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Jim Pillen, Governor

September 15, 2025

The Honorable Brian Hardin
Members of the Health & Human Services Committee
Nebraska Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Child Welfare Services Report

Dear Chairman Hardin:

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute § 43-4406, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, is submitting the following report of child welfare services, with respect to children served by the Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alyssa L. Bish".

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Attachment

Division of Children and Family Services

Child Welfare Services Report

September 2025

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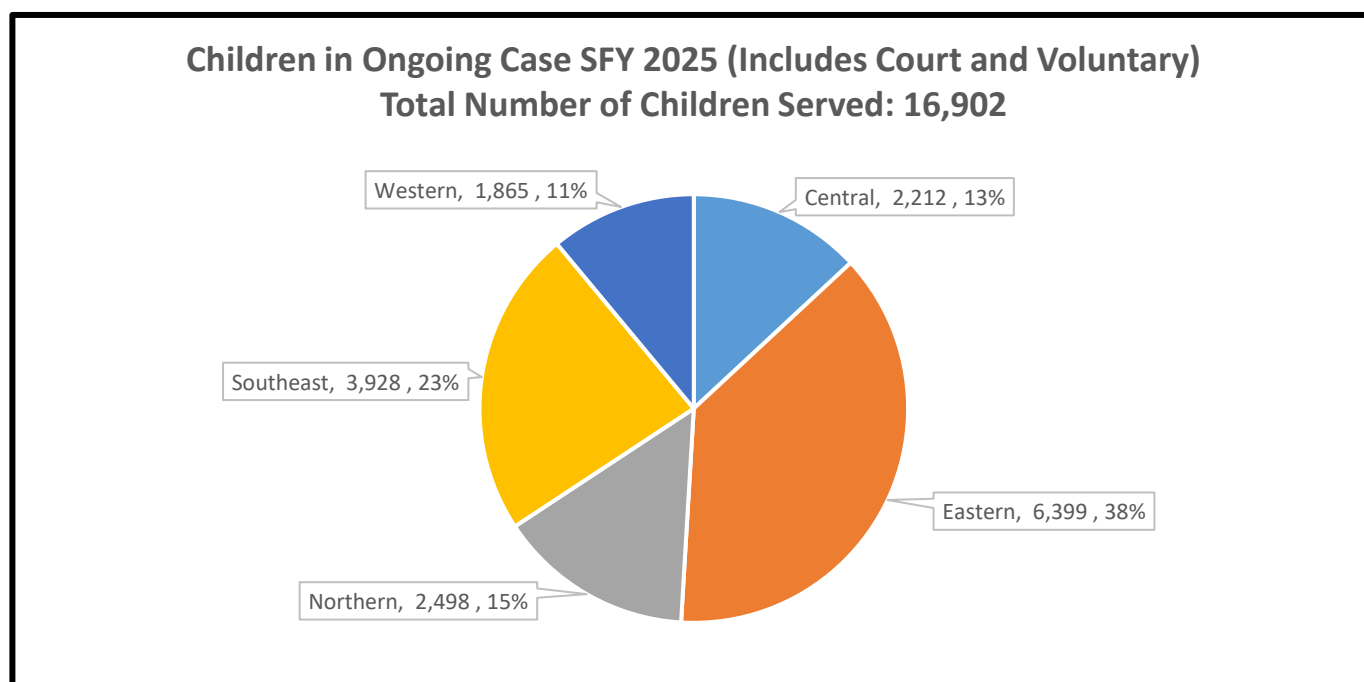
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1. Children Served Categorized by Service Area

a. All Children

Percentage by Service Area

Data includes youth with the following legal statuses: Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) state wards; court supervision youth; youth who have been directly relinquished to the state as HHS state wards or OJS ward; non-court involved youth; youth in a police hold; youth in placement with DHHS and alternative response youth and families. The data extracted is from the N-FOCUS system. The number of children served is an unduplicated count.

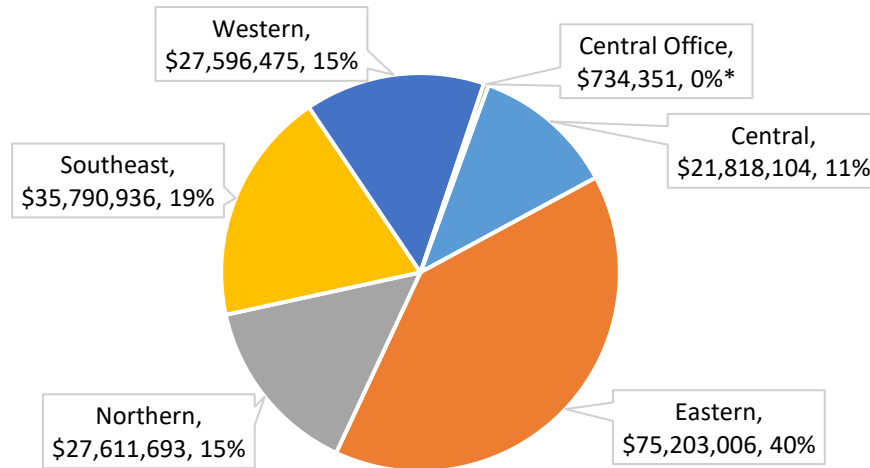


Expenditures by Service Area

The CFS budget is not allocated by service area. CFS provides expenditure data to show the proportion per service area. Data includes expenditures for state wards, voluntary cases, subsidized guardianships, former ward services, and independent living services. Data includes expenditures for services paid from N-FOCUS and payments made outside of N-FOCUS. Data does not include expenditures paid from Medicaid.

The chart shows the breakout by service area for Program 354, including Subprograms 30 and 48, and Program 345, including Subprogram 10. This data may not match Nebraska Information System (NIS) data due to refunds, cancellations, and/or other NIS payments that did not originate in N-FOCUS. Expenditure data for each Service Area does not include administrative costs such as staffing and office space.

Gross Expenditures Paid SFY 2025 Total N-Focus Expenditures: \$188,754,565



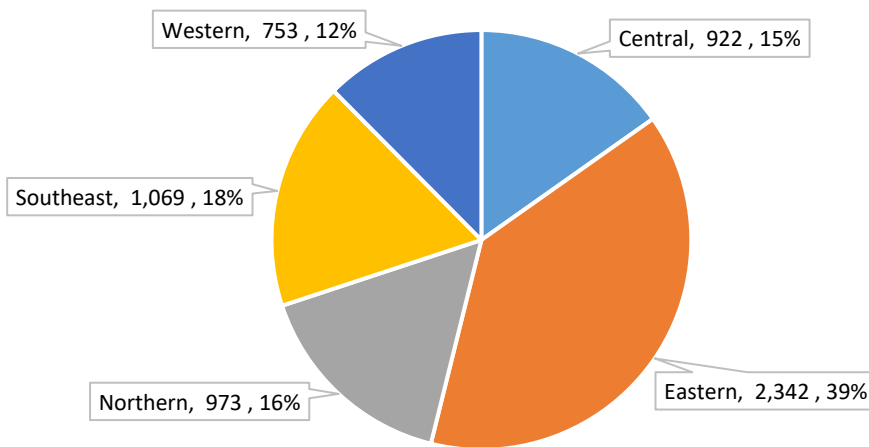
*Percentage is below 0.5% and is rounded to the nearest whole number.

b. State Wards

Percentage by Service Area

Data includes all state wards with the legal status of DHHS ward, OJS ward, and DHHS/OJS ward. The data extracted is from the N-FOCUS system. The number of wards served is an unduplicated count.

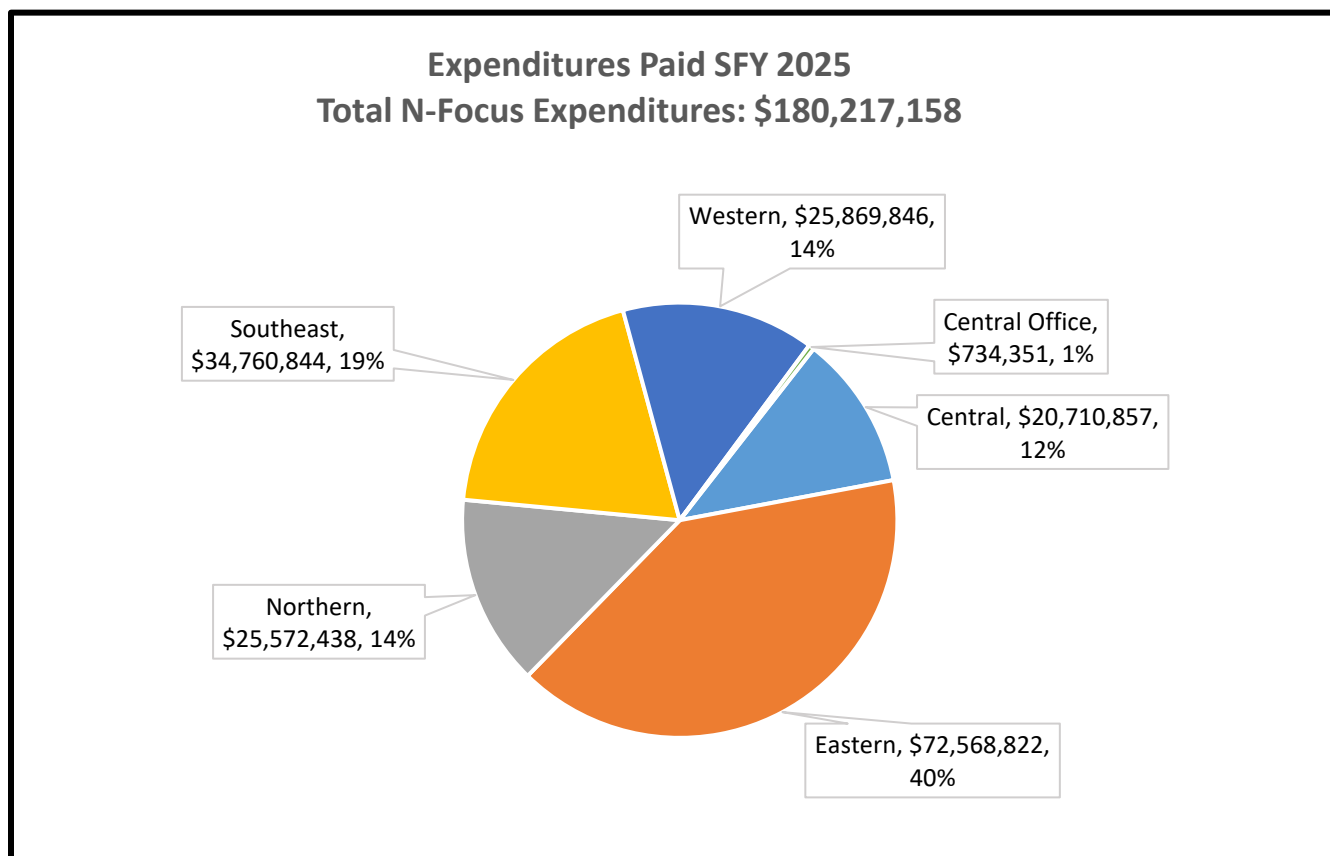
State Wards Served SFY 2025 Total State Wards Served: 6,059



Expenditures by Service Area

Data includes payment for services to families of state wards. Expenditures in the payment process are not included. Data includes expenditures for services paid from N-FOCUS and the payments made outside of N-FOCUS. Data does not include expenditures paid by Medicaid.

The following chart shows the breakout by service area for Program 354, including Subprograms 30 and 48. Data may not match NIS (Enterprise One) data due to refunds, cancellations, and/or other payments made through NIS that did not originate in N-FOCUS. Expenditure data for all service areas do not include administrative costs such as staffing and office space.



2. Siblings Placed with Siblings

Data includes children who are state wards placed in out-of-home care with other state ward siblings. The chart shows the number of siblings and how many siblings are placed together. The grand total is the total number of children with the number of siblings. The percentage of children placed at the same placement and the percentage placed with at least one sibling are shown. The data extracted is from the N-FOCUS system.

Statewide Children Placed with Siblings June 30, 2025													
Number of Siblings Placed Together													
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Placed with Siblings	Total	Percent with all Siblings Together	Percent with at Least One Sibling
Siblings Out of Home	2	567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	188	755	55.9%	79.8%
	3	130	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	585		
	4	80	69	152	0	0	0	0	0	71	372		
	5	38	27	28	50	0	0	0	0	37	180		
	6	30	30	*	10	12	0	0	0	16	99-103		
	7	8	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	10-18		
	8	8	9	0	*	0	0	0	0	*	19-27		
	9	0	*	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	7-11		
	Total	861	497-505	181-185	61-65	18	0	0	0	409-417	2027-2051		

* Indicates that counts are masked due to a low number (between 1-5).

