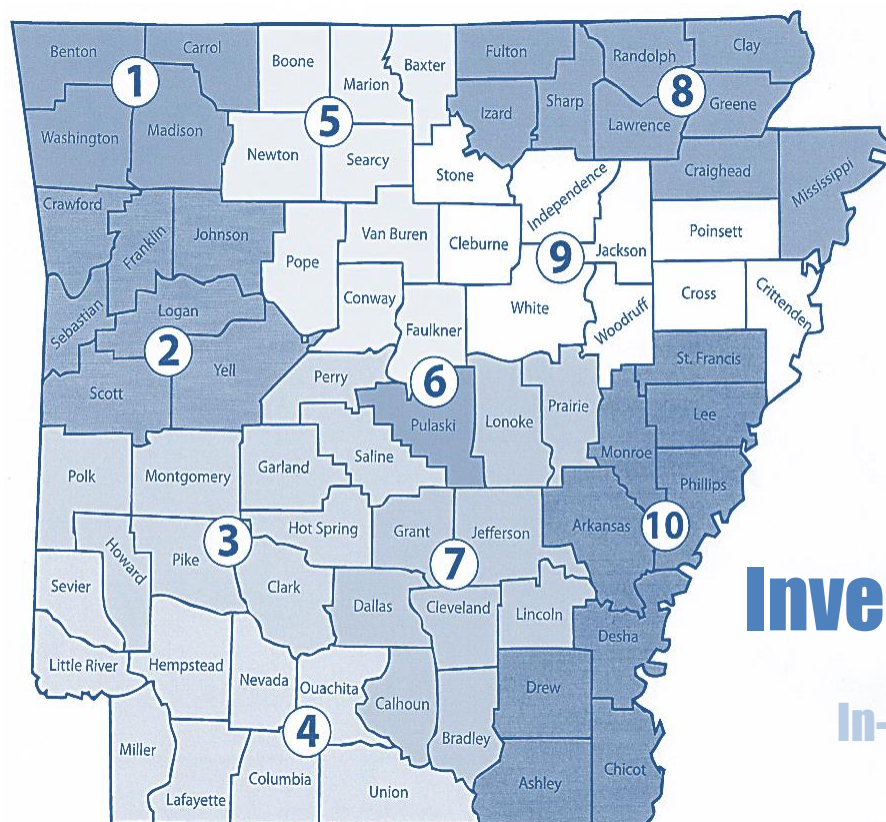


# SFY 2018

**July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017**



# Investigations

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

## In-home Protective Services

## ADOPTIONS

# Differential Response Foster Care

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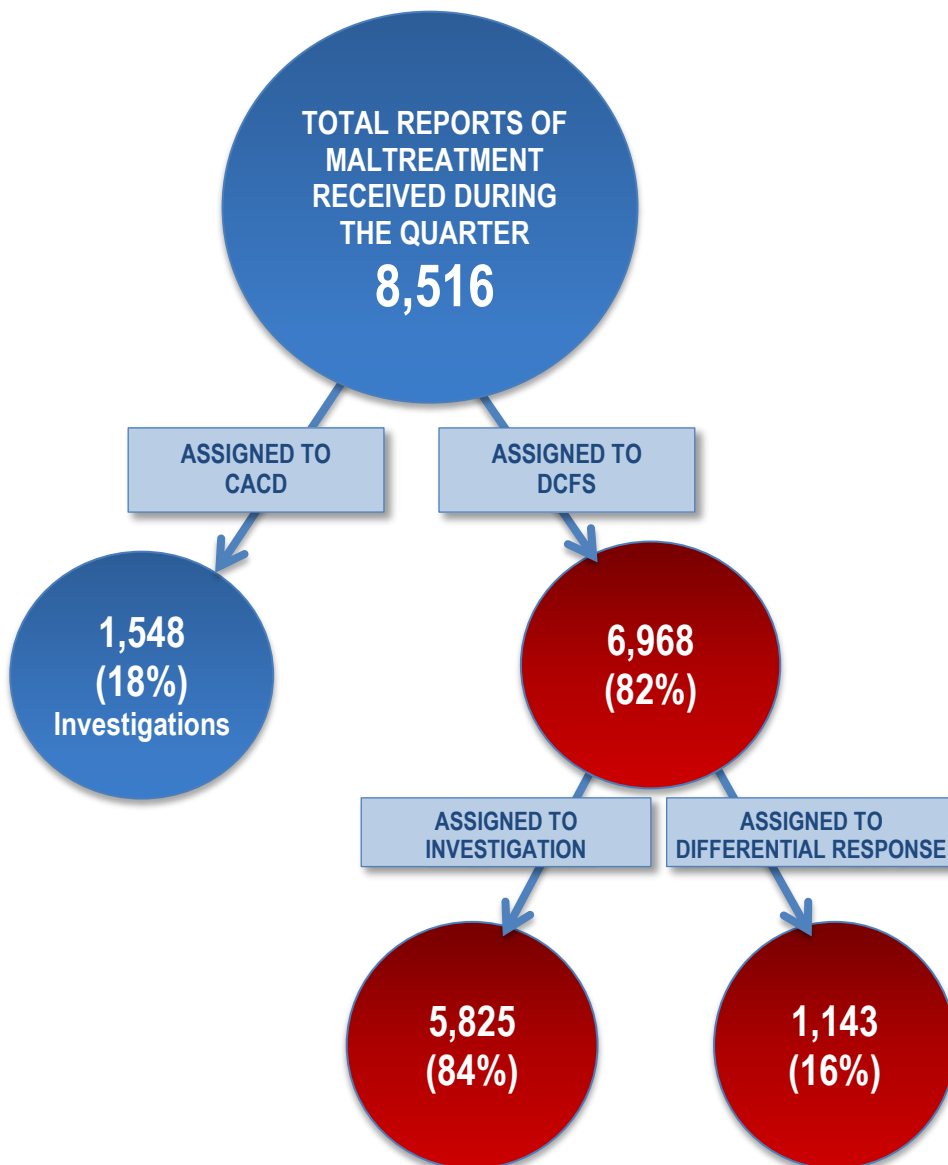
# Reports of Child Maltreatment

## Quick Facts

### Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During  
1st Quarter SFY 2018



Of the 8,516 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 82 percent were assigned to DCFS and 18 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 84 percent were assigned for an investigation and 16 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

DR, which was implemented statewide in August 2013, allows the Division to respond to specific, low-risk maltreatment reports through a family assessment and provision of services rather than a traditional investigation.

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, or Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

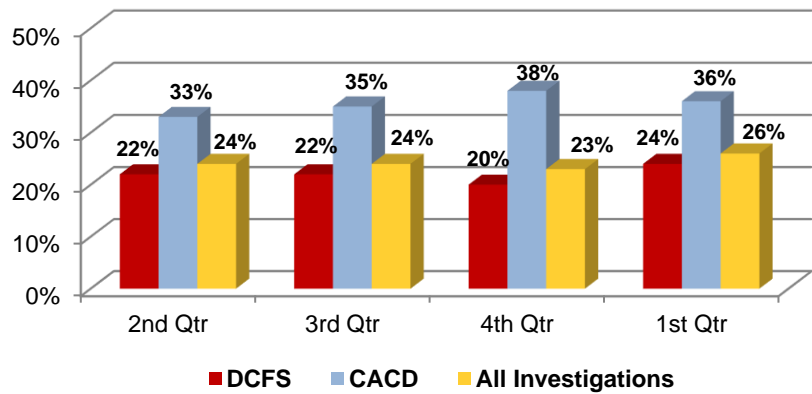
# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty-four percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the quarter were found true, compared to 36 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 26 percent.

Appendix A provides further detail on the number of referrals accepted for investigation and those found true for the past four quarters.

Percentage Of Investigations Found True



The National Percentage is 18 Percent

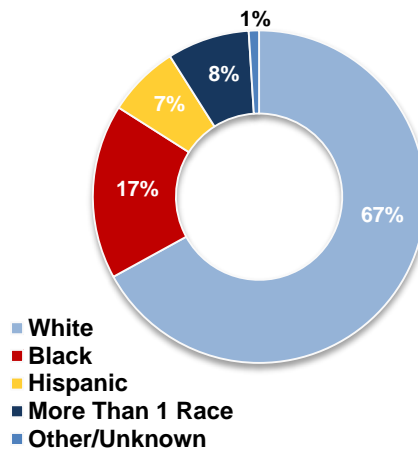
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,450 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

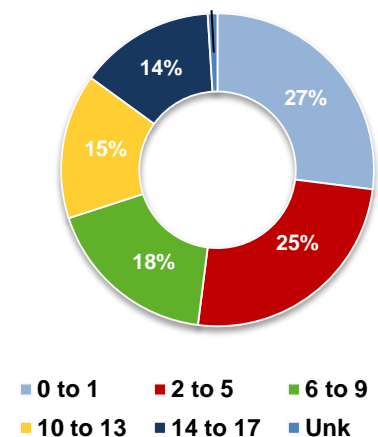
Of those children, 67 percent were white and 17 percent were black. Seventy percent of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under ten years of age.

A majority of the victim children during the quarter (53 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



## Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation among the 2,450 victim children, followed by allegations of physical and sexual abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	1,664	68%
Physical Abuse	573	23%
Sexual Abuse	443	18%

A child may have more than one allegation

# Quick Facts

## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

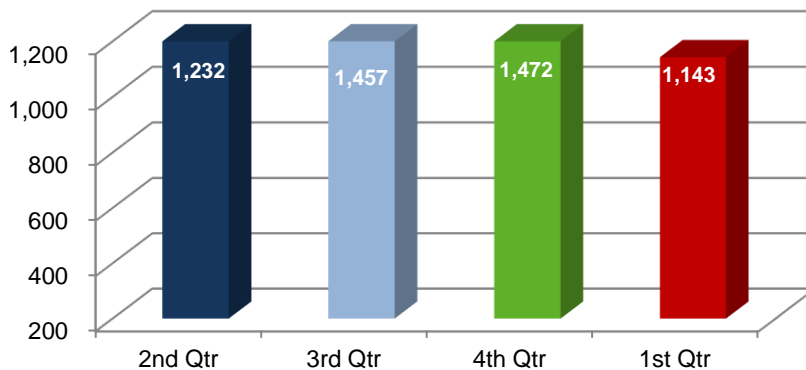
Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	3	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0
Pending	5	0

During the quarter, there were nine maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of the child fatality investigations, three were found true, one was unsubstantiated, and five are still pending. There were no investigations involving a near child fatality.

