# **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.

			Median Days in Care				
			Current				
Status	Children	% of Total	Legal Status	Entire Lega			
COPS	7,287	31%	128	169			
тс	12,533	53%	133	240			
PC	3,429	14%	386	1,032			
PPLA	594	2%	359	931			
Total	23,843	100%					

#### **Exits from Care**

Number of children exiting care over the last four quarters.

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		% of
Exits	2019	2019	2019	2019	AVG	Total
Reunification	1,320	1,361	1,372	1,368	1,355	45%
Adoption	369	413	420	460	416	14%
Guardianship	141	158	158	122	145	5%
Relatives	825	834	739	705	776	26%
Emancipations	203	297	297	196	248	8%
Other	48	40	42	46	44	1%
Total	2,906	3,103	3,028	2,897	2,984	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

Total Children Removed	Q1 2019 3 191	Q2 2019 3 264	Q3 2019 3,466	Q4 2019 3 113	AVG 3,259	
iotal children kenioved	3,131	3,204	3,400	3,113	3,235	
Children Removed (by category)						% Children
Parental Alcohol/Drug	1,048	983	1,046	960	1,009	31%
Delinquency/Unruly	238	214	238	193	221	7%
Dependency	1,290	1,343	1,345	1,266	1,311	40%
Neglect	1,193	1,195	1,232	1,168	1,197	37%
Physical Abuse	473	497	512	504	497	15%
Sexual Abuse	91	76	97	65	82	3%
Other	1,083	1,155	1,180	1,111	1,132	35%
Missing Data	0	0	2	3	1	0%

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#### **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					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Exits	2019	2019	2019	2019	AVG	
Reunification	234	251	266	256	252	
Adoption	945	920	944	914	931	
Guardianship	219	254	282	200	239	
Relatives	270	278	273	244	266	
Emancipations	767	885	772	825	812	
Other	154	186	134	82	139	

#### **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/ICS/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).