

Table 3. Certified/Approved Foster Homes--Total number of foster families that are certified/approved in the state on 6/30/2023 and 12/31/2023.

Region	Foster Home Type	Homes certified/approved as of 6/30/2023	Homes certified/approved as of 12/31/2023	% Change
		# Unique Homes	# Unique Homes	
NYS	Approved Relative Foster Home	3,638	3,554	-2.3%
	Certified Foster Home	2,029	2,046	0.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	4,796	4,654	-3.0%
	Total	10,463	10,254	-2.0%
New York City	Approved Relative Foster Home	1,991	1,954	-1.9%
	Certified Foster Home	1,039	1,060	2.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1,674	1,655	-1.1%
	Total	4,704	4,669	-0.7%
ROS	Approved Relative Foster Home	1,647	1,600	-2.9%
	Certified Foster Home	990	986	-0.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	3,122	2,999	-3.9%
	Total	5,759	5,585	-3.0%
ALBANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	47	42	-10.6%
	Certified Foster Home	32	37	15.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	68	68	0.0%
	Total	147	147	0.0%
ALLEGANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	12	10	-16.7%
	Certified Foster Home	4	3	-25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	22	4.8%
	Total	37	35	-5.4%
BROOME	Approved Relative Foster Home	35	31	-11.4%
	Certified Foster Home	21	17	-19.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	137	130	-5.1%
	Total	193	178	-7.8%
CATTARAUGUS	Approved Relative Foster Home	18	10	-44.4%
	Certified Foster Home	12	10	-16.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	32	28.0%
	Total	55	52	-5.5%
CAYUGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	35	24	-31.4%
	Certified Foster Home	19	20	5.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	32	14.3%
	Total	82	76	-7.3%
CHAUTAUQUA	Approved Relative Foster Home	27	25	-7.4%
	Certified Foster Home	13	9	-30.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	49	47	-4.1%
	Total	89	81	-9.0%
CHEMUNG	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	10	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	8	5	-37.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	50	44	-12.0%
	Total	68	59	-13.2%
CHENANGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	12	15	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	6	-14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	43	40	-7.0%
	Total	62	61	-1.6%
CLINTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	22	20	-9.1%
	Certified Foster Home	27	26	-3.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	53	49	-7.5%
	Total	102	95	-6.9%
COLUMBIA	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	5	-16.7%
	Certified Foster Home	3	2	-33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	13	14	7.7%
	Total	22	21	-4.5%
CORTLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	18	18	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	4	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	24	9.1%
	Total	44	46	4.5%

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DELAWARE	Approved Relative Foster Home	25	26	4.0%
	Certified Foster Home	17	15	-11.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	26	-7.1%
	Total	70	67	-4.3%
DUTCHESS	Approved Relative Foster Home	47	50	6.4%
	Certified Foster Home	18	15	-16.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	96	95	-1.0%
	Total	161	160	-0.6%
ERIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	197	179	-9.1%
	Certified Foster Home	60	59	-1.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	264	241	-8.7%
	Total	521	479	-8.1%
ESSEX	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	9	-18.2%
	Certified Foster Home	8	6	-25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	14	12	-14.3%
	Total	33	27	-18.2%
FRANKLIN	Approved Relative Foster Home	34	45	32.4%
	Certified Foster Home	20	21	5.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	17	-5.6%
	Total	72	83	15.3%
FULTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	6	-40.0%
	Certified Foster Home	6	10	66.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	17	-22.7%
	Total	38	33	-13.2%
GENESEE	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	9	-10.0%
	Certified Foster Home	8	3	-62.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	20	21	5.0%
	Total	38	33	-13.2%
GREENE	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	11	-21.4%
	Certified Foster Home	11	9	-18.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	10	10	0.0%
	Total	35	30	-14.3%
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	17	18	5.9%
	Certified Foster Home	23	25	8.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	16	12	-25.0%
	Total	56	55	-1.8%
JEFFERSON	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	8	-11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	19	31	63.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	46	31	-32.6%
	Total	74	70	-5.4%
LEWIS	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	3	-40.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	6	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	25	-7.4%
	Total	35	34	-2.9%
LIVINGSTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	0	-100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	17	16	-5.9%
	Total	19	18	-5.3%

