

# Wisconsin Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report

Annual Report for Calendar Year 2019

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#### **Executive Summary**

#### **Summary**

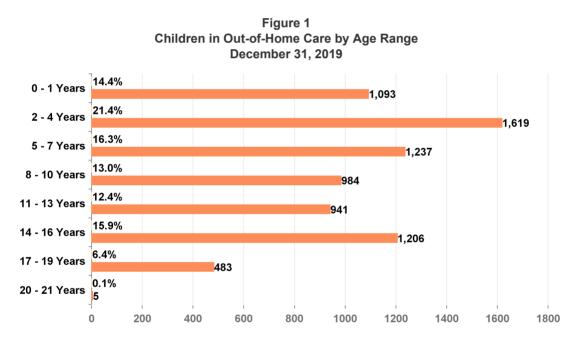
The Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report provides information on children in OHC placements during the calendar year 2019 and point in time, December 31, 2019. Data in this report are from the Child Welfare Data Warehouse, called dWiSACWIS. This report includes demographic information, as well as information on overall trends, entry into OHC, exits from OHC, and re-entry into OHC. Counts presented in this report may vary and differ from other published information, which are based on different data sources and/or the data pulls are functionally different.

#### Entry into OHC in CY 2019

Of the 4,854 children who entered OHC in CY 2019, 20% entered in Milwaukee County and 80% entered in Balance of the State (BOS) counties. Of those children that entered OHC in CY 2019, 56.5% were White/Caucasian, 31% were Black/African American, and 7.7% were Native American.

#### **Demographics of Children in OHC**

There were 7,568 children in OHC on December 31, 2019. This is a decrease of 260 children from December 31, 2018. Children under the custody of the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) represented 26% of the total OHC population.



Of the children in OHC on December 31, 2019, there were slightly more males (52%) in OHC than females (48%). Of these children in OHC, 56% were White/Caucasian, 32.4% were Black/African American, and 8% were Native American. 69.9% of Native American children were subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). 38.2% of children were placed with relatives.

#### Discharge from OHC in CY 2019

Of the 5,196 children who discharged from OHC in CY 2019, children from Milwaukee County accounted for 17.2% of total discharges and children from BOS accounted for 82.8% of total discharges. Reunification was the most frequent discharge reason (59.3%). Adoptions were finalized for 735 children, representing 14.1% of discharges. Children ages 2 - 4 Years (20.7%) and 14 - 16 Years (18.2%) accounted for the largest shares of children discharged. Of the children discharged, 58.1% were White/Caucasian, 30.2% were Black/African American, and 8.4% were Native American. The median time to discharge was 414 days, or 13.61 months.

#### Introduction

#### **Report Purpose**

The Wisconsin Children in Out-of-Home Care Report provides an overview of the children placed in out-of-home care (OHC) and presents demographic information of children in OHC during Calendar Year (CY) 2019. This report provides readers with information that will support their understanding of the children and youth served in OHC, and the trends associated with the OHC population.

Data included in this report are presented at the statewide level, with information obtained from 71 counties, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) and Public Adoptions (formerly the Special Needs Adoptions Program or SNAP). The appendices to this report provide specific OHC data for individual counties, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions.

#### Overview of Child Welfare Service System in Wisconsin

Wisconsin's child welfare system is state supervised and county administered in 71 counties and state administered in Milwaukee County. Public Adoptions is also administered by the State. The role of the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) within the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is to supervise the county programs and ensure the development and implementation of statewide policies and procedures that support child safety, permanence and well-being. In addition, DCF administers child welfare services via DMCPS and Public Adoptions. For children eligible for tribal membership, placements into OHC can be made through tribal courts.

#### **Kinship Care**

Many children reside with relatives in which the parent and the relative have established the living arrangement voluntarily and the relative caregiver receives a Kinship Care (KC) payment to support the care of the relative child. These voluntary arrangements do not constitute OHC placement. The key eligibility requirements for kinship care are:

- the basic needs of the child can be better met living with the relative than with the parent(s);
- the placement is in best interest of the child; and
- the child currently or would potentially meet the requirements for court jurisdiction as being in need of protection or services if the child were to remain with the parent(s).

A child's voluntary living arrangement with a relative may become court-ordered or a child may be placed with a relative under a court order. Children placed in Court-Ordered Kinship Care (COKC) are considered to be in OHC and are subject to all permanency planning requirements. Data included in this report includes information from COKC cases, but not from voluntary kinship care cases.

#### Child in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS)

A child may be removed from his or her family home and placed into OHC due to safety concerns that cannot be controlled in the family home. If the Child Protective Services (CPS) worker determines that a child needs to be placed in OHC in order to ensure his or her safety, the child is placed into OHC via a court order or through a voluntary placement agreement. Children placed in OHC through a court order are required to meet all permanency planning standards set forth by Wis. Stat. s. 48.38. Voluntary placement agreements can be for up to 180 days and placements must be court ordered to continue beyond 180 days.

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#### Juvenile in Need of Protective Services (JIPS) and Delinquency

Children under a JIPS or delinquency order may be placed in OHC. In order for the state to have jurisdiction under a JIPS petition, a child must meet one of the following as specified in Wis. Stat. s. 938.13:

- be considered uncontrollable and the parent signs a petition;
- be habitually truant from school;
- be considered a school dropout;
- be habitually truant from home;
- committed a delinguent act before the age of 10, or:
- be deemed not responsible or not competent.

