

# **CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE: A 1998 MINNESOTA REPORT**



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## INTRODUCTION

This report presents information about children in out-of-home care for 1998 and shows some five-year trends for the years 1994 through 1998. The report responds to a legislative directive in Minnesota Statutes, section 257.0725.

*The commissioner of human services shall publish an annual report on children in out-of-home placement. The report shall include information by county and statewide on the legal status, living arrangement, age, sex, race, accumulated length of time in placement, reason for most recent placement, race of family with whom placed, and other information deemed appropriate on all children in out-of-home placement. Out-of-home placement includes placement in any facility by an authorized child-placing agency.*

Since the early 1980s, the federal government has collected *summary* information on children in out-of-home care through a voluntary system called the Voluntary and Cooperative Information System. In 1986, Congress passed a law calling for mandatory reporting by all states. Federal regulations to implement this law were first proposed in 1990, then issued in final form in December 1993. Called the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), these reporting regulations require detailed individual information on each child who is placed in out-of-home care. Minnesota participates in this system by sending semiannual records on children in care.

### Data

- In all tables for all years, percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- In this report, all data for 1994 and 1995 are preliminary.
- After data was submitted for 1996, it was discovered that Hennepin County had omitted 303 social services placements involving 290 children in correctional facilities. The children involved in these placements may have already been included in Hennepin's count, so they were not simply added to the total. The same reporting error was present in prior years 1992 through 1995. In 1997, these placements from Hennepin County correctional facilities, were included for the first time.
- Ramsey county included emergency placements for the first time in 1997, which resulted in an increase of approximately 500 children in the counts over 1996 for that county, and statewide.
- Besides the technical information in this *Introduction*, most tables contain *notes* in italics, that clarify the data gathering procedure used in the table above them. Some of the tables are accompanied by a graphic representation of the table's data in a pie or bar chart.

### Total Counts of Children

Where total numbers of children are indicated, tables count a child once, regardless of how often the child entered or left care, during the 12-month reporting period. The only exception to this occurs when a child is served by a second county during the year. In such cases, the child may be counted twice in the State totals; once in each reporting county. In other words, if a child moves and

receives placement services from two counties in a single year, the child may be recorded twice, once in each of the county totals.

The flow of children in and out of care is dynamic, not static. This report uses a single point in time, December 31, 1998, to capture a snapshot of the data for this year. Four subsets of children are counted in the flow of children in and out of care:

- children continuing in care from the previous year
- children entering care in 1998
- children leaving care in 1998
- children remaining in care at the end of 1998

To obtain the total count of children in out-of-home care, the sum of children continuing in care from the previous year is added to the number of those entering care. Or, the sum of those leaving care is added to those remaining in care. The results are the same in both cases. In the historical tables, the number of children remaining in care at the end of one year does not equal the number of children continuing in care in the subsequent year. This results from the Department of Human Services' reporting process which considers only the last episode of care when categorizing the status of a child. A child that remains in care at the end of a year, may be counted as one who enters care in the following year, if the child experienced an intervening exit and re-entry into care.

### **Race or Heritage**

Some of the tables report information about children's Hispanic heritage or primary race for the total number of children in care. The Department of Human Services (DHS) collects data about Hispanic heritage and primary race in the same manner as the United States Bureau of the Census. In DHS reporting, a child's Hispanic heritage is considered before race. For example:

- if the answer to the question about a child's Hispanic heritage is reported as *yes*, the child is listed as Hispanic no matter what other racial categories are reported.
- if the answer to the question about a child's Hispanic heritage is *no* or *unknown*, whatever race is reported first by the county is listed as the primary race in this report. For example, if a child is reported as American Indian and White, American Indian is listed as the child's primary race.

### **Episodes and Placements**

An *episode* of care is the period of continuous care between the dates a child enters and leaves out-of-home care. A child who enters and leaves care more than once in a year has multiple episodes of care in that year. Episodes may be viewed as the number of times a child moves *in and out* of the out-of-home care system. A *placement* refers to the particular kind of out-of-home living arrangement in which a child was placed, for example, emergency shelter, foster family care, or non-final adoptive placement. A child may have several placements in a single episode of care. Placements may be viewed as the number of times the child moves *within* the out-of-home care system.

This report contains counts of episodes that have at least one day of care in 1998. An episode that began prior to 1998, or one that ended after 1998, will be included in these counts as long as it has at least one day of care in 1998.

The box below depicts one episode of continuous care, beginning in November 1997, ending in March 1998, and containing four placements. The placements in this report, are counted in two ways. The first way counts only those placements that had at least one day of care in 1998, and includes two Placements "C" and "D" below. The second way counts all placements in the 1998 episodes, including those placements that ended prior to 1998, and consists of four Placements "A," "B," "C," and "D" below.

November 1997	December 1997	January 1998	February 1998	March 1998
<-----Single 1998 Episode of Continuous Care----->				
Placement A Emergency Shelter	Placement B Group Home	Placement C Foster Family Home	Placement D Non-final Adoptive Home	

### Report Layout

This report is divided into three sections. The first section contains statewide data using the total number of children in out-of-home care. Data is shown for number of children entering, leaving, remaining in care, and continuing in care from a prior year as well as placements, episodes, living arrangements, length of time in care, and race or heritage.

The second section contains information on groups of children, specifically those who entered care and those who left care. In this section, the data is taken from a child's *last* episode of care in 1998. Data regarding age, race or heritage, reasons for entry and exit from care, and length of time in care are shown for groups of children entering or leaving care. For another group of children with final placement in a family foster home, kinship care is examined by race.

The third section gives breakdowns by reporting county for the data elements reported statewide as well as costs for out-of-home care in each county. Costs of out-of-home care include only cost data reported through the Social Service Expenditure and Grant Reconciliation (SEAGR system), which is the counties' report to the state. The Budgeting, Reporting, and Accounting for Social Services (BRASS) code categories used are, 171 Child Shelter (Emergency shelter), 181 Child Foster Care (Care in Family Foster homes), 183 Rule 8 Child Group Homes, 185 Correctional Facilities, 471 Rule 5 Child Shelter, and 483 Rule 5 Child Residential Facilities. These include federal, state, and county sources of revenue. An average of days per placement, episode, and child by county is also reported.

**SECTION ONE**

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*Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care*



# 1. Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care 1994-1998

## Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care 1994-1998

Children In Care	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Continuing in Care from Prior Year	7,184	7,828	7,434	7,617	7,560
Percent	36.6%	41.2%	42.5%	41.4%	40.1%
Entering Care During Year	12,424	11,179	10,074	10,764	11,298
Percent	63.4%	58.8%	57.5%	58.6%	59.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,608</b>	<b>19,007</b>	<b>17,508</b>	<b>18,381</b>	<b>18,858</b>
Leaving Care During Year	10,940	10,340	8,854	9,513	9,677
Percent	55.8%	54.4%	50.6%	51.8%	51.3%
Remaining in Care at End of Year	8,668	8,667	8,654	8,868	9,181
Percent	44.2%	45.6%	49.4%	48.2%	48.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,608</b>	<b>19,007</b>	<b>17,508</b>	<b>18,381</b>	<b>18,858</b>

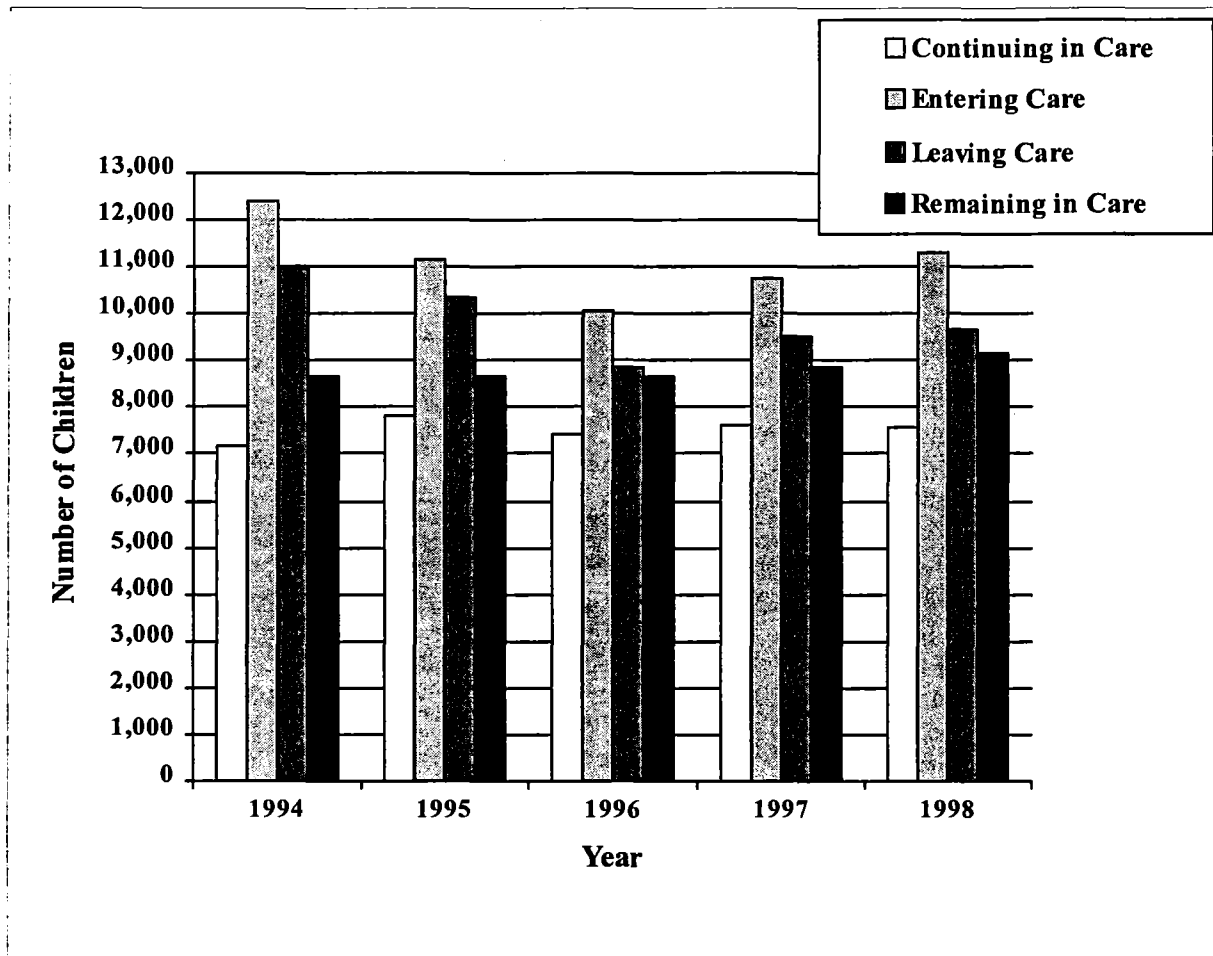
*Data for 1994 and 1995 are preliminary. "Total children" includes an additional 28 children in 1994, and 27 children in 1995, whose status could not be determined. For all years, the difference between the number of children "Remaining in Care at End of Year" to the following year's number of children "Continuing in Care from Prior Year" is due primarily to those children who were in care at the end of a prior year, but exited and re-entered the following year. This is because only the last episode for the child is considered when categorizing the status of the child.*

### **Total number of children in out-of-home care increased from 1997 to 1998.**

- \* Between 1997 to 1998 there was an increase in the total children experiencing care by 477 children or 2.6 percent. This increase, is smaller than the growth from 1996 to 1997 when the total number of children grew by 873 children or 5.0 percent.
- \* Another change from 1997 to 1998 was the 5.0 percent increase in children entering care. This was not balanced by the 1.7 percent increase in the number of children leaving care, so that on December 31, 1998, there was a 3.5 percent increase in the number of children remaining in care over that number in 1997.
- \* The number of children who remained in care each year from 1994 through 1997, varied by only 214 children, or 2.5 percent. In 1998, this number increased to the highest it has been for the past five years, with 313 more children remaining in care in 1998 than in 1997.

