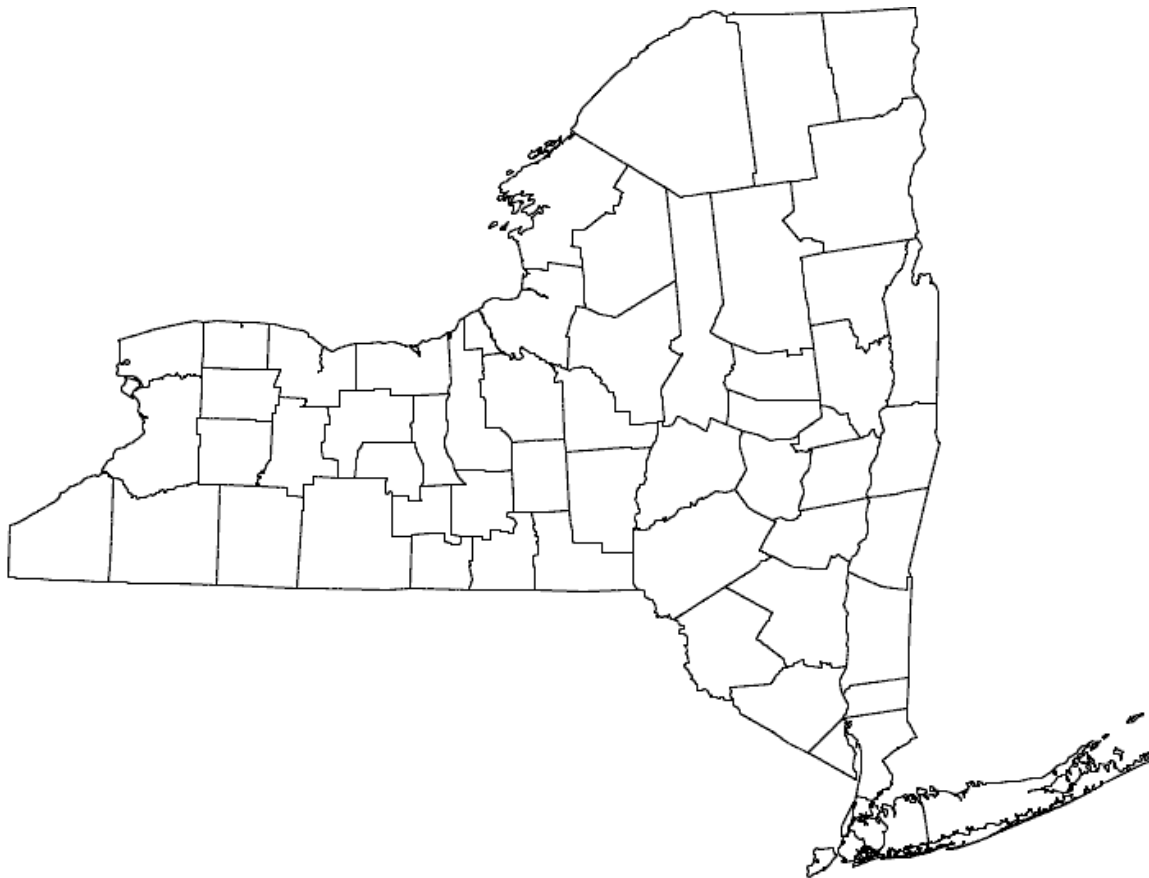


2023 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2019-2023

Child Protective Services
Foster Care
Adoption

Upstate



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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 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 all counties other than New York City 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.

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.

MONITORING AND ANALYSIS PROFILES

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**CHILD
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES**

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
WORKLOAD DATA
2023**

UPSTATE		
	N	Rate
REPORTS RECEIVED	98,250	42.5
	N	%
REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER	70,136	71.4
OF REPORTS DETERMINED:		
Reports Indicated	18,703	21.8
Reports Unfounded	67,098	78.2
OF REPORTS REGISTERED:		
Determinations Overdue	5,401	5.5
OF REPORTS ASSESSED:		
Family Assessment Response	7,048	7.2

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 03/14/24.

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and indicated/unfounded by 03/14/24, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2023 and determined by 03/14/24.

Determinations Overdue

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and had no determination by 03/14/24.

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2023 and had no determination by 03/14/24, 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 03/14/24.