For the state to have jurisdiction under a delinquency petition, a child (aged 10-17) must be alleged to have committed a delinquent act. After a referral is received by the county agency, the agency under the direction of the local court system determines the types of services and interventions that will best address the needs of the child, family and community.

This report includes data on children placed in non-secure OHC settings. Unless otherwise noted, the report does not include children in secure detention, juvenile or adult corrections, or children in Milwaukee under delinquency. The data does include placements in these settings as part of the overall placement episode.

#### Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

Wisconsin's Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) (Wis. Stat. s. 48.988) is designed to protect the best interests of Wisconsin children who are placed outside of Wisconsin and those children from other states who are placed in Wisconsin in foster care, relative care, adoption, or a residential facility. ICPC establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures governing the interstate placement of children and ensures that jurisdictional, administrative and human rights obligations of all the parties involved in the interstate placement are protected. Children placed out of state need to be assured the same protection and support services that would be provided if the child remained in his/her "home state." They must also be assured a return to their original jurisdiction should the placement prove not to be in their best interest, their placement disrupts, or the need for out-of-state services cease.

#### **Public Adoptions**

When the rights of both parents are terminated for a child in OHC by either a death or a court action (voluntary or involuntary), guardianship of the child in OHC is transferred to the State through Public Adoptions. The State assumes foster care placement and payment responsibility for the child until the adoption is finalized. A child may be eligible for an Adoption Assistance subsidy if she/he meets Public Adoptions eligibility criteria. Pre-adoptive children in OHC pending an adoption finalization served by Public Adoptions are included in this OHC report.

#### Young Adults who Enter Out-of-Home Care

Sections 48.366 and 938.366 of the Wisconsin statutes allow youth aged 18-21 to re-enter OHC when they have previously discharged from OHC at age 18 or older, when they are enrolled full-time at a secondary school (or its vocational equivalent), and have an individualized education program (IEP). Youth who voluntarily re-enter OHC do so through the Voluntary-Transition-to-Independent-Living Agreement (VTILA), which is an agreement between the agency and youth. The VTILA allows for the youth to be placed in a foster home, group home, residential care center, in the home of a relative other than a parent, or in a supervised independent living arrangement.

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#### **Report Interpretation and Data Limitations**

The focus of this report is the total population served in OHC through the child welfare system (i.e., those children and youth in an OHC placement who are placed under a court order or a formal voluntary placement agreement). Children can receive other types of child welfare services, such as in-home services. Information on other services is not included in this report. This report generally does not include counts of children in hospitals or mental health facilities unless the use of these facilities is part of an OHC placement episode.

Data for this report are from the Child Welfare Data Warehouse. The data in the Child Welfare Data Warehouse are sourced from the electronic Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (eWiSACWIS), which is an automated case management system designed for child welfare workers to support practice and documentation regarding the children and the families they serve. Data are entered into eWiSACWIS by county, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions caseworkers in the course of day-to-day case management responsibilities. Information documented by caseworkers and their supervisors is used to generate management and statistical reports, including federal outcome measurement reports. The use of eWiSACWIS allows for improved timeliness and accuracy of child welfare placement data in Wisconsin. The quality of the data in this report is dependent upon the accuracy and timeliness of data submitted by local agencies.

The data presented in this report are generally consistent with data reported to the federal government to meet the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). There are some differences with AFCARS data, particularly for youth justice cases, so the data and performance measures presented in this report may differ from AFCARS caseload and performance data for Wisconsin. The body of the report provides statewide composite data; county-specific details are in the appendices.

This report includes placement of children in licensed family foster care, treatment foster care, pre-adoptive foster homes, group homes and residential care centers, unlicensed relatives or non-relatives, and court-ordered placements with relatives under the Kinship Care program (COKC). The OHC caseload counts include children placed for both child protective services and youth justice purposes. Statewide counts include children under placement and care of the county child welfare agency, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions. Data for this report were produced on December 16, 2020. Any data corrections or updates made by agencies after the time the data were produced are not reflected in this report.

This report's data focus on two distinct time intervals, the calendar year (CY 2019) and point in time (December 31, 2019). The point in time data focus on children in an open out-of-home care placement on December 31, 2019. A child can only be in one open placement at a time. By default, the dataset is a unique child count on a given day. In looking at child demographic data, each child is considered only once, no matter the number of entries, placements, or discharges during the year.

Totals cited in graphs, tables, and text throughout this report might not always be consistent. While a single data set is used for the report, there may be discrepancies in certain detailed information. Data inconsistencies may also be due to how data are recorded at the local agency level. DCF continues to work with agencies and internally to improve data quality. Totals for the graphs and tables may vary as data elements in eWiSACWIS may be missing for some cases. Additional considerations regarding report interpretation and data limitations are outlined in Appendix A. Please note that the percentages in figures and appendices may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Data Source: dWiSACWIS

#### Introduction

#### **Key Definitions**

**Child:** Term used to address both children and youth served by county child welfare agencies, county youth justice agencies, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions.

**Discharge:** A child's placement episode ends with the date a child is discharged from OHC. The discharge date represents the date the child achieves a permanent outcome, which is reunification, adoption, or guardianship.

