

2013

Child Welfare Data Book

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Fast Facts for 2013

Child Protective Services

- 64,305 reports of abuse and neglect were received.
- 27,644 of received reports were referred for investigation. During FFY 2013, 27,851 investigations were completed, which includes reports that were referred in the previous year¹.
- 6,900 of the completed investigations were founded for abuse or neglect—involving 10,630 victims.
- 48.7 percent of victims were younger than 6 years old.
- Threat of harm was the largest type of maltreatment incident experienced by victims or (44.0 percent of incidents), followed by neglect incidents (40.6 percent of incidents).

Family Services

- At 44.7 percent, alcohol and drug issues represented the largest single family stress factor when child abuse/neglect was present.
- The next most common stressors were domestic violence (31.8 percent) and family financial distress (25.8 percent).
- During FFY (federal fiscal year) 2013, a total of 8,003 children were served in their homes, exclusive of children in post-substitute care who were on a trial home visit.
- 34.8 percent of children served with an in-home case during the year received services beyond case-management and safety assessment services while being served in-home.

¹ Reports referred for investigation can be combined with a currently open investigation, changing the count of assessments. Further, when this combination happens, it can impact the time period in which the now-linked report shows up in.

Foster Care

- 12,113 children spent at least one day in some kind of foster care with an average of 8,447 children on a daily basis.
- 6,035 children were in family foster care on an average daily basis, with 43.1 percent placed with relative foster parents.
- Of the total children served in foster care, 68.6 percent were Caucasian, 4.5 percent were Native American, 16.4 percent were Hispanic, 7.0 percent were African American, 1.2 percent were Asian or Pacific Islander and 2.2 percent did not have race recorded.
- 62.8 percent of children in care on September 30, 2013, had two or fewer placements.
- 434 foster children were in either professional shelter programs or residential treatment settings on an average daily basis.
- 1,405 youth received independent living program services.
- 58.7 percent of children leaving foster care were reunited with their families.

Adoption & Guardianship Program

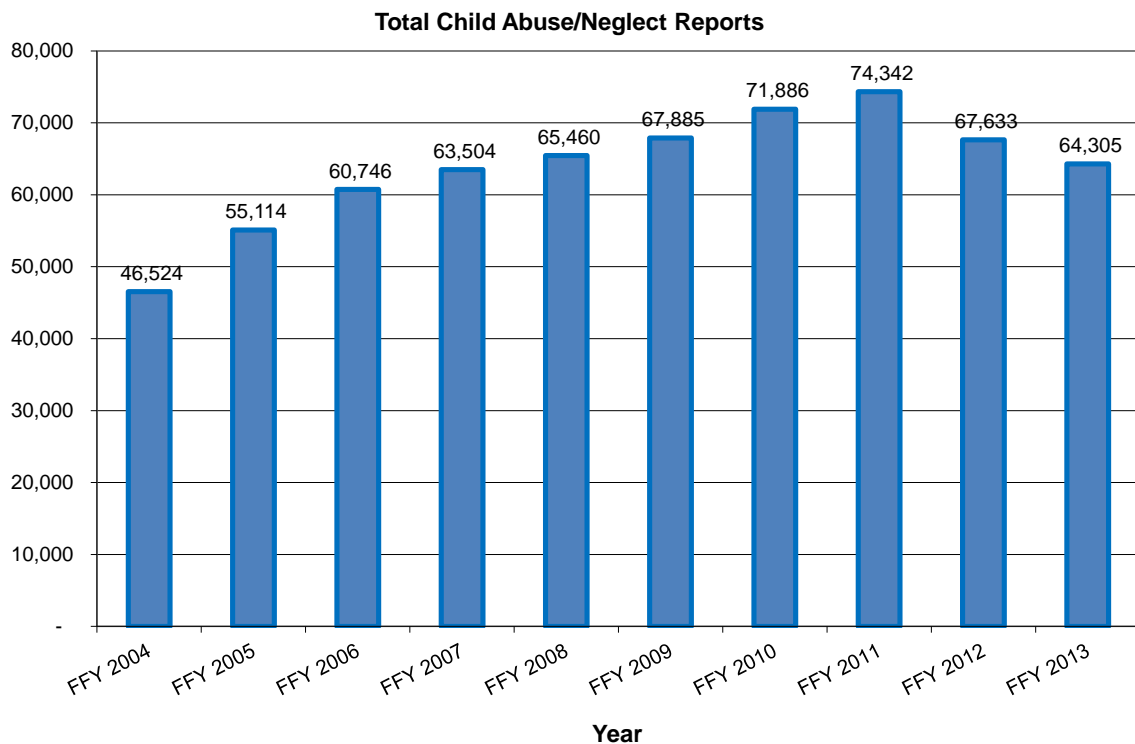
- 817 children had adoptions finalized, with 29.3 percent of those children belonging to ethnic minorities.
- 92.2 percent of children who were adopted and had siblings also adopted during the year were adopted by the same family as one or more of their siblings.
- 313 children exited foster care to a guardianship.

The information in the Child Welfare Data Book comes from the Oregon SACWIS (State Automated Child Welfare Information System) implemented in late 2011. There may be changes in the content of this publication due to changes in reference values. This may impact the inclusion of, or comparability to, data reported in prior years. The current data represents federal fiscal year (FFY) 2013, which goes from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

Child Protective Services

Abuse/Neglect Reports and Investigations

During FFY 2013 DHS received 64,305 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, a decrease of 4.5 percent from the prior year. Of those, 27,644 reports were referred for investigation.



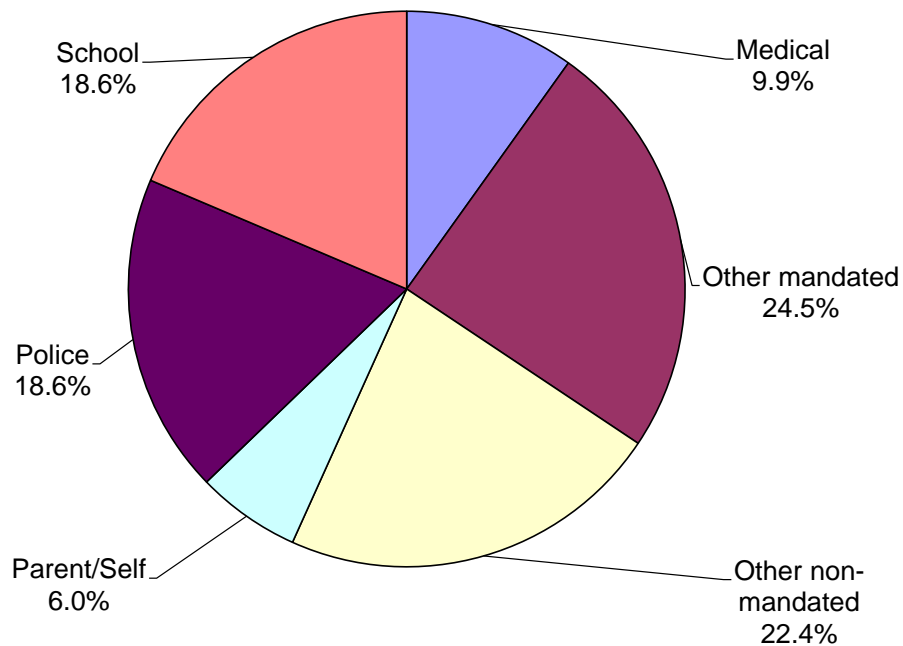
During the year, 27,851 investigations were completed. Of this total, 6,900 (24.8 percent) were founded for abuse or neglect. The 6,900 founded referrals represent 10.7 percent of the total abuse and neglect reports. Once there is a founded referral, children are considered victims of child abuse/neglect.

