

CWLS Annual Meeting:  
Child and Family Services Review  
(CFSR)

*May 2023*

# Purpose of the CFSR

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Determine conformity with federal child welfare requirements

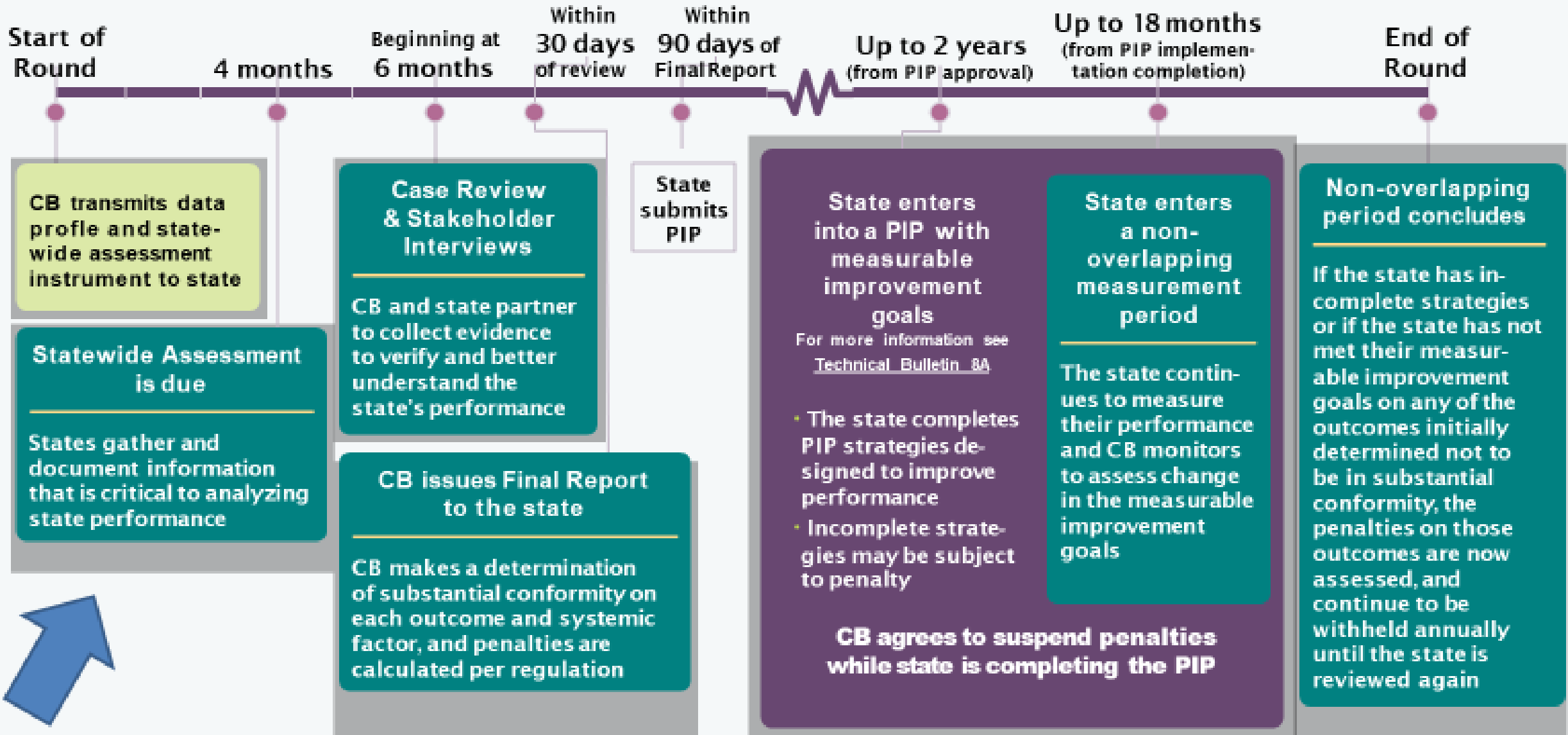
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Learn about the experiences of children, youth, and families receiving child welfare services

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Assist states in enhancing their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes

# CFSR Process As Defined By Regulation (45 CFR 1355.31-37)



# CFSR Resources and Tools



<https://www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/>

# Review Components

## States are assessed on:

- 18 Child and Family Outcomes
  - Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being
- 18 Systemic Factors
  - Statewide Information System, Case Review System, Staff and Provider Training, Quality Assurance System, Service Array and Resource Development, Agency Responsiveness to the Community, and Foster/Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment, and Retention
- 7 Statewide Data Indicators



# States are assessed on 7 Data Indicators

Indicator	Purpose
<a href="#"><u>Permanency in 12 months (entries)</u></a>	Measures whether permanency is achieved (through reunification, adoption, guardianship, or living with a relative) within 12 months of children entering foster care.
<a href="#"><u>Permanency in 12 months (12-23 mos.)</u></a>	Measures whether permanency is achieved if children have been in foster care for at least 12 months and not more than 23 months.
<a href="#"><u>Permanency in 12 months (24+ mos.)</u></a>	Measures whether permanency is achieved if children have been in foster care for at least 24 months.
<a href="#"><u>Reentry to foster care</u></a>	Measures whether children reenter foster care within 12 months of their discharge when permanency (excluding adoptions) was achieved within 12 months.
<a href="#"><u>Placement stability</u></a>	Measures whether children who the agency removes from their homes experience stability while they are in foster care.
<a href="#"><u>Maltreatment in care</u></a>	Measures whether children experience abuse or neglect while in the state child welfare system's placement and care responsibility.
<a href="#"><u>Recurrence of maltreatment</u></a>	Measures whether children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment experience subsequent maltreatment.

