



CII Meeting:
Child and Family Services Review
(CFSR)

August 2023

Purpose of the CFSR

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Determine conformity with federal child welfare requirements

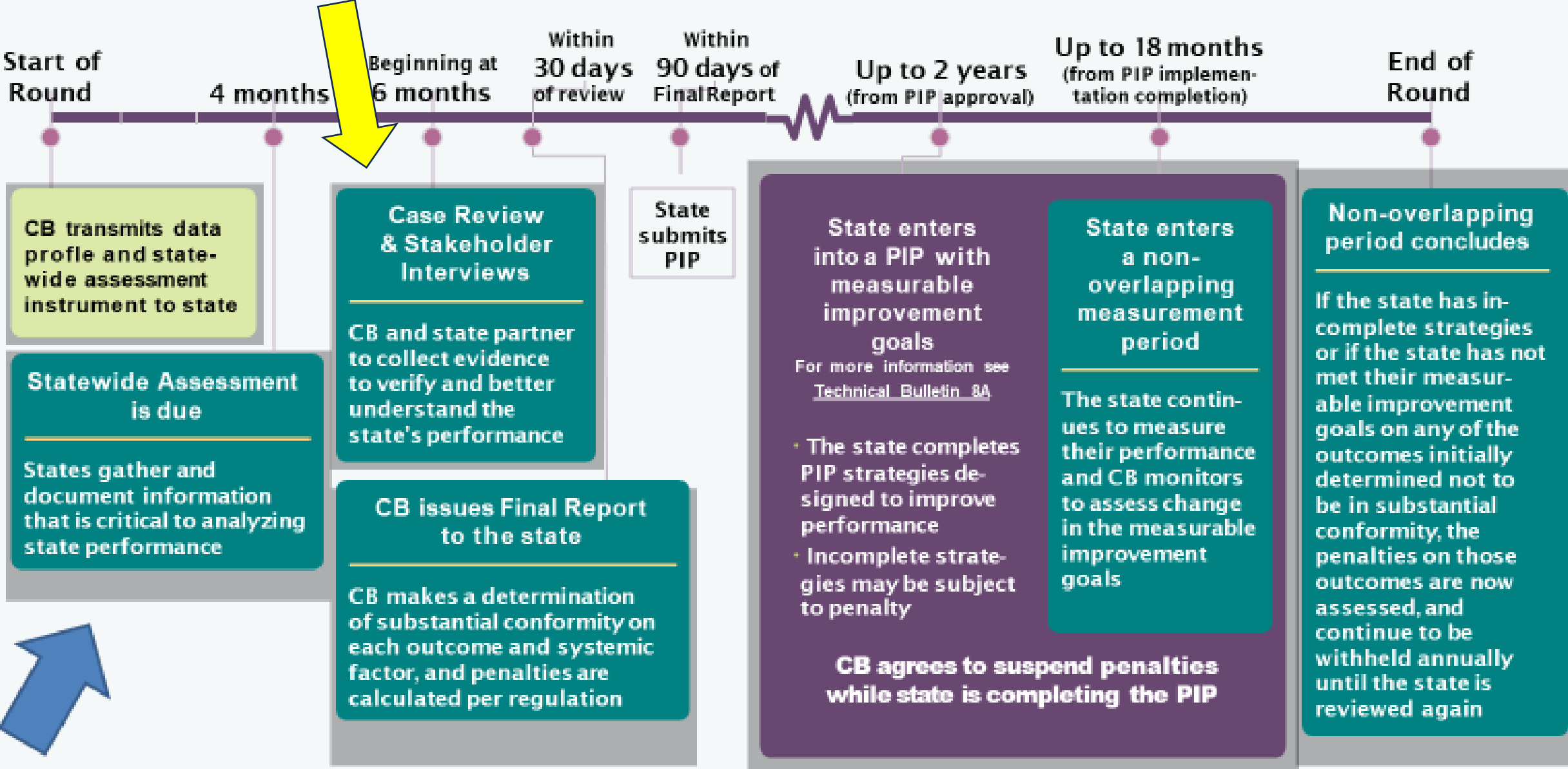
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Learn about the experiences of children, youth, and families receiving child welfare services

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

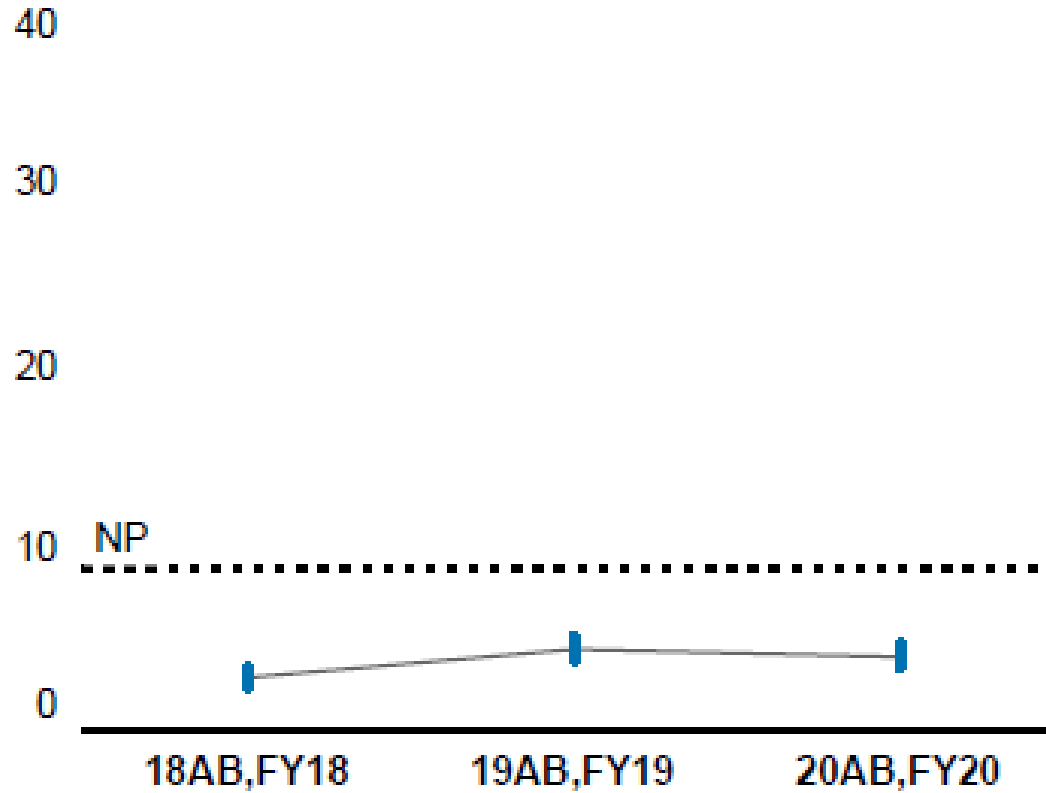
Maltreatment in Care (victimizations/100,000 days in care)

