

2012 Child Welfare Data Book

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Fast Facts for 2012

Child Protective Services

- 67,633* reports of abuse and neglect were received.
- 29,447* reports were referred for investigation. During the FFY, 22,582* assessments were completed.
- 6,332 of the total reports referred were founded for abuse or neglect—involving 10,054 victims.
- 48.5 percent of victims were younger than 6 years old.
- Threat of harm was the largest type of maltreatment incident experienced by victims or (45.2 percent of incidents), followed by neglect incidents (39.7 percent of incidents).

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Family Services

- At 44.2 percent, alcohol and drug issues represented the largest single family stress factor when child abuse/neglect was present.
- The next most common stressors were domestic violence (33.9 percent) and family financial distress (25.0 percent).
- During FFY (federal fiscal year) 2012, a total of 7,532 children were served in their homes, exclusive of children in post-substitute care who were on a trial home visit.
- 40.5 percent of children served with an in-home case during the year received services beyond case-management and safety assessment services while being served in-home.

Foster Care

- 12,385 children spent at least one day in some kind of foster care with an average of 8,524 children on a daily basis.
- 6,239 children were in family foster care on an average daily basis, with 30 percent placed with relatives.

Foster Care (continued)

- Of the total children served in foster care, 66.5 percent were Caucasian, 3.8 percent were Native American, 14.8 percent were Hispanic, 6.8 percent were African American, 1.1 percent were Asian or Pacific Islander and 7.0 percent did not have race recorded.
- 64.3 percent of children in care on September 30, 2012, had two or fewer placements.
- 453 foster children were in either professional shelter programs or residential treatment settings on an average daily basis.
- 1,485 youth received independent living program services.
- 58.1 percent of children leaving foster care were reunited with their families.

Adoption & Guardianship Program

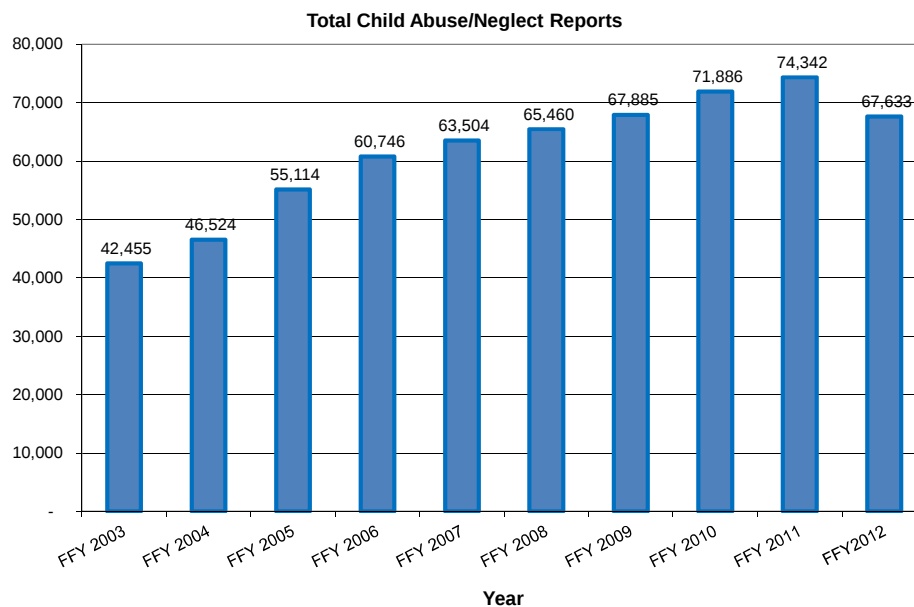
- 667 children had adoptions finalized, with 19.3 percent of those children belonging to ethnic minorities.
- 93.8 percent of children who were adopted during the year and had siblings also adopted during the year were adopted by the same family as one or more of their siblings.
- 273 children exited foster care to a guardianship.

Child Protective Services

Abuse/Neglect Reports and Investigations

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During FFY 2012 DHS received 67,633* reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, a decrease of 9.4* percent from the prior year. Of those, 29,447* reports were referred for investigation.



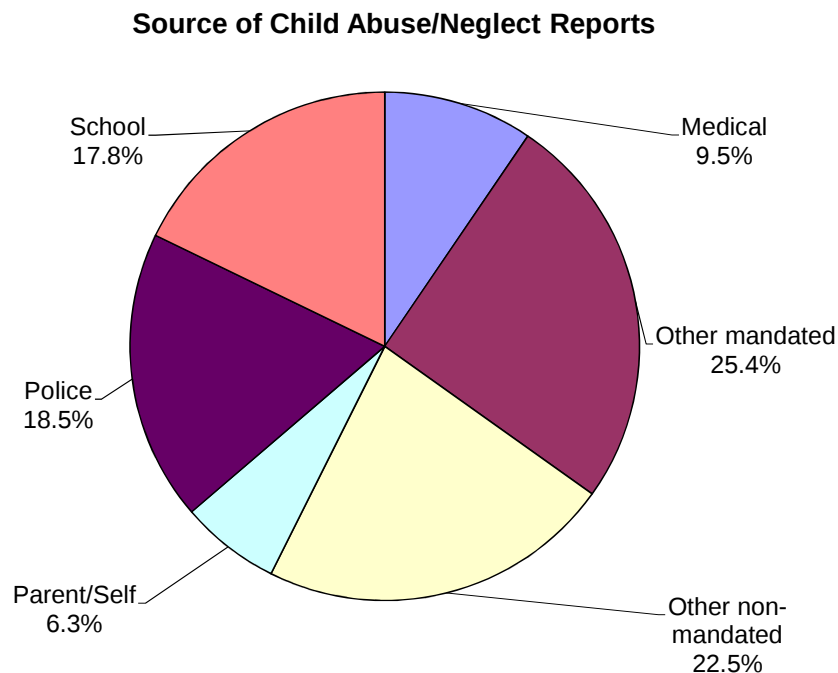
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Of the total reports referred, 6,332 (20.5 percent) were founded for abuse or neglect. The 6,332 founded referrals represent 9.2 percent of the total abuse and neglect reports received. Once there is a founded referral, children are considered victims of child abuse/neglect.

Reporters of Child Abuse/Neglect

During FFY 2012:

- Public and private officials required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect made 71.2 percent of the reports of abuse and neglect received by DHS.
- Of all reports, 36.3 percent came from schools and law enforcement agencies.



Response Time for Investigations

The response time for a worker to make contact is determined by the information collected from the reporter about access the alleged perpetrator has to the child. There are two types of response times — "within 24 hours" and "within 5 days." Nearly three-quarters of investigations (73.3 percent) were assigned a response time of "within 24 hours."

Victims of Abuse and Neglect

There were 10,054 unduplicated child abuse/neglect victims in FFY 2012. Due to the transition to the new case management system, some children who were victimized in 2012 will show up in 2013.

For FFY 2012 most child victims remained in their own homes (74.0 percent), while 26.0 percent of child victims were removed from their homes.

Of the total victims, 10.7 percent remained home with an in-home safety plan and 63.3 percent remained in their homes but the department determined that it was not necessary to open a case to keep the child(ren) safe.

The following data show the key demographics of children who were victims of child abuse/neglect during FFY 2012.

