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Out-of-home care and permanency report summary, 2021

Purpose

This annual report provides information on children placed in out-of-home care in Minnesota, highlighting work across the state to ensure and promote safety, permanency, and well-being of children who experience out-of-home care. For this report, the terms out-of-home care, out-of-home placement, foster care, and in care are used interchangeably to refer to any instance in which children are removed from their home of origin and placed in care of the responsible social service agency. For information about performance on all state and federal performance measures, see the [Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard](#). Below is a summary and analysis of the data contained in the 2021 out-of-home care and permanency report. Following the summary is the full report with data shown statewide, and, often, by agency. Minnesota is a state-supervised, local agency-administered child welfare system. The data contained in the report includes demographic information on children in out-of-home care, information on children who entered out-of-home care, information on the experience children have while in care, and information about children who exited out-of-home care during the year.

Minnesota Department of Human Services produces an annual report on child welfare statistics to document and understand Minnesota's child welfare trends. Historically, the department included American Indian children in these reports using county data from the Social Service Information System (SSIS), Minnesota's child welfare data system. When White Earth Nation and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe assumed sovereignty over their child welfare system as Initiative Tribes, the department began including their data in annual reports. In 2021, Red Lake Nation officially began as an Initiative Tribe and requested data sovereignty therefore their data is available in an independent report developed by Red Lake Nation, see [Red Lake Tribal Nation Report to the Legislator on Tribal Child Welfare](#). The following four paragraphs were prepared by Red Lake Nation to provide additional context related to the decision to submit an independent annual report:

“Red Lake Tribal Nation believes it is important to document the effectiveness of its American Indian Child Welfare Initiative contract, Ombimindwaa Gidanawemaaganidog, to understand what is happening to our tribal citizens who are served. This is best done by looking at data and understanding decolonization of past practices through a new practice model based on indigenous values. The practice of annual review will continue to aid program development-based changes and outcomes when using a model that is culturally centered. This report will help us continue to identify strengths and gaps in practice so we may effectively target interventions to restore our communities to wellbeing and health. Finally, this and future reports will provide documentation and accountability to our leaders, staff, community, and funders including Minnesota Legislature and Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).

Red Lake Nation assumes responsibility over their nation's children. As part of the agreement, they retained sovereignty over data about their tribal children and families, including limiting what data are entered in SSIS, and how the data is reported. (Section 2.10-2.13). In 2023, prior to publication of their annual report, DHS consulted Red Lake Nation about how to present their data. It was mutually agreed that DHS would retract Red Lake Nation's data from their report. Instead, Red Lake Nation would develop and publish a separate child welfare report to the Minnesota Legislature. The goals of this report are to provide additional context to Red Lake Nation's data; to inform readers of the complexities of tribal child welfare practice, which differs greatly from county practice; and to document progress toward 100 percent family preservation.

Because Red Lake Nation chose not to report all standard child welfare data elements in SSIS, it is not possible to accurately compare their data to Minnesota's counties. Red Lake Nation's practice model is framed around

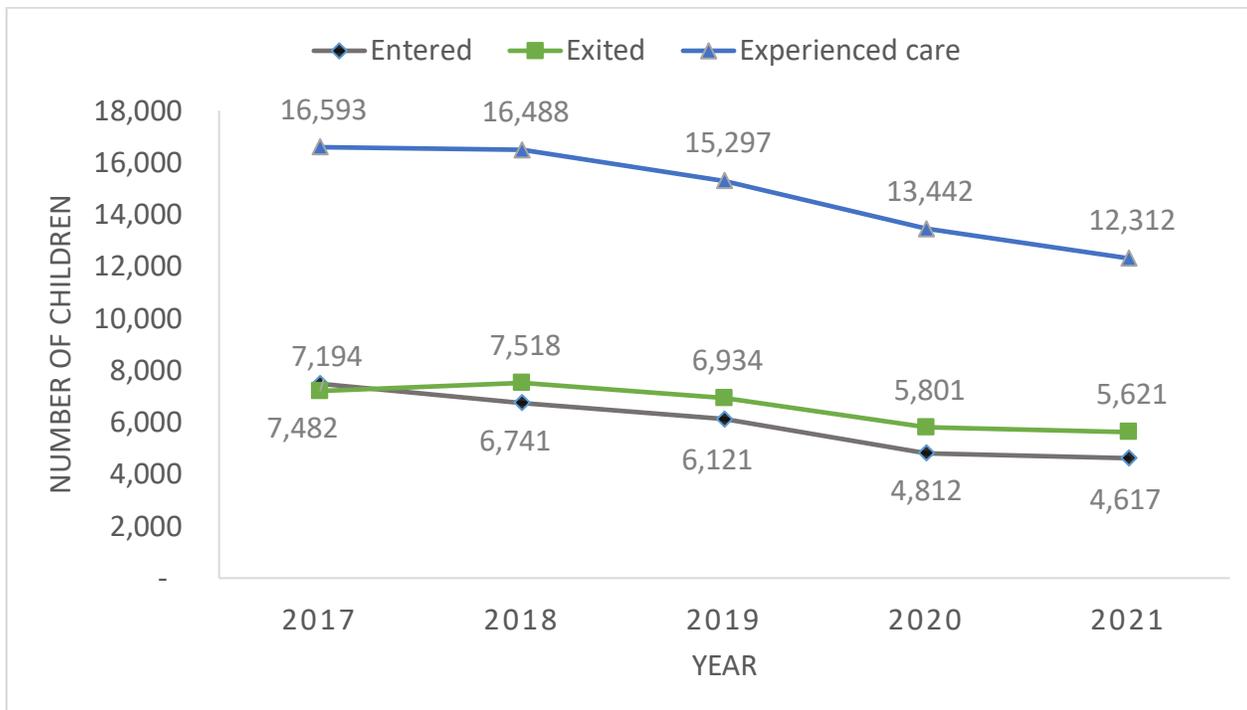
family preservation and intergenerational family wellness. Their work reflects the inherent interconnectedness between the child and their family, extended family, culture, community, and tribal nation.

As Red Lake Nation assumes full jurisdiction of their child welfare system, they are building a new narrative through relationship development and shifting practice to a relative approach (Ombimindwaa Gidanawemaaganidog “Uplifting Our Relatives”). Using a collaborative and inclusive process, they are developing institutional capacity for this work through infrastructure development, data collection, adding and realigning staff, practice model development, and training for staff and relative care providers. Because Red Lake Nation’s child welfare practice is so different than county-based practice, this report must look different to reflect the paradigm shift centered on family preservation, not child removal.”

Findings

Beginning in 2021, Minnesota successfully submitted and received approval from the Children’s Bureau in the federal Administration of Children and Families on a plan to implement the out-of-home care requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) of 2018. The legislation changed the way child welfare services are provided in Minnesota in that it both provides for federal reimbursement for federally approved placement prevention services for children at imminent risk of removal and establishes restrictions on out-of-home placements in congregate care, requirements for residential treatment facilities, and allows for reimbursement for placement costs for children who are cared for with their caregivers while receiving substance use treatment in a facility. For further information, review [Family First Prevention Services Act fact sheet, DHS-3771 \(PDF\)](#). Minnesota plans to implement the prevention services components in 2022.

Figure 1. Five-year trend of children entering, exiting and experiencing care, 2017 - 2021



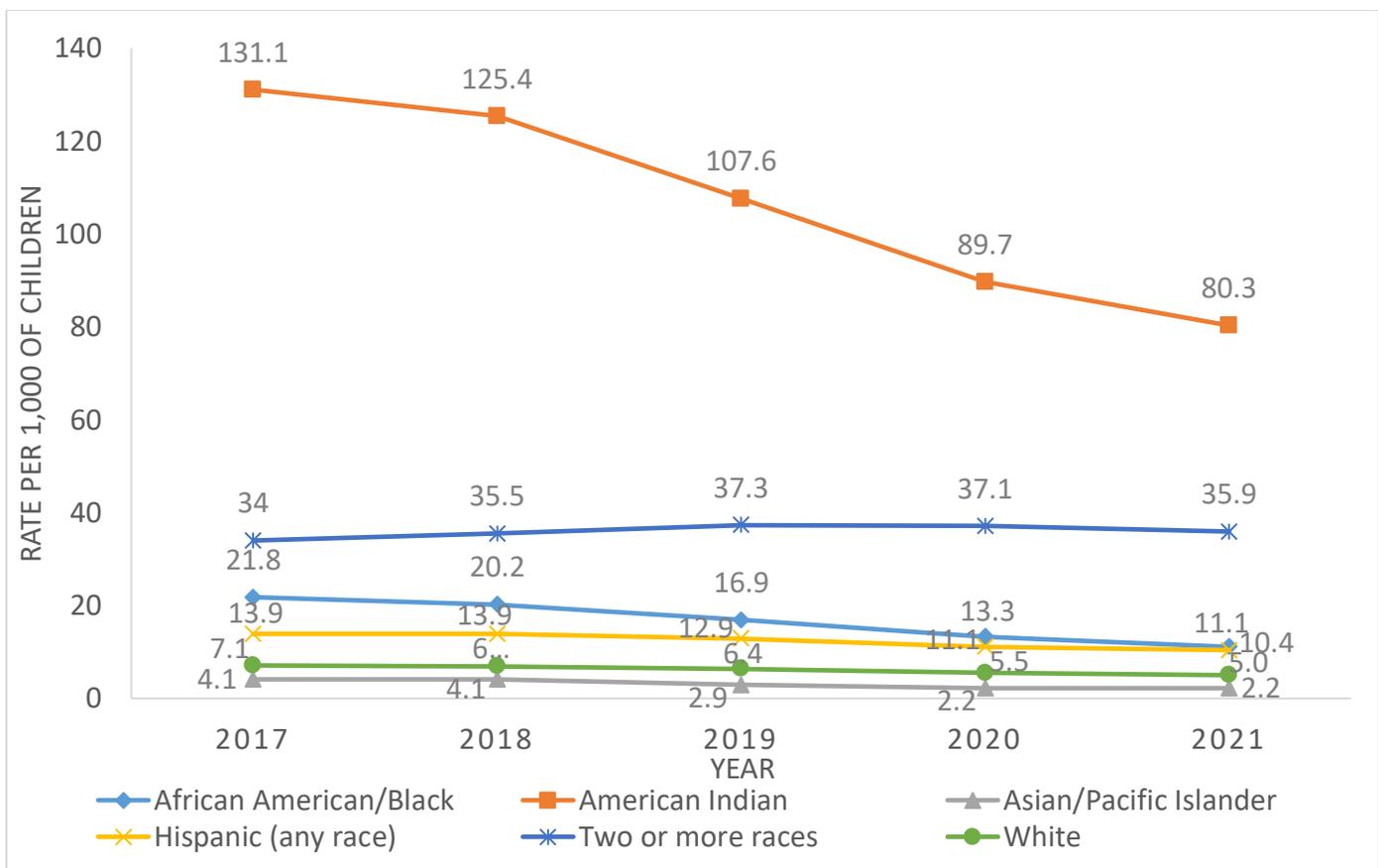
In 2021, for the fifth straight year, Minnesota continued to see a reduction in the number of children who were in out-of-home care, as well as in children both entering and exiting care (see Figure 1). There were 12,312 children in 12,743 placement episodes in 2021; this represents an 8% reduction in the number of children experiencing care. After a

notable reduction in the number of children entering care in 2020, the number of children entering care in 2021 had a much smaller reduction with only 4% fewer children entering care in 2021 compared to 2020.

Despite the overall reductions of children in the foster care system in Minnesota, African American, American Indian, children who identify as two or more races and children who identify as Hispanic of any race continue to be disproportionately represented in out-of-home care relative to white children. In 2021, American Indian children were 16 times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care. African American children and children who identified as Hispanic, of any race, were both two times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care, while children who identify as two or more races were 7 times more likely based on Minnesota population data from the 2020 U.S. census estimates.

Figure 2 shows the five-year trend of the rate of children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity per 1,000 children in the population. As can be seen, over the last five years, there has been a significant reduction in the rate of American Indian children in out-of-home care relative to their population size, and smaller reductions in the rates of African American children, children who identify as Hispanic, any race, and white children. These reductions in the rates of children in care are reflective of an overall reduction of children in out-of-home care, but also demonstrate that little has been effective in reducing the disproportionality between white children and nearly every other racial or ethnic population as the relative reduction in rates are similar across race and ethnicity.

Figure 2. Five-year trend of the rate per 1,000 of children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity, 2017 - 2021



Children with disabilities and children under the age of three years old are disproportionately represented among children in out-of-home care. One out of every three children in care is reported to have a disability; recent estimates indicate that one in six children in the United States between the ages of three and 18 have a disability. [Cogswell et al., 2022] Almost one in four children in foster care in 2021 was a child under three years of age (22.5%). Young children are

especially vulnerable to the stress of foster care given the critical window for brain development that occurs in the first three years of life. Of the children under the age of three who were in foster care in 2021, nearly two out of three entered out-of-home care due to prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol, or caretaker use of drugs or alcohol. The department has implemented several strategies to address this crisis, including partnering with hospital systems to pilot the use of safe care plans which address safety concerns for women who are pregnant and struggling with drug addiction with the intent of preventing removals upon birth of the child. FFPSA also made available the option to place children in out-of-home care with their caregivers while receiving substance use disorder treatment in a facility which has been shown to improve outcomes for both the child and the parent.

Children enter out-of-home care for many reasons; in the last five years, Minnesota has seen a shift from neglect to caretaker drug abuse as the most common primary reason for removal for children across the age span; this remained true in 2021. Nearly one-third of new placements were due to caretaker drug use. As mentioned previously, the majority of placements of young children, under three years old, are related to caregiver drug or alcohol use (60%); the pattern of removals are different for older youth, ages 15 – 17, where the majority of placements are related to child behavioral health concerns that make it unsafe for them to stay with their families (57%). Frequently, these children spend their time in out-of-home care in congregate care settings, receiving behavioral health treatment. Components of the new requirements in FFPSA are intended to ensure both that children only spend time in congregate care settings when absolutely necessary and that the quality of the residential treatment settings meets the highest standards. As mentioned previously, Minnesota began implementation of these new standards in October of 2021.

In 2021, the most common settings experienced by children entering care were family foster homes, with about 82% of children spending time in that type of setting during the year. Family foster homes include relative and non-relative foster and pre-adoptive homes and pre-kinship homes. Around 11% of children spent time in residential treatment centers, while another 8% were in group homes and around 6% spent some time in a juvenile correctional facility. The pattern varies with age. Nearly all (99.6%) of children under the age of 6 are in family foster care settings while just over half (54%) of children 12 and older spent time in family foster care settings.

When a child enters out-of-home care, the social service agency and court overseeing the placement of the child work with the family to ensure the family can reunify whenever possible; however, sometimes, reunification may not be possible. In these cases, adoption is the preferred permanency option. In order for a child to be adopted, the court must first order a termination of parental rights (TPR), which severs the legal parent-child relationship, or accept parents' consent to adoption. The court must also order guardianship of a child to the department's commissioner. In 2021, there were 960 children who went under guardianship of the commissioner compared to 884 in 2020; this represents just over an 8% increase in the number of children entering guardianship from the previous year. These children are in out-of-home care and are, therefore, a subset of the children described throughout the report; the only permanency option for children whose guardian is the commissioner is adoption.

There were 5,578 unique children in 5,722 placement episodes that ended in 2021; there are some children who exited care, re-entered and exited care again within the year which is why there are more placements that ended in the year than children who exited care. Of the placement episodes that ended in 2021, just over half ended in reunification (53.7%). In 2017, just over two-thirds of placements ended with reunification and there's been a steady decline since then. Reunification is the most common permanency outcome among White children at 58.1% and much less common among African American / Black (47.9%), American Indian (46.9%) and Asian/Pacific Islander children (42.2%). Nearly 1 in 5 children, or 1,047 children in total, who exited care in 2021, did so to adoption or customary tribal adoption. A not insignificant number of children/youth who exited care in 2021, aged out of care. Aging out of care means the youth have either turned 18, or if they were in extended foster care, turned 21 without achieving permanency.

Of the 5,722 placement episodes that ended in 2021, 47% lasted less than 12 months, while 15% lasted longer than 36 months. White children are more likely to exit care in less than 12 months and less likely to exit care in longer than 36 months than all other racial and ethnic groups.

The type of permanency option and length of time in care are related to each other; reunifications tend to happen more quickly than adoptions or transfers of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative for instance. Of the placements that ended in 2021 that were less than 12 months, around four out of five were to reunification; of those that were 36 months or more, around one in 10 were to reunification. Adoptions, on the other hand, which require longer because of the various requirements that need to be met prior to terminating parental rights and moving to adoption, almost never occur in less than 12 months. Using a similar comparison, of those placements that ended in less than 12 months, 3.7% were to adoption or customary tribal adoption, while of the placements that ended in 36 months or more, nearly one in two were to adoption or customary tribal adoption (44.5%).