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**

	UPSTATE	
	N	%
REPORT DETERMINATION TIMELINESS:	47,312	55.1
	UPSTATE	
	N	%
All Reports Determined		
0-30 Days	14,565	17.0
31-60	32,747	38.2
61-90	23,246	27.1
>90	15,243	17.8
Indicated		
0-30 Days	2,268	2.6
31-60	6,463	7.5
61-90	5,640	6.6
>90	4,332	5.0
Unfounded		
0-30 Days	12,297	14.3
31-60	26,284	30.6
61-90	17,606	20.5
>90	10,911	12.7

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:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2019	107,067	45.2	
2020	91,999	39.8	-11.9
2021	99,658	43.4	9.1
2022	98,441	41.7	-3.9
2023	98,250	42.5	1.9

REPORTS INDICATED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2019	25,420	25.7	
2020	22,010	25.7	.0
2021	22,818	24.5	-4.7
2022	19,396	21.1	-13.7
2023	18,703	21.8	3.3

FAR REPORTS ASSESSED:

	N	Annual Rate
2019	8,004	7.5
2020	6,250	6.8
2021	6,384	6.4
2022	6,327	6.4
2023	7,348	7.5

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.

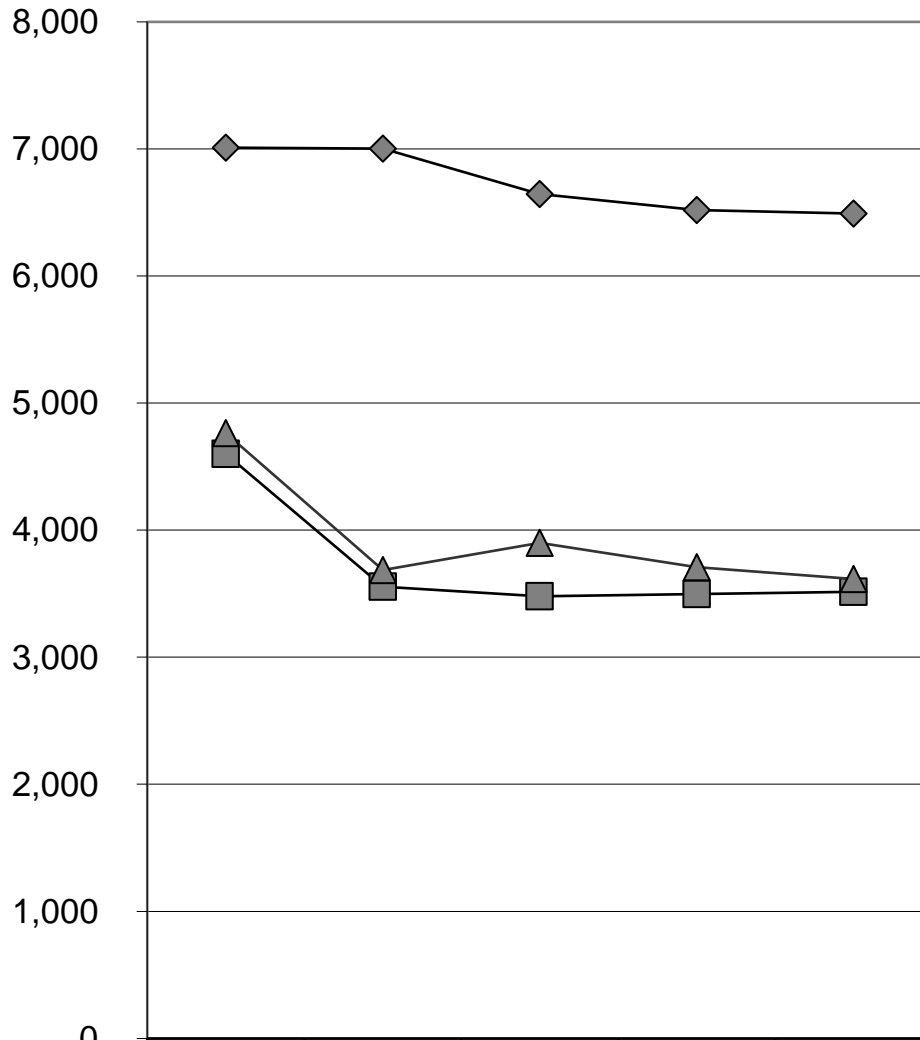
See Appendix A for details on CONNECTIONS CPS data.