FFY 2012 Victims by Age and Gender

Age	Boys	Girls	Total	Percent of Total
<1	636	583	1,219	12.1%
1	393	388	781	7.8%
2	392	348	740	7.4%
3	392	360	752	7.5%
4	348	340	688	6.8%
5	342	361	703	7.0%
6	305	302	607	6.0%
7	266	273	539	5.4%
8	257	263	520	5.2%
9	211	249	460	4.6%
10	228	208	436	4.3%
11	211	220	431	4.3%
12	188	231	419	4.2%
13	194	241	435	4.3%
14	151	259	410	4.1%
15	125	244	369	3.7%
16	115	215	330	3.3%
17	85	130	215	2.1%
Total	4,839	5,215	10,054	100.0%

During FFY 2012, a total of 4.4 percent of victims were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2012 Race Comparison: Children in Oregon to Child Abuse/Neglect Victims

Race	% of Oregon's children*	% of Victims of child abuse/neglect
African American	2.1%	5.1%
Asian	3.7%	0.7%
Caucasian	65.5%	59.8%
Hispanic (any race)	21.3%	16.1%
Native American	1.3%	2.8%
Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.4%
Two or more race groups	5.6%	na
Unknown/Not Recorded	na	15.1%

*2011 Census Population under 18; U.S. Census

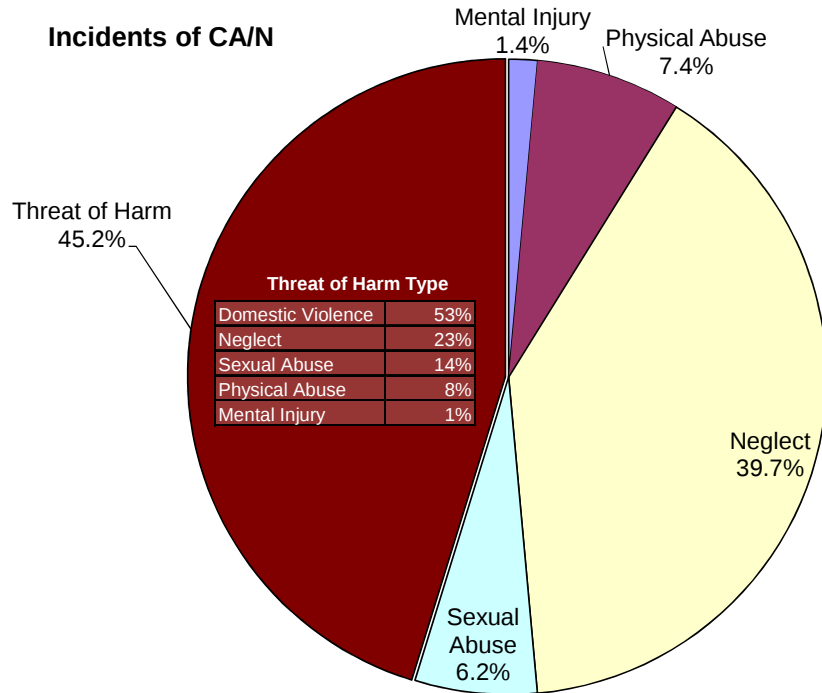
Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect FFY 2010 - FFY 2012

Race/Ethnicity	FFY 2010	FFY 2011	FFY 2012
African American	5.8%	5.1%	5.1%
Asian	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%
Caucasian	59.8%	60.2%	59.8%
Hispanic (any race)	15.3%	16.9%	16.1%
Native American	3.5%	2.2%	2.8%
Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Unknown/Not Recorded	13.9%	14.5%	15.1%

Types of Abuse and Neglect Incidents

Each type of maltreatment experienced by a victim in a founded referral counts as an incident of child abuse/neglect. The number of incidents is larger than the number of victims because victims may have suffered more than one type of maltreatment or may have been involved in more than one founded referral. The total number of incidents of child abuse/neglect decreased by 11.6 percent between FFY 2011 and FFY 2012.

Threat of Harm is the largest category of child abuse/neglect at 45.2 percent, followed by neglect, at 39.7 percent of all incidents of abuse/neglect.



All types of abuse decreased with the exception of neglect.

FFY 2011 - FFY 2012 Incidents of Child Abuse/Neglect

Abuse/Neglect type	FFY2011	FFY2012	Percent Change From Last Year
Mental Injury	184	183	-0.5%
Physical Abuse	977	933	-4.5%
Neglect	4,929	5,015	1.7%
Sexual Abuse	906	782	-13.7%
Threat of Harm	7,288	5,711	-21.6%
Total Incidents	14,284	12,624	-11.6%

Fatalities Related to Familial Child Abuse and Neglect

There were seventeen children who died from causes related to familial/caregiver abuse and/or neglect during FFY 2012.

13 fatalities had at least one parent as a perpetrator. The relationship of the perpetrator(s) to the child:

- o The mother alone was the perpetrator in one fatality
 - o The father alone was the perpetrator in six fatalities
 - o The mother and father were the perpetrators in three fatalities
 - o The mother and step-parent were the perpetrators in one fatality
 - o The mother and live-in-companion were the perpetrators in one fatality
 - o A step-parent alone was the perpetrator in one fatality
 - o Relatives were the perpetrators in two fatalities
 - o Non-relative, non-caregivers were the perpetrators in two fatalities
- Twelve victims (70.6 percent) were age 5 and younger, demonstrating the vulnerability of this age group. Five victims were younger than one year old.
- No child had an open child welfare case at the time of the injury that resulted in the fatality. No child was in the Department's custody at the time of death.
- There were two children who were the subject of a child abuse/neglect referral within one year of the date of death.
- No child's family received family preservation services in the five years preceding the fatality.
- No child had been reunited with the parent or principal caregiver in the previous five years.
- Six fatalities were the result of neglect. Eight fatalities were caused by abuse. Three fatalities were caused by both abuse and neglect.

FFY 2012 Child Fatalities Due to Child Abuse/Neglect

Period	Abuse	Neglect	Abuse & Neglect	Total
FFY 2012	8	6	3	17
FFY 2011	15	4	0	19
FFY 2010	7	12	3	22
FFY 2009	8	3	2	13
FFY 2008	2	10	2	14

Perpetrators of Abuse and Neglect

The perpetrators of child abuse and neglect are most often family members, making up 94.1 percent of all child abuse and neglect perpetrators. Mothers and fathers are the most prevalent perpetrators of child abuse/neglect. They represent 74.7 percent of all perpetrators.

FFY 2012 Perpetrators of Founded Child Abuse/Neglect

Perpetrator Relationship to Victim	Number	Percent
Familial		
Mother	5,616	41.5%
Father	4,488	33.2%
Live-in Companion	972	7.2%
Relative	1,512	11.2%
Foster Parent/Home	104	0.8%
Guardian	28	0.2%
Total Familial	12,720	94.1%
Nonfamilial		
Other	328	2.4%
Neighbor/Friend	334	2.5%
Unknown Perpetrator	132	1.0%
Daycare Provider	6	0.0%
Total Nonfamilial	800	5.9%
Grand Total	13,520	100.0%

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Family Services

Problems facing families

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The major problems facing families of abused and neglected children are drug and/or alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and family financial distress. Many families also have significant law enforcement involvement or unemployment issues. Some parents may have mental illness or were abused as children. There usually are several stress factors in families of child abuse/neglect victims.

