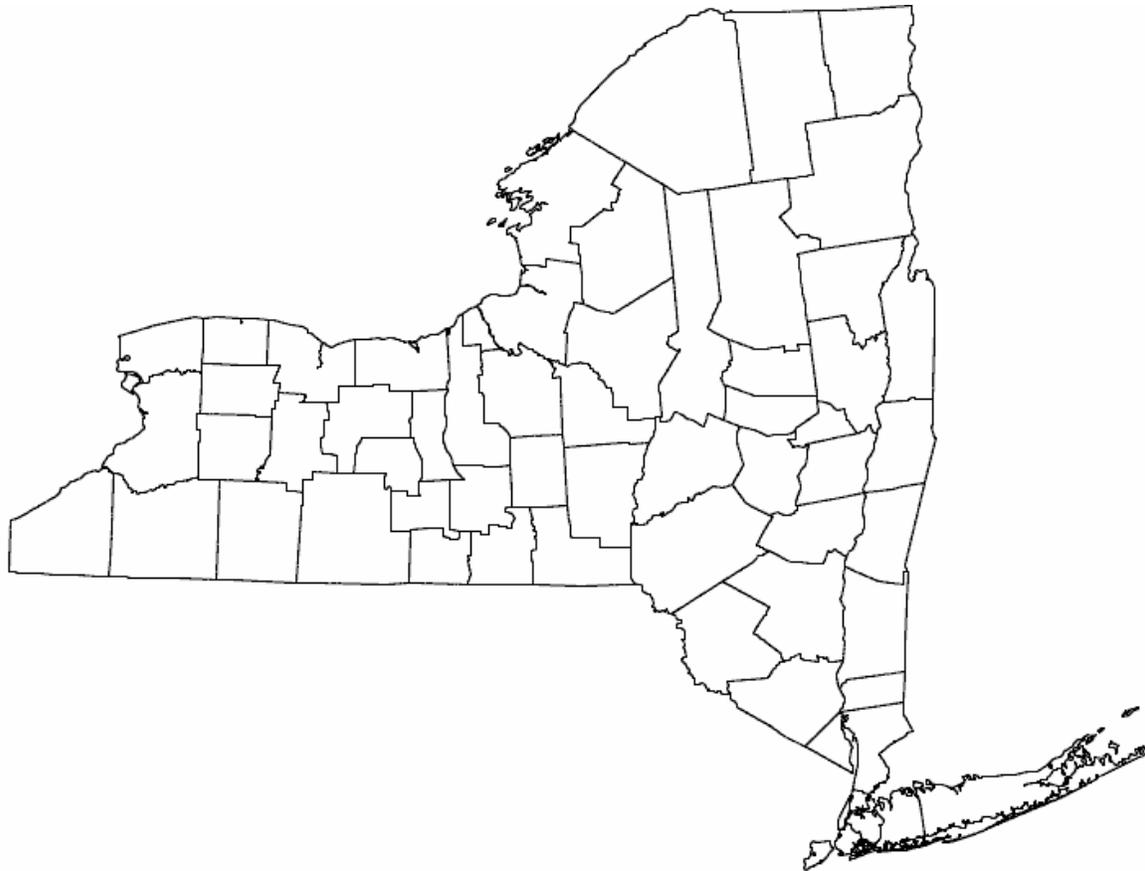


# **2006 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2002- 2006**

**Child Protective Services  
Preventive Services  
Foster Care  
Adoption**

**New York City**



**New York State Office of Children and Family Services  
Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development  
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## INTRODUCTION

The Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) are data packages that provide information on the major child welfare services provided by county Departments of Social Services (DSS). MAPS was developed in 1985 to support the program monitoring role of the Regional Office staff and New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Since then, the MAPS packages, which are produced annually, have also been disseminated to assist in child welfare planning and decision-making.

This MAPS package provides data on Child Protective Services (CPS), Preventive Services, Foster Care, and Adoption for New York City, Upstate (combines all counties except New York City), and Statewide. It contains detailed information for 2006 and charts of selected trend information for the five-year period, 2002-2006. Data for all counties other than New York City are contained in separate packages.

### Statewide Trends:

There were 157,407 CPS reports made to the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment in 2006. This is a 14.4 percent increase from 2005 when there were 137,586 reports. There was a slight increase in the proportion of reports made by mandated reporters, 61.4 percent in 2006 compared with 60.2 percent in 2005, and the proportion of indicated reports has increased from 30.7 percent in 2005 to 33.0 percent in 2006. There was a decrease in the rate of overdue CPS report determinations statewide from 6.4 percent in 2005 to 4.2 percent in 2006. New York City remains at one of the lower rates of overdue determinations in 2006 – at 1.4 percent at the end of 2006.

The number of preventive services cases opened in 2006 was 4.2 percent higher than preventive openings in 2005. For the third year in a row there was an increase in the population of children receiving services at the end of the year.

The number of children in foster care increased 2.2 percent. This is the first increase in placements since the mid-1990s. Of the children admitted to foster care in 2006, the proportion of children between 14 and 17 years of age increased slightly.

In the area of adoption, there were 2,686 adoption finalizations. This represents 39.5 percent of the children in care who were available and freed for adoption, virtually unchanged from the 39.2 percent who had adoptions finalized in 2005.

MAPS is distributed electronically to users of Microsoft Exchange. Each district has its own MAPS data in its own Public Folder. Under Public Folders, click on: All Public Folders, then on [dfa.state.ny.us](http://dfa.state.ny.us), then on OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services), then on MAPS (Monitoring and Analysis Profiles), then on MAPS-2006 and then on a geographic entity area.

Definitions necessary to understand the data are printed at the bottom of the appropriate page. These definitions also apply to the multi-year data pages. Appendix A contains additional clarifying information to facilitate an accurate interpretation of complex variables. Careful review and use of the MAPS package are required to understand the data.

Program data on Child Protective Services are taken from the CONNECTIONS database, while the program data on Preventive Services, Foster Care and Adoption are taken from the Child Care

Review Service (CCRS) database. Both of these are statewide, computerized child welfare databases.

The current MAPS package was developed based on the data contained in CCRS on March 31, 2007, and from the CONNECTIONS database as of March 1, 2007. The numbers in the MAPS package may differ from those that appear on the routine reports that are distributed by OCFS either because they are taken from the databases on different dates or because the definition of a term differs. Additionally, lag reporting into CCRS by some Social Services districts affects all Foster Care, Preventive Services and Adoption data. The report, "Final Annual Summary Characteristics of Children in Foster Care," produced by OCFS and released in September 2007 will contain data reported at a later date, thus accounting for late reporting into CCRS.

