

Table 3. Certified/Approved Foster Homes--Total number of foster families that are certified in the state on 6/30/2022 and 12/31/2022.

Region	Foster Home Type	Homes certified/approved as of 6/30/2022	Homes certified/approved as of 12/31/2022	% Change
		# Unique Homes	# Unique Homes	
NYS	Approved Relative Foster Home	3,640	3,600	-1.1%
	Certified Foster Home	2,164	2,128	-1.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,100	4,908	-3.8%
	Total	10,904	10,636	-2.5%
New York City	Approved Relative Foster Home	2,076	2,023	-2.6%
	Certified Foster Home	1,134	1,122	-1.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1,791	1,700	-5.1%
	Total	5,001	4,845	-3.1%
ROS	Approved Relative Foster Home	1,564	1,577	0.8%
	Certified Foster Home	1,030	1,006	-2.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	3,309	3,208	-3.1%
	Total	5,903	5,791	-1.9%
ALBANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	36	37	2.8%
	Certified Foster Home	39	33	-15.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	83	72	-13.3%
	Total	158	142	-10.1%
ALLEGANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	9	-18.2%
	Certified Foster Home	2	4	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	20	22	10.0%
	Total	33	35	6.1%
BROOME	Approved Relative Foster Home	37	34	-8.1%
	Certified Foster Home	24	19	-20.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	139	134	-3.6%
	Total	200	187	-6.5%
CATTARAUGUS	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	15	-11.8%
	Certified Foster Home	11	8	-27.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	29	24	-17.2%
	Total	57	47	-17.5%
CAYUGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	32	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	19	18	-5.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	37	30	-18.9%
	Total	72	80	11.1%
CHAUTAUQUA	Approved Relative Foster Home	22	23	4.5%
	Certified Foster Home	9	6	-33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	62	58	-6.5%
	Total	93	87	-6.5%
CHEMUNG	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	10	-9.1%
	Certified Foster Home	10	9	-10.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	43	45	4.7%
	Total	64	64	0.0%
CHENANGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	10	11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	5	6	20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	38	42	10.5%
	Total	52	58	11.5%
CLINTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	18	17	-5.6%
	Certified Foster Home	21	25	19.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	57	56	-1.8%
	Total	96	98	2.1%
COLUMBIA	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	6	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	4	33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	16	13	-18.8%
	Total	25	23	-8.0%
CORTLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	12	15	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	21	-8.7%
	Total	37	38	2.7%

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	Total	10,904	10,636	-2.5%
DELAWARE	Approved Relative Foster Home	27	30	11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	23	25	8.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	25	13.6%
	Total	72	80	11.1%
DUTCHESS	Approved Relative Foster Home	50	50	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	18	22	22.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	86	96	11.6%
	Total	154	168	9.1%
ERIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	173	175	1.2%
	Certified Foster Home	52	55	5.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	327	303	-7.3%
	Total	552	533	-3.4%
ESSEX	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	10	-28.6%
	Certified Foster Home	5	8	60.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	12	16	33.3%
	Total	31	34	9.7%
FRANKLIN	Approved Relative Foster Home	33	31	-6.1%
	Certified Foster Home	27	23	-14.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	23	-14.8%
	Total	87	77	-11.5%
FULTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	9	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	5	4	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	23	-11.5%
	Total	40	36	-10.0%
GENESEE	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	11	22.2%
	Certified Foster Home	9	7	-22.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	19	-9.5%
	Total	39	37	-5.1%
GREENE	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	10	-9.1%
	Certified Foster Home	7	10	42.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	17	11	-35.3%
	Total	35	31	-11.4%
HAMILTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	0	0	N/A
	Certified Foster Home	0	0	N/A
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1	1	0.0%
	Total	1	1	0.0%
HERKIMER	Approved Relative Foster Home	20	17	-15.0%
	Certified Foster Home	18	24	33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	17	16	-5.9%
	Total	55	57	3.6%
JEFFERSON	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	9	-35.7%
	Certified Foster Home	25	21	-16.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	51	51	0.0%
	Total	90	81	-10.0%
LEWIS	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	5	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	1	-50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	29	3.6%
	Total	34	35	2.9%
LIVINGSTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	24	21	-12.5%
	Total	28	25	-10.7%

