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Out-of-home care and permanency report summary, 2023

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 2023 Out-of-home Care and Permanency Report data. 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 in the report includes demographic information on children in out-of-home care, information on children who entered out-of-home care, and information on children's experiences in care and about children who exited out-of-home care during the year.

The Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families produces an annual report on child welfare statistics to document and understand Minnesota's child welfare trends. Historically, the department included American Indian/Alaska Native 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 the 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](#)). Red Lake Nation prepared the following two paragraphs to provide additional context related to the decision to submit an independent annual report:

"Red Lake is committed to track the effectiveness of its American Indian Child Welfare Initiative work with their tribal citizens. Red Lake chose not to report all standard child welfare data elements in SSIS, so it is not possible to accurately compare their data to Minnesota's counties. The tribal report is best done through looking at data through a community context and the lens of Red Lake's indigenous values and practices. The annual review for year two of the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative, FY 2023, will assist in program development and outcomes based on organizational changes and using culturally centered practices. Annual reports help the Tribe to continue to identify strengths and gaps in practice so that they may effectively target interventions to restore their communities to wellbeing and health.

When Red Lake Nation assumed full jurisdiction of the child welfare system, they built 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 developed institutional capacity 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 from county-based practice, the annual report is developed by Red Lake to reflect the paradigm shift centered to family preservation, not child removal. The report reflects the inherent interconnectedness between the child and their family, extended family, culture, community, and tribal nation."

Findings

Beginning in 2022, 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 two ways. First, it provides federal reimbursement for federally approved placement prevention services for children at imminent risk of removal. It also 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. Review the [Family First Prevention Services Act fact sheet, DHS-3771 \(PDF\)](#) for further information. Minnesota continued to implement the prevention services components in 2022 and 2023.

Table 1. Five-year trend of children/youth entering, exiting and experiencing care, 2019-2023

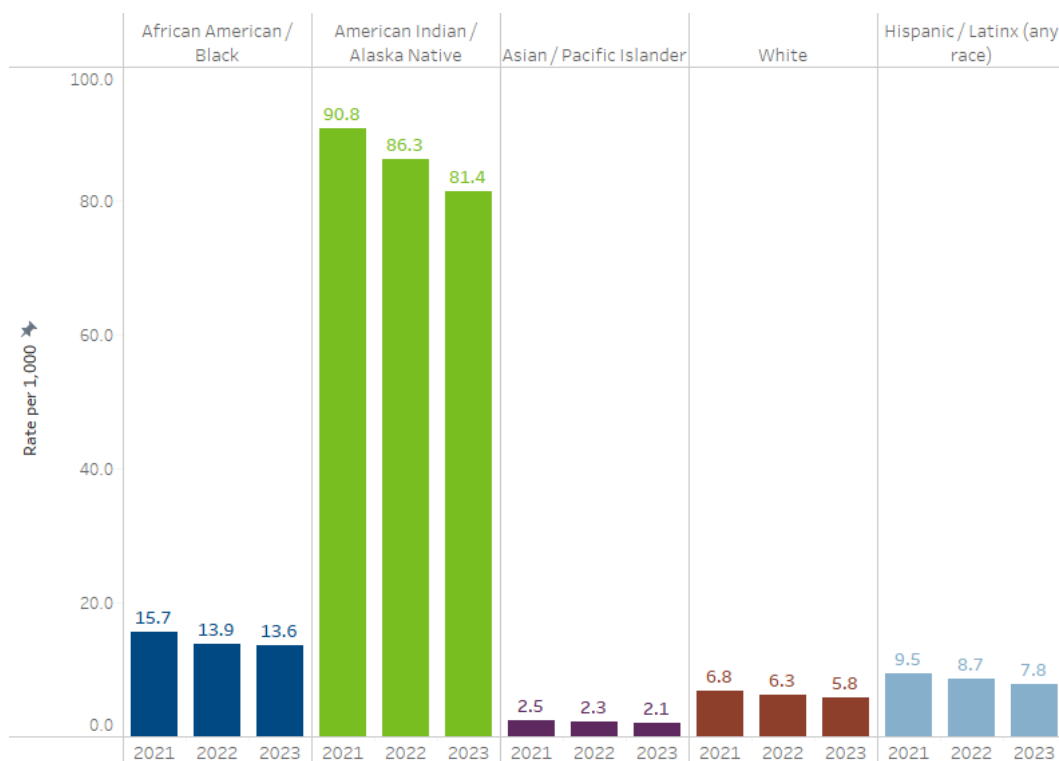
Year	Number of children experiencing care	Number of children entering care	Number of children exiting care
2019	15,297	6,358	6,934
2020	13,442	4,812	5,801
2021	12,312	4,617	5,578
2022	11,235	4,407	5,082
2023	10,509	4,253	4,779

In 2023, Minnesota continued to see a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care and in children entering and exiting care (see Figure 1). There were 10,509 children in 10,836 placement episodes in 2023; this represents a 6.5% reduction in the number of children experiencing care. The number of children newly entering care in the year showed a continued reduction, with 3% fewer children entering care in 2023 compared to 2022.

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 2023, American Indian children were around 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 around two times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care. Children who identify as two or more races were around eight times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care, based on Minnesota population data from U.S. Census estimates.

Figure 2 shows trends in the rate of children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity per 1,000 children. Over the last two years, there have been notable reductions in the rate of American Indian children, African American children, children who identify as Hispanic of any race, and white children relative to their population size. These reductions in the rates of children in care are reflective of an overall reduction in the number of children experiencing out-of-home care, but also demonstrate the persistence of racial disproportionality in the child welfare system. At the same time, multiracial children showed little change in the rate of involvement. This group makes up an increasingly large proportion of children in out-of-home care (see Tables 5, 6 and 7 for supplemental data).

Figure 1. Rate per 1,000 of children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity, 2021-2023



Note: Rate per 1,000 estimates will differ from published reports due to SSIS data entry/maturity, methodological changes and updates to population estimates.

Children with disabilities and children under the age of 3 are disproportionately represented among children in out-of-home care. More than one in three children in care is reported to have a disability. Almost one in four (22.2%) children in foster care in 2023 were children under the age of 3. Young children are especially vulnerable to the stress of foster care, as birth to age 3 is a critical developmental period. Of the children under the age of 3 who were in foster care in 2023, over 60% 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 that address safety concerns for women who are pregnant and struggling with drug addiction, with the intent of preventing removals of the child at birth. 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 that has been shown to improve outcomes for both the child and the parent.

Children enter out-of-home care for many reasons; in recent 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 2023. Nearly one-third of new placements were due to caretaker drug use. The majority (58.7%) of placements of young children under 3 years old are related to caregiver drug or alcohol use. The pattern of removals differs for youth ages 15 – 17, where most placements (43.9%) are related to child behavioral health-related reasons. 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 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. Minnesota began implementation of these new standards in October 2021.

In 2023, the most common settings experienced by children entering care were family foster homes, with about 91% of children spending time in that type of setting during the year. Family foster homes include relative and non-relative foster homes, pre-adoptive homes and pre-kinship homes. Around 10% of children spent time in residential treatment centers, while another 9% were in group homes. Around 7% spent some time in a juvenile correctional facility. The

pattern varies with age. Nearly all (95.2%) children under the age of 6 are in family foster care settings. Over half (55.7%) of children between 12 and 17 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. When reunification is not possible, adoption is the preferred permanency option. 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 the parents' consent to adoption. The court must also order guardianship of a child to the department's commissioner. In 2023, 649 children went under guardianship of the commissioner compared to 723 in 2022; this represents a 10% decrease in the number of children entering guardianship from the previous year. These children are in out-of-home care and are a subset of the children described throughout the report; the only permanency option for children whose guardian is the commissioner—is adoption.

There were 4,779 unique children in 4,876 placement episodes that ended in 2023; there are some children who exited care, reentered 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 2023, just over half (51%) ended in reunification. In 2017, just over two-thirds of placements ended with reunification; there has been a steady decline since then. Reunification is the most common permanency outcome among white children at 53.2%, followed by African American/Black (52.7%), American Indian (47.0%) and Asian/Pacific Islander children (47.0%). Of those who exited care in 2023, there were 851 children (17.4%) discharged to adoption or customary Tribal adoption. Additionally, 8.1% of exiting children/youth ultimately aged out of care in 2023. 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 4,876 placement episodes that ended in 2023, 51.4% lasted less than 12 months, while 12% 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 other racial and ethnic groups.

The type of permanency option and length of time in care are related; reunification tends to happen more quickly than adoptions or transfers of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative. Of the placements ending in reunification in 2023, nearly three-quarters (74.0%) closed before 12 months; 1.5% lasted 36 months or longer. Adoptions, which require more time because of the various requirements that need to be met before terminating parental rights and moving to adoption, rarely occur in less than 12 months. Of those placement episodes ending with an adoption, only 4.2% finalized in under 12 months; 28.0% finalized after 36 months. Of cases ending with the transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative, 8.2% finalized in under 12 months; 10.2% finalized after 36 months.

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 the state's reentry for children who have been reunified. The federal standard set in 2013 identified a threshold based on national performance at the time, which was 8.3% (or less). While making progress over the last few years, Minnesota continues to underperform in this area; in 2023, the state's performance on the federal reentry measure was 14.8%.

Legislation

This report was prepared by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Safety and Permanency Administration, for the Minnesota Legislature in response to a legislative directive in [Minnesota Statutes 257.0725](#). This report also fulfills reporting requirements under the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act ([Minnesota Statutes 256M.80, subd. 2](#)), and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act ([Minnesota Statutes 260.775](#)).

[Minnesota Statutes 257.0725](#): The commissioner of children, youth, and families shall publish an annual report on child maltreatment and children in out-of-home placement. The commissioner shall confer with counties, child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, the courts, and other groups on how to improve the content and utility of the department's annual report. ...In regard to children in out-of-home placement, the report shall include, by county and statewide, information on legal status, living arrangement, age, sex, race, accumulated length of time in placement, reason for most recent placement, race of family with whom placed, school enrollments within seven days of placement pursuant to section [120A.21](#), and other information deemed appropriate on all children in out-of-home placement. Out-of-home placement includes placement in any facility by an authorized child-placing agency.

[Minnesota Statutes 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 counties' progress in improving outcomes of vulnerable children and adults related to safety, permanency and well-being.

[Minnesota Statutes 260.775](#); Placement records (a) The commissioner of children, youth, and families 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 the Indian 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. The commissioner shall include the information required under this paragraph in the annual report on child maltreatment and on children in placement under section [257.0725](#).

Introduction

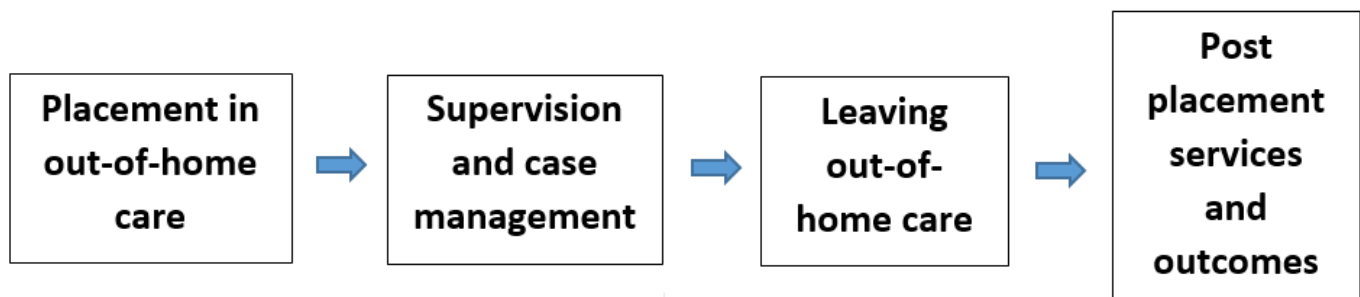
What is out-of-home care?

Minnesota Statutes provide detailed descriptions of what constitutes out-of-home care or foster care ([Minnesota Statutes 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 the care and protection of children in out-of-home placement. The department's Child Safety and Permanency Administration provides oversight, guidance, training, technical assistance and quality assurance monitoring of local agencies. This report provides information on children affected and the safety, permanency and well-being of children who experienced out-of-home care. Minnesota's Child Maltreatment Report, 2023, is another annual report that provides information on children who may have been maltreated. See the [Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard](#) for information about performance on all state and federal child welfare performance measures.

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 include:

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

(Minnesota Statutes [260C](#) and [260D](#).)

Voluntary placements occur when parents or custodians of a child agree to allow the local social service agency to take temporary responsibility for the care of their child. Court-ordered placements occur because families are unable or unwilling to meet the safety or specialized needs of children in their home. A 72-hour hold occurs when children are

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found in surroundings or conditions that endanger their health or welfare; law enforcement has the 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 a court-approved placement, or the caregiver/s must sign a voluntary placement agreement.