Reporters of Child Abuse/Neglect

During FFY 2013:

- Public and private officials required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect made 71.6 percent of the reports of abuse and neglect received by DHS.
- Of all reports, 37.2 percent came from schools and law enforcement agencies.

Source of Child Abuse/Neglect Reports



Response Time for Investigations

The response time for a worker to make contact is determined by the information collected from the reporter about access the alleged perpetrator has to the child. There are two types of response times — “within 24 hours” and “within 5 days.” Nearly three-quarters of investigations (73.6 percent) were assigned a response time of “within 24 hours.”

Victims of Abuse and Neglect

There were 10,630 unduplicated child abuse/neglect victims in FFY 2013.

For FFY 2013 most child victims remained in their own homes (75.9 percent), while 24.1 percent of child victims were removed from their homes.

Of the total victims, 10.5 percent remained home with an in-home safety plan and 65.3 percent remained in their homes but the department determined that it was not necessary to open a case to keep the child(ren) safe.

The following data show the key demographics of children who were victims of child abuse/neglect during FFY 2013.

FFY 2013 Victims by Age and Gender

Age	Boys	Girls	Total	Percent of Total
<1	724	636	1,360	12.8%
1	384	366	750	7.1%
2	396	384	780	7.3%
3	397	399	796	7.5%
4	400	368	768	7.2%
5	371	348	719	6.8%
6	336	346	682	6.4%
7	289	276	565	5.3%
8	300	297	597	5.6%
9	234	269	503	4.7%
10	225	226	451	4.2%
11	217	238	455	4.3%
12	197	228	425	4.0%
13	182	256	438	4.1%
14	155	291	446	4.2%
15	153	217	370	3.5%
16	124	186	310	2.9%
17	70	145	215	2.0%
Total	5,154	5,476	10,630	100.0%

During FFY 2013, a total of 4.8 percent of victims were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2013 Race Comparison: Children in Oregon to Child Abuse/Neglect Victims

Race	% of Oregon's children*	% of Victims of child abuse/neglect
African American	3.3%	5.5%
Asian/Pac Islander	5.1%	1.3%
Caucasian	68.8%	60.7%
Hispanic (any race)	21.2%	15.4%
Native American	1.6%	2.8%
Unknown/Not Recorded	na	14.3%

*2012 Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012 Online

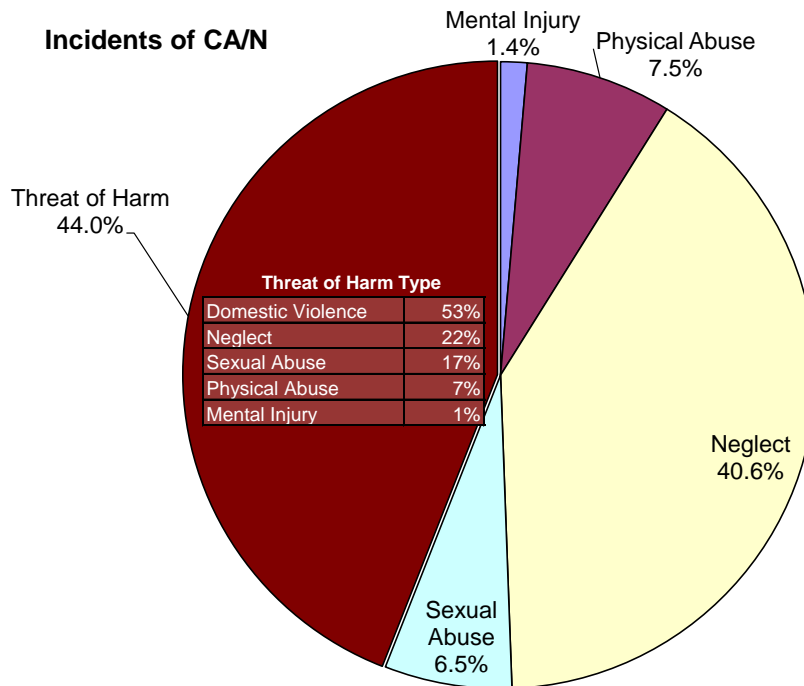
Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect FFY 2011 - FFY 2013

Race/Ethnicity	FFY 2011	FFY 2012	FFY 2013
African American	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%
Asian/Pac Islander	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%
Caucasian	60.2%	59.8%	60.7%
Hispanic (any race)	16.9%	16.1%	15.4%
Native American	2.2%	2.8%	2.8%
Unknown/Not Recorded	14.5%	15.1%	14.3%

Types of Abuse and Neglect Incidents

Each type of maltreatment experienced by a victim in a founded referral counts as an incident of child abuse/neglect. The number of incidents is larger than the number of victims because victims may have suffered more than one type of maltreatment or may have been involved in more than one founded referral. The total number of incidents of child abuse/neglect increased by 4.1 percent between FFY 2012 and FFY 2013.

Threat of Harm is the largest category of child abuse/neglect at 44 percent, followed by neglect, at 40.6 percent of all incidents of abuse/neglect.



All types of abuse increased with the exception of mental Injury.

FFY 2012 - FFY 2013 Incidents of Child Abuse/Neglect

Abuse/Neglect type	FFY2012	FFY 2013	Percent Change From Last Year
Mental Injury	183	179	-2.2%
Physical Abuse	933	987	5.8%
Neglect	5,015	5,330	6.3%
Sexual Abuse	782	860	10.0%
Threat of Harm	5,711	5,788	1.3%
Total Incidents	12,624	13,144	4.1%

Fatalities Related to Familial Child Abuse and Neglect

There were ten children who died from causes related to familial/caregiver abuse and/or neglect during FFY 2013.

Seven fatalities had at least one parent as a perpetrator. The relationship of the perpetrator(s) to the child:

- The mother alone was the perpetrator in two fatalities
 - The father alone was the perpetrator in one fatality
 - The mother and father were the perpetrators in two fatalities
 - The mother and step-parent were the perpetrators in one fatality
 - The mother and live-in-companion were the perpetrators in one fatality
 - The father's live-in-companion was the perpetrator in one fatality
 - The mother's live-in-companion was the perpetrator in one fatality
 - The non-relative, non-caregiver was the perpetrator in one fatality
- Seven victims (70 percent) were age 5 and younger, demonstrating the vulnerability of this age group. Five victims were younger than one year old.
 - No child had an open child welfare case at the time of the injury that resulted in the fatality. No child was in the Department's custody at the time of death.
 - There were no children who were the subject of a child abuse/neglect referral within one year of the date of death.
 - One child's family received family preservation services in the five years preceding the fatality.
 - No child had been reunited with the parent or principal caregiver in the previous five years.
 - Five fatalities were the result of neglect. Four fatalities were caused by abuse. One fatality was caused by both abuse and neglect.

FFY 2013 Child Fatalities Due to Child Abuse/Neglect

Period	Abuse	Neglect	Abuse & Neglect	Total
FFY 2013	4	5	1	10
FFY 2012	8	6	3	17
FFY 2011	15	4	0	19
FFY 2010	7	12	3	22
FFY 2009	8	3	2	13

Perpetrators of Abuse and Neglect

The perpetrators of child abuse and neglect are most often family members, making up 94.0 percent of all child abuse and neglect perpetrators. Mothers and fathers are the most prevalent perpetrators of child abuse/neglect. They represent 78.3 percent of all perpetrators.

