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Out-of-home care and permanency report summary, 2024

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 are summary findings of the 2024 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.

Tribal Nations participating in the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative may choose to create their own annual reports rather than have their data included in this annual report. In 2021, Red Lake Nation began as an Initiative Tribe and has since initiated completing its own annual report. That data is available in an independent report (see [Red Lake Tribal Nation Report to the Legislature on Tribal Child Welfare](#)). In 2025, Red Lake Nation provided the following context related to their 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.”

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, 2023 and 2024.

Summary Findings

The following section outlines key findings from 2024 in different areas of the out-of-home care process. Additional details about those processes can be found in the corresponding sections in the main body of this report.

Placement in out-of-home care

Table 1. Five-year trend of children/youth entering, exiting and experiencing care, 2020-2024

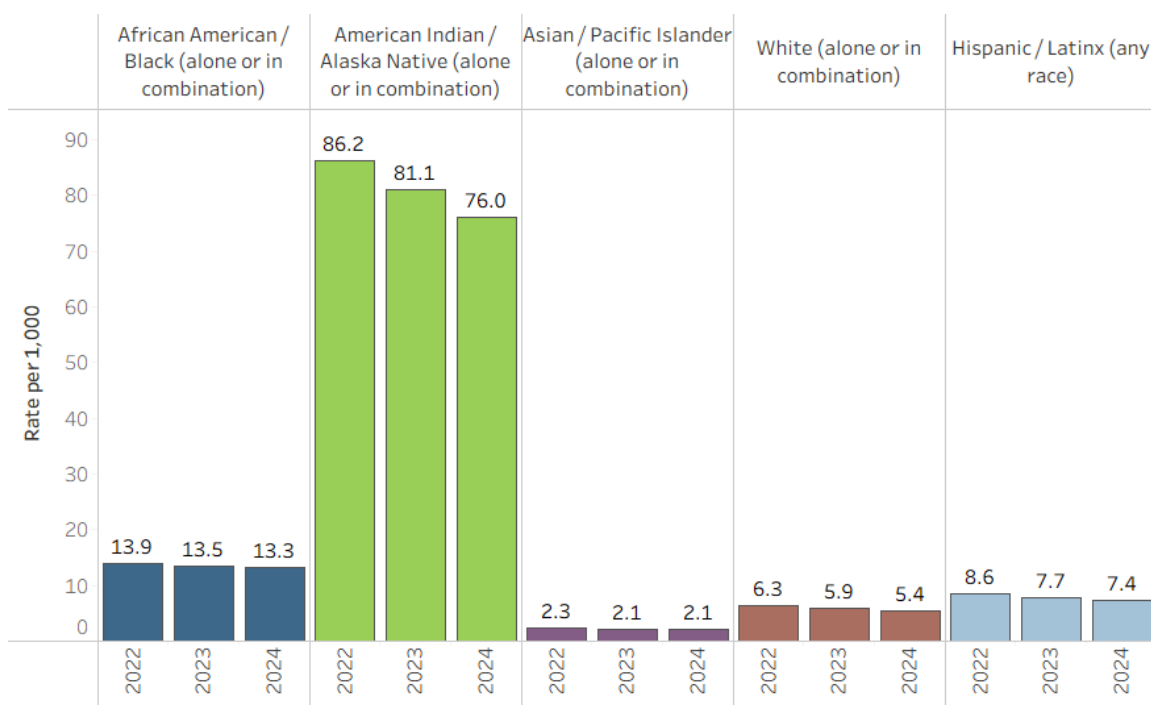
Year	Number of children experiencing care	Number of children entering care	Number of children exiting care
2020	13,442	4,812	5,801
2021	12,312	4,617	5,578
2022	11,235	4,407	5,082
2023	10,509	4,253	4,779
2024	9,891	4,091	4,435

In 2024, Minnesota continued to see a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care as well as reductions in children entering and exiting care (see Figure 1). There were 9,891 children in 10,254 placement episodes in 2024; this represents a 5.9% reduction from the previous year in the number of children experiencing care. The number of children newly entering care in the year showed a continued reduction, with 3.8% fewer children entering care in 2024 compared to 2023.

Despite the overall reductions of children in the foster care system in Minnesota, African American, American Indian, children of two or more races, and Hispanic children continue to be disproportionately represented in out-of-home care relative to white children. In 2024, American Indian children were around 14 times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care. African American children were slightly more than twice as likely and Hispanic children were about one and a half times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care. Children of 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 1 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 reductions in the rate of American Indian children, African American children, Hispanic children, 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 children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity, 2022-2024



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 (38.5%) children in care is reported to have a disability. Around one in four (26.7%) children in foster care in 2024 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.

Reasons for entering care

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. This remained true in 2024 where one out of every four new placements was due to caretaker drug use. The majority (60.2%) of placements of young children under 3 years old are related to caregiver drug or alcohol use. This differs for youth ages 15 – 17, where most placements (38.7%) are related to child behavioral health.

Placement experiences

In 2024, 96% of children entering care were in family foster homes. Family foster homes include relative and non-relative foster homes, and pre-adoptive and pre-kinship homes. The pattern varies with age. Nearly all (99.4%) children under the age of 6 are in family foster care settings. Two thirds (66.2%) of children between 12 and 17 spent time in family foster care settings. Around 11% of children spent time in residential treatment centers, while 9% were in group homes and 7% spent time in a juvenile correctional facility.

Permanency planning

In 2024, 575 children went under guardianship of the commissioner compared to 649 in 2023; this represents an 11% decrease in the number of children entering guardianship from the previous year. These children are a subset of the children described throughout the report.

Leaving out-of-home care

In 2024, there were 4,435 unique children in 4,549 placement episodes that ended in the year, including children who may have exited care, reentered and exited again within the year.

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

Of the placement episodes that ended in 2024, just over half (53%) 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 52.3%, followed by African American/Black (48.5%), American Indian (48.4%) and Asian/Pacific Islander children (46.8%). Of those who exited care in 2024, there were 688 children (15.1%) discharged to adoption or customary Tribal adoption. Additionally, 7.8% of exiting children/youth ultimately aged out of care in 2024.

Of the 4,549 placement episodes that ended in 2024, 55% lasted less than 13 months, while 10% lasted longer than 36 months. White children are more likely to exit care within 12 months or less, and they are less likely to stay in care longer than 36 months compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

Of the placements ending in reunification in 2024, over three-quarters (82.1%) closed within 12 months; 1.3% lasted 36 months or longer. Of those placement episodes ending with an adoption, only 8.2% finalized within 12 months; 23.0% finalized after 36 months. Of cases ending with the transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative, 12.8% finalized within 12 months; 7.8% finalized after 36 months.

After children in Minnesota exited care, 16% reentered out-of-home care.

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

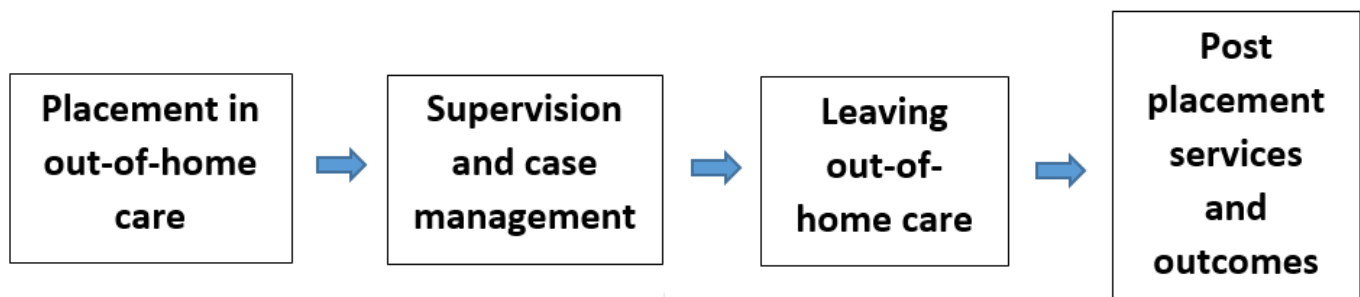
What is out-of-home care?

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, childcare institutions, and pre-adoptive homes. Children enter out-of-home care for a variety of reasons, including child protection involvement, specialized treatment for mental health concerns or developmental disabilities, and juvenile delinquency.

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 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, 2024, 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 county 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, 2024

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
Aitkin	39	40
Anoka	331	339
Becker	81	81
Beltrami	209	213
Benton	80	81
Big Stone	13	13
Blue Earth	127	134
Brown	57	58
Carlton	85	92
Carver	115	119
Cass	113	123
Chippewa	40	41
Chisago	79	80
Clay	176	190
Clearwater	16	16
Cook	15	15
Crow Wing	175	182
Dakota	313	318
Des Moines Valley HHS	46	49
Douglas	50	50
Faribault-Martin	115	118
Fillmore	13	13
Freeborn	100	106
Goodhue	84	84
Hennepin	1,852	1,900
Houston	16	19
Hubbard	70	71
Isanti	52	52
Itasca	192	213

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
Kanabec	41	43
Kandiyohi	124	129
Kittson	10	11
Koochiching	31	35
Lac qui Parle	7	7
Lake	23	26
Lake of the Woods	16	17
Le Sueur	33	34
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	164	165
Mahnomen	11	11
Marshall	14	14
McLeod	76	81
Meeker	17	17
Mille Lacs	135	145
MN Prairie	128	130
Morrison	71	72
Mower	48	48
Nicollet	50	52
Nobles	60	66
Norman	18	18
Olmsted	173	181
Otter Tail	141	143
Pennington	15	15
Pine	52	52
Polk	101	112
Ramsey	720	739
Red Lake	14	14
Renville	52	53
Rice	159	175
Roseau	42	43
Scott	87	91
Sherburne	98	101
Sibley	16	16
Southwest HHS	250	262
St. Louis	731	763
Stearns	299	311
Stevens	35	39
Swift	28	28
Todd	73	75
Traverse	15	15
Wabasha	14	17
Wadena	80	84
Washington	194	200
Watonwan	26	26
Western Prairie Human Services	32	36

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
White Earth Nation	134	136
Wilkin	13	15
Winona	118	122
Wright	124	133
Yellow Medicine	19	19
Minnesota	9,891	10,254

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, 2024

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child population	Per 1,000 (under 18)
Aitkin	10	29	39	36	2,401	15.0
Anoka	158	177	331	314	87,993	3.6
Becker	27	54	81	77	8,068	9.5
Beltrami	78	132	209	197	11,425	17.2
Benton	30	51	80	79	10,365	7.6
Big Stone	1	12	13	13	1,120	11.6
Blue Earth	64	67	127	126	13,738	9.2
Brown	22	35	57	55	5,686	9.7
Carlton	44	43	85	81	7,980	10.2
Carver	66	53	115	106	27,510	3.9
Cass	55	64	113	108	6,234	17.3
Chippewa	16	24	40	40	3,058	13.1
Chisago	28	51	79	75	12,971	5.8
Clay	79	101	176	171	16,174	10.6
Clearwater	4	12	16	15	2,162	6.9
Cook	4	11	15	15	809	18.5
Crow Wing	64	114	175	168	13,759	12.2
Dakota	125	188	313	300	106,392	2.8
Des Moines Valley HHS	30	17	46	46	4,947	9.3
Douglas	20	30	50	48	8,466	5.7
Faribault-Martin	40	77	115	112	7,551	14.8
Fillmore	6	7	13	13	5,203	2.5
Freeborn	40	62	100	96	6,611	14.5
Goodhue	25	59	84	76	10,428	7.3
Hennepin	701	1,179	1,852	1,766	269,227	6.6
Houston	9	7	16	13	3,885	3.3
Hubbard	23	48	70	66	4,569	14.4
Isanti	15	37	52	48	9,949	4.8
Itasca	91	108	192	170	9,077	18.7
Kanabec	18	24	41	40	3,566	11.2
Kandiyohi	54	71	124	113	10,535	10.7
Kittson	5	5	10	10	878	11.4
Koochiching	17	16	31	29	2,045	14.2

