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# Minnesota's Out-of-home Care and Permanency Report, 2022

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# Out-of-home care and permanency report summary, 2022

## Purpose

This annual report provides information on children placed in out-of-home care in Minnesota, highlighting work across the state to ensure and promote safety, permanency and well-being of children who experience out-of-home care. For this report, the terms out-of-home care, out-of-home placement, foster care and in care are used interchangeably to refer to any instance in which children are removed from their home of origin and placed in care of the responsible social service agency. For information about performance on all state and federal performance measures, see the [Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard](#). Below is a summary and analysis of the data contained in the 2022 Out-of-home Care and Permanency Report. Following the summary is the full report with data shown statewide and, often, by agency. Minnesota is a state-supervised, local agency-administered child welfare system. The data contained in the report includes demographic information on children in out-of-home care, information on children who entered out-of-home care, information on the experience children have while in care and information about children who exited out-of-home care during the year.

The Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families produces an annual report on child welfare statistics to document and understand Minnesota's child welfare trends. Historically, the department included American Indian/Alaska Native children in these reports using county data from the Social Service Information System (SSIS), Minnesota's child welfare data system. When White Earth Nation and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe assumed sovereignty over their child welfare system as Initiative Tribes, the department began including their data in annual reports. In 2021, Red Lake Nation officially began as an Initiative Tribe and requested data sovereignty. Therefore, their data is available in an independent report developed by Red Lake Nation (see [Red Lake Tribal Nation Report to the Legislator on Tribal Child Welfare](#)). The following two paragraphs were prepared by Red Lake Nation to provide additional context related to the decision to submit an independent annual report:

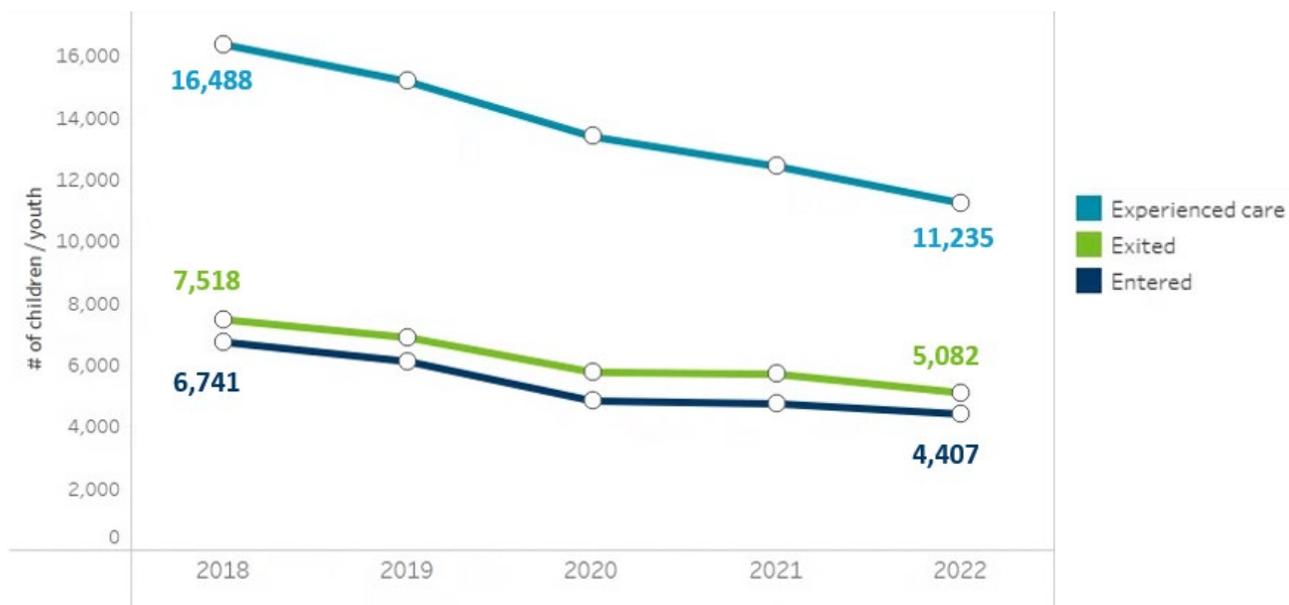
“Red Lake is committed to track the effectiveness of its American Indian Child Welfare Initiative work with their tribal citizens. Red Lake chose not to report all standard child welfare data elements in SSIS, so it is not possible to accurately compare their data to Minnesota's counties. The tribal report is best done through looking at data through a community context and the lens of Red Lake's indigenous values and practices. The annual review for year two of the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative, FY 2022, will assist in program development and outcomes based on organizational changes and using culturally centered practices. Annual reports help the Tribe to continue to identify strengths and gaps in practice so that they may effectively target interventions to restore their communities to wellbeing and health.

When Red Lake Nation assumed full jurisdiction of the child welfare system, they built a new narrative through relationship development and shifting practice to a relative approach - Ombimindwaa Gidanawemaaganidog “Uplifting Our Relatives”. Using a collaborative and inclusive process, they developed institutional capacity through infrastructure development, data collection, adding and realigning staff, practice model development, and training for staff and relative care providers. Because Red Lake Nation's child welfare practice is so different from county-based practice, the annual report is developed by Red Lake to reflect the paradigm shift centered to family preservation, not child removal. The report reflects the inherent interconnectedness between the child and their family, extended family, culture, community, and tribal nation.”

## Findings

Beginning in 2022, Minnesota successfully submitted and received approval from the Children’s Bureau in the federal Administration of Children and Families on a plan to implement the out-of-home care requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) of 2018. The legislation changed the way child welfare services are provided in Minnesota in that it both provides for federal reimbursement for federally approved placement prevention services for children at imminent risk of removal and establishes restrictions on out-of-home placements in congregate care, requirements for residential treatment facilities, and allows for reimbursement for placement costs for children who are cared for with their caregivers while receiving substance use treatment in a facility. For further information, review the [Family First Prevention Services Act fact sheet, DHS-3771 \(PDF\)](#). Minnesota continued to implement the prevention services components in 2022 and 2023.

Figure 1. Five-year trend of children/youth entering, exiting and experiencing care, 2018 - 2022



In 2022, for the sixth straight year, Minnesota continued to see a reduction in the number of children who were in out-of-home care, as well as in children both entering and exiting care (see Figure 1). There were 11,235 children in 11,657 placement episodes in 2022; this represents a 9% reduction in the number of children experiencing care. The number of children newly entering care in the year showed a continued reduction, with 5% fewer children entering care in 2022 compared to 2021.

Despite the overall reductions of children in the foster care system in Minnesota, African American, American Indian, children who identify as two or more races and children who identify as Hispanic of any race continue to be disproportionately represented in out-of-home care relative to white children. In 2022, American Indian children were around 16 times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care. African American children and children who identified as Hispanic, of any race, were both two times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care. Children who identify as two or more races were around eight times more likely than white children to be in out-of-home care, based on Minnesota population data from U.S. Census estimates.

Figure 2 shows trends in the rate of children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity per 1,000 children in the population. Over the last two years, there have been notable reductions in the rate of American Indian children, African American children, children who identify as Hispanic of any race, and white children relative to their population size. These reductions in the rates of children in care are reflective of an overall reduction in the number of children experiencing

out-of-home care, but also demonstrate the persistence of racial disproportionality in the child welfare system. At the same time, multiracial children showed little change in the rate of involvement. This group makes up an increasingly large proportion of children in out-of-home care (see Tables 4, 5 and 6 for supplemental data).

Figure 2. Rate per 1,000 of children in out-of-home care by race/ethnicity, 2020-2022



Note: Rate per 1,000 estimates will differ from published reports due to SSIS data entry/maturity, methodological changes, and updates to population estimates.

Children with disabilities and children under the age of 3 years old are disproportionately represented among children in out-of-home care. More than one-in-three children in care is reported to have a disability. Almost one in four (22.2%) children in foster care in 2022 was a child under the age of 3. Young children are especially vulnerable to the stress of foster care given that the period from birth to age 3 is a critical developmental period. Of the children under the age of 3 who were in foster care in 2022, over 60% entered out-of-home care due to prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol, or caretaker use of drugs or alcohol. The department has implemented several strategies to address this crisis, including partnering with hospital systems to pilot the use of safe care plans which address safety concerns for women who are pregnant and struggling with drug addiction with the intent of preventing removals of the child at birth. FFPSA also made available the option to place children in out-of-home care with their caregivers while receiving substance use disorder treatment in a facility which has been shown to improve outcomes for both the child and the parent.

Children enter out-of-home care for many reasons; in recent years, Minnesota has seen a shift from neglect to caretaker drug abuse as the most common primary reason for removal for children across the age span; this remained true in 2022. Nearly one-third of new placements were due to caretaker drug use. The majority (62.2%) of placements of young children under 3 years old are related to caregiver drug or alcohol use. The pattern of removals is different for older youth, ages 15 – 17, where the majority of placements (50%) are related to child behavioral health-related reasons. Frequently, these children spend their time in out-of-home care in congregate care settings, receiving behavioral health treatment. Components of the new requirements in FFPSA are intended to ensure both that children only spend time in congregate care settings when absolutely necessary and that the quality of the residential treatment settings meets the highest standards. As mentioned previously, Minnesota began implementation of these new standards in October 2021.

In 2022, the most common settings experienced by children entering care were family foster homes, with about 82% of children spending time in that type of setting during the year. Family foster homes include relative and non-relative foster homes, and pre-adoptive homes and pre-kinship homes. Around 11% of children spent time in residential treatment centers, while another 8% were in group homes. Around 7% spent some time in a juvenile correctional facility. The pattern varies with age. Nearly all (99.6%) of children under the age of 6 are in family foster care settings while around two-thirds (64.8%) of children between 12 and 17 spent time in family foster care settings.

When a child enters out-of-home care, the social service agency and court overseeing the placement of the child work with the family to ensure the family can reunify whenever possible; however, sometimes reunification may not be possible. In these cases, adoption is the preferred permanency option. In order for a child to be adopted, the court must first order a termination of parental rights (TPR), which severs the legal parent-child relationship, or accept parents' consent to adoption. The court must also order guardianship of a child to the department's commissioner. In 2022, there were 723 children who went under guardianship of the commissioner compared to 960 in 2021; this represents a 25% decrease in the number of children entering guardianship from the previous year. These children are in out-of-home care and are, therefore, a subset of the children described throughout the report; the only permanency option for children whose guardian is the commissioner is adoption.

There were 5,082 unique children in 5,225 placement episodes that ended in 2022; there are some children who exited care, reentered and exited care again within the year which is why there are more placements that ended in the year than children who exited care. Of the placement episodes that ended in 2022, just over half (52%) ended in reunification. In 2017, just over two-thirds of placements ended with reunification and there's been a steady decline since then. Reunification is the most common permanency outcome among white children at 54.8%, and much less common among African American/Black (50.5%), American Indian (48.1%) and Asian/Pacific Islander children (43.7%). Of those who exited care in 2022, there were 1,050 children (20.1%) who discharged to adoption or customary Tribal adoption. Additionally, 7.9% of exiting children/youth ultimately aged out of care in 2022. Aging out of care means the youth have either turned 18; or, if they were in extended foster care, turned 21 without achieving permanency.

Of the 5,225 placement episodes that ended in 2022, 44% lasted less than 12 months, while 14% lasted longer than 36 months. White children are more likely to exit care in less than 12 months and less likely to exit care in longer than 36 months than all other racial and ethnic groups.

The type of permanency option and length of time in care are related to each other; reunifications tend to happen more quickly than adoptions or transfers of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative. Of the placements ending in reunification in 2022, nearly three-quarters (72.3%) closed before 12 months; 2% lasted 36 months or longer. Adoptions, which require more time because of the various requirements that need to be met prior to terminating parental rights and moving to adoption, almost never occur in less than 12 months. Of those placement episodes ending with an adoption, only 2% finalized in under 12 months; 27.3% finalized after 36 months. Of cases ending with transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative, 4.1% finalized in under 12 months; 14.6% finalized after 36 months.

Once children exit care, the goal is for them to achieve a stable, permanent family either through reunification or adoption. The Children's Bureau of the Administration of Children and Families has created a federal performance measure to monitor state's reentry for children who have been reunified. The federal standard set in 2013 identified a threshold based on national performance at the time, which was 8.3% (or less). While making progress over the last few years, Minnesota continues to underperform in this area; in 2022, the state's performance on the federal reentry measure was 14.9%.

## Legislation

This report was prepared by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Safety and Permanency Administration, for the Minnesota Legislature in response to a legislative directive in Minnesota Statutes 257.0725. This report also fulfills reporting requirements under the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act; Minnesota Statutes 256M.80, subd. 2; and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (Minnesota Statutes 260.775).

Minnesota Statutes 257.0725: The commissioner of human services shall publish an annual report on child maltreatment and on children in out-of-home placement. The commissioner shall confer with county agencies, child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, courts, and other groups on how to improve content and utility of the department's annual report. Regarding child maltreatment, the report shall include the number and kinds of

maltreatment reports received, and other data that the commissioner determines appropriate in a child maltreatment report.

Minnesota Statutes 256M.80, subd. 2: Statewide evaluation. Six months after the end of the first full calendar year and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall make public county agency progress in improving outcomes of vulnerable children and adults related to safety, permanency and well-being.

Minnesota Statutes 260.775: The commissioner of human services shall publish annually an inventory of all Indian children in residential facilities. The inventory shall include, by county and statewide, information on legal status, living arrangement, age, sex, Tribe in which child is a member or eligible for membership, accumulated length of time in foster care, and other demographic information deemed appropriate concerning all Indian children in residential facilities. The report must also state the extent to which authorized child-placing agencies comply with the order of preference described in United States Code, title 25, section 1901, et seq.

