# **Permanency Docket Quarterly**

## Quarterly report of child welfare and court dependency docket data

## 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.

				Med	lian Days in Car	e
Status	Children	% of Total	Current Legal Status	Entire Legal	Status	
COPS	7,697	32%	118	165		
тс	12,022	51%	127	242		
PC	3,386	14%	355	1,000		
PPLA	596	3%	357	951		
Total	23,701	100%				

## **Exits from Care**

Number of children exiting care over the last four quarters.

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	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		% of
Exits	2018	2018	2018	2019	AVG	Total
Reunification	1,471	1,592	1,412	1,296	1,443	46%
Adoption	427	370	454	363	404	13%
Guardianship	136	175	125	139	144	5%
Relatives	856	858	792	806	828	27%
Emancipations	296	274	222	201	248	8%
Other	53	49	43	46	48	2%
Total	3,239	3,318	3,048	2,851	3,114	100%

## **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.

	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	AVG	
Total Children Removed	3,251	3,376	3,114	3,194	3,234	
Children Removed (by catego	ory)				AVG	% Children
Parental Alcohol/Drug	1,027	1,096	1,013	1,039	1,044	32%
Delinquency/Unruly	272	237	237	237	246	8%
Dependency	1,361	1,364	1,329	1,282	1,334	41%
Neglect	1,238	1,370	1,155	1,181	1,236	38%
Physical Abuse	523	462	537	469	498	15%
Other	1,148	1,256	1,087	1,080	1,143	35%
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0%

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**Ohio Statewide** 

## **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.



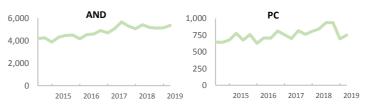
## Length of Stay Upon Exiting Care

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

	Median Number of Days					
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		
Exits	2018	2018	2018	2019	AVG	
Reunification	229	217	233	236	229	
Adoption	890	889	914	929	906	
Guardianship	259	317	237	220	258	
Relatives	233	276	261	273	261	
Emancipations	745	749	815	760	767	
Other	111	140	213	138	150	

## **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: <u>www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JCS/CFC</u>. 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 predispositional status) for longer than the applicable case processing time standard under Sup.R. 39 (three months for AND, and nine months for PC).