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child population	Per 1,000 (under 18)
Lac qui Parle	3	4	7	7	1,438	4.9
Lake	10	15	23	23	2,036	11.3
Lake of the Woods	14	3	16	16	719	22.3
Le Sueur	18	16	33	31	6,693	4.6
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	33	131	164	159	2,233	71.2
MN Prairie	63	66	128	123	18,512	6.6
Mahnomen	11	0	11	11	1,634	6.7
Marshall	9	5	14	14	2,028	6.9
McLeod	55	25	76	75	7,956	9.4
Meeker	3	14	17	14	5,562	2.5
Mille Lacs	52	86	135	127	6,337	20.0
Morrison	27	44	71	61	7,781	7.8
Mower	19	29	48	46	10,043	4.6
Nicollet	27	23	50	49	7,189	6.8
Nobles	37	25	60	59	6,273	9.4
Norman	9	9	18	18	1,472	12.2
Olmsted	71	103	173	164	38,963	4.2
Otter Tail	60	83	141	134	13,134	10.2
Pennington	3	12	15	13	3,038	4.3
Pine	16	36	52	49	5,778	8.5
Polk	48	54	101	99	7,404	13.4
Ramsey	236	490	720	649	122,184	5.3
Red Lake County	6	8	14	14	938	14.9
Renville	28	24	52	52	3,306	15.7
Rice	74	92	159	153	14,269	10.7
Roseau	31	12	42	41	3,630	11.3
Scott	42	45	87	84	39,577	2.1
Sherburne	39	62	98	91	26,230	3.5
Sibley	10	6	16	16	3,449	4.6
Southwest HHS	110	146	250	238	18,300	13.0
St. Louis	327	418	731	693	36,720	18.9
Stearns	159	141	299	275	37,887	7.3
Stevens	14	24	35	34	2,186	15.6
Swift	17	11	28	26	2,211	11.8
Todd	30	44	73	70	6,285	11.1
Traverse	4	11	15	13	669	19.4
Wabasha	10	4	14	14	4,719	3.0
Wadena	49	32	80	76	3,777	20.1
Washington	88	106	194	180	66,121	2.7
Watonwan	2	24	26	17	2,937	5.8
Western Prairie Human Services	15	17	32	30	3,925	7.6
White Earth Nation	54	82	134	118	2,079	56.8
Wilkin	6	9	13	13	1,432	9.1
Winona	48	71	118	109	8,524	12.8
Wright	47	84	124	113	40,678	2.8
Yellow Medicine	6	13	19	19	2,208	8.6
Minnesota	4,091	5,949	9,891	9,339	1,300,934	7.2

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, [table CC-EST2023-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 2024, including:

- Gender by agency
- Race statewide, and rate per 1,000 people
- 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, 2024

Agency	Females (number)	Females (percent)	Males (number)	Males (percent)
Aitkin	14	35.9	25	64.1
Anoka	151	45.6	180	54.4
Becker	37	45.7	44	54.3
Beltrami	97	46.4	112	53.6
Benton	28	35.0	52	65.0
Big Stone	7	53.8	6	46.2
Blue Earth	65	51.2	62	48.8
Brown	33	57.9	24	42.1
Carlton	40	47.1	45	52.9
Carver	62	53.9	53	46.1
Cass	64	56.6	49	43.4
Chippewa	15	37.5	25	62.5
Chisago	37	46.8	42	53.2
Clay	97	55.1	79	44.9
Clearwater	5	31.3	11	68.8
Cook	5	33.3	10	66.7
Crow Wing	84	48.0	91	52.0
Dakota	154	49.2	159	50.8
Des Moines Valley HHS	27	58.7	19	41.3
Douglas	25	50.0	25	50.0
Faribault-Martin	65	56.5	50	43.5
Fillmore	6	46.2	7	53.8
Freeborn	49	49.0	51	51.0
Goodhue	42	50.0	42	50.0
Hennepin	958	51.7	894	48.3
Houston	6	37.5	10	62.5
Hubbard	34	48.6	36	51.4
Isanti	32	61.5	20	38.5
Itasca	81	42.2	111	57.8
Kanabec	18	43.9	23	56.1
Kandiyohi	60	48.4	64	51.6

Agency	Females (number)	Females (percent)	Males (number)	Males (percent)
Kittson	5	50.0	5	50.0
Koochiching	14	45.2	17	54.8
Lac qui Parle	4	57.1	3	42.9
Lake	11	47.8	12	52.2
Lake of the Woods	8	50.0	8	50.0
Le Sueur	18	54.5	15	45.5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	93	56.7	71	43.3
Mahnomen	8	72.7	3	27.3
Marshall	10	71.4	4	28.6
McLeod	35	46.1	41	53.9
Meeker	13	76.5	4	23.5
Mille Lacs	71	52.6	64	47.4
MN Prairie	62	48.4	66	51.6
Morrison	28	39.4	43	60.6
Mower	18	37.5	30	62.5
Nicollet	23	46.0	27	54.0
Nobles	34	56.7	26	43.3
Norman	8	44.4	10	55.6
Olmsted	78	45.1	95	54.9
Otter Tail	68	48.2	73	51.8
Pennington	7	46.7	8	53.3
Pine	25	48.1	27	51.9
Polk	45	44.6	56	55.4
Ramsey	334	46.4	386	53.6
Red Lake	4	28.6	10	71.4
Renville	28	53.8	24	46.2
Rice	77	48.4	82	51.6
Roseau	23	54.8	19	45.2
Scott	47	54.0	40	46.0
Sherburne	55	56.1	43	43.9
Sibley	4	25.0	12	75.0
Southwest HHS	122	48.8	128	51.2
St. Louis	338	46.2	393	53.8
Stearns	145	48.5	154	51.5
Stevens	17	48.6	18	51.4
Swift	13	46.4	15	53.6
Todd	31	42.5	42	57.5
Traverse	4	26.7	11	73.3
Wabasha	7	50.0	7	50.0
Wadena	38	47.5	42	52.5
Washington	84	43.3	110	56.7
Watonwan	17	65.4	9	34.6
Western Prairie Human Services	16	50.0	16	50.0
White Earth Nation	70	52.2	64	47.8
Wilkin	7	53.8	6	46.2
Winona	57	48.3	61	51.7
Wright	61	49.2	63	50.8
Yellow Medicine	14	73.7	5	26.3
Minnesota	4,865	49.2	5,026	50.8

Table 5. Rates of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) per 1,000 children in the population, 2024

	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Number of children/youth	1,481	1,791	162	2,627	3,670	9,891	1,067
Number of children (<18 at end of year)	1,388	1,699	152	2,509	3,435	9,339	995
Percent of children (<18 at end of year)	14.9	18.2	1.6	26.9	36.8	100.0	10.7
Child population	152,971	28,439	90,434	79,465	949,625	1,300,934	130,671
Child population percent	11.8	2.2	7.0	6.1	73.0	100.0	10.0
Rate per 1,000	9.1	59.7	1.7	31.6	3.6	7.2	7.6

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-EST2023-ALLDATA6](#).

Table 6. Number and percent of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) and agency, 2024

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	*	*	13	33.3	*	*	*	*	19	48.7	*	*	*	*
Anoka	68	20.5	12	3.6	8	2.4	109	32.9	124	37.5	38	11.5	10	3.0
Becker	*	*	19	23.5	*	*	35	43.2	25	30.9	8	9.9	*	*
Beltrami	*	*	135	64.6	*	*	41	19.6	31	14.8	8	3.8	*	*
Benton	*	*	*	*	*	*	40	50.0	37	46.3	9	11.3	*	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	61.5	*	*	*	*
Blue Earth	24	18.9	*	*	*	*	25	19.7	73	57.5	12	9.4	*	*
Brown	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	21.1	43	75.4	12	21.1	*	*
Carlton	*	*	43	50.6	*	*	18	21.2	24	28.2	*	*	*	*
Carver	26	22.6	7	6.1	*	*	24	20.9	53	46.1	11	9.6	*	*
Cass	*	*	42	37.2	*	*	8	7.1	60	53.1	*	*	*	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	32.5	23	57.5	10	25.0	*	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	16.5	61	77.2	*	*	*	*
Clay	23	13.1	43	24.4	*	*	58	33.0	51	29.0	22	12.5	*	*
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	43.8	*	*	*	*
Cook	*	*	11	73.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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	7	4.0	11	6.3	*	*	37	21.1	119	68.0	*	*	*	*
Dakota	73	23.3	26	8.3	*	*	99	31.6	74	23.6	35	11.2	*	*
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	40	87.0	7	15.2	*	*
Douglas	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	44.0	21	42.0	*	*	*	*
Faribault- Martin	*	*	8	7.0	*	*	24	20.9	83	72.2	18	15.7	*	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	100.0	*	*	*	*
Freeborn	13	13.0	*	*	10	10.0	22	22.0	53	53.0	24	24.0	*	*
Goodhue	12	14.3	*	*	*	*	31	36.9	32	38.1	7	8.3	*	*
Hennepin	702	37.9	306	16.5	19	1.0	571	30.8	246	13.3	236	12.7	8	0.4
Houston	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	87.5	*	*	*	*
Hubbard	*	*	12	17.1	*	*	14	20.0	43	61.4	*	*	*	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	7	13.5	9	17.3	32	61.5	*	*	*	*
Itasca	*	*	29	15.1	*	*	72	37.5	89	46.4	*	*	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	41.5	20	48.8	*	*	*	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	8	6.5	12	9.7	24	19.4	71	57.3	53	42.7	*	*
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	70.0	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	71.0	*	*	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	69.6	*	*	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	93.8	*	*	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	26	78.8	*	*	*	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	*	153	93.3	*	*	11	6.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	*	10	90.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	78.6	*	*	*	*
McLeod	8	10.5	*	*	*	*	15	19.7	49	64.5	13	17.1	*	*
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	94.1	*	*	*	*
Mille Lacs	*	*	72	53.3	*	*	19	14.1	42	31.1	*	*	*	*
MN Prairie	12	9.4	*	*	*	*	27	21.1	88	68.8	19	14.8	*	*
Morrison	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	31.0	43	60.6	*	*	*	*
Mower	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	31.3	25	52.1	14	29.2	*	*
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	30.0	26	52.0	*	*	*	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	15.0	28	46.7	33	55.0	9	15.0
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	88.9	*	*	*	*
Olmsted	40	23.1	*	*	*	*	51	29.5	80	46.2	22	12.7	*	*
Otter Tail	*	*	9	6.4	*	*	40	28.4	85	60.3	9	6.4	*	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	66.7	*	*	*	*
Pine	*	*	17	32.7	*	*	*	*	31	59.6	*	*	*	*
Polk	*	*	25	24.8	*	*	30	29.7	44	43.6	30	29.7	*	*
Ramsey	230	31.9	60	8.3	59	8.2	*	*	132	18.3	78	10.8	*	*
Red Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	50.0	7	50.0	*	*	*	*

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 (%)
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	48	92.3	17	32.7	*	*
Rice	14	8.8	*	*	*	*	24	15.1	112	70.4	28	17.6	7	4.4
Roseau	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	26.2	23	54.8	*	*	*	*
Scott	10	11.5	*	*	*	*	29	33.3	40	46.0	13	14.9	*	*
Sherburne	19	19.4	*	*	*	*	35	35.7	36	36.7	*	*	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	87.5	*	*	*	*
Southwest HHS	10	4.0	44	17.6	12	4.8	*	*	144	57.6	47	18.8	*	*
St. Louis	34	4.7	157	21.5	*	*	304	41.6	227	31.1	35	4.8	*	*
Stearns	42	14.0	13	4.3	*	*	104	34.8	137	45.8	37	12.4	*	*
Stevens	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	24	68.6	*	*	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20	71.4	7	25.0	*	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	21.9	53	72.6	8	11.0	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	46.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	57.1	*	*	*	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	*	*	27	33.8	50	62.5	*	*	*	*
Washington	22	11.3	*	*	*	*	57	29.4	92	47.4	21	10.8	17	8.8
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	25	96.2	15	57.7	*	*
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	28.1	22	68.8	*	*	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	*	131	97.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Winona	18	15.3	*	*	*	*	16	13.6	81	68.6	9	7.6	*	*
Wright	*	*	*	*	*	*	33	26.6	79	63.7	7	5.6	7	5.6
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	42.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Minnesota	1,481	15.0	1,791	18.1	162	1.6	2,627	26.6	3,670	37.1	1,067	10.8	160	1.6