Once children exit care, the goal is for them to achieve a stable, permanent family either through reunification or adoption. The Children's Bureau of the Administration of Children and Families has created a federal performance measure to monitor a state's re-entry for children who have been reunified. The standard states are required to meet is 8.3% or less. While making significant progress over the last five years, Minnesota continues to underperform in this area; in 2021, the state's performance on the federal re-entry measure was 12.8%.

Legislation

This report was prepared by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services Administration, Child Safety and Permanency Division, for the Minnesota Legislature in response to a legislative directive in Minn. Stat., section 257.0725. This report also fulfills reporting requirements under the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act, [Minn. Stat., section 256M.80, subd. 2] and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act. [Minn. Stat., section 260.775]

Minn. Stat., section 257.0725: 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 county agencies, child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, courts, and other groups on how to improve content and utility of the department's annual report. Regarding child maltreatment, the report shall include the number and kinds of maltreatment reports received, and other data that the commissioner determines appropriate in a child maltreatment report.

Minn. Stat., section 256M.80, subd. 2: Statewide evaluation. Six months after the end of the first full calendar year and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall make public county agency progress in improving outcomes of vulnerable children and adults related to safety, permanency and well-being.

Minn. Stat., section 260.775: The commissioner of human services shall publish annually an inventory of all Indian children in residential facilities. The inventory shall include, by county and statewide, information on legal status, living arrangement, age, sex, tribe in which child is a member or eligible for membership, accumulated length of time in foster care, and other demographic information deemed appropriate concerning all Indian children in residential facilities. The report must also state the extent to which authorized child-placing agencies comply with the order of preference described in United States Code, title 25, section 1901, et seq.

Introduction

Placement in out-of-home care is sometimes necessary. Foster care, especially family foster care settings, can mitigate the negative effects of maltreatment and/or neglect, providing children with supports essential for healthy development. [Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2012] It is imperative that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (department) monitor and assess information on children in out-of-home care, ranging from conditions that resulted in removal from their home, to how effective the system is at helping children find safe, permanent homes.

Entering out-of-home care can cause significant trauma for children. Those in out-of-home care tend to have difficulties in school and exhibit emotional and behavioral problems. [Kortenkamp & Ehrle, 2002] Placement in out-of-home care, especially during important developmental periods, can be problematic for children's attachments with primary caregiver/s. Negative impacts on emotional development are associated with multiple moves, and re-entry into foster care. [American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption and Dependent Care, 2000]

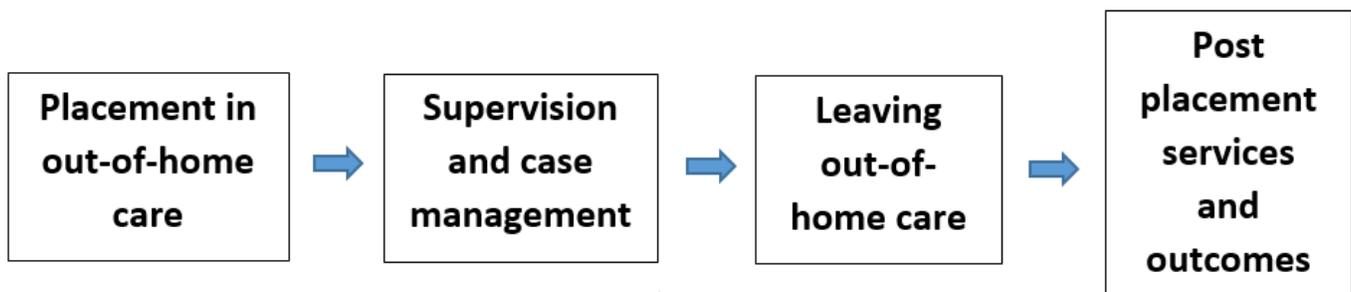
What is out-of-home care?

Minnesota Statutes provide detailed descriptions of what constitutes out-of-home care or foster care. [[Minn. Stat., 260C.007, subd. 18](#)] Out-of-home care or foster care is any 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom a responsible social services agency has placement and care responsibility. Foster care includes, but is not limited to, placement in foster family homes (relative and non-relative), group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child care institutions, and pre-adoptive homes. Children enter out-of-home care for a variety of reasons: Child protection, specialized treatment for mental health concerns or developmental disabilities, and juvenile corrections.

Minnesota's out-of-home care system

Minnesota is a state supervised, locally administered child welfare system. Local social service agencies (87 counties and three Indian tribes in the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative) are responsible for care and protection of children in out-of-home placement. The department's Child Safety and Permanency Division provides oversight, guidance, training, technical assistance, and quality assurance monitoring of local agencies. This report provides information on children affected, and information regarding the safety, permanency and well-being of children who experienced out-of-home care. Another annual report provides information on children who may have been maltreated, Minnesota's Child Maltreatment Report, 2021. For information about performance on all state and federal child welfare performance measures, see the [Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard](#).

Pathway from out-of-home care to permanency



Placement in out-of-home care

Children are placed in out-of-home care for a variety of reasons: Juvenile delinquency, developmental disabilities, access to mental health or other specialized treatment, or because of child protection involvement. Three ways children are placed in care [see [Minn. Stats., chapters 260C](#) and [260D](#)] include:

- Voluntary placement agreement
- Court order of placement (involuntary), or
- A 72-hour hold by law enforcement (involuntary).

Voluntary placements occur when parents or custodians of a child agree to allow the local social service agency to take temporary responsibility for care of their child. Court-ordered placements occur because families are unable or unwilling to meet safety or specialized needs of children in their home. A 72-hour hold occurs when children are found in surroundings or conditions that endanger their health or welfare; law enforcement has authority to remove children from their home and place them in foster care. For children to remain in care longer than 72 hours, social service agencies must have court-approved placement, or caregiver/s must sign a voluntary placement agreement.

When children enter out-of-home care, one of three types of agencies assumes, or is delegated by the appropriate country or tribal court, responsibility for supervision of out-of-home placement episodes: County or tribal social services, or corrections.

Children and placements

This report distinguishes between children in out-of-home care and placement episodes (placements) of children in out-of-home care because a child could experience multiple episodes of out-of-home care in a year (see Table 1). Unique counts of children are used when describing demographic characteristics of children and unique counts of placement episodes are used when describing characteristics that may vary across children's multiple placements, like the reason for removal, length of placement episode or permanency outcome.

Table 1. Children and placement episodes by agency, 2021

Agency	Number of children	Number of placement episodes
Aitkin	45	45
Anoka	422	432
Becker	178	181
Beltrami	287	295
Benton	86	88
Big Stone	16	17
Blue Earth	147	162
Brown	64	69
Carlton	105	107
Carver	145	150

Agency	Number of children	Number of placement episodes
Cass	103	109
Chippewa	56	56
Chisago	90	91
Clay	215	225
Clearwater	33	33
Cook	11	12
Crow Wing	197	203
Dakota	259	267
Des Moines Valley HHS	64	64
Douglas	71	73
Faribault-Martin	165	178
Fillmore	24	24
Freeborn	127	128
Goodhue	91	95
Hennepin	2,125	2,172
Houston	24	24
Hubbard	82	86
Isanti	74	78
Itasca	204	216
Kanabec	34	38
Kandiyohi	204	212
Kittson	6	6
Koochiching	92	97
Lac qui Parle	13	13
Lake	22	25
Lake of the Woods	9	9
Le Sueur	56	59
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	172	172
Mahnomen	18	18
Marshall	8	10

Agency	Number of children	Number of placement episodes
McLeod	91	95
Meeker	58	58
Mille Lacs	183	189
MN Prairie	175	183
Morrison	93	99
Mower	92	93
Nicollet	82	83
Nobles	33	37
Norman	13	13
Olmsted	195	200
Otter Tail	158	163
Pennington	28	31
Pine	73	77
Polk	106	108
Ramsey	1,077	1,106
Red Lake County	5	5
Renville	68	73
Rice	167	174
Roseau	45	46
Scott	117	141
Sherburne	109	111
Sibley	18	19
Southwest HHS	240	250
St. Louis	890	945
Stearns	350	362
Stevens	28	28
Swift	61	61
Todd	67	70
Traverse	15	15
Wabasha	26	27

Agency	Number of children	Number of placement episodes
Wadena	97	101
Washington	233	242
Watonwan	61	64
Western Prairie HS	55	57
White Earth Nation	259	267
Wilkin	29	33
Winona	128	130
Wright	225	228
Yellow Medicine	28	28
Minnesota	12,312	12,743

Table 2 provides information on the number of children who entered out-of-home care in the year, the number who continued in care from the prior year, the total number of children who experienced care during the year. It also provides a total of children under 18 who experienced care, the child population (based on 2020 census data) and the rate of children in out-of-home per 1,000 children in the population.

Table 2. Number of children entering and continuing in care, and per 1,000 rate by agency, 2021

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child Population	Per 1,000
Aitkin	17	28	45	44	2,604	16.9
Anoka	156	269	422	395	87,296	4.5
Becker	84	97	178	174	8,514	20.4
Beltrami	121	170	287	274	11,781	23.3
Benton	40	47	86	83	10,676	7.8
Big Stone	8	8	16	15	1,145	13.1
Blue Earth	61	96	147	145	13,884	10.4
Brown	30	37	64	63	5,766	10.9
Carlton	30	75	105	101	8,141	12.4
Carver	69	79	145	128	28,155	4.5
Cass	30	78	103	93	6,298	14.8
Chippewa	25	31	56	55	3,134	17.5
Chisago	43	48	90	88	12,883	6.8
Clay	86	133	215	205	16,404	12.5
Clearwater	14	19	33	31	2,186	14.2
Cook	7	5	11	11	861	12.8
Crow Wing	82	119	197	189	14,149	13.4
Dakota	100	165	259	242	107,500	2.3
Des Moines Valley HHS	22	42	64	59	5,078	11.6
Douglas	32	39	71	68	8,574	7.9

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child Population	Per 1,000
Faribault-Martin	75	95	165	158	7,613	20.8
Fillmore	8	16	24	24	5,302	4.5
Freeborn	32	96	127	119	6,862	17.3
Goodhue	35	58	91	80	10,580	7.6
Hennepin	593	1,560	2,125	1,959	281,235	7.0
Houston	9	15	24	22	4,187	5.3
Hubbard	31	52	82	80	4,603	17.4
Isanti	28	47	74	69	9,862	7.0
Itasca	92	119	204	180	9,358	19.2
Kanabec	21	17	34	33	3,445	9.6
Kandiyohi	112	93	204	197	10,838	18.2
Kittson	0	6	6	6	929	6.5
Koochiching	45	50	92	86	2,131	40.4
Lac qui Parle	5	8	13	12	1,413	8.5
Lake	9	15	22	21	2,111	9.9
Lake of the Woods	6	3	9	9	731	12.3
Le Sueur	26	33	56	52	6,779	7.7
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	40	132	172	168	2,233	75.2
Mahnomen	6	12	18	18	1,700	10.6
Marshall	5	5	8	5	2,123	2.4
McLeod	37	57	91	84	8,384	10.0
Meeker	20	38	58	52	5,734	9.1
Mille Lacs	53	133	183	176	6,261	28.1
MN Prairie	71	109	175	167	19,117	8.7
Morrison	46	50	93	82	7,974	10.3
Mower	45	47	92	88	10,267	8.6
Nicollet	51	31	82	78	7,649	10.2
Nobles	11	22	33	33	6,273	5.3
Norman	1	12	13	11	1,535	7.2
Olmsted	66	132	195	181	40,098	4.5
Otter Tail	61	99	158	153	13,236	11.6
Pennington	16	12	28	27	3,195	8.5
Pine	28	47	73	71	5,608	12.7
Polk	40	67	106	104	7,714	13.5
Ramsey	330	763	1,077	988	129,515	7.6
Red Lake County	5	0	5	5	956	5.2
Renville	27	45	68	68	3,458	19.7
Rice	74	97	167	159	14,583	10.9
Roseau	30	15	45	45	3,670	12.3
Scott	71	52	117	113	40,612	2.8
Sherburne	48	62	109	104	25,561	4.1
Sibley	11	8	18	18	3,406	5.3
Southwest HHS	106	139	240	231	18,512	12.5

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child Population	Per 1,000
St. Louis	315	597	890	843	38,151	22.1
Stearns	173	183	350	325	37,348	8.7
Stevens	13	15	28	27	2,116	12.8
Swift	25	36	61	60	2,279	26.3
Todd	34	35	67	66	6,114	10.8
Traverse	8	7	15	13	713	18.2
Wabasha	10	17	26	26	4,751	5.5
Wadena	56	43	97	95	3,736	25.4
Washington	107	129	233	215	65,552	3.3
Watonwan	41	22	61	56	2,775	20.2
Western Prairie HS	28	27	55	54	3,855	14.0
White Earth Nation	82	185	259	245	2,079	117.8
Wilkin	14	17	29	26	1,455	17.9
Winona	45	84	128	117	8,942	13.1
Wright	92	136	225	209	39,451	5.3
Yellow Medicine	7	21	28	28	2,189	12.8
Minnesota	4,617	7,916	12,312	11,578	1,329,576	8.7

Characteristics of children in out-of-home care

This section provides demographic data on children who experienced out-of-home care in 2021, including:

- Gender by agency
- Race statewide, and per 1,000 rate
- Race by agency, using the race alone definition in the U.S. Census
- Race by agency, using the race alone or in combination definition in the U.S. Census
- Age statewide
- Age group by agency
- Disability status statewide

Table 3: Number and percent of children in care by gender and agency, 2021

Agency	Females (N)	Females (%)	Males (N)	Males (%)
Aitkin	25	55.6%	20	44.4%
Anoka	218	51.7%	204	48.3%
Becker	76	42.7%	102	57.3%
Beltrami	138	48.1%	149	51.9%
Benton	42	48.8%	44	51.2%
Big Stone	10	62.5%	6	37.5%
Blue Earth	76	51.7%	71	48.3%
Brown	23	35.9%	41	64.1%
Carlton	46	43.8%	59	56.2%
Carver	76	52.4%	69	47.6%
Cass	50	48.5%	53	51.5%
Chippewa	26	46.4%	30	53.6%

Agency	Females (N)	Females (%)	Males (N)	Males (%)
Chisago	46	51.1%	44	48.9%
Clay	98	45.6%	117	54.4%
Clearwater	17	51.5%	16	48.5%
Cook	5	45.5%	6	54.5%
Crow Wing	101	51.3%	96	48.7%
Dakota	121	46.7%	138	53.3%
Des Moines Valley HHS	30	46.9%	34	53.1%
Douglas	40	56.3%	31	43.7%
Faribault-Martin	93	56.4%	72	43.6%
Fillmore	11	45.8%	13	54.2%
Freeborn	61	48.0%	66	52.0%
Goodhue	43	47.3%	48	52.7%
Hennepin	1,054	49.6%	1,071	50.4%
Houston	14	58.3%	10	41.7%
Hubbard	28	34.1%	54	65.9%
Isanti	42	56.8%	32	43.2%
Itasca	94	46.1%	110	53.9%
Kanabec	25	73.5%	9	26.5%
Kandiyohi	92	45.1%	112	54.9%
Kittson	1	16.7%	5	83.3%
Koochiching	53	57.6%	39	42.4%
Lac qui Parle	7	53.8%	6	46.2%
Lake	10	45.5%	12	54.5%
Lake of the Woods	4	44.4%	5	55.6%
Le Sueur	32	57.1%	24	42.9%
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	84	48.8%	88	51.2%
Mahnomen	10	55.6%	8	44.4%
Marshall	4	50.0%	4	50.0%
McLeod	49	53.8%	42	46.2%
Meeker	25	43.1%	33	56.9%
Mille Lacs	92	50.3%	91	49.7%
MN Prairie	78	44.6%	97	55.4%
Morrison	40	43.0%	53	57.0%
Mower	40	43.5%	52	56.5%
Nicollet	39	47.6%	43	52.4%
Nobles	17	51.5%	16	48.5%
Norman	3	23.1%	10	76.9%
Olmsted	90	46.2%	105	53.8%
Otter Tail	75	47.5%	83	52.5%
Pennington	14	50.0%	14	50.0%
Pine	41	56.2%	32	43.8%
Polk	49	46.2%	57	53.8%
Ramsey	540	50.1%	537	49.9%
Red Lake County	4	80.0%	1	20.0%

