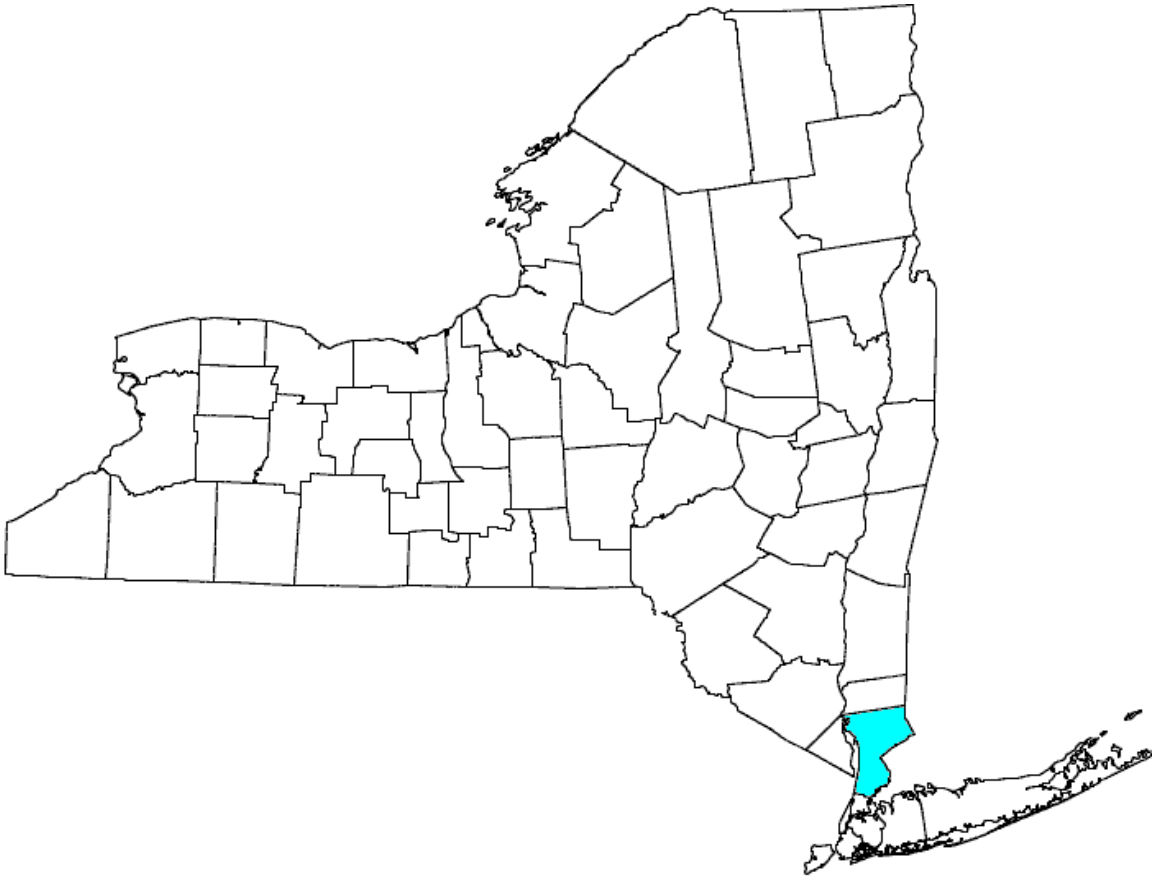
2015 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2011-2015

Child Protective Services
Foster Care
Adoption

Westchester County



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The 2015 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) data packages are being released for Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoption Services.

Also, starting with 2009 MAPS, the Child Protective Services pages will reflect Family Assessment Response (FAR) data.

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 New York City, Upstate, and Statewide 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.

The MAPS package supports two types of comparisons - comparing a county DSS to a group of comparable counties for a given year, and comparing the county to itself over time. Appendix B lists the counties included in each of the three Comparison Groups, along with a brief description of the methodology used in determining these groups. By referencing a county's data to its comparables, one can identify when a county differs from the norm. In and of themselves,

differences from the norm do not have a positive or negative meaning. Such differences require discussion and analysis to understand them and to determine whether any action is needed.

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 Performance Analytics, 52 Washington St., 3rd floor, Rensselaer, New York 12144-2796, or (518) 402-7386. E-mail requests for copies can be sent to Vajeera Dorabawila at Vajeera.Dorabawila@ocfs.ny.gov.