# Introduction

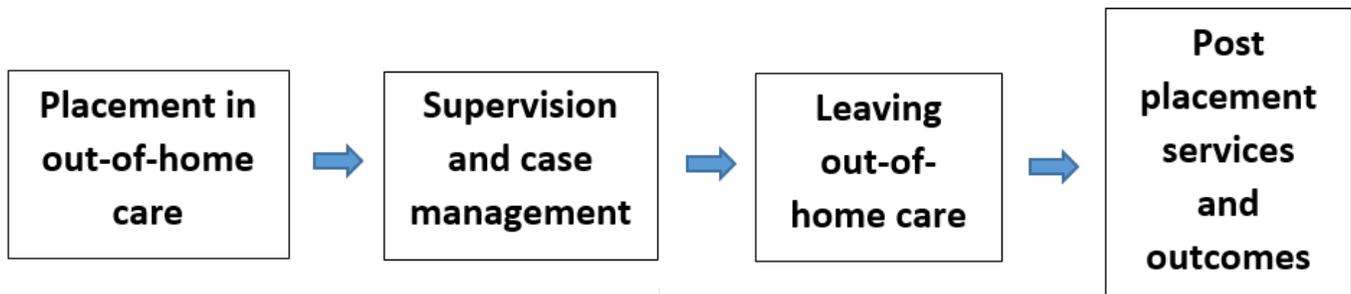
## What is out-of-home care?

Minnesota Statutes provide detailed descriptions of what constitutes out-of-home care or foster care ([Minnesota Statutes 260C.007, subd. 18.](#)) Out-of-home care or foster care is any 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom a responsible social services agency has placement and care responsibility. Foster care includes, but is not limited to, placement in foster family homes (relative and non-relative), group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child care institutions and pre-adoptive homes. Children enter out-of-home care for a variety of reasons: child protection, specialized treatment for mental health concerns or developmental disabilities, and juvenile corrections.

## Minnesota's out-of-home care system

Minnesota is a state-supervised, locally administered child welfare system. Local social service agencies (87 counties and three Indian Tribes in the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative) are responsible for care and protection of children in out-of-home placement. The department's Child Safety and Permanency Administration provides oversight, guidance, training, technical assistance and quality assurance monitoring of local agencies. This report provides information on children affected, and information regarding the safety, permanency and well-being of children who experienced out-of-home care. Another annual report provides information on children who may have been maltreated, Minnesota's Child Maltreatment Report, 2022. For information about performance on all state and federal child welfare performance measures, see the [Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard](#).

## Pathway from out-of-home care to permanency



## Placement in out-of-home care

Children are placed in out-of-home care for a variety of reasons: Juvenile delinquency, developmental disabilities, access to mental health or other specialized treatment, or because of child protection involvement. Three ways children are placed in care (see Minnesota Statutes [260C](#) and [260D](#)) include:

- Voluntary placement agreement
- Court order of placement (involuntary), or
- A 72-hour hold by law enforcement (involuntary).

Voluntary placements occur when parents or custodians of a child agree to allow the local social service agency to take temporary responsibility for care of their child. Court-ordered placements occur because families are unable or unwilling to meet safety or specialized needs of children in their home. A 72-hour hold occurs when children are found in surroundings or conditions that endanger their health or welfare; law enforcement has authority to remove children

from their home and place them in foster care. For children to remain in care longer than 72 hours, social service agencies must have court-approved placement, or caregiver/s must sign a voluntary placement agreement.

When children enter out-of-home care, one of three types of agencies assumes, or is delegated by the appropriate country or Tribal court, responsibility for supervision of out-of-home placement episodes: county or Tribal social services, or corrections.

## Children and placements

This report distinguishes between children in out-of-home care and placement episodes (placements) of children in out-of-home care because a child could experience multiple episodes of out-of-home care in a year (see Table 1). Unique counts of children are used when describing demographic characteristics of children and unique counts of placement episodes are used when describing characteristics that may vary across children’s multiple placements, like the reason for removal, length of placement episode or permanency outcome.

**Table 1. Children and placement episodes by agency, 2022**

Agency	Number of children/youth	Number of placement episodes
Aitkin	45	45
Anoka	393	408
Becker	142	146
Beltrami	246	255
Benton	89	91
Big Stone	15	15
Blue Earth	152	158
Brown	76	78
Carlton	103	106
Carver	120	125
Cass	113	119
Chippewa	61	63
Chisago	78	78
Clay	187	198
Clearwater	38	38
Cook	7	8
Crow Wing	194	201
Dakota	283	285
Des Moines Valley HHS	50	51
Douglas	72	75

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Number of children/youth</b>	<b>Number of placement episodes</b>
Faribault-Martin	161	163
Fillmore	11	11
Freeborn	99	100
Goodhue	94	95
Hennepin	1,839	1,890
Houston	26	26
Hubbard	82	90
Isanti	67	68
Itasca	207	226
Kanabec	43	46
Kandiyohi	207	208
Kittson	7	7
Koochiching	83	90
Lac qui Parle	14	15
Lake	18	19
Lake of the Woods	14	19
Le Sueur	59	62
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	164	169
Mahnomen	4	4
Marshall	11	13
McLeod	68	68
Meeker	36	37
Mille Lacs	156	163
MN Prairie	152	161
Morrison	102	106
Mower	78	79
Nicollet	85	90
Nobles	23	25
Norman	14	14
Olmsted	187	193

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Number of children/youth</b>	<b>Number of placement episodes</b>
Otter Tail	140	144
Pennington	24	24
Pine	79	79
Polk	106	114
Ramsey	848	871
Red Lake County	2	2
Renville	52	56
Rice	173	193
Roseau	31	31
Scott	122	124
Sherburne	121	125
Sibley	23	23
Southwest HHS	249	254
St. Louis	850	912
Stearns	319	324
Stevens	32	32
Swift	45	47
Todd	68	73
Traverse	13	14
Wabasha	16	18
Wadena	98	108
Washington	207	214
Watonwan	54	58
Western Prairie Human Services	45	48
White Earth Nation	209	211
Wilkin	25	25
Winona	125	130
Wright	217	221
Yellow Medicine	19	19
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>11,235</b>	<b>11,657</b>

Table 2 provides information on the number of children who entered out-of-home care in the year, the number who continued in care from the prior year, and the total number of children who experienced care during the year. It also provides a total of children under 18 who experienced care, the child population (based on U.S. Census Bureau data) and the rate of children in out-of-home per 1,000 children in the population.

**Table 2. Number of children/youth entering and continuing in care, and per 1,000 rate by agency, 2022**

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child population	Per 1,000 (under 18)
Aitkin	16	29	45	43	2,550	16.9
Anoka	178	220	393	372	86,424	4.3
Becker	37	108	142	138	8,371	16.5
Beltrami	95	160	246	237	11,498	20.6
Benton	41	49	89	87	10,504	8.3
Big Stone	2	13	15	14	1,116	12.5
Blue Earth	75	81	152	151	13,608	11.1
Brown	43	33	76	75	5,691	13.2
Carlton	43	61	103	96	7,991	12.0
Carver	50	75	120	106	27,627	3.8
Cass	48	68	113	106	6,258	16.9
Chippewa	27	34	61	61	3,018	20.2
Chisago	27	51	78	76	12,866	5.9
Clay	81	106	187	176	16,259	10.8
Clearwater	15	23	38	35	2,178	16.1
Cook	4	3	7	7	825	8.5
Crow Wing	83	111	194	184	13,913	13.2
Dakota	123	162	283	271	105,526	2.6
Des Moines Valley HHS	16	35	50	47	5,074	9.3
Douglas	34	38	72	68	8,371	8.1
Faribault-Martin	64	97	161	152	7,475	20.3
Fillmore	0	11	11	11	5,197	2.1
Freeborn	34	66	99	91	6,712	13.6
Goodhue	34	61	94	85	10,531	8.1
Hennepin	641	1,224	1,839	1,701	272,511	6.2
Houston	8	18	26	23	4,077	5.6
Hubbard	37	49	82	76	4,585	16.6
Isanti	20	47	67	63	9,699	6.5
Itasca	98	113	207	182	9,086	20.0
Kanabec	22	24	43	41	3,443	11.9
Kandiyohi	82	126	207	197	10,627	18.5
Kittson	1	6	7	7	928	7.5
Koochiching	41	44	83	76	2,086	36.4
Lac qui Parle	7	7	14	13	1,417	9.2
Lake	8	11	18	18	2,112	8.5
Lake of the Woods	9	5	14	13	745	17.4
Le Sueur	22	37	59	54	6,683	8.1
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	44	123	164	158	2,233	70.8
MN Prairie	59	100	152	146	18,705	7.8
Mahnomen	1	3	4	4	1,686	2.4
Marshall	7	4	11	9	2,065	4.4
McLeod	23	45	68	64	8,112	7.9

Agency	Enterers	Continuers	Total in care	Total under 18	Child population	Per 1,000 (under 18)
Meeker	8	29	36	31	5,544	5.6
Mille Lacs	54	104	156	145	6,240	23.2
Morrison	42	62	102	96	7,785	12.3
Mower	41	38	78	76	10,076	7.5
Nicollet	36	52	85	82	7,435	11.0
Nobles	12	11	23	23	6,159	3.7
Norman	8	6	14	14	1,530	9.2
Olmsted	76	116	187	174	39,204	4.4
Otter Tail	63	81	140	135	12,981	10.4
Pennington	12	12	24	23	3,094	7.4
Pine	27	52	79	79	5,625	14.0
Polk	62	45	106	103	7,542	13.7
Ramsey	253	602	848	769	124,879	6.2
Red Lake County	2	0	2	2	946	2.1
Renville	20	32	52	51	3,369	15.1
Rice	89	92	173	165	14,308	11.5
Roseau	16	15	31	31	3,589	8.6
Scott	71	52	122	119	39,998	3.0
Sherburne	53	71	121	115	25,488	4.5
Sibley	9	14	23	22	3,369	6.5
Southwest HHS	114	140	249	241	18,349	13.1
St. Louis	347	526	850	797	37,024	21.5
Stearns	139	181	319	295	36,938	8.0
Stevens	17	15	32	30	2,154	13.9
Swift	10	36	45	44	2,201	20.0
Todd	30	39	68	67	6,025	11.1
Traverse	5	9	13	11	703	15.6
Wabasha	9	7	16	16	4,691	3.4
Wadena	60	39	98	92	3,754	24.5
Washington	79	132	207	190	65,278	2.9
Watonwan	18	37	54	45	2,776	16.2
Western Prairie Human Services	17	30	45	44	3,888	11.3
White Earth Band of Ojibwe	41	170	209	195	2,079	93.8
Wilkin	10	15	25	23	1,439	16.0
Winona	62	64	125	114	8,767	13.0
Wright	88	133	217	202	39,493	5.1
Yellow Medicine	11	8	19	18	2,182	8.2
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>4,407</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>11,235</b>	<b>10,545</b>	<b>1,302,973</b>	<b>8.1</b>

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, table CC-EST2022-AGESEX, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2022/counties/asrh/>. Child population information for American Indian Child Welfare Initiative Tribes comes from the 2020 US Census and represents children residing on reservations who indicated American Indian alone or as one of two or more races. There are no intercensal child population estimates for these groups.

## Characteristics of children/youth in out-of-home care

This section provides demographic data on children who experienced out-of-home care in 2022, including:

- Gender by agency
- Race statewide, and per 1,000 rate

- Race by agency, using the race alone definition in the U.S. Census
- Race by agency, using the race alone or in combination with the definition in the U.S. Census
- Age statewide
- Age group by agency
- Disability status statewide.

**Table 3: Number and percent of children/youth in care by gender and agency, 2022**

Agency	Females (N)	Females (%)	Males (N)	Males (%)
Aitkin	25	55.6	20	44.4
Anoka	203	51.7	190	48.3
Becker	66	46.5	76	53.5
Beltrami	118	48.0	128	52.0
Benton	39	43.8	50	56.2
Big Stone	11	73.3	4	26.7
Blue Earth	83	54.6	69	45.4
Brown	38	50.0	38	50.0
Carlton	42	40.8	61	59.2
Carver	61	50.8	59	49.2
Cass	56	49.6	57	50.4
Chippewa	24	39.3	37	60.7
Chisago	44	56.4	34	43.6
Clay	95	50.8	92	49.2
Clearwater	20	52.6	18	47.4
Cook	2	28.6	5	71.4
Crow Wing	99	51.0	95	49.0
Dakota	135	47.7	148	52.3
Des Moines Valley HHS	20	40.0	30	60.0
Douglas	39	54.2	33	45.8
Faribault-Martin	91	56.5	70	43.5
Fillmore	3	27.3	8	72.7
Freeborn	43	43.4	56	56.6
Goodhue	47	50.0	47	50.0
Hennepin	945	51.4	894	48.6
Houston	15	57.7	11	42.3
Hubbard	37	45.1	45	54.9
Isanti	37	55.2	30	44.8
Itasca	102	49.3	105	50.7
Kanabec	27	62.8	16	37.2
Kandiyohi	93	44.9	114	55.1
Kittson	1	14.3	6	85.7
Koochiching	40	48.2	43	51.8
Lac qui Parle	6	42.9	8	57.1
Lake	8	44.4	10	55.6
Lake of the Woods	6	42.9	8	57.1
Le Sueur	30	50.8	29	49.2
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	78	47.6	86	52.4
Mahnomen	2	50.0	2	50.0
Marshall	7	63.6	4	36.4
McLeod	40	58.8	28	41.2

Agency	Females (N)	Females (%)	Males (N)	Males (%)
Meeker	20	55.6	16	44.4
Mille Lacs	71	45.5	85	54.5
MN Prairie	71	46.7	81	53.3
Morrison	50	49.0	52	51.0
Mower	38	48.7	40	51.3
Nicollet	38	44.7	47	55.3
Nobles	10	43.5	13	56.5
Norman	3	21.4	11	78.6
Olmsted	94	50.3	93	49.7
Otter Tail	77	55.0	63	45.0
Pennington	12	50.0	12	50.0
Pine	45	57.0	34	43.0
Polk	50	47.2	56	52.8
Ramsey	412	48.6	436	51.4
Red Lake County	1	50.0	1	50.0
Renville	25	48.1	27	51.9
Rice	86	49.7	87	50.3
Roseau	17	54.8	14	45.2
Scott	58	47.5	64	52.5
Sherburne	63	52.1	58	47.9
Sibley	8	34.8	15	65.2
Southwest HHS	119	47.8	130	52.2
St. Louis	387	45.5	463	54.5
Stearns	157	49.2	162	50.8
Stevens	20	62.5	12	37.5
Swift	25	55.6	20	44.4
Todd	35	51.5	33	48.5
Traverse	4	30.8	9	69.2
Wabasha	3	18.8	13	81.3
Wadena	41	41.8	57	58.2
Washington	99	47.8	108	52.2
Watonwan	33	61.1	21	38.9
Western Prairie Human Services	23	51.1	22	48.9
White Earth Nation	95	45.5	114	54.5
Wilkin	11	44.0	14	56.0
Winona	63	50.4	62	49.6
Wright	96	44.2	121	55.8
Yellow Medicine	10	52.6	9	47.4
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>5,699</b>	<b>50.7</b>