Appendix B includes more details regarding the fatality investigations.

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

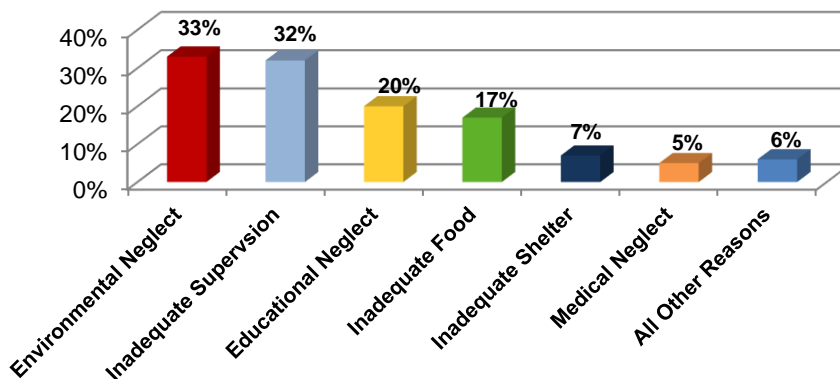
Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



The number of reports assigned to DR during the quarter (1,143) decreased by 22 percent when compared to the previous quarter.

## Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



Environmental neglect and inadequate supervision were the most commonly cited allegations in reports assigned to DR.

# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

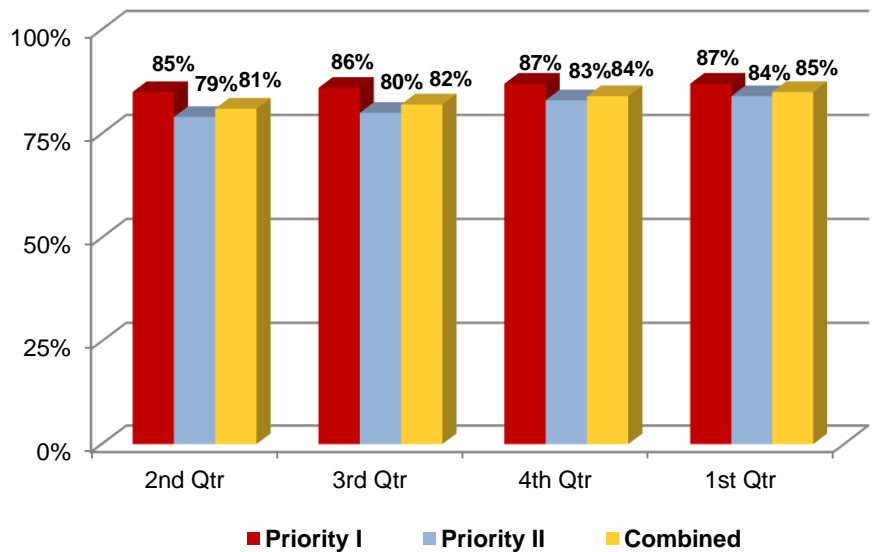
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

Priority I reports cite more severe allegations while Priority II reports cite comparatively less serious allegations.

Initiation occurs when all victim children are interviewed or observed (if too young for an interview) within the designated timeframes.

DCFS initiated 85 percent of its investigations on time during the first quarter. Over the last year, DCFS has made improvement in initiating its investigations on time.

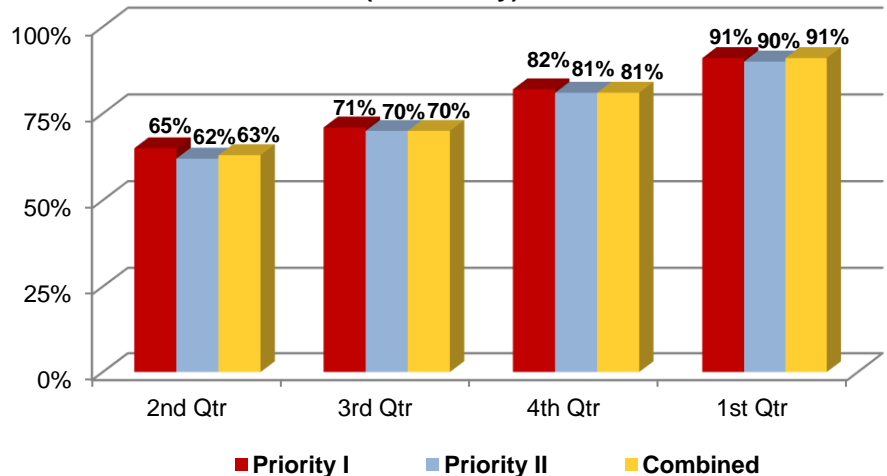
Timely Initiations of Child Maltreatment Assessments  
(DCFS Only)



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 91 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter. For the third consecutive quarter, the percent of investigations completed on time has improved.

Timely Completion of DCFS Assessments  
(DCFS Only)

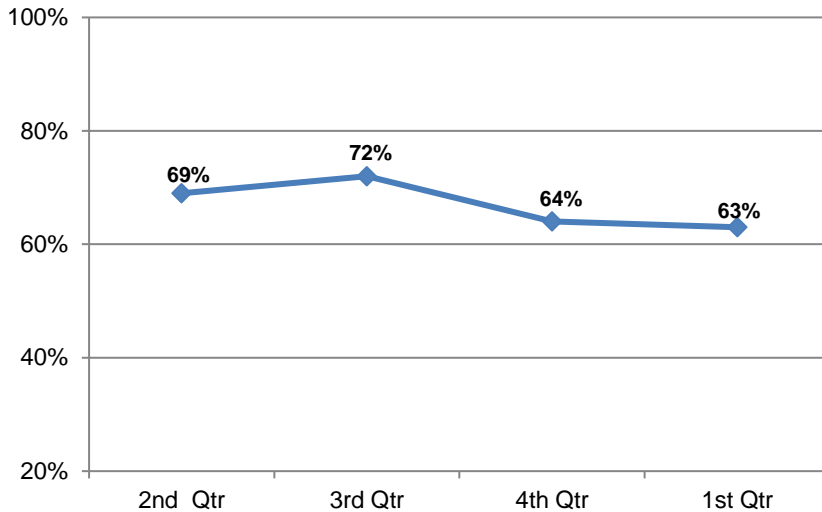




# Quick Facts

## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timeliness of DR Initiations

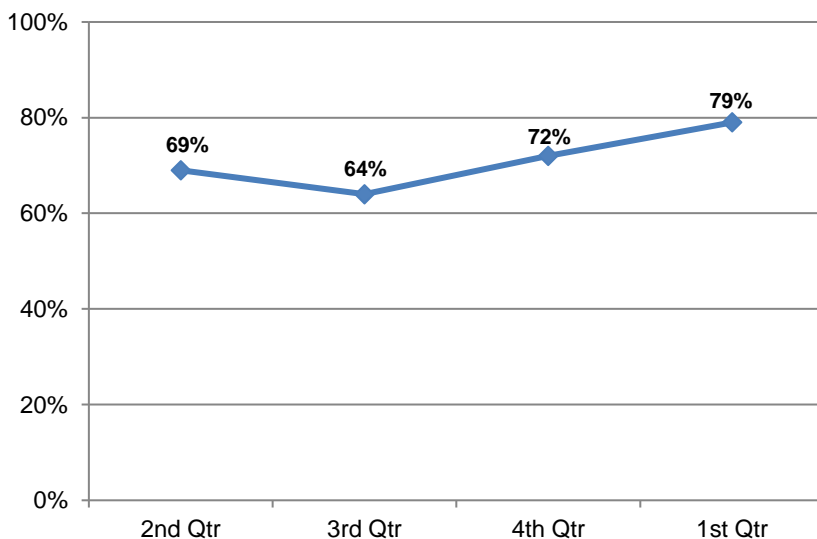


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 63 percent of its DR reports on time during the quarter, representing a one percentage point decrease in compliance from the previous quarter.

## Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timeliness of DR Closures (Within 30 Days)



Reports assigned to DR must be closed within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

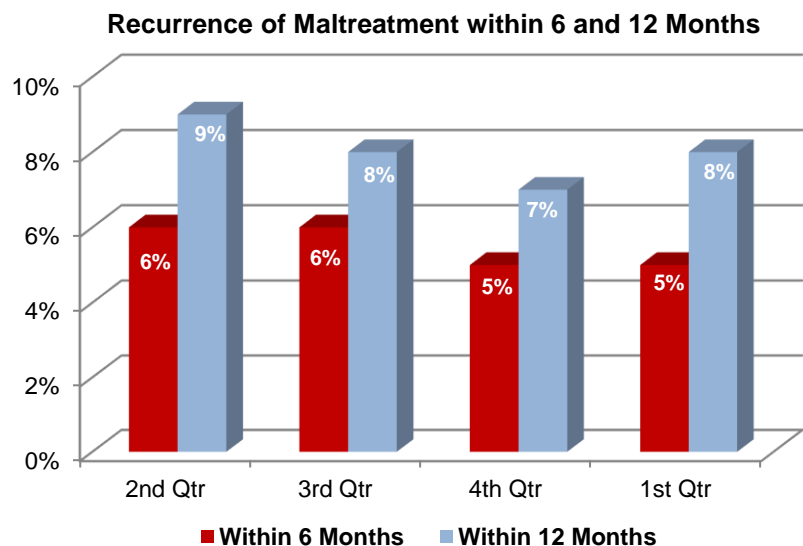
The Agency closed 79 percent of its DR reports on time, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted. The rate of compliance increased by seven percentage points from the last quarter.

# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

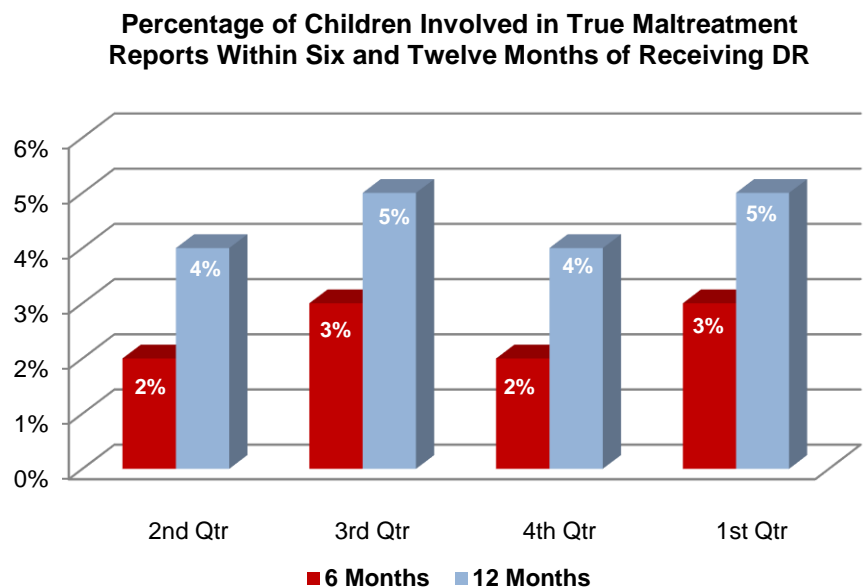
Eight percent of the victim children involved in true investigations one year ago experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months. Five percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months.



*The National Standard for absence of recurrence within six months is 5.4 percent or less*

### Absence of Recurrence Among Families who Received DR

Five percent of the children who began receiving DR services in the first quarter of SFY 2017 were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and three percent were involved within six months.



# In-Home Services

## Quick Facts

### Volume and Description of Cases

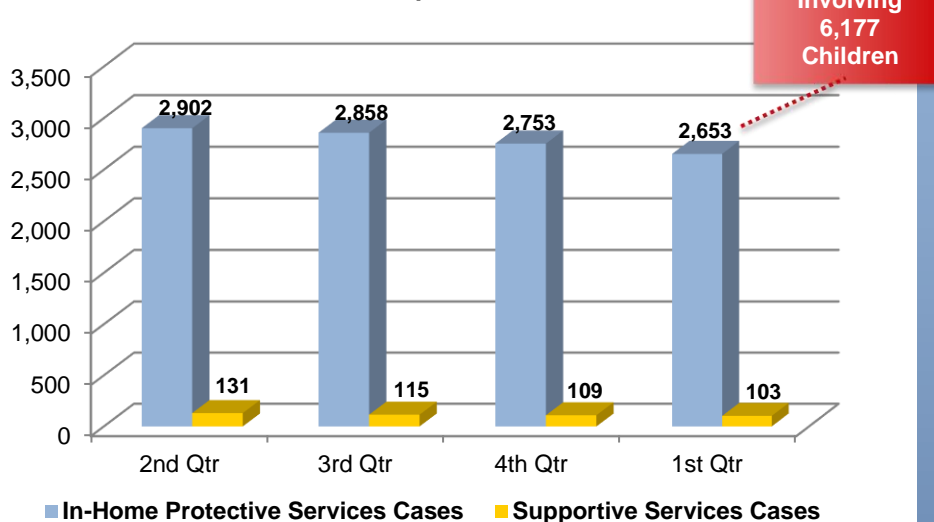
#### Volume of Cases

In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases decreased by four percent during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, there were 2,653 protective services cases open across the state, involving 6,177 children.

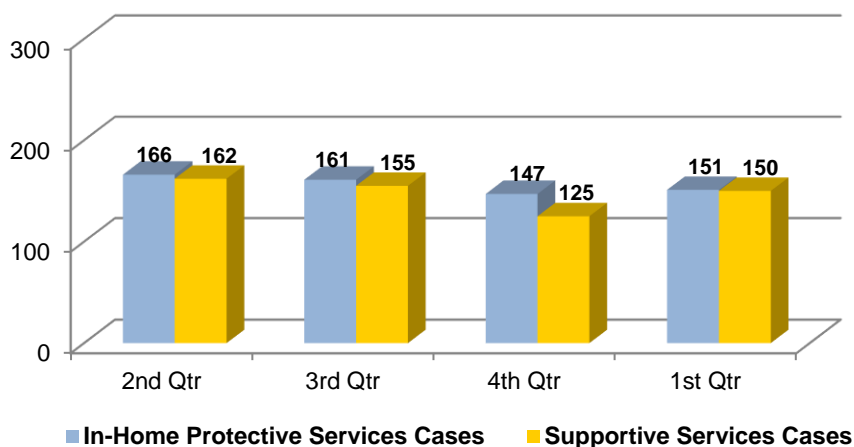
The Division also offers some in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 103 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



#### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

Average Number of Days Cases Have Been Open as of the End of Quarter



The average length of time in-home protective services cases and supportive services cases remained open increased during the most recent quarter.

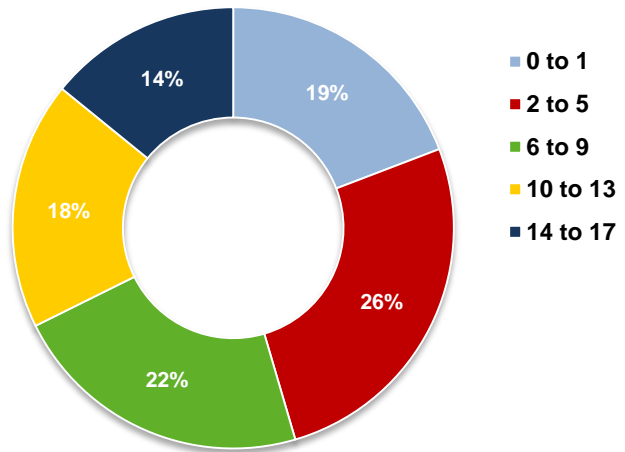
The average length of time in-home protective services cases stayed open was 151 days. Supportive services cases were open, on average, 150 days.

# Quick Facts

## Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Children ages two to five made up the largest group of children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



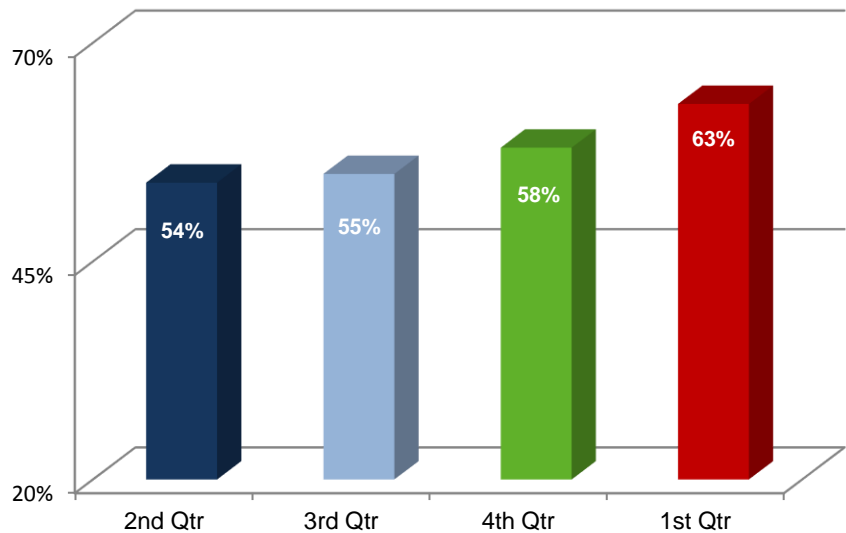
## Meeting Agency Policies

## Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 63 percent of the in-home protective services cases received a monthly face-to-face visit from a caseworker during the quarter.

This represents a five percentage point increase in compliance from the previous quarter. The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

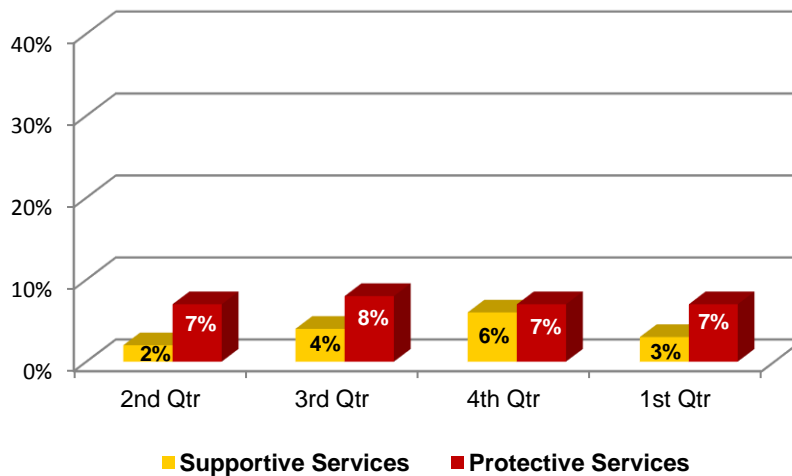


# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

**Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service**

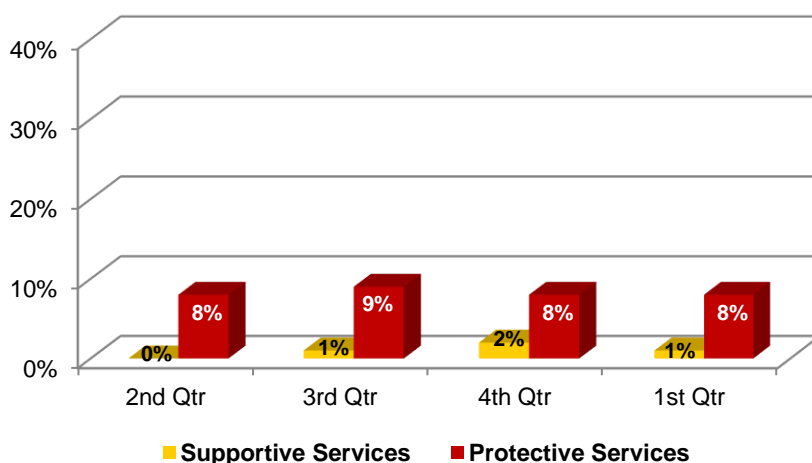


Over the last four quarters, the percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has remained fairly constant.

