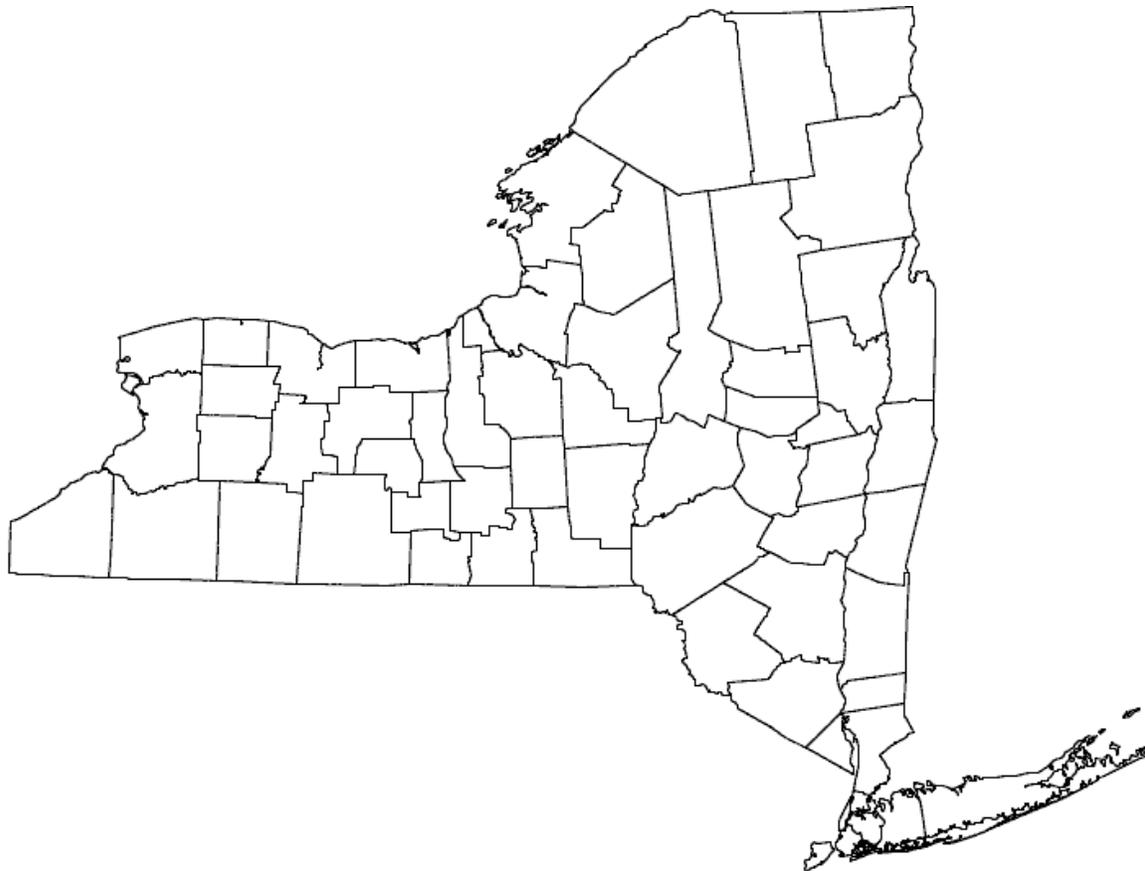


2015 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2011-2015

**Child Protective Services
Foster Care
Adoption**

New York State



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INTRODUCTION

The Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) are data packages that provide information on the major child welfare services provided by local Departments of Social Services (DSS). MAPS was developed in 1985 to support the program monitoring role of the Regional Office staff and New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Since then, the MAPS packages, which are produced annually, have also been disseminated to assist in child welfare planning and decision-making.

This MAPS package provides data on Child Protective Services (CPS), Foster Care, and Adoption for all counties. It contains detailed information for 2015 and charts of selected trend information for the five-year period, 2011-2015. Data for all counties other than New York City are contained in separate packages.

Program data on Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoption are taken from the CONNECTIONS Activity Module, formerly the Child Care Review Service (CCRS) database. This is a statewide, computerized child welfare database.

The current MAPS package was developed based on the data contained in OCFS Data Warehouse on March 9, 2016, and from the CONNECTIONS database as of March 9, 2016. The numbers in the MAPS package may differ from those that appear on routine reports that are distributed by OCFS either because they are taken from the databases on different dates or because the definition of a term differs. Additionally, reporting lags by some Local Social Services Districts affects all Foster Care and Adoption data.

In most instances, numbers are converted into rates or percentages to highlight important aspects of the child welfare service programs. The use of rates and percentages is a critical component of MAPS, as it allows for comparisons by controlling for differences in population. The population figures used to calculate rates for 2011 through 2015 are taken from the 2012 Complete New York and New Jersey Demographic Database Files, Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. For Child Protective Services data, rates are calculated based on the number of children ages 0 through 17 because very few reports are taken on youth aged 18 and over. However, since OCFS does have children in foster care 18 years old and above, the rates for Foster Care and Adoption are based on the number of children ages 0 through 21.

