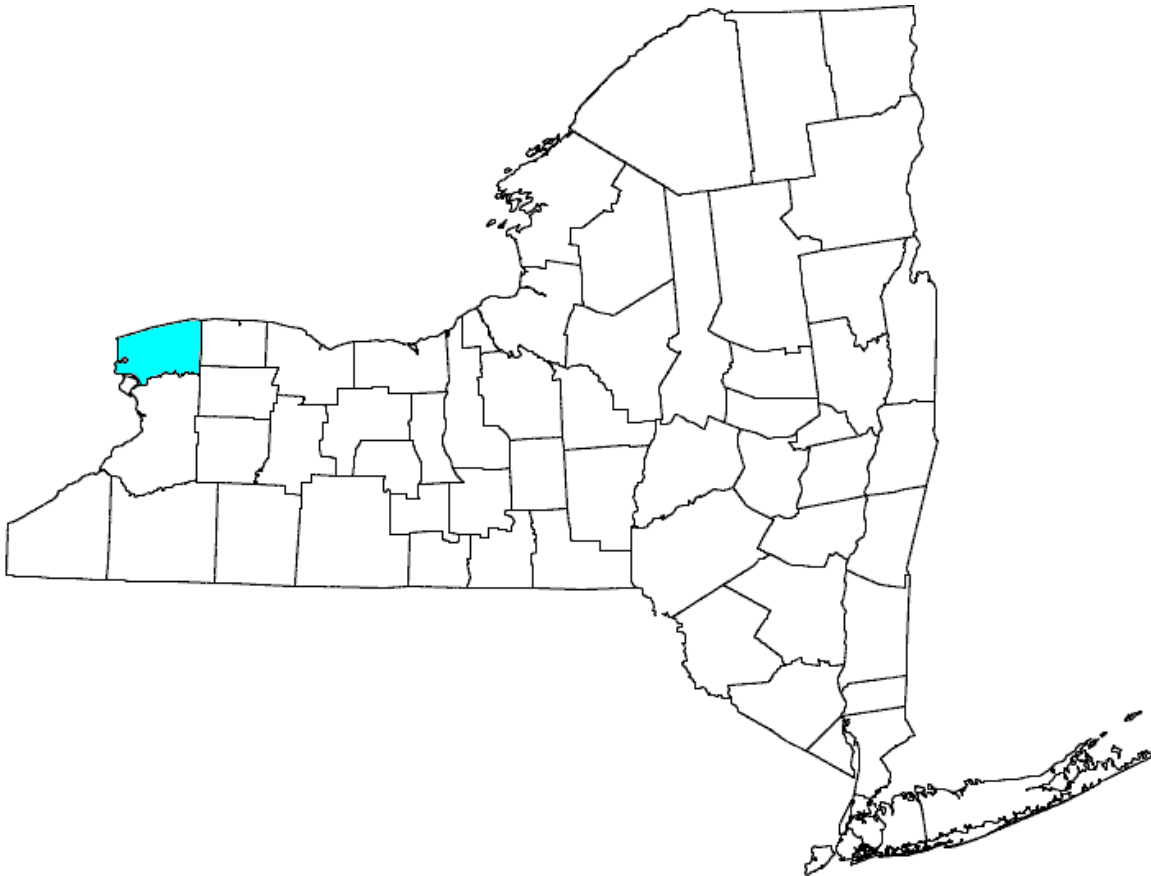


# 2023 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2019-2023

Child Protective Services  
Foster Care  
Adoption

## Niagara County



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**The 2023 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) data packages are being released for Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoption Services.**

**Also, starting with 2009 MAPS, the Child Protective Services pages will reflect Family Assessment Response (FAR) data.**

## INTRODUCTION

The Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) are data packages that provide information on the major child welfare services provided by local 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), Foster Care, and Adoption for all counties. It contains detailed information for 2023 and charts of selected trend information for the five-year period, 2019-2023. Data for New York City, Upstate, and Statewide are contained in separate packages.

Program data on Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoption are taken from the CONNECTIONS Activity Module, formerly the Child Care Review Service (CCRS) database. This is a statewide, computerized child welfare database.

The current MAPS package was developed based on the data contained in OCFS Data Warehouse on March 14, 2024, and from the CONNECTIONS database as of March 14, 2024. The numbers in the MAPS package may differ from those that appear on 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, reporting lags by some Local Social Services Districts affect all Foster Care and Adoption data.

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 2018 through 2019 are taken from the 2018 Complete New York and New Jersey Demographic Database Files, Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. Starting from 2022 MAPS reporting, the population figures will be based on the annual county postcensal resident population estimates special tabulation compiled by the Census Bureau as the National Center for Health Statistics ceased to release postcensal bridged-race population estimates in 2021. 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 and Adoption are based on the number of children ages 0 through 21.

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. It is not intended to judge performance or to focus attention on a single variable.