FFY 2013 Perpetrators of Founded Child Abuse/Neglect

Perpetrator Relationship to Victim	Number	Percent
Familial		
Mother	5,929	42.3%
Father	5,035	35.9%
Live-in Companion	1,217	8.7%
Relative	845	6.0%
Foster Parent/Home	111	0.8%
Guardian	23	0.2%
Total Familial	13,160	94.0%

Nonfamilial		
Other	281	2.0%
Neighbor/Friend	393	2.8%
Unknown Perpetrator	146	1.0%
Daycare Provider	26	0.2%
Total Nonfamilial	846	6.0%
Grand Total	14,006	100.0%

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Family Services

Problems facing families

The major problems facing families of abused and neglected children are drug and/or alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and family financial distress. Many families also have significant law enforcement involvement or unemployment issues. Some parents may have mental illness or were abused as children. There usually are several stress factors in families of child abuse/neglect victims.

Family Stress Factors as a Percent of Founded Abuse

Stress Factor	FFY 2012	FFY 2013
Parent/caregiver alcohol or drug use	44.2%	44.7%
Physical abuse of spouse/fighting	33.9%	31.8%
Parent/caregiver involvement with LEA	24.0%	25.8%
Family Financial Distress	25.0%	19.2%
Parent/caregiver mental illness	13.1%	13.3%
Head of household unemployed	18.1%	12.7%
Parent/caregiver history of abuse as child	10.1%	10.4%
Child Mental/physical/behavior disability	9.7%	9.4%
New baby/pregnancy	9.6%	8.9%
Inadequate housing	9.4%	6.4%
Heavy child care	2.1%	2.1%

Preserving families

When it is safe, the victim of child abuse or neglect remains in the home. Child safety plans are developed for these families. On September 30, 2013 a total of 1,608 children were being served in their homes, exclusive of children post-substitute care that were on a trial home visit. The following data show the key demographics of children being served at home on September 30, 2013.

Race Comparison: Children in Oregon to Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits) on 9/30/2013

Race/Ethnicity	% of Oregon's children*	% of Children Served In Home
African American	3.3%	7.3%
Asian/Pac Islander	5.1%	0.8%
Caucasian	68.8%	61.8%
Hispanic (any race)	21.2%	17.0%
Native American	1.6%	3.7%
Unknown/Not Recorded	na	9.5%

*2012 Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012 Online

9/30/2013 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits), by Age

Age Group	Number	Percent
Age 0 - 5	557	34.6%
Age 6 - 12	481	29.9%
Age 13 - 17	292	18.2%
Age 18+	278	17.3%
Total	1,608	100.0%

9/30/2013 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits), by ICWA Status

ICWA	Number	Percent
ICWA Eligible	49	3.0%
ICWA Not Eligible	1,559	97.0%
Total	1,608	100.0%

During FFY 2013, a total of 8,003 children were served in their homes, either before or after any foster care experience. All children served in-home receive case management and safety assessment services. In addition, almost 2,800 children (2,783 or 34.8 percent) receive other services.

The main service is the In-Home Safety and Reunification Service. In-home Safety and Reunification Services are designed to strengthen families and increase a parent's ability to protect their child, and are intended to prevent foster care placement.

If a child cannot remain safely at home, he or she is placed in foster care and the family receives services to assist them in making changes that will allow their child to safely return home. Other services children and their families received included: Parent Training and Education, Counseling and Therapeutic Services, Basic needs and Transportation Assistance.

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Foster Care

Children living in foster care may be infants, toddlers, preschoolers, grade school age, or teenagers. They range in age from birth to 21 years old. They also come from many types of backgrounds, cultures, and families from across the state. They are like other children, each with their own special personality, abilities, interests and potential.

Children are placed in foster care for different reasons. Sometimes their families cannot provide them with the basic safety and protection they need. Many have also faced difficult experiences including parental substance abuse, sexual or physical abuse, and abandonment.

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Entering foster care

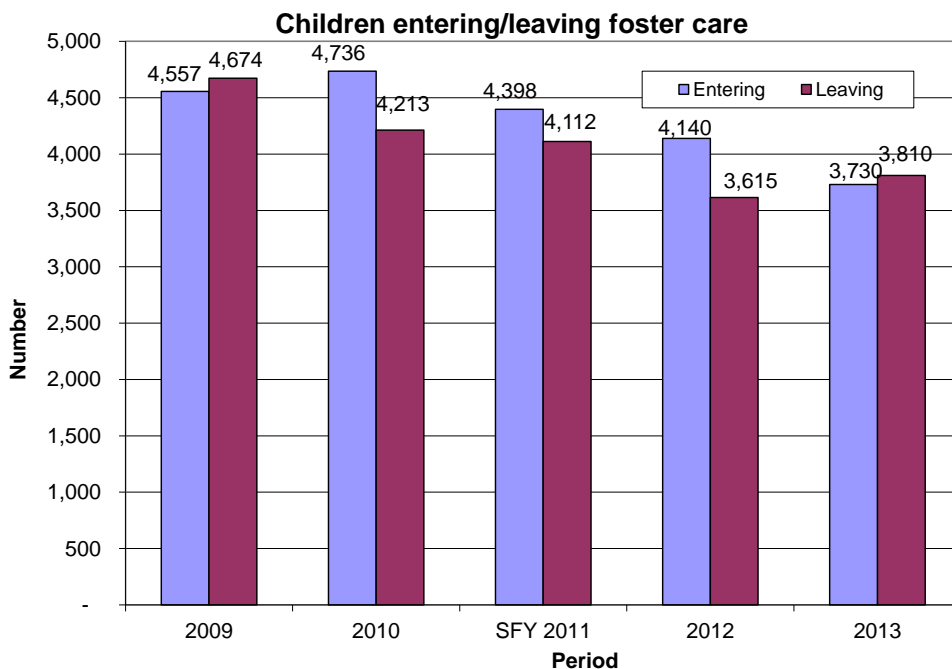
Children who cannot remain safely at home enter foster care for various reasons. These children most often enter foster care as a result of their parents' actions and not as a result of the child's behavior. During FFY 2013, 7.0 percent of children who entered foster care had four or more reasons for removal from their homes.

Reasons Children Enter Foster Care FFY 2012 and FFY 2013

(includes all types of foster care)

Removal Reason	FFY 2012		FFY 2013	
	Number	% of Entrants	Number	% of Entrants
Neglect Abuse	2,608	63.0%	2,381	63.8%
Parent Drug Abuse	1,818	43.9%	1,830	49.1%
Incarceration Of Parent	619	15.0%	471	12.6%
Inadequate Housing	600	14.5%	447	12.0%
Inability To Cope	554	13.4%	475	12.7%
Parent Alcohol Abuse	506	12.2%	396	10.6%
Physical Abuse	489	11.8%	427	11.4%
Child's Behavior	349	8.4%	269	7.2%
Sexual Abuse	163	3.9%	126	3.4%
Abandonment	142	3.4%	127	3.4%
Child Drug Abuse	78	1.9%	45	1.2%
Child's Disability	55	1.3%	37	1.0%
Child Alcohol Abuse	44	1.1%	35	0.9%
Death Of Parent	19	0.5%	30	0.8%
Relinquishment	13	0.3%	8	0.2%
Total Number of Foster Care Entrants	4,140		3,730	

The number of children entering foster care during FFY 2013 declined by 9.9 percent from the FFY 2012 level. The number of children leaving foster care has increased by 5.4 percent in the same time-frame. The number of children in Foster Care on September 30, 2013 decreased by 5.3 percent from the number of children in Foster Care on the last day of the prior federal fiscal year.



