Profile of Children in Care

Number of children in care at the end of the current quarter, and the median number of days in care over their current status and over the course of the entire time they've been in any form of court-involved protective status.

Status	Children	% of Total	Median Days in Care Current Legal Status	Entire Legal Status	
COPS	5,828	27%	126	158	
TC	11,434	54%	134	309	
PC	3,547	17%	456	1,121	
PPLA	540	3%	360	973	
Total	21,349	100%			

New Report Rate

Percentage of children with a new substantiated or indicated report that was received within one year after the closure of a court case, averaged over the last four quarters.

2.3%

Exits from Care

Number of children exiting care over the last four quarters.

Exits	Number of Children Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	AVG	% of Total
Reunification	1,282	1,050	1,588	1,206	**1,282**	47%
Adoption	298	267	410	410	**346**	13%
Guardianship	151	92	129	121	**123**	5%
Relatives	731	494	773	775	**693**	25%
Emancipations	199	261	292	201	**238**	9%
Other	51	31	67	35	**46**	2%
Total	2,712	2,195	3,259	2,748	2,729	100%

Length of Stay Upon Exiting Care

Median number of days children were in care prior to exit over the last four quarters.

Exits	Median Number of Days Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	AVG	
Reunification	236	300	328	307	**292**	
Adoption	942	884	988	980	**949**	
Guardianship	296	310	315	283	**301**	
Relatives	283	225	352	339	**300**	
Emancipations	786	973	775	791	**831**	
Other	151	149	153	106	**140**	

Removal Reasons

Number of children removed from their homes over the last four quarters, and the reasons documented for those removals. Note that multiple removal reasons can be documented for a child. Accordingly, the total number of documented reasons (not shown) will be greater than the number of children removed.
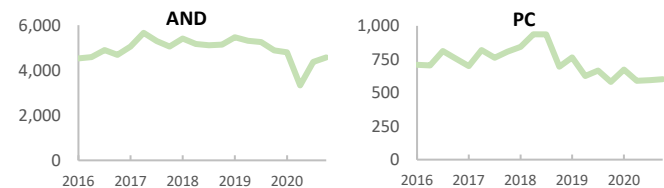
	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	AVG
Total Children Removed	3,154	2,148	2,794	2,482	2,645

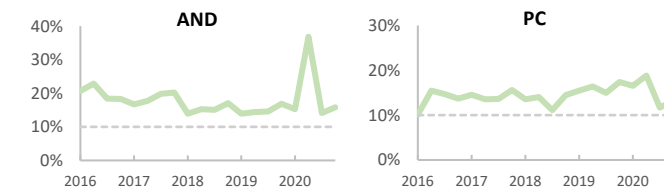| Children Removed *(by category)*					AVG	% Children
Parental Alcohol/Drug	995	721	904	750	**843**	*32%*
Delinquency/Unruly	224	102	158	135	**155**	*6%*
Dependency	1,266	812	1,040	924	**1,011**	*38%*
Neglect	1,162	745	932	791	**908**	*34%*
Physical Abuse	515	332	436	388	**418**	*16%*
Sexual Abuse	70	61	57	37	**56**	*2%*
Other	1,113	702	877	841	**883**	*33%*
Missing Data	0	0	0	6	**2**	*0%*

Incoming Caseloads

New filings and transfers and reactivations, by quarter

Overage Rates

Percent of cases pending over time guideline, by quarter (Target is <10%)

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT AND DATA SOURCES

The data contained in this report, as well as in the individualized county-specific companion Permanency Docket Quarterly reports, is designed to provide a foundation for initiating conversations between the child welfare agency and the juvenile court in order to improve local practices and better understand those factors which contribute to county-level performance. Courts and child welfare agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the additional resources available on the Children and Families Section's webpage at: *www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JCS/CFC*. Child welfare data was obtained from the Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (SACWIS) administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Court caseload and performance data was obtained from the Case Management Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The data is considered accurate as of the date of the report.

UNDERSTANDING THE METRICS

PROFILE OF CHILDREN IN CARE: This table displays the number of children in an Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency (AND) dispositional status at the end of the current quarter under the following types of care: court ordered protective supervision (COPS, which includes COPS, TCOPS, and COPS Extension), temporary custody (TC, which includes TC, TCO, TC 1st Extension, TC 2nd Extension, Emergency Custody, and Ex Parte), permanent custody (PC, which includes Permanent Custody and Permanent Surrender), and planned permanent living arrangement (PPLA). Also shown is the median amount of time, in days, that these children have been in that status, as well as the median amount of time, in days, the children have been in any status since they initially became involved with the court (e.g., some children in PC spent time initially TC, thus the entire time spent in both is shown).

NEW REPORT RATE: The figure shown reflects the percentage of children who had a new substantiated or indicated (S/I) report within one year after having a court case closed. Please note that this measure differs from the federal Child and Family Services Review measure of recurrence because it is limited to children who had a new S/I report after the closure of the court case.

EXITS FROM CARE AND LENGTH OF STAY UPON EXITING CARE: Shown in this pair of tables are the number of children leaving foster care across the state by the type of placement upon discharge over each of the last four quarters. As used here, "Guardianship" includes non-relative legal custody. The relative proportion of total exits for each discharge type, averaged over the four quarters, is also displayed. The second table displays the median amount of time in days to the identified discharge type.

REMOVAL REASONS: Shown in the table are the total number of children removed from their homes each quarter, along with the number (and percentages) of those children who were documented as having been removed under the various removal reason categories shown. Because a child can have multiple reasons for their removal, the total number of documented reasons exceeds the total number of children removed.

INCOMING CASELOADS AND OVERAGE RATES: The first pair of charts display the number of incoming AND cases and Motions for Permanent Custody (PC) cases filed each quarter in Ohio's juvenile courts. The second pair of charts display the percentage of AND and PC cases pending at the end of each quarter which have been pending (in pre-dispositional status) for longer than the applicable case processing time standard under Sup.R. 39 (three months for AND, and nine months for PC).

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