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MADISON	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	8	-38.5%
	Certified Foster Home	3	3	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	24	-4.0%
	Total	41	35	-14.6%
MONROE	Approved Relative Foster Home	40	45	12.5%
	Certified Foster Home	55	52	-5.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	217	214	-1.4%
	Total	312	311	-0.3%
MONTGOMERY	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	8	-38.5%
	Certified Foster Home	3	5	66.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	14	15	7.1%
	Total	30	28	-6.7%
NASSAU	Approved Relative Foster Home	68	66	-2.9%
	Certified Foster Home	37	31	-16.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	124	110	-11.3%
	Total	229	207	-9.6%
NIAGARA	Approved Relative Foster Home	38	40	5.3%
	Certified Foster Home	6	8	33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	88	84	-4.5%
	Total	132	132	0.0%
ONEIDA	Approved Relative Foster Home	124	118	-4.8%
	Certified Foster Home	58	65	12.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	20	-9.1%
	Total	204	203	-0.5%
ONONDAGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	106	92	-13.2%
	Certified Foster Home	37	31	-16.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	198	195	-1.5%
	Total	341	318	-6.7%
ONTARIO	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	12	33.3%
	Certified Foster Home	7	6	-14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	28	0.0%
	Total	44	46	4.5%
ORANGE	Approved Relative Foster Home	69	67	-2.9%
	Certified Foster Home	50	48	-4.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	147	144	-2.0%
	Total	266	259	-2.6%
ORLEANS	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	1	-50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	4	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	26	0.0%
	Total	30	31	3.3%
OSWEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	43	40	-7.0%
	Certified Foster Home	14	18	28.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	70	63	-10.0%
	Total	127	121	-4.7%
OTSEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	2	-60.0%
	Certified Foster Home	9	9	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	20	-20.0%
	Total	39	31	-20.5%

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PUTNAM	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	5	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	19	20	5.3%
	Total	24	27	12.5%
RENSSELAER	Approved Relative Foster Home	25	16	-36.0%
	Certified Foster Home	15	12	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	51	51	0.0%
	Total	91	79	-13.2%
ROCKLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	33	27	-18.2%
	Certified Foster Home	6	8	33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	70	67	-4.3%
	Total	109	102	-6.4%
ST. LAWRENCE	Approved Relative Foster Home	44	54	22.7%
	Certified Foster Home	65	64	-1.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	66	55	-16.7%
	Total	175	173	-1.1%
SARATOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	12	9	-25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	20	26	30.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	55	47	-14.5%
	Total	87	82	-5.7%
SCHENECTADY	Approved Relative Foster Home	35	33	-5.7%
	Certified Foster Home	16	15	-6.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	55	52	-5.5%
	Total	106	100	-5.7%
SCHOHARIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	6	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	8	14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	17	-5.6%
	Total	28	31	10.7%
SCHUYLER	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	3	-40.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	2	-33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	6	6	0.0%
	Total	14	11	-21.4%
SENECA	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	4	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	11	12	9.1%
	Total	17	18	5.9%
STEUBEN	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	14	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	6	6	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	45	41	-8.9%
	Total	65	61	-6.2%
SUFFOLK	Approved Relative Foster Home	114	146	28.1%
	Certified Foster Home	39	40	2.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	253	259	2.4%
	Total	406	445	9.6%

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SULLIVAN	Approved Relative Foster Home	15	15	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	25	26	4.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	31	33	6.5%
	Total	71	74	4.2%
TIOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	11	-15.4%
	Certified Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	20	19	-5.0%
	Total	35	32	-8.6%
TOMPKINS	Approved Relative Foster Home	24	27	12.5%
	Certified Foster Home	4	3	-25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	24	-11.1%
	Total	55	54	-1.8%
ULSTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	21	32	52.4%
	Certified Foster Home	26	25	-3.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	66	65	-1.5%
	Total	113	122	8.0%
WARREN	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	4	-33.3%
	Certified Foster Home	12	14	16.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	15	-16.7%
	Total	36	33	-8.3%
WASHINGTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	6	20.0%
	Certified Foster Home	12	10	-16.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	28	12.0%
	Total	42	44	4.8%
WAYNE	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	2	-33.3%
	Certified Foster Home	17	17	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	28	12.0%
	Total	45	47	4.4%
WESTCHESTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	108	105	-2.8%
	Certified Foster Home	84	77	-8.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	159	164	3.1%
	Total	351	346	-1.4%
WYOMING	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	3	50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	17	16	-5.9%
	Total	20	21	5.0%
YATES	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	5	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	4	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	13	11	-15.4%
	Total	20	20	0.0%

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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