MONITORING AND ANALYSIS PROFILES

2015
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CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
WORKLOAD DATA
2015

	WESTCHESTER		COMPARABLES
	N	**Rate**	**Rate**
REPORTS RECEIVED	5,171	23.0	39.0
	N	**%**	**%**
REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER	3,836	74.2	65.7
OF REPORTS DETERMINED:			
Reports Indicated	1,030	22.5	26.7
Reports Unfounded	3,548	77.5	73.3
OF REPORTS REGISTERED:			
Determinations Overdue	6	0.1	5.2
OF REPORTS ASSESSED:			
Family Assessment Response	587	11.4	

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

	WESTCHESTER		COMPARABLES
	N	%	%
REPORT DETERMINATION TIMELINESS:	4,362	95.3	55.0

DAYS TO REPORT DETERMINATION:	WESTCHESTER		COMPARABLES
	N	%	%
All Reports Determined			
0-30 Days	645	14.1	17.3
31-60	3,717	81.2	37.7
61-90	186	4.1	24.2
>90	30	0.7	20.9
Indicated			
0-30 Days	78	7.6	13.9
31-60	874	84.9	36.3
61-90	64	6.2	25.1
>90	14	1.4	24.7
Unfounded			
0-30 Days	567	16.0	18.4
31-60	2,843	80.1	38.3
61-90	122	3.4	23.9
>90	16	0.5	19.4

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 3/09/16, and were determined within each respective range of days for each of the three determination categories.

See 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	5,735	25.3	
2012	5,192	23.0	-9.0
2013	5,278	23.4	1.9
2014	5,157	22.9	-2.1
2015	5,171	23.0	0.3

REPORTS INDICATED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	1,206	22.0	
2012	1,058	21.4	2.3
2013	1,101	22.4	-13.6
2014	1,025	21.3	-0.6
2015	1,030	22.5	-2.0

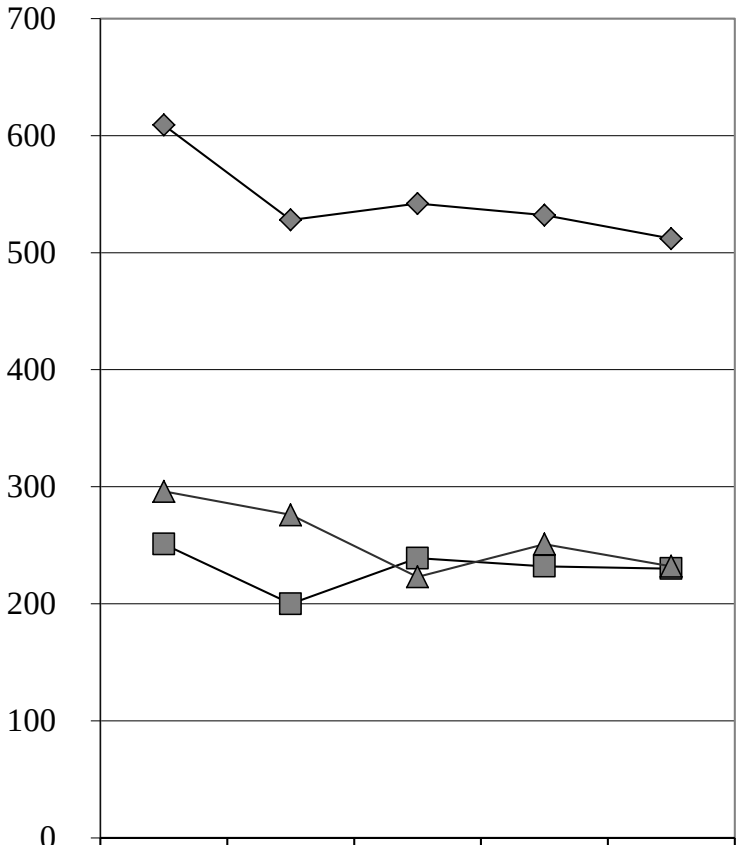
FAR REPORTS ASSESSED:

	N	Annual Rate
2011	245	4.3
2012	253	4.9
2013	372	7.0
2014	354	6.9
2015	592	11.4

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
Westchester County
2011-2015