The rate of subsequent maltreatment has fluctuated for children involved through an in-home supportive services case.

### Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

**Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive or Protective Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of the Initiation of Service**



Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the first quarter one year ago, one percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.

Eight percent of the children who began receiving protective services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

In-home services prevent the vast majority of children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year.

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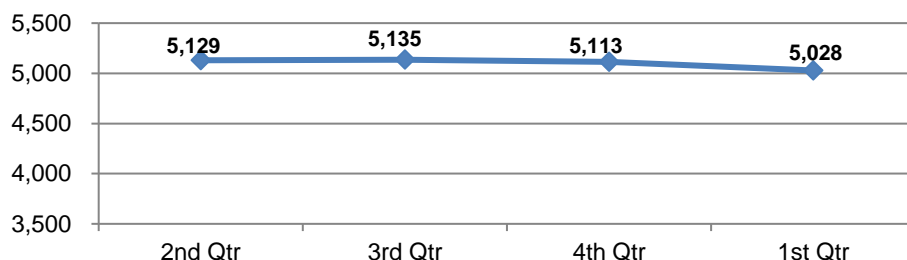
## Foster Care

### Volume and Description of Cases

#### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 5,028 children in foster care at the end of the first quarter of SFY 2018. This signifies a two percent decrease from the previous quarter.

Number of Children in Foster Care at End of the Quarter

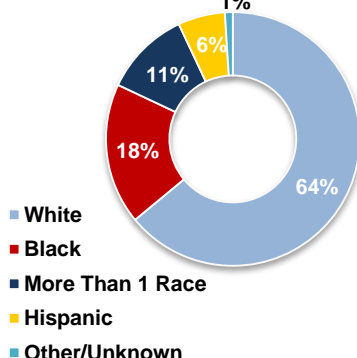


#### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

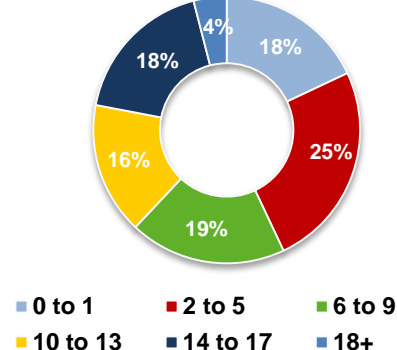
At the end of the quarter, children two to five years of age (25 percent) represented the largest group of children in care. Sixty-four percent of those in foster care were white and 18 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Care at the End of Quarter



Ages of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter

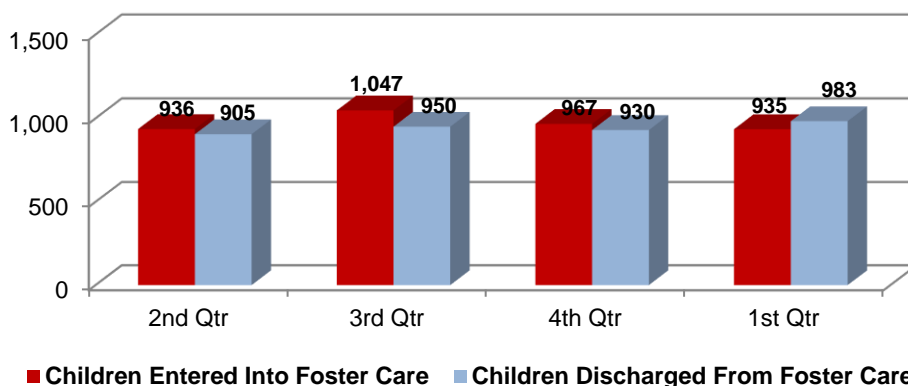


#### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During the first quarter of SFY 2018, more children discharged foster care than entered.

Additionally, the number of children who entered care this quarter was the lowest within a year's time.

Number of Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care During Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care 1st Quarter SFY 2018

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
<b>Neglect</b>	503	54%
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	474 <sup>1</sup>	51%
<b>Parent Incarceration</b>	227	24%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	136	15%
<b>Inadequate Housing</b>	93	10%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	55	6%
<b>Caretaker Illness</b>	41	4%
<b>Abandonment</b>	39	4%
<b>Child's Behavior</b>	27	3%
<b>Truancy</b>	7	1%
<b>Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case</b>	7	1%
<b>Other</b>	19	2%

*A child may have more than one reason for entry*

Neglect and substance abuse were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care.

## Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

### Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care 1st Quarter SFY 2018

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
<b>Reunification</b>	395	40%
<b>Relative Custody</b>	274	28%
<b>Adoption</b>	224	23%
<b>Child Aged Out</b>	63	6%
<b>Non-Relative Custody</b>	22	2%
<b>Other</b>	5	1%

<sup>2</sup>National data indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (51%), adoption (23%), and emancipation (8%).

Forty percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family while 28 percent discharged to relative custody and 23 percent were adopted.

Arkansas (91 percent) exceeds the national average of 81 percent of the children either going home, to a relative, or to an adoptive home.

<sup>1</sup> These 474 cases of substance abuse include 401 instances of parental drug abuse, 55 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 17 cases of drug abuse by children, and one case of alcohol abuse by a child.

<sup>2</sup> National data from the Children's Bureau (October 2017)

# Quick Facts

## Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent had been in care for at least 12 months, if not longer.

## Permanency Goals of Children in Care

Thirty-four percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in foster family homes.

Overall, 77 percent of the children resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement therapeutic foster home, trial home visit, pre-adoptive home) at the end of the quarter. The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

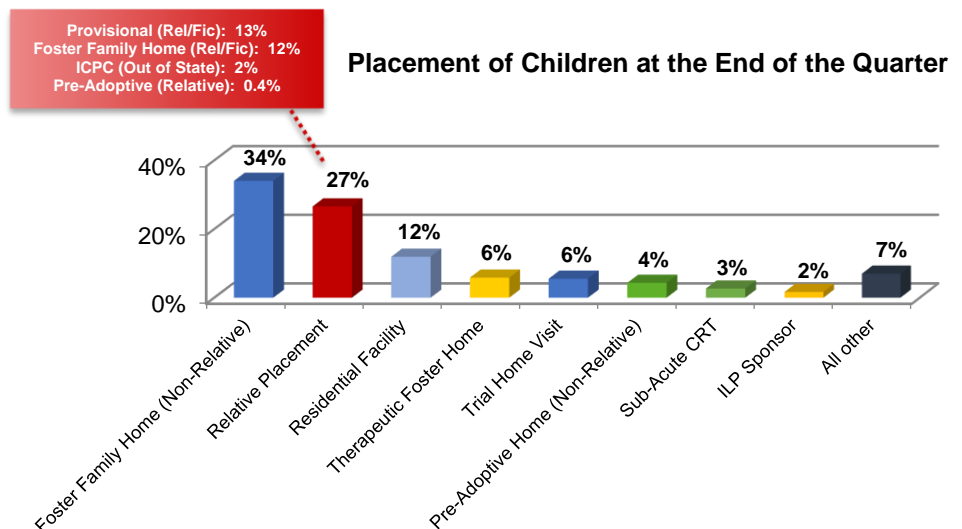
Fifty-six percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home), and 25 percent had a goal of adoption.

This is similar to national data from the Children's Bureau as of October 2017, reunification (55 percent) and adoption (26 percent).

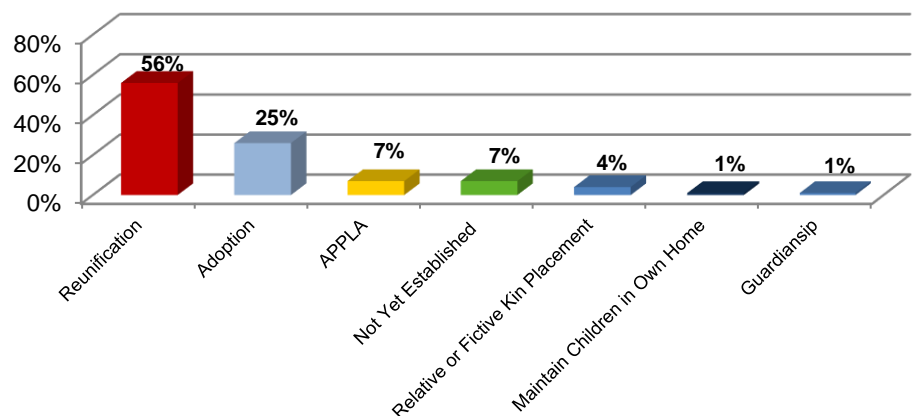
## Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care

1st Quarter SFY 2018

	Number	Percentage	National
<b>Less than 30 days</b>	318	6%	6%
<b>1-3 Months</b>	477	9%	23%
<b>3-6 Months</b>	674	13%	
<b>6-12 Months</b>	1,148	23%	20%
<b>12-24 Months</b>	1,326	26%	25%
<b>24-36 Months</b>	499	10%	12%
<b>36+ Months</b>	586	12%	15%
<b>Total</b>	5,028	100%	100%



## Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter



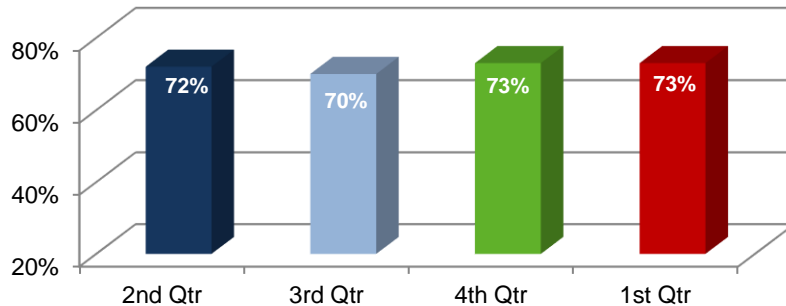


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## Meeting Agency Policies

### Monthly Visits to Foster Children

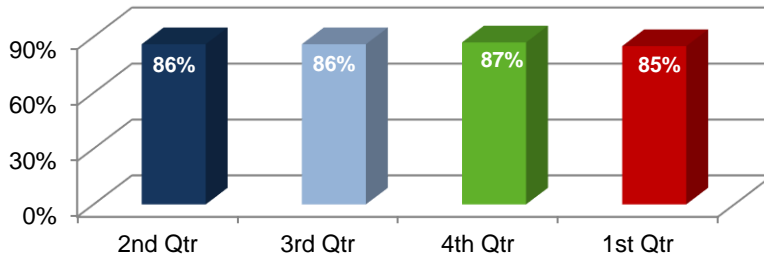
**Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Caseworkers**



Seventy-three percent of the foster children statewide received a monthly face-to-face visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during the quarter.