A total of 445 children (or 11.7 percent of all exits) left foster care and custody within three months of entry. The median length of time in care for a child who exits is 18.0 months, up from the FFY 2012 median time in care of 17.3 months (3.8 percent increase). For children who reunify with parents, this includes up to six months on a trial home visit.

Children served in foster care

During FFY 2013, 12,113 children spent at least one day in some kind of foster care. Of those, 85.9 percent (10,404 children) were served in a family foster care setting. The following data show the key demographics of children served in foster care during FFY 2013.

FFY 2013 Age of Children Served in Foster Care

Age Group	Number	Percent
Age 0 - 5	4,683	38.7%
Age 6 - 12	3,902	32.2%
Age 13 - 17	2,623	21.7%
Age 18+	905	7.5%
Total	12,113	100.0%

FFY 2013 Gender of Children Served in Foster Care

Gender	Number	Percent
Boys	6,123	50.5%
Girls	5,990	49.5%
Total	12,113	100.0%

During FFY 2013, a total of 12.25 percent of children served in foster care were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2013 Race Comparison: Oregon Children to Children Served in Foster Care

Race	% of Oregon's children*	% of children served in foster care
African American	3.3%	7.0%
Asian/Pac Islander	5.1%	1.2%
Caucasian	68.8%	68.6%
Hispanic (any race)	21.2%	16.4%
Native American	1.6%	4.5%
Unknown/Not Recorded	n/a	2.2%

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**Children Served in Foster Care, by Race
SFY 2011, FFY 2012 and FFY2013**

Race	SFY 2011	FFY2012	FFY2013
African American	8.2%	6.8%	7.0%
Asian/Pac Islander	1.6%	1.1%	1.2%
Caucasian	64.4%	66.5%	68.6%
Hispanic (any race)	14.4%	14.8%	16.4%
Native American	5.9%	3.8%	4.5%
Unknown/Not Recorded	5.5%	7.0%	2.2%

In 1978, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in response to a national crisis in which an alarmingly high percentage of Native American children were being removed from their families and tribal communities. ICWA assigns an enhanced responsibility to states to make "active efforts" to prevent removal of tribal children from their families. Oregon works closely with the federally recognized tribes to ensure ICWA standards are applied and tribes are involved in the decisions about these children. A total of 477 children served in foster care were ICWA eligible in FFY 2013.

**FFY 2013 Total Children Served in Foster Care, by
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Status**

ICWA Status	Number	Percent
ICWA Eligible	477	3.9%
ICWA Not Eligible	11,636	96.1%
Total	12,113	100.0%

Family and sibling connections

DHS helps maintain connections for children placed in foster care by working to place them in their home communities, with relatives, and by placing siblings together in out-of-home care.

There were 8,303 children in foster care as of September 30, 2013, the last day of the federal fiscal year. At that time 6,184 children were in family foster care (a family-home setting). Of those in family foster care, 39.2 percent (2,422 children) were with relatives. The other settings for children in foster care include those in residential treatment, trial home visits and pre-adoptive settings.

As of the last day of FFY 2013, there were 4,108 children in out-of-home foster care who were part of a sibling group. Of these children 3,401 (82.8 percent) were placed with the same family as one or more of their siblings. The percent of children with siblings being placed with siblings is up 0.1 percentage points from those in care a year earlier, when 82.7 percent of children were placed with siblings.

Stability while in foster care

For children in care as of September 30, 2013, 62.8 percent had two or fewer placements. This is a decline from 2012 where 64.3 percent of children had two or fewer placements.

Number of Placements for Children in Foster Care on Last Day of Federal Fiscal Year

Number of Placements	6/30/2011		9/30/2012		9/30/2013	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1	3,364	37.9%	3,488	39.8%	3,113	37.5%
2	2,272	25.6%	2,152	24.5%	2,101	25.3%
3	1,196	13.5%	1,199	13.7%	1,098	13.2%
4	618	7.0%	640	7.3%	623	7.5%
5	369	4.2%	399	4.5%	385	4.6%
6 or more	1,063	12.0%	892	10.2%	983	11.8%
Total	8,882	100.0%	8,770	100.0%	8,303	100.0%

Behavioral rehabilitation services

Behavioral rehabilitation services (BRS) is a higher level of care that provides the skill development necessary for children with debilitating emotional and behavioral challenges to return home or move to a less intensive level of care and to ultimately achieve permanence.

More than 430 foster children per day receive these important services, including behavioral intervention, counseling and skill-building services in professional assessment and stabilization facilities, therapeutic foster care, and residential placement models. These service programs are administered through contracts with licensed, private child-caring agencies.

On any given day during FFY 2013, BRS helped:

- 247 children in professional shelter programs, and
- 187 children in residential treatment settings.

Psychiatric residential treatment

Children in the state's custody whose mental health needs exceed or differ from the level or type of services provided by the BRS system may be served within the mental health services system in psychiatric residential placements or other mental health supported placements.

On any given day 75 foster children are served in psychiatric residential treatment settings. These children are directly served by the Oregon Health Authority Addictions and Mental Health Services.

Teenagers in foster care

Oregon Revised Statutes allow for children to remain in out-of-home care placement beyond the age of 18, and with a court order up to age 21.

During FFY 2013:

- Teens (13 years and older) comprised 29.1 percent of the foster care population.

- A total of 3,528 teens spent at least one day in foster care.
- Teens exiting foster care were reunited with their families 47.5 percent of the time.
- 247 current and former foster care youth received scholarships for higher education for the 2013-2014 school year through a federal grant awarded to DHS and implemented with the assistance of the Oregon Student Access Commission.

Independent living programs

Foster care youths are eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services. ILP services are provided by 19 contracted community-based partners throughout the state. The number of youths receiving ILP services declined from 1,485 in FFY 2012 to 1,452 in FFY 2013, a decrease of 2.2 percent.

ILP services help youths in foster care:

- Make the transition to self-sufficiency as adults;
- Receive the education, training and services necessary to obtain employment;
- Attain academic and/or vocational education and prepare for post-secondary training and education; and
- Obtain personal and emotional support and promote healthy interactions with dedicated adults.

Exiting foster care

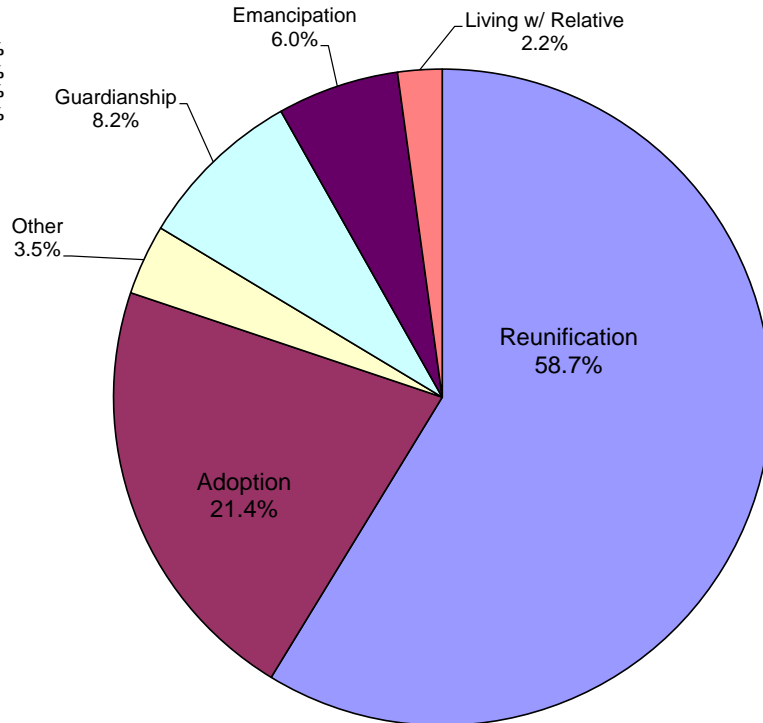
Most children leaving foster care are reunified with their parents. But for other children, a plan to reunify them with their parents does not occur for many reasons. These children who exit foster care may move on to various other living arrangements and permanent plans, such as adoption, guardianship or permanent relative care.

