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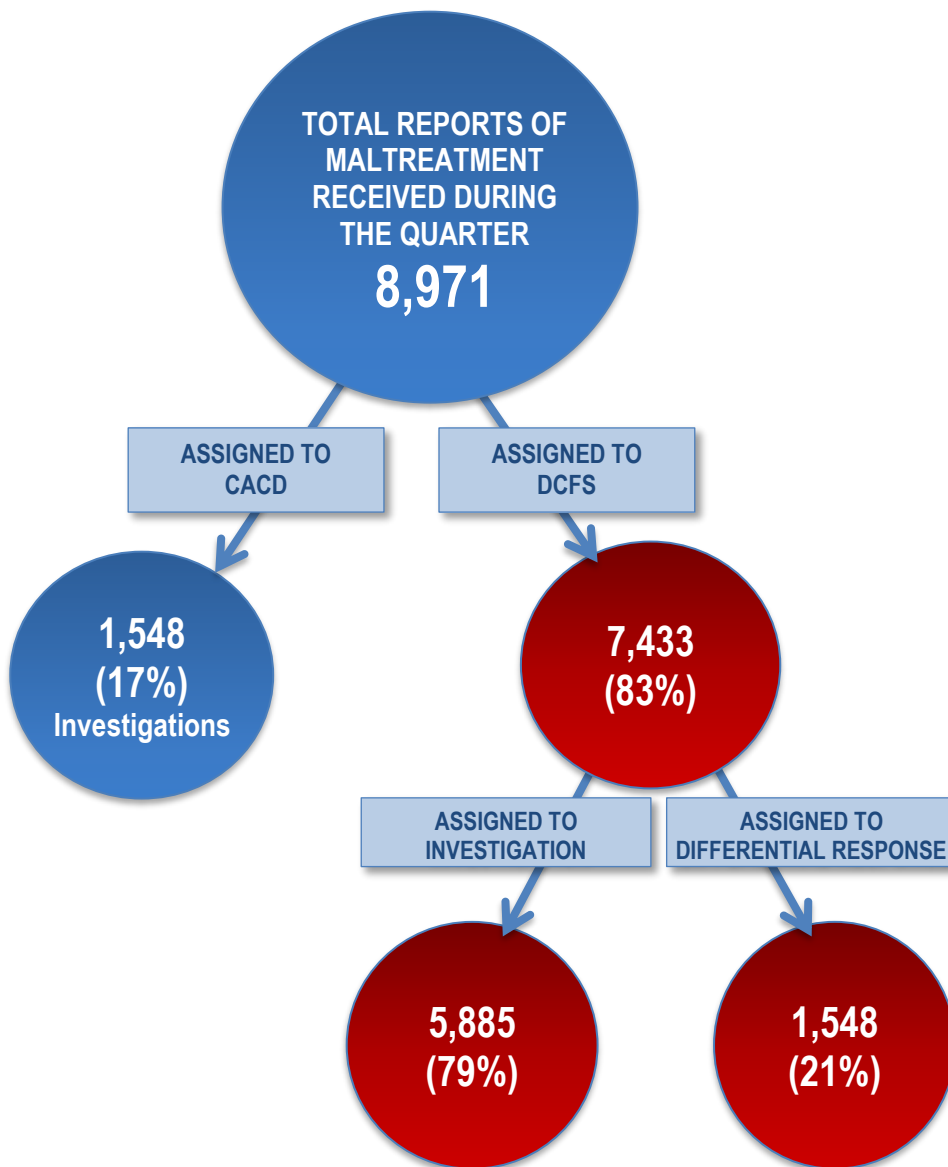
# Reports of Child Maltreatment

## Quick Facts

### Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During  
4th Quarter SFY 2018



Of the 8,971 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 83 percent were assigned to DCFS and 17 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, 79 percent were assigned for an investigation and 21 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

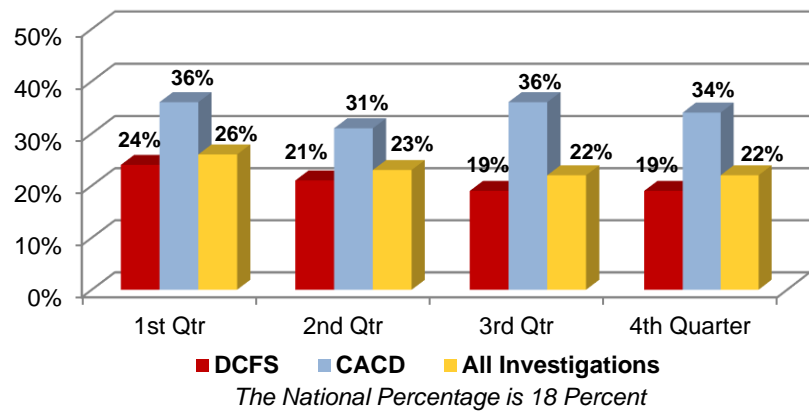
# Quick Facts

## Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Nineteen percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the quarter were found true, compared to 34 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 22 percent.

Appendix A provides further detail on the number of referrals accepted for investigation and those found true in the most recent quarter.

Percentage Of Investigations Found True



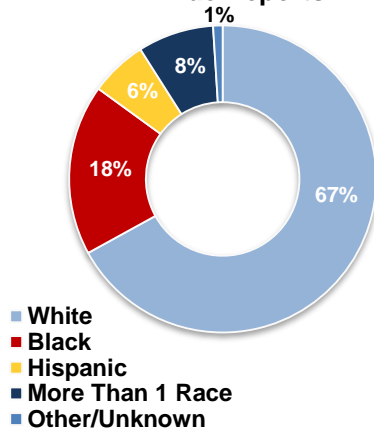
## Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,260 victim children involved in substantiated maltreatment investigations.

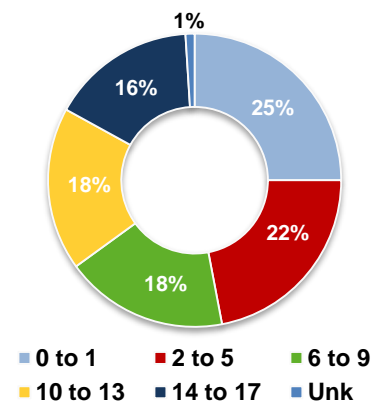
Of those children, 67 percent were white and 18 percent were black. Sixty-five percent of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under ten years of age.

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 2,260 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	1,370	61%
Physical Abuse	689	30%
Sexual Abuse	399	18%
Abandonment	19	<1%
Sexual Exploitation	12	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation.

# Quick Facts

## Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

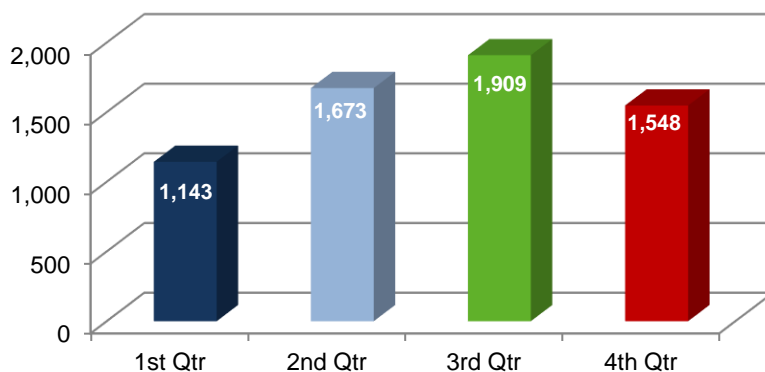
During the quarter, there were 20 maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of the child fatality investigations, ten were found true and ten are still pending. There were no investigations involving a near child fatality.

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	10	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0
Pending	10	0

## Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)

The number of reports assigned to DR during the quarter (1,548) decreased by 19 percent when compared to the previous quarter.

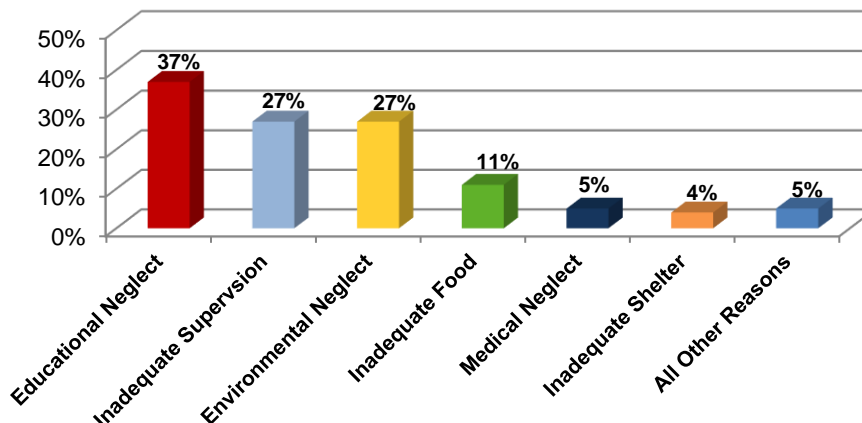
Number of Reports Assigned to Differential Response



## Allegations Cited in DR Reports

Educational neglect was the most commonly cited allegation in reports assigned to DR, followed by Inadequate Supervision and Environmental Neglect.