**Table 4. Rates of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) per 1,000 children in the population, 2022**

	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Number of children/youth	1,465	2,046	193	2,822	4,554	11,235	1,178

	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Number of children (<18 at end of year)	1,336	1,938	182	2,704	4,235	10,545	1,104
Percent of children (<18 at end of year)	12.7%	18.4%	1.7%	25.6%	40.2%	100.0%	10.5%
Child population	145,435	27,152	88,660	78,273	963,453	1,302,973	121,470
Child population percent	11.2%	2.1%	6.8%	6.0%	73.9%	100.0%	9.3%
Rate per 1,000	9.2	71.4	2.1	34.5	4.4	8.1	9.1

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. ‘Hispanic/Latinx (any race)’ shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, table SC-EST2022-ALLDATA6, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2022/state/asrh/>

**Table 5. Number and percent of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) and agency, 2022**

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	Two or more races (N)	Two or more races (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (%)	Unknown/ declined (N)	Unknown/ declined (%)
Aitkin	*	*	16	35.6	*	*	10	22.2	19	42.2	*	*	*	*
Anoka	59	15.0	20	5.1	*	*	106	27.0	191	48.6	22	5.6	*	*
Becker	*	*	41	28.9	*	*	53	37.3	42	29.6	14	9.9	*	*
Beltrami	*	*	150	61.0	*	*	55	22.4	37	15.0	*	*	*	*
Benton	19	21.3	*	*	*	*	30	33.7	40	44.9	*	*	*	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	73.3	*	*	*	*
Blue Earth	21	13.8	*	*	*	*	30	19.7	95	62.5	14	9.2	*	*
Brown	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	11.8	64	84.2	7	9.2	*	*
Carlton	*	*	52	50.5	*	*	21	20.4	29	28.2	*	*	*	*
Carver	18	15.0	*	*	*	*	27	22.5	60	50.0	19	15.8	7	5.8
Cass	*	*	29	25.7	*	*	*	*	75	66.4	*	*	*	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	*	*	23	37.7	29	47.5	10	16.4	*	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	20.5	60	76.9	13	16.7	*	*
Clay	20	10.7	47	25.1	*	*	48	25.7	72	38.5	23	12.3	*	*
Clearwater	*	*	14	36.8	*	*	9	23.7	14	36.8	*	*	*	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	*	*	22	11.3	*	*	37	19.1	132	68.0	*	*	*	*
Dakota	67	23.7	20	7.1	*	*	84	29.7	101	35.7	37	13.1	*	*
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	45	90.0	10	20.0	*	*

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	Two or more races (N)	Two or more races (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (%)	Unknown/ declined (N)	Unknown/ declined (%)
Douglas	*	*	7	9.7	*	*	26	36.1	34	47.2	*	*	*	*
Faribault- Martin	*	*	10	6.2	*	*	34	21.1	114	70.8	35	21.7	*	*
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	90.9	*	*	*	*
Freeborn	15	15.2	*	*	*	*	24	24.2	54	54.5	29	29.3	*	*
Goodhue	13	13.8	*	*	*	*	28	29.8	44	46.8	*	*	*	*
Hennepin	609	33.1	284	15.4	46	2.5	590	32.1	303	16.5	224	12.2	7	0.4
Houston	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	65.4	*	*	*	*
Hubbard	*	*	15	18.3	*	*	26	31.7	40	48.8	*	*	*	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	11.9	55	82.1	*	*	*	*
Itasca	*	*	24	11.6	*	*	78	37.7	101	48.8	*	*	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	35	81.4	*	*	*	*
Kandiyohi	11	5.3	*	*	*	*	29	14.0	157	75.8	113	54.6	*	*
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	13	15.7	*	*	12	14.5	58	69.9	*	*	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	64.3	*	*	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	44.4	*	*	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	100.0	*	*	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	18.6	39	66.1	14	23.7	*	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	*	159	97.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	63.6	*	*	*	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	*	*	27	39.7	38	55.9	8	11.8	*	*
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	29	80.6	*	*	*	*
Mille Lacs	*	*	98	62.8	*	*	14	9.0	42	26.9	*	*	*	*
MN Prairie	20	13.2	*	*	*	*	16	10.5	115	75.7	27	17.8	*	*
Morrison	*	*	*	*	*	*	33	32.4	59	57.8	7	6.9	*	*
Mower	9	11.5	*	*	*	*	19	24.4	48	61.5	26	33.3	*	*
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	35.3	49	57.6	14	16.5	*	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	71.4	*	*	*	*
Olmsted	33	17.6	*	*	*	*	57	30.5	93	49.7	25	13.4	*	*
Otter Tail	*	*	10	7.1	*	*	37	26.4	82	58.6	*	*	*	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	62.5	11	45.8	*	*
Pine	*	*	34	43.0	*	*	7	8.9	36	45.6	*	*	*	*
Polk	8	7.5	15	14.2	*	*	27	25.5	56	52.8	27	25.5	*	*
Ramsey	272	32.1	55	6.5	91	10.7	284	33.5	141	16.6	86	10.1	*	*
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	39	75.0	18	34.6	*	*
Rice	21	12.1	*	*	*	*	17	9.8	122	70.5	31	17.9	8	4.6
Roseau	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	45.2	*	*	*	*

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	Two or more races (N)	Two or more races (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race) (%)	Unknown/ declined (N)	Unknown/ declined (%)
Scott	14	11.5	9	7.4	*	*	37	30.3	50	41.0	18	14.8	*	*
Sherburne	13	10.7	*	*	*	*	34	28.1	67	55.4	10	8.3	*	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	95.7	7	30.4	*	*
Southwest HHS	*	*	42	16.9	*	*	42	16.9	155	62.2	49	19.7	*	*
St. Louis	32	3.8	182	21.4	*	*	330	38.8	292	34.4	41	4.8	*	*
Stearns	49	15.4	15	4.7	7	2.2	92	28.8	152	47.6	27	8.5	*	*
Stevens	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	31.3	16	50.0	*	*	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	15.6	34	75.6	16	35.6	*	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	*	*	18	26.5	47	69.1	*	*	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	61.5	*	*	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	43.8	*	*	*	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	*	*	33	33.7	51	52.0	*	*	*	*
Washington	18	8.7	7	3.4	*	*	75	36.2	90	43.5	14	6.8	*	*
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	51	94.4	31	57.4	*	*
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	31.1	25	55.6	*	*	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	*	204	97.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	64.0	*	*	*	*
Winona	16	12.8	*	*	*	*	9	7.2	99	79.2	8	6.4	*	*
Wright	*	*	*	*	*	*	35	16.1	151	69.6	*	*	20	9.2
Yellow Medicine	*	*	10	52.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1.4</b>

\*Note: If the number of children is less than seven when data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity and agency, it is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. ‘Hispanic/Latinx (any race)’ shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

**Table 6. Number and percent of children/youth in care by race/ethnicity (alone or in combination with other race values) and agency, 2022**

Agency	African American/ Black (N)	African American/ Black (%)	American Indian /Alaska Native (N)	American Indian /Alaska Native (%)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (%)
Aitkin	*	*	24	53.3	*	*	29	64.4	*	*
Anoka	110	28.0	98	24.9	*	*	284	72.3	22	5.6
Becker	14	9.9	89	62.7	*	*	93	65.5	14	9.9
Beltrami	25	10.2	197	80.1	*	*	83	33.7	*	*
Benton	46	51.7	8	9.0	*	*	69	77.5	*	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	73.3	*	*

Agency	African American/Black (N)	African American/Black (%)	American Indian/Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/Alaska Native (%)	Asian/Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/Pacific Islander (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (%)
Blue Earth	40	26.3	24	15.8	*	*	122	80.3	14	9.2
Brown	*	*	8	10.5	*	*	73	96.1	7	9.2
Carlton	*	*	71	68.9	*	*	49	47.6	*	*
Carver	30	25.0	28	23.3	7	5.8	81	67.5	19	15.8
Cass	*	*	35	31.0	*	*	81	71.7	*	*
Chippewa	13	21.3	23	37.7	*	*	49	80.3	10	16.4
Chisago	*	*	13	16.7	*	*	76	97.4	13	16.7
Clay	42	22.5	85	45.5	*	*	112	59.9	23	12.3
Clearwater	*	*	23	60.5	*	*	23	60.5	*	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crow Wing	14	7.2	49	25.3	*	*	169	87.1	*	*
Dakota	120	42.4	67	23.7	*	*	173	61.1	37	13.1
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	47	94.0	10	20.0
Douglas	11	15.3	29	40.3	*	*	58	80.6	*	*
Faribault-Martin	9	5.6	36	22.4	*	*	148	91.9	35	21.7
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	100.0	*	*
Freeborn	20	20.2	22	22.2	*	*	78	78.8	29	29.3
Goodhue	33	35.1	16	17.0	*	*	68	72.3	*	*
Hennepin	1,052	57.2	687	37.4	76	4.1	711	38.7	224	12.2
Houston	7	26.9	*	*	*	*	21	80.8	*	*
Hubbard	*	*	40	48.8	*	*	65	79.3	*	*
Isanti	9	13.4	*	*	*	*	63	94.0	*	*
Itasca	12	5.8	95	45.9	*	*	178	86.0	*	*
Kanabec	*	*	8	18.6	*	*	41	95.3	*	*
Kandiyohi	20	9.7	30	14.5	*	*	182	87.9	113	54.6
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	100.0	*	*
Koochiching	*	*	23	27.7	*	*	70	84.3	*	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	100.0	*	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	77.8	*	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	100.0	*	*
Le Sueur	*	*	13	22.0	*	*	49	83.1	14	23.7
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	*	164	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	90.9	*	*
McLeod	15	22.1	19	27.9	*	*	62	91.2	8	11.8
Meeker	*	*	*	*	*	*	35	97.2	*	*
Mille Lacs	*	*	109	69.9	*	*	55	35.3	*	*
MN Prairie	31	20.4	10	6.6	*	*	130	85.5	27	17.8
Morrison	17	16.7	26	25.5	*	*	90	88.2	7	6.9
Mower	23	29.5	10	12.8	*	*	63	80.8	26	33.3
Nicollet	23	27.1	22	25.9	*	*	79	92.9	14	16.5

Agency	African American/Black (N)	African American/Black (%)	American Indian/Alaska Native (N)	American Indian/Alaska Native (%)	Asian/Pacific Islander (N)	Asian/Pacific Islander (%)	White (N)	White (%)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (N)	Hispanic/Latinx (any race) (%)
Nobles	7	30.4	9	39.1	*	*	8	34.8	*	*
Norman	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	100.0	*	*
Olmsted	73	39.0	29	15.5	*	*	147	78.6	25	13.4
Otter Tail	18	12.9	43	30.7	*	*	119	85.0	*	*
Pennington	*	*	9	37.5	*	*	20	83.3	11	45.8
Pine	7	8.9	38	48.1	*	*	41	51.9	*	*
Polk	14	13.2	38	35.8	*	*	83	78.3	27	25.5
Ramsey	494	58.3	232	27.4	108	12.7	336	39.6	86	10.1
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	*	*	43	82.7	18	34.6
Rice	26	15.0	13	7.5	*	*	139	80.3	31	17.9
Roseau	*	*	10	32.3	*	*	18	58.1	*	*
Scott	29	23.8	37	30.3	*	*	81	66.4	18	14.8
Sherburne	34	28.1	25	20.7	*	*	93	76.9	10	8.3
Sibley	*	*	*	*	*	*	23	100.0	7	30.4
Southwest HHS	15	6.0	77	30.9	*	*	195	78.3	49	19.7
St. Louis	147	17.3	472	55.5	12	1.4	577	67.9	41	4.8
Stearns	102	32.0	71	22.3	12	3.8	234	73.4	27	8.5
Stevens	7	21.9	10	31.3	*	*	25	78.1	*	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	*	*	41	91.1	16	35.6
Todd	*	*	18	26.5	*	*	64	94.1	*	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	69.2	*	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	56.3	*	*
Wadena	14	14.3	31	31.6	*	*	84	85.7	*	*
Washington	60	29.0	56	27.1	8	3.9	155	74.9	14	6.8
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	54	100.0	31	57.4
Western Prairie Human Services	12	26.7	8	17.8	*	*	39	86.7	*	*
White Earth Nation	*	*	209	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilkin	*	*	9	36.0	*	*	18	72.0	*	*
Winona	22	17.6	*	*	*	*	108	86.4	8	6.4
Wright	22	10.1	29	13.4	*	*	185	85.3	*	*
Yellow Medicine	*	*	15	78.9	*	*	8	42.1	*	*
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>2,913</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6,924</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>10.5</b>

\*Note: If the number of children is less than seven when data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity and agency, it is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Children may be counted in multiple race/ethnicity categories; therefore, rows may total to more than total shown. Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown includes overlapping racial categories. A client may be counted in any row or column for any racial or ethnicity value they identified with. If a client identified with multiple race or ethnicity values, they will be counted in each relevant racial/ethnic category.

**Table 7. Number and percent of children/youth experiencing care by age, 2022**

Age (in years)	Number	Percent
Under 1	1,109	9.9

Age (in years)	Number	Percent
1	736	6.6
2	664	5.9
3	600	5.3
4	598	5.3
5	548	4.9
6	495	4.4
7	495	4.4
8	462	4.1
9	452	4.0
10	442	3.9
11	476	4.2
12	512	4.6
13	568	5.1
14	645	5.7
15	669	6.0
16	649	5.8
17	577	5.1
18	270	2.4
19	244	2.2
20	206	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,235</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Age is calculated at entry for those children/youth who entered during the year, or the first of the year for those children/youth who continued in care from a previous year.