Family Stress Factors as a Percent of Founded Abuse

Stress Factor	FFY 2010	FFY 2011	FFY 2012
Parent/caregiver alcohol or drug use	44.4%	46.8%	44.2%
Physical abuse of spouse/fighting	32.6%	35.2%	33.9%
Family Financial Distress	23.4%	24.0%	25.0%
Parent/caregiver involvement with LEA	27.0%	26.4%	24.0%
Head of household unemployed	20.7%	20.0%	18.1%
Parent/caregiver mental illness	N/A**	N/A**	13.1%
Parent/caregiver history of abuse as child	13.5%	13.0%	10.1%
Child Mental/physical/behavior disability	N/A**	N/A**	9.7%
New baby/pregnancy	13.1%	12.2%	9.6%
Inadequate housing	10.4%	9.4%	9.4%
Heavy child care	3.4%	2.8%	2.1%

** not included in previous reporting periods

Preserving families

When it is safe, the victim of child abuse or neglect remains in the home. Child safety plans are developed for these families. On September 30, 2012 a total of 2,110 children were being served in their homes, exclusive of children post-substitute care that were on a trial home visit. Note that system changes limit comparability to historically reported data for children served in-home. The following data show the key demographics of children being served at home on September 30, 2012.

Race Comparison: Children in Oregon to Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits) on 9/30/2012

Race/Ethnicity	% of Oregon's children*	% of Children Served In Home
African American	2.1%	6.1%
Asian	3.7%	0.8%
Caucasian	65.5%	63.8%
Hispanic (any race)	21.3%	16.5%
Native American	1.3%	3.0%
Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.3%
Two or more race groups	5.6%	na
Unknown/Not Recorded	na	9.5%

**2011 Census Population under 18; U.S. Census*

9/30/2012 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits), by Age

Age Group	Number	Percent
Age 0 - 5	843	40.0%
Age 6 - 12	627	29.7%
Age 13 - 17	343	16.3%
Age 18+	297	14.1%
Total	2,110	100.0%

**9/30/2012 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case
(Excluding when on Trial Home Visits), by ICWA Status**

ICWA	Number	Percent
ICWA Eligible	61	2.9%
ICWA Not Eligible	2,049	97.1%
Total	2,110	100.0%

During FFY 2012, a total of 7,532 children were served in their homes, either before or after any foster care experience. All children served in-home receive case management and safety assessment services. In addition, just over 3,000 children (3,056 or 40.5 percent) receive other services. The main service is the In-Home Safety and Reunification Service. In-home Safety and Reunification Services are designed to strengthen families and increase a parent's ability to protect their child, and are intended to prevent foster care placement. If a child cannot remain safely at home, he or she is placed in foster care and the family receives services to assist them in making changes that will allow their child to safely return home. Other services children and their families received included: Parent Training and Education, Counseling and Therapeutic Services, Basic needs and Transportation Assistance.

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Foster Care

Foster children range in age from birth to 18 (up to age 21 for some children) and come from many backgrounds and types of families. Many children needing foster care have been neglected or emotionally, physically or sexually abused. As a result, they may have emotional, behavioral, mental or physical problems that require special services.

In prior years, children served by tribal governments were reported in the statewide numbers for the foster care program, when those children were eligible for Title IV-E federal funds. Data for these children have been removed; therefore data prior to 2009 may differ from previously reported data.

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Entering foster care

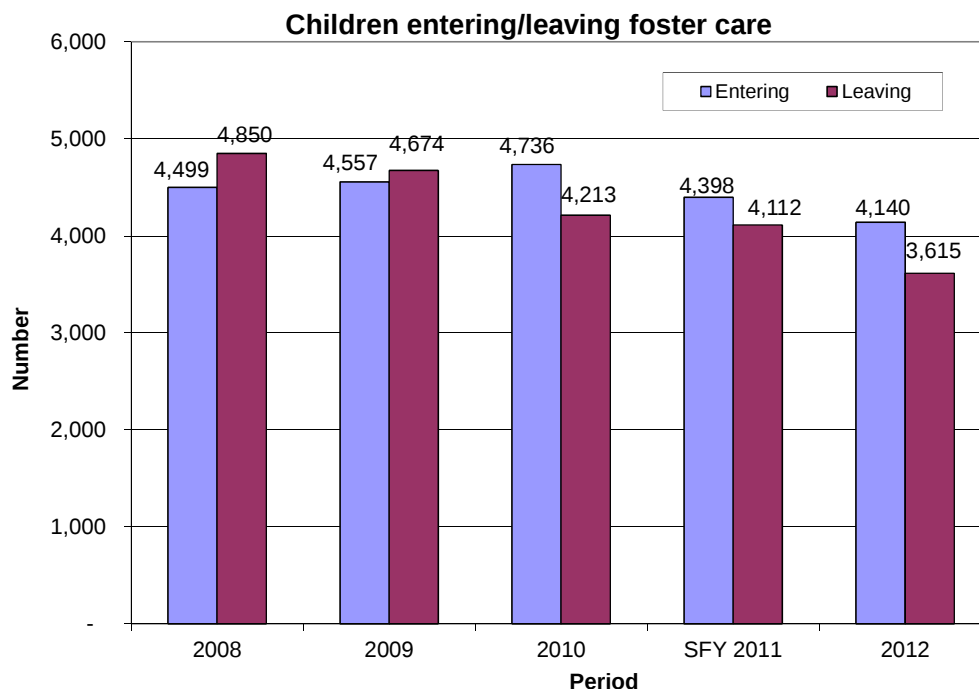
Children who cannot remain safely at home enter foster care for various reasons. These children most often enter foster care as a result of their parents' actions and not as a result of the child's behavior. During FFY 2012, 7.9 percent of children who entered foster care had four or more reasons for removal from their homes.

Reasons Children Enter Foster Care FFY 2010, SFY 2011 and FFY 2012

(includes all types of foster care)

	FFY 2010		SFY 2011		FFY 2012	
Removal Reason	Number	% of Entrants	Number	% of Entrants	Number	% of Entrants
Neglect Abuse	2,472	52.2%	2,155	49.0%	2,608	63.0%
Parent Drug Abuse	2,985	63.0%	2,757	62.7%	1,818	43.9%
Incarceration Of Parent	57	1.2%	13	0.3%	619	15.0%
Inadequate Housing	1,042	22.0%	892	20.3%	600	14.5%
Inability To Cope	1,712	36.1%	1,570	35.7%	554	13.4%
Parent Alcohol Abuse	2,956	62.4%	2,750	62.5%	506	12.2%
Physical Abuse	3,250	68.6%	3,003	68.3%	489	11.8%
Child's Behavior	1,919	40.5%	1,712	38.9%	349	8.4%
Sexual Abuse	316	6.7%	269	6.1%	163	3.9%
Abandonment	46	1.0%	52	1.2%	142	3.4%
Child Drug Abuse	37	0.8%	46	1.0%	78	1.9%
Child's Disability	254	5.4%	231	5.3%	55	1.3%
Child Alcohol Abuse	33	0.7%	40	0.9%	44	1.1%
Death Of Parent	5	0.1%	1	0.0%	19	0.5%
Relinquishment	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	13	0.3%
Total Number of Foster Care Entrants	4,736		4,398		4,140	

The number of children entering foster care during FFY 2012 declined by 5.9 percent from the SFY 2011 level. The number of children leaving foster care has decreased by 12.1 percent in the same time frame. The result is a net decrease in Foster Care.



A total of 557 children (or 15.4 percent of all exits) left foster care and custody within three months of entry. The median length of time in care for a child who exits is 17.3 months, up from the SFY 2011 median time in care of 15.2 months (13.7 percent increase). For children who reunify with parents, this includes up to six months on a trial home visit.