When children enter out-of-home care, one of three types of agencies assumes responsibility for supervising out-of-home placement episodes or is delegated by the appropriate country or Tribal court: 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 2). Unique counts of children are used when describing demographic characteristics of children. 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 2. Children and placement episodes by agency, 2023

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
Aitkin	42	42
Anoka	359	369
Becker	95	98
Beltrami	230	240
Benton	89	91
Big Stone	14	14
Blue Earth	149	152
Brown	83	88
Carlton	94	97
Carver	105	111
Cass	132	136
Chippewa	58	59
Chisago	93	97
Clay	186	191
Clearwater	20	20
Cook	11	11
Crow Wing	196	203
Dakota	281	289
Des Moines Valley HHS	45	47
Douglas	65	65
Faribault-Martin	113	116
Fillmore	11	11
Freeborn	102	102
Goodhue	88	88
Hennepin	1,828	1,873
Houston	13	13
Hubbard	67	68
Isanti	59	60
Itasca	206	225

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
Kanabec	40	43
Kandiyohi	159	162
Kittson	7	7
Koochiching	52	58
Lac qui Parle	8	8
Lake	24	26
Lake of the Woods	7	7
Le Sueur	40	40
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	166	170
Mahnomen	2	2
Marshall	10	12
McLeod	69	71
Meeker	42	42
Mille Lacs	144	146
MN Prairie	136	140
Morrison	85	87
Mower	71	75
Nicollet	56	57
Nobles	41	44
Norman	17	17
Olmsted	186	191
Otter Tail	136	145
Pennington	22	22
Pine	66	66
Polk	112	123
Ramsey	802	828
Red Lake County	11	11
Renville	52	53
Rice	181	183
Roseau	26	26
Scott	92	93
Sherburne	111	111
Sibley	14	16
Southwest HHS	256	263
St. Louis	787	823
Stearns	315	326
Stevens	41	46
Swift	23	23
Todd	70	72
Traverse	14	15
Wabasha	15	15
Wadena	88	92
Washington	188	195
Watonwan	42	43
Western Prairie Human Services	43	44

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
White Earth Nation	161	161
Wilkin	17	17
Winona	115	117
Wright	165	168
Yellow Medicine	29	29
Minnesota	10,509	10,836

Table 3 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, and the total number of children who experienced care during the year. It also provides the total number of children under 18 who experienced care, the child population (based on U.S. Census Bureau data) and the rate of children in out-of-home care per 1,000 children in the population.

Table 3. Number of children/youth entering and continuing in care, and per 1,000 rate by agency, 2023

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child population	Per 1,000 (under 18)
Aitkin	23	19	42	40	2,452	16.3
Anoka	158	205	359	334	86,409	3.9
Becker	17	81	95	90	8,259	10.9
Beltrami	91	145	230	221	11,485	19.2
Benton	51	39	89	88	10,388	8.5
Big Stone	7	7	14	14	1,104	12.7
Blue Earth	58	93	149	148	13,602	10.9
Brown	42	44	83	83	5,636	14.7
Carlton	32	63	94	86	7,982	10.8
Carver	49	59	105	92	27,384	3.4
Cass	55	80	132	127	6,318	20.1
Chippewa	18	41	58	58	2,987	19.4
Chisago	49	45	93	91	12,870	7.1
Clay	85	103	186	176	16,242	10.8
Clearwater	6	14	20	19	2,174	8.7
Cook	8	3	11	11	840	13.1
Crow Wing	88	110	196	186	13,784	13.5
Dakota	125	157	281	272	105,016	2.6
Des Moines Valley HHS	22	24	45	44	4,955	8.9
Douglas	15	50	65	61	8,439	7.2
Faribault-Martin	41	73	113	107	7,446	14.4
Fillmore	10	1	11	11	5,181	2.1
Freeborn	38	64	102	97	6,651	14.6
Goodhue	26	62	88	79	10,475	7.5
Hennepin	726	1,132	1,828	1,723	268,313	6.4
Houston	3	10	13	10	4,035	2.5
Hubbard	36	32	67	64	4,574	14.0
Isanti	27	33	59	55	9,861	5.6
Itasca	81	135	206	182	9,030	20.2
Kanabec	13	28	40	39	3,539	11.0
Kandiyohi	52	109	159	151	10,516	14.4
Kittson	4	3	7	7	877	8.0
Koochiching	23	31	52	50	2,061	24.3

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child population	Per 1,000 (under 18)
Lac qui Parle	3	5	8	8	1,411	5.7
Lake	12	12	24	23	2,094	11.0
Lake of the Woods	3	4	7	7	751	9.3
Le Sueur	14	26	40	37	6,699	5.5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	51	115	166	159	2,233	71.2
MN Prairie	70	69	136	129	18,431	7.0
Mahnomen	0	2	2	2	1,686	1.2
Marshall	5	5	10	10	2,018	5.0
McLeod	37	34	69	66	7,946	8.3
Meeker	21	21	42	37	5,573	6.6
Mille Lacs	61	83	144	136	6,327	21.5
Morrison	35	51	85	78	7,821	10.0
Mower	30	45	71	69	10,013	6.9
Nicollet	24	33	56	54	7,320	7.4
Nobles	30	11	41	40	6,212	6.4
Norman	5	12	17	17	1,501	11.3
Olmsted	83	104	186	172	38,819	4.4
Otter Tail	66	74	136	130	12,992	10.0
Pennington	8	14	22	21	3,085	6.8
Pine	14	52	66	64	5,669	11.3
Polk	58	57	112	109	7,513	14.5
Ramsey	268	543	802	721	122,516	5.9
Red Lake County	10	1	11	11	911	12.1
Renville	28	25	52	52	3,342	15.6
Rice	82	100	181	175	14,144	12.4
Roseau	18	8	26	25	3,606	6.9
Scott	51	41	92	89	39,589	2.2
Sherburne	42	69	111	107	25,805	4.1
Sibley	7	8	14	13	3,349	3.9
Southwest HHS	101	161	256	247	18,329	13.5
St. Louis	326	475	787	738	36,655	20.1
Stearns	138	180	315	292	37,290	7.8
Stevens	22	20	41	39	2,151	18.1
Swift	9	14	23	20	2,183	9.2
Todd	32	38	70	69	6,091	11.3
Traverse	10	4	14	11	720	15.3
Wabasha	10	5	15	15	4,681	3.2
Wadena	40	50	88	84	3,767	22.3
Washington	75	115	188	172	65,515	2.6
Watonwan	12	31	42	32	2,789	11.5
Western Prairie Human Services	15	28	43	40	3,880	10.3
White Earth Nation	38	123	161	143	2,079	68.8
Wilkin	8	9	17	16	1,439	11.1
Winona	48	67	115	107	8,582	12.5
Wright	46	120	165	151	39,864	3.8
Yellow Medicine	19	10	29	28	2,198	12.7
Minnesota	4,253	6,408	10,509	9,883	1,294,162	7.6

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, [table CC-EST2022-AGESEX](#). Child population information for American Indian Child Welfare Initiative Tribes comes from the 2020 U.S. Census and represents children residing on reservations who indicated American Indian alone or as one of two or more races. There are no intercensal child population estimates for these groups.

Characteristics of children/youth in out-of-home care

This section provides demographic data on children who experienced out-of-home care in 2023, 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 with the definition in the U.S. Census
- Age statewide
- Age group by agency
- Disability status statewide.

Table 4: Number and percent of children/youth in care by gender and agency, 2023

Agency	Females (number)	Females (percent)	Males (number)	Males (percent)
Aitkin	19	45.2	23	54.8
Anoka	174	48.5	185	51.5
Becker	44	46.3	51	53.7
Beltrami	113	49.1	117	50.9
Benton	32	36.0	57	64.0
Big Stone	9	64.3	5	35.7
Blue Earth	80	53.7	69	46.3
Brown	47	56.6	36	43.4
Carlton	42	44.7	52	55.3
Carver	50	47.6	55	52.4
Cass	64	48.5	68	51.5
Chippewa	27	46.6	31	53.4
Chisago	53	57.0	40	43.0
Clay	97	52.2	89	47.8
Clearwater	8	40.0	12	60.0
Cook	4	36.4	7	63.6
Crow Wing	102	52.0	94	48.0
Dakota	141	50.2	140	49.8
Des Moines Valley HHS	23	51.1	22	48.9
Douglas	34	52.3	31	47.7
Faribault-Martin	67	59.3	46	40.7
Fillmore	6	54.5	5	45.5
Freeborn	46	45.1	56	54.9
Goodhue	47	53.4	41	46.6
Hennepin	969	53.0	859	47.0
Houston	7	53.8	6	46.2
Hubbard	32	47.8	35	52.2
Isanti	34	57.6	25	42.4
Itasca	86	41.7	120	58.3
Kanabec	20	50.0	20	50.0
Kandiyohi	63	39.6	96	60.4

Agency	Females (number)	Females (percent)	Males (number)	Males (percent)
Kittson	2	28.6	5	71.4
Koochiching	21	40.4	31	59.6
Lac qui Parle	3	37.5	5	62.5
Lake	9	37.5	15	62.5
Lake of the Woods	5	71.4	2	28.6
Le Sueur	22	55.0	18	45.0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	90	54.2	76	45.8
Mahnomen	1	50.0	1	50.0
Marshall	7	70.0	3	30.0
McLeod	34	49.3	35	50.7
Meeker	25	59.5	17	40.5
Mille Lacs	74	51.4	70	48.6
MN Prairie	63	46.3	73	53.7
Morrison	36	42.4	49	57.6
Mower	36	50.7	35	49.3
Nicollet	21	37.5	35	62.5
Nobles	20	48.8	21	51.2
Norman	7	41.2	10	58.8
Olmsted	90	48.4	96	51.6
Otter Tail	79	58.1	57	41.9
Pennington	12	54.5	10	45.5
Pine	30	45.5	36	54.5
Polk	53	47.3	59	52.7
Ramsey	381	47.5	421	52.5
Red Lake County	3	27.3	8	72.7
Renville	28	53.8	24	46.2
Rice	84	46.4	97	53.6
Roseau	14	53.8	12	46.2
Scott	48	52.2	44	47.8
Sherburne	61	55.0	50	45.0
Sibley	3	21.4	11	78.6
Southwest HHS	115	44.9	141	55.1
St. Louis	372	47.3	415	52.7
Stearns	152	48.3	163	51.7
Stevens	21	51.2	20	48.8
Swift	11	47.8	12	52.2
Todd	35	50.0	35	50.0
Traverse	3	21.4	11	78.6
Wabasha	6	40.0	9	60.0
Wadena	45	51.1	43	48.9
Washington	91	48.4	97	51.6
Watonwan	24	57.1	18	42.9
Western Prairie Human Services	24	55.8	19	44.2
White Earth Nation	79	49.1	82	50.9
Wilkin	6	35.3	11	64.7
Winona	46	40.0	69	60.0
Wright	81	49.1	84	50.9
Yellow Medicine	19	65.5	10	34.5
Minnesota	5,200	49.5	5,309	50.5

Table 5. Rates of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) per 1,000 children in the population, 2023

	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Number of children/youth	1,464	1,909	165	2,728	4,091	10,509	1,086
Number of children (<18 at end of year)	1,346	1,804	155	2,610	3,820	9,883	1,009
Percent of children (<18 at end of year)	13.6	18.3	1.6	26.4	38.7	100.0	10.2
Child population	149,400	27,336	89,576	78,395	949,455	1,294,162	122,338
Child population percent	11.5	2.1	6.9	6.1	73.4	100.0	9.5
Rate per 1,000	9.0	66.0	1.7	33.3	4.0	7.6	8.2

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multiracial “two or more races” category. “Hispanic/Latinx (any race)” shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

Note: Child population information comes from U.S. Census Bureau population estimates, [table SC-EST2022-ALLDATA6](#).