The MAPS package focuses on developing a profile of the child welfare services programs in each Local Social Services District. The data describe what are believed to be key, measurable characteristics of county child welfare services. The package is designed to provide a framework within which to examine the relationships among variables, raise questions, and initiate discussions about child welfare programs. It is not intended to judge performance or to focus attention on a single variable.

Definitions necessary to understand the data are printed at the bottom of the appropriate page. These definitions also apply to the multi-year data pages. Appendix A contains additional clarifying information to facilitate an accurate interpretation of complex variables. Careful review and use of the MAPS package are required to understand the data.

In summary, MAPS is not intended to be a package of indicators by which performance may be judged. Rather, it is intended to provide a framework within which reasoned questions can be asked by those who have been trained to its uses and limitations and who have substantive knowledge of the child welfare system in New York State. Questions about this data and suggestions and/or comments related to the design of this package may be directed to Vajeera Dorabawila, Research Scientist/Assistant Director, Bureau of Research, Evaluation and

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MONITORING AND ANALYSIS PROFILES

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**CHILD
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES**

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
WORKLOAD DATA
2015**

NEW YORK STATE

	N	Rate
REPORTS RECEIVED	155,844	35.8
	N	%
REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER	100,601	64.6
OF REPORTS DETERMINED:		
Reports Indicated	44,141	31.1
Reports Unfounded	97,950	68.9
OF REPORTS REGISTERED:		
Determinations Overdue	2,746	1.9
OF REPORTS ASSESSED:		
Family Assessment Response	11,007	7.1

Reports Received

N: Number of reports received during the calendar year, whether determined or assessed.

Rate: Number of reports received during the calendar year for every 1,000 children in the district.

Reports by Mandated Reporter

N: Number of reports received during the calendar year with a mandated reporter as the source of the report.

%: Number of reports received during the calendar year with a mandated reporter as the source of the report, as a percentage of all reports received during the calendar year.

Reports Determined

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and indicated/unfounded by 03/09/16

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and indicated/unfounded by 03/09/16, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2015 and determined by 03/09/16.

Determinations Overdue

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and had no determination by 03/09/16.

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and had no determination by 03/09/16, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2015, excluding those reports selected for assessment rather than investigation.

Reports Assessed

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and assigned to the Family Assessment Response track by 03/09/16.

Rate is the total number of FAR reports divided by the total number of reports received.

See the Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT DETERMINATIONS -- TIMELINESS
2015**

NEW YORK STATE		
REPORT DETERMINATION TIMELINESS:	N	%
	93,665	65.9
DAYS TO REPORT DETERMINATION:		
NEW YORK STATE		
All Reports Determined	N	%
0-30 Days	17,249	12.1
31-60	76,416	53.8
61-90	31,635	22.3
>90	16,791	11.8
Indicated		
0-30 Days	3,851	8.7
31-60	24,380	55.2
61-90	10,137	23.0
>90	5,773	13.1
Unfounded		
0-30 Days	13,398	13.7
31-60	52,036	53.1
61-90	21,498	21.9
>90	11,018	11.2

Report Determination Timeliness

N: Number of reports that were registered in the calendar year and determined within 60 days.

%: Number of reports that were determined within 60 days, as a percentage of all reports that were determined in the calendar year 2015, excluding those reports selected for assessment rather than investigation.

Days to Report Determination: Number of reports determined in calendar year 2015, that received a determination by 03/09/2016, and were determined within each respective range of days for each of the three determination categories.

See the Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
TREND DATA
2011-2015**

REPORTS RECEIVED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	164,332	38.0	
2012	160,049	37.0	-2.6
2013	155,986	36.0	-2.7
2014	155,609	35.9	-0.5
2015	155,844	35.8	-0.3

REPORTS INDICATED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	47,514	30.7	
2012	45,757	31.0	1.0
2013	44,651	31.0	-63.8
2014	45,766	31.7	16.8
2015	44,141	31.1	-21.0