## Chart of Children in Out-of-Home Care 1994 -1998

Chart of the Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care 1994 -1998



*Data for 1994 and 1995 are preliminary.*

**The number of children entering, leaving, and remaining in care increased in 1998. There was a slight decrease in the number of children continuing in care from the previous year.**

## 2. Placements by Living Arrangement

### Placements by Living Arrangement of Children in Care 1998

Living Arrangement	Number of Placements	Percent
Family Foster Homes	14,139	41.3
Non-finalized Adoptive Homes	797	2.3
Emergency Shelter in Family Foster Homes	3,648	10.7
Emergency Shelter in Group Living Arrangements	6,639	19.4
Chemical Dependency Home/Facility	157	0.5
Corrections Home/Facility	4,114	12.0
Rule 5 Facility for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children	2,139	6.3
Rule 8 Group Home	2,055	6.0
Rule 34 Group Home/Facility for Developmentally Disabled Children	88	0.3
Other Group Home	222	0.6
Independent/Semi-independent Living	41	0.1
Other Living Arrangements or Unknown	181	0.5
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>34,220</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*The 34,220 placements involved 18,858 children. These placements had at least one day of care in 1998.*

#### **Family foster homes provide the majority of placements for children in care.**

\* Over 41 percent or 14,139 of 34,220 placements were in family foster homes. Another 11 percent of all placements were emergency placements made in foster family homes. An additional 2 percent of all placements were in non-final adoptive homes. When combined, 54 percent of all placements were in family homes.

\* Thirty percent of total placements were emergency placements.

### 3. Race or Heritage of Children

#### Race or Heritage of Children in Care 1994-1998

Race or Heritage	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1998 MN Child Population
African American	4,007	3,685	3,492	3,981	4,107	
Percent	20.4%	19.9%	19.9%	21.7%	21.8%	4.1%
American Indian	2,176	2,034	1,995	2,030	2,101	
Percent	11.1%	11.0%	11.4%	11.0%	11.1%	1.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	292	308	285	332	408	
Percent	1.5%	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	2.2%	4.1%
Hispanic	581	636	644	725	844	
Percent	3.0%	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	4.5%	2.8%
White	11,658	11,308	10,701	10,897	11,094	
Percent	59.4%	61.2%	61.1%	59.3%	58.8%	87.2%
Unknown	922	521	391	416	304	
Percent	4.7%	2.8%	2.2%	2.3%	1.6%	0.0%
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>19,636</b>	<b>18,492</b>	<b>17,508</b>	<b>18,381</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

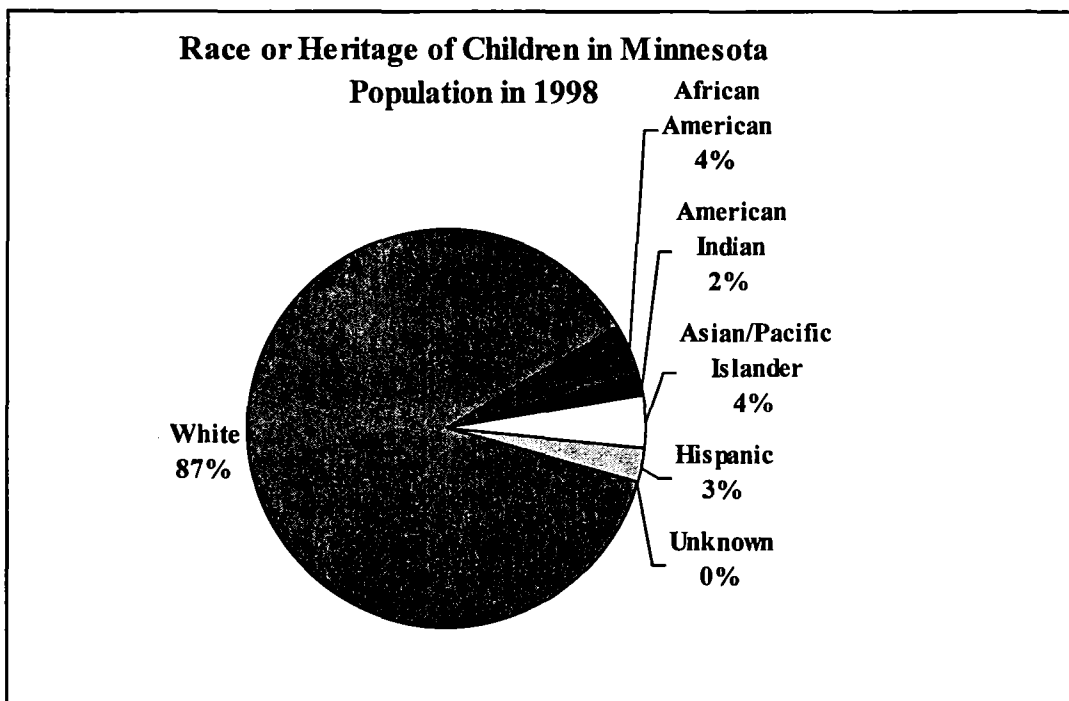
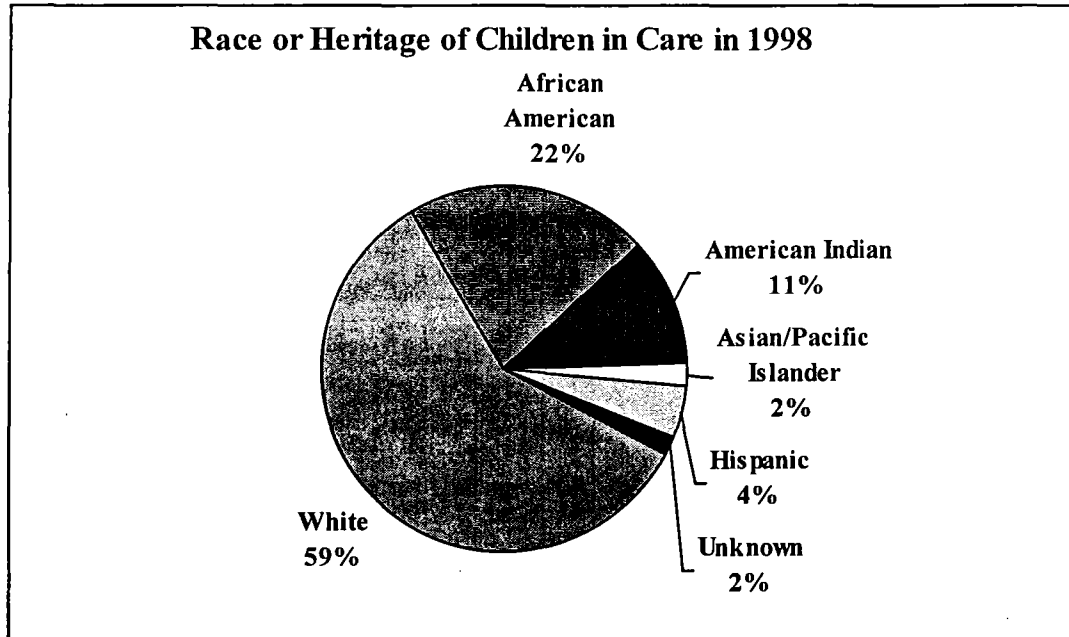
*Race refers to a child's primary race. Children of Hispanic heritage may be of any race, but are always counted as Hispanic. Population is from the 1998 U.S. Census of Minnesota Children.*

**The percentage of children in out-of-home care by race or heritage was relatively stable from 1994 to 1998.**

- \* A comparison of the distribution of children in out-of-home care by primary race with the 1998 U.S. Census of Minnesota children shows that White children comprise a smaller percentage of children in care than their proportion in the State population.
- \* African American and American Indian children in out-of-home care comprise a larger percentage of the total children in care than their proportion in the State population.
- \* Asian and/or Pacific Islander children and those of Hispanic heritage show an absolute increase and a proportional increase in their representation of children in care in 1998. This must be considered given the increase in the number and proportion of children of those groups in the State population in 1998. In 1997, the estimate of State population had Asian Pacific Islander at 3.9 percent and Hispanic at 2.6 percent which is lower than in 1998.

## Chart of Race or Heritage of Children

Chart of Race or Heritage of Children in Care in 1998 Compared to Race or Heritage of Minnesota Child Population 1998



## 4. Length of Time in Care

### Length of Time in 1998 Episodes of Care of Children in Care in 1998

Children/ Percent	Length of Time								Total Children
	Less than 1 Day	1 to 3 Days	4 Days to 1 Week	1 Week to 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	12 Months or More	
Children	306	1,834	1,053	1,597	2,032	2,207	2,966	6,863	18,858
Percent	1.6	9.7	5.6	8.5	10.8	11.7	15.7	36.4	100.0%

*Months in care for each child are summed for all episodes of care that have at least one day in 1998. Children can be shown as having more than 12 months of care if their episode had a starting date prior to 1998. Episodes that ended prior to 1998 are not included.*

**For all children in care in 1998, almost half (47.9 percent) were in care for less than six months.**

- \* The median number of days in 1998 episodes of care was 206.
- \* The average (mean) number of days in 1998 episodes of care was 526 days per child.
- \* About one-fourth or 25.4 percent of children in care in 1998 spent less than one month in care. Another 22.5 percent spent at least one month in care and left in six months.
- \* Over one-third or 36.4 percent of children in care in 1998 had been in care for more than a year.

## 5. Number of Placements per Episode

### Number of Placements per Episode of Care in 1998

Episodes/ Percent	Number of Placements								Total Episodes
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 and Above	
<b>Episodes</b>	13,564	4,593	2,235	1,076	618	978	175	11	23,250
<b>Percent</b>	58.3	19.8	9.6	4.6	2.7	4.2	0.8	0.0	100.0%

*The 23,250 episodes had at least one day of care in 1998 and involved 18,858 children. All placements within these 1998 episodes, including those placements that ended prior to 1998, are counted for a total of 46,540 placements.*

**The number of placements represents the number of times a child moves within an episode in the foster care system.**

- \* Almost 60 percent of the episodes of care consisted of one placement.
- \* The percentage of episodes of care with three or more placements was 22 percent.

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## 6. Number of Episodes per Child

### Number of 1998 Episodes per Child of Total Children in Care in 1998

Children/ Percent	Number of Episodes						Total Children
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 11	
Children	15,847	2,172	545	168	61	65	18,858
Percent	84.0	11.5	2.9	0.9	0.3	0.3	100.0 %

*There were 23,250 episodes with at least one day of care in 1998. Episodes that ended prior to 1998 are not included.*

**The number of episodes represents the number of times a child moves in and out of the out-of-home care system.**

- \* On an average there were 1.23 episodes of care per child in 1998.
- \* Eighty-four percent of the 18,858 children experienced a single episode of care in 1998.
- \* The total number of children reported to have two or more episodes of care was 3,011.



## **SECTION TWO**

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### *Groups of Children in Out-of-Home Care*

## 7. Age and Gender of Children Entering Care

### Age and Gender of Children Entering Care in 1998

Age (in years)	Female	Male	Total Children	Percent	
				Female	Male
0	304	269	573	53	47
1	177	195	372	48	52
2	156	183	339	46	54
3	158	183	341	46	54
4	145	171	316	46	54
5	148	163	311	48	52
6	159	187	346	46	54
7	158	170	328	48	52
8	141	194	335	42	58
9	154	174	328	47	53
10	109	206	315	35	65
11	152	208	360	42	58
12	212	298	510	42	58
13	384	482	866	44	56
14	599	651	1,250	48	52
15	730	892	1,622	45	55
16	574	833	1,407	41	59
17	366	794	1,160	32	68
18 and Over	44	157	201	22	78
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>4,870</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>11,280</b>	<b>43 %</b>	<b>57 %</b>