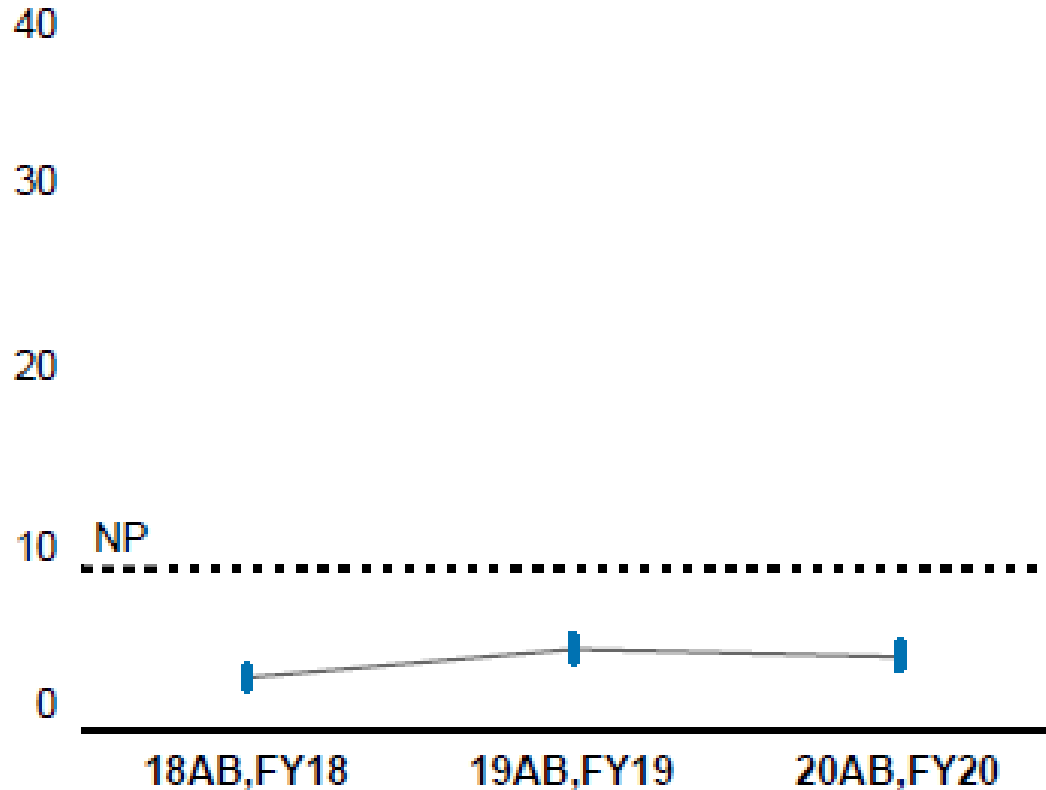
## Maltreatment in Care (victimizations/100,000 days in care)

**9.07**  
**NP**

**4.29**  
**RSP**

**Lower value is desired**

Measured as the rate of abuse or neglect per days in foster care in a 12-month period that children experienced while under the state's placement and care responsibility