In most instances, numbers are converted into rates or percentages to highlight important aspects of the child welfare service programs. The use of rates and percentages is a critical component of MAPS as it allows for comparisons by controlling for differences in population. The population figures used to calculate rates for 2002 through 2006 are taken from the 2003 Complete Economic and Demographic Data Source (CEDDS). For Child Protective Services data, rates are calculated based on the number of children ages 0 through 17 because very few reports are taken on youth aged 18 and over. However, since OCFS does have children in foster care 18 years old and above, the rates for foster care, adoption and preventive services are based on the number of children ages 0 through 21.

Data on the ethnic composition of children receiving Preventive Services or Foster Care are from the CCRS database. Data for their foster/adoptive parents are from CONNECTIONS.

The MAPS package focuses on developing a profile of the child welfare services programs in each local Social Services district. The data describe what are believed to be key, measurable characteristics of county child welfare services. The package is designed to provide a framework within which to examine the relationships among variables, raise questions, and initiate discussions about child welfare programs. Unlike indicators, it is not intended to judge performance or to focus attention on a single variable.

The multi-year data in the MAPS package show movement on selected variables for a five-year period, 2002-2006. They provide a framework to explore relationships among variables over time and to identify trends in child welfare programs.

*In summary, MAPS is not intended to be a package of indicators by which performance may be judged. Rather, it is intended to provide a framework within which reasoned questions can be asked by those who have been trained to its uses and limitations and who have substantive knowledge of the child welfare system in New York State. Questions about this data and suggestions and/or comments related to the design of this package may be directed to Nancy Martinez, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development, 52 Washington St., 3rd floor, Rensselaer, New York 12144-2796, or (518) 473-1776. E-mail requests for copies can be sent to Ronya Bynum, via Microsoft Exchange or the Internet at [Ronya.Bynum@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:Ronya.Bynum@ocfs.state.ny.us).*

# MONITORING AND ANALYSIS PROFILES

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**CHILD  
PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES**

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
WORKLOAD DATA  
2006**

**NEW YORK CITY**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<b>REPORTS RECEIVED</b>	62,338	31.0
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER</b>	41,730	66.9
<b>OF REPORTS DETERMINED:</b>		
<b>Reports Indicated</b>	24,035	39.1
<b>Reports Unfounded</b>	37,423	60.9
<b>OF REPORTS REGISTERED:</b>		
<b>Determinations     Overdue</b>	880	1.4

Reports Received

N: Number of reports received during the calendar year.

Rate: Number of reports received during the calendar year for every 1000 children in the district.

Reports by Mandated Reporter

N: Number of reports received during the calendar year with a mandated reporter as the source of the report.

%: Number of reports received during the calendar year with a mandated reporter as the source of the report, as a percentage of all reports received during the calendar year.

Reports Determined

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2006 and indicated/unfounded by 3/1/07.

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2006 and indicated/unfounded by 3/1/07, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2006 and determined by 3/1/07.

Determinations Overdue

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2006 and had no determination by 3/1/07.

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2006 and had no determination by 3/1/07, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2006.

See the Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
REPORT DETERMINATIONS -- TIMELINESS  
2006**

**NEW YORK CITY**

	N	%
<b>REPORT DETERMINATION TIMELINESS:</b>	24,008	38.5

**DAYS TO REPORT  
DETERMINATION:**

**NEW YORK CITY**

	N	%
<b>All Reports Determined</b>		
<b>0-30 Days</b>	3,042	4.9
<b>31-60</b>	20,966	34.1
<b>61-90</b>	28,162	45.8
<b>&gt;90</b>	9,288	15.1

**Indicated**

<b>0-30 Days</b>	705	2.9
<b>31-60</b>	7,214	30.0
<b>61-90</b>	12,046	50.1
<b>&gt;90</b>	4,070	16.9

**Unfounded**

<b>0-30 Days</b>	2,337	6.2
<b>31-60</b>	13,752	36.7
<b>61-90</b>	16,116	43.1
<b>&gt;90</b>	5,218	13.9

Report Determination Timeliness

**N:** Number of reports that were registered in the calendar year and determined within 60 days.

**%:** Number of reports that were determined within 60 days, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in the calendar year 2006.

**Days to Report Determination:** Number of reports registered in calendar year 2006, that received a determination by 3/1/07, and were determined within each respective range of days for each of the three determination categories.

See the Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
TREND DATA  
2002-2006**

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	55,714	28.5	
2003	52,743	26.7	-6.3
2004	48,865	24.6	-7.9
2005	47,613	23.8	-3.3
2006	62,338	31.0	30.3

**REPORTS INDICATED:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	18,537	33.3	
2003	17,310	32.8	-1.5
2004	16,001	32.7	-0.3
2005	15,781	33.1	1.2
2006	24,035	39.1	18.1

For detailed description of variables see page 2, "Child Protective Services Workload Data".

See Appendix A for details on CONNECTIONS CPS data.

**PREVENTIVE  
SERVICES**

**MANDATED PREVENTIVE OPENINGS  
BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY  
2006**

**CHILDREN:**

	N	%	Rate
Total	26,744	100.0	11.0
In Care	597	2.2	0.2
Not In Care	26,147	97.8	10.8

**AGE:**

	N	%
<2	3,166	11.8
2-5	4,875	18.2
6-9	5,254	19.6
10-13	5,694	21.3
14-17	7,676	28.7
18+	79	0.3

**RACE:**

	N	%
White	12,058	45.1
African American	12,206	45.6
Native American/Alaska Native	21	0.1
Asian	352	1.3
Unknown	2,107	7.9

**ETHNICITY:**

Hispanic	10,908	40.8
Non-Hispanic	15,836	59.2

**Total: N:** Number of children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year; children with more than one case opened during the year are only counted once.

**Rate:** Children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year for every 1000 children in the district.

**In-Care: N:** Number of children who had a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year and were in Foster Care at the time the Mandated Preventive Services case was opened.

**%:** Children who had a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year and were in Foster Care at the time the Mandated Preventive Services case was opened, as a percentage of all children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year.

**Rate:** Children who had a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year and were in Foster Care at the time the Mandated Preventive Services case was opened, for every 1000 children in the district.

**Not In-Care: N:** Number of children who had a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year and were not in Foster Care at the time the Mandated Preventive Services case was opened.

**%:** Children who had a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year and were not in Foster Care at the time the Mandated Preventive Services case was opened, as a percentage of all children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year.

**Rate:** Children who had a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year and were not in Foster Care at the time the Mandated Preventive Services case was opened, for every 1000 children in the district.

