

Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being in Rhode Island: Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Report for FY 2014



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A. Key Context Statistics

Compiled from census data – not included in this report

B. Child Maltreatment Data

(NCANDS SDC: NCANDS DCDC:, FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Maltreatment Information	Number				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,444	9,880	10,420	10,278	11,445
Child maltreatment victims ¹	3,632	3,438	3,464	3,419	3,719
Child fatalities	2	3	1	1	6 ²

Age of Victims (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	Under 1 year	14.8	14.5	15.0	14.5		14.5	Alaska/ Native American	0.8	0.4	0.7
1-5 years	36.6	36.6	36.2	35.0	35.5	Asian	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.0
6-10 years	24.6	24.1	25.7	26.2	27.3	Black (non-Hispanic)	11.2	11.0	11.9	12.3	11.2
11-15 years	18.3	19.2	18.4	18.7	18.2	Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
16+ years	5.7	5.6	4.6	5.4	4.5	Hispanic (of any race)	23.1	22.6	24.8	21.6	26.2
Unknown	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	White (non-Hispanic)	51.6	51.1	48.3	48.8	47.7
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	Two or more races	6.5	6.8	6.4	7.8	7.0
						Unknown	6.1	7.1	7.2	8.0	6.6
						Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 ³
Emotional abuse	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	19.3
Medical neglect	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	1.9
Neglect	88.1	87.8	86.8	86.5	77.0
Physical abuse	15.9	16.1	15.7	15.8	14.9
Sexual abuse	4.5	4.3	5.7	4.5	4.3
Other	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.0
Total % ⁴	111.5	111.9	112.6	110.9	110.9

¹ Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

² Child fatality count is based on year in which investigation was completed. Fatalities indicated in FY2014 include 3 incidents that occurred in FY2014, 2 that occurred in FY13, and 1 that occurred in FY2009.

³ Changes were made to categorization of maltreatment types in FY2014; consistent with federal reporting requirements, domestic violence is now coded as “Emotional Abuse” rather than as “Other Neglect”. Percentages reflect substantiation of specific maltreatment types.

⁴ Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30
FY10 (10/1/09 – 9/30/10)	1,995	1,390	1,241	2,144
FY11 (10/1/10 – 9/30/11)	1,991	1,170	1,311	1,845
FY12 (10/1/11 – 9/30/12)	1,710	1,166	1,178	1,698
FY13 (10/1/12 – 9/30/13)	1,648	1,175	1,067	1,754
FY14 (10/1/13 – 9/30/14)	1,655	1,272	1,089	1,833

Median Length of Stay (months)

FY10 (10/1/09 – 9/30/10)	14.3	N/A	11.5	13.5
FY11 (10/1/10 – 9/30/11)	13.3	N/A	12.2	13.9
FY12 (10/1/11 – 9/30/12)	14.2	N/A	11.8	13.1
FY13 (10/1/12 – 9/30/13)	12.3	N/A	10.0	13.0
FY14 (10/1/13 – 9/30/14)	12.0	N/A	12.3	11.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care on:					Entered Care During:					Exited Care During:					In Care on:				
	10/1/09	10/1/11		10/1/13		FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	9/30/10	9/30/012		9/30/14	
	10/1/10	10/1/12	10/1/10	10/1/12	9/30/11											9/30/13	9/30/13			
Under 1 year	6.2	7.0	6.1	7.2	8.8	15.4	15.3	15.3	18.5	17.4	4.7	4.5	4.8	6.6	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.7	7.7	7.5
1-5 years	21.6	23.4	26.4	27.2	28.2	19.3	21.3	22.8	20.8	22.9	25.4	25.5	26.7	28.8	26.8	22.1	25.2	26.4	26.0	30.6
6-10 years	16.2	14.6	14.6	15.6	15.5	12.0	12.6	11.2	12.2	14.9	13.9	14.0	14.7	14.8	13.4	13.3	14.5	14.7	14.5	16.9
11-15 years	25.6	24.1	24.1	25.1	23.6	28.6	29.2	29.8	26.9	27.0	20.5	20.9	18.9	19.7	19.2	24.4	22.5	24.7	22.7	24.2
16-18 years	27.1	28.1	28.1	22.0	21.6	24.7	21.5	20.8	21.6	17.8	31.9	31.4	31.5	27.6	30.5	30.6	29.2	24.5	25.1	20.8
19+ years	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	3.3	3.4	2.5	2.1	3.7	3.1	2.8	3.0	4.0	0.0
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care on:					Entered Care During:					Exited Care During:					In Care on:				
	10/1/09	10/1/11		10/1/13		FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	9/30/10	9/30/012		9/30/14	
	10/1/10	10/1/12	10/1/10	10/1/12	9/30/11											9/30/13	9/30/13			
Alaska/Native American	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5
Asian	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.8
Black (non-Hispanic)	15.8	15.8	14.9	13.5	15.4	15.8	14.5	13.9	15.0	16.2	14.4	16.3	15.7	12.5	15.5	16.6	14.6	13.6	15.1	15.9
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.3	26.0	24.7	25.9	25.0	26.8	25.5	27.8	25.4	30.3	24.9	27.3	26.7	27.6	28.7	25.6	24.7	25.5	24.5	26.6
White (non-Hispanic)	47.9	47.2	48.8	48.7	47.3	45.5	47.2	47.2	48.6	42.1	47.0	44.9	46.9	49.4	44.1	46.8	48.8	49.1	48.2	45.5
Two or more races	7.4	7.5	7.7	8.3	9.4	6.8	7.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	7.2	7.2	8.2	6.8	7.2	7.7	8.3	8.7
Unknown	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.6	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.9	2.0	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Overview	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children waiting to be adopted	339	297	238	248	205
Children whose parental rights have been terminated (TPR)	201	177	141	119	98