*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, 2024

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	*	*	16	41.0	*	*	23	59.0	*	*
Anoka	127	38.4	80	24.2	20	6.0	215	65.0	38	11.5

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	9	11.1	51	63.0	*	*	56	69.1	8	9.9
Beltrami	11	5.3	173	82.8	*	*	67	32.1	8	3.8
Benton	25	31.3	24	30.0	*	*	76	95.0	9	11.3
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	92.3	*	*
Blue Earth	46	36.2	13	10.2	*	*	95	74.8	12	9.4
Brown	8	14.0	8	14.0	*	*	54	94.7	12	21.1
Carlton	*	*	60	70.6	*	*	40	47.1	*	*
Carver	33	28.7	29	25.2	*	*	74	64.3	11	9.6
Cass	*	*	49	43.4	*	*	66	58.4	*	*
Chippewa	9	22.5	13	32.5	*	*	33	82.5	10	25.0
Chisago	*	*	14	17.7	*	*	74	93.7	*	*
Clay	44	25.0	91	51.7	*	*	103	58.5	22	12.5
Clearwater	*	*	8	50.0	*	*	11	68.8	*	*
Cook	*	*	11	73.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	19	10.9	40	22.9	*	*	156	89.1	*	*
Dakota	141	45.0	92	29.4	10	3.2	152	48.6	35	11.2
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	6.5	*	*	*	*	45	97.8	7	15.2
Douglas	*	*	24	48.0	*	*	43	86.0	*	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	31	27.0	*	*	107	93.0	18	15.7
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	100.0	*	*
Freeborn	22	22.0	12	12.0	11	11.0	75	75.0	24	24.0
Goodhue	28	33.3	24	28.6	*	*	59	70.2	7	8.3
Hennepin	1,134	61.2	694	37.5	43	2.3	620	33.5	236	12.7
Houston	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	87.5	*	*
Hubbard	*	*	26	37.1	*	*	57	81.4	*	*
Isanti	9	17.3	*	*	7	13.5	40	76.9	*	*
Itasca	12	6.3	94	49.0	*	*	159	82.8	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	16	39.0	*	*	37	90.2	*	*
Kandiyohi	11	8.9	29	23.4	13	10.5	93	75.0	53	42.7
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	90.0	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	8	25.8	*	*	28	90.3	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	100.0	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	95.7	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	93.8	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	*	*	29	87.9	*	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	*	164	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	*	11	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	78.6	*	*
McLeod	15	19.7	10	13.2	*	*	64	84.2	13	17.1
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	100.0	*	*
Mille Lacs	10	7.4	87	64.4	*	*	57	42.2	*	*

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	29	22.7	15	11.7	*	*	112	87.5	19	14.8
Morrison	13	18.3	15	21.1	*	*	65	91.5	*	*
Mower	15	31.3	*	*	*	*	40	83.3	14	29.2
Nicollet	16	32.0	13	26.0	*	*	39	78.0	*	*
Nobles	*	*	13	21.7	14	23.3	33	55.0	33	55.0
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	18	100.0	*	*
Olmsted	65	37.6	38	22.0	*	*	125	72.3	22	12.7
Otter Tail	20	14.2	39	27.7	*	*	125	88.7	9	6.4
Pennington	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	86.7	*	*
Pine	*	*	21	40.4	*	*	33	63.5	*	*
Polk	7	6.9	52	51.5	*	*	70	69.3	30	29.7
Ramsey	405	56.3	213	29.6	78	10.8	293	40.7	78	10.8
Red Lake	*	*	7	50.0	*	*	14	100.0	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	51	98.1	17	32.7
Rice	30	18.9	15	9.4	*	*	130	81.8	28	17.6
Roseau	*	*	16	38.1	*	*	31	73.8	*	*
Scott	24	27.6	25	28.7	*	*	61	70.1	13	14.9
Sherburne	38	38.8	35	35.7	*	*	64	65.3	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	100.0	*	*
Southwest HHS	20	8.0	71	28.4	14	5.6	178	71.2	47	18.8
St. Louis	157	21.5	419	57.3	21	2.9	477	65.3	35	4.8
Stearns	104	34.8	88	29.4	*	*	215	71.9	37	12.4
Stevens	7	20.0	*	*	*	*	29	82.9	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	24	85.7	7	25.0
Todd	*	*	14	19.2	*	*	69	94.5	8	11.0
Traverse	*	*	9	60.0	*	*	13	86.7	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	57.1	*	*
Wadena	*	*	25	31.3	*	*	77	96.3	*	*
Washington	61	31.4	47	24.2	*	*	141	72.7	21	10.8
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	26	100.0	15	57.7
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	*	*	31	96.9	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	*	134	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	69.2	*	*
Winona	33	28.0	*	*	*	*	95	80.5	9	7.6
Wright	19	15.3	20	16.1	*	*	112	90.3	7	5.6
Yellow Medicine	*	*	13	68.4	*	*	13	68.4	*	*
Minnesota	2,865	29.0	3,722	37.6	294	3.0	5,797	58.6	1,067	10.8

*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, 2024

Age (in years)	Number	Percent
Under 1	997	10.1
1	628	6.3
2	520	5.3
3	498	5.0
4	477	4.8
5	446	4.5
6	441	4.5
7	488	4.9
8	404	4.1
9	378	3.8
10	385	3.9
11	413	4.2
12	428	4.3
13	525	5.3
14	581	5.9
15	618	6.2
16	686	6.9
17	544	5.5
18	208	2.1
19	180	1.8
20	180	1.8
Total	9,891	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, 2024

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	4	7	6	4	3
Anoka	60	53	39	51	48	63	21
Becker	12	7	16	13	10	19	4
Beltrami	33	34	30	21	35	45	12

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
Benton	16	16	10	7	14	16	1
Big Stone	3	1	3	2	1	3	0
Blue Earth	36	22	25	9	14	21	1
Brown	11	7	8	7	11	11	2
Carlton	18	8	10	12	19	15	4
Carver	19	15	14	17	12	31	10
Cass	23	18	12	15	24	18	5
Chippewa	15	2	3	4	9	7	0
Chisago	23	5	12	9	10	16	4
Clay	33	20	24	17	35	44	5
Clearwater	1	5	0	0	2	7	1
Cook	3	1	4	1	3	3	0
Crow Wing	48	24	28	27	22	20	7
Dakota	68	39	45	32	66	50	13
Des Moines Valley HHS	5	5	10	4	10	12	1
Douglas	9	7	4	5	13	10	2
Faribault-Martin	32	12	17	11	16	24	3
Fillmore	1	0	3	1	3	5	0
Freeborn	23	25	16	4	11	17	4
Goodhue	13	15	16	10	9	13	8
Hennepin	530	277	260	222	224	257	87
Houston	1	2	3	0	4	3	3
Hubbard	15	11	6	3	14	17	4
Isanti	5	9	3	7	9	15	4
Itasca	25	11	18	12	42	63	22
Kanabec	4	5	5	6	9	11	1
Kandiyohi	28	21	16	14	11	23	11
Kittson	0	1	2	1	2	4	0
Koochiching	4	2	5	2	9	7	2
Lac qui Parle	0	0	2	0	3	2	0
Lake	0	0	5	5	7	7	0
Lake of the Woods	2	4	2	2	3	4	0
Le Sueur	12	3	3	2	4	7	2
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	35	36	28	31	16	13	5
Mahnomen	0	2	2	3	3	1	0
Marshall	1	1	3	2	2	5	0
McLeod	14	13	12	10	7	20	1
Meeker	1	0	2	4	3	4	3
Mille Lacs	27	12	24	14	26	25	8
MN Prairie	35	20	13	10	23	23	5
Morrison	11	7	6	7	10	20	10
Mower	11	10	4	5	7	9	2
Nicollet	13	9	2	8	9	8	1
Nobles	10	9	5	6	10	19	1
Norman	1	2	1	4	6	4	0
Olmsted	31	24	23	12	27	47	9
Otter Tail	31	24	16	21	23	19	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
Pennington	0	0	3	1	3	6	2
Pine	12	9	4	6	7	11	3
Polk	9	9	11	12	29	31	2
Ramsey	169	95	69	60	99	157	72
Red Lake	1	2	3	4	1	3	0
Renville	8	10	9	7	7	11	0
Rice	26	24	24	21	23	35	7
Roseau	8	7	5	7	10	4	1
Scott	11	17	14	12	15	16	3
Sherburne	20	15	14	12	11	19	7
Sibley	2	4	3	5	1	1	0
Southwest HHS	53	35	35	28	35	55	12
St. Louis	179	108	104	99	112	95	38
Stearns	65	34	35	37	52	52	24
Stevens	4	3	8	7	6	6	1
Swift	5	2	2	4	4	9	2
Todd	13	9	9	11	19	11	3
Traverse	3	1	1	4	2	2	2
Wabasha	2	3	3	2	1	3	0
Wadena	19	14	9	6	10	18	4
Washington	29	26	18	24	44	39	14
Watsonwan	0	2	3	2	3	7	9
Western Prairie Human Services	5	3	3	6	3	10	2
White Earth Nation	23	15	19	20	21	21	16
Wilkin	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Winona	21	25	11	16	21	15	9
Wright	22	20	14	14	16	27	11
Yellow Medicine	6	2	3	0	2	6	0
Minnesota	2,132	1,413	1,316	1,169	1,517	1,825	562

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, 2024

	Number	Percent
Total	9,891	100.0
No known disability	6,080	61.5
Mental/emotional disorders - serious, child under 18	1,789	18.1
Mental/emotional disorders, child under 18	1,248	12.6
Other diagnosed condition	844	8.5
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	510	5.2
Developmental disability	386	3.9
Developmental delay	333	3.4
Autism spectrum disorder	307	3.1
Speech impairment	275	2.8

	Number	Percent
Specific learning disability	230	2.3
Substance Use Disorder - Drugs	150	1.5
Intellectual disability	139	1.4
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder	120	1.2
Physical disability/condition - mobility limited	74	0.7
Physical disability/condition - mobility not limited	64	0.6
Adult mental illness - other	62	0.6
Substance Use Disorder - Alcohol	60	0.6
Visual impairment/ blindness	58	0.6
Adult mental illness - serious and persistent (SPMI)	50	0.5
Brain injury (BI)	49	0.5
Hearing impairment/ deafness	43	0.4
Adult mental illness - acute	20	0.2
HIV/AIDS	3	0.0
Dementia	2	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. Removal due to parental reasons is generally a result of factors that compromise caregivers' ability 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.

The department has implemented several strategies to address the substance use crisis among caretakers, 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.

Less often, children enter care due to their own behavior or need. Usually, these children have mental health and/or substance abuse challenges which require specialized treatment. These children often spend their time in out-of-home care in congregate care settings while 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 implementing these new standards in October 2021.