**Race/Ethnicity-** See Appendix A for U.S Census Bureau definition.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF MANDATED PREVENTIVE OPENINGS

	NEW YORK CITY	
	N	%
<b>2006 PREVENTIVE OPENING WITH PRIOR FOSTER CARE</b>	1,355	5.1
<b>2006 PREVENTIVE OPENING WITH CONCURRENT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>	9,220	34.5
<b>SUBSEQUENT FOSTER CARE AFTER 2005 PREVENTIVE OPENING</b>		
Within 3 Months	773	2.9
Within 15 Months	1,428	5.3
<b>2005 MANDATED PREVENTIVE OPENINGS BY LENGTH OF SERVICE</b>		
<b>CASE CLOSINGS:</b>		
Within 3 Months	3,999	15.0
Within 15 Months	8,278	31.0

### Prior Foster Care

**N:** Number of children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2006 who were in Foster Care sometime in the 12 months prior to the Preventive opening. **%:** Children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2006 who were in Foster Care sometime in the 12 months prior to the Preventive opening, as a percentage of all children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2006.

### Concurrent Child Protective Services

**N:** Number of children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2006 who were receiving Child Protective Services at the time of the Preventive opening. Concurrent also includes children who began receiving Child Protective Services at the same time as the Preventive opening.

**%:** Children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2006 who were receiving Child Protective Services at the time of the Preventive opening, as a percentage of all children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in the calendar year.

### Subsequent Foster Care

**N:** Number of children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2005 who entered Foster Care within the specified time period following the Mandated Preventive Services case opening. (Within 15 months includes children who went into foster care within 3 months.) **%:** Number of children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2005 who entered Foster Care within the specified time period following the Mandated Preventive Services case opening, as a percentage of all children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2005.

### Length of Time:

**N:** Number of children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2005 whose case was closed within the specified time periods; children with more than one case closed during the year are only counted once. (Within 15 months includes cases closed within 3 months.) **%:** Children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2005 whose case was closed within the specified time periods, as a percentage of all children with a Mandated Preventive Services case opened in 2005.

**MANDATED PREVENTIVE POPULATION  
BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY  
12/31/06**

**TOTAL MANDATED:**

	N	%	Rate
Total	35,760	100.0	14.7
In Care	1,309	3.7	0.5
Not In Care	34,451	96.3	14.1

**AGE:**

	N	%
<2	2,544	7.1
2-5	7,035	19.7
6-9	7,668	21.4
10-13	7,986	22.3
14-17	9,594	26.8
18+	933	2.6

**RACE:**

	N	%
White	16,484	46.1
African-American	15,976	44.7
Native American/Alaska Native	27	0.1
Asian	488	1.4
Unknown	2,785	7.8

**ETHNICITY:**

Hispanic	15,038	42.1
Non-Hispanic	20,722	57.9

**Total:** N: Number of children receiving Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06.

**Rate:** Children receiving Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06 for every 1000 children in the district.

**In-Care:** N: Number of children who were receiving both Foster Care and Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06.

**%:** Children who were receiving both Foster Care and Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06, as a percentage of all children receiving Mandated Preventive Services.

**Rate:** Children who were receiving both Foster Care and Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06 for every 1000 children in the district.

**Not In-Care:** N: Number of children who were receiving Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06, but were not in Foster Care.

**%:** Children who were receiving Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06, but were not in Foster Care, as a percentage of all children receiving Mandated Preventive Services.

**Rate:** Children who were receiving Mandated Preventive Services on 12/31/06, but were not in Foster Care, for every 1000 children in the district.

**Race/Ethnicity** – See Appendix A for U.S Census Bureau definition

**PREVENTIVE SERVICES  
TREND DATA  
2002-2006**

**PREVENTIVE  
OPENINGS:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	26,745	11.2	
2003	23,645	9.9	-11.6
2004	22,670	9.4	-5.1
2005	23,453	9.7	3.2
2006	26,744	11.0	13.4

**POPULATION ON THE LAST  
DAY OF THE YEAR:**

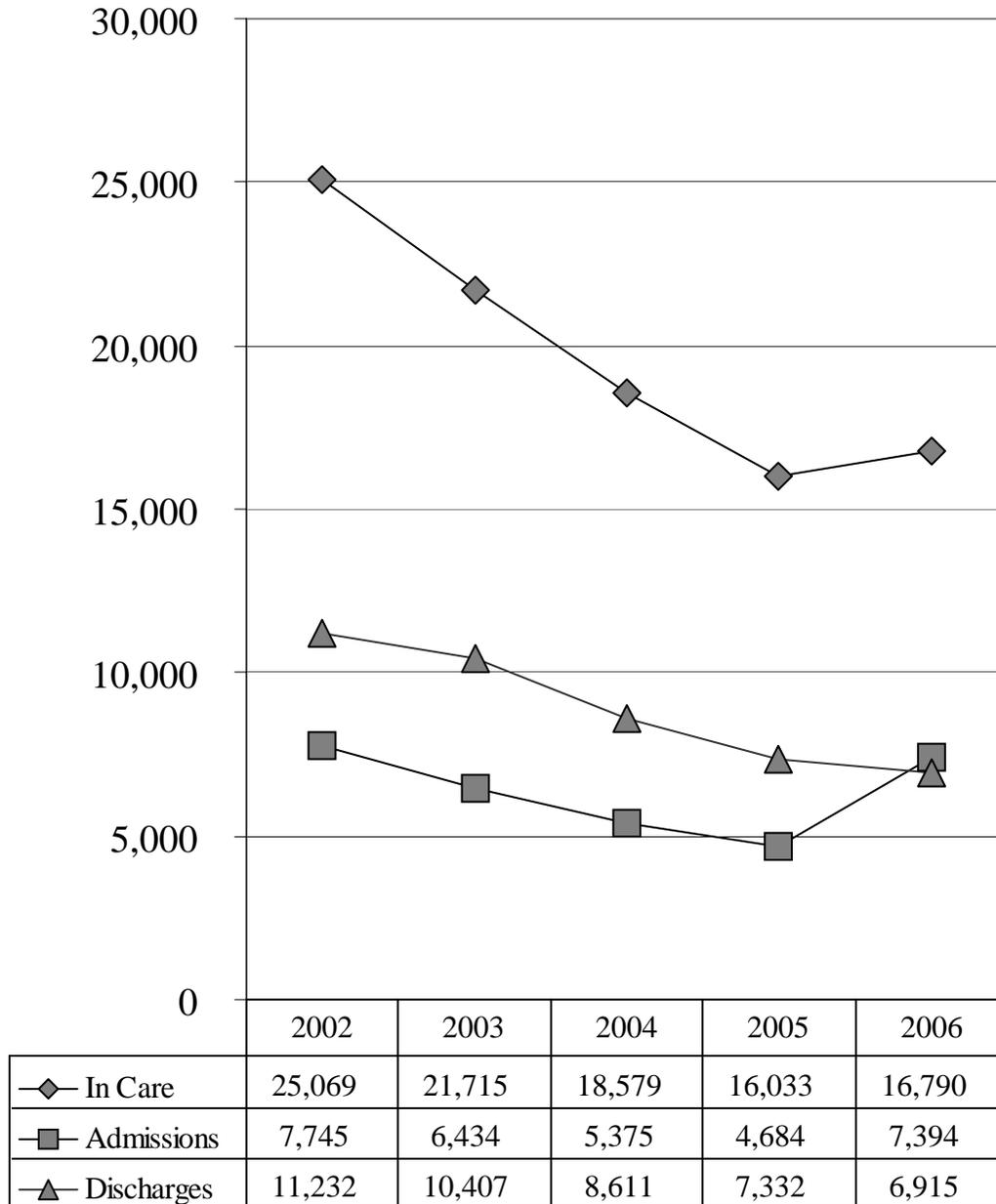
	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	31,074	12.9	
2003	29,986	12.6	-2.3
2004	28,623	11.9	-5.6
2005	28,508	11.8	-0.8
2006	35,760	14.7	24.6

