Quarterly report of child welfare and court dependency docket data

Ohio Statewide

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 **Legal Status** Status Children % of Total **Entire Legal Status** COPS 5.917 28% 114 154 TC 11,199 53% 135 279 PC 3,615 17% 444 1,119 PPLA 568 3% 301 946 Total 21,299 100%

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.

2.2%

Exits from Care

Number of children exiting care over the last four quarters.

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	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		% of
Exits	2020	2020	2020	2021	AVG	Total
Reunification	1,050	1,589	1,241	1,158	1,260	46%
Adoption	267	411	438	365	370	14%
Guardianship	92	130	127	130	120	4%
Relatives	494	781	798	642	679	25%
Emancipations	261	293	203	167	231	9%
Other	31	70	40	59	50	2%
Total	2,195	3,274	2,847	2,521	2,709	100%

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	2020	2020	2020	2021	AVG	
Reunification	300	328	306	350	321	
Adoption	884	988	1,013	1,001	972	
Guardianship	310	315	279	380	321	
Relatives	225	352	342	325	311	
Emancipations	973	773	791	1,026	891	
Other	149	145	112	265	168	

Removal Reasons

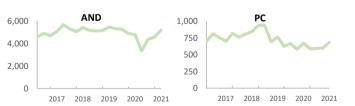
Number of children removed from their homes over the last four quarters, and the reasons documented for those removals. Note that multiple removal reasons can be documented for a child. Accordingly, the total number of documented reasons (not shown) will be greater than the number of children removed.

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	2020	2020	2020	2021	AVG
Total Children Removed	2,148	2,793	2,492	2,963	2,599
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Children Removed (by categ	iory)				AVG

Children Removed (by category)					AVG	% Children
Parental Alcohol/Drug	721	904	753	820	800	31%
Delinquency/Unruly	102	162	138	144	137	5%
Dependency	812	1,040	930	1,021	951	37%
Neglect	745	932	803	909	847	<i>33%</i>
Physical Abuse	332	437	398	435	401	15%
Sexual Abuse	61	57	39	60	54	2%
Other	702	879	856	834	818	31%
Missing Data	0	0	5	2	2	0%

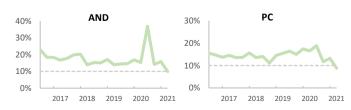
Incoming Caseloads

New filings and transfers and reactivations, by quarter



Overage Rates

Percent of cases pending over time guideline, by guarter (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/ICS/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 predispositional status) for longer than the applicable case processing time standard under Sup.R. 39 (three months for AND, and nine months for PC).