Agency	Females (N)	Females (%)	Males (N)	Males (%)
Renville	31	45.6%	37	54.4%
Rice	81	48.5%	86	51.5%
Roseau	29	64.4%	16	35.6%
Scott	59	50.4%	58	49.6%
Sherburne	57	52.3%	52	47.7%
Sibley	5	27.8%	13	72.2%
Southwest HHS	122	50.8%	118	49.2%
St. Louis	413	46.4%	477	53.6%
Stearns	173	49.4%	177	50.6%
Stevens	15	53.6%	13	46.4%
Swift	36	59.0%	25	41.0%
Todd	30	44.8%	37	55.2%
Traverse	7	46.7%	8	53.3%
Wabasha	9	34.6%	17	65.4%
Wadena	44	45.4%	53	54.6%
Washington	106	45.5%	127	54.5%
Watonwan	38	62.3%	23	37.7%
Western Prairie HS	29	52.7%	26	47.3%
White Earth Nation	123	47.5%	136	52.5%
Wilkin	13	44.8%	16	55.2%
Winona	61	47.7%	67	52.3%
Wright	116	51.6%	109	48.4%
Yellow Medicine	16	57.1%	12	42.9%
Minnesota	6,041	49.1%	6,271	50.9%

Table 4. Rates of children in care by race/ethnicity alone per 1,000 children in the population, 2021

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Number of children/youth	1,728	2,250	204	2,848	5,122	12,312	1,284
Number of children (<18 at end of year)	1,475	2,072	179	2,635	4,547	11,060	1,148
Percent of children (<18 at end of year)	13.3%	18.7%	1.6%	23.8%	41.1%	100.0%	10.4%
Child population	144,611	27,890	89,012	78,716	989,347	1,329,576	122,347
Child population percent	10.9%	2.1%	6.7%	5.9%	74.4%	100.0%	9.2%
Rate per 1,000	10.2	74.3	2.0	33.5	4.6	8.3	9.4

Table 5. Number and (percent) of children in care by race/ethnicity alone and agency, 2021

Agency	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Hispanic (any race)	Unknown/ declined
Aitkin	*	19 (42.2%)	*	*	20 (44.4%)	*	*
Anoka	55 (13.0%)	24 (5.7%)	*	104 (24.6%)	226 (53.6%)	25 (5.9%)	*
Becker	*	52 (29.2%)	*	54 (30.3%)	65 (36.5%)	15 (8.4%)	*
Beltrami	7 (2.4%)	177 (61.7%)	*	58 (20.2%)	44 (15.3%)	12 (4.2%)	*
Benton	15 (17.4%)	*	*	26 (30.2%)	45 (52.3%)	*	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	13 (81.3%)	*	*
Blue Earth	35 (23.8%)	*	*	21 (14.3%)	85 (57.8%)	12 (8.2%)	*
Brown	*	*	*	14 (21.9%)	47 (73.4%)	12 (18.8%)	*
Carlton	*	46 (43.8%)	*	16 (15.2%)	42 (40.0%)	*	*
Carver	15 (10.3%)	*	*	39 (26.9%)	75 (51.7%)	22 (15.2%)	7 (4.8%)
Cass	*	30 (29.1%)	*	7 (6.8%)	65 (63.1%)	*	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	24 (42.9%)	26 (46.4%)	9 (16.1%)	*
Chisago	*	*	*	22 (24.4%)	63 (70.0%)	9 (10.0%)	*
Clay	30 (14.0%)	56 (26.0%)	*	58 (27.0%)	71 (33.0%)	24 (11.2%)	*
Clearwater	*	16 (48.5%)	*	*	10 (30.3%)	*	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	*	20 (10.2%)	*	27 (13.7%)	143 (72.6%)	*	*
Dakota	52 (20.1%)	14 (5.4%)	*	83 (32.0%)	95 (36.7%)	46 (17.8%)	*
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	58 (90.6%)	10 (15.6%)	*
Douglas	*	*	*	22 (31.0%)	43 (60.6%)	*	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	*	23 (13.9%)	135 (81.8%)	32 (19.4%)	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	19 (79.2%)	*	*
Freeborn	13 (10.2%)	*	9 (7.1%)	28 (22.0%)	74 (58.3%)	26 (20.5%)	*
Goodhue	11 (12.1%)	*	*	22 (24.2%)	50 (54.9%)	*	*
Hennepin	709 (33.4%)	320 (15.1%)	46 (2.2%)	684 (32.2%)	357 (16.8%)	273 (12.8%)	9 (0.4%)
Houston	*	*	*	*	18 (75.0%)	*	*
Hubbard	*	11 (13.4%)	*	14 (17.1%)	55 (67.1%)	*	*
Isanti	*	*	*	8 (10.8%)	59 (79.7%)	*	*
Itasca	*	25 (12.3%)	*	73 (35.8%)	104 (51.0%)	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	27 (79.4%)	*	*
Kandiyohi	12 (5.9%)	7 (3.4%)	*	20 (9.8%)	165 (80.9%)	106 (52.0%)	*
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	13 (14.1%)	*	11 (12.0%)	68 (73.9%)	*	*

Agency	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Hispanic (any race)	Unknown/ declined
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	7 (53.8%)	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	13 (59.1%)	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	7 (77.8%)	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	10 (17.9%)	40 (71.4%)	16 (28.6%)	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	165 (95.9%)	*	7 (4.1%)	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	15 (83.3%)	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McLeod	*	*	*	31 (34.1%)	55 (60.4%)	22 (24.2%)	*
Meeker	*	*	*	8 (13.8%)	45 (77.6%)	*	*
Mille Lacs	*	118 (64.5%)	*	22 (12.0%)	41 (22.4%)	*	*
MN Prairie	30 (17.1%)	*	*	22 (12.6%)	117 (66.9%)	30 (17.1%)	*
Morrison	7 (7.5%)	*	*	25 (26.9%)	56 (60.2%)	*	*
Mower	20 (21.7%)	*	*	26 (28.3%)	43 (46.7%)	13 (14.1%)	*
Nicollet	11 (13.4%)	*	*	25 (30.5%)	44 (53.7%)	12 (14.6%)	*
Nobles	8 (24.2%)	*	*	*	16 (48.5%)	15 (45.5%)	*
Norman	*	*	*	8 (61.5%)	*	*	*
Olmsted	35 (17.9%)	*	*	66 (33.8%)	92 (47.2%)	21 (10.8%)	*
Otter Tail	7 (4.4%)	14 (8.9%)	*	35 (22.2%)	97 (61.4%)	*	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	21 (75.0%)	12 (42.9%)	*
Pine	*	38 (52.1%)	*	8 (11.0%)	26 (35.6%)	*	*
Polk	*	10 (9.4%)	*	27 (25.5%)	63 (59.4%)	30 (28.3%)	*
Ramsey	370 (34.4%)	54 (5.0%)	98 (9.1%)	297 (27.6%)	256 (23.8%)	120 (11.1%)	*
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	58 (85.3%)	23 (33.8%)	*
Rice	14 (8.4%)	*	*	17 (10.2%)	122 (73.1%)	30 (18.0%)	9 (5.4%)
Roseau	*	10 (22.2%)	*	8 (17.8%)	20 (44.4%)	*	*
Scott	12 (10.3%)	9 (7.7%)	*	27 (23.1%)	60 (51.3%)	12 (10.3%)	8 (6.8%)
Sherburne	8 (7.3%)	*	*	27 (24.8%)	69 (63.3%)	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	16 (88.9%)	*	*
Southwest HHS	*	38 (15.8%)	*	46 (19.2%)	145 (60.4%)	40 (16.7%)	*
St. Louis	50 (5.6%)	185 (20.8%)	*	312 (35.1%)	327 (36.7%)	38 (4.3%)	11 (1.2%)
Stearns	63 (18.0%)	18 (5.1%)	7 (2.0%)	74 (21.1%)	180 (51.4%)	23 (6.6%)	8 (2.3%)
Stevens	*	*	*	*	17 (60.7%)	*	*

Agency	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Hispanic (any race)	Unknown/declined
Swift	11 (18.0%)	*	*	10 (16.4%)	40 (65.6%)	12 (19.7%)	*
Todd	*	*	*	12 (17.9%)	55 (82.1%)	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	7 (46.7%)	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	18 (69.2%)	7 (26.9%)	*
Wadena	*	*	*	26 (26.8%)	59 (60.8%)	*	*
Washington	34 (14.6%)	8 (3.4%)	*	63 (27.0%)	110 (47.2%)	25 (10.7%)	*
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	58 (95.1%)	36 (59.0%)	*
Western Prairie HS	*	*	*	12 (21.8%)	42 (76.4%)	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	253 (97.7%)	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	22 (75.9%)	*	*
Winona	*	*	*	13 (10.2%)	109 (85.2%)	9 (7.0%)	*
Wright	14 (6.2%)	*	*	35 (15.6%)	151 (67.1%)	14 (6.2%)	20 (8.9%)
Yellow Medicine	*	13 (46.4%)	*	9 (32.1%)	*	*	*
Minnesota	1,728 (14.0%)	2,250 (18.3%)	204 (1.7%)	2,848 (23.1%)	5,122 (41.6%)	1,284 (10.4%)	160 (1.3%)

*Note: If the number of children is less than seven when data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity and agency, it is not shown to prevent identification of individuals.

Table 6. Number and (percent) of children in care by race/ethnicity alone or combined and agency, 2021

Agency	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic (any race)	Unknown/Declined
Aitkin	*	24 (53.3%)	*	26 (57.8%)	*	*
Anoka	112 (26.5%)	95 (22.5%)	8 (1.9%)	320 (75.8%)	25 (5.9%)	8 (1.9%)
Becker	16 (9.0%)	98 (55.1%)	*	119 (66.9%)	15 (8.4%)	*
Beltrami	25 (8.7%)	227 (79.1%)	*	95 (33.1%)	12 (4.2%)	*
Benton	36 (41.9%)	*	*	71 (82.6%)	*	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	13 (81.3%)	*	*
Blue Earth	46 (31.3%)	13 (8.8%)	*	106 (72.1%)	12 (8.2%)	*
Brown	*	10 (15.6%)	*	61 (95.3%)	12 (18.8%)	*
Carlton	*	61 (58.1%)	*	57 (54.3%)	*	*
Carver	30 (20.7%)	39 (26.9%)	*	105 (72.4%)	22 (15.2%)	*
Cass	*	37 (35.9%)	*	72 (69.9%)	*	*
Chippewa	11 (19.6%)	25 (44.6%)	*	49 (87.5%)	9 (16.1%)	*
Chisago	*	22 (24.4%)	*	86 (95.6%)	10 (11.1%)	*
Clay	53 (24.7%)	97 (45.1%)	*	122 (56.7%)	25 (11.6%)	*

Agency	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic (any race)	Unknown/ Declined
Clearwater	*	22 (66.7%)	*	17 (51.5%)	*	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	16 (8.1%)	37 (18.8%)	*	170 (86.3%)	*	*
Dakota	108 (41.7%)	60 (23.2%)	8 (3.1%)	171 (66.0%)	46 (17.8%)	*
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	60 (93.8%)	10 (15.6%)	*
Douglas	*	23 (32.4%)	*	65 (91.5%)	*	*
Faribault-Martin	*	24 (14.5%)	*	159 (96.4%)	32 (19.4%)	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	23 (95.8%)	*	*
Freeborn	19 (15.0%)	25 (19.7%)	10 (7.9%)	102 (80.3%)	26 (20.5%)	*
Goodhue	30 (33.0%)	11 (12.1%)	*	67 (73.6%)	*	*
Hennepin	1,218 (57.3%)	788 (37.1%)	80 (3.8%)	843 (39.7%)	274 (12.9%)	7 (0.3%)
Houston	*	*	*	22 (91.7%)	*	*
Hubbard	*	24 (29.3%)	*	69 (84.1%)	*	*
Isanti	11 (14.9%)	*	*	*	*	*
Itasca	11 (5.4%)	94 (46.1%)	*	176 (86.3%)	*	*
Kanabec	*	7 (20.6%)	*	33 (97.1%)	*	*
Kandiyohi	21 (10.3%)	24 (11.8%)	*	181 (88.7%)	108 (52.9%)	*
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	24 (26.1%)	*	79 (85.9%)	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	5 (38.5%)	*	12 (92.3%)	*	*
Lake	*	5 (22.7%)	*	18 (81.8%)	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	2 (22.2%)	*	9 (100.0%)	*	*
Le Sueur	*	10 (17.9%)	*	49 (87.5%)	15 (26.8%)	2 (3.6%)
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe		172 (100.0%)				
Mahnomen	*	17 (94.4%)	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	7 (87.5%)	*	*
McLeod	11 (12.1%)	24 (26.4%)	*	86 (94.5%)	22 (24.2%)	*
Meeker	9 (15.5%)	*	*	53 (91.4%)	*	*
Mille Lacs	7 (3.8%)	137 (74.9%)	*	61 (33.3%)	*	*
MN Prairie	44 (25.1%)	18 (10.3%)	*	136 (77.7%)	30 (17.1%)	*
Morrison	18 (19.4%)	18 (19.4%)	*	81 (87.1%)	*	*
Mower	36 (39.1%)	15 (16.3%)	*	69 (75.0%)	13 (14.1%)	*
Nicollet	24 (29.3%)	19 (23.2%)	*	67 (81.7%)	12 (14.6%)	*
Nobles	11 (33.3%)	*	*	19 (57.6%)	15 (45.5%)	*
Norman	*	9 (69.2%)	*	12 (92.3%)	*	*
Olmsted	87 (44.6%)	32 (16.4%)	*	156 (80.0%)	21 (10.8%)	*
Otter Tail	23 (14.6%)	42 (26.6%)	*	133 (84.2%)	*	*
Pennington	*	7 (25.0%)	*	24 (85.7%)	12 (42.9%)	*
Pine	7 (9.6%)	43 (58.9%)	*	31 (42.5%)	*	*

Agency	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic (any race)	Unknown/ Declined
Polk	14 (13.2%)	33 (31.1%)	*	89 (84.0%)	31 (29.2%)	*
Ramsey	598 (55.5%)	239 (22.2%)	120 (11.1%)	474 (44.0%)	120 (11.1%)	*
Red Lake County	*	*	*	3 (60.0%)	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	61 (89.7%)	23 (33.8%)	*
Rice	24 (14.4%)	11 (6.6%)	*	138 (82.6%)	30 (18.0%)	*
Roseau	*	16 (35.6%)	*	28 (62.2%)	*	*
Scott	22 (18.8%)	29 (24.8%)	*	89 (76.1%)	13 (11.1%)	*
Sherburne	23 (21.1%)	18 (16.5%)	*	96 (88.1%)	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	17 (94.4%)	*	*
Southwest HHS	15 (6.3%)	77 (32.1%)	7 (2.9%)	188 (78.3%)	40 (16.7%)	*
St. Louis	166 (18.7%)	446 (50.1%)	16 (1.8%)	609 (68.4%)	38 (4.3%)	9 (1.0%)
Stearns	112 (32.0%)	52 (14.9%)	14 (4.0%)	253 (72.3%)	24 (6.9%)	*
Stevens	*	*	*	23 (82.1%)	*	*
Swift	14 (23.0%)	9 (14.8%)	*	48 (78.7%)	12 (19.7%)	*
Todd	*	10 (14.9%)	*	66 (98.5%)	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	9 (60.0%)	*	*
Wabasha	*	7 (26.9%)	*	22 (84.6%)	7 (26.9%)	*
Wadena	11 (11.3%)	23 (23.7%)	*	85 (87.6%)	*	*
Washington	67 (28.8%)	42 (18.0%)	9 (3.9%)	168 (72.1%)	25 (10.7%)	15 (6.4%)
Watonwan	*	*	*	61 (100.0%)	36 (59.0%)	*
Western Prairie HS	7 (12.7%)	7 (12.7%)	*	54 (98.2%)	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	259 (100.0%)	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	24 (82.8%)	*	*
Winona	16 (12.5%)	*	*	122 (95.3%)	9 (7.0%)	*
Wright	31 (13.8%)	26 (11.6%)	*	185 (82.2%)	14 (6.2%)	19 (8.4%)
Yellow Medicine	*	22 (78.6%)	*	14 (50.0%)	*	*
Minnesota	3,250 (26.4%)	4,259 (34.6%)	340 (2.8%)	7,580 (61.6%)	1,292 (10.5%)	68 (1.0%)

*Note: If the number of children is less than seven when data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity and agency, it is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Children may be counted in multiple race/ethnicity categories; therefore, percentages will not total 100%.

Table 7. Number and percent of children by age experiencing care, 2021

Age (in years)	Number	Percent
Under 1	1,186	9.6%
1	852	6.9%
2	733	6.0%
3	703	5.7%

Age (in years)	Number	Percent
4	644	5.2%
5	603	4.9%
6	571	4.6%
7	553	4.5%
8	493	4.0%
9	493	4.0%
10	473	3.8%
11	513	4.2%
12	574	4.7%
13	618	5.0%
14	645	5.2%
15	652	5.3%
16	667	5.4%
17	605	4.9%
18	316	2.6%
19	222	1.8%
20	194	1.6%
21	2	0.0%
Total	12,312	100%

Note: Age is calculated at entry for those children/youth who entered during the year, or the first of the year for those children/youth who continued in care from a previous year.