The MAPS package supports two types of comparisons - comparing a county DSS to a group of comparable counties for a given year and comparing the county to itself over time. Appendix B lists the counties included in each of the four Comparison Groups, along with a brief description of the methodology used in determining these groups. By referencing a county's data to its comparables, one can identify when a county differs from the norm. In and of themselves, differences from the norm do not have a positive or negative meaning. Such differences require discussion and analysis to understand them and to determine whether any action is needed.

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.

*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 Hui-Shien Tsao, Research Scientist, Office of Research, Evaluation and Performance Analytics, 52 Washington St., 3rd floor, Rensselaer, New York 12144-2796, or (518) 474-6791. E-mail requests for copies can be sent to Hui-Shien Tsao at [Hui-Shien.Tsao@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Hui-Shien.Tsao@ocfs.ny.gov).

# MONITORING AND ANALYSIS PROFILES

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**CHILD  
PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES**

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
WORKLOAD DATA  
2023**

	NIAGARA		COMPARABLES
	N	Rate	Rate
<b>REPORTS RECEIVED</b>	2,586	62.7	61.7
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER</b>	1,733	67.0	69.0
<b>OF REPORTS DETERMINED:</b>			
<b>Reports Indicated</b>	505	22.5	23.5
<b>Reports Unfounded</b>	1,735	77.5	76.5
<b>OF REPORTS REGISTERED:</b>			
<b>Determinations     Overdue</b>	56	2.2	5.2
<b>OF REPORTS ASSESSED:</b>			
<b>Family Assessment Response</b>	290	11.2	

Reports Received

**N:** Number of reports received during the calendar year, whether determined or assessed.

**Rate:** Number of reports received during the calendar year for every 1,000 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 2023 and indicated/unfounded by 3/14/24.

**%:** Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and indicated/unfounded by 3/14/24, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2023 and determined by 3/14/24.

Determinations Overdue

**N:** Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and had no determination by 3/14/24.

**%:** Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and had no determination by 3/14/24, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2023, excluding those reports selected for assessment rather than investigation.

Reports Assessed

**N:** Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023, assigned to the Family Assessment Response track and closed by 3/14/24.

Rate is the total number of FAR reports divided by the total number of reports received.

See Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data and updates.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
REPORT DETERMINATIONS -- TIMELINESS  
2023**

REPORT DETERMINATION TIMELINESS:	NIAGARA		COMPARABLES
	N	%	%
	1,399	62.5	49.9

DAYS TO REPORT DETERMINATION:	NIAGARA		COMPARABLES
	N	%	%
<b>All Reports Determined</b>			
<b>0-30 Days</b>	507	22.6	13.8
<b>31-60</b>	892	39.8	36.1
<b>61-90</b>	510	22.8	31.1
<b>&gt;90</b>	331	14.8	19.0

<b>Indicated</b>			
<b>0-30 Days</b>	72	3.2	2.2
<b>31-60</b>	180	8.0	7.4
<b>61-90</b>	139	6.2	7.7
<b>&gt;90</b>	114	5.1	6.1

<b>Unfounded</b>			
<b>0-30 Days</b>	435	19.4	11.6
<b>31-60</b>	712	31.8	28.7
<b>61-90</b>	371	16.6	23.4
<b>&gt;90</b>	217	9.7	12.9

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 determined in the calendar year 2023, excluding those reports selected for assessment rather than investigation.

Days to Report Determination: Number of reports determined in calendar year 2023 that received a determination by 03/14/24 and were determined within each respective range of days for each of the three determination categories. See Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
TREND DATA  
2019-2023**

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Rate</b>
2019	2,978	70.7	
2020	2,520	60.4	-14.5
2021	2,748	66.7	10.3
2022	2,658	63.1	-5.4
2023	2,586	62.7	-0.7

**REPORTS INDICATED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Rate</b>
2019	690	25.5	
2020	467	20.4	-20.2
2021	563	22.8	11.8
2022	402	16.9	-25.8
2023	505	22.5	33.4

**FAR REPORTS ASSESSED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>
2019	275	9.2
2020	228	9.0
2021	277	10.1
2022	280	10.5
2023	294	11.4