**GA is performing BETTER than the national average**

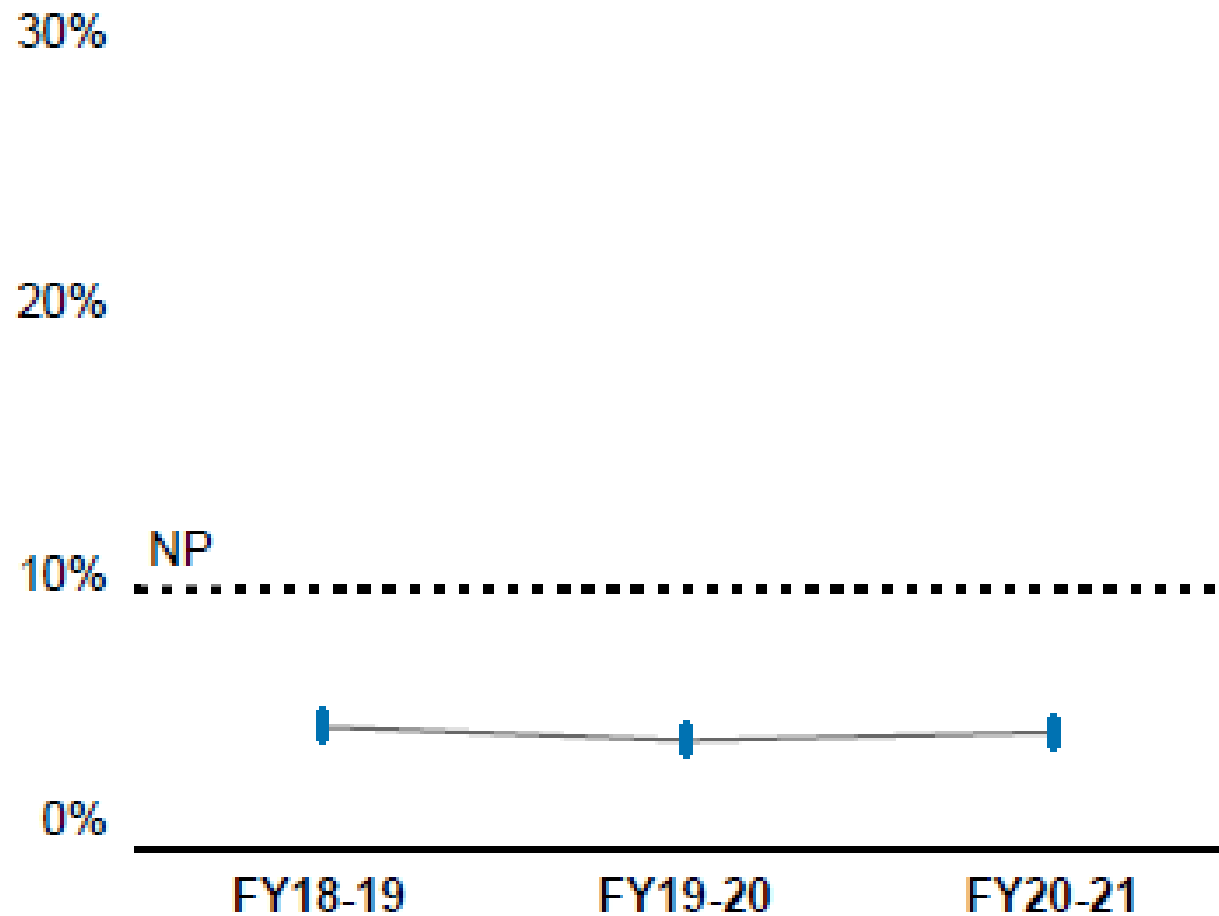
## Recurrence of Maltreatment

**9.7%**  
**NP**

**4.5%**  
**RSP**

**Lower value is desired**

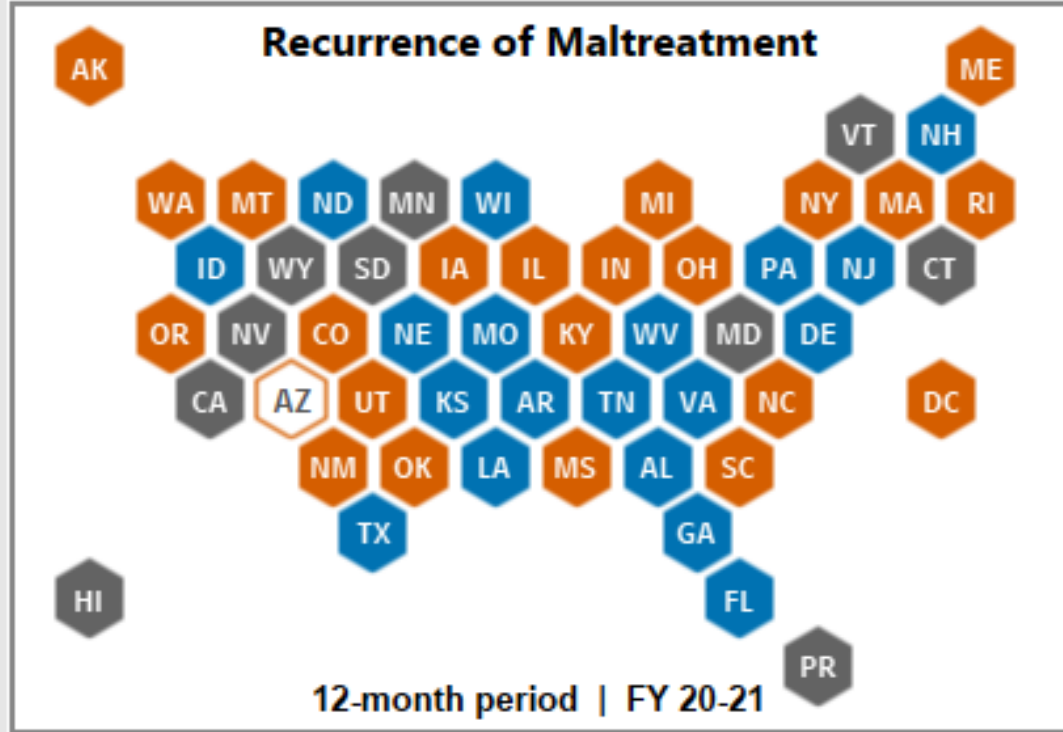
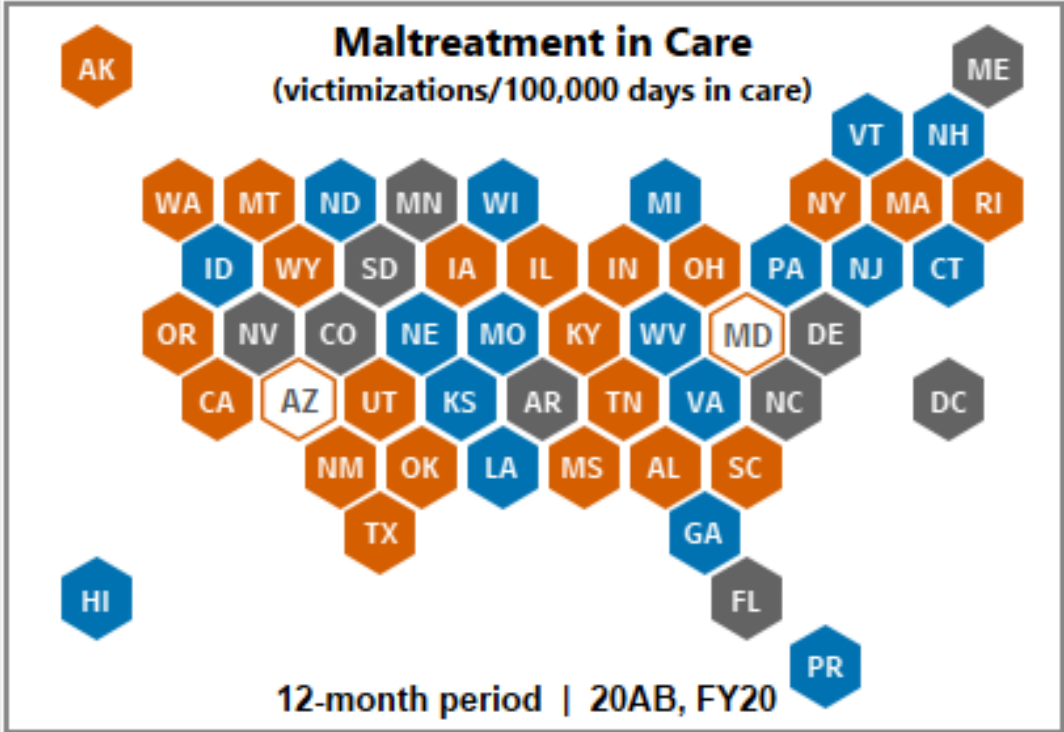
Measured as the percent of children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment in a 12-month period and who experienced subsequent maltreatment within 12 months of the initial victimization