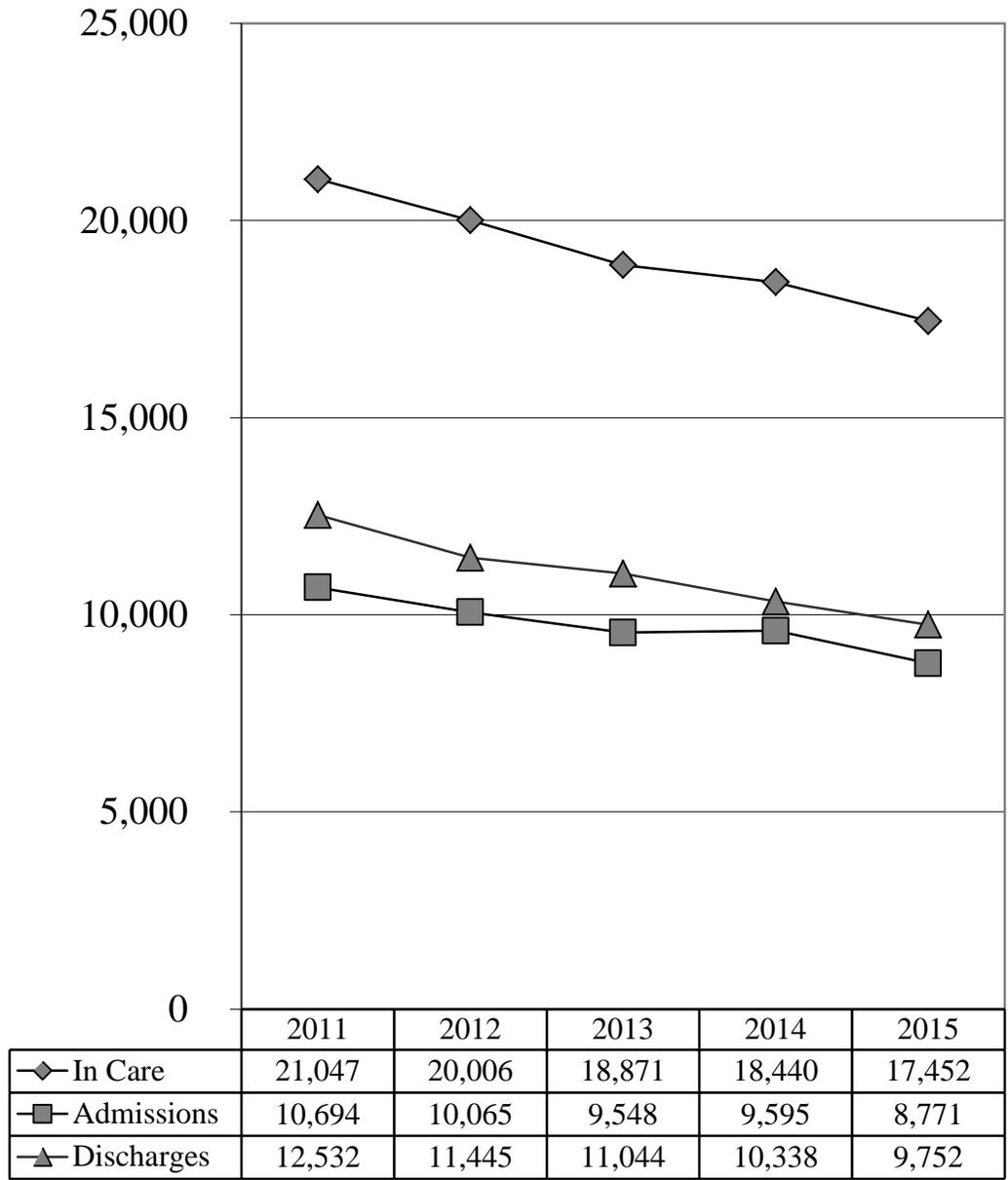
FAR REPORTS ASSESSED:

	N	Annual Rate
2011	9,413	5.7
2012	12,319	7.7
2013	11,994	7.7
2014	11,239	7.2
2015	11,342	7.3

For detailed description of variables see page 2, "Child Protective Services Workload Data".
See Appendix A for details on CONNECTIONS CPS data.

**FOSTER
CARE**

**FOSTER CARE
IN CARE, ADMISSIONS, and DISCHARGES
New York State
2011-2015**



**FOSTER CARE ADMISSIONS/DISCHARGES/INCARE
BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY
2015**

	N	Rate	%
Admissions	8,771	1.6	
Discharges	9,752	35.8	11.9
In Care	17,452	3.2	

AGE:

	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
< 2	2,067	23.6	945	9.7	2,063	11.8
2-5	1,649	18.8	2,187	22.4	4,138	23.7
6-9	1,260	14.4	1,639	16.8	2,935	16.8
10-13	1,245	14.2	1,244	12.8	2,349	13.5
14-17	2,450	27.9	2,339	24.0	4,127	23.6
18+	100	1.1	1,398	14.3	1,840	10.5

RACE/ETHNICITY:

	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	2,384	27.2	2,428	24.9	3,946	22.6
African American	3,213	36.6	3,912	40.1	7,180	41.1
Latino	2,093	23.9	2,363	24.2	4,348	24.9
Native American/ Alaska Native	9	0.1	27	0.3	45	0.3
Asian	106	1.2	125	1.3	182	1.0
Unknown	966	11.0	897	9.2	1,751	10.0

PERCENTAGE OF DISCHARGES BY DESTINATION:

	Home	Independent Adoption	Other State Living	Agency	Other
	%	%	%	%	%
NEW YORK STATE	61.5	20.3	11.8	1.8	4.6

Admissions: N: Number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year.