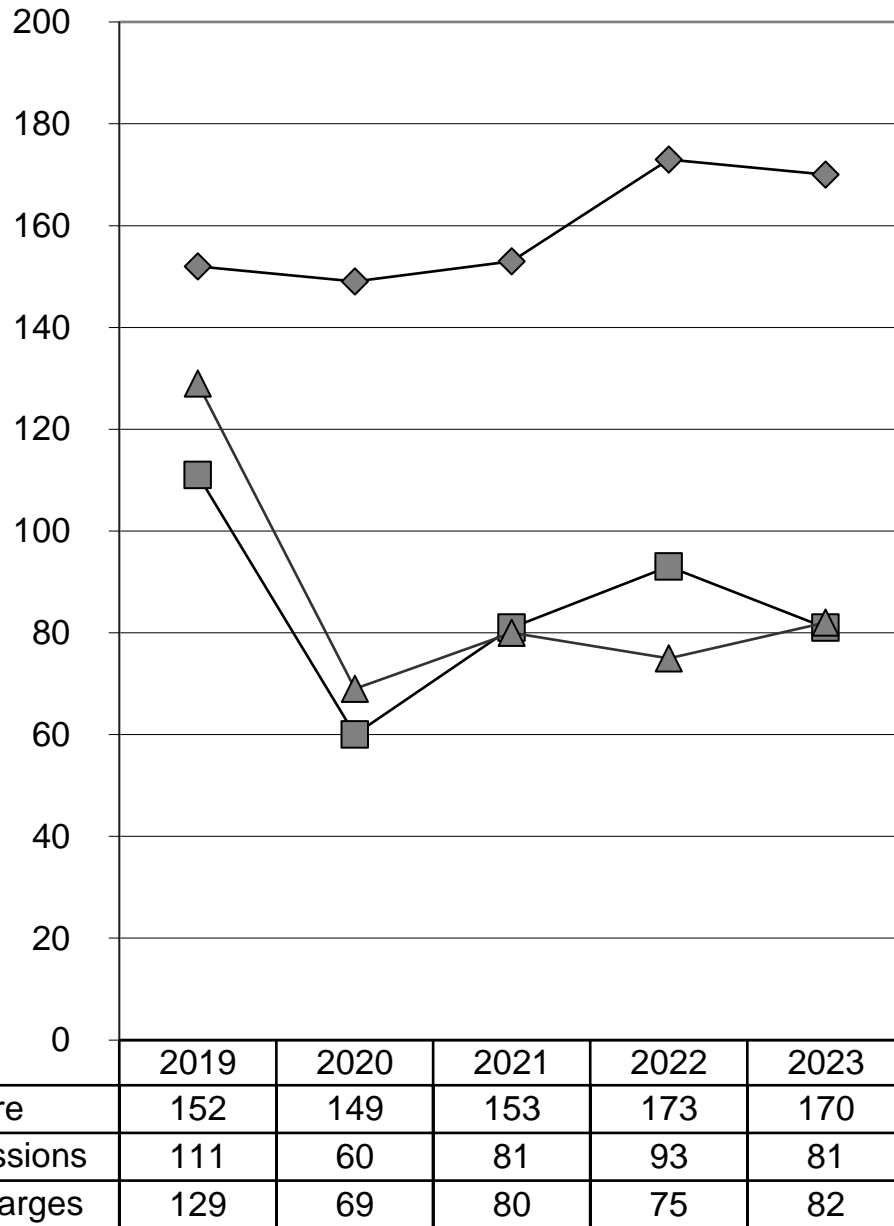
FAR Reports Assessed:

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and assigned to the Family Assessment Response track by 03/14/24, including reports not yet closed.  
See Appendix A for details on CONNECTIONS CPS data.



**FOSTER  
CARE**

**FOSTER CARE  
IN CARE, ADMISSIONS, and DISCHARGES  
Niagara County  
2019-2023**



**FOSTER CARE ADMISSIONS/DISCHARGES/INCARE  
BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY  
2023**

	N	Rate	Comparison
Admissions	81	1.6	1.6
In Care	170	3.3	3.1
Discharges	82	32.5	36.5

**AGE:**

	Admissions			In Care			Discharges		
	N	%	Comp.	N	%	Comp.	N	%	Comp.
< 2	26	32.1	31.3	25	14.7	18.1	11	13.4	12.5
2-5	21	25.9	20.8	55	32.4	25.7	24	29.3	31.3
6-9	12	14.8	14.8	26	15.3	15.9	19	23.2	17.3
10-13	10	12.3	12.7	27	15.9	15.2	11	13.4	11.7
14-17	10	12.3	19.4	25	14.7	19.5	13	15.9	17.9
18+	2	2.5	1.0	12	7.1	5.5	4	4.9	9.3

**RACE/ETHNICITY:**

	Admissions		In Care		Discharges	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	50	61.7	83	48.8	52	63.4
African American	19	23.5	46	27.1	12	14.6
Latino	3	3.7	11	6.5	5	6.1
Native American/ Alaska Native	1	1.2	2	1.2	0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0	1	0.6	0	0.0
Unknown	8	9.9	27	15.9	13	15.9

**PERCENTAGE OF DISCHARGES BY DESTINATION:**

	Home %	Adoption %	Independent Living %	Other State Agency %	Other %
NIAGARA	53.7	32.9	3.7	1.2	8.5

Admissions: N: Number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year. If multiple admissions of the same child occur during the calendar year, only the most recent admission is counted.

Rate: The number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year for every 1,000 children in the district.

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

This discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPs pages due to definitional differences. %: 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 12/31/23. Children who are absent or in trial discharge are not counted as in care population.

Rate: The number of children in foster care on 12/31/23 for every 1,000 children in the district.