Table 6. Number and percent of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) and agency, 2023

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	Two or more races (N)	Two or more races (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (%)	Unknown/ declined (N)	Unknown/ declined (%)
Aitkin	*	*	16	38.1	*	*	*	*	18	42.9	*	*	*	*
Anoka	79	22.0	20	5.6	*	*	105	29.2	140	39.0	23	6.4	*	*
Becker	*	*	23	24.2	*	*	40	42.1	27	28.4	*	*	*	*
Beltrami	*	*	138	60.0	*	*	48	20.9	40	17.4	8	3.5	*	*
Benton	12	13.5	*	*	*	*	39	43.8	38	42.7	9	10.1	*	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	57.1	*	*	*	*
Blue Earth	22	14.8	*	*	*	*	31	20.8	90	60.4	16	10.7	*	*
Brown	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	8.4	72	86.7	9	10.8	*	*
Carlton	*	*	47	50.0	*	*	22	23.4	25	26.6	*	*	*	*
Carver	33	31.4	*	*	*	*	19	18.1	41	39.0	11	10.5	7	6.7
Cass	*	*	45	34.1	*	*	*	*	74	56.1	*	*	8	6.1
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	*	*	23	39.7	29	50.0	13	22.4	*	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	*	*	18	19.4	65	69.9	14	15.1	*	*
Clay	25	13.4	43	23.1	*	*	65	34.9	53	28.5	20	10.8	*	*
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	50.0	*	*	*	*
Cook	*	*	9	81.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	Two or more races (N)	Two or more races (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (%)	Unknown/ declined (N)	Unknown/ declined (%)
Crow Wing	*	*	12	6.1	*	*	32	16.3	151	77.0	*	*	*	*
Dakota	67	23.8	20	7.1	*	*	85	30.2	87	31.0	29	10.3	*	*
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	39	86.7	*	*	*	*
Douglas	*	*	7	10.8	*	*	31	47.7	23	35.4	*	*	*	*
Faribault- Martin	*	*	11	9.7	*	*	17	15.0	83	73.5	18	15.9	*	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	90.9	*	*	*	*
Freeborn	14	13.7	*	*	*	*	23	22.5	58	56.9	30	29.4	*	*
Goodhue	12	13.6	*	*	*	*	26	29.5	42	47.7	10	11.4	*	*
Hennepin	621	34.0	310	17.0	*	*	582	31.8	283	15.5	230	12.6	*	*
Houston	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	69.2	*	*	*	*
Hubbard	*	*	16	23.9	*	*	15	22.4	35	52.2	*	*	*	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	7	11.9	9	15.3	40	67.8	*	*	*	*
Itasca	*	*	30	14.6	*	*	69	33.5	104	50.5	*	*	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	27.5	24	60.0	*	*	*	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	*	11	6.9	28	17.6	106	66.7	83	52.2	*	*
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	9	17.3	*	*	*	*	36	69.2	*	*	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	87.5	*	*	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	66.7	*	*	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	100.0	*	*	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	20.0	25	62.5	*	*	*	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	*	155	93.4	*	*	11	6.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	70.0	*	*	*	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	*	*	18	26.1	44	63.8	11	15.9	*	*
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	34	81.0	7	16.7	*	*
Mille Lacs	*	*	77	53.5	*	*	19	13.2	46	31.9	*	*	*	*
MN Prairie	14	10.3	*	*	*	*	12	8.8	109	80.1	27	19.9	*	*
Morrison	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	25.9	55	64.7	*	*	*	*
Mower	10	14.1	*	*	*	*	15	21.1	42	59.2	21	29.6	*	*
Nicollet	9	16.1	*	*	*	*	19	33.9	27	48.2	*	*	*	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	24.4	19	46.3	20	48.8	7	17.1
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	70.6	*	*	*	*
Olmsted	37	19.9	*	*	*	*	58	31.2	88	47.3	22	11.8	*	*
Otter Tail	*	*	9	6.6	*	*	40	29.4	82	60.3	7	5.1	*	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	59.1	9	40.9	*	*
Pine	*	*	22	33.3	*	*	*	*	40	60.6	*	*	*	*
Polk	*	*	28	25.0	*	*	28	25.0	54	48.2	36	32.1	*	*
Ramsey	251	31.3	54	6.7	82	10.2	283	35.3	128	16.0	*	*	*	*

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	Two or more races (N)	Two or more races (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (%)	Unknown/ declined (N)	Unknown/ declined (%)
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	72.7	*	*	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	43	82.7	15	28.8	*	*
Rice	22	12.2	*	*	*	*	20	11.0	130	71.8	24	13.3	7	3.9
Roseau	7	26.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	46.2	*	*	*	*
Scott	13	14.1	*	*	*	*	36	39.1	33	35.9	13	14.1	*	*
Sherburne	20	18.0	*	*	*	*	35	31.5	49	44.1	*	*	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	92.9	*	*	*	*
Southwest HHS	*	*	41	16.0	9	3.5	52	20.3	149	58.2	53	20.7	*	*
St. Louis	33	4.2	174	22.1	*	*	321	40.8	251	31.9	43	5.5	*	*
Stearns	46	14.6	10	3.2	*	*	115	36.5	140	44.4	25	7.9	*	*
Stevens	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	17.1	29	70.7	*	*	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	69.6	7	30.4	*	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	21.4	51	72.9	*	*	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	50.0	*	*	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	86.7	*	*	*	*
Wadena	7	8.0	*	*	*	*	30	34.1	49	55.7	*	*	*	*
Washington	19	10.1	*	*	*	*	58	30.9	89	47.3	17	9.0	16	8.5
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	40	95.2	25	59.5	*	*
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	32.6	28	65.1	*	*	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	*	158	98.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	52.9	*	*	*	*
Winona	13	11.3	*	*	*	*	11	9.6	88	76.5	13	11.3	*	*
Wright	*	*	*	*	*	*	32	19.4	117	70.9	*	*	10	6.1
Yellow Medicine	*	*	13	44.8	*	*	10	34.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Minnesota	1,464	13.9	1,909	18.2	165	1.6	2,728	26.0	4,091	38.9	1,086	10.3	152	1.4

*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. Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multiracial “two or more races” category. “Hispanic/Latinx (any race)” shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

Table 7. Number and percent of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone or in combination with other race values) and agency, 2023

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian /Alaska Native (N)	American Indian /Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (%)
Aitkin	*	*	20	47.6	*	*	23	54.8	*	*
Anoka	137	38.2	89	24.8	*	*	231	64.3	23	6.4

Agency	African American/Black (N)	African American/Black (%)	American Indian/Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/Alaska Native (%)	Asian/Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/Pacific Islander (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (%)
Becker	11	11.6	57	60.0	*	*	64	67.4	*	*
Beltrami	17	7.4	182	79.1	*	*	80	34.8	8	3.5
Benton	36	40.4	25	28.1	*	*	76	85.4	9	10.1
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	78.6	*	*
Blue Earth	45	30.2	22	14.8	*	*	116	77.9	16	10.7
Brown	*	*	9	10.8	*	*	78	94.0	9	10.8
Carlton	*	*	65	69.1	*	*	47	50.0	*	*
Carver	40	38.1	20	19.0	*	*	57	54.3	11	10.5
Cass	*	*	49	37.1	*	*	79	59.8	*	*
Chippewa	13	22.4	23	39.7	*	*	49	84.5	13	22.4
Chisago	*	*	23	24.7	*	*	83	89.2	14	15.1
Clay	50	26.9	99	53.2	*	*	106	57.0	20	10.8
Clearwater	*	*	10	50.0	*	*	15	75.0	*	*
Cook	*	*	9	81.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	9	4.6	37	18.9	*	*	183	93.4	*	*
Dakota	123	43.8	72	25.6	*	*	153	54.4	29	10.3
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	41	91.1	*	*
Douglas	8	12.3	38	58.5	*	*	52	80.0	*	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	24	21.2	*	*	100	88.5	18	15.9
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	100.0	*	*
Freeborn	22	21.6	14	13.7	7	6.9	81	79.4	30	29.4
Goodhue	30	34.1	17	19.3	*	*	64	72.7	10	11.4
Hennepin	1,055	57.7	721	39.4	56	3.1	657	35.9	230	12.6
Houston	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	84.6	*	*
Hubbard	*	*	31	46.3	*	*	49	73.1	*	*
Isanti	10	16.9	*	*	7	11.9	49	83.1	*	*
Itasca	11	5.3	93	45.1	*	*	173	84.0	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	13	32.5	*	*	35	87.5	*	*
Kandiyohi	11	6.9	31	19.5	12	7.5	132	83.0	83	52.2
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	14	26.9	*	*	42	80.8	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	100.0	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	21	87.5	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	100.0	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	12	30.0	*	*	32	80.0	*	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	*	166	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	90.0	*	*
McLeod	14	20.3	13	18.8	*	*	59	85.5	11	15.9
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	40	95.2	7	16.7
Mille Lacs	9	6.3	94	65.3	*	*	60	41.7	*	*

Agency	African American/Black (N)	African American/Black (%)	American Indian/Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/Alaska Native (%)	Asian/Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/Pacific Islander (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (%)
MN Prairie	22	16.2	7	5.1	*	*	121	89.0	27	19.9
Morrison	15	17.6	15	17.6	*	*	76	89.4	*	*
Mower	22	31.0	9	12.7	*	*	53	74.6	21	29.6
Nicollet	22	39.3	13	23.2	*	*	45	80.4	*	*
Nobles	*	*	11	26.8	9	22.0	25	61.0	20	48.8
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	94.1	*	*
Olmsted	66	35.5	38	20.4	*	*	142	76.3	22	11.8
Otter Tail	19	14.0	43	31.6	*	*	121	89.0	7	5.1
Pennington	*	*	9	40.9	*	*	16	72.7	9	40.9
Pine	*	*	26	39.4	*	*	42	63.6	*	*
Polk	8	7.1	55	49.1	*	*	79	70.5	36	32.1
Ramsey	463	57.7	242	30.2	101	12.6	326	40.6	76	9.5
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	100.0	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	48	92.3	15	28.8
Rice	33	18.2	11	6.1	*	*	148	81.8	24	13.3
Roseau	11	42.3	*	*	*	*	13	50.0	*	*
Scott	24	26.1	36	39.1	*	*	64	69.6	13	14.1
Sherburne	40	36.0	27	24.3	*	*	77	69.4	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	100.0	*	*
Southwest HHS	15	5.9	84	32.8	11	4.3	200	78.1	53	20.7
St. Louis	155	19.7	452	57.4	15	1.9	528	67.1	43	5.5
Stearns	113	35.9	91	28.9	9	2.9	232	73.7	25	7.9
Stevens	7	17.1	*	*	*	*	35	85.4	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	95.7	7	30.4
Todd	*	*	16	22.9	*	*	65	92.9	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	50.0	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	86.7	*	*
Wadena	13	14.8	26	29.5	*	*	79	89.8	*	*
Washington	54	28.7	44	23.4	*	*	138	73.4	17	9.0
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	41	97.6	25	59.5
Western Prairie Human Services	8	18.6	7	16.3	*	*	42	97.7	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	*	161	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	8	47.1	*	*	12	70.6	*	*
Winona	22	19.1	*	*	*	*	98	85.2	13	11.3
Wright	18	10.9	24	14.5	*	*	148	89.7	*	*
Yellow Medicine	*	*	23	79.3	*	*	16	55.2	*	*
Minnesota	2,873	27.3	3,945	37.5	283	2.7	6,316	60.1	1,086	10.3

*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. Children may be counted in multiple race/ethnicity categories; therefore, rows may total to more than total shown.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown includes overlapping racial categories. A client may be counted in any row or column for any racial or ethnicity value they identified with. If a client identified with multiple race or ethnicity values, they will be counted in each relevant racial/ethnic category.

Table 8. Number and percent of children/youth experiencing care by age, 2023

Age (in years)	Number	Percent
Under 1	1,026	9.8
1	715	6.8
2	592	5.6
3	560	5.3
4	488	4.6
5	493	4.7
6	486	4.6
7	461	4.4
8	436	4.1
9	425	4.0
10	396	3.8
11	445	4.2
12	453	4.3
13	564	5.4
14	600	5.7
15	666	6.3
16	686	6.5
17	511	4.9
18	240	2.3
19	206	2.0
20	200	1.9
Total	10,509	100.0

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

Table 9. Number of children/youth experiencing care by age group and agency, 2023

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	8	7	5	7	5	8	2
Anoka	77	52	40	49	54	64	25
Becker	19	20	9	11	15	16	5
Beltrami	51	32	28	24	38	48	9
Benton	28	9	10	12	12	18	1
Big Stone	4	3	1	2	1	3	0
Blue Earth	46	35	19	12	14	22	1
Brown	16	15	13	12	15	12	1
Carlton	7	14	14	16	18	17	8
Carver	21	11	11	14	18	17	14
Cass	30	26	21	18	13	19	5
Chippewa	18	9	7	11	6	8	0
Chisago	18	12	17	15	14	16	2
Clay	42	18	25	16	34	41	11
Clearwater	4	4	1	1	4	5	1
Cook	3	2	1	2	1	2	0
Crow Wing	55	28	29	29	24	21	11
Dakota	61	27	38	36	61	49	9
Des Moines Valley HHS	6	5	5	5	8	15	1
Douglas	17	9	7	3	14	11	4
Faribault-Martin	25	16	19	11	18	18	6
Fillmore	0	0	4	3	1	3	0
Freeborn	29	16	16	8	14	14	5
Goodhue	15	17	9	9	14	15	9
Hennepin	515	296	238	196	215	266	107
Houston	0	1	1	3	4	1	3
Hubbard	17	16	4	5	10	13	3
Isanti	8	8	7	3	15	14	5
Itasca	23	16	21	17	46	60	24
Kanabec	6	4	9	5	8	7	1
Kandiyohi	33	25	17	16	24	36	8
Kittson	0	1	0	1	1	4	0
Koochiching	10	11	5	7	12	7	2
Lac qui Parle	1	1	1	0	1	4	0
Lake	1	2	3	8	1	8	1
Lake of the Woods	0	2	3	0	1	1	0
Le Sueur	14	6	5	1	7	4	3
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	38	34	39	26	13	11	7
Mahnomen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	1	0	1	1	2	5	0
McLeod	17	9	11	9	9	11	3
Meeker	3	3	8	5	8	10	5
Mille Lacs	26	18	22	20	24	26	8
MN Prairie	30	17	13	12	31	26	7