Rate: The number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year for every 1,000 children in the district.

Discharges: N: Number of children discharged during the calendar year. The number does not include trial discharges.

This discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPS pages due to definitional differences.

%: Children discharged during the calendar year, as a percentage of all children who were in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

In Care: N: Number of children in foster care on 12/31/15.

Rate: The number of children in foster care on 12/31/15 for every 1,000 children in the district.

Race/Ethnicity: See Appendix A for details. Race/ethnicity is classified into mutually exclusive categories. In the process, children identified as White/Hispanic or Black /Hispanic are counted under Latino and not in White or African American.

Destination: For children discharged during 2015, the stated discharge reason:

Return to a homelike setting (Home); discharge to adoption (Adoption); assuming responsibility for self, e.g. independent living, military service, etc. (Independent Living); discharge to another state service system (Other State Agency); or one of several other reasons, e.g., moved out of district, etc. (Other).

FOSTER CARE CHARACTERISTICS 2015

PLACEMENT IN FOSTER BOARDING AND ADOPTIVE HOMES:

Child's Race

	Total with Race/ Ethnic Code	# Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent	% Same as Foster / Adoptive Parent
Total	9,243	6,062	65.6
White	2,445	2,011	82.2
African American	4,044	2,863	70.8
Latino	2,597	1,171	45.1
Native American/Alaska Native	25	10	40.0
Asian	132	7	5.3
	N		%
Unknown/Missing	1,122		10.8

SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:

Group Size:	Separated		Partly Separated		Intact	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Two	938	26.5	-	-	2,600	73.5
Three	183	8.3	729	33.1	1,293	58.6
Four or more	97	4.4	1,494	68.2	599	27.4

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

	N	%
Total (0-24 months)	1,128	12.9
0-3 months	278	3.2
4-12 months	539	6.1
13-24 months	311	3.5

Total With Race/Ethnic Code:

N: Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/15 who have a race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS.

Number With Same Race/Ethnic Code:

N: Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/15 whose race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS is the same as at least one of his or her foster parent's race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS. Congregate care and approved relative homes are excluded. %: Children with a race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS whose code is the same as at least one foster parent's race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS as a percentage of children in foster care on 12/31/15 with a race/ethnic code for a specified race/ethnic group. There are a small number of foster parents with no race/ethnic code in the CONNECTIONS database; these are counted as not matched.

Siblings in Foster Care: Separated: All of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in separate facilities.

Partly Separated: Some of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in separate facilities.

Intact: All of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in the same facility.

N: Number of children in foster care on 12/31/15 who have a sibling in foster care. %: Number of siblings who are separated, partly separated, or intact as a percentage of all siblings in a sibling group of the same size.

Children Returning to Care By Length of Time Since Last Discharge: N: Number of children who were readmitted to foster care in 2015 who had been discharged from foster care within the specified number of months prior to the last 2015 admission. Children returning to foster care from a trial discharge are not considered to have been readmitted. %: The number of children readmitted to foster care in 2015, as a percentage of the total number of children admitted to foster care in 2015

Race/Ethnicity – see Appendix A for definitions.

SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2015 FOSTER CARE ADMISSION

	NEW YORK STATE	
	N	%
Preventive Services Only	545	6.2
Child Protective Services Only	2,101	24.0
Both Preventive and CPS	2,675	30.5
Neither Preventive nor CPS	3,450	39.3

SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2015 ADMISSION BY AGE:

AGE	PREVENTIVE ONLY		CHILD PROTECTIVE ONLY	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	50	2.4	669	32.4
2-5	23	1.4	436	26.4
6-9	32	2.5	333	26.4
10-13	91	7.3	280	22.5
14-17	346	14.1	361	14.7
18+	3	3.0	22	22.0

AGE	BOTH PREVENTIVE AND PROTECTIVE		NEITHER PREVENTIVE NOR PROTECTIVE	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	483	23.4	865	41.8
2-5	672	40.8	518	31.4
6-9	544	43.2	351	27.9
10-13	440	35.3	434	34.9
14-17	530	21.6	1,213	49.5
18+	6	6.0	69	69.0

Please Note: All four categories are mutually exclusive.

Preventive Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2015 who were opened to Preventive Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Preventive during the 12 months preceding admission.

Child Protective Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2015 who were opened to Child Protective Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Protective during the 12 months preceding admission

Services Prior To/At 2015 Admission by Age: %: Number of children in each age group within each category admitted to foster care in 2015 as a percentage of all children in that same age group who were admitted to foster care in 2015.