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



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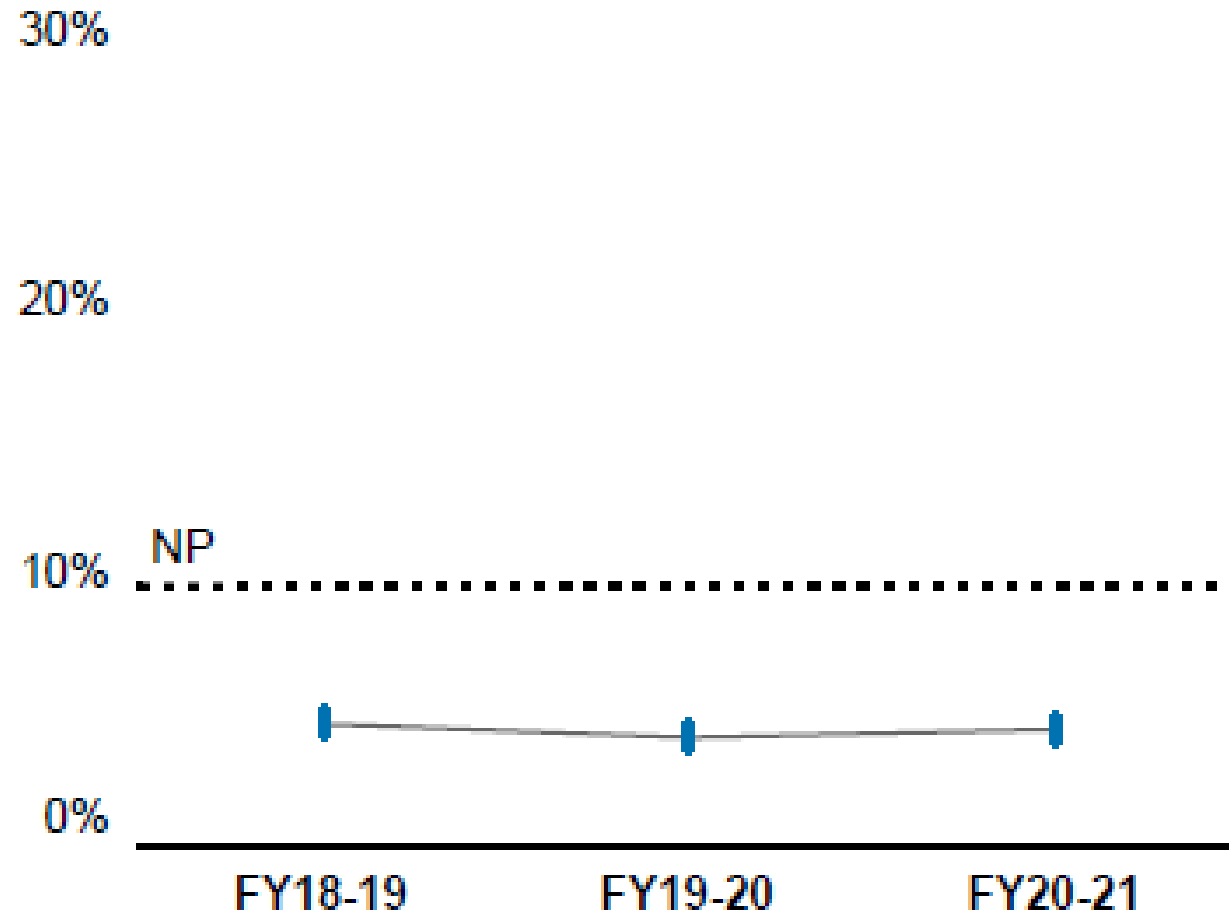
Recurrence of Maltreatment

9.7%
NP

4.5%
RSP

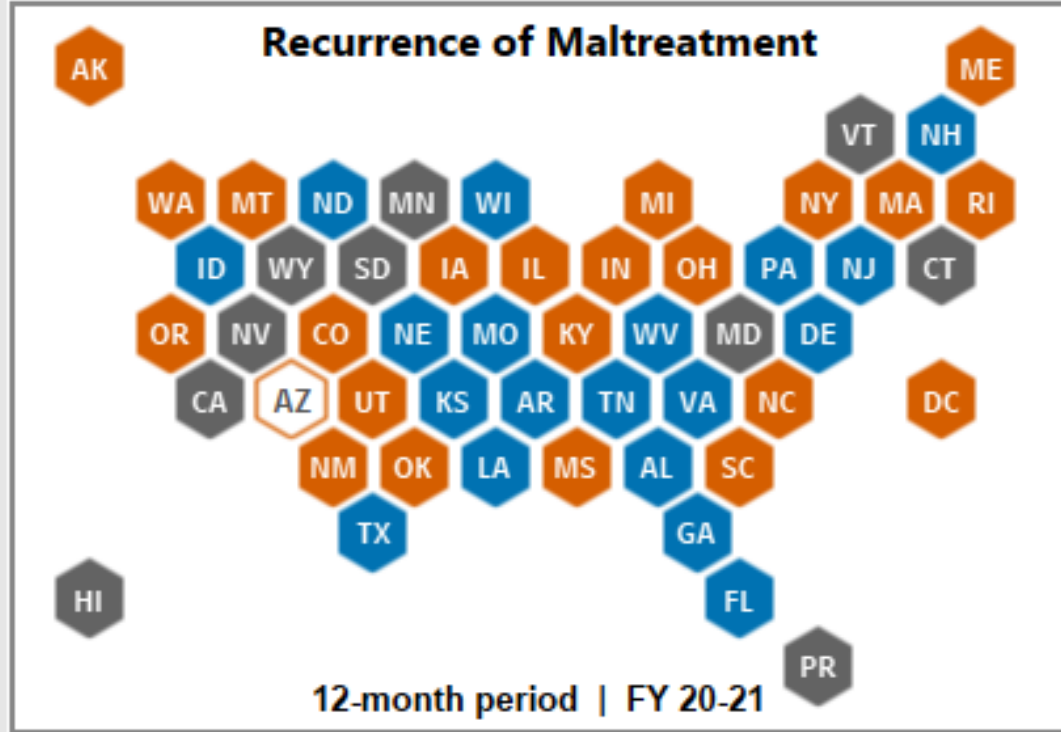
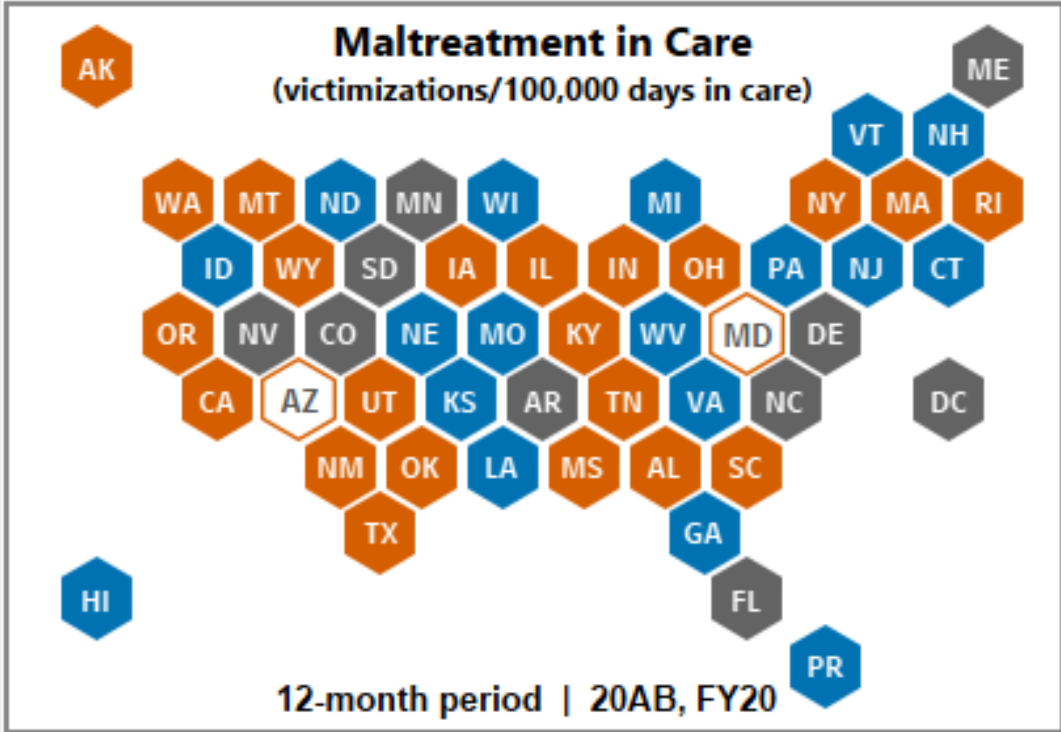
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Measured as the percent of children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment in a 12-month period and who experienced subsequent maltreatment within 12 months of the initial victimization