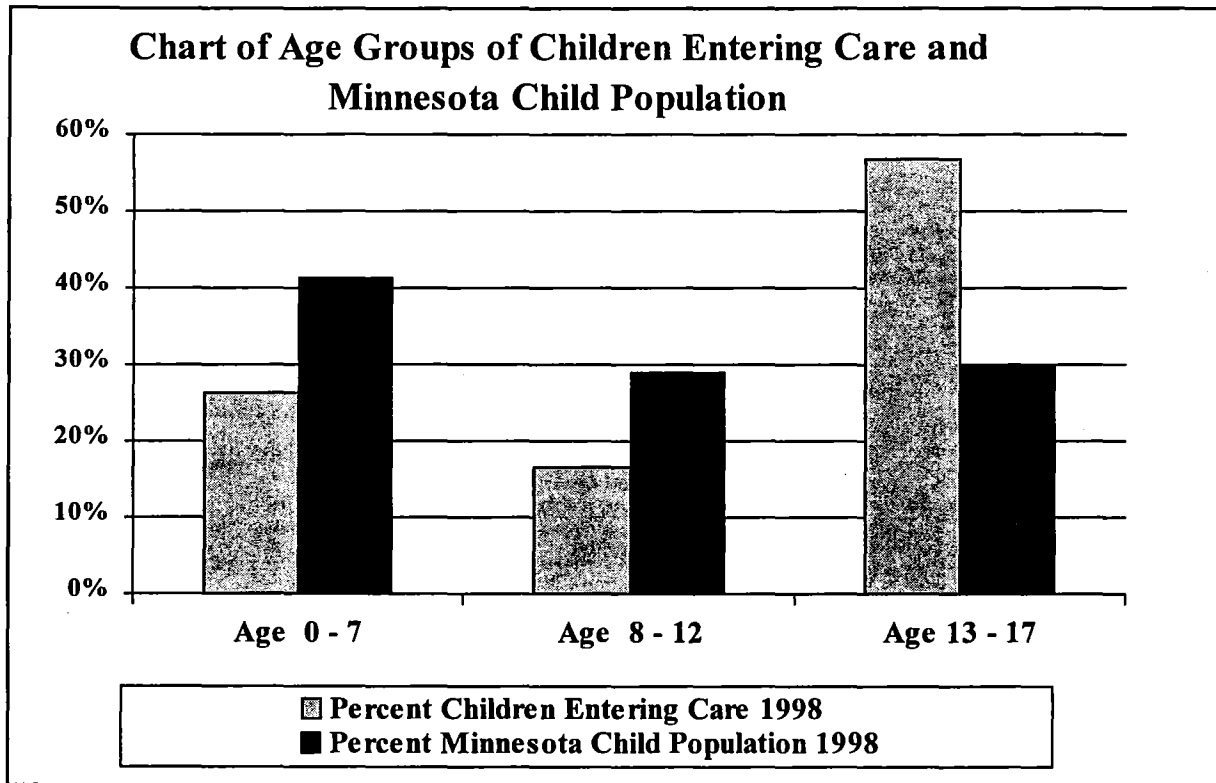
*Total Children are those children for whom age and gender is known.*

**More boys (57 percent) than girls (43 percent) entered care in 1998. More adolescents, ages 13 through 17, entered care than children at younger ages.**

- \* Although the State population of boys and girls is almost evenly divided, of the total children who entered care, 57 percent or 6,410 were boys.
- \* The number of children entering care in the teen years of 13 through 17 is greater than the number entering in the pre-teen years.

## Chart of Age Groups of Children Entering Care

Age Groups of Children Entering Care Compared to Minnesota  
Child Population 1998



*Total Children are those children for whom age and gender is known.*

**More adolescents, ages 13 through 17, entered care than would be expected from their proportion in the State population.**

- \* Adolescents from ages 13 through 17 accounted for 57 percent of those who entered care, although this group accounted for only 30 percent of the State child population.
- \* Children who were under eight years accounted for 26 percent of those who entered care, although this age group accounted for about 41 percent of the State child population.

## 8. Age and Race or Heritage of Children Entering Care

Age and Race or Heritage of Children Entering Care as Percent 1996-1998

Race or Heritage	1996	1997	1998
<b>African American</b>			
0 - 7 Years	44	43	49
8 - 12 Years	22	23	16
13 + Years	33	33	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>American Indian</b>			
0 - 7 Years	34	33	35
8 - 12 Years	23	22	17
13 + Years	43	45	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>			
0 - 7 Years	15	23	26
8 - 12 Years	6	17	10
13 + Years	78	60	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>			
0 - 7 Years	34	39	37
8 - 12 Years	14	16	12
13 + Years	52	45	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>White</b>			
0 - 7 Years	19	19	21
8 - 12 Years	15	16	12
13 + Years	66	65	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Race refers to a child's primary race. Children of Hispanic heritage may be of any race, but are always counted as Hispanic.*

## 9. Reason for Child's Entry into Care

### Primary Reason Given for Child's Entry into Last Episode of Care for Children Entering Care 1994-1998

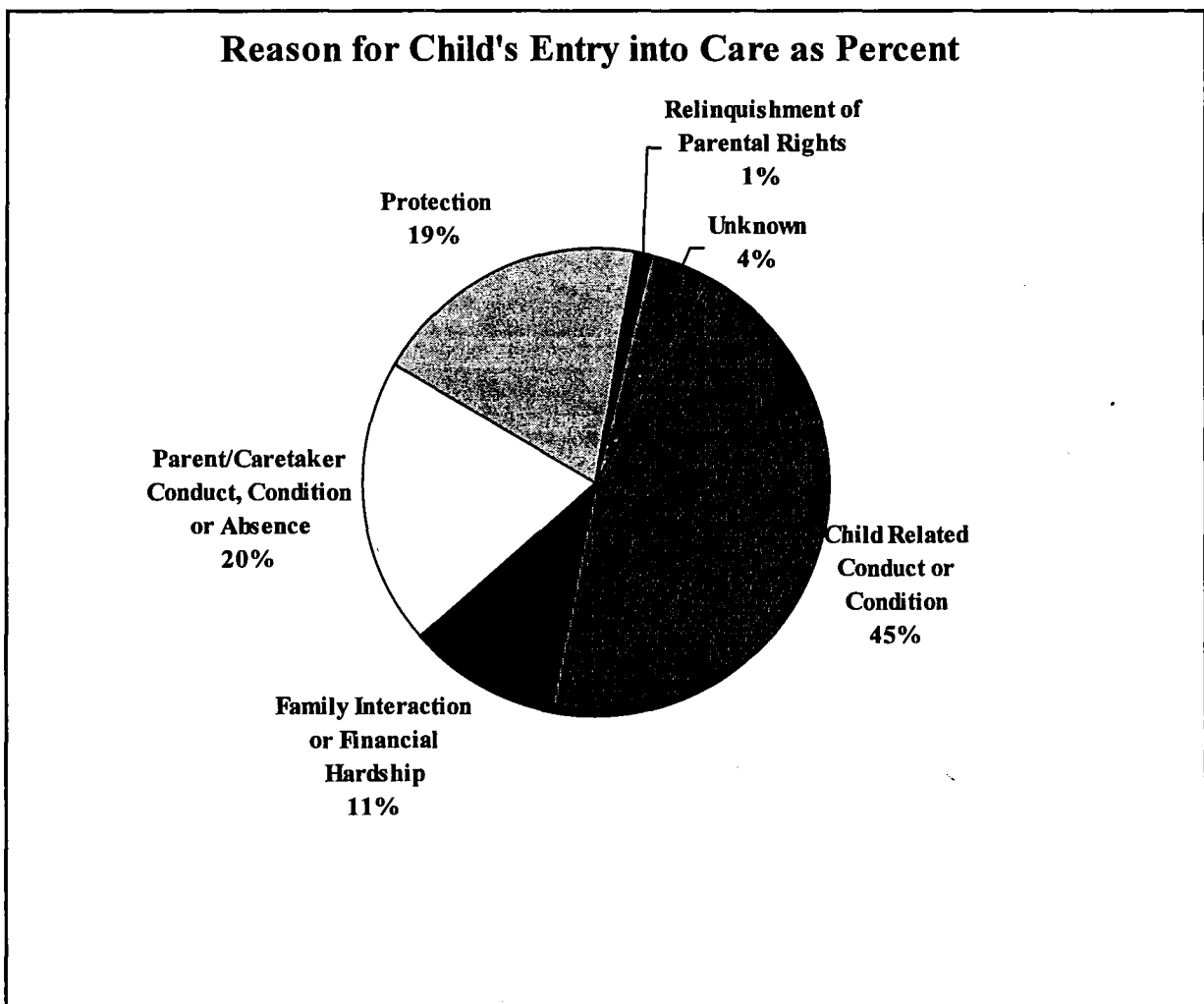
Reason Entering Care	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent
<b>Child Related Conduct or Condition</b>						
Child Delinquent (Adjudicated)	2,200	2,250	2,319	2,355	2,596	23.0
Child Behavior or Condition	1,423	1,458	1,367	1,492	1,710	15.1
Child Disability	296	253	193	211	195	1.7
Child Status Offenses	371	415	375	436	481	4.3
Child Substance Abuse	58	83	64	81	76	0.7
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>44.8%</b>
<b>Family Interaction or Financial Hardship</b>						
Hardship or Financial Hardship	56	60	57	79	86	0.8
Other Family Interaction Problems	955	997	909	1,070	1,109	9.8
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
<b>Protection</b>						
Protection from Neglect	1,471	1,262	1,265	1,490	1,418	12.6
Protection from Physical Abuse	753	800	677	757	597	5.3
Protection from Sexual Abuse	136	201	200	218	163	1.4
Unspecified	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>2,465</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
<b>Parent/Caretaker Conduct, Condition or Absence</b>						
Substance Abuse	477	466	468	464	458	4.1
Illness or Disability	457	407	350	382	248	2.2
Temporary Absence	307	352	305	302	233	2.1
Incarceration	264	322	277	295	349	3.1
Death	38	46	27	26	12	0.1
Abandonment	218	268	215	244	265	2.3
Inability to Cope	184	225	202	216	213	1.9
Unspecified Other	1,433	608	586	496	453	4.0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>19.7%</b>
<b>Relinquishment of Parental Rights</b>						
Relinquishment of Parental Rights	130	145	198	117	145	1.3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>						
Child with Reason Not Reported	1,197	194	20	33	491	4.3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Total Children Entering Care</b>	<b>12,424</b>	<b>10,812</b>	<b>10,074</b>	<b>10,764</b>	<b>11,298</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Chart of Reason for Child's Entry into Care

Data for 1994 and 1995 are preliminary. In 1994, most of the children with "Child with Reason Not Reported" were emergency shelter placements from Hennepin County.

**Almost 55 percent of the children entered care because of parental reasons and the remaining 45 percent entered care because of child related reasons in 1998.**

- \* The percentage breakdown of parental reasons for entering care are: Family Interaction or Financial Hardship - 10.6, Protection - 19.3, Parent/Caretaker Conduct, Condition or Absence 19.7, Relinquishment of Parental Rights 1.3.
- \* The single largest reason given for entering care is child's adjudicated delinquency at 23.0 percent of the total.
- \* Relinquishment of parental rights was the reason reported for 1.3 percent of children entering care.



## 10. Reason for Child's Entry into Care by Age

Reason for Child's Entry into Care by Age for Children Entering Care in 1998

Reason Entering Care	Under Age 8	Ages 8 through 13	Over Age 13	Unknown
<b>Child Related Conduct or Condition</b>				
Child Behavior or Condition	30	430	1,247	3
Child Delinquent (Adjudicated)	6	315	2,273	2
Child Disability	12	82	101	
Child Status Offenses	2	77	398	4
Child Substance Abuse	1	9	66	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>4,085</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Family Interaction or Financial Hardship</b>				
Hardship or Financial Hardship	48	24	14	
Other Family Interaction Problems	208	287	612	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Parent/Caretaker Conduct, Condition or Absence</b>				
Abandonment	148	69	48	
Death	2	3	7	
Illness or Disability	116	87	45	
Inability to Cope	76	67	70	
Incarceration	239	85	25	
Substance Abuse	277	126	55	
Temporary Absence	125	72	36	
Unspecified Other	182	116	155	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>441</b>	
<b>Protection</b>				
Protection from Neglect	839	417	159	3
Protection from Physical Abuse	256	206	135	
Protection from Sexual Abuse	35	64	64	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Relinquishment of Parental Rights</b>				
Relinquishment of Parental Rights	82	39	24	
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Unknown</b>				
Child with Reason Not Reported	245	140	106	
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>106</b>	

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## 11. Reason for Child's Entry into Care by Living Arrangement

Primary Reason for Child's Entry into Last Episode of Care by Living Arrangement for Children Entering Care in 1998

Reason Entering Care	Chemical Depend. Home/Facility	Corrections Home/Facility	Emergency Shelter in Family Foster	Emergency Shelter in Group Living	Family Foster Homes	Independ. or Semi-independ. Living	Non-finalized Adoptive Homes	Other Group Home	Other or Unknown	Rule 34 Group Home/Facility	Rule 5 Facility	Rule 8 Group Home
<b>Child Related Conduct or Condition</b>												
Child Behavior or Condition	7	377	82	412	333	1		28	16	3	250	201
Child Delinquent (Adjudicated)	18	1,322	31	204	382	3		11	12	1	334	278
Child Disability	1	10	2	35	74	2		7	5	10	40	9
Child Status Offenses	2	91	20	184	78			6	1		30	69
Child Substance Abuse	16	9	2	8	18			1			3	19
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>576</b>
<b>Family Interaction or Financial Hardship</b>												
Hardship or Financial Hardship			16	8	59		1	1				1
Other Family Interaction	4	38	184	283	481	2		7	7	1	46	56
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>