Children served in foster care

During FFY 2012, 12,385 children spent at least one day in some kind of foster care. Of those, 89.9 percent (11,138 children) were served in a family foster care setting. The following data show the key demographics of children served in foster care during FFY 2012.

FFY 2012 Age of Children Served in Foster Care

Age Group	Number	Percent
Age 0 - 5	4,724	38.1%
Age 6 - 12	3,919	31.6%
Age 13 - 17	2,812	22.7%
Age 18+	930	7.5%
Total	12,385	100.0%

FFY 2012 Gender of Children Served in Foster Care

Gender	Number	Percent
Boys	6,243	50.4%
Girls	6,142	49.6%
Total	12,385	100.0%

During FFY 2012, a total of 13.78 percent of children served in foster care were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2012 Race Comparison: Oregon Children to Children Served in Foster Care

Race	% of Oregon's children*	% of children served in foster care
African American	2.1%	6.8%
Asian	3.7%	0.6%
Caucasian	65.5%	66.5%
Hispanic (any race)	21.3%	14.8%
Native American	1.3%	3.8%
Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.5%
Two or more race groups	5.6%	na
Unknown/Not Recorded	na	7.0%

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**Children Served in Foster Care, by Race
FFY 2010, SFY 2011 and FFY2012**

Race	FFY 2010	SFY 2011	FFY2012
African American	8.3%	8.2%	6.8%
Asian	1.0%	1.0%	0.6%
Caucasian	64.4%	64.4%	66.5%
Hispanic (any race)	13.7%	14.4%	14.8%
Native American	6.9%	5.9%	3.8%
Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Unknown/Not Recorded	5.1%	5.5%	7.0%

In the 1970's, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in response to a national crisis in which an alarmingly high percentage of Native American children were being removed from their families and tribal communities. ICWA assigns an enhanced responsibility to states to make "active efforts" to prevent removal of tribal children from their families.

**FFY 2012 Total Children Served in Foster Care, by
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Status**

ICWA Status	Number	Percent
ICWA Eligible	432	3.5%
ICWA Not Eligible	11,953	96.5%
Total	12,385	100.0%

Family and sibling connections

DHS helps maintain connections for children placed in foster care by working to place them in their home communities, with relatives, and by placing siblings together in out-of-home care.

There were 8,770 children in foster care as of September 30, 2012, the last day of the Federal fiscal year. At that time, 6,935 children were in family foster care (a family-home setting). Of those in family foster care, 37.9 percent (2,627 children) were with relatives. The other settings for children in foster care include those in residential treatment, trial home visits and pre-adoptive settings.

As of the last day of FFY 2012, there were 4,369 children in out-of-home foster care who were part of a sibling group. Of these children, 3,612 (82.7 percent) were placed with the same family as one or more of their siblings. The percent of children with siblings being placed with siblings is down 2 percentage points from those in care a year earlier, when 84.7 percent of children were placed with siblings.

Stability while in foster care

For children in care as of September 30, 2012, 64.3 percent had two or fewer placements. This is an improvement over 2011 where 63.5 percent of children had two or fewer placements.

Number of Placements for Children in Foster Care on Last Day of Federal Fiscal Year

Number of Placements	6/30/2011		9/30/2012	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1	3,364	37.9%	3,488	39.8%
2	2,272	25.6%	2,152	24.5%
3	1,196	13.5%	1,199	13.7%
4	618	7.0%	640	7.3%
5	369	4.2%	399	4.5%
6 or more	1,063	12.0%	892	10.2%
Total	8,882	100.0%	8,770	100.0%

Behavioral rehabilitation services

Behavioral rehabilitation services (BRS) is a higher level of care that provides the skill development necessary for children with debilitating emotional and behavioral challenges to return home or move to a less intensive level of care and to ultimately achieve permanence.

More than 450 foster children per day receive these important services, including behavioral intervention, counseling and skill-building services in professional assessment and stabilization facilities, therapeutic foster care, and residential placement models. These service programs are administered through contracts with licensed, private child-caring agencies.

On any given day during FFY 2012, BRS helped:

- 253 children in professional shelter programs, and
- 200 children in residential treatment settings.

Psychiatric residential treatment

Children in the state's custody whose mental health needs exceed or differ from the level or type of services provided by the BRS system may be served within the mental health services system in psychiatric residential placements or other mental health supported placements.

On any given day 82 foster children are served in psychiatric residential treatment settings. These children are directly served by the Oregon Health Authority Addictions and Mental Health Services.

Teenagers in foster care

Oregon Revised Statutes allow for children to remain in out-of-home care placement beyond the age of 18, and with a court order up to age 21.

During FFY 2012:

- Teens comprised 30.2 percent of the foster care population.
- A total of 3,742 teens spent at least one day in foster care.

- Teens exiting foster care were reunited with their families 38.7 percent of the time.
- 278 current and former foster care youth received scholarships for higher education for the 2012-2013 school year through a federal grant awarded to DHS and implemented with the assistance of the Oregon Student Access Commission.

Independent living programs

Foster care youths are eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services. ILP services are provided by 19 contracted community-based partners throughout the state. The number of youths receiving ILP services declined from 1,565 in SFY 2011 to 1,485 in FFY 2012, a decrease of 5.1 percent.

ILP services help youths in foster care:

- Make the transition to self-sufficiency as adults;
- Receive the education, training and services necessary to obtain employment;
- Attain academic and/or vocational education and prepare for post-secondary training and education; and
- Obtain personal and emotional support and promote healthy interactions with dedicated adults.

Exiting foster care

Most children leaving foster care are reunified with their parents. But for other children, a plan to reunify them with their parents does not occur for many reasons. These children who exit foster care may move on to various other living arrangements and permanent plans, such as adoption, guardianship or permanent relative care.

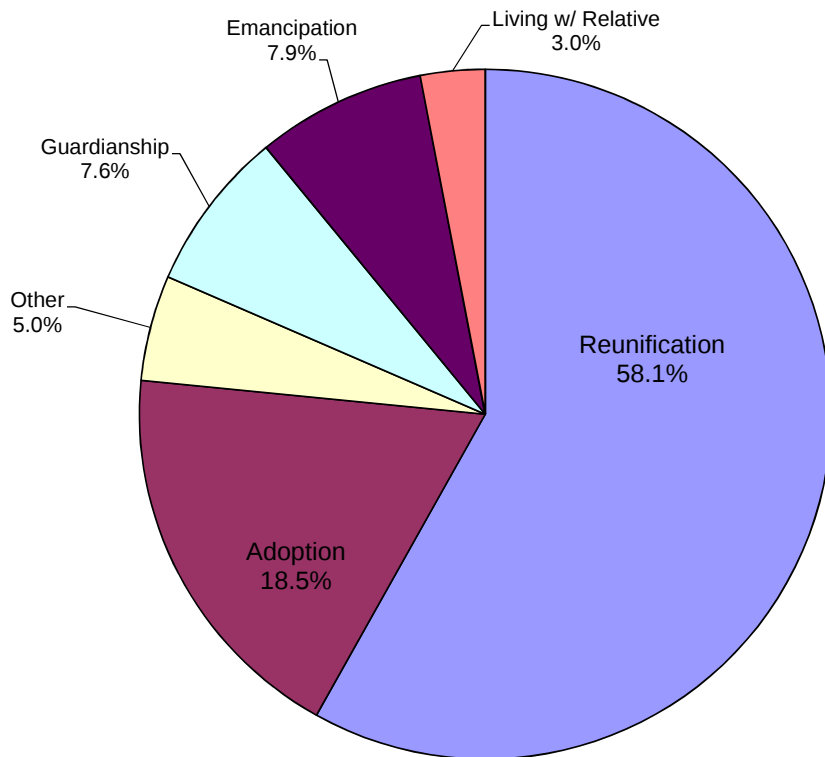
During FFY 2012, 58.1 percent of children who left foster care were reunified with their families. If a child cannot return home, the law requires that an alternative permanency plan quickly be put into place.