Table 8. Number and (percent) of children by age group experiencing care and agency, 2021

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Aitkin	7 (15.6%)	6 (13.3%)	9 (20.0%)	9 (20.0%)	10 (22.2%)	3 (6.7%)	1 (2.2%)
Anoka	87 (20.6%)	63 (14.9%)	57 (13.5%)	63 (14.9%)	66 (15.6%)	59 (14.0%)	27 (6.4%)
Becker	37 (20.8%)	37 (20.8%)	22 (12.4%)	24 (13.5%)	28 (15.7%)	26 (14.6%)	4 (2.2%)
Beltrami	76 (26.5%)	62 (21.6%)	25 (8.7%)	31 (10.8%)	36 (12.5%)	44 (15.3%)	13 (4.5%)
Benton	26 (30.2%)	10 (11.6%)	9 (10.5%)	11 (12.8%)	12 (14.0%)	15 (17.4%)	3 (3.5%)

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Big Stone	4 (25.0%)	2 (12.5%)	1 (6.3%)	4 (25.0%)	2 (12.5%)	2 (12.5%)	1 (6.3%)
Blue Earth	44 (29.9%)	26 (17.7%)	28 (19.0%)	17 (11.6%)	21 (14.3%)	9 (6.1%)	2 (1.4%)
Brown	15 (23.4%)	15 (23.4%)	10 (15.6%)	11 (17.2%)	6 (9.4%)	6 (9.4%)	1 (1.6%)
Carlton	17 (16.2%)	18 (17.1%)	15 (14.3%)	21 (20.0%)	13 (12.4%)	17 (16.2%)	4 (3.8%)
Carver	29 (20.0%)	21 (14.5%)	12 (8.3%)	15 (10.3%)	20 (13.8%)	31 (21.4%)	17 (11.7%)
Cass	24 (23.3%)	11 (10.7%)	11 (10.7%)	15 (14.6%)	15 (14.6%)	17 (16.5%)	10 (9.7%)
Chippewa	16 (28.6%)	8 (14.3%)	10 (17.9%)	10 (17.9%)	7 (12.5%)	4 (7.1%)	1 (1.8%)
Chisago	28 (31.1%)	10 (11.1%)	10 (11.1%)	11 (12.2%)	12 (13.3%)	17 (18.9%)	2 (2.2%)
Clay	44 (20.5%)	44 (20.5%)	28 (13.0%)	18 (8.4%)	32 (14.9%)	39 (18.1%)	10 (4.7%)
Clearwater	5 (15.2%)	2 (6.1%)	2 (6.1%)	6 (18.2%)	6 (18.2%)	10 (30.3%)	2 (6.1%)
Cook	0 (0.0%)	2 (18.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (9.1%)	5 (45.5%)	3 (27.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Crow Wing	51 (25.9%)	30 (15.2%)	31 (15.7%)	20 (10.2%)	25 (12.7%)	32 (16.2%)	8 (4.1%)
Dakota	49 (18.9%)	44 (17.0%)	31 (12.0%)	37 (14.3%)	40 (15.4%)	41 (15.8%)	17 (6.6%)
Des Moines Valley HHS	8 (12.5%)	8 (12.5%)	8 (12.5%)	7 (10.9%)	17 (26.6%)	11 (17.2%)	5 (7.8%)
Douglas	17 (23.9%)	9 (12.7%)	7 (9.9%)	9 (12.7%)	16 (22.5%)	10 (14.1%)	3 (4.2%)
Faribault-Martin	28 (17.0%)	31 (18.8%)	22 (13.3%)	27 (16.4%)	27 (16.4%)	23 (13.9%)	7 (4.2%)
Fillmore	4 (16.7%)	2 (8.3%)	4 (16.7%)	4 (16.7%)	5 (20.8%)	5 (20.8%)	0 (0.0%)
Freeborn	36 (28.3%)	30 (23.6%)	18 (14.2%)	10 (7.9%)	11 (8.7%)	14 (11.0%)	8 (6.3%)
Goodhue	19 (20.9%)	7 (7.7%)	12 (13.2%)	11 (12.1%)	12 (13.2%)	19 (20.9%)	11 (12.1%)
Hennepin	575 (27.1%)	344 (16.2%)	263 (12.4%)	204 (9.6%)	294 (13.8%)	279 (13.1%)	166 (7.8%)
Houston	4 (16.7%)	3 (12.5%)	1 (4.2%)	4 (16.7%)	5 (20.8%)	5 (20.8%)	2 (8.3%)
Hubbard	19 (23.2%)	18 (22.0%)	8 (9.8%)	4 (4.9%)	9 (11.0%)	22 (26.8%)	2 (2.4%)
Isanti	10 (13.5%)	7 (9.5%)	12 (16.2%)	11 (14.9%)	17 (23.0%)	12 (16.2%)	5 (6.8%)
Itasca	25 (12.3%)	16 (7.8%)	27 (13.2%)	23 (11.3%)	25 (12.3%)	64 (31.4%)	24 (11.8%)
Kanabec	6 (17.6%)	6 (17.6%)	6 (17.6%)	4 (11.8%)	7 (20.6%)	4 (11.8%)	1 (2.9%)
Kandiyohi	52 (25.5%)	38 (18.6%)	27 (13.2%)	15 (7.4%)	25 (12.3%)	40 (19.6%)	7 (3.4%)
Kittson	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	4 (66.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Koochiching	24 (26.1%)	8 (8.7%)	15 (16.3%)	12 (13.0%)	18 (19.6%)	9 (9.8%)	6 (6.5%)
Lac qui Parle	2 (15.4%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (23.1%)	3 (23.1%)	1 (7.7%)	3 (23.1%)	1 (7.7%)
Lake	2 (9.1%)	4 (18.2%)	3 (13.6%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (22.7%)	7 (31.8%)	1 (4.5%)
Lake of the Woods	1 (11.1%)	5 (55.6%)	2 (22.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (11.1%)	0 (0.0%)

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Le Sueur	11 (19.6%)	7 (12.5%)	4 (7.1%)	9 (16.1%)	9 (16.1%)	12 (21.4%)	4 (7.1%)
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	36 (20.9%)	31 (18.0%)	36 (20.9%)	24 (14.0%)	23 (13.4%)	18 (10.5%)	4 (2.3%)
Mahnomen	6 (33.3%)	2 (11.1%)	3 (16.7%)	4 (22.2%)	2 (11.1%)	1 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Marshall	1 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)	3 (37.5%)
McLeod	19 (20.9%)	20 (22.0%)	13 (14.3%)	6 (6.6%)	13 (14.3%)	13 (14.3%)	7 (7.7%)
Meeker	11 (19.0%)	8 (13.8%)	10 (17.2%)	6 (10.3%)	8 (13.8%)	9 (15.5%)	6 (10.3%)
Mille Lacs	34 (18.6%)	33 (18.0%)	26 (14.2%)	22 (12.0%)	31 (16.9%)	30 (16.4%)	7 (3.8%)
MN Prairie	37 (21.1%)	21 (12.0%)	19 (10.9%)	27 (15.4%)	33 (18.9%)	30 (17.1%)	8 (4.6%)
Morrison	18 (19.4%)	6 (6.5%)	12 (12.9%)	11 (11.8%)	17 (18.3%)	18 (19.4%)	11 (11.8%)
Mower	26 (28.3%)	14 (15.2%)	11 (12.0%)	12 (13.0%)	15 (16.3%)	10 (10.9%)	4 (4.3%)
Nicollet	17 (20.7%)	16 (19.5%)	7 (8.5%)	11 (13.4%)	12 (14.6%)	15 (18.3%)	4 (4.9%)
Nobles	9 (27.3%)	1 (3.0%)	6 (18.2%)	3 (9.1%)	6 (18.2%)	8 (24.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Norman	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (7.7%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (38.5%)	5 (38.5%)	2 (15.4%)
Olmsted	34 (17.4%)	29 (14.9%)	23 (11.8%)	28 (14.4%)	32 (16.4%)	35 (17.9%)	14 (7.2%)
Otter Tail	37 (23.4%)	37 (23.4%)	27 (17.1%)	11 (7.0%)	21 (13.3%)	20 (12.7%)	5 (3.2%)
Pennington	10 (35.7%)	3 (10.7%)	4 (14.3%)	1 (3.6%)	4 (14.3%)	5 (17.9%)	1 (3.6%)
Pine	21 (28.8%)	14 (19.2%)	10 (13.7%)	10 (13.7%)	6 (8.2%)	10 (13.7%)	2 (2.7%)
Polk	10 (9.4%)	19 (17.9%)	14 (13.2%)	11 (10.4%)	26 (24.5%)	24 (22.6%)	2 (1.9%)
Ramsey	218 (20.2%)	163 (15.1%)	127 (11.8%)	127 (11.8%)	156 (14.5%)	197 (18.3%)	89 (8.3%)
Red Lake County	3 (60.0%)	2 (40.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Renville	9 (13.2%)	7 (10.3%)	15 (22.1%)	8 (11.8%)	15 (22.1%)	14 (20.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Rice	33 (19.8%)	28 (16.8%)	27 (16.2%)	28 (16.8%)	25 (15.0%)	18 (10.8%)	8 (4.8%)
Roseau	9 (20.0%)	6 (13.3%)	2 (4.4%)	4 (8.9%)	14 (31.1%)	10 (22.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Scott	28 (23.9%)	14 (12.0%)	13 (11.1%)	13 (11.1%)	27 (23.1%)	18 (15.4%)	4 (3.4%)
Sherburne	20 (18.3%)	17 (15.6%)	14 (12.8%)	10 (9.2%)	14 (12.8%)	29 (26.6%)	5 (4.6%)
Sibley	2 (11.1%)	2 (11.1%)	3 (16.7%)	2 (11.1%)	5 (27.8%)	4 (22.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Southwest HHS	61 (25.4%)	34 (14.2%)	28 (11.7%)	29 (12.1%)	40 (16.7%)	39 (16.3%)	9 (3.8%)
St. Louis	233 (26.2%)	142 (16.0%)	129 (14.5%)	120 (13.5%)	103 (11.6%)	116 (13.0%)	46 (5.2%)
Stearns	89 (25.4%)	56 (16.0%)	39 (11.1%)	38 (10.9%)	47 (13.4%)	56 (16.0%)	25 (7.1%)
Stevens	8 (28.6%)	3 (10.7%)	2 (7.1%)	4 (14.3%)	5 (17.9%)	5 (17.9%)	1 (3.6%)

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Swift	8 (13.1%)	7 (11.5%)	11 (18.0%)	13 (21.3%)	12 (19.7%)	9 (14.8%)	1 (1.6%)
Todd	18 (26.9%)	10 (14.9%)	9 (13.4%)	11 (16.4%)	13 (19.4%)	5 (7.5%)	1 (1.5%)
Traverse	2 (13.3%)	2 (13.3%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	6 (40.0%)	2 (13.3%)
Wabasha	9 (34.6%)	4 (15.4%)	2 (7.7%)	2 (7.7%)	9 (34.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Wadena	18 (18.6%)	22 (22.7%)	12 (12.4%)	12 (12.4%)	15 (15.5%)	16 (16.5%)	2 (2.1%)
Washington	54 (23.2%)	23 (9.9%)	32 (13.7%)	20 (8.6%)	36 (15.5%)	50 (21.5%)	18 (7.7%)
Watonwan	10 (16.4%)	11 (18.0%)	7 (11.5%)	1 (1.6%)	13 (21.3%)	14 (23.0%)	5 (8.2%)
Western Prairie HS	14 (25.5%)	9 (16.4%)	7 (12.7%)	6 (10.9%)	14 (25.5%)	4 (7.3%)	1 (1.8%)
White Earth Nation	60 (23.2%)	43 (16.6%)	44 (17.0%)	40 (15.4%)	26 (10.0%)	32 (12.4%)	14 (5.4%)
Wilkin	2 (6.9%)	5 (17.2%)	4 (13.8%)	4 (13.8%)	8 (27.6%)	3 (10.3%)	3 (10.3%)
Winona	24 (18.8%)	21 (16.4%)	16 (12.5%)	20 (15.6%)	16 (12.5%)	20 (15.6%)	11 (8.6%)
Wright	41 (18.2%)	28 (12.4%)	26 (11.6%)	28 (12.4%)	42 (18.7%)	44 (19.6%)	16 (7.1%)
Yellow Medicine	5 (17.9%)	5 (17.9%)	3 (10.7%)	7 (25.0%)	4 (14.3%)	4 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Minnesota	2,771 (22.5%)	1,950 (15.8%)	1,617 (13.1%)	1,479 (12.0%)	1,837 (14.9%)	1,924 (15.6%)	732 (5.9%)

Note: Age is calculated at entry for those children/youth who entered during the year, or the first of the year for those children/youth who continued in care from a previous year.

Table 9. Number and percent of children in care by disability status, 2021

	Number	Percent
No known disability	8,205	67%
Emotional disturbance	3,054	25%
Other disability / condition	1,103	9%
Developmental disability / delay	652	5%
Physical disability	339	3%
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	251	2%
Chemical dependency	170	1%
Autism spectrum disorder	118	1%
Total	12,312	100%

Note: The Other category includes hearing or visual impairments, other types of mental illness, brain injury, or HIV/AIDS.

Note: Children can have multiple disability conditions and be counted in multiple categories. Column totals provide unduplicated counts of children.

Reasons for entering care

Children enter out-of-home care for many different reasons. Most are behavior of parent/s or caregiver, and a few to behavior and needs of children. Generally, removal due to a parental reason is a result of factors that compromise ability of parents or caregivers to provide safety for their children. This may include caregiver drug use, alleged abuse or

neglect of child, incarceration, or parental mental health needs. Less often, when children enter care as a result of their behavior or need, it's typically a result of factors that impact the ability of the child to remain safe while in their home, or jeopardizes safety of community members. Usually, these children have special needs such as mental health and/or substance abuse requiring specialized treatment. Table 10 provides information on the primary reasons for children's removals into out-of-home care in Minnesota and Table 11 provides information by agency using groupings of primary removal reasons.