Central Service Area Children Placed with Siblings June 30, 2025													
Number of Siblings Placed Together													
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Placed with Siblings	Total	Percent with all Siblings Together	Percent with at Least One Sibling
Siblings Out of Home	2	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	91	56.8%	78.6%
	3	14	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	75		
	4	*	9	20	0	0	0	0	0	7	37-41		
	5	0	*	*	10	0	0	0	0	*	13-25		
	6	10	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	6	18-26		
	7	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	2-10		
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	94-102	59-67	21-25	11-15	0	0	0	0	51-59	236-268		

* Indicates that counts are masked due to a low number (between 1-5).

**Eastern Service Area
Children Placed with Siblings
June 30, 2025**

Number of Siblings Placed Together													
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Placed with Siblings	Total	Percent with all Siblings Together	Percent with at Least One Sibling
Siblings Out of Home	2	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	304	48.6%	77.1%
	3	64	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	252		
	4	46	24	56	0	0	0	0	0	46	172		
	5	24	18	12	0	0	0	0	0	21	75		
	6	16	21	*	0	12	0	0	0	7	57-61		
	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	8	*	6	0	*	0	0	0	0	*	9-21		
	9	0	*	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	7-11		
	Total	371-375	214-218	69-73	1-5	18	0	0	0	203-207	876-896		

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**Northern Service Area
Children Placed with Siblings
June 30, 2025**

Number of Siblings Placed Together													
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Placed with Siblings	Total	Percent with all Siblings Together	Percent with at Least One Sibling
Siblings Out of Home	2	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	130	61.5%	80.8%
	3	22	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	96		
	4	8	9	28	0	0	0	0	0	*	46-50		
	5	6	0	*	15	0	0	0	0	*	23-31		
	6	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	*	2-10		
	7	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-10		
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	135-139	64-68	29-33	16-21	0	0	0	0	55-67	299-327		

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Southeastern Service Area Children Placed with Siblings June 30, 2025													
Number of Siblings Placed Together													
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Placed with Siblings	Total	Percent with all Siblings Together	Percent with at Least One Sibling
Siblings Out of Home	2	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	125	56.5%	81.9%
	3	26	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	111		
	4	12	21	28	0	0	0	0	0	7	68		
	5	*	*	8	15	0	0	0	0	*	26-38		
	6	*	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	8-16		
	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	8	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	3-15		
	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	131-144	98-106	36	15	0	0	0	0	60-72	341-373		

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Western Service Area Children Placed with Siblings June 30, 2025													
Number of Siblings Placed Together													
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Placed with Siblings	Total	Percent with all Siblings Together	Percent with at Least One Sibling
Siblings Out of Home	2	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	105	75.0%	87.3%
	3	*	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	47-55		
	4	10	6	20	0	0	0	0	0	8	44		
	5	*	*	0	10	0	0	0	0	*	13-25		
	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	102-110	52-56	20	10	0	0	0	0	25-33	209-224		

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3. Waivers Granted Pursuant to § 71-1904(2)

During the SFY 2025, DHHS had 249 licensed relative foster homes with a waiver.

4. Information by Service Area

a. Child and Family Services Specialist (CFSS) Education

A bachelor's degree is required to be hired as a CFSS. CFS employee data is broken out by position. The data includes the following position classifications: Child and Family Services Specialist (CFSS) and Child and Family Services Specialist Trainee (CFSS Trainee). CFSS Trainees are in training status for the first six months of employment. The CFSS may have more than 1 degree and would be counted for each degree in the included data.

Department of Health and Human Services, Children and Family Services Division Employee Education Level 2025						
Education Qualifications of CFSS (N=691)						
Field of Study/Major	Central	Eastern	Northern	Southeast	Western	Statewide
Bachelor's Degree	75	256	77	108	71	587
African American Studies		1				1
Agricultural Journalism		1				1
Animal Science					1	1
Anthropology			1			1
Art Education		1				1
Art History		2				2
Biology	1	1				2
Business Administration	1	3	1	1		6
Business Education					1	1
Child Development	1	4	1	6		12
Clinical Psychology		2		3		5
Communications Studies/Speech Communication and Rhetoric		2				2
Counseling		4	3			7
Creative Writing		1				1
Criminal Justice	9	46	11	18	13	97
Criminal Science	1	3	5	1	3	13
Criminology	2	10	4	4	3	23
Data Science				1		1
Developmental Psychology		1				1
Early Childhood Education	3	1			1	5
Education	3	4	3	4	5	19
Elementary Education		1	2	2	2	7
English				4	1	5
English Literature					1	1
Family Studies	3	7	1	5		16
Field of Study Not Found	2	2	3			7
Film				1		1
Forensic Science		1				1
German				1		1
Government	1					1

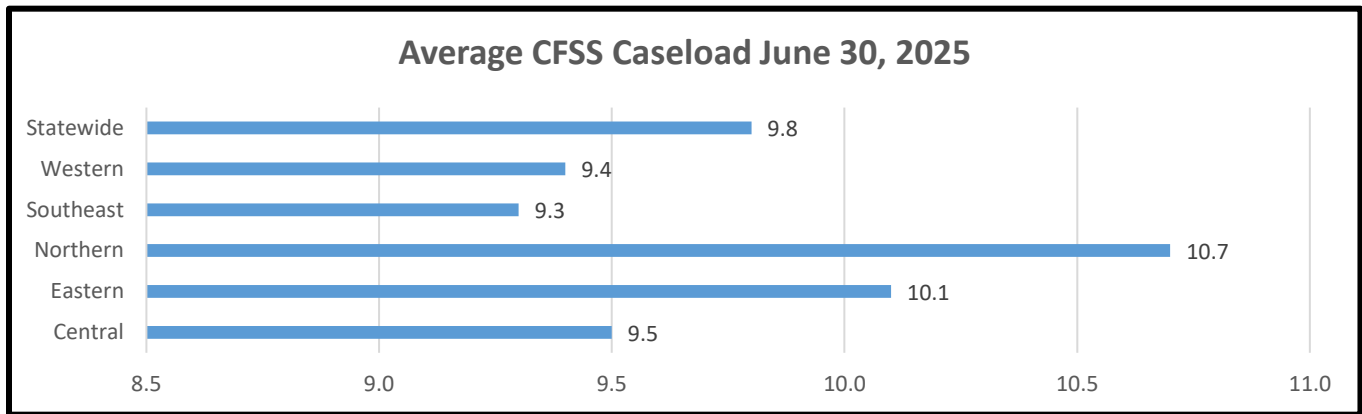
Bachelor's Degree continued						
Human Development	3	6	1	2		12
Humanities		5	1	1		7
International Studies				1		1
Law			1			1
Marketing				1		1
Mathematics				1		1
Multi-Disciplinary Studies		2				2
Music				1		1
Music Education		1				1
Neuroscience		2				2
Pastoral Studies				1		1
Philosophy		1		1		2
Physiological Psychology	1	2	1			4
Political Science		3				3
Psychology	7	56	10	18	6	97
Public Administration		2				2
Public Health		2		2		4
Social Psychology	2				1	3
Social Work	12	26	12	13	14	77
Sociology	11	13	4	4	2	34
Spanish		1				1
Theology			1			1
Women's Studies		1				1
Business Administration/ Management		3		2	1	6
Cognitive Psychology				1		1
Economics		1				1
Experimental Psychology		1				1
Finance		1				1
Health Administration	1	2				3
Human Resources Management				1		1
Information Technology					1	1
Journalism		1				1
Mental Health Services				1		1
Nursing	1	1				2
Nutrition	1					1
Physical Education	1				1	2
Physics	1					1
Sports Management	1				1	2
Youth Ministries					1	1
(blank)	6	25	11	6	12	60
Master's Degree	6	47	13	15	9	90
Art		1				1
Biology					1	1
Clinical Psychology		1	1	1		3
Counseling		2	4	1	1	8
Criminal Justice		4				4

Master's Degree continued						
Education	1	2				3
History					1	1
Logistics Management				1		1
Organizational Behavior Studies				1		1
Philosophy		1				1
Psychology		3				3
Public Administration		2	1	2		5
Religious Studies		1				1
Social Psychology		1				1
Social Work	1	7	4	3	2	17
Business Administration					1	1
Health Administration			1			1
Human Resources Management			1			1
Public Health		1				1
Business Administration/Management				1		1
Child Development				1		1
Criminal Science		1				1
Criminology	2	3				5
Education Administration		1				1
Educational Psychology		1				1
Elementary Education				1		1
Field of Study Not Found		1				1
Forensic Science			1			1
Human Development		1				1
Mental Health Services		1				1
Physiological Psychology		1				1
Sociology		1		1		2
(blank)	2	10		2	3	17
Juris Doctor		1				1
Law		1				1
Doctor of Philosophy		2		1	2	5
Criminal Justice					1	1
History				1		1
Physiological Psychology		1				1
Psychology					1	1
Public Administration		1				1
Statewide	84	307	91	127	82	691

b. Caseload per CFSS

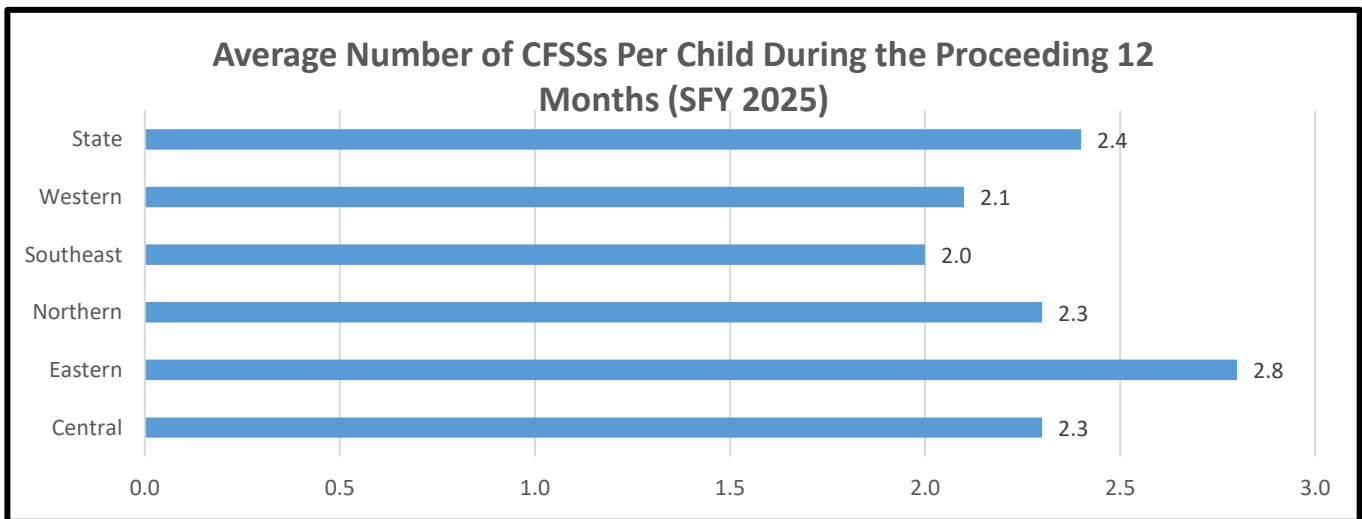
The following chart illustrates the average caseload for CFSS Statewide and by Service Area. This measure includes all cases for Out-of-Home youth, In-Home families, Initial Assessment families, and Alternative Response families active on June 30, 2025. The measurement for these cases is the same as used for the caseload standard conformance: one report equals one case, one In-Home Family

equals on case, and one Out-of-Home Child equals one case. The chart below only includes CFSS and does not include supervisors, lead workers, or trainees who may have minimal cases assigned.



c. CFSS per Child During SFY 2025

This measure includes all youth who were active CFS court-involved youth on June 30, 2025. For CFSS, the count includes the CFSS who conducted the Initial Assessment investigations within the past 12 months and the ongoing CFSS within the past 12 months. The count below is the average number of CFSS assigned to a child's case during the past 12 months, rather than a measure of case CFSS during the life of the child's case. Cases that do not progress beyond the initial assessment phase are excluded.