To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placement by their caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

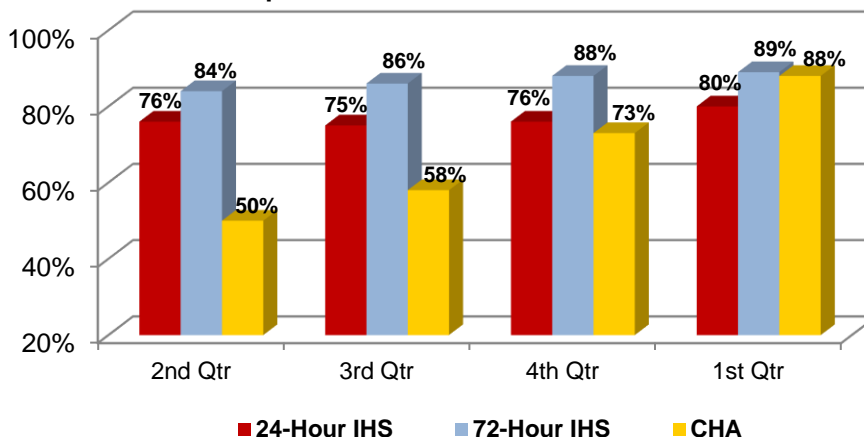
**Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff**



Eighty-five percent of the foster children received a monthly face-to-face contact from any DCFS staff member, regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose.

### Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

**24-hour and 72-Hour Initial Health Screening and Comprehensive Health Assessments**



When a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) within 24 hours. All other incoming foster children require health screenings within 72 hours. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

The completion of screenings and assessments increased during the first quarter of SFY 2018 in comparison to the three previous quarters.

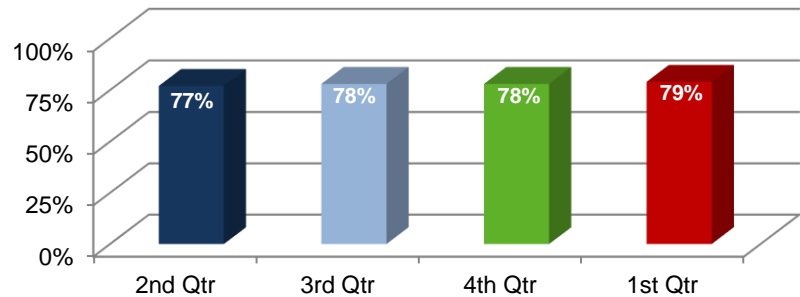
# Quick Facts

## Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 79 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 61 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.

Siblings in Care who are placed Together

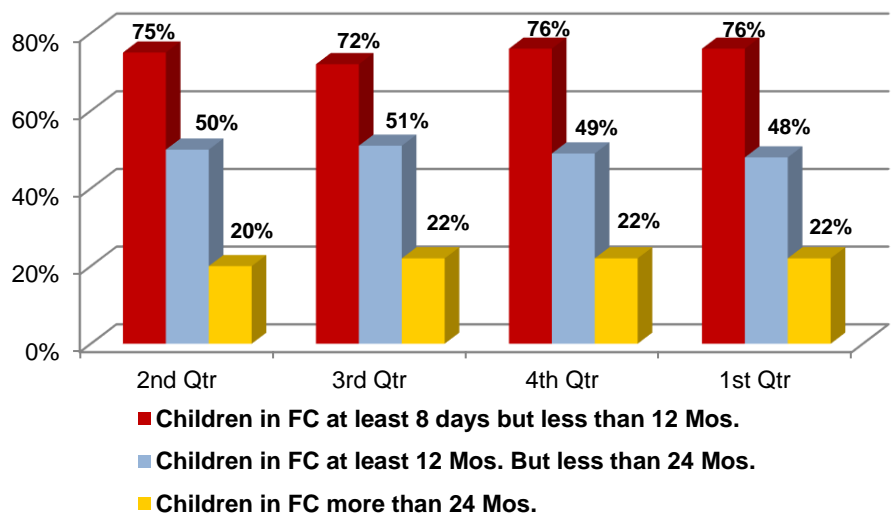


## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

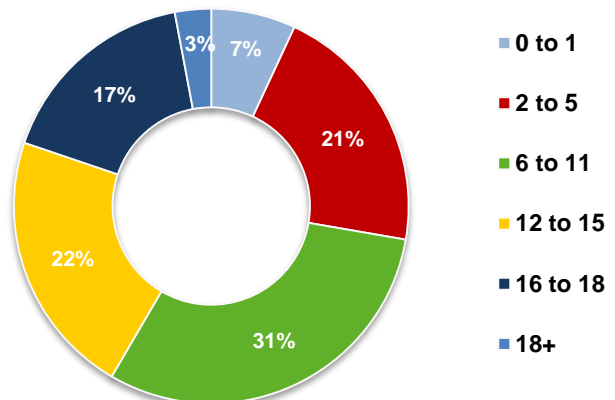
Placement stability is measured by the percentage of children with two or fewer placements who are in care for varying lengths of time.

Of the children in care for less than 12 months, 76 percent experienced two or fewer placements; the national standard is 86 percent. Of the children in foster care between 12 and 24 months, 48 percent had two or fewer placements; the national standard for this group is 65.4 percent. Finally, of the children in care for over two years, only 22 percent experienced two or fewer placements, with the national standard being 41.8 percent.

Children in Foster Care who have Experienced Two or Fewer Placements



Ages of Children who Experienced Three or More Placements



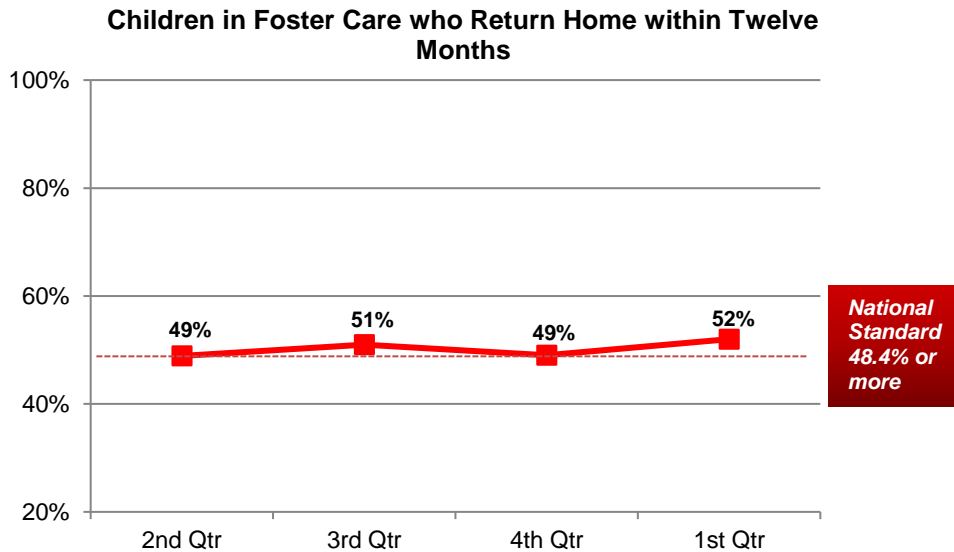
Regardless of the length of time in foster care, 2,145 of the children in care at the end of the quarter had experienced three or more placements during their time in foster care. Children six to 11 represent the largest group of children who experienced such volume of placement changes.

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## Benefits to Children and Families

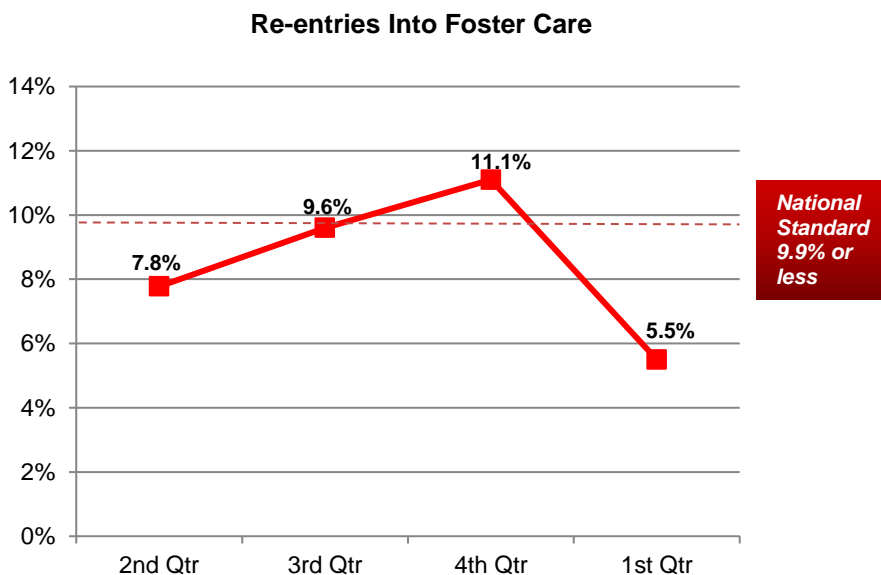
### Children in Foster Care Who Return Home Within Twelve Months

Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 48.4 for returning children to their homes within 12 months of removal.



### Preventing Children's Re-entry Into Foster Care

The rate at which children re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharged dropped sharply during the quarter. The re-entry rate for the first quarter of SFY 2018 is nearly half that of the national standard (9.9 percent).