**Placement:** The use of a facility or home provider for the physical placement of the child who has been removed from his or her family home.

**Placement Episode:** A placement episode starts with a child's removal from home and ends with a discharge from OHC to a permanent home or to independent living. A child may be placed in multiple placement settings within a placement episode.

**Placement Settings:** Child welfare agencies attempt to have a child stay in only one setting during his/her OHC episode. However, in some cases a child may be placed with multiple providers or in different placement facilities during a single placement episode. These changes may be due to actions initiated by the agency, the provider, the child, the parent, or the court. Standard placement settings include:

- Foster homes, including receiving homes, foster family homes of all levels and pre-adoptive foster homes
- Unlicensed relative and non-relative homes
- Group homes
- Residential care centers (RCCs)
- Shelter care
- Detention
- Trial reunification
- Supervised independent living
- Hospital/Mental Health facility

**Removal:** A child's placement episode begins with the date of the child's removal from his or her home. The child is taken into physical custody and enters into OHC under a court order or via a formal voluntary placement agreement among the agency, the parents, and the placement provider. Information regarding the types of out-of-home care providers used can be found in Appendix B.

#### Trends of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Figure 2 shows the cumulative number of children in an out-of-home care placement over the course of the calendar year. Each child is counted once per year during this period.

Figure 2

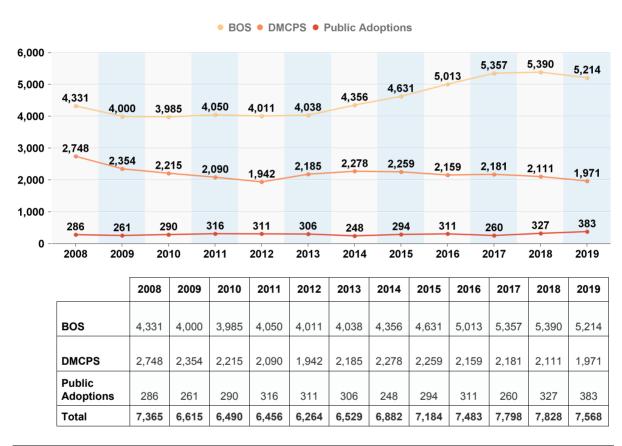
Total Number of Children Served in Out-of-Home Care by Year 2008 - 2019



Figure 3 shows the number of children in OHC on December 31 in each year by the Balance of the State (BOS), which includes non-Milwaukee counties, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions. From 2012-2018, the statewide total number of children increased steadily. The growth has been primarily in BOS counties. In 2019, the statewide total number of children in OHC began to decrease. Children identified below in the Public Adoptions have experienced termination of parental rights and are awaiting adoption finalization. The State has guardianship of these children.

Figure 3

Total Number of Children Served in Out-of-Home Care on December 31st by Year 2008 - 2019



#### Case Types of Children in Out-of-Home Care

The following is a description of the most common case types:

**CPS Family Ongoing:** These are cases in which abuse and/or neglect have been alleged. This case type is very broad and is used to document cases involving primary caregiver as well as secondary caregiver maltreatment. This case type accounts for a majority of children in OHC.

Youth Justice (YJ): This case type is used for both delinquency cases and JIPS Cases. This case type is used for cases where children are involved in YJ services, but there are no maltreatment or child welfare issues.

**CPS Ongoing and Youth Justice (YJ):** This case type is used when a child or when multiple children within a single family case are being served due to CPS and/or YJ related concerns. For example: An older youth within the family may be an adjudicated delinquent while the family is also being served due to CPS concerns related to a younger sibling.

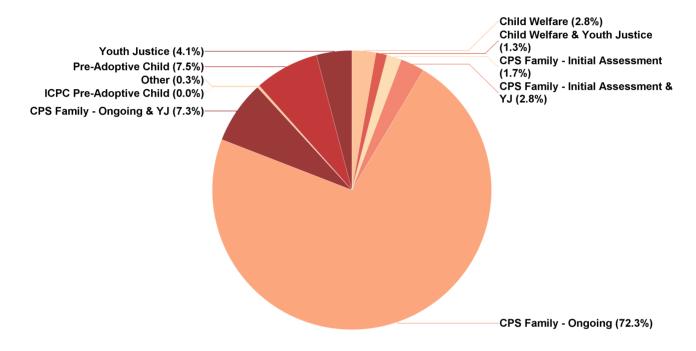
**Pre-adoptive:** This case type applies to children in OHC for whom a termination of parental rights (TPR) has been completed.

**Child Welfare:** This case type is used to document those cases in which there are no specific allegations of abuse or neglect, but there is some service being provided to the child or family. This case type can include voluntary placements.

**Other case types:** These include those children and families served for other child welfare reasons, such as CPS Initial Assessment and youth justice, child welfare and YJ, DCF guardianship, ICPC, ICPC pre-adoptive child, voluntary kinship care, and CPS licensed provider.

Figure 4

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Case Type
December 31, 2019



Total = 7,568

CPS Family - Ongoing accounts for the largest percentage of cases.

Appendix C contains additional information on the case types statewide.

Appendix D contains detailed case type information by count and percentage by county.