**Table 8. Number of children/youth experiencing care by age group and agency, 2022**

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Aitkin	8	7	6	5	10	7	2
Anoka	93	67	44	51	63	55	21
Becker	34	33	13	11	22	25	6
Beltrami	59	43	27	25	37	48	9

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Benton	28	12	11	16	11	10	2
Big Stone	4	1	2	3	2	2	1
Blue Earth	50	35	24	12	15	17	1
Brown	15	13	15	13	14	5	1
Carlton	12	14	11	19	19	21	8
Carver	25	12	13	11	18	27	14
Cass	30	16	16	15	15	15	7
Chippewa	14	11	11	13	5	7	0
Chisago	18	9	11	10	12	16	2
Clay	45	32	20	16	33	30	11
Clearwater	7	3	5	6	9	5	3
Cook	0	1	0	1	1	4	0
Crow Wing	47	39	33	23	19	23	10
Dakota	51	45	32	41	48	54	12
Des Moines Valley HHS	8	7	4	8	10	11	3
Douglas	21	7	6	6	14	14	4
Faribault-Martin	30	24	25	26	21	26	9
Fillmore	1	2	2	1	2	3	0
Freeborn	32	14	13	11	11	10	8
Goodhue	16	17	8	12	11	21	9
Hennepin	517	292	218	188	236	257	142
Houston	3	4	1	6	4	5	3
Hubbard	22	21	14	4	8	8	6
Isanti	10	9	8	10	11	15	4
Itasca	26	19	18	25	37	59	26
Kanabec	6	7	9	3	7	9	2
Kandiyohi	42	33	25	20	30	47	10
Kittson	0	0	1	2	2	2	0
Koochiching	14	15	12	12	14	9	7
Lac qui Parle	2	0	0	4	2	5	1
Lake	2	3	3	2	3	6	0
Lake of the Woods	1	5	4	2	1	1	1
Le Sueur	8	11	4	7	11	13	5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	41	32	31	27	13	14	6
Mahnomen	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	2	0	2	0	2	4	2
McLeod	14	11	13	8	10	8	4
Meeker	5	5	5	2	6	8	5
Mille Lacs	25	21	23	20	23	34	11
MN Prairie	36	20	11	25	31	25	6
Morrison	17	13	10	11	21	24	7
Mower	21	14	14	14	7	7	2
Nicollet	19	15	9	16	10	13	3
Nobles	5	3	4	4	1	6	0
Norman	1	2	3	0	4	4	0
Olmsted	33	26	20	23	30	42	14
Otter Tail	38	22	24	11	18	23	6

Agency	Under 3 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 8 years	9 to 11 years	12 to 14 years	15 to 17 years	18 years or older
Pennington	7	4	5	2	3	2	1
Pine	21	11	14	9	10	14	0
Polk	13	18	17	14	22	19	3
Ramsey	172	107	99	85	136	173	80
Red Lake County	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Renville	9	7	8	5	12	10	1
Rice	28	30	23	29	34	24	8
Roseau	3	4	5	4	4	11	0
Scott	31	22	12	12	19	23	4
Sherburne	19	19	18	14	19	26	6
Sibley	3	3	4	3	5	4	1
Southwest HHS	59	34	30	33	45	42	8
St. Louis	214	134	116	109	122	108	54
Stearns	64	46	45	36	52	55	24
Stevens	5	5	8	3	4	5	2
Swift	5	6	5	8	10	11	1
Todd	17	13	9	9	12	7	1
Traverse	1	1	3	1	1	4	2
Wabasha	3	4	0	2	5	3	0
Wadena	21	14	14	11	11	21	6
Washington	36	29	20	20	36	49	17
Watonwan	7	10	3	4	9	13	9
Western Prairie Human Services	12	3	6	7	11	5	1
White Earth Nation	42	24	34	30	40	27	14
Wilkin	3	5	1	3	8	3	2
Winona	24	19	17	16	20	18	11
Wright	33	29	26	33	45	37	16
Yellow Medicine	3	2	2	4	3	4	1
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>707</b>

Note: Age is calculated at entry for those children/youth who entered during the year, or the first of the year for those children/youth who continued in care from a previous year.

**Table 9. Number and percent of children/youth in care by disability status, 2022**

	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
No determined condition/known disability	6,925	61.6%
Emotional disorder/mental illness	3,280	29.2%
Developmental disability	1,369	12.2%
Other diagnosed condition (not specified)	894	8.0%
Physical disability	244	2.2%
Chemical dependency	191	1.7%

Note: Children can have multiple disability conditions and be counted in multiple categories. Column totals provide unduplicated counts of children.

## Reasons for entering care

Children enter out-of-home care for many different reasons. Most are due to behavior of parent/s or caregiver, and a few are due to behavior and needs of children. Generally, removal due to a parental reason is a result of factors that compromise ability of parents or caregivers to provide safety for their children. This may include caregiver drug use, alleged abuse or neglect of the child, incarceration or parental mental health needs. Less often, when children enter care as a result of their behavior or need, it's typically a result of factors that impact the ability of the child to remain safe while in their home or jeopardizes safety of community members. Usually, these children have special needs such as mental health and/or substance abuse requiring specialized treatment. Table 10 provides information on the primary reasons for children's removals into out-of-home care in Minnesota. Table 11 provides information by agency using groupings of primary removal reasons.

**Table 10. Number and percent of placement entries by primary reason, 2022**

Primary removal reason group	Primary removal reason	Number	Percent
<b>All reasons</b>	<b>All reasons</b>	<b>4,644</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Abandonment	Abandonment	113	2.4
Abandonment	Caretaker failure to return	12	0.3
Access to services	Inadequate housing	62	1.3
Access to services	Homelessness	8	0.2
Access to services	Inadequate access to medical services	4	0.1
Access to services	Inadequate access to mental health services	4	0.1
Alleged neglect	Alleged neglect	588	12.7
Alleged neglect	Alleged educational neglect	24	0.5
Alleged neglect	Alleged medical neglect	21	0.5
Alleged abuse	Alleged physical abuse	482	10.4
Alleged abuse	Alleged domestic violence	70	1.5
Alleged abuse	Alleged psychological/emotional abuse	15	0.3
Alleged sexual abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	158	3.4
Alleged sexual abuse	Alleged sex trafficking	3	0.1
Caretaker detainment/death	Caretaker incarceration	82	1.8
Caretaker detainment/death	Caretaker death	41	0.9
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker drug abuse	1,410	30.4
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Prenatal drug exposure	162	3.5
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Caretaker alcohol abuse	151	3.3
Caretaker drug/alcohol	Prenatal alcohol exposure	4	0.1
Caretaker impairment/illness	Caretaker significant impairment - mental health	181	3.9
Caretaker impairment/illness	Caretaker significant impairment - physical health	42	0.9
Caretaker impairment/illness	Caretaker significant impairment - cognitive/intellectual	14	0.3
Child behavioral health	Child mental health issues	460	9.9
Child behavioral health	Child behavior problem	187	4.0
Child behavioral health	Child behavior problem - delinquency	129	2.8
Child behavioral health	Child drug abuse	30	0.6
Child behavioral health	Child diagnosed condition	29	0.6
Child behavioral health	Child alcohol abuse	1	0.0
Other reason	Unknown	66	1.4

Primary removal reason group	Primary removal reason	Number	Percent
Other reason	Child runaway	49	1.1
Other reason	Child requested placement	30	0.6
Other reason	Voluntary relinquishment of parental rights	10	0.2
Other reason	Child whereabouts unknown	1	0.0
Other reason	Family conflict re: child's sexual orientation/gender ID/expression	1	0.0

**Table 11. Number of placement entries by primary reason group and agency, 2022**

Agency	Abandonment	Access to services	Alleged neglect	Alleged abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker detainment / death	Caretaker drug / alcohol	Caretaker impairment / illness	Child behavioral health	Other reason	Total
Aitkin	3	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	3	2	16
Anoka	5	1	19	13	5	10	74	6	49	6	188
Becker	1	1	5	3	1	1	18	0	7	1	38
Beltrami	3	0	3	6	0	1	54	3	13	12	95
Benton	1	0	5	0	4	0	21	1	7	3	42
Big Stone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Blue Earth	2	1	7	10	0	1	41	4	10	1	77
Brown	0	0	12	15	1	0	8	0	9	0	45
Carlton	1	2	5	10	0	0	6	0	20	1	45
Carver	0	0	3	7	0	1	23	1	12	3	50
Cass	0	0	11	4	0	0	27	0	7	2	51
Chippewa	1	0	4	0	0	0	19	0	4	1	29
Chisago	3	3	9	3	0	0	6	0	3	0	27
Clay	1	6	18	4	2	6	25	1	18	11	92
Clearwater	0	0	6	6	0	0	2	0	1	0	15
Cook	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	5
Crow Wing	1	0	9	6	0	2	47	8	15	2	90
Dakota	5	10	10	22	2	6	42	1	24	1	123
Des Moines Valley HHS	0	0	0	4	0	1	4	1	5	1	16
Douglas	1	0	21	1	0	0	2	3	6	3	37
Faribault-Martin	1	13	5	4	0	3	26	3	11	0	66
Freeborn	1	0	3	3	2	0	18	0	7	0	34
Goodhue	1	0	5	9	0	6	8	0	5	0	34
Hennepin	12	1	68	152	44	15	257	58	53	6	666
Houston	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Hubbard	0	3	2	5	0	0	22	2	7	0	41
Isanti	1	0	6	3	0	0	1	2	7	1	21
Itasca	0	3	12	1	0	2	32	5	45	13	113
Kanabec	1	0	4	1	0	0	7	1	7	1	22
Kandiyohi	2	0	7	11	1	2	39	5	15	0	82

Agency	Abandonment	Access to services	Alleged neglect	Alleged abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker detainment / death	Caretaker drug / alcohol	Caretaker impairment / illness	Child behavioral health	Other reason	Total
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Koochiching	0	3	10	1	0	0	14	1	17	0	46
Lac qui Parle	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	8
Lake	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8
Lake of the Woods	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	14
Le Sueur	0	0	0	1	0	0	15	0	9	0	25
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	0	3	0	5	37	0	0	1	46
Mahnomen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	9
McLeod	0	0	3	1	0	2	13	0	4	0	23
Meeker	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	8
Mille Lacs	4	1	4	4	2	2	27	1	11	3	59
MN Prairie	0	0	16	8	0	0	25	1	10	1	61
Morrison	1	0	4	6	4	0	16	0	12	1	44
Mower	0	1	2	4	3	0	29	1	1	0	41
Nicollet	0	0	10	7	2	0	15	0	4	0	38
Nobles	0	0	0	3	0	1	5	0	5	0	14
Norman	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8
Olmsted	2	1	5	4	0	0	31	8	26	0	77
Otter Tail	1	7	1	10	3	0	29	4	5	3	63
Pennington	2	0	0	5	1	0	2	0	2	0	12
Pine	2	0	7	5	4	1	7	1	0	0	27
Polk	0	0	17	11	2	3	24	2	10	0	69
Ramsey	11	2	51	27	26	10	37	29	61	15	269
Red Lake County	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Renville	0	0	0	3	0	2	16	2	1	0	24
Rice	1	0	19	14	5	3	30	11	15	3	101
Roseau	1	0	3	0	0	0	7	4	1	0	16
Scott	6	2	10	14	1	5	13	8	8	5	72
Sherburne	2	0	13	5	4	3	20	0	7	0	54
Sibley	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	1	9
Southwest HHS	3	1	22	17	3	6	42	3	16	1	114
St. Louis	7	8	47	28	11	6	165	11	90	13	386
Stearns	5	1	30	28	9	5	27	12	21	5	143
Stevens	0	0	1	3	0	2	6	1	4	0	17
Swift	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	11
Todd	0	0	4	7	0	0	12	0	11	0	34
Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	5
Wabasha	0	0	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	2	11
Wadena	0	1	7	2	1	4	27	2	21	4	69
Washington	2	1	7	1	0	0	28	5	29	9	82

Agency	Abandonment	Access to services	Alleged neglect	Alleged abuse	Alleged sexual abuse	Caretaker detainment / death	Caretaker drug / alcohol	Caretaker impairment / illness	Child behavioral health	Other reason	Total
Watowan	0	0	7	1	1	0	4	0	5	3	21
Western Prairie Human Services	0	0	4	1	0	0	11	0	2	0	18
White Earth Nation	0	0	3	8	5	2	15	0	8	0	41
Wilkin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	10
Winona	1	3	18	9	3	0	26	2	4	0	66
Wright	1	1	9	7	3	2	34	13	14	4	88
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	3	0	11
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4,644</b>

Note: At the time of data analysis, there were 66 continuous placement episodes where a primary reason for removal from the home was not yet selected, and these are included in the “other reason” category.

## Case management services

Case management services are provided for families with children in out-of-home care for more than 30 days. Services are customized based on reasons for placement, including child protection, specialized treatment for mental health concerns or developmental disabilities, and juvenile corrections.

While children are in care, county and Tribal agency staff work with them, their family and providers to develop a comprehensive out-of-home placement plan (OHPP). This is the case plan that drives services that children and families receive; it outlines all specific provisions that must be met for children to safely return home. There are often safety requirements that families must meet or exceed for children to return home.

Out-of-home placement plans are completed:

- Within 30 days of the child’s initial placement
- Jointly with caregivers
- Jointly with child, when of appropriate age, and
- In consultation with guardian ad litem, foster parent, and Tribe, if the child is American Indian.

For placements with court involvement, OHPPs receive court approval and are reviewed every 90 days while children remain in care to ensure that adequate and appropriate services are provided.

An independent living skills (ILS) plan for children ages 14 or older is also required. This plan is developed with the youth, caseworker, caregiver/s, and other supportive adults in the youth’s life to encourage continued development of independent living skills, and life-long connections with family, community and Tribe. Specific independent living skills include, but are not limited to, the following: educational, vocational or employment planning; transportation; money management; health care and medical coverage; housing; and social and/or recreation. It does not conflict with or replace the goal of achieving permanency for youth. (See Minnesota Statutes 260C.212, subd. 1(c)(12).)

