67	3	2	4	8	103	49
Dodge	1	11	3		11	2	1	4	3	2		2	5	22	4
Douglas	5	35	3		25	4	9	4	12		2	3	6	33	13
Fillmore	1	12	3	2	11	2	3	1	4	1			1	5	5
Freeborn	6	12	6	5	24	5	5	7	7		1	1	5	36	9
Goodhue	4	21	10	6	9	6	5	2	5	1	1		2	14	4
Grant		3	2	1	5		1	1			2			7	3
Hennepin	144	855	391	153	193	58	145	238	489	16	14	10	17	771	134
Houston	3	9	11	3	12	1		7	10			1	1	6	3
Hubbard		2	3	4	4			11	15			1	2	20	4
Isanti	2	17	9	9	6	6	18	4	30			1	1	25	5
Itasca	5	31	5	7	30	9	14	13	16	1	3	2	4	90	6

Reasons for Entering Out-of-home Care <i>(continued)</i>															
County/Tribe	Abandonment	Alleged neglect	Alleged physical abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker inability to cope	Inadequate housing	Incarceration of parents	Parent alcohol abuse	Parent drug abuse	Death of parent(s)	TPR	Child alcohol abuse	Child drug abuse	Child behavior problem	Child disability
Jackson		8		1	4		2	1	4			3	5	21	2
Kanabec		5	3	2	4		1	3	1	1		2	3	18	4
Kandiyohi	1	12	20	2	14		2	2	11		2		9	49	9
Kittson		3					2	3						3	1
Koochiching	4	9	5	3	11	4	2	7	3		1		5	34	6
Lac qui Parle	5		4									1	1	4	2
Lake		16	4	1	2	4		7	12					9	4
Lake of the Woods		1			1		1	1			1	2	1	8	1
Le Sueur	1	9		1	24		1	1				1	3	34	24
McLeod		20	13	10	9	2	5	7	11		7	6	6	20	6
Mahnomen		3	1	1		3					3	1		14	
Marshall			3	2	5				2		2			8	3
Meeker		5	3	1	14	7	4	1			3			16	10
Mille Lacs	3	13	5	2	5	2	1	1	4		1	11	9	29	5
Morrison	2	21	11	2	11	1	6	3	25		1	1	1	23	3
Mower	2	28	8	7	29	7	4	8	5		2			17	13
Nicollet	3	13	4		11	1	6	8	10	3	2	1		23	7
Nobles	2	21	18	5	23	3	2	4	10		2	1	3	45	5
Norman		3	1	1	5	1	2	3						8	3
Olmsted	6	12	6	4	62	7	6	6	23	1		9	4	70	25
Otter Tail	1	17	5	5	22	5	17	2	19					50	11
Pennington	8	11	4	1	20	9	4	16	15			1	3	18	
Pine	5	28	15	4	37	7	2	8	13	2	3	1	5	29	4
Pipestone	4	4		1	4	1	4	3	2			1	1	11	5
Polk	6	38	12	2	6	2	5	2	4			3	6	45	5
Pope	1	6	2	5	6	4	2	1	5			2	2	17	3
Ramsey	100	471	210	83	232	73	67	91	150	11	37	33	89	851	77
Red Lake		7	4		2		1	2		1		1		4	
Redwood		13	7	2	6	6	1	7	2			11	5	49	8
Renville		2		4	19	2	2	3		2		3	5	25	6

Reasons for Entering Out-of-home Care <i>(continued)</i>															
County/Tribe	Aban- donment	Alleged neglect	Alleged physical abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker inability to cope	Inadequate housing	Incarcer- ation of parents	Parent alcohol abuse	Parent drug abuse	Death of parent(s)	TPR	Child alcohol abuse	Child drug abuse	Child behavior problem	Child disability
Rice	5	32	4	7	29	6	14	17	14		1	4	3	20	11
Rock	1	2			9		1	2	1				1	11	2
Roseau		1	3	1	2							1	2	22	
St. Louis	18	196	105	32	149	41	51	87	147		13		1	177	20
Scott	9	43	10	10	19	3		2	7	2	1	2	4	83	12
Sherburne	5	12	22	6	34	5	4	8	10	2		4	4	54	26
Sibley	1	10	2	1	12	3	3	2	2			1	5	28	1
Stearns	7	82	26	27	46	12	8	20	20	2	4	9	21	105	21
Steele	3	18	8	1	12	4	3		3			5	6	23	8
Stevens	3	2	6		2	2	2		2					5	2
Swift	3	6	1	1	4	2	1		3		2	5	9	21	4
Todd	2	16	3	5	7	18	4	21	19		3	3	2	20	4
Traverse		2						1				1		2	1
Wabasha		5	2		4	1		2	1	2				18	2
Wadena		16	2	1	16		5	3	8			4	4	23	4
Waseca		3	4		7				2		2	1	1	14	5
Washington	7	37	28	13	87	8	10	18	19			17	22	164	67
Watonwan	5	7	12	2	1				2		1	3	4	17	
Wilkin		4	1	5		2			2			1		13	1
Winona	1	8	10	2	1			1	1			5	3	77	3
Wright	6	28	20	17	38	18	8	11	59	1	1	7	13	98	39
Yellow Medicine		2	1				1	2	4				2	4	
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	5	21	9	9	16	6	4	7	4		1	3	10	63	7
Faribault-Martin	1	42	10	1	6	11	11	10	32		1	16	20	50	6
Leech Lake	16	78	9	13	16	4	1	56	43	3		5	1	10	2
White Earth	40	95	25	11	26	30	15	71	90	5	5	8	5	13	2
Total	592	3,530	1,454	610	2,010	596	715	1,083	1,839	72	148	362	471	4,656	923

Reasons for Discharge from Out-of-home Care

County/Tribe	Reunified with parents/ caretakers	Adoption finalized	Tribal customary adoption	Permanent transfer of custody to a relative	Living with other relatives	Guardian-ship	Aged out	Runaway (placement no longer planned)	Death of child	Transfer to another agency	Transfer to tribal agency
Aitkin	25	4		3	2		5				
Anoka	259	58		17	7		17	4		4	
Becker	45	7		3	1	1	6			2	
Beltrami	39	4		14		2	5	1			
Benton	38	3		7			7				
Big Stone	7			4							
Blue Earth	57	15		2	4	1	9	1		6	
Brown	17	3			1			1		1	
Carlton	25	2		10	1		13	2		2	
Carver	53	1		2	2		8			2	
Cass	37	2		5	3		4	3			
Chippewa	11	1		1							
Chisago	31	4			1		7			1	
Clay	31	8	2		1		11			3	
Clearwater	6						1				
Cook	7	3					1				
Cottonwood	24	1					1				
Crow Wing	54	21	4	16	19		9		1	4	1
Dakota	148	15		35	2	1	26	5		4	
Dodge	9	4		3	1		3				
Douglas	15	4		2	2		3	3			
Fillmore	4	1					2	2			
Freeborn	11	5		5			5	1			
Goodhue	14	9		2	2		5				1
Grant	5	3				1	1				
Hennepin	935	167	2	133	58	7	106	46	1	61	8
Houston	13	1		1			5				
Hubbard	26	1		1			4				
Isanti	23	2		2	2		3				
Itasca	66	1		6	6		7	3		1	

Reasons for Discharge from Out-of-home Care *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Reunified with parents/ caretakers	Adoption finalized	Tribal customary adoption	Permanent transfer of custody to a relative	Living with other relatives	Guardian-ship	Aged out	Runaway (placement no longer planned)	Death of child	Transfer to another agency	Transfer to tribal agency
Jackson	10	1			1		1				
Kanabec	15				1		5	1			
Kandiyohi	34	6			5		7	1		1	
Kittson	7										
Koochiching	28			2	2		5				1
Lac qui Parle	3					1	1				
Lake	9	6					3			2	
Lake of the Woods	6			1						1	
Le Sueur	14	5		1			5	1		2	
McLeod	16	8		6	4		5				
Mahnomen	6						2			1	1
Marshall	3	2					1				
Meeker	5	2		1			1	1			
Mille Lacs	19	2		1			4				
Morrison	21	6		2	1		8			1	
Mower	19	8		5	2	1	7				
Nicollet	15	7					3			3	
Nobles	31	4		2	2		6			1	
Norman	5	3					1				
Olmsted	40	30		1	3		9	1		3	
Otter Tail	40	5		5	2		3	1		4	
Pennington	10	5		4		1	3				
Pine	19	8		2			4			2	
Pipestone	9			2			2			2	
Polk	53	1		4	1	3	5				
Pope	7	3		2		1	3				
Ramsey	779	87	2	42	59	1	59	56	1	27	1
Red Lake	2				1	2					1
Redwood	29	1		6	3		3	2		1	
Renville	9					1	2			1	

Reasons for Discharge from Out-of-home Care *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Reunified with parents/ caretakers	Adoption finalized	Tribal customary adoption	Permanent transfer of custody to a relative	Living with other relatives	Guardian-ship	Aged out	Runaway (placement no longer planned)	Death of child	Transfer to another agency	Transfer to tribal agency
Rice	18	9		3	2	1	7	1	1		
Rock	6			2	1		3				
Roseau	12	1					2			1	
St. Louis	205	21		65	4		23	1	1	5	
Scott	80	8		4	2		5		1	1	
Sherburne	30	1		1	1		10	1		5	
Sibley	16					2					
Stearns	104	15		4	5	1	12	1		2	
Steele	19	3		3			3			1	
Stevens	7	1		2			2				
Swift	18	1					1				
Todd	17	3			3	4	3				
Traverse	3						1				
Wabasha	12			3	2						
Wadena	14	8		3	1		5				
Waseca	6	2		2			3				
Washington	115	10		7	8		11	2		4	
Watsonwan	14	3			3		1			1	
Wilkin	10				1		2				
Winona	56	2			4		3	1			
Wright	103	6		5	5		10	1		2	
Yellow Medicine	4	3									
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	32	4		7	1	2	3	3		1	
Faribault-Martin	57	6		4	2		9	1			
Leech Lake	27		1	4	1						
White Earth	40	4	4	6			4	1			
Total	4,323	661	15	488	248	34	555	149	6	166	14

State Permanency Indicator: Time to a Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative

Of all children who were discharged to a transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative, what percent were discharged within 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home?

County/Tribe	Total children transferred in 2008	Children transferred within 12 months	Percent transferred within 12 months
Aitkin	3	2	66.7
Anoka	17	9	52.9
Becker	1	0	0.0
Beltrami	14	6	42.9
Benton	7	4	57.1
Big Stone	4	4	100.0
Blue Earth	2	2	100.0
Carlton	10	2	20.0
Carver	2	1	50.0
Cass	5	3	60.0
Chippewa	1	0	0.0
Crow Wing	16	9	56.3
Dakota	35	29	82.9
Dodge	3	3	100.0
Douglas	2	1	50.0
Freeborn	4	2	50.0
Goodhue	2	1	50.0
Hennepin	130	98	75.4
Houston	1	0	0.0
Hubbard	1	1	100.0
Isanti	2	2	100.0
Itasca	5	3	60.0
Koochiching	2	0	0.0
Lake Of the Woods	1	1	100.0
Le Sueur	1	1	100.0
McLeod	6	6	100.0
Meeker	1	1	100.0
Mille Lacs	1	1	100.0
Morrison	2	1	50.0
Mower	5	4	80.0
Nobles	2	1	50.0
Olmsted	1	0	0.0
Otter Tail	5	5	100.0
Pennington	4	0	0.0
Pine	2	1	50.0
Pipestone	2	0	0.0

State Permanency Indicator: Time to a Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative (continued)

County/Tribe	Total children transferred in 2008	Children transferred within 12 months	Percent transferred within 12 months
Polk	4	2	50.0
Pope	2	2	100.0
Ramsey	42	16	38.1
Redwood	6	5	83.3
Rice	3	3	100.0
Rock	2	1	50.0
St. Louis	65	45	69.2
Scott	4	4	100.0
Sherburne	1	0	0.0
Stearns	4	2	50.0
Steele	3	3	100.0
Stevens	2	0	0.0
Wabasha	3	2	66.7
Wadena	3	0	0.0
Waseca	2	1	50.0
Washington	7	5	71.4
Wright	5	3	60.0
Lincoln/Lyon/Murray	7	7	100.0
Faribault/Martin	4	4	100.0
Leech Lake Tribe	3	2	66.7
White Earth Band	6	6	100.0
Total	480	317	66.0

Note: Missing counties had no children who were discharged to transfer of legal and physical custody to a relative.

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Introduction

A primary goal of the department is to ensure that all children have safe, stable, loving and permanent homes. When children's physical, emotional and mental health needs are 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 in safely caring for their children, leading to successful reunification with families or primary caretakers. For some children, the courts must issue a Termination of Parental Rights (TPR), which transfers guardianship to the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. These children are under state guardianship and are referred to as "state wards" in this section. As designated agents of the commissioner, county social service agencies are responsible for placement, health and well-being of these children. It is the department's responsibility to work with county and private adoption agencies to find permanent families.

This section examines the demographics and racial/ethnic profile of children who were adopted or were under state guardianship in 2009. State ward data were examined at three levels for the years 2000–2009 including:

- When they entered guardianship
- When they were adopted
- When they remained in guardianship at the end of the year.

This report uses county data from the department's Adoption Information System, and includes data from court and county documents entered at the Department of Human Services. There are slight variances in the 2009 report versus prior reports due to correction of records during the year. Note that all "percent" columns may not add up to 100 due to rounding of numbers or missing data.