Race/Ethnicity: See Appendix A for details. Race/ethnicity is classified into mutually exclusive categories. In the process, children identified as White/Hispanic or Black /Hispanic are counted under Latino and not in White or African American.

Destination: For children discharged during 2023, 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  
2023**

**PLACEMENT IN FOSTER BOARDING AND ADOPTIVE HOMES:**

<b>Child's Race</b>	<b>Total with Race/ Ethnic Code</b>	<b># Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent</b>	<b>% Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent</b>
Total	82	59	72.0
White	47	45	95.7
African American	29	14	48.3
Latino	4	0	0.0
Native American/Alaska Native	1	0	0.0
Asian	1	0	0.0
Unknown/Missing	<b>N</b> 16		<b>%</b> 16.3

**SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:**

Group Size:	Separated			Partly Separated			Intact		
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Comp</b>
Two	0	0.0	22.8	-	-	-	24	100.0	77.2
Three	0	0.0	5.8	12	57.1	25.1	9	42.9	55.8
Four or more	0	0.0	7.5	18	81.8	49.2	4	18.2	23.3

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

	<b>N</b>	<b>NIAGARA</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Comparables</b> <b>%</b>
Total (0-24 months)	6	7.4	9.2
0-3 months	0	0.0	3.0
4-12 months	5	6.2	4.9
13-24 months	1	1.2	1.3

Total With Race/Ethnic Code:

**N:** Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/23 who have a race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS.

Number With Same Race/Ethnic Code:

**N:** Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/23 whose race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS is the same as at least one of his or her foster parent's race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS. Congregate care and approved relative homes are excluded. **%:** Children with a race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS whose code is the same as at least one foster parent's race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS as a percentage of children in foster care on 12/31/23 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: 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.

**N:** Number of children in foster care on 12/31/23 who have a sibling in foster care. **%:** 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 2023 who had been discharged from foster care within the specified number of months prior to the last 2023 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 2023, as a percentage of the total number of children admitted to foster care in 2023.

Race/Ethnicity – see Appendix A for definitions.

**SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2023 FOSTER CARE ADMISSION**

	NIAGARA	
	N	%
Mandated/Non-Mandated Preventive Services Only	0	0.0
Child Protective Services Only	21	25.9
Both Mandated/Non-Mandated Preventive and CPS	32	39.5
Neither Mandated/Non-Mandated Preventive nor CPS	28	34.6

**SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2023 ADMISSION BY AGE:**

AGE	MANDATED/NON-MANDATED PREVENTIVE ONLY			CHILD PROTECTIVE ONLY		
	NIAGARA			NIAGARA		
	N	%	COMPARABLES	N	%	COMPARABLES
< 2	0	0.0	1.3	10	38.5	31.3
2-5	0	0.0	1.0	6	28.6	18.2
6-9	0	0.0	3.0	3	25.0	20.7
10-13	0	0.0	0.8	1	10.0	15.8
14-17	0	0.0	10.6	1	10.0	18.8
18+	0	0.0	6.7	0	0.0	10.0

AGE	BOTH MANDATED/NON-MANDATED PREVENTIVE AND PROTECTIVE			NEITHER MANDATED/NON-MANDATED PREVENTIVE NOR PROTECTIVE		
	NIAGARA			NIAGARA		
	N	%	COMPARABLES	N	%	COMPARABLES
< 2	9	34.6	33.5	7	26.9	33.9
2-5	10	47.6	44.7	5	23.8	29.4
6-9	5	41.7	44.6	4	33.3	25.1
10-13	6	60.0	52.1	3	30.0	31.2
14-17	2	20.0	26.9	7	70.0	43.7
18+	0	0.0	6.7	2	100.0	23.3

Please Note: All four categories are mutually exclusive.

Mandated/Non-mandated Preventive Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2023 who were opened to Mandated or Non-mandated Preventive Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Mandated or Non-mandated Preventive Services 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 2023 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 2023 Admission by Age: %: Number of children in each age group within each category admitted to foster care in 2023 as a percentage of all children in that same age group who were admitted to foster care in 2023.

**TIME IN CARE BY AGE**  
**12/31/23**

		AGE OF CHILDREN						
		< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
<b>&lt; 1 YEAR</b>		<hr/>						
	NIAGARA	84.0	30.9	50.0	44.4	32.0	16.7	42.9
	COMPARABLES	71.5	36.1	39.0	35.4	37.3	14.3	41.1
<b>1-2 YEARS</b>		<hr/>						
	NIAGARA	16.0	41.8	23.1	22.2	16.0	16.7	26.5
	COMPARABLES	28.5	27.4	26.6	22.6	26.1	6.2	25.8
<b>2-3 YEARS</b>		<hr/>						
	NIAGARA		12.7	3.8	11.1	12.0	8.3	8.8
	COMPARABLES		18.1	11.6	12.0	11.4	18.1	11.9
<b>&gt; 3 YEARS</b>		<hr/>						
	NIAGARA		14.5	23.1	22.2	40.0	58.3	21.8
	COMPARABLES		18.4	22.9	30.0	25.2	61.3	21.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<hr/>						
	NIAGARA	N= 25	N= 55	N= 26	N= 27	N= 25	N= 12	N= 170

For children in foster care on 12/31/23, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows. Districts with no children in care for an age group are excluded from the comparable calculation for that column.

**ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND IN CARE  
FACILITY TYPE BY PLACEMENT, LOCATION AND AGE  
2023**

TYPE OF PLACEMENT:	AGE OF CHILDREN			PERCENT	COMP PERCENT	PLACEMENT Out Of County N	LOCATION Out Of State N
	< 11 YEARS N	11+ YEARS N	TOTAL N				
<b>Congregate Care</b>							
Admissions	1	7	8	9.9	11.8		
In Care	3	15	18	10.6	13.4	16	0
Discharges	0	9	9	11.0	12.1		
<b>Foster Boarding Homes</b>							
Admissions	47	6	53	65.4	60.4		
In Care	74	24	98	57.6	58.2	25	0
Discharges	41	6	47	57.3	60.1		
<b>Approved Relative Homes</b>							
Admissions	15	3	18	22.2	25.9		
In Care	37	7	44	25.9	25.6	11	0
Discharges	17	6	23	28.0	26.1		
<b>Other</b>							
Admissions	0	2	2	2.5	1.9		
In Care	1	9	10	5.9	2.7	6	0
Discharges	0	3	3	3.7	1.7		
<b>Total</b>							
Admissions	63	18	81	100.0			
In Care	115	55	170	100.0		58	0
Discharges	58	24	82	100.0			

**Admissions & Discharges:** N: The number of children admitted to/discharged from each type of placement during 2023.

**In Care:** N: The number of children in each type of placement on 12/31/23.

**%:** 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 12/31/23. Out of county does not include out of state placements.

**FOSTER CARE DISCHARGES  
BY TIME IN CARE  
2023**

**AGE OF CHILDREN AT DISCHARGE**

	<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>&lt; 1 YEAR</b>							
NIAGARA	45.5	33.3	21.1	36.4	38.5	25.0	32.9
COMPARABLES	54.1	24.2	35.5	31.3	47.0	14.7	34.0
<b>1-2 YEARS</b>							
NIAGARA	54.5	25.0	15.8	36.4	30.8	0.0	28.0
COMPARABLES	45.9	23.4	17.5	29.9	22.2	14.1	23.2
<b>2-3 YEARS</b>							
NIAGARA		29.2	21.1	9.1	7.7	0.0	15.9
COMPARABLES		33.4	14.2	17.1	8.8	8.2	18.2
<b>&gt; 3 YEARS</b>							
NIAGARA		12.5	42.1	18.2	23.1	75.0	23.2
COMPARABLES		19.0	32.8	21.7	22.0	63.1	24.6
<b>TOTAL</b>							
NIAGARA	N= 11	N= 24	N= 19	N= 11	N= 13	N= 4	N= 82

For children discharged from foster care during 2023, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows. Districts with no children discharged for an age group are excluded from the comparable calculation for that column.

Discharges: The total discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPS page. The discrepancy is due to the exclusion of a small number of children who have same admission and discharge dates.



**GOAL BY AGE  
12/31/23**

		<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 CUSTODIAL CARE</b>									
	NIAGARA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	COMPARABLES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.5	0.2	
<b>ADOPTION</b>									
	NIAGARA	17.4	52.8	52.0	48.0	24.0	0.0	38.7	
	COMPARABLES	14.6	31.1	31.6	29.8	22.5	21.1	26.2	
<b>G O A</b>	<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN</b>								
	NIAGARA	73.9	41.5	44.0	44.0	36.0	8.3	43.6	
	COMPARABLES	83.7	65.8	60.6	63.3	62.3	15.4	63.8	
<b>L</b>	<b>ANOTHER PLANNED LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APLA)</b>								
<b>S</b>	NIAGARA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.0	83.3	10.4	
	COMPARABLES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	57.8	5.3	
<b>OTHER GOALS</b>									
	NIAGARA	8.7	5.7	4.0	8.0	12.0	8.3	7.4	
	COMPARABLES	1.7	3.1	7.7	6.9	5.1	3.2	4.4	
<b>TOTAL IN CARE</b>									
	NIAGARA	N= 23	N= 53	N= 25	N= 25	N= 25	N= 12	N= 163	

For children in foster care on 12/31/23 with a reported goal, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) with the goal indicated in the row. Districts with no children in care for an age group are excluded from the comparable calculation for that column. Children with waivers are included in the Adoption percentages.

Note: The totals on this page do not count children where a goal is not set.