Types of Allegations Cited in Reports Assigned for DR



# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

### Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

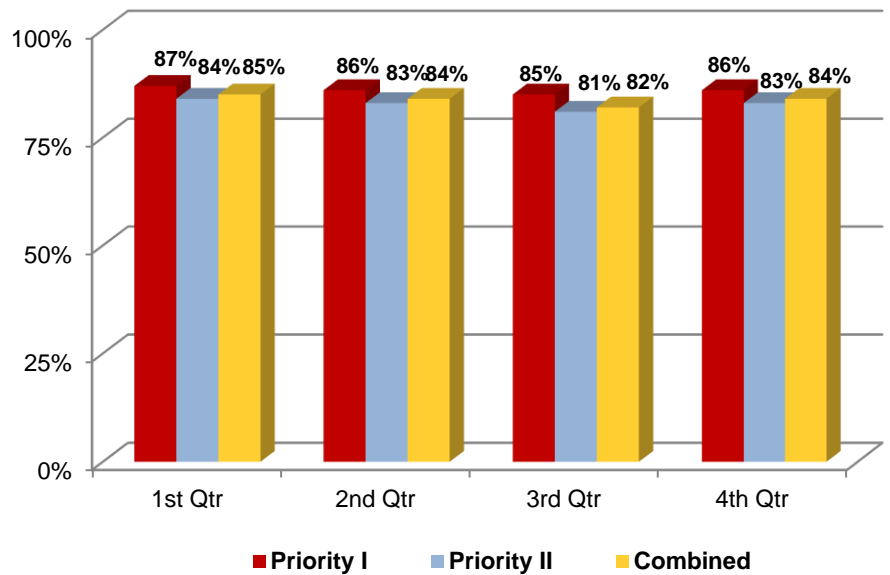
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

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 84 percent of its investigations on time during the fourth quarter.

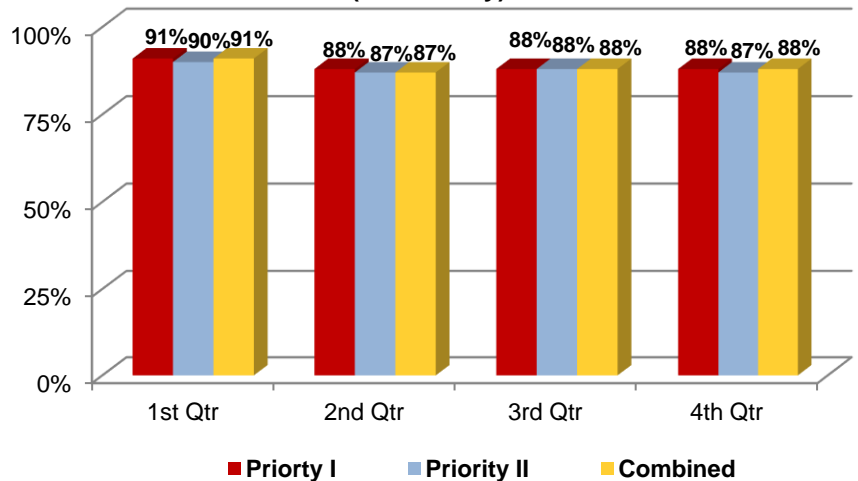
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments  
(DCFS Only)



### Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 88 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter.

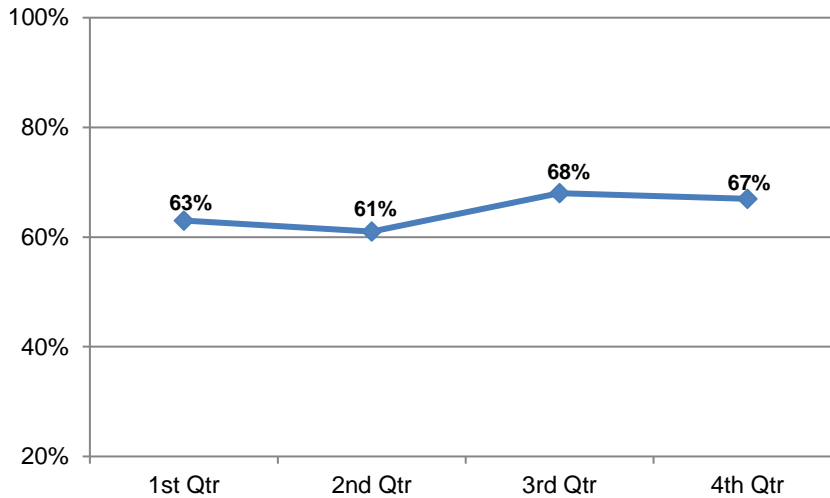
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments  
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# Quick Facts

## Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Initiation of DR Reports

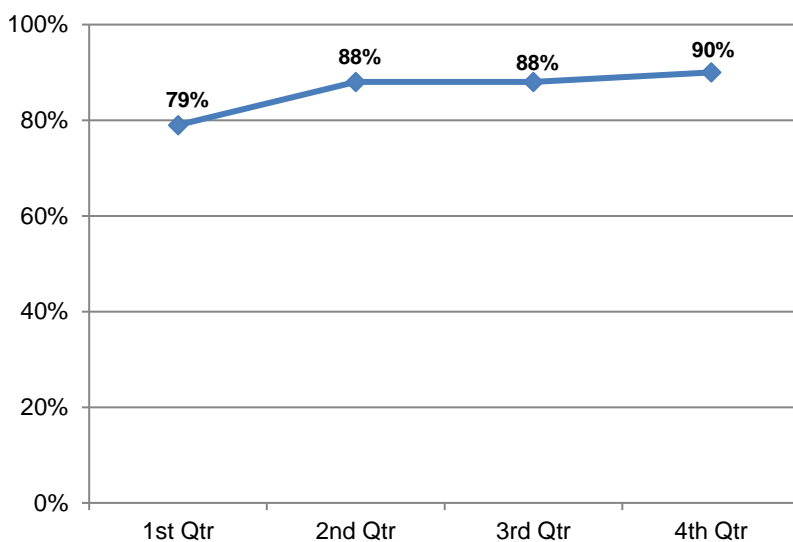


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 67 percent of its DR reports on time during the quarter, similar to the previous quarter.

## Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timely Closure of DR Reports



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 90 percent of its DR reports on time, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

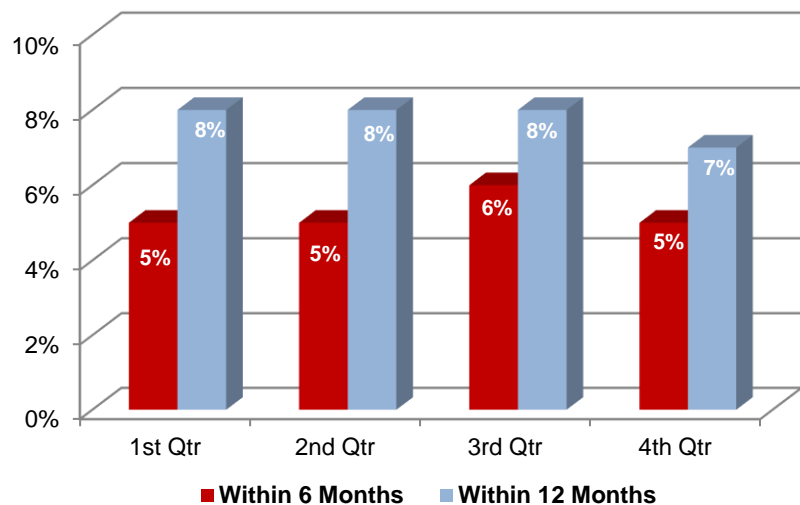
# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

### Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Seven 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.

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

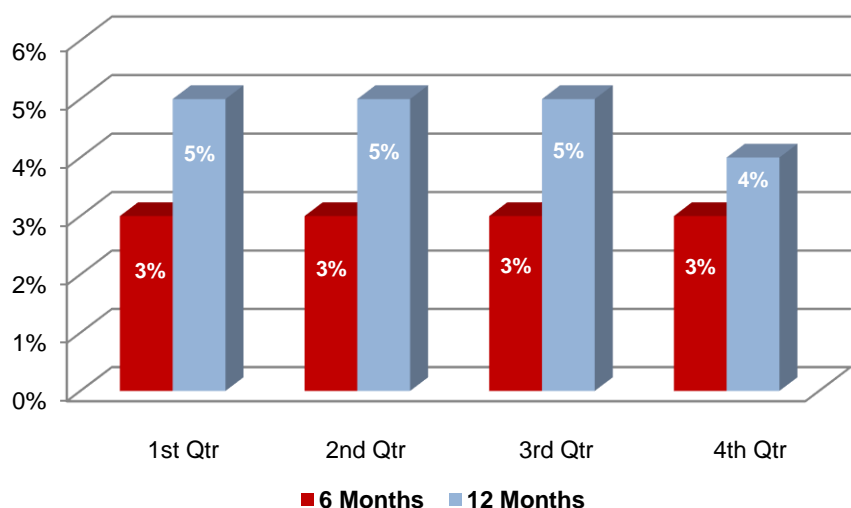


The National Standard for recurrence within 12 months is 9.1 percent or less

### Recurrence of Maltreatment Among Families who Received DR

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

Percentage of Children Involved in True Maltreatment Reports Within 6 and 12 Months of Receiving DR