Where Children Went After Foster Care

Other

Transfer to Another Agency	1.2%
Runaway	2.9%
Death of Child	0.1%
Other	2.1%

**Primarily youth exiting due to being out of compliance with independent living program rules.*



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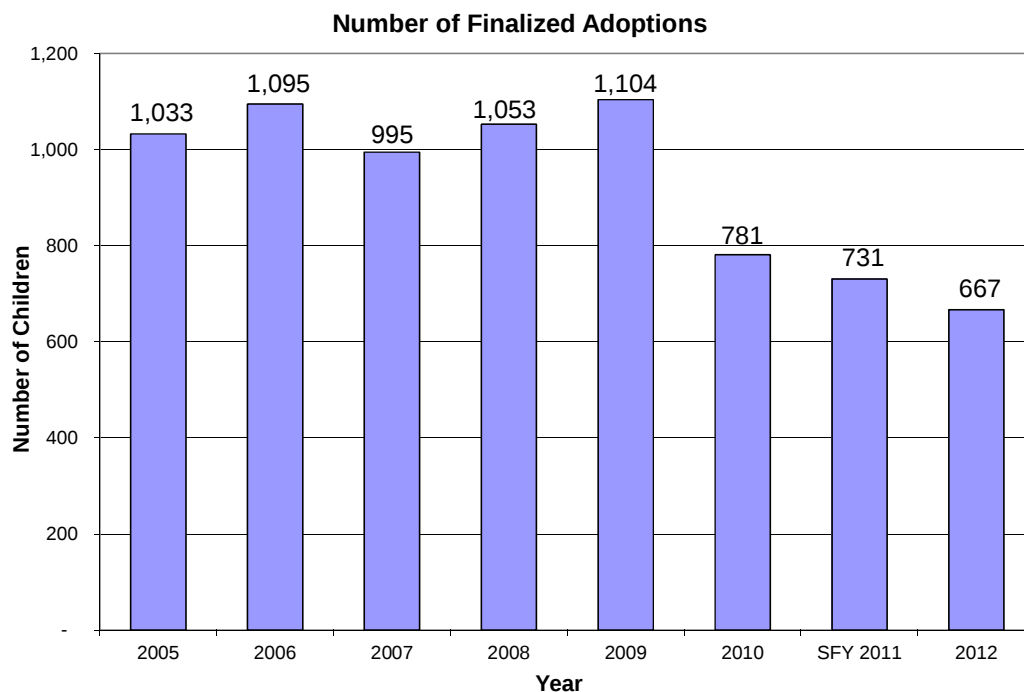
Adoption and Guardianship Program

The DHS Adoption Program facilitates selection and finalization of adoption and guardianship as the preferred permanency options for foster children when it is no longer in their best interest to return to the care of their biological parents. DHS also facilitates finalization for Oregon children who are the subject of Oregon private adoptions.

Adoptions

Adoption finalizations

DHS finalized adoptions for 667 children in FFY 2012. This figure is 8.8 percent lower than in SFY 2011.



FFY 2012 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by District

DHS/CAF DISTRICT	Children came from	Children went to
District 01	30	18
District 02	142	65
District 03	117	82
District 04	35	46
District 05	126	98
District 06	20	15
District 07	26	16
District 08	21	28
District 09	12	6
District 10	16	15
District 11	12	7
District 12	13	7
District 13	**	**
District 14	**	**
District 15	25	69
District 16	62	48
Children Placed By Agencies Other Than DHS	na	136

* Values masked to assure confidentiality.

Demographics

Of the 667 children adopted, 131 were younger than age 3 when their adoption became final.

FFY 2012 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Age

Age	Number	Percent
less than 3	131	19.6%
3-4 years	171	25.6%
5-8 years	205	30.7%
9-10 years	58	8.7%
11-13 years	70	10.5%
14 and older	32	4.8%
Total	667	100%

Finalized adoptions in FFY 2012 show a slightly higher percentage of girls than of boys.

FFY 2012 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	338	50.7%
Male	329	49.3%
Total	667	100%

19.3 percent of the children adopted during the year were members of an ethnic minority, down from 32.0 percent in the previous year. Adoptive homes for older children, children of color and sibling groups continue to be in high demand.

FFY 2012 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Race

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
African American	46	6.9%
Asian	1	0.1%
Caucasian	518	77.7%
Hispanic (any race)	69	10.3%
Native American	10	1.5%
Pacific Islander	3	0.4%
Unknown/Not Recorded	20	3.0%
Total	667	100.0%

Special needs and adoption assistance

Almost all of the children adopted during FFY 2012 had one or more special needs (626 children or 94.0 percent) and received some sort of adoption assistance. Adoption assistance can include an agreement to open a subsidy alone, a medical card alone, or a medical card and a subsidy payment together, or an agreement to open a subsidy or medical coverage in the future should the child's needs change.

Preserving connections

DHS places a high value on preserving and promoting relationships between siblings and placing them together in the same adoptive family whenever it is safe and possible to do so. In FFY 2012, 357 children who were adopted had siblings also adopted during the year. Of these children, 335 (93.8 percent) were adopted by the same family as one or more of their siblings.

Timeliness of finalization

A primary goal of federal and state governments is to establish permanency for a child as soon as possible. The federal government has established parameters that guide states in this effort, which includes establishing a national standard for the median length of time to achieve a timely adoption. Achieving timely adoptions continues to present challenges for Oregon. While the length of time to achieve adoption varies, the median time to adoption was 34.0 months for children whose adoptions were finalized in FFY 2012. This represents an increase in the median months to adoption from the SFY 2011 level of 33.9 months.

Careful processes help ensure adoptions will be successful. Statistics show 96.8 percent of Oregon's adoptive placements continued to finalization without disruption in FFY 2012.

Recruitment

During FFY 2012 a total of 471 families adopted children, with 89.6 percent of those families recruited by DHS.

- 422 Oregon families recruited by DHS adopted 583 children.
- 24 families recruited by Private adoption agencies (In/Out of State) adopted 40 children (5.1 percent).
- 20 families recruited by out-of-state public agencies adopted 35 children (4.2 percent).
- 5 families recruited by other placing agencies adopted 9 children (1.1 percent).

In total, the families recruited by entities other than Oregon DHS found homes for 84 children.

Percent of Children by Placing Agency Type

Agency Type	FFY 2012	
	Count	Percent
Oregon DHS	583	87.4%
Private Agency (In/Out of State)	40	6.0%
Public Agency (Out of State)	35	5.2%
Other Placing Agencies	9	1.3%
Total	667	100.0%

Guardianship

When a child cannot be returned home and adoption is not in the child's best interests, then guardianship is considered to be a more permanent plan for a child than long-term foster care since guardians have permanent legal custody of the child.