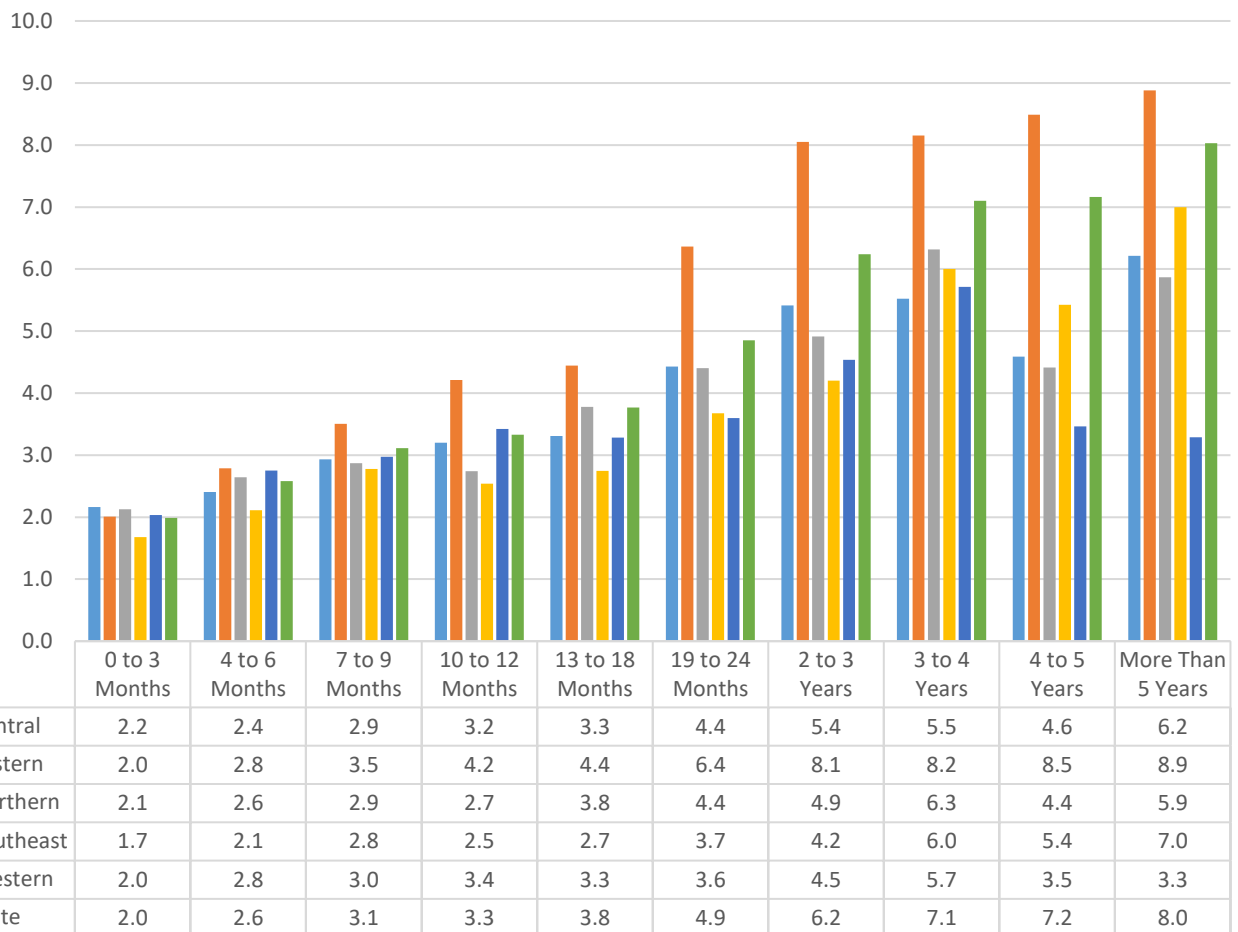
d. CFSSs During the Past Seven Years

The following data utilizes June 30, 2025 as the endpoint to determine each time frame. CFSS case assignment data includes DHHS and Contracted Agency Staff from the last seven years. The count consists of the CFSS, which conducts the initial assessments and the ongoing casework. In many areas of the state, different CFSSs are assigned for the initial assessment and ongoing case work. In those

areas, a transfer from initial assessment to ongoing shows two CFSSs early in the life of the case. Other areas have the same CFSS conducting initial assessments and ongoing case management. Cases that do not progress beyond the initial assessment phase are excluded. This data includes the average number of CFSS per child's case for children in the child welfare system for three, six, twelve, and eighteen months, and the consecutive yearly average for children until the age of majority or permanency is attained.

For the Eastern Service Area, the CFSS count includes the CFSS conducting initial assessments and contracted agency staff providing ongoing case management through June 2022. Data after June 2022 does not include contracted staff.

Average Number of CFSSs During the Past Seven Years including CFSS and Contracted Agency Staff



e. Monthly CFSS Turnover Rates

The data is expressed as a count and proportion of CFSSs that are no longer in the position from the prior month. Those not in the position may have been promoted, accepted a different position, or separated their employment from DHHS. Turnover rates in the charts below are limited to the CFSS position.

CFSS Monthly Turnover Rate (DHHS Staff Only)				
Year	Month	Count of CFSS at End of Month	CFSS Separating Position During Month	CFSS Monthly Turnover
2024	July	549	17	3.1%
2024	August	556	10	1.8%
2024	September	568	15	2.6%
2024	October	562	12	2.1%
2024	November	524	13	2.5%
2024	December	586	14	2.4%
2025	January	570	19	3.3%
2025	February	579	8	1.4%
2025	March	570	16	2.8%
2025	April	579	3	0.5%
2025	May	577	18	3.1%
2025	June	588	13	2.2%
			Monthly Average	2.3%

f. & g. Monthly Face-to-Face Child and Parent Contacts

Between Each CFSS and the Children on a Respective Caseload

Chart 1 shows the statewide percentage of monthly visits with parents and children. Chart 2 shows the percentage of monthly visits by Service Area with parents and children. The outcome goal for each measure is currently set at 95% of all visits. The data extract is from the N-FOCUS system.

Between Each CFSS and the Parent(s) of the Children on a Respective Caseload

Chart 1 shows the statewide percentage of monthly visits with parents and children, while Chart 2 shows the percentage of monthly visits by Service Area with parents and children. The outcome goal is currently set at 95% for all visits. The data is extracted from the N-FOCUS system.

Chart 1

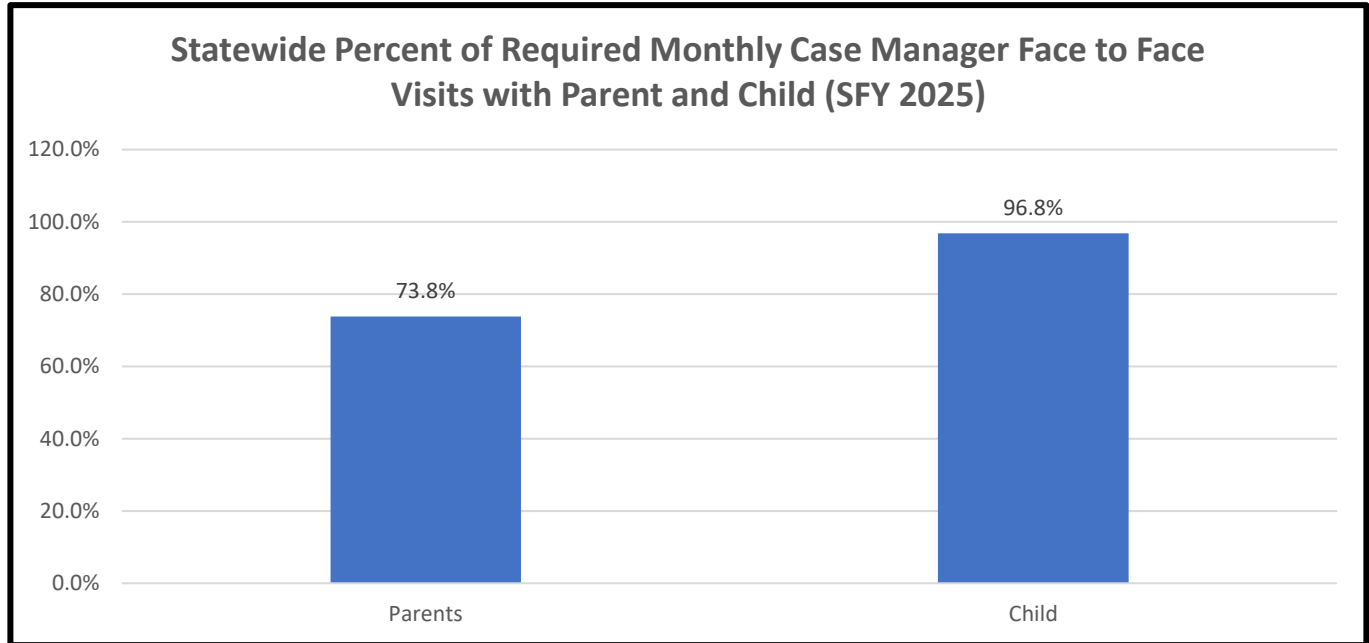
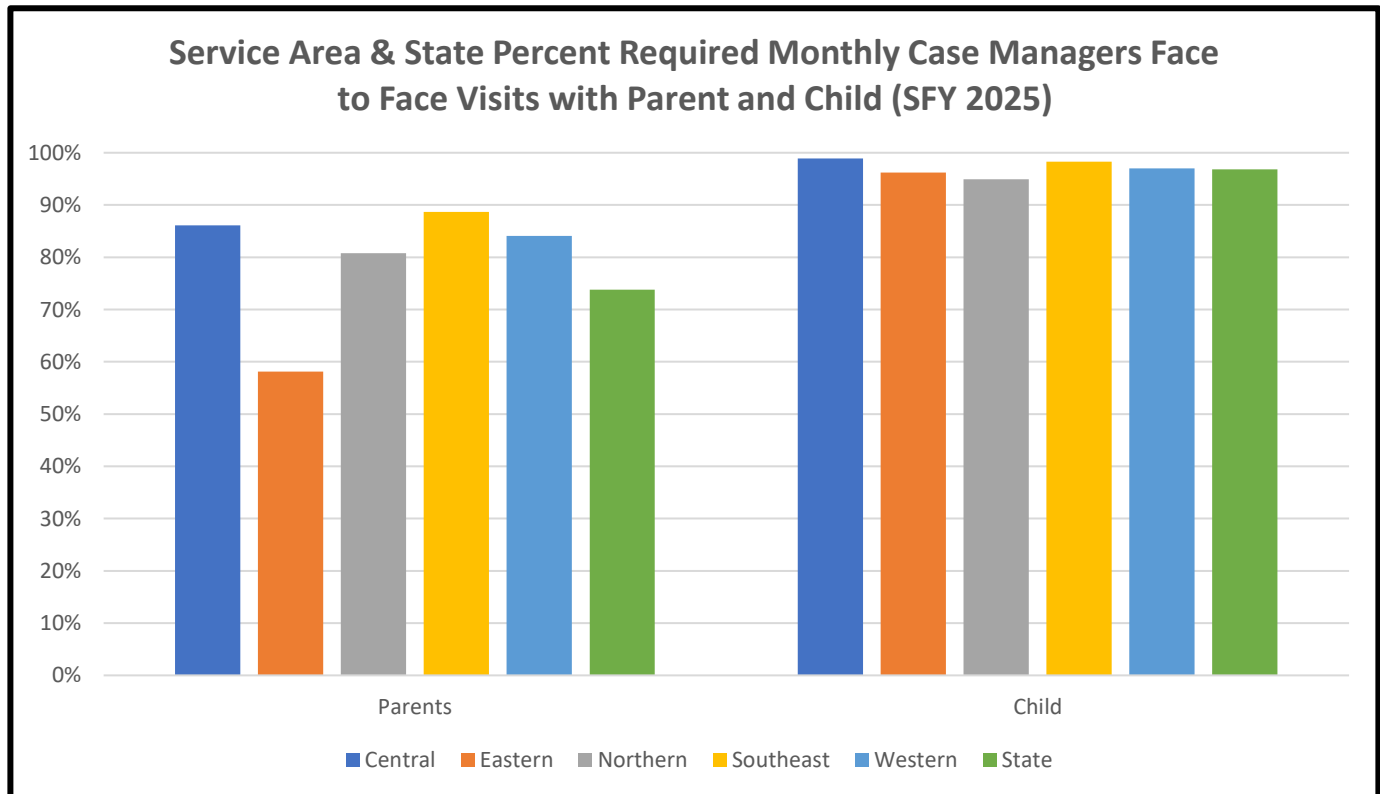
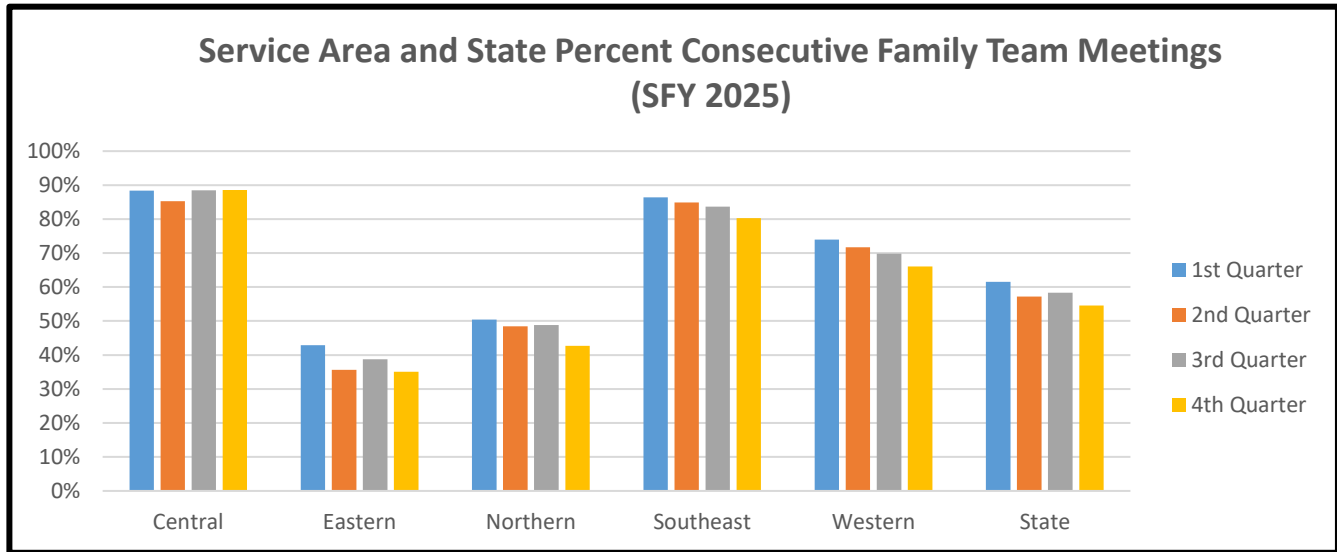