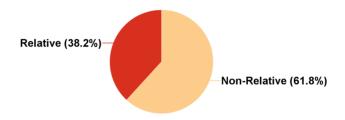
#### **Relative Placements**

Children in OHC may be placed with a relative via court-ordered kinship care (COKC), licensed relative foster homes, or an unlicensed relative placement. Unlicensed relative placements are unpaid and are typically used on a temporary basis. Overall, there were 2,891 children in a relative placement on December 31, 2019.

Figure 5 shows the statewide percentage of children in a relative placement, including unlicensed relatives, versus non-relative placements. 38.2% of children in OHC were in a relative placement.

Children in Relative and Non-Relative Placement Settings
December 31, 2019

Figure 5

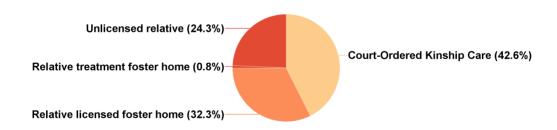


Total = 7.568

Figure 6 examines the number of children in different types of relative placement settings. 42.6% of children placed with a relative are in a court-ordered kinship care placement.

Figure 6

Children in Relative Placement Setting by Type
December 31, 2019

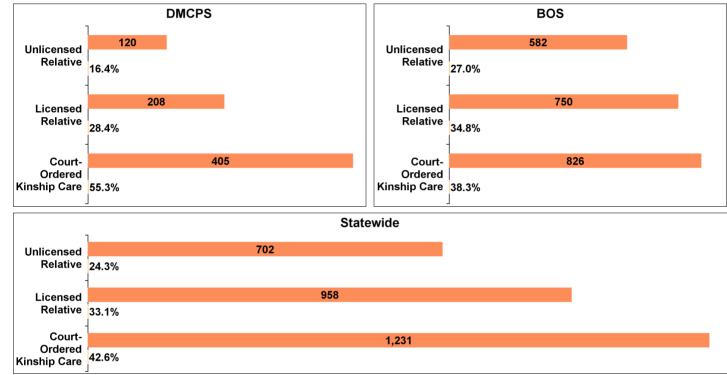


Total = 2.891

Figure 7 shows the count of children in a relative foster family home broken down by DMCPS, BOS, and Statewide. DMCPS account for 25.4% of the state's total relative placements and 21.7% of the state's total relative licensed placements. The percentage of total placements in OHC accounted for by relative placements is lower in DMCPS (37.2%) than in the BOS (41.4%). The percent of total placements in OHC accounted for by licensed relatives is lower in DMCPS (10.6%) than in the BOS (14.4%). These proportions have remained steady in both DMCPS and BOS since 2011.

Figure 7

Count of Children in a Relative Foster Family Home - DMCPS, BOS, Statewide Comparison December 31, 2019



Total = 2,891

Note: Relative Licensed homes include relative foster homes and relative treatment foster homes.

#### **Demographics of Children in Out-of-Home Care**

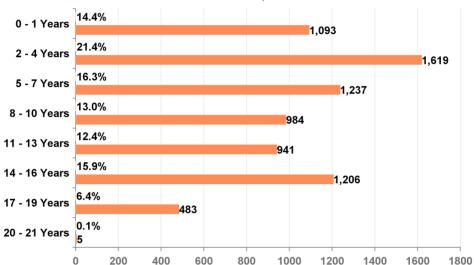
#### Age

Youth may remain in out-of-home care until age 21 if the youth is attending high school and has an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Child demographic data is a point-in-time (December 31, 2019) count, which represents a unique count of children.

Figure 8 displays a count of children in OHC by age range on December 31, 2019. The largest cohort of children are those aged 2 - 4 Years, accounting for 21.4% of children in OHC.

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age Range **December 31, 2019** 1,093

Figure 8



Total = 7,568

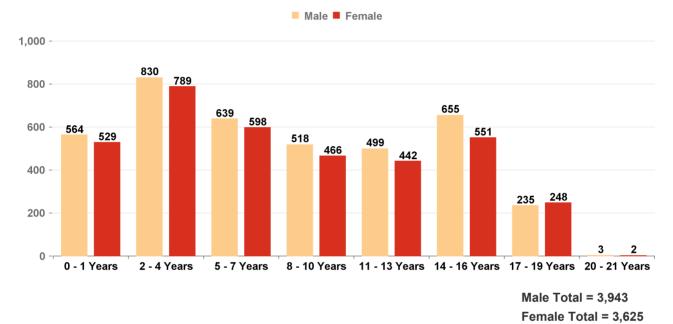
Appendix E includes information on OHC child count by age range.

#### Gender

Figure 9 displays the count of children in OHC by gender and age on December 31, 2019. Slightly more males (52%) were in OHC than females (48%). The greatest difference between genders is in the age range of 14 - 16 Years, where there are 104 more males than females.

Figure 9

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Gender and Age Range
December 31, 2019



#### Race

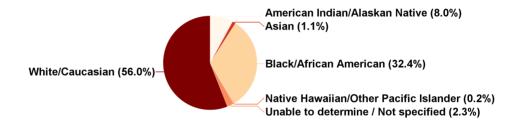
In general, a person's race is self-identified. In the case of young children, parents identify the race of the child. A worker can select 'unable to determine' or 'decline' if no person is available to identify the child's race, or if the parent, relative, or guardian is unwilling to identify the child's race.