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
Morrison	14	14	3	8	14	26	7
Mower	16	13	10	15	8	8	3
Nicollet	10	10	7	9	9	9	2
Nobles	9	4	3	5	9	11	1
Norman	1	2	2	3	6	3	0
Olmsted	31	31	17	15	36	42	14
Otter Tail	28	21	20	14	22	26	6
Pennington	3	4	3	2	5	4	1
Pine	15	11	8	8	10	12	2
Polk	19	9	18	13	30	23	3
Ramsey	189	92	68	84	119	170	83
Red Lake County	2	6	1	2	0	0	0
Renville	15	9	10	7	6	5	0
Rice	27	29	22	34	34	30	6
Roseau	6	1	4	4	5	5	1
Scott	22	14	9	14	13	17	3
Sherburne	22	15	23	12	12	23	4
Sibley	2	1	2	2	4	2	1
Southwest HHS	47	44	40	33	37	47	10
St. Louis	195	114	110	98	125	98	51
Stearns	69	42	49	34	41	57	23
Stevens	5	8	10	8	4	5	2
Swift	2	1	2	4	1	10	3
Todd	13	13	8	8	18	9	1
Traverse	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
Wabasha	3	2	1	2	2	5	0
Wadena	19	9	13	8	11	25	4
Washington	31	25	23	17	35	42	16
Watonwan	5	5	4	3	5	10	10
Western Prairie Human Services	9	2	3	9	4	13	3
White Earth Nation	27	20	31	17	26	22	18
Wilkin	2	0	0	1	5	8	1
Winona	29	13	15	19	14	17	8
Wright	18	24	20	29	23	37	14
Yellow Medicine	8	3	3	4	6	4	1
Minnesota	2,318	1,534	1,374	1,255	1,593	1,839	639

Note: Age is calculated at entry for 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 10. Number and percent of children/youth in care by disability status, 2023

	Number	Percent
Total	10,509	100.0
No determined condition/known disability	6,539	62.2
Emotional disorder/mental illness	3,280	29.2
Mental/emotional disorders - serious, child under 18	1,907	18.1

	Number	Percent
Mental/emotional disorders, child under 18	1,264	12.0
Other diagnosed condition	843	8.0
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	427	4.1
Developmental disability	398	3.8
Developmental delay	296	2.8
Speech impairment	260	2.5
Specific learning disability	249	2.4
Autism spectrum disorder	227	2.2
Substance Use Disorder - Drugs	159	1.5
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder	120	1.1
Intellectual disability	110	1.0
Physical disability/condition - mobility limited	77	0.7
Physical disability/condition - mobility not limited	71	0.7
Adult mental illness - other	61	0.6
Adult mental illness - serious and persistent (SPMI)	57	0.5
Brain injury (BI)	51	0.5
Visual impairment/ blindness	48	0.5
Substance Use Disorder - Alcohol	47	0.4
Hearing impairment/ deafness	46	0.4
Adult mental illness - acute	30	0.3
HIV/AIDS	2	0.0
Dementia	1	0.0

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 due to parent or caregiver behavior, and a few are due to children's behavior and need. Generally, removal due to a parental reason is a result of factors that compromise the ability of parents or caregivers to provide safety for their children. This may include caregiver drug use, alleged abuse or neglect of the 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 child's ability to remain safe in their home or that jeopardize community members' safety. Usually, these children have special needs such as mental health and/or substance abuse requiring specialized treatment. Table 11 provides information on the primary reasons for children's removals into out-of-home care in Minnesota. Table 12 provides information by agency using groupings of primary removal reasons.

Table 11. Number and percent of placement entries by primary reason, 2023

Primary removal reason group	Primary removal reason	Number	Percent
All reasons	All reasons	4,428	100.0
Abandonment	Abandonment	85	1.9
Abandonment	Caretaker failure to return	14	0.3
Access to services	Inadequate housing	86	1.9
Access to services	Homelessness	22	0.5
Access to services	Inadequate access to mental health services	5	0.1

Primary removal reason group	Primary removal reason	Number	Percent
Alleged neglect	Alleged neglect	615	13.9
Alleged neglect	Alleged medical neglect	34	0.8
Alleged neglect	Alleged educational neglect	18	0.4
Alleged physical abuse/threatened injury	Alleged physical abuse	470	10.6
Alleged physical abuse/threatened injury	Alleged domestic violence	71	1.6
Alleged physical abuse/threatened injury	Alleged psychological or emotional abuse	28	0.6
Alleged sexual abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	161	3.6
Alleged sexual abuse	Alleged sex trafficking	10	0.2
Caretaker detainment/death	Caretaker incarceration	92	2.1
Caretaker detainment/death	Caretaker death	25	0.6
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker drug abuse	1,211	27.3
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker alcohol abuse	198	4.5
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Prenatal drug exposure	86	1.9
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Prenatal alcohol exposure	9	0.2
Caretaker impairment/illness	Caretaker significant impairment - mental health	203	4.6
Caretaker impairment/illness	Caretaker significant impairment - cognitive/intellectual	25	0.6
Caretaker impairment/illness	Caretaker significant impairment - physical health	14	0.3
Child behavioral health	Child mental health issues	415	9.4
Child behavioral health	Child behavior problem	167	3.8
Child behavioral health	Child behavior problem - delinquency	167	3.8
Child behavioral health	Child diagnosed condition	31	0.7
Child behavioral health	Child drug abuse	27	0.6
Child behavioral health	Child alcohol abuse	3	0.1
Other reason	Unknown	62	1.4
Other reason	Child runaway	39	0.9
Other reason	Child requested placement	19	0.4
Other reason	Voluntary relinquishment of parental rights	11	0.2
Other reason	Family conflict re: child's sexual orientation/gender ID/expression	4	0.1
Other reason	Child whereabouts unknown	1	0.0

Table 12. Number of placement entries by primary reason group and agency, 2023

Agency	Abandonment	Access to services	Alleged neglect	Alleged physical abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker detainment /death	Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker impairment /illness	Child behavioral health	Other reason	Total
Aitkin	0	0	1	4	1	0	13	1	2	1	23
Anoka	4	12	23	19	4	4	52	8	31	7	164
Becker	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	7	1	17
Beltrami	3	0	2	9	6	0	39	3	20	13	95
Benton	0	0	8	3	4	0	26	1	10	0	52
Big Stone	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	7
Blue Earth	3	0	10	4	0	0	33	3	6	0	59
Brown	0	0	6	10	0	0	14	6	8	0	44
Carlton	1	0	8	3	0	0	4	2	15	1	34
Carver	0	0	3	14	6	2	12	2	12	1	52
Cass	0	6	8	7	7	0	21	3	3	1	56
Chippewa	1	0	0	2	0	1	13	0	1	0	18
Chisago	4	3	13	5	0	2	14	3	8	0	52
Clay	1	10	18	5	1	10	8	4	23	8	88
Clearwater	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	6
Cook	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	1	0	8
Crow Wing	1	5	21	10	2	6	30	2	12	4	93
Dakota	11	9	8	31	1	3	36	2	31	0	132
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	1	11	1	23
Douglas	0	1	3	3	0	0	4	2	2	0	15
Faribault-Martin	1	3	3	6	1	3	15	0	11	0	43
Fillmore	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	10
Freeborn	0	0	2	6	4	0	16	0	9	1	38
Goodhue	1	0	10	1	0	0	6	2	5	1	26
Hennepin	14	2	86	141	40	30	306	69	42	11	741
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Hubbard	0	0	6	3	0	1	11	4	11	0	36
Isanti	1	3	8	6	0	0	1	0	8	0	27
Itasca	0	5	5	6	2	0	12	3	50	7	90
Kanabec	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	11	0	15
Kandiyohi	3	3	4	6	0	0	22	1	13	1	53
Kittson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Koochiching	0	0	2	0	1	0	11	1	12	0	27
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Lake	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	5	0	14
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Le Sueur	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	0	3	0	14

Agency	Abandonment	Access to services	Alleged neglect	Alleged physical abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker detainment /death	Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker impairment /illness	Child behavioral health	Other reason	Total
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	9	4	0	0	42	0	0	0	55
Mahnomen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	7
McLeod	1	0	9	1	0	0	25	0	1	0	37
Meeker	2	0	0	4	0	2	10	1	1	1	21
Mille Lacs	3	1	8	4	1	0	32	0	13	1	63
MN Prairie	0	0	14	14	6	0	21	2	14	0	71
Morrison	0	0	4	3	0	0	10	2	15	2	36
Mower	0	0	0	1	1	2	21	0	3	2	30
Nicollet	1	0	3	5	0	0	9	5	1	0	24
Nobles	1	5	1	3	3	2	6	0	12	0	33
Norman	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
Olmsted	0	2	3	2	1	0	39	9	30	1	87
Otter Tail	3	7	2	8	5	0	24	4	14	4	71
Pennington	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	8
Pine	0	0	2	3	0	1	5	0	3	0	14
Polk	0	0	8	9	1	6	11	0	26	5	66
Ramsey	17	13	50	24	14	8	75	17	56	11	285
Red Lake County	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	10
Renville	0	0	0	6	1	0	15	3	3	0	28
Rice	0	0	18	3	2	1	34	10	13	2	83
Roseau	0	0	4	1	0	5	5	0	2	1	18
Scott	0	5	5	4	0	0	21	4	7	6	52
Sherburne	1	0	11	4	3	3	10	3	6	1	42
Sibley	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	8
Southwest HHS	0	4	5	14	7	6	34	1	20	11	102
St. Louis	4	4	58	46	8	7	114	27	77	3	348
Stearns	5	0	38	37	10	8	34	1	11	2	146
Stevens	0	0	5	2	4	0	13	0	2	0	26
Swift	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	9
Todd	1	0	1	9	3	0	11	1	6	2	34
Traverse	0	0	1	5	0	0	3	0	2	0	11
Wabasha	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	10
Wadena	2	2	4	5	0	0	8	7	13	1	42
Washington	2	0	9	3	0	3	31	0	24	8	80
Watsonwan	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	12
Western Prairie Human Services	0	0	1	5	1	0	5	0	2	2	16
White Earth Nation	0	1	16	5	0	0	8	0	3	5	38
Wilkin	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	1	8
Winona	3	0	20	1	6	0	10	5	5	0	50

Agency	Abandonment	Access to services	Alleged neglect	Alleged physical abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker detainment /death	Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker impairment /illness	Child behavioral health	Other reason	Total
Wright	0	1	8	8	1	1	21	2	5	1	48
Yellow Medicine	0	3	0	5	2	0	6	1	2	0	19
Minnesota	99	113	667	569	171	117	1,504	242	810	136	4,428

Note: At the time of data analysis, there were 66 continuous placement episodes where a primary reason for removal from the home was not yet selected; these are included in the “other reason” category.

Case management services

Case management services are provided for families with children in out-of-home care for over 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 work with them, their family and providers to develop a comprehensive out-of-home placement plan (OHPP). This case plan 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 the 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 the 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 the youth, caseworker, caregiver/s, and other supportive adults in the youth’s life to encourage continued development of independent living skills and lifelong connections with family, community and Tribe. Specific independent living skills include, but are not limited to, 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. (Minnesota Statutes 260C.212, subd. 1(c)(12).)

Additional services for youth, based on eligibility, include:

- Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth (STAY): Helps current or former foster youth prepare for a successful transition to adulthood, including independent living skills training, housing, transportation, permanent connections, age-appropriate social/recreational activities, education and employment services for youth ages 14-22. ([Minnesota Statutes 260C.452](#).) These services can be provided by county, Tribal or contracted community agencies.

- Education and Training Vouchers (ETV): 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): Eligible youth may stay in foster care until age 21. They may remain in their current setting, or an unlicensed supervised independent living setting such as an apartment or dorm, in which the agency would provide the foster care maintenance payment directly to the youth or to other vendors on their behalf. Youth continue to receive case management services, including monthly face-to-face visits from their assigned caseworker. ([Minnesota Statutes 260C.451.](#))

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 than monthly, depending on needs of child, family or placement provider.