Chart 2



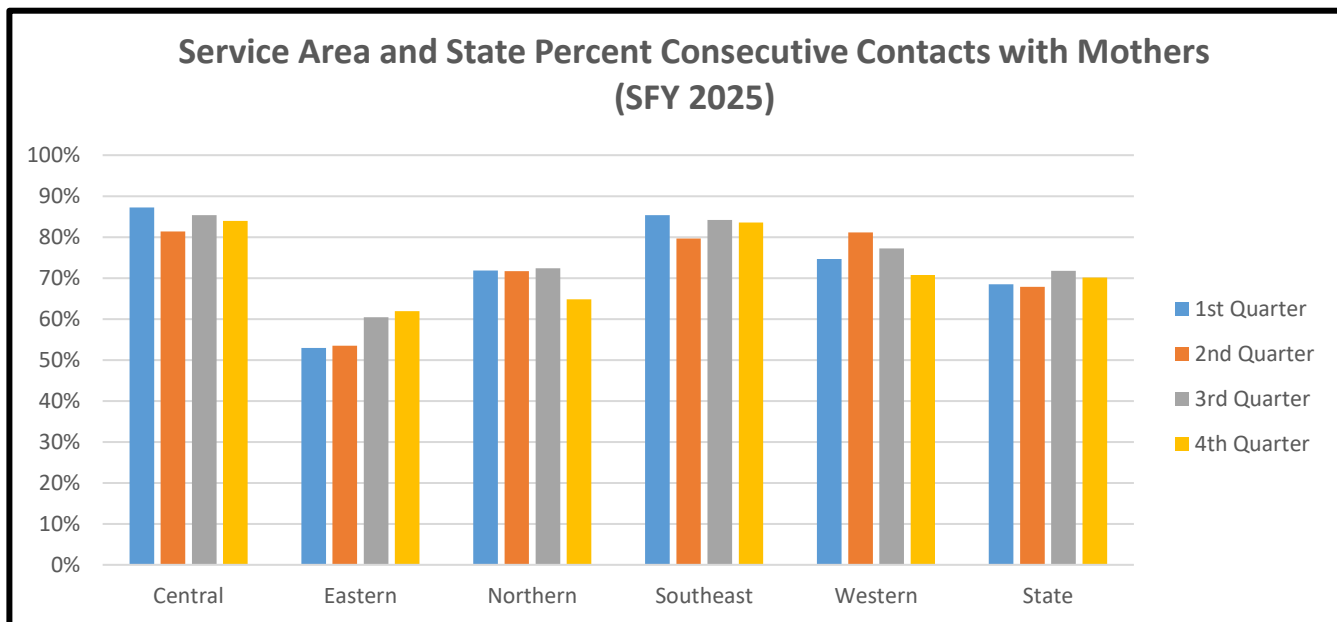
h. Monthly Consecutive Team Meetings

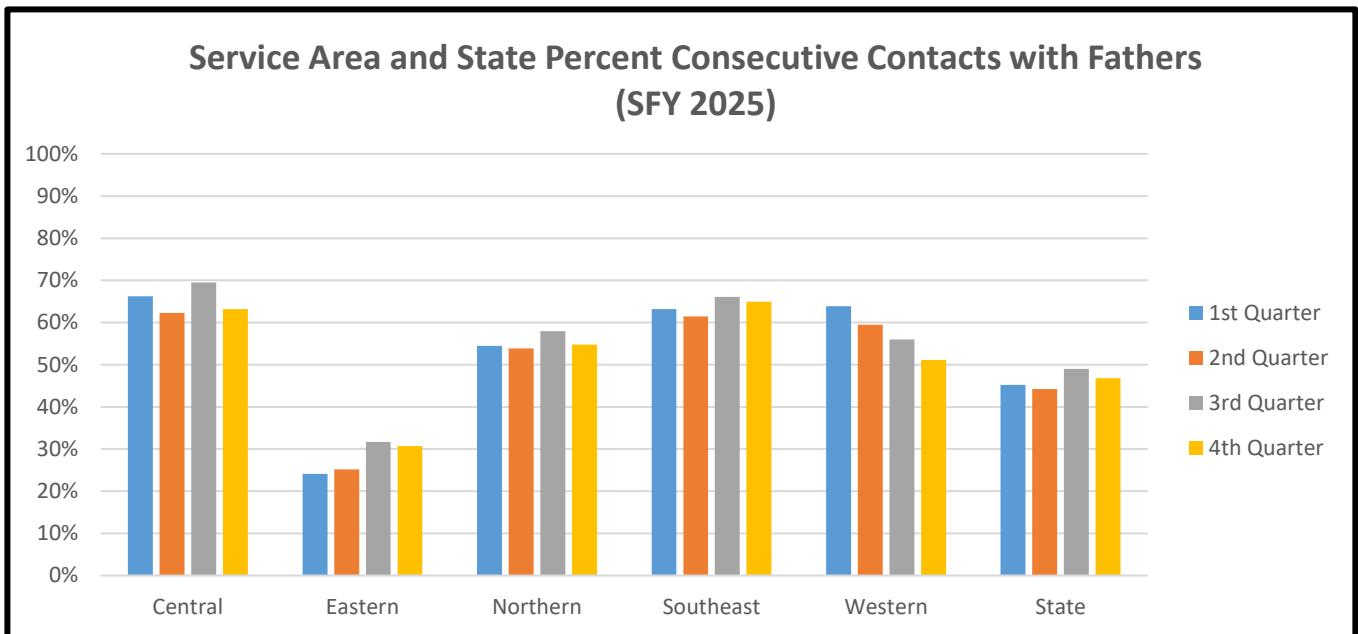
The chart below illustrates the percentage of consecutive monthly family team meetings by quarter documented in the N-FOCUS system.



i. Monthly Consecutive Parent Contacts

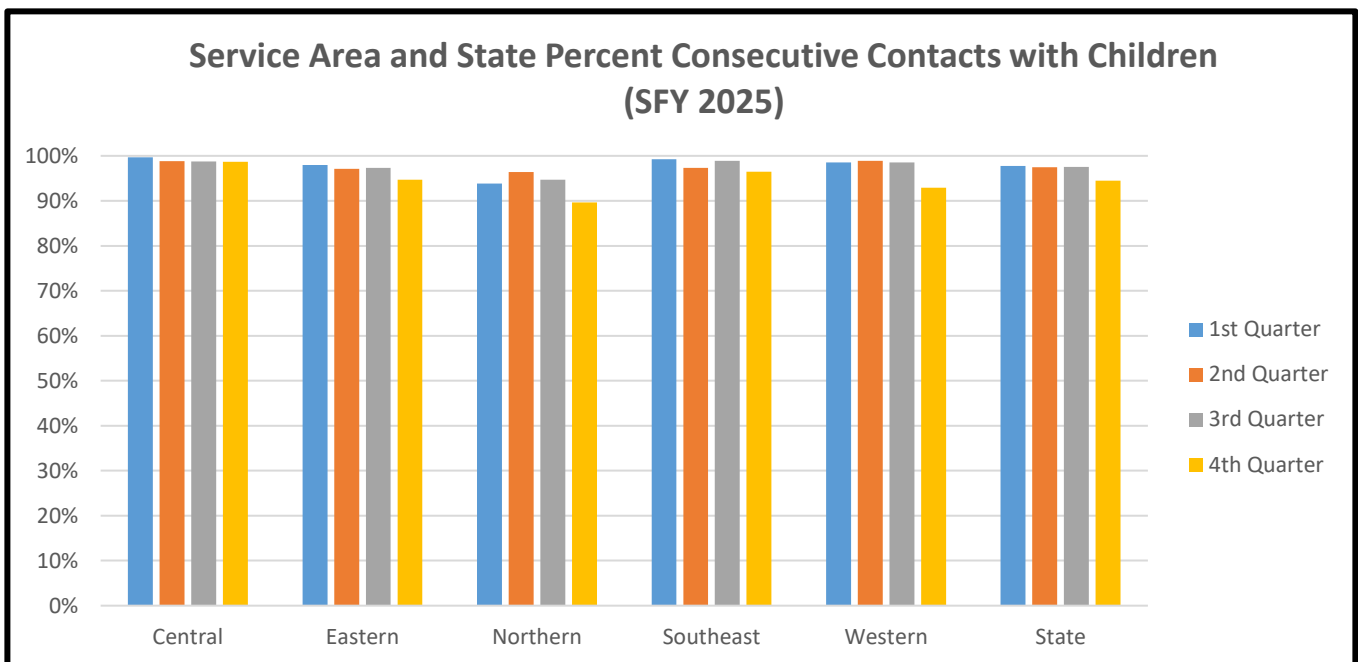
The charts below illustrate the percentage of consecutive monthly contacts with mothers and fathers by quarter documented in the N-FOCUS system.





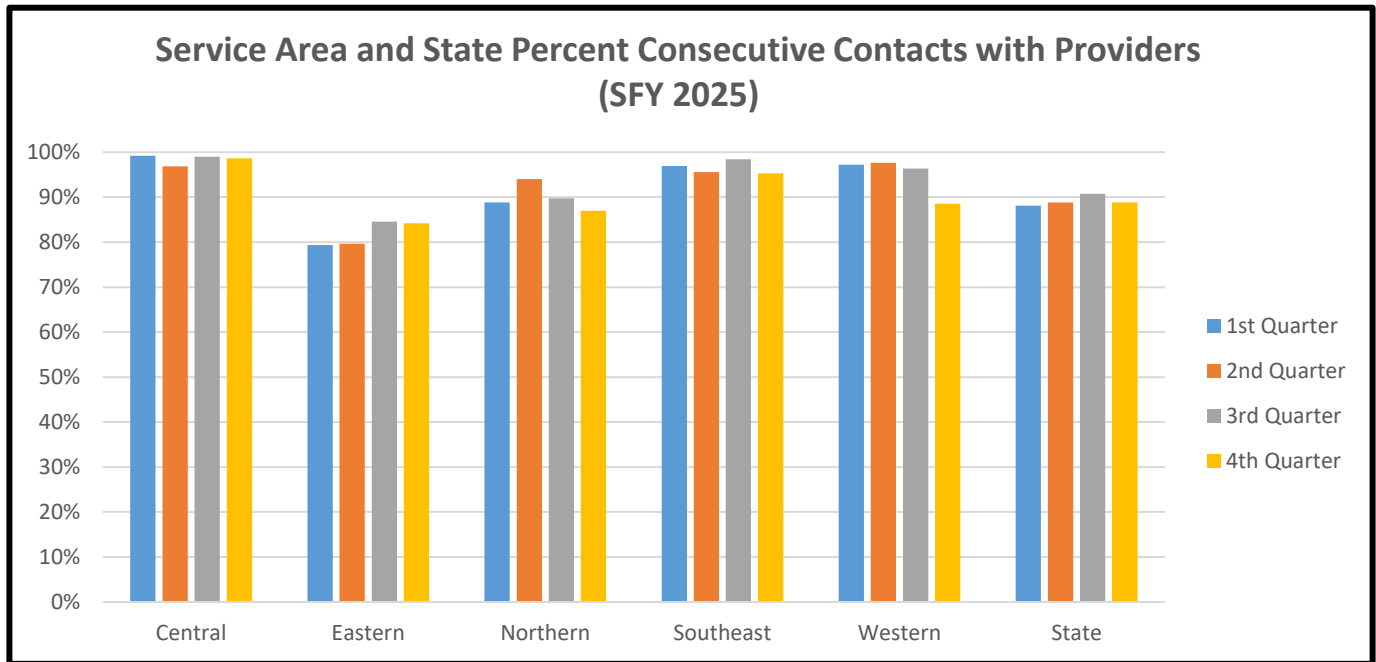
j. Monthly Consecutive Child Contacts with CFSS

The chart below illustrates the percentage of consecutive monthly contacts with children by quarter documented in the N-FOCUS system.



k. Monthly Consecutive Contacts Between Child Welfare Service Providers and CFSSs

The chart below illustrates the percentage of consecutive monthly contacts with providers by quarter documented in the N-FOCUS system.