Figure 10 shows the percentage of children in OHC by primary race on December 31, 2019. 56% of children in OHC were identified as White/Caucasian, 32.4% as Black/African American, and 8% as American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Figure 10 reports on the primary race of the children in OHC as it is identified in eWiSACWIS.

Figure 10

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Primary Race
December 31, 2019



Total = 7,568

Appendix F contains information on individual primary race counts and percentage by county.

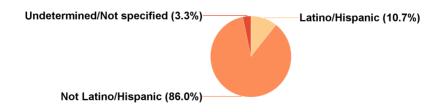
#### Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity

A person's ethnicity is self-identified. A total of 810 children on December 31, 2019 were identified with a Latino/ Hispanic ethnicity, accounting for 10.7% of the OHC population.

Figure 11 shows the number of children with a designation of Yes, No, or Undetermined/not specified regarding their Latino/Hispanic ethnicity.

Figure 11

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity
December 31, 2019



Total = 7,568

Appendix G contains information on Latino or Hispanic ethnicity counts and percentage by county.

#### Disability

Figure 12 presents summary data regarding whether a child in OHC has been clinically diagnosed by a qualified professional as having at least one of the following disabilities:

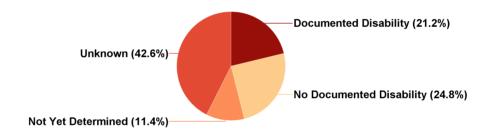
- Physical disability
- Visual or hearing impairment
- Emotionally dysregulated
- Learning disability
- Developmental disability
- Other medically diagnosed condition(s) requiring special care.

Approximately 21.2% of children in OHC on December 31, 2019, were reported to have a diagnosed disability. However, disability data in eWiSACWIS are generally underreported, primarily because the demographic information may not be updated to reflect new information regarding the diagnosis of children. The department is identifying and moving forward with data exchanges that would allow us to provide more accurate data directly from other source systems.

Figure 12

Children in Out-of-Home Care with a Disability Determination

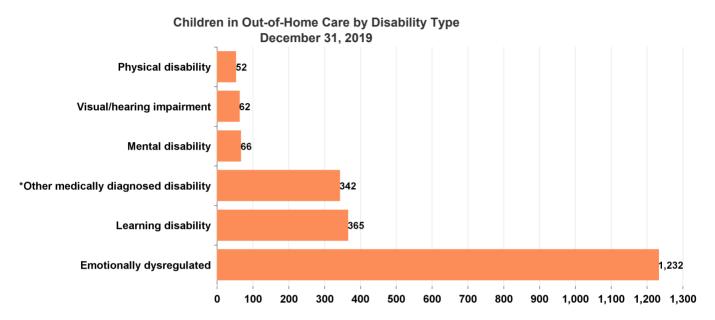
December 31, 2019



Total = 7,568

Figure 13 illustrates the types of disability selected for the 1,607 children in OHC with a documented disability determination. More than one disability may be documented for a child. 1,232 (76.7%) of the 1,607 children in OHC with a diagnosed disability were categorized as having an emotional dysregulation.

Figure 13



*Disability types under "Other"	Count of Children		
Medically Complex Child	79		
Medically Fragile	28		
Premature	79		
Technology Dependent	18		
Weight Concern	65		
Developmental Delay	205		

Note: Children may have more than one disability. As a result, the total number of children identified in the above table may be greater than the number of children with "other medically diagnosed disabilities."

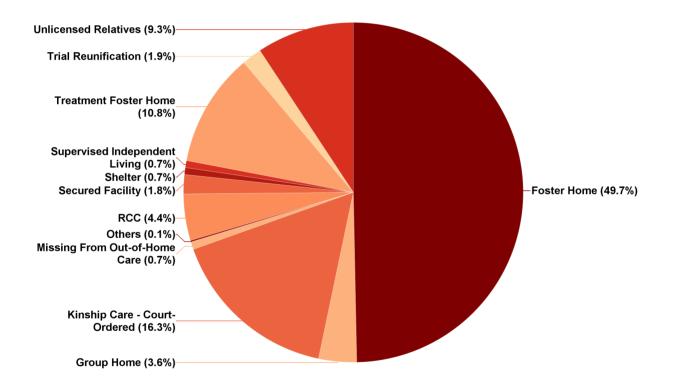
#### Child Demographics by Out-of-Home Care Placement Settings

This section outlines the percentage of children in OHC by their placement setting on December 31, 2019. Descriptions of each placement setting may be found in Appendix B. Appendix H shows the placement setting breakdown for all children, with percentages by placement settings. Appendix I details the count and percent of children in OHC by placement setting and by county. Appendix J outlines the placement setting breakdown of all children by age, while Appendix K breaks down placement setting by primary race.

Figure 14 shows that 86.1% of children in OHC are in a home-based setting, which includes foster home (49.7%), court-ordered kinship care (16.3%), treatment foster home (10.8%), or unlicensed relative (9.3%).

Figure 14

Placement Settings of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2019



Total = 7,568

Note: Foster home placement settings are comprised of licensed relative, licensed non-relative, non-relative unlicensed, pre-adoptive, and receiving homes. Secured facility placement settings consist of hospital, detention, reception center – detention, and youth and adult correctional facilities.