**DAYS IN CARE**

**Total Days in Care**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Institution	7,531	9,733	8,295	6,897	7,008
Foster Boarding Home	37,078	33,550	30,112	33,834	33,780
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1,068	715	601	552	247
Group Residence	357	35	214	0	0
Group Home	559	285	71	130	340
Adoptive Home	176	231	0	184	353
Approved Relative Home	5,498	7,391	12,076	16,863	18,611
Supervised Independent Living Program	3,197	5,005	5,108	2,663	1,739
Other	279	526	98	230	491
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,743</b>	<b>57,471</b>	<b>56,575</b>	<b>61,353</b>	<b>62,569</b>

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Congregate Care	12,991	16,299	14,387	10,472	9,825
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	37,254	33,781	30,112	34,018	34,133
Approved Relative Home	5,498	7,391	12,076	16,863	18,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,743</b>	<b>57,471</b>	<b>56,575</b>	<b>61,353</b>	<b>62,569</b>

**Percent of Days in Care**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Institution	13.5%	16.9%	14.7%	11.2%	11.2%
Foster Boarding Home	66.5%	58.4%	53.2%	55.1%	54.0%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1.9%	1.2%	1.1%	0.9%	0.4%
Group Residence	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Group Home	1.0%	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%
Adoptive Home	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%
Approved Relative Home	9.9%	12.9%	21.3%	27.5%	29.7%
Supervised Independent Living Program	5.7%	8.7%	9.0%	4.3%	2.8%
Other	0.5%	0.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Congregate Care	23.3%	28.4%	25.4%	17.1%	15.7%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	66.8%	58.8%	53.2%	55.4%	54.6%
Approved Relative Home	9.9%	12.9%	21.3%	27.5%	29.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Percent Change Over Previous Year**

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2019-2023
Institution	29.2%	-14.8%	-16.9%	1.6%	-6.9%
Foster Boarding Home	-9.5%	-10.2%	12.4%	-0.2%	-8.9%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	-33.1%	-15.9%	-8.2%	-55.3%	-76.9%
Group Residence	-90.2%	511.4%	-100.0%	.	-100.0%
Group Home	-49.0%	-75.1%	83.1%	161.5%	-39.2%
Adoptive Home	31.3%	-100.0%	.	91.9%	100.6%
Approved Relative Home	34.4%	63.4%	39.6%	10.4%	238.5%
Supervised Independent Living Program	56.6%	2.1%	-47.9%	-34.7%	-45.6%
Other	88.5%	-81.4%	134.7%	113.5%	76.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2019-2023
Congregate Care	25.5%	-11.7%	-27.2%	-6.2%	-24.4%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	-9.3%	-10.9%	13.0%	0.3%	-8.4%
Approved Relative Home	34.4%	63.4%	39.6%	10.4%	238.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

Other: Includes residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, specialized schools, etc.  
Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence, SILPs and Other.  
Adoptive Home: Includes Adoptive and/or Adoption Subsidy Home.

**FOSTER CARE  
TREND DATA  
2019-2023**

**CHILDREN IN CARE:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change in Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change in Comparable Rate</b>
2019	152	2.9		3.6	
2020	149	2.9	-0.2	3.7	3.0
2021	153	3.0	4.0	3.4	-9.9
2022	173	3.3	10.7	3.1	-6.8
2023	170	3.3	-0.1	3.1	-1.6

**CHILDREN ADMITTED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change in Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change in Comparable Rate</b>
2019	111	2.1		2.4	
2020	60	1.2	-45.0	1.8	-24.0
2021	81	1.6	36.7	1.6	-11.1
2022	93	1.8	12.5	1.6	1.5
2023	81	1.6	-11.5	1.6	-1.2

**CHILDREN DISCHARGED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change in Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change in Comparable Rate</b>
2019	129	45.9		39.9	
2020	69	31.7	-31.1	36.6	-8.4
2021	80	34.3	8.5	38.6	5.5
2022	75	30.2	-11.9	37.6	-2.7
2023	82	32.5	7.6	36.5	-2.9

For detailed description of variables see page 7, "Foster Care Admissions/Discharges/In Care by Age, Race and Ethnicity."

## ADOPTION

**ADOPTION MILESTONES  
2023**

	NIAGARA		COMPARABLES
	N	%	%
<b>CHILDREN WHO HAD A MILESTONE OCCUR DURING 2023:</b>			
Goal Set during 2023	26	10.3	12.2
Freed during 2023	35	13.9	9.4
Placed during 2023	31	33.7	16.9
Discharged to Adoption during 2023	27	44.3	55.1

<b>CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 12/31/23 WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:</b>	<b>63</b>
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Goal Set

N: Number of children with a goal set to Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children who had a "goal set," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

Freed

N: Number of children freed during the calendar year.

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

Placed

N: Number of children placed for Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children "placed," as a percentage of all children in foster care who had a goal of Adoption on 12/31/23 or had a goal set to Adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to Adoption at any time during the calendar year.

Discharged to Adoption

N: Number of children discharged to Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children "discharged," as a percentage of children in foster care at any time during the calendar year, who had a goal of Adoption and had a status of free for Adoption.