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# Safety Outcomes



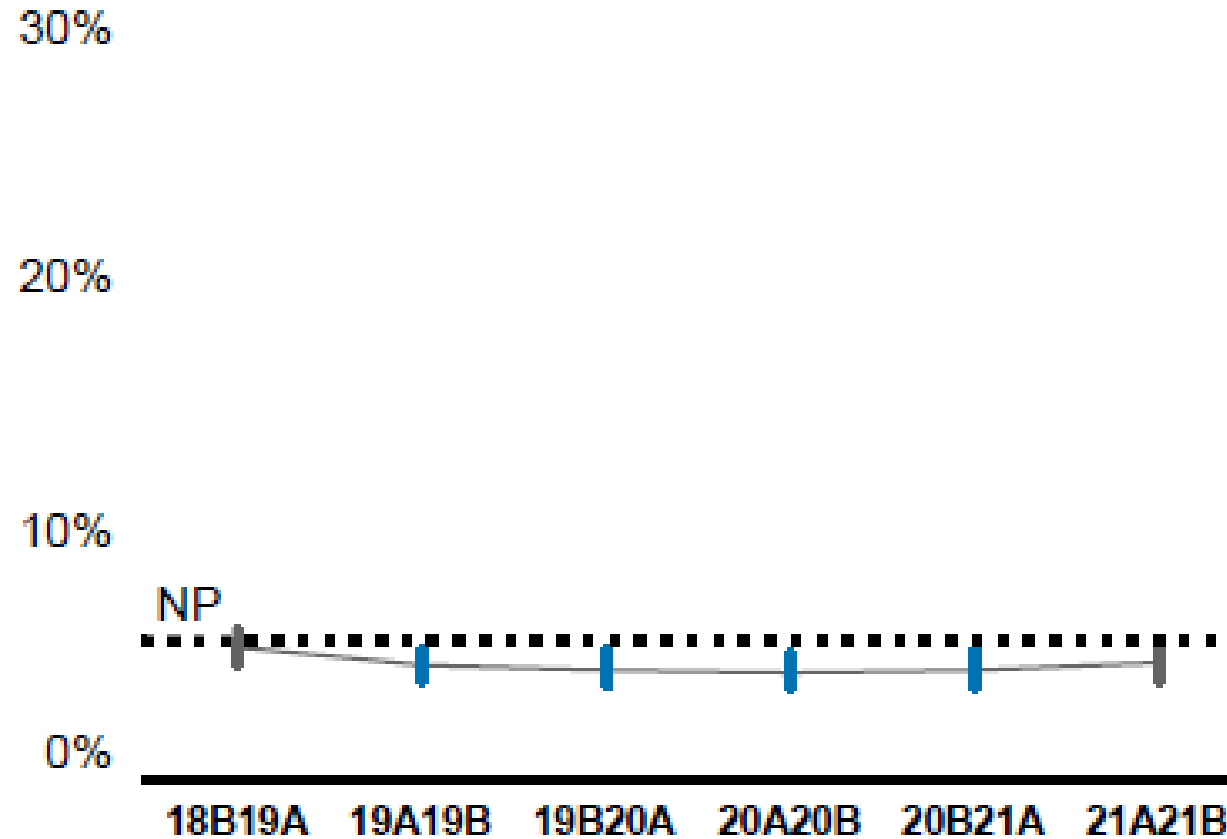
## Reentry to Foster Care

**5.6%**  
**NP**

**4.9%**  
**RSP**

**Lower value is desired**

Among children who discharged to permanency (excluding adoption) in a 12-month period, the percent who reentered care within 12 months of exit



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**ABOUT THE SAME**  
as the national  
average

# Placement Stability

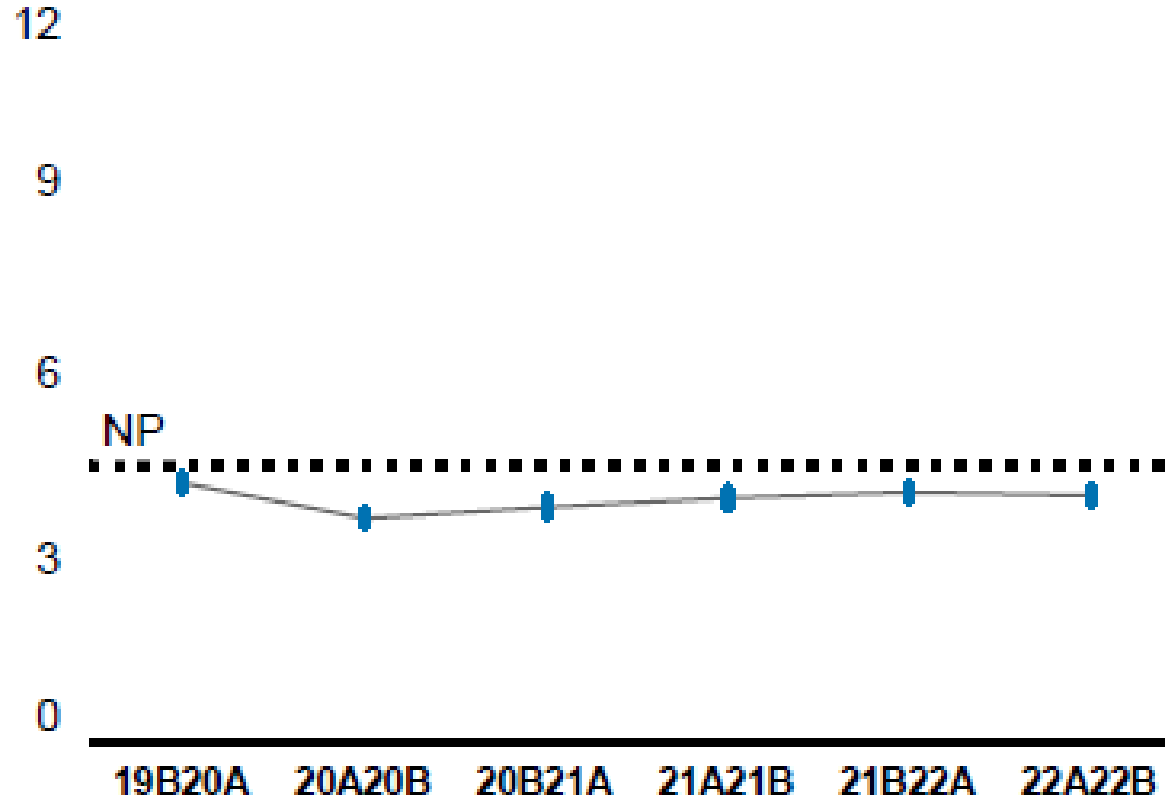
(moves/1,000 days in care)