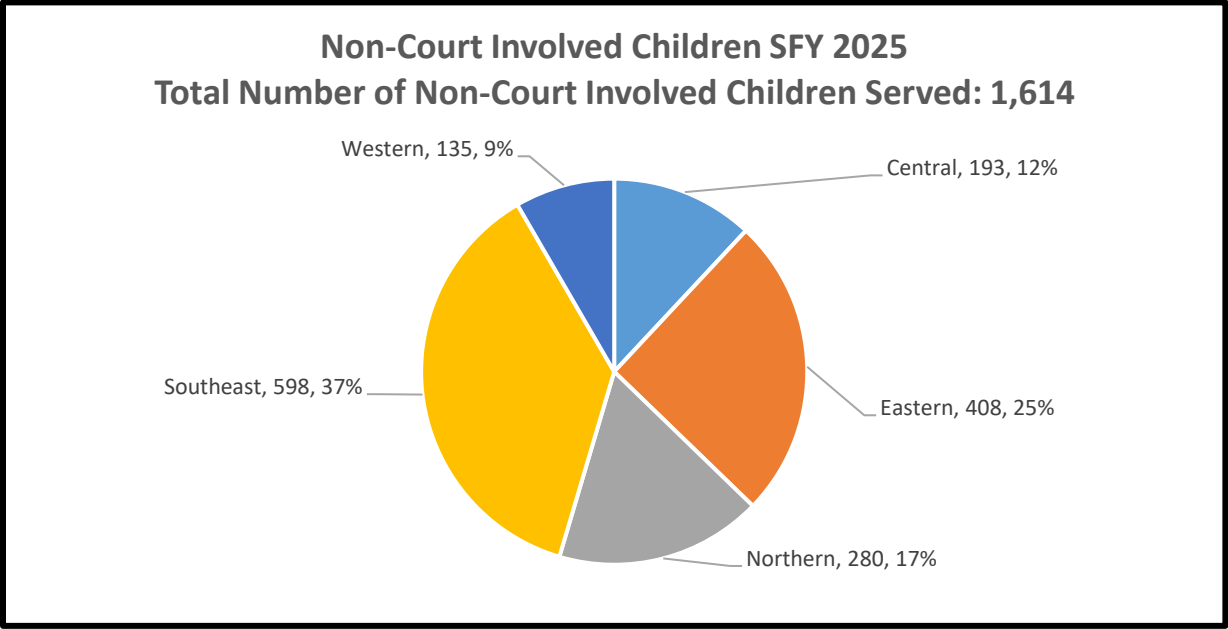


l. Timeliness of Court Reports

Data for the timeliness of court reports for SFY 2025 is not available.

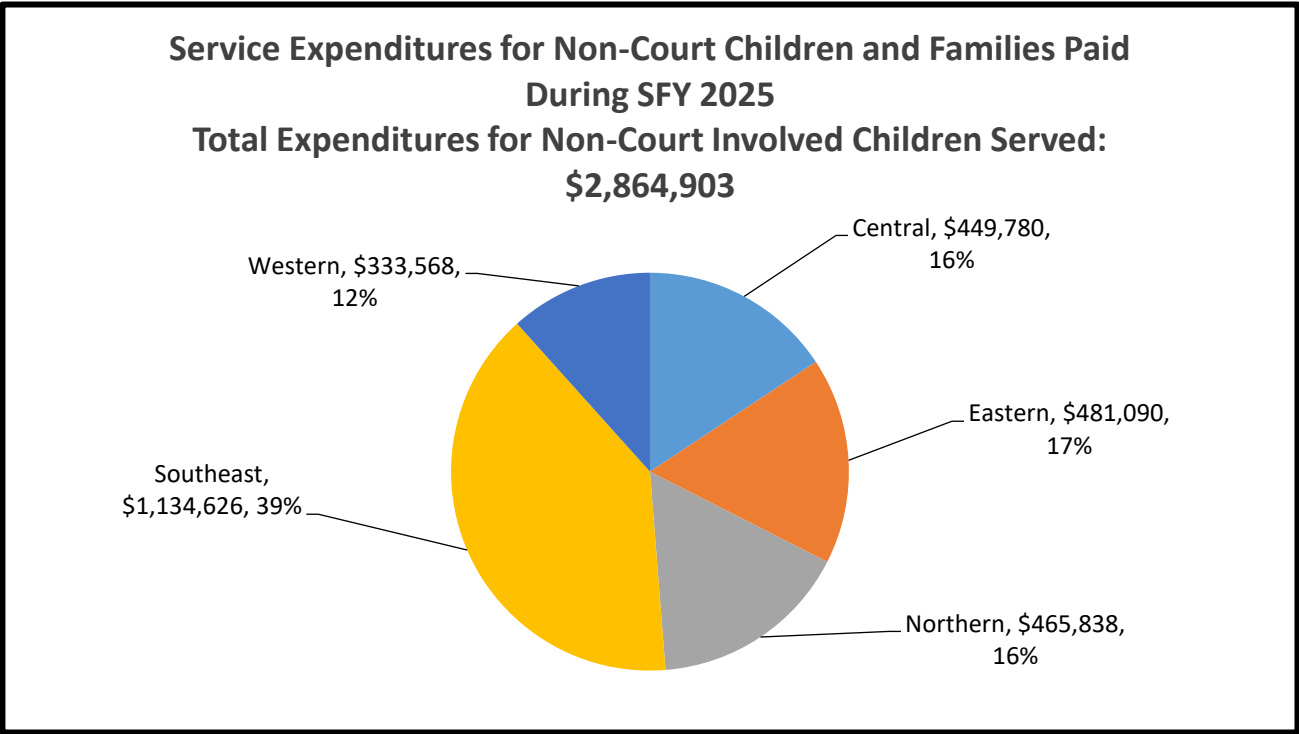
m. Non-Court Involved Children

Data includes non-court involved children, including the number of children served, the types of services requested, the specific services provided, the cost of the services provided, and the funding source. Data excludes children in alternative response cases. The data extract is from the N-FOCUS system.



Expenditures for Non-Court Involved Children

Expenditure data includes claims entered and paid for or rejected via the N-FOCUS system as of June 30, 2025. Outstanding expenditures not paid are not included. Expenditures include services provided to the parents of non-court involved children. Nebraska Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) claims are not included. Alternative response expenditures are not included.



Services Provided to Non-Court Families with Expenditures

Services are those services provided to youth and families entered in the N-FOCUS System. Nebraska Medicaid and CHIP claims are not included.

Services and Funding for Non-Court Families with Expenditures Paid During SFY 2025				
Service Name	Alternative Response	Child Welfare	IV-E/Prevention	Grand Total
ASSMNT DRUG ALCOHOL	\$0	\$958	\$0	\$958
BOYS TOWN IN-HOME FAM SRV	\$3,380	\$26,728	\$0	\$30,108
CFS INFANT CARE	\$0	\$793	\$0	\$793
CFS TODDLER CARE	\$0	\$1,205	\$0	\$1,205
CHILD/PAR PSYCHOTHER	\$0	\$1,020	\$0	\$1,020
CLOTHING	\$0	\$3,632	\$0	\$3,632
COMMUNITY YOUTH COACHING	\$0	\$1,898	\$0	\$1,898
CULTURAL AMBASSADOR	\$0	\$451	\$0	\$451
DRUG TEST LAB CONFIRM	\$0	\$6,780	\$0	\$6,780
DRUG TESTING SITE-BASED	\$0	\$19,713	\$0	\$19,713
ELECTRIC	\$374	\$1,291	\$0	\$1,665
FAMILY CENTERED TREATMNT	\$424	\$104,435	\$0	\$104,859
FAMILY PEER SUPPORT	\$721	\$9,350	\$0	\$10,072
FAMILY PEER SUPPORT ADMIN	\$2,539	\$16,228	\$0	\$18,767
FCT TREATMENT COSTS	\$0	\$168,570	\$6,419	\$174,990
GROCERY/MEAL PURCHASE	\$1,048	\$41,731	\$0	\$42,779
HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA	\$0	\$5,000	\$47,339	\$52,338
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	\$0	\$216	\$0	\$216
HOUSING DEPOSIT	\$0	\$7,066	\$0	\$7,066
IDI WITH MED SERVICES	\$0	\$333	\$0	\$333
IFP TIER 1	\$13,633	\$243,376	\$0	\$257,009
IFP TIER 2	\$4,595	\$430,583	\$0	\$435,178
IFP TIER 3	\$0	\$400,817	\$0	\$400,817
IFP TIER 4	\$0	\$27,504	\$0	\$27,504
IN-HOME FAMILY SUPPORT	\$1,826	\$580,220	\$0	\$582,046
INIT DIAGNOSTIC INTERVIEW	\$0	\$1,307	\$0	\$1,307
INTEGRATED FAMILY CARE	\$0	\$57,116	\$0	\$57,116
INTERPRETER	\$0	\$10,913	\$0	\$10,913
LEGAL FEES	\$0	\$30,994	\$0	\$30,994
MOTEL/HOTEL	\$0	\$31,882	\$0	\$31,882
MOTOR VEHICLE GAS	\$109	\$11,026	\$0	\$11,135
MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$0	\$2,053	\$0	\$2,053
MOVING SERVICE	\$0	\$139	\$0	\$139

Service Name	Alternative Response	Child Welfare	IV-E/Prevention	Grand Total
NATURAL GAS	\$0	\$549	\$0	\$549
OUT OF HM MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$85	\$0	\$85
OUT OF HOME FAMILY SUPPRT	\$0	\$24,036	\$0	\$24,036
PARENT EDUCATION	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$180
PARNT TIME/SUPRVSED VISIT	\$0	\$155,306	\$0	\$155,306
PEST EXTERMINATION	\$0	\$3,885	\$0	\$3,885
PHARMACOLOGICAL MANAGE	\$0	\$204	\$0	\$204
PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING	\$0	\$2,008	\$0	\$2,008
PSYCHOTHERAPY INDIVIDUAL	\$0	\$1,132	\$0	\$1,132
RENT	\$0	\$20,118	\$0	\$20,118
SERV PREP IHFS	\$0	\$3,518	\$0	\$3,518
SERV PREP OHFS	\$0	\$369	\$0	\$369
SERV PREP PTSV	\$0	\$302	\$0	\$302
SOBERLINK ALCOHOL TESTING	\$0	\$6,060	\$0	\$6,060
SPCMN COLLN-URINE-INSTANT	\$0	\$14,777	\$0	\$14,777
SPECIMEN COLLECT NO SHOW	\$0	\$78	\$0	\$78
SPECIMEN COLLECT REFUSAL	\$0	\$175	\$0	\$175
SPECIMEN COLLECTION ORAL	\$0	\$78	\$0	\$78
SPECIMEN COLLECTION-URINE	\$0	\$1,789	\$0	\$1,789
SPECIMENCOLLECTION-BREATH	\$0	\$2,895	\$0	\$2,895
SPECMNCOLLCTIONSWEATPATCH	\$0	\$3,520	\$0	\$3,520
TRANS COMMERCIAL	\$0	\$18,548	\$0	\$18,548
TRANS FAMILY VISITATION	\$0	\$18,794	\$0	\$18,794
TRANSPORT - ADD'L PSSNGR	\$0	\$139	\$0	\$139
TRAVEL & DIST PARENT TIME	\$0	\$31,698	\$0	\$31,698
TRVL & DIST SPEC COLLECT	\$0	\$2,019	\$0	\$2,019
TRVL & DIST-FAMILY SUPPRT	\$749	\$217,010	\$0	\$217,759
UTILITY DEPOSIT	\$0	\$3,597	\$0	\$3,597
VIRTUAL IN-HOME FAMILY SU	\$0	\$2,194	\$0	\$2,194
VIRTUAL PRNT TIME/SUP VIS	\$0	\$1,357	\$0	\$1,357
Grand Total	\$29,397	\$2,781,748	\$53,758	\$2,864,903

5. Placements in Residential Treatment Settings

This section includes all placements made or paid for by the child welfare system, the Office of Juvenile Services, the State Department of Education, or local education agencies, through letters of agreement, and the medical assistance program.