Guardianship completion

During FFY 2012 a total of 273 children exited to a guardianship, up 25.8 percent from 217 children in SFY 2011. The majority of children go to guardianship with relatives.

Exits to Guardianship by Year

Period	Number	% Change
2007	334	29.0%
2008	316	-5.4%
2009	294	-7.0%
2010	201	-31.6%
SFY 2011	217	8.0%
2012	273	25.8%

Demographics

The following data show the key demographics of children who exited to guardianship during FFY 2012. The majority of guardianships (78.8 percent) are for children ages 6 and older.

FFY 2012 Children Exiting to Guardianship, by Age

Age Group	Number	Percent
Age 0-5	58	21.2%
Age 6-12	123	45.1%
Age 13-17	82	30.0%
Age 18+	10	3.7%
Total	273	100.0%

Slightly more girls than boys left foster care to guardianship in FFY 2012.

FFY 2012 Children Exiting to Guardianship, by Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Girls	141	51.6%
Boys	132	48.4%
Total	273	100%

Children of all different racial and ethnic backgrounds exit to guardianship; the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2012 Race of Children Exiting to Guardianship

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
African American	12	4.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Caucasian	210	76.9%
Hispanic (any race)	32	11.7%
Native American	5	1.8%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Unknown/Not Recorded	14	5.1%
Total	273	100.0%

Special needs and guardianship assistance

Children who go to guardianship have the same assistance available to them as adopted children to help sustain their placement. With respect to their background of child abuse/neglect and special emotional, medical, and physical needs these children are statistically the same as adopted children.

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Appendix: County Data

FFY 2012 Assessments by Disposition and County

Counties	Founded	Unfounded	Unable to Determine	No Allegation of CA/N	Unable to Locate	Addressed in Open CPS Assessment	Total
Baker	42	88	14	**	0	**	150
Benton	63	73	36	15	**	**	192
Clackamas	419	710	406	68	23	32	1,658
Clatsop	51	177	19	**	**	0	253
Columbia	83	73	29	7	**	**	199
Coos	131	258	78	23	8	0	498
Crook	54	63	35	19	**	**	177
Curry	19	38	9	**	**	0	75
Deschutes	170	310	47	62	17	16	622
Douglas	151	238	56	17	**	**	478
Gilliam	15	22	**	0	**	0	41
Grant	11	44	**	**	**	0	62
Harney	19	25	**	**	0	**	51
Hood River	19	32	16	0	**	**	68
Jackson	565	723	334	82	17	32	1,753
Jefferson	38	104	6	9	**	**	166
Josephine	196	296	137	49	14	11	703
Klamath	205	211	281	20	**	**	722
Lake	11	8	**	0	**	0	24
Lane	674	980	313	157	27	44	2,195
Lincoln	132	199	44	26	22	10	433
Linn	293	299	175	52	8	20	847
Malheur	112	147	27	**	**	**	294
Marion	632	1,463	208	143	44	15	2,505
Morrow	19	9	**	0	**	0	34
Multnomah	1,163	2,477	806	224	152	88	4,910
Polk	102	298	34	15	10	12	471
Sherman	**	0	**	0	**	0	**
Tillamook	56	103	39	6	**	**	213
Umatilla	106	246	82	**	**	**	444
Union	56	72	17	**	6	**	153
Wallowa	15	21	**	0	**	0	39
Wasco	44	88	22	**	0	**	156
Washington	521	561	217	79	27	29	1,434
Wheeler	**	0	0	0	**	0	**
Yamhill	101	192	34	**	**	**	338
Statewide*	6,332	10,758	3,582	1,115	444	351	22,582

*State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Investigations and Training

**Values masked to assure confidentiality; percents not reported.

Based on the new system there are new disposition categories starting in 2012.

FFY 2012 Incidents of Abuse/Neglect

County	Mental Injury	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Threat of Harm
Baker	6	32	7	7	29
Benton	**	50	**	12	46
Clackamas	9	369	50	58	283
Clatsop	0	33	12	6	65
Columbia	6	90	19	13	94
Coos	**	98	13	22	121
Crook	0	51	13	11	35
Curry	0	12	**	**	16
Deschutes	**	145	44	29	109
Douglas	0	133	20	12	159
Gilliam	0	19	**	**	11
Grant	0	8	**	**	**
Harney	**	15	6	**	6
Hood River	0	**	9	**	18
Jackson	8	414	66	48	591
Jefferson	0	16	10	6	31
Josephine	**	169	27	17	201
Klamath	**	160	40	12	247
Lake	0	7	**	**	8
Lane	39	571	80	64	611
Lincoln	**	113	22	20	101
Linn	10	251	53	46	288
Malheur	**	109	19	11	112
Marion	6	723	79	68	411
Morrow	**	32	**	**	24
Multnomah	35	642	157	176	1,160
Polk	0	85	21	17	66
Tillamook	9	54	15	0	53
Umatilla	**	71	17	11	85
Union	**	50	12	**	49
Wallowa	**	8	**	**	13
Wasco	0	25	12	7	45
Washington	17	346	69	74	538
Wheeler	**	**	0	0	0
Yamhill	0	88	15	17	58
Statewide *	183	5,015	933	782	5,711

*State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Investigations and Training

**Values masked to assure confidentiality; percents not reported.

Victim Rate per 1,000 Children, by County - FFY 2010-FFY 2012

County	Population under 18			Victims			Rate per 1,000		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
BAKER	3,145	3,276	3,252	81	79	70	25.8	24.1	21.5
BENTON	17,464	15,335	15,233	104	141	98	6.0	9.2	6.4
CLACKAMAS	89,638	88,624	88,403	698	794	630	7.8	9.0	7.1
CLATSOP	7,939	7,617	7,595	104	81	93	13.1	10.6	12.2
COLUMBIA	11,370	11,565	11,419	214	204	161	18.8	17.6	14.1
COOS	12,147	12,016	11,991	241	292	208	19.8	24.3	17.3
CROOK	6,550	4,495	4,370	62	59	91	9.5	13.1	20.8
CURRY	3,296	3,472	3,412	65	62	28	19.7	17.9	8.2
DESCHUTES	36,610	36,315	36,463	298	304	260	8.1	8.4	7.1
DOUGLAS	21,957	21,933	21,787	361	406	266	16.4	18.5	12.2
GILLIAM	348	350	351	28	21	28	80.6	60.0	79.8
GRANT	1,544	1,398	1,362	23	16	12	14.9	11.4	8.8
HARNEY	1,587	1,632	1,601	39	20	27	24.6	12.3	16.9
HOOD RIVER	5,461	5,816	5,819	49	43	29	9.0	7.4	5.0
JACKSON	46,154	44,233	44,042	650	650	845	14.1	14.7	19.2
JEFFERSON	6,097	5,459	5,396	81	94	60	13.3	17.2	11.1
JOSEPHINE	16,782	16,767	16,597	291	394	317	17.3	23.5	19.1
KLAMATH	15,761	14,749	14,610	302	375	345	19.2	25.4	23.6
LAKE	1,495	1,496	1,473	17	38	16	11.4	25.4	10.9
LANE	72,715	69,730	69,063	1,227	1,074	1,057	16.9	15.4	15.3
LINCOLN	8,051	7,996	7,964	160	176	192	19.9	22.0	24.1
LINN	27,025	28,222	28,210	607	559	489	22.5	19.8	17.3
MALHEUR	7,768	7,997	7,927	121	155	191	15.6	19.4	24.1
MARION	82,897	83,726	83,964	996	1,087	1,099	12.0	13.0	13.1
MORROW	3,504	3,160	3,125	37	52	40	10.6	16.5	12.8
MULTNOMAH	161,296	150,822	151,069	2,167	2,200	1,812	13.4	14.6	12.0
POLK	16,068	18,510	18,637	210	203	160	13.1	11.0	8.6
SHERMAN	340	350	348	13	-	**	38.2	-	**
TILLAMOOK	4,575	5,048	5,057	64	91	89	14.0	18.0	17.6
UMATILLA	18,119	20,333	20,397	298	189	141	16.4	9.3	6.9
UNION	6,022	5,900	5,956	101	133	93	16.8	22.5	15.6
WALLOWA	1,264	1,344	1,356	25	20	21	19.8	14.9	15.5
WASCO	5,761	5,880	5,900	78	66	66	13.5	11.2	11.2
WASHINGTON	140,212	135,820	136,365	1,082	1,281	860	7.7	9.4	6.3
WHEELER	274	264	260	**	14	**	**	53.1	**
YAMHILL	22,843	24,751	24,735	275	226	155	12.0	9.1	6.3
OREGON*	884,078	866,397	865,508	11,188	11,599	10,054	12.7	13.4	11.6