Table 11 shows 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 removal condition, 2024

Primary removal condition group	Primary removal condition	Number	Percent
All reasons	All reasons	4,305	100.0
Abandonment	Abandonment	77	1.8
	Caretaker failure to return	26	0.6

Primary removal condition group	Primary removal condition	Number	Percent
	Anonymous infant abandonment - Safe Place for Newborns < 7 days	2	0.0
Access to services	Inadequate housing	45	1.0
	Homelessness	8	0.2
	Inadequate access to mental health services	3	0.1
	Inadequate access to medical services	2	0.0
Alleged neglect	Alleged neglect	622	14.4
	Alleged educational neglect	26	0.6
	Alleged medical neglect	22	0.5
Alleged physical abuse / threatened injury	Alleged physical abuse	506	11.8
	Alleged domestic violence	60	1.4
	Alleged psychological or emotional abuse	48	1.1
Alleged sexual abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	150	3.5
	Alleged sex trafficking	5	0.1
Caretaker detainment / death	Caretaker incarceration	90	2.1
	Caretaker death	34	0.8
	Caretaker immigration detainment or deportation	1	0.0
Caretaker drug / alcohol	Caretaker drug abuse	1,098	25.5
	Caretaker alcohol abuse	159	3.7
	Prenatal drug exposure	99	2.3
	Prenatal alcohol exposure	6	0.1
Caretaker impairment / illness	Caretaker significant impairment - mental health	221	5.1
	Caretaker significant impairment - physical health	33	0.8
	Caretaker significant impairment - cognitive/intellectual	31	0.7
Child behavioral health	Child mental health issues	405	9.4
	Child behavior problem	175	4.1
	Child behavior problem - delinquency	143	3.3
	Child diagnosed condition	37	0.9
	Child drug abuse	11	0.3
	Child alcohol abuse	1	0.0
Other reason	Unknown	66	1.5
	Child runaway	53	1.2
	Child requested placement	24	0.6

Table 12. Number of placement entries by primary removal condition group and agency, 2024

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	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	2	11
Anoka	6	0	20	19	10	21	51	7	21	7	162
Becker	0	0	11	5	1	0	6	0	3	1	27
Beltrami	0	1	10	6	0	0	43	4	9	8	81
Benton	1	0	2	5	0	0	14	0	3	5	30
Big Stone	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blue Earth	0	1	14	10	1	1	30	2	5	3	67
Brown	0	1	7	4	0	0	5	3	2	1	23
Carlton	0	0	5	2	0	0	18	1	22	1	49
Carver	1	0	14	22	6	2	10	0	9	2	66
Cass	3	0	10	14	4	0	9	7	6	6	59
Chippewa	2	0	1	1	0	0	10	0	3	0	17
Chisago	2	3	4	1	0	5	7	4	2	1	29
Clay	0	0	13	15	5	3	15	6	24	8	89
Clearwater	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Cook	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Crow Wing	1	0	30	7	2	0	14	4	9	1	68
Dakota	4	1	22	17	2	5	33	17	26	3	130
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	0	3	0	0	0	12	4	12	1	32
Douglas	0	0	6	3	3	0	3	1	2	2	20
Faribault-Martin	0	0	1	1	2	0	16	8	13	0	41
Fillmore	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	6
Freeborn	1	0	4	5	0	0	14	7	11	2	44
Goodhue	4	0	5	7	2	1	4	0	2	0	25
Hennepin	14	6	85	141	45	26	279	75	42	8	721
Houston	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	4	2	0	12
Hubbard	0	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	11	0	23
Isanti	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	1	4	1	15
Itasca	0	4	5	6	0	4	15	4	47	20	105
Kanabec	0	4	1	0	0	0	7	0	5	2	19
Kandiyohi	1	0	9	12	2	0	19	2	11	2	58
Kittson	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
Koochiching	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	2	8	0	19
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	0	11
Lake of the Woods	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	1	1	1	14
Le Sueur	0	0	4	3	0	0	5	1	4	1	18

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	1	7	1	0	22	3	0	0	34
MN Prairie	1	0	10	13	1	0	26	0	12	1	64
Mahnomen	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	11
Marshall	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	9
McLeod	0	0	13	12	0	0	21	3	6	1	56
Meeker	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Mille Lacs	5	0	8	2	5	0	22	1	16	0	59
Morrison	0	0	1	1	1	0	13	2	6	4	28
Mower	0	0	5	1	2	0	5	1	5	0	19
Nicollet	0	0	8	6	0	0	10	3	2	0	29
Nobles	1	1	2	6	4	4	6	4	13	0	41
Norman	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	4	0	9
Olmsted	3	0	1	15	1	0	23	4	31	0	78
Otter Tail	0	7	8	10	0	1	24	6	3	1	60
Pennington	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Pine	1	0	3	4	1	0	3	0	4	0	16
Polk	1	0	9	3	0	3	3	0	34	5	58
Ramsey	9	1	60	23	12	16	62	4	47	15	249
Red Lake	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Renville	0	0	0	10	4	2	12	0	1	0	29
Rice	4	3	12	13	0	4	18	11	15	3	83
Roseau	1	0	2	3	0	1	20	1	3	0	31
Scott	1	0	10	2	2	2	19	0	6	4	46
Sherburne	1	0	6	3	1	4	11	5	6	2	39
Sibley	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	1	1	10
Southwest HHS	2	5	9	8	1	4	42	10	26	9	116
St. Louis	16	7	43	40	6	4	129	19	77	4	345
Stearns	3	2	48	30	11	2	42	4	25	3	170
Stevens	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	2	3	1	15
Swift	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	2	6	0	17
Todd	1	3	4	8	2	0	2	2	8	1	31
Traverse	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wabasha	0	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	13
Wadena	0	6	9	13	1	2	13	0	6	2	52
Washington	5	0	3	9	0	2	26	11	28	10	94
Watonwan	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Western Prairie Human Services	0	0	1	6	4	0	6	1	1	0	19
White Earth Nation	0	0	5	7	0	0	37	1	3	1	54
Wilkin	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	6
Winona	1	0	16	6	0	0	13	9	6	0	51

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	1	0	9	1	1	0	20	9	8	0	49
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	6
Minnesota	105	58	670	614	155	125	1,362	285	772	159	4,305

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 who are in out-of-home care for more than 30 days. Services are customized based on reasons for placement, mental health concerns or developmental disabilities.

While children are in care, county and Tribal agency staff work with them, their families 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.

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
- 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 available 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

Case workers 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, 2024

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Aitkin	291	196	67.4
Anoka	1,915	1,798	93.9
Becker	590	581	98.5
Beltrami	1,242	992	79.9
Benton	516	505	97.9
Big Stone	95	94	98.9
Blue Earth	687	676	98.4
Brown	290	289	99.7
Carlton	487	440	90.3
Carver	429	410	95.6
Cass	569	513	90.2
Chippewa	316	305	96.5
Chisago	464	424	91.4
Clay	1,084	1,059	97.7
Clearwater	92	69	75.0
Cook	124	80	64.5
Crow Wing	1,019	900	88.3
Dakota	2,100	1,930	91.9
Des Moines Valley HHS	237	237	100.0
Douglas	332	332	100.0
Faribault-Martin	833	799	95.9
Fillmore	91	90	98.9
Freeborn	713	701	98.3
Goodhue	589	548	93.0
Hennepin	12,470	11,938	95.7
Houston	70	70	100.0
Hubbard	310	295	95.2
Isanti	276	267	96.7

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Itasca	1,028	849	82.6
Kanabec	252	217	86.1
Kandiyohi	597	580	97.2
Kittson	84	84	100.0
Koochiching	107	101	94.4
Lac qui Parle	53	49	92.5
Lake	135	134	99.3
Lake of the Woods	77	77	100.0
Le Sueur	197	192	97.5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	1,396	797	57.1
Mahnomen	39	35	89.7
Marshall	60	60	100.0
McLeod	421	343	81.5
Meeker	92	89	96.7
Mille Lacs	839	443	52.8
MN Prairie	636	634	99.7
Morrison	423	414	97.9
Mower	209	189	90.4
Nicollet	259	259	100.0
Nobles	260	220	84.6
Norman	119	91	76.5
Olmsted	923	914	99.0
Otter Tail	877	812	92.6
Pennington	80	75	93.8
Pine	301	176	58.5
Polk	453	448	98.9
Ramsey	4,686	3,549	75.7
Red Lake	64	64	100.0
Renville	292	265	90.8
Rice	906	723	79.8
Roseau	221	220	99.5
Scott	535	488	91.2
Sherburne	607	588	96.9
Sibley	88	84	95.5
Southwest HHS	1,480	1,420	95.9
St. Louis	4,244	3,687	86.9
Stearns	1,540	1,432	93.0
Stevens	167	162	97.0
Swift	131	105	80.2
Todd	464	447	96.3
Traverse	91	91	100.0
Wabasha	92	91	98.9
Wadena	341	330	96.8

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Washington	1,187	1,103	92.9
Watonwan	51	51	100.0
Western Prairie Human Services	201	200	99.5
White Earth Nation	843	633	75.1
Wilkin	98	80	81.6
Winona	735	673	91.6
Wright	647	640	98.9
Yellow Medicine	129	129	100.0
Minnesota	60,487	53,585	88.6

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, 2024

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown /declined	Total	Hispanic /Latinx (any race)
Aitkin	*	*	*	*	23	16	42	*
Anoka	37	*	*	8	145	80	271	13
Becker	*	9	*	*	41	36	82	*
Beltrami	*	61	*	7	64	52	175	*
Benton	7	*	*	*	38	21	64	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*
Blue Earth	8	*	*	*	63	34	106	*
Brown	*	*	*	*	27	28	52	*
Carlton	*	15	*	*	26	32	74	*
Carver	*	*	*	*	38	60	101	*
Cass	*	14	*	*	36	30	83	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	30	14	46	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	51	23	77	*
Clay	7	11	*	*	65	35	113	10

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown /declined	Total	Hispanic /Latinx (any race)
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	10	*	16	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*
Crow Wing	*	*	*	*	75	34	112	*
Dakota	22	*	*	8	80	162	256	13
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	20	24	42	*
Douglas	*	*	*	*	38	22	60	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	*	*	62	32	93	10
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*
Freeborn	*	*	*	*	52	26	78	10
Goodhue	*	*	*	*	57	24	81	*
Hennepin	521	134	25	88	519	228	1,395	71
Houston	*	*	*	*	13	17	30	*
Hubbard	*	*	*	*	26	21	52	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	25	20	47	*
Itasca	*	*	*	*	64	52	117	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	15	30	43	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	*	51	20	76	17
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	10	14	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	*	15	17	32	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	11	11	22	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	19	19	37	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	51	*	11	23	43	120	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	8	12	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	46	17	62	7
Meeker	*	*	*	*	9	9	18	*
Mille Lacs	*	36	*	*	57	27	112	*
MN Prairie	*	*	*	*	72	27	103	7
Morrison	*	*	*	*	36	21	57	*
Mower	*	*	*	*	26	8	38	*
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	28	20	52	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	16	12	31	*
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	*
Olmsted	14	*	*	*	70	59	141	7
Otter Tail	*	*	*	*	85	43	130	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	8	7	15	*
Pine	*	8	*	*	30	21	59	*
Polk	*	*	*	*	33	30	69	9
Ramsey	179	28	28	42	207	126	557	31
Red Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown /declined	Total	Hispanic /Latinx (any race)
Renville	*	*	*	*	36	11	43	10
Rice	7	*	*	*	84	38	127	12
Roseau	*	*	*	*	21	13	34	*
Scott	*	*	*	*	36	46	82	*
Sherburne	13	*	*	*	46	29	86	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	13	*	17	*
Southwest HHS	*	18	*	*	99	78	187	9
St. Louis	21	54	*	27	324	*	489	8
Stearns	26	*	*	*	110	113	247	*
Stevens	*	*	*	*	18	*	27	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	16	21	37	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	51	24	73	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	7	13	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	17	20	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	40	19	60	*
Washington	26	*	*	*	70	79	169	*
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	9	15	*
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	23	14	35	*
White Earth Nation	*	42	*	12	26	40	104	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	7	17	24	*
Winona	*	*	*	*	70	25	99	*
Wright	10	*	*	*	61	46	113	*
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	*	12	9	21	*
Minnesota	982	700	91	305	3,788	2,565	7,885	336