During FFY 2013, 58.7 percent of children who left foster care were reunified with their families. If a child cannot return home, the law requires that an alternative permanency plan quickly be put into place.

Where Children Went After Foster Care

Other	
Transfer to Another Agency	2.0%
Runaway	1.4%
Death of Child	0.1%
Other	0.0%

**Primarily youth exiting due to being out of compliance with independent living program rules.*



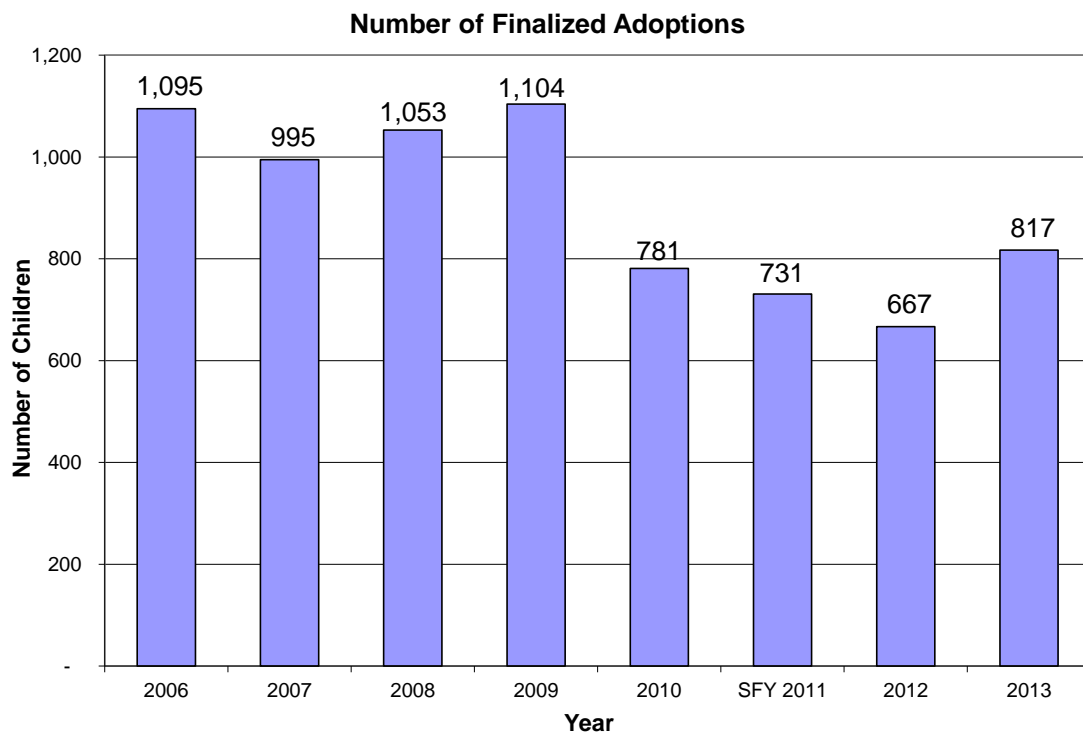
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Adoption and Guardianship Program

The DHS Adoption Program facilitates selection and finalization of adoption and guardianship as the preferred permanency options for foster children when it is no longer in their best interest to return to the care of their biological parents. DHS also facilitates finalization for Oregon children who are the subject of Oregon private adoptions.

Adoptions

Adoption finalizations



FFY 2013 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by District

DHS DISTRICT	Children came from	Children went to
District 01	19	22
District 02	195	116
District 03	114	83
District 04	23	35
District 05	138	101
District 06	46	42
District 07	37	25
District 08	42	41
District 09	6	**
District 10	16	29
District 11	19	9
District 12	33	20
District 13	16	14
District 14	7	11
District 15	37	75
District 16	69	49
Children Placed By Agencies Other Than DHS	na	140

* Values masked to assure confidentiality.

Demographics

Of the 817 children adopted, 169 were younger than age 3 when their adoption became final.

FFY 2013 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Age

Age	Number	Percent
less than 3	169	20.7%
3-4 years	227	27.8%
5-8 years	259	31.7%
9-10 years	63	7.7%
11-13 years	69	8.4%
14 and older	30	3.7%
Total	817	100%

Finalized adoptions in FFY 2013 show a slightly higher percentage of boys than of girls.

FFY 2013 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	399	48.8%
Male	418	51.2%
Total	817	100%

29.3 percent of the children adopted during the year were members of an ethnic minority, up from 19.3 percent in the previous year. Adoptive homes for older children, children of color and sibling groups continue to be in high demand.

FFY 2013 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Race

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
African American	77	9.4%
Asian/Pac Islander	13	1.6%
Caucasian	548	67.1%
Hispanic (any race)	137	16.8%
Native American	12	1.5%
Unknown/Not Recorded	30	3.7%
Total	817	100.0%

Special needs and adoption assistance

Almost all of the children adopted during FFY 2013 had one or more primary basis for special needs (796 children or 97.5 percent) and received some sort of adoption assistance. Adoption assistance can include an agreement to open a subsidy alone, a medical card alone, or a medical card and a subsidy payment together, or an agreement to open a subsidy or medical coverage in the future should the child's needs change.

Preserving connections

DHS places a high value on preserving and promoting relationships between siblings and placing them together in the same adoptive family whenever it is safe and possible to do so. In FFY 2013, 434 children who were adopted had siblings also adopted during the year. Of these children, 400 (92.2 percent) were adopted by the same family as one or more of their siblings.

Timeliness of finalization

A primary goal of federal and state governments is to establish permanency for a child as soon as possible. The federal government has established parameters that guide states in this effort, which includes establishing a national standard for the median length of time to achieve a timely adoption. Achieving timely adoptions continues to present challenges for Oregon. While the length of time to achieve adoption varies, the median time to adoption was 36.0 months for children whose adoptions were finalized in FFY 2013. This represents an increase in the median months to adoption from the FFY 2012 level of 34 months.

Careful processes help ensure adoptions will be successful. Statistics show 95.7 percent of Oregon's adoptive placements continued to finalization without disruption in FFY 2013.

Recruitment

During FFY 2013 a total of 570 families adopted children, with 99.5 percent of those families recruited by DHS.

- 567 Oregon families recruited by DHS adopted 813 children.
- 2 families recruited by Private adoption agencies (In/Out of State) adopted 3 children (0.4 percent).
- 0 families recruited by out-of-state public agencies adopted children.
- 1 family recruited by other placing agencies adopted 1 child (0.1 percent).

In total, the families recruited by entities other than Oregon DHS found homes for 4 children.