# In-Home Services

## Quick Facts

### Volume and Description of Cases

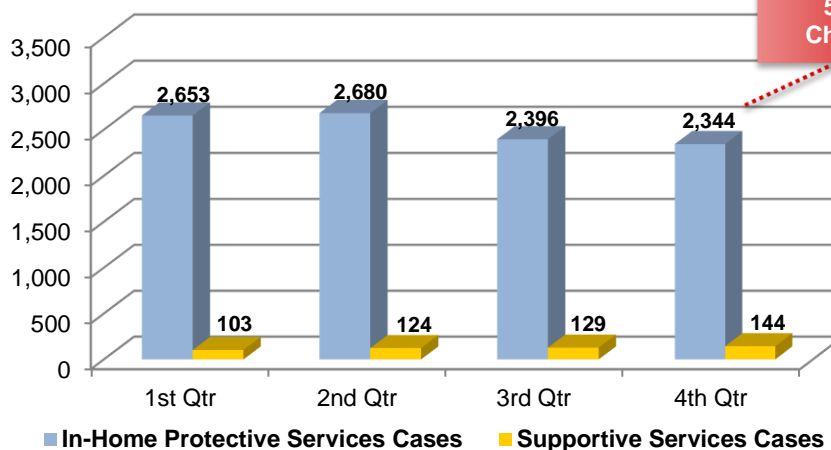
#### Volume of Cases

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 two percent during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, there were 2,344 protective services cases open across the state, involving 5,483 children.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 144 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



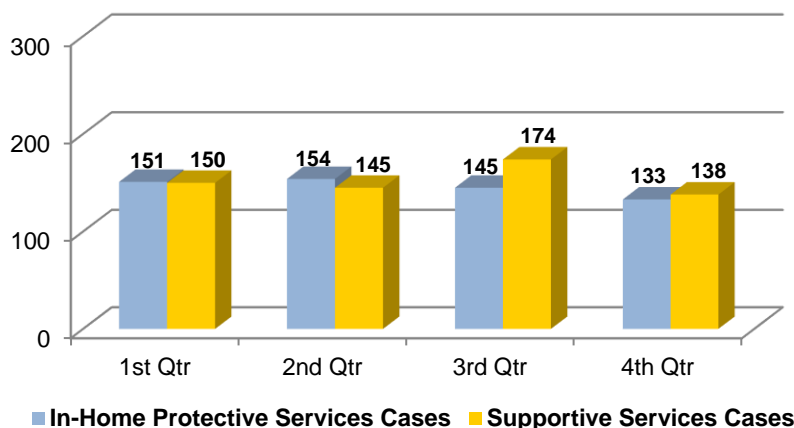
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#### Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

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

The average length of time in-home protective services cases stayed open was 133 days. Supportive services cases were open, on average, 138 days.

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

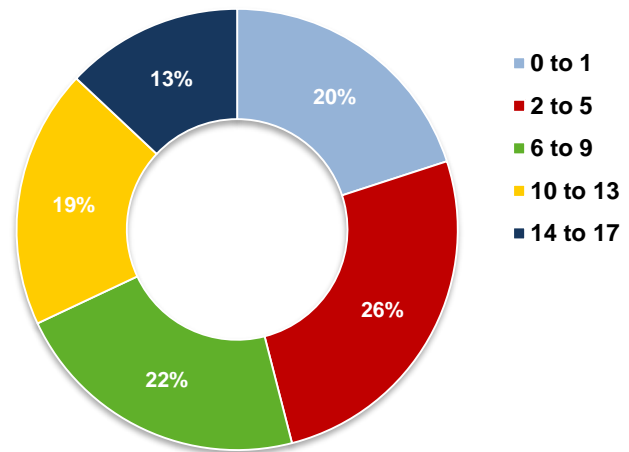


# Quick Facts

## 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



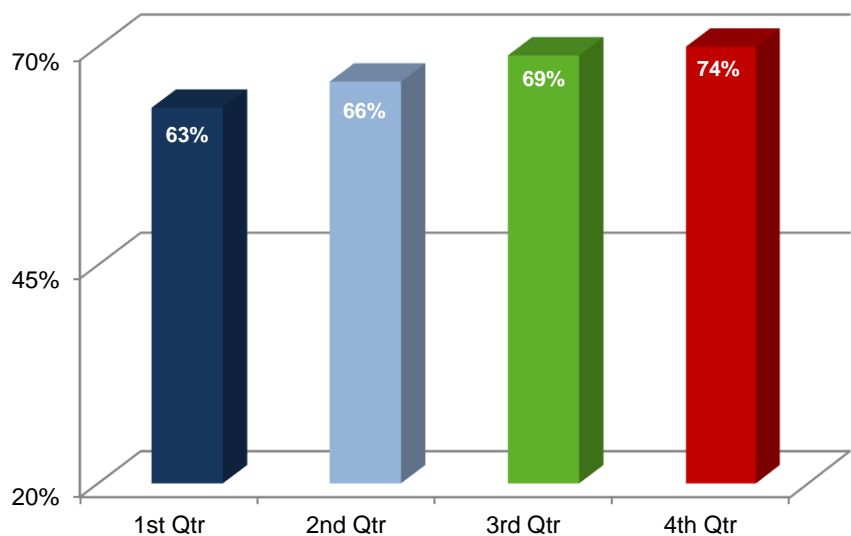
## Meeting Agency Policies

## Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 74 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 Cases

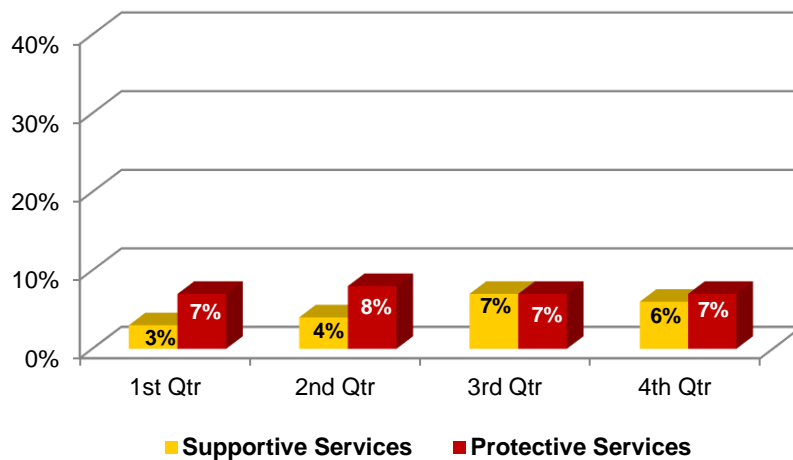


# Quick Facts

## 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**

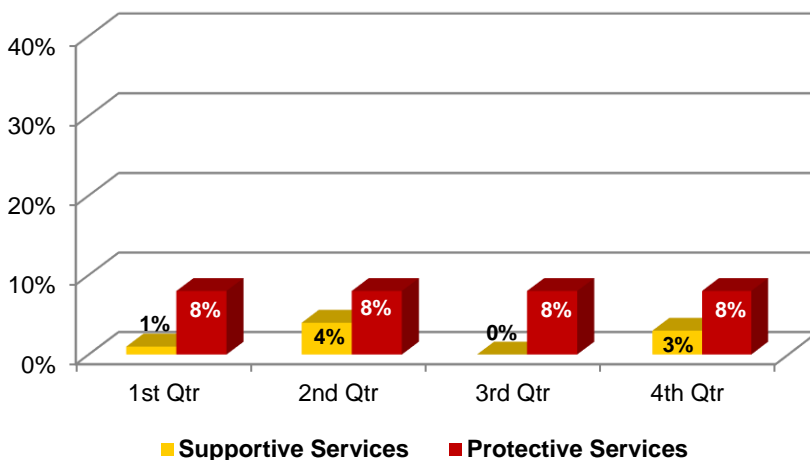


Over the last four quarters, the percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has remained fairly constant.

The rate of 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 fourth quarter one year ago, three 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.

# Quick Facts

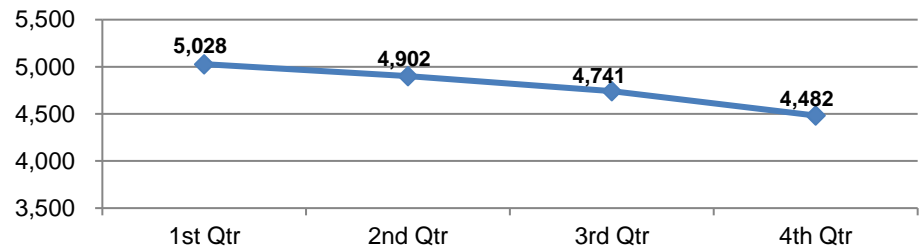
## Foster Care

### Volume and Description of Cases

#### Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,482 children in foster care at the end of the fourth quarter of SFY 2018. This signifies a five percent decrease from the previous quarter.