4.48  
NP

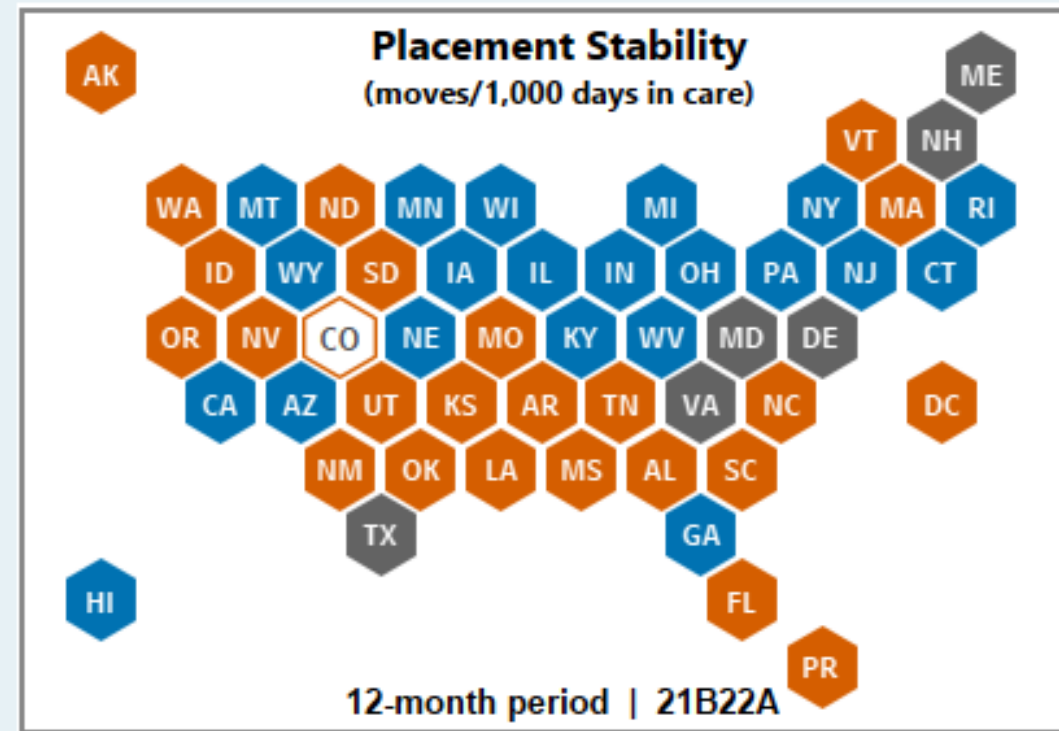
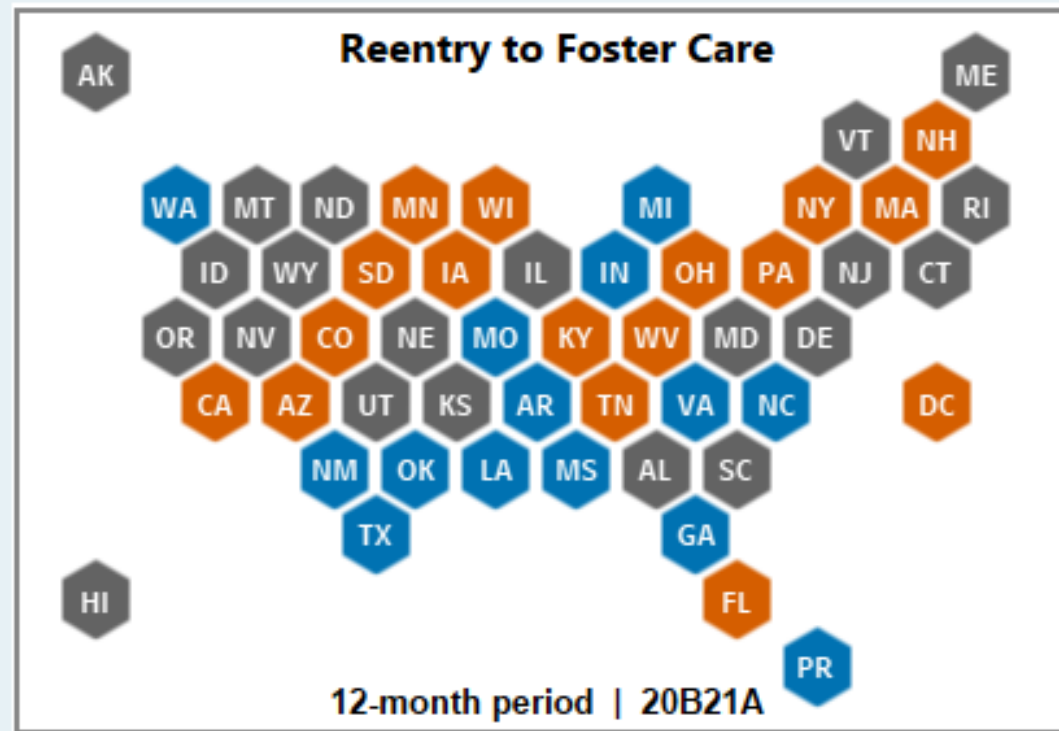
4.06  
RSP