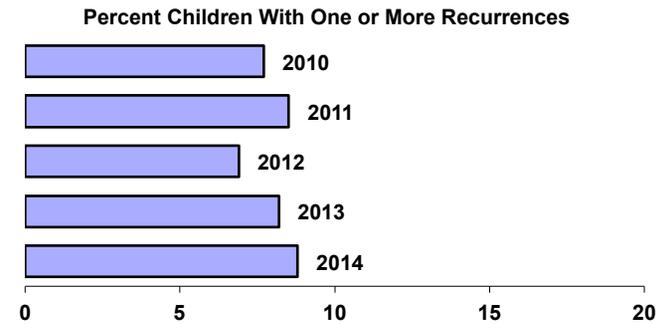
Age of Waiting Children (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Under 1 year	0.6	1.0	1.7	0.8	0.0
1-5 years	27.7	29.3	25.6	33.9	31.7
6-10 years	26.0	24.6	23.5	22.2	25.4
11-15 years	31.6	31.0	33.2	30.2	31.2
16-18 years	10.6	9.1	10.5	9.7	11.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	3.5	5.1	5.5	3.2	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Alaska/Native American	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.0
Asian	1.8	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.0
Black (non-Hispanic)	15.6	14.5	12.6	13.7	15.1
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	38.6	31.3	29.0	25.8	28.3
White (non-Hispanic)	35.1	42.4	44.5	46.4	40.5
Two or more races	7.7	7.1	9.2	11.3	14.1
Unknown	0.6	1.3	1.7	0.4	1.0

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (National Standard: 6.1% or fewer within 6 months) (NCANDS, DCDC: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment

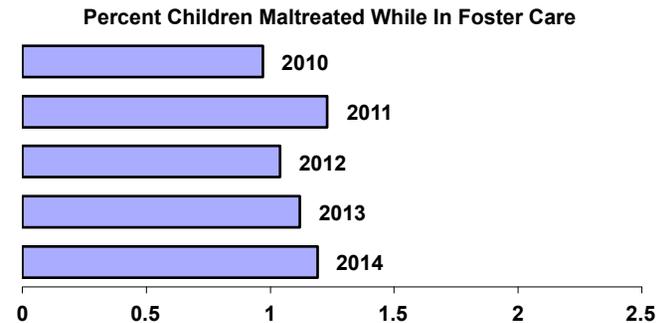
Within 6 Months (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children without a recurrence	92.3	91.5	93.1	91.8	91.2
Children with one or more recurrences	7.7	8.5	6.9	8.2	8.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.00	100.00
Number	1,556	1,700	1,670	1,592	1,711



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (National Standard: 0.57% or fewer during review period) (NCANDS, DCDC, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)⁵

2.1 Maltreatment

in Foster Care (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.97	1.23	1.04	1.12	1.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.03	98.77	98.96	98.78	98.81
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	3,411	3,161	2,885	2,851	3,023



3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adoption	14.6	15.3	15.7	15.1	18.4
Guardianship	7.6	9.6	11.5	9.9	8.1
Reunification	63.2	59.6	57.0	62.1	55.3
Other	14.7	15.4	15.8	12.8	18.2
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,254	1,311	1,175	1,067	1,091