# Quick Facts

## Adoption

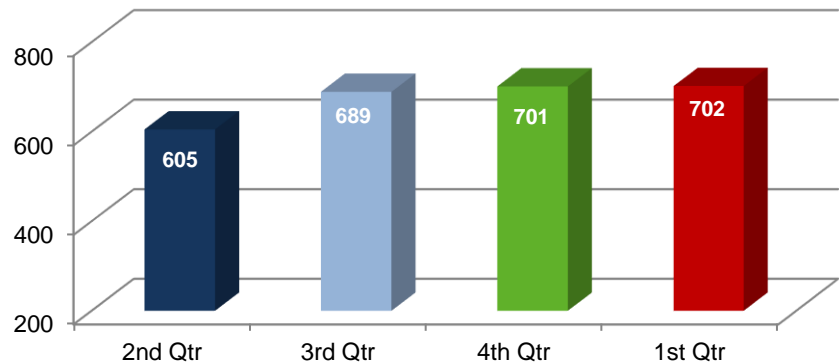
### Volume and Description of Cases

#### Children Available for Adoption<sup>3</sup>

At the end of the quarter, 702 children were available for adoption.

Of those 702 children, DCFS estimates that 327 are likely to be adopted by their current placement providers. This means that 375 children were truly in need of an adoptive family as of the end of the quarter.

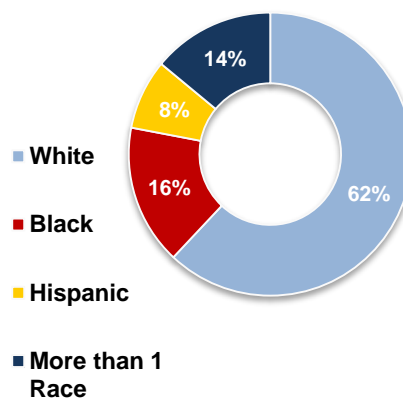
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



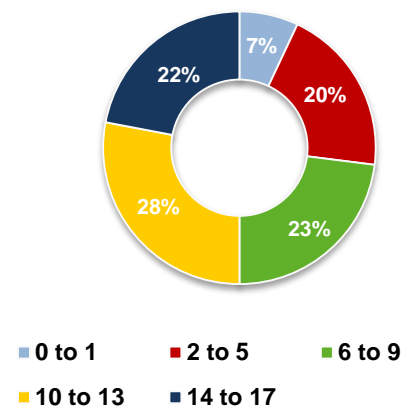
### Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 62 percent were white and 16 percent were black. Half of the children available for adoption were between the ages of six and 13 years old.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Ages of Children Available for Adoptions

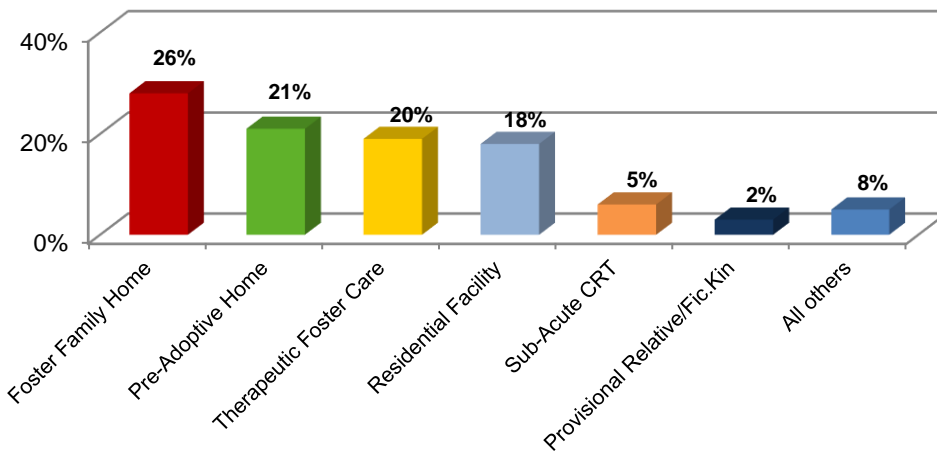


<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who have a termination of parental rights on both parents and a goal of adoption.

# Quick Facts

## Placement of Children Available for Adoption

Placement of Children Available for Adoption  
at the End of the Quarter



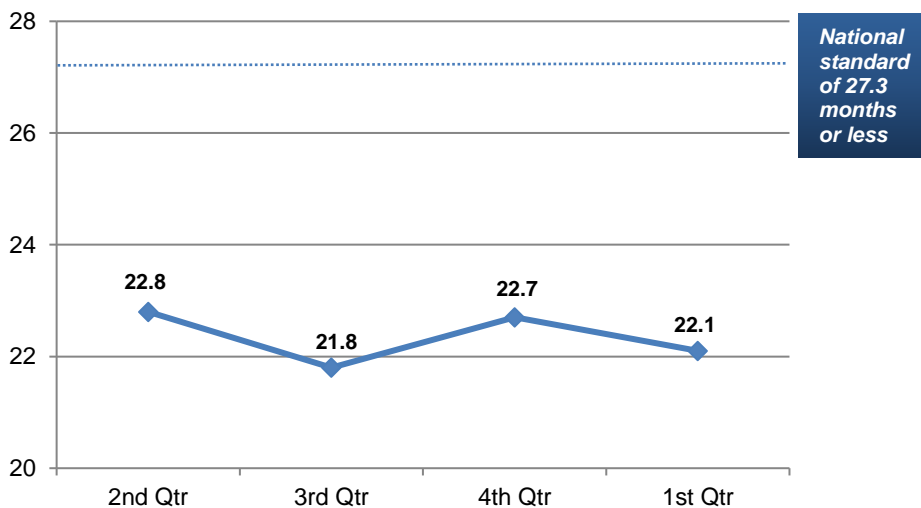
Nearly half of the children available for adoption at the end of the quarter resided in either a foster family home or a pre-adoptive home.

Another two percent resided in a provisional relative or provisional fictive kin setting.

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption

Length of Time From Entry into Foster Care  
to Finalization of Adoption (Months)



Arkansas' median length of time from entry into foster care until adoption finalization was 22.1 months during the most recent quarter, five months quicker than the national standard of 27.3 months.

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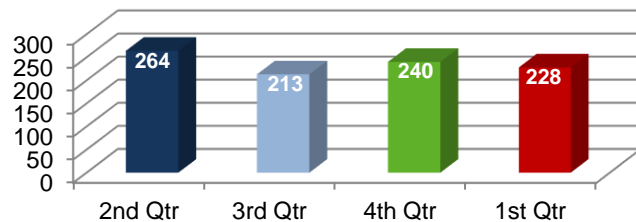
## Benefits to Children and Families

### Finalized Adoptions

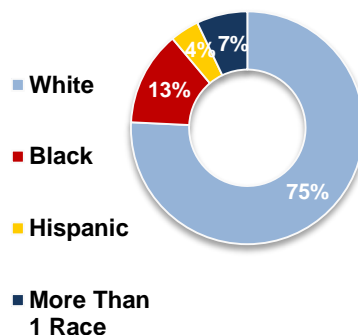
Two hundred and twenty-eight adoptions were finalized during the first quarter of SFY 2018.

Children ages two to five were the largest group among those adopted during the quarter.

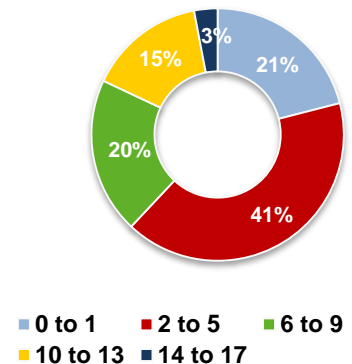
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoptions



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



### Subsidized Adoptions

Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- Caucasian and over nine
- Healthy child of color and at least two years of age
- Member of any sibling group placed together, sharing at least one biological parent, who develop a bond
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional

During the first quarter, **210** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, **199** were federally-funded subsidies and **11** were state-funded.

During the quarter, a total of **6,141** children received adoption subsidies.



## Resources

## Quick Facts

### Caseworkers and Caseloads

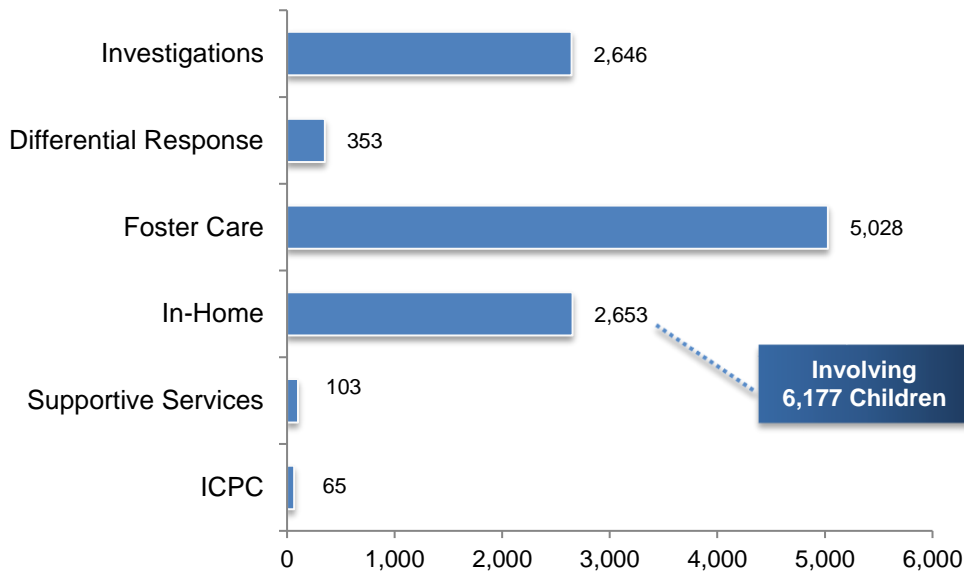
#### Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

As of the end of the quarter, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,646 investigations of child maltreatment and 353 DR cases;
- 5,028 foster care cases;
- 2,653 in-home protective services cases, involving 6,177 children;
- 103 supportive services cases and 65 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 422 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



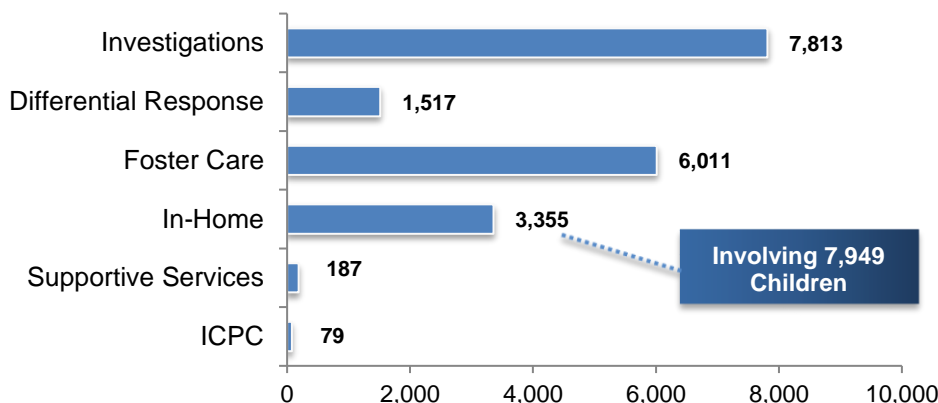
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

#### Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

This figure illustrates the number of cases that cycled through the system anytime during the quarter (as opposed to those open at the end of the quarter, described above).