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, 2024

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	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Anoka	12	90	75	11	0	1	5	5	1	3	3
Becker	3	11	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
Beltrami	10	33	42	5	0	0	0	10	5	7	2
Benton	0	9	14	7	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Big Stone	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Blue Earth	0	23	40	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	0
Brown	0	13	15	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Carlton	1	7	15	9	0	0	0	3	0	18	0
Carver	5	23	34	4	0	0	0	3	0	4	3
Cass	1	17	39	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Chippewa	0	4	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Chisago	1	21	8	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Clay	31	31	27	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0
Clearwater	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cook	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crow Wing	0	35	24	2	0	3	1	1	0	7	1
Dakota	4	68	51	23	0	1	3	2	0	7	0
Des Moines Valley HHS	2	14	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Douglas	4	8	11	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Faribault- Martin	1	12	22	3	0	1	0	0	0	7	0
Fillmore	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Freeborn	4	12	19	5	0	4	1	0	0	8	0
Goodhue	0	12	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Hennepin	12	303	426	37	0	1	6	43	0	46	14
Houston	0	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard	3	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
Isanti	1	6	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Itasca	14	39	22	1	0	0	0	8	0	33	5
Kanabec	2	2	8	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
Kandiyohi	5	15	37	5	0	0	1	1	0	4	3
Kittson	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Koochiching	1	6	4	1	0	1	1	3	0	7	0
Lac qui Parle	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	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	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Le Sueur	0	7	6	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	18	17	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Mahnomen	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Marshall	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
McLeod	0	26	29	5	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Meeker	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mille Lacs	9	17	28	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
MN Prairie	0	15	36	4	0	0	3	3	0	11	0
Morrison	0	15	6	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Mower	1	8	8	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Nicollet	0	13	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Nobles	11	17	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	1
Norman	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Olmsted	10	22	28	3	0	0	2	3	0	18	0
Otter Tail	2	16	45	1	0	1	3	0	2	6	0
Pennington	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pine	1	6	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0
Polk	28	14	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	0
Ramsey	36	75	135	22	0	1	1	1	0	21	2
Red Lake	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renville	0	3	25	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0
Rice	7	21	46	5	0	0	0	2	0	7	1
Roseau	0	9	18	0	0	0	3	6	1	4	0
Scott	6	16	27	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	2
Sherburne	4	20	16	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Sibley	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Southwest HHS	3	40	57	16	0	0	1	6	3	12	3
St. Louis	1	133	142	79	0	4	2	18	0	56	4
Stearns	3	64	79	23	1	0	4	0	2	14	3
Stevens	2	2	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Swift	1	4	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
Todd	5	8	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Traverse	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wabasha	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	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
Wadena	9	18	21	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	2
Washington	10	17	44	16	0	1	1	7	0	18	0
Watonwan	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Western Prairie Human Services	0	9	6	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
White Earth Nation	1	16	39	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Wilkin	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Winona	0	17	31	0	0	0	3	11	0	4	1
Wright	1	16	32	3	0	0	3	2	0	5	1
Yellow Medicine	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Minnesota	273	1,567	2,108	378	1	34	57	174	20	455	67

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2024.

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), 2024

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	62	35	7	60	105	3	272	36
Foster family home (non-relative)	263	239	19	453	515	47	1,536	193
Foster family home (relative)	335	352	34	553	788	39	2,101	234
Group home	65	45	5	100	157	5	377	39
Intermediate care facility (ICF) for DD	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	0	3	0	9	21	1	34	3
Pre-adoptive home (relative)	7	4	0	13	31	2	57	8
Pre-kinship home (relative)	16	39	0	54	64	1	174	15
Residential SUD program with parent	2	9	0	2	7	0	20	1

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	57	41	5	106	234	10	453	41
Supervised independent living	18	5	0	14	29	1	67	11
Total	643	616	61	1,061	1,600	92	4,073	464

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2024.

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, permanency placement with a relative is the preferred alternative and includes both relative adoption and transfer of permanent legal and physical custody (TPLPC). In cases where 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.

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.](#))

Table 17. Number and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by agency, 2024

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Aitkin	0	3	3	2,401	1.2
Anoka	28	20	48	87,993	0.5
Becker	7	18	25	8,068	3.1
Beltrami	10	8	18	11,425	1.6
Benton	12	10	22	10,365	2.1
Big Stone	3	0	3	1,120	2.7
Blue Earth	16	9	25	13,738	1.8
Brown	4	9	13	5,686	2.3
Carlton	0	7	7	7,980	0.9
Carver	0	4	4	27,510	0.1
Cass	1	5	6	6,234	1.0
Chippewa	8	6	14	3,058	4.6
Chisago	9	14	23	12,971	1.8
Clay	8	34	42	16,174	2.6
Clearwater	1	3	4	2,162	1.9
Cook	0	0	0	809	0.0
Crow Wing	15	19	34	13,759	2.5
Dakota	19	57	76	106,392	0.7
Des Moines Valley HHS	2	5	7	4,947	1.4
Douglas	6	4	10	8,466	1.2
Faribault-Martin	2	30	32	7551	4.2
Fillmore	0	4	4	5,203	0.8
Freeborn	15	19	34	6,611	5.1
Goodhue	11	12	23	10,428	2.2
Hennepin	87	203	290	269,227	1.1
Houston	5	4	9	3,885	2.3
Hubbard	0	1	1	4,569	0.2
Isanti	2	1	3	9,949	0.3
Itasca	6	23	29	9,077	3.2
Kanabec	0	2	2	3,566	0.6
Kandiyohi	11	13	24	10,535	2.3
Kittson	0	1	1	878	1.1
Koochiching	1	3	4	2,045	2.0
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	1,438	0.0
Lake	0	0	0	2,036	0.0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	719	0.0
Le Sueur	3	2	5	6,693	0.7
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	0	2,233	0.0
MN Prairie	18	18	36	18,512	1.9
Mahnomen	0	0	0	1,634	0.0
Marshall	1	0	1	2,028	0.5
McLeod	2	3	5	7,956	0.6

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Meeker	4	0	4	5,562	0.7
Mille Lacs	9	10	19	6,337	3.0
Morrison	5	7	12	7,781	1.5
Mower	0	5	5	10,043	0.5
Nicollet	1	4	5	7,189	0.7
Nobles	0	0	0	6,273	0.0
Norman	1	0	1	1,472	0.7
Olmsted	23	24	47	38,963	1.2
Otter Tail	15	25	40	13,134	3.0
Pennington	0	5	5	3,038	1.6
Pine	4	7	11	5,778	1.9
Polk	7	13	20	7,404	2.7
Ramsey	58	124	182	122,184	1.5
Red Lake County	0	0	0	938	0.0
Renville	3	2	5	3,306	1.5
Rice	9	25	34	14,269	2.4
Roseau	4	1	5	3,630	1.4
Scott	4	6	10	39,577	0.3
Sherburne	6	10	16	26,230	0.6
Sibley	0	0	0	3,449	0.0
Southwest HHS	13	38	51	18,300	2.8
St. Louis	37	44	81	36,720	2.2
Stearns	17	27	44	37,887	1.2
Stevens	1	7	8	2,186	3.7
Swift	1	2	3	2,211	1.4
Todd	5	11	16	6,285	2.5
Traverse	4	0	4	669	6.0
Wabasha	1	0	1	4,719	0.2
Wadena	5	6	11	3,777	2.9
Washington	8	10	18	66,121	0.3
Watonwan	0	4	4	2,937	1.4
Western Prairie Human Services	1	2	3	3,925	0.8
White Earth Nation	0	0	0	2,079	0.0
Wilkin	0	0	0	1,432	0.0
Winona	6	21	27	8,524	3.2
Wright	10	12	22	40,678	0.5
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	2,208	0.0
Minnesota	575	1,026	1,601	1,300,934	1.2

Note: Child population information comes from U.S. Census Bureau population estimates, [table CC-EST2023-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), 2024

	African American /Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Entered guardianship (N)	99	20	2	197	246	575	71
Continued in guardianship (N)	188	65	36	329	397	1,026	118
Total under guardianship (N)	287	85	38	526	643	1,601	189
Total under guardianship (%)	17.9	5.3	2.4	32.9	40.2	100.0	11.8
Child population (N)	152,971	28,439	90,434	79,465	949,625	1,300,934	130,671
Child population (%)	11.8	2.2	7.0	6.1	73.0	100.0	10.0
Per 1,000 rate of children under guardianship	1.9	3.0	0.4	6.6	0.7	1.2	1.4

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-EST2023-ALLDATA6](#).

Table 19. Number and percent of children in guardianship by age, 2024

Age	Count	Percent
<1	112	7.0
1	184	11.5
2	131	8.2
3	104	6.5
4	79	4.9
5	84	5.2
6	59	3.7
7	90	5.6
8	58	3.6
9	56	3.5
10	68	4.2
11	58	3.6
12	66	4.1
13	74	4.6
14	86	5.4
15	101	6.3
16	100	6.2
17	90	5.6
18	1	0.1
Total	1,601	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 2024.

Placement moves

During a placement episode, children may move from one location to another. 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 to achieve permanency. The following data includes the number of placement moves experienced for all episodes that ended in the year.

Table 20. Number of placement episodes ending in 2024 by number of moves and agency

Agency	No moves	One move	Two moves	Three moves	Four moves	Five or more moves	Total
Aitkin	8	3	1	0	0	2	14
Anoka	79	38	14	9	3	4	147
Becker	11	5	9	0	1	2	28
Beltrami	31	24	18	7	6	8	94
Benton	22	9	6	3	1	1	42
Big Stone	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
Blue Earth	33	20	4	3	3	2	65
Brown	19	7	5	0	1	1	33
Carlton	26	5	4	2	0	1	38
Carver	45	15	4	1	0	1	66
Cass	49	15	7	1	3	3	78
Chippewa	6	4	5	2	3	0	20
Chisago	27	9	6	1	1	2	46
Clay	42	22	10	8	9	8	99
Clearwater	4	4	0	1	0	0	9
Cook	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
Crow Wing	68	29	7	4	0	5	113
Dakota	77	24	9	9	5	8	132
Des Moines Valley HHS	15	2	0	0	0	1	18
Douglas	5	8	5	1	0	1	20
Faribault-Martin	17	14	2	0	3	3	39
Fillmore	5	0	3	0	0	0	8
Freeborn	21	7	7	2	0	1	38
Goodhue	11	8	4	1	1	1	26
Hennepin	401	175	84	25	12	47	744
Houston	4	1	0	0	0	2	7
Hubbard	22	13	5	4	1	1	46
Isanti	14	9	3	0	1	2	29
Itasca	60	16	10	5	3	4	98
Kanabec	10	8	2	1	0	0	21

Agency	No moves	One move	Two moves	Three moves	Four moves	Five or more moves	Total
Kandiyohi	44	18	6	2	5	1	76
Kittson	4	0	0	0	0	1	5
Koochiching	13	1	5	0	0	2	21
Lac qui Parle	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lake	12	4	2	0	0	0	18
Lake of the Woods	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Le Sueur	4	7	0	3	0	1	15
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	13	8	10	5	1	5	42
Mahnomen	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
McLeod	29	6	1	0	0	0	36
Meeker	6	1	0	0	0	2	9
Mille Lacs	37	6	10	2	3	5	63
MN Prairie	44	10	1	2	3	2	62
Morrison	14	4	1	4	1	2	26
Mower	19	11	1	0	0	0	31
Nicollet	15	3	2	2	0	0	22
Nobles	26	10	3	1	2	0	42
Norman	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Olmsted	67	12	2	4	1	4	90
Otter Tail	27	14	10	7	1	4	63
Pennington	4	3	2	0	0	0	9
Pine	13	7	2	0	0	1	23
Polk	51	12	4	5	2	3	77
Ramsey	117	92	22	12	6	22	271
Red Lake	5	4	0	0	0	0	9
Renville	18	12	0	0	0	0	30
Rice	66	24	7	4	3	3	107
Roseau	10	2	1	0	0	1	14
Scott	22	10	0	1	1	1	35
Sherburne	20	2	9	4	1	4	40
Sibley	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
Southwest HHS	59	45	20	4	3	4	135
St. Louis	174	89	36	21	12	22	354
Stearns	79	28	11	11	1	7	137
Stevens	17	5	2	4	1	0	29
Swift	11	1	0	0	0	1	13
Todd	16	7	9	2	3	0	37
Traverse	5	0	0	1	0	0	6
Wabasha	2	4	0	0	1	0	7
Wadena	38	6	4	1	0	4	53
Washington	46	20	14	2	2	3	87
Watonwan	5	8	5	0	1	1	20