Table 10. Number and percent of placement entries by primary reason, 2021

Primary removal reason group	Primary removal reason	Number	Percent
Alleged abuse	Alleged physical abuse	330	6.9%
Alleged abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	143	3.0%
Alleged abuse	Alleged psychological/emotional abuse	18	0.4%
Alleged Domestic Violence	Alleged domestic violence	116	2.4%
Alleged neglect	Alleged neglect	651	13.6%
Alleged neglect	Abandonment	112	2.4%
Alleged neglect	Alleged medical neglect	31	0.7%
Alleged neglect	Alleged educational neglect	18	0.4%
Alleged sex trafficking	Alleged sex trafficking	3	0.1%
Caretaker absence	Incarceration of caretaker	74	1.6%
Caretaker absence	Death of caretaker(s)	62	1.3%
Caretaker absence	Caretaker absence	19	0.4%
Caretaker absence	Relinquish or TPR	16	0.3%
Caretaker absence	Caretaker Detained/Deported	1	0.0%
Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Caretaker drug abuse	1,560	32.7%
Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Caretaker alcohol abuse	194	4.1%
Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Prenatal drug exposure	158	3.3%
Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Prenatal alcohol exposure	1	0.0%
Caretaker physical/behavioral health	Caretaker mental health	198	4.2%
Caretaker physical/behavioral health	Caretaker physical health	40	0.8%
Caretaker physical/behavioral health	Caretaker cognitive health	25	0.5%
Family conflict: child's identity	Family conflict: child's identity	4	0.1%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child mental health	451	9.5%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child behavior problems	182	3.8%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child delinquency	125	2.6%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child runaway	65	1.4%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child disability	27	0.6%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child drug abuse	28	0.5%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child absence	5	0.1%
Child physical/behavioral health	Child alcohol abuse	1	0.0%
Child request	Child request	47	1.0%
Inadequate access to services	Inadequate housing	36	0.8%
Inadequate access to services	Homelessness	18	0.4%
Inadequate access to services	Inadequate Mental Health Services	6	0.1%
Inadequate access to services	Inadequate medical services	1	0.0%

Primary removal reason group	Primary removal reason	Number	Percent
	Primary reason not yet identified	64	1.4%
	All primary removal reasons	4,828	100%

Table 11. Number of placement entries by primary reason group and agency, 2021

	Alleged neglect	Alleged abuse	Alleged sex trafficking	Alleged Domestic Violence	Caretaker absence	Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Caretaker physical/behavioral health	Family conflict: child's identity	Child request	Child physical/behavioral health	Inadequate access to services	Total placements
Aitkin	1	1	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	4	0	17
Anoka	24	15	1	1	4	64	7	0	1	45	0	163
Becker	20	3	0	0	2	39	5	0	0	15	0	84
Beltrami	6	9	0	3	2	67	2	0	2	20	0	125
Benton	10	2	0	0	0	16	3	0	0	10	0	41
Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	0	9
Blue Earth	19	7	0	1	6	16	6	0	0	9	2	66
Brown	8	0	0	3	0	17	0	0	0	4	0	32
Carlton	4	8	0	0	0	6	3	0	1	10	0	32
Carver	17	12	0	0	1	21	1	0	2	18	0	72
Cass	1	4	0	0	0	16	1	0	0	4	0	31
Chippewa	3	3	0	0	0	15	1	0	0	3	0	25
Chisago	6	1	0	0	1	27	3	0	0	5	0	43
Clay	16	7	0	0	1	30	11	0	1	26	0	92
Clearwater	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	14
Cook	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	7
Crow Wing	7	10	0	2	7	41	3	0	2	11	1	84
Dakota	28	9	0	0	5	37	4	0	0	19	0	102
Des Moines Valley HHS	3	3	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	10	0	22
Douglas	15	2	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	7	0	34
Faribault-Martin	12	4	0	1	2	38	4	0	0	13	9	83
Fillmore	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	8
Freeborn	7	2	0	0	0	16	0	0	1	3	3	32
Goodhue	3	6	0	0	3	13	1	0	0	11	0	37
Hennepin	79	121	1	14	23	248	54	0	0	66	1	612
Houston	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	9
Hubbard	7	1	0	1	0	17	1	0	0	6	0	34
Isanti	2	9	0	0	0	7	3	0	1	9	0	31
Itasca	9	1	0	1	3	36	1	0	2	42	0	96
Kanabec	2	4	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	2	0	21

	Alleged neglect	Alleged abuse	Alleged sex trafficking	Alleged Domestic Violence	Caretaker absence	Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Caretaker physical/behavioral health	Family conflict: child's identity	Child request	Child physical/behavioral health	Inadequate access to services	Total placements
Kandiyohi	17	10	0	0	2	68	10	0	0	12	0	119
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Koochiching	12	1	0	1	0	20	1	0	0	11	0	46
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Lake	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	0	10
Lake of the Woods	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
Le Sueur	3	2	0	1	0	13	2	0	0	4	1	26
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	4	8	0	0	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	40
Mahnomen	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
Marshall	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5
McLeod	8	0	0	4	0	22	1	0	1	2	0	38
Meeker	6	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	5	0	20
Mille Lacs	8	3	0	0	0	29	0	0	1	14	1	56
MN Prairie	6	1	0	3	1	39	7	0	1	13	3	74
Morrison	7	4	0	0	0	13	4	0	2	13	6	49
Mower	11	1	0	3	0	20	2	0	1	3	5	46
Nicollet	6	7	0	3	0	23	0	0	0	13	0	52
Nobles	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	9	0	16
Norman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Olmsted	5	5	0	0	0	23	10	0	0	22	2	68
Otter Tail	4	5	0	3	3	28	11	0	0	4	3	64
Pennington	2	0	0	1	4	11	0	0	0	1	0	19
Pine	0	0	0	2	0	20	0	0	2	4	0	30
Polk	1	7	0	0	0	16	1	0	2	14	0	41
Ramsey	87	29	0	13	36	57	25	2	3	83	0	343
Red Lake County	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Renville	0	1	0	3	0	18	2	0	0	4	0	28
Rice	9	10	0	10	0	33	1	0	1	12	1	77
Roseau	1	3	0	1	0	16	1	0	0	9	0	31
Scott	18	10	0	0	7	26	2	0	1	19	1	89
Sherburne	15	9	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	12	1	49
Sibley	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	11
Southwest HHS	13	25	0	5	8	44	0	0	0	11	3	111
St. Louis	43	21	0	11	15	155	14	0	6	74	9	348
Stearns	59	25	0	7	6	39	15	0	1	26	0	179
Stevens	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	1	13

	Alleged neglect	Alleged abuse	Alleged sex trafficking	Alleged Domestic Violence	Caretaker absence	Caretaker alcohol/drug abuse	Caretaker physical/behavioral health	Family conflict: child's identity	Child request	Child physical/behavioral health	Inadequate access to services	Total placements
Swift	3	3	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	4	0	25
Todd	6	0	0	3	0	18	2	0	0	6	0	35
Traverse	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	8
Wabasha	0	3	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	10
Wadena	11	2	0	4	3	25	0	0	0	5	1	58
Washington	16	8	1	1	8	40	7	0	0	29	0	113
Watonwan	7	2	0	0	1	21	2	0	0	4	5	42
Western Prairie HS	8	1	0	0	1	16	0	0	0	3	0	30
White Earth Nation	0	3	0	0	9	60	1	0	6	2	1	82
Wilkin	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	8	0	16
Winona	15	6	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	3	0	46
Wright	19	9	0	6	0	27	11	1	0	19	0	92
Yellow Medicine	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	7
Minnesota	812	491	3	116	172	1,913	263	4	47	882	61	4,828

Note: At the time of data analysis, there were 64 continuous placement episodes where a primary reason for removal from the home was not yet selected.

Case management services

Case management services are provided for families with children in out-of-home care for more than 30 days. Services are customized based on reasons for placement, including child protection, specialized treatment for mental health concerns or developmental disabilities, and juvenile corrections.

While children are in care, county and tribal agency staff works with them, their family, and providers to develop a comprehensive out-of-home placement plan (OHPP). This is the case plan that drives services that children and families receive; it outlines all specific provisions that must be met for children to safely return home. There are often safety requirements that families must meet or exceed for children to return home.

Out-of-home placement plans are completed:

- Within 30 days of child's initial placement
- Jointly with caregivers
- Jointly with child, when of appropriate age, and
- In consultation with guardian ad litem, foster parent, and tribe, if child is American Indian.

For placements with court involvement, OHPPs receive court approval and are reviewed every 90 days while children remain in care to ensure that adequate and appropriate services are provided.

An independent living skills (ILS) plan for children ages 14 or older is also required. This plan is developed with youth, caseworker, caregiver/s, and other supportive adults in youth's life to encourage continued development of

independent living skills, and life-long connections with family, community and tribe. Specific independent living skills include, but are not limited to, the following: Educational, vocational or employment planning; transportation; money management; health care and medical coverage; housing; and social and/or recreation. It does not conflict with, or replace the goal of achieving permanency for youth. [See Minn. Stat., section 260C.212, subd. 1(c)(12)]

Additional services for youth, based on eligibility, include:

- Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth (STAY) program: Helps youth working with a county or tribal caseworker prepare for successful transition to adulthood, including independent living skills training, housing, transportation, permanent connections, education, and employment services for youth ages 14-22 [See [Minn. Stat., section 260C.452](#)]
- Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program: Current and former foster youth can get up to \$5,000 per school year for post-secondary education at colleges, universities, vocational, technical or trade schools
- Extended foster care (EFC) services and payments: Youth can stay in their foster care setting longer, live on their own with additional support, or request to return to foster care through age 20
- Healthy Transitions to Adulthood (HTA) program: Partnership with nonprofit agencies statewide to provide independent living skills services to youth, who currently or previously, experienced out-of-home care through age 22.

Caseworker visits with children in out-of-home care

Caseworkers are required to meet monthly with children in out-of-home placement. Monthly visits are critical to children remaining safe, achieving successful and timely reunification, or reaching alternative means of permanency. Visits provide opportunities for caseworkers to monitor children’s safety, stability of placement, progress on services provided, and well-being while in care. Children are often seen more frequently than monthly, depending on needs of child, family, or placement provider.

Table 12. Percent of required months in which children received a monthly caseworker visit by agency, 2021

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Aitkin	284	154	54.2%
Anoka	2,593	2,355	90.8%
Becker	1,129	986	87.3%
Beltrami	1,964	1,588	80.9%
Benton	511	507	99.2%
Big Stone	94	94	100.0%
Blue Earth	903	884	97.9%
Brown	362	359	99.2%
Carlton	752	653	86.8%
Carver	712	644	90.4%
Cass	726	707	97.4%
Chippewa	387	373	96.4%
Chisago	580	553	95.3%
Clay	1,249	1,162	93.0%
Clearwater	244	154	63.1%
Cook	47	42	89.4%
Crow Wing	1,407	1,371	97.4%

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Dakota	1,647	1,538	93.4%
Des Moines Valley HHS	413	411	99.5%
Douglas	426	416	97.7%
Faribault-Martin	888	870	98.0%
Fillmore	138	126	91.3%
Freeborn	820	755	92.1%
Goodhue	575	531	92.3%
Hennepin	14,224	13,151	92.5%
Houston	146	143	97.9%
Hubbard	516	441	85.5%
Isanti	516	468	90.7%
Itasca	1,074	797	74.2%
Kanabec	224	214	95.5%
Kandiyohi	1,129	1,053	93.3%
Kittson	72	72	100.0%
Koochiching	450	379	84.2%
Lac qui Parle	99	96	97.0%
Lake	130	129	99.2%
Lake of the Woods	59	57	96.6%
Le Sueur	373	372	99.7%
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	1,380	662	48.0%
Mahnomen	131	131	100.0%
Marshall	29	29	100.0%
McLeod	591	573	97.0%
Meeker	374	358	95.7%
Mille Lacs	1,353	1,244	91.9%
MN Prairie	1,053	1,012	96.1%
Morrison	564	560	99.3%
Mower	456	448	98.2%
Nicollet	401	387	96.5%
Nobles	176	161	91.5%
Norman	93	93	100.0%
Olmsted	1,277	1,267	99.2%
Otter Tail	947	848	89.5%
Pennington	155	134	86.5%
Pine	558	296	53.0%
Polk	664	656	98.8%
Ramsey	6,796	5,732	84.3%
Red Lake County	0	0	N/A
Renville	442	425	96.2%
Rice	871	764	87.7%
Roseau	198	189	95.5%
Scott	526	489	93.0%

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Sherburne	673	653	97.0%
Sibley	125	125	100.0%
Southwest HHS	1,590	1,521	95.7%
St. Louis	5,747	4,460	77.6%
Stearns	1,921	1,726	89.8%
Stevens	181	177	97.8%
Swift	362	351	97.0%
Todd	401	369	92.0%
Traverse	105	104	99.0%
Wabasha	151	151	100.0%
Wadena	394	382	97.0%
Washington	1,355	1,294	95.5%
Watonwan	272	264	97.1%
Western Prairie HS	347	336	96.8%
White Earth Nation	2,031	1,394	68.6%
Wilkin	178	166	93.3%
Winona	749	729	97.3%
Wright	1,318	1,223	92.8%
Yellow Medicine	148	147	99.3%
Minnesota	78,170	67,106	85.8%

Note: Caseworker visit calculations include only children under age 18.

Placement experiences

Once a child was removed from their home or prior to removal, whenever possible, caseworkers determine a location that is a safe and stable placement. A variety of out-of-home care settings vary on overall level of restrictiveness, as well as types of services provided. These settings range from family-type, including foster homes, to more intensive settings like residential treatment centers. Children may experience multiple placement setting types during a single episode, depending on their unique needs.

Minnesota Statutes dictate that when placing children, agencies must first consider placing them with suitable individuals who are related to them, then consider individuals with whom they may have had significant contact. [See [Minn. Stat. 260C.212, subd. 2 \(a\)](#)] Numerous factors regarding children's overall well-being, such as their educational, medical, developmental, religious, and cultural needs, as well as personal preference, if old enough, are considered. Table 13 provides information about racial diversity of individual's providing family foster care for at least one day to children in placement in Minnesota.

Table 13. Race/ethnicity of providers who had an active placement by agency, 2021

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Aitkin	*	7	*	*	*	25	36	*
Anoka	30	8	*	9	*	194	240	12
Becker	*	12	*	*	*	90	103	*

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Beltrami	*	93	*	24	*	110	210	*
Benton	*	*	*	*	*	45	53	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	9	10	*
Blue Earth	*	*	*	*	*	86	93	7
Brown	*	*	*	*	*	30	30	*
Carlton	*	18	*	*	*	40	58	*
Carver	8	*	*	*	18	63	83	*
Cass	*	17	*	*	*	40	60	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	*	32	36	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	*	65	67	*
Clay	17	13	*	*	*	79	105	*
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	*	14	16	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	7	10	*
Crow Wing	*	*	*	*	*	123	132	*
Dakota	10	*	*	7	65	75	144	10
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	*	22	22	*
Douglas	*	*	*	*	*	47	48	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	*	*	*	91	94	11
Fillmore	*	*	*	7	*	14	16	*
Freeborn	*	*	*	*	*	63	65	*
Goodhue	*	*	*	*	15	51	69	*
Hennepin	550	146	36	123	40	667	1,404	87
Houston	*	*	*	*	*	14	18	*
Hubbard	*	*	*	*	*	50	55	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	*	41	43	*
Itasca	*	*	*	*	*	78	84	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	*	16	18	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	*	*	119	124	33
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	*	*	39	42	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	7	7	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	12	14	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	*	29	33	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	62	*	14	8	36	103	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	10	15	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	*	44	47	*
Meeker	*	*	*	*	10	25	34	*
Mille Lacs	*	40	*	15	7	72	120	*
MN Prairie	9	*	*	7	*	120	133	15
Morrison	*	*	*	*	*	48	51	*

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Mower	*	*	*	*	*	52	56	*
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	*	37	43	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	*	13	15	*
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	7	8	*
Olmsted	17	*	*	*	*	117	136	7
Otter Tail	*	*	*	*	*	99	102	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	*	22	25	*
Pine	*	16	*	*	*	41	55	*
Polk	*	*	*	*	*	47	58	*
Ramsey	290	21	57	82	11	340	752	72
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	30	35	*
Rice	*	*	*	*	*	84	94	*
Roseau	*	*	*	*	*	23	26	*
Scott	*	*	*	*	14	48	61	*
Sherburne	*	*	*	*	*	58	69	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	19	21	*
Southwest HHS	*	20	*	8	17	113	146	12
St. Louis	26	83	*	43	35	384	530	14
Stearns	28	*	*	7	25	165	212	7
Stevens	*	*	*	*	*	23	25	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	41	43	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	*	39	39	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	8	10	17	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	*	53	58	*
Washington	12	*	*	*	36	80	120	8
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	40	40	12
Western Prairie HS	*	*	*	*	7	38	41	*
White Earth Nation	*	77	*	24	8	54	123	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	*	19	22	*
Winona	*	*	*	*	*	82	87	*
Wright	8	*	*	8	8	141	160	*
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	*	*	11	15	*
Minnesota	1,078	833	130	461	428	4,941	7,212	412

Note: If the number of families is less than seven when data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity and agency, it is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Totals include omitted data.

Note: Cells will not sum to the column or row totals, as provider homes are counted across both race/ethnicity groupings and child welfare agencies. Row and column totals show unduplicated counts of individual homes.

Placement in the least restrictive, most home-like environment is preferred, whenever possible. This includes foster family homes with both relatives and non-relatives, including those that are in preparation for adoption and transfer of permanent and legal custody to both relatives and non-relatives. Other types of settings, such as group homes,

residential treatment centers, and correctional facilities, are more restrictive and less common than family foster care. The remaining settings prepare children for independent living.