Reason Entering Care	Chemical Depend. Home/Facility	Corrections Home/Facility	Emergency Shelter in Family Foster	Emergency Shelter in Group Living	Family Foster Homes	Independ. or Semi-independ. Living	Non-finalized Adoptive Homes	Other Group Home	Other or Unknown	Rule 34 Group Home/Facility	Rule 5 Facility	Rule 8 Group Home
<b>Parent/Caretaker Conduct, Condition or Absence</b>												
Abandonment		1	52	40	156	1	9	1			2	3
Death		1	1	3	6						1	
Illness or Disability		2	58	7	169		2			1	2	7
Inability to Cope	1	10	24	25	123		3	1	1		17	8
Incarceration			125	80	140		1					3
Substance Abuse		1	54	32	349	1	9		1		4	7
Temporary Absence		2	59	53	104		2	2		1	4	6
Unspecified Other		9	108	168	132		5	4	2	1	14	10
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Protection</b>												
Protection from Neglect		14	369	81	879		15	3	3	1	21	32
Protection from Physical Abuse		9	186	69	303		6	1			10	13
Protection from Sexual Abuse		6	23	18	104		1	1			4	6
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1,286</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Relinquishment of Parental Rights</b>												
Relinquishment of Parental Rights		3	7		85		36				8	6
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>85</b>		<b>36</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Unknown</b>												
Child with Reason Not Reported		8	173	208	82		2		3	1	9	5
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>82</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

## 12. Reason for Child's Exit from Care

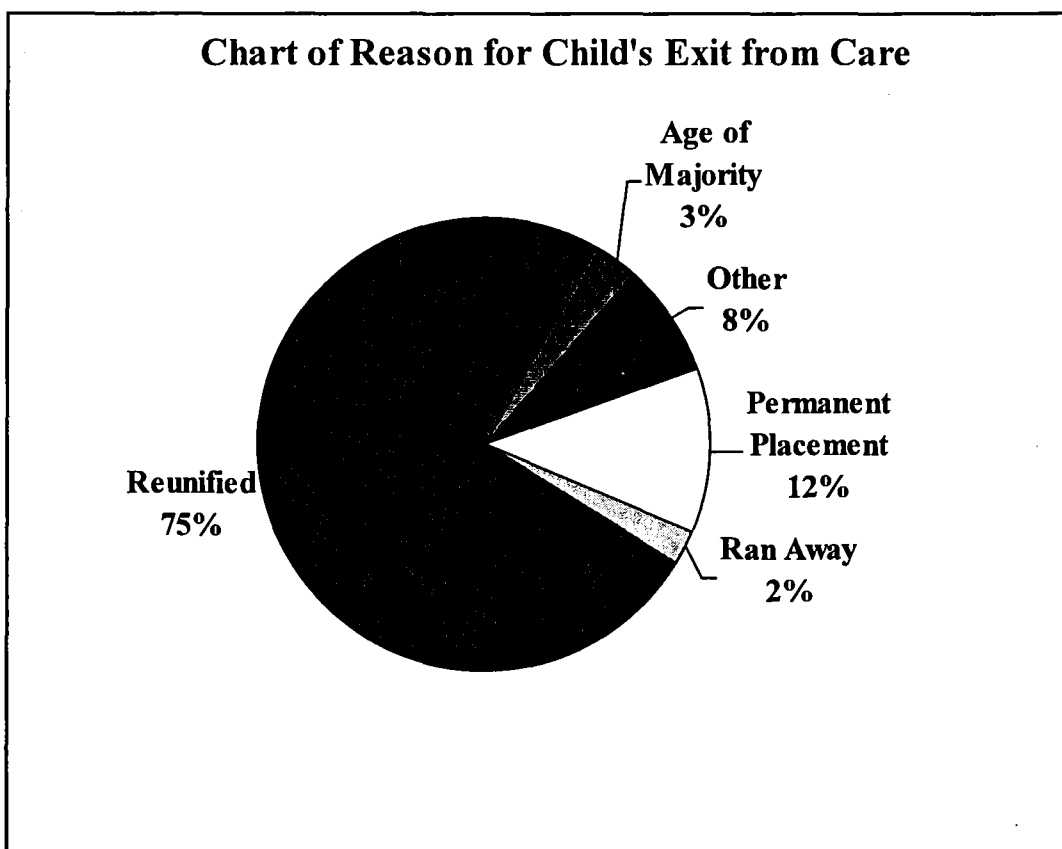
### Reason for Child's Exit from Last Episode of Care 1994-1998

Reason for Exit from Care	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Reunified with Parent(s)	8,246	7,254	6,480	7,038	7,199
Percent	75.4%	72.4%	73.2%	74.0%	74.4%
Placed with Relative(s)	617	708	552	614	617
Percent	5.6%	7.1%	6.2%	6.5%	6.4%
Placed with Legal Guardian	42	35	29	23	42
Percent	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Finalized Adoption	214	264	326	367	478
Percent	2.0%	2.6%	3.7%	3.9%	4.9%
Reached Majority Age	246	240	249	260	320
Percent	2.2%	2.4%	2.8%	2.7%	3.3%
Ran Away	333	343	302	318	241
Percent	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	2.5%
Discharged to Other Agency	33	60	72	67	73
Percent	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Other Reason	991	974	658	612	527
Percent	9.1%	9.7%	7.4%	6.4%	5.4%
Reason Not Reported	215	130	180	209	173
Percent	2.0%	1.3%	2.0%	2.2%	1.8%
Death of Child	3	5	6	5	7
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,940</b>	<b>10,013</b>	<b>8,854</b>	<b>9,513</b>	<b>9,677</b>

## Chart of Reason for Child's Exit from Care

Three out of four children (74.4 percent) were reunited with parent(s) when they left care in 1998.

- \* Seventy-four percent of children who left a last episode of care were reunited with their parents. Another 6.4 percent were placed with relatives.
- \* Final adoption was the outcome for 4.9 percent or 478 children. This number was 30.2 percent higher than it was in 1997, and has grown for the past five years. Another 42 children were placed with legal guardians.
- \* Reaching the age of majority was the reason for discharge for 3.3 percent or 320 children. This number is 23.1 percent larger than it was in 1997.
- \* Two hundred and forty-one (241) children ran away from their last placement. Seven children died while in placement.



*Permanent Placement includes Placed with Relative(s), Placed with Legal Guardian, and Finalized Adoption. Other includes Discharged to Other Agency, Other Reason, Reason Not Reported, and Death of Child.*

### 13. Reason for Child's Exit from Care by Reason for Entry into Care

Reason for Child's Exit from Last Episode of Care by Reason for Child's Entry into Last Episode of Care for Children Leaving Care in 1998

Reason for Exit from Care	Reason for Entry into Care					
	Child Related Conduct or Condition	Family Interaction or Financial Hardship	Parent/ Caretaker Conduct, Absence, Condition	Protection	Relinquish-ment of Parental Rights	Unknown
Reunified with Parent(s)	3,557	842	1,390	1,184	5	221
Percent	84.0%	78.5%	67.3%	64.1%	3.2%	72.7%
Placed with Relative(s)	96	79	216	211		15
Percent	2.3%	7.4%	10.5%	11.4%		4.9%
Placed with Legal Guardian	8	8	11	15		
Percent	0.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%		
Finalized Adoption	10	5	159	174	122	8
Percent	0.2%	0.5%	7.7%	9.4%	79.2%	2.6%
Reached Majority Age	142	32	77	59	7	3
Percent	3.4%	3.0%	3.7%	3.2%	4.5%	1.0%
Ran Away	122	26	41	33	1	18
Percent	2.9%	2.4%	2.0%	1.8%	0.6%	5.9%
Discharged to Other Agency	37	6	5	23	2	
Percent	0.9%	0.6%	0.2%	1.2%	1.3%	
Other Reason	227	51	105	107	11	26
Percent	5.4%	4.8%	5.1%	5.8%	7.1%	8.6%
Reason not Reported	31	23	62	38	6	13
Percent	0.7%	2.1%	3.0%	2.1%	3.9%	4.3%
Death of Child	5			2		
Percent	0.1%			0.1%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,235</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>Percent</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## 14. Length of Time in Care for Children Leaving Care

### Length of Time in 1998 Episodes of Care for Children Leaving Care in 1998

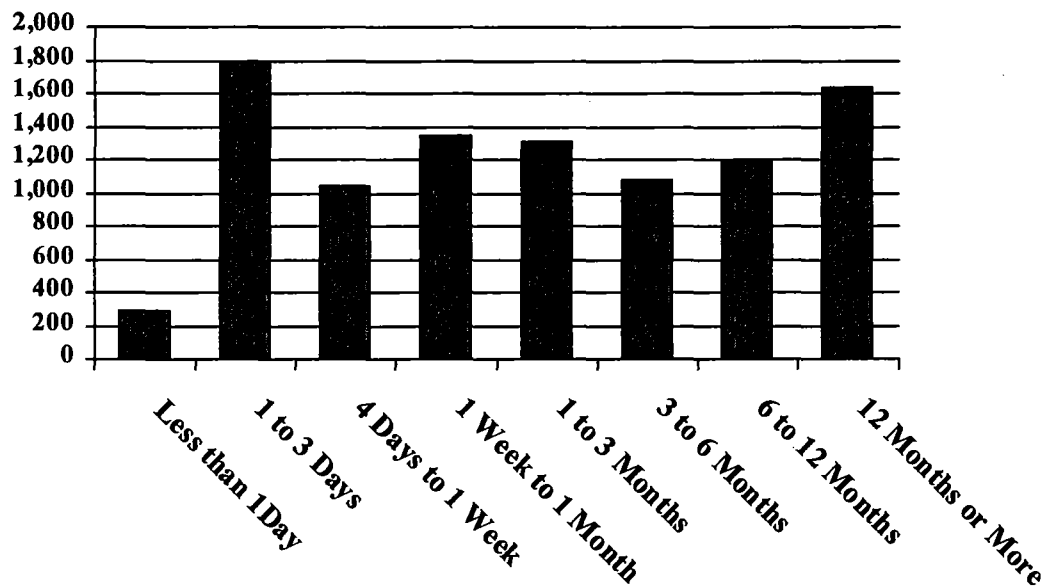
Children/ Percent	Length of Time								Total Children
	Less than 1 Day	1 to 3 Days	4 Days to 1 Week	1 Week to 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	12 Months or More	
Children	296	1,785	1,043	1,342	1,310	1,076	1,187	1,638	9,677
Percent	3.1	18.4	10.8	13.9	13.5	11.1	12.3	16.9	100.0%

Months in care for each child are summed for all episodes of care that have at least one day in 1998. Children can be shown as having more than 12 months of care if their episode had a starting date prior to 1998. Episodes that ended prior to 1998 are not included.

**For children leaving care in 1998, 70.8 percent were in care for less than six months.**

- \* About one-half or 46.2 percent of children leaving care in 1998 spent less than one month in care. Another one-fourth or 24.6 percent spent at least one month in care and left in six months.
- \* Almost 17 percent of children leaving care in 1998 had been in care for more than a year.

### Length of Time in Care for Children Leaving Care



## 15. Length of Time in Care for Children Remaining in Care

### Length of Time in 1998 Episodes of Care for Children Remaining in Care on December 31, 1998

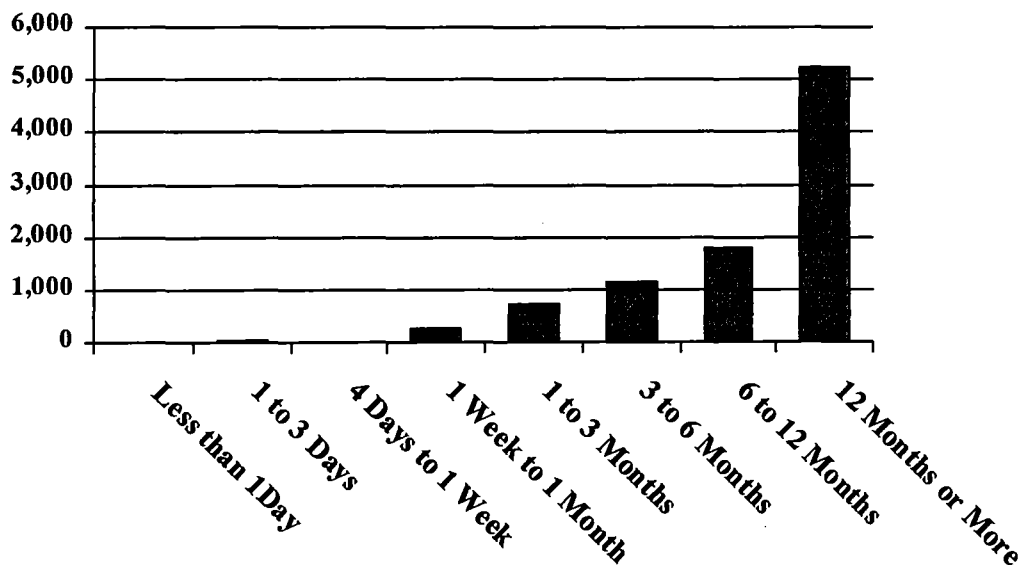
Children/ Percent	Length of Time								Total Children
	Less than 1 Day	1 to 3 Days	4 Days to 1 Week	1 Week to 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	12 Months or More	
<b>Children</b>	10	49	10	255	722	1,131	1,779	5,225	9,181
<b>Percent</b>	0.1	0.5	0.1	2.8	7.9	12.3	19.4	56.9	100.0%

Months in care for each child are summed for all episodes of care that have at least one day in 1998. Children can be shown as having more than 12 months of care if their episode had a starting date prior to 1998. Episodes that ended prior to 1998 are not included.