Source of Data: CONNECTIONS Database 03/14/2024

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**FOSTER
CARE**

**FOSTER CARE
IN CARE, ADMISSIONS, and DISCHARGES
Upstate
2019-2023**



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
◆ In Care	7,011	7,003	6,645	6,518	6,491
■ Admissions	4,599	3,555	3,480	3,498	3,514
▲ Discharges	4,763	3,686	3,899	3,709	3,615

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

	N	Rate
Admissions	3,514	1.2
In Care	6,491	2.2
Discharges	3,615	35.8

AGE:

	Admissions		In Care		Discharges	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
< 2	914	26.0	925	14.3	365	10.1
2-5	765	21.8	1,709	26.3	1,013	28.0
6-9	540	15.4	1,179	18.2	598	16.5
10-13	513	14.6	1,024	15.8	494	13.7
14-17	741	21.1	1,280	19.7	772	21.4
18+	41	1.2	374	5.8	373	10.3

RACE/ETHNICITY:

	Admissions		In Care		Discharges	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	1,626	46.3	3,171	48.9	1,759	48.7
African American	833	23.7	1,425	22.0	825	22.8
Latino	629	17.9	1,047	16.1	594	16.4
Native American/ Alaska Native	17	0.5	30	0.5	10	0.3
Asian	20	0.6	55	0.8	32	0.9
Unknown	389	11.1	763	11.8	395	10.9

PERCENTAGE OF DISCHARGES BY DESTINATION:

	Home %	Adoption %	Independent Living %	Other State Agency %	Other %
UPSTATE	55.0	27.0	7.1	3.1	7.7

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:

Child's Race	Total with Race/ Ethnic Code	# Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent	% Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent
Total	3,178	1,924	60.5
White	1,708	1,481	86.7
African American	767	319	41.6
Latino	666	121	18.2
Native American/Alaska Native	7	1	14.3
Asian	30	2	6.7
	N		%
Unknown/Missing	442		12.2

SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:

Group Size:	Separated		Partly Separated		Intact	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Two	354	26.5	-	-	982	73.5
Three	75	8.8	303	35.7	471	55.5
Four or more	73	9.2	472	59.7	245	31.0

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

	N	%
Total (0-24 months)	385	11.0
0-3 months	108	3.1
4-12 months	182	5.2
13-24 months	95	2.7

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

	UPSTATE	
	N	%
Mandated/Non-Mandated Preventive Services Only	167	4.8
Child Protective Services Only	751	21.4
Both Mandated/Non-Mandated Preventive and CPS	1,307	37.2
Neither Mandated/Non-Mandated Preventive nor CPS	1,289	36.7

SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2023 ADMISSION BY AGE:

AGE	MANDATED/NON-MANDATED PREVENTIVE ONLY		CHILD PROTECTIVE ONLY	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	16	1.8	251	27.5
2-5	10	1.3	176	23.0
6-9	11	2.0	123	22.8
10-13	22	4.3	104	20.3
14-17	99	13.4	92	12.4
18+	9	22.0	5	12.2

AGE	BOTH MANDATED/NON-MANDATED PREVENTIVE AND PROTECTIVE		NEITHER MANDATED/NON-MANDATED PREVENTIVE NOR PROTECTIVE	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	297	32.5	350	38.3
2-5	358	46.8	221	28.9
6-9	243	45.0	163	30.2
10-13	201	39.2	186	36.3
14-17	204	27.5	346	46.7
18+	4	9.8	23	56.1

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 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
< 1 YEAR	<hr/>						
UPSTATE	70.2	35.9	34.9	36.5	38.1	11.8	39.7
1-2 YEARS	<hr/>						
UPSTATE	29.8	25.6	25.4	23.6	21.0	12.8	24.2
2-3 YEARS	<hr/>						
UPSTATE		21.6	13.7	14.5	13.0	16.8	14.0
> 3 YEARS	<hr/>						
UPSTATE		16.9	26.1	25.4	27.9	58.6	22.1
TOTAL	<hr/>						
UPSTATE	N= 925	N=1,709	N=1,179	N=1,024	N=1,280	N= 374	N=6,491

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.