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Safety Outcomes



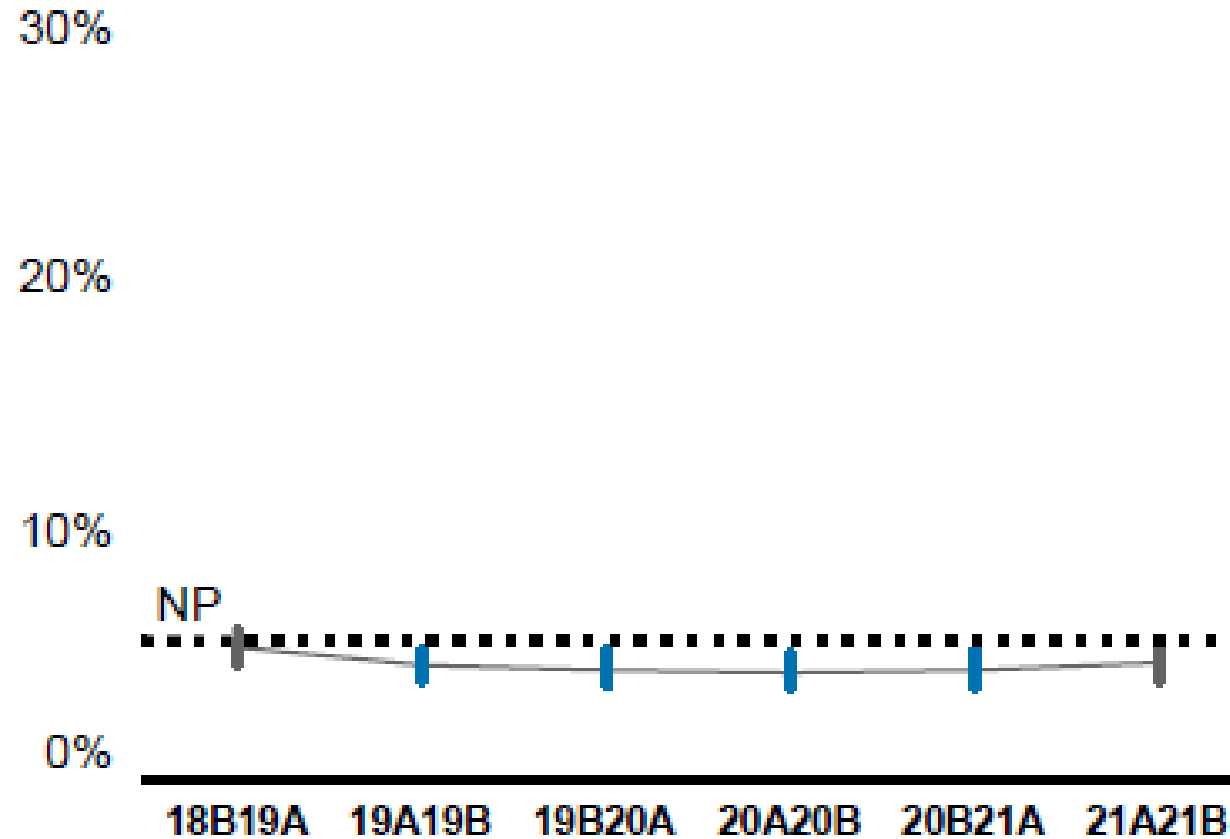
Reentry to Foster Care

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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Placement Stability

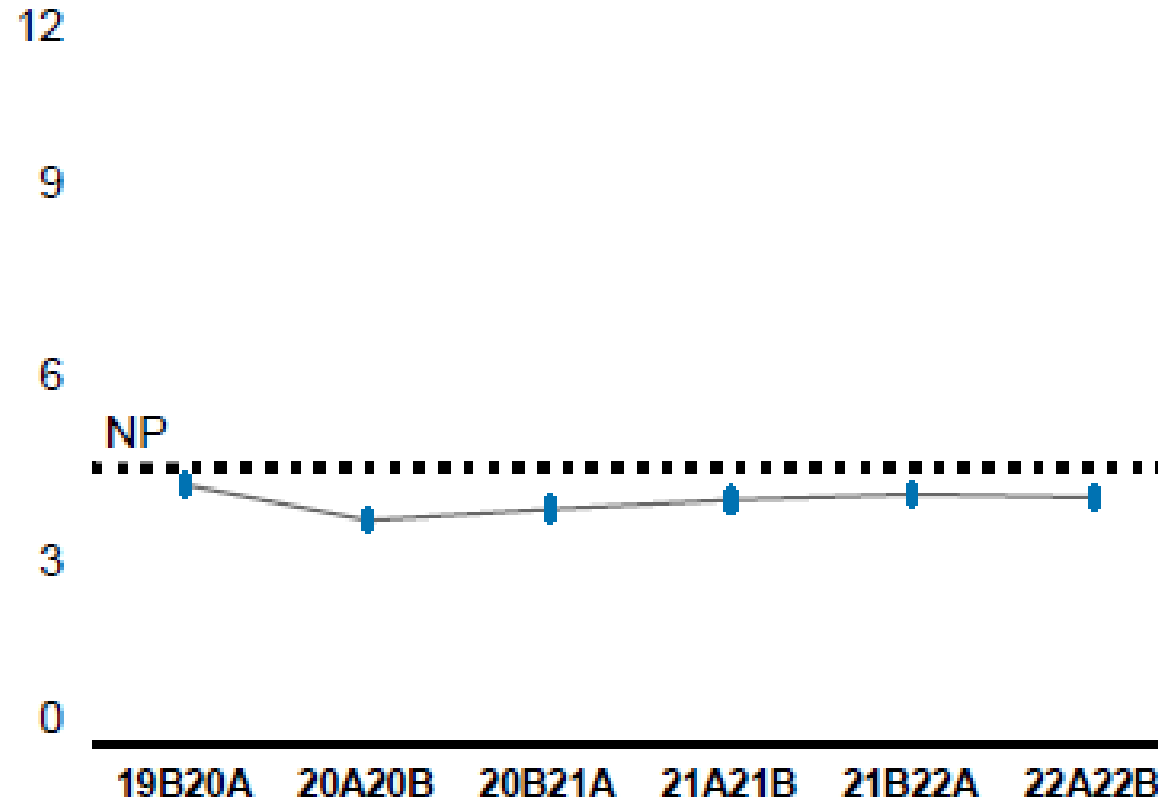
(moves/1,000 days in care)