Table 13. Percent of required months in which children received a monthly caseworker visit by agency, 2023

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Aitkin	218	139	63.8
Anoka	1,982	1,848	93.2
Becker	719	705	98.1
Beltrami	1,431	1,178	82.3
Benton	466	465	99.8
Big Stone	115	113	98.3
Blue Earth	849	834	98.2
Brown	437	430	98.4
Carlton	470	402	85.5
Carver	440	389	88.4
Cass	725	616	85.0
Chippewa	312	304	97.4
Chisago	496	461	92.9
Clay	1,057	1,040	98.4
Clearwater	133	106	79.7
Cook	87	65	74.7
Crow Wing	1,281	1,175	91.7
Dakota	1,868	1,692	90.6
Des Moines Valley HHS	255	255	100.0
Douglas	445	444	99.8
Faribault-Martin	845	802	94.9
Fillmore	53	51	96.2
Freeborn	757	718	94.8
Goodhue	609	570	93.6
Hennepin	11,954	11,457	95.8
Houston	57	57	100.0

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Hubbard	426	406	95.3
Isanti	335	303	90.4
Itasca	1,115	921	82.6
Kanabec	298	235	78.9
Kandiyohi	865	828	95.7
Kittson	41	41	100.0
Koochiching	282	271	96.1
Lac qui Parle	24	24	100.0
Lake	141	141	100.0
Lake of the Woods	4	2	50.0
Le Sueur	173	167	96.5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	1,389	913	65.7
Mahnomen	7	7	100.0
Marshall	60	57	95.0
McLeod	267	263	98.5
Meeker	188	178	94.7
Mille Lacs	891	535	60.0
MN Prairie	644	628	97.5
Morrison	476	470	98.7
Mower	372	355	95.4
Nicollet	311	310	99.7
Nobles	213	191	89.7
Norman	110	96	87.3
Olmsted	1,063	1,059	99.6
Otter Tail	787	725	92.1
Pennington	151	145	96.0
Pine	510	384	75.3
Polk	559	543	97.1
Ramsey	4,801	3,851	80.2
Red Lake County	68	67	98.5
Renville	286	275	96.2
Rice	997	691	69.3
Roseau	101	100	99.0
Scott	462	423	91.6
Sherburne	703	685	97.4
Sibley	74	74	100.0
Southwest HHS	1,466	1,380	94.1
St. Louis	4,477	3,677	82.1
Stearns	1,555	1,448	93.1
Stevens	226	211	93.4
Swift	91	87	95.6
Todd	384	368	95.8
Traverse	36	36	100.0

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Wabasha	60	59	98.3
Wadena	357	341	95.5
Washington	1,063	1,030	96.9
Watonwan	180	173	96.1
Western Prairie Human Services	225	220	97.8
White Earth Nation	912	819	89.8
Wilkin	103	89	86.4
Winona	742	685	92.3
Wright	990	954	96.4
Yellow Medicine	131	131	100.0
Minnesota	62,794	55,497	88.4

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

Placement experiences

Caseworkers determine a safe and stable placement once a child is removed from their home (or before removal, whenever possible). Out-of-home care settings vary on restrictiveness and 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 related to them, then consider individuals with whom they may have had significant contact. ([Minnesota Statutes 260C.212, subd. 2 \(a\).](#)) Numerous factors regarding children's overall well-being, such as their educational, medical, developmental, religious and cultural needs, and personal preference, if old enough, are considered. Table 14 provides information about the racial diversity of individuals providing family foster care to children in placement in Minnesota for at least one day.

Table 14. Race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) of providers who had an active placement by agency, 2023

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown /declined	Total	Hispanic /Latinx (any race)
Aitkin	*	7	*	*	20	12	38	*
Anoka	39	10	*	12	145	*	268	11
Becker	*	*	*	*	43	26	74	*
Beltrami	*	53	*	13	81	54	195	*
Benton	9	*	*	*	46	28	80	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*
Blue Earth	11	*	*	*	69	44	121	*
Brown	*	*	*	*	38	29	67	*
Carlton	*	14	*	9	24	28	68	*
Carver	*	*	*	*	41	39	85	*
Cass	*	18	*	*	48	39	104	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	26	14	45	*

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown /declined	Total	Hispanic /Latinx (any race)
Chisago	*	*	*	*	57	30	86	*
Clay	9	7	*	*	68	39	123	9
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	13	*	20	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Crow Wing	*	*	*	*	79	39	123	*
Dakota	20	*	*	*	76	156	238	9
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	19	23	41	*
Douglas	*	*	*	*	41	29	70	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	*	*	52	31	82	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*
Freeborn	*	*	*	*	50	24	74	8
Goodhue	*	*	*	*	47	19	68	*
Hennepin	473	131	31	79	544	230	1,364	75
Houston	*	*	*	*	9	13	21	*
Hubbard	*	17	*	*	38	20	73	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	33	28	65	*
Itasca	*	*	*	*	71	46	119	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	13	18	31	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	*	74	20	99	23
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	8	10	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	*	23	18	44	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	16	*	23	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	23	10	31	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	60	*	12	34	34	128	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	8	10	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	33	13	47	*
Meeker	*	*	*	*	14	24	37	*
Mille Lacs	*	24	*	9	52	38	110	*
MN Prairie	8	*	*	*	72	21	102	8
Morrison	*	*	*	*	37	29	67	*
Mower	12	*	*	*	37	10	53	*
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	30	16	48	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	19	12	35	*
Norman	*	*	*	*	9	*	13	*
Olmsted	14	*	*	*	82	59	153	*
Otter Tail	*	*	*	*	83	43	126	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	15	8	24	*
Pine	*	*	*	*	33	20	61	*
Polk	*	*	*	*	45	34	82	7

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown /declined	Total	Hispanic /Latinx (any race)
Ramsey	213	19	36	40	224	137	617	37
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	30	14	41	*
Rice	10	*	*	*	89	44	139	*
Roseau	*	*	*	*	9	10	19	*
Scott	*	*	*	*	36	29	70	*
Sherburne	9	*	*	*	41	27	76	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	10	8	18	*
Southwest HHS	*	22	*	10	97	68	183	9
St. Louis	19	68	*	29	326	*	510	9
Stearns	50	*	*	11	152	91	289	7
Stevens	*	*	*	*	21	10	35	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	13	12	26	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	41	16	58	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	8	*	12	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	7	8	15	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	37	15	51	*
Washington	16	*	*	*	63	81	154	*
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	19	13	32	*
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	19	11	30	*
White Earth Nation	*	44	*	11	43	48	125	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	8	15	23	*
Winona	*	*	*	*	58	25	86	*
Wright	*	*	*	*	82	54	137	*
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	*	11	8	24	*
Minnesota	987	706	102	339	4,034	2,501	8,092	326

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.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown includes overlapping racial categories. A client may be counted in any row or column for any racial or ethnicity value they identified with. If a client identified with multiple race or ethnicity values, they will be counted in each relevant racial/ethnic category.

Placement in the least restrictive, most home-like environment is preferred, whenever possible. This includes foster family homes with relatives and non-relatives, including those in preparation for adoption and transfer of permanent and legal custody to 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 15. Number of children/youth by location setting and agency, 2023

Agency	Juvenile correctional facility	Foster family home (non-relative)	Foster family home (relative)	Group home	Intermediate care facility (ICF) for DD	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential SUD program with parent	Residential treatment center	Supervised independent living
Aitkin	0	18	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Anoka	25	82	76	11	0	1	2	1	3	12	0
Becker	3	8	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1
Beltrami	12	31	50	13	0	0	1	8	4	17	2
Benton	2	25	31	6	0	0	2	3	0	6	0
Big Stone	0	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blue Earth	2	25	32	5	0	6	3	0	1	5	0
Brown	0	18	14	6	0	0	3	5	0	7	1
Carlton	1	7	15	8	0	0	0	3	0	10	0
Carver	9	5	33	3	0	0	1	3	0	4	1
Cass	1	22	37	2	0	1	1	5	0	3	0
Chippewa	0	7	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Chisago	2	28	22	4	0	2	1	1	0	7	0
Clay	33	33	25	1	0	0	5	1	2	6	2
Clearwater	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Crow Wing	1	37	52	8	0	1	1	4	0	9	1
Dakota	0	51	58	24	0	0	0	6	0	18	0
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	6	8	3	0	1	1	0	0	7	0
Douglas	1	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Faribault- Martin	2	16	20	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Fillmore	0	3	3	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0
Freeborn	7	16	21	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Goodhue	0	18	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	0
Hennepin	7	309	404	45	0	3	11	76	0	46	15
Houston	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hubbard	4	10	18	2	0	0	0	1	0	7	0
Isanti	1	15	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Itasca	20	27	24	4	0	1	0	1	0	31	1
Kanabec	2	1	0	4	0	0	1	3	0	5	0
Kandiyohi	7	16	35	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Kittson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Koochiching	2	9	7	1	0	0	2	1	1	8	0
Lac qui Parle	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

Agency	Juvenile correctional facility	Foster family home (non-relative)	Foster family home (relative)	Group home	Intermediate care facility (ICF) for DD	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential SUD program with parent	Residential treatment center	Supervised independent living
Lake of the Woods	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Le Sueur	2	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	35	20	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
Mahnomen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
McLeod	0	17	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meeker	1	9	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mille Lacs	10	17	41	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
MN Prairie	1	17	46	2	0	1	10	1	0	10	0
Morrison	0	7	12	7	0	0	1	2	1	7	2
Mower	0	10	17	0	0	0	2	6	0	1	1
Nicollet	0	12	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Nobles	8	19	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Norman	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olmsted	15	16	40	2	1	2	1	1	0	8	2
Otter Tail	7	33	31	5	0	1	1	1	0	7	1
Pennington	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Pine	0	5	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0
Polk	18	26	11	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	1
Ramsey	42	89	141	30	0	1	7	5	0	17	2
Red Lake County	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Renville	0	8	24	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Rice	6	34	50	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Roseau	1	9	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Scott	8	8	34	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sherburne	1	23	13	5	0	0	4	2	0	3	0
Sibley	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Southwest HHS	2	40	57	8	0	3	0	3	2	11	1
St. Louis	3	135	162	82	0	0	4	15	4	48	3
Stearns	3	54	86	13	0	1	0	3	0	7	2
Stevens	2	8	15	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	0
Swift	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Todd	3	11	16	3	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
Traverse	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Agency	Juvenile correctional facility	Foster family home (non-relative)	Foster family home (relative)	Group home	Intermediate care facility (ICF) for DD	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential SUD program with parent	Residential treatment center	Supervised independent living
Wabasha	0	3	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wadena	12	14	15	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Washington	5	20	32	14	0	0	0	3	0	15	0
Watonwan	1	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Western Prairie Human Services	1	8	6	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
White Earth Nation	2	26	16	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Wilkin	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Winona	0	18	29	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
Wright	2	16	30	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	0
Yellow Medicine	0	6	12	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0
Minnesota	308	1,684	2,198	384	1	34	78	216	25	435	45

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2023.

Note: Children can be in multiple different location settings over the course of the year. Children are counted in each location setting they experienced.

Table 16. Number of children/youth by location setting and race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value), 2023

Location setting	African American /Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown/ declined	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Juvenile correctional facility	58	41	10	59	132	3	303	32
Foster family home (non-relative)	239	307	17	474	580	44	1,661	179
Foster family home (relative)	323	377	29	548	869	47	2,193	219
Group home	56	37	9	100	171	8	381	31
Intermediate care facility (ICF) for DD	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	4	1	0	6	23	0	34	2
Pre-adoptive home (relative)	9	2	7	19	41	0	78	12
Pre-kinship home (relative)	21	55	3	56	77	2	214	16
Residential SUD program with parent	1	9	0	5	6	0	21	0

Location setting	African American /Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown/ declined	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Residential treatment center	33	36	7	94	255	8	433	33
Supervised independent living	12	9	1	9	13	1	45	8
Total	606	663	58	1,044	1,771	91	4,233	427

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2023.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. “Hispanic/Latinx (any race)” shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

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 a termination of parental rights (TPR), severing the legal parent-child relationship, or accept parents’ consent to adoption. The court must also order guardianship of the 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 the 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 the 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.

