

2017 BRIGHT SPOTS DATA PACKAGE ADOPTION

NOTE: This document contains one chapter of the 2017 Bright Spots package. More information regarding how to use and interpret the figure and tables contained here can be found in the complete 2017 Bright Spots package and technical appendix available at http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/Professionals_data_reports.asp or by emailing data.warehouse@ocfs.ny.gov.

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Question 12: Time to Adoption from Freed Date

Question: How long does it take for children to be adopted after being freed? How many have been waiting for a year or more to be adopted?



Answer: For children adopted in 2017, the statewide median time to adoption from freed date was 11 months (Figure 12a). Time varied considerably across counties, from a low of 2.89 months to a high of 37 months.

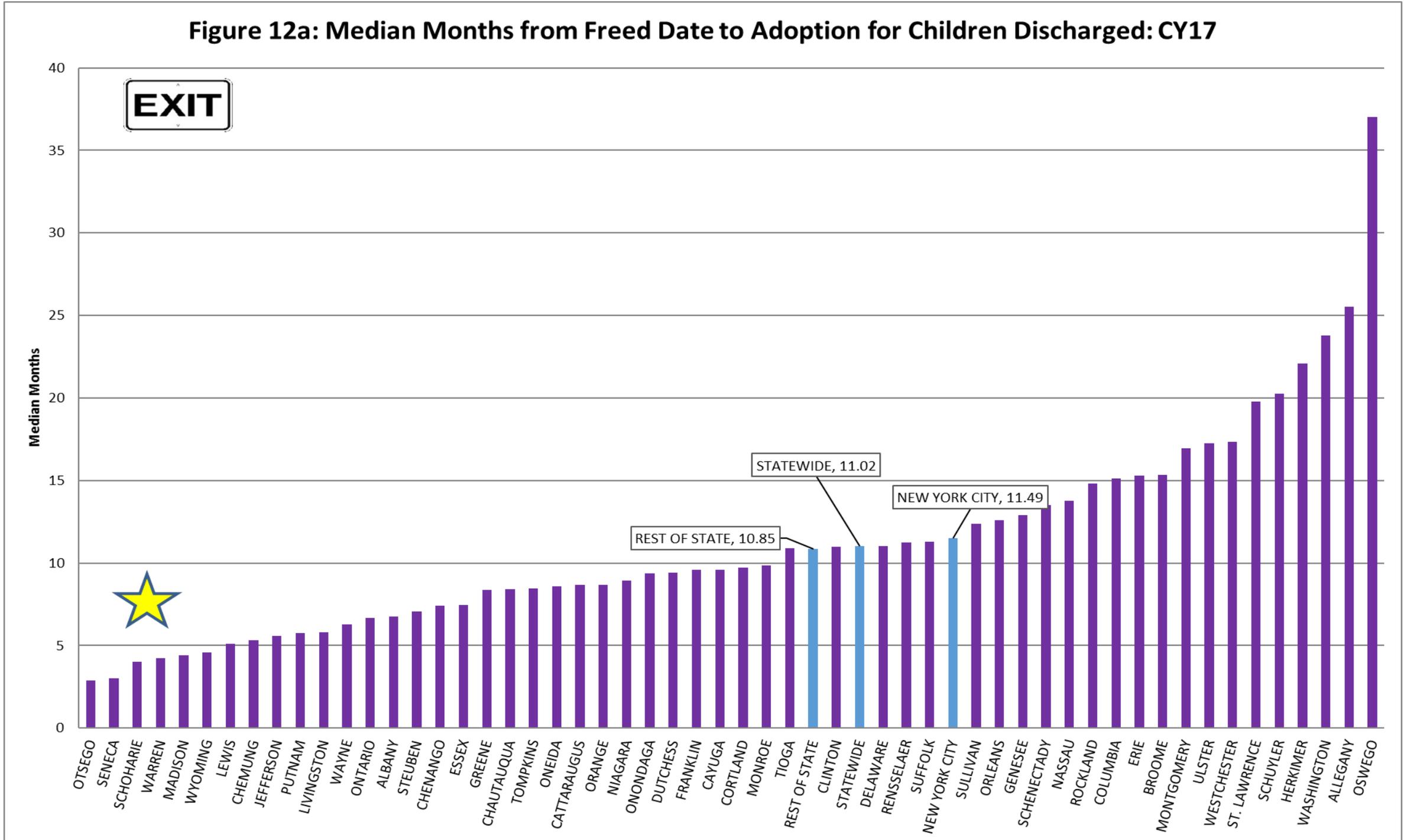
On 12/31/17, there were 1,713 freed children living in foster care statewide. 47.0% (N=811) had been freed and awaiting adoption for a year or more (Figure 12b).