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Among children who entered care in a 12-month period, the number of placement moves per day they experienced during that year



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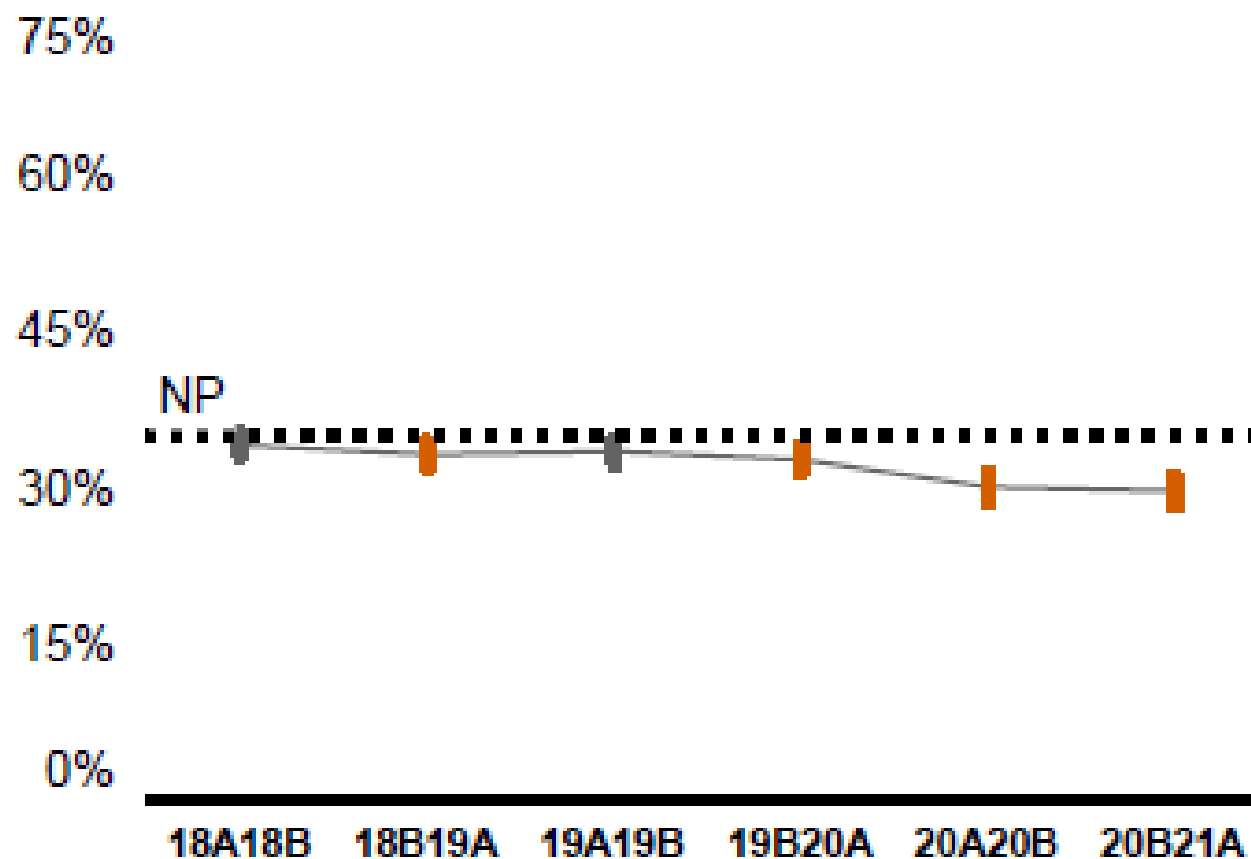
## Permanency in 12 Months (entries)

**35.2%**  
**NP**

**30.2%**  
**RSP**

**Higher value is desired**

Among children who entered foster care in a 12-month period, the percent who exited foster care to reunification, adoption, guardianship, or living with a relative within 12 months of their entry