The Division oversaw 7,813 investigations; 6,011 children in foster care; 3,355 in-home protective services cases; 1,517 DR cases; 187 supportive services cases; and 79 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at 24.7 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. This average is greater than the Division's Goal of 20 cases or less per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of September 2017 is presented in Appendix E.

## Foster Homes

### Foster Homes and Beds

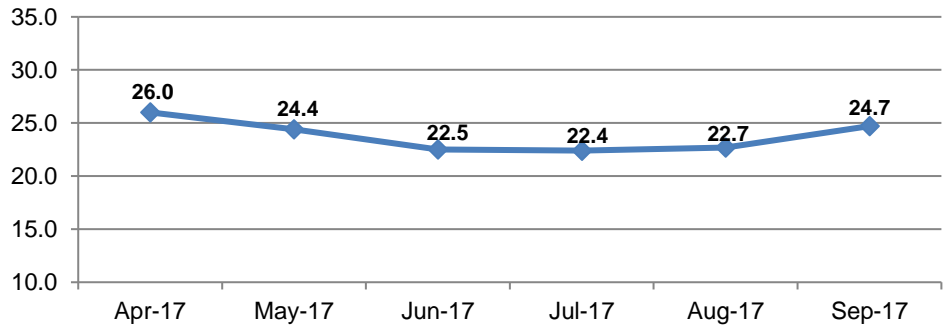
There were 1,818 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the first quarter, providing a total of 4,013 available beds.

The number of available foster homes and beds increased for the third consecutive quarter.

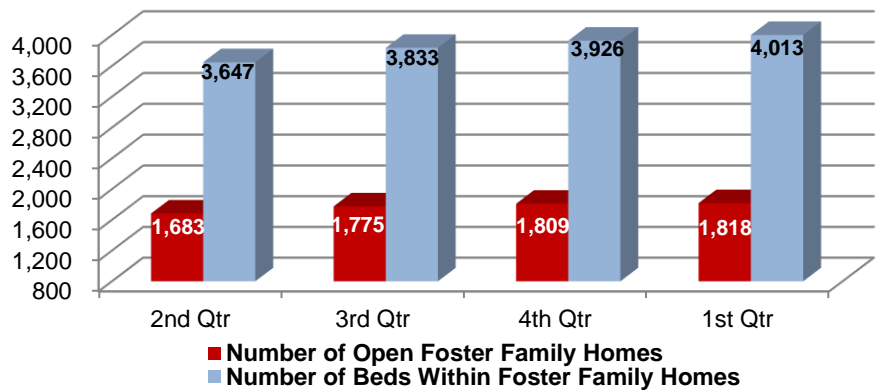
During the most recent quarter, 280 new foster homes were opened and 253 were closed, for a net gain of 27 homes.

Appendix F displays the closure reasons for the foster homes that closed during the quarter.

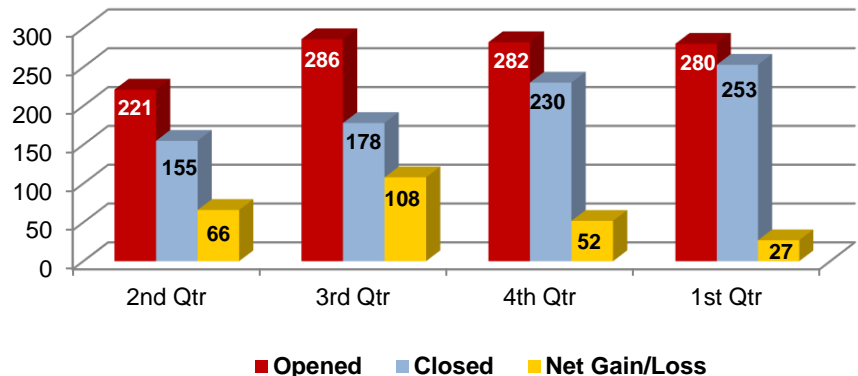
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter

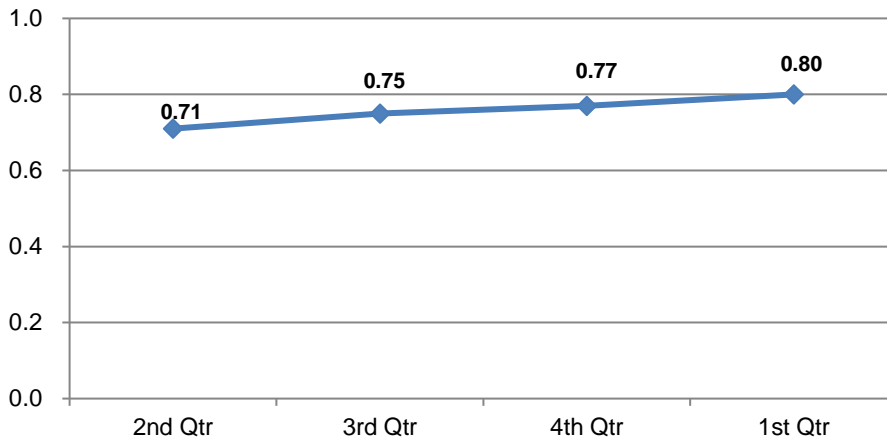




# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

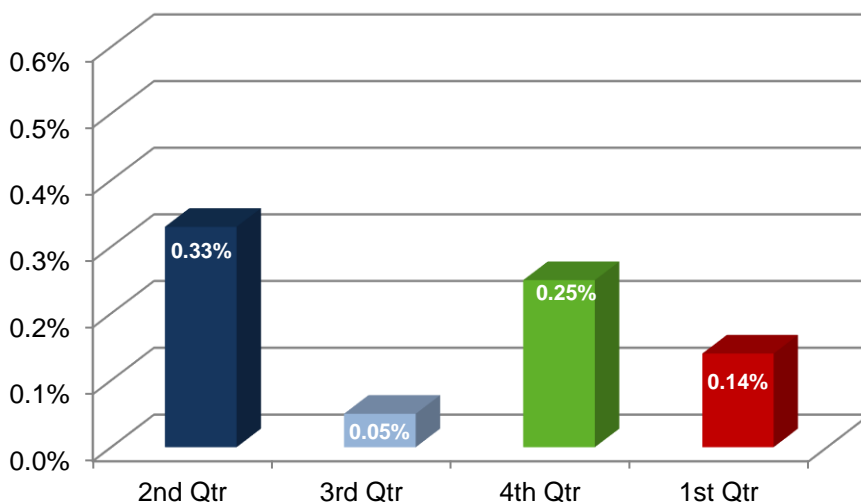


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.80) at the end of the quarter, even though consistent improvement has been observed during the last four quarters.

The Division's goal is to have at least one foster home bed available for each child in foster care.

## Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Three reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 2,077 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.14 percent.

Appendix G provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.



## Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations<sup>4</sup>

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
Second Quarter 2017	1,163	6,509 <i>5,888 Closed</i>	1,336	23%	1,508 <i>1,417 Closed</i>	475	34%
Third Quarter 2017	1,283	5,562 <i>5,389 Closed</i>	1,161	22%	1,411 <i>1,307 Closed</i>	468	36%
Fourth Quarter 2017	1,630	5,946 <i>5,938 Closed</i>	1,196	20%	1,488 <i>1,340 Closed</i>	508	38%
First Quarter 2018	1,058	5,407 <i>5,396 Closed</i>	1,297	24%	1,472 <i>1,358 Closed</i>	485	36%

<sup>4</sup> The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the first quarter refers to 5/1/2017 through 7/31/2017); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).



## Appendix B: Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality

### True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
<b>Ryleigh Real</b>	Washington	<1	White	Female	7/28/2017	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Mother's Boyfriend	CACD	72 Hr Hold	None	FC Case
<b>Zane Douglas</b>	Crawford	1	White	Male	8/25/2017	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	PS Case
<b>Paris Balentine</b>	Jackson	<1	Black	Female	9/10/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Mother's Boyfriend	CACD	72 Hr Hold	None	FC Case

### Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
<b>Masiyu Rucks</b>	Crittenden	12	Black	Female	8/15/2017	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	Prior Invest	None

## Pending Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
<b>Brinly Gordon</b>	Hot Spring	1	White	Female	7/2/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
<b>Johnny Richard, Jr.</b>	Mississippi	<1	White	Male	8/20/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
<b>Talondyn Jacobs</b>	Drew	1	Black	Female	8/30/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	72 Hr Hold	Prior Invest	FC Case
<b>Terrell Powell</b>	Sebastian	2	Hispanic	Male	9/23/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
<b>Gannon Cline</b>	Lonoke	1	White	Male	9/24/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	72 Hr Hold	Prior Invest	FC Case

## **Appendix C: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality**

### **True Near Fatality Reports**

There were no true near child fatality reports during the first quarter of SFY 2018.

### **Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports**

There were no unsubstantiated near child fatality reports during the first quarter of SFY 2018.