4.48
NP

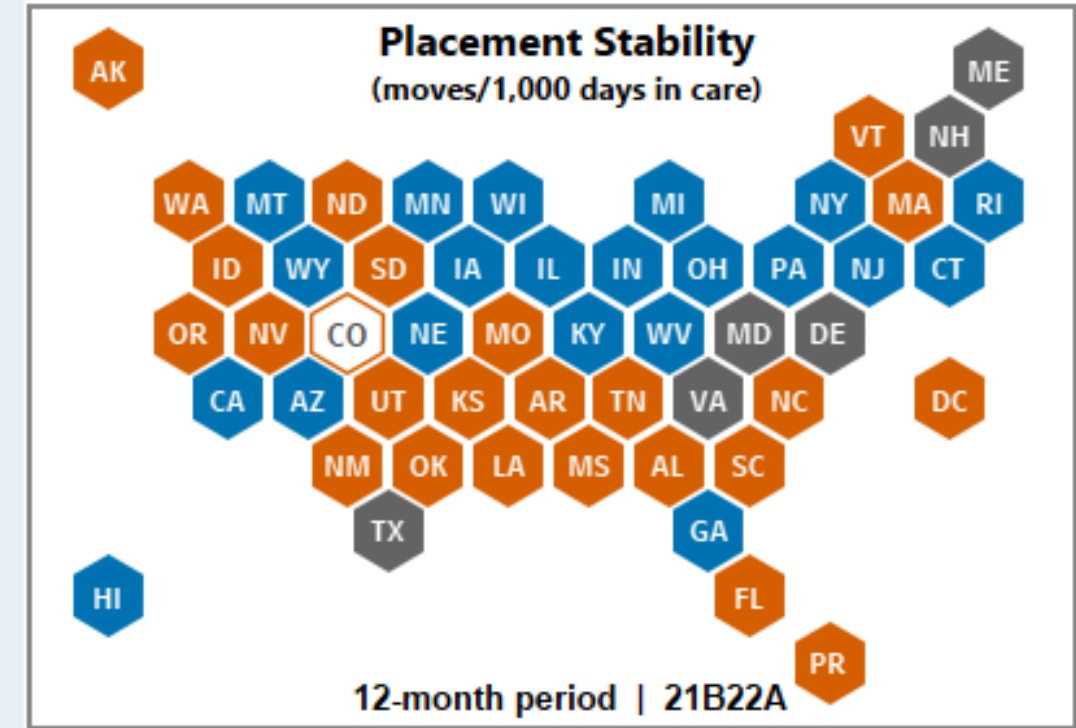
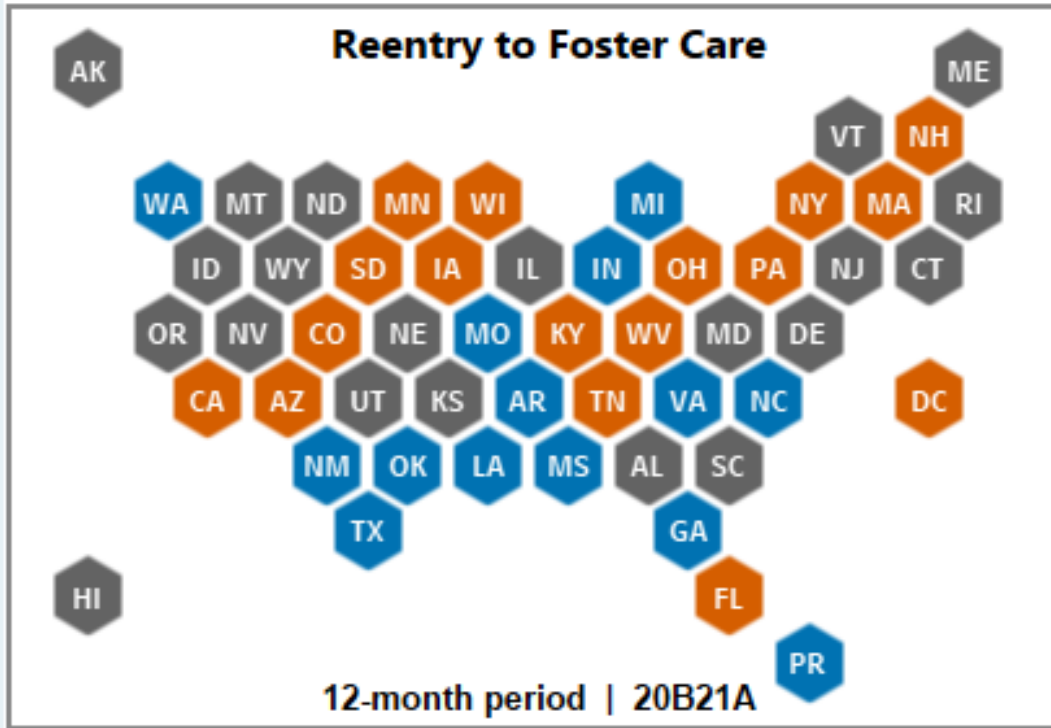
4.06
RSP