FFY 2013 Percent of Children by Placing Agency Type

Agency Type	Count	Percent
Oregon DHS	813	99.5%
Private Agency (In/Out of State)	3	0.4%
Public Agency (Out of State)	0	0.0%
Other Placing Agencies	1	0.1%
Total	817	100.0%

Guardianship

When a child cannot be returned home and adoption is not in the child's best interests, then guardianship is considered to be a more permanent plan for a child than long-term foster care since guardians have permanent legal custody of the child.

Guardianship completion

During FFY 2013 a total of 313 children exited to a guardianship, up 14.7 percent from 273 children in FFY 2012. The majority of children go to guardianship with relatives.

Exits to Guardianship by Year

Period	Number	% Change
2008	316	-5.4%
2009	294	-7.0%
2010	201	-31.6%
SFY 2011	217	8.0%
2012	273	25.8%
2013	313	14.7%

Demographics

The following data show the key demographics of children who exited to guardianship during FFY 2013. The majority of guardianships (76.0 percent) are for children ages 6 and older.

FFY 2013 Children Exiting to Guardianship, by Age

Age Group	Number	Percent
Age 0-5	75	24.0%
Age 6-12	143	45.7%
Age 13-17	84	26.8%
Age 18+	11	3.5%
Total	313	100.0%

Slightly more girls than boys left foster care to guardianship in FFY 2013.

FFY 2013 Children Exiting to Guardianship, by Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Girls	162	51.8%
Boys	151	48.2%
Total	313	100%

Children of all different racial and ethnic backgrounds exit to guardianship; the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2013 Race of Children Exiting to Guardianship

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
African American	19	6.1%
Asian	1	0.3%
Caucasian	222	70.9%
Hispanic (any race)	43	13.7%
Native American	21	6.7%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Unknown/Not Recorded	7	2.2%
Total	313	100.0%

Special needs and guardianship assistance

Children who go to guardianship have the same assistance available to them as adopted children to help sustain their placement. With respect to their background of child abuse/neglect and special emotional, medical, and physical needs these children are statistically the same as adopted children.

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Appendix: County Data

FFY 2013 Assessments by Disposition and County

Counties	Founded	Unfounded	Unable to Determine	No Allegation of CA/N	Unable to Locate	Addressed in Open CPS Assessment	Total
Baker	43	90	18	**	**	**	155
Benton	73	89	20	16	**	**	202
Clackamas	516	784	537	127	22	30	2,016
Clatsop	53	248	25	**	**	10	347
Columbia	163	269	74	32	6	10	554
Coos	124	219	67	35	**	**	449
Crook	48	65	17	11	**	**	147
Curry	25	65	30	**	**	-	126
Deschutes	196	373	77	118	19	17	800
Douglas	160	459	127	68	21	9	844
Gilliam	17	**	7	-	**	-	29
Grant	18	21	**	-	**	-	47
Harney	24	39	**	-	**	-	74
Hood River	21	50	**	-	**	-	80
Jackson	468	783	359	76	37	16	1,739
Jefferson	46	121	26	39	**	**	239
Josephine	156	344	164	53	35	34	786
Klamath	255	335	422	16	**	**	1,040
Lake	20	34	24	**	**	**	84
Lane	673	1,081	449	188	18	32	2,441
Lincoln	118	169	**	31	**	17	371
Linn	311	361	187	77	10	14	960
Malheur	119	166	37	-	**	**	335
Marion	537	1,561	291	201	65	24	2,679
Morrow	10	13	7	**	-	**	34
Multnomah	1,339	2,952	990	266	165	108	5,820
Polk	103	293	37	29	10	9	481
Sherman	**	-	-	-	-	-	**
Tillamook	67	118	33	14	12	14	258
Umatilla	134	305	75	9	**	**	530
Union	58	132	19	**	**	**	216
Unknown	-	**	-	**	-	-	**
Wallowa	**	29	**	-	-	-	50
Wasco	35	75	8	**	**	-	121
Washington	812	1,348	573	142	85	61	3,021
Wheeler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yamhill	86	367	29	28	11	18	539
Statewide*	6,900	13,493	4,820	1,606	583	449	27,851

**Values masked to assure confidentiality.

* State total includes investigations by Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations

FFY 2013 Incidents of Abuse/Neglect

County	Mental Injury	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Threat of Harm
Baker	**	39	8	**	38
Benton	-	75	11	15	55
Central Office	**	35	9	7	24
Clackamas	11	407	58	78	373
Clatsop	-	53	**	**	35
Columbia	**	153	12	33	132
Coos	**	112	31	10	81
Crook	**	33	9	**	42
Curry	-	19	**	**	20
Deschutes	**	153	34	27	136
Douglas	-	113	29	18	127
Gilliam	**	21	**	**	11
Grant	-	26	**	**	12
Harney	**	16	**	**	15
Hood River	**	8	**	**	19
Jackson	20	452	43	32	366
Jefferson	-	32	13	10	38
Josephine	6	176	21	10	126
Klamath	13	159	21	19	349
Lake	**	15	**	**	20
Lane	35	566	80	57	474
Lincoln	10	91	16	21	98
Linn	-	236	50	45	278
Malheur	**	135	17	9	86
Marion	-	522	75	69	348
Morrow	-	10	**	-	12
Multnomah	18	795	193	181	1,317
Polk	**	98	12	15	70
Sherman	-	-	**	-	**
Tillamook	-	53	9	10	60
Umatilla	**	98	29	12	79
Union	-	47	12	6	47
Wallowa	-	7	6	**	**
Wasco	-	29	11	6	15
Washington	39	467	135	124	799
Yamhill	**	79	9	18	71
Statewide	179	5,330	987	860	5,788

**Values masked to assure confidentiality.

Victim Rate per 1,000 Children, by County - FFY 2011-FFY 2013

County	Population under 18***			Victims			Rate per 1,000		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
BAKER	3,276	3,252	3,206	79	70	67	24.1	21.5	20.9
BENTON	15,335	15,233	14,848	141	98	126	9.2	6.4	8.5
CLACKAMAS	88,624	88,403	88,015	794	630	746	9.0	7.1	8.5
CLATSOP	7,617	7,595	7,514	81	93	80	10.6	12.2	10.6
COLUMBIA	11,565	11,419	11,455	204	161	262	17.6	14.1	22.9
COOS	12,016	11,991	11,820	292	208	193	24.3	17.3	16.3
CROOK	4,495	4,370	4,321	59	91	66	13.1	20.8	15.3
CURRY	3,472	3,412	3,532	62	28	36	17.9	8.2	10.2
DESCHUTES	36,315	36,463	36,190	304	260	292	8.4	7.1	8.1
DOUGLAS	21,933	21,787	21,526	406	266	244	18.5	12.2	11.3
GILLIAM	350	351	360	21	28	26	60.0	79.8	72.2
GRANT	1,398	1,362	1,401	16	12	33	11.4	8.8	23.6
HARNEY	1,632	1,601	1,633	20	27	31	12.3	16.9	19.0
HOOD RIVER	5,816	5,819	5,716	43	29	30	7.4	5.0	5.2
JACKSON	44,233	44,042	44,156	650	845	707	14.7	19.2	16.0
JEFFERSON	5,459	5,396	5,402	94	60	76	17.2	11.1	14.1
JOSEPHINE	16,767	16,597	16,675	394	317	253	23.5	19.1	15.2
KLAMATH	14,749	14,610	14,640	375	345	423	25.4	23.6	28.9
LAKE	1,496	1,473	1,449	38	16	31	25.4	10.9	21.4
LANE	69,730	69,063	68,782	1,074	1,057	992	15.4	15.3	14.4
LINCOLN	7,996	7,964	7,954	176	192	178	22.0	24.1	22.4
LINN	28,222	28,210	28,202	559	489	487	19.8	17.3	17.3
MALHEUR	7,997	7,927	7,789	155	191	212	19.4	24.1	27.2
MARION	83,726	83,964	83,223	1,087	1,099	832	13.0	13.1	10.0
MORROW	3,160	3,125	3,171	52	40	20	16.5	12.8	6.3
MULTNOMAH	150,822	151,069	152,189	2,200	1,812	2,068	14.6	12.0	13.6
POLK	18,510	18,637	18,172	203	160	165	11.0	8.6	9.1
SHERMAN	350	348	336	-	**	**	-	**	**
TILLAMOOK	5,048	5,057	5,005	91	89	99	18.0	17.6	19.8
UMATILLA	20,333	20,397	20,350	189	141	189	9.3	6.9	9.3
UNION	5,900	5,956	5,764	133	93	96	22.5	15.6	16.7
WALLOWA	1,344	1,356	1,314	20	21	**	14.9	15.5	**
WASCO	5,880	5,900	5,753	66	66	53	11.2	11.2	9.2
WASHINGTON	135,820	136,365	136,145	1,281	860	1,262	9.4	6.3	9.3
WHEELER	264	260	248	14	**	-	53.1	**	-
YAMHILL	24,751	24,735	24,554	226	155	160	9.1	6.3	6.5
OREGON*	866,397	865,508	862,810	11,599	10,054	10,630	13.4	11.6	12.3

