



Population Data

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Child Population (Under 18) for State	293,610	294,956	297,142	298,693
Percent of Children Living in Families Below Poverty	15.9%	14.4%	15.3%	14.4%

Fiscal Data

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Child Welfare Expenditures for State Fiscal Year	\$80,423,767		\$94,984,135	

Child Abuse and Neglect

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Children Subject of a Report Referred for Investigation or Assessment (Duplicated)	7,210	7,318	8,230	7,186
Rate of Substantiation (Per 1,000 Children in the State Population)	13.2	12.7	13.6	12.1

Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Children Who Died As a Result of Abuse/Neglect	3	7	6	6

Adoption

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of Children Adopted Through Public Agencies	260	366	318	375
Hispanic Children Adopted	8	8	2	--
Non-Hispanic Children Adopted	251	347	311	--
Adopted, Ethnicity Unable to Be Determined	1	10	2	--
Missing Data	0	1	3	--
White Children Adopted	31	32	17	25
Black Children Adopted	5	8	5	5
Native American Children Adopted	8	1	0	2
Asian/Pacific Islander Children Adopted	172	188	164	137
Adopted, Race Unable to Be Determined	3	14	3	5
More Than One Race	41	122	126	198
Missing Data	0	1	3	3

Out of Home Care

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on 9/30	2,584	2,762	2,967	2,953
Median Length of Stay in Months	11.4	11.4	12.2	13.4
Mean Number of Placements	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Number of Children Exiting Out-of-Home Care	1,920	2,097	2,108	2,199

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of Eligible Children/Youth Who Received Independent Living Services	216	400	439	429

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Discharge Reason: Reunification	62.1%	58.6%	60.6%	60.6%
Discharge Reason: Live with Other Relatives	2.2%	2.5%	1.9%	1.3%
Discharge Reason: Adoption	14.6%	18.5%	16.7%	17.2%
Discharge Reason: Emancipation	7.2%	6.6%	5.6%	6.7%
Discharge Reason: Guardianship	11.0%	10.7%	10.8%	10.3%
Discharge Reason: Transfer to Another Agency	2.1%	1.8%	1.9%	1.8%
Discharge Reason: Runaway	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Discharge Reason: Death of Child	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Missing Data	0.3%	0.9%	1.8%	1.3%

Outcomes

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Children Without a Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months	92.8%	95.2%	94.0%	--
Children with One or More Recurrences of Maltreatment Within 6 Months	7.3%	4.8%	6.0%	--

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Children Maltreated While in Foster Care	0.96%	1.03%	1.29%	--
Children Not Maltreated While in Foster Care	99.04%	98.97%	98.71%	--

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Children Entering Foster Care for the First Time	79.2%	79.4%	76.5%	--
Children Re-entering Foster Care Within 12 Months of a Prior Episode	10.0%	9.1%	10.6%	--
Children Re-entering Foster Care More than 12 Months After a Prior Episode	10.1%	10.3%	11.8%	--
Children who Entered Foster Care for Whom Re-entry Data are Missing	0.7%	1.2%	1.0%	--

* The 2004 adoption ethnicity data are under review and should be available soon.