Number of Children in Foster Care at End of the Quarter

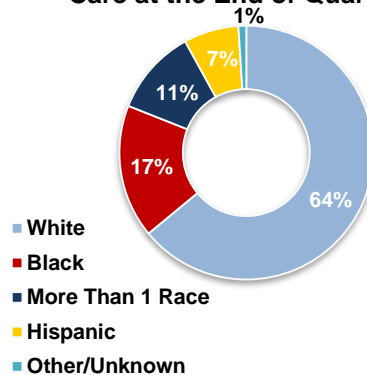


#### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

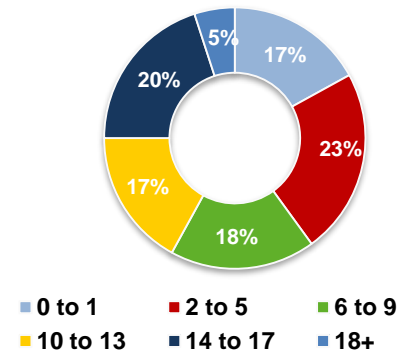
At the end of the quarter, children two to five years of age (23 percent) represented the largest group of children in care. Sixty-four percent of those in foster care were white and 17 percent were black.

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

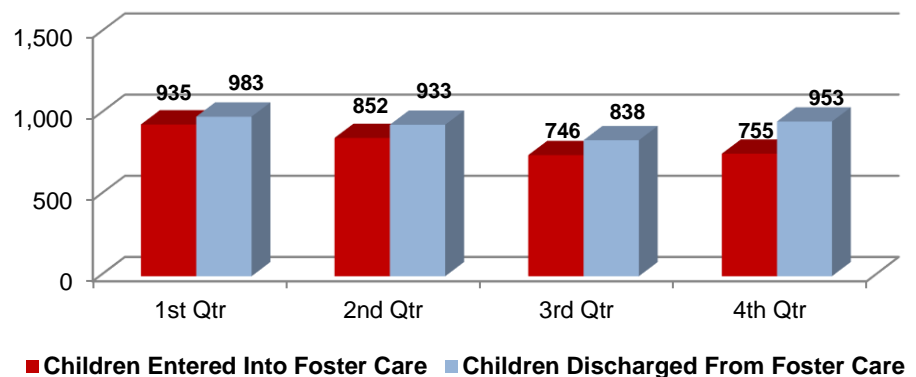


#### Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

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

Discharges from care have outpaced entries for each of the past four quarters.

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 4th Quarter SFY 2018

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
<b>Neglect</b>	393	52%
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	314 <sup>1</sup>	42%
<b>Parent Incarceration</b>	203	27%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	104	14%
<b>Inadequate Housing</b>	66	9%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	43	6%
<b>Child's Behavior</b>	31	4%
<b>Caretaker Illness</b>	24	3%
<b>Abandonment</b>	22	3%
<b>Truancy</b>	21	3%
<b>Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case</b>	13	2%
<b>Other</b>	18	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 4th Quarter SFY 2018

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
<b>Reunification</b>	371	39%
<b>Adoption</b>	238	25%
<b>Relative Custody</b>	232	24%
<b>Child Aged Out</b>	59	6%
<b>Non-Custodial Parent Custody</b>	17	2%
<b>Non-Relative Custody</b>	14	1%
<b>Guardianship</b>	12	1%
<b>Other</b>	10	1%

*National data<sup>2</sup> indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (51%), adoption (23%), and guardianship (10%).*

Thirty-nine percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family while 25 percent were adopted and 24 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Arkansas (90 percent) exceeds the national average of 81 percent of children who either return home or are discharged to relatives or an adoptive home.

<sup>1</sup> These 314 cases of substance abuse include 265 instances of parental drug abuse, 41 instances of parental alcohol abuse, seven 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 12 months or longer.

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

4th Quarter SFY 2018

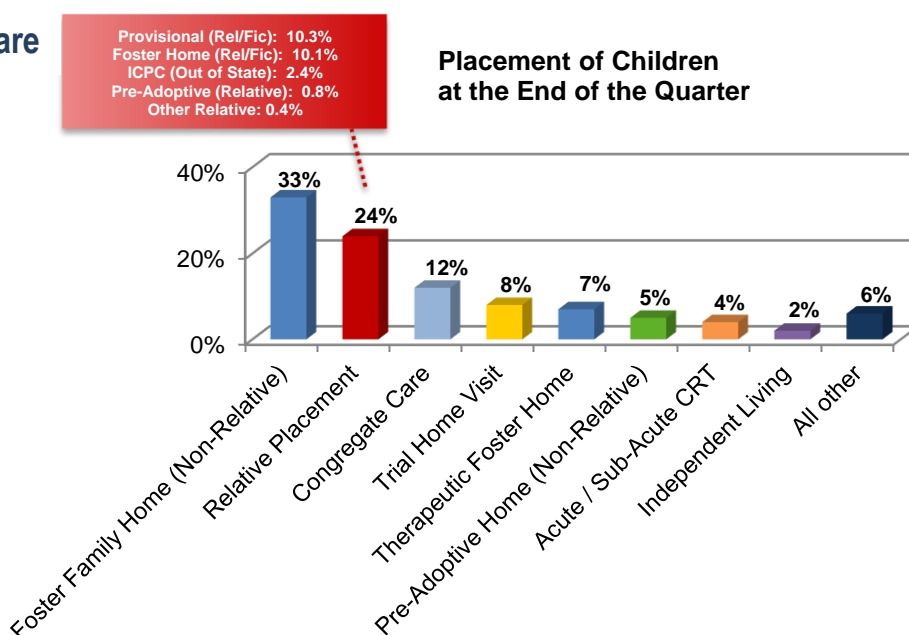
	Number	Percentage	National
<b>Less than 30 days</b>	227	5%	6%
<b>1-3 Months</b>	362	8%	22%
<b>3-6 Months</b>	533	12%	
<b>6-12 Months</b>	1,055	24%	20%
<b>12-24 Months</b>	1,219	27%	25%
<b>24-36 Months</b>	476	11%	13%
<b>36+ Months</b>	610	14%	15%
<b>Total</b>	4,482	100%	100%

## Placements of Children in Foster Care

Overall, 77 percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, pre-adoptive home).

Twelve percent resided in congregate care, which represents placement in emergency shelter, residential treatment, or residential care only programs.

## Placement of Children at the End of the Quarter

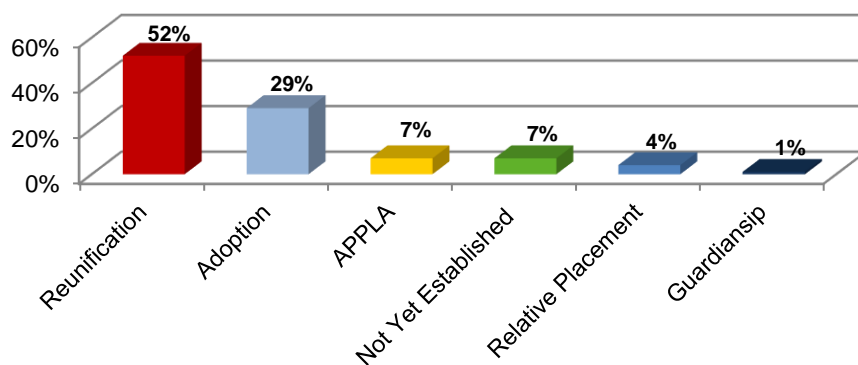


## Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

Fifty-two percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home) and 29 percent had a goal of adoption.

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

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



# Quick Facts

## Meeting Agency Policies

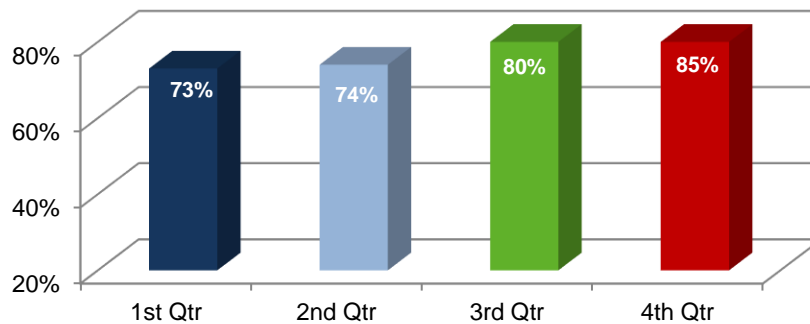
### Monthly Visits to Foster Children

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.

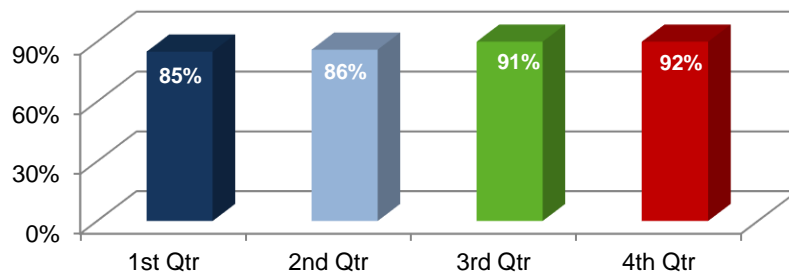
Eighty-five percent of the foster children statewide received a monthly face-to-face visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during the quarter.

Ninety-two 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.