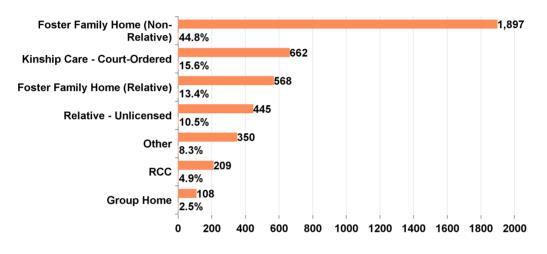
#### Race

Figures 15-18 display children in OHC on December 31, 2019, by placement setting, and by the child's primary race. The percentages are based upon the total number of children within each primary race group. In Figures 15-18, foster family home (relative) and foster family home (non-relative) both include treatment and non-treatment homes.

84.3% of White/Caucasian children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 15

White/Caucasian Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting
December 31, 2019

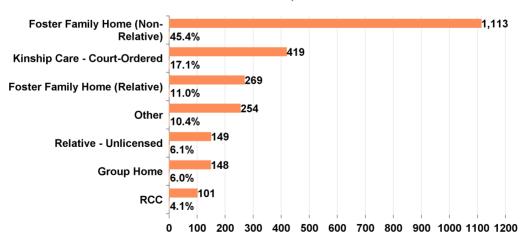


Total = 4,239

79.5% of Black/African American children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 16

Black/African American Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting
December 31, 2019

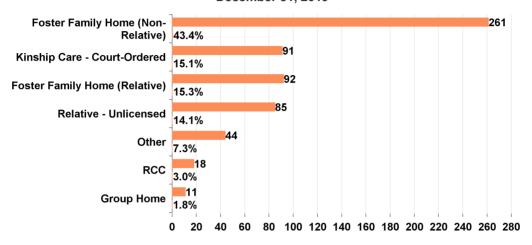


Total = 2,453

87.9% of American Indian/Alaskan Native children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 17

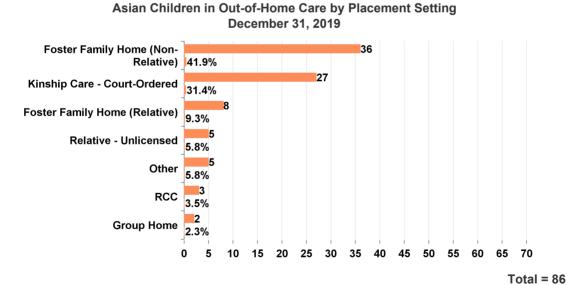
American Indian/Alaskan Native Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting
December 31, 2019



**Total = 602** 

88.4% of Asian children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 18

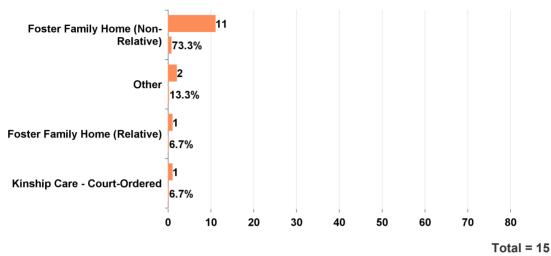


86.7% of Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 19

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting

December 31, 2019



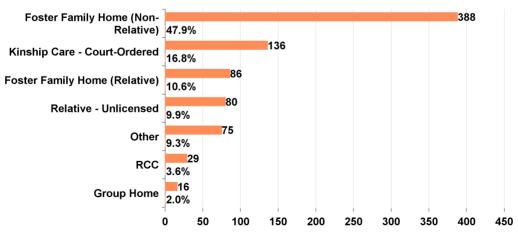
#### Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity

Figure 20 displays the most frequent placement setting on December 31, 2019, for children identified as Latino/ Hispanic.

85.2% of Latino/Hispanic children were placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 20

Latino/Hispanic Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting
December 31, 2019



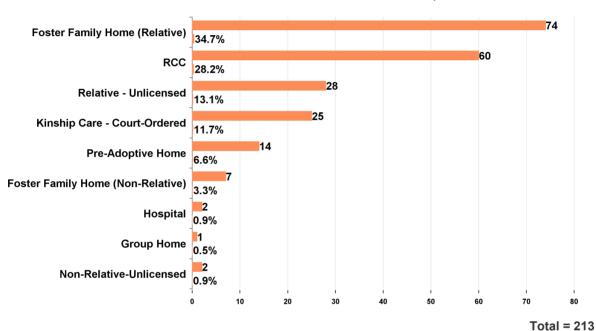
Total = 810

#### Children in Out-of-State Placements

Out of the 7,568 children who were in an OHC placement on December 31, 2019, 213 were in a placement outside of Wisconsin under the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). The majority of these children are placed with their extended families, and many go on to find permanency with those relatives. Figure 21 below shows the types of placements children were in.

Figure 21

Children in Out-of-State Placements on December 31, 2019



A child's entry into OHC is defined in this report as the point at which a child was removed from home and placed in OHC during CY 2019. Counts included in this report contain information related only to a child's most recent removal from his or her family home and corresponding placement into OHC.