Lower value is desired

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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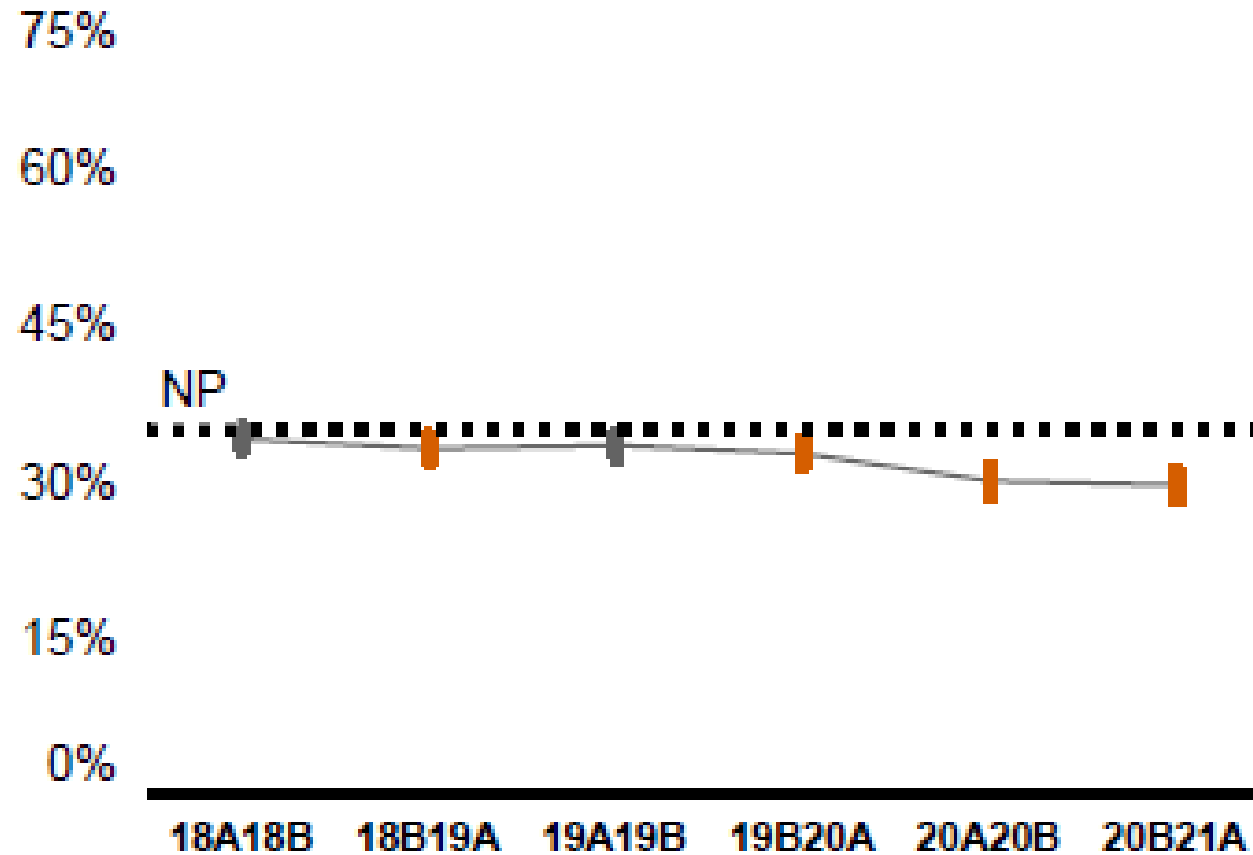
Permanency in 12 Months (entries)

35.2%
NP

30.2%
RSP

Higher value is desired

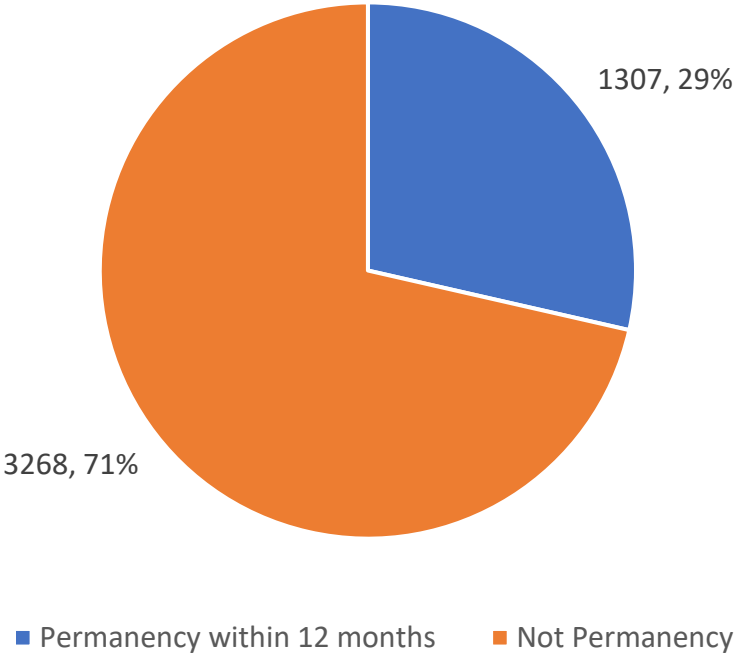
Among children who entered foster care in a 12-month period, the percent who exited foster care to reunification, adoption, guardianship, or living with a relative within 12 months of their entry



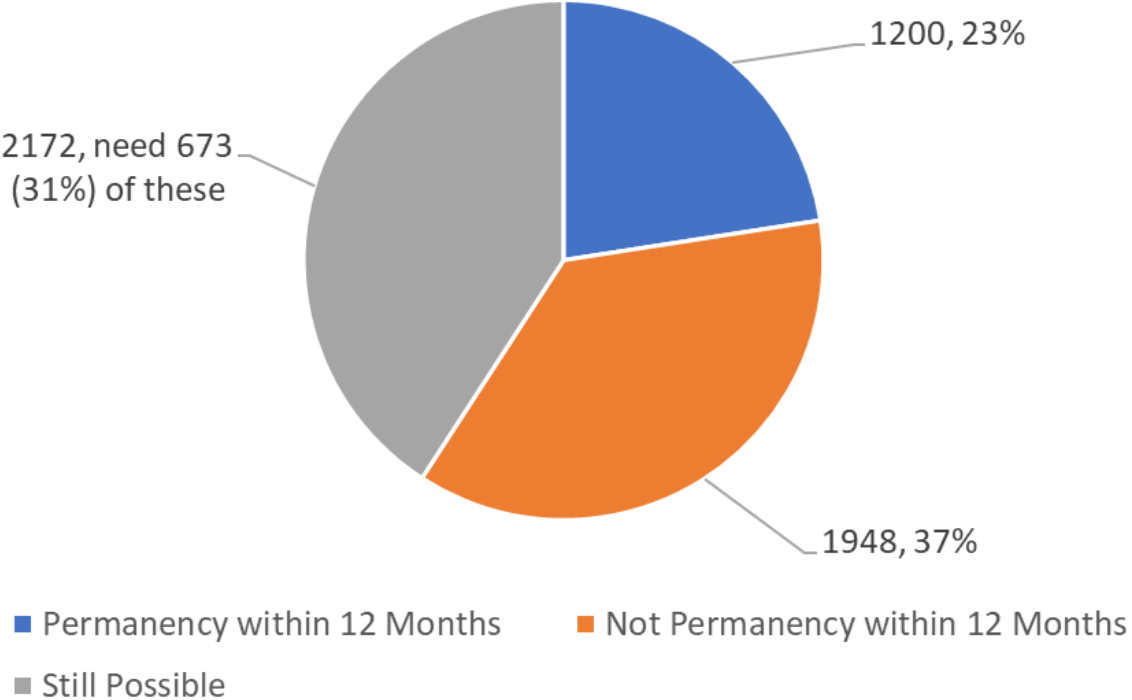
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Permanency within 12 months for children in custody 0-12 months (entries)