**TIME IN CARE BY AGE
12/31/15**

AGE OF CHILDREN

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 YEAR							
NEW YORK STATE	65.2	28.4	30.6	33.9	42.0	7.2	34.8
1-2 YEARS							
NEW YORK STATE	34.8	26.5	22.6	22.0	20.2	12.0	23.2
2-3 YEARS							
NEW YORK STATE		25.1	17.3	13.8	11.6	16.2	15.2
> 3 YEARS							
NEW YORK STATE		20.1	29.5	30.2	26.1	64.6	26.8
TOTAL							
NEW YORK STATE	N=2,063	N=4,138	N=2,935	N=2,349	N=4,127	N=1,840	N=17,452

For children in foster care on 12/31/15, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows.

**ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND IN CARE
FACILITY TYPE BY PLACEMENT, LOCATION AND AGE
2015**

TYPE OF PLACEMENT:	AGE OF CHILDREN			PERCENT	PLACEMENT Out Of County N	LOCATION Out Of State N
	< 11 YEARS N	11+ YEARS N	TOTAL N			
Congregate Care						
Admissions	556	2,053	2,609	29.7		
In Care	211	2,705	2,916	16.7	1,616	63
Discharges	135	2,034	2,169	22.2		
Foster Boarding Homes						
Admissions	3,590	1,071	4,661	53.1		
In Care	6,744	3,617	10,361	59.4	1,385	38
Discharges	3,575	1,808	5,383	55.2		
Approved Relative Homes						
Admissions	1,059	317	1,376	15.7		
In Care	2,615	1,143	3,758	21.5	329	136
Discharges	1,375	686	2,061	21.1		
Other						
Admissions	38	87	125	1.4		
In Care	118	299	417	2.4	149	15
Discharges	5	134	139	1.4		
Total						
Admissions	5,243	3,528	8,771	100.0		
In Care	9,688	7,764	17,452	100.0	3,479	252
Discharges	5,090	4,662	9,752	100.0		

Admissions & Discharges: N: The number of children admitted to/discharged from each type of placement during 2015

In Care: N: The number of children in each type of placement on 12/31/15

%: Children in each facility type as a percentage of all children admitted, discharged or in care

Congregate Care: Includes AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence and Institution.

Other: Includes SILP (Supervised Independent Living Program) and all other categories.

Placement Location: N: The number of children in a placement outside the county on 12/31/15. Out of county does not include out of state placements.

**FOSTER CARE DISCHARGES
BY TIME IN CARE
2015**

AGE OF CHILDREN AT DISCHARGE

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 YEAR							
NEW YORK STATE	77.8	34.5	35.3	39.3	50.7	8.0	39.5
1-2 YEARS							
NEW YORK STATE	22.2	16.8	15.7	16.5	25.5	12.5	18.6
2-3 YEARS							
NEW YORK STATE		22.5	13.1	12.4	9.2	12.8	12.9
> 3 YEARS							
NEW YORK STATE		26.2	35.9	31.9	14.7	66.6	29.0
TOTAL							
NEW YORK STATE	N= 942	N=2,184	N=1,636	N=1,243	N=2,333	N=1,396	N=9,734

For children discharged from foster care during 2015, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows.
Discharges: The total discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPS pages due to definitional differences.

**GOAL BY AGE
12/31/15**

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ADULT CUSTODIAL CARE							
NEW YORK STATE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	5.7	0.8
ADOPTION							
NEW YORK STATE	17.3	40.0	39.1	34.0	15.3	3.1	26.7
PARENT/GUARDIAN							
NEW YORK STATE	79.1	55.0	56.0	58.0	60.1	11.5	54.8
ANOTHER PLANNED LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APLA)							
NEW YORK STATE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	15.0	75.1	11.6
OTHER GOALS							
NEW YORK STATE	3.6	4.9	4.9	7.8	8.7	4.7	6.0
TOTAL IN CARE							
NEW YORK STATE	N=1,895	N=4,063	N=2,883	N=2,309	N=4,033	N=1,832	N=17,015

For children in foster care on 12/31/15 with a reported goal, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) with the goal indicated in the row. Children with waivers are included in the Adoption percentages.
Note: the totals on this page do not count children where a goal is not set.