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
In Care	609	528	542	532	512
Admissions	251	200	239	232	230
Discharges	296	276	223	251	232

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

	N	Rate	%
Admissions	230	0.8	1.7
Discharges	232	31.2	41.2
In Care	512	1.9	2.3

AGE:

	Admissions			Discharges			In Care		
	N	%	Comp.	N	%	Comp.	N	%	Comp.
< 2	52	22.6	22.1	10	4.3	11.9	49	9.6	12.8
2-5	28	12.2	18.0	32	13.8	19.5	87	17.0	21.7
6-9	28	12.2	14.0	20	8.6	13.2	75	14.6	15.1
10-13	39	17.0	13.3	25	10.8	10.1	62	12.1	13.1
14-17	74	32.2	31.1	74	31.9	32.6	187	36.5	30.0
18+	9	3.9	1.4	71	30.6	12.6	52	10.2	7.2

RACE/ETHNICITY:

	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	14	6.1	21	9.1	30	5.9
African American	117	50.9	128	55.2	274	53.5
Latino	77	33.5	66	28.4	167	32.6
Native American/ Alaska Native	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian	3	1.3	1	0.4	4	0.8
Unknown	19	8.3	16	6.9	37	7.2

PERCENTAGE OF DISCHARGES BY DESTINATION:

	Home %	Adoption %	Independent Living %	Other State Agency %	Other %
WESTCHESTER	47.4	16.4	31.5	3.0	1.7

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	231	140	60.6
White	15	8	53.3
African American	133	106	79.7
Latino	81	26	32.1
Native American/Alaska Native	0	0	N/A
Asian	2	0	0.0

	N	%
Unknown/Missing	22	8.7

SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:

	Separated			Partly Separated			Intact		
Group Size:	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp
Two	38	39.6	29.5	-	-	-	58	60.4	70.5
Three	6	11.8	12.3	21	41.2	32.3	24	47.1	55.3
Four or more	8	21.1	6.7	22	57.9	74.2	8	21.1	19.1

CHILDREN RETURNING TO CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME SINCE LAST DISCHARGE:	WESTCHESTER N	WESTCHESTER %	Comparables %
Total (0-24 months)	22	9.6	16.5
0-3 months	5	2.2	4.4
4-12 months	11	4.8	8.5
13-24 months	6	2.6	3.6

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

	WESTCHESTER N	%
Preventive Services Only	23	10.0
Child Protective Services Only	48	20.9
Both Preventive and CPS	48	20.9
Neither Preventive nor CPS	111	48.3

SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2015 ADMISSION BY AGE:

	PREVENTIVE ONLY WESTCHESTER			CHILD PROTECTIVE ONLY WESTCHESTER		
AGE	N	%	COMPARABLES	N	%	COMPARABLES
< 2	4	7.7	2.9	12	23.1	26.5
2-5	2	7.1	1.7	7	25.0	19.6
6-9	0	0.0	2.9	9	32.1	23.8
10-13	5	12.8	13.5	10	25.6	15.4
14-17	12	16.2	19.2	4	5.4	6.5
18+	0	0.0	0.0	6	66.7	20.4

	BOTH PREVENTIVE AND PROTECTIVE WESTCHESTER			NEITHER PREVENTIVE NOR PROTECTIVE WESTCHESTER		
AGE	N	%	COMPARABLES	N	%	COMPARABLES
< 2	6	11.5	28.2	30	57.7	42.4
2-5	9	32.1	45.8	10	35.7	32.9
6-9	9	32.1	47.4	10	35.7	25.9
10-13	13	33.3	36.7	11	28.2	34.4
14-17	11	14.9	17.6	47	63.5	56.7
18+	0	0.0	0.0	3	33.3	57.4

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								
	WESTCHESTER	79.6	28.7	28.0	40.3	39.6	7.7	36.7
	COMPARABLES	68.0	36.3	41.2	42.3	47.1	11.8	43.4
1-2 YEARS								
	WESTCHESTER	20.4	32.2	26.7	12.9	19.3	7.7	20.7
	COMPARABLES	32.0	26.6	23.4	23.1	22.7	15.1	24.3
2-3 YEARS								
	WESTCHESTER		23.0	21.3	14.5	16.0	21.2	16.8
	COMPARABLES		25.1	19.5	13.5	10.4	15.8	14.7
> 3 YEARS								
	WESTCHESTER		16.1	24.0	32.3	25.1	63.5	25.8
	COMPARABLES		12.0	15.9	21.1	19.8	57.3	17.6
TOTAL								
	WESTCHESTER	N= 49	N= 87	N= 75	N= 62	N= 187	N= 52	N= 512

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.
Districts with no children in care for an age group are excluded from the comparable calculation for that column.