Table 14. Number and (percent) of children by location setting and agency, 2021

Agency	Foster family home (relative)	Foster family home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential treatment center	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility	Residential SUD program with parent	Supervised independent living	Unknown absence
Aitkin	7 (41.2%)	9 (52.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.9%)	2 (11.8%)	1 (5.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Anoka	56 (35.9%)	79 (50.6%)	6 (3.8%)	2 (1.3%)	5 (3.2%)	24 (15.4%)	4 (2.6%)	28 (17.9%)	1 (0.6%)	1 (0.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Becker	26 (31.0%)	33 (39.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.2%)	19 (22.6%)	9 (10.7%)	3 (3.6%)	16 (19.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Beltrami	63 (52.1%)	59 (48.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	11 (9.1%)	20 (16.5%)	16 (13.2%)	8 (6.6%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (2.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Benton	6 (15.0%)	22 (55.0%)	4 (10.0%)	1 (2.5%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (17.5%)	2 (5.0%)	1 (2.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Big Stone	5 (62.5%)	1 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Blue Earth	22 (36.1%)	34 (55.7%)	7 (11.5%)	1 (1.6%)	2 (3.3%)	3 (4.9%)	3 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.6%)
Brown	14 (46.7%)	15 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (10.0%)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Carlton	11 (36.7%)	8 (26.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (6.7%)	10 (33.3%)	5 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.3%)	1 (3.3%)
Carver	44 (63.8%)	15 (21.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	13 (18.8%)	8 (11.6%)	8 (11.6%)	1 (1.4%)	3 (4.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Cass	12 (40.0%)	6 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (20.0%)	6 (20.0%)	3 (10.0%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Chippewa	18 (72.0%)	14 (56.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.0%)	3 (12.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Chisago	27 (62.8%)	19 (44.2%)	2 (4.7%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (7.0%)	6 (14.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Clay	4 (4.7%)	51 (59.3%)	4 (4.7%)	1 (1.2%)	4 (4.7%)	3 (3.5%)	1 (1.2%)	24 (27.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Clearwater	5 (35.7%)	4 (28.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (21.4%)	2 (14.3%)	4 (28.6%)	1 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Cook	2 (28.6%)	3 (42.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (28.6%)	1 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Crow Wing	41 (50.0%)	41 (50.0%)	4 (4.9%)	2 (2.4%)	1 (1.2%)	6 (7.3%)	11 (13.4%)	3 (3.7%)	1 (1.2%)	3 (3.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Dakota	44 (44.0%)	46 (46.0%)	4 (4.0%)	1 (1.0%)	3 (3.0%)	10 (10.0%)	10 (10.0%)	2 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Des Moines Valley HHS	11 (50.0%)	3 (13.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (27.3%)	2 (9.1%)	2 (9.1%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Douglas	9 (28.1%)	18 (56.3%)	1 (3.1%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (9.4%)	2 (6.3%)	2 (6.3%)	5 (15.6%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Faribault-Martin	45 (60.0%)	33 (44.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (6.7%)	5 (6.7%)	4 (5.3%)	1 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)

Agency	Foster family home (relative)	Foster family home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential treatment center	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility	Residential SUD program with parent	Supervised independent living	Unknown absence
Fillmore	4 (50.0%)	3 (37.5%)	1 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Freeborn	6 (18.8%)	25 (78.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (9.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (9.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Goodhue	19 (54.3%)	17 (48.6%)	1 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (17.1%)	4 (11.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (5.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Hennepin	335 (56.5%)	221 (37.3%)	15 (2.5%)	1 (0.2%)	15 (2.5%)	58 (9.8%)	42 (7.1%)	6 (1.0%)	0 (0.0%)	19 (3.2%)	1 (0.2%)
Houston	3 (33.3%)	3 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (44.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (11.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hubbard	15 (48.4%)	13 (41.9%)	1 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.2%)	6 (19.4%)	2 (6.5%)	2 (6.5%)	1 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Isanti	13 (46.4%)	15 (53.6%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.1%)	1 (3.6%)	3 (10.7%)	1 (3.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Itasca	27 (29.3%)	35 (38.0%)	1 (1.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.2%)	23 (25.0%)	9 (9.8%)	19 (20.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Kanabec	7 (33.3%)	11 (52.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.8%)	2 (9.5%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (9.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.8%)
Kandiyohi	70 (62.5%)	45 (40.2%)	6 (5.4%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.9%)	4 (3.6%)	12 (10.7%)	8 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.8%)	0 (0.0%)
Kittson	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Koochiching	17 (37.8%)	24 (53.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.4%)	10 (22.2%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Lac qui Parle	4 (80.0%)	1 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Lake	5 (55.6%)	3 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (22.2%)	1 (11.1%)	1 (11.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Lake of the Woods	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Le Sueur	16 (61.5%)	8 (30.8%)	1 (3.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (15.4%)	1 (3.8%)	1 (3.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	14 (35.0%)	28 (70.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.5%)	3 (7.5%)	2 (5.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Mahnomen	5 (83.3%)	3 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Marshall	0 (0.0%)	2 (40.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (20.0%)	2 (40.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)
McLeod	21 (56.8%)	9 (24.3%)	3 (8.1%)	6 (16.2%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (5.4%)	1 (2.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Meeker	7 (35.0%)	11 (55.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (15.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (10.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Mille Lacs	4 (7.5%)	30 (56.6%)	1 (1.9%)	1 (1.9%)	7 (13.2%)	4 (7.5%)	6 (11.3%)	10 (18.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (3.8%)	0 (0.0%)
MN Prairie	44 (62.0%)	20 (28.2%)	6 (8.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	12 (16.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	1 (1.4%)

Agency	Foster family home (relative)	Foster family home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential treatment center	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility	Residential SUD program with parent	Supervised independent living	Unknown absence
Morrison	16 (34.8%)	18 (39.1%)	5 (10.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.2%)	8 (17.4%)	5 (10.9%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (8.7%)	1 (2.2%)
Mower	20 (44.4%)	27 (60.0%)	3 (6.7%)	3 (6.7%)	3 (6.7%)	3 (6.7%)	1 (2.2%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Nicollet	19 (37.3%)	20 (39.2%)	4 (7.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.0%)	9 (17.6%)	3 (5.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Nobles	1 (9.1%)	6 (54.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (9.1%)	1 (9.1%)	5 (45.5%)	2 (18.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Norman	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Olmsted	27 (40.9%)	16 (24.2%)	4 (6.1%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (12.1%)	4 (6.1%)	15 (22.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Otter Tail	32 (52.5%)	38 (62.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (3.3%)	2 (3.3%)	3 (4.9%)	2 (3.3%)	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Pennington	7 (43.8%)	14 (87.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Pine	8 (28.6%)	15 (53.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.1%)	4 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)
Polk	18 (45.0%)	16 (40.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.5%)	7 (17.5%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Ramsey	135 (40.9%)	119 (36.1%)	14 (4.2%)	4 (1.2%)	5 (1.5%)	26 (7.9%)	48 (14.5%)	45 (13.6%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.9%)	3 (0.9%)
Red Lake County	0 (0.0%)	5 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Renville	14 (51.9%)	8 (29.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (11.1%)	2 (7.4%)	2 (7.4%)	1 (3.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Rice	33 (44.6%)	39 (52.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	11 (14.9%)	1 (1.4%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Roseau	14 (46.7%)	10 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (16.7%)	1 (3.3%)	3 (10.0%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Scott	34 (47.9%)	29 (40.8%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.2%)	3 (4.2%)	6 (8.5%)	2 (2.8%)	13 (18.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Sherburne	20 (41.7%)	15 (31.3%)	3 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (6.3%)	5 (10.4%)	3 (6.3%)	4 (8.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.1%)	0 (0.0%)
Sibley	7 (63.6%)	4 (36.4%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (9.1%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (27.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Southwest HHS	55 (51.9%)	54 (50.9%)	1 (0.9%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (5.7%)	2 (1.9%)	8 (7.5%)	3 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.9%)	1 (0.9%)
St. Louis	150 (47.6%)	133 (42.2%)	7 (2.2%)	3 (1.0%)	19 (6.0%)	40 (12.7%)	58 (18.4%)	1 (0.3%)	4 (1.3%)	6 (1.9%)	0 (0.0%)
Stearns	88 (50.9%)	86 (49.7%)	3 (1.7%)	1 (0.6%)	1 (0.6%)	16 (9.2%)	21 (12.1%)	9 (5.2%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (1.7%)	1 (0.6%)
Stevens	8 (61.5%)	5 (38.5%)	1 (7.7%)	1 (7.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (15.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (15.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Swift	10 (40.0%)	15 (60.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.0%)	1 (4.0%)	3 (12.0%)	1 (4.0%)	1 (4.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

Agency	Foster family home (relative)	Foster family home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential treatment center	Group home	Juvenile correctional facility	Residential SUD program with parent	Supervised independent living	Unknown absence
Todd	10 (29.4%)	20 (58.8%)	5 (14.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (11.8%)	2 (5.9%)	1 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Traverse	1 (12.5%)	4 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	2 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Wabasha	6 (60.0%)	7 (70.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (10.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Wadena	37 (66.1%)	32 (57.1%)	1 (1.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.8%)	1 (1.8%)	5 (8.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Washington	54 (50.5%)	35 (32.7%)	5 (4.7%)	2 (1.9%)	6 (5.6%)	16 (15.0%)	5 (4.7%)	6 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (2.8%)	2 (1.9%)
Watonwan	21 (51.2%)	22 (53.7%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (7.3%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (12.2%)	2 (4.9%)	1 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)
Western Prairie HS	17 (60.7%)	14 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.6%)	1 (3.6%)	2 (7.1%)	3 (10.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
White Earth Nation	34 (41.5%)	47 (57.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (9.8%)	0 (0.0%)
Wilkin	4 (28.6%)	3 (21.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (14.3%)	4 (28.6%)	1 (7.1%)	2 (14.3%)	2 (14.3%)	1 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)
Winona	21 (46.7%)	30 (66.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.4%)	1 (2.2%)	3 (6.7%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Wright	52 (56.5%)	37 (40.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (3.3%)	11 (12.0%)	4 (4.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.2%)	1 (1.1%)
Yellow Medicine	6 (85.7%)	4 (57.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (28.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Minnesota	2,151 (46.6%)	2,010 (43.5%)	124 (2.7%)	45 (1.0%)	175 (3.8%)	501 (10.9%)	358 (8.0%)	291 (6.8%)	15 (0.3%)	101 (2.2%)	14 (0.3%)

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2021.

Note: Also children can be in multiple different location settings over the course of the year, and are counted in once in each category of location setting they experienced.

Table 15. Number and (percent) of children by location setting, race/ethnicity, 2021

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Foster family home (relative)	248 (44.2%)	322 (47.6%)	31 (34.8%)	558 (49.5%)	41 (41.0%)	951 (46.1%)	2151 (46.6%)	252 (50.1%)
Foster family home (non-relative)	264 (47.1%)	319 (47.1%)	42 (47.2%)	514 (45.6%)	46 (46.0%)	825 (40.0%)	2,010 (43.5%)	230 (45.7%)
Pre-adoptive home (relative)	14 (2.5%)	4 (0.6%)	8 (9.0%)	39 (3.5%)	1 (1.0%)	58 (2.8%)	124 (2.7%)	11 (2.2%)
Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.1%)	2 (2.2%)	19 (1.7%)	1 (1.0%)	21 (1.0%)	45 (1.0%)	4 (0.8%)
Pre-kinship home (relative)	7 (1.2%)	47 (6.9%)	3 (3.4%)	47 (4.2%)	1 (1.0%)	70 (3.4%)	175 (3.8%)	13 (2.6%)

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Residential treatment center	48 (8.6%)	46 (6.8%)	6 (6.7%)	95 (8.4%)	9 (9.0%)	297 (14.4%)	501 (10.9%)	46 (9.1%)
Group home	60 (10.7%)	42 (6.2%)	6 (6.7%)	83 (7.4%)	9 (9.0%)	158 (7.7%)	358 (7.8%)	41 (8.2%)
Juvenile correctional facility	51 (9.1%)	36 (5.3%)	4 (4.5%)	62 (5.5%)	6 (6.0%)	132 (6.4%)	291 (6.3%)	39 (7.8%)
Residential SUD program with parent	1 (0.2%)	4 (0.6%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (0.3%)	15 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)
Supervised independent living	12 (2.1%)	24 (3.5%)	5 (5.6%)	22 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	38 (1.8%)	101 (2.2%)	12 (2.4%)
Unknown absence	2 (0.4%)	2 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (0.5%)	1 (1.0%)	3 (0.1%)	14 (0.3%)	2 (0.4%)
Total	561 (100.0%)	677 (100.0%)	89 (100.0%)	1,127 (100.0%)	100 (100.0%)	2,063 (100.0%)	4,617 (100.0%)	503 (100.0%)

Permanency planning

Permanency planning begins as soon as a child enters out-of-home care. Most frequently, reunification is the primary permanency goal; however, concurrent permanency planning for other options is best practice. When reunification is not possible, and adoption is determined to be the appropriate permanency option for a child, the court must order termination of parental rights (TPR), severing the legal parent-child relationship, or accept parents' consent to adoption. The court must also order guardianship of child to the department's commissioner.

Children under guardianship of the commissioner are referred to as state wards. The commissioner is the temporary guardian of these children until adopted. Adoption is the only permanency option for children under guardianship of the commissioner.¹ As designated agents of the commissioner, county and tribal social service agencies are responsible for safety, placement, and well-being of these children, including identifying appropriate adoptive parents and working with these parents, courts, and others to facilitate the adoption process. This process may be lengthy. Children may remain under guardianship for months or years, or until they turn age 18 and either age out of the foster care system or continue in extended foster care. Once youth turn 18, they are no longer under guardianship of the commissioner. The following tables provide information on:

- The number of children entering into guardianship, continuing in guardianship from the prior year, and the total experiencing guardianship by agency
- The rate per 1,000 children in the population experiencing guardianship
- The number and percent of children under the guardianship of the commissioner and the rate per 1,000 children in the population by race/ethnicity
- The number of children under the guardianship of the commissioner by age

¹ The exception is when a court determines that re-establishing parental rights is the most appropriate permanency option. There are specific eligibility criteria that must be met prior to making this determination, including age of child, length of time in care post-termination of parental rights, and whether parent has corrected conditions that led to termination of parental rights. See [Minn. Stat., 260C.329](#), for information.

Table 16. Number and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by agency, 2021

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child Population	Rate per 1,000
Aitkin	2	2	4	2,604	1.5
Anoka	58	39	97	87,296	1.1
Becker	8	31	39	8,514	4.6
Beltrami	2	10	12	11,781	1.0
Benton	10	17	27	10,676	2.5
Big Stone	2	0	2	1,145	1.7
Blue Earth	19	12	31	13,884	2.2
Brown	11	4	15	5,766	2.6
Carlton	1	10	11	8,141	1.4
Carver	4	12	16	28,155	0.6
Cass	4	11	15	6,298	2.4
Chippewa	13	4	17	3,134	5.4
Chisago	12	11	23	12,883	1.8
Clay	27	27	54	16,404	3.3
Clearwater	0	3	3	2,186	1.4
Cook	0	1	1	861	1.2
Crow Wing	27	16	43	14,149	3.0
Dakota	19	48	67	107,500	0.6
Des Moines Valley HHS	6	10	16	5,078	3.2
Douglas	5	8	13	8,574	1.5
Faribault-Martin	17	12	29	7,613	3.8
Fillmore	1	4	5	5,302	0.9
Freeborn	17	8	25	6,862	3.6
Goodhue	12	6	18	10,580	1.7
Hennepin	177	378	555	281,235	2.0
Houston	0	8	8	4,187	1.9
Hubbard	5	5	10	4,603	2.2
Isanti	3	10	13	9,862	1.3
Itasca	4	24	28	9,358	3.0
Kanabec	6	0	6	3,445	1.7
Kandiyohi	22	9	31	10,838	2.9
Kittson	0	1	1	929	1.1
Koochiching	2	8	10	2,131	4.7
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	1,413	N/A
Lake	4	0	4	2,111	1.9
Lake of the Woods	0	2	2	731	2.7
Le Sueur	2	8	10	6,779	1.5
Mahnomen	0	0	0	1,700	N/A
Marshall	0	0	0	2,123	N/A
McLeod	11	14	25	8,384	3.0
Meeker	4	9	13	5,734	2.3
Mille Lacs	2	5	7	6,261	1.1

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child Population	Rate per 1,000
MN Prairie	18	27	45	19,117	2.4
Morrison	17	7	24	7,974	3.0
Mower	12	13	25	10,267	2.4
Nicollet	10	4	14	7,649	1.8
Nobles	2	3	5	6,273	0.8
Norman	0	0	0	1,535	N/A
Olmsted	44	27	71	40,098	1.8
Otter Tail	15	25	40	13,236	3.0
Pennington	2	1	3	3,195	0.9
Pine	1	14	15	5,608	2.7
Polk	4	13	17	7,714	2.2
Ramsey	90	328	418	129,515	3.2
Red Lake County	0	0	0	956	N/A
Renville	4	12	16	3,458	4.6
Rice	5	18	23	14,583	1.6
Roseau	0	0	0	3,670	N/A
Scott	6	8	14	40,612	0.3
Sherburne	16	15	31	25,561	1.2
Sibley	1	0	1	3,406	0.3
Southwest HHS	12	41	53	18,512	2.9
St. Louis	67	53	120	38,151	3.1
Stearns	35	25	60	37,348	1.6
Stevens	6	4	10	2,116	4.7
Swift	6	18	24	2,279	10.5
Todd	6	9	15	6,114	2.5
Traverse	2	0	2	713	2.8
Wabasha	6	2	8	4,751	1.7
Wadena	5	13	18	3,736	4.8
Washington	19	16	35	65,552	0.5
Watonwan	3	7	10	2,775	3.6
Western Prairie HS	9	11	20	3,855	5.2
Wilkin	1	2	3	1,455	2.1
Winona	5	29	34	8,942	3.8
Wright	8	29	37	39,451	0.9
Yellow Medicine	3	1	4	2,189	1.8
Minnesota	960	1,562	2,522	1,329,576	1.9

Table 17. Number, percent, and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by race/ethnicity, 2021

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Entered guardianship (N)	110	28	29	221	167	405	960	98

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown / declined	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Entered guardianship (%)	11.5%	2.9%	3.0%	23.0%	17.4%	42.2%	100.0%	10.2%
Continued in guardianship (N)	397	74	28	386	32	645	1,562	181
Continued in guardianship (%)	25.4%	4.7%	1.8%	24.7%	2.0%	41.3%	100.0%	11.6%
Total under guardianship (N)	507	102	57	607	199	1,050	2,522	279
Total under guardianship (%)	20.1%	4.0%	2.3%	24.1%	7.9%	41.6%	100.0%	11.1%
Child population (N)	144,611	27,890	89,012	78,716	N/A	989,347	1,329,576	122,347
Child population (%)	10.9%	2.1%	6.7%	5.9%	N/A	74.4%	100.0%	9.2%
Per 1,000 rate of children under guardianship	3.5	3.7	0.6	7.7	N/A	1.1	1.9	2.3

Table 18. Number and percent of children in guardianship by age, 2021

Age	Count	Percent
<1	133	5.3%
1	272	10.8%
2	229	9.1%
3	192	7.6%
4	165	6.5%
5	153	6.1%
6	130	5.2%
7	139	5.5%
8	108	4.3%
9	104	4.1%
10	113	4.5%
11	104	4.1%
12	122	4.8%
13	121	4.8%
14	112	4.4%
15	132	5.2%
16	100	4.0%
17	93	3.7%
Total	2,522	100.0%

Note: Age is calculated at age of entry for children who entered guardianship during the year and on the first of the year for children who continued as guardians of the state from a prior year.