Additional services for youth, based on eligibility, include:

- Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth (STAY): Helps current or former foster youth prepare for a successful transition to adulthood, including independent living skills training, housing, transportation, permanent connections, age-appropriate social/recreational activities, education and employment services for youth ages 14-22. (See [Minnesota Statutes 260C.452.](#)) These services can be provided by county, Tribal or contracted community agencies.
- Education and Training Voucher (ETV): Current and former foster youth can get up to \$5,000 per school year for post-secondary education at colleges, universities, vocational, technical or trade schools.
- Extended Foster Care (EFC): Eligible youth may stay in foster care up to age 21. They may remain in their current setting, or an unlicensed supervised independent living setting such as an apartment or dorm, in which the agency would provide the foster care maintenance payment directly to the youth or to other vendors on their behalf. Youth continue to receive case management services including monthly face-to-face visits from their assigned caseworker. (See [Minn. Stat., section 260C.451.](#))

## Caseworker visits with children in out-of-home care

Caseworkers are required to meet monthly with children in out-of-home placement. Monthly visits are critical to children remaining safe, achieving successful and timely reunification, or reaching alternative means of permanency. Visits provide opportunities for caseworkers to monitor children’s safety, stability of placement, progress on services provided and well-being while in care. Children are often seen more than monthly, depending on needs of child, family or placement provider.

**Table 12. Percent of required months in which children received a monthly caseworker visit by agency, 2022**

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Aitkin	229	138	60.3
Anoka	2,241	2,132	95.1
Becker	1,031	997	96.7
Beltrami	1,636	1,370	83.7
Benton	437	431	98.6
Big Stone	94	93	98.9
Blue Earth	925	923	99.8
Brown	397	392	98.7
Carlton	646	544	84.2
Carver	657	596	90.7
Cass	724	694	95.9
Chippewa	409	387	94.6
Chisago	465	415	89.2
Clay	1,158	1,080	93.3
Clearwater	238	169	71.0
Cook	52	41	78.8
Crow Wing	1,150	1,120	97.4
Dakota	1,751	1,651	94.3
Des Moines Valley HHS	252	252	100.0
Douglas	403	396	98.3
Faribault-Martin	957	918	95.9
Fillmore	65	63	96.9

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Required months</b>	<b>Months with a visit</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Freeborn	688	668	97.1
Goodhue	537	525	97.8
Hennepin	12,323	11,298	91.7
Houston	148	139	93.9
Hubbard	357	333	93.3
Isanti	381	353	92.7
Itasca	1,125	814	72.4
Kanabec	292	260	89.0
Kandiyohi	1,252	1,183	94.5
Kittson	32	32	100.0
Koochiching	388	350	90.2
Lac qui Parle	33	33	100.0
Lake	96	89	92.7
Lake of the Woods	62	59	95.2
Le Sueur	354	354	100.0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	1,234	675	54.7
Mahnomen	33	31	93.9
Marshall	30	28	93.3
McLeod	446	435	97.5
Meeker	196	190	96.9
Mille Lacs	980	927	94.6
MN Prairie	904	872	96.5
Morrison	638	635	99.5
Mower	419	408	97.4
Nicollet	435	426	97.9
Nobles	76	59	77.6
Norman	113	97	85.8
Olmsted	1,031	1,028	99.7
Otter Tail	788	729	92.5
Pennington	170	155	91.2
Pine	620	327	52.7
Polk	513	502	97.9
Ramsey	5,506	4,553	82.7
Red Lake County	2	2	100.0
Renville	290	273	94.1
Rice	1,106	796	72.0
Roseau	148	147	99.3
Scott	504	477	94.6
Sherburne	778	770	99.0
Sibley	121	120	99.2
Southwest HHS	1,705	1,620	95.0
St. Louis	5,171	4,227	81.7
Stearns	1,753	1,631	93.0

Agency	Required months	Months with a visit	Percent
Stevens	199	197	99.0
Swift	271	258	95.2
Todd	425	406	95.5
Traverse	58	58	100.0
Wabasha	60	60	100.0
Wadena	378	363	96.0
Washington	1,182	1,139	96.4
Watonwan	294	284	96.6
Western Prairie Human Services	280	261	93.2
White Earth Nation	1,484	1,204	81.1
Wilkin	142	134	94.4
Winona	642	617	96.1
Wright	1,235	1,173	95.0
Yellow Medicine	86	86	100.0
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>69,175</b>	<b>60,316</b>	<b>87.2</b>

Note: Caseworker visit calculations include only children under age 18.

## Placement experiences

Once a child was removed from their home or prior to removal, whenever possible, caseworkers determine a location that is a safe and stable placement. A variety of out-of-home care settings vary on overall level of restrictiveness, as well as types of services provided. These settings range from family-type, including foster homes, to more intensive settings like residential treatment centers. Children may experience multiple placement setting types during a single episode, depending on their unique needs.

Minnesota Statutes dictate that when placing children, agencies must first consider placing them with suitable individuals who are related to them, then consider individuals with whom they may have had significant contact. (See [Minnesota Statutes 260C.212, subd. 2 \(a\).](#)) Numerous factors regarding children's overall well-being, such as their educational, medical, developmental, religious and cultural needs, as well as personal preference, if old enough, are considered. Table 13 provides information about racial diversity of individuals providing family foster care to children in placement in Minnesota for at least one day.

**Table 13. Race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value) of providers who had an active placement by agency, 2022**

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown / declined	Total	Hispanic / Latinx (any race)
Aitkin	*	9	*	*	22	17	44	*
Anoka	26	10	*	10	169	75	285	*
Becker	*	10	*	*	70	25	103	*
Beltrami	*	61	*	14	74	38	181	*
Benton	*	*	*	*	41	24	68	*
Big Stone	*	*	*	*	8	*	13	*
Blue Earth	10	*	*	*	79	27	114	9

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown / declined	Total	Hispanic / Latinx (any race)
Brown	*	*	*	*	31	20	50	*
Carlton	*	17	*	9	33	38	89	*
Carver	*	*	*	*	50	65	115	*
Cass	*	14	*	*	39	37	90	*
Chippewa	*	*	*	*	30	11	47	*
Chisago	*	*	*	*	52	14	66	*
Clay	15	*	*	*	75	46	135	9
Clearwater	*	*	*	*	15	10	28	*
Cook	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Crow Wing	*	*	*	*	94	32	130	*
Dakota	20	*	*	*	87	136	229	11
Des Moines Valley HHS	*	*	*	*	19	20	38	*
Douglas	*	*	*	*	41	21	62	*
Faribault-Martin	*	*	*	*	78	40	114	8
Fillmore	*	*	*	*	*	10	14	*
Freeborn	*	*	*	*	46	19	68	8
Goodhue	*	*	*	*	47	21	70	*
Hennepin	465	130	36	84	585	201	1,357	80
Houston	*	*	*	*	15	20	35	*
Hubbard	*	*	*	*	35	18	60	*
Isanti	*	*	*	*	36	23	61	*
Itasca	*	*	*	*	72	43	121	*
Kanabec	*	*	*	*	18	17	35	*
Kandiyohi	*	*	*	*	115	26	143	29
Kittson	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Koochiching	*	*	*	*	28	21	52	*
Lac qui Parle	*	*	*	*	*	7	11	*
Lake	*	*	*	*	11	14	25	*
Lake of the Woods	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*
Le Sueur	*	*	*	*	33	20	53	*
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	*	57	*	11	31	33	119	*
Mahnomen	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Marshall	*	*	*	*	*	9	10	*
McLeod	*	*	*	*	34	9	46	*
Meeker	*	*	*	*	15	22	36	*
Mille Lacs	*	32	*	10	46	42	121	*
MN Prairie	11	*	*	*	91	29	132	*
Morrison	*	*	*	*	52	29	82	*
Mower	10	*	*	*	41	14	63	9
Nicollet	*	*	*	*	38	21	62	*
Nobles	*	*	*	*	14	7	24	7
Norman	*	*	*	*	7	*	12	*

Agency	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown / declined	Total	Hispanic / Latinx (any race)
Olmsted	17	*	*	*	91	51	159	*
Otter Tail	*	*	*	*	77	25	106	*
Pennington	*	*	*	*	14	9	22	*
Pine	*	13	*	*	37	24	74	*
Polk	*	*	*	*	36	28	71	*
Ramsey	198	17	50	38	260	146	663	43
Red Lake County	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*
Renville	*	*	*	*	26	19	44	*
Rice	8	*	*	*	89	33	131	9
Roseau	*	*	*	*	9	12	23	*
Scott	8	*	*	*	44	35	91	*
Sherburne	8	*	*	*	51	32	90	*
Sibley	*	*	*	*	16	7	23	*
Southwest HHS	*	24	*	10	92	59	169	8
St. Louis	17	60	*	28	336	*	528	*
Stearns	35	*	*	12	154	90	279	8
Stevens	*	*	*	*	20	10	33	*
Swift	*	*	*	*	33	15	49	*
Todd	*	*	*	*	37	15	54	*
Traverse	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Wabasha	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	*
Wadena	*	*	*	*	49	22	71	*
Washington	19	*	*	*	73	83	170	*
Watonwan	*	*	*	*	27	21	48	11
Western Prairie Human Services	*	*	*	*	23	10	34	*
White Earth Nation	*	58	*	12	49	50	134	*
Wilkin	*	*	*	*	10	19	28	*
Winona	*	*	*	*	70	39	111	*
Wright	*	*	*	*	104	61	166	7
Yellow Medicine	*	*	*	*	13	*	21	*
Minnesota	946	730	129	359	4,427	2,493	8,481	358

Note: If the number of families is less than seven when data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity and agency, it is not shown to prevent identification of individuals. Totals include omitted data.

Note: Cells will not sum to the column or row totals, as provider homes are counted across both race/ethnicity groupings and child welfare agencies. Row and column totals show unduplicated counts of individual homes.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown includes overlapping racial categories. A client may be counted in any row or column for any racial or ethnicity value they identified with. If a client identified with multiple race or ethnicity values, they will be counted in each relevant racial/ethnic category.

Placement in the least restrictive, most home-like environment is preferred, whenever possible. This includes foster family homes with both relatives and non-relatives, including those that are in preparation for adoption and transfer of permanent and legal custody to both relatives and non-relatives. Other types of settings, such as group homes, residential treatment centers and correctional facilities are more restrictive and less common than family foster care. The remaining settings prepare children for independent living.

**Table 14. Number of children/youth by location setting and agency, 2022**

Agency	Juvenile correctional facility	Foster family home (non-relative)	Foster family home (relative)	Group home	Intermediate care facility (IFC) for DD	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential SUD program with parent	Residential treatment center	Supervised independent living
Aitkin	2	12	4	5	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
Anoka	27	93	74	10	0	2	4	5	5	22	2
Becker	6	15	16	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1
Beltrami	12	50	40	11	0	1	0	16	1	16	2
Benton	1	22	9	6	0	1	6	2	0	4	1
Big Stone	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Blue Earth	2	36	43	4	0	2	1	1	0	7	0
Brown	1	24	11	2	0	0	2	2	0	10	0
Carlton	0	5	18	12	0	0	0	2	0	15	3
Carver	5	8	27	4	0	0	3	1	1	4	3
Cass	2	17	24	5	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
Chippewa	2	9	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Chisago	0	14	13	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1
Clay	24	46	18	3	0	7	1	0	0	2	1
Clearwater	2	3	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cook	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Crow Wing	1	38	38	5	0	4	3	3	5	8	1
Dakota	6	56	56	13	0	6	6	0	0	13	0
Des Moines Valley HHS	1	5	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Douglas	3	21	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Faribault-Martin	1	31	38	4	0	1	1	2	0	5	1
Freeborn	0	11	18	1	0	0	1	1	0	5	0
Goodhue	0	19	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Hennepin	9	231	360	45	0	3	7	75	1	35	22
Houston	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Hubbard	1	20	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Isanti	0	10	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	0
Itasca	18	46	16	4	0	1	2	0	2	32	3
Kanabec	1	6	6	2	0	0	0	4	0	5	1
Kandiyohi	6	31	43	7	0	1	8	0	0	7	0
Kittson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koochiching	3	15	6	2	0	1	2	11	0	11	1
Lac qui Parle	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Lake	0	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

Agency	Juvenile correctional facility	Foster family home (non-relative)	Foster family home (relative)	Group home	Intermediate care facility (IFC) for DD	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential SUD program with parent	Residential treatment center	Supervised independent living
Lake of the Woods	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Le Sueur	5	8	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	33	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mahnomen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
McLeod	0	6	12	2	0	1	0	2	0	4	0
Meeker	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mille Lacs	12	28	16	7	0	0	2	2	0	4	2
MN Prairie	2	15	39	1	0	1	5	0	0	8	0
Morrison	0	18	18	2	0	4	2	0	0	9	2
Mower	0	22	27	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Nicollet	0	10	21	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0
Nobles	1	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Norman	0	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olmsted	13	21	33	3	0	2	5	0	0	10	1
Otter Tail	2	33	22	3	0	2	1	7	0	3	0
Pennington	3	7	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Pine	0	15	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Polk	5	25	37	0	0	0	0	5	0	6	0
Ramsey	47	97	113	28	0	1	7	11	0	15	0
Red Lake County	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Renville	0	8	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Rice	6	40	62	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
Roseau	1	5	7	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Scott	17	13	39	1	0	2	1	9	0	2	1
Sherburne	2	26	27	6	0	0	0	8	0	4	0
Sibley	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Southwest HHS	3	64	49	10	1	1	6	2	0	6	0
St. Louis	5	144	145	66	0	2	1	11	4	57	6
Stearns	3	62	87	18	0	0	0	3	0	15	0
Stevens	1	4	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
Swift	1	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Todd	6	11	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Traverse	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Agency	Juvenile correctional facility	Foster family home (non-relative)	Foster family home (relative)	Group home	Intermediate care facility (IFC) for DD	Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	Pre-adoptive home (relative)	Pre-kinship home (relative)	Residential SUD program with parent	Residential treatment center	Supervised independent living
Wabasha	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wadena	13	12	32	2	0	0	1	7	0	2	0
Washington	8	21	37	11	0	0	0	3	0	18	2
Watonwan	1	9	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Western Prairie Human Services	1	6	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
White Earth Nation	1	25	18	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Wilkin	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Winona	1	26	34	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	1
Wright	6	39	46	4	0	0	0	1	0	10	2
Yellow Medicine	0	2	8	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>2,127</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>70</b>

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2022.

Note: Children can be in multiple different location settings over the course of the year. Children are counted in each location setting they experienced.