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

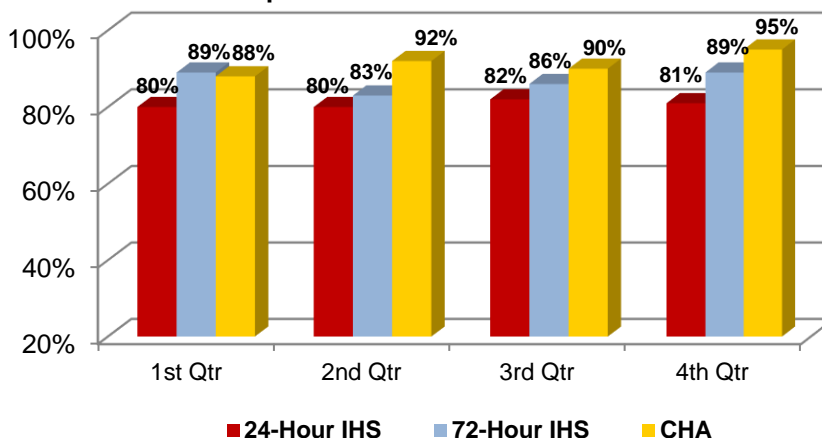


**Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff**



### Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

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



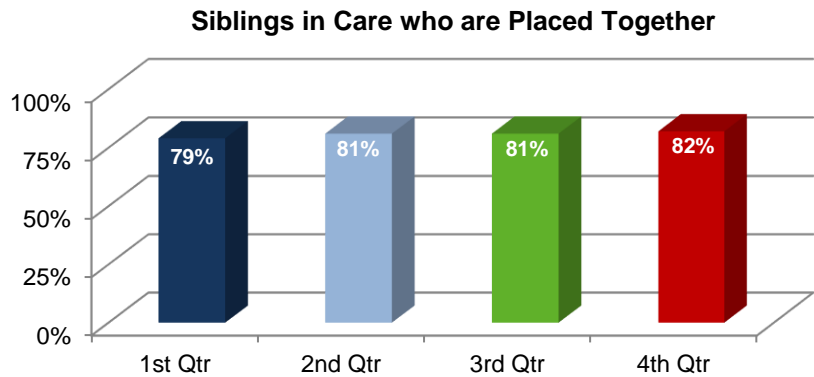
When a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) within 24 hours. All other incoming foster children require health screenings within 72 hours. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60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

# Quick Facts

## Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 82 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 62 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

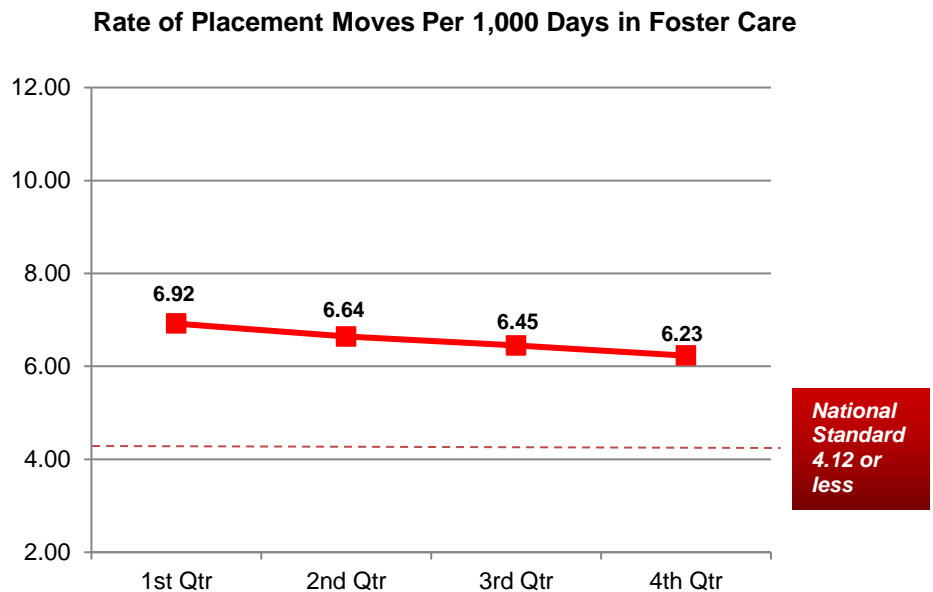
These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.



## Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

Placement stability is measured by the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care for children who enter care over a 12-month period.

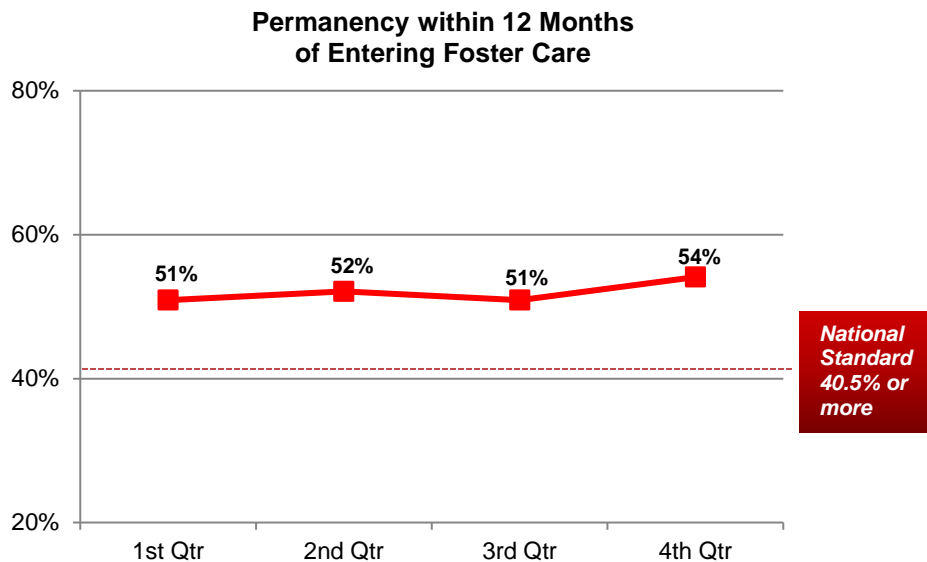
For the fourth quarter, the placement stability rate was 6.23, an improvement from the previous quarter. The national standard is a rate 4.12.



# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

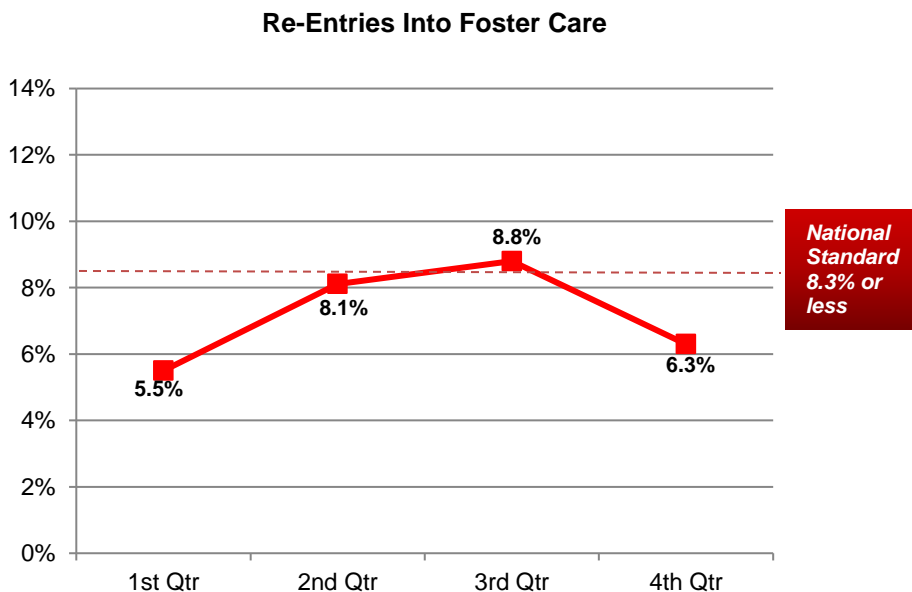
### Achieving Permanency Within Twelve Months



Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 40.5 percent or more for achieving permanency (i.e., exiting foster care to a permanent living situation) for children within 12 months of removal.

Discharges from foster care due to reunification, relative custody, non-custodial parent custody, guardianship, adoption, and non-relative custody are considered to be permanent living situations.

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



The rate at which children re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharge decreased during the quarter. The re-entry rate for the fourth quarter of SFY 2018 is less than the national standard (8.3 percent).

# Quick Facts

## Adoption

### Volume and Description of Cases

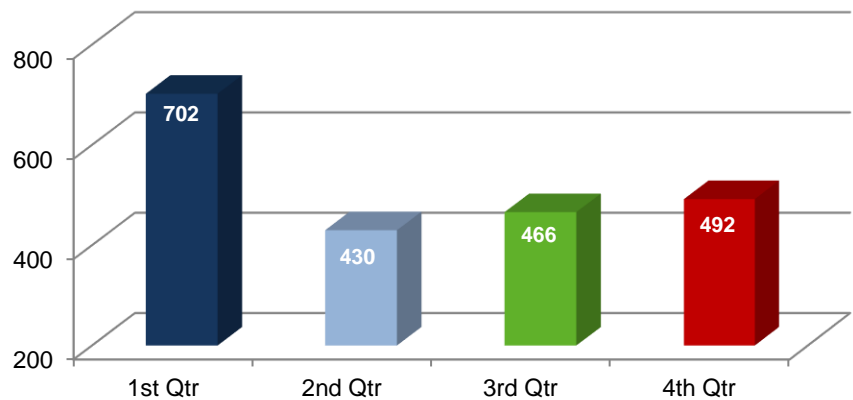
#### Children Available for Adoption<sup>3</sup>

DCFS modified its definition of children available for adoption for the second quarter of SFY 2018 to more accurately identify the number of children who are truly in need of an adoptive family.