**For children remaining in care on December 31, 1998, one-fourth (23.7 percent) were in care for less than six months. More than half of the children (56.9 percent) had spent 12 months or more in care.**

- \* Three and one-half percent of children remaining in care in 1998 spent less than one month in care. Another 20.2 percent spent from one month to six months on December 31, 1998.
- \* Over half or 56.9 percent of children remaining in care on December 31, 1998 had been in care for more than a year.

### Length of Time in Care for Children Remaining in Care



## 16. Number of Placements by Race or Heritage

### Number of Placements for Children by Race or Heritage for Children Leaving Care in 1998

Episodes/ Percent	Number of Placements								Total Episodes
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 and Above	
<b>African American</b>	1,034	565	171	98	55	71	12		2,006
<b>Percent</b>	51.5%	28.2%	8.5%	4.9%	2.7%	3.5%	0.6%		100.0%
<b>American Indian</b>	529	175	101	30	22	37	4	1	899
<b>Percent</b>	58.8%	19.5%	11.2%	3.3%	2.4%	4.1%	0.4%	0.1%	100.0%
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	181	55	14	1	3	1	1		256
<b>Percent</b>	70.7%	21.5%	5.5%	0.4%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%		100.0%
<b>Hispanic</b>	275	81	27	16	6	9			414
<b>Percent</b>	66.4%	19.6%	6.5%	3.9%	1.4%	2.2%			100.0%
<b>White</b>	4,319	957	333	123	56	81	16	2	5,887
<b>Percent</b>	73.4%	16.3%	5.7%	2.1%	1.0%	1.4%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Unknown</b>	170	26	9	2	3	4	1		215
<b>Percent</b>	79.1%	12.1%	4.2%	0.9%	1.4%	1.9%	0.5%		100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,508</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9,677</b>

*The count of placements is based on the last episode of care for children leaving care. Some of the placements in these 1998 episodes may have ended prior to 1998.*

**In looking at the last episode of care for the 9,677 children who left care in 1998, 67.3 percent had only one placement while 32.7 had two or more placements.**

\* Asian and/or Pacific Islander and White children had higher percentages of single placements, (70.7 and 73.4 respectively) than the statewide average at 67.3 percent. This means they had fewer moves within their last episode of care than the average. African American, American Indian, and Hispanic children had more moves within their last episode of care than the average.

## 17. Kinship Care by Race or Heritage

### Kinship Care for Children with Last Placement in Family Foster Homes in 1998

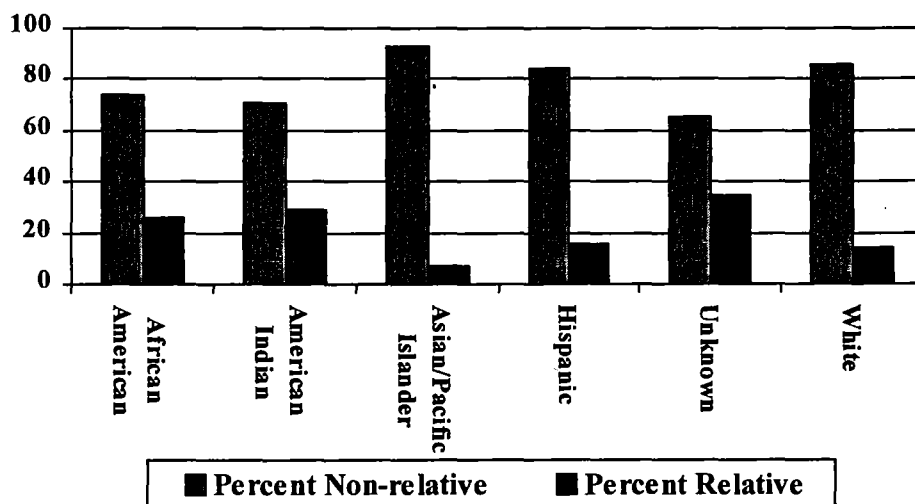
Foster Parent Relationship to Child	African American	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	White	Race Not Reported	Total Children
Relative	774	440	16	90	901	32	2,253
Percent	25.7%	29.1%	7.1%	16.0%	14.2%	34.4%	19.2%
Non-relative	2,235	1,070	208	472	5,447	61	9,493
Percent	74.3%	70.9%	92.9%	84.0%	85.8%	65.6%	80.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,009</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>6,348</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>11,746</b>

Family Foster Homes include placements in emergency and non-emergency family foster homes and non-final adoptive homes. The phrase "kinship care" is used here interchangeably with "relative foster care" and refers to any of the following relationships of foster parent to child prior to placement: grandparent, aunt/uncle, other relative, extended family (included by ethnic tradition or tribal practices), birth parent, or step parent.

**Relative foster parents cared for 19 percent of children with last placement in a family foster home, a non-final adoptive home, or an emergency shelter in a family foster home.**

\* American Indian and African American children had the highest rates of relative care (29.1 and 25.7 percent respectively) compared to children of other races.

### Kinship Care by Race or Heritage





**SECTION THREE**

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*County Detail from Reporting Counties*

## 18. Children in Out-of-Home Care 1994 -1998

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Reporting County, Sorted by  
Percent Change from 1997 to 1998

County	Number of Children in Care					Percent Change 1997-1998
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	
Traverse	9	0	9	7	4	-42.9
Wilkin	56	43	39	31	20	-35.5
Grant	14	16	14	20	14	-30.0
Wabasha	81	84	104	101	72	-28.7
Polk	148	158	164	231	175	-24.2
Pennington	24	36	41	31	25	-19.4
Mahnomen	73	80	81	83	67	-19.3
Marshall	23	27	25	30	25	-16.7
McLeod	48	37	42	46	39	-15.2
Martin	83	95	89	118	101	-14.4
Le Sueur	71	58	55	70	60	-14.3
Crow Wing	247	204	227	203	174	-14.3
Steele	109	99	77	74	64	-13.5
Blue Earth	149	185	208	228	200	-12.3
Washington	432	436	463	448	395	-11.8
Lake	31	45	26	39	35	-10.3
Mower	112	137	130	195	176	-9.7
Fillmore	23	28	23	32	29	-9.4
Brown	74	69	78	76	70	-7.9
Redwood	79	70	78	76	70	-7.9
Otter Tail	208	186	164	195	181	-7.2
Cook	12	9	20	16	15	-6.3
Waseca	43	45	36	34	32	-5.9
Nicollet	107	93	79	73	69	-5.5
Itasca	286	294	247	316	300	-5.1
Clearwater	40	56	48	45	43	-4.4
Renville	56	53	51	52	50	-3.8
Hubbard	72	77	67	78	75	-3.8
Faribault	59	68	56	62	60	-3.2
Lyon	71	98	94	103	100	-2.9
Watonwan	58	67	48	59	58	-1.7
Yellow Medicine	45	48	39	62	61	-1.6
Jackson	43	53	70	63	62	-1.6

County	Number of Children in Care					Percent Change 1997-1998
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	
Ramsey	1,652	1,710	1,684	2,261	2,238	-1.0
Carlton	158	170	153	143	142	-0.7
Nobles	93	101	85	70	70	0.0
Chippewa	36	38	27	24	24	0.0
Rice	84	98	75	85	85	0.0
Hennepin	6,878	5,457	4,933	5,095	5,120	0.5
St. Louis	1,490	1,459	1,300	1,167	1,182	1.3
Dodge	36	64	75	58	59	1.7
Scott	127	116	172	169	173	2.4
Dakota	937	830	699	816	840	2.9
Wadena	64	54	59	66	68	3.0
Lac qui Parle	27	26	31	24	25	4.2
Mille Lacs	107	119	122	120	125	4.2
Sherburne	51	82	92	137	143	4.4
Clay	266	269	265	285	298	4.6
Morrison	51	75	59	62	65	4.8
Anoka	1,084	1,157	1,241	1,133	1,192	5.2
Pipestone	53	40	42	35	37	5.7
Rock	26	47	44	45	48	6.7
Cass	231	223	211	248	269	8.5
Chisago	194	195	143	179	195	8.9
Kittson	7	7	6	11	12	9.1
Becker	162	153	129	152	167	9.9
Stearns	326	357	379	362	399	10.2
Freeborn	104	123	124	122	135	10.7
Wright	363	399	350	317	354	11.7
Pine	94	98	103	91	104	14.3
Goodhue	142	151	158	153	175	14.4
Roseau	27	31	23	27	31	14.8
Cottonwood	56	81	55	49	57	16.3
Koochiching	56	60	69	58	68	17.2
Carver	175	199	208	182	214	17.6
Winona	71	81	95	85	100	17.6
Pope	33	27	30	28	33	17.9
Todd	79	76	73	70	83	18.6
Beltrami	261	234	216	213	258	21.1
Lake of the Woods	6	9	11	14	17	21.4
Norman	17	16	23	17	21	23.5

County	Number of Children in Care					Percent Change 1997-1998
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	
Houston	30	30	30	41	51	24.4
Kanabec	43	65	67	64	80	25.0
Sibley	28	24	25	20	25	25.0
Isanti	171	164	141	116	146	25.9
Kandiyohi	159	140	124	132	168	27.3
Benton	78	78	76	72	95	31.9
Swift	38	30	31	31	41	32.3
Stevens	16	18	13	14	19	35.7
Aitkin	78	67	47	47	66	40.4
Olmsted	254	246	276	284	425	49.6
Red Lake	7	11	7	11	17	54.5
Meeker	64	73	54	37	60	62.2
Big Stone	8	17	9	6	11	83.3
Douglas	35	27	33	26	70	169.2
Murray	10	10	7	3	10	233.3
Lincoln	7	6	12	7	27	285.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,636</b>	<b>18,492</b>	<b>17,508</b>	<b>18,381</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

*The table is sorted in ascending order using the Percent Change column. Data for 1994 and 1995 are preliminary.*

**More than half of all counties experienced an increase in the number of children in out-of-home care from 1997 to 1998.**

- \* More counties had increases in the number of children in care than those that had decreases. Forty-nine Minnesota counties reported increases in the total number of children in out-of-home care from 1997 to 1998; 35 reported decreases; and three reported no change.
- \* Those counties with the largest absolute increase of number of children in care from 1997 to 1998 include: Olmsted (+141), Anoka (+59), Beltrami (+45), and Douglas (+44).
- \* Those counties with the largest absolute decrease of number of children in care from 1997 to 1998 include: Polk (-56), Washington (-53), Crow Wing (-29), Wabasha (-29), and Blue Earth (-28).
- \* The overall increase in the total number of children reported in out-of-home care from 1996 to 1997 is due primarily to Ramsey County adding emergency placements, and to a lesser degree, Hennepin County adding correctional placements starting in 1997.