DAYS IN CARE**Total Days in Care**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Institution	899,847	838,040	791,011	751,941	762,452
Foster Boarding Home	4,573,751	4,385,924	4,185,542	4,099,991	3,959,554
Agency Operated Boarding Home	81,798	70,513	65,900	68,998	70,554
Group Residence	85,764	81,482	82,258	74,228	71,600
Group Home	223,441	212,744	235,797	228,647	210,113
Adoptive Home	4,349	2,333	1,769	640	912
Approved Relative Home	1,981,328	1,873,098	1,677,279	1,546,931	1,455,078
Supervised Independent Living Program	45,677	45,854	46,111	42,730	42,599
Other	161,711	148,013	130,465	121,008	116,532
<i>Total</i>	8,057,666	7,658,001	7,216,132	6,935,114	6,689,394

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Congregate Care	1,498,238	1,396,646	1,351,542	1,287,552	1,273,850
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	4,578,100	4,388,257	4,187,311	4,100,631	3,960,466
Approved Relative Home	1,981,328	1,873,098	1,677,279	1,546,931	1,455,078
<i>Total</i>	8,057,666	7,658,001	7,216,132	6,935,114	6,689,394

Percent of Days in Care

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Institution	11.2%	10.9%	11.0%	10.8%	11.4%
Foster Boarding Home	56.8%	57.3%	58.0%	59.1%	59.2%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
Group Residence	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Group Home	2.8%	2.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%
Adoptive Home	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Approved Relative Home	24.6%	24.5%	23.2%	22.3%	21.8%
Supervised Independent Living Program	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Other	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Congregate Care	18.6%	18.2%	18.7%	18.6%	19.0%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	56.8%	57.3%	58.0%	59.1%	59.2%
Approved Relative Home	24.6%	24.5%	23.2%	22.3%	21.8%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Percent Change Over Previous Year

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2011-2015
Institution	-6.9%	-5.6%	-4.9%	1.4%	-15.3%
Foster Boarding Home	-4.1%	-4.6%	-2.0%	-3.4%	-13.4%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	-13.8%	-6.5%	4.7%	2.3%	-13.7%
Group Residence	-5.0%	1.0%	-9.8%	-3.5%	-16.5%
Group Home	-4.8%	10.8%	-3.0%	-8.1%	-6.0%
Adoptive Home	-46.4%	-24.2%	-63.8%	42.5%	-79.0%
Approved Relative Home	-5.5%	-10.5%	-7.8%	-5.9%	-26.6%
Supervised Independent Living Program	0.4%	0.6%	-7.3%	-0.3%	-6.7%
Other	-8.5%	-11.9%	-7.2%	-3.7%	-27.9%
<i>Total</i>	-5.0%	-5.8%	-3.9%	-3.5%	-17.0%

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2011-2015
Congregate Care	-6.8%	-3.2%	-4.7%	-1.1%	-15.0%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	-4.1%	-4.6%	-2.1%	-3.4%	-13.5%
Approved Relative Home	-5.5%	-10.5%	-7.8%	-5.9%	-26.6%
<i>Total</i>	-5.0%	-5.8%	-3.9%	-3.5%	-17.0%

Other: Includes residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, specialized schools, etc.

Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence, SILPs and Other.

Adoptive Home: Includes Adoptive and/or Adoption Subsidy Home.

**FOSTER CARE
TREND DATA
2011-2015**

CHILDREN IN CARE:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2011	21,047	3.9	
2012	20,006	3.7	-4.4
2013	18,871	3.5	-5.3
2014	18,440	3.4	-2.1
2015	17,452	3.2	-5.4

CHILDREN ADMITTED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2011	10,694	2.0	
2012	10,065	1.9	-6.0
2013	9,548	1.8	-5.3
2014	9,595	1.8	0.2
2015	8,771	1.6	-9.0

CHILDREN DISCHARGED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2011	12,532	37.3	
2012	11,445	36.4	-2.5
2013	11,044	36.9	1.5
2014	10,338	35.9	-2.7
2015	9,752	35.8	-0.2

ADOPTION

**ADOPTION MILESTONES
2015**

**CHILDREN WHO HAD A MILESTONE
OCCUR DURING 2015**

	N	%
Goal Set during 2015	2,075	7.6
Freed during 2015	1,733	6.4
Placed during 2015	1,472	21.9
Discharged to Adoption during 2015	1,985	48.6

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 12/31/15 WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION: 4,543

Goal Set

N: Number of children with a goal set to Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children who had a "goal set," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

Freed

N: Number of children freed during the calendar year.

%: Children "freed," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

Placed

N: Number of children placed for Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children "placed," as a percentage of all children in foster care who had a goal of Adoption on 12/31/15 or had a goal set to Adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to Adoption at any time during the calendar year.

Discharged to Adoption

N: Number of children discharged to Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children "discharged," as a percentage of children in foster care at any time during the calendar year, who had a goal of Adoption and had a status of free for Adoption.

Children with waivers are excluded from all Ns and Percentages.