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	Total	10,904	10,636	-2.5%
MADISON	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	18	12.5%
	Certified Foster Home	7	6	-14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	25	-7.4%
	Total	50	49	-2.0%
MONROE	Approved Relative Foster Home	37	46	24.3%
	Certified Foster Home	63	54	-14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	219	222	1.4%
	Total	319	322	0.9%
MONTGOMERY	Approved Relative Foster Home	8	10	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	16	-11.1%
	Total	27	27	0.0%
NASSAU	Approved Relative Foster Home	64	75	17.2%
	Certified Foster Home	41	40	-2.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	135	128	-5.2%
	Total	240	243	1.3%
NIAGARA	Approved Relative Foster Home	38	38	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	14	9	-35.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	79	76	-3.8%
	Total	131	123	-6.1%
ONEIDA	Approved Relative Foster Home	113	122	8.0%
	Certified Foster Home	57	56	-1.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	24	22	-8.3%
	Total	194	200	3.1%
ONONDAGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	112	92	-17.9%
	Certified Foster Home	43	37	-14.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	176	186	5.7%
	Total	331	315	-4.8%
ONTARIO	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	13	18.2%
	Certified Foster Home	7	8	14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	36	30	-16.7%
	Total	54	51	-5.6%
ORANGE	Approved Relative Foster Home	77	81	5.2%
	Certified Foster Home	45	50	11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	168	156	-7.1%
	Total	290	287	-1.0%
ORLEANS	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	3	-25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	21	-8.7%
	Total	29	26	-10.3%
OSWEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	49	45	-8.2%
	Certified Foster Home	9	11	22.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	77	75	-2.6%
	Total	135	131	-3.0%
OTSEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	4	-20.0%
	Certified Foster Home	9	6	-33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	20	-25.9%
	Total	41	30	-26.8%

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PUTNAM	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	3	50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	5	4	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	25	-3.8%
	Total	33	32	-3.0%
RENSELAER	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	19	11.8%
	Certified Foster Home	16	17	6.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	54	55	1.9%
	Total	87	91	4.6%
ROCKLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	27	30	11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	18	16	-11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	70	66	-5.7%
	Total	115	112	-2.6%
ST. LAWRENCE	Approved Relative Foster Home	54	48	-11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	71	68	-4.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	75	73	-2.7%
	Total	200	189	-5.5%
SARATOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	17	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	18	20	11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	68	63	-7.4%
	Total	103	100	-2.9%
SCHENECTADY	Approved Relative Foster Home	26	32	23.1%
	Certified Foster Home	10	15	50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	64	59	-7.8%
	Total	100	106	6.0%
SCHOHARIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	7	3	-57.1%
	Certified Foster Home	2	3	50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	19	5.6%
	Total	27	25	-7.4%
SCHUYLER	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	3	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	7	6	-14.3%
	Total	11	11	0.0%
SENECA	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	5	4	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	10	11	10.0%
	Total	17	17	0.0%
STEUBEN	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	14	40.0%
	Certified Foster Home	8	7	-12.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	50	46	-8.0%
	Total	68	67	-1.5%
SUFFOLK	Approved Relative Foster Home	96	95	-1.0%
	Certified Foster Home	43	43	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	254	263	3.5%
	Total	393	401	2.0%

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SULLIVAN	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	15	15.4%
	Certified Foster Home	27	28	3.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	25	-7.4%
	Total	67	68	1.5%
TIOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	10	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	5	-28.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	20	18	-10.0%
	Total	37	33	-10.8%
TOMPKINS	Approved Relative Foster Home	18	22	22.2%
	Certified Foster Home	4	4	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	31	32	3.2%
	Total	53	58	9.4%
ULSTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	30	26	-13.3%
	Certified Foster Home	37	32	-13.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	57	59	3.5%
	Total	124	117	-5.6%
WARREN	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	9	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	12	11	-8.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	17	19	11.8%
	Total	38	39	2.6%
WASHINGTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	5	-16.7%
	Certified Foster Home	10	11	10.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	25	8.7%
	Total	39	41	5.1%
WAYNE	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	4	-20.0%
	Certified Foster Home	8	9	12.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	26	-3.7%
	Total	40	39	-2.5%
WESTCHESTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	119	102	-14.3%
	Certified Foster Home	84	85	1.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	161	159	-1.2%
	Total	364	346	-4.9%
WYOMING	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	0	-100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	20	-9.1%
	Total	24	22	-8.3%
YATES	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	4	300.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	4	33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	13	11	-15.4%
	Total	17	19	11.8%

Footnotes: Definition of Different Type of Foster Homes:

A. Approved Relative Foster Home – A foster home where the foster parents are relatives of the child they are caring for. A relative is an (1) adult who is related to the parent(s) or stepparent(s) of a child through blood, marriage or adoption to any degree of kinship; (2) an adult with a positive relationship to the child or child's family including but not limited to a child's godparent, neighbor, family friend; or (3) an unrelated person where placement with such person allows half -siblings to remain together in an approved foster home, and the parents or stepparents of one of the half -siblings is a relative of such person.

B. Foster/Adoptive Home – Indicated as certified foster/adoptive home in Connections. A placement where the potential foster parents have stated that they plan to, or will consider, adopting foster children.

C. Certified Foster Home – A placement where the potential foster parents have stated they do not intend to adopt foster children.

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*Note: This table was originally posted on 6/30/2023. The "Homes certified/approved as of 12/31/2022" column was updated on 12/12/2023.