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adoption	16.8	17.2	16.1	16.2	19.0
Guardianship	5.3	5.4	8.2	6.7	4.9
Reunification	55.5	54.0	46.7	57.5	45.1
Other	22.4	23.4	29.0	19.6	31.0
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	416	389	366	327	364

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adoption	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5	1.1
Guardianship	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.8	4.8
Reunification	69.4	67.8	66.3	70.4	55.9
Other	27.0	28.5	30.2	26.3	38.2
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	549	569	484	422	458

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.4	25.6	27.0	25.6	13.8
Children older than 12 at entry	76.6	74.4	73.0	74.4	86.2
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	111	129	111	78	152

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Alaska Native/Am. In.					Asian					Black (non-Hispanic)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Reunification	66.7	37.5	66.7	60.0	33.3	62.5	68.8	57.1	55.6	25.0	66.7	57.9	65.3	61.7	55.0
Adoption	5.6	0.0	22.2	20.0	22.2	9.4	12.5	14.3	22.2	0.0	9.6	10.3	9.5	15.0	11.2
Guardianship	11.1	37.5	11.1	0.0	11.1	12.5	0.0	21.4	0.0	12.5	4.0	14.5	8.9	5.3	11.2
Other	16.7	25.0	0.0	20.0	33.3	15.6	18.8	7.1	22.2	62.5	19.8	17.3	16.3	18.0	22.5
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	18	8	9	5	9	32	16	14	18	8	177	214	190	133	169
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any Race)					White (non-Hispanic)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	67.3	60.1	59.4	63.7	57.5	60.2	62.1	53.4	62.0	54.9
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	19.3	14.9	14.6	17.9	15.7	13.9	15.8	13.1	19.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	5.9	9.2	9.5	6.4	8.9	8.3	13.8	12.0	8.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	14.8	16.5	12.2	18.2	15.2	15.6	16.9	12.9	17.5
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	0	1	0	0	0	315	358	315	295	313	593	588	549	527	481
	Two or More Races					Unknown/Missing									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014					
Reunification	53.7	47.7	50.0	57.1	51.1	91.7	70.6	68.4	75.0	71.4					
Adoption	25.3	22.0	32.5	29.9	33.3	4.2	5.9	10.5	8.3	0.0					
Guardianship	11.6	19.3	10.0	10.4	6.7	4.2	5.9	5.3	10.4	9.5					
Other	9.5	11.0	7.5	2.6	8.9	0.0	17.6	15.8	2.6	19.0					
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0					
Number	95	109	80	77	90	24	17	19	12	21					

4. Reduce Time to Reunification without Increasing Re-entry

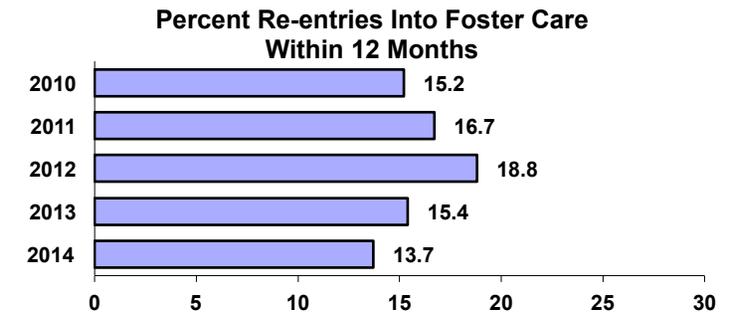
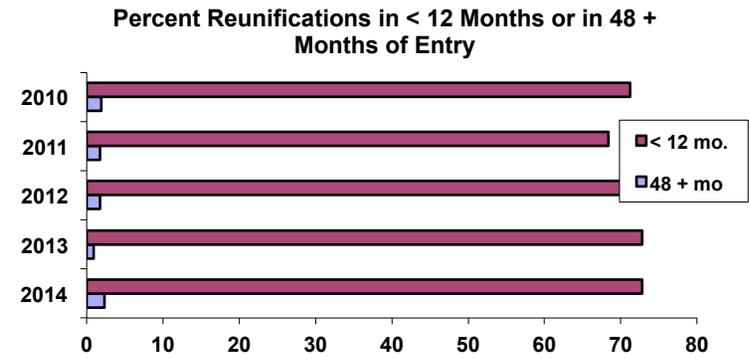
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4.1 Time to Reunification (%) (National Standard: 76.2% or more within 12 months of removal)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Less than 12 months	71.2	68.4	72.5	77.8	72.8
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	19.2	21.7	19.3	16.1	20.1
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	5.7	5.1	5.4	4.1	3.0
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	2.0	3.1	1.6	1.1	1.8
48 or more months	1.9	1.7	1.2	0.9	2.3
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	792	782	670	663	603