*State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Investigations & Training

**Values masked to assure confidentiality; rates not reported

Population from the PSU Population Research Center

Children Served In Home Rate per 1,000 Children, by County (point-in-time on 9/30; 6/30 for 2011)

County	Child Population			Number Served In Home			Rate Per 1,000 Children		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
BAKER	3,145	3,276	3,252	**	7	**	**	2.1	**
BENTON	17,464	15,335	15,233	10	28	14	0.6	1.8	0.9
CLACKAMAS	89,638	88,624	88,403	74	82	98	0.8	0.9	1.1
CLATSOP	7,939	7,617	7,595	17	10	13	2.1	1.3	1.7
COLUMBIA	11,370	11,565	11,419	12	19	64	1.1	1.6	5.6
COOS	12,147	12,016	11,991	41	23	29	3.4	1.9	2.4
CROOK	6,550	4,495	4,370	7	**	-	1.1	**	0.0
CURRY	3,296	3,472	3,412	**	-	**	**	0.0	**
DESCHUTES	36,610	36,315	36,463	15	11	39	0.4	0.3	1.1
DOUGLAS	21,957	21,933	21,787	69	93	58	3.1	4.2	2.7
GILLIAM	348	350	351	7	-	**	20.1	0.0	**
GRANT	1,544	1,398	1,362	13	-	**	8.4	0.0	**
HARNEY	1,587	1,632	1,601	11	10	**	6.9	6.1	**
HOOD RIVER	5,461	5,816	5,819	12	14	12	2.2	2.4	2.1
JACKSON	46,154	44,233	44,042	214	245	174	4.6	5.5	4.0
JEFFERSON	6,097	5,459	5,396	6	9	6	1.0	1.6	1.1
JOSEPHINE	16,782	16,767	16,597	19	31	84	1.1	1.8	5.1
KLAMATH	15,761	14,749	14,610	50	60	66	3.2	4.1	4.5
LAKE	1,495	1,496	1,473	**	**	7	**	**	4.8
LANE	72,715	69,730	69,063	271	271	278	3.7	3.9	4.0
LINCOLN	8,051	7,996	7,964	24	55	14	3.0	6.9	1.8
LINN	27,025	28,222	28,210	86	71	80	3.2	2.5	2.8
MALHEUR	7,768	7,997	7,927	112	45	41	14.4	5.6	5.2
MARION	82,897	83,726	83,964	181	172	202	2.2	2.1	2.4
MORROW	3,504	3,160	3,125	**	**	24	**	**	7.7
MULTNOMAH	161,296	150,822	151,069	509	760	406	3.2	5.0	2.7
POLK	16,068	18,510	18,637	52	15	25	3.2	0.8	1.3
SHERMAN	340	350	348	6	**	-	17.6	**	0.0
TILLAMOOK	4,575	5,048	5,057	**	11	12	**	2.2	2.4
UMATILLA	18,119	20,333	20,397	16	45	11	0.9	2.2	0.5
UNION	6,022	5,900	5,956	8	**	6	1.3	**	1.0
WALLOWA	1,264	1,344	1,356		**	9	0.0	**	6.6
WASCO	5,761	5,880	5,900	16	9	31	2.8	1.5	5.3
WASHINGTON	140,212	135,820	136,365	194	218	169	1.4	1.6	1.2
WHEELER	274	264	260	**	**	-	**	**	0.0
YAMHILL	22,843	24,751	24,735	85	52	52	3.7	2.1	2.1
Central Office ***	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	77	N/A	N/A	N/A
OREGON***	884,078	866,397	865,508	2,159	2,387	2,110	2.4	2.8	2.4

Values masked to assure confidentiality, rates not reported. *State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes. State totals does include Children Served out of the Central Office but not calculated in In home rate per 1000. Population from the PSU Population Research Center

System changes limit comparability for 2012 counts to historically reported data for children served in-home.

Children in Foster Care per 1,000 Children, by County (Point-in-time on 9/30; 6/30 for 2011)

County	Population under 18			Number in Foster Care			Rate per 1,000		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
BAKER	3,145	3,276	3,252	48	40	38	15.3	12.2	11.7
BENTON	17,464	15,335	15,233	39	49	72	2.2	3.2	4.7
CLACKAMAS	89,638	88,624	88,403	357	387	494	4.0	4.4	5.6
CLATSOP	7,939	7,617	7,595	116	99	87	14.6	13.0	11.5
COLUMBIA	11,370	11,565	11,419	136	156	205	12.0	13.5	18.0
COOS	12,147	12,016	11,991	242	255	211	19.9	21.2	17.6
CROOK	6,550	4,495	4,370	33	27	38	5.0	6.0	8.7
CURRY	3,296	3,472	3,412	54	55	43	16.4	15.8	12.6
DESCHUTES	36,610	36,315	36,463	131	131	170	3.6	3.6	4.7
DOUGLAS	21,957	21,933	21,787	337	348	362	15.3	15.9	16.6
GILLIAM	348	350	351	20	13	7	57.5	37.1	19.9
GRANT	1,544	1,398	1,362	11	8	9	7.1	5.7	6.6
HARNEY	1,587	1,632	1,601	21	16	11	13.2	9.8	6.9
HOOD RIVER	5,461	5,816	5,819	29	35	21	5.3	6.0	3.6
JACKSON	46,154	44,233	44,042	400	389	419	8.7	8.8	9.5
JEFFERSON	6,097	5,459	5,396	46	46	27	7.5	8.4	5.0
JOSEPHINE	16,782	16,767	16,597	249	281	265	14.8	16.8	16.0
KLAMATH	15,761	14,749	14,610	241	239	246	15.3	16.2	16.8
LAKE	1,495	1,496	1,473	15	28	42	10.0	18.7	28.5
LANE	72,715	69,730	69,063	1,316	1,224	1,158	18.1	17.6	16.8
LINCOLN	8,051	7,996	7,964	133	141	137	16.5	17.6	17.2
LINN	27,025	28,222	28,210	242	299	308	9.0	10.6	10.9
MALHEUR	7,768	7,997	7,927	75	68	124	9.7	8.5	15.6
MARION	82,897	83,726	83,964	1,032	997	929	12.4	11.9	11.1
MORROW	3,504	3,160	3,125	16	23	23	4.6	7.3	7.4
MULTNOMAH	161,296	150,822	151,069	2,099	2,037	1,935	13.0	13.5	12.8
POLK	16,068	18,510	18,637	158	182	148	9.8	9.8	7.9
SHERMAN	340	350	348	12	11	8	35.3	31.5	23.0
TILLAMOOK	4,575	5,048	5,057	65	63	47	14.2	12.5	9.3
UMATILLA	18,119	20,333	20,397	150	136	150	8.3	6.7	7.4
UNION	6,022	5,900	5,956	35	50	43	5.8	8.5	7.2
WALLOWA	1,264	1,344	1,356	11	8	8	8.7	6.0	5.9
WASCO	5,761	5,880	5,900	93	103	86	16.1	17.5	14.6
WASHINGTON	140,212	135,820	136,365	782	754	714	5.6	5.6	5.2
WHEELER	274	264	260	1-5*	1-5*	9	3.7-18.3*	3.8-19.0*	34.6
YAMHILL	22,843	24,751	24,735	171	181	176	7.5	7.3	7.1
OREGON**	884,078	866,397	865,508	8,916	8,882	8,770	10.1	10.3	10.1