*State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations

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***Population 2011-2012 from the PSU Population Research Center

***Population 2013 from Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012. Data source change may affect comparability to prior years of rate per 1,000.

Children Served In Home Rate per 1,000 Children, by County (point-in-time on 9/30; 6/30 for 2011)

County	Child Population***			Number Served In Home			Rate Per 1,000 Children		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
BAKER	3,276	3,252	3,206	7	**	7	2.1	**	2.2
BENTON	15,335	15,233	14,848	28	14	11	1.8	0.9	0.7
CLACKAMAS	88,624	88,403	88,015	82	98	64	0.9	1.1	0.7
CLATSOP	7,617	7,595	7,514	10	13	12	1.3	1.7	1.6
COLUMBIA	11,565	11,419	11,455	19	64	62	1.6	5.6	5.4
COOS	12,016	11,991	11,820	23	29	23	1.9	2.4	1.9
CROOK	4,495	4,370	4,321	**	-	**	**	0.0	**
CURRY	3,472	3,412	3,532	-	**	**	0.0	**	**
DESCHUTES	36,315	36,463	36,190	11	39	37	0.3	1.1	1.0
DOUGLAS	21,933	21,787	21,526	93	58	49	4.2	2.7	2.3
GILLIAM	350	351	360	-	**	**	0.0	**	**
GRANT	1,398	1,362	1,401	-	**	11	0.0	**	7.9
HARNEY	1,632	1,601	1,633	10	**	**	6.1	**	**
HOOD RIVER	5,816	5,819	5,716	14	12	6	2.4	2.1	1.0
JACKSON	44,233	44,042	44,156	245	174	169	5.5	4.0	3.8
JEFFERSON	5,459	5,396	5,402	9	6	12	1.6	1.1	2.2
JOSEPHINE	16,767	16,597	16,675	31	84	43	1.8	5.1	2.6
KLAMATH	14,749	14,610	14,640	60	66	37	4.1	4.5	2.5
LAKE	1,496	1,473	1,449	**	7	15	**	4.8	10.4
LANE	69,730	69,063	68,782	271	278	216	3.9	4.0	3.1
LINCOLN	7,996	7,964	7,954	55	14	8	6.9	1.8	1.0
LINN	28,222	28,210	28,202	71	80	57	2.5	2.8	2.0
MALHEUR	7,997	7,927	7,789	45	41	31	5.6	5.2	4.0
MARION	83,726	83,964	83,223	172	202	102	2.1	2.4	1.2
MORROW	3,160	3,125	3,171	**	24	11	**	7.7	3.5
MULTNOMAH	150,822	151,069	152,189	760	406	384	5.0	2.7	2.5
POLK	18,510	18,637	18,172	15	25	18	0.8	1.3	1.0
SHERMAN	350	348	336	**	-		**	0.0	-
TILLAMOOK	5,048	5,057	5,005	11	12	14	2.2	2.4	2.8
UMATILLA	20,333	20,397	20,350	45	11	**	2.2	0.5	**
UNION	5,900	5,956	5,764	**	6	16	**	1.0	2.8
WALLOWA	1,344	1,356	1,314	**	9		**	6.6	-
WASCO	5,880	5,900	5,753	9	31	15	1.5	5.3	2.6
WASHINGTON	135,820	136,365	136,145	218	169	116	1.6	1.2	0.9
WHEELER	264	260	248	**	-		**	0.0	-
YAMHILL	24,751	24,735	24,554	52	52	22	2.1	2.1	0.9
Central Office *	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	77	24	N/A	N/A	N/A
OREGON*	866,397	865,508	862,810	2,387	2,110	1,608	2.8	2.4	1.9

*State totals does include Children Served out of the Central Office.

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***Population 2011-2012 from the PSU Population Reseach Center

***Population 2013 from Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012. Data source change may affect comparability to prior years of rate per 1,000.

Starting in 2012 system changes limit comparability for 2012 counts to historically reported data for children served in-home.

Children in Foster Care per 1,000 Children, by County (Point-in-time on 9/30; 6/30 for 2011)

County	Population under 18***			Number in Foster Care			Rate per 1,000		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
BAKER	3,276	3,252	3,206	40	38	46	12.2	11.7	14.3
BENTON	15,335	15,233	14,848	49	72	57	3.2	4.7	3.8
CLACKAMAS	88,624	88,403	88,015	387	494	541	4.4	5.6	6.1
CLATSOP	7,617	7,595	7,514	99	87	75	13.0	11.5	10.0
COLUMBIA	11,565	11,419	11,455	156	205	193	13.5	18.0	16.8
COOS	12,016	11,991	11,820	255	211	214	21.2	17.6	18.1
CROOK	4,495	4,370	4,321	27	38	45	6.0	8.7	10.4
CURRY	3,472	3,412	3,532	55	43	41	15.8	12.6	11.6
DESCHUTES	36,315	36,463	36,190	131	170	170	3.6	4.7	4.7
DOUGLAS	21,933	21,787	21,526	348	362	309	15.9	16.6	14.4
GILLIAM	350	351	360	13	7	14	37.1	19.9	38.9
GRANT	1,398	1,362	1,401	8	9	12	5.7	6.6	8.6
HARNEY	1,632	1,601	1,633	16	11	14	9.8	6.9	8.6
HOOD RIVER	5,816	5,819	5,716	35	21	22	6.0	3.6	3.8
JACKSON	44,233	44,042	44,156	389	419	421	8.8	9.5	9.5
JEFFERSON	5,459	5,396	5,402	46	27	50	8.4	5.0	9.3
JOSEPHINE	16,767	16,597	16,675	281	265	270	16.8	16.0	16.2
KLAMATH	14,749	14,610	14,640	239	246	231	16.2	16.8	15.8
LAKE	1,496	1,473	1,449	28	42	22	18.7	28.5	15.2
LANE	69,730	69,063	68,782	1,224	1,158	1,103	17.6	16.8	16.0
LINCOLN	7,996	7,964	7,954	141	137	154	17.6	17.2	19.4
LINN	28,222	28,210	28,202	299	308	314	10.6	10.9	11.1
MALHEUR	7,997	7,927	7,789	68	124	136	8.5	15.6	17.5
MARION	83,726	83,964	83,223	997	929	822	11.9	11.1	9.9
MORROW	3,160	3,125	3,171	23	23	22	7.3	7.4	6.9
MULTNOMAH	150,822	151,069	152,189	2,037	1,935	1,759	13.5	12.8	11.6
POLK	18,510	18,637	18,172	182	148	148	9.8	7.9	8.1
SHERMAN	350	348	336	11	8	9	31.5	23.0	26.8
TILLAMOOK	5,048	5,057	5,005	63	47	51	12.5	9.3	10.2
UMATILLA	20,333	20,397	20,350	136	150	131	6.7	7.4	6.4
UNION	5,900	5,956	5,764	50	43	24	8.5	7.2	4.2
WALLOWA	1,344	1,356	1,314	8	8	8	6.0	5.9	6.1
WASCO	5,880	5,900	5,753	103	86	101	17.5	14.6	17.6
WASHINGTON	135,820	136,365	136,145	754	714	590	5.6	5.2	4.3
WHEELER	264	260	248	1-5*	9	10	3.8-19.0*	34.6	40.3
YAMHILL	24,751	24,735	24,554	181	176	174	7.3	7.1	7.1
OREGON*	866,397	865,508	862,810	8,882	8,770	8,303	10.3	10.1	9.6