Things to Consider:

- What factors might contribute to your county having a faster or slower time to adoption than others?
- Analysis Tips: How many children are contributing to your adoption outcomes? Compare your mean and median time to adoption. Cases that move extremely quickly or very slowly impact average time, but not the median.

For More Information: See 2017 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPs)

Figure 12a: Median Months from Freed Date to Adoption for Children Discharged: CY17



* If a district does not have data that appears in the denominator, it will not appear in the graph.

Table 12a: Median Months from Freed Date to Adoption for Children Discharged: CY17			
Location	# of Children Discharged to Adoption in CY 2017	Time from Freed to Date of Adoption for Adoptions in 2017	
		Mean Time (In Months)	Median Time (In Months)
Statewide	1,841	15.02	11.02
New York City	888	15.56	11.49
Rest of State	953	14.48	10.85
Albany	23	10.52	6.75
Allegany	7	24.56	25.54
Broome	20	15.55	15.34
Cattaraugus	18	13.21	8.66
Cayuga	9	12.70	9.61
Chautauqua	31	12.80	8.41
Chemung	18	9.79	5.31
Chenango	5	38.30	7.41
Clinton	14	13.31	11.00
Columbia	9	19.67	15.11
Cortland	12	11.52	9.72
Delaware	17	17.29	11.02
Dutchess	45	14.04	9.41
Erie	141	17.97	15.31
Essex	1	7.48	7.48
Franklin	3	10.99	9.57
Fulton	0	N/A	N/A
Genesee	11	9.82	12.89
Greene	5	7.80	8.36
Hamilton	0	N/A	N/A
Herkimer	7	18.27	22.07
Jefferson	21	7.03	5.57
Lewis	6	14.92	5.11
Livingston	18	9.64	5.79
Madison	10	16.46	4.39
Monroe	26	13.73	9.87
Montgomery	1	16.95	16.95
Nassau	38	16.27	13.79
Niagara	23	11.83	8.92
Oneida	22	17.66	8.59
Onondaga	46	11.52	9.38
Ontario	14	8.82	6.66
Orange	37	10.16	8.69
Orleans	8	11.10	12.59
Oswego	11	26.14	37.03
Otsego	2	2.89	2.89
Putnam	4	5.24	5.75
Rensselaer	11	19.86	11.26
Rockland	6	14.85	14.84
St. Lawrence	37	22.87	19.77
Saratoga	0	N/A	N/A
Schenectady	27	16.13	13.51
Schoharie	8	5.67	4.03
Schuyler	4	20.26	20.26
Seneca	4	2.89	3.00
Steuben	6	10.69	7.08
Suffolk	55	14.15	11.28
Sullivan	2	12.39	12.39
Tioga	6	11.02	10.89
Tompkins	22	9.80	8.46
Ulster	10	21.37	17.25
Warren	6	4.97	4.23
Washington	5	17.20	23.80
Wayne	10	6.82	6.26
Westchester	47	20.69	17.34
Wyoming	4	12.47	4.59
Yates	0	N/A	N/A
St. Regis	0	N/A	N/A

Figure 12b: % of Freed Children Remaining in Foster Care for One or More Years After Freed Date, as of 12/31/17