Table 17. Number and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by agency, 2023

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Aitkin	3	2	5	2,452	2.1
Anoka	24	42	66	86,409	0.8

¹ The exception is when a court determines that reestablishing parental rights is the most appropriate permanency option. Specific eligibility criteria must be met prior to making this determination, including the age of the child, length of time in care post-termination of parental rights, and whether the parent has corrected conditions that led to termination of parental rights. ([Minnesota Statutes 260C.329.](#))

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Becker	11	18	29	8,259	3.6
Beltrami	7	5	12	11,485	1.1
Benton	11	15	26	10,388	2.5
Big Stone	1	1	2	1,104	1.8
Blue Earth	18	18	36	13,602	2.6
Brown	11	8	19	5,636	3.3
Carlton	0	10	10	7,982	1.3
Carver	3	9	12	27,384	0.4
Cass	3	7	10	6,318	1.6
Chippewa	5	19	24	2,987	7.8
Chisago	9	23	32	12,870	2.5
Clay	24	28	52	16,242	3.2
Clearwater	2	2	4	2,174	1.9
Cook	0	0	0	840	0.0
Crow Wing	21	12	33	13,784	2.4
Dakota	21	47	68	105,016	0.6
Des Moines Valley HHS	4	3	7	4,955	1.4
Douglas	4	9	13	8,439	1.5
Faribault-Martin	15	12	27	7446	3.6
Fillmore	3	1	4	5,181	0.8
Freeborn	12	22	34	6,651	5.1
Goodhue	7	9	16	10,475	1.5
Hennepin	95	246	341	268,313	1.3
Houston	1	4	5	4,035	1.3
Hubbard	0	2	2	4,574	0.4
Isanti	0	10	10	9,861	1.0
Itasca	10	13	23	9,030	2.5
Kanabec	2	4	6	3,539	1.7
Kandiyohi	20	26	46	10,516	4.4
Kittson	0	1	1	877	1.1
Koochiching	4	4	8	2,061	3.9
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	1,411	0.0
Lake	1	0	1	2,094	0.5
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	751	0.0
Le Sueur	2	4	6	6,699	0.9
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	0	2,233	0.0
MN Prairie	15	17	32	18,431	1.7
Mahnomen	0	1	1	1,686	0.6
Marshall	0	0	0	2,018	0.0
McLeod	0	11	11	7,946	1.4
Meeker	0	6	6	5,573	1.1
Mille Lacs	10	2	12	6,327	1.9
Morrison	9	13	22	7,821	2.8

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Mower	7	11	18	10,013	1.8
Nicollet	4	9	13	7,320	1.8
Nobles	0	2	2	6,212	0.3
Norman	0	0	0	1,501	0.0
Olmsted	24	30	54	38,819	1.4
Otter Tail	22	18	40	12,992	3.0
Pennington	2	5	7	3,085	2.3
Pine	9	11	20	5,669	3.5
Polk	10	8	18	7,513	2.4
Ramsey	42	161	203	122,516	1.7
Red Lake County	0	0	0	911	0.0
Renville	0	4	4	3,342	1.2
Rice	7	11	18	14,144	1.3
Roseau	1	0	1	3,606	0.3
Scott	4	7	11	39,589	0.3
Sherburne	7	10	17	25,805	0.6
Sibley	0	0	0	3,349	0.0
Southwest HHS	31	44	75	18,329	4.1
St. Louis	39	58	97	36,655	2.6
Stearns	18	38	56	37,290	1.5
Stevens	4	5	9	2,151	4.1
Swift	0	7	7	2,183	3.2
Todd	4	10	14	6,091	2.2
Traverse	0	0	0	720	0.0
Wabasha	0	1	1	4,681	0.2
Wadena	4	7	11	3,767	2.9
Washington	4	20	24	65,515	0.4
Watonwan	5	4	9	2,789	3.1
Western Prairie Human Services	2	6	8	3,880	2.0
White Earth Nation	0	0	0	2,079	0.0
Wilkin	1	1	2	1,439	1.4
Winona	6	19	25	8,582	2.9
Wright	4	19	23	39,864	0.6
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	2,198	0.0
Minnesota	649	1,212	1,861	1,294,162	1.4

Note: Child population information comes from U.S. Census Bureau population estimates, [table CC-EST2022-AGESEX](#). Child population information for American Indian Child Welfare Initiative Tribes comes from the 2020 U.S. Census and represents children residing on reservations who indicated American Indian alone or as one of two or more races. There are no intercensal child population estimates for these groups.

Table 18. Number, percent and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value), 2023

	African American /Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Entered guardianship (N)	71	36	21	218	296	649	72
Continued in guardianship (N)	226	62	32	374	508	1,212	164
Total under guardianship (N)	297	98	53	592	804	1,861	236
Total under guardianship (%)	16.0%	5.3%	2.8%	31.8%	43.2%	100.0%	12.7%
Child population (N)	149,400	27,336	89,576	78,395	949,455	1,294,162	122,338
Child population (%)	11.5%	2.1%	6.9%	6.1%	73.4%	100.0%	9.5%
Per 1,000 rate of children under guardianship	2.0	3.6	0.6	7.6	0.8	1.4	1.9

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. “Hispanic/Latinx (any race)” shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, table SC-EST2022-ALLDATA6, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2022/state/asrh/>

Table 19. Number and percent of children in guardianship by age, 2023

Age	Count	Percent
<1	119	6.4
1	217	11.7
2	150	8.1
3	115	6.2
4	87	4.7
5	94	5.1
6	85	4.6
7	82	4.4
8	82	4.4
9	72	3.9
10	81	4.4
11	84	4.5
12	82	4.4
13	94	5.1
14	107	5.7
15	107	5.7
16	115	6.2
17	88	4.7
Total	1,861	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 the year. The designation of exiters is used for children who were in out-of-home care and exited during 2023. There were 4,779 unique children in 4,876 placement episodes that ended in 2023 (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 meet their particular needs. Although moves can create further trauma for children in out-of-home care, some moves are necessary to ensure safety, provide needed services and/or allow children to be in a less restrictive environment or achieve permanency. The following data includes information on the number of placement moves experienced within the placement episode for all episodes that ended in the year.

Table 20. Number of placement episodes ending in 2023 by number of moves and agency

Agency	No moves	One move	Two moves	Three moves	Four moves	Five or more moves	Total
Aitkin	5	2	1	1	0	3	12
Anoka	78	59	23	17	7	8	192
Becker	17	15	7	1	2	2	44
Beltrami	37	29	14	9	7	10	106
Benton	24	8	4	1	1	2	40
Big Stone	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Blue Earth	48	21	10	0	4	2	85
Brown	29	11	13	0	0	0	53
Carlton	25	18	4	3	1	3	54
Carver	37	9	5	1	1	5	58
Cass	53	9	4	1	0	5	72
Chippewa	8	13	6	0	2	6	35
Chisago	19	13	7	5	1	1	46
Clay	47	18	15	7	1	3	91
Clearwater	5	2	1	0	0	0	8
Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crow Wing	43	23	9	5	0	5	85
Dakota	63	20	10	5	0	4	102
Des Moines Valley HHS	18	7	4	0	1	0	30
Douglas	13	15	4	3	0	0	35
Faribault-Martin	20	15	4	0	1	1	41
Fillmore	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Freeborn	14	11	14	0	1	0	40
Goodhue	15	8	3	1	0	1	28
Hennepin	350	144	67	50	19	67	697
Houston	3	1	1	0	1	0	6
Hubbard	14	2	2	1	0	0	19
Isanti	8	3	10	0	0	2	23

Agency	No moves	One move	Two moves	Three moves	Four moves	Five or more moves	Total
Itasca	60	26	14	4	5	8	117
Kanabec	12	4	2	1	0	0	19
Kandiyohi	45	22	17	2	3	2	91
Kittson	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Koochiching	26	10	3	2	0	1	42
Lac qui Parle	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Lake	9	0	1	1	0	0	11
Lake of the Woods	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Le Sueur	17	2	4	0	0	1	24
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	26	3	3	1	1	5	39
Mahnomen	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Marshall	4	2	1	0	0	0	7
McLeod	24	17	4	0	0	1	46
Meeker	9	11	1	1	4	2	28
Mille Lacs	34	7	8	1	4	5	59
MN Prairie	43	18	3	6	1	3	74
Morrison	31	2	5	3	1	1	43
Mower	24	11	6	3	1	1	46
Nicollet	26	4	1	0	3	0	34
Nobles	13	3	2	1	0	0	19
Norman	4	0	0	1	1	2	8
Olmsted	56	20	3	2	3	4	88
Otter Tail	40	16	3	0	1	2	62
Pennington	3	1	0	2	0	4	10
Pine	12	6	3	2	6	2	31
Polk	51	8	4	1	1	4	69
Ramsey	147	101	34	22	10	25	339
Red Lake County	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Renville	15	6	5	1	0	2	29
Rice	52	24	6	6	1	2	91
Roseau	11	1	0	0	1	1	14
Scott	40	6	1	0	0	1	48
Sherburne	35	8	1	2	0	3	49
Sibley	4	4	1	0	1	0	10
Southwest HHS	55	24	16	10	6	5	116
St. Louis	197	102	48	19	15	25	406
Stearns	97	38	21	8	13	8	185
Stevens	12	7	1	2	0	0	22
Swift	7	1	0	2	0	2	12
Todd	18	5	4	1	0	0	28
Traverse	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
Wabasha	8	1	0	1	1	0	11
Wadena	42	14	1	2	0	2	61

Agency	No moves	One move	Two moves	Three moves	Four moves	Five or more moves	Total
Washington	47	18	10	5	5	4	89
Watonwan	10	3	4	1	1	0	19
Western Prairie Human Services	11	11	2	0	0	2	26
White Earth Nation	30	26	8	6	2	7	79
Wilkin	6	1	0	0	0	1	8
Winona	33	7	3	1	1	1	46
Wright	43	19	9	7	1	4	83
Yellow Medicine	8	4	3	0	0	1	16
Minnesota	2,548	1,120	519	250	149	290	4,876

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 children 5 through 17 years old), and whether the student was enrolled in the new school within seven days of the move.

Table 21. Number of placement locations that resulted in a school change among school-aged children and enrollment in a new school within seven days by agency, 2023

Agency	Number of placements where a school change was needed	Number of placements where the new school enrollment date was within seven days	Percent of placements where the new school enrollment date was within seven days
Aitkin	22	22	100.0
Anoka	45	36	80.0
Becker	34	33	97.1
Beltrami	60	44	73.3
Benton	27	26	96.3
Big Stone	3	0	0.0
Blue Earth	34	33	97.1
Brown	23	20	87.0
Carlton	18	17	94.4
Carver	22	20	90.9
Cass	34	26	76.5
Chippewa	2	2	100.0
Chisago	36	35	97.2
Clay	36	3	8.3
Clearwater	3	3	100.0
Cook	1	1	100.0
Crow Wing	35	33	94.3
Dakota	7	6	85.7
Des Moines Valley HHS	15	15	100.0
Douglas	18	15	83.3
Faribault-Martin	26	19	73.1

Agency	Number of placements where a school change was needed	Number of placements where the new school enrollment date was within seven days	Percent of placements where the new school enrollment date was within seven days
Fillmore	5	2	40.0
Freeborn	27	27	100.0
Goodhue	28	27	96.4
Hennepin	234	141	60.3
Houston	6	6	100.0
Hubbard	29	26	89.7
Isanti	19	15	78.9
Itasca	22	22	100.0
Kanabec	14	13	92.9
Kandiyohi	17	2	11.8
Kittson	5	5	100.0
Koochiching	20	18	90.0
Lac qui Parle	0	0	--
Lake	5	5	100.0
Lake of the Woods	1	1	100.0
Le Sueur	6	5	83.3
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	25	12	48.0
Mahnomen	0	0	--
Marshall	5	5	100.0
McLeod	8	8	100.0
Meeker	4	4	100.0
Mille Lacs	31	26	83.9
MN Prairie	29	25	86.2
Morrison	33	32	97.0
Mower	6	6	100.0
Nicollet	7	7	100.0
Nobles	12	9	75.0
Norman	4	1	25.0
Olmsted	50	48	96.0
Otter Tail	46	35	76.1
Pennington	7	7	100.0
Pine	13	7	53.8
Polk	43	36	83.7
Ramsey	132	88	66.7
Red Lake County	0	0	--
Renville	4	2	50.0
Rice	42	30	71.4
Roseau	5	5	100.0
Scott	10	8	80.0
Sherburne	14	11	78.6
Sibley	5	5	100.0

Agency	Number of placements where a school change was needed	Number of placements where the new school enrollment date was within seven days	Percent of placements where the new school enrollment date was within seven days
Southwest HHS	50	44	88.0
St. Louis	161	156	96.9
Stearns	90	88	97.8
Stevens	15	3	20.0
Swift	7	6	85.7
Todd	20	18	90.0
Traverse	4	4	100.0
Wabasha	5	5	100.0
Wadena	13	11	84.6
Washington	47	41	87.2
Watonwan	8	8	100.0
Western Prairie Human Services	11	8	72.7
White Earth Nation	73	60	82.2
Wilkin	16	14	87.5
Winona	25	25	100.0
Wright	24	22	91.7
Yellow Medicine	4	3	75.0
Minnesota	2,089	1,687	80.8

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 care 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. In certain circumstances, the court may determine that a child cannot return to their primary caregiver or parent and will transfer legal and physical custody to a relative or 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 22. Number of and percent placement episodes ending in 2023 by discharge reason, and race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value)

Discharge reason	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Reunification with parents/primary caretakers	344 (52.7%)	350 (47.0%)	32 (47.1%)	594 (47.4%)	1,113 (53.2%)	2,478 (50.8%)	242 (47.7%)
Adoption finalized	89 (13.6%)	64 (8.6%)	15 (22.1%)	258 (20.6%)	421 (20.1%)	851 (17.5%)	112 (22.1%)