## 19. Flow of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Flow and Number of Children by Reporting County in 1998 Sorted by  
Rate of Total Children in Care

County	Children					Children per 1,000 Population Under 18	
	Continuing Care from Prior Year	Entering Care During Year	Leaving Care During Year	Remaining in Care at End of Year	Total in Care During Year	in Care at End of Year	Total in Care
Traverse	3	1	3	1	4	0.9	3.7
Murray	2	8	8	2	10	0.8	3.9
McLeod	17	22	23	16	39	1.6	4.0
Fillmore	17	12	8	21	29	3.7	5.1
Rice	65	20	32	53	85	3.8	6.1
Sibley	11	14	11	14	25	3.4	6.1
Roseau	12	19	19	12	31	2.4	6.1
Waseca	21	11	9	23	32	4.4	6.1
Washington	117	278	265	130	395	2.2	6.8
Chippewa	12	12	9	15	24	4.3	6.8
Pennington	20	5	1	24	25	6.6	6.9
Morrison	37	28	29	36	65	3.8	6.9
Steele	41	23	25	39	64	4.3	7.1
Scott	53	120	112	61	173	2.5	7.1
Sherburne	29	114	100	43	143	2.2	7.5
Big Stone	3	8	6	5	11	3.5	7.7
Stevens	13	6	7	12	19	5.2	8.2
Le Sueur	54	6	14	46	60	6.3	8.2
Dakota	203	637	544	296	840	3.0	8.4
Douglas	25	45	9	61	70	7.4	8.5
Marshall	9	16	8	17	25	5.8	8.5
Winona	32	68	66	34	100	2.9	8.6
Nicollet	29	40	34	35	69	4.5	8.8
Grant	8	6	8	6	14	3.8	8.9
Kittson	4	8	11	1	12	0.8	9.0
Benton	31	64	55	40	95	3.9	9.2
Houston	20	31	26	25	51	4.6	9.4
Meeker	25	35	21	39	60	6.2	9.5
Wilkin	13	7	8	12	20	5.8	9.7
Brown	23	47	36	34	70	4.8	9.8
Norman	2	19	15	6	21	3.0	10.4
Renville	23	27	14	36	50	7.7	10.7
Dodge	33	26	27	32	59	5.9	11.0

County	Children					Children per 1,000 Population Under 18	
	Continuing Care from Prior Year	Entering Care During Year	Leaving Care During Year	Remaining in Care at End of Year	Total in Care During Year	in Care at End of Year	Total in Care
Carver	69	145	125	89	214	4.6	11.0
Pope	9	24	17	16	33	5.4	11.1
Stearns	160	239	217	182	399	5.1	11.2
Todd	50	33	28	55	83	7.5	11.3
Wabasha	16	56	51	21	72	3.5	12.1
Lac qui Parle	7	18	15	10	25	4.9	12.2
Crow Wing	136	38	7	167	174	12.1	12.6
Otter Tail	85	96	95	86	181	6.0	12.7
Wright	81	273	231	123	354	4.5	12.9
Pipestone	19	18	25	12	37	4.3	13.2
Olmsted	95	330	252	173	425	5.5	13.4
Red Lake	4	13	8	9	17	7.2	13.5
Cook	3	12	6	9	15	8.1	13.6
Lake of the Wood	5	12	15	2	17	1.6	13.7
Anoka	326	866	742	450	1,192	5.3	14.0
Nobles	29	41	43	27	70	5.4	14.0
Faribault	26	34	37	23	60	5.5	14.4
Kandiyohi	66	102	100	68	168	5.8	14.4
Lake	10	25	13	22	35	9.1	14.4
Goodhue	42	133	108	67	175	5.6	14.6
Swift	7	34	18	23	41	8.3	14.8
Lyon	35	65	62	38	100	5.7	15.0
Redwood	29	41	35	35	70	7.6	15.3
Pine	33	71	63	41	104	6.1	15.4
Chisago	45	150	142	53	195	4.2	15.4
Isanti	46	100	80	66	146	7.1	15.6
Lincoln	3	24	21	6	27	3.6	16.2
Blue Earth	95	105	109	91	200	7.5	16.4
Hubbard	26	49	43	32	75	7.1	16.6
Carlton	114	28	41	101	142	11.9	16.8
Freeborn	63	72	32	103	135	13.1	17.1
Martin	50	51	57	44	101	7.7	17.7
Clearwater	25	18	15	28	43	11.6	17.8
Rock	11	37	17	31	48	11.6	17.9
Koochiching	25	43	32	36	68	9.5	18.0
Watonwan	23	35	29	29	58	9.2	18.5
Ramsey	996	1,242	942	1,296	2,238	10.7	18.5
Cottonwood	23	34	16	41	57	13.4	18.6

County	Children					Children per 1,000 Population Under 18	
	Continuing Care from Prior Year	Entering Care During Year	Leaving Care During Year	Remaining in Care at End of Year	Total in Care During Year	in Care at End of Year	Total in Care
Kanabec	16	64	55	25	80	5.9	18.9
Wadena	27	41	27	41	68	11.4	18.9
Mower	55	121	101	75	176	8.1	19.0
Becker	100	67	90	77	167	9.1	19.7
Aitkin	24	42	33	33	66	10.0	19.9
Yellow Medicine	21	40	29	32	61	10.5	20.0
Jackson	39	23	26	36	62	11.7	20.1
Polk	116	59	61	114	175	13.1	20.1
Hennepin	2,399	2,721	2,472	2,648	5,120	10.7	20.7
Mille Lacs	51	74	66	59	125	9.8	20.7
Beltrami	140	118	49	209	258	18.0	22.2
Clay	84	214	151	147	298	11.4	23.1
Itasca	103	197	152	148	300	12.3	24.9
St. Louis	383	799	728	454	1,182	9.7	25.2
Cass	74	195	144	125	269	17.5	37.7
Mahnomen	34	33	41	26	67	16.2	41.6
<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>7,560</b>	<b>11,298</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>9,181</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>

*The table is sorted in ascending order using the final column. This column contains the rate of total children experiencing care during the year per 1,000 children in the county population. Population is from the 1998 U.S. Census Estimate of Minnesota Children.*

**Approximately 90 percent of the counties are evenly distributed between a rate of six to 21 children in care per 1,000 children in the population.**

- \* The range of the rate of children in care (per 1,000 in the child population), varies widely from a low of 3.7 in Traverse County to a high of 41.6 in Mahnomen County. Most counties fall between a rate of 6 to 21 children in care per 1,000 children in the population.
- \* The median rate of children in care is 13.3 (half the counties are below 13.3 and half above 13.3) while the rate for the statewide population is 15.1.

## 20. Race or Heritage of Children

### Primary Race or Heritage of Children in Care by Reporting County in 1998

County	African Amer, Amer Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic	Child's Race or Heritage		Total Children	Percent African Amer, Amer Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic
		White	Race Not Reported		
Aitkin	18	48		66	27.3
Anoka	171	1,021		1,192	14.3
Becker	67	100		167	40.1
Beltrami	195	63		258	75.6
Benton	9	85	1	95	9.5
Big Stone	1	10		11	9.1
Blue Earth	26	174		200	13.0
Brown	6	64		70	8.6
Carlton	59	83		142	41.5
Carver	29	184	1	214	13.6
Cass	146	123		269	54.3
Chippewa	3	21		24	12.5
Chisago	12	183		195	6.2
Clay	118	180		298	39.6
Clearwater	26	17		43	60.5
Cook	7	8		15	46.7
Cottonwood	19	38		57	33.3
Crow Wing	4	170		174	2.3
Dakota	196	644		840	23.3
Dodge	9	50		59	15.3
Douglas	6	64		70	8.6
Faribault	11	49		60	18.3
Fillmore		29		29	0
Freeborn	31	104		135	23.0
Goodhue	3	172		175	1.7
Grant		14		14	0
Hennepin	3,681	1,253	186	5,120	71.9
Houston	2	49		51	3.9
Hubbard	22	53		75	29.3
Isanti	11	135		146	7.5
Itasca	57	243		300	19.0
Jackson	14	48		62	22.6



County	African Amer, Amer Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic	Child's Race or Heritage		Total Children	Percent African Amer, Amer Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic
		White	Race Not Reported		
Kanabec	2	78		80	2.5
Kandiyohi	59	109		168	35.1
Kittson	4	8		12	33.3
Koochiching	5	63		68	7.4
Lac qui Parle	2	23		25	8.0
Lake	2	33		35	5.7
Lake of the Woods	4	13		17	23.5
Le Sueur		60		60	0
Lincoln		27		27	0
Lyon	34	66		100	34.0
Mahnomen	57	10		67	85.1
Marshall	2	23		25	8.0
Martin	4	97		101	4.0
McLeod	8	31		39	20.5
Meeker	6	54		60	10.0
Mille Lacs	44	81		125	35.2
Morrison	6	59		65	9.2
Mower	23	152	1	176	13.1
Murray	1	9		10	10.0
Nicollet	8	61		69	11.6
Nobles	25	45		70	35.7
Norman	6	15		21	28.6
Olmsted	148	277		425	34.8
Otter Tail	7	174		181	3.9
Pennington	1	24		25	4.0
Pine	5	99		104	4.8
Pipestone	8	29		37	21.6
Polk	78	97		175	44.6
Pope		33		33	0
Ramsey	1,342	887	9	2,238	60.0
Red Lake		17		17	0
Redwood	16	54		70	22.9
Renville	12	38		50	24.0
Rice	15	70		85	17.6
Rock	3	45		48	6.3
Roseau	3	28		31	9.7

County	African Amer, Amer Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic	Child's Race or Heritage		Total Children	Percent African Amer, Amer Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic
		White	Race Not Reported		
Scott	26	134	13	173	15.0
Sherburne	13	129	1	143	9.1
Sibley	10	15		25	40.0
St. Louis	306	786	90	1,182	25.9
Stearns	70	329		399	17.5
Steele	18	46		64	28.1
Stevens	1	18		19	5.3
Swift	3	38		41	7.3
Todd	5	78		83	6.0
Traverse		4		4	0
Wabasha	6	66		72	8.3
Wadena	8	60		68	11.8
Waseca	3	29		32	9.4
Washington	36	357	2	395	9.1
Watonwan	19	39		58	32.8
Wilkin		20		20	0
Winona	6	94		100	6.0
Wright	15	339		354	4.2
Yellow Medicine	16	45		61	26.2
<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>7,460</b>	<b>11,094</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>39.6%</b>

*African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic children are grouped to protect the identity of individuals within each race. A blank entry in a cell indicates a count of zero.*

**Overall, children of African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, or Hispanic race or heritage accounted for 39.6 percent of the children in out-of-home care in 1998.**

- \* The race and heritage distribution of the children in out-of-home care by county reflects the wide regional variation in race and heritage of Minnesota's population. For example, several counties reported only White children in care while Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hennepin, Mahnomn, and Ramsey reported more than half of children in care being either African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, or Hispanic.

## 21. Placements, Episodes, and Children

Averages and Counts of Episodes, Placements and Children by Reporting County in 1998, Sorted by Average Number of Placements per Episode

County	Average Number of 1998			Children	Episodes	Placements
	Episodes per Child	Placements per Child	Placements per Episode			
Lake of the Woods	1.1	1.1	1.1	17	18	19
Wilkin	1.1	1.2	1.1	20	22	24
Red Lake	1.6	1.8	1.1	17	27	30
Sherburne	1.2	1.4	1.1	143	174	197
Marshall	1.2	1.4	1.2	25	31	36
Morrison	1.1	1.3	1.2	65	70	82
Mower	1.3	1.6	1.2	176	233	277
Chippewa	1.0	1.2	1.2	24	24	29
Wright	1.4	1.7	1.2	354	504	615
Koochiching	1.1	1.4	1.2	68	76	93
Otter Tail	1.2	1.5	1.3	181	214	269
Dakota	1.5	1.9	1.3	840	1,250	1,579
Waseca	1.0	1.3	1.3	32	33	42
Scott	1.2	1.6	1.3	173	212	271
Norman	1.2	1.5	1.3	21	25	32
Hubbard	1.2	1.6	1.3	75	91	117
Watonwan	1.2	1.5	1.3	58	69	89
Washington	1.3	1.6	1.3	395	503	650
Wabasha	1.3	1.7	1.3	72	93	121
Beltrami	1.1	1.4	1.3	258	273	356
Isanti	1.2	1.6	1.3	146	176	230
Freeborn	1.1	1.5	1.3	135	153	200
Roseau	1.0	1.4	1.3	31	32	42
St. Louis	1.3	1.8	1.3	1,182	1,581	2,077
Steele	1.1	1.4	1.3	64	70	92
Winona	1.5	1.9	1.3	100	146	192
Todd	1.1	1.5	1.3	83	92	121
Ramsey	1.2	1.6	1.3	2,238	2,634	3,477
Stevens	1.1	1.5	1.3	19	21	28
Big Stone	1.1	1.5	1.3	11	12	16
Rice	1.1	1.4	1.3	85	92	123
Clearwater	1.1	1.5	1.3	43	47	63