At the end of the fourth quarter, 492 children were available for adoption.

DCFS estimates that it has identified a possible pre-adoptive placement for approximately 20 percent of the children available for adoption.

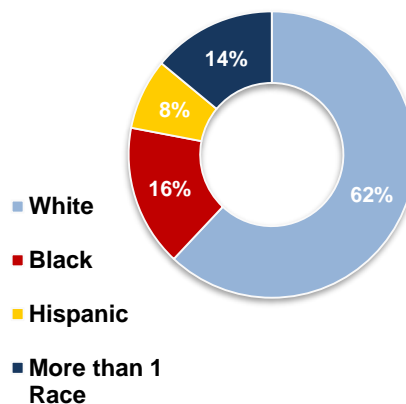
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



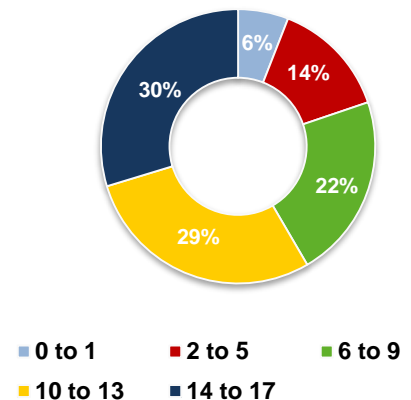
#### Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 62 percent were white and 16 percent were black. Over 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 Adoption



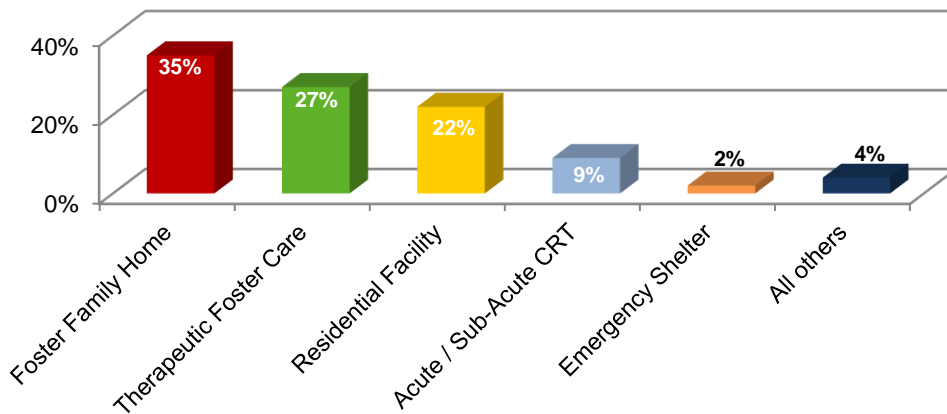
<sup>3</sup> Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relatives, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

# Quick Facts

## Placement of Children Available for Adoption

Sixty-two percent of the children available for adoption at the end of the quarter resided in either a foster family home or a therapeutic foster home.

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

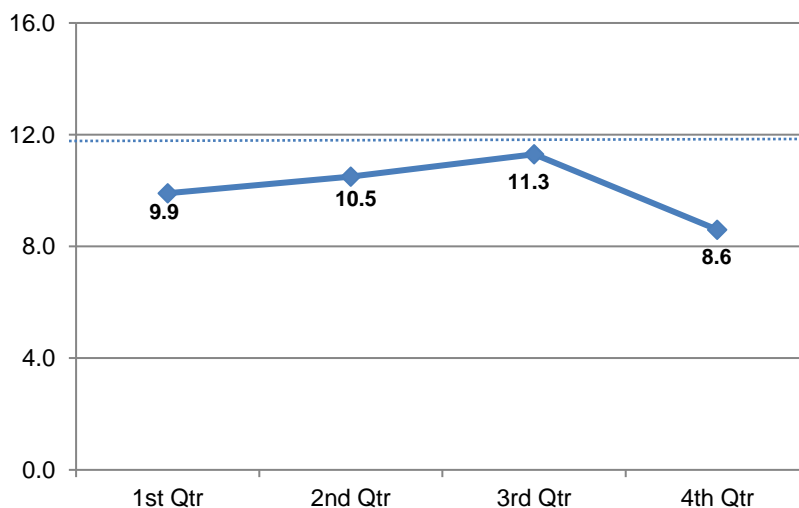


## Meeting Agency Policies

### Length of Time to Adoption

Arkansas' average length of time from termination of parental rights (TPR) until adoption finalization was 8.6 months during the quarter, three months quicker than the national average of 11.8 months.

Length of Time From TPR to Finalization of Adoption (Months)



National average of 11.8 months

# Quick Facts

## Benefits to Children and Families

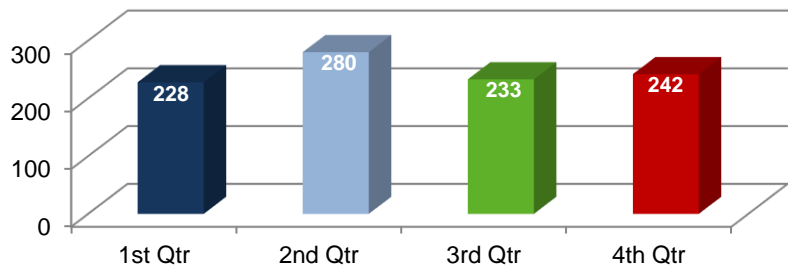
### Finalized Adoptions

Two hundred and forty-two adoptions were finalized during the fourth quarter of SFY 2018.

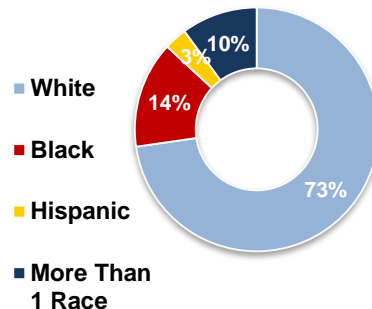
Thirty-eight percent of the finalized adoptions during the quarter were by relatives.

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

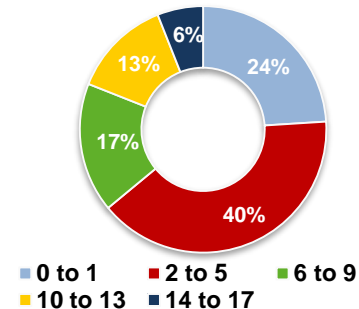
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoption



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 fourth quarter, **223** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 220 were federally-funded and three were state funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **6,535** children received adoption subsidies.



## Resources

## Quick Facts

### Caseworkers and Caseloads

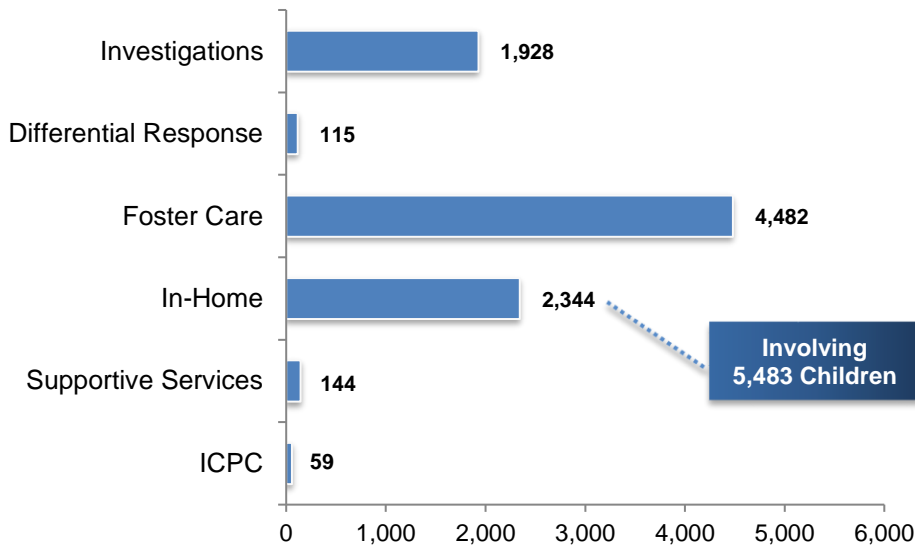
#### Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

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

- 1,928 investigations of child maltreatment and 115 DR cases;
- 4,482 foster care cases;
- 2,344 in-home protective services cases, involving 5,483 children;
- 144 supportive services cases and 59 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 433 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