For detailed description of Preventive Openings variables see page 6, "Mandated Preventive Openings by Age, Race and Ethnicity".

For detailed description of Population variables see page 8, "Mandated Preventive Population By Age, Race and Ethnicity".

**FOSTER  
CARE**

**FOSTER CARE  
IN CARE, ADMISSIONS, and DISCHARGES  
New York City  
2002 – 2006**



**FOSTER CARE ADMISSIONS/DISCHARGES/INCARE  
BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY  
2006**

	N		Rate/%	
ADMISSIONS	7,394		3.0	
DISCHARGES	6,915		29.2	
IN CARE	16,790		6.9	

AGE:	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
< 2	1,617	21.9	368	5.3	1,576	9.4
2-5	1,442	19.5	1,224	17.7	3,352	20.0
6-9	1,230	16.6	1,092	15.8	2,851	17.0
10-13	1,213	16.4	1,080	15.6	2,799	16.7
14-17	1,883	25.5	1,674	24.2	4,095	24.4
18+	9	0.1	1,477	21.4	2,117	12.6

RACE:	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	2,709	36.6	2,189	31.7	5,307	31.6
African American	4,151	56.1	3,718	53.8	9,607	57.2
Native American/ Alaska Native	6	0.1	6	0.1	12	0.1
Asian	41	0.6	50	0.7	94	0.6
Unknown	487	6.6	952	13.8	1,770	10.5

ETHNICITY:	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Hispanic	2,451	33.1	1,934	28.0	4,711	28.1
Non-Hispanic	4,943	66.9	4,981	72.0	12,079	71.9

PERCENTAGE OF DISCHARGES BY DESTINATION:	Home		Adoption		Independent Living		Other State Agency		Other	
	%		%		%		%		%	
NEW YORK CITY	54.8		22.9		14.9		2.7		4.7	

Admissions: N: Number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year.

Rate: The number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year for every 1000 children in the district.

Discharges: N: Number of children discharged during the calendar year. The number does not include trial discharges.

%: Children discharged during the calendar year, as a percentage of all children who were in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

In Care: N: Number of children in foster care on 12/31/06.

Rate: The number of children in foster care on 12/31/06 for every 1000 children in the district.

Race / Ethnicity – see Appendix A for U.S Census Bureau definitions.

Destination: For children discharged during 2006, the stated discharge reason: return to a homelike setting (Home); discharge to adoption (Adoption); assuming responsibility for self, e.g. independent living, military service, etc. (Independent Living); discharge to another state service system (Other State Agency); or one of several other reasons, e.g., moved out of district, etc. (Other).

## FOSTER CARE CHARACTERISTICS 2006

### PLACEMENT IN FOSTER BOARDING AND ADOPTIVE HOMES:

#### Child's Race

	Total With Race/ Ethnic Code	# Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent	% Same as Foster / Adoptive Parent
Total	7,649	5,054	66.1
White	2,739	1,307	47.7
African American	4,850	3,747	77.3
Native American/Alaska Native	4	0	0.0
Asian	56	0	0.0

#### Ethnicity

	N	%
Hispanic	2,433	46.8
Non-Hispanic	5,216	75.1
Unknown/Missing	914	10.7

### SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:

Group Size:	Separated		Partly Separated		Intact	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Two	1,098	31.7	-	-	2,368	68.3
Three	294	11.4	852	33.1	1,431	55.5
Four or more	77	2.9	1,812	67.6	790	29.5

### CHILDREN RETURNING TO CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME SINCE LAST DISCHARGE:

	N	%
Total (0-24 months)	674	9.1
0-3 months	182	2.5
4-12 months	260	3.5
13-24 months	232	3.1

Total With Race/Ethnic Code: N: Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/06 who have a race/ethnic code in CCRS.

Number With Same Race/Ethnic Code: N: Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/06 whose race/ethnic code in CCRS is the same as at least one of his or her foster parent's race/ethnic code in the Connections database. Congregate care and approved relative homes are excluded.

%: Children with a race/ethnic code in CCRS whose code is the same as at least one foster parent's race/ethnic code in the Connections database as a percentage of children in foster care on 12/31/06 with a race/ethnic code for a specified race/ethnic group. There are a small number of foster parents with no race/ethnic code in the Connections database; these are counted as not matched.

Siblings in Foster Care: N: Number of children in foster care on 12/31/06 who have a sibling in foster care.

Separated: All of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in separate facilities.

Partly Separated: Some of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in separate facilities.

Intact: All of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in the same facility.

%: Number of siblings who are separated, partly separated, or intact as a percentage of all siblings in a sibling group of the same size.

Children Returning to Care By Length of Time Since Last Discharge: N: Number of children who were readmitted to foster care in 2006 who had been discharged from foster care within the specified number of months prior to the last 2006 admission. Children returning to foster care from a trial discharge are not considered to have been readmitted.

%: The number of children readmitted to foster care in 2006, as a percentage of the total number of children admitted to foster care in 2006.

Race /Ethnicity – see Appendix A for U.S Census Bureau definitions.

### SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2006 FOSTER CARE ADMISSION

	NEW YORK CITY	
	N	%
Preventive Services Only	678	9.2
Child Protective Services Only	2,541	34.4
Both Preventive And CPS	830	11.2
Neither Preventive Nor CPS	3,345	45.2

### SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2006 ADMISSION BY AGE:

AGE	PREVENTIVE ONLY		CHILD PROTECTIVE ONLY	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	131	8.1	693	42.9
2-5	131	9.1	521	36.1
6-9	120	9.8	430	35.0
10-13	126	10.4	405	33.4
14-17	169	9.0	492	26.1
18+	1	11.1	0	0.0

AGE	BOTH PREVENTIVE AND PROTECTIVE		NEITHER PREVENTIVE NOR PROTECTIVE	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	120	7.4	673	41.6
2-5	218	15.1	572	39.7
6-9	177	14.4	503	40.9
10-13	155	12.8	527	43.4
14-17	159	8.4	1,063	56.5
18+	1	11.1	7	77.8

Please Note: All four categories are mutually exclusive.

Preventive Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2006 who were opened to Preventive Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Preventive during the 12 months preceding admission.

Child Protective Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2006 who were opened to Child Protective Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Protective during the 12 months preceding admission

Services Prior To/At 2006 Admission by Age %: Number of children in each age group within each category admitted to foster care in 2006 as a percentage of all children in that same age group who were admitted to foster care in 2006.

**TIME IN CARE BY AGE  
12/31/06**

**AGE OF CHILDREN**

	<b>&lt; 2 YEARS %</b>	<b>2-5 YEARS %</b>	<b>6-9 YEARS %</b>	<b>10-13 YEARS %</b>	<b>14-17 YEARS %</b>	<b>18+ YEARS %</b>	<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL</b>
<b>Approved Relative Homes</b>							
<b>&lt; 1 YEAR</b>	75.2	40.1	38.9	33.5	25.5	2.1	36.7
<b>1-2 YEARS</b>	24.8	17.5	13.4	12.1	12.4	3.8	14.4
<b>2-3 YEARS</b>		19.6	11.2	9.2	10.1	5.7	10.9
<b>&gt; 3 YEARS</b>		22.8	36.5	45.1	52.0	88.5	37.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	610	1,300	1,131	973	938	477	5,429
<b>Non Relative Foster Care</b>							
<b>&lt; 1 YEAR</b>	71.8	28.6	28.4	28.5	36.6	5.0	31.4
<b>1-2 YEARS</b>	28.2	15.7	12.6	13.4	14.5	7.1	14.4
<b>2-3 YEARS</b>		24.2	11.5	9.6	8.7	10.3	11.6
<b>&gt; 3 YEARS</b>		31.4	47.6	48.5	40.2	77.6	42.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	966	2,051	1,720	1,817	3,103	1,488	11,145
<b>TOTAL</b>	N=1,576	N=3,351	N=2,851	N=2,790	N=4,041	N=1,965	N=16,574

For children in foster care on 12/31/06, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows.

**ADMISSIONS DISCHARGES AND IN CARE  
FACILITY TYPE BY PLACEMENT LOCATION AND AGE**

TYPE OF PLACEMENT:	AGE OF CHILDREN			PERCENT	PLACEMENT LOCATION	
	< 11 YEARS N	11+ YEARS N	TOTAL N		Out Of County N	Out Of State N
<b>Congregate Care</b>						
Admissions	56	1,262	1,318	17.8		
In Care	107	2,421	2,528	15.1	1,442	17
Discharges	16	1,675	1,691	24.5		
<b>Foster Boarding Homes</b>						
Admissions	2,893	1,044	3,937	53.2		
In Care	5,016	3,547	8,563	51.0	484	187
Discharges	1,896	1,462	3,358	48.6		
<b>Approved Relative Homes</b>						
Admissions	1,618	516	2,134	28.9		
In Care	3,293	2,156	5,449	32.5	302	289
Discharges	1,029	805	1,834	26.5		
<b>Other</b>						
Admissions	2	3	5	0.1		
In Care	19	231	250	1.5	122	0
Discharges	4	28	32	0.5		
<b>Total</b>						
Admissions	4,569	2,825	7,394	100.0		
In Care	8,435	8,355	16,790	100.0	2,350	493
Discharges	2,945	3,970	6,915	100.0		

**Admissions & Discharges: N:** The number of children admitted to/discharged from each type of placement during 2006

**In Care: N:** The number of children in each type of placement on 12/31/06.

**%:** Children in each facility type as a percentage of all children admitted, discharged or in care

**Congregate Care:** Includes AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence and Institution.

**Other:** Includes SILP (Supervised Independent Living Program) and all other categories.

**Placement Location: N:** The number of children in a placement outside the county on 12/31/06. Out of county does not include out of state placements.

## FOSTER CARE DISCHARGES BY TIME IN CARE

### AGE OF CHILDREN

	<b>&lt; 2 YEARS %</b>	<b>2-5 YEARS %</b>	<b>6-9 YEARS %</b>	<b>10-13 YEARS %</b>	<b>14-17 YEARS %</b>	<b>18+ YEARS %</b>	<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL</b>
<b>Approved Relative Homes</b>							
<b>&lt; 1 YEAR</b>	84.3	31.1	27.9	26.0	30.2	1.2	28.7
<b>1-2 YEARS</b>	15.7	9.7	12.2	8.6	6.4	1.2	8.8
<b>2-3 YEARS</b>		21.8	11.2	11.3	11.7	5.8	12.2
<b>&gt; 3 YEARS</b>		37.4	48.6	54.1	51.7	91.9	50.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	127	412	401	362	265	260	1,827
<b>Non Relative Foster Care</b>							
<b>&lt; 1 YEAR</b>	84.2	38.3	37.9	38.8	50.4	4.3	36.3
<b>1-2 YEARS</b>	15.8	6.7	5.4	6.1	21.3	7.6	11.2
<b>2-3 YEARS</b>		19.5	5.8	5.2	7.5	8.0	8.6
<b>&gt; 3 YEARS</b>		35.6	50.9	49.9	20.8	80.1	44.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	241	812	691	717	1,401	1,123	4,985
<b>TOTAL</b>	N=368	N=1,224	N=1,092	N=1,079	N=1,666	N=1,383	N=6,812

For children discharged from foster care during 2006, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows.