**Table 15. Number of children/youth by location setting and race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value), 2022**

Location setting	African American / Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown/ declined	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Juvenile correctional facility	63	43	8	66	125	6	311	27
Foster family home (non-relative)	241	326	26	486	692	38	1,809	172
Foster family home (relative)	293	337	37	585	836	33	2,121	236
Group home	57	51	2	89	144	7	350	36
Intermediate care facility (ICF) for DD	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pre-adoptive home (non-relative)	5	4	0	13	28	1	51	14
Pre-adoptive home (relative)	12	3	2	19	52	1	89	11
Pre-kinship home (relative)	31	47	4	63	73	3	221	23
Residential SUD program with parent	0	3	0	15	10	0	28	1

Location setting	African American / Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Unknown/ declined	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Residential treatment center	40	49	3	81	285	10	468	33
Supervised independent living	15	14	2	12	26	1	70	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4,387</b>	<b>437</b>

Note: This table includes only children entering out-of-home care in 2022.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. ‘Hispanic/Latinx (any race)’ shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

## Permanency planning

Permanency planning begins as soon as a child enters out-of-home care. Most frequently, reunification is the primary permanency goal; however, concurrent permanency planning for other options is best practice. When reunification is not possible, and adoption is determined to be the appropriate permanency option for a child, the court must order a termination of parental rights (TPR), severing the legal parent-child relationship, or accept parents’ consent to adoption. The court must also order guardianship of the child to the department’s commissioner.

Children under guardianship of the commissioner are referred to as state wards. The commissioner is the temporary guardian of these children until adopted. Adoption is the only permanency option for children under guardianship of the commissioner.<sup>1</sup> As designated agents of the commissioner, county and Tribal social service agencies are responsible for safety, placement and well-being of these children, including identifying appropriate adoptive parents and working with these parents, courts and others to facilitate the adoption process. This process may be lengthy. Children may remain under guardianship for months or years, or until they turn age 18 and either age out of the foster care system or continue in extended foster care. Once youth turn 18, they are no longer under guardianship of the commissioner. The following tables provide information on:

- The number of children entering into guardianship, continuing in guardianship from the prior year and the total experiencing guardianship by agency
- The rate per 1,000 children in the population experiencing guardianship
- The number and percent of children under the guardianship of the commissioner and the rate per 1,000 children in the population by race/ethnicity
- The number of children under the guardianship of the commissioner by age.

**Table 16. Number and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by agency, 2022**

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Aitkin	2	4	6	2,550	2.4
Anoka	36	51	87	86,424	1.0

<sup>1</sup> The exception is when a court determines that re-establishing parental rights is the most appropriate permanency option. There are specific eligibility criteria that must be met prior to making this determination, including age of child, length of time in care post-termination of parental rights, and whether parent has corrected conditions that led to termination of parental rights. See [Minnesota Statutes 260C.329](#) for information.

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Becker	5	21	26	8,371	3.1
Beltrami	4	4	8	11,498	0.7
Benton	13	19	32	10,504	3.0
Big Stone	1	1	2	1,116	1.8
Blue Earth	21	23	44	13,608	3.2
Brown	10	9	19	5,691	3.3
Carlton	6	7	13	7,991	1.6
Carver	12	7	19	27,627	0.7
Cass	2	17	19	6,258	3.0
Chippewa	10	12	22	3,018	7.3
Chisago	21	13	34	12,866	2.6
Clay	19	38	57	16,259	3.5
Clearwater	1	4	5	2,178	2.3
Cook	0	0	0	825	--
Crow Wing	20	20	40	13,913	2.9
Dakota	20	53	73	105,526	0.7
Des Moines Valley HHS	1	9	10	5,074	2.0
Douglas	8	6	14	8,371	1.7
Faribault-Martin	3	26	29	7,475	3.9
Fillmore	2	1	3	5,197	0.6
Freeborn	19	13	32	6,712	4.8
Goodhue	7	11	18	10,531	1.7
Hennepin	115	327	442	272,511	1.6
Houston	0	7	7	4,077	1.7
Hubbard	0	7	7	4,585	1.5
Isanti	1	8	9	9,699	0.9
Itasca	9	12	21	9,086	2.3
Kanabec	1	6	7	3,443	2.0
Kandiyohi	31	20	51	10,627	4.8
Kittson	0	1	1	928	1.1
Koochiching	6	2	8	2,086	3.8
Lac qui Parle	0	0	0	1,417	--
Lake	0	2	2	2,112	0.9
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	745	--
Le Sueur	3	7	10	6,683	1.5
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	0	2,233	--
MN Prairie	14	27	41	18,705	2.2
Mahnomen	1	0	1	1,686	0.6
Marshall	0	0	0	2,065	--
McLeod	8	14	22	8,112	2.7
Meeker	2	10	12	5,544	2.2
Mille Lacs	2	4	6	6,240	1.0
Morrison	12	18	30	7,785	3.9

Agency	Number of enterers	Number of continuers	Total under guardianship	Child population	Rate per 1,000
Mower	10	13	23	10,076	2.3
Nicollet	8	13	21	7,435	2.8
Nobles	2	3	5	6,159	0.8
Norman	0	0	0	1,530	--
Olmsted	24	42	66	39,204	1.7
Otter Tail	15	21	36	12,981	2.8
Pennington	5	5	10	3,094	3.2
Pine	5	10	15	5,625	2.7
Polk	3	11	14	7,542	1.9
Ramsey	68	209	277	124,879	2.2
Red Lake County	0	0	0	946	--
Renville	1	5	6	3,369	1.8
Rice	5	17	22	14,308	1.5
Roseau	1	0	1	3,589	0.3
Scott	6	7	13	39,998	0.3
Sherburne	0	19	19	25,488	0.7
Sibley	2	1	3	3,369	0.9
Southwest HHS	16	38	54	18,349	2.9
St. Louis	44	73	117	37,024	3.2
Stearns	28	33	61	36,938	1.7
Stevens	4	5	9	2,154	4.2
Swift	4	16	20	2,201	9.1
Todd	3	9	12	6,025	2.0
Traverse	2	2	4	703	5.7
Wabasha	0	3	3	4,691	0.6
Wadena	7	8	15	3,754	4.0
Washington	18	21	39	65,278	0.6
Watonwan	3	6	9	2,776	3.2
Western Prairie Human Services	4	7	11	3,888	2.8
White Earth Nation	0	0	0	2,079	--
Wilkin	0	2	2	1,439	1.4
Winona	5	23	28	8,767	3.2
Wright	3	28	31	39,493	0.8
Yellow Medicine	0	3	3	2,182	1.4
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>1,302,973</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, table CC-EST2022-AGESEX, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2022/counties/asrh/>. Child population information for American Indian Child Welfare Initiative Tribes comes from the 2020 US Census and represents children residing on reservations who indicated American Indian alone or as one of two or more races. There are no intercensal child population estimates for these groups.

**Table 17. Number, percent, and rate per 1,000 of children in guardianship by race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value), 2022**

	African America/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Entered guardianship (N)	99	32	18	221	365	744	110
Continued in guardianship (N)	277	73	41	465	629	1,494	173
Total under guardianship (N)	376	105	59	686	994	2,238	283
Total under guardianship (%)	16.8%	4.7%	2.6%	30.7%	44.4%	100.0%	12.6%
Child population (N)	145,435	27,152	88,660	78,273	963,453	1,302,973	121,470
Child population (%)	11.2%	2.1%	6.8%	6.0%	73.9%	100.0%	9.3%
Per 1,000 rate of children under guardianship	2.6	3.9	0.7	8.8	1.0	1.7	2.3

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial “two or more races” category. ‘Hispanic/Latinx (any race)’ shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

Note: Child population information comes from US Census Bureau population estimates, table SC-EST2022-ALLDATA6, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2022/state/asrh/>

**Table 18. Number and percent of children in guardianship by age, 2022**

Age	Count	Percent
<1	150	6.7
1	246	11.0
2	161	7.2
3	164	7.3
4	156	7.0
5	118	5.3
6	111	5.0
7	113	5.0
8	103	4.6
9	88	3.9
10	105	4.7
11	85	3.8
12	109	4.9
13	115	5.1
14	115	5.1
15	114	5.1
16	104	4.6
17	81	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>100</b>

Note: Age is calculated at age of entry for children who entered guardianship during the year and on the first of the year for children who continued as guardians of the state from a prior year.

## Leaving out-of-home care

This section focuses on children who left out-of-home care in the year. The designation of exiters is used for children who were in out-of-home care and exited during 2022. There were 5,082 unique children in 5,225 placement episodes that ended in 2022 (e.g., some children experienced more than one placement episode that ended during the year).

### Placement moves

During a placement episode, children may move from one location to another to better meet their particular needs. Although moves can create further trauma for children in out-of-home care, some moves are necessary to better ensure safety, provide needed services, and/or allow children to be in a less restrictive environment or achieve permanency. The following data provides information on the number of placement moves experienced within the placement episode for all episodes that ended in the year.

**Table 19. Number of placement episodes in ending in 2022 by number of location moves and agency**

Agency	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total placements
Aitkin	9	11	1	2	0	3	26
Anoka	116	42	20	6	8	9	201
Becker	26	17	10	4	2	6	65
Beltrami	37	27	22	11	3	10	110
Benton	36	4	3	3	0	1	47
Big Stone	7	0	0	0	0	1	8
Blue Earth	34	20	9	2	0	0	65
Brown	20	8	5	1	0	0	34
Carlton	21	8	4	2	1	7	43
Carver	37	10	7	7	2	2	65
Cass	21	11	1	1	0	5	39
Chippewa	10	12	1	0	0	0	23
Chisago	20	9	4	0	0	1	34
Clay	52	20	10	6	1	7	96
Clearwater	10	7	1	3	0	1	22
Cook	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Crow Wing	39	25	16	3	8	3	94
Dakota	69	27	11	5	10	5	127
Des Moines Valley HHS	14	2	5	4	0	2	27
Douglas	13	10	2	0	0	1	26
Faribault-Martin	45	23	16	3	1	2	90
Fillmore	6	2	1	1	0	0	10
Freeborn	16	9	4	3	0	4	36
Goodhue	20	5	3	1	1	2	32
Hennepin	321	199	77	58	34	69	758
Houston	8	4	0	0	1	3	16
Hubbard	31	16	5	3	1	3	59
Isanti	20	13	0	0	0	2	35
Itasca	50	19	8	3	3	7	90

Agency	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total placements
Kanabec	12	1	4	0	0	1	18
Kandiyohi	44	21	19	9	3	3	99
Kittson	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Koochiching	37	17	2	3	0	0	59
Lac qui Parle	5	2	2	1	0	0	10
Lake	4	1	1	0	0	1	7
Lake of the Woods	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Le Sueur	22	9	4	1	0	0	36
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	24	4	10	6	3	8	55
Mahnomen	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	6	2	0	0	0	0	8
McLeod	19	10	4	0	0	1	34
Meeker	6	7	2	1	0	0	16
Mille Lacs	30	19	6	6	4	14	79
MN Prairie	50	22	5	5	3	7	92
Morrison	30	12	8	3	0	2	55
Mower	19	7	6	0	1	1	34
Nicollet	39	13	5	0	0	0	57
Nobles	8	3	2	0	1	0	14
Norman	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Olmsted	49	22	10	2	3	3	89
Otter Tail	37	16	9	1	0	5	68
Pennington	3	0	3	4	0	0	10
Pine	12	5	1	1	2	6	27
Polk	31	13	5	1	3	4	57
Ramsey	164	82	32	24	7	25	334
Red Lake County	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Renville	22	6	0	1	2	0	31
Rice	55	27	6	3	1	1	93
Roseau	13	8	0	1	0	1	23
Scott	56	13	9	1	0	4	83
Sherburne	33	13	6	1	1	2	56
Sibley	8	3	2	0	0	2	15
Southwest HHS	51	30	3	6	1	2	93
St. Louis	235	82	40	30	18	32	437
Stearns	64	46	14	9	2	5	140
Stevens	5	2	5	0	0	0	12
Swift	18	7	2	1	2	3	33
Todd	20	9	3	1	2	0	35
Traverse	3	1	5	0	0	1	10
Wabasha	8	3	1	0	0	1	13
Wadena	38	10	6	0	1	3	58
Washington	65	16	6	6	2	3	98
Watonwan	14	4	6	0	0	2	26

Agency	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total placements
Western Prairie Human Services	9	2	3	1	0	3	18
White Earth Nation	34	27	9	2	5	6	83
Wilkin	4	6	3	0	0	1	14
Winona	32	16	5	6	1	3	63
Wright	53	23	14	2	1	6	99
Yellow Medicine	4	4	1	0	0	0	9
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>5,225</b>

In order to promote stability and minimize trauma related to placement moves, including when a child goes into out-of-home care, it's important to keep children in the same school whenever possible. The following table provides information on the number of new placement locations in the year that resulted in a school change (among school-aged children, 5 through 17 years old), and whether the student was enrolled in the new school within seven days of the move.

**Table 20. Number of placement locations that resulted in a school change among school-aged children and enrollment in new school within seven days by agency, 2022**

Agency	# Placements where school change was needed	# Placements where new school enrollment date was within seven days	% Placements where new school enrollment date was within seven days
Aitkin	22	22	100.0
Anoka	50	42	84.0
Becker	34	32	94.1
Beltrami	67	52	77.6
Benton	14	14	100.0
Big Stone	2	2	100.0
Blue Earth	33	31	93.9
Brown	16	14	87.5
Carlton	25	24	96.0
Carver	26	25	96.2
Cass	29	26	89.7
Chippewa	23	20	87.0
Chisago	14	11	78.6
Clay	23	8	34.8
Clearwater	7	7	100.0
Cook	2	2	100.0
Crow Wing	23	23	100.0
Dakota	8	7	87.5
Des Moines Valley HHS	14	12	85.7
Douglas	17	14	82.4
Faribault-Martin	33	27	81.8
Fillmore	4	3	75.0
Freeborn	16	16	100.0

Agency	# Placements where school change was needed	# Placements where new school enrollment date was within seven days	% Placements where new school enrollment date was within seven days
Goodhue	25	19	76.0
Hennepin	239	135	56.5
Houston	7	5	71.4
Hubbard	19	18	94.7
Isanti	17	13	76.5
Itasca	17	17	100.0
Kanabec	14	13	92.9
Kandiyohi	48	9	18.8
Kittson	3	3	100.0
Koochiching	23	23	100.0
Lac qui Parle	6	6	100.0
Lake	5	4	80.0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	--
Le Sueur	7	7	100.0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	36	22	61.1
Mahnomen	0	0	--
Marshall	8	4	50.0
McLeod	17	14	82.4
Meeker	5	4	80.0
Mille Lacs	35	29	82.9
MN Prairie	38	36	94.7
Morrison	35	35	100.0
Mower	15	15	100.0
Nicollet	15	14	93.3
Nobles	4	3	75.0
Norman	2	2	100.0
Olmsted	58	57	98.3
Otter Tail	35	26	74.3
Pennington	7	4	57.1
Pine	19	10	52.6
Polk	22	21	95.5
Ramsey	163	74	45.4
Red Lake County	0	0	--
Renville	11	7	63.6
Rice	38	27	71.1
Roseau	10	9	90.0
Scott	13	10	76.9
Sherburne	30	21	70.0
Sibley	3	3	100.0
Southwest HHS	37	31	83.8
St. Louis	154	151	98.1
Stearns	118	107	90.7

Agency	# Placements where school change was needed	# Placements where new school enrollment date was within seven days	% Placements where new school enrollment date was within seven days
Stevens	10	10	100.0
Swift	12	11	91.7
Todd	23	22	95.7
Traverse	1	0	0.0
Wabasha	0	0	--
Wadena	21	18	85.7
Washington	54	45	83.3
Watonwan	12	12	100.0
Western Prairie Human Services	5	3	60.0
White Earth Nation	53	42	79.2
Wilkin	14	13	92.9
Winona	25	25	100.0
Wright	37	32	86.5
Yellow Medicine	9	8	88.9
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>78.7</b>

## Reasons for leaving out-of-home care and length of time in care

The following section provides information both about where children went upon exiting out-of-home and how long they were in care.