County	Average Number of 1998			Children	Episodes	Placements
	Episodes per Child	Placements per Child	Placements per Episode			
McLeod	1.1	1.4	1.3	39	41	55
Carlton	1.0	1.4	1.3	142	145	195
Sibley	1.0	1.4	1.3	25	26	35
Anoka	1.5	2.0	1.3	1,192	1,807	2,433
Mille Lacs	1.2	1.6	1.4	125	150	203
Pope	1.1	1.5	1.4	33	36	49
Carver	1.3	1.7	1.4	214	270	371
Kandiyohi	1.2	1.6	1.4	168	198	273
Clay	1.3	1.7	1.4	298	376	520
Fillmore	1.1	1.5	1.4	29	31	43
Nobles	1.2	1.7	1.4	70	85	118
Olmsted	1.6	2.2	1.4	425	685	953
Lac qui Parle	1.1	1.6	1.4	25	28	39
Houston	1.1	1.6	1.4	51	58	81
Chisago	1.3	1.8	1.4	195	248	347
Redwood	1.3	1.8	1.4	70	90	127
Crow Wing	1.0	1.5	1.4	174	181	256
Le Sueur	1.0	1.4	1.4	60	60	85
Itasca	1.4	2.0	1.4	300	417	592
Dodge	1.1	1.6	1.4	59	66	95
Douglas	1.1	1.5	1.4	70	75	108
Blue Earth	1.3	1.9	1.4	200	262	378
Polk	1.1	1.6	1.4	175	197	285
Benton	1.3	1.9	1.4	95	125	181
Pennington	1.0	1.5	1.5	25	26	38
Pipestone	1.1	1.5	1.5	37	39	57
Goodhue	1.2	1.8	1.5	175	217	320
Rock	1.3	1.9	1.5	48	63	93
Cass	1.2	1.8	1.5	269	331	490
Meeke	1.1	1.7	1.5	60	67	100
Wadena	1.1	1.7	1.5	68	77	115
Lincoln	1.0	1.6	1.5	27	28	42
Lyon	1.2	1.8	1.5	100	119	179
Brown	1.2	1.8	1.5	70	85	129
Becker	1.1	1.6	1.5	167	179	273
Grant	1.2	1.9	1.5	14	17	26
Murray	1.5	2.3	1.5	10	15	23
Yellow Medicine	1.3	2.1	1.5	61	82	126

County	Average Number of 1998			Children	Episodes	Placements
	Episodes per Child	Placements per Child	Placements per Episode			
Stearns	1.1	1.7	1.5	399	452	696
Nicollet	1.2	1.8	1.5	69	81	125
Aitkin	1.2	1.8	1.5	66	79	122
Cook	1.5	2.3	1.5	15	22	34
Pine	1.3	2.0	1.6	104	132	206
Jackson	1.0	1.6	1.6	62	65	102
Kittson	1.2	1.8	1.6	12	14	22
Lake	1.3	2.1	1.6	35	47	74
Renville	1.1	1.8	1.6	50	57	91
Kanabec	1.2	1.9	1.6	80	95	152
Swift	1.2	2.1	1.7	41	49	85
Mahnomen	1.3	2.3	1.7	67	88	153
Faribault	1.1	2.0	1.8	60	69	123
Hennepin	1.1	2.0	1.8	5,120	5,809	10,446
Martin	1.1	2.1	1.9	101	115	214
Traverse	1.0	2.0	2.0	4	4	8
Cottonwood	1.3	2.5	2.0	57	72	145
<b>Averages/Totals</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>23,250</b>	<b>34,220</b>

*Table is sorted on the average number of 1998 Placements per Episode. The 23,250 episodes involved 18,858 children and contained 34,220 placements. These episodes and placements had at least one day of care in 1998.*

**The average number of placements children experienced while in a single episode of care was 1.5. The average number of episodes of care for a child in 1998 was 1.2. Overall, the average number of placements children experienced in 1998 was 1.8.**

- \* Twenty-five counties reported higher number of episodes per child than the statewide average of 1.2.
- \* Thirteen counties reported a higher number of placements in a single episode of care than the statewide average of 1.5.
- \* Twenty-two counties had a higher number of placements per child than the statewide average of 1.8.

## 22. Number of Placements per Episode

### Number of Placements per Episode by Reporting County in 1998

County	Number of Placements								Total Episodes
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 and Above	
Aitkin	55	11	5	2		6			79
Anoka	1,272	295	112	50	23	45	10		1,807
Becker	88	39	26	10	5	10	1		179
Beltrami	156	55	28	15	7	10	2		273
Benton	82	24	7	5	2	5			125
Big Stone	9	1	1				1		12
Blue Earth	161	56	20	8	4	12	1		262
Brown	53	18	3	4	2	5			85
Carlton	73	34	10	8	10	10			145
Carver	177	47	21	7	7	7	4		270
Cass	218	48	24	10	11	16	4		331
Chippewa	17	6				1			24
Chisago	173	48	14	3	5	5			248
Clay	232	74	38	16	9	7			376
Clearwater	22	19		1	2	3			47
Cook	14	5			2	1			22
Cottonwood	22	26	7	11	2	4			72
Crow Wing	73	40	28	18	12	9	1		181
Dakota	1,017	169	46	9	3	6			1,250
Dodge	38	11	4	5	3	5			66
Douglas	49	11	8	2	1	3	1		75
Faribault	41	11	6	3	2	5	1		69
Fillmore	17	8	3	3					31
Freeborn	89	36	12	5	2	7	2		153
Goodhue	145	43	11	6	2	8	2		217
Grant	7	5		3	1	1			17
Hennepin	2,069	1,506	884	482	285	472	104	7	5,809
Houston	32	15	5	1	2	1	2		58
Hubbard	64	13	7	3	2	1		1	91
Isanti	115	38	11	6	3	2	1		176
Itasca	281	74	27	12	9	13	1		417
Jackson	30	15	8	3	4	5			65
Kanabec	55	23	7	5	3	2			95
Kandiyohi	132	27	22	6	6	5			198

County	Number of Placements								Total Episodes
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 and Above	
Kittson	7	2	3	1		1			14
Koochiching	52	15	3	3	2	1			76
Lac qui Parle	19	4	4			1			28
Lake	23	14	7	2	1				47
Lake of the Wood	17	1							18
Le Sueur	28	8	8	7		9			60
Lincoln	21	2	2	1	2				28
Lyon	78	22	7	3	3	5	1		119
Mahnomen	42	17	13	5	4	6		1	88
Marshall	24	2	1	3	1				31
Martin	59	24	16	3	2	9	2		115
McLeod	27	9		1	3	1			41
Meeker	29	21	9	2	1	3	2		67
Mille Lacs	104	24	8	3	3	6	2		150
Morrison	52	12	4	2					70
Mower	187	23	8	7	2	5	1		233
Murray	11		4						15
Nicollet	44	15	9	5	3	5			81
Nobles	45	14	7	6	4	9			85
Norman	18	7							25
Olmsted	464	119	55	19	11	13	4		685
Otter Tail	138	37	12	9	6	12			214
Pennington	12	6	3	1	1	3			26
Pine	83	17	19	5	3	4	1		132
Pipestone	15	14	7	2		1			39
Polk	97	42	25	11	7	14	1		197
Pope	26	4	5	1					36
Ramsey	1,668	537	230	99	45	52	3		2,634
Red Lake	11	4	6	3	3				27
Redwood	56	21	4	2	1	4	2		90
Renville	27	13	8	6	2	1			57
Rice	56	18	11	3	1	3			92
Rock	37	11	6	3	2	4			63
Roseau	25	2	3	1	1				32
Scott	122	45	21	7	6	8	2	1	212
Sherburne	156	8	5	3	2				174
Sibley	18	4	1	3					26
St. Louis	1,062	249	136	44	25	56	8	1	1,581

County	Number of Placements								Total Episodes
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 and Above	
Stearns	258	85	48	34	14	11	2		452
Steele	44	10	7	1	3	5			70
Stevens	14	6		1					21
Swift	25	12	6	4	2				49
Todd	49	26	6	4	3	3	1		92
Traverse	2		2						4
Wabasha	72	11	2	5	2	1			93
Wadena	45	17	9	3	1	2			77
Waseca	19	5	3	2	2	2			33
Washington	399	72	23	6	1	2			503
Watonwan	51	7	3	2	1	3	2		69
Wilkin	16	2	1	1		2			22
Winona	100	23	18	2	1	2			146
Wright	383	67	21	11	6	13	3		504
Yellow Medicine	49	12	11	2	4	4			82
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,564</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23,250</b>

*The 23,250 episodes had at least one day of care in 1998 and involved 18,858 children. All placements within these 1998 episodes including those that ended prior to 1998, are counted for a total of 46,540 placements. A blank entry in a cell indicates a count of zero.*

**The number of placements represents the number of times a child moves within an episode in the foster care system.**

\* Almost 60 percent of all episodes contained one placement and another 30 percent of episodes contained two or three placements.



## 23. Number of Episodes per Child

Number of 1998 Episodes per Child by Reporting County in 1998

County	Number of Episodes						Total Children
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 11	
Aitkin	55	9	2				66
Anoka	889	150	79	32	14	28	1,192
Becker	156	10	1				167
Beltrami	243	15					258
Benton	71	18	6				95
Big Stone	10	1					11
Blue Earth	154	34	10		2		200
Brown	59	8	2	1			70
Carlton	139	3					142
Carver	171	33	7	3			214
Cass	219	41	6	3			269
Chippewa	24						24
Chisago	155	30	7	3			195
Clay	244	38	11	2	3		298
Clearwater	40	2	1				43
Cook	12	1		2			15
Cottonwood	42	15					57
Crow Wing	167	7					174
Dakota	587	171	50	12	9	11	840
Dodge	53	5	1				59
Douglas	65	5					70
Faribault	53	5	2				60
Fillmore	27	2					29
Freeborn	121	11	2	1			135
Goodhue	141	26	8				175
Grant	11	3					14
Hennepin	4,533	510	60	13	3	1	5,120
Houston	45	5	1				51
Hubbard	63	8	4				75
Isanti	128	8	9		1		146
Itasca	215	59	20	6			300
Jackson	59	3					62
Kanabec	67	11	2				80

County	Number of Episodes						Total Children
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 11	
Kandiyohi	151	13	1	1		2	168
Kittson	10	2					12
Koochiching	62	5		1			68
Lac qui Parle	22	3					25
Lake	25	9		1			35
Lake of the Woods	16	1					17
Le Sueur	60						60
Lincoln	26	1					27
Lyon	83	15	2				100
Mahnomen	54	9	1	2	1		67
Marshall	19	6					25
Martin	90	10			1		101
McLeod	37	2					39
Meeker	53	7					60
Mille Lacs	106	16	1	1	1		125
Morrison	61	3	1				65
Mower	133	33	7	2	1		176
Murray	7	2		1			10
Nicollet	60	8			1		69
Nobles	58	9	3				70
Norman	18	2	1				21
Olmsted	278	82	36	19	5	5	425
Otter Tail	157	17	5	2			181
Pennington	24	1					25
Pine	85	13	4	1	1		104
Pipestone	35	2					37
Polk	159	12	2	2			175
Pope	31	1	1				33
Ramsey	1,934	236	51	11	5	1	2,238
Red Lake	13	1		3			17
Redwood	56	8	6				70
Renville	43	7					50
Rice	80	4		1			85
Rock	36	9	3				48
Roseau	30	1					31
Scott	146	20	5	1		1	173
Sherburne	117	21	5				143
Sibley	24	1					25

County	Number of Episodes						Total Children
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 11	
St. Louis	958	138	49	16	8	13	1,182
Stearns	358	29	12				399
Steele	60	3		1			64
Stevens	18		1				19
Swift	35	4	2				41
Todd	74	9					83
Traverse	4						4
Wabasha	60	7	2	2	1		72
Wadena	60	7	1				68
Waseca	31	1					32
Washington	313	62	16	3		1	395
Watonwan	50	5	3				58
Wilkin	19		1				20
Winona	77	9	8	4	1	1	100
Wright	267	47	23	14	2	1	354
Yellow Medicine	46	12	1	1	1		61
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,847</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>18,858</b>

*These 1998 episodes had at least one day of care in 1998. Episodes that ended prior to 1998 are not included. A blank entry in a cell indicates a count of zero.*

**Out of 18,858 children in out-of-home care, 15,847 or 85.3 percent experienced one episode of care. Another 2,172 children or 11.0 percent had two episodes of care.**

\* The percentage of children in one episode of care within each of these urban counties was:  
Hennepin - 88.5 percent; Ramsey - 86.4 percent; Scott - 84.4 percent; St. Louis - 81.0 percent; Carver - 79.91 percent; Washington - 79.2 percent; Anoka - 74.6 percent; and Dakota - 69.9 percent.