Removals in FFY2021 (n=4,575)



Removals in FFY2022 (n=5,320)



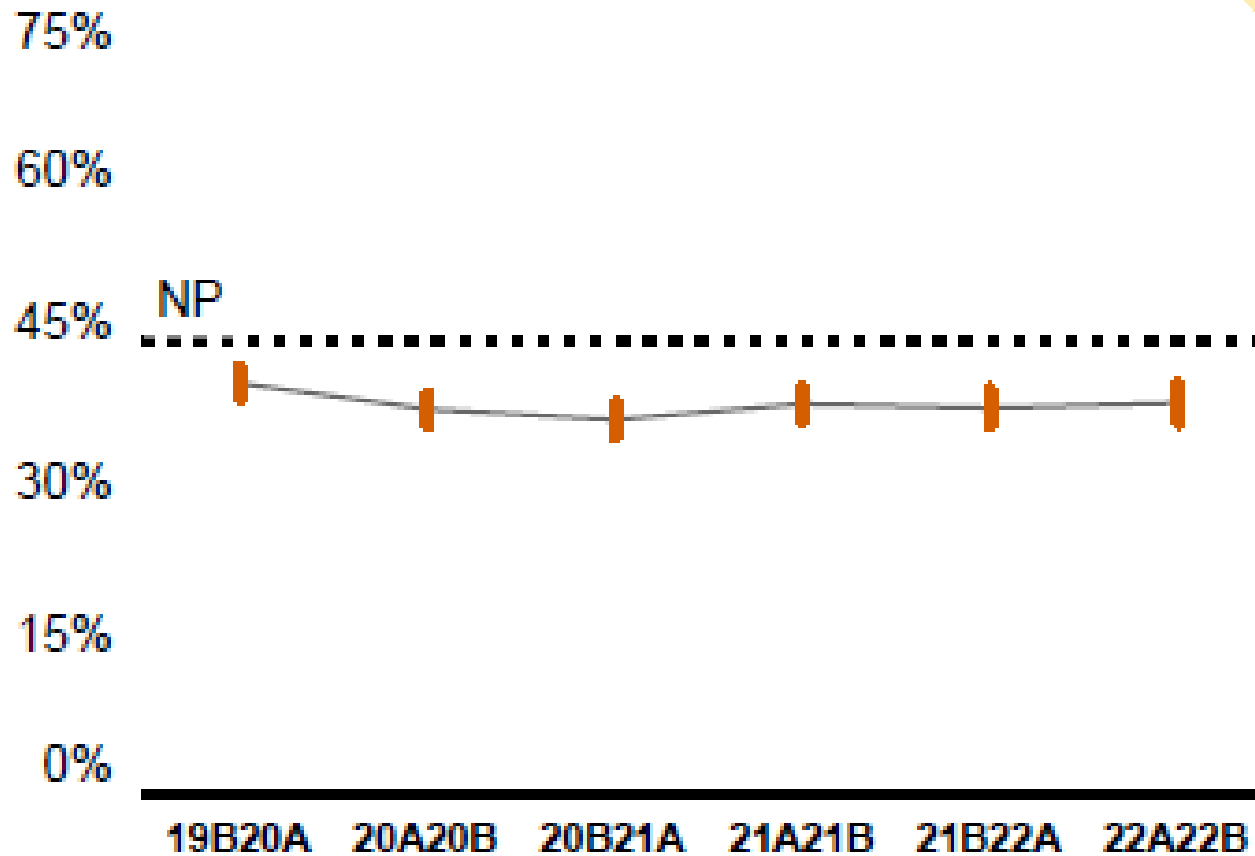
Permanency in 12 Months (12-23 mos)

43.8%
NP

38.1%
RSP

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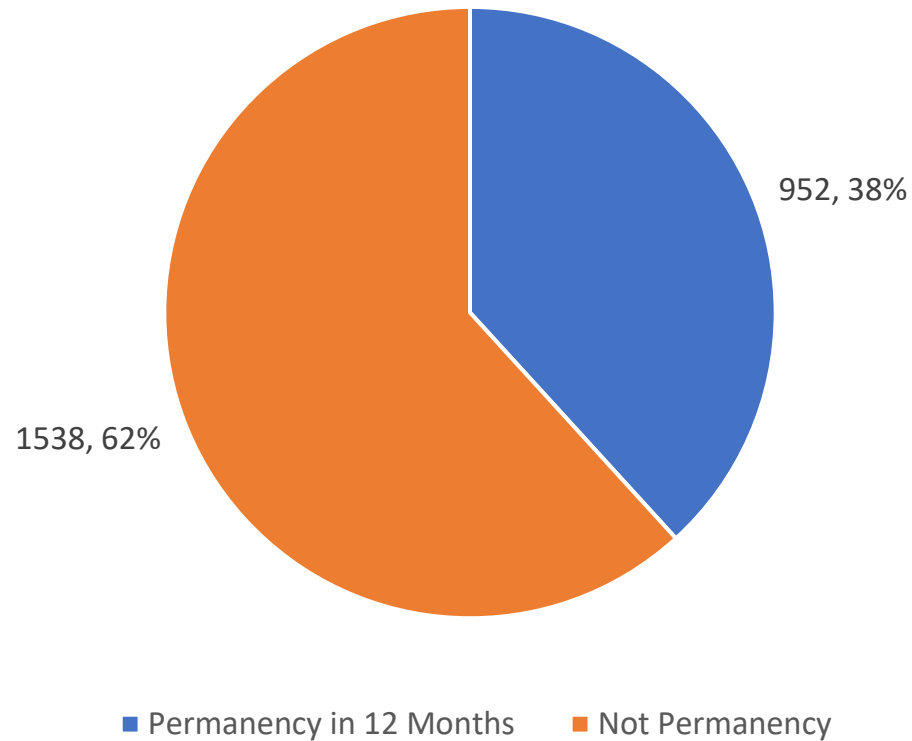
Among children in foster care at the start of the 12-month period who had been in care for 12 to 23 months, the percent who exited to permanency in the subsequent 12 months