Key findings in this report include:

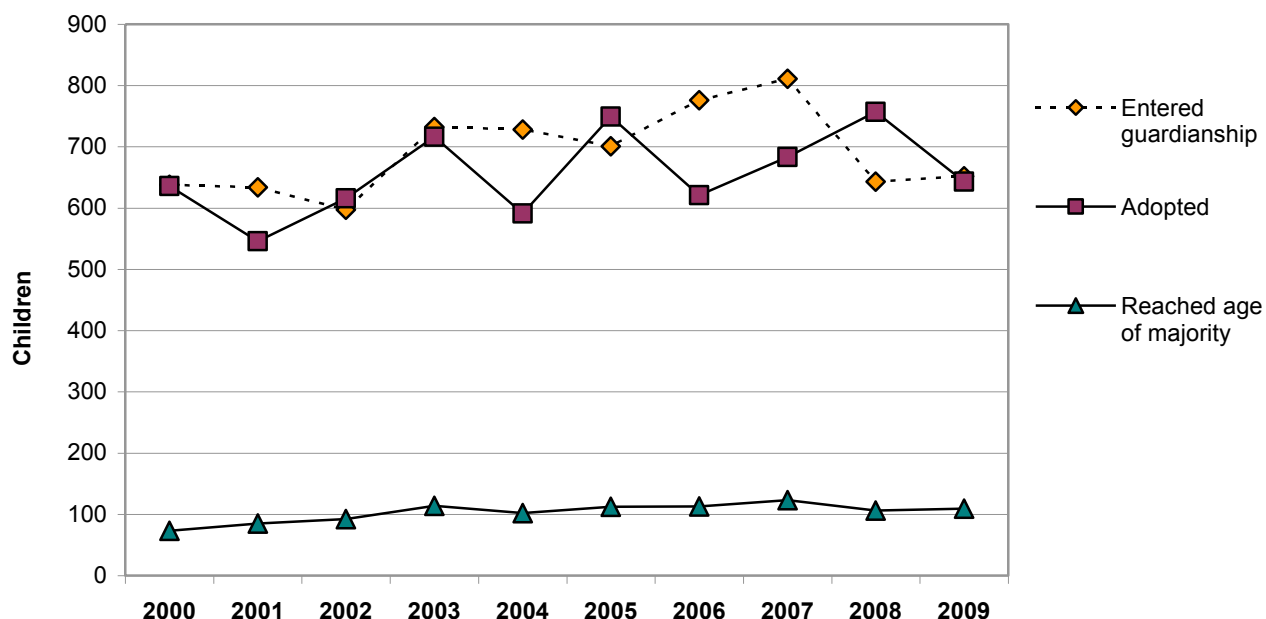
- In 2009, 652 children came under state guardianship (became state wards) as a result of court terminations of parental rights. Sixty-five percent of children entering guardianship were in the birth–5 age group. Fifty-three percent of children entering guardianship were White, followed by African American/Black children (19.5 percent).
- There were 1,235 children under state guardianship at the beginning of 2009, and 1,118 at the end of the year, a decrease of 9 percent.
- There were 653 state wards adopted in 2009. Eighty-six percent of adopted wards were under age 12. The largest group of state wards adopted were White (45.9 percent), followed by African American/Black children (25.9 percent).
- The number of state wards aging out of out-of-home care at age 18 without a permanent home was 109 for 2009. This number has increased steadily since 2000 (73).
- African American/Black and American Indian children in Minnesota were 4.4 and 4.7 times, respectively, more likely than their White counterparts to be state wards who were adopted from guardianship.

Table 1 and Figure 1 provide an overview of the guardianship continuum in which children enter guardianship as state wards and leave when adopted or reach the age of majority. Some children continued in out-of-home care at year end without having permanency established. From 2000 to 2007, children entering guardianship increased 27 percent, then from 2007 to 2009, dropped by 20 percent. Table 1 also shows that there has been a large decrease in the number of children adopted between 2008 and 2009 (14 percent), following an overall increase in adoptions between 2000 and 2008. The number of children aging out of guardianship in 2009 was very close to the 10-year average of 103 children.

Table 1. Children Entering Guardianship, Adopted and Reaching Age of Majority (18), 2000–2009

Year	Children entering guardianship	Guardianship children adopted	Children leaving guardianship by reaching age of majority (age 18)
2000	638	636	73
2001	634	546	85
2002	597	616	92
2003	732	716	114
2004	728	591	102
2005	701	749	112
2006	776	621	113
2007	811	683	123
2008	643	757	106
2009	652	643	109

Figure 1. Children Entering Guardianship, Adopted and Reaching Age of Majority (18), 2000–2009



Younger children, ages birth–5, constituted 65 percent of new state wards entering the guardianship continuum in 2009. The second largest age group of entering state wards was 6–11 years. The number of children aged 12 and older entering guardianship increased between 2000 and 2007, but remained roughly the same between 2007 and 2009.

Table 2. Children Entering Guardianship by Age Group, 2000–2009

Year	Total entering state wards	Age groups							
		Birth–5	Percent birth–5	6–11	Percent 6–11	12–14	Percent 12–14	15–17	Percent 15–17
2000	638	374	58.6	232	36.4	24	3.8	8	1.3
2001	634	370	58.4	201	31.7	43	6.8	18	2.8
2002	597	371	62.1	167	28.0	41	6.9	18	3.0
2003	732	426	58.2	194	26.5	87	11.9	25	3.4
2004	728	440	60.4	197	27.1	67	9.2	24	3.3
2005	702	420	59.8	176	25.1	65	9.3	40	5.7
2006	776	467	60.2	209	26.9	69	9.1	31	3.9
2007	811	516	63.6	188	23.2	71	8.8	36	4.4
2008	643	418	68.0	149	23.2	28	4.9	23	3.6
2009	652	426	65.3	148	22.7	49	7.5	29	4.5

*Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to missing age data.

Figure 2. Children Entering Guardianship by Age Group, 2000–2009

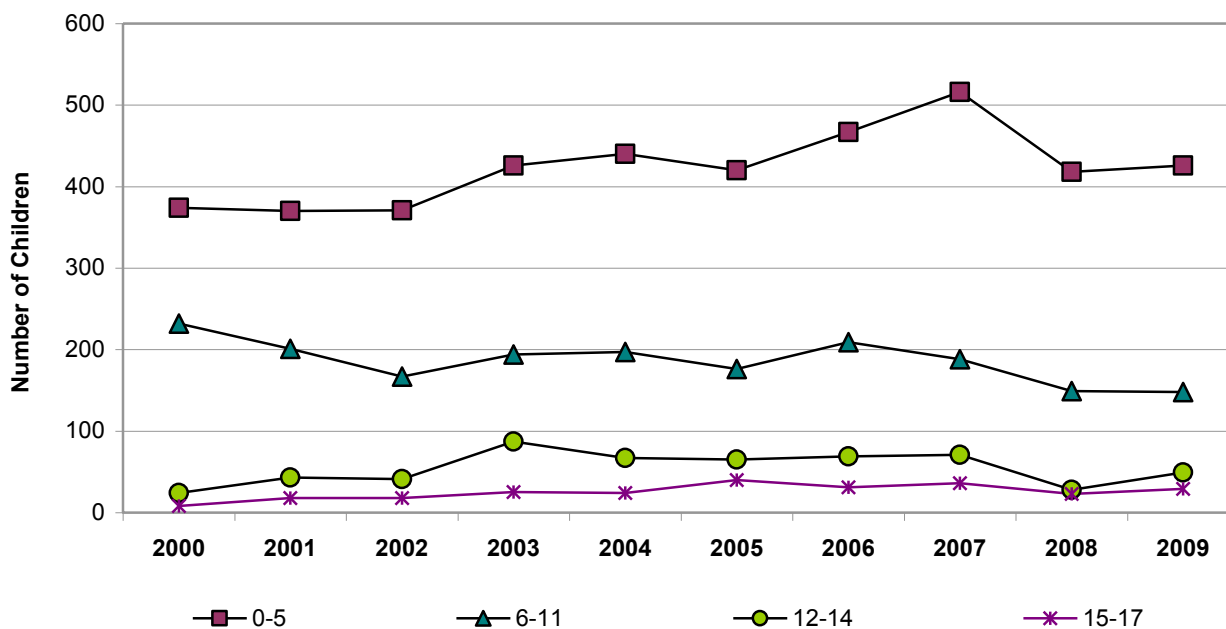


Table 3 and Figure 3 show that 653 children were adopted in 2009. This was near the ten year average from 2000 to 2009 of 647, but was a sharp decrease from 2008. The biggest decrease was seen amongst children under age 12, while there was a slight increase in children age 12 and older.

Table 3. State Wards Adopted by Age Group, 2000–2009

Year	Total adopted wards	Birth–5	Percent Birth–5	6–11	Percent 6–11	12–14	Percent 12–14	15–17	Percent 15–17
2000	636	281	44.2	282	44.3	56	8.8	17	2.7
2001	546	269	49.3	222	40.7	49	9.0	6	1.1
2002	616	330	53.6	210	34.1	64	10.4	12	2.0
2003	716	408	57.0	229	32.0	62	8.7	19	2.7
2004	591	313	53.0	188	31.8	65	11.0	25	4.2
2005	749	415	55.4	238	31.8	66	8.8	30	4.0
2006	622	361	58.0	178	28.6	60	9.7	22	3.5
2007	683	388	56.8	191	28.0	55	8.1	49	7.2
2008	757	464	61.3	210	27.7	45	5.9	38	5.0
2009	653	392	60.0	171	26.2	53	8.1	37	5.7

*Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to missing age data.

Figure 3. State Wards Adopted by Percent in Age Group, 2000–2009

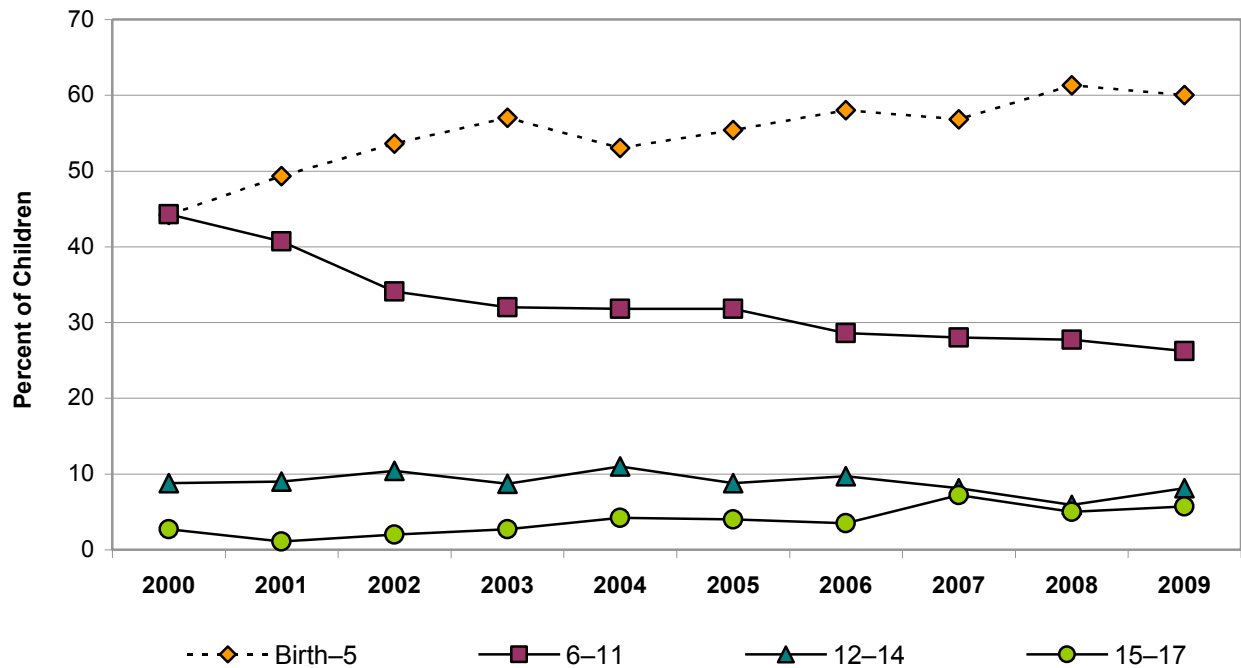


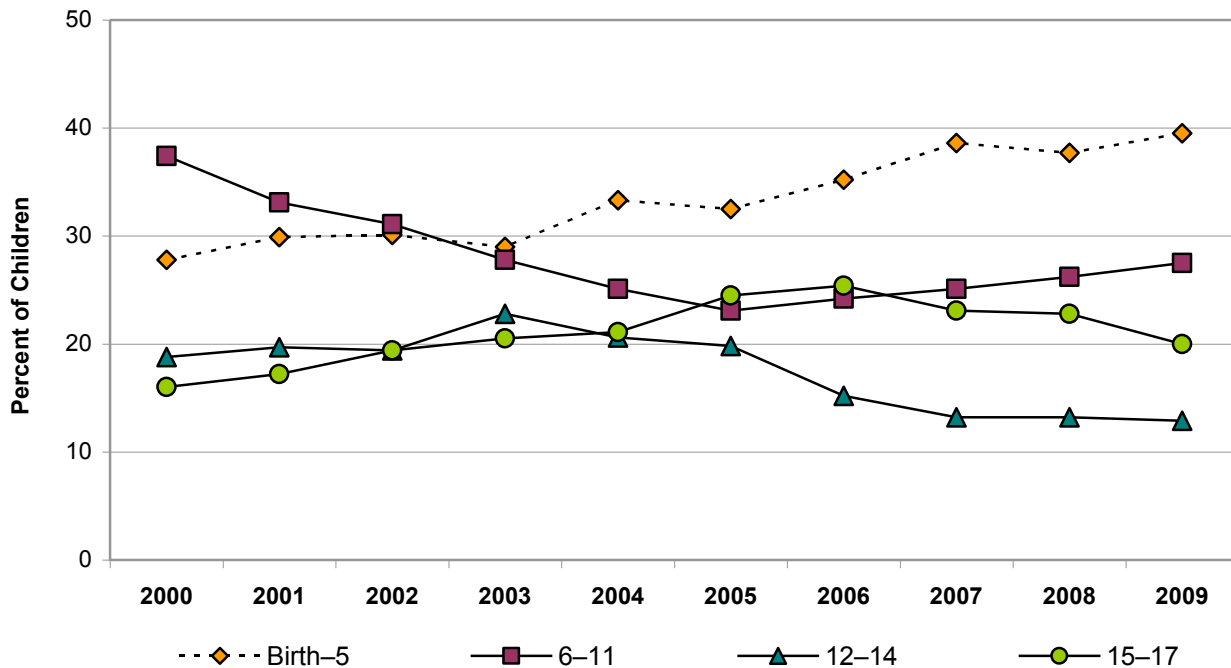
Table 4 and Figure 4 reveal there was a decrease of 35 percent in the number of children remaining in guardianship at year end between 2000 and 2009. This decrease was most pronounced in the middle age groups. The number of children ages 6 to 11 decreased steeply (52 percent) since 2000, while the ages 12–14 decreased 56 percent. The 442 children in guardianship in the birth–5 age group at year end is 10 percent below the 10-year average for that age group.