WAITING POPULATION ON 12/31/15

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE FOR 2 OR MORE YEARS WITH A GOAL OF:						
	RETURN HOME		ADOPTION		OTHER	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 8 years old:	682	26.1	1,850	70.9	79	3.0
8 years old or older:	1,079	22.9	1,719	36.5	1,913	40.6

CHILDREN WAITING TO ACHIEVE AN ADOPTION MILESTONE					
	TOTAL N	WAITING LESS THAN 1 YEAR		WAITING 1 YEAR OR MORE	
		N	%	N	%
Goal and not Free:	2,486	1,300	52.3	1,186	47.7
Less than 8 years old:	1,574	921	58.5	653	41.5
8 years old or older:	912	379	41.6	533	58.4
Free and not Placed:	809	424	52.4	385	47.6
Less than 8 years old:	339	242	71.4	97	28.6
8 years old or older:	470	182	38.7	288	61.3
Free, Placed and not Discharged:	1,248	854	68.4	394	31.6
Less than 8 years old:	657	512	77.9	145	22.1
8 years old or older:	591	342	57.9	249	42.1

In Foster Care for 2 or more years with a Goal of: Return Home/Adoption/Other Goal N: As of 12/31/15, the number of children who had been in care for 2 years or longer, who were in the specified age group, and who had the specified goal. %: As of 12/31/15, children who had been in care for 2 years or longer, who were in the specified age group, and who had the specified goal, as a percentage of all children in foster care who were in the specified age group.

Goal and not Free N: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be freed.

Free and not Placed N: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be placed.

Free, Placed and not Discharged (to Adoption) N: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be discharged.

Less than 8 years old and 8 years old or older N: For the three waiting populations described above, the number of children in the specified age group and time period. %: For the children in each age group who are in the three waiting populations described above, the % that were waiting, as of 12/31/15, less than one year or one year or more.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all Ns and Percentages in the Children Waiting to Achieve an Adoption Milestone section.

**TIME TO ACHIEVE MILESTONES
DURING 2015**

Admission to Goal Set:	LESS THAN 2 YEARS		2 TO 3 YEARS		GREATER THAN 3 YEARS	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Less than 8 years:	992	65.9	301	20.0	213
8 years or older:	283	50.3	125	22.2	155	27.5

	LESS THAN 6 MONTHS		6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR		GREATER THAN 1 YEAR	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Goal to Free:					
Less than 8 years:	185	22.1	164	19.6	487	58.3
8 years or older:	72	16.2	56	12.6	317	71.2
Petition Date to Free Date:						
Less than 8 years:	188	25.5	205	27.8	344	46.7
8 years or older:	63	15.3	90	21.9	258	62.8
Free to Place:						
Less than 8 years:	822	86.3	88	9.2	43	4.5
8 years or older:	376	72.4	41	7.9	102	19.7
Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	821	86.4	87	9.2	42	4.4
8 years or older:	372	73.5	38	7.5	96	19.0
Not Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	1	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3
8 years or older:	4	30.8	3	23.1	6	46.2

Admission to Goal Set: N: For children of the specified age group who had their goal set to Adoption in 2015, the time from admission to foster care to having their goal set to Adoption.

Goal to Free: N: For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2015, the time from having the goal set until they were freed.

Petition Date to Free Date: N: For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2015, the time from the date their petition to be freed was filed until they were freed.

Free to Place: N: For children of the specified age group who were placed in an Adoptive home in 2015, the time from when they were freed until the placement.

Placed with Foster Parent: N: Children who were placed for Adoption with the foster parent(s) they were living with.

Not Placed with Foster Parent: N: Children who were placed for Adoption with adoptive parents different than the foster parent(s) they had been living with. %: The number of children of the specified age group who took the specified time to get from the first specified milestone to the next specified milestone as a percentage of all children in that age group who reached that next milestone during 2015.

Please note: Only children who have both of the specified dates (in a category) in CONNECTIONS are included in that category. Children with negative values are excluded. Therefore, children who are freed before the goal of adoption is set are excluded from the goal to free category. Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all Ns and Percentages.

**ADOPTION CHARACTERISTICS
2015**

TIME FROM GOAL TO DISCHARGE	Less than 2 Years		2 to 3 Years		More than 3 Years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than eight years old:	704	56.3	318	25.4	228	18.2
Eight years old or older:	261	35.5	166	22.6	308	41.9

SEQUENCE OF MILESTONES	Goal First		Simultaneous (Within 30 days)		Free First	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	1,715	78.1	203	9.2	278	12.7

SUBSIDIES AT TIME OF DISCHARGE	N of Children	%
	1,967	99.1

Time From Goal to Discharge (to Adoption): N: Children of the specified age group who were discharged to Adoption in 2015 whose time from goal set to Adoption to discharge to Adoption was in the specified time period. **%:** The number of children of each age group who took the specified time to get from goal set to Adoption to be discharged to adoption as a percentage of all children in that age group who were discharged to Adoption during 2015.