Agency	No moves	One move	Two moves	Three moves	Four moves	Five or more moves	Total
Western Prairie Human Services	13	4	1	0	0	0	18
White Earth Nation	13	4	3	3	4	2	29
Wilkin	2	1	2	0	0	1	6
Winona	23	17	10	2	0	1	53
Wright	38	19	5	3	0	2	67
Yellow Medicine	4	3	2	1	0	1	11
Minnesota	2,453	1,063	472	208	118	235	4,549

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, 2024

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	16	16	100.0
Anoka	32	26	81.3
Becker	34	32	94.1
Beltrami	68	52	76.5
Benton	13	10	76.9
Big Stone	0	0	0.0
Blue Earth	28	25	89.3
Brown	10	10	100.0
Carlton	34	28	82.4
Carver	18	14	77.8
Cass	11	8	72.7
Chippewa	12	12	100.0
Chisago	12	11	91.7
Clay	46	15	32.6
Clearwater	4	3	75.0
Cook	0	0	0.0
Crow Wing	25	23	92.0
Dakota	3	3	100.0
Des Moines Valley HHS	28	27	96.4
Douglas	18	17	94.4
Faribault-Martin	24	22	91.7
Fillmore	4	3	75.0
Freeborn	36	33	91.7

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
Goodhue	19	17	89.5
Hennepin	124	98	79.0
Houston	11	5	45.5
Hubbard	19	16	84.2
Isanti	10	10	100.0
Itasca	14	12	85.7
Kanabec	23	20	87.0
Kandiyohi	15	10	66.7
Kittson	7	7	100.0
Koochiching	15	15	100.0
Lac qui Parle	3	1	33.3
Lake	10	10	100.0
Lake of the Woods	5	4	80.0
Le Sueur	8	7	87.5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	10	2	20.0
Mahnomen	4	3	75.0
Marshall	4	4	100.0
McLeod	26	21	80.8
Meeker	6	3	50.0
Mille Lacs	56	45	80.4
MN Prairie	43	40	93.0
Morrison	26	25	96.2
Mower	4	4	100.0
Nicollet	6	6	100.0
Nobles	16	16	100.0
Norman	10	9	90.0
Olmsted	47	45	95.7
Otter Tail	32	26	81.3
Pennington	4	4	100.0
Pine	16	7	43.8
Polk	57	56	98.2
Ramsey	104	82	78.8
Red Lake	0	0	0.0
Renville	5	1	20.0
Rice	39	31	79.5
Roseau	15	11	73.3
Scott	19	12	63.2
Sherburne	15	9	60.0
Sibley	2	2	100.0
Southwest HHS	69	56	81.2
St. Louis	113	110	97.3

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
Stearns	93	81	87.1
Stevens	12	8	66.7
Swift	14	11	78.6
Todd	40	40	100.0
Traverse	7	7	100.0
Wabasha	6	5	83.3
Wadena	13	8	61.5
Washington	65	49	75.4
Watonwan	4	4	100.0
Western Prairie Human Services	11	8	72.7
White Earth Nation	64	52	81.3
Wilkin	14	12	85.7
Winona	17	17	100.0
Wright	12	9	75.0
Yellow Medicine	6	6	100.0
Minnesota	1,917	1,592	83.0

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 2024 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	343 (51.1%)	346 (52.8%)	45 (51.7%)	553 (48.0%)	1,063 (56.1%)	2,413 (53.0%)	298 (56.9%)
Adoption finalized	89 (13.3%)	45 (6.9%)	25 (28.7%)	219 (19.0%)	302 (15.9%)	688 (15.1%)	82 (15.6%)
Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	100 (14.9%)	149 (22.7%)	7 (8.0%)	203 (17.6%)	191 (10.1%)	656 (14.4%)	61 (11.6%)

Discharge reason	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Reached age of majority or emancipated	59 (8.8%)	50 (7.6%)	4 (4.6%)	69 (6.0%)	168 (8.9%)	353 (7.8%)	38 (7.3%)
Living with other relatives	10 (1.5%)	19 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	25 (2.2%)	35 (1.8%)	94 (2.1%)	5 (1.0%)
Transfer to another agency	11 (1.6%)	6 (0.9%)	1 (1.1%)	10 (0.9%)	31 (1.6%)	59 (1.3%)	4 (0.8%)
Runaway from placement/ placement no longer planned	10 (1.5%)	6 (0.9%)	2 (2.3%)	7 (0.6%)	19 (1.0%)	44 (1.0%)	6 (1.1%)
Guardianship to an unrelated individual	3 (0.4%)	3 (0.5%)	1 (1.1%)	6 (0.5%)	8 (0.4%)	21 (0.5%)	3 (0.6%)
Residing with non-removal parent/guardian	44 (6.6%)	30 (4.6%)	2 (2.3%)	58 (5.0%)	77 (4.1%)	216 (4.7%)	27 (5.2%)
Death of client	2 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)
Total exits	671 (100%)	655 (100%)	87 (100%)	1,151 (100%)	1,895 (100%)	4,549 (100%)	524 (100%)

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 2024 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	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	14
Anoka	77	11	24	12	5	4	4	10	147
Becker	7	7	9	3	0	0	0	2	28
Beltrami	41	8	30	7	1	2	0	5	94
Benton	26	8	6	1	0	0	0	1	42
Big Stone	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Blue Earth	38	17	1	1	0	1	1	6	65
Brown	14	12	6	1	0	0	0	0	33
Carlton	27	3	2	3	0	1	0	2	38

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
Carver	39	2	7	8	4	1	0	5	66
Cass	57	4	12	1	1	1	0	2	78
Chippewa	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	3	20
Chisago	20	16	3	1	0	5	0	1	46
Clay	59	26	6	4	0	0	0	4	99
Clearwater	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	9
Cook	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Crow Wing	57	20	18	5	9	1	0	3	113
Dakota	70	21	16	11	9	0	4	1	132
Des Moines Valley HHS	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	18
Douglas	5	5	4	3	0	0	0	3	20
Faribault-Martin	24	6	1	4	2	0	0	2	39
Fillmore	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	8
Freeborn	12	11	0	4	0	1	0	10	38
Goodhue	16	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	26
Hennepin	291	111	194	64	11	8	2	63	744
Houston	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Hubbard	30	1	8	2	3	0	0	2	46
Isanti	20	0	5	2	1	0	0	1	29
Itasca	62	10	5	14	2	1	0	4	98
Kanabec	9	2	5	2	2	0	0	1	21
Kandiyohi	48	9	8	4	0	0	0	7	76
Kittson	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Koochiching	13	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	21
Lac qui Parle	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lake	12	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	18
Lake of the Woods	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	10
Le Sueur	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	15
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	32	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	42
MN Prairie	25	23	1	5	0	3	0	5	62
Mahnomen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
McLeod	29	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	36
Meeker	5	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	9
Mille Lacs	31	7	9	6	3	1	0	6	63
Morrison	15	4	1	4	0	0	1	1	26

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
Mower	16	3	10	0	0	0	0	2	31
Nicollet	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	22
Nobles	33	0	5	0	0	1	0	3	42
Norman	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Olmsted	43	30	4	10	3	0	0	0	90
Otter Tail	33	20	6	3	1	0	0	0	63
Pennington	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	9
Pine	9	7	4	1	1	0	0	1	23
Polk	53	10	6	2	0	2	2	2	77
Ramsey	127	42	46	29	3	6	3	15	271
Red Lake	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9
Renville	20	0	6	1	0	0	0	3	30
Rice	72	15	3	8	2	0	0	7	107
Roseau	8	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	14
Scott	20	3	4	3	3	1	0	1	35
Sherburne	18	6	11	3	0	0	0	2	40
Sibley	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	8
Southwest HHS	74	36	12	5	6	1	0	1	135
St. Louis	174	41	63	27	11	13	0	25	354
Stearns	85	25	5	11	3	1	1	6	137
Stevens	17	7	3	1	0	0	0	1	29
Swift	9	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	13
Todd	20	9	6	2	0	0	0	0	37
Traverse	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Wabasha	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Wadena	33	7	2	7	0	0	0	4	53
Washington	50	6	11	7	1	1	1	10	87
Watonwan	11	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	20
Western Prairie Human Services	8	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	18
White Earth Nation	11	6	2	6	3	0	0	1	29
Wilkin	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Winona	20	17	12	3	0	0	0	1	53
Wright	43	5	7	8	1	0	0	3	67
Yellow Medicine	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	11
Minnesota	2,413	688	656	353	94	59	21	265	4,549

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
- Legal responsibilities/court decisions

Table 24. Length of stay for placement episodes ending in 2024 by agency

Agency	Less than one week	Eight days to one month	One month to seven months	Seven months to 13 months	13 months to 25 months	25 months to 36 months	36 months or more	Total episodes ending
Aitkin	0	2	5	4	1	1	1	14
Anoka	24	2	33	32	34	14	8	147
Becker	1	1	5	1	7	10	3	28
Beltrami	1	0	30	17	34	8	4	94
Benton	2	7	6	9	15	2	1	42
Big Stone	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	6
Blue Earth	5	2	12	13	31	0	2	65
Brown	3	0	6	13	10	0	1	33
Carlton	0	4	18	7	3	2	4	38
Carver	11	4	21	12	12	3	3	66
Cass	12	2	22	7	26	1	8	78
Chippewa	0	0	4	5	11	0	0	20
Chisago	9	3	4	6	21	1	2	46
Clay	27	5	18	5	24	13	7	99
Clearwater	0	0	2	2	1	0	4	9
Cook	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	7
Crow Wing	19	4	12	18	45	5	10	113
Dakota	26	3	11	28	34	13	17	132
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	1	8	8	0	0	1	18
Douglas	3	0	4	0	8	0	5	20
Faribault-Martin	2	1	11	5	10	5	5	39
Fillmore	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	8
Freeborn	0	2	17	0	7	6	6	38
Goodhue	1	0	8	2	8	0	7	26
Hennepin	59	7	99	149	252	77	101	744
Houston	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	7
Hubbard	0	0	13	7	20	4	2	46
Isanti	1	3	10	3	6	2	4	29
Itasca	18	7	22	18	15	7	11	98
Kanabec	1	1	3	7	7	1	1	21

Agency	Less than one week	Eight days to one month	One month to seven months	Seven months to 13 months	13 months to 25 months	25 months to 36 months	36 months or more	Total episodes ending
Kandiyohi	1	2	28	20	18	3	4	76
Kittson	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	5
Koochiching	1	0	9	5	2	1	3	21
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Lake	2	0	6	4	5	0	1	18
Lake of the Woods	0	3	3	4	0	0	0	10
Le Sueur	0	1	4	4	3	0	3	15
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	2	1	4	13	12	0	10	42
MN Prairie	2	4	11	23	15	1	6	62
Mahnomen	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	8
McLeod	9	2	12	10	3	0	0	36
Meeker	0	0	2	2	2	0	3	9
Mille Lacs	4	4	20	7	10	5	13	63
Morrison	1	0	7	5	7	2	4	26
Mower	5	1	4	9	12	0	0	31
Nicollet	2	0	9	8	1	1	1	22
Nobles	4	6	13	6	13	0	0	42
Norman	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Olmsted	4	4	18	21	32	7	4	90
Otter Tail	0	2	14	14	22	6	5	63
Pennington	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	9
Pine	0	0	5	4	8	3	3	23
Polk	5	6	40	9	7	5	5	77
Ramsey	12	4	56	52	65	28	54	271
Red Lake	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	9
Renville	4	4	10	7	2	3	0	30
Rice	30	4	31	10	12	9	11	107
Roseau	1	0	9	1	2	0	1	14
Scott	4	2	9	7	10	2	1	35
Sherburne	6	1	7	7	12	1	6	40
Sibley	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	8
Southwest HHS	16	3	30	23	29	24	10	135
St. Louis	36	20	95	42	83	43	35	354
Stearns	31	3	29	24	16	23	11	137
Stevens	1	0	3	15	7	2	1	29
Swift	2	0	7	2	1	0	1	13
Todd	5	1	9	4	11	3	4	37
Traverse	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	6
Wabasha	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	7
Wadena	11	8	13	8	8	1	4	53
Washington	4	5	26	18	20	10	4	87

Agency	Less than one week	Eight days to one month	One month to seven months	Seven months to 13 months	13 months to 25 months	25 months to 36 months	36 months or more	Total episodes ending
Watonwan	0	1	8	2	1	6	2	20
Western Prairie Human Services	4	0	2	5	7	0	0	18
White Earth Nation	0	0	6	2	10	3	8	29
Wilkin	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	6
Winona	1	1	5	14	14	8	10	53
Wright	9	2	16	11	16	6	7	67
Yellow Medicine	0	0	5	2	4	0	0	11
Minnesota	454	173	1,023	851	1,178	395	475	4,549

Length of time in care also varies by race and ethnicity. Table 25 shows the number and percentage of placement episodes by length of stay, race and ethnicity.