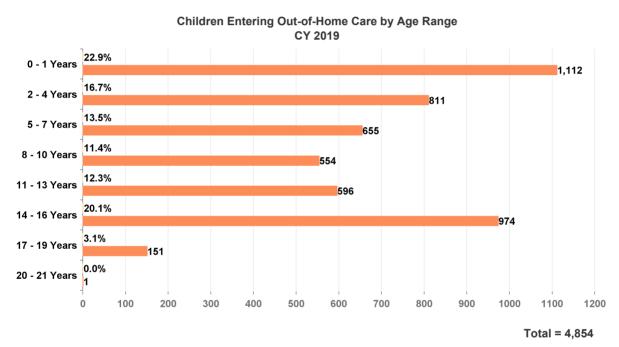
A total of 4,854 unique children entered OHC statewide during CY 2019; this represents a decrease of 247 children compared to the 5,101 unique children entering OHC in CY 2018.

#### **Child Demographics of Entries**

#### **Entries by Age Range**

Children may enter into an OHC placement until they turn 18 in most circumstances. Figure 22 displays the breakdown of ages of children at the time of their most recent entry into OHC during CY 2019. The 0 - 1 Years and the 14 - 16 Years age ranges accounted for the largest percentages of entries, representing 22.9% and 20.1%, respectively, of all entries.

Figure 22



#### **Entries by Gender**

Figure 23 displays the CY 2019 counts of children who entered OHC by gender and age. For nearly every age range, more males entered OHC than females. This difference is most pronounced in the 14 - 16 Years group, with 170 more males entering OHC.

Figure 23

Children Entering in Out-of-Home Care by Gender and Age Range
CY 2019

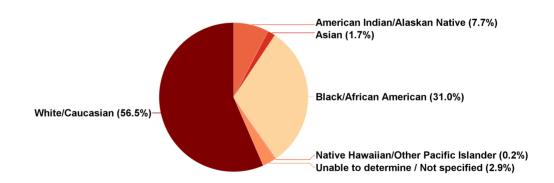


#### **Entries by Race**

Figure 24 shows the percentage of children who entered OHC by primary race during CY 2019. White/Caucasian children account for 56.5% of the entries, followed by Black/African American children, who account for 31% of the entries.

Figure 24

Children Entering in Out-of-Home Care by Primary Race
CY 2019



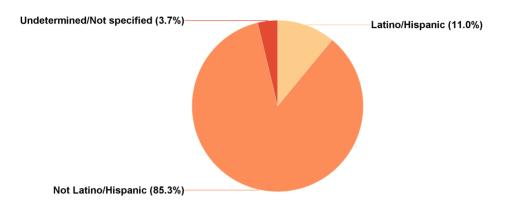
Total = 4,854

#### **Entries by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity**

11% of children entering OHC in CY 2019 were identified as having Latino/Hispanic ethnicity.

Figure 25

# Latino/Hispanic Children Entering Out-of-Home Care CY 2019



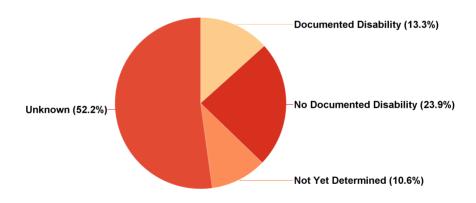
Total = 4,854

#### **Entries by Disability Determination**

648 children or 13.3% of the children who entered OHC during CY 2019 were identified as having at least one clinically diagnosed disability.

Figure 26

Children Entering Out-of-Home Care with a Disability Determination CY 2019



Total = 4,854

Appendix L shows CY 2019 entries by county. This appendix counts all entries occurring within the calendar year.

#### Removal Reasons

Child welfare workers are required to document removal reasons when a child enters OHC. Workers are encouraged to select as many removal reasons as apply to the specific child, though there may be under-reporting of specific removal reasons, as workers are only required to select one removal reason. These removal reasons are identified by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), a federal system that collects case-level information from state child welfare agencies on all children in OHC.

The total number of unique children removed from their home was 4,854 during calendar year 2019. The total number of removals, which accounts for children with multiple episodes during the same calendar year, was 5,125. Appendix M lists all removal reasons and their definitions. Table 1 shows the number and percentage of children for each removal. Because a child may have more than one removal reason, the count of reasons is higher than the count of children and the percent of children impacted by all reasons will sum to higher than the number of children removed during the year 2019.

Table 1

Removal Reasons for Children in Out-of-Home Care
CY 2019

AFCARS Removal Reason	Count	% of Total Removal Reasons	% of Total Unique Children	
Neglect	3,304	38.8%	68.1%	
Caretaker drug abuse	1,347	15.8%	27.8%	
Child behavior problem	1,018	12.0%	21.0%	
Incarcerated caretaker	652	7.7%	13.4%	
Physical abuse	631	7.4%	13.0%	
Caretaker inability to cope	356	4.2%	7.3%	
Inadequate housing	348	4.1%	7.2%	
Caretaker alcohol abuse	312	3.7%	6.4%	
Abandonment	139	1.6%	2.9%	
Sexual abuse	119	1.4%	2.5%	
Child disability	86	1.0%	1.8%	
Relinquishment	75	0.9%	1.5%	
Child drug abuse	54	0.6%	1.1%	
Caretaker death	52	0.6%	1.1%	
Child alcohol abuse	23	0.3%	0.5%	
Total Removal Reasons	8,516	100.0%	-	

Figure 27 depicts the five most prevalent removal reasons for each age range out of the fifteen possible AFCARS removal reasons. A child may have multiple removals in the graphs below and may have multiple reasons associated with each removal.