### **Pending Near Fatality Reports**

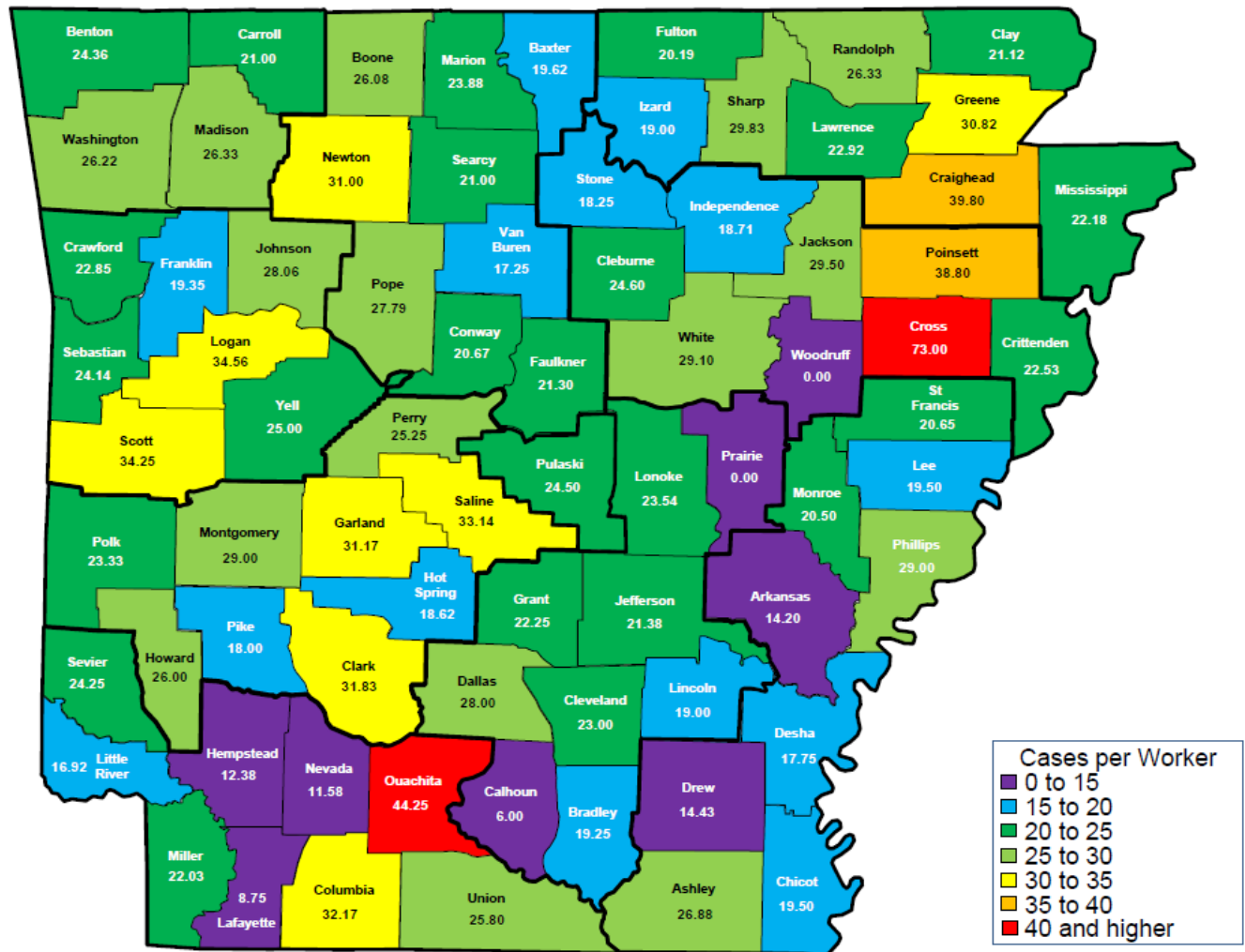
There were no pending near child fatality reports during the first quarter of SFY 2018.

## Appendix D: Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Child #1	Crittenden	17	Black	Male	7/25/2017	Gun Shot	Foster Care	None	Foster Care	None



## Appendix E: Average Caseload as of September 30, 2017, by County



Due to the fact that Prairie and Woodruff counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter, their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.

## Appendix F: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Total	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed
1	Benton (Bentonville)	21	4	11	3	2	0	1	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	12	2	8	0	2	0	0	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	15	1	6	3	4	0	0	1
2	Franklin (Ozark)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	16	1	8	2	3	0	0	2
2	Yell (Danville)	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	10	0	9	0	1	0	0	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	6	0	4	1	1	0	0	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	16	0	7	3	4	0	0	2
5	Marion (Yellville)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (North)	8	0	5	1	2	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (South)	13	0	10	3	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	8	0	7	0	0	1	0	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Total	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	20	2	13	0	5	0	0	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	6	0	4	0	2	0	0	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	9	2	6	0	0	0	0	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
99	Out of State	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>

Details of the Major Categories Above (Statewide)		
Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	26
	Custody/Guardianship	18
Change in Family Circumstances	Death of Family Member	2
	Divorce	1
	Health of Parent	2
	Moved	4
	Personal Issues	4
	Pregnant	3
	Provider Moved Out of State	2
Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only	20
	Provider Request	129
	Taking a Break	2
Founded Abuse/Neglect	True Maltreatment	3
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	21
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	4
Other	Contract Ended	1
Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	11

## Appendix G: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 1st Quarter SFY 2018

One hundred and fifty five reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 186 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the first quarter of SFY 2018.

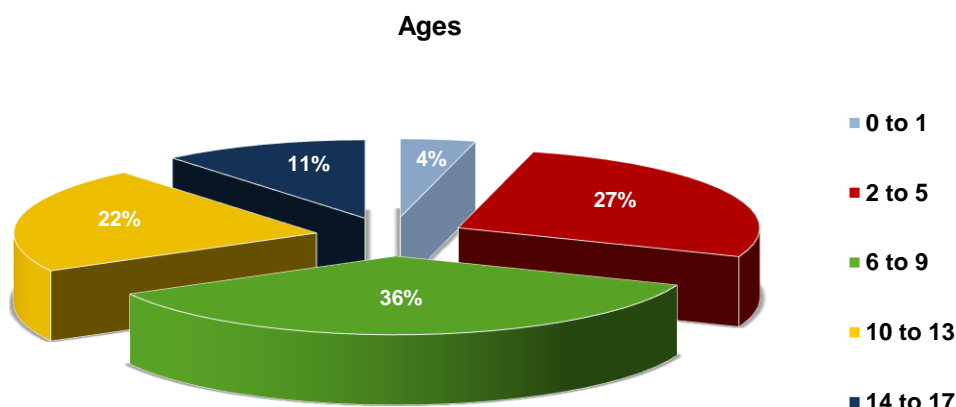
In 38 reports involving 45 children, foster parents<sup>5</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, three of those reports were found to be true and all three homes were subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
1st Quarter SFY 2018**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
3	31	2

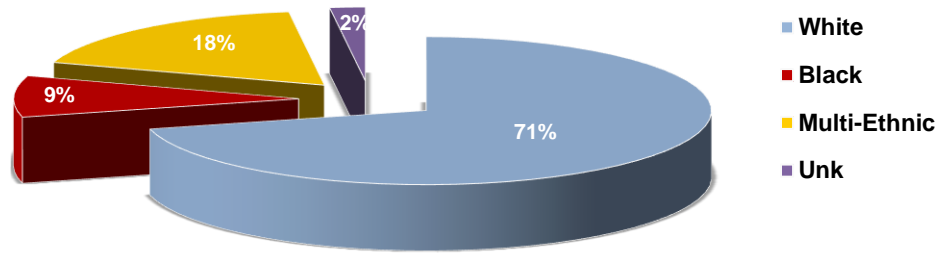
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to assess the safety of all children residing in the home.

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 51 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents as the alleged offenders.

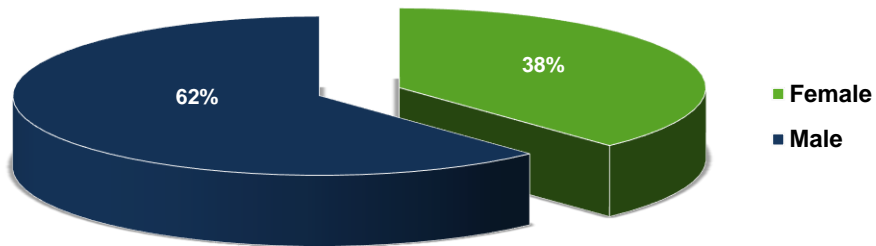


<sup>5</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

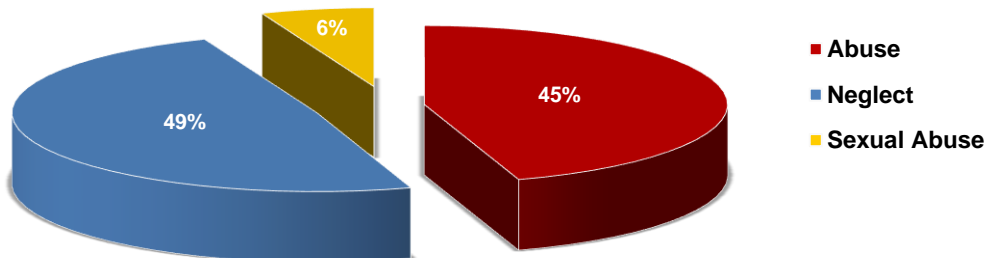
**Race/Ethnicity**



**Gender**



**Allegation**



**County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report</b>
<b>Sebastian</b>	6	<b>Grant</b>	1
<b>Benton</b>	4	<b>Greene</b>	1
<b>Craighead</b>	4	<b>Hempstead</b>	1
<b>Carroll</b>	3	<b>Lonoke</b>	1
<b>Izard</b>	3	<b>Phillips</b>	1
<b>Jefferson</b>	3	<b>Pope</b>	1
<b>Pulaski</b>	1	<b>Saline</b>	1
<b>Clark</b>	1	<b>Scott</b>	1
<b>Washington</b>	1	<b>St. Francis</b>	1
<b>Boone</b>	1	<b>Union</b>	1
<b>Columbia</b>	1	<b>White</b>	1
<b>Crittenden</b>	1	<b>Yell</b>	1