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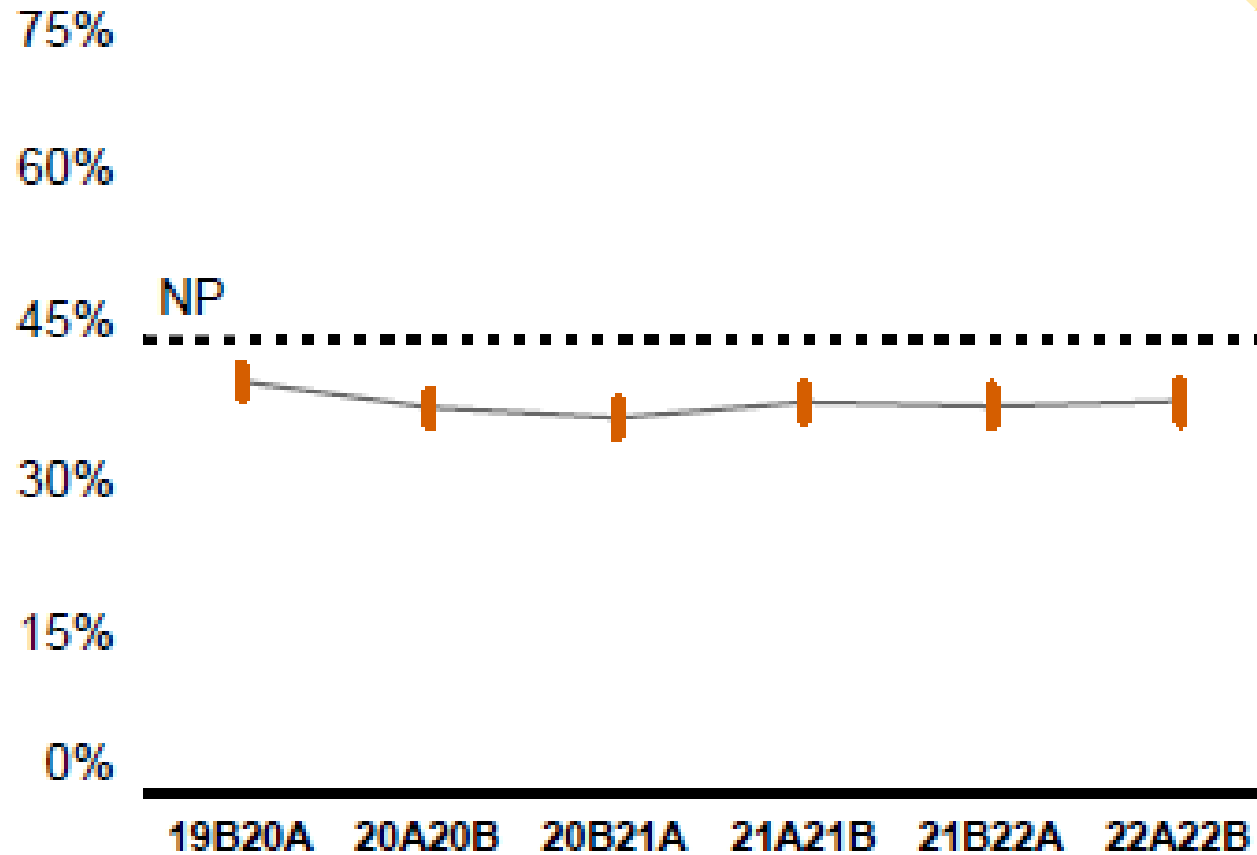
## Permanency in 12 Months (12-23 mos)

43.8%  
NP

38.1%  
RSP

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Among children in foster care at the start of the 12-month period who had been in care for 12 to 23 months, the percent who exited to permanency in the subsequent 12 months



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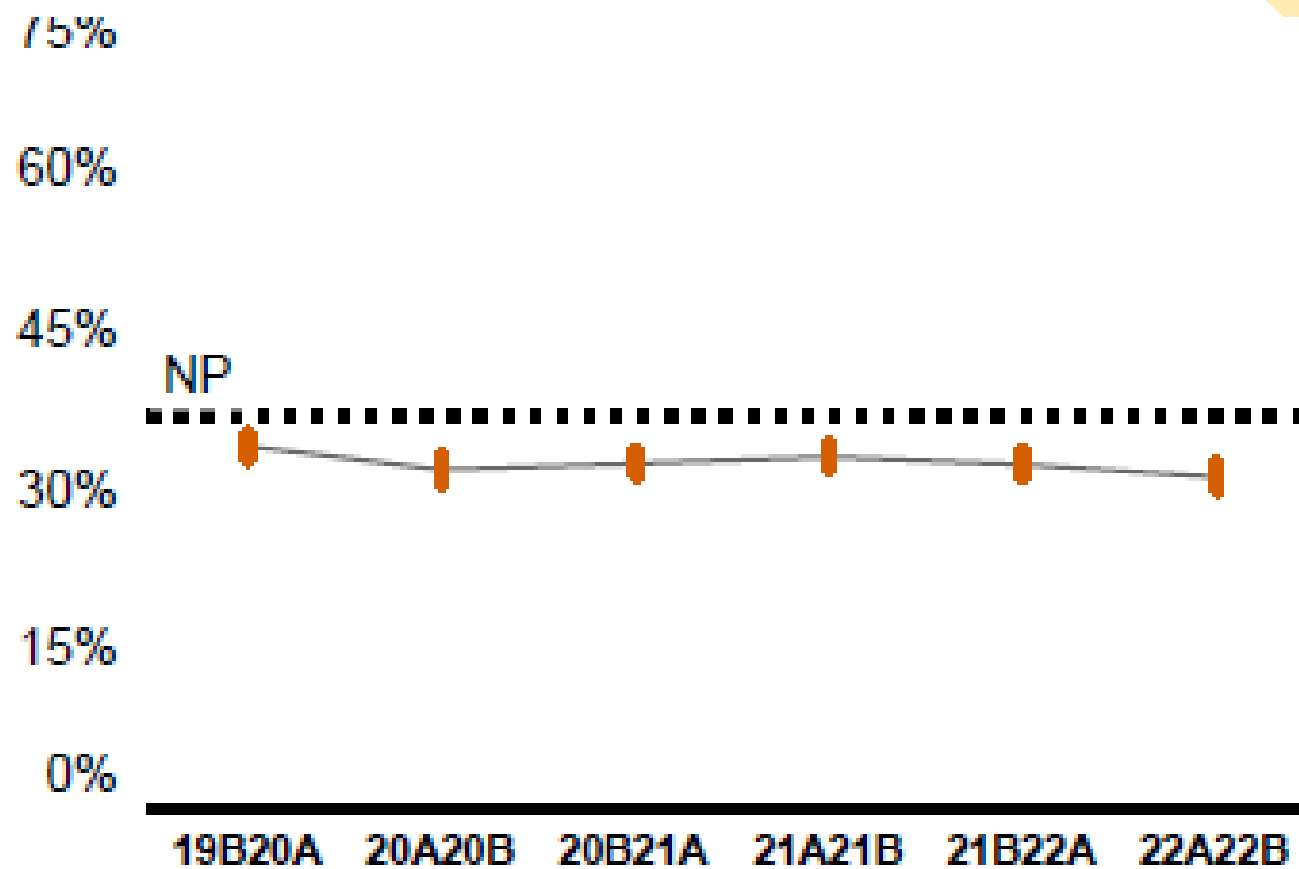
## Permanency in 12 Months (24+ mos)