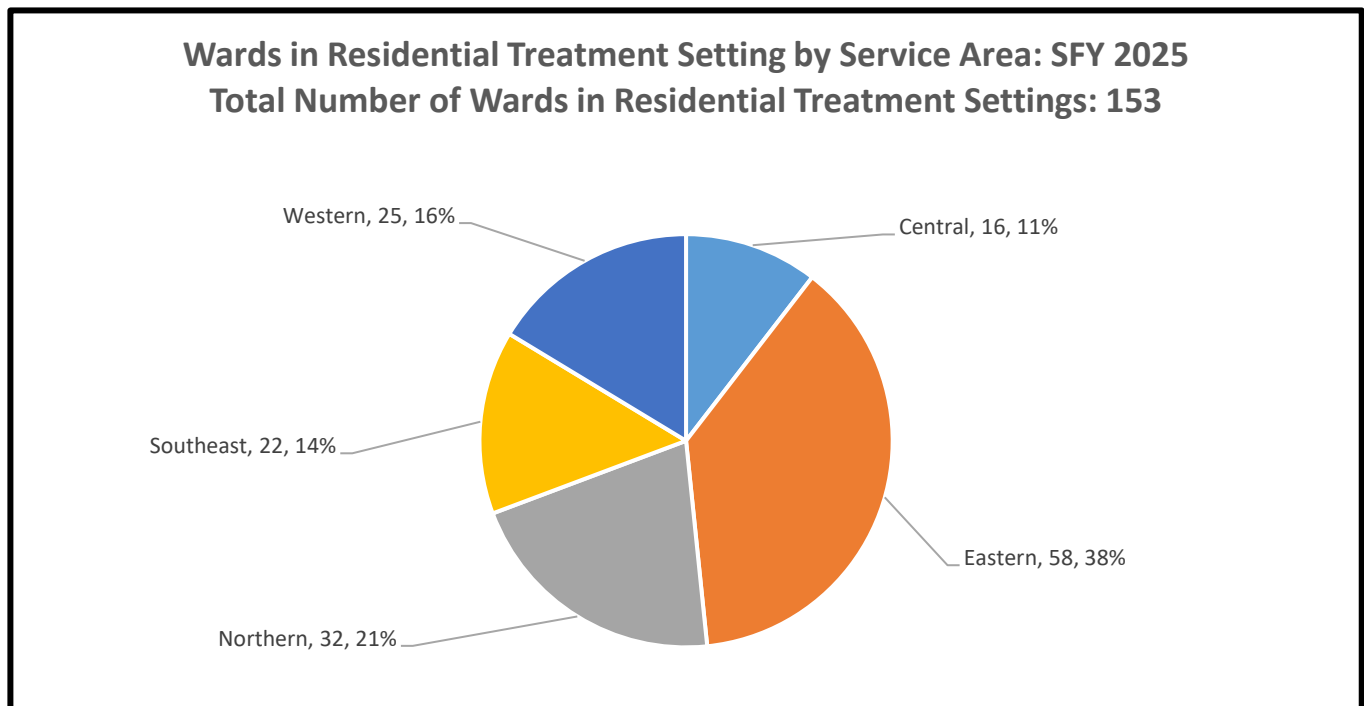
Residential treatment settings include the following facility types:

- 1) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
- 2) Psychiatric Hospital
- 3) Therapeutic Group Home
- 4) Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)

a. Child Variables

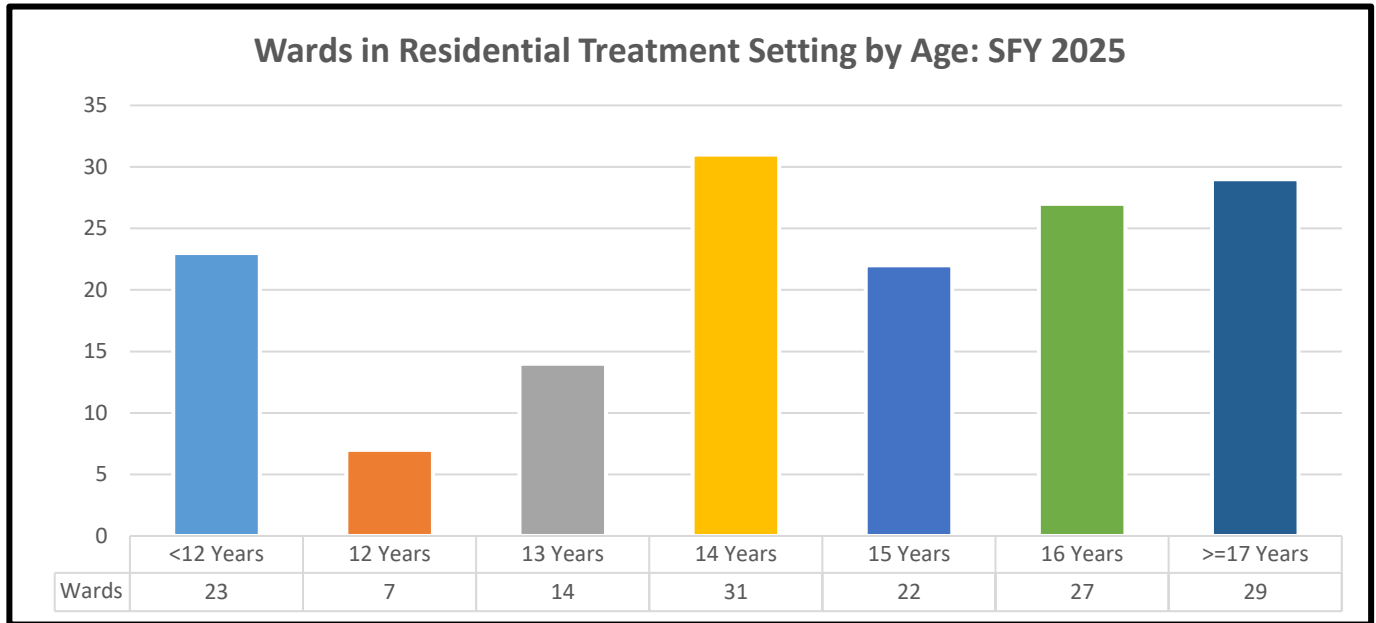
Wards in Residential Treatment Settings by Service Area

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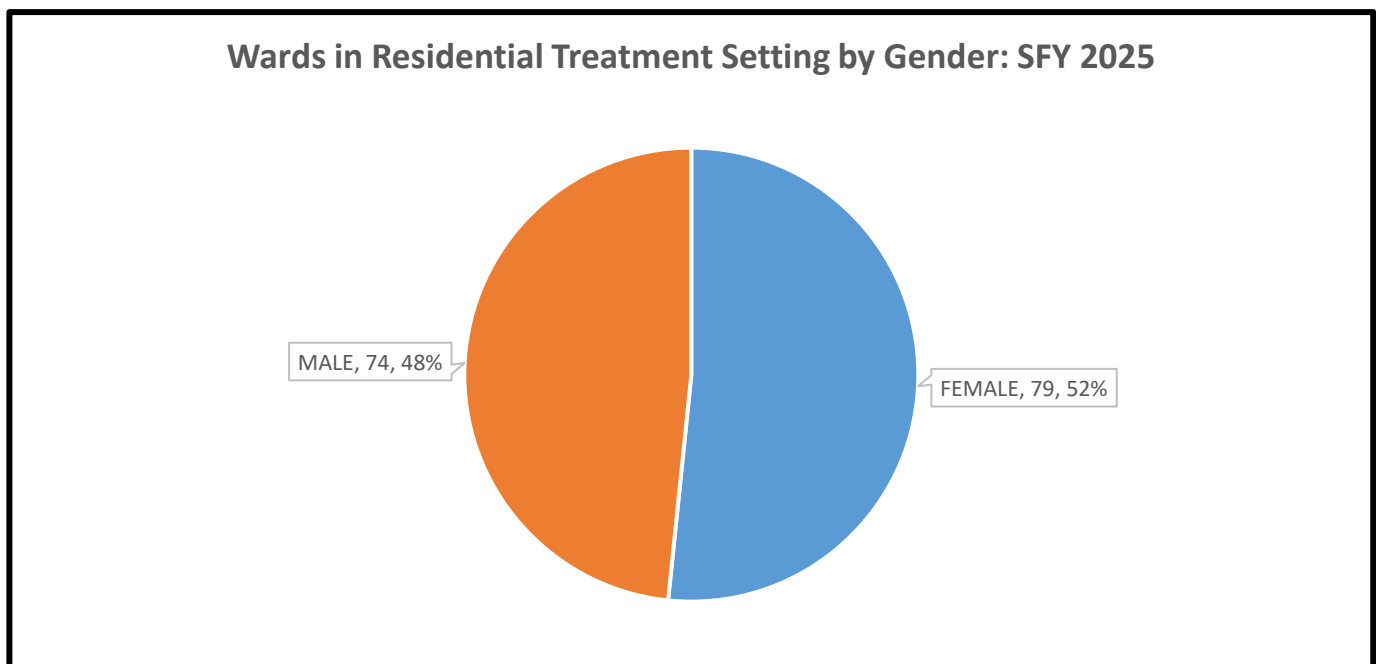
Wards in Residential Treatment Settings by Age

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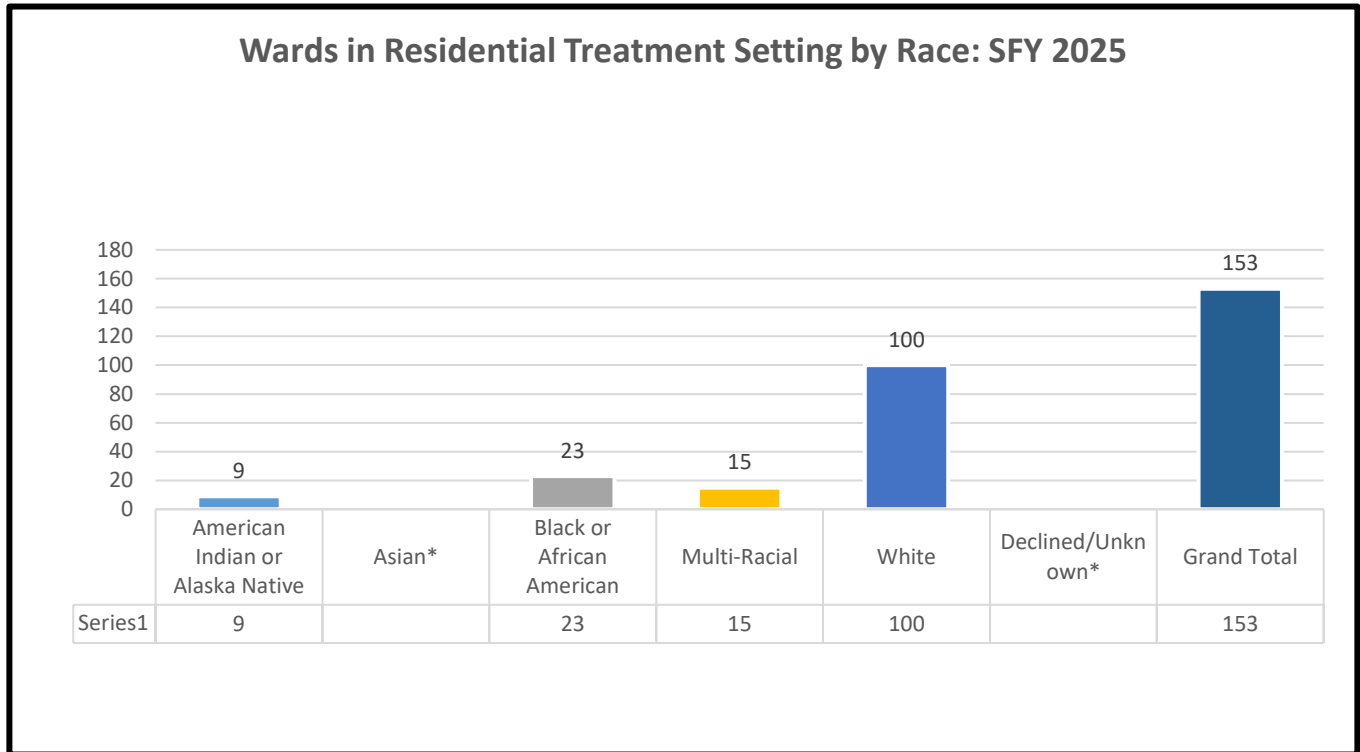
Wards in Residential Treatment Settings by Gender