Table 4. State Wards Remaining in Guardianship at Year End by Age Group, 2000–2009

Year	Total state wards at year end	Birth–5	Percent birth–5	6–11	Percent 6–11	12–14	Percent 12–14	15–17	Percent 15–17
2000	1,717	470	27.8	643	37.4	327	18.8	277	16.0
2001	1,732	514	29.9	571	33.1	346	19.7	301	17.2
2002	1,634	489	30.1	505	31.1	321	19.4	319	19.4
2003	1,564	453	29.0	434	27.8	356	22.8	321	20.5
2004	1,598	529	33.3	399	25.1	329	20.6	341	21.1
2005	1,421	462	32.5	328	23.1	282	19.8	349	24.5
2006	1,459	514	35.2	353	24.2	222	15.2	370	25.4
2007	1,460	564	38.6	367	25.1	192	13.2	337	23.1
2008	1,235	466	37.7	324	26.2	163	13.2	282	22.8
2009	1,118	442	39.5	308	27.5	144	12.9	224	20.0

Note that percentages do not add up to 100 due to missing age data.

Figure 4. State Wards Remaining in Guardianship at Year End by Age Group, 2000–2009



From 2000–2009, there were always more males than females at the beginning of the year, and in general, more males entered guardianship than females.

Table 5. Children Entering Guardianship, Adopted or Remaining in Guardianship at Year End by Gender, 2000–2009

Year	Entering guardianship			Adopted			Remaining in guardianship at year end		
	Total	Percent male	Percent female	Total	Percent male	Percent female	Total	Percent male	Percent female
2000	638	50.6	49.4	636	47.3	52.7	1,717	53.8	46.0
2001	634	51.9	47.8	546	52.6	47.4	1,732	53.7	46.2
2002	597	50.3	49.7	616	51.0	49.0	1,634	53.5	46.5
2003	732	50.4	49.6	716	50.3	49.7	1,564	51.9	47.1
2004	728	49.3	50.7	591	51.3	48.7	1,598	51.4	48.6
2005	702	49.1	50.9	749	47.9	52.1	1,422	51.9	48.1
2006	776	48.8	51.2	622	50.0	50.0	1,459	51.1	48.9
2007	811	50.4	49.6	683	49.3	50.7	1,460	52.5	47.5
2008	643	52.1	47.9	757	49.3	50.7	1,235	54.0	46.0
2009	652	51.1	48.9	653	52.5	47.5	1,118	53.5	46.5

**Percentages may not add up to 100 due to missing gender data.*

Table 6 illustrates the flow of children in the guardianship continuum. The percent column shows the proportion of all children in each of the three categories. More African American/Black children were adopted (169), than entered guardianship (127) in 2009. American Indian children exited to adoption at a slightly greater rate than they entered. More White children entered guardianship than exited to adoption.

Table 6. Children Entering Guardianship, Adopted or Remaining in Guardianship at Year End by Race, 2009

2009 Summary	African American/Black		American Indian		Asian/Pacific Islander		White		Two or more races		No race data		Hispanic ethnicity—any race	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Entering wards (N=652)	127	19.5	36	5.5	8	1.2	349	53.5	90	13.8	42	6.4	65	10.0
Wards adopted (N=653)	169	25.9	43	6.6	8	1.2	300	45.9	89	13.6	44	6.7	73	11.1
Wards remaining at year end (N=1,118)	277	25.1	100	7.6	16	1.5	514	47.5	156	13.3	55	2.3	101	9.8

Table 7 and Figure 5 illustrate that in 2009 slightly more than 50 percent of children entering guardianship were White, followed by African American/Black (19.5 percent), and children having two or more races (13.8 percent). There was a decrease in African American/Black children between 2008 and 2009 (26 percent), and an increase in White children entering guardianship (14 percent). Asian and Pacific Islander children have become state wards in historically small numbers. The growing number of state wards without race data since 2004 has altered the analysis.

Table 7. Children Entering Guardianship by Race and Ethnicity, 2000–2009

Year	Total Entering	African American/ Black		American Indian		Asian/ Pacific Islander		White		Two or more races		No race data		Hispanic ethnicity– any race	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	638	141	22.1	44	6.9	1	0.2	334	52.4	118	18.5	0	0.0	63	9.9
2001	634	135	21.3	27	4.3	5	0.8	357	56.3	103	16.3	4	0.6	46	7.3
2002	597	148	24.8	29	4.9	3	0.5	297	49.8	116	19.4	4	0.7	68	11.4
2003	732	126	17.2	47	6.4	4	0.5	458	62.6	91	12.4	6	0.8	91	12.4
2004	728	163	22.4	35	4.8	3	0.4	401	55.1	113	15.5	13	1.8	56	7.7
2005	701	130	18.5	35	5.0	9	1.3	420	60.0	91	13.0	16	2.3	90	12.8
2006	776	190	24.5	47	6.1	16	2.0	431	55.5	69	8.9	23	3.0	58	7.5
2007	811	159	19.6	60	7.4	5	0.6	433	53.3	125	15.4	29	3.6	58	7.1
2008	643	171	26.6	32	5.0	11	1.7	306	47.6	83	12.9	40	6.2	67	10.4
2009	652	127	19.5	36	5.6	8	1.2	349	53.5	90	13.8	42	6.2	64	9.9

Figure 5. Children Entering Guardianship by Race and Ethnicity, 2000–2009

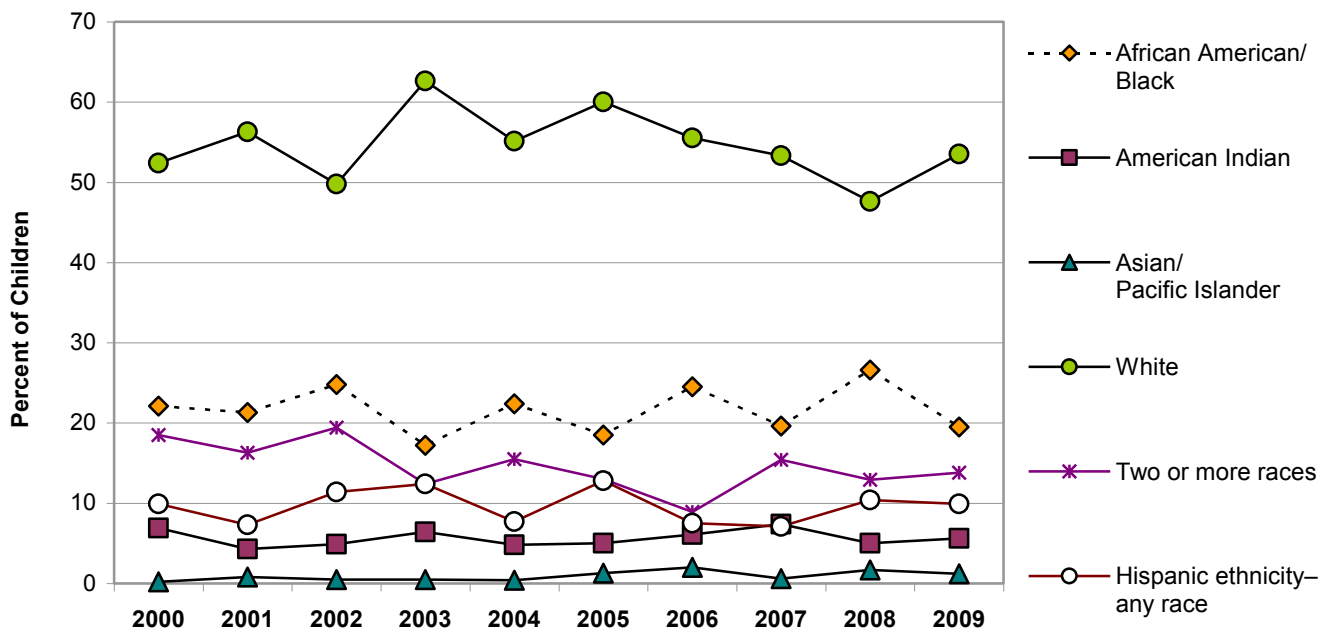


Table 8 and Figure 6 show that the largest group (45.9 percent) of children adopted in 2009 were White, followed by African American/Black, with 25.9 percent. There was a 14 percent overall decrease in adoptees between 2008 and 2009. White and American Indian children saw the largest decreases in 2009.

Table 8. State Wards Adopted by Race and Ethnicity, 2000–2009

Year	Total wards adopted	African American/ Black		American Indian		Asian/ Pacific Islander		White		Two or more races		No race data		Hispanic ethnicity—any race	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	636	178	28.0	36	5.7	3	0.5	319	50.2	100	15.7	0	0.0	35	5.5
2001	546	115	21.1	27	4.9	0	0.0	308	56.4	95	17.4	1	0.2	47	8.6
2002	616	129	20.9	30	4.9	0	0.0	340	55.2	115	18.7	2	0.3	52	8.4
2003	716	150	21.0	38	5.3	6	0.8	376	52.5	143	20.0	3	0.4	61	8.5
2004	591	120	20.3	31	5.3	3	0.5	339	57.4	96	16.2	2	0.3	67	11.3
2005	749	142	18.9	51	6.8	6	0.8	425	56.6	122	16.3	3	0.4	61	8.1
2006	621	132	21.3	40	6.4	3	0.5	350	56.4	85	13.7	11	1.8	80	12.9
2007	683	128	18.7	46	6.7	7	1.0	418	61.2	72	10.5	12	1.8	60	8.8
2008	757	161	21.3	71	9.4	11	1.5	400	52.8	95	12.6	19	2.5	63	8.3
2009	653	169	25.9	43	6.6	8	1.2	300	45.9	89	13.6	44	6.7	73	11.2

Figure 6. State Wards Adopted by Race and Ethnicity, 2000–2009

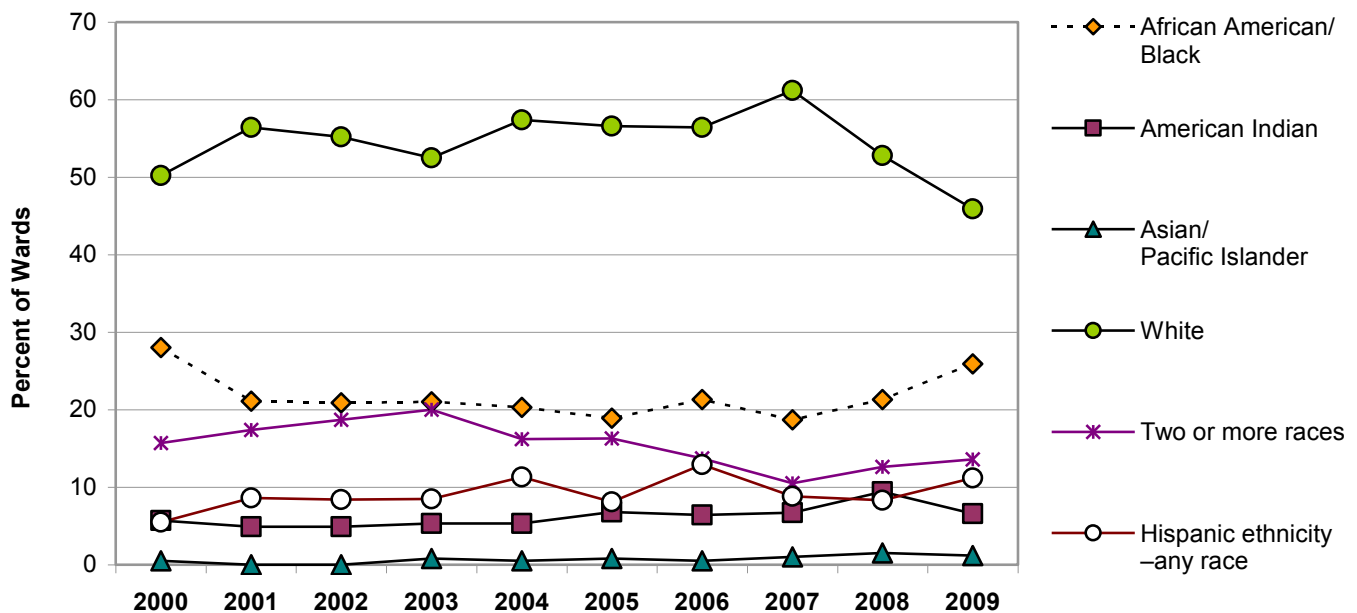
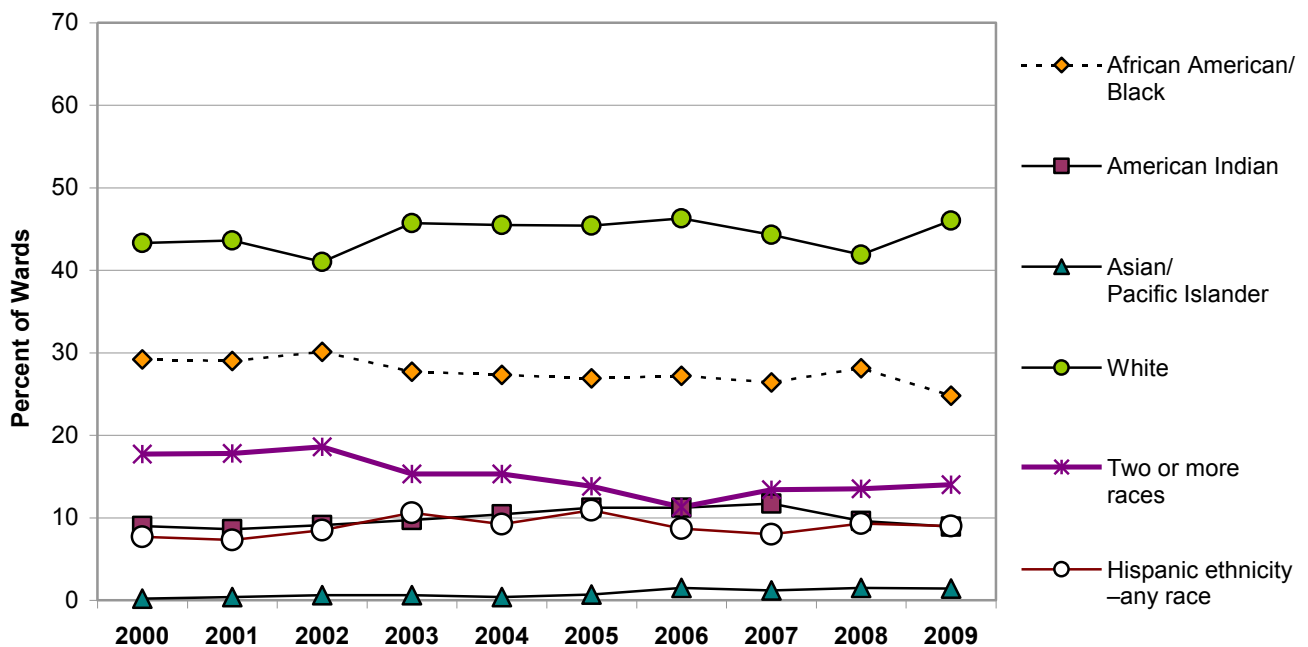


Table 9 and Figure 7 illustrate the race of children remaining under guardianship at year end. In 2009, White children represented the largest proportion of the population (46 percent), followed by African American/Black children (24.8 percent). There was a decrease of nearly 42 percent in the number of American Indian state wards at the year's end, 2007–2009, while the population of White children decreased by 20 percent in the same time period. The large number of children with unknown or missing race data at the time of the preparing of this report has a slight affect on the analysis.