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

TYPE OF PLACEMENT:	AGE OF CHILDREN		TOTAL N	PERCENT	PLACEMENT Out Of County N	LOCATION Out Of State N
	< 11 YEARS N	11+ YEARS N				
Congregate Care						
Admissions	22	524	546	15.5		
In Care	67	762	829	12.8	573	24
Discharges	15	567	582	16.1		
Foster Boarding Homes						
Admissions	1,572	409	1,981	56.4		
In Care	2,574	1,036	3,610	55.6	876	6
Discharges	1,410	573	1,983	54.9		
Approved Relative Homes						
Admissions	704	209	913	26.0		
In Care	1,338	470	1,808	27.9	386	37
Discharges	671	289	960	26.6		
Other						
Admissions	31	43	74	2.1		
In Care	85	159	244	3.8	97	9
Discharges	9	81	90	2.5		
Total						
Admissions	2,329	1,185	3,514	100.0		
In Care	4,064	2,427	6,491	100.0	1,932	76
Discharges	2,105	1,510	3,615	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

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 YEAR							
UPSTATE	69.0	26.5	35.6	39.1	55.7	21.2	39.7
1-2 YEARS							
UPSTATE	31.0	21.0	18.6	23.1	18.4	12.3	20.4
2-3 YEARS							
UPSTATE		27.5	14.2	13.6	9.5	9.7	14.9
> 3 YEARS							
UPSTATE		25.0	31.6	24.3	16.5	56.8	24.9
TOTAL							
UPSTATE	N= 365	N=1,012	N= 598	N= 494	N= 772	N= 373	N=3,614

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. Discharges: The total discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPS pages. 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**

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ADULT CUSTODIAL CARE							
UPSTATE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	5.1	0.4
ADOPTION							
UPSTATE	12.7	29.7	32.8	29.1	23.8	7.6	25.4
PARENT/GUARDIAN							
UPSTATE	83.9	64.7	61.5	63.5	54.1	13.0	61.4
ANOTHER PLANNED LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APLA)							
UPSTATE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	65.1	6.0
OTHER GOALS							
UPSTATE	3.4	5.6	5.7	7.4	10.3	9.2	6.8
TOTAL IN CARE							
UPSTATE	N= 845	N=1,668	N=1,155	N= 996	N=1,240	N= 370	N=6,274

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. 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	358,320	297,430	246,444	206,436	208,454
Foster Boarding Home	1,564,314	1,528,162	1,461,103	1,374,720	1,351,599
Agency Operated Boarding Home	30,707	29,137	23,660	19,608	18,899
Group Residence	33,691	27,138	25,913	18,366	18,114
Group Home	105,310	92,362	75,372	60,374	58,582
Adoptive Home	2,327	2,843	3,673	5,340	4,794
Approved Relative Home	440,103	542,756	605,888	655,435	657,968
Supervised Independent Living Program	44,230	42,207	42,035	35,662	32,354
Other	51,447	46,242	46,182	45,724	55,569
<i>Total</i>	2,630,449	2,608,277	2,530,270	2,421,665	2,406,333

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Congregate Care	623,705	534,516	459,606	386,170	391,972
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	1,566,641	1,531,005	1,464,776	1,380,060	1,356,393
Approved Relative Home	440,103	542,756	605,888	655,435	657,968
<i>Total</i>	2,630,449	2,608,277	2,530,270	2,421,665	2,406,333

Percent of Days in Care

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Institution	13.6%	11.4%	9.7%	8.5%	8.7%
Foster Boarding Home	59.5%	58.6%	57.7%	56.8%	56.2%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1.2%	1.1%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
Group Residence	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%
Group Home	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%	2.5%	2.4%
Adoptive Home	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Approved Relative Home	16.7%	20.8%	23.9%	27.1%	27.3%
Supervised Independent Living Program	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%	1.5%	1.3%
Other	2.0%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	2.3%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Congregate Care	23.7%	20.5%	18.2%	15.9%	16.3%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	59.6%	58.7%	57.9%	57.0%	56.4%
Approved Relative Home	16.7%	20.8%	23.9%	27.1%	27.3%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Percent Change Over Previous Year

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2019-2023
Institution	-17.0%	-17.1%	-16.2%	1.0%	-41.8%
Foster Boarding Home	-2.3%	-4.4%	-5.9%	-1.7%	-13.6%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	-5.1%	-18.8%	-17.1%	-3.6%	-38.5%
Group Residence	-19.5%	-4.5%	-29.1%	-1.4%	-46.2%
Group Home	-12.3%	-18.4%	-19.9%	-3.0%	-44.4%
Adoptive Home	22.2%	29.2%	45.4%	-10.2%	106.0%
Approved Relative Home	23.3%	11.6%	8.2%	0.4%	49.5%
Supervised Independent Living Program	-4.6%	-0.4%	-15.2%	-9.3%	-26.9%
Other	-10.1%	-0.1%	-1.0%	21.5%	8.0%
<i>Total</i>	-0.8%	-3.0%	-4.3%	-0.6%	-8.5%