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

TYPE OF PLACEMENT:	AGE OF CHILDREN < 11 YEARS N	11+ YEARS N	TOTAL N	PERCENT	COMP PERCENT	PLACEMENT Out Of County N	LOCATION Out Of State N
Congregate Care							
Admissions	8	92	100	43.5	35.5		
In Care	4	188	192	37.5	27.8	56	16
Discharges	1	115	116	50.0	38.2		
Foster Boarding Homes							
Admissions	93	14	107	46.5	55.9		
In Care	174	79	253	49.4	59.3	22	0
Discharges	54	25	79	34.1	50.0		
Approved Relative Homes							
Admissions	7	4	11	4.8	5.7		
In Care	28	10	38	7.4	9.8	5	5
Discharges	16	12	28	12.1	8.6		
Other							
Admissions	7	5	12	5.2	2.8		
In Care	14	15	29	5.7	3.2	6	4
Discharges	0	9	9	3.9	3.3		
Total							
Admissions	115	115	230	100.0			
In Care	220	292	512	100.0		89	25
Discharges	71	161	232	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								
	WESTCHESTER	80.0	25.0	25.0	36.0	27.0	16.9	26.7
	COMPARABLES	78.6	45.5	45.7	54.5	59.4	14.1	51.4
1-2 YEARS								
	WESTCHESTER	20.0	31.3	35.0	36.0	41.9	19.7	31.5
	COMPARABLES	21.4	19.2	18.3	20.2	26.2	13.3	21.0
2-3 YEARS								
	WESTCHESTER		31.3	15.0	4.0	18.9	14.1	16.4
	COMPARABLES		21.4	11.9	7.6	7.5	14.1	10.8
> 3 YEARS								
	WESTCHESTER		12.5	25.0	24.0	12.2	49.3	25.4
	COMPARABLES		14.0	24.1	17.7	6.9	58.5	16.9
TOTAL								
	WESTCHESTER	N= 10	N= 32	N= 20	N= 25	N= 74	N= 71	N= 232

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.
Districts with no children discharged for an age group are excluded from the comparable calculation for that column.
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

GOALS

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ADULT CUSTODIAL CARE							
WESTCHESTER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.8	1.2
COMPARABLES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.8	0.4
ADOPTION							
WESTCHESTER	16.3	46.0	42.5	37.7	8.7	3.8	23.8
COMPARABLES	16.2	33.8	26.8	25.0	10.4	2.9	20.1
PARENT/GUARDIAN							
WESTCHESTER	83.7	50.6	54.8	57.4	66.1	17.3	57.4
COMPARABLES	80.7	62.2	68.1	66.3	62.7	15.6	62.6
ANOTHER PLANNED LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APLA)							
WESTCHESTER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	73.1	13.3
COMPARABLES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.8	65.9	8.7
OTHER GOALS							
WESTCHESTER	0.0	3.4	2.7	4.9	7.1	1.9	4.4
COMPARABLES	3.2	4.0	5.1	8.7	12.6	12.7	8.3
TOTAL IN CARE							
WESTCHESTER	N= 49	N= 87	N= 73	N= 61	N= 183	N= 52	N= 505

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.
Districts with no children in care for an age group are excluded from the comparable calculation for that column.
Children with waivers are included in the Adoption percentages.

DAYS IN CARE

Total Days in Care

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Institution	48,624	39,500	44,483	39,931	37,154
Foster Boarding Home	113,277	100,370	85,281	87,946	89,699
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1,300	1,913	1,151	1,308	1,273
Group Residence	15,455	16,782	18,797	19,849	16,394
Group Home	19,701	20,359	20,340	18,654	19,864
Adoptive Home	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Relative Home	30,369	26,109	18,983	19,451	17,583
Supervised Independent Living Program	4,272	3,680	3,117	2,942	2,103
Other	4,457	4,936	5,383	7,947	8,421
Total	237,455	213,649	197,535	198,028	192,491