Table 9. State Wards Remaining in Guardianship at Year End by Race and Ethnicity, 2000–2009

Year	Wards at Year-end	African American/Black		American Indian		Asian/Pacific Islander		White		Two or more races		No race data		Hispanic ethnicity—any race	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	1,717	501	29.2	155	9.0	3	0.2	743	43.3	304	17.7	9	0.5	132	7.7
2001	1,732	502	29.0	149	8.6	7	0.4	755	43.6	308	17.8	10	0.6	126	7.3
2002	1,634	492	30.1	149	9.1	10	0.6	670	41.0	304	18.6	10	0.6	139	8.5
2003	1,564	433	27.7	152	9.7	9	0.6	715	45.7	239	15.3	16	1.0	166	10.6
2004	1,598	436	27.3	166	10.4	6	0.4	727	45.5	244	15.3	18	1.1	147	9.2
2005	1,422	383	26.9	159	11.2	10	0.7	645	45.4	198	13.8	32	2.2	155	10.9
2006	1,459	397	27.2	164	11.2	22	1.5	675	46.3	165	11.3	36	2.5	127	8.7
2007	1,460	386	26.4	171	11.7	18	1.2	646	44.3	195	13.4	44	3.0	117	8.0
2008	1,235	347	28.1	119	9.6	18	1.5	518	41.9	167	13.5	66	5.4	115	9.3
2009	1,118	277	24.8	100	8.9	16	1.4	514	46.0	156	14.0	55	4.9	101	9.0

Figure 7. State Wards Remaining in Guardianship at Year End by Race and Ethnicity, 2000–2009



Racial Disproportionality

Table 10 shows the over/under representation of entering state wards of color and adoptees in 2009. U.S. Census numbers from both 2000 and 2009 were used for the comparisons. The numbers of White children entering guardianship and being adopted were much larger than those of other races/ethnicity; however, they are under-represented when compared to the overall state population. Table 10 shows that, in 2009, the 127 African American/Black children that entered guardianship represent 1.9 children per 1,000 African American/Black children in the Minnesota population. Because the White population is so large, 32 White children entering guardianship only represented .32 children per 1,000. African American/Black children were nearly six times more likely to enter guardianship than White children (1.9/0.32). American Indian children were 5.4 (1.7/0.32) times more likely to enter guardianship than a White child.

African American/Black children entered guardianship at a greater disproportionality ratio (7.3 in 2000 versus 5.9 times in 2009) and made a slight improvement in the disproportionality rate at which they were adopted (6.4 in 2000 versus 6.5 times in 2009). American Indian children saw a fair decrease and improvement (6.9 in 2000 versus 5.4 in 2009) in the disproportionality at which they entered, and showed great improvement in the adoption disproportionality ratio (4.9 in 2000 versus 6.3 in 2009).

Table 10. Representation in the Minnesota Population of Children Entering into and Adopted from Guardianship by Race, 2009

	African American/Black		American Indian		Asian/Pacific Islander		White		Two or more races		Hispanic ethnicity—any race	
	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009
Children entering guardianship	141	127	44	36	1	8	334	349	118	90	63	65
Entering per 1,000 children in Minnesota population	2.2	1.4	2.1	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.7	2.0	1.1	0.7
Entering—Ratio to one White child per 1,000	7.1	4.2	6.9	4.5	0.1	0.4	1.0	1.0	8.7	6.0	3.7	2.0
Children adopted from guardianship	178	169	36	43	3	8	319	300	100	89	35	73
Adopted per 1,000 children in Minnesota population	2.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.3	2.0	0.6	0.8
Adopted—Ratio to one White child per 1,000	9.4	6.5	5.9	6.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	1.0	7.7	7.0	2.1	2.7

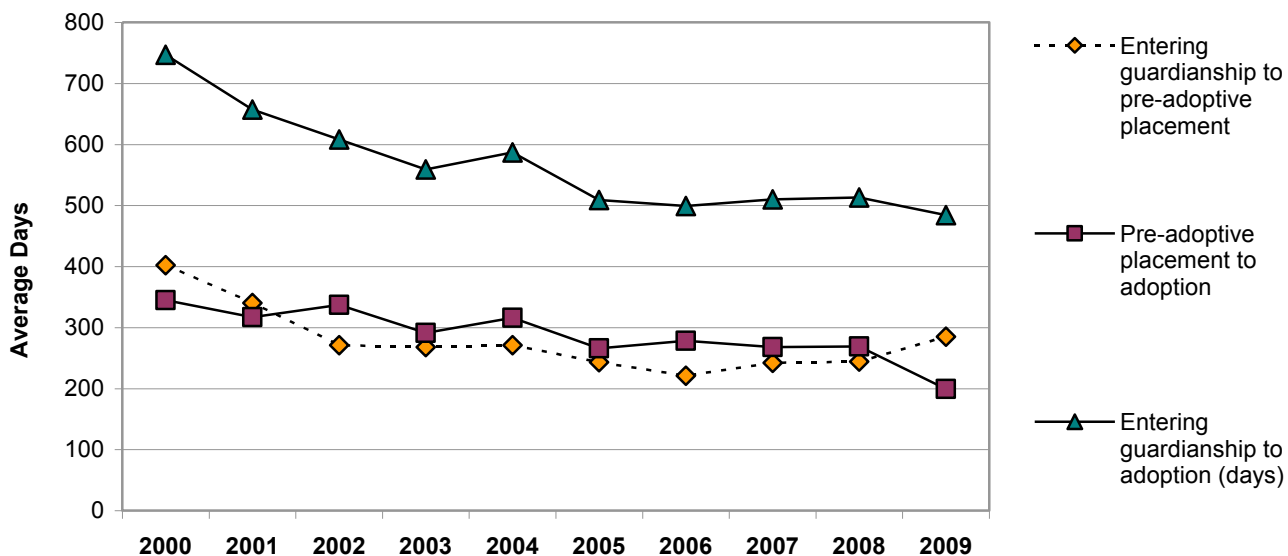
Timeliness of Placement and Adoption After Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)

From 2000–2009 the average number of days from entering guardianship to adoption decreased by 35 percent, but has remained stable since 2005. This reduction appears to be attributable to finding pre-adoptive homes for state wards and completing the adoption process in a shorter time frame.

Table 11. Time from Entering Guardianship to Pre-adoptive Placement and Adoption, 2000–2009

Adoption Year	Wards adopted	Average days		
		Entering guardianship to pre-adoptive placement	Pre-adoptive placement to adoption	Entering guardianship to adoption
2000	636	402	345	747
2001	546	340	317	657
2002	616	271	337	608
2003	716	268	291	559
2004	591	271	316	587
2005	749	243	266	509
2006	622	221	278	499
2007	683	242	268	510
2008	757	244	269	513
2009	653	285	199	484

Figure 8. Time from Entering Guardianship to Pre-adoptive Placement and Adoption, 2000–2009



Adoption Appendix

State Wards Who Exited Placement to Adoption Within Two Years of Placement

County/Tribe	State wards on 1/1/2009	State wards adopted in 2009*	State wards adopted in <25 months*	Percent adopted in <25 months
Aitkin	8	4	4	100.0
Anoka	78	58	36	62.1
Becker	16	7	4	57.1
Beltrami	6	4	1	25.0
Benton	6	3	0	0.0
Big Stone	0	0		
Blue Earth	19	15	5	33.3
Brown	5	3	2	66.7
Carlton	6	2	0	0.0
Carver	2	1	0	0.0
Cass	10	2	0	0.0
Chippewa	0	1	0	0.0
Chisago	9	4	0	0.0
Clay	9	10	4	40.0
Clearwater	2	0		
Cook	3	3	3	100.0
Cottonwood	1	1	1	100.0
Crow Wing	36	24	16	66.7
Dakota	28	15	14	93.3
Dodge	3	4	4	100.0
Douglas	2	4	2	50.0
Fillmore	2	1	0	0.0
Freeborn	7	5	2	40.0
Goodhue	19	9	8	88.9
Grant	3	3	3	100.0
Hennepin	338	169	73	43.2
Houston	7	1	1	100.0
Hubbard	2	1	0	0.0
Isanti	6	2	2	100.0
Itasca	3	0		
Jackson	1	1	1	100.0
Kanabec	2	0		
Kandiyohi	5	6	5	83.3
Kittson	0	0		
Koochiching	0	0		
Lac qui Parle	0	0		
Lake	7	6	1	16.7
Lake of the Woods	0	0		
Le Sueur	5	5	2	40.0
McLeod	11	8	6	75.0
Mahnomen	0	0		
Marshall	4	2	1	50.0
Meeker	5	2	2	100.0
Mille Lacs	3	2	1	50.0
Morrison	16	6	0	0.0

**State Wards Who Exited Placement to Adoption Within Two Years of Placement
(continued)**

County/Tribe	State wards on 1/1/2009	State wards adopted in 2009*	State wards adopted in <25 months	Percent adopted in <25 months
Mower	12	8	2	25.0
Nicollet	8	7	7	100.0
Nobles	6	4	4	100.0
Norman	3	3	3	100.0
Olmsted	37	30	17	56.7
Otter Tail	11	5	2	40.0
Pennington	7	5	2	40.0
Pine	9	8	5	62.5
Pipestone	0	0		
Polk	8	1	0	0.0
Pope	3	3	0	0.0
Ramsey	195	89	19	21.3
Red Lake	0	0		
Redwood	9	1	0	0.0
Renville	1	0		
Rice	12	9	5	55.6
Rock	0	0		
Roseau	1	1	0	0.0
St. Louis	39	21	6	28.6
Scott	14	8	8	100.0
Sherburne	4	1	0	0.0
Sibley	0	0		
Stearns	45	15	0	0.0
Steele	1	3	3	100.0
Stevens	1	1	0	0.0
Swift	1	1	1	100.0
Todd	5	3	2	66.7
Traverse	0	0		
Wabasha	1	0		
Wadena	9	8	5	62.5
Waseca	4	2	2	100.0
Washington	20	10	6	60.0
Watsonwan	8	3	0	0.0
Wilkin	1	0		
Winona	3	2	0	0.0
Wright	11	6	2	33.3
Yellow Medicine	3	3	0	0.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	7	4	1	25.0
Faribault-Martin	1	6	5	83.3
Leech Lake	1	1	0	0.0
White Earth	20	8	6	75.0
Missing data	17	0		
Total	1,233	674*	317	47.0

**Adoption data in this table is from SSIS, rather than the Adoptions database. As a result, numbers of adoptees are close, but do not match.*

Children in Guardianship as of Dec. 31, 2009, by Race and Ethnicity

County/Tribe	African American/ Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	White	Two or more races	No race data	Total children	Hispanic
Aitkin	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*
Anoka	*	*	*	42	18	5	69	2
Becker	*	*	*	*	*	1	18	2
Beltrami	*	*	*	*	*	1	4	*
Benton	*	*	*	*	*	1	5	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	1	2	*
Blue Earth	*	*	*	18	*	1	25	1
Brown	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Carlton	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*
Carver	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Cass	*	*	*	*	*	1	12	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	*	1	6	*
Clay	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	2
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cottonwood	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	*	*	*	22	*	1	27	*
Dakota	12	*	*	19	*	3	34	4
Dodge	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Douglas	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	1
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	3	5	*
Freeborn	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Goodhue	*	*	*	16	*	*	19	1
Hennepin	136	24	*	39	58	5	264	25
Houston	*	*	*	10	*	1	15	*
Hubbard	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	*
Itasca	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Jackson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Lincoln	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Lyon	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	1
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Mille Lacs	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Morrison	*	*	*	17	*	1	19	*

Children in Guardianship as of Dec. 31,2009 by Race and Ethnicity *(continued)*

County/Tribe	African American/ Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	White	Two or more races	No race data	Total children	Hispanic
Mower	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	4
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Olmsted	*	*	*	12	*	1	19	1
Otter Tail	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	*
Pine	*	*	*	12	*	2	17	3
Pipestone	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Polk	*	*	*	11	*	*	17	6
Pope	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Ramsey	84	*	12	43	21	7	173	26
Red Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Redwood	*	*	*	*	*	1	8	3
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Rice	*	*	*	*	*	1	7	*
Roseau	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
St. Louis	*	*	*	36	*	6	62	5
Scott	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*
Sherburne	*	*	*	*	*	1	6	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	1	4	*
Stearns	*	*	*	28	*	1	46	9
Steele	*	*	*	*	*	1	4	*
Stevens	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Waseca	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Washington	*	*	*	*	*	3	15	*
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	1	6	1
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Winona	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Wright	*	*	*	19	*	*	19	1
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray		*	*	*	*	*	3	2
Faribault-Martin	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Leech Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	*
White Earth	*	19	*	*	*	*	19	*
Missing data	*	*	*	*	*	1	9	*
Total	277	100	16	514	156	55	1,118	101
Percent	24.8	8.9	1.4	46.0	14.0	4.9	100.0	9.0

**Number of children is less than eleven in that cell, and is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Totals include the omitted data and children whose race data was missing. Missing counties did not have any children in guardianship.*

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Introduction

Revised Federal Child and Family Service Review Performance Measures

The federal Child and Family Service Reviews examine state performance in child safety and permanency. To inform this process, the Administration for Children and Families created two child safety performance measures and 15 permanency performance measures. The permanency measures can be grouped into the categories of: 1) Timeliness and permanency of reunification, 2) Timeliness of adoptions of children discharged from foster care, 3) Achieving permanency for children in care for extended periods of time, and 4) Placement stability. Section IV contains these individual measures by county for calendar year 2009. Caution should be used in drawing conclusions from measures with small numbers.