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%) (National Standard: 8.6% or fewer within 12 months of prior episode)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children entering care for the first time	71.6	70.5	67.8	72.4	73.4
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	15.2	16.7	18.8	15.4	13.7
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	13.2	12.8	12.7	11.9	12.9
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,380	1,170	1,169	1,175	1,272

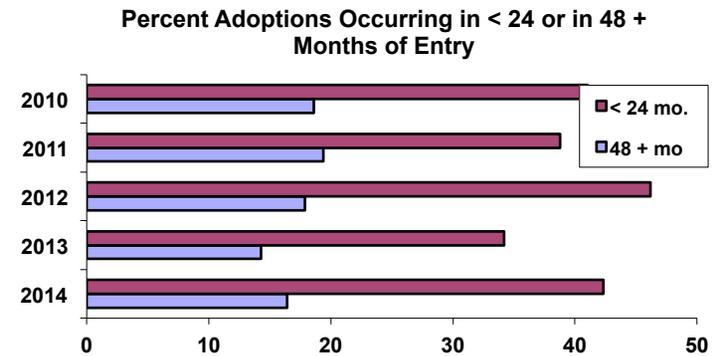


5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%) (National Standard: 32% or more within 24 months of removal)

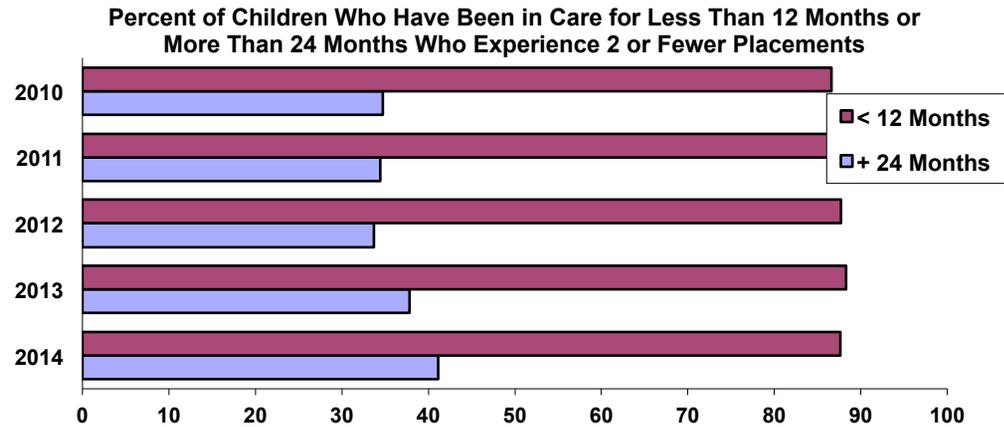
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Less than 12 months	6.6	7.0	9.2	5.6	5.5
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	34.4	31.8	37.0	28.6	36.8
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	26.8	29.9	23.9	34.2	28.4
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	13.7	11.9	12.0	17.4	12.9
48 or more months	18.6	19.4	17.9	14.3	16.4
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	183	201	184	161	201



(National Standard: Of those in care less than 12 months from removal 86.7% or more have no more than 2 placements)

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Number
Less than 12 months	2010	86.6	13.4	1,649
	2011	87.2	12.8	1,481
	2012	87.7	12.3	1,406
	2013	88.3	11.7	1,450
	2014	87.6	12.4	1,534
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	2010	65.5	34.5	743
	2011	62.7	37.3	780
	2012	64.4	35.6	696
	2013	68.1	31.9	658
	2014	74.9	25.1	730
24 or more months	2010	34.7	65.3	1,017
	2011	34.4	65.6	895
	2012	33.7	66.3	783
	2013	37.8	62.2	740
	2014	41.1	58.9	749
Missing	2010	100.0	0.0	2
	2011	100.0	0.0	5
	2012	0.0	0.0	0
	2013	70.5	33.3	3
	2014	80.0	20.0	10



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Group Homes	18.4	11.8	7.4	7.7	6.5
Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4
Other Settings	81.6	88.2	92.6	91.8	93.1
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	706	650	635	673	768