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2019-2023
Congregate Care	-14.3%	-14.0%	-16.0%	1.5%	-37.2%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	-2.3%	-4.3%	-5.8%	-1.7%	-13.4%
Approved Relative Home	23.3%	11.6%	8.2%	0.4%	49.5%
<i>Total</i>	-0.8%	-3.0%	-4.3%	-0.6%	-8.5%

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:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2019	7,011	2.3	
2020	7,003	2.4	1.8
2021	6,645	2.3	-4.2
2022	6,518	2.2	-4.6
2023	6,491	2.2	0.5

CHILDREN ADMITTED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2019	4,599	1.5	
2020	3,555	1.2	-21.2
2021	3,480	1.2	-1.1
2022	3,498	1.2	-2.2
2023	3,514	1.2	1.3

CHILDREN DISCHARGED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2019	4,763	40.5	
2020	3,686	34.5	-14.8
2021	3,899	37.0	7.2
2022	3,709	36.3	-1.9
2023	3,615	35.8	-1.4

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

ADOPTION

**ADOPTION MILESTONES
2023**

CHILDREN WHO HAD A MILESTONE OCCUR DURING 2023		
	N	%
Goal Set during 2023	1,032	10.2
Freed during 2023	841	8.3
Placed during 2023	609	22.7
Discharged to Adoption during 2023	977	48.9

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 12/31/23 WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:	1,594
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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

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE FOR 2 OR MORE YEARS WITH A GOAL OF:						
	RETURN HOME		ADOPTION		OTHER	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 8 years old:	340	37.0	540	58.8	39	4.2
8 years old or older:	353	24.8	661	46.5	407	28.6

CHILDREN WAITING TO ACHIEVE AN ADOPTION MILESTONE					
	TOTAL	WAITING LESS THAN 1 YEAR		WAITING 1 YEAR OR MORE	
	N	N	%	N	%
Goal and not Free:	602	357	59.3	245	40.7
Less than 8 years old:	327	218	66.7	109	33.3
8 years old or older:	275	139	50.5	136	49.5
Free and not Placed:	545	295	54.1	250	45.9
Less than 8 years old:	218	161	73.9	57	26.1
8 years old or older:	327	134	41.0	193	59.0
Free, Placed and not Discharged:	447	319	71.4	128	28.6
Less than 8 years old:	254	206	81.1	48	18.9
8 years old or older:	193	113	58.5	80	41.5

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, 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**

Admission to Goal Set:	LESS THAN 2 YEARS		2 TO 3 YEARS		GREATER THAN 3 YEARS	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Less than 8 years:	397	59.3	167	24.9	106
8 years or older:	153	44.1	92	26.5	102	29.4

	LESS THAN 6 MONTHS		6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR		GREATER THAN 1 YEAR	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Goal to Free:					
Less than 8 years:	108	40.3	63	23.5	97	36.2
8 years or older:	46	35.9	32	25.0	50	39.1
Petition Date to Free Date:						
Less than 8 years:	5	26.3	1	5.3	13	68.4
8 years or older:	1	9.1	0	0.0	10	90.9
Free to Place:						
Less than 8 years:	339	80.3	61	14.5	22	5.2
8 years or older:	107	57.5	32	17.2	47	25.3
Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	339	80.3	61	14.5	22	5.2
8 years or older:	107	58.5	31	16.9	45	24.6
Not Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8 years or older:	0	0.0	1	33.3	2	66.7

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	%	N	%	N	%
Less than eight years old:	530	81.2	57	8.7	66	10.1
Eight years old or older:	209	64.5	32	9.9	83	25.6

SEQUENCE OF MILESTONES	Goal First		Simultaneous (Within 30 days)		Free First	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	493	47.8	206	20.0	333	32.3

SUBSIDIES AT TIME OF DISCHARGE	N of Children	%
	961	98.4

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:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2019	993	8.4	
2020	826	7.7	-8.4
2021	1,034	9.8	26.9
2022	1,006	9.8	0.3
2023	1,032	10.2	3.8

FREED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2019	903	7.7	
2020	504	4.7	-38.5
2021	881	8.4	77.2
2022	980	9.6	14.7
2023	841	8.3	-13.2

PLACED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2019	683	24.6	
2020	455	19.8	-19.4
2021	581	22.4	13.1
2022	691	25.7	14.8
2023	609	22.7	-11.5

**DISCHARGED
TO ADOPTION:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2019	1,051	48.9	
2020	639	38.5	-21.1
2021	803	43.1	11.9
2022	872	43.9	1.7
2023	977	48.9	11.5

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.