A variety of tools and processes are being used to transition the state and counties to these new measures and to understand and monitor ongoing performance. These include:

- Adding revised outcome measures to the Charting and Analysis tool in the Social Services Information System (SSIS)
- Integrating new measures into the Minnesota Child and Family Services Reviews
- Joining the University of Chicago—Chapin Hall Center for State Foster Care and Adoption Data
- Developing a publicly accessible dashboard on selected measures
- Adopting comparable measures into the Children and Community Services Act.

Safety Measure 1.1: Absence of Repeat Maltreatment

Of all who were victims of determined maltreatment during the last six months of 2008, what number did not have another determined report within six months? The national standard is 94.6 or higher.

County/Tribe	Unique determined victims 7/1/08-12/31/08	Victims--no recurrence within six months	Percent not recurring within six months
Aitkin	9	9	100.0
Anoka	112	111	99.1
Becker	23	23	100.0
Beltrami	36	36	100.0
Benton	26	25	96.2
Big Stone	7	7	100.0
Blue Earth	41	38	92.7
Brown	29	24	82.8
Carlton	13	13	100.0
Carver	20	20	100.0
Cass	4	3	75.0
Chippewa	1	1	100.0
Chisago	13	12	92.3
Clay	29	28	96.6
Clearwater	10	10	100.0
Cook	0	NA	NA
Cottonwood	7	7	100.0
Crow Wing	12	12	100.0
Dakota	182	175	96.2
Dodge	12	11	91.7
Douglas	17	12	70.6
Fillmore	6	6	100.0
Freeborn	4	4	100.0
Goodhue	6	6	100.0
Grant	2	2	100.0
Hennepin	866	808	93.3
Houston	0	NA	NA
Hubbard	10	10	100.0
Isanti	12	12	100.0
Itasca	23	23	100.0
Jackson	2	2	100.0
Kanabec	0	NA	NA
Kandiyohi	33	31	93.9
Kittson	3	3	100.0
Koochiching	2	0	0.0
Lac qui Parle	0	NA	NA
Lake	5	5	100.0
Lake of the Woods	4	4	100.0
Le Sueur	17	15	88.2
McLeod	9	9	100.0
Mahnomen	2	2	100.0
Marshall	3	3	100.0
Meeker	7	7	100.0

Safety Measure 1.1: Absence of Repeat Maltreatment (continued)

County/Tribe	Unique determined victims 7/1/08-12/31/08	Victims–no recurrence within six months	Percent not recurring within six months
Mille Lacs	24	24	100.0
Morrison	12	12	100.0
Mower	10	10	100.0
Nicollet	11	11	100.0
Nobles	8	8	100.0
Norman	0	NA	NA
Olmsted	5	5	100.0
Otter Tail	22	21	95.5
Pennington	1	1	100.0
Pine	26	26	100.0
Pipestone	3	3	100.0
Polk	28	26	92.9
Pope	5	5	100.0
Ramsey	216	210	97.2
Red Lake	2	2	100.0
Redwood	7	7	100.0
Renville	8	8	100.0
Rice	21	19	90.5
Rock	0	NA	NA
Roseau	1	1	100.0
St. Louis	117	116	99.1
Scott	25	24	96.0
Sherburne	20	18	90.0
Sibley	4	4	100.0
Stearns	40	40	100.0
Steele	12	11	91.7
Stevens	2	1	50.0
Swift	14	14	100.0
Todd	7	7	100.0
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	1	1	100.0
Wadena	12	12	100.0
Waseca	8	7	87.5
Washington	72	70	97.2
Watsonwan	1	1	100.0
Wilkin	3	3	100.0
Winona	19	10	52.6
Wright	37	37	100.0
Yellow Medicine	0	NA	NA
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	5	5	100.0
Faribault-Martin	39	39	100.0
Leech Lake	22	22	100.0
White Earth	34	34	100.0
Minnesota	2,523	2,404	95.3

Safety Measure 1.2: Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care

Of all children who were served in foster care during the reporting period, what percent were not the subjects of determined maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff? The national standard is 99.68 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in foster care in 2009	Children not maltreated by a foster parent/facility staff	Percent not maltreated
Aitkin	64	64	100.00
Anoka	627	626	99.84
Becker	130	129	99.23
Beltrami	207	207	100.00
Benton	81	81	100.00
Big Stone	23	23	100.00
Blue Earth	160	160	100.00
Brown	47	47	100.00
Carlton	124	121	97.58
Carver	113	113	100.00
Cass	94	94	100.00
Chippewa	16	16	100.00
Chisago	55	54	98.18
Clay	122	121	99.18
Clearwater	14	14	100.00
Cook	15	15	100.00
Cottonwood	41	41	100.00
Crow Wing	237	236	99.58
Dakota	368	367	99.73
Dodge	38	38	100.00
Douglas	78	78	100.00
Fillmore	23	23	100.00
Freeborn	59	59	100.00
Goodhue	70	70	100.00
Grant	15	15	100.00
Hennepin	2,562	2,543	99.26
Houston	47	47	100.00
Hubbard	49	49	100.00
Isanti	73	72	98.63
Itasca	150	148	98.67
Jackson	32	32	100.00
Kanabec	27	27	100.00
Kandiyohi	111	111	100.00
Kittson	9	9	100.00
Koochiching	63	63	100.00
Lac qui Parle	16	16	100.00
Lake	31	31	100.00
Lake of the Woods	9	9	100.00
Le Sueur	52	52	100.00
McLeod	65	65	100.00
Mahnomen	20	20	100.00
Marshall	14	14	100.00
Meeker	34	34	100.00

Safety Measure 1.2: Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care <i>(continued)</i>			
County/Tribe	Children in foster care in 2009	Children not maltreated by a foster parent/facility staff	Percent not maltreated
Mille Lacs	51	51	100.00
Morrison	81	80	98.77
Mower	68	68	100.00
Nicollet	46	46	100.00
Nobles	76	76	100.00
Norman	15	15	100.00
Olmsted	163	163	100.00
Otter Tail	96	96	100.00
Pennington	49	49	100.00
Pine	77	76	98.70
Pipestone	20	20	100.00
Polk	107	106	99.07
Pope	28	28	100.00
Ramsey	1,620	1,617	99.81
Red Lake	8	8	100.00
Redwood	71	71	100.00
Renville	30	30	100.00
Rice	90	90	100.00
Rock	20	20	100.00
Roseau	26	26	100.00
St. Louis	777	772	99.36
Scott	137	136	99.27
Sherburne	101	100	99.01
Sibley	37	37	100.00
Stearns	256	256	100.00
Steele	45	45	100.00
Stevens	17	17	100.00
Swift	30	30	100.00
Todd	63	62	98.41
Traverse	4	4	100.00
Wabasha	29	29	100.00
Wadena	43	43	100.00
Waseca	30	30	100.00
Washington	238	237	99.58
Watsonwan	38	38	100.00
Wilkin	26	26	100.00
Winona	90	90	100.00
Wright	224	220	98.21
Yellow Medicine	8	8	100.00
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	97	97	100.00
Faribault-Martin	131	129	98.47
Leech Lake	158	158	100.00
White Earth	193	193	100.00
Total	11,699	11,647	99.56

Permanency Measure 1.1: Time to Reunification

Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the target 12-month period, and who had been in foster care for eight days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home? The national standard is 75.2 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children reunified	Children reunified within 12 months	Percent reunified within 12 months
Aitkin	20	16	80.0
Anoka	136	103	75.7
Becker	39	33	84.6
Beltrami	42	35	83.3
Benton	37	32	86.5
Big Stone	7	5	71.4
Blue Earth	53	49	92.5
Brown	18	17	94.4
Carlton	28	21	75.0
Carver	44	39	88.6
Cass	36	35	97.2
Chippewa	11	11	100.0
Chisago	26	22	84.6
Clay	35	26	74.3
Clearwater	7	6	85.7
Cook	7	7	100.0
Cottonwood	22	21	95.5
Crow Wing	57	49	86.0
Dakota	103	96	93.2
Dodge	10	9	90.0
Douglas	18	16	88.9
Fillmore	4	4	100.0
Freeborn	10	10	100.0
Goodhue	11	10	90.9
Grant	5	4	80.0
Hennepin	718	562	78.3
Houston	16	13	81.3
Hubbard	27	23	85.2
Isanti	23	22	95.7
Itasca	58	51	87.9
Jackson	13	12	92.3
Kanabec	14	12	85.7
Kandiyohi	38	31	81.6
Kittson	4	3	75.0
Koochiching	24	22	91.7
Lac qui Parle	3	3	100.0
Lake	9	6	66.7
Lake of the Woods	6	5	83.3
Le Sueur	13	11	84.6
McLeod	23	18	78.3
Mahnomen	6	6	100.0
Marshall	3	2	66.7

Permanency Measure 1.1: Time to Reunification (continued)

County/Tribe	Children reunified	Children reunified within 12 months	Percent reunified within 12 months
Meeker	5	4	80.0
Mille Lacs	19	18	94.7
Morrison	14	13	92.9
Mower	10	10	100.0
Nicollet	14	14	100.0
Nobles	28	27	96.4
Norman	3	1	33.3
Olmsted	42	36	85.7
Otter Tail	41	32	78.0
Pennington	10	9	90.0
Pine	25	18	72.0
Pipestone	7	6	85.7
Polk	44	36	81.8
Pope	6	5	83.3
Ramsey	439	367	83.6
Red Lake	3	3	100.0
Redwood	28	27	96.4
Renville	8	7	87.5
Rice	20	18	90.0
Rock	5	5	100.0
Roseau	14	14	100.0
St. Louis	198	161	81.3
Scott	26	21	80.8
Sherburne	29	22	75.9
Sibley	17	15	88.2
Stearns	94	81	86.2
Steele	19	18	94.7
Stevens	1	1	100.0
Swift	16	15	93.8
Todd	10	9	90.0
Traverse	2	2	100.0
Wabasha	2	2	100.0
Wadena	9	7	77.8
Waseca	3	3	100.0
Washington	54	39	72.2
Watsonwan	12	12	100.0
Wilkin	12	7	58.3
Winona	56	54	96.4
Wright	81	60	74.1
Yellow Medicine	3	3	100.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	22	21	95.5
Faribault-Martin	55	47	85.5
Leech Lake	33	30	90.9
White Earth	43	41	95.3
Total	3,366	2,819	83.7

Permanency Measure 1.2: Median Months to Reunification

Of all children who were discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month target period, and who had been in foster care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay in months from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? The national standard is 5.4 months or less.

County/Tribe	Children reunified	Median months in care
Aitkin	20	3.2
Anoka	136	5.6
Becker	39	4.9
Beltrami	42	6.1
Benton	37	3.1
Big Stone	7	5.3
Blue Earth	53	4.5
Brown	18	3.7
Carlton	28	5.5
Carver	44	3.4
Cass	36	2.1
Chippewa	11	5.7
Chisago	26	3.3
Clay	35	5.4
Clearwater	7	7.8
Cook	7	1.1
Cottonwood	22	3.4
Crow Wing	57	2.0
Dakota	103	5.4
Dodge	10	4.1
Douglas	18	3.0
Fillmore	4	3.0
Freeborn	10	5.4
Goodhue	11	2.8
Grant	5	1.1
Hennepin	718	5.6
Houston	16	4.1
Hubbard	27	5.6
Isanti	23	3.8
Itasca	58	3.3
Jackson	13	2.9
Kanabec	14	3.0
Kandiyohi	38	2.7
Kittson	4	0.3
Koochiching	24	2.1
Lac qui Parle	3	4.9
Lake	9	10.7
Lake of the Woods	6	2.0
Le Sueur	13	5.9
McLeod	23	2.1
Mahnomen	6	3.0
Marshall	3	3.3

Permanency Measure 1.2: Median Months to Reunification <i>(continued)</i>		
County/Tribe	Children reunified	Median months in care
Meeker	5	3.7
Mille Lacs	19	3.7
Morrison	14	7.4
Mower	10	2.5
Nicollet	14	6.1
Nobles	28	1.5
Norman	3	12.1
Olmsted	42	3.3
Otter Tail	41	3.3
Pennington	10	2.5
Pine	25	5.7
Pipestone	7	3.9
Polk	44	4.2
Pope	6	3.0
Ramsey	439	2.9
Red Lake	3	2.1
Redwood	28	2.4
Renville	8	3.0
Rice	20	4.4
Rock	5	2.0
Roseau	14	1.1
St. Louis	198	4.1
Scott	26	3.6
Sherburne	29	6.2
Sibley	17	2.7
Stearns	94	4.4
Steele	19	5.1
Stevens	1	4.6
Swift	16	2.9
Todd	10	4.4
Traverse	2	3.0
Wabasha	2	4.6
Wadena	9	2.9
Waseca	3	3.8
Washington	54	5.0
Watsonwan	12	5.5
Wilkin	12	7.1
Winona	56	2.2
Wright	81	6.2
Yellow Medicine	3	5.2
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	22	2.9
Faribault-Martin	55	4.6
Leech Lake	33	9.6
White Earth	43	5.6
Total	3,366	4.1