Table 25. Number of placement episodes ending in 2024 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)
Less than one week	115	43	3	94	167	454	69
Eight days to one month	21	28	1	40	81	173	23
One month to seven months	137	132	27	249	461	1,023	111
Seven months to 13 months	93	125	22	193	401	851	98
13 months to 25 months	175	161	16	334	478	1,178	136
25 months to 36 months	56	58	7	123	146	395	35
36 months or more	74	108	11	118	161	475	52
Total	671	655	87	1,151	1,895	4,549	524

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 2024 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
Less than one week	379 (15.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	32 (34.0%)	11 (18.6%)	0 (0.0%)	32 (12.1%)	454 (10.0%)
Eight days to one month	134 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.6%)	5 (5.3%)	4 (6.8%)	2 (9.5%)	26 (9.8%)	173 (3.8%)
One month to seven months	853 (35.4%)	7 (1.0%)	4 (0.6%)	29 (8.2%)	26 (27.7%)	20 (33.9%)	0 (0.0%)	84 (31.7%)	1,023 (22.5%)
Seven months to 13 months	616 (25.5%)	50 (7.3%)	80 (12.2%)	27 (7.6%)	15 (16.0%)	8 (13.6%)	6 (28.6%)	49 (18.5%)	851 (18.7%)
13 months to 25 months	359 (14.9%)	263 (38.2%)	419 (63.9%)	61 (17.3%)	10 (10.6%)	12 (20.3%)	3 (14.3%)	51 (19.2%)	1,178 (25.9%)
25 months to 36 months	40 (1.7%)	210 (30.5%)	102 (15.5%)	29 (8.2%)	4 (4.3%)	1 (1.7%)	3 (14.3%)	6 (2.3%)	395 (8.7%)
36 months or more	32 (1.3%)	158 (23.0%)	51 (7.8%)	205 (58.1%)	2 (2.1%)	3 (5.1%)	7 (33.3%)	17 (6.4%)	475 (10.4%)
Total	2,413 (100%)	688 (100%)	656 (100%)	353 (100%)	94 (100%)	59 (100%)	21 (100%)	265 (100%)	4,549 (100%)

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 2024 starts with a count of all children who entered out-of-home care in 2022 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, 2024

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Aitkin	6	1	16.7
Anoka	59	6	10.2
Becker	15	3	20.0
Beltrami	35	6	17.1
Benton	15	4	26.7
Big Stone	0	0	0.0
Blue Earth	27	1	3.7

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Brown	24	5	20.8
Carlton	23	4	17.4
Carver	26	2	7.7
Cass	26	3	11.5
Chippewa	11	1	9.1
Chisago	10	2	20.0
Clay	24	8	33.3
Clearwater	10	0	0.0
Cook	1	0	0.0
Crow Wing	27	6	22.2
Dakota	38	5	13.2
Des Moines Valley HHS	8	1	12.5
Douglas	12	3	25.0
Faribault-Martin	25	3	12.0
Fillmore	0	0	0.0
Freeborn	7	0	0.0
Goodhue	8	0	0.0
Hennepin	188	28	14.9
Houston	6	0	0.0
Hubbard	16	4	25.0
Isanti	8	3	37.5
Itasca	51	21	41.2
Kanabec	8	1	12.5
Kandiyohi	33	3	9.1
Kittson	0	0	0.0
Koochiching	21	3	14.3
Lac qui Parle	6	0	0.0
Lake	1	0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	5	0	0.0
Le Sueur	9	0	0.0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	8	3	37.5
Mahnomen	1	0	0.0
Marshall	3	2	66.7
McLeod	12	0	0.0
Meeker	4	0	0.0
Mille Lacs	22	3	13.6
MN Prairie	36	4	11.1
Morrison	17	3	17.6
Mower	26	3	11.5
Nicollet	25	3	12.0
Nobles	5	1	20.0
Norman	0	0	0.0
Olmsted	28	4	14.3

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Otter Tail	26	5	19.2
Pennington	4	0	0.0
Pine	10	0	0.0
Polk	35	5	14.3
Ramsey	76	12	15.8
Red Lake	2	0	0.0
Renville	12	1	8.3
Rice	54	15	27.8
Roseau	15	1	6.7
Scott	24	1	4.2
Sherburne	18	1	5.6
Sibley	4	1	25.0
Southwest HHS	43	7	16.3
St. Louis	152	36	23.7
Stearns	44	7	15.9
Stevens	8	2	25.0
Swift	5	1	20.0
Todd	18	0	0.0
Traverse	3	0	0.0
Wabasha	3	1	33.3
Wadena	24	4	16.7
Washington	22	2	9.1
Watonwan	11	1	9.1
Western Prairie Human Services	8	3	37.5
White Earth Nation	17	2	11.8
Wilkin	5	1	20.0
Winona	23	0	0.0
Wright	36	0	0.0
Yellow Medicine	7	1	14.3
Minnesota	1,724	275	16.0

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, 2024

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
All tribes	All tribes	3,726
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Canadian tribe	35
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Minnesota Chippewa tribe (cannot identify specific band)	48
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Minnesota Dakota tribe (cannot identify specific tribe)	3
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Other US tribe	57
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Other foreign tribe	3
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Unknown Dakota, Lakota or Nakota (Sioux)	22
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Unknown Ojibwe, Ojibwa or Chippewa	33
Other, Unknown, Or Foreign Tribe	Unknown tribe	342
Tribe in Alabama	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	2
Tribe in Alaska	Afognak, Native Village of	1
Tribe in Alaska	Alaskan Native	9
Tribe in Alaska	Arctic Village	1
Tribe in Alaska	Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Native Village of	1
Tribe in Alaska	Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	4
Tribe in Alaska	Curyung Tribal Council	2
Tribe in Alaska	Gakona, Native Village of	1
Tribe in Alaska	Ketchikan Indian Community	3
Tribe in Alaska	Levelock Village	1
Tribe in Alaska	Metlakatla Indian Community	3
Tribe in Alaska	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	1
Tribe in Alaska	South Naknek Village	4
Tribe in Arizona	Cocopah Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	3

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Arizona	Gila River Indian Community	1
Tribe in Arizona	Hopi Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	Navajo Nation	29
Tribe in Arizona	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	5
Tribe in Arizona	San Carlos Apache Tribe	12
Tribe in Arizona	Tohono O'Odham Nation	1
Tribe in Arizona	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona	15
Tribe in Arizona	White Mountain Apache Tribe	18
Tribe in Arizona	Yavapai-Apache Nation	14
Tribe in California	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in California	Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California	1
Tribe in California	Quartz Valley Indian Reservation	4
Tribe in California	Robinson Rancheria	1
Tribe in California	Timbi-sha Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Colorado	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Colorado	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	3
Tribe in Florida	Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida	9
Tribe in Florida	Seminole Tribe of Florida	18
Tribe in Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	2
Tribe in Idaho	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	1
Tribe in Idaho	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation	2
Tribe in Iowa	Meskwaki Nation	3
Tribe in Kansas	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	7
Tribe in Kansas	Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	2
Tribe in Kansas	Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation	9
Tribe in Kansas	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	6
Tribe in Louisiana	Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	2
Tribe in Louisiana	Jena Band of Choctaw Indians	35
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	2

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Maine	Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point	2
Tribe in Michigan	Bay Mills Indian Community	42
Tribe in Michigan	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	62
Tribe in Michigan	Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan	10
Tribe in Michigan	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	33
Tribe in Michigan	Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	57
Tribe in Michigan	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	3
Tribe in Michigan	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	10
Tribe in Michigan	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi (Gun Lake Tribe)	6
Tribe in Michigan	Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	3
Tribe in Michigan	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	4
Tribe in Michigan	Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan	57
Tribe in Michigan	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan	65
Tribe in Minnesota	Bois Forte Nation	226
Tribe in Minnesota	Fond du Lac Nation	299
Tribe in Minnesota	Grand Portage Nation	146
Tribe in Minnesota	Leech Lake Nation	721
Tribe in Minnesota	Lower Sioux Indian Community	97
Tribe in Minnesota	Mille Lacs Ojibwe Nation	386
Tribe in Minnesota	Minnesota Chippewa tribe (cannot identify specific band)	48
Tribe in Minnesota	Minnesota Dakota tribe (cannot identify specific tribe)	3
Tribe in Minnesota	Prairie Island Indian Community	49
Tribe in Minnesota	Red Lake Nation	887
Tribe in Minnesota	Shakopee Mdewakanton Community	88
Tribe in Minnesota	Upper Sioux Indian Community	75
Tribe in Minnesota	White Earth Nation	742
Tribe in Mississippi	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	41
Tribe in Montana	Blackfeet Tribe of Montana	240
Tribe in Montana	Chippewa Cree Tribe	90
Tribe in Montana	Crow Nation	8
Tribe in Montana	Fort Peck Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes	59

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Montana	Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribe of Fort Belknap	4
Tribe in Montana	Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana	33
Tribe in Montana	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	11
Tribe in Montana	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	203
Tribe in Nebraska	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	7
Tribe in Nebraska	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	13
Tribe in Nebraska	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	6
Tribe in Nebraska	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	6
Tribe in Nebraska	Santee Sioux Nation	62
Tribe in Nebraska	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	26
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	2
Tribe in Nevada	Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Nevada	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Nevada	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	2
Tribe in Nevada	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation	2
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
Tribe in Nevada	Yomba Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in New Mexico	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	24
Tribe in New Mexico	Jicarilla Apache Nation	14
Tribe in New Mexico	Mescalero Apache Tribe	18
Tribe in New Mexico	Navajo Nation	29
Tribe in New Mexico	Pueblo of Picuris	4
Tribe in New Mexico	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	3
Tribe in New York	Cayuga Nation of New York	6

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in New York	Oneida Indian Nation	9
Tribe in New York	Onondaga Nation	4
Tribe in New York	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	8
Tribe in New York	Seneca Nation of Indians	8
Tribe in New York	Shinnecock Indian Nation	2
Tribe in New York	Tonawanda Band of Seneca	6
Tribe in New York	Tuscarora Nation of New York	2
Tribe in North Carolina	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	311
Tribe in North Dakota	Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation	30
Tribe in North Dakota	Spirit Lake Tribe	109
Tribe in North Dakota	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	189
Tribe in North Dakota	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	203
Tribe in Oklahoma	Absentee Shawnee Tribe	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	23
Tribe in Oklahoma	Caddo Nation	6
Tribe in Oklahoma	Cherokee Nation	360
Tribe in Oklahoma	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	20
Tribe in Oklahoma	Chickasaw Nation	22
Tribe in Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	58
Tribe in Oklahoma	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	8
Tribe in Oklahoma	Comanche Nation-Oklahoma	11
Tribe in Oklahoma	Delaware Nation	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Delaware Tribe of Indians	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	24
Tribe in Oklahoma	Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kaw Nation	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kialegee Tribal Town	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	11