*State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes

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***Population 2013 from Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012. Data source change may affect comparability to prior years of rate per 1,000.

FFY 2013 Number of Children Experiencing at Least 1 day in Foster Care (All Types), By County and Age on 9/30/2013

County	Age 0-5	Age 6-12	Age 13-17	Age 18+	Total
Baker	35	23	**	**	70
Benton	31	34	17	6	88
Clackamas	323	234	170	51	778
Clatsop	40	36	26	13	115
Columbia	93	85	62	19	259
Coos	151	102	53	17	323
Crook	30	22	16	-	68
Curry	27	19	**	**	65
Deschutes	93	81	57	11	242
Douglas	208	134	80	20	442
Gilliam	6	8	**	**	16
Grant	6	**	**	**	13
Harney	8	8	10	-	26
Hood River	11	10	7	6	34
Jackson	284	234	118	20	656
Jefferson	24	24	**	**	71
Josephine	130	111	106	24	371
Klamath	193	133	65	12	403
Lake	15	15	**	**	43
Lane	547	523	341	121	1,532
Lincoln	77	64	37	15	193
Linn	169	156	92	18	435
Malheur	82	69	37	14	202
Marion	507	389	272	84	1,252
Morrow	19	**	11	**	43
Multnomah	862	696	568	290	2,416
Polk	88	81	44	17	230
Sherman	**	7	**	**	13
Tillamook	27	31	20	10	88
Umatilla	79	69	49	8	205
Union	21	18	**	**	54
Wallowa	**	7	**	-	12
Wasco	68	39	**	**	130
Washington	338	330	202	88	958
Wheeler	6	**	**	-	16
Yamhill	82	92	60	17	251
Statewide	4,683	3,902	2,623	905	12,113

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FFY 2013 Foster Care Entrants and Exits

County	Entries	Exits
Baker	33	24
Benton	27	31
Clackamas	300	237
Clatsop	36	40
Columbia	61	66
Coos	118	109
Crook	33	23
Curry	21	24
Deschutes	79	72
Douglas	99	133
Gilliam	9	**
Grant	9	**
Harney	13	12
Hood River	17	12
Jackson	270	235
Jefferson	41	21
Josephine	112	101
Klamath	175	172
Lake	**	21
Lane	431	429
Lincoln	60	39
Linn	137	121
Malheur	83	66
Marion	370	430
Morrow	18	21
Multnomah	540	657
Polk	84	82
Sherman	**	**
Tillamook	45	37
Umatilla	70	74
Union	15	30
Wallowa	**	**
Wasco	47	29
Washington	277	368
Wheeler	7	6
Yamhill	80	77
Oregon ***	3,730	3,810

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***State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes.

Median Months in Care 2012 and 2013, All Exit Types, by County

County	FFY 2012		FFY 2013	
	Median Months	Total Exits	Median Months	Total Exits
BAKER	12.7	25	7.2	24
BENTON	10.8	18	12.8	31
CLACKAMAS	12.9	201	12.2	237
CLATSOP	23.8	39	19.3	40
COLUMBIA	20.1	56	16.5	66
COOS	21.3	102	15.5	109
CROOK	13.5	12	9.4	23
CURRY	20.1	19	10.4	24
DESCHUTES	12.0	89	14.0	72
DOUGLAS	18.3	102	27.5	133
GILLIAM	24.4	10	0.5	**
GRANT	0.1	**	4.3	**
HARNEY	6.5	13	5.9	12
HOOD RIVER	22.8	9	25.5	12
JACKSON	15.0	195	18.2	235
JEFFERSON	10.0	18	13.8	21
JOSEPHINE	14.6	108	19.1	101
KLAMATH	12.8	112	15.2	172
LAKE	4.3	9	17.2	21
LANE	22.7	403	25.3	429
LINCOLN	18.8	61	19.6	39
LINN	12.2	130	12.2	121
MALHEUR	11.7	35	10.4	66
MARION	17.8	569	16.5	430
MORROW	11.9	8	6.2	21
MULTNOMAH	22.8	608	26.0	657
POLK	18.4	78	14.5	82
SHERMAN	5.7	**	56.0	**
TILLAMOOK	14.7	46	9.2	37
UMATILLA	8.0	61	21.2	74
UNION	11.9	20	21.3	30
WALLOWA	4.9	**	5.2	**
WASCO	15.9	46	20.9	29
WASHINGTON	14.4	354	16.0	368
WHEELER	0.1	**	12.6	6
YAMHILL	22.0	50	17.7	77
OREGON***	17.4	3,615	17.9	3,810

**Values masked to assure confidentiality.

***State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by tribes.

Number of Certified Foster Homes on 9/1/2013 by Certification Type

County	Regular Certification	Special Certification	Total Homes
BAKER	**	**	38
BENTON	37	8	45
CLACKAMAS	169	144	313
CLATSOP	22	23	45
COLUMBIA	37	30	67
COOS	73	34	107
CROOK	13	10	23
CURRY	10	9	19
DESCHUTES	59	39	98
DOUGLAS	96	72	168
GILLIAM	-	-	-
GRANT	-	-	-
HARNEY	**	**	**
HOOD RIVER	-	-	-
JACKSON	94	134	228
JEFFERSON	16	7	23
JOSEPHINE	82	52	134
KLAMATH	39	45	84
LAKE	7	6	13
LANE	287	250	537
LINCOLN	34	26	60
LINN	114	49	163
MALHEUR	52	38	90
MARION	153	133	286
MORROW	**	**	15
MULTNOMAH	446	403	849
POLK	46	29	75
SHERMAN	-	-	-
TILLAMOOK	19	15	34
UMATILLA	39	45	84
UNION	14	7	21
UNKNOWN	115	71	186
WALLOWA	-	-	-
WASCO	42	28	70
WASHINGTON	131	124	255
WHEELER	-	-	-
YAMHILL	59	39	98
OREGON	2,349	1,880	4,229

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In the counties where “-” (zero) is reported certified homes may be captured in the data for another county within that same District

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