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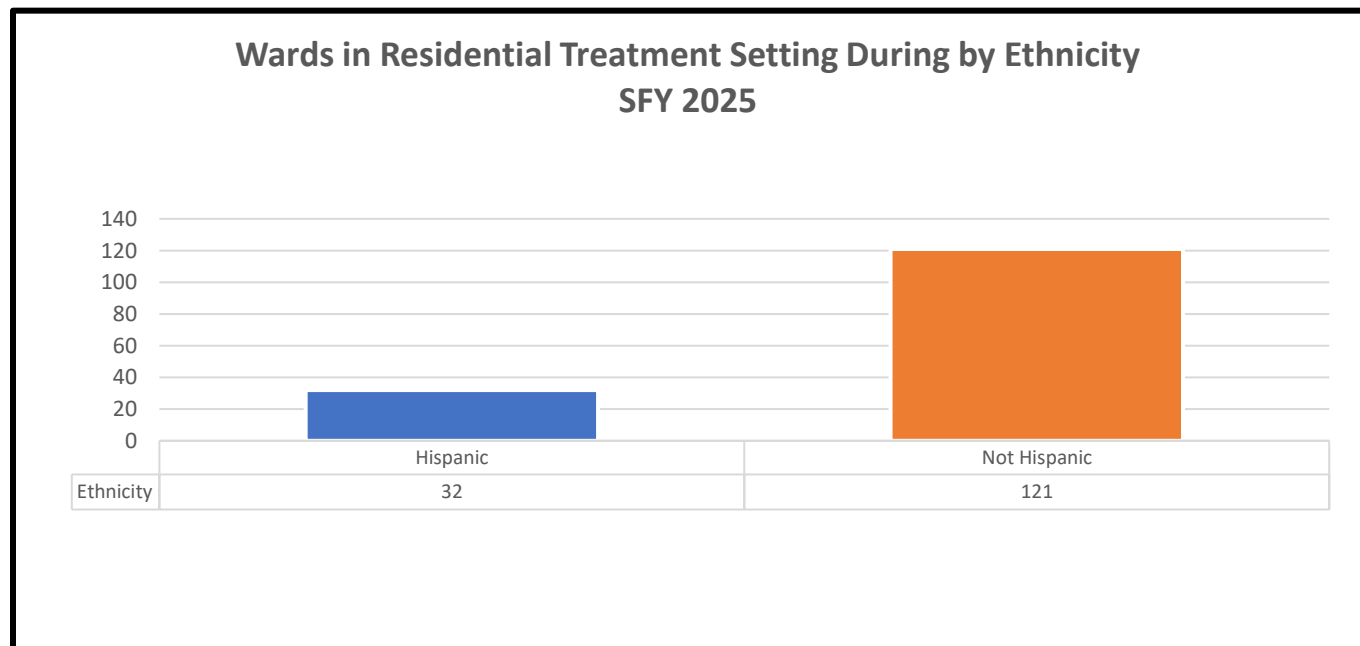


Wards in Residential Treatment Settings by Race/Ethnicity

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b. Reasons for Placement

Below is a sample list of reasons for out-of-home placements in residential treatment centers, group homes, and other facilities:

1. Mental health
2. Drug and alcohol treatment
3. Nursing home level of care is required to handle the physical condition
4. Supervision and structure were needed that wasn't available in the community
5. Lower IQ child needing sexual offender treatment
6. Transitional living group homes are not offered in the community
7. Sex offender treatment
8. Sexual victim treatment
9. Facility that can handle aggressive/assaultive behavior
10. Behavior and developmental disability needs

c. Denied Medicaid-Reimbursed Services and the Level of Placement Requested

Data was obtained from the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care for SFY 2025. The data population is from all Medicaid youth applications submitted for treatment. Data is not limited to state wards only.

United Health Care	Level Of Facility	Requests for Medicaid Placement	Medicaid Approved	Medicaid Denied	% Medicaid Denied
	PRTF	114	110	4	3.5%
	ThGH	1-5	*	*	20.0%
	Total	119	114	5	4.2%
Nebraska Total Care	Level Of Facility	Requests for Medicaid Placement	Medicaid Approved	Medicaid Denied	% Medicaid Denied
	PRTF	121	104	17	14.0%
	ThGH	1-5	*	*	33.3%
	Total	124	106	18	14.5%
Molina Healthcare of Nebraska	Level Of Facility	Requests for Medicaid Placement	Medicaid Approved	Medicaid Denied	% Medicaid Denied
	PRTF	93	76	*	2.6%
	ThGH	20	11	0	0.0%
	Total	113	87	*	2.3%

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* PRTF is Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, and ThGH is Therapeutic Group Home.

d. With Respect to Each Child in a Residential Treatment Setting

i. Length and Level of Placement After Denial

If there was a denial of the initial placement request, the length and level of each placement after denial of the initial placement request, and the status of each child before and immediately after, six months after, and twelve months after placement are highlighted in this chart. Data provided is for the SFY 2025. Data was obtained from the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care. Data is not limited to the state ward population. The chart contains the mental health service activity, if any occurred, at the following points: immediately after, six months (180 days) after, and one year (365 days) after. Mental Health Services received between points are not reflected in the chart. WellCare of Nebraska had no denials.

United Health Care	Level of Care	Alternative Treatment Recommendation	Services confirmed at time of follow up (For OP w/in 30 days)	6 months	12 months
	Community Treatment Aid	0	0	0	0
	Day Treatment	0	0	0	0
	Inpatient Hospitalization	0	0	0	0
	Intensive Outpatient	0	0	0	0
	Outpatient	*	*	*	0
	Partial Hospitalization	0	0	0	0
	Level of Care	Alternative Treatment Recommendation	Services confirmed at time of follow up (For OP w/in 30 days)	6 months	12 months
Nebraska Total Care	Community Treatment Aid	0	0	0	0
	Day Treatment	0	0	0	0
	Inpatient Hospitalization	0	0	6	0
	Intensive Outpatient	0	0	0	0
	Outpatient	0	*	*	*
	Partial Hospitalization	0	0	0	0
	Level of Care	Alternative Treatment Recommendation	Services confirmed at time of follow up (For OP w/in 30 days)	6 months	12 months
Molina Healthcare of Nebraska	Community Treatment Aid	0	0	0	0
	Day Treatment	0	0	0	0
	Inpatient Hospitalization	0	0	0	0
	Intensive Outpatient	0	0	0	0
	Outpatient	0	0	0	0
	Partial Hospitalization	0	0	0	0
	Level of Care	Alternative Treatment Recommendation	Services confirmed at time of follow up (For OP w/in 30 days)	6 months	12 months

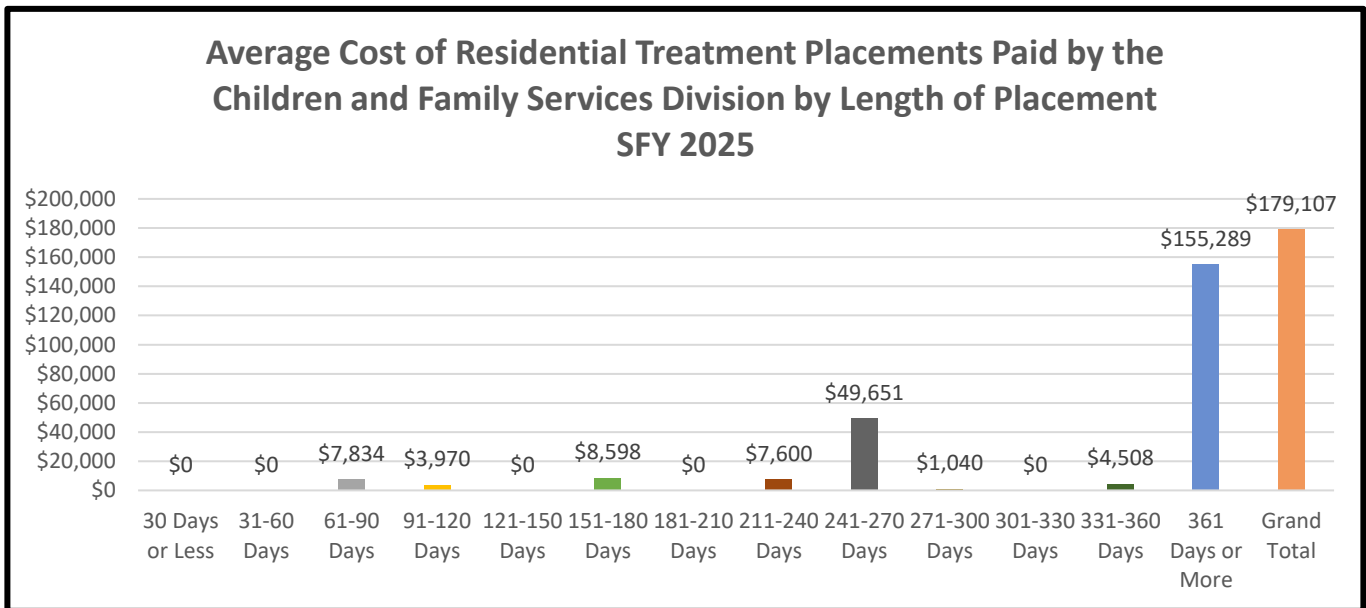
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*OP is Outpatient.

ii. Funds Expended and Length of Placements

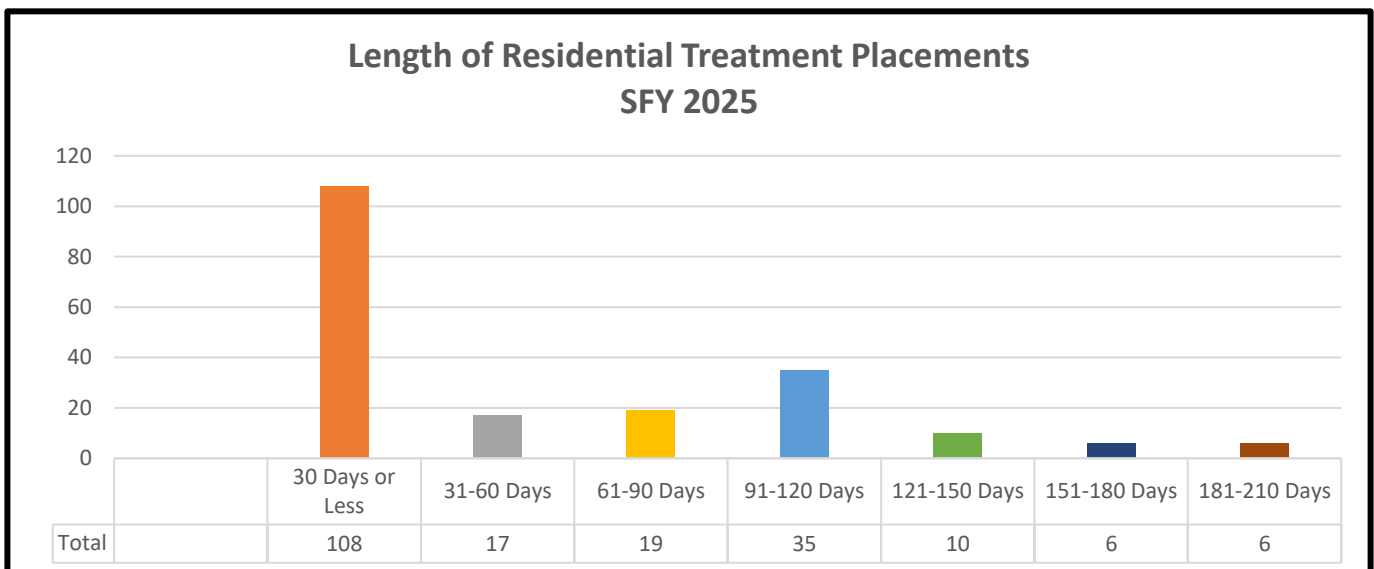
Average Cost of Residential Treatment Placements

Data includes the CFS state ward population whose placement was paid for by the DHHS Children and Family Services Division via letter of agreement. Letters of agreement are paid at the Medicaid rate. The data extract is from the N-FOCUS system.