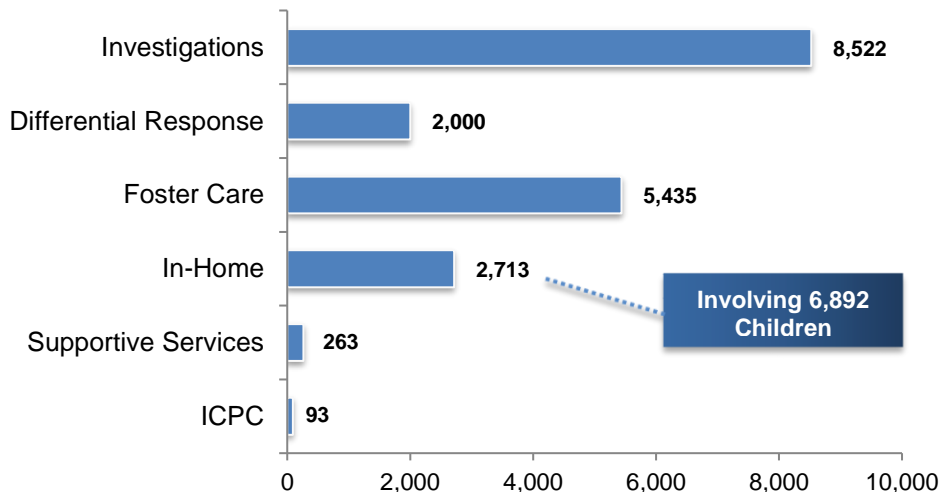
*One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.*

#### 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 8,522 investigations, 5,435 children in foster care, 2,713 in-home protective services cases, 2,000 DR cases, 263 supportive services cases, and 93 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at just under 20 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. The Division's goal is 20 or fewer cases per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of June 2018 is presented in Appendix B.

## Foster Homes

### Foster Homes and Beds

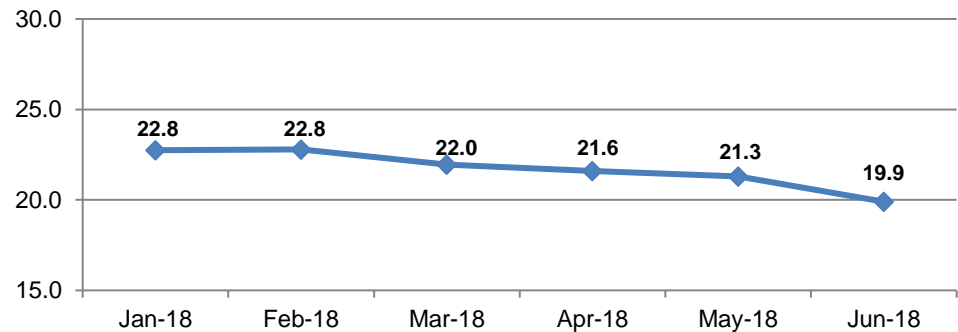
There were 1,670 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the second quarter, providing a total of 3,724 available beds.

The number of available beds decreased from the previous quarter.

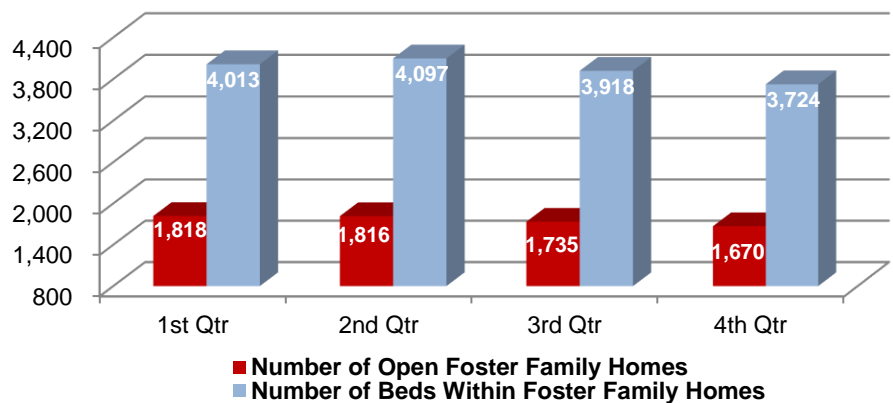
During the most recent quarter, 206 new foster homes were opened and 264 were closed, for a net loss of fifty-eight homes.

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

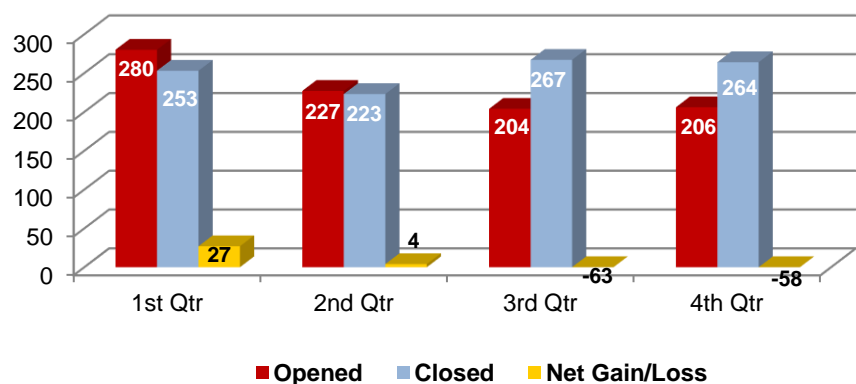
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



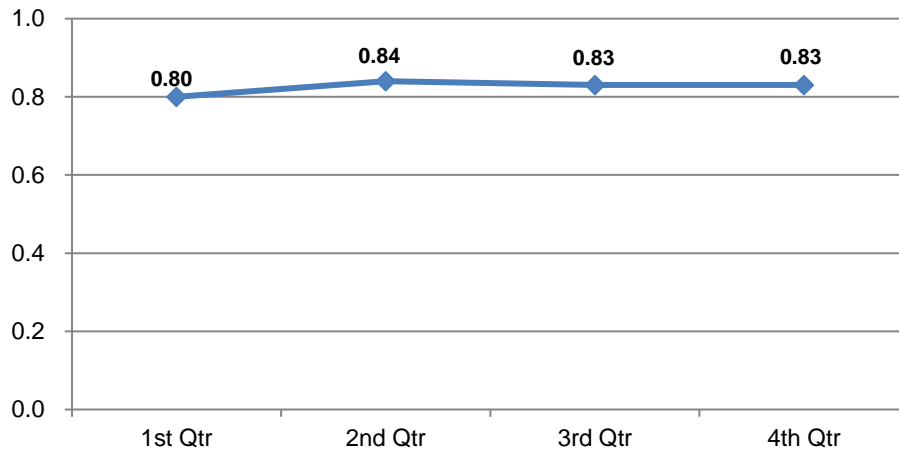
Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter



# Quick Facts

## Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

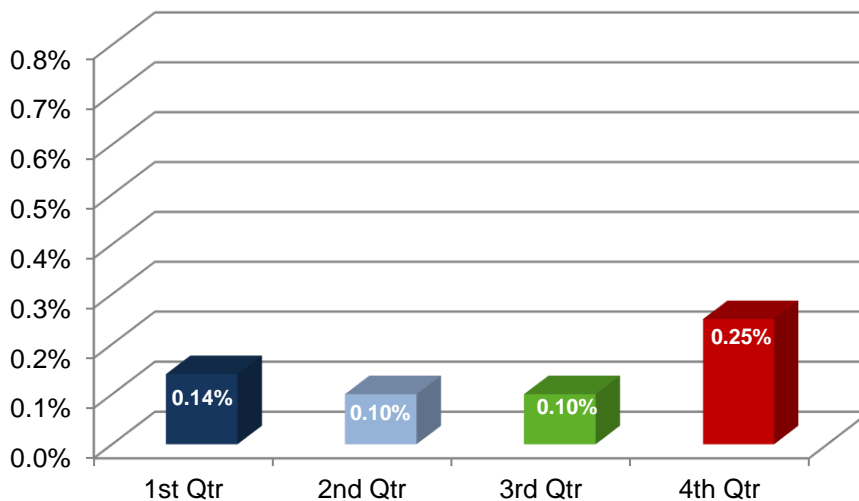


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.83) at the end of the quarter, consistent to the ratio observed during the previous two quarters.

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



Five reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 1,979 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.25 percent.