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Congregate Care	93,809	87,170	93,271	90,631	85,209
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	113,277	100,370	85,281	87,946	89,699
Approved Relative Home	30,369	26,109	18,983	19,451	17,583
Total	237,455	213,649	197,535	198,028	192,491

Percent of Days in Care

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Institution	20.5%	18.5%	22.5%	20.2%	19.3%
Foster Boarding Home	47.7%	47.0%	43.2%	44.4%	46.6%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	0.5%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Group Residence	6.5%	7.9%	9.5%	10.0%	8.5%
Group Home	8.3%	9.5%	10.3%	9.4%	10.3%
Adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Approved Relative Home	12.8%	12.2%	9.6%	9.8%	9.1%
Supervised Independent Living Program	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	1.1%
Other	1.9%	2.3%	2.7%	4.0%	4.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Congregate Care	39.5%	40.8%	47.2%	45.8%	44.3%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	47.7%	47.0%	43.2%	44.4%	46.6%
Approved Relative Home	12.8%	12.2%	9.6%	9.8%	9.1%
Total	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	-18.8%	12.6%	-10.2%	-7.0%	-23.6%
Foster Boarding Home	-11.4%	-15.0%	3.1%	2.0%	-20.8%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	47.2%	-39.8%	13.6%	-2.7%	-2.1%
Group Residence	8.6%	12.0%	5.6%	-17.4%	6.1%
Group Home	3.3%	-0.1%	-8.3%	6.5%	0.8%
Adoptive Home	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Approved Relative Home	-14.0%	-27.3%	2.5%	-9.6%	-42.1%
Supervised Independent Living Program	-13.9%	-15.3%	-5.6%	-28.5%	-50.8%
Other	10.7%	9.1%	47.6%	6.0%	88.9%
Total	-10.0%	-7.5%	0.2%	-2.8%	-18.9%

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2011-2015
Congregate Care	-7.1%	7.0%	-2.8%	-6.0%	-9.2%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	-11.4%	-15.0%	3.1%	2.0%	-20.8%
Approved Relative Home	-14.0%	-27.3%	2.5%	-9.6%	-42.1%
Total	-10.0%	-7.5%	0.2%	-2.8%	-18.9%

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	Comp Rate	Percent Change in Comparable Rate
2011	609	2.2		2.2	
2012	528	1.9	-13.5	2.1	-4.9
2013	542	2.0	2.5	2.2	5.6
2014	532	1.9	-1.9	2.3	0.8
2015	512	1.9	-3.5	2.3	3.3

CHILDREN ADMITTED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate	Comp Rate	Percent Change in Comparable Rate
2011	251	0.9		1.5	
2012	200	0.7	-20.1	1.5	0.6
2013	239	0.9	19.7	1.7	12.8
2014	232	0.9	-2.8	1.8	3.0
2015	230	0.8	-0.9	1.7	-5.2

CHILDREN DISCHARGED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate	Comp Rate	Percent Change in Comparable Rate
2011	296	32.7		45.5	
2012	276	34.3	5.0	44.2	-2.8
2013	223	29.2	-15.1	42.4	-4.1
2014	251	32.1	10.0	43.5	2.5
2015	232	31.2	-2.7	41.2	-5.1

For detailed description of variables see page 12, “Foster Care Admissions/Discharges/In Care by Age, Race and Ethnicity.”

ADOPTION

ADOPTION MILESTONES
2015

	WESTCHESTER		COMPARABLES
	N	%	%
CHILDREN WHO HAD A MILESTONE OCCUR DURING 2015:			
Goal Set during 2015	51	6.9	7.8
Freed during 2015	22	3.0	6.6
Placed during 2015	6	3.6	23.5
Discharged to Adoption during 2015	38	52.8	46.2

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 12/31/15 WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION: 120

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	%	Comp	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp
Less than 8 years old:	12		26.9	42		N/A	0		N/A
8 years old or older:	48	29.3	27.6	49	29.9	32.5	67	40.9	39.9