**37.3%**  
**NP**

**31.6%**  
**RSP**

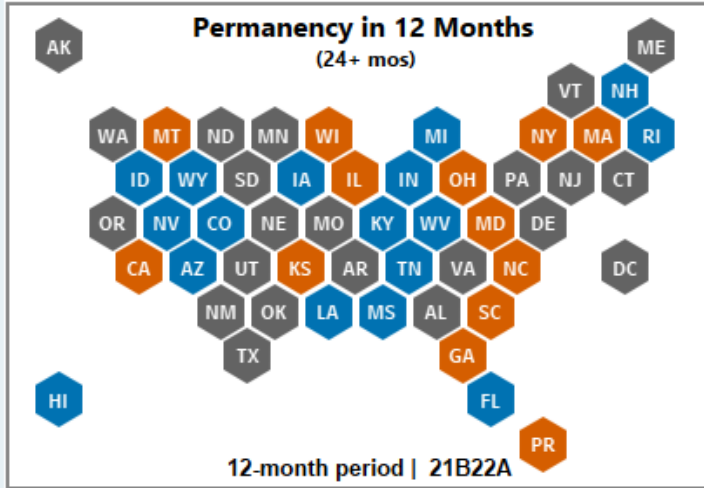
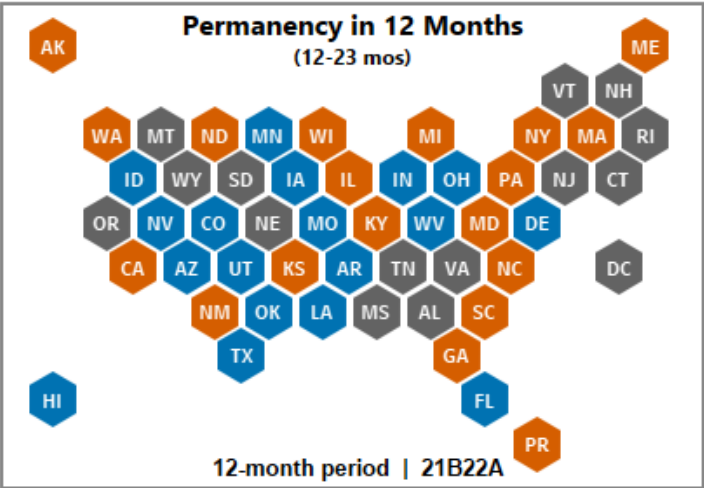
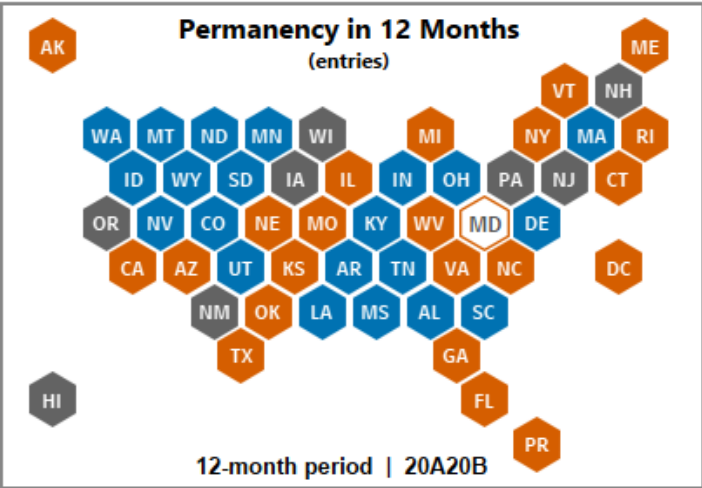
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Among children in foster care at the start of the 12-month period who had been in care 24 months or more, the percent who exited to permanency in the subsequent 12 months



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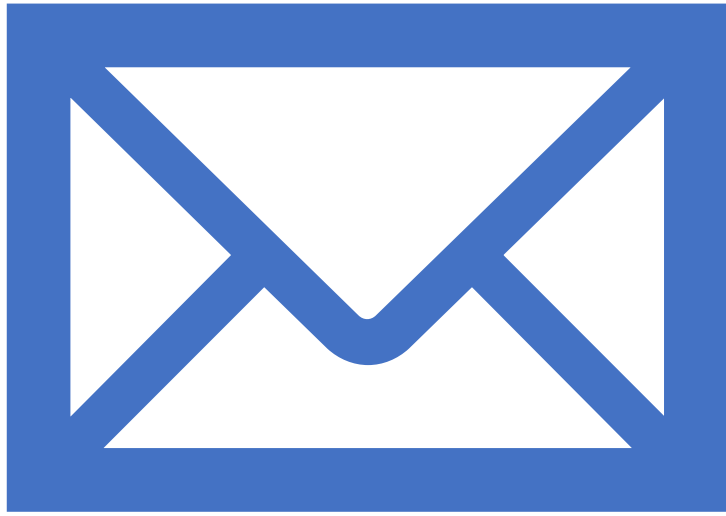
## Permanency Outcomes





Barriers to Success?

Strategies for  
Improvement?



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