Leaving out-of-home care

This section focuses on children who left out-of-home care in 2021. The designation of exiters is used for children who were in out-of-home placement and exited during 2021. There were 5,578 unique children in 5,722 placement episodes that ended in 2021 (e.g., some children experienced more than one placement episode that ended during the year).

Placement moves

During a placement episode, children may move from one location to another to better meet their particular needs. Although moves can create further trauma for children in out-of-home care, some moves are necessary to better ensure safety, provide needed services, and/or allow children to be in a less restrictive environment, or achieve permanency. The following data provides information on the number of placement moves experienced within the placement episode for all episodes that ended in the year.

Table 19. Number of location moves in placement episodes ending in 2021 by agency

Agency	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total placements
Aitkin	11	2	3	0	0	0	16
Anoka	125	35	21	10	4	15	210
Becker	36	17	9	1	4	6	73
Beltrami	62	38	12	10	3	11	136
Benton	27	8	0	2	0	2	39
Big Stone	3	1	2	0	0	0	6
Blue Earth	53	19	6	2	0	2	82
Brown	25	5	5	0	0	1	36
Carlton	22	8	9	2	2	3	46
Carver	45	14	3	5	3	5	75
Cass	27	5	3	0	1	3	39
Chippewa	12	3	4	0	1	1	21
Chisago	21	5	9	3	1	1	40
Clay	66	23	8	11	0	12	120
Clearwater	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
Cook	4	2	2	1	0	0	9
Crow Wing	43	27	7	4	2	6	89
Dakota	65	19	12	3	1	5	105
Des Moines Valley HHS	19	4	4	1	1	0	29
Douglas	13	8	8	2	0	2	33
Faribault-Martin	61	15	3	1	0	1	81
Fillmore	10	2	1	0	0	0	13
Freeborn	36	16	0	1	2	3	58
Goodhue	22	5	4	0	1	1	33
Hennepin	488	213	94	56	30	75	956
Houston	5	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hubbard	25	7	1	1	1	3	38
Isanti	14	6	6	2	1	2	31
Itasca	55	21	13	8	1	5	103

Agency	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total placements
Kanabec	11	3	0	0	0	0	14
Kandiyohi	57	10	11	6	0	2	86
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koochiching	37	10	4	0	0	0	51
Lac qui Parle	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lake	7	7	0	0	0	0	14
Lake of the Woods	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Le Sueur	13	5	0	1	2	1	22
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	19	10	4	4	1	11	49
Mahnomen	7	0	1	1	2	4	15
Marshall	3	1	0	0	1	1	6
McLeod	39	6	3	0	2	0	50
Meeker	21	3	3	1	0	1	29
Mille Lacs	43	8	11	9	7	7	85
MN Prairie	45	19	12	2	2	3	83
Morrison	23	6	4	2	1	1	37
Mower	36	10	6	0	0	3	55
Nicollet	23	5	2	0	0	1	31
Nobles	17	10	0	0	0	0	27
Norman	0	3	2	2	0	0	7
Olmsted	56	20	2	3	0	3	84
Otter Tail	39	27	11	2	1	2	82
Pennington	11	5	0	2	0	1	19
Pine	15	3	6	2	0	2	28
Polk	36	10	6	5	2	4	63
Ramsey	240	119	52	22	22	48	503
Red Lake County	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
Renville	18	14	7	3	0	0	42
Rice	56	20	3	3	0	1	83
Roseau	21	6	1	2	0	1	31
Scott	71	9	5	0	1	3	89
Sherburne	27	5	5	0	1	2	40
Sibley	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Southwest HHS	60	28	17	0	1	4	110
St. Louis	221	117	32	27	10	14	421
Stearns	106	31	21	10	7	6	181
Stevens	4	7	1	0	0	0	12
Swift	7	12	4	2	0	0	25
Todd	14	9	3	1	2	2	31
Traverse	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
Wabasha	9	10	0	0	0	0	19
Wadena	40	15	4	0	2	1	62
Washington	72	15	10	2	5	5	109
Watonwan	16	7	1	1	0	2	27

Agency	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total placements
Western Prairie HS	15	2	7	0	3	0	27
White Earth Nation	53	11	11	11	3	5	94
Wilkin	10	3	2	1	1	1	18
Winona	35	19	5	2	1	4	66
Wright	57	24	7	4	1	2	95
Yellow Medicine	15	4	1	0	0	0	20
Minnesota	3,204	1,230	550	271	143	324	5,722

In order to promote stability and minimize trauma related to placement moves, including when a child goes into out-of-home care, it's important to keep children in the same school whenever possible. The following table provides information on the number of new placement locations in the year that resulted in a school change (among school-aged children, 5 through 17 years old), and whether the student was enrolled in the new school within seven days of the move.

Table 20. Number of placement locations that resulted in a school change among school-aged children and enrollment in new school within seven days by agency, 2021

Agency	Placements where school change was needed	Placements where new school enrollment date was within 7 days (N)	Placements where new school enrollment date was within 7 days (%)
Aitkin	14	11	78.6%
Anoka	48	40	83.3%
Becker	59	57	96.6%
Beltrami	75	55	73.3%
Benton	21	18	85.7%
Big Stone	3	0	0.0%
Blue Earth	21	19	90.5%
Brown	17	14	82.4%
Carlton	19	17	89.5%
Carver	36	35	97.2%
Cass	19	16	84.2%
Chippewa	18	16	88.9%
Chisago	14	13	92.9%
Clay	23	6	26.1%
Clearwater	8	8	100.0%
Cook	9	5	55.6%
Crow Wing	46	44	95.7%
Dakota	6	5	83.3%
Des Moines Valley HHS	19	19	100.0%
Douglas	10	8	80.0%
Faribault-Martin	25	23	92.0%
Fillmore	4	4	100.0%
Freeborn	19	18	94.7%

Agency	Placements where school change was needed	Placements where new school enrollment date was within 7 days (N)	Placements where new school enrollment date was within 7 days (%)
Goodhue	20	18	90.0%
Hennepin	161	152	94.4%
Houston	6	6	100.0%
Hubbard	18	17	94.4%
Isanti	20	18	90.0%
Itasca	16	15	93.8%
Kanabec	7	7	100.0%
Kandiyohi	29	5	17.2%
Kittson	2	2	100.0%
Koochiching	17	17	100.0%
Lac qui Parle	1	1	100.0%
Lake	3	3	100.0%
Lake of the Woods	0	0	N/A
Le Sueur	10	9	90.0%
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	30	18	60.0%
MN Prairie	52	49	94.2%
Mahnomen	1	0	0.0%
Marshall	2	1	50.0%
McLeod	13	10	76.9%
Meeker	8	8	100.0%
Mille Lacs	55	48	87.3%
Morrison	45	42	93.3%
Mower	16	16	100.0%
Nicollet	13	12	92.3%
Nobles	5	4	80.0%
Norman	8	4	50.0%
Olmsted	34	31	91.2%
Otter Tail	28	21	75.0%
Pennington	10	5	50.0%
Pine	12	8	66.7%
Polk	49	47	95.9%
Ramsey	154	103	66.9%
Red Lake County	0	0	N/A
Renville	17	15	88.2%
Rice	22	18	81.8%
Roseau	18	17	94.4%
Scott	24	19	79.2%
Sherburne	18	12	66.7%
Sibley	6	6	100.0%
Southwest HHS	48	44	91.7%
St. Louis	168	162	96.4%

Agency	Placements where school change was needed	Placements where new school enrollment date was within 7 days (N)	Placements where new school enrollment date was within 7 days (%)
Stearns	85	76	89.4%
Stevens	4	2	50.0%
Swift	15	14	93.3%
Todd	10	8	80.0%
Traverse	6	6	100.0%
Wabasha	1	1	100.0%
Wadena	9	7	77.8%
Washington	39	35	89.7%
Watonwan	16	16	100.0%
Western Prairie Human Services	20	19	95.0%
White Earth Nation	86	79	91.9%
Wilkin	19	19	100.0%
Winona	24	24	100.0%
Wright	25	21	84.0%
Yellow Medicine	5	3	60.0%
Minnesota	2,111	1,804	85.5%

Reasons for leaving out-of-home care and length of time in care

The following section provides information both about where children went upon exiting out-of-home and how long they were in care.

There are many different permanency outcomes for children exiting out-of-home care. In most circumstances, the preferred option is for children to return to their caregivers which is called reunification. As discussed previously, in certain circumstances, the court may determine that a child is unable to return to their primary caregiver or parent and will either transfer legal and physical custody to a relative or move to terminate parental rights and move to adoption. Less frequently, youth may reach the age of 18 and either age out of foster care or opt into extended foster care, at which point they will age out of foster care at 21.

Table 21. Number and (percent) of placement episodes ending in 2021 by discharge reason, and race/ethnicity

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Reunification with parents/primary caretakers	412 (47.9%)	428 (46.9%)	35 (42.2%)	663 (52.8%)	1,470 (58.1%)	3,072 (53.7%)	302 (52.0%)
Adoption and tribal customary adoption	193 (22.4%)	76 (8.3%)	19 (22.9%)	273 (21.8%)	483 (19.1%)	1,047 (18.3%)	115 (19.8%)

	African American / Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
Transfer of permanent legal, physical custody to a relative	82 (9.5%)	223 (24.4%)	13 (15.7%)	131 (10.4%)	208 (8.2%)	662 (11.6%)	58 (10.0%)
Reached age of majority	91 (10.6%)	59 (6.5%)	13 (15.7%)	83 (6.6%)	187 (7.4%)	436 (7.6%)	50 (8.6%)
Living with other relatives	41 (4.8%)	71 (7.8%)	0 (0.0%)	69 (5.5%)	117 (4.6%)	301 (5.3%)	33 (5.7%)
Transfer to another agency	25 (2.9%)	20 (2.2%)	1 (1.2%)	11 (0.9%)	39 (1.5%)	98 (1.7%)	15 (2.6%)
Guardianship to an unrelated individual	2 (0.2%)	31 (3.4%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (0.6%)	11 (0.4%)	53 (0.9%)	3 (0.5%)
Runaway from placement	12 (1.4%)	3 (0.3%)	2 (2.4%)	13 (1.0%)	11 (0.4%)	41 (0.7%)	5 (0.9%)
Death of client	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)
Total	860 (100.0%)	913 (100.0%)	83 (100.0%)	1,255 (100.0%)	2,530 (100.0%)	5,722 (100.0%)	581 (100.0%)

Note: A small number of cases have unknown or declined to provide information on race/ethnicity; these cases are counted in the total.

Table 22. Number of placement episodes ending in 2021 by discharge reason and agency

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway)
Aitkin	13	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Anoka	124	43	12	11	1	13	3	3
Becker	34	21	13	3	2	0	0	0
Beltrami	72	10	40	9	2	1	1	1
Benton	24	8	0	4	3	0	0	0
Big Stone	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Blue Earth	61	10	3	1	5	2	0	0
Brown	23	7	1	2	3	0	0	0
Carlton	26	4	14	1	0	0	1	0
Carver	44	7	7	8	5	1	0	3

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway)
Cass	19	5	3	4	7	0	0	1
Chippewa	8	4	1	3	3	2	0	0
Chisago	18	10	5	6	0	0	1	0
Clay	79	17	6	10	4	2	0	2
Clearwater	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cook	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Crow Wing	41	20	10	8	6	3	0	1
Dakota	55	21	6	11	8	1	2	1
Des Moines Valley HHS	18	7	0	3	1	0	0	0
Douglas	14	7	7	1	4	0	0	0
Faribault-Martin	60	3	14	2	1	0	0	1
Fillmore	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
Freeborn	39	7	5	4	2	1	0	0
Goodhue	17	7	1	7	0	1	0	0
Hennepin	407	216	149	91	47	35	5	6
Houston	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hubbard	29	2	1	1	2	2	0	1
Isanti	16	4	8	2	0	0	0	1
Itasca	65	14	11	9	3	1	0	0
Kanabec	11	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Kandiyohi	48	11	5	4	18	0	0	0
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koochiching	38	7	0	1	5	0	0	0
Lac qui Parle	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	8	2	0	1	3	0	0	0
Lake of the Woods	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Le Sueur	13	3	0	1	1	4	0	0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	13	12	20	1	0	0	3	0
Mahnomen	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
McLeod	34	11	1	4	0	0	0	0
Meeker	20	3	0	2	3	0	1	0
Mille Lacs	45	3	7	5	8	0	17	0
MN Prairie	40	19	10	6	5	2	1	0
Morrison	20	4	2	9	1	1	0	0
Mower	32	11	4	3	3	1	1	0

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway)
Nicollet	23	3	1	2	0	2	0	0
Nobles	24	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Norman	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Olmsted	35	28	9	7	3	0	1	1
Otter Tail	45	18	14	4	0	0	0	1
Pennington	13	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Pine	9	5	5	4	4	0	1	0
Polk	44	4	7	7	1	0	0	0
Ramsey	177	194	56	39	16	7	5	9
Red Lake County	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renville	26	11	1	1	0	1	1	1
Rice	63	9	7	4	0	0	0	0
Roseau	25	0	5	0	1	0	0	0
Scott	68	4	9	4	4	0	0	0
Sherburne	20	10	3	6	0	1	0	0
Sibley	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Southwest HHS	67	22	11	6	3	0	0	1
St. Louis	234	47	62	31	44	1	0	2
Stearns	122	24	3	12	17	0	1	2
Stevens	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Swift	13	8	1	0	3	0	0	0
Todd	17	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
Traverse	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Wabasha	14	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wadena	46	10	0	2	4	0	0	0
Washington	54	14	14	14	10	2	0	1
Watsonwan	19	6	0	1	1	0	0	0
Western Prairie HS	8	14	1	0	2	2	0	0
White Earth Nation	55	20	4	12	2	1	0	0
Wilkin	13	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
Winona	43	10	5	5	3	0	0	0
Wright	44	13	15	10	8	5	0	0
Yellow Medicine	13	1	3	0	3	0	0	0
Minnesota	3,076	1,047	662	436	305	98	53	45

Of the children who exit care each year, some children were in care for only a few days while others for multiple years. Table 23 provide information on the length of stay that children were in out-of-home care when they exited care. The Minnesota's out-of-home care and permanency report

length of time that children spend in care is highly variable and may be influenced by the following, among many other factors, including:

- Needs of children and family
- Safety concerns
- Availability of resources to help families reach goals in their case plan
- Overall permanency goal/s
- Administrative requirements/barriers, and
- Legal responsibilities/court decisions.