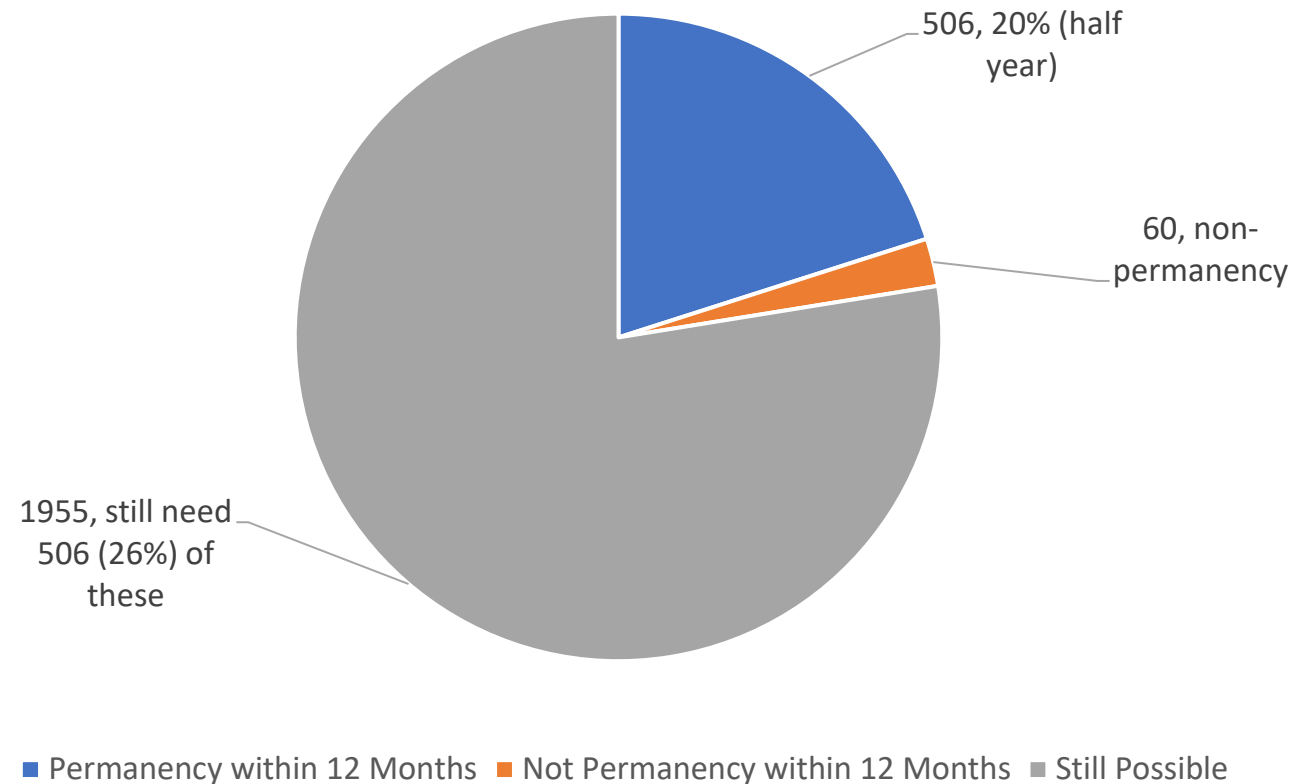
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Permanency within 12 months for children in custody 12-23 months

Custody on First Day of FFY2022 (n=2,490)



Custody on First Day of FFY2023 (n=2,521)



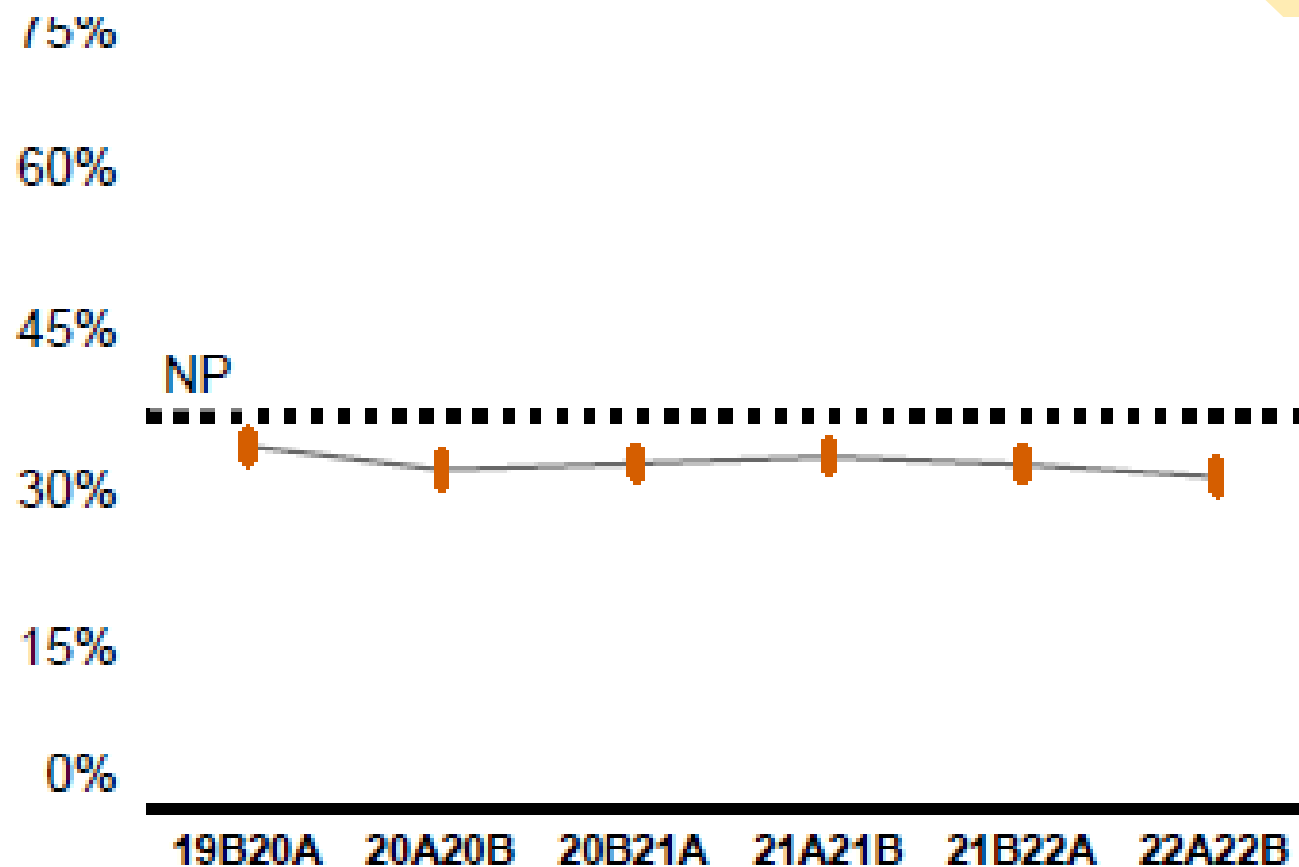
Permanency in 12 Months (24+ mos)