Children with waivers are excluded from all Ns and Percentages.

**WAITING POPULATION ON 12/31/23**

<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>Comp</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Comp</b>
Less than 8 years old:	2	10.5	39.0	17	89.5	59.9	0	0.0	1.1
8 years old or older:	1	3.0	24.5	18	54.5	54.1	14	42.4	21.5

<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>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Goal and not Free:</b>	30	19	63.3	11	36.7
Less than 8 years old:	20	13	65.0	7	35.0
8 years old or older:	10	6	60.0	4	40.0
<b>Free and not Placed:</b>	17	13	76.5	4	23.5
Less than 8 years old:	7	7	100.0	0	0.0
8 years old or older:	10	6	60.0	4	40.0
<b>Free, Placed and not Discharged:</b>	16	13	81.3	3	18.8
Less than 8 years old:	12	10	83.3	2	16.7
8 years old or older:	4	3	75.0	1	25.0

In Foster Care for 2 or more years with a Goal of: Return Home/Adoption/Other Goal N: As of 12/31/23, 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 12/31/23, 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 12/31/23, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/23, 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 12/31/23, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/23, 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 12/31/23, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/23, 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 12/31/23, less than one year or one year or more.

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

**TIME TO ACHIEVE MILESTONES  
DURING 2023**

<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:	17	100.0	0	0.0	0
8 years or older:	4	66.7	2	33.3	0	0.0

	<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:	5	22.7	7	31.8	10	45.5
8 years or older:	0	0.0	6	54.5	5	45.5
<b>Petition Date to Free Date:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0
8 years or older:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Free to Place:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	18	90.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
8 years or older:	9	81.8	0	0.0	2	18.2
<b>Placed with Foster Parent:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	18	90.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
8 years or older:	9	81.8	0	0.0	2	18.2
<b>Not Placed with Foster Parent:</b>						
Less than 8 years:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8 years or older:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Admission to Goal Set: N: For children of the specified age group who had their goal set to Adoption in 2023, 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 2023, the time from having the goal set until they were freed.

Petition Date to Free Date: N: For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2023, 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 2023, 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 2023.

Please note: Only children who have both of the specified dates (in a category) in CONNECTIONS 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 Ns and Percentages.

**ADOPTION CHARACTERISTICS  
2023**

TIME FROM GOAL TO DISCHARGE	Less than 2 Years			2 to 3 Years			More than 3 Years		
	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp
Less than eight years old:	8	53.3	81.8	5	33.3	8.7	2	13.3	9.4
Eight years old or older:	7	58.3	59.6	2	16.7	14.7	3	25.0	19.0

SEQUENCE OF MILESTONES	Goal First			Simultaneous (Within 30 days)			Free First		
	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp
	40	97.6	52.0	1	2.4	14.5	0	0.0	33.5

SUBSIDIES AT TIME OF DISCHARGE	N of Children	%	Comp
	27	100.0	98.0

Time from Goal to Discharge (to Adoption): N: Children of the specified age group who were discharged to Adoption in 2023 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 2023.

Sequence of Milestones: For children who had both a goal of adoption and were free in 2023, percentages for whom sequence of these milestones were: 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 2023 with a subsidy designation.

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

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all Ns and Percentages.



**ADOPTION  
TREND DATA  
2019-2023**

**GOAL SET:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Comparable Rate</b>
2019	27	9.6		8.5	
2020	18	8.3	-14.1	8.7	2.6
2021	37	15.9	92.3	12.8	46.9
2022	40	16.1	1.6	12.0	-5.8
2023	26	10.3	-36.0	12.2	1.8

**FREED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Comparable Rate</b>
2019	23	8.2		7.4	
2020	17	7.8	-4.7	5.9	-20.4
2021	22	9.4	21.1	10.7	80.1
2022	19	7.7	-18.9	13.0	22.2
2023	35	13.9	81.3	9.4	-27.8

**PLACED:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Comparable Rate</b>
2019	24	38.1		26.4	
2020	9	15.3	-60.0	21.7	-18.0
2021	22	26.5	73.8	19.2	-11.6
2022	14	14.3	-46.1	24.1	25.6
2023	31	33.7	135.9	16.9	-29.8

**DISCHARGED  
TO ADOPTION:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Rate</b>	<b>Comp Rate</b>	<b>Percent Change In Comparable Rate</b>
2019	18	40.9		52.4	
2020	9	21.4	-47.6	44.9	-14.4
2021	19	36.5	70.5	48.5	8.1
2022	25	49.0	34.2	51.1	5.3
2023	27	44.3	-9.7	55.1	8.0

For detailed description of variables see page 17, "Adoption Milestones."

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

This appendix clarifies definitions or specifies which data were used to produce the Child Protective Services (CPS), Foster Care, and Adoption components of the MAPS packages. All Child Protective Services program data used come from the CONNECTIONS database. Foster Care and Adoption data come from the CONNECTIONS Activity Module, the formerly Child Care Review Service (CCRS). Data from 2019-2023 are provided for selected variables. For the definitions of these variables, refer to the MAPS page where the variable appears.