Table 23. Length of stay for placement episodes ending in 2021 by agency

Agency	1 to 7 days	8 to 30 days	2 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total placements
Aitkin	0	1	7	1	6	1	0	16
Anoka	37	7	22	36	40	35	33	210
Becker	0	2	14	9	25	14	9	73
Beltrami	6	1	17	39	43	13	17	136
Benton	1	1	7	15	8	5	2	39
Big Stone	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	6
Blue Earth	9	4	17	20	18	13	1	82
Brown	2	1	5	17	8	3	0	36
Carlton	0	0	10	6	14	11	5	46
Carver	1	2	13	28	20	1	10	75
Cass	1	0	9	9	9	6	5	39
Chippewa	0	0	4	6	6	4	1	21
Chisago	0	0	10	8	17	2	3	40
Clay	25	4	12	13	35	20	11	120
Clearwater	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	8
Cook	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	9
Crow Wing	4	4	22	13	23	16	7	89
Dakota	11	7	14	18	21	18	16	105
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	0	6	10	5	3	5	29
Douglas	1	5	4	6	10	5	2	33
Faribault-Martin	15	1	23	16	21	2	3	81
Fillmore	0	0	1	3	8	0	1	13
Freeborn	0	1	13	21	7	10	6	58
Goodhue	0	2	8	6	8	5	4	33
Hennepin	51	28	138	114	276	159	190	956
Houston	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	6
Hubbard	4	4	6	11	8	1	4	38
Isanti	4	0	4	3	15	1	4	31
Itasca	8	8	21	21	20	12	13	103
Kanabec	2	2	3	5	1	1	0	14
Kandiyohi	14	2	21	16	30	2	1	86
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Agency	1 to 7 days	8 to 30 days	2 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total placements
Koochiching	2	1	14	16	16	2	0	51
Lac qui Parle	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	6
Lake	2	0	5	3	1	2	1	14
Lake of the Woods	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4
Le Sueur	0	0	5	11	2	1	3	22
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	7	0	0	2	1	11	28	49
Mahnomen	0	0	1	2	1	6	5	15
Marshall	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	6
McLeod	6	2	0	9	27	3	3	50
Meeker	3	2	0	9	11	1	3	29
Mille Lacs	3	1	13	20	15	12	21	85
MN Prairie	0	3	13	27	29	5	6	83
Morrison	3	0	6	8	15	1	4	37
Mower	14	0	5	16	11	4	5	55
Nicollet	1	7	10	7	1	2	3	31
Nobles	3	4	7	10	2	0	1	27
Norman	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	7
Olmsted	1	4	11	22	30	8	8	84
Otter Tail	7	3	13	7	38	7	7	82
Pennington	4	0	8	2	3	0	2	19
Pine	3	2	3	1	7	4	8	28
Polk	0	1	24	17	12	8	1	63
Ramsey	43	15	58	41	88	91	167	503
Red Lake County	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Renville	4	1	5	12	19	1	0	42
Rice	13	3	17	15	20	13	2	83
Roseau	1	0	16	7	7	0	0	31
Scott	34	4	16	14	17	2	2	89
Sherburne	7	1	8	8	9	4	3	40
Sibley	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	5
Southwest HHS	21	5	10	20	27	15	12	110
St. Louis	30	29	90	54	134	49	35	421
Stearns	19	7	53	36	36	17	13	181
Stevens	0	0	1	5	4	2	0	12
Swift	2	1	5	6	4	7	0	25
Todd	0	2	2	9	14	1	3	31
Traverse	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	6
Wabasha	0	0	2	12	4	1	0	19
Wadena	16	10	14	6	5	6	5	62
Washington	10	5	16	26	33	8	11	109
Watonwan	8	1	4	4	7	2	1	27
Western Prairie HS	5	0	5	2	11	4	0	27
White Earth Nation	0	0	14	18	24	11	27	94

Agency	1 to 7 days	8 to 30 days	2 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total placements
Wilkin	0	1	7	5	1	2	2	18
Winona	6	0	16	18	16	5	5	66
Wright	9	7	17	16	23	8	15	95
Yellow Medicine	0	0	1	11	8	0	0	20
Minnesota	488	221	974	1,029	1,453	706	851	5,722

Length of time in care also varies by race and ethnicity. Table 24 shows the number and percentage of placement episodes by length of stay, race and ethnicity.

Table 24. Number and (percent) of placement episodes ending in 2021 by length of time in care and race/ethnicity

	African American/ Black	American Indian	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic (any race)
1 to 7 days	108 (12.6%)	64 (7.0%)	12 (14.5%)	85 (6.8%)	206 (8.1%)	488 (8.5%)	43 (7.4%)
8 to 30 days	34 (4.0%)	28 (3.1%)	0 (0.0%)	62 (4.9%)	89 (3.5%)	221 (3.9%)	90 (15.5%)
2 to 6 months	130 (15.1%)	117 (12.8%)	8 (9.6%)	184 (14.7%)	512 (20.2%)	974 (17.0%)	28 (4.8%)
7 to 12 months	105 (12.2%)	129 (14.1%)	18 (21.7%)	230 (18.3%)	527 (20.8%)	1,029 (18.0%)	120 (20.7%)
13 to 24 months	199 (23.1%)	220 (24.1%)	21 (25.3%)	349 (27.8%)	656 (25.9%)	1,453 (25.4%)	140 (24.1%)
25 to 36 months	130 (15.1%)	118 (12.9%)	4 (4.8%)	161 (12.8%)	287 (11.3%)	706 (12.3%)	59 (10.2%)
Longer than 36 months	154 (17.9%)	237 (26.0%)	20 (24.1%)	184 (14.7%)	253 (10.0%)	851 (14.9%)	101 (17.4%)
Total	860 (100.0%)	913 (100.0%)	83 (100.0%)	1,255 (100.0%)	2,530 (100.0%)	5,722 (100.0%)	581 (100.0%)

The length of time that children spend in out-of-home care varies by their permanency outcome on average. Children who are reunified with their parents often have shorter stays in out-of-home care while children who exit to adoption have the longest stays in out-of-home care. Table 25 provides information on length of time in care by discharge reason for children exiting care during the year.

Table 25. Number and (percent) of placement episodes ending in 2021 by length of time in care and discharge reason

	Reunification with parents/primary caretakers	Adoption and tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other	Total
1 to 7 days	420 (86.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	46 (9.4%)	14 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (1.6%)	488 (100.0%)
8 to 30 days	190 (86.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (2.3%)	13 (5.9%)	7 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (2.7%)	221 (100.0%)
2 to 6 months	800 (82.1%)	1 (0.1%)	4 (0.4%)	50 (5.1%)	77 (7.9%)	28 (2.9%)	2 (0.2%)	12 (1.2%)	974 (100.0%)
7 to 12 months	842 (81.8%)	27 (2.6%)	38 (3.7%)	36 (3.5%)	55 (5.3%)	24 (2.3%)	4 (0.4%)	3 (0.3%)	1,029 (100.0%)
13 to 24 months	620 (42.7%)	303 (20.9%)	368 (25.3%)	62 (4.3%)	76 (5.2%)	10 (0.7%)	7 (0.5%)	7 (0.5%)	1,453 (100.0%)
25 to 36 months	120 (17.0%)	337 (47.7%)	163 (23.1%)	46 (6.5%)	18 (2.5%)	5 (0.7%)	15 (2.1%)	2 (0.3%)	706 (100.0%)
More than 36 months	84 (9.9%)	379 (44.5%)	89 (10.5%)	237 (27.8%)	20 (2.4%)	10 (1.2%)	25 (2.9%)	7 (0.8%)	851 (100.0%)
Total	3,076 (53.8%)	1,047 (18.3%)	662 (11.6%)	436 (7.6%)	305 (5.3%)	98 (1.7%)	53 (0.9%)	45 (0.8%)	5,722 (100.0%)

After achieving permanency, the goal is for children to find stability with those caregivers. Unfortunately, this doesn't always happen and sometimes children come back into out-of-home care. This is often referred to as re-entry. The Children's Bureau uses a measure of re-entry into out-of-home care after reunification to monitor state's performance related to this issue. The measure for 2021 starts with a count of all children who entered out-of-home care in a 2019 and reunified in less than 12 months, and then looks to see how many of those children re-entered out-of-home care within 12 months of achieving permanency. Table 26 provides information on the federal re-entry measure by agency and statewide.

Table 26. Federal re-entry into out-of-home care performance measure by agency, 2021

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children re-enter	Percent
Aitkin	13	1	7.7%
Anoka	80	11	13.8%
Becker	44	6	13.6%
Beltrami	82	2	2.4%
Benton	27	3	11.1%
Big Stone	1	0	0.0%
Blue Earth	26	0	0.0%

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children re-enter	Percent
Brown	6	1	16.7%
Carlton	27	2	7.4%
Carver	41	8	19.5%
Cass	15	2	13.3%
Chippewa	4	4	100.0%
Chisago	15	4	26.7%
Clay	32	5	15.6%
Clearwater	8	2	25.0%
Cook	1	0	0.0%
Crow Wing	14	1	7.1%
Dakota	69	7	10.1%
Des Moines Valley HHS	9	0	0.0%
Douglas	19	1	5.3%
Faribault-Martin	23	4	17.4%
Fillmore	4	0	0.0%
Freeborn	8	0	0.0%
Goodhue	11	0	0.0%
Hennepin	340	36	10.6%
Houston	6	0	0.0%
Hubbard	24	3	12.5%
Isanti	11	2	18.2%
Itasca	92	14	15.2%
Kanabec	11	2	18.2%
Kandiyohi	29	6	20.7%
Kittson	2	0	0.0%
Koochiching	23	5	21.7%
Lac qui Parle	3	1	33.3%
Lake	7	1	14.3%
Lake of the Woods	7	0	0.0%
Le Sueur	12	1	8.3%
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	3	1	33.3%
Mahnomen	5	0	0.0%
Marshall	2	0	0.0%
McLeod	23	4	17.4%
Meeker	5	0	0.0%
Mille Lacs	33	7	21.2%
MN Prairie	44	5	11.4%
Morrison	12	2	16.7%
Mower	11	1	9.1%
Nicollet	15	1	6.7%
Nobles	20	1	5.0%
Norman	2	0	0.0%
Olmsted	23	1	4.3%

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children re-enter	Percent
Otter Tail	34	3	8.8%
Pennington	0	0	N/A
Pine	11	2	18.2%
Polk	44	5	11.4%
Ramsey	145	20	13.8%
Red Lake County	0	0	N/A
Renville	17	2	11.8%
Rice	66	7	10.6%
Roseau	20	1	5.0%
Scott	28	3	10.7%
Sherburne	42	3	7.1%
Sibley	3	2	66.7%
Southwest HHS	24	4	16.7%
St. Louis	176	38	21.6%
Stearns	72	11	15.3%
Stevens	3	0	0.0%
Swift	20	2	10.0%
Todd	17	2	11.8%
Traverse	2	0	0.0%
Wabasha	7	2	28.6%
Wadena	28	4	14.3%
Washington	35	7	20.0%
Watonwan	4	1	25.0%
Western Prairie HS	13	2	15.4%
White Earth Nation	34	7	20.6%
Wilkin	11	1	9.1%
Winona	26	1	3.8%
Wright	28	3	10.7%
Yellow Medicine	8	0	0.0%
Minnesota	2,282	291	12.8%

Note: The federal performance standard for the re-entry measure is 8.3% or less. This standard comes from CFSR Round 3.

Appendix A

Table 27. American Indian children in out-of-home care by tribal affiliation, 2021

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Alabama	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	19
Alaska	Akiachak Native Community	1
	Alaskan Native	2
	Algaaciq Native Village (aka St. Mary's)	6
	Birch Creek Tribe	3
	Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	1
	Crooked Creek, Native Village of	3
	Curyung Tribal Council	3
	Gakona, Native Village of	1
	Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in (fka Native Village of Fort Yukon)	4
	Hooper Bay, Native Village of	3
	Kenaitze Indian Tribe	2
	Ketchikan Indian Community	2
	Knik Tribe	1
	Metlakatla Indian Community	1
	Ninilchik Village	1
	Nome Eskimo Community	1
	Portage Creek Village (aka Ohgensakale)	3
	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	1
	South Naknek Village	4
	Teller, Native Village of (aka Mary's Igloo)	4
	Unalakleet, Native Village of	1
Arizona	Ak-Chin Indian Community	1
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	2
	Fort McDowell Yavapai Tribe	1
	Gila River Indian Community	1

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
	Hopi Tribe	4
	Navajo Nation	27
	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	4
	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	2
	San Carlos Apache Tribe	20
	San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe	1
	Tohono O'Odham Nation	3
	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona	17
	White Mountain Apache Tribe	23
	Yavapai-Apache Nation	18
	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe	2
California	Big Pine Paiute Tribe	1
	Bishop Paiute Tribe	1
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	2
	Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians	3
	Grindstone Rancheria	3
	Hoopa Valley Tribe	1
	Karuk Tribe of California	1
	Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	3
	Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California	1
	Timbi-sha Shoshone Tribe	2
	Tyme Maidu Tribe (Berry Creek Rancheria)	4
	United Auburn Indian Community	1
Connecticut	Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	1
	Mohegan Indian Tribe	1
Florida	Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida	13
	Seminole Tribe of Florida	33
Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	3
Iowa	Meskwaki Nation	5
Kansas	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	4
	Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	3

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
	Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation	10
	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	3
Louisiana	Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana	1
	Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	1
	Jena Band of Choctaw Indians	22
	Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana	1
Maine	Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians	1
	Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point	1
Massachusetts	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	2
	Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	2
Michigan	Bay Mills Indian Community	41
	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	54
	Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan	13
	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	26
	Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	59
	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	1
	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	8
	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi (Gun Lake Tribe)	6
	Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	6
	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	6
	Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan	55
	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan	61
Minnesota	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	279
	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	297
	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	112
	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	749
	Lower Sioux Indian Community of Minnesota	114
	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	466
	Minnesota Chippewa tribe (cannot identify specific band)	57
	Minnesota Dakota tribe (cannot identify specific tribe)	7
	Prairie Island Indian Community	52

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	72
	Upper Sioux Community of Minnesota	79
	White Earth Nation	956
Mississippi	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	29
Montana	Blackfeet Tribe of Montana	162
	Chippewa Cree Tribe	60
	Crow Nation	1
	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes	50
	Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribe of Fort Belknap	2
	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	10
	Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Confederated	4
	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	167
Nebraska	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	4
	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	11
	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	3
	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	3
	Santee Sioux Nation	63
	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	20
Nevada	Battle Mountain Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
	Elko Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	4
	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	2
	South Fork Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
	Wells Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
New Mexico	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	18
	Jicarilla Apache Nation	14
	Mescalero Apache Tribe	14
	Navajo Nation	27
	Pueblo of Laguna	1
	Pueblo of Taos	1
	Ramah Navajo	1

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
New York	Cayuga Nation of New York	2
	Oneida Indian Nation	2
	Onondaga Nation	1
	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	10
	Seneca Nation of Indians	7
	Tonawanda Band of Seneca	2
North Carolina	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	280
North Dakota	Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation	29
	Spirit Lake Tribe	84
	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	165
	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	167
Oklahoma	Absentee Shawnee Tribe	3
	Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town	3
	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	20
	Caddo Nation	2
	Cherokee Nation	345
	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	11
	Chickasaw Nation	16
	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	54
	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	9
	Comanche Nation-Oklahoma	12
	Delaware Nation	3
	Delaware Tribe of Indians	5
	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	4
	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	18
	Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	Kaw Nation	2
Kialegee Tribal Town	2	
Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	7	
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	12	
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	2	

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
	Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	19
	Osage Tribe	3
	Otoe-Missouria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	4
	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	2
	Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	Sac and Fox Nation	6
	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	21
	Seneca-Cayuga Nation	4
	Shawnee Tribe	3
	Thlopthlocco Tribal Town	2
	Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	276
	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	2
	Wyandotte Nation	4
Oregon	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	4
Rhode Island	Narragansett Indian Tribe	1
South Carolina	Catawba Indian Nation of South Carolina	1
South Dakota	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	96
	Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	83
	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	65
	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	61
	Oglala Sioux Tribe	114
	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	147
	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	171
	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	165
	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	167
	Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	83

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Texas	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	1
	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe in Texas	2
Utah	Navajo Nation	27
Virginia	Pamunkey Indian Tribe	1
Washington	Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the	2
	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	1
	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	1
	Tulalip Tribe	2
	Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the	2
Wisconsin	Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	86
	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	297
	Forest County Potawatomi Community	12
	Ho-Chunk Nation	23
	Lac Courte Oreilles Band (LCO)	102
	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	65
	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	24
	Oneida Nation of Wisconsin	27
	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	85
	Sokaogon Chippewa Community	70
	St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	89
	Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Wisconsin	6
Wyoming	Northern Arapaho Tribe	2
Other/unknown/foreign tribe	Canadian tribe	15
	Minnesota Chippewa tribe (cannot identify specific band)	24
	Minnesota Dakota tribe (cannot identify specific tribe)	2
	Other US tribe	92
	Other foreign tribe	5
	Unknown Dakota, Lakota or Nakota (Sioux)	12
	Total	4,220

Note: Numbers include children identified as American Indian alone or as one of two or more races. More than one tribal affiliation may be indicated for a child. Indication of a tribe does not necessarily mean children are enrolled members.

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