Permanency Measure 1.3: Reunification After First Removal

Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the six-month period just prior to the target 12-month period, and who remained in foster care for eight days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of latest removal from home? The national standard is 48.4 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Entered placement for the first time	Reunified within 12 months	Percent reunified within 12 months
Aitkin	8	3	37.5
Anoka	69	46	66.7
Becker	6	5	83.3
Beltrami	23	17	73.9
Benton	15	8	53.3
Big Stone	5	2	40.0
Blue Earth	29	17	58.6
Brown	19	14	73.7
Carlton	25	10	40.0
Carver	19	14	73.7
Cass	13	12	92.3
Chippewa	5	4	80.0
Chisago	5	5	100.0
Clay	36	28	77.8
Clearwater	6	3	50.0
Cook	3	3	100.0
Cottonwood	4	4	100.0
Crow Wing	35	22	62.9
Dakota	58	37	63.8
Dodge	9	4	44.4
Douglas	12	9	75.0
Fillmore	5	3	60.0
Freeborn	12	9	75.0
Goodhue	13	11	84.6
Grant	1	0	0.0
Hennepin	370	211	57.0
Houston	5	2	40.0
Hubbard	10	9	90.0
Isanti	11	10	90.9
Itasca	18	12	66.7
Jackson	1	0	0.0
Kanabec	5	4	80.0
Kandiyohi	24	19	79.2
Kittson	1	0	0.0
Koochiching	13	12	92.3
Lac qui Parle	3	3	100.0
Lake	0	NA	NA
Lake of the Woods	1	1	100.0
Le Sueur	11	4	36.4
McLeod	15	10	66.7
Mahnomen	5	3	60.0
Marshall	0	0	NA

Permanency Measure 1.3: Reunification After First Removal *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Entered placement for the first time	Reunified within 12 months	Percent reunified within 12 months
Meeker	0	0	NA
Mille Lacs	11	11	100.0
Morrison	15	6	40.0
Mower	11	3	27.3
Nicollet	10	6	60.0
Nobles	13	8	61.5
Norman	1	1	100.0
Olmsted	23	14	60.9
Otter Tail	27	16	59.3
Pennington	3	0	0.0
Pine	15	9	60.0
Pipestone	7	4	57.1
Polk	28	15	53.6
Pope	8	3	37.5
Ramsey	142	98	69.0
Red Lake	3	3	100.0
Redwood	12	4	33.3
Renville	7	3	42.9
Rice	10	9	90.0
Rock	2	2	100.0
Roseau	7	6	85.7
St. Louis	120	67	55.8
Scott	19	16	84.2
Sherburne	16	7	43.8
Sibley	6	5	83.3
Stearns	54	29	53.7
Steele	12	9	75.0
Stevens	2	0	0.0
Swift	2	2	100.0
Todd	7	4	57.1
Traverse	1	1	100.0
Wabasha	6	0	0.0
Wadena	3	2	66.7
Waseca	8	3	37.5
Washington	42	24	57.1
Watonwan	9	9	100.0
Wilkin	3	2	66.7
Winona	19	16	84.2
Wright	38	29	76.3
Yellow Medicine	6	4	66.7
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	23	10	43.5
Faribault-Martin	15	13	86.7
Leech Lake	36	13	36.1
White Earth	48	22	45.8
Total	1,778	1,098	61.8

Permanency Measure 1.4: Placement Re-entry

Of all children who were discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the target 12-month period, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? The national standard is 9.9 percent or lower.

County/Tribe	Reunified in 2008 (prior CY)	Re-entered in less than 12 months	Percent re-entered in less than 12 months
Aitkin	13	3	23.1
Anoka	445	102	22.9
Becker	75	11	14.7
Beltrami	81	20	24.7
Benton	29	14	48.3
Big Stone	5	1	20.0
Blue Earth	93	31	33.3
Brown	26	8	30.8
Carlton	33	7	21.2
Carver	65	19	29.2
Cass	56	12	21.4
Chippewa	4	0	0.0
Chisago	39	8	20.5
Clay	48	12	25.0
Clearwater	6	3	50.0
Cook	4	1	25.0
Cottonwood	22	11	50.0
Crow Wing	68	23	33.8
Dakota	213	36	16.9
Dodge	10	3	30.0
Douglas	26	6	23.1
Fillmore	13	2	15.4
Freeborn	59	12	20.3
Goodhue	42	9	21.4
Grant	1	0	0.0
Hennepin	1,116	207	18.5
Houston	7	1	14.3
Hubbard	23	4	17.4
Isanti	30	3	10.0
Itasca	92	40	43.5
Jackson	17	2	11.8
Kanabec	13	3	23.1
Kandiyohi	53	12	22.6
Kittson	2	0	0.0
Koochiching	41	8	19.5
Lac qui Parle	4	0	0.0
Lake	8	1	12.5
Lake of the Woods	4	1	25.0
Le Sueur	14	6	42.9
McLeod	61	12	19.7
Mahnomen	20	5	25.0
Marshall	3	0	0.0

Permanency Measure 1.4: Placement Re-entry (continued)

County/Tribe	Reunified in 2008 (prior CY)	Re-entered in less than 12 months	Percent re-entered in less than 12 months
Meeker	8	1	12.5
Mille Lacs	26	4	15.4
Morrison	32	8	25.0
Mower	43	8	18.6
Nicollet	19	6	31.6
Nobles	44	14	31.8
Norman	8	2	25.0
Olmsted	46	10	21.7
Otter Tail	53	11	20.8
Pennington	15	2	13.3
Pine	26	7	26.9
Pipestone	6	0	0.0
Polk	57	16	28.1
Pope	7	1	14.3
Ramsey	867	222	25.6
Red Lake	9	0	0.0
Redwood	35	11	31.4
Renville	14	3	21.4
Rice	46	17	37.0
Rock	12	6	50.0
Roseau	11	4	36.4
St. Louis	262	94	35.9
Scott	96	25	26.0
Sherburne	45	2	4.4
Sibley	12	2	16.7
Stearns	125	26	20.8
Steele	28	6	21.4
Stevens	2	0	0.0
Swift	11	3	27.3
Todd	24	3	12.5
Traverse	2	1	50.0
Wabasha	21	7	33.3
Wadena	16	3	18.8
Waseca	15	5	33.3
Washington	119	31	26.1
Watsonwan	16	3	18.8
Wilkin	9	3	33.3
Winona	63	31	49.2
Wright	146	21	14.4
Yellow Medicine	14	0	0.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	32	10	31.3
Faribault-Martin	40	23	57.5
Leech Lake	24	6	25.0
White Earth	15	6	40.0
Total	5,505	1,323	24.0

Permanency Measure 2.1: Adoption in Less than 24 Months

Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the 12-month target period, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? The national standard is 36.6 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children adopted 2009	Adopted less than 24 months from removal from home	Percent adopted less than 24 months from removal from home
Aitkin	4	4	100.0
Anoka	58	36	62.1
Becker	7	4	57.1
Beltrami	4	1	25.0
Benton	3	0	0.0
Big Stone	0	NA	NA
Blue Earth	15	5	33.3
Brown	3	2	66.7
Carlton	2	0	0.0
Carver	1	0	0.0
Cass	2	0	0.0
Chippewa	1	0	0.0
Chisago	4	0	0.0
Clay	10	4	40.0
Clearwater	0	NA	NA
Cook	3	3	100.0
Cottonwood	1	1	100.0
Crow Wing	24	16	66.7
Dakota	15	14	93.3
Dodge	4	4	100.0
Douglas	4	2	50.0
Fillmore	1	0	0.0
Freeborn	5	2	40.0
Goodhue	9	8	88.9
Grant	3	3	100.0
Hennepin	169	73	43.2
Houston	1	1	100.0
Hubbard	1	0	0.0
Isanti	2	2	100.0
Itasca	0	NA	NA
Jackson	1	1	100.0
Kanabec	0	NA	NA
Kandiyohi	6	5	83.3
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	0	NA	NA
Lac qui Parle	0	NA	NA
Lake	6	1	16.7
Lake of the Woods	0	NA	NA
Le Sueur	5	2	40.0
McLeod	8	6	75.0
Mahnomen	0	NA	NA
Marshall	2	1	50.0

Permanency Measure 2.1: Adoption in Less than 24 Months *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Children adopted 2009	Adopted less than 24 months after removal from home	Percent adopted less than 24 months after removal from home
Meeker	2	2	100.0
Mille Lacs	2	1	50.0
Morrison	6	0	0.0
Mower	8	2	25.0
Nicollet	7	7	100.0
Nobles	4	4	100.0
Norman	3	3	100.0
Olmsted	30	17	56.7
Otter Tail	5	2	40.0
Pennington	5	2	40.0
Pine	8	5	62.5
Pipestone	0	NA	NA
Polk	1	0	0.0
Pope	3	0	0.0
Ramsey	89	19	21.3
Red Lake	0	NA	NA
Redwood	1	0	0.0
Renville	0	NA	NA
Rice	9	5	55.6
Rock	0	NA	NA
Roseau	1	0	0.0
St. Louis	21	6	28.6
Scott	8	8	100.0
Sherburne	1	0	0.0
Sibley	0	NA	NA
Stearns	15	0	0.0
Steele	3	3	100.0
Stevens	1	0	0.0
Swift	1	1	100.0
Todd	3	2	66.7
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	0	NA	NA
Wadena	8	5	62.5
Waseca	2	2	100.0
Washington	10	6	60.0
Watsonwan	3	0	0.0
Wilkin	0	NA	NA
Winona	2	0	0.0
Wright	6	2	33.3
Yellow Medicine	3	0	0.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	4	1	25.0
Faribault-Martin	6	5	83.3
Leech Lake	1	0	0.0
White Earth	8	6	75.0
Total	674	317	47.0

Permanency Measure 2.2: Median Months to Adoption

Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the 12-month target period, what was the median length of stay in foster care in months from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? The national standard is 27.3 months or less.

County/Tribe	Children adopted 2009	Median months in care before adoption
Aitkin	4	23.0
Anoka	58	20.7
Becker	7	16.4
Beltrami	4	34.8
Benton	3	27.1
Big Stone	0	NA
Blue Earth	15	35.0
Brown	3	17.2
Carlton	2	53.5
Carver	1	25.6
Cass	2	31.4
Chippewa	1	25.8
Chisago	4	30.8
Clay	10	30.7
Clearwater	0	NA
Cook	3	18.6
Cottonwood	1	16.8
Crow Wing	24	22.4
Dakota	15	17.7
Dodge	4	10.5
Douglas	4	23.9
Fillmore	1	31.6
Freeborn	5	25.9
Goodhue	9	16.1
Grant	3	5.6
Hennepin	169	25.3
Houston	1	21.7
Hubbard	1	27.6
Isanti	2	23.2
Itasca	0	NA
Jackson	1	21.6
Kanabec	0	NA
Kandiyohi	6	17.6
Kittson	0	NA
Koochiching	0	NA
Lac qui Parle	0	NA
Lake	6	32.8
Lake of the Woods	0	NA
Le Sueur	5	24.6
McLeod	8	23.1
Mahnomen	0	NA
Marshall	2	24.3

Permanency Measure 2.2: Median Months to Adoption <i>(continued)</i>		
County/Tribe	Children adopted 2009	Median months in care before adoption
Meeker	2	20.2
Mille Lacs	2	21.9
Morrison	6	36.9
Mower	8	27.9
Nicollet	7	22.3
Nobles	4	16.7
Norman	3	21.8
Olmsted	30	20.3
Otter Tail	5	32.9
Pennington	5	24.7
Pine	8	22.8
Pipestone	0	NA
Polk	1	25.3
Pope	3	35.5
Ramsey	89	33.2
Red Lake	0	NA
Redwood	1	25.3
Renville	0	NA
Rice	9	23.0
Rock	0	NA
Roseau	1	65.1
St. Louis	21	31.6
Scott	8	17.0
Sherburne	1	32.7
Sibley	0	NA
Stearns	15	55.5
Steele	3	10.4
Stevens	1	87.3
Swift	1	13.0
Todd	3	17.4
Traverse	0	NA
Wabasha	0	NA
Wadena	8	19.5
Waseca	2	8.5
Washington	10	22.6
Watonwan	3	52.1
Wilkin	0	NA
Winona	2	26.7
Wright	6	26.2
Yellow Medicine	3	40.1
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	4	29.9
Faribault-Martin	6	17.9
Leech Lake	1	28.2
White Earth	8	15.9
Total	674	24.8

Permanency Measure 2.3: Discharges to Adoption

Of all children in foster care on the first day of the 12-month target period who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the 12-month target period? The national standard is 22.7 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in care 17 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009	Adopted by Dec. 31, 2009	Percent adopted by Dec. 31, 2009
Aitkin	7	4	57.1
Anoka	102	26	25.5
Becker	14	3	21.4
Beltrami	32	4	12.5
Benton	13	2	15.4
Big Stone	1	0	0.0
Blue Earth	22	10	45.5
Brown	9	1	11.1
Carlton	24	2	8.3
Carver	11	0	0.0
Cass	13	2	15.4
Chippewa	3	1	33.3
Chisago	10	4	40.0
Clay	27	6	22.2
Clearwater	2	0	0.0
Cook	1	0	0.0
Cottonwood	4	0	0.0
Crow Wing	37	10	27.0
Dakota	54	3	5.6
Dodge	3	0	0.0
Douglas	10	3	30.0
Fillmore	5	1	20.0
Freeborn	21	3	14.3
Goodhue	12	1	8.3
Grant	2	1	50.0
Hennepin	484	103	21.3
Houston	6	0	0.0
Hubbard	7	0	0.0
Isanti	12	2	16.7
Itasca	12	0	0.0
Jackson	4	0	0.0
Kanabec	4	0	0.0
Kandiyohi	11	3	27.3
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	13	0	0.0
Lac qui Parle	2	0	0.0
Lake	12	6	50.0
Lake of the Woods	1	0	0.0
Le Sueur	5	0	0.0
McLeod	13	6	46.2
Mahnomen	2	0	0.0
Marshall	6	2	33.3