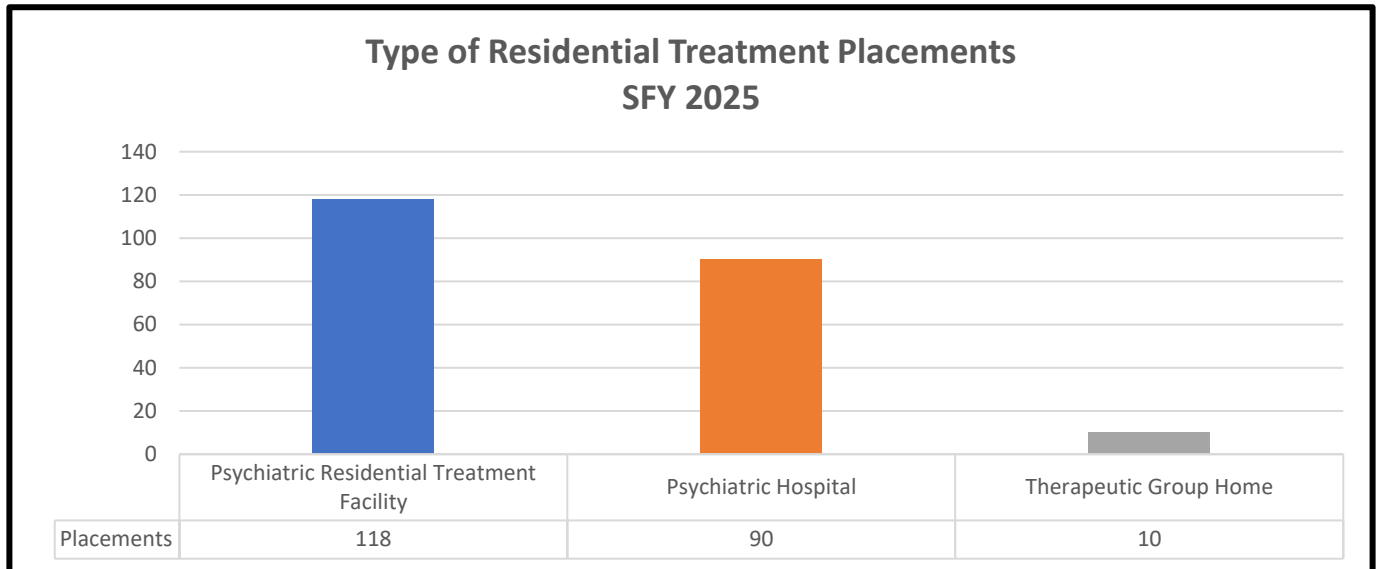
Length of Residential Treatment Placements

Data includes the CFS state ward population; the data extract is from the N-FOCUS system. Count of placements – one ward may have more than one residential treatment placement.



iii. Number and Level of Placements

Average Cost of Residential Treatment Placements Data includes the CFS state ward population. The data extract is from the N-FOCUS system. During the time period, a ward could be in more than one placement level.



iv. Facility Variables

Data includes the CFS state ward population. The data extract is from the N-FOCUS system.

Residential Treatment Facilities with Placements During SFY 2025	
Facility Type	Number of Placements
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	115
Psychiatric Hospital	69
Therapeutic Group Home	9
Group Total	193

v. Services that Could Prevent the Need for Residential Treatment

Identification of specific child welfare services unavailable in the child's community that could have prevented the need for residential treatment and that could prevent out-of-state placements, include:

1. Intensive family preservation in the child's community
2. Intensive outpatient treatment-substance abuse and/or mental health
3. Intensive outpatient sex offender treatment
4. In-home multi-systemic therapy
5. Community treatment aides
6. Day treatment services for psychiatric needs
7. Treatment foster homes
8. Support services for mental health/substance abuse issues (children and parents)
9. Outpatient programs for mental health/substance abuse issues (children and parents)
10. Community support services in the child's community
11. In-home therapy providers in the child's community
12. Outpatient behavior programs
13. Parent mentors in the child's community
14. More services covered by Medicaid, and easier access to these services
15. Behavioral camp for parents and children
16. Day reporting center
17. Teenage daycare

e. Child Welfare Services that Could Prevent Out-of-State Placement

The following child welfare services are currently unavailable, and if they were available in the state, could prevent out-of-state placements:

1. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
2. Group Home
3. Therapeutic Group Home

6. Referral Data

Data is not available for any individual involved in the child welfare system receiving a service or a placement through the DHHS or its agent for which referral is necessary, the date when such referral was made by the DHHS or its agent, and the date and the method by which the individual receiving the services was notified of such referral. To the extent the DHHS becomes aware of the date when individuals receiving the referral began receiving such services, the DHHS or its agent shall document. Heritage Health plans can track referral dates for specialty care; however, there is no accurate methodology to track the date and the method by which the individual receiving the service was notified of such referral.

7. Sexual Abuse Allegations for Children Being Served

The number of sexual abuse allegations that occurred for children being served by the CFS, and placed at a residential child-caring agency, and the number of corresponding:

- (a) Screening decision occurrences by category.
- (b) Open investigations by category; and,
- (c) Agency substantiations, court substantiations, and court-pending status cases.

Congregate facilities include Developmentally Disabled Group Homes, Group Homes, PRTFs, Psychiatric Hospitals, Therapeutic Group Homes, and Youth Rehabilitation Treatment Centers.

Sexual Abuse Allegations While Placed in a Congregate Facility SFY 2025	
Intake Disposition	DHHS Involved Children w/Sexual Abuse Allegation
Accept	9
Court Pending	*
Findings not Entered	*
Unfounded	7
Additional Information	*
Additional Info	*
Law Enforcement	23
LE Only	23
Multiple Reporter	7
Multiple Reporter	7
Grand Total	40

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8. Reported or Suspected Victims of Sex or Labor Trafficking

a. SFY 2025 Child Sex and Labor Trafficking Victims

The chart below highlights the number of substantiated victims of sex trafficking or labor trafficking of a minor.

Child Sex and Labor Trafficking Victims SFY 2025	
Reported Sex Trafficking Victims	147
Reported Labor Trafficking Victims	9

b. SFY 2025 Substantiated Trafficking Victims

The charts below highlight the number of substantiated victims of sex trafficking or labor trafficking of a minor and includes demographic information and information on whether the DHHS has already served the children.

SFY 2025 Substantiated Trafficking Victims			
	Prior Department Involvement		
Victim Age	Yes	No	Grand Total
0-3 years	0	0	0
3-6 years	0	0	0
6-9 years	0	0	0
9-12 years	*	0	*
12-15 years	*	*	*
>15 years	*	*	8
Grand Total	7	6	13

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SFY 2025 Substantiated Trafficking Victims			
	Prior Department Involvement		
Victim Race	Yes	No	Grand Total
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0
Black or African American	*	0	*
White	6	6	12
Multi-Racial	0	0	0
Declined Unknown	0	0	0
Grand Total	7-11	6	13-17

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SFY 2025 Substantiated Trafficking Victims			
	Prior Department Involvement		
Victim Ethnicity	Yes	No	Grand Total
Hispanic	*	*	*
Not Hispanic or Latino	*	*	7
Unable to Determine	0	*	*
Grand Total	7	6	13

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c. SFY 2025 Reported Trafficking Victims

The below charts highlight the number of determined to be reported or suspected victims of sex trafficking or labor trafficking of a minor and includes demographic information and information on whether the DHHS previously served the children.

SFY 2025 Reported Trafficking Victims			
	Prior Department Involvement		
Alleged Victim Age	Yes	No	Grand Total
0-3 years	0	*	1-5
3-6 years	*	*	7
6-9 years	*	*	8
9-12 years	14	*	16
12-15 years	27	25	52
>15 years	31	40	71
Grand Total	78	69-85	147-163

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SFY 2025 Reported Trafficking Victims			
	Prior Department Involvement		
Alleged Victim Race	Yes	No	Grand Total
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	*	15-19
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	11	*	12-16
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	0	*
White	38	39	77
Multi-racial	6	6	12
Declined Unknown	6	25	31
Grand Total	78	78	156

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SFY 2025 Reported Trafficking Victims			
	Prior Department Involvement		
Alleged Victim Ethnicity	Yes	No	Grand Total
Hispanic or Latino	21	17	38
Not Hispanic or Latino	53	54	107
Unable to Determine	*	7	8-13
Grand Total	75-80	78	153-158

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d. SFY 2025 Service for Families of Reported Trafficking Victims

This chart outlines the types and costs of services provided to children who are reported or suspected victims of sex trafficking or labor trafficking of a minor.

SFY 2025 Service for Families of Reported Trafficking Victims	
Service Type	Amount Paid
ADOPTION SUBSIDY	\$29,798
AGENCY SUPPORTED FOSTER CARE (ASFC)	\$327,593
ASSESSMENT DRUG ALCOHOL	\$271
BOYS TOWN IN-HOME FAMILY SERVICES	\$8,224
CFS CHILD CARE SPECIAL NEED	\$400
CFS PRESCHOOL CARE	\$490
CHILD SUPERVISION – OUT OF HOME	\$5,301
CLOTHING	\$2,944
COMMUNITY YOUTH COACHING	\$126
CRISIS EMERGENCY SHELTER	\$10,370
CRISIS PLACEMENT – ASFC	\$750
CRISIS PLACEMENT – OUT OF HOME MAINTENANCE	\$675
DAY TREATMENT PSYCHIATRIC	\$26,333
DENTAL	\$5,175
DRUG TEST SPECIMEN COLLECTION	\$83
DRUG TESTING SITE-BASED	\$7,843
EMERGENCY SHELTER CENTER	\$27,392
FAMILY FINDING	\$6,829
FOSTER PARENT LICENSING STIPEND	\$2,500
GROCERY/MEAL PURCHASE	\$4,783

Service Type <i>continued</i>	Amount Paid
GROUP HOME CARE	\$32,685
HOUSING DEPOSIT	\$3,200
INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION TIER 1	\$21,037
IN-HOME FAMILY SUPPORT	\$24,708
INITIAL DIAGNOSTIC INTERVIEW	\$352
INTENSIVE PLUS - ASFC	\$21,958
INTENSIVE PLUS – OUT OF HOME MAINTENANCE	\$22,987
LOA DAY HABILITATION SERVICES	\$127,249
LOA EMERGENCY SHELTER CENTER	\$1,260
LOA GROUP HOME CARE	\$16,533
LOA HIGH ACUITY - ASFC	\$158
LOA HIGH ACUITY – OUT OF HOME MAINTENANCE	\$217
LOA OUT OF HOME STIPEND	\$109,033
LOA OUT OF STATE GROUP HOME	\$327,426
MOTEL/HOTEL	\$240
MOTOR VEHICLE GAS	\$1,997
MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVATE	\$876
MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$5,066
OFF EXAM/TREATMENT	\$1,715
OUT OF HOME MAINTENANCE	\$402,903
OUT OF HOME STRUCTURE	\$1,175,966
OUT OF HOME FAMILY SUPPORT	\$98,838
PARENTING TIME/SUPERVISED VISIT	\$277,737
PERSONAL NEEDS	\$4,190
PRESCRIPTIONS SUPPLIES	\$77
PSYCHOTHERAPY INDIVIDUAL	\$2,587
RENT	\$3,175
REPORTING CENTER SUPERVISION	\$2,206
RESPIRE ADOPTION SUBSIDY	\$44
RESPIRE CARE	\$250
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$7,341
SEMI-INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$16,500
SERVICE PREPARATION IN-HOME FAMILY SUPPORT	\$287
SERVICE PREPARATION OUT OF HOME FAMILY SUPPORT	\$451
SERVICE PREPARATION PARENTING TIME SUPERVISION	\$905
SPECIMEN COLLECTION-URINE-INSTANT	\$25,478
SPECIMEN COLLECTION NO SHOW	\$58
SPECIMEN COLLECTION REFUSAL	\$76
SPECIMEN COLLECTION ORAL	\$74

Service Type <i>continued</i>	Amount Paid
SPECIMEN COLLECTION-HAIR	\$377
SPECIMEN COLLECTION SWEAT PATCH	\$235
TRAIN INDEPENDENT SKILLS	\$162
TRANSPORTATION COMMERCIAL	\$21,822
TRANSPORTATION FAMILY VISITATION	\$29,800
TRANSITIONAL LIVING	\$13,383
TRANSPORTATION COMMERCIAL - NO SHOW	\$531
TRANSPORTATION - ADDITIONAL PASSENGER	\$690
TRANSPORTATION SECURE	\$137
TRAVEL & DISTANCE PARENTING TIME	\$94,403
TRAVEL TIME & DISTANCE-ASFC	\$16,042
TRIAGE FOSTER CARE	\$27,900
TRIAGE FOSTER CARE – OUT OF HOME MAINTENANCE	\$2,000
TRIAGE FOSTER CARE-ASFC	\$450
TRIAGE SUPPORT CENTER	\$6,216
TRAVEL & DISTANCE-FAMILY SUPPORT	\$23,013
VISUAL	\$423
Grand Total	\$3,443,304

e. Ongoing Cases Opened

These cases are listed by children and families involved in open cases due to allegations of sex trafficking or labor trafficking of a minor.

SFY 2025 Ongoing Cases Opened	
Children	21
Families	18