**GOAL BY AGE  
12/31/06**

		<b>&lt; 2 YEARS %</b>	<b>2-5 YEARS %</b>	<b>6-9 YEARS %</b>	<b>10-13 YEARS %</b>	<b>14-17 YEARS %</b>	<b>18+ YEARS %</b>	<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL</b>
<b>ADULT CUST.CARE</b>								
	NEW YORK CITY	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	2.1	6.1	1.4
<b>ADOPTION</b>								
<b>G</b>	NEW YORK CITY	10.8	37.0	41.1	41.6	27.1	11.3	30.4
<b>O PARENT/GUARDIAN</b>								
<b>A</b>	NEW YORK CITY	86.2	60.2	56.6	54.3	54.7	25.5	55.3
<b>L ANOTHER PLANNED LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APLA)</b>								
<b>S</b>	NEW YORK CITY	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	8.8	55.7	9.2
<b>OTHER GOALS</b>								
	NEW YORK CITY	2.9	2.7	2.1	3.1	7.4	1.4	3.6
<b>TOTAL IN CARE</b>								
	NEW YORK CITY	N=1,541	N=3,339	N=2,841	N=2,782	N=3,888	N=2,104	N=16,495

For children in foster care on 12/31/06 with a reported goal, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) with the goal indicated in the row. Children with waivers are included in the Adoption percentages.

**DAYS IN CARE****Total Days in Care**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Institution	853,125	834,758	774,848	660,671	564,701
Foster Boarding Home	5,119,936	4,436,883	3,790,750	3,208,845	3,116,082
Agency Operated Boarding Home	177,640	174,245	153,902	122,330	108,227
Group Residence	141,088	122,997	116,326	101,612	96,231
Group Home	443,200	418,281	341,468	263,775	218,044
Adoptive Home	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Relative Home	2,996,287	2,608,101	2,198,261	1,852,609	1,870,356
Supervised Independent Living Program	0	0	0	0	0
Other	101,913	93,845	94,098	94,052	92,193
<i>Total</i>	9,833,189	8,689,110	7,469,653	6,303,894	6,065,834

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Congregate Care	1,716,966	1,644,126	1,480,642	1,242,440	1,079,396
Foster Board. Home/Adopt. Home	5,119,936	4,436,883	3,790,750	3,208,845	3,116,082
Approved Relative Home	2,996,287	2,608,101	2,198,261	1,852,609	1,870,356
<i>Total</i>	9,833,189	8,689,110	7,469,653	6,303,894	6,065,834

**Percent of Days in Care**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Institution	8.7%	9.6%	10.4%	10.5%	9.3%
Foster Boarding Home	52.1%	51.1%	50.7%	50.9%	51.4%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1.8%	2.0%	2.1%	1.9%	1.8%
Group Residence	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Group Home	4.5%	4.8%	4.6%	4.2%	3.6%
Adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Approved Relative Home	30.5%	30.0%	29.4%	29.4%	30.8%
Supervised Independent Living Program	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	1.0%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Congregate Care	17.5%	18.9%	19.8%	19.7%	17.8%
Foster Board. Home/Adopt. Home	52.1%	51.1%	50.7%	50.9%	51.4%
Approved Relative Home	30.5%	30.0%	29.4%	29.4%	30.8%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Percent Change Over Previous Year**

	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2002-06</b>
Institution	-2.2%	-7.2%	-14.7%	-14.5%	-33.8%
Foster Boarding Home	-13.3%	-14.6%	-15.4%	-2.9%	-39.1%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	-1.9%	-11.7%	-20.5%	-11.5%	-39.1%
Group Residence	-12.8%	-5.4%	-12.6%	-5.3%	-31.8%
Group Home	-5.6%	-18.4%	-22.8%	-17.3%	-50.8%
Adoptive Home	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Approved Relative Home	-13.0%	-15.7%	-15.7%	1.0%	-37.6%
Supervised Independent Living Program	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	-7.9%	0.3%	0.0%	-2.0%	-9.5%
<i>Total</i>	-11.6%	-14.0%	-15.6%	-3.8%	-38.3%

	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2002-06</b>
Congregate Care	-4.2%	-9.9%	-16.1%	-13.1%	-37.1%
Foster Board. Home/Adopt. Home	-13.3%	-14.6%	-15.4%	-2.9%	-39.1%
Approved Relative Home	-13.0%	-15.7%	-15.7%	1.0%	-37.6%
<i>Total</i>	-11.6%	-14.0%	-15.6%	-3.8%	-38.3%

Other: Includes residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, specialized schools, etc.

Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence, SILP's and Other.

**FOSTER CARE  
TREND DATA  
2002-2006**

**CHILDREN IN CARE:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	25,069	10.5	
2003	21,715	9.1	-13.3
2004	18,579	7.7	-15.4
2005	16,033	6.6	-14.3
2006	16,790	6.9	4.5

**CHILDREN ADMITTED:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	7,745	3.3	
2003	6,434	2.7	-18.2
2004	5,375	2.2	-18.5
2005	4,684	1.9	-13.6
2006	7,394	3.0	57.9

**CHILDREN DISCHARGED:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	11,232	30.9	
2003	10,407	32.4	4.9
2004	8,611	31.7	-2.2
2005	7,332	31.4	-0.9
2006	6,915	29.2	-7.0

For detailed description of variables see page 12, "Foster Care Admissions/Discharges/Incare by Age, Race and Ethnicity".

## ADOPTION

## ADOPTION MILESTONES 2006

### CHILDREN WHO HAD A MILESTONE OCCUR DURING 2006:

	N	%
Goal Set during 2006	1,051	4.4
Freed during 2006	1,324	5.6
Placed during 2006	1,411	20.5
Discharged to Adoption during 2006	1,584	37.7

### CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 12/31/06 WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:

5,017

### ON 12/31/06, CHILDREN WAITING 1 YEAR OR MORE:

	Approved Relative Homes		Non-Relative Foster Care	
	N	%	N	%
Waiting to Be Freed	556	65.0	1,182	70.2
Waiting to Be Placed	88	51.8	387	66.5
Waiting to Be Discharged to Adoption	269	40.8	495	46.4
Waiting Population	913	54.2	2,064	61.9

Goal Set N: Number of children with a goal set to adoption during 2006. %: Children who had a "goal set," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during 2006.

Freed N: Number of children freed during 2006. %: Children "freed," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during 2006.

Placed N: Number of children placed for adoption during 2006. %: Children "placed," as a percentage of all children in foster care who had a goal of adoption on 12/31/06, or had a goal set to adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to adoption at any time during 2006

Discharged to Adoption N: Number of children discharged to adoption during 2006. %: Children "discharged," as a percentage of children in foster care at any time during 2006, who had a goal of adoption and had a status of free for adoption.

Waiting to be Freed N: Children who, on 12/31/06, had a goal of adoption for longer than a year and were not yet freed. %: Children who are "waiting to be freed," as a percentage of all children who, on 12/31/06, had a goal of adoption but were not yet freed.

Waiting to be Placed N: Children who, on 12/31/06, were freed for adoption for longer than a year and who were not yet placed for adoption. %: Children who are "waiting to be placed," as a percentage of all children who, on 12/31/06 had a goal of adoption and a status of free for adoption but were not yet placed.