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in Oklahoma	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	22
Tribe in Oklahoma	Osage Tribe	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Otoe-Missouria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma	5
Tribe in Oklahoma	Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	5
Tribe in Oklahoma	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Sac and Fox Nation	14
Tribe in Oklahoma	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	11
Tribe in Oklahoma	Seneca-Cayuga Nation	6
Tribe in Oklahoma	Shawnee Tribe	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Thlopthlocco Tribal Town	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	305
Tribe in Oklahoma	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	6
Tribe in Oklahoma	Wyandotte Nation	3
Tribe in Oregon	Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in Oregon	Klamath Tribes	1
Tribe in Oregon	Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of	2
Tribe in Oregon	Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of	1
Tribe in South Dakota	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	117
Tribe in South Dakota	Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	76
Tribe in South Dakota	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	79
Tribe in South Dakota	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	74
Tribe in South Dakota	Oglala Sioux Tribe	142
Tribe in South Dakota	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	124
Tribe in South Dakota	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	132
Tribe in South Dakota	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	189

State	Tribe	Number of children/youth
Tribe in South Dakota	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	203
Tribe in South Dakota	Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	86
Tribe in Texas	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	4
Tribe in Texas	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe in Texas	3
Tribe in Texas	Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo	1
Tribe in Utah	Navajo Nation	29
Tribe in Utah	Ute Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Utah	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	3
Tribe in Virginia	Chickahominy Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Virginia	Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division	1
Tribe in Virginia	Nansemond Indian Nation	1
Tribe in Virginia	Pamunkey Indian Tribe	4
Tribe in Washington	Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the	3
Tribe in Washington	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	1
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	98
Tribe in Wisconsin	Fond du Lac Nation	299
Tribe in Wisconsin	Forest County Potawatomi Community	12
Tribe in Wisconsin	Ho-Chunk Nation	23
Tribe in Wisconsin	Lac Courte Oreilles Band (LCO)	124
Tribe in Wisconsin	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	72
Tribe in Wisconsin	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	27
Tribe in Wisconsin	Oneida Nation of Wisconsin	15
Tribe in Wisconsin	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	99
Tribe in Wisconsin	Sokaogon Chippewa Community	69
Tribe in Wisconsin	St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	93
Tribe in Wisconsin	Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Wisconsin	11
Tribe in Wyoming	Eastern Shoshone Tribe	2
Tribe in Wyoming	Northern Arapaho Tribe	10

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

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यान : यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं, तो आपके लिए निशुल्क भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ निशुल्क और बिना किसी अनावश्यक री के उपलब्ध हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, सुलभ परारूपों में जानकारी रान करने के लिए उपयुक्त सहायक साधन और सेवाएँ निशुल्क और समय पर उपलब्ध हैं। कृ या ऊपर दिए गए ंबर पर कॉल करें या अपने र दाता से बात करें। Hindi

CEEB TOOM: Yog koj hais lus Hmoob, muaj kev pab txhais lus dawb rau koj siv. Koj tsis tas them nqi thiab yuav tsis qeeb. Kuj muaj cuab yeej thiab kev pab los pab koj nyeem cov ntaub ntawv kom yooj yim nkag siab. Koj hu tau rau tus xov tooj saum toj no lossis nrog koj tus kws kho mob tham. Hmong

ဟ်သုဉ်ဟ်သး- နမ့ၢ်ကတိၤကညိၣ်ကိၣ်အယိ, နမ့ၢ်န့ၢ် ကိၣ်တၢ်ဆိၣ်ထွဲမၤစၢၤ လၢတလၢ်ဘျီလၢ်စ့ၤ ဒီးတအိၣ်ဒီး တၢ်မၤယံၢ်မၤနီၢ်သးဘျီန့ၣ်လီၤ. အါန့ၢ်အန့ၣ်, တၢ်အိၣ်စ့ၢ်ကိးဒီး တၢ်မၤစၢၤတၢ်န့ၢ်ဟ့ၣ်ဒီး တၢ်မၤစၢၤတၢ်မၤတဖၣ် လၢကဟ့ၣ်တၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကိၣ်လၢပုၤအါဂၢၢ်ဟ်အိၣ်သ့ လၢတအိၣ်ဒီးအဘျးအလဲ ဒီးချုးဆၢချုးကတိၤန့ၣ်လီၤ. ဝံသးစ့ၤ ကိးနီၣ်ဂံၢ်လၢထး မ့တမ့ၢ် တဲသကိးတၢ်ဒီး ပုၤလၢအဟ့ၣ်န့ၣ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤ တက့ၢ်. ကညိၣ်ကိၣ် Karen

안내: 한국어를 사용하시는 분께는 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로, 지체 없이 제공해 드립니다. 또한, 정보 접근성을 위한 적절한 보조 기구 및 서비스가 무료로, 시의적절하게 제공됩니다. 위에 있는 번호로 전화하시거나 담당자에게 말씀해 주십시오. Korean

ئاڭاداري: ئه‌گه‌ر تۆ به‌ زمانى کو فید ئىسوارنى قسه‌ ده‌کەيت، ئه‌وا خزمه‌تگوزارى هاوکاريى زمان به‌ بئيه‌رامبه‌ر و به‌بى دواکه‌وتنى ناپيوست له‌به‌ر ده‌ستدایه‌. جگه‌ له‌وش، هاوکارى و خزمه‌تگوزارييه‌ يارمه‌تده‌ره‌ گونجاو هه‌کان بۆ دابينکردنى زانيارى به‌ شيوه‌ى گونجاو به‌بى به‌رامبه‌ر و هاوکات به‌ر ده‌ستن. ته‌کاپه‌ پيويهندى به‌ ژماره‌يه‌ ئيسه‌روه‌ به‌که‌ يان له‌گه‌ل دابينکەر هه‌مدا قسه‌ به‌که‌ن. کوردی سۆرانى Kurdish Sorani

BALDARÎ: Heke hûn bi Kurdîya Kurmancî diaxivin, xizmetên alîkarîya ziman bêpere û bêyî derengmayîneke nehewce ji we re peyda dibin. Her wiha, hevkarîyên guncaw û karûbarên alîkar bêpere û di heman demê de ji bo dabînkirina agahdariya guncaw hene. Ji kerema xwe bi jimareya jorîn re telefon bikin an jî bi dabînkêrê xwe re bixavînin. Kurdish Kurmanji

Á, LÉ YAWÁ PO! Lakǵól'iyaye héči, iyápi-wóokiye išíčhola yanǵé. Nahán nakún wanáǵ'unpi-wóokiye išíčhola yanǵé. Héčhel wónáǵ'unj kin iyóhiphiča yeló. Wóokiye kin lená išíčhola ičúphiča nahán yuthéhanǵšniyan ičúphiča yeló. Wičhóiyé kin lená iwánǵkab, wóiyawa wan yanǵé kin mas'ákipǵapi na wóokiye-wičháša kičhí wóglaka po. Lakota

ໝາຍເຫດ: ຖ້າທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາລາວ, ທ່ານຈະໄດ້ຮັບບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ ແລະ ບໍ່ມີການຊັກຊ້າ ທີ່ບໍ່ຈຳເປັນ. ນອກຈາກນັ້ນ, ເຄື່ອງມືຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແລະ ບໍລິການເສີມທີ່ເໝາະສົມເພື່ອໃຫ້ຂໍ້ມູນໃນຮູບແບບທີ່ເຂົ້າເຖິງໄດ້ ໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ ແລະ ທັນເວລາ. ກະລຸນາໂທຫາເບີໂທລະສັບຂ້າງເທິງ ຫຼື ສົນທະນາກັບຜູ້ໃຫ້ບໍລິການຂອງທ່ານ. Lao

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PALE RO PINY: Mi ruaci ke thok Nuärä, luäk mi lor ke kuic thuok kene lät tin jiëke tëë thin baan a thiel mi yuor ke piny kä thiele mi gaal je. Min dëë nyok ke mat thin, e luäk mi dodien kene lät tin kokiën tin nöön ke läri ke duop min jiëke keë tëë ke thin baan thile mi yuorke piny ke kuicdien ke guath mi gwa. Mi nhok i je yotni nambär emo tëë nhial o ikä kie ruacni ke ram min luäkdü. Nuer

MAH BIZ'SIN'DAN: Keesh'pin, keen Ojibwe'mo, kaa'ween ina'gin'de wiji'kaa'kii'ki'do miina'waa ke'nebe-naa'ta'maw chi'nis'too'ta'man noon'goom. Da'kon'an, wee'chi'ma'zinaa'beke'webene'kan'an ozhe'che'kan miina'waa kinah ozhee'bee'geh ma'zenah'egan'an kaa'ween ina'gin'de miina'waa da'daa'ta'be'bee'an. Da'gah'na'sa ka'noozh aseh'ge'beh'egan ish'peh'meng ge'maa kee'kidoon wii'doo'kaa'geh. Ojibwe

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ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, tem à sua disposição serviços de assistência linguística gratuitos e sem demoras desnecessárias. Além disso, estão disponíveis, gratuitamente e numa forma atempada, ajudas e serviços auxiliares adequados para fornecer informações em formatos acessíveis. Por favor, contacte o número acima ou fale com o seu prestador de serviços. Portuguese

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PAŽNJA: Ako govorite srpski, besplatne usluge jezičke pomoći su vam dostupne besplatno i bez nepotrebnog odlaganja. Pored toga, odgovarajuća pomoćna sredstva i usluge za pružanje informacija u pristupačnim formatima dostupne su besplatno i blagovremeno. Molimo vas da pozovete gore navedeni broj ili razgovarate sa vašim pružateljem usluga. Serbian

FIIRO GAAR AH: Haddii aad ku hadasho Soomaali, waxaa si bilaash ah kuugu diyaar ah adeegyada caawinada luuqadeed oo aan lahayn daahitaan aan munaasib ahayn. Intaas waxaa dheer, waxaa la heli karaa adeegyada iyo kaabitaanka naafada ee haboon si macluumaadka loogu bixiyo qaabab la adeegsan karo oo bilaash ah laguna bixinayo waqoigeeda. Fadlan wac lambarka kore ama la hadal adeegbixiyahaaga. Somali

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición los servicios gratuitos de traducción sin costo alguno y sin demoras innecesarias. Además, se encuentran disponibles de forma gratuita y oportuna ayuda y servicios auxiliares adecuados con el fin de brindarle información en formatos accesibles. Llame al número indicado anteriormente o hable con su proveedor. Spanish

ZINGATIO: Ikiwa unazungumza Kiswahili, huduma za msaada wa lugha zinapatikana kwa ajili yako bila malipo na bila ucheleweshaji usio wa lazima. Aidha, vifaa saidizi vya mawasiliano na huduma kwa walemavu ili kutoa habari katika miundo inayofikika zinapatikana bila malipo na kwa wakati. Tafadhali piga simu kwa namba ya hapo juu au zungumza na mtoa huduma wako. Swahili

መተሓሰቢ:- ትግርኛ ተዛራቢ እንተሆይኖም ፤ ናጻ ናይ ቋንቋ ሓገዝ ግልጋሎታት ብዘይምድንጓይ ምርኩብ ይኸእሉ እዮም። ብተወሳኺ ሓበሬታ ብቐሊሉ ምርኩብ ብዝከኣል ቅርጽታት ንምቕራብ ፤ ግቡእ ናይ ምስግቦ ሓገዝን ግልጋሎታትን ኩብ ክፍሊት ናጻ ብዝኾነን ግዚኡ ብዝሓለወን መልክዑ ይርከቡ። ብይዝኡም ኣብ ላዕሊ ናብ ዘሎ ቐጽሪ ይደውሉ ወይድማ መቐረቢኡም የዘራርቡ። Tigrinya

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LƯU Ý: Nếu bạn nói tiếng Việt, bạn có thể được hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí mà không phải chờ đợi lâu. Ngoài ra, các thiết bị hỗ trợ và dịch vụ phù hợp để cung cấp thông tin ở định dạng dễ tiếp cận cũng có sẵn miễn phí và kịp thời. Vui lòng gọi số điện thoại phía trên hoặc trao đổi với nhân viên tiếp nhận của bạn. Vietnamese

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