There are many different permanency outcomes for children exiting out-of-home care. In most circumstances, the preferred option is for children to return to their caregivers, which is called reunification. In certain circumstances, the court may determine that a child is unable to return to their primary caregiver or parent and will either transfer legal and physical custody to a relative, or move to terminate parental rights and move to adoption. Less frequently, youth may reach the age of 18 and either age out of foster care or opt into extended foster care, at which point they will age out of foster care at 21.

**Table 21. Number of placement episodes ending in 2022 by discharge reason, and race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value)**

Discharge reason	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Reunification with parents/primary caretakers	318 (50.5%)	404 (48.1%)	38 (43.7%)	624 (49.7%)	1,278 (54.8%)	2,718 (52.0%)	297 (52.1%)
Adoption finalized	138 (21.9%)	84 (10%)	28 (32.2%)	306 (24.4%)	485 (20.8%)	1,050 (20.1%)	123 (21.6%)
Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	55 (8.7%)	186 (22.1%)	7 (8.0%)	158 (12.6%)	227 (9.7%)	637 (12.2%)	70 (12.3%)

Discharge reason	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
Reached age of majority	71 (11.3%)	61 (7.3%)	10 (11.5%)	73 (5.8%)	199 (8.5%)	416 (8.0%)	50 (8.8%)
Living with other relatives	27 (4.3%)	62 (7.4%)	4 (4.6%)	61 (4.9%)	92 (3.9%)	251 (4.8%)	17 (3.0%)
Transfer to another agency	6 (1.0%)	10 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	13 (1.0%)	30 (1.3%)	60 (1.1%)	5 (0.9%)
Runaway from placement/ placement no longer planned	11 (1.7%)	8 (1.0%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (0.6%)	13 (0.6%)	41 (0.8%)	1 (0.2%)
Guardianship to an unrelated individual	2 (0.3%)	22 (2.6%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.3%)	4 (0.2%)	32 (0.6%)	2 (0.4%)
Residing with non-removal parent/guardian	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (0.4%)	6 (0.3%)	14 (0.3%)	4 (0.7%)
Death of client	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (0.1%)	1 (0.2%)
<b>Total exits</b>	<b>630 (100.0%)</b>	<b>840 (100.0%)</b>	<b>87 (100.0%)</b>	<b>1,256 (100.0%)</b>	<b>2,334 (100.0%)</b>	<b>5,225 (100.0%)</b>	<b>570 (100.0%)</b>

Note: A small number of cases have unknown or declined to provide information on race/ethnicity; these cases are counted in the total.

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial "two or more races" category. 'Hispanic/Latinx (any race)' shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

**Table 22. Number of placement episodes ending in 2022 by discharge reason and agency**

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative (TPLPC)	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Aitkin	15	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	26
Anoka	112	44	15	8	13	7	0	2	201
Becker	27	9	23	5	0	0	0	1	65
Beltrami	58	5	35	5	5	1	0	1	110
Benton	28	17	0	1	1	0	0	0	47
Big Stone	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
Blue Earth	32	26	5	0	2	0	0	0	65
Brown	22	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	34
Carlton	19	3	16	4	1	0	0	0	43

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative (TPLPC)	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Carver	38	9	2	7	7	0	1	1	65
Cass	16	7	4	3	5	0	0	4	39
Chippewa	18	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	23
Chisago	14	12	5	1	1	1	0	0	34
Clay	51	28	4	8	5	0	0	0	96
Clearwater	8	2	6	2	0	1	0	3	22
Cook	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Crow Wing	48	24	9	5	6	1	0	1	94
Dakota	58	37	11	11	8	0	0	2	127
Des Moines Valley HHS	15	7	0	2	2	1	0	0	27
Douglas	15	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	26
Faribault-Martin	51	16	8	7	7	0	1	0	90
Fillmore	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
Freeborn	14	10	4	5	0	1	0	2	36
Goodhue	17	8	0	3	4	0	0	0	32
Hennepin	308	181	117	111	28	5	1	7	758
Houston	8	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	16
Hubbard	38	6	5	4	2	4	0	0	59
Isanti	24	2	4	1	3	0	0	1	35
Itasca	58	12	3	13	4	0	0	0	90
Kanabec	8	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	18
Kandiyohi	54	25	5	8	7	0	0	0	99
Kittson	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Koochiching	40	4	6	5	4	0	0	0	59
Lac qui Parle	6	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	10
Lake	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	7
Lake of the Woods	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	15
Le Sueur	11	6	10	3	2	2	0	2	36
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	26	4	14	1	10	0	0	0	55
MN Prairie	51	24	8	4	4	1	0	0	92
Mahnomen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	8
McLeod	20	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	34
Meeker	7	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	16
Mille Lacs	33	5	3	13	6	2	16	1	79
Morrison	27	15	1	9	1	1	0	1	55

Agency	Reunification with parents/ primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative (TPLPC)	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other (death, runaway, residing with non-removal parent/guardian)	Total episodes ending
Mower	11	11	9	1	2	0	0	0	34
Nicollet	39	11	1	4	1	0	0	1	57
Nobles	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Norman	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Olmsted	33	35	4	8	6	1	1	1	89
Otter Tail	40	16	8	3	0	0	1	0	68
Pennington	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Pine	15	3	5	0	1	1	1	1	27
Polk	42	5	4	4	0	0	0	2	57
Ramsey	143	109	38	25	9	1	1	8	334
Red Lake County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Renville	18	2	5	3	2	1	0	0	31
Rice	66	12	3	3	4	1	0	4	93
Roseau	15	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	23
Scott	56	6	14	3	1	2	1	0	83
Sherburne	33	9	6	5	1	2	0	0	56
Sibley	10	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
Southwest HHS	61	14	10	6	1	0	0	1	93
St. Louis	226	65	66	27	45	2	1	5	437
Stearns	86	22	13	11	3	5	0	0	140
Stevens	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Swift	12	13	3	0	2	2	0	1	33
Todd	23	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	35
Traverse	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Wabasha	7	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	13
Wadena	41	9	0	1	1	4	2	0	58
Washington	50	19	15	7	3	4	0	0	98
Watonwan	17	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	26
Western Prairie Human Services	11	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	18
White Earth Nation	47	22	2	8	3	0	1	0	83
Wilkin	10	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	14
Winona	36	14	4	9	0	0	0	0	63
Wright	47	15	16	8	8	1	0	4	99
Yellow Medicine	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>5,225</b>

Of the children who exit care each year, some children were in care for only a few days while others were in care for multiple years. Table 23 provides information on the length of stay that children were in out-of-home care when they exited care. The length of time that children spend in care is highly variable and may be influenced by the following factors, among others, including:

- Needs of children and family
- Safety concerns
- Availability of resources to help families reach goals in their case plan
- Overall permanency goal/s
- Administrative requirements/barriers, and
- Legal responsibilities/court decisions.

**Table 23. Length of stay for placement episodes ending in 2022 by agency**

Agency	1 to 7 days	8 to 30 days	2 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total episodes ending
Aitkin	0	0	8	5	6	3	4	26
Anoka	39	4	40	23	44	33	18	201
Becker	0	2	6	17	31	5	4	65
Beltrami	0	1	25	19	51	6	8	110
Benton	2	6	6	16	9	6	2	47
Big Stone	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	8
Blue Earth	3	1	6	17	28	10	0	65
Brown	7	3	5	7	8	3	1	34
Carlton	0	0	14	2	13	6	8	43
Carver	3	6	14	14	15	9	4	65
Cass	0	7	7	2	10	5	8	39
Chippewa	5	0	5	5	6	2	0	23
Chisago	4	0	6	5	15	2	2	34
Clay	21	7	11	10	29	8	10	96
Clearwater	0	0	1	8	8	1	4	22
Cook	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Crow Wing	4	4	19	17	30	7	13	94
Dakota	14	5	22	19	28	10	29	127
Des Moines Valley HHS	1	2	5	0	8	8	3	27
Douglas	3	4	1	6	7	4	1	26
Faribault-Martin	10	2	15	22	21	12	8	90
Fillmore	0	0	5	0	2	3	0	10
Freeborn	1	0	7	3	7	9	9	36
Goodhue	1	0	4	8	7	8	4	32
Hennepin	35	20	114	86	197	121	185	758
Houston	0	0	6	5	0	2	3	16
Hubbard	5	3	8	16	16	10	1	59
Isanti	2	3	3	6	16	2	3	35
Itasca	12	4	27	11	13	13	10	90
Kanabec	0	0	5	3	8	1	1	18

Agency	1 to 7 days	8 to 30 days	2 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total episodes ending
Kandiyohi	1	2	16	29	37	9	5	99
Kittson	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Koochiching	3	1	20	18	12	1	4	59
Lac qui Parle	0	0	3	0	6	0	1	10
Lake	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	7
Lake of the Woods	0	0	10	2	2	0	1	15
Le Sueur	3	3	2	6	13	4	5	36
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	7	2	0	7	8	1	30	55
Mahnomen	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Marshall	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	8
McLeod	1	1	4	4	21	2	1	34
Meeker	0	0	3	2	10	0	1	16
Mille Lacs	5	4	13	8	17	12	20	79
MN Prairie	0	4	26	22	27	6	7	92
Morrison	0	5	8	18	20	1	3	55
Mower	0	1	2	15	13	3	0	34
Nicollet	4	9	20	8	13	1	2	57
Nobles	3	2	4	2	2	1	0	14
Norman	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Olmsted	2	2	21	11	32	13	8	89
Otter Tail	3	1	15	16	23	5	5	68
Pennington	0	0	4	0	2	4	0	10
Pine	3	0	2	8	4	4	6	27
Polk	11	4	23	1	6	9	3	57
Ramsey	40	8	34	34	84	61	73	334
Red Lake County	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Renville	0	1	11	4	12	2	1	31
Rice	9	12	36	12	10	8	6	93
Roseau	0	3	11	8	0	1	0	23
Scott	21	6	20	12	19	3	2	83
Sherburne	1	3	9	15	23	1	4	56
Sibley	1	0	1	3	8	2	0	15
Southwest HHS	7	1	19	33	15	8	10	93
St. Louis	47	19	112	44	94	67	54	437
Stearns	24	10	9	31	31	18	17	140
Stevens	0	0	2	6	3	0	1	12
Swift	2	2	10	2	4	6	7	33
Todd	1	3	5	14	5	6	1	35
Traverse	1	3	0	0	2	4	0	10
Wabasha	5	0	3	2	2	0	1	13
Wadena	13	9	17	6	5	4	4	58
Washington	5	7	20	19	27	13	7	98
Watonwan	2	0	8	8	4	2	2	26

Agency	1 to 7 days	8 to 30 days	2 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	13 to 24 months	25 to 36 months	Longer than 36 months	Total episodes ending
Western Prairie Human Services	1	1	3	4	5	4	0	18
White Earth Nation	0	0	8	19	25	10	21	83
Wilkin	3	1	3	2	3	1	1	14
Winona	14	3	9	7	13	11	6	63
Wright	8	4	14	13	33	17	10	99
Yellow Medicine	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	9
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>5,225</b>

Length of time in care also varies by race and ethnicity. Table 24 shows the number and percentage of placement episodes by length of stay, race and ethnicity.

**Table 24. Number of placement episodes ending in 2022 by length of time in care and race/ethnicity (alone, no other race value)**

Length of time	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Two or more races	White	Total	Hispanic/ Latinx (any race)
1 to 7 days	83	56	7	106	156	425	39
8 to 30 days	26	30	3	51	115	228	24
2 to 6 months	104	125	11	225	498	985	103
7 to 12 months	81	104	8	214	426	852	89
13 to 24 months	120	212	32	338	643	1,355	161
25 to 36 months	79	99	12	174	277	645	92
Longer than 36 months	137	214	14	148	219	735	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>570</b>

Note on race and ethnicity categories: This breakdown relies on exclusive racial categories, except Hispanic/Latinx (any race). A client is only counted in a single row or column, based on their identification with a single race value. If a client identified with more than one race value, they will be counted in the multi-racial "two or more races" category. 'Hispanic/Latinx (any race)' shows clients who identified with that ethnicity regardless of exclusive race category.

The length of time that children spend in out-of-home care varies by their permanency outcome on average. Children who are reunified with their parents often have shorter stays in out-of-home care while children who exit to adoption have the longest stays in out-of-home care. Table 25 provides information on length of time in care by discharge reason for children exiting care during the year.