Waiting to be Discharged to Adoption N: Children who, on 12/31/06, were in an adoptive placement for over one year but were not yet discharged. %: Children who are "waiting to be discharged," as a percentage of all children who, on 12/31/06, had a goal of adoption and a status of free for adoption, were placed for adoption but were not yet discharged.

Waiting Population N: All children who, as of 12/31/06, spent more than a year waiting to achieve an adoption milestone; the sum of the three "N"s above. %: Children waiting more than a year, as a percentage of all children who have a goal of adoption, or a status of free for adoption, or were in an adoptive placement at the end of the calendar year.

Children with waivers are excluded from all "N"s and Percentages.

## WAITING POPULATION ON 12/31/06

<b>CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE FOR 2 OR MORE YEARS WITH A GOAL OF:</b>						
	<b>RETURN HOME</b>		<b>ADOPTION</b>		<b>OTHER</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than 8 years old:	795	32.5	1,631	66.6	23	0.9
8 years old or older:	1,751	28.1	2,856	45.8	1,635	26.2

<b>CHILDREN WAITING TO ACHIEVE AN ADOPTION MILESTONE</b>						
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>WAITING LESS THAN 1 YEAR</b>		<b>WAITING 1 YEAR OR MORE</b>		
		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	
<b>Goal and not Free:</b>	2,540	802	31.6	1,738	68.4	
Less than 8 years old:	1,198	523	43.7	675	56.3	
8 years old or older:	1,342	279	20.8	1,063	79.2	
<b>Free and not Placed:</b>	752	277	36.8	475	63.2	
Less than 8 years old:	163	113	69.3	50	30.7	
8 years old or older:	589	164	27.8	425	72.2	
<b>Free, Placed and not Discharged:</b>	1,725	961	55.7	764	44.3	
Less than 8 years old:	615	429	69.8	186	30.2	
8 years old or older:	1,110	532	47.9	578	52.1	

In Foster Care for 2 or more years with a Goal of: Return Home/Adoption/Other Goal **N:** As of 12/31/06, the number of children who had been in care for 2 years or longer, who were in the specified age group, and who had the specified goal. **%:** As of 12/31/06, children who had been in care for 2 years or longer, who were in the specified age group, and who had the specified goal, as a percentage of all children in foster care who were in the specified age group.

Goal and not Free **N:** As of 12/31/06, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time. **%:** As of 12/31/06, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be freed.

Free and not Placed **N:** As of 12/31/06, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time. **%:** As of 12/31/06, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be placed.

Free, Placed and not Discharged (to Adoption) **N:** As of 12/31/06, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time. **%:** As of 12/31/06, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be discharged.

Less than 8 years old and 8 years old or older **N:** For the three waiting populations described above, the number of children in the specified age group and time period. **%:** For the children in each age group who are in the three waiting populations described above, the % that were waiting, as of 12/31/06, less than one year or one year or more.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all "N"s and Percentages in the Children Waiting to Achieve an Adoption Milestone section.

**TIME TO ACHIEVE MILESTONES  
DURING 2006**

<b>Admission to Goal Set:</b>	<b>LESS THAN 2 YEARS</b>		<b>2 TO 3 YEARS</b>		<b>GREATER THAN 3 YEARS</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
	Less than 8 years:	408	60.4	150	22.2	118
8 years or older:	144	39.0	71	19.2	154	41.7

	<b>LESS THAN 6 MONTHS</b>		<b>6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR</b>		<b>GREATER THAN 1 YEAR</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Goal to Free:</b>					
Less than 8 years:	63	10.3	122	20.0	426	69.7
8 years or older:	23	4.7	49	9.9	421	85.4
<b>Petition Date to Free Date:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	64	10.7	175	29.3	359	60.0
8 years or older:	38	7.9	90	18.6	355	73.5
<b>Free to Place:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	584	83.7	52	7.4	62	8.9
8 years or older:	433	60.7	74	10.4	206	28.9
<b>Placed with Foster Parent:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	584	84.0	52	7.5	59	8.5
8 years or older:	432	61.8	72	10.3	195	27.9
<b>Not Placed with Foster Parent:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0
8 years or older:	1	7.1	2	14.3	11	78.6

**Admission to Goal Set: N:** For children of the specified age group who had their goal set to Adoption in 2006, the time from admission to foster care to having their goal set to Adoption.

**Goal to Free: N:** For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2006, the time from having the goal set until they were freed. Children freed before goal set to adoption are not included.

**Petition Date to Free Date: N:** For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2006, the time from the date their petition to be freed was filed until they were freed.

**Free to Place: N:** For children of the specified age group who were placed in an Adoptive home in 2006, the time from when they were freed until the placement.

**Placed with Foster Parent: N:** Children who were placed for Adoption with the foster parent(s) they were living with.

**Not Placed with Foster Parent: N:** Children who were placed for Adoption with adoptive parents different than the foster parent(s) they had been living with.

**%:** The number of children of the specified age group who took the specified time to get from the first specified milestone to the next specified milestone as a percentage of all children in that age group who reached that next milestone during 2006.

**Please note:** Only children who have both of the specified dates (in a category) in CCRS are included in that category. Children with negative values are excluded. Therefore, children who are freed before the goal of adoption is set are excluded from the goal to free category.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all "N"s and Percentages.

**ADOPTION CHARACTERISTICS  
2006**

<b>TIME FROM GOAL TO DISCHARGE</b>	<b>Less than 2 Years</b>		<b>2 to 3 Years</b>		<b>More than 3 Years</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than eight years old:	274	37.3	228	31.1	232	31.6
Eight years old or older:	142	16.7	202	23.8	505	59.5

<b>SEQUENCE OF MILESTONES</b>	<b>Goal First</b>		<b>Simultaneous (Within 30 days)</b>		<b>Free First</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
	2,381	90.8	80	3.1	160	6.1

<b>SUBSIDIES AT TIME OF DISCHARGE</b>	<b>N of Children</b>	<b>%</b>
	1,553	98.0
<b>TYPE OF SUBSIDY AT DISCHARGE</b>	<b>Hard To Place %</b>	<b>Handicapped %</b>
	47.8	52.2

Time From Goal to Discharge (to Adoption) N: Children of the specified age group who were discharged to Adoption in 2006 whose time from goal set to Adoption to discharge to Adoption was in the specified time period. %: The number of children of each age group who took the specified time to get from goal set to Adoption to be discharged to adoption as a percentage of all children in that age group who were discharged to Adoption during 2006.

Sequence of Milestones: For children who had both a goal of adoption and were free in 2006, percentages for whom sequence of these milestones was: Goal [set] First, or [goal set] Within 30 Days [of freeing], or Free(d) First.