Discharge reason	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	95 (14.5%)	199 (26.7%)	10 (14.7%)	192 (15.3%)	193 (9.2%)	693 (14.2%)	65 (12.8%)
Reached age of majority	79 (12.1%)	54 (7.3%)	5 (7.4%)	83 (6.6%)	171 (8.2%)	397 (8.1%)	44 (8.7%)
Living with other relatives	13 (2.0%)	27 (3.6%)	1 (1.5%)	41 (3.3%)	58 (2.8%)	141 (2.9%)	12 (2.4%)
Transfer to another agency	3 (0.5%)	5 (0.7%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (0.6%)	20 (1.0%)	37 (0.8%)	2 (0.4%)
Runaway from placement/ placement no longer planned	6 (0.9%)	7 (0.9%)	2 (2.9%)	5 (0.4%)	19 (0.9%)	39 (0.8%)	6 (1.2%)
Guardianship to an unrelated individual	0 (0.0%)	7 (0.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (0.3%)	14 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)
Residing with non-removal parent/guardian	21 (3.2%)	30 (4.0%)	3 (4.4%)	71 (5.7%)	89 (4.3%)	219 (4.5%)	22 (4.3%)
Death of client	3 (0.5%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	7 (0.1%)	1 (0.2%)
Total exits	653 (100%)	744 (100.0%)	68 (100.0%)	1,252 (100.0%)	2,093 (100.0%)	4,876 (100.0%)	507 (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.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. “Hispanic/Latinx (any race)” shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

Table 23. Number of placement episodes ending in 2023 by discharge reason and agency

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC) to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Aitkin	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	12
Anoka	99	44	16	13	4	3	1	11	192
Becker	22	12	4	4	1	0	0	1	44
Beltrami	46	5	41	6	0	6	0	2	106
Benton	20	14	2	2	0	0	1	1	40
Big Stone	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC) to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Blue Earth	44	26	13	1	0	1	0	0	85
Brown	34	10	4	1	0	0	0	4	53
Carlton	27	3	11	4	2	2	0	2	54
Carver	32	7	6	7	3	0	0	0	58
Cass	45	10	8	4	2	0	0	1	72
Chippewa	12	20	1	2	0	0	0	0	35
Chisago	24	16	2	3	0	0	0	0	46
Clay	46	17	10	10	1	0	0	7	91
Clearwater	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	8
Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crow Wing	45	13	9	8	2	0	0	7	85
Dakota	57	13	9	6	9	1	2	5	102
Des Moines Valley HHS	21	2	2	2	0	0	0	3	30
Douglas	19	9	1	3	0	0	0	3	35
Faribault-Martin	18	5	11	2	1	0	1	3	41
Fillmore	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Freeborn	20	15	1	2	0	1	0	1	40
Goodhue	12	5	0	6	1	2	0	2	28
Hennepin	247	120	187	90	20	3	0	26	697
Houston	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hubbard	13	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	19
Isanti	8	7	3	4	1	0	0	0	23
Itasca	87	4	5	15	3	0	0	3	117
Kanabec	8	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	19
Kandiyohi	47	32	1	7	1	0	1	2	91
Kittson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Koochiching	19	5	12	1	0	0	1	4	42
Lac qui Parle	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lake	7	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
Lake of the Woods	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
Le Sueur	10	4	5	1	0	1	0	3	24
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	23	5	3	3	4	0	0	0	39
MN Prairie	48	15	5	3	0	1	0	1	74
Mahnomen	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
McLeod	24	8	3	3	1	0	0	7	46

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC) to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Meeker	13	6	0	3	1	0	0	4	28
Mille Lacs	37	3	7	4	0	0	4	3	59
Morrison	16	12	2	7	0	2	0	2	43
Mower	26	11	3	2	0	0	0	3	46
Nicollet	14	10	0	1	7	0	0	2	34
Nobles	13	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	19
Norman	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8
Olmsted	38	29	5	9	5	0	0	1	88
Otter Tail	29	14	8	6	1	1	0	1	62
Pennington	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	10
Pine	9	12	7	2	0	0	0	1	31
Polk	45	4	8	4	3	0	0	5	69
Ramsey	162	64	53	33	9	2	1	7	339
Red Lake County	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Renville	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	29
Rice	52	7	14	3	8	0	0	7	91
Roseau	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	14
Scott	26	5	10	1	0	0	0	5	48
Sherburne	19	6	12	1	9	0	0	1	49
Sibley	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Southwest HHS	58	35	11	5	3	1	0	2	116
St. Louis	219	54	57	35	17	2	0	21	406
Stearns	115	29	10	12	8	1	0	10	185
Stevens	14	2	2	1	1	0	0	2	22
Swift	5	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Todd	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Traverse	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Wabasha	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
Wadena	29	5	17	3	5	2	0	0	61
Washington	45	16	10	8	1	1	0	5	89
Watonwan	9	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	19
Western Prairie Human Services	11	6	4	1	0	1	0	3	26
White Earth Nation	37	24	8	8	0	0	0	1	79
Wilkin	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Winona	26	5	4	4	2	0	0	5	46
Wright	46	12	13	9	0	0	0	2	83

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC) to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Yellow Medicine	4	0	6	1	0	0	1	4	16
Minnesota	2,478	851	693	397	141	37	14	219	4,876

Of the children who exit care each year, some children were in care for only a few days, while others were in care for multiple years. Table 24 provides information on the length of stay that children were in out-of-home care when they exited care. The length of time that children spend in care is highly variable and may be influenced by factors including, but not limited to:

- 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 24. Length of stay for placement episodes ending in 2023 by agency

Agency	One to seven days	Eight to 30 days	Two to six months	Seven to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total episodes ending
Aitkin	0	0	4	0	3	1	4	12
Anoka	22	9	39	22	53	23	24	192
Becker	0	0	5	10	21	1	7	44
Beltrami	0	4	22	26	36	13	5	106
Benton	1	3	9	9	13	3	2	40
Big Stone	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Blue Earth	3	0	23	18	32	4	5	85
Brown	4	1	20	17	7	4	0	53
Carlton	0	0	13	23	8	3	7	54
Carver	7	1	15	12	15	2	6	58
Cass	4	3	18	12	20	9	6	72
Chippewa	0	0	3	10	6	9	7	35
Chisago	7	2	8	8	17	4	0	46
Clay	22	0	13	15	31	3	7	91
Clearwater	0	0	5	0	2	0	1	8
Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crow Wing	3	11	14	20	24	6	7	85
Dakota	16	8	22	18	26	8	4	102

Agency	One to seven days	Eight to 30 days	Two to six months	Seven to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total episodes ending
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	2	7	6	10	4	1	30
Douglas	1	1	5	10	8	8	2	35
Faribault-Martin	2	0	3	9	10	10	7	41
Fillmore	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Freeborn	0	1	9	6	11	2	11	40
Goodhue	1	3	4	7	3	4	6	28
Hennepin	30	18	99	101	223	84	142	697
Houston	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	6
Hubbard	0	1	7	3	5	2	1	19
Isanti	3	0	5	1	6	3	5	23
Itasca	10	8	32	31	23	5	8	117
Kanabec	0	0	5	4	7	3	0	19
Kandiyohi	2	1	14	19	51	1	3	91
Kittson	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Koochiching	1	3	13	10	13	0	2	42
Lac qui Parle	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Lake	0	0	5	3	1	2	0	11
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4
Le Sueur	0	2	4	9	7	2	0	24
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	13	0	5	1	5	5	10	39
Mahnomen	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Marshall	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	7
McLeod	6	7	5	7	18	0	3	46
Meeker	0	1	6	8	5	3	5	28
Mille Lacs	8	5	12	11	11	2	10	59
MN Prairie	4	9	8	25	20	5	3	74
Morrison	1	3	10	7	17	2	3	43
Mower	1	2	10	23	5	2	3	46
Nicollet	1	0	13	8	9	0	3	34
Nobles	3	3	7	3	1	1	1	19
Norman	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	8
Olmsted	3	2	25	14	26	3	15	88
Otter Tail	5	9	13	15	14	4	2	62
Pennington	0	0	2	2	0	6	0	10
Pine	1	1	1	4	10	7	7	31
Polk	10	7	30	11	3	1	7	69
Ramsey	34	12	58	49	90	24	72	339
Red Lake County	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Renville	0	0	9	10	7	1	2	29
Rice	14	6	22	16	16	10	7	91
Roseau	6	0	4	0	3	1	0	14
Scott	11	2	6	12	15	1	1	48
Sherburne	13	1	6	9	13	4	3	49

Agency	One to seven days	Eight to 30 days	Two to six months	Seven to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total episodes ending
Sibley	0	1	3	3	2	0	1	10
Southwest HHS	12	1	10	26	29	16	22	116
St. Louis	34	24	109	59	97	50	33	406
Stearns	34	12	32	30	47	15	15	185
Stevens	2	0	9	3	7	1	0	22
Swift	0	0	3	0	5	2	2	12
Todd	4	1	13	5	4	1	0	28
Traverse	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
Wabasha	0	0	8	1	1	1	0	11
Wadena	14	7	10	9	17	1	3	61
Washington	10	4	20	7	26	12	10	89
Watonwan	1	0	6	4	4	3	1	19
Western Prairie Human Services	1	2	5	8	7	1	2	26
White Earth Nation	0	0	3	9	28	24	15	79
Wilkin	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	8
Winona	8	0	8	18	5	2	5	46
Wright	5	0	6	29	24	6	13	83
Yellow Medicine	0	1	6	6	2	1	0	16
Minnesota	401	212	977	918	1,318	445	605	4,876

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 25. Number of placement episodes ending in 2023 by length of time in care and race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value)

Length of time	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
1 to 7 days	95	53	2	87	146	401	38
8 to 30 days	18	27	4	54	106	212	16
2 to 6 months	135	102	14	236	471	977	91
7 to 12 months	100	129	16	209	453	918	105
13 to 24 months	159	196	20	398	535	1,318	147
25 to 36 months	47	102	5	128	160	445	48
Longer than 36 months	99	135	7	140	222	605	62

Length of time	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Total	653	744	68	1,252	2,093	4,876	507

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. “Hispanic/Latinx (any race)” shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

The length of time that children spend in out-of-home care varies by their permanency outcome. 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 out-of-home care stays. Table 26 provides information on the length of time in care by discharge reason for children exiting care during the year.

Table 26. Number and percent of placement episodes ending in 2023 by length of time in care and discharge reason

Length of time	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 reasons	Total
One to seven days	321 (13.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	44 (31.2%)	6 (16.2%)	0 (0.0%)	30 (11.3%)	401 (8.2%)
Eight to 30 days	180 (7.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	8 (5.7%)	7 (18.9%)	0 (0.0%)	16 (6.0%)	212 (4.3%)
Two to six months	816 (32.9%)	2 (0.2%)	5 (0.7%)	31 (7.8%)	31 (22.0%)	10 (27.0%)	1 (7.1%)	81 (30.6%)	977 (20.0%)
Seven to 12 months	646 (26.1%)	54 (6.3%)	92 (13.3%)	30 (7.6%)	22 (15.6%)	5 (13.5%)	1 (7.1%)	68 (25.7%)	918 (18.8%)
13 to 24 months	428 (17.3%)	352 (41.4%)	409 (59%)	60 (15.1%)	24 (17.0%)	7 (18.9%)	1 (7.1%)	37 (14.0%)	1,318 (27.0%)
25 to 36 months	50 (2.0%)	211 (24.8%)	117 (16.9%)	47 (11.8%)	7 (5.0%)	1 (2.7%)	4 (28.6%)	8 (3.0%)	445 (9.1%)
More than 36 months	37 (1.5%)	232 (10.1%)	70 (10.1%)	228 (57.4%)	5 (3.5%)	1 (2.7%)	7 (50.0%)	25 (9.4%)	605 (12.4%)
Total	2,478 (100.0%)	851 (100.0%)	693 (100.0%)	397 (100.0%)	141 (100.0%)	37 (100.0%)	14 (100.0%)	265 (100.0%)	4,876 (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 reentry. The Children’s Bureau uses a measure of reentry into out-of-home care after reunification to monitor the state’s performance related to this issue. The measure for 2022 starts with a count of all children who entered out-of-home care in 2020 and reunified in less than 12 months, then calculates how many of those children reentered out-of-home

care within 12 months of achieving permanency. Table 27 provides information on the federal reentry measure by agency and statewide.