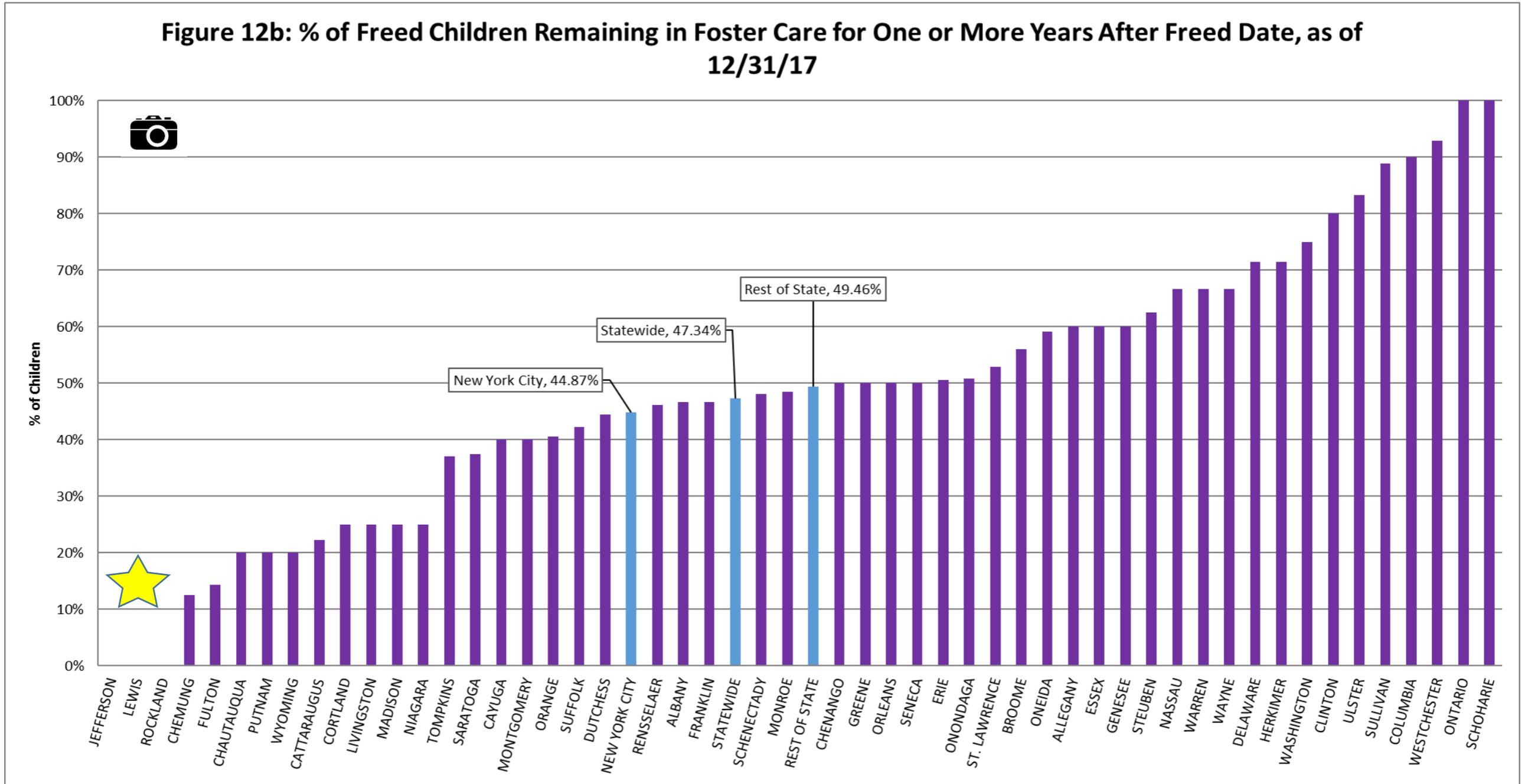


Table 12b: % of Freed Children Remaining in Foster Care for One or More Years After Freed Date, as of 12/31/17			
Location	Total Freed and in Care on 12/31/17	Free and In Care for More Than 1 Year Since Freed Date	
		#	%
Statewide	1,713	811	47.34%
New York City	789	354	44.87%
Rest of State	924	457	49.46%
Albany	15	7	46.67%
Allegany	10	6	60.00%
Broome	25	14	56.00%
Cattaraugus	9	2	22.22%
Cayuga	10	4	40.00%
Chautauqua	15	3	20.00%
Chemung	8	1	12.50%
Chenango	10	5	50.00%
Clinton	15	12	80.00%
Columbia	10	9	90.00%
Cortland	8	2	25.00%
Delaware	7	5	71.43%
Dutchess	18	8	44.44%
Erie	186	94	50.54%
Essex	5	3	60.00%
Franklin	15	7	46.67%
Fulton	7	1	14.29%
Genesee	5	3	60.00%
Greene	4	2	50.00%
Hamilton	0	0	N/A
Herkimer	7	5	71.43%
Jefferson	2	0	0.00%
Lewis	1	0	0.00%
Livingston	8	2	25.00%
Madison	4	1	25.00%
Monroe	33	16	48.48%
Montgomery	10	4	40.00%
Nassau	36	24	66.67%
Niagara	28	7	25.00%
Oneida	22	13	59.09%
Onondaga	59	30	50.85%
Ontario	4	4	100%
Orange	37	15	40.54%
Orleans	2	1	50.00%
Oswego	0	0	N/A
Otsego	0	0	N/A
Putnam	5	1	20.00%
Rensselaer	13	6	46.15%
Rockland	1	0	0.00%
St. Lawrence	34	18	52.94%
Saratoga	8	3	37.50%
Schenectady	27	13	48.15%
Schoharie	3	3	100%
Schuyler	0	0	N/A
Seneca	2	1	50.00%
Steuben	16	10	62.50%
Suffolk	104	44	42.31%
Sullivan	9	8	88.89%
Tioga	0	0	N/A
Tompkins	27	10	37.04%
Ulster	6	5	83.33%
Warren	3	2	66.67%
Washington	8	6	75.00%
Wayne	3	2	66.67%
Westchester	14	13	92.86%
Wyoming	5	1	20.00%
Yates	1	1	100%
St. Regis	0	0	N/A