Subsidies at Time of Discharge

N: Number of children discharged to adoption in 2006 with a subsidy designation of either "hard-to-place" or handicapped.

%: Discharges with a designated subsidized adoption as a percentage of all discharges to adoption.

Type of Subsidy at Discharge

% Handicapped: Among children approved for a subsidy (with subsidy designation), the percentage whose eligibility was based on being "hard-to-place" or handicapped.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all "N"s and Percentages

**ADOPTION  
TREND DATA  
2002-2006**

**GOAL SET:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	3,171	8.7	
2003	2,678	8.3	-4.6
2004	2,121	7.8	-6.0
2005	1,619	6.9	-11.5
2006	1,051	4.4	-36.2

**FREED:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	2,632	7.3	
2003	2,336	7.3	0.0
2004	2,074	7.6	4.1
2005	1,787	7.6	0.0
2006	1,324	5.6	-26.3

**PLACED:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	2,672	20.8	
2003	2,536	21.5	3.4
2004	2,112	21.2	-1.4
2005	2,021	24.3	14.6
2006	1,411	20.5	-15.6

**DISCHARGED  
TO ADOPTION:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2002	2,787	37.5	
2003	3,109	44.5	18.7
2004	2,422	41.5	-6.7
2005	2,052	40.2	-3.1
2006	1,584	37.7	-6.2

For detailed description of variables see page 22, "Adoption Milestones".

## **APPENDIX A: CLARIFICATION OF DATA SOURCES AND DEFINITIONS**

This appendix clarifies definitions or specifies what data were used to produce the Child Protective Services (CPS), Preventive Services, Foster Care, and Adoption components of the MAPS packages. All Child Protective Services program data used come from the State Central Register (SCR) (CONNECTIONS). Preventive Services, Foster Care, and Adoption data come from the Child Care Review Service (CCRS). Data from 2002-2006 are provided for selected variables. For the definitions of these variables, refer to the MAPS page where the variable appears.

### **Population Sources**

The population figures used to calculate rates are taken from the 2003 Complete Economic and Demographic Data Source (CEDDS). The child population includes children under 22 in all program areas except CPS, where only children under 18 are included in rate calculations.

### **Race and Ethnicity Categories (OMB Directive 15)**

It is important to recognize that this definition treats race and ethnicity as separate and independent categories. The five race categories are defined as: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African-American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and White. The ethnicity designations are “Hispanic or Latino” and “Not Hispanic or Latino”. In addition, multiple races can be recorded for one individual. These classifications are not intended to be scientific in nature, but are designed to promote consistency in federal record keeping and data presentation.

Because some of the individuals (children and foster/adoptive parents) that are reported in MAPS do not have these new race and ethnicity designations, some of the new race categories will be empty. There is no unique Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander code currently in CCRS so this race will not have any entries. There may also be a larger number of ‘UNKNOWN’.

The biggest change for presentation of MAPS data is that there is no longer a Hispanic racial category. Those individuals are now recorded as White, African-American, etc., with an ethnic indicator of Hispanic. According to a September 15, 1999 Internet Release, the Bureau of Census data reports most Hispanics as White. Caution should be used when comparing previous years’ race and ethnicity data to any MAPS report produced after 2002 due to these changes in definition.

Individuals are Hispanic or Latino if they are of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

### **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)**

On June 29, 1997, the existing State Central Register reporting system and database were replaced with the CONNECTIONS reporting system and database. Since June 29, 1997, all incoming calls have been processed through the CONNECTIONS system.

The standards for case practice did not change with the implementation of CONNECTIONS. Regulations framing casework practice on all aspects of Child Protective Services remain the foundation for assuring the safety of children in New York State. However, the structure and terminology for CONNECTIONS is very different. While the definition of a 'report' is the same, it is now labeled depending on where it is in the process, or what 'stage' it is in (e.g. Intake, Investigation, etc.).

The data incorporate information from the Investigation stage. The "date of determination" occurs when the supervisor records an approval of the worker's assessment of the report. This action also closes the Investigation stage. All reports for which a district has primary responsibility for investigating are counted. These include familial, foster care and day care reports. The "Reports Received" and "Reports Indicated" sections on the Trend page have been rerun.

## **PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

### **Case**

In the CCRS database, a case is child specific and each child in a family that is receiving services is a separate case.

### **Data Sources and Definitions**

For all Preventive Services MAPS pages or for those pages specified, the following data sources/definitions were used.

Children receiving Mandated Preventive Services are those who have, in CCRS, a Service Program Choice (SPC) of "B" for "Mandated Preventive."

In CCRS, children receiving foster care services can be identified in two ways - either by the presence of a movement code of "M910" for "Child Placement," or by the presence of a Service Program Choice (SPC) of "C" for "Placement."

Page 6, "Mandated Preventive Openings by Age and Race/Ethnicity," and page 8, "Mandated Preventive Population by Age and Race/Ethnicity 12/31/06" use the movement code to identify the children "In Care" and "Not In Care."

Page 7, "Characteristics of Mandated Preventive Openings" uses the movement code to identify children receiving prior or subsequent foster care services. Concurrent Child Protective Services is based on the Service Program Choice (SPC) of "D" for "Protective."

Children receiving Child Protective Services (CPS), referred to on page 7, are those who are in an indicated SCR case that remains open, are in an open CCRS case, and have a Service Program Choice (SPC) of "D" for "Protective."

### **"Characteristics of Mandated Preventive Openings," Page 7**

The "Prior Foster Care" category counts children who had a Service Program Choice (SPC) code of "Placement" at any time during the 12 months before the Mandated Preventive SPC occurred.

The "Concurrent Child Protective Services" category includes all children receiving Child Protective Services at the time of the Mandated Preventive opening regardless of whether the Child Protective Services began on the same day or preceded the Mandated Preventive opening.

## **FOSTER CARE**

### **"Services Prior To/At Foster Care Admission," Page 14**

"On the date of the foster care admission" includes the actual date of foster care admission and up to 30 days after the admission date.

Children receiving Child Protective Services (CPS) are those who are in an indicated SCR case that remains open, are in an open CCRS case, and have a Service Program Choice code of "Protective" in CCRS.

### **"Admissions, Discharges and In Care, Facility Type by Placement Location and Age," Page 16**

The "other" category contains many specialized programs/services that serve very few children. If needed, information on what is included in this category is available upon request.

### **"Days In Care," Page 19**

All facility types (level of care) in the chart are determined from specific movement codes entered into CCRS. The definition of foster boarding home includes emergency foster boarding homes. Some children placed in adoptive homes are counted in the foster boarding home category because that is how the home is coded in CCRS.