## 24. Length of Time in Care

Length of Time in 1998 Episodes of Care by Reporting County in 1998

County	Length of Time								Percent in Care 12 Months or More
	Less than 1 Day	1 to 3 Days	4 Days to 1 Week	1 Week to 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	12 Months or More	
Aitkin		2	1	9	10	14	9	21	32%
Anoka	20	168	110	131	178	151	158	276	23%
Becker	1	1		16	10	12	43	84	50%
Beltrami				11	20	45	42	140	54%
Benton		4	3	5	14	19	22	28	29%
Big Stone		3			2	1	1	4	36%
Blue Earth		11	8	21	18	28	35	79	40%
Brown		2	2	7	15	10	15	19	27%
Carlton				4	8	13	17	100	70%
Carver	18	13	15	18	24	32	37	57	27%
Cass		37	24	37	35	29	37	70	26%
Chippewa				3	2	3	9	7	29%
Chisago	16	27	23	24	32	10	27	36	18%
Clay	25	41	19	30	18	31	56	78	26%
Clearwater			4	1	5	4	3	26	60%
Cook		1	2	2	3	2	2	3	20%
Cottonwood			2	1	5	3	19	27	47%
Crow Wing					1	12	25	136	78%
Dakota	5	141	88	106	112	78	118	192	23%
Dodge		3	2	4	4	9	14	23	39%
Douglas					4	9	29	28	40%
Faribault		4	1	4	6	14	14	17	28%
Fillmore				1	5	1	4	18	62%
Freeborn		2		10	13	18	29	63	47%
Goodhue	13	25	3	16	38	20	24	36	21%
Grant				1	1	1	3	8	57%
Hennepin	186	436	227	250	460	594	734	2,233	44%
Houston		2	1	10	4	7	10	17	33%
Hubbard	1	11	5	7	12	6	13	20	27%
Isanti		17	14	14	11	27	28	35	24%
Itasca		39	20	17	24	43	63	94	31%
Jackson			1	2	5	5	14	35	56%
Kanabec		8	10	7	11	15	16	13	16%

County	Length of Time								Percent in Care 12 Months or More
	Less than 1 Day	1 to 3 Days	4 Days to 1 Week	1 Week to 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	12 Months or More	
Kandiyohi		11	15	13	28	23	27	51	30%
Kittson		2	1		1	3	2	3	25%
Koochiching		10		4	6	9	14	25	37%
Lac qui Parle		4	2	2	5	1	7	4	16%
Lake			1	1	3	6	13	11	31%
Lake of the Wood	1	4	1	3	1	3	3	1	6%
Le Sueur						3	8	49	82%
Lincoln		6		3	9	2	4	3	11%
Lyon		5	1	7	21	15	25	26	26%
Mahnomen		5		6	7	11	12	26	39%
Marshall					3	5	7	10	40%
Martin		6	5	6	12	16	20	36	36%
McLeod				4	7	10	6	12	31%
Meeker			4	1	11	10	11	23	38%
Mille Lacs	2	8	1	7	17	25	23	42	34%
Morrison				3	8	7	18	29	45%
Mower	1	27	22	13	12	22	39	40	23%
Murray		1			4	2	1	2	20%
Nicollet		6	4	5	8	13	9	24	35%
Nobles	1	4	5	9	8	10	6	27	39%
Norman		5	3	3	3	3	3	1	5%
Olmsted	1	91	33	46	40	40	57	117	28%
Otter Tail		6	6	16	19	24	43	67	37%
Pennington						1	3	21	84%
Pine		14	11	14	14	13	12	26	25%
Pipestone			2	3	2	12	4	14	38%
Polk		5	3	6	11	18	28	104	59%
Pope		3	2	2	5	8	4	9	27%
Ramsey	11	156	112	183	245	237	367	927	41%
Red Lake					6	1	8	2	12%
Redwood				2	14	10	16	28	40%
Renville				3	3	7	13	24	48%
Rice				1	5	3	24	52	61%
Rock		2	4	6	6	9	9	12	25%
Roseau				2	9	6	8	6	19%
Scott	1	33	9	35	13	14	23	45	26%
Sherburne			9	32	45	26	12	19	13%
Sibley					5	7	4	9	36%

County	Length of Time								Percent in Care 12 Months or More
	Less than 1 Day	1 to 3 Days	4 Days to 1 Week	1 Week to 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	12 Months or More	
St. Louis		215	81	168	102	120	140	356	30%
Stearns		22	27	41	44	55	75	135	34%
Steele				4	8	4	14	34	53%
Stevens				1		5	2	11	58%
Swift		3		5	7	10	8	8	20%
Todd			1		6	13	18	45	54%
Traverse				1			2	1	25%
Wabasha		23	13	3	7	6	5	15	21%
Wadena		7	2	6	10	3	13	27	40%
Waseca				1	3	2	6	20	63%
Washington	3	80	43	67	39	25	36	102	26%
Watonwan		4		8	8	4	11	23	40%
Wilkin				3		2	3	12	60%
Winona		13	3	14	9	11	20	30	30%
Wright		55	41	55	53	41	38	71	20%
Yellow Medicine			1	10	10	5	12	23	38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>6,863</b>	<b>36%</b>

*Days in care for each child are summed for all episodes of care that have at least one day in 1998. Children can be shown as having more than 12 months of care if their episode had a starting date prior to 1998. Episodes that ended prior to 1998 are not included. A blank entry in a cell indicates a count or percent of zero.*

**When looking at the cumulative length of time that children spent in care in 1998 episodes, 36 percent or 6,863 children spent 12 months or more in care.**

- \* The percent of children in each county that spent 365 or more days in care, varied greatly by county. Thirty-seven counties had a higher percentage of children who spent 365 or more days in care than the state average of 36 percent.
- \* The percent of children with 365 or more days in care within each of these urban counties was: Anoka - 23 percent; Dakota - 23 percent; Carver - 27%; Hennepin - 44 percent; Ramsey - 41 percent; Scott - 26 percent; St. Louis - 30 percent; and Washington - 26 percent. Only Hennepin and Ramsey had a higher percent than the state average of 36 percent.

## 25. Costs and Days in Care

Costs and Days in Care for Placements, Episodes and Children by Reporting County in 1998, Sorted by Average Cost per Day

County	Total Costs	Total Days of Care	Average Cost per Day	Average Days in 1998 per		
				Placement	Episode	Child
Big Stone	\$44,095	1,957	\$22.53	122	163	177
Mahnomen	\$315,920	11,628	\$27.17	76	132	173
Traverse	\$22,047	794	\$27.77	99	198	198
Clearwater	\$332,560	10,454	\$31.81	165	222	243
Red Lake	\$89,776	2,705	\$33.19	90	100	159
Crow Wing	\$2,185,391	60,355	\$36.21	235	333	346
St. Louis	\$6,159,081	167,106	\$36.86	80	105	141
Wadena	\$554,796	13,792	\$40.23	119	179	202
Stevens	\$187,175	4,612	\$40.58	164	219	242
Wilkin	\$208,842	5,019	\$41.61	209	228	250
Pope	\$227,871	5,474	\$41.63	111	152	165
Polk	\$1,812,819	43,202	\$41.96	151	219	246
Rock	\$331,709	7,781	\$42.63	83	123	162
Brown	\$520,510	11,700	\$44.49	90	137	167
Beltrami	\$3,031,631	66,547	\$45.56	186	243	257
Aitkin	\$470,262	10,201	\$46.10	83	129	154
Kanabec	\$502,378	10,887	\$46.14	71	114	136
Blue Earth	\$1,793,291	38,165	\$46.99	100	145	190
Koochiching	\$619,875	13,164	\$47.09	141	173	193
Freeborn	\$1,490,306	31,393	\$47.47	156	205	232
Dakota	\$5,122,832	107,801	\$47.52	68	86	128
Ramsey	21,206,475	439,059	\$48.30	126	166	196
Clay	\$2,221,884	45,858	\$48.45	88	121	153
Anoka	\$7,580,519	155,040	\$48.89	63	85	130
Stearns	\$3,404,323	66,964	\$50.84	96	148	167
Carlton	\$2,036,235	39,927	\$51.00	204	275	281
Cottonwood	\$781,620	15,187	\$51.47	104	210	266
Hubbard	\$548,246	10,546	\$51.99	90	115	140
Washington	\$2,441,748	46,184	\$52.87	71	91	116
Nicollet	\$626,837	11,603	\$54.02	92	143	168
Itasca	\$2,829,852	52,040	\$54.38	87	124	173
Marshall	\$276,617	5,038	\$54.91	139	162	201
Kandiyohi	\$1,349,406	24,569	\$54.92	89	124	146

County	Total Costs	Total Days of Care	Average Cost per Day	Average Days in 1998 per		
				Placement	Episode	Child
Jackson	\$875,797	15,935	\$54.96	156	245	257
Sibley	\$300,407	5,447	\$55.15	155	209	217
Chisago	\$1,168,256	21,090	\$55.39	60	85	108
Fillmore	\$417,186	7,487	\$55.72	174	241	258
Lincoln-Lyon-Murray	\$1,167,115	20,901	\$55.84	85	129	152
Watonwan	\$548,699	9,712	\$56.50	109	140	167
Cass	\$2,139,992	37,843	\$56.55	77	114	140
Morrison	\$856,858	15,055	\$56.92	183	215	231
Hennepin	55,978,871	981,167	\$57.05	93	168	191
Benton	\$942,899	16,523	\$57.07	91	132	173
Carver	\$1,808,192	31,421	\$57.55	84	116	146
Wright	\$2,188,787	38,009	\$57.59	61	75	107
Mille Lacs	\$1,307,001	22,682	\$57.62	111	151	181
Todd	\$1,126,037	19,514	\$57.70	161	212	235
Le Sueur	\$1,093,003	18,445	\$59.26	217	307	307
Becker	\$2,028,212	34,024	\$59.61	124	190	203
Yellow Medicine	\$755,575	12,669	\$59.64	100	154	207
Scott	\$1,402,046	23,008	\$60.94	84	108	132
Lake	\$460,980	7,548	\$61.07	102	160	215
Wabasha	\$472,470	7,668	\$61.62	63	82	106
Goodhue	\$1,430,091	23,069	\$61.99	72	106	131
Cook	\$122,253	1,963	\$62.28	57	89	130
Grant	\$192,882	3,066	\$62.91	117	180	219
Redwood	\$943,213	14,936	\$63.15	117	165	213
Meeker	\$781,432	12,328	\$63.39	123	184	205
Otter Tail	\$2,210,962	34,793	\$63.55	129	162	192
Isanti	\$1,462,713	22,610	\$64.69	98	128	154
Lac qui Parle	\$217,843	3,362	\$64.80	86	120	134
Mower	\$1,553,920	23,872	\$65.09	86	102	135
Steele	\$1,059,626	15,842	\$66.89	172	226	247
Pipestone	\$487,257	7,244	\$67.26	127	185	195
Nobles	\$784,722	11,596	\$67.67	98	136	165
Swift	\$467,671	6,790	\$68.88	79	138	165
Renville	\$850,775	12,322	\$69.05	135	216	246
Dodge	\$834,300	12,070	\$69.12	127	182	204
Kittson	\$92,147	1,318	\$69.91	59	94	109
Houston	\$661,637	9,462	\$69.93	116	163	185



County	Total Costs	Total Days of Care	Average Cost per Day	Average Days in 1998 per		
				Placement	Episode	Child
Norman	\$102,943	1,450	\$71.00	45	58	69
Faribault-Martin	\$2,091,515	29,017	\$72.08	86	157	180
Waseca	\$624,124	8,521	\$73.25	202	258	266
Olmsted	\$4,330,463	59,084	\$73.29	61	86	139
Lake of the Woods	\$76,248	1,023	\$74.53	53	56	60
Chippewa	\$341,004	4,495	\$75.86	155	187	187
Roseau	\$359,269	4,717	\$76.16	112	147	152
Pine	\$1,004,787	13,010	\$77.23	63	98	125
Sherburne	\$1,123,290	14,417	\$77.91	73	82	100
Douglas	\$1,624,538	20,427	\$79.53	189	272	291
Rice	\$1,997,712	24,101	\$82.89	195	261	283
Winona	\$1,345,721	15,029	\$89.54	78	102	150
Pennington	\$916,880	8,886	\$103.18	233	341	355
McLeod	\$805,093	6,323	\$127.33	114	154	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179,262,343</b>	<b>3,310,043</b>	<b>\$54.16</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>180</b>

*The table is sorted on the Average Cost per Day. This average is based on the Total Costs and Total Days in Care which come from two separate reporting systems (the BRASS financial system and the CSIS social service system).*

**The types of placements most frequently used by a particular county as well as the number of days of care in those placements, will determine the average cost of placement. Typically, placements offering more intensive treatment are most expensive. Residential treatment for severely emotionally disturbed children in a facility is usually more expensive than family foster care offered in the home.**