Table 27. Federal reentry into out-of-home care performance measure by agency, 2023

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Aitkin	13	1	7.7
Anoka	48	7	14.6
Becker	26	1	3.8
Beltrami	34	4	11.8
Benton	26	1	3.8
Big Stone	6	0	0.0
Blue Earth	27	5	18.5
Brown	17	2	11.8
Carlton	8	0	0.0
Carver	35	4	11.4
Cass	7	0	0.0
Chippewa	8	0	0.0
Chisago	18	0	0.0
Clay	20	2	10.0
Clearwater	2	1	50.0
Cook	4	1	25.0
Crow Wing	39	1	2.6
Dakota	36	4	11.1
Des Moines Valley HHS	8	1	12.5
Douglas	11	0	0.0
Faribault-Martin	36	2	5.6
Fillmore	6	0	0.0
Freeborn	9	0	0.0
Goodhue	14	2	14.3
Hennepin	177	21	11.9
Houston	3	0	0.0
Hubbard	19	3	15.8
Isanti	8	0	0.0
Itasca	41	10	24.4
Kanabec	8	1	12.5
Kandiyohi	47	5	10.6
Kittson	0	0	--
Koochiching	29	5	17.2
Lac qui Parle	2	0	0.0
Lake	4	0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	6	2	33.3
Le Sueur	5	0	0.0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	6	0	0.0
Mahnomen	4	0	0.0

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Marshall	2	0	0.0
McLeod	8	1	12.5
Meeker	9	1	11.1
Mille Lacs	20	3	15.0
MN Prairie	40	5	12.5
Morrison	14	0	0.0
Mower	12	0	0.0
Nicollet	32	3	9.4
Nobles	7	0	0.0
Norman	0	0	--
Olmsted	30	7	23.3
Otter Tail	29	5	17.2
Pennington	5	0	0.0
Pine	3	0	0.0
Polk	33	1	3.0
Ramsey	76	12	15.8
Red Lake	3	0	0.0
Renville	15	2	13.3
Rice	33	9	27.3
Roseau	25	0	0.0
Scott	31	3	9.7
Sherburne	18	4	22.2
Sibley	4	2	50.0
Southwest HHS	49	7	14.3
St. Louis	116	25	21.6
Stearns	81	2	2.5
Stevens	8	0	0.0
Swift	15	0	0.0
Todd	16	2	12.5
Traverse	3	0	0.0
Wabasha	9	0	0.0
Wadena	30	5	16.7
Washington	44	5	11.4
Watonwan	11	2	18.2
Western Prairie Human Services	11	4	36.4
White Earth Nation	42	7	16.7
Wilkin	9	1	11.1
Winona	22	2	9.1
Wright	40	2	5.0
Yellow Medicine	5	1	20.0
Minnesota	1,810	217	12.0

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

Appendix A

Table 28. American Indian/Alaska Native children/youth in out-of-home care by Tribal affiliation, 2023

State	Tribal	Number of children/youth
All Tribes	All Tribes	3,942
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Canadian Tribal	35
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Minnesota Chippewa Tribal (cannot identify specific band)	39
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Minnesota Dakota Tribal (cannot identify specific Tribal)	4
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Other U.S. Tribal	81
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Other foreign Tribal	4
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Unknown Dakota, Lakota or Nakota (Sioux)	21
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Unknown Ojibwe, Ojibwa or Chippewa	38
Other, unknown or foreign Tribal	Unknown Tribal	353
Tribal in Alabama	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	2
Tribal in Alaska	Alaskan Native	14
Tribal in Alaska	Algaaciq Native Village (aka St. Mary's)	6
Tribal in Alaska	Ambler, Native Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Anaktuvuk Pass, Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Atkasuk Village	2
Tribal in Alaska	Brevig Mission, Native Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Buckland, Native Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	2
Tribal in Alaska	Chinik Eskimo Community (Golovin)	3
Tribal in Alaska	Council, Native Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Curyung Tribal Council	3
Tribal in Alaska	Deering, Native Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Elim, Native Village of	2
Tribal in Alaska	Gakona, Native Village of	1

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Alaska	Goodnews Bay, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope	2
Tribe in Alaska	Kaktovik, Village of (aka Barter Island)	2
Tribe in Alaska	Kenaitze Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Alaska	Ketchikan Indian Community	2
Tribe in Alaska	Kiana, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	King Island Native Community	2
Tribe in Alaska	Kobuk, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Koyuk, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Levelock Village	1
Tribe in Alaska	Metlakatla Indian Community	2
Tribe in Alaska	Minto, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Noatak, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Nome Eskimo Community	4
Tribe in Alaska	Noorvik Native Community	2
Tribe in Alaska	Point Hope, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Point Lay, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Selawik, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Shaktolik, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Shishmaref, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Shungnak, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	1
Tribe in Alaska	Solomon, Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	South Naknek Village	4
Tribe in Alaska	St. Michael, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Stebbins Community Association	2
Tribe in Alaska	Teller, Native Village of (aka Mary's Igloo)	2
Tribe in Alaska	Tyonek, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Unalakleet, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Wainwright, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Alaska	Wales, Native Village of	2

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Alaska	White Mountain, Native Village of	2
Tribe in Arizona	Colorado River Indian Tribes	1
Tribe in Arizona	Fort McDowell Yavapai Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Arizona	Gila River Indian Community	1
Tribe in Arizona	Hopi Tribe	2
Tribe in Arizona	Navajo Nation	33
Tribe in Arizona	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	5
Tribe in Arizona	Quechan Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	San Carlos Apache Tribe	31
Tribe in Arizona	Tohono O'Odham Nation	2
Tribe in Arizona	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona	25
Tribe in Arizona	White Mountain Apache Tribe	27
Tribe in Arizona	Yavapai-Apache Nation	23
Tribe in Arizona	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in California	Colorado River Indian Tribes	1
Tribe in California	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in California	Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California	1
Tribe in California	Quechan Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in California	Robinson Rancheria	2
Tribe in California	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	1
Tribe in Colorado	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Colorado	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	2
Tribe in Florida	Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida	7
Tribe in Florida	Seminole Tribe of Florida	19
Tribe in Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	2
Tribe in Idaho	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation	1
Tribe in Iowa	Meskwaki Nation	8
Tribe in Kansas	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	5
Tribe in Kansas	Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	2
Tribe in Kansas	Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation	9

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Kansas	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	5
Tribe in Louisiana	Jena Band of Choctaw Indians	28
Tribe in Louisiana	Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana	1
Tribe in Maine	Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians	1
Tribe in Maine	Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township	4
Tribe in Maine	Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point	4
Tribe in Massachusetts	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	2
Tribe in Massachusetts	Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	3
Tribe in Michigan	Bay Mills Indian Community	42
Tribe in Michigan	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	58
Tribe in Michigan	Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan	12
Tribe in Michigan	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	32
Tribe in Michigan	Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	57
Tribe in Michigan	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	1
Tribe in Michigan	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	9
Tribe in Michigan	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi (Gun Lake Tribe)	8
Tribe in Michigan	Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	5
Tribe in Michigan	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	6
Tribe in Michigan	Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan	60
Tribe in Michigan	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan	66
Tribe in Minnesota	Bois Forte Nation	257
Tribe in Minnesota	Fond du Lac Nation	308
Tribe in Minnesota	Grand Portage Nation	137
Tribe in Minnesota	Leech Lake Nation	719
Tribe in Minnesota	Lower Sioux Indian Community	119
Tribe in Minnesota	Mille Lacs Ojibwe Nation	415
Tribe in Minnesota	Minnesota Chippewa tribe (cannot identify specific band)	39
Tribe in Minnesota	Minnesota Dakota tribe (cannot identify specific tribe)	4
Tribe in Minnesota	Prairie Island Indian Community	46
Tribe in Minnesota	Red Lake Nation	902
Tribe in Minnesota	Shakopee Mdewakanton Community	80

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Minnesota	Upper Sioux Indian Community	79
Tribe in Minnesota	White Earth Nation	819
Tribe in Mississippi	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	30
Tribe in Montana	Blackfeet Tribe of Montana	219
Tribe in Montana	Chippewa Cree Tribe	83
Tribe in Montana	Crow Nation	3
Tribe in Montana	Fort Peck Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes	46
Tribe in Montana	Gros Ventre and Assiniboiné Tribe of Fort Belknap	3
Tribe in Montana	Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana	8
Tribe in Montana	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	13
Tribe in Montana	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	191
Tribe in Nebraska	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	5
Tribe in Nebraska	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	14
Tribe in Nebraska	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	7
Tribe in Nebraska	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	5
Tribe in Nebraska	Santee Sioux Nation	58
Tribe in Nebraska	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	25
Tribe in Nevada	Battle Mountain Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	1
Tribe in Nevada	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Nevada	Elko Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	1
Tribe in Nevada	Ely Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Nevada	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	4
Tribe in Nevada	Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Nevada	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Nevada	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	1
Tribe in Nevada	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	3
Tribe in Nevada	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation	1
Tribe in Nevada	South Fork Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	1
Tribe in Nevada	Walker River Paiute Tribe	1
Tribe in Nevada	Wells Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	1
Tribe in Nevada	Winnemucca Indian Colony	1

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Nevada	Yomba Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in New Mexico	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	37
Tribe in New Mexico	Jicarilla Apache Nation	25
Tribe in New Mexico	Mescalero Apache Tribe	26
Tribe in New Mexico	Navajo Nation	33
Tribe in New Mexico	Pueblo of Picuris	3
Tribe in New Mexico	Ramah Navajo	1
Tribe in New Mexico	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	2
Tribe in New York	Cayuga Nation of New York	5
Tribe in New York	Oneida Indian Nation	5
Tribe in New York	Onondaga Nation	3
Tribe in New York	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	7
Tribe in New York	Seneca Nation of Indians	10
Tribe in New York	Shinnecock Indian Nation	1
Tribe in New York	Tonawanda Band of Seneca	5
Tribe in New York	Tuscarora Nation of New York	1
Tribe in North Carolina	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	313
Tribe in North Dakota	Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation	21
Tribe in North Dakota	Spirit Lake Tribe	89
Tribe in North Dakota	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	161
Tribe in North Dakota	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	191
Tribe in Oklahoma	Absentee Shawnee Tribe	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	34
Tribe in Oklahoma	Caddo Nation	5
Tribe in Oklahoma	Cherokee Nation	353
Tribe in Oklahoma	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	11
Tribe in Oklahoma	Chickasaw Nation	21
Tribe in Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	54
Tribe in Oklahoma	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	6
Tribe in Oklahoma	Comanche Nation-Oklahoma	15

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Oklahoma	Delaware Nation	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Delaware Tribe of Indians	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	37
Tribe in Oklahoma	Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kaw Nation	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kialegee Tribal Town	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	11
Tribe in Oklahoma	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	21
Tribe in Oklahoma	Osage Tribe	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Otoe-Missouria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Sac and Fox Nation	9
Tribe in Oklahoma	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	12
Tribe in Oklahoma	Seneca-Cayuga Nation	6
Tribe in Oklahoma	Shawnee Tribe	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Thlopthlocco Tribal Town	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	300
Tribe in Oklahoma	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	5
Tribe in Oklahoma	Wyandotte Nation	4
Tribe in Oregon	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	1
Tribe in Oregon	Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Oregon	Klamath Tribes	1

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Rhode Island	Narragansett Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in South Dakota	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	108
Tribe in South Dakota	Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	73
Tribe in South Dakota	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	72
Tribe in South Dakota	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	69
Tribe in South Dakota	Oglala Sioux Tribe	126
Tribe in South Dakota	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	143
Tribe in South Dakota	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	141
Tribe in South Dakota	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	161
Tribe in South Dakota	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	191
Tribe in South Dakota	Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	86
Tribe in Texas	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	2
Tribe in Texas	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe in Texas	3
Tribe in Texas	Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo	1
Tribe in Utah	Navajo Nation	33
Tribe in Utah	Ute Indian Tribe	2
Tribe in Utah	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	2
Tribe in Virginia	Pamunkey Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Washington	Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the	3
Tribe in Washington	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Washington	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	2
Tribe in Washington	Quinault Indian Nation	1
Tribe in Washington	Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the	2
Tribe in Wisconsin	Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	95
Tribe in Wisconsin	Fond du Lac Nation	308
Tribe in Wisconsin	Forest County Potawatomi Community	15
Tribe in Wisconsin	Ho-Chunk Nation	31
Tribe in Wisconsin	Lac Courte Oreilles Band (LCO)	116
Tribe in Wisconsin	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	69
Tribe in Wisconsin	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	15
Tribe in Wisconsin	Oneida Nation of Wisconsin	15

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Wisconsin	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	104
Tribe in Wisconsin	Sokaogon Chippewa Community	68
Tribe in Wisconsin	St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	90
Tribe in Wisconsin	Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Wisconsin	9
Tribe in Wyoming	Eastern Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Wyoming	Northern Arapaho Tribe	7

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P̄alɛ ɾɔ piny: Mi gööri luäk lɔrä kɛ luɔɕ kä mɛmɛ, yɔtni nāmbär ɛmɔ tēē nhial guäth ɛmɛ. Nuer

Mah Biz'sin'dan.

Keesh'pin nan'deh'dam'mun chi'wee'chi'goo'yan chi'nis'too'ta'man oo'weh ooshii'be'kan.

Ishi'kidoon ah'kin'das'soon ka'ooshi'bee'kadehk ish'peh'mik ka'shi ka'ka'kak. Ojibwe

NO ENGLISH



Hubachiisa:-Yoo barreeffama kana hiikuuf gargaarsa bilisaa barbaaddan, lakkoofsa saanduqa armaan olii keessa jirun bilbilaa Oromo

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Zingatia. Iwapo unahitaji msaada usio na malipo wa kutafsiri hati hii, piga simu kwa namba iliyo kwenye kisanduku hapo juu. Swahili

ልቢ በሉ፡ ነዚ ሰነድ ንምትርጓም ነፃ ሓገዝ እንተ ደልዮም፣ በቲ ኣብ ላዕሊ ኣብ ውሽጢ ሰዲፓ ተቐሚጡ ዘሎ ቁጽሪ ይደውሉ። Tigrinya

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