37.3%
NP

31.6%
RSP

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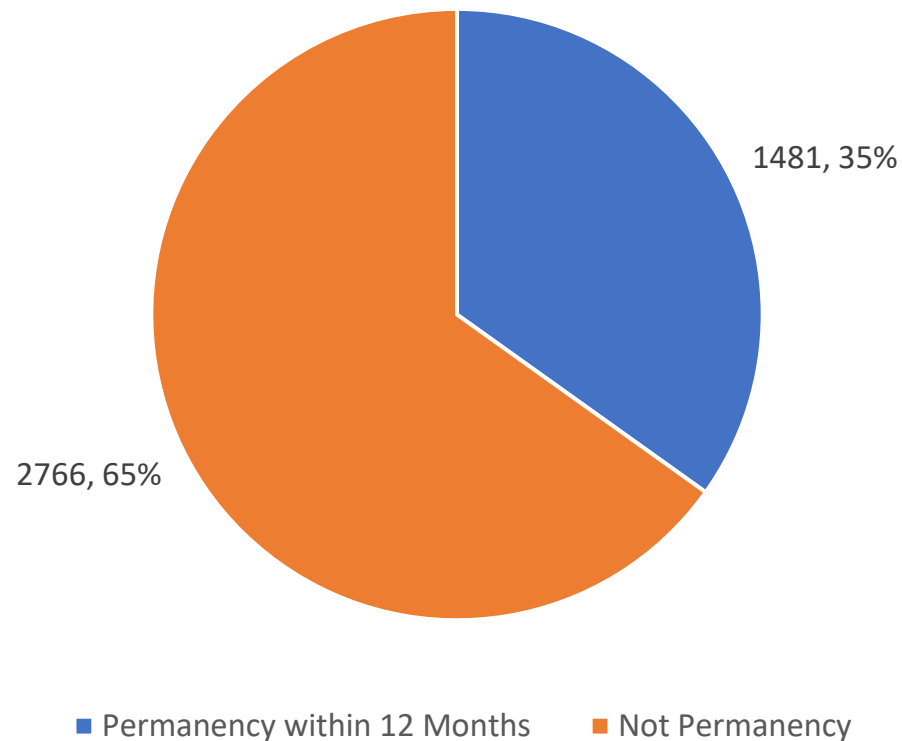
Among children in foster care at the start of the 12-month period who had been in care 24 months or more, the percent who exited to permanency in the subsequent 12 months



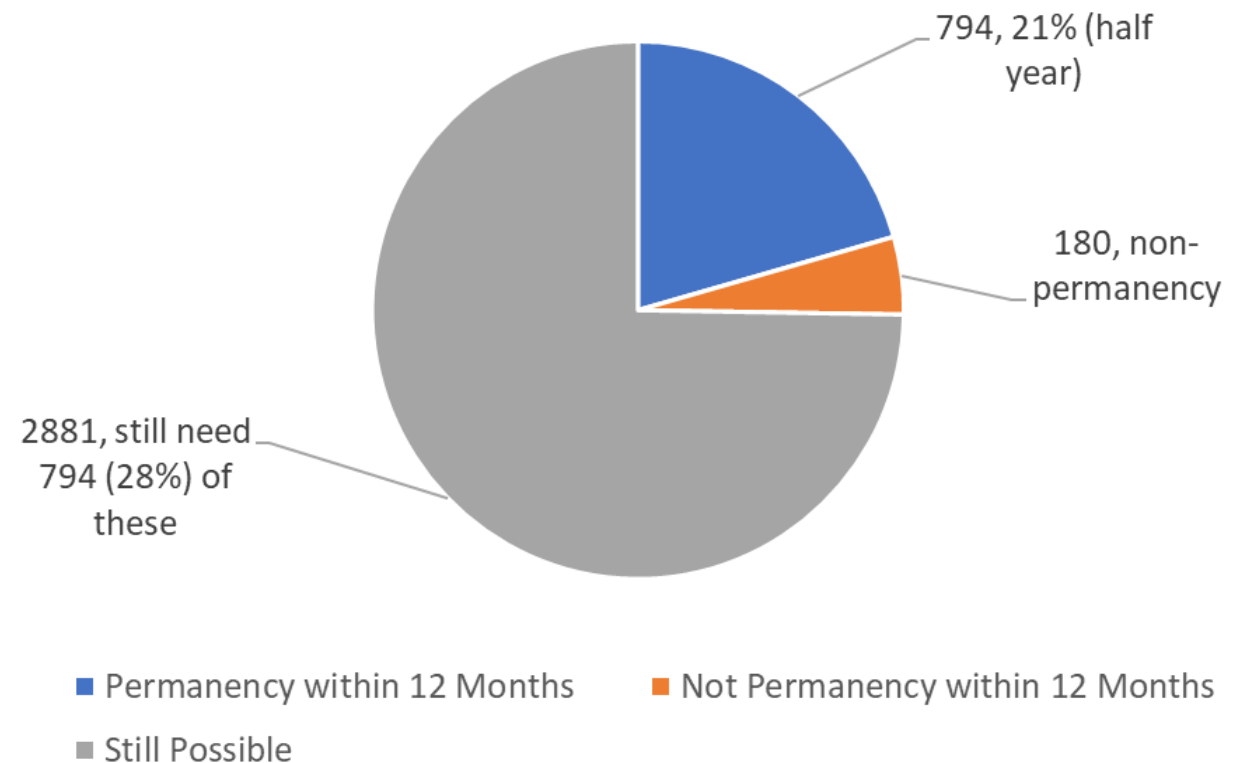
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Permanency within 12 months for children in custody 24+ months

Custody on First Day of FFY2022 (n=4,247)



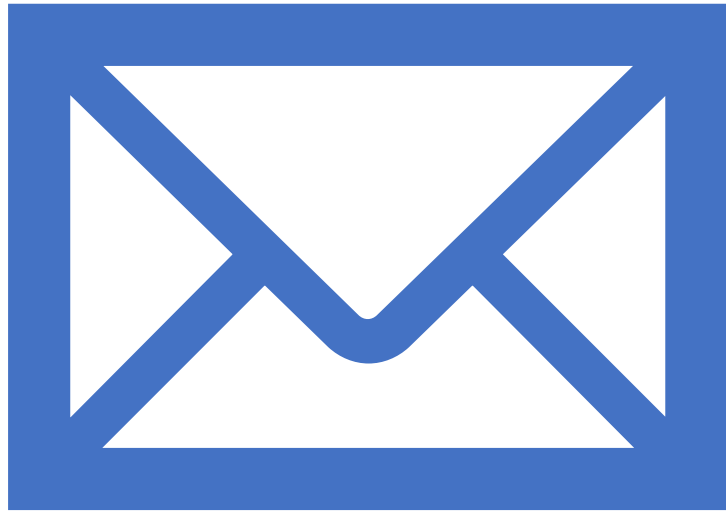
Custody on First Day of FFY2023 (n=3,855)





Barriers to Success?

Strategies for
Improvement?



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