Starting with MAPS 2007, changes were made to the source file, race/ethnicity categories, and the Preventive services pages. Details regarding these changes are found in this appendix.

### **Population Sources**

The population figures used to calculate rates between 2018 and 2019 are taken from the 2018 Complete New York and New Jersey Demographic Database Files, Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. Starting from 2022 MAPS reporting, the population figures will be based on the annual county postcensal resident population estimates special tabulation compiled by the Census Bureau as the National Center for Health Statistics ceased to release postcensal bridged-race population estimates in 2021. 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**

Prior to 2014, race/ethnicity data in MAPS were based on data entered into CCRS. Since 2014, ALL race/ethnicity data utilized in MAPS is based on CONNECTIONS. Any comparison of race/ethnicity distributions before and after 2014 should be made with extreme caution.

### **Coding of Race/Ethnicity in MAPS**

The Race/Ethnicity categories in the MAPS report use the following classifications:

<u>MAPS Category</u>	<u>Includes</u>
White	White (Not Hispanic)
African American	Black, Interracial Black/White, Interracial Black/Asian Ethiopian, Haitian (Non-Hispanic)
Latino	Interracial Puerto Rican/White, Interracial Puerto Rican/Black, Other Hispanic, Interracial Puerto Rican/Asian, Interracial Puerto Rican/ Other Hispanic, Puerto Rican, Cuban
Native American/Alaska Native	American Indian/Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic)
Asian	Cambodian, Interracial Asian/White, Asian, Laotian, Vietnamese (Non-Hispanic)
Unknown	Interracial Other, Other, Unknown

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

#### **Mandated Reporter**

The list of mandated reporters has been updated in MAPS 2021 to include additional reporter relation types in CONNECTIONS that meet the definition of professionals required to report cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment. See detailed information in [OCFS Publications 1159](#).

#### **Family Assessment Response (FAR) data**

Starting with MAPS 2009, all CPS pages reflect Family Assessment Response (FAR) data for the counties that participate in this approach to CPS investigations. Beginning in late 2008, several counties were approved to use an alternative approach with families for some of their CPS maltreatment reports. This alternative approach, known as FAR, is considered a CPS response, even though no determination is made as to whether or not there is some credible evidence of maltreatment. The intent of FAR is to promote child safety and family well-being through enriched family engagement.

## **FOSTER CARE**

### **"Services Prior To/At Foster Care Admission", Page 9**

"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 State Central Registry (SCR) case that remains open, are in an open CONNECTIONS case, and have a Service Program Choice code of "Protective" in CONNECTIONS.

### **"Admissions, Discharges and In Care, Facility Type by Placement, Location and Age", Page 11**

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 14**

All facility types (level of care) in the table are determined from specific movement codes entered into CONNECTIONS. 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 CONNECTIONS.

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

Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, Agency Operated Boarding Home (AOBH), Group Home, Group Residence, Supervised Independent Living Programs (SILPs), and Other.

Adoptive Home: Includes Adoptive and/or Adoption Subsidy Home.

**APPENDIX B: COMPARABLE GROUPS**

Comparable Groups were established to permit meaningful comparison between counties with similar child welfare populations. In 2019, the comparable groups were revised by using 2016-2018 child welfare data. The revised classification is based on the total of 2016-2018 county averages of the following variables:

- Total number of children with preventive and/or protective services cases open anytime during the year;
- Total number of CPS/FAR reports during calendar year; and
- Total number of children served in foster care anytime during calendar year.

<b>Comp. Group 1: Extra Large</b>
Albany
Erie
Monroe
Nassau
Oneida
Onondaga
Orange
Suffolk
Westchester
New York City* (excluded from comparison calculations)

<b>Comp. Group 2: Large</b>
Broome
Cattaraugus
Chautauqua
Chemung
Dutchess
Jefferson
Niagara
Oswego
Rensselaer
Rockland
Saratoga
Schenectady
St. Lawrence
Steuben
Ulster

<b>Comp. Group 3: Medium</b>
Cayuga
Chenango
Clinton
Columbia
Cortland
Franklin
Fulton
Genesee
Herkimer
Madison
Montgomery
Ontario
Sullivan
Tompkins
Warren
Washington
Wayne

<b>Comp. Group 4: Small</b>
Allegany
Delaware
Essex
Greene
Hamilton
Lewis
Livingston
Orleans
Otsego
Putnam
Schoharie
Schuyler
Seneca
St. Regis Mohawk
Tioga
Wyoming
Yates

\* New York City belongs to Comparison Group 1. It is omitted in the calculations of comparison data. St. Regis Mohawk has been added to the county classification scheme in 2019. Hamilton and St. Regis Mohawk remain omitted in the calculations of comparison data.