Permanency Measure 2.3: Discharges to Adoption (continued)

County/Tribe	Children in care 17 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009	Adopted by Dec. 31, 2009	Percent adopted by Dec. 31, 2009
Meeker	10	0	0.0
Mille Lacs	9	1	11.1
Morrison	12	4	33.3
Mower	17	3	17.6
Nicollet	7	4	57.1
Nobles	2	0	0.0
Norman	5	2	40.0
Olmsted	30	10	33.3
Otter Tail	13	4	30.8
Pennington	6	2	33.3
Pine	16	3	18.8
Pipestone	1	0	0.0
Polk	9	1	11.1
Pope	4	3	75.0
Ramsey	253	64	25.3
Red Lake	1	0	0.0
Redwood	6	0	0.0
Renville	1	0	0.0
Rice	21	6	28.6
Rock	3	0	0.0
Roseau	3	1	33.3
St. Louis	139	14	10.1
Scott	16	2	12.5
Sherburne	13	1	7.7
Sibley	0	NA	NA
Stearns	53	14	26.4
Steele	3	0	0.0
Stevens	3	1	33.3
Swift	2	0	0.0
Todd	12	1	8.3
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	1	0	0.0
Wadena	5	3	60.0
Waseca	9	0	0.0
Washington	35	5	14.3
Watonwan	8	3	37.5
Wilkin	7	0	0.0
Winona	5	2	40.0
Wright	38	6	15.8
Yellow Medicine	3	3	100.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	16	3	18.8
Faribault-Martin	10	1	10.0
Leech Lake	7	1	14.3
White Earth	4	2	50.0
Total	1,851	379	20.5

Permanency Measure 2.4: Legally Free for Adoption

Of all children in foster care on the first day of the 12-month target period who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percent became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the 12-month target period? The national standard is 10.9 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in care 17 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009	Legally free for adoption by Dec. 31, 2009	Percent legally free for adoption by Dec. 31, 2009
Aitkin	4	0	0.0
Anoka	66	0	0.0
Becker	16	0	0.0
Beltrami	39	0	0.0
Benton	10	0	0.0
Big Stone	2	0	0.0
Blue Earth	9	0	0.0
Brown	8	0	0.0
Carlton	24	0	0.0
Carver	12	0	0.0
Cass	9	1	11.1
Chippewa	2	0	0.0
Chisago	6	0	0.0
Clay	22	0	0.0
Clearwater	0	NA	NA
Cook	1	0	0.0
Cottonwood	3	0	0.0
Crow Wing	21	0	0.0
Dakota	38	0	0.0
Dodge	3	0	0.0
Douglas	10	2	20.0
Fillmore	4	0	0.0
Freeborn	20	1	5.0
Goodhue	9	2	22.2
Grant	2	0	0.0
Hennepin	320	12	3.8
Houston	5	0	0.0
Hubbard	7	0	0.0
Isanti	10	0	0.0
Itasca	12	0	0.0
Jackson	5	0	0.0
Kanabec	2	0	0.0
Kandiyohi	10	0	0.0
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	13	0	0.0
Lac qui Parle	3	0	0.0
Lake	7	0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	0	NA	NA
Le Sueur	5	0	0.0
McLeod	4	0	0.0
Mahnomen	1	0	0.0
Marshall	3	0	0.0

Permanency Measure 2.4: Legally Free for Adoption (continued)			
County/Tribe	Children in care 17 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009	Legally free for adoption by Dec. 31, 2009	Percent legally free for adoption by Dec. 31, 2009
Meeker	8	0	0.0
Mille Lacs	9	0	0.0
Morrison	4	0	0.0
Mower	11	0	0.0
Nicollet	3	0	0.0
Nobles	2	0	0.0
Norman	3	0	0.0
Olmsted	13	0	0.0
Otter Tail	12	0	0.0
Pennington	3	0	0.0
Pine	19	0	0.0
Pipestone	1	0	0.0
Polk	9	0	0.0
Pope	3	0	0.0
Ramsey	166	3	1.8
Red Lake	1	0	0.0
Redwood	2	0	0.0
Renville	2	0	0.0
Rice	14	0	0.0
Rock	5	0	0.0
Roseau	2	0	0.0
St. Louis	132	0	0.0
Scott	5	0	0.0
Sherburne	16	0	0.0
Sibley	1	0	0.0
Stearns	20	0	0.0
Steele	3	0	0.0
Stevens	2	0	0.0
Swift	2	0	0.0
Todd	10	0	0.0
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	0	NA	NA
Wadena	4	1	25.0
Waseca	6	0	0.0
Washington	26	0	0.0
Watonwan	3	0	0.0
Wilkin	6	0	0.0
Winona	3	0	0.0
Wright	34	1	2.9
Yellow Medicine	0	NA	NA
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	13	0	0.0
Faribault-Martin	13	0	0.0
Leech Lake	7	0	0.0
White Earth	4	0	0.0
Total	1,349	23	1.7

Permanency Measure 2.5: Time to Adoption Once Legally Free

Of all children who became legally free for adoption during the 12 months prior to the target 12-month period, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? The national standard is 53.7 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Became legally free for adoption in 2008 (prior CY)	Adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free	Percent adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free
Aitkin	7	4	57.1
Anoka	30	19	63.3
Becker	6	2	33.3
Beltrami	3	0	0.0
Benton	4	1	25.0
Big Stone	0	NA	NA
Blue Earth	12	3	25.0
Brown	4	1	25.0
Carlton	0	NA	NA
Carver	1	0	0.0
Cass	2	0	0.0
Chippewa	1	1	100.0
Chisago	2	1	50.0
Clay	6	3	50.0
Clearwater	0	NA	NA
Cook	3	3	100.0
Cottonwood	0	NA	NA
Crow Wing	20	12	60.0
Dakota	7	5	71.4
Dodge	2	0	0.0
Douglas	2	1	50.0
Fillmore	1	0	0.0
Freeborn	4	0	0.0
Goodhue	11	8	72.7
Grant	3	2	66.7
Hennepin	148	45	30.4
Houston	4	1	25.0
Hubbard	1	0	0.0
Isanti	1	0	0.0
Itasca	0	NA	NA
Jackson	1	0	0.0
Kanabec	0	NA	NA
Kandiyohi	4	4	100.0
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	0	NA	NA
Lac qui Parle	0	NA	NA
Lake	4	1	25.0
Lake of the Woods	0	NA	NA
Le Sueur	3	0	0.0
McLeod	4	1	25.0
Mahnomen	0	NA	NA
Marshall	0	NA	NA

Permanency Measure 2.5: Time to Adoption Once Legally Free *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Became legally free for adoption in 2008 (prior CY)	Adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free	Percent adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free
Meeker	2	1	50.0
Mille Lacs	1	1	100.0
Morrison	8	0	0.0
Mower	7	1	14.3
Nicollet	6	3	50.0
Nobles	2	2	100.0
Norman	3	3	100.0
Olmsted	25	14	56.0
Otter Tail	4	4	100.0
Pennington	5	1	20.0
Pine	2	2	100.0
Pipestone	0	NA	NA
Polk	1	1	100.0
Pope	0	NA	NA
Ramsey	73	7	9.6
Red Lake	0	NA	NA
Redwood	3	0	0.0
Renville	1	0	0.0
Rice	9	7	77.8
Rock	0	NA	NA
Roseau	0	NA	NA
St. Louis	14	4	28.6
Scott	6	5	83.3
Sherburne	3	0	0.0
Sibley	0	NA	NA
Stearns	11	1	9.1
Steele	1	1	100.0
Stevens	0	NA	NA
Swift	2	1	50.0
Todd	1	1	100.0
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	0	NA	NA
Wadena	7	2	28.6
Waseca	4	2	50.0
Washington	8	2	25.0
Watsonwan	1	1	100.0
Wilkin	0	NA	NA
Winona	2	0	0.0
Wright	3	3	100.0
Yellow Medicine	0	NA	NA
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	2	0	0.0
Faribault-Martin	1	1	100.0
Leech Lake	0	NA	NA
White Earth	4	2	50.0
Total	523	191	36.5

Permanency Measure 3.1: Permanency for Children in Care 24 or More Months

Of all children who were in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the 12-month target period, what percent were discharged to a permanent home by the last day of the 12-month period and prior to their 18th birthday? The national standard is 29.1 or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in care 24 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009	Permanency achieved by Dec. 31, 2009	Percent permanency achieved by Dec. 31, 2009
Aitkin	2	0	0.0
Anoka	84	18	21.4
Becker	13	4	30.8
Beltrami	29	10	34.5
Benton	8	0	0.0
Big Stone	1	0	0.0
Blue Earth	15	10	66.7
Brown	8	1	12.5
Carlton	21	3	14.3
Carver	10	0	0.0
Cass	9	0	0.0
Chippewa	2	0	0.0
Chisago	9	4	44.4
Clay	21	7	33.3
Clearwater	2	0	0.0
Cook	0	NA	NA
Cottonwood	4	0	0.0
Crow Wing	27	5	18.5
Dakota	45	2	4.4
Dodge	4	1	25.0
Douglas	8	2	25.0
Fillmore	4	1	25.0
Freeborn	18	1	5.6
Goodhue	12	1	8.3
Grant	1	0	0.0
Hennepin	422	76	18.0
Houston	5	0	0.0
Hubbard	8	0	0.0
Isanti	12	0	0.0
Itasca	11	0	0.0
Jackson	5	1	20.0
Kanabec	4	0	0.0
Kandiyohi	10	1	10.0
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	10	0	0.0
Lac qui Parle	3	0	0.0
Lake	10	5	50.0
Lake of the Woods	1	0	0.0
Le Sueur	5	0	0.0
McLeod	10	3	30.0
Mahnomen	2	0	0.0
Marshall	4	1	25.0

Permanency Measure 3.1: Permanency for Children in Care 24 or More Months
(continued)

County/Tribe	Children in care 24 months or longer on Jan. 1, 2009	Permanency achieved by Dec. 31, 2009	Percent permanency achieved by Dec. 31, 2009
Meeker	8	0	0.0
Mille Lacs	8	0	0.0
Morrison	13	4	30.8
Mower	13	2	15.4
Nicollet	3	0	0.0
Nobles	2	0	0.0
Norman	1	0	0.0
Olmsted	26	9	34.6
Otter Tail	10	4	40.0
Pennington	4	1	25.0
Pine	23	9	39.1
Pipestone	1	0	0.0
Polk	11	0	0.0
Pope	5	3	60.0
Ramsey	236	60	25.4
Red Lake	1	0	0.0
Redwood	6	0	0.0
Renville	2	0	0.0
Rice	16	2	12.5
Rock	2	0	0.0
Roseau	2	1	50.0
St. Louis	132	20	15.2
Scott	11	0	0.0
Sherburne	8	0	0.0
Sibley	1	1	100.0
Stearns	42	14	33.3
Steele	2	0	0.0
Stevens	2	1	50.0
Swift	2	0	0.0
Todd	11	2	18.2
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	1	0	0.0
Wadena	7	3	42.9
Waseca	7	0	0.0
Washington	30	5	16.7
Watonwan	8	3	37.5
Wilkin	5	0	0.0
Winona	3	0	0.0
Wright	30	7	23.3
Yellow Medicine	3	3	100.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	14	4	28.6
Faribault-Martin	9	2	22.2
Leech Lake	4	1	25.0
White Earth	0	NA	NA
Total	1,604	318	19.8

Permanency Measure 3.2: Permanency for Children Legally Free for Adoption

Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the 12-month target period, and who were legally free for adoption (i.e., there is a parental rights termination date for both parents) at the time of discharge, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? The national standard is 98.0 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children legally free for adoption and discharged from care	Discharged to a permanent home before 18 th birthday	Percent discharged to a permanent home before 18 th birthday
Aitkin	3	2	66.7
Anoka	44	40	90.9
Becker	6	6	100.0
Beltrami	3	3	100.0
Benton	3	3	100.0
Big Stone	0	NA	NA
Blue Earth	15	15	100.0
Brown	3	3	100.0
Carlton	3	2	66.7
Carver	1	1	100.0
Cass	4	3	75.0
Chippewa	1	1	100.0
Chisago	4	4	100.0
Clay	9	9	100.0
Clearwater	0	NA	NA
Cook	3	3	100.0
Cottonwood	1	1	100.0
Crow Wing	14	11	78.6
Dakota	16	15	93.8
Dodge	2	2	100.0
Douglas	2	2	100.0
Fillmore	1	1	100.0
Freeborn	5	5	100.0
Goodhue	9	9	100.0
Grant	3	3	100.0
Hennepin	160	140	87.5
Houston	2	1	50.0
Hubbard	1	1	100.0
Isanti	3	2	66.7
Itasca	1	0	0.0
Jackson	1	1	100.0
Kanabec	1	0	0.0
Kandiyohi	8	7	87.5
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	0	NA	NA
Lac qui Parle	0	NA	NA
Lake	6	6	100.0
Lake of the Woods	0	NA	NA
Le Sueur	4	4	100.0
McLeod	7	7	100.0
Mahnomen	1	0	0.0
Marshall	2	2	100.0

Permanency Measure 3.2: Permanency for Children Legally Free for Adoption
(continued)

County/Tribe	Children legally free for adoption and discharged from care	Discharged to a permanent home before 18 th birthday	Percent discharged to a permanent home before 18 th birthday
Meeker	2	2	100.0
Mille Lacs	1	1	100.0
Morrison	9	7	77.8
Mower	9	8	88.9
Nicollet	7	7	100.0
Nobles	4	4	100.0
Norman	3	3	100.0
Olmsted	32	30	93.8
Otter Tail	5	4	80.0
Pennington	5	5	100.0
Pine	6	5	83.3
Pipestone	0	NA	NA
Polk	1	1	100.0
Pope	3	3	100.0
Ramsey	67	63	94.0
Red Lake	2	2	100.0
Redwood	1	1	100.0
Renville	0	NA	NA
Rice	9	9	100.0
Rock	0	NA	NA
Roseau	1	1	100.0
St. Louis	12	12	100.0
Scott	4	3	75.0
Sherburne	1	1	100.0
Sibley	0	NA	NA
Stearns	16	15	93.8
Steele	3	3	100.0
Stevens	1	1	100.0
Swift	0	NA	NA
Todd	2	2	100.0
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	0	NA	NA
Wadena	8	8	100.0
Waseca	2	2	100.0
Washington	10	10	100.0
Watonwan	3	3	100.0
Wilkin	0	NA	NA
Winona	2	2	100.0
Wright	4	4	100.0
Yellow Medicine	3	3	100.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	4	4	100.0
Faribault-Martin	6	6	100.0
Leech Lake	0	NA	NA
White Earth	0	NA	NA
Total	600	550	91.7

Permanency Measure 3.3: Aging Out of Long-term Care

Of all children who either (1) were, prior to age 18, discharged from foster care during the 12-month target period with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care but had not yet been discharged from foster care, what percent were in foster care for three years or longer? The national standard is 37.5 percent or lower.