Sequence of Milestones: For children who had both a goal of adoption and were free in 2015, percentages for whom sequence of these milestones was: Goal [set] First, or [goal set] Within 30 Days [of freeing], or Free(d) First.

Subsidies at Time of Discharge: N: Number of children discharged to adoption in 2015 with a subsidy designation.

%: Discharges with a designated subsidized adoption as a percentage of all discharges to adoption.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all "N"s and Percentages.

**ADOPTION
TREND DATA
2011-2015**

GOAL SET:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	2,668	7.9	
2012	2,747	8.7	9.9
2013	2,426	8.1	-7.2
2014	2,242	7.8	-3.9
2015	2,075	7.6	-2.1

FREED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	2,271	6.8	
2012	2,080	6.6	-2.2
2013	2,203	7.4	11.4
2014	2,025	7.0	-4.4
2015	1,733	6.4	-9.5

PLACED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	2,106	24.6	
2012	1,865	22.7	-8.0
2013	1,940	25.4	12.1
2014	1,754	24.4	-3.7
2015	1,472	21.9	-10.4

**DISCHARGED
TO ADOPTION:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	2,350	44.7	
2012	2,269	47.1	5.5
2013	2,075	45.5	-3.5
2014	2,023	45.8	0.6
2015	1,985	48.6	6.1

APPENDIX A: CLARIFICATION OF DATA SOURCES AND DEFINITIONS

This appendix clarifies definitions or specifies which data were used to produce the Child Protective Services (CPS), Foster Care, and Adoption components of the MAPS packages. All Child Protective Services program data used come from the CONNECTIONS database. Foster Care and Adoption data come from the CONNECTIONS Activity Module, the formerly Child Care Review Service (CCRS). Data from 2011-2015 are provided for selected variables. For the definitions of these variables, refer to the MAPS page where the variable appears.

Starting with MAPS 2007, changes were made to the source file, race/ethnicity categories, and the Preventive services pages. Details regarding these changes are found in this appendix.

Population Sources

The population figures used to calculate rates are taken from the 2012 Complete New York and New Jersey Demographic Database Files, Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. The child population includes children under 22 in all program areas except CPS, where only children under 18 are included in rate calculations.

Race and Ethnicity Categories

Prior to 2014, race/ethnicity data in MAPS were based on data entered into CCRS. Since 2014, ALL race/ethnicity data utilized in MAPS is based on CONNECTIONS. Any comparison of race/ethnicity distributions before and after 2014 should be made with extreme caution.

Coding of Race/Ethnicity in MAPS

The Race/Ethnicity categories in the MAPS report use the following classifications:

<u>MAPS Category</u>	<u>Includes</u>
White	White (Not Hispanic)
African American	Black, Interracial Black/White, Interracial Black/Asian Ethiopian, Haitian (Non-Hispanic)
Latino	Interracial Puerto Rican/White, Interracial Puerto Rican/Black, Other Hispanic, Interracial Puerto Rican/Asian, Interracial Puerto Rican/ Other Hispanic, Puerto Rican, Cuban
Native American/Alaska Native	American Indian/Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic)
Asian	Cambodian, Interracial Asian/White, Asian, Laotian, Vietnamese (Non-Hispanic)
Unknown	Interracial Other, Other, Unknown

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Family Assessment Response (FAR) data

Starting with MAPS 2009, all CPS pages reflect Family Assessment Response (FAR) data for the counties that participate in this approach to CPS investigations. Beginning in late 2008, several counties were approved to use an alternative approach with families for some of their CPS maltreatment reports. This alternative approach, known as FAR, is considered a CPS response,

even though no determination is made as to whether or not there is some credible evidence of maltreatment. The intent of FAR is to promote child safety and family well-being through enriched family engagement.

FOSTER CARE

"Services Prior To/At Foster Care Admission", Page 9

"On the date of the foster care admission" includes the actual date of foster care admission and up to 30 days after the admission date.

Children receiving Child Protective Services (CPS) are those who are in an indicated State Central Registry (SCR) case that remains open, are in an open CONNECTIONS case, and have a Service Program Choice code of "Protective" in CONNECTIONS.

"Admissions, Discharges and In Care, Facility Type by Placement, Location and Age", Page 11

The "Other" category contains many specialized programs/services that serve very few children. If needed, information on what is included in this category is available upon request.

"Days in Care", Page 14

All facility types (level of care) in the table are determined from specific movement codes entered into CONNECTIONS. The definition of foster boarding home includes emergency foster boarding homes. Some children placed in adoptive homes are counted in the foster boarding home category because that is how the home is coded in CONNECTIONS.

Other: Includes residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, specialized schools, etc.

Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, Agency Operated Boarding Home (AOBH), Group Home, Group Residence, Supervised Independent Living Programs (SILPs), and Other.

Adoptive Home: Includes Adoptive and/or Adoption Subsidy Home.