**Table 25. Number and percent of placement episodes ending in 2022 by length of time in care and discharge reason**

Length of time	Reunification with parents/primary caretakers	Adoption and Tribal customary adoption	Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative	Reached age of majority	Living with other relatives	Transfer to another agency	Guardianship to an unrelated individual	Other reasons	Total
1 to 7 days	352 (13.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	56 (22.3%)	9 (15.0%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (13.1%)	425 (8.1%)
8 to 30 days	202 (7.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.5%)	11 (4.4%)	8 (13.3%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (8.2%)	228 (4.4%)
2 to 6 months	855 (31.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.2%)	25 (6.0%)	70 (27.9%)	15 (25.0%)	2 (6.3%)	17 (27.9%)	985 (18.9%)
7 to 12 months	677 (24.9%)	40 (3.8%)	53 (8.3%)	32 (7.7%)	31 (12.4%)	6 (10.0%)	3 (9.4%)	10 (16.4%)	852 (16.3%)
13 to 24 months	489 (18%)	392 (37.3%)	352 (55.3%)	50 (12.0%)	46 (18.3%)	12 (20.0%)	5 (15.6%)	9 (14.8%)	1,355 (25.9%)
25 to 36 months	89 (3.3%)	334 (31.8%)	140 (22.0%)	48 (11.5%)	22 (8.8%)	2 (3.3%)	5 (15.6%)	5 (8.2%)	645 (12.3%)
More than 36 months	54 (2.0%)	284 (27%)	91 (14.3%)	259 (62.3%)	15 (6.0%)	8 (13.3%)	17 (53.1%)	7 (11.5%)	735 (14.1%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,718 (100.0%)</b>	<b>1,050 (100.0%)</b>	<b>637 (100.0%)</b>	<b>416 (100.0%)</b>	<b>251 (100.0%)</b>	<b>60 (100.0%)</b>	<b>32 (100.0%)</b>	<b>61 (100.0%)</b>	<b>5,225 (100.0%)</b>

After achieving permanency, the goal is for children to find stability with those caregivers. Unfortunately, this doesn't always happen, and sometimes children come back into out-of-home care; this is often referred to as reentry. The Children's Bureau uses a measure of reentry into out-of-home care after reunification to monitor the state's performance related to this issue. The measure for 2022 starts with a count of all children who entered out-of-home care in 2020 and reunified in less than 12 months, and then looks to see how many of those children reentered out-of-home care within 12 months of achieving permanency. Table 26 provides information on the federal reentry measure by agency and statewide.

**Table 26. Federal reentry into out-of-home care performance measure by agency, 2022**

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Aitkin	9	0	0.0
Anoka	58	6	10.3
Becker	24	5	20.8
Beltrami	86	8	9.3
Benton	16	2	12.5
Big Stone	1	0	0.0
Blue Earth	36	9	25.0

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Number of children reunified</b>	<b>Number of children reentered</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Brown	23	8	34.8
Carlton	22	2	9.1
Carver	42	5	11.9
Cass	17	4	23.5
Chippewa	7	0	0.0
Chisago	10	2	20.0
Clay	20	6	30.0
Clearwater	23	5	21.7
Cook	5	2	40.0
Crow Wing	23	3	13.0
Dakota	41	5	12.2
Des Moines Valley HHS	20	1	5.0
Douglas	13	0	0.0
Faribault-Martin	39	11	28.2
Fillmore	4	0	0.0
Freeborn	30	0	0.0
Goodhue	20	3	15.0
Hennepin	268	28	10.4
Houston	5	0	0.0
Hubbard	13	2	15.4
Isanti	11	1	9.1
Itasca	48	8	16.7
Kanabec	11	5	45.5
Kandiyohi	39	8	20.5
Kittson	1	0	0.0
Koochiching	27	7	25.9
Lac qui Parle	5	0	0.0
Lake	6	2	33.3
Lake of the Woods	0	0	--
Le Sueur	16	3	18.8
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	3	0	0.0
Mahnomen	2	0	0.0
Marshall	2	0	0.0
McLeod	13	1	7.7
Meeker	5	0	0.0
Mille Lacs	34	7	20.6
MN Prairie	39	8	20.5
Morrison	13	1	7.7
Mower	23	0	0.0
Nicollet	15	2	13.3
Nobles	14	0	0.0
Norman	2	0	0.0
Olmsted	28	7	25.0

Agency	Number of children reunified	Number of children reentered	Percent
Otter Tail	23	2	8.7
Pennington	1	0	0.0
Pine	4	0	0.0
Polk	28	1	3.6
Ramsey	94	12	12.8
Red Lake County	1	0	0.0
Renville	14	1	7.1
Rice	52	11	21.2
Roseau	4	0	0.0
Scott	28	7	25.0
Sherburne	19	3	15.8
Sibley	8	0	0.0
Southwest HHS	16	2	12.5
St. Louis	163	35	21.5
Stearns	84	15	17.9
Stevens	8	1	12.5
Swift	9	0	0.0
Todd	12	4	33.3
Traverse	0	0	--
Wabasha	13	1	7.7
Wadena	21	1	4.8
Washington	45	8	17.8
Watsonwan	11	7	63.6
Western Prairie Human Services	10	1	10.0
White Earth Nation	12	0	0.0
Wilkin	10	2	20.0
Winona	22	4	18.2
Wright	21	1	4.8
Yellow Medicine	14	0	0.0
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>14.9</b>

Note: The federal performance standard for the reentry measure is 8.3% or less. This standard comes from CFSR Round 3.

# Appendix A

**Table 27. American Indian / Alaska Native children/youth in out-of-home care by Tribal affiliation, 2022**

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
All Tribes	All Tribes	4,100
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Canadian Tribe	37
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (cannot identify specific band)	43
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Minnesota Dakota Tribe (cannot identify specific Tribe)	6
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Other U.S. Tribe	54
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Other foreign Tribe	4
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Unknown Dakota, Lakota or Nakota (Sioux)	18
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Unknown Ojibwe, Ojibwa or Chippewa	38
Other, unknown or foreign Tribe	Unknown Tribe	310
Tribe in Alabama	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	14
Tribe in Alaska	Alaskan Native	9
Tribe in Alaska	Algaaciq Native Village (aka St. Mary's)	6
Tribe in Alaska	Ambler, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Anaktuvuk Pass, Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Atqasuk Village	3
Tribe in Alaska	Birch Creek Tribe	3
Tribe in Alaska	Brevig Mission, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Buckland, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	3
Tribe in Alaska	Chinik Eskimo Community (Golovin)	3
Tribe in Alaska	Council, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Crooked Creek, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Curyung Tribal Council	4
Tribe in Alaska	Deering, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Elim, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Goodnews Bay, Native Village of	3

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in Alaska	Hooper Bay, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope	3
Tribe in Alaska	Kaktovik, Village of (aka Barter Island)	3
Tribe in Alaska	Kenaitze Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Alaska	Ketchikan Indian Community	1
Tribe in Alaska	Kiana, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	King Island Native Community	3
Tribe in Alaska	Kobuk, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Koyuk, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Levelock Village	1
Tribe in Alaska	Minto, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Noatak, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Nome Eskimo Community	5
Tribe in Alaska	Noorvik Native Community	3
Tribe in Alaska	Point Hope, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Point Lay, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Portage Creek Village (aka Ohgensakale)	3
Tribe in Alaska	Selawik, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Shaktoolik, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Shishmaref, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Shungnak, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	1
Tribe in Alaska	Solomon, Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	South Naknek Village	4
Tribe in Alaska	St. Michael, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Stebbins Community Association	3
Tribe in Alaska	Teller, Native Village of (aka Mary's Igloo)	7
Tribe in Alaska	Tyonek, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Unalakleet, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Wainwright, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Alaska	Wales, Native Village of	3

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in Alaska	White Mountain, Native Village of	3
Tribe in Arizona	Colorado River Indian Tribes	3
Tribe in Arizona	Fort McDowell Yavapai Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	Gila River Indian Community	1
Tribe in Arizona	Hopi Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	Navajo Nation	25
Tribe in Arizona	Quechan Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in Arizona	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	2
Tribe in Arizona	San Carlos Apache Tribe	34
Tribe in Arizona	Tohono O'Odham Nation	2
Tribe in Arizona	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona	26
Tribe in Arizona	White Mountain Apache Tribe	30
Tribe in Arizona	Yavapai-Apache Nation	25
Tribe in Arizona	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in California	Colorado River Indian Tribes	3
Tribe in California	Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians	3
Tribe in California	Grindstone Rancheria	3
Tribe in California	Hoopa Valley Tribe	1
Tribe in California	Karuk Tribe of California	1
Tribe in California	Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	1
Tribe in California	Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California	1
Tribe in California	Quartz Valley Indian Reservation	1
Tribe in California	Quechan Indian Tribe	1
Tribe in California	Robinson Rancheria	2
Tribe in California	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	1
Tribe in California	Tyme Maidu Tribe (Berry Creek Rancheria)	4
Tribe in California	United Auburn Indian Community	1
Tribe in Colorado	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	4
Tribe in Colorado	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	3
Tribe in Florida	Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida	5
Tribe in Florida	Seminole Tribe of Florida	26

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	1
Tribe in Iowa	Meskwaki Nation	4
Tribe in Kansas	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	5
Tribe in Kansas	Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	2
Tribe in Kansas	Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation	13
Tribe in Kansas	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	4
Tribe in Louisiana	Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana	1
Tribe in Louisiana	Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	1
Tribe in Louisiana	Jena Band of Choctaw Indians	25
Tribe in Louisiana	Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana	1
Tribe in Maine	Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians	1
Tribe in Maine	Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township	5
Tribe in Maine	Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point	3
Tribe in Maine	Penobscot Nation	2
Tribe in Massachusetts	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	2
Tribe in Massachusetts	Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	2
Tribe in Michigan	Bay Mills Indian Community	40
Tribe in Michigan	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	52
Tribe in Michigan	Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan	10
Tribe in Michigan	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	31
Tribe in Michigan	Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	54
Tribe in Michigan	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	2
Tribe in Michigan	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	6
Tribe in Michigan	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi (Gun Lake Tribe)	8
Tribe in Michigan	Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	7
Tribe in Michigan	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	7
Tribe in Michigan	Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan	56
Tribe in Michigan	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan	65
Tribe in Minnesota	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	291
Tribe in Minnesota	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	321
Tribe in Minnesota	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	141

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in Minnesota	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	753
Tribe in Minnesota	Lower Sioux Indian Community of Minnesota	132
Tribe in Minnesota	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	437
Tribe in Minnesota	Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (cannot identify specific band)	43
Tribe in Minnesota	Minnesota Dakota Tribe (cannot identify specific Tribe)	6
Tribe in Minnesota	Prairie Island Indian Community	61
Tribe in Minnesota	Red Lake Nation	927
Tribe in Minnesota	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	92
Tribe in Minnesota	Upper Sioux Community of Minnesota	93
Tribe in Minnesota	White Earth Nation	895
Tribe in Mississippi	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	27
Tribe in Montana	Blackfeet Tribe of Montana	180
Tribe in Montana	Chippewa Cree Tribe	74
Tribe in Montana	Crow Nation	4
Tribe in Montana	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes	61
Tribe in Montana	Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribe of Fort Belknap	1
Tribe in Montana	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	12
Tribe in Montana	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	159
Tribe in Nebraska	Iowa Tribe of Kansas	5
Tribe in Nebraska	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	11
Tribe in Nebraska	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	4
Tribe in Nebraska	Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas and Nebraska	4
Tribe in Nebraska	Santee Sioux Nation	79
Tribe in Nebraska	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	22
Tribe in Nevada	Battle Mountain Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
Tribe in Nevada	Elko Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
Tribe in Nevada	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	3
Tribe in Nevada	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	2
Tribe in Nevada	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	2
Tribe in Nevada	South Fork Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3
Tribe in Nevada	Wells Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	3

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in New Mexico	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	37
Tribe in New Mexico	Jicarilla Apache Nation	27
Tribe in New Mexico	Mescalero Apache Tribe	26
Tribe in New Mexico	Navajo Nation	25
Tribe in New Mexico	Pueblo of Taos	1
Tribe in New Mexico	Ramah Navajo	1
Tribe in New Mexico	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	3
Tribe in New York	Cayuga Nation of New York	2
Tribe in New York	Oneida Indian Nation	5
Tribe in New York	Onondaga Nation	1
Tribe in New York	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	3
Tribe in New York	Seneca Nation of Indians	6
Tribe in New York	Tonawanda Band of Seneca	2
Tribe in North Carolina	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	315
Tribe in North Dakota	Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation	21
Tribe in North Dakota	Spirit Lake Tribe	90
Tribe in North Dakota	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	177
Tribe in North Dakota	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	159
Tribe in Oklahoma	Absentee Shawnee Tribe	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	36
Tribe in Oklahoma	Caddo Nation	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Cherokee Nation	370
Tribe in Oklahoma	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	7
Tribe in Oklahoma	Chickasaw Nation	22
Tribe in Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	59
Tribe in Oklahoma	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	9
Tribe in Oklahoma	Comanche Nation-Oklahoma	12
Tribe in Oklahoma	Delaware Nation	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Delaware Tribe of Indians	5
Tribe in Oklahoma	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	3

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in Oklahoma	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	37
Tribe in Oklahoma	Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kaw Nation	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kialegee Tribal Town	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	8
Tribe in Oklahoma	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	20
Tribe in Oklahoma	Osage Tribe	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Otoe-Missouria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Sac and Fox Nation	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	14
Tribe in Oklahoma	Seneca-Cayuga Nation	4
Tribe in Oklahoma	Shawnee Tribe	3
Tribe in Oklahoma	Thlopthlocco Tribal Town	1
Tribe in Oklahoma	Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	294
Tribe in Oklahoma	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	2
Tribe in Oklahoma	Wyandotte Nation	4
Tribe in Oregon	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	4
Tribe in South Dakota	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	122
Tribe in South Dakota	Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	90
Tribe in South Dakota	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	80
Tribe in South Dakota	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	72
Tribe in South Dakota	Oglala Sioux Tribe	119

State	Tribe	# of children/youth
Tribe in South Dakota	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	172
Tribe in South Dakota	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	164
Tribe in South Dakota	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	177
Tribe in South Dakota	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	159
Tribe in South Dakota	Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	99
Tribe in Texas	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	3
Tribe in Texas	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe in Texas	3
Tribe in Texas	Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo	1
Tribe in Utah	Navajo Nation	25
Tribe in Utah	Ute Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Utah	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	3
Tribe in Virginia	Pamunkey Indian Tribe	3
Tribe in Washington	Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the	1
Tribe in Washington	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	2
Tribe in Washington	Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the	1
Tribe in Wisconsin	Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	91
Tribe in Wisconsin	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	321
Tribe in Wisconsin	Forest County Potawatomi Community	9

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