

# 2014 Child Welfare Data Snapshot

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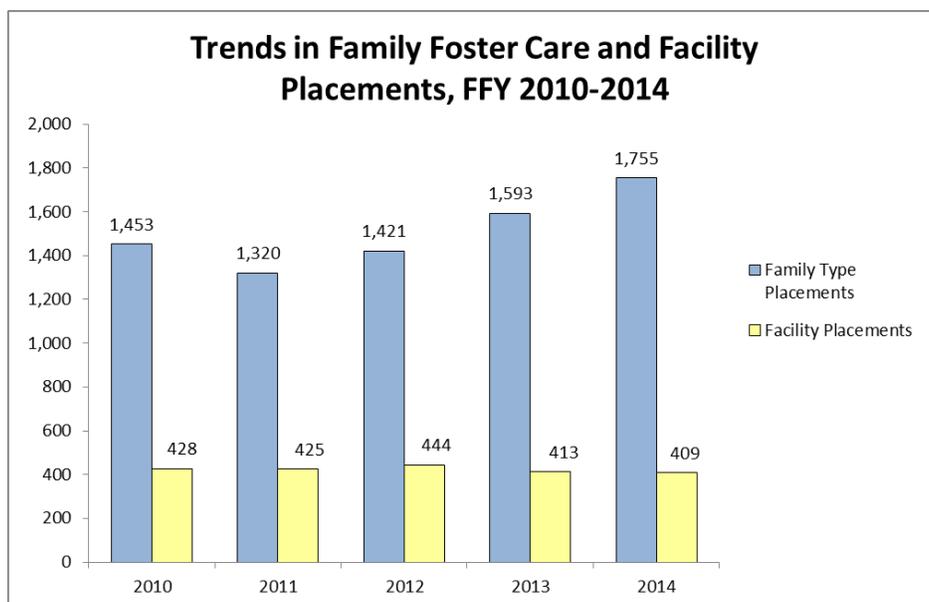
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## Children in Foster Care by Placement Type, FFY 2010-2014

Placement Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 2010 to 2014
Pre-Adoptive Home	212	166	158	126	140	-34.0%
Relative Placement	204	187	223	276	294	44.1%
Family Foster Care	735	721	764	890	1,031	40.3%
Trial Home Visit	302	246	276	301	290	-4.0%
Group Home	36	41	36	41	50	38.9%
Facility	392	384	408	372	359	-8.4%
Missing Data	31	17	13	13	0	-100.0%
<b>Total in Foster Care During FFY</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
Discharged: On 18th birthday	51	35	40	47	46	-9.8%
Discharged: Older than 18	51	10	5	8	7	-86.3%
**Remaining in Care: 18 or older	37	27	34	38	31	-16.2%

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\*\*In Foster Care as of last day of FFY



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**Foster Care (Point-in-Time data):**

- On the last day of the FFY (September 30, 2014), 1,448 children remained in foster care (includes tribal IV-E cases, DOCR-Division of Juvenile Services youth placed in foster care and pre-adoptive placements).
  - 32.3% (n=467) of these children were Native American.
  - 66.1% (n=957) of these children had a permanency goal of reunification.
  - The average age of these children was 8.8 years old. Age was calculated on the last day of the FFY.
- In October 2014, 55 foster youth were in out-of state placements (Residential Child Care Facilities-RCCF and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities-PRTF). This was a decrease in the number of youth in out-of-state placements since October 2013 (n=57).
- In September 2014, there were 593 licensed family foster homes and 312 licensed therapeutic family foster homes.

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FFY 2014):**

- 12,392 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were received in 2014. Of these reports, 8,282 were in the jurisdiction of Child Protection Services (CPS) and met the criteria for a CPS assessment. These reports were assigned to 6,338 assessments. Multiple reports for the same case are included in a single CPS assessment.
- During the assessment process, some assessments are terminated because of new information related to the case or a change in jurisdiction.
  - During FFY 2014, a total of 3,809 full assessments were completed.
    - Full assessments decreased 1.7% from 2010 (n=3,875) to 2014 (n=3,809).
  - During FFY 2014, there were a total of 2,424 Assessments Terminated in Progress.
    - Assessments Terminated in Progress increased 73.6% from 2010 (n=1,396) to 2014 (n=2,424).
- A decision of "Services Required" was made in 23.9% (n=911) of the 3,809 full assessments. These 911 assessments represent 1,616 children who were victims of child abuse and neglect and 1,571 caregivers who were the subjects of these assessments.

**Adoptions (FFY 2014):**

- There were 97 finalized public agency adoptions in 2014.
- 100% (n=97) of these were special needs (SN) adoptions (i.e., children who meet certain criteria related to greater challenges in securing adoptive families and therefore contributing to a lengthier stay in foster care).
  - Children are assigned a primary special need, but may meet multiple SN criteria also.
    - The primary basis for these SN adoptions were: 44.3% (n=43) had a diagnosed medical condition or mental, physical, or emotional disability, 30.9% (n=30) were members of sibling group placed together, 19.6% (n=19) were at high risk for a physical, emotional or mental disability, 3.1% (n=3) was a member of a minority race, and 2.1% (n=2) were 7 years or older.
  - 36.1% (n=35) of adopted children with special needs were Native American.
  - 82.5% (n=80) of the special needs adoptions involved family foster parents.

**Permanency Outcomes (Point-in-Time data):**

- 58 approved subsidized guardianships were in place in October 2014.
- On September 30, 2014, there were 169 children in the custody of the Department of Human Services with mother and father parental rights terminated.

**Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (FFY 2014):**

- In 2014, 438 youth participants were served in the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.
  - 57.5% (n=252) of participants were current foster care youth.
    - 159 of 252 were Priority 1 youth (Likely to Age Out of Foster Care at age 18 or Greater)
    - 93 of 252 were Priority 2 youth (Not Likely to Age Out of Foster Care at age 18 or Greater)
  - 42.5% (n=186) of participants were Foster Care Alumni, youth who had exited or aged out of foster care.
- 46 Education and Training Vouchers were given to 21 participants to financially assist in furthering their education. These awards are reported based on the academic school year; fall, spring, and summer semesters.