CHILDREN WAITING TO ACHIEVE AN ADOPTION MILESTONE

	TOTAL	WAITING LESS THAN 1 YEAR		WAITING 1 YEAR OR MORE	
	N	N	%	N	%
Goal and not Free:	86	39	45.3	47	54.7
Less than 8 years old:	56	26	46.4	30	53.6
8 years old or older:	30	13	43.3	17	56.7
Free and not Placed:	34	9	26.5	25	73.5
Less than 8 years old:	12	5	41.7	7	58.3
8 years old or older:	22	4	18.2	18	81.8
Free, Placed and not Discharged:	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Less than 8 years old:	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8 years old or older:	0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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:	25	65.8	8	21.1	5	13.2
8 years or older:	4	30.8	5	38.5	4	30.8

	LESS THAN 6 MONTHS		6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR		GREATER THAN 1 YEAR	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Goal to Free:						
Less than 8 years:	1	7.1	5	35.7	8	57.1
8 years or older:	1	16.7	0	0.0	5	83.3
Petition Date to Free Date:						
Less than 8 years:	5	35.7	4	28.6	5	35.7
8 years or older:	0	0.0	2	33.3	4	66.7
Free to Place:						
Less than 8 years:	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8 years or older:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8 years or older:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8 years or older:	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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	%	Comp	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp
Less than eight years old:	18	72.0	80.2	5	20.0	13.5	2	8.0	6.3
Eight years old or older:	7	53.8	50.7	1	7.7	19.1	5	38.5	30.2

SEQUENCE OF MILESTONES	Goal First			Simultaneous (Within 30 days)			Free First		
	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp	N	%	Comp
	31	91.2	52.8	2	5.9	18.5	1	2.9	28.7

SUBSIDIES AT TIME OF DISCHARGE	N of Children	%	Comp
	38	100.0	99.0

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	Comp Rate	Percent Change In Comparable Rate
2011	55	6.1		6.5	
2012	68	8.5	39.2	7.4	13.3
2013	51	6.7	-21.2	7.1	-3.6
2014	54	6.9	3.4	6.2	-13.4
2015	51	6.9	-0.6	7.8	26.0

FREED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate	Comp Rate	Percent Change In Comparable Rate
2011	47	5.2		5.9	
2012	55	6.8	31.7	6.3	6.4
2013	28	3.7	-46.5	6.1	-3.5
2014	52	6.6	81.4	6.2	1.4
2015	22	3.0	-55.5	6.6	6.7

PLACED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate	Comp Rate	Percent Change In Comparable Rate
2011	4	1.8		27.3	
2012	6	3.1	69.9	27.1	-0.7
2013	6	3.5	14.6	28.9	6.9
2014	11	6.3	79.1	32.3	11.6
2015	6	3.6	-42.1	23.5	-27.4

DISCHARGED TO ADOPTION:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate	Comp Rate	Percent Change In Comparable Rate
2011	59	48.4		52.4	
2012	57	50.9	5.2	47.4	-9.5
2013	36	45.0	-11.6	44.4	-6.3
2014	51	53.7	19.3	44.5	0.2
2015	38	52.8	-1.7	46.2	3.8

For detailed description of variables see page 22, “Adoption Milestones.”

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:

MAPS Category	Includes
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.

APPENDIX B: COMPARABLE GROUPS

Comparable Groups were established to permit meaningful comparison between counties with similar child welfare populations. In 2014, the comparable groups were revised based on 2011 child welfare data. This classification is based on cluster analysis (that identified counties that are similar in nature) using the following variables:

- Total number of children with preventive and/or protective services cases open as of 12/31/11;
- Total number of CPS/FAR reports during calendar year 2011; and
- Total number of children admitted to foster care during calendar year 2011.

Comp. Group 1

Albany	Suffolk
Erie	Westchester
Monroe	
Nassau	
New York City*	
Oneida	
Onondaga	
Orange	

Comp. Group 2

Broome	Madison	Steuben
Cattaraugus	Niagara	Sullivan
Cayuga	Ontario	Ulster
Chautauqua	Oswego	Washington
Chemung	Rensselaer	Wayne
Clinton	Rockland	
Dutchess	Saratoga	
Fulton	Schenectady	
Jefferson	St. Lawrence	

Comp. Group 3

Allegany	Hamilton	Schuyler
Chenango	Herkimer	Seneca
Columbia	Lewis	Tioga
Cortland	Livingston	Tompkins
Delaware	Montgomery	Warren
Essex	Orleans	Wyoming
Franklin	Otsego	Yates
Genesee	Putnam	

*While New York City belongs to Comparison Group 1, it is omitted in the calculations of comparison data.