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

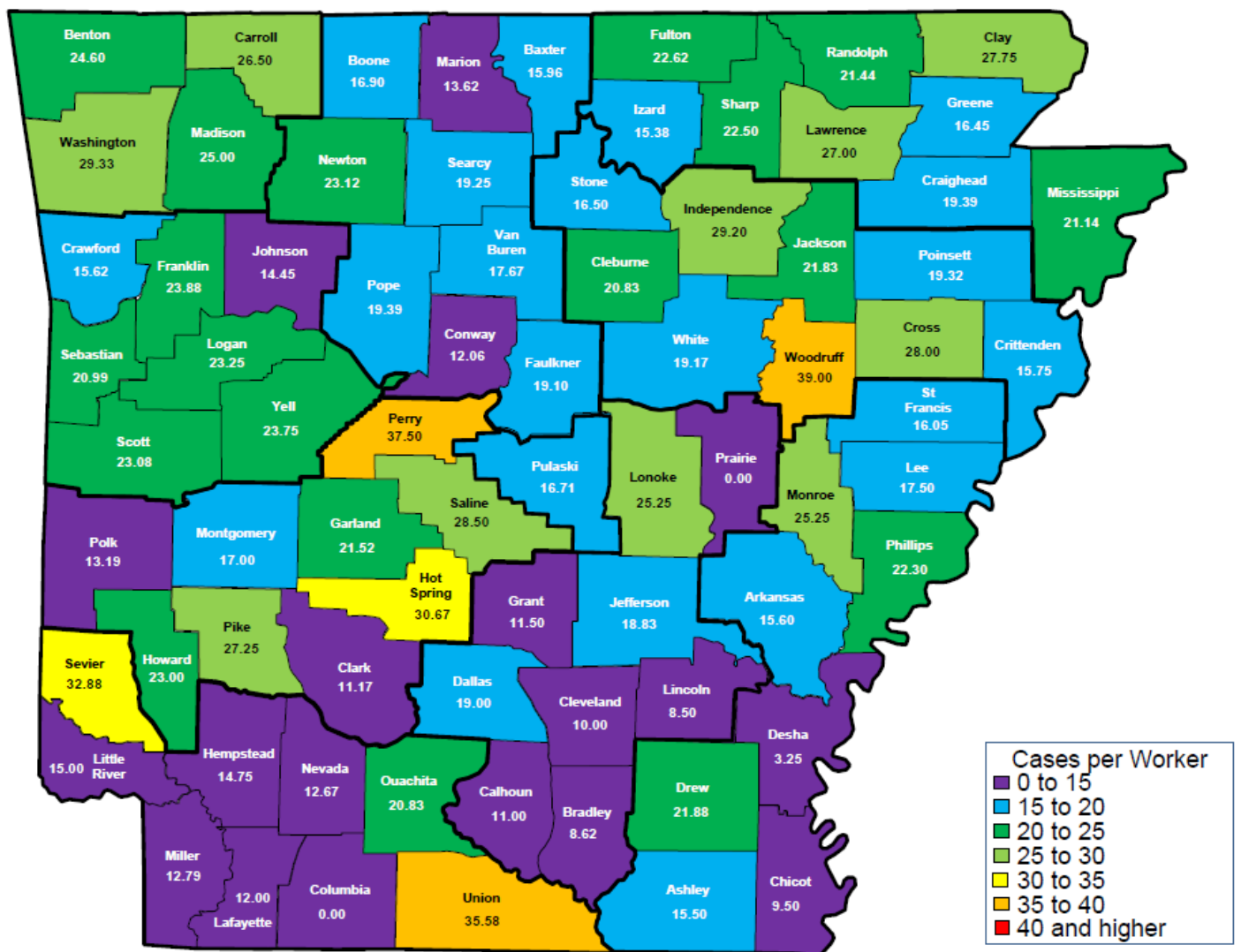


## Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations<sup>4</sup>

	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
First Quarter 2018	1,058	5,407 <i>5,396 Closed</i>	1,297	24%	1,472 <i>1,358 Closed</i>	485	36%
Second Quarter 2018	1,545	6,429 <i>6,382 Closed</i>	1,361	21%	1,571 <i>1,369 Closed</i>	432	32%
Third Quarter 2018	1,642	5,692 <i>5,684 Closed</i>	1,078	19%	1,277 <i>1,203 Closed</i>	430	36%
Fourth Quarter 2018	1,964	6,353 <i>6,341 Closed</i>	1,233	19%	1,485 <i>1,418 Closed</i>	477	34%

<sup>4</sup> The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the fourth quarter refers to 2/1/2018 through 4/30/2018); 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: Average Caseload as of June 30, 2018, by County



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

## Appendix C: 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)	19	3	8	2	4	0	0	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	14	3	5	2	3	0	0	1
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	12	0	7	2	2	0	0	1
2	Franklin (Ozark)	7	1	3	2	1	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	19	1	12	1	0	0	1	4
2	Yell (Danville)	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	1	0	0	1	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)	17	0	13	1	2	0	0	1
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	5	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	12	0	4	1	5	0	0	2
5	Marion (Yellville)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (North)	17	1	11	3	2	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (South)	9	0	4	2	2	1	0	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	6	0	3	2	1	0	0	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	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)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	7	1	4	1	0	0	0	1
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)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	17	2	10	1	3	0	0	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	4	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	0	0	0	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	0	1	0	0	0
99	Out of State	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>264</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>

Details of the Major Categories Above (Statewide)		
Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	37
	Custody/Guardianship	15
Change in Family Circumstances	Divorce	1
	Health of Parent	5
	Moved	7
	Personal Issues	1
	Pregnant	2
	Provider Moved Out of State	3
	Changed to Adopt Only	32
Foster Family's Decision	Provider Became Private TFH	1
	Provider Request	98
	True Maltreatment	4
Founded Abuse/Neglect	Arrested	1
	DHS Request	18
	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	9
	Not taking Children when Contacted	1
Other	Duplicate	1
Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	28

## Appendix D: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

### Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 4th Quarter SFY 2018

One hundred and forty-four reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 170 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the fourth quarter of SFY 2018.

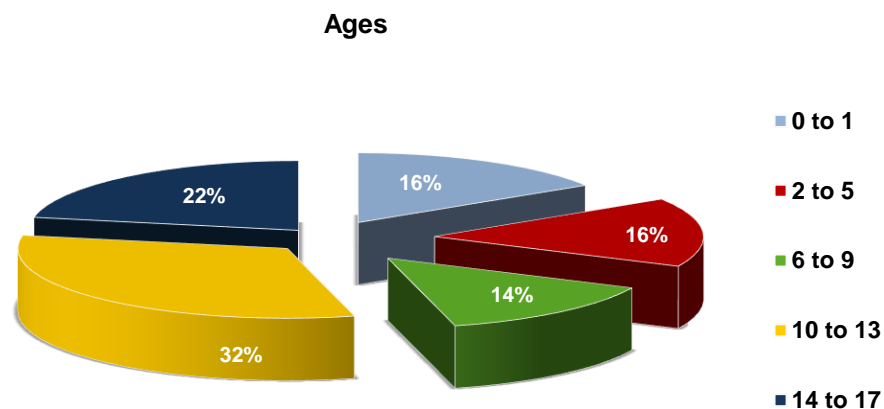
In 28 reports involving 37 children, foster parents<sup>5</sup> were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, five of those reports were found to be true and those five homes were subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports  
4th Quarter SFY 2018**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
5	22	1

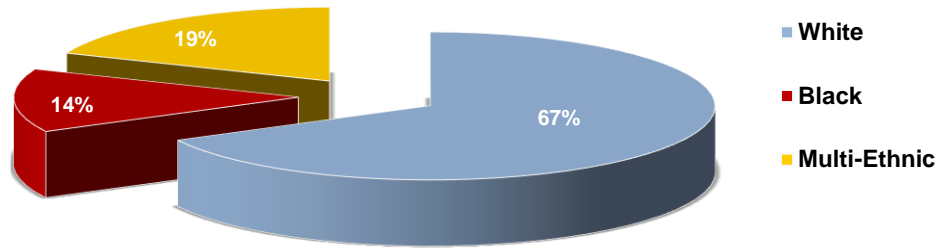
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to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

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 37 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents as the alleged offenders.

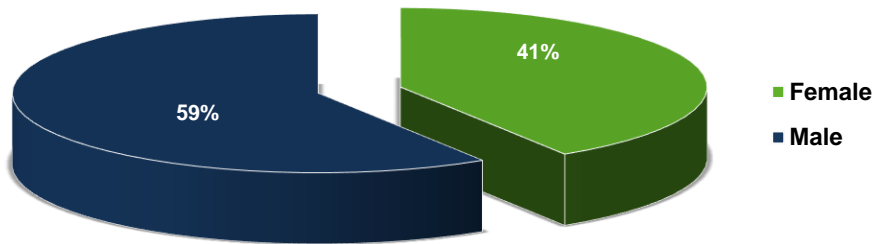


<sup>5</sup> This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

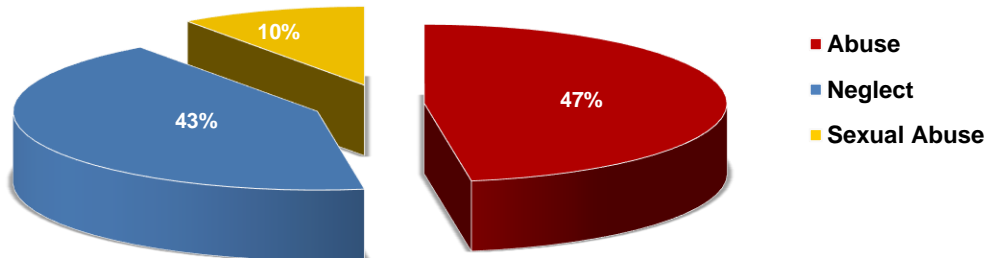
**Race/Ethnicity**



**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>
Washington	5	Desha	1
Pulaski	5	Faulkner	1
Sebastian	5	Garland	1
Franklin	3	Greene	1
Craighead	2	Phillips	1
Hot Spring	2	Polk	1
Lonoke	2	Pope	1
Miller	2	Logan	1
Cleburne	1	Yell	1
Crittenden	1		