*Range given to assure confidentiality. **State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes. Population from the PSU Population Research Center

FFY 2012 Foster Care Entrants and Exits

County	Entries	Exits
Baker	29	25
Benton	46	18
Clackamas	306	201
Clatsop	41	39
Columbia	104	56
Coos	99	102
Crook	26	12
Curry	17	19
Deschutes	111	89
Douglas	134	102
Gilliam	* 6-10	10
Grant	7	* 1-5
Harney	11	13
Hood River	7	9
Jackson	250	195
Jefferson	9	18
Josephine	137	108
Klamath	142	112
Lake	25	9
Lane	458	403
Lincoln	63	61
Linn	178	130
Malheur	87	35
Marion	496	569
Morrow	16	8
Multnomah	628	608
Polk	62	78
Sherman	6	* 1-5
Tillamook	41	46
Umatilla	78	61
Union	19	20
Wallowa	* 1-5	* 1-5
Wasco	37	46
Washington	386	354
Wheeler	6	* 1-5
Yamhill	68	50
Oregon **	4,140	3,615

*Range given to assure confidentiality.

**State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes.

Median Months in Care 2011 and 2012, All Exit Types, by County

County	SFY 2011		FFY 2012	
	Median Months	Total Exits	Median Months	Total Exits
BAKER	18.7	28	12.7	25
BENTON	18.1	13	10.8	18
CLACKAMAS	9.0	227	12.9	201
CLATSOP	17.7	56	23.8	39
COLUMBIA	11.1	44	20.1	56
COOS	11.6	117	21.3	102
CROOK	15.4	20	13.5	12
CURRY	6.9	46	20.1	19
DESCHUTES	10.0	79	12.0	89
DOUGLAS	17.9	132	18.3	102
GILLIAM	10.2	17	24.4	10
GRANT	25.5	7	0.1	1-5*
HARNEY	15.1	15	6.5	13
HOOD RIVER	8.9	17	22.8	9
JACKSON	13.4	252	15.0	195
JEFFERSON	8.5	41	10.0	18
JOSEPHINE	9.8	124	14.6	108
KLAMATH	16.8	143	12.8	112
LAKE	3.3	8	4.3	9
LANE	18.1	479	22.7	403
LINCOLN	20.2	53	18.8	61
LINN	13.7	115	12.2	130
MALHEUR	22.5	41	11.7	35
MARION	15.1	588	17.8	569
MORROW	14.4	6	11.9	8
MULTNOMAH	20.4	776	22.8	608
POLK	13.0	72	18.4	78
SHERMAN	33.1	1-5*	5.7	1-5*
TILLAMOOK	9.4	21	14.7	46
UMATILLA	12.8	85	8.0	61
UNION	17.8	20	11.9	20
WALLOWA	8.9	1-5*	4.9	1-5*
WASCO	24.7	32	15.9	46
WASHINGTON	17.3	375	14.4	354
WHEELER	4.0	1-5*	0.1	1-5*
YAMHILL	12.1	55	22.0	50
OREGON**	15.2	4,112	17.4	3,615

*Range given to assure confidentiality.

**State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by tribes.

**FFY 2012 Number of Children Experiencing at Least 1 day in Foster
Care (All Types), By County and Age on 9/30/2012**

County	Age 0 - 5	Age 6 - 12	Age 13+	Total
BAKER	25	20	18	63
BENTON	32	36	22	90
CLACKAMAS	283	197	215	695
CLATSOP	42	45	39	126
COLUMBIA	89	91	81	261
COOS	135	99	78	312
CROOK	22	14	14	50
CURRY	18	19	25	62
DESCHUTES	105	82	72	259
DOUGLAS	215	147	102	464
GILLIAM	6	*6-10	*1-5	17
GRANT	*1-5	*1-5	*1-5	10
HARNEY	*1-5	*6-10	13	24
HOOD RIVER	*6-10	*1-5	16	30
JACKSON	254	208	149	611
JEFFERSON	17	9	19	45
JOSEPHINE	131	120	122	373
KLAMATH	162	117	79	358
LAKE	20	18	13	51
LANE	550	518	486	1,554
LINCOLN	62	68	68	198
LINN	173	147	116	436
MALHEUR	67	43	49	159
MARION	621	480	423	1,524
MORROW	13	6	12	31
MULTNOMAH	900	720	914	2,534
POLK	73	77	76	226
SHERMAN	*1-5	*1-5	*1-5	13
TILLAMOOK	33	31	29	93
UMATILLA	89	71	51	211
UNION	28	20	15	63
WALLOWA	*1-5	*1-5	*1-5	10
WASCO	68	37	26	131
WASHINGTON	382	360	323	1,065
WHEELER	6	*1-5	*1-5	10
YAMHILL	81	87	58	226
OREGON**	4,724	3,919	3,742	12,385

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**State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes.

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Number of Certified Foster Homes on 1/9/2013

County	Regular Certification	Special Certification	Total Homes
BAKER	36	9	45
BENTON	47	10	57
CLACKAMAS	170	132	302
CLATSOP	31	17	48
COLUMBIA	40	32	72
COOS	85	32	117
CROOK	**	**	16
CURRY	**	**	20
DESCHUTES	73	33	106
DOUGLAS	123	61	184
GILLIAM	-	-	-
GRANT	15	6	21
HARNEY	-	-	-
HOOD RIVER	-	-	-
JACKSON	94	117	211
JEFFERSON	12	7	19
JOSEPHINE	92	41	133
KLAMATH	47	36	83
LAKE	7	6	13
LANE	326	227	553
LINCOLN	35	15	50
LINN	124	49	173
MALHEUR	39	26	65
MARION	169	122	291
MORROW	**	**	15
MULTNOMAH	517	387	904
POLK	54	23	77
SHERMAN	-	-	-
TILLAMOOK	22	9	31
UMATILLA	45	32	77
UNION	**	**	26
UNKNOWN	110	41	151
WALLOWA	-	-	-
WASCO	39	33	72
WASHINGTON	149	125	274
WHEELER	-	-	-
YAMHILL	66	27	93
OREGON	2,627	1,672	4,299

* Branch is not identified

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