County/Tribe	Children emancipated or turned 18	In care for three years or longer	Percent in care for three years or longer
Aitkin	6	0	0.0
Anoka	25	11	44.0
Becker	8	3	37.5
Beltrami	14	1	7.1
Benton	8	1	12.5
Big Stone	0	NA	NA
Blue Earth	11	3	27.3
Brown	4	3	75.0
Carlton	16	5	31.3
Carver	14	6	42.9
Cass	9	5	55.6
Chippewa	1	0	0.0
Chisago	7	3	42.9
Clay	17	6	35.3
Clearwater	3	1	33.3
Cook	1	0	0.0
Cottonwood	5	2	40.0
Crow Wing	15	8	53.3
Dakota	31	15	48.4
Dodge	3	1	33.3
Douglas	7	1	14.3
Fillmore	3	1	33.3
Freeborn	11	5	45.5
Goodhue	4	2	50.0
Grant	2	0	0.0
Hennepin	217	107	49.3
Houston	5	3	60.0
Hubbard	4	1	25.0
Isanti	7	5	71.4
Itasca	18	9	50.0
Jackson	3	0	0.0
Kanabec	6	1	16.7
Kandiyohi	9	7	77.8
Kittson	1	0	0.0
Koochiching	8	5	62.5
Lac qui Parle	2	1	50.0
Lake	3	3	100.0
Lake of the Woods	1	0	0.0
Le Sueur	5	4	80.0
McLeod	6	3	50.0
Mahnomen	3	1	33.3
Marshall	3	2	66.7

Permanency Measure 3.3: Aging Out of Long-term Care *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Children emancipated or turned 18	In care for three years or longer	Percent in care for three years or longer
Meeker	4	2	50.0
Mille Lacs	5	3	60.0
Morrison	8	5	62.5
Mower	9	6	66.7
Nicollet	3	2	66.7
Nobles	8	0	0.0
Norman	2	0	0.0
Olmsted	15	6	40.0
Otter Tail	10	4	40.0
Pennington	5	0	0.0
Pine	7	4	57.1
Pipestone	1	1	100.0
Polk	9	2	22.2
Pope	4	1	25.0
Ramsey	112	60	53.6
Red Lake	0	NA	NA
Redwood	9	0	0.0
Renville	4	2	50.0
Rice	9	6	66.7
Rock	3	2	66.7
Roseau	4	1	25.0
St. Louis	36	22	61.1
Scott	7	3	42.9
Sherburne	11	0	0.0
Sibley	0	NA	NA
Stearns	21	4	19.0
Steele	2	1	50.0
Stevens	2	0	0.0
Swift	3	1	33.3
Todd	7	2	28.6
Traverse	1	0	0.0
Wabasha	0	NA	NA
Wadena	5	1	20.0
Waseca	4	1	25.0
Washington	20	8	40.0
Watonwan	1	0	0.0
Wilkin	5	1	20.0
Winona	8	2	25.0
Wright	21	7	33.3
Yellow Medicine	1	0	0.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	9	4	44.4
Faribault-Martin	12	4	33.3
Leech Lake	2	0	0.0
White Earth	4	1	25.0
Total	939	404	43.0

Permanency Measure 4.1: Placement Stability for Children in Care Less than 12 Months

Of all children who were served in foster care during the 12-month target period, and who were in foster care for at least eight days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings? The national standard is 86.0 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in care less than 12 months	Children with two or fewer placement settings	Percent with two or fewer placement settings
Aitkin	30	22	73.3
Anoka	247	217	87.9
Becker	73	62	84.9
Beltrami	122	110	90.2
Benton	52	48	92.3
Big Stone	18	14	77.8
Blue Earth	99	86	86.9
Brown	25	20	80.0
Carlton	67	58	86.6
Carver	58	49	84.5
Cass	55	52	94.5
Chippewa	12	12	100.0
Chisago	29	22	75.9
Clay	55	41	74.5
Clearwater	11	11	100.0
Cook	9	9	100.0
Cottonwood	30	27	90.0
Crow Wing	124	107	86.3
Dakota	209	187	89.5
Dodge	22	17	77.3
Douglas	52	49	94.2
Fillmore	10	9	90.0
Freeborn	19	18	94.7
Goodhue	25	21	84.0
Grant	9	8	88.9
Hennepin	1,125	894	79.5
Houston	25	23	92.0
Hubbard	31	30	96.8
Isanti	46	45	97.8
Itasca	82	73	89.0
Jackson	19	17	89.5
Kanabec	15	14	93.3
Kandiyohi	72	68	94.4
Kittson	4	4	100.0
Koochiching	29	24	82.8
Lac qui Parle	12	11	91.7
Lake	15	14	93.3
Lake of the Woods	7	7	100.0
Le Sueur	25	24	96.0
McLeod	41	39	95.1
Mahnomen	15	12	80.0
Marshall	6	6	100.0

Permanency Measure 4.1: Placement Stability for Children in Care Less than 12 Months (continued)

County/Tribe	Children in care less than 12 months	Children with two or fewer placement settings	Percent with two or fewer placement settings
Meeker	11	11	100.0
Mille Lacs	33	31	93.9
Morrison	36	31	86.1
Mower	20	19	95.0
Nicollet	27	25	92.6
Nobles	42	39	92.9
Norman	3	2	66.7
Olmsted	81	75	92.6
Otter Tail	60	56	93.3
Pennington	24	24	100.0
Pine	39	33	84.6
Pipestone	9	8	88.9
Polk	59	50	84.7
Pope	16	13	81.3
Ramsey	598	522	87.3
Red Lake	8	8	100.0
Redwood	45	40	88.9
Renville	17	15	88.2
Rice	50	43	86.0
Rock	9	8	88.9
Roseau	20	17	85.0
St. Louis	425	339	79.8
Scott	37	32	86.5
Sherburne	55	42	76.4
Sibley	32	28	87.5
Stearns	121	107	88.4
Steele	33	29	87.9
Stevens	6	5	83.3
Swift	19	16	84.2
Todd	27	27	100.0
Traverse	2	2	100.0
Wabasha	12	7	58.3
Wadena	17	17	100.0
Waseca	15	15	100.0
Washington	85	70	82.4
Watonwan	21	18	85.7
Wilkin	8	7	87.5
Winona	67	55	82.1
Wright	98	84	85.7
Yellow Medicine	4	4	100.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	50	43	86.0
Faribault-Martin	101	93	92.1
Leech Lake	101	92	91.1
White Earth	139	133	95.7
Total	5,713	4,916	86.0

Permanency Measure 4.2: Placement Stability for Children in Care More than 12 and Less than 24 Months

Of all children who were served in foster care during the 12-month target period, and who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings? The national standard is 65.4 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in care between 12 and 24 months	Children with two or fewer placement settings	Percent with two or fewer placement settings
Aitkin	23	15	65.2
Anoka	111	66	59.5
Becker	21	11	52.4
Beltrami	35	23	65.7
Benton	11	8	72.7
Big Stone	3	2	66.7
Blue Earth	19	8	42.1
Brown	11	4	36.4
Carlton	23	11	47.8
Carver	22	8	36.4
Cass	10	5	50.0
Chippewa	1	1	100.0
Chisago	3	2	66.7
Clay	33	18	54.5
Clearwater	1	0	0.0
Cook	4	4	100.0
Cottonwood	5	2	40.0
Crow Wing	52	32	61.5
Dakota	43	30	69.8
Dodge	9	6	66.7
Douglas	12	9	75.0
Fillmore	4	4	100.0
Freeborn	12	6	50.0
Goodhue	19	10	52.6
Grant	4	4	100.0
Hennepin	450	239	53.1
Houston	12	6	50.0
Hubbard	8	6	75.0
Isanti	10	6	60.0
Itasca	30	17	56.7
Jackson	9	3	33.3
Kanabec	5	2	40.0
Kandiyohi	22	15	68.2
Kittson	2	1	50.0
Koochiching	9	7	77.8
Lac qui Parle	1	0	0.0
Lake	5	3	60.0
Lake of the Woods	1	1	100.0
Le Sueur	11	7	63.6
McLeod	12	9	75.0
Mahnomen	2	1	50.0
Marshall	1	0	0.0

Permanency Measure 4.2: Placement Stability for Children in Care More than 12 and Less than 24 Months *(continued)*

County/Tribe	Children in care between 12 and 24 months	Children with two or fewer placement settings	Percent with two or fewer placement settings
Meeker	13	6	46.2
Mille Lacs	5	4	80.0
Morrison	18	13	72.2
Mower	13	7	53.8
Nicollet	14	8	57.1
Nobles	18	12	66.7
Norman	6	4	66.7
Olmsted	37	30	81.1
Otter Tail	16	10	62.5
Pennington	14	11	78.6
Pine	17	7	41.2
Pipestone	5	3	60.0
Polk	22	11	50.0
Pope	3	2	66.7
Ramsey	192	103	53.6
Red Lake	0	NA	NA
Redwood	5	1	20.0
Renville	8	6	75.0
Rice	11	2	18.2
Rock	2	2	100.0
Roseau	1	1	100.0
St. Louis	142	81	57.0
Scott	27	22	81.5
Sherburne	22	16	72.7
Sibley	2	1	50.0
Stearns	41	26	63.4
Steele	6	4	66.7
Stevens	3	2	66.7
Swift	5	1	20.0
Todd	5	2	40.0
Traverse	1	0	0.0
Wabasha	7	3	42.9
Wadena	7	6	85.7
Waseca	4	4	100.0
Washington	40	22	55.0
Watonwan	3	1	33.3
Wilkin	11	8	72.7
Winona	10	6	60.0
Wright	48	21	43.8
Yellow Medicine	0	NA	NA
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	16	5	31.3
Faribault-Martin	14	10	71.4
Leech Lake	57	40	70.2
White Earth	48	34	70.8
Total	2,020	1,170	57.9

Permanency Measure 4.3: Placement Stability for Children in Care 24 Months or Longer

Of all children who were served in foster care during the 12-month target period, and who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings? The national standard is 41.8 percent or higher.

County/Tribe	Children in care 24 months or longer	Children with two or fewer placement settings	Percent with two or fewer placement settings
Aitkin	4	1	25.0
Anoka	131	44	33.6
Becker	23	11	47.8
Beltrami	48	20	41.7
Benton	16	4	25.0
Big Stone	2	0	0.0
Blue Earth	32	20	62.5
Brown	10	2	20.0
Carlton	32	10	31.3
Carver	16	7	43.8
Cass	17	3	17.6
Chippewa	3	2	66.7
Chisago	11	1	9.1
Clay	32	15	46.9
Clearwater	2	1	50.0
Cook	1	0	0.0
Cottonwood	4	1	25.0
Crow Wing	40	9	22.5
Dakota	62	32	51.6
Dodge	4	2	50.0
Douglas	13	7	53.8
Fillmore	6	4	66.7
Freeborn	24	6	25.0
Goodhue	16	7	43.8
Grant	2	2	100.0
Hennepin	594	90	15.2
Houston	13	6	46.2
Hubbard	9	2	22.2
Isanti	13	4	30.8
Itasca	14	5	35.7
Jackson	6	1	16.7
Kanabec	5	0	0.0
Kandiyohi	13	2	15.4
Kittson	0	NA	NA
Koochiching	15	5	33.3
Lac qui Parle	3	2	66.7
Lake	11	3	27.3
Lake of the Woods	1	0	0.0
Le Sueur	9	3	33.3
McLeod	11	1	9.1
Mahnomen	4	2	50.0
Marshall	7	0	0.0

Permanency Measure 4.3: Placement Stability for Children in Care 24 Months or Longer (continued)

County/Tribe	Children in care 24 months or longer	Children with two or fewer placement settings	Percent with two or fewer placement settings
Meeker	10	4	40.0
Mille Lacs	11	5	45.5
Morrison	18	7	38.9
Mower	21	9	42.9
Nicollet	3	0	0.0
Nobles	6	0	0.0
Norman	4	1	25.0
Olmsted	42	22	52.4
Otter Tail	20	14	70.0
Pennington	10	4	40.0
Pine	25	7	28.0
Pipestone	1	0	0.0
Polk	15	4	26.7
Pope	6	3	50.0
Ramsey	340	91	26.8
Red Lake	0	NA	NA
Redwood	10	2	20.0
Renville	4	1	25.0
Rice	19	4	21.1
Rock	4	1	25.0
Roseau	3	1	33.3
St. Louis	175	50	28.6
Scott	14	6	42.9
Sherburne	18	9	50.0
Sibley	3	3	100.0
Stearns	69	20	29.0
Steele	4	1	25.0
Stevens	2	2	100.0
Swift	2	0	0.0
Todd	17	6	35.3
Traverse	0	NA	NA
Wabasha	1	0	0.0
Wadena	11	4	36.4
Waseca	8	3	37.5
Washington	40	16	40.0
Watonwan	9	7	77.8
Wilkin	8	3	37.5
Winona	7	4	57.1
Wright	46	20	43.5
Yellow Medicine	3	0	0.0
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	21	3	14.3
Faribault-Martin	14	6	42.9
Leech Lake	7	2	28.6
White Earth	6	5	83.3
Total	2,336	687	29.4



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