Figure 27

Five Most Prevalent Removal Reasons by Age Range
CY 2019

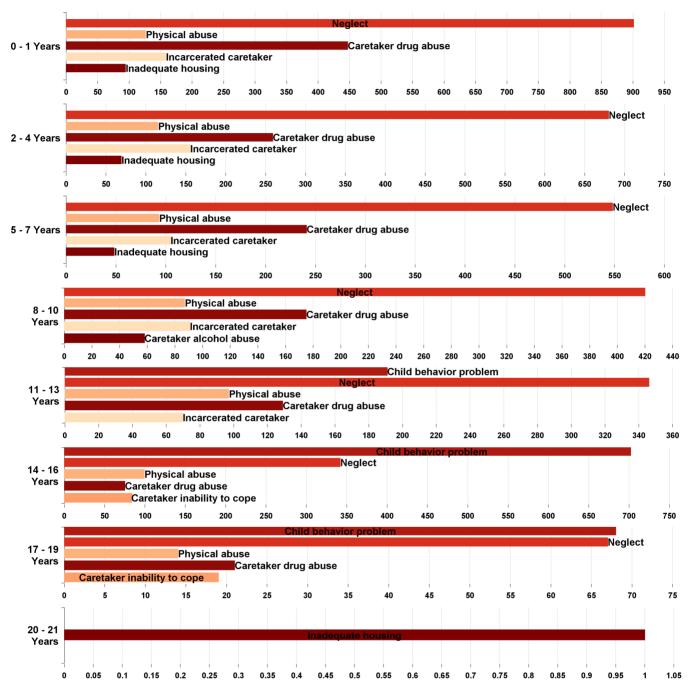


Table 2

Removal Reasons for Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age Range
CY 2019

	0 - 1 Years	2 - 4 Years	5 - 7 Years	8 - 10 Years	11 - 13 Years	14 - 16 Years	17 - 19 Years	20 - 21 Years
Neglect	901	680	548	420	346	342	67	0
Caretaker drug abuse	447	259	241	175	129	75	21	0
Child behavior problem	0	4	11	42	191	702	68	0
Incarcerated caretaker	159	156	105	91	70	61	10	0
Physical abuse	126	115	93	87	97	99	14	0
Caretaker inability to cope	72	53	41	37	50	84	19	0
Inadequate housing	94	69	48	56	38	32	10	1
Caretaker alcohol abuse	65	63	51	58	42	29	4	0
Sexual abuse	3	12	18	23	29	31	3	0
Child drug abuse	4	2	0	0	4	36	8	0
Abandonment	34	20	17	17	19	21	11	0
Caretaker death	6	6	5	9	15	8	3	0
Relinquishment	27	7	5	5	10	20	1	0
Child alcohol abuse	1	1	2	3	1	11	4	0
Child disability	11	8	6	10	15	29	7	0
Total for all removal reasons	1,950	1,455	1,191	1,033	1,056	1,580	250	1

Note: Definitions for each removal reason can be found in Appendix M.

#### **Discharge Reasons**

A child's discharge from OHC is defined as the end of a placement with no subsequent placements by an agency or the court. At that point, the child welfare agency is no longer responsible for the child's physical custody. The child and their family may continue to receive services after the discharge from placement. Demographic counts included in this report contain information related to a child's most recent discharge from OHC.

A total of 5,196 children were discharged from OHC statewide during calendar year 2019. Reunification accounted for the majority (59.3%) of discharges. Guardianship was the next largest discharge outcome, accounting for 17.7% of all discharges. Figure 28 shows the reasons children discharged from OHC during 2019.

Discharge Reasons for Children Leaving Out-of-Home Care CY 2019 59.3% Reunification 3,079 17.7% Guardianship 922 14.1% Adoption 735 5.4% Age of Majority 282 1.4% **Living With Other Relatives** 72 Cstdy Trans to DHS/Other Inst/non-0.8% corrct 40 0.8% **Transfer To Another Agency** 39 Missing From Out-of-Home Care 20 0.1% **Transfer To Licensed Private** Agency 5 0.0% **Death Of Child** 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500

Total = 5.196

#### **Child Demographics by Discharge Type**

Demographic counts are based on a child's most recent discharge from OHC. A child may have more than one episode and subsequent discharge over the course of a year. All demographic data in figures 29-31 is broken out by discharge reason, as the demographics for each reason vary.

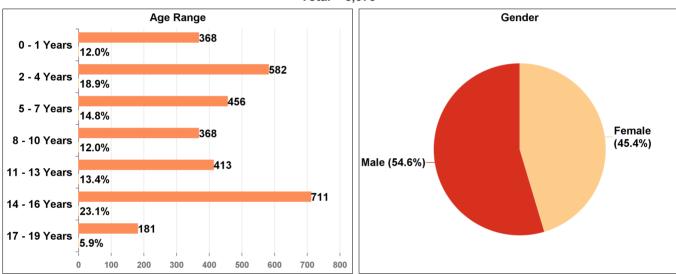
In the following charts, "Not Specified" includes those children where the demographic information was either listed as "Unable to Determine," "Declined," or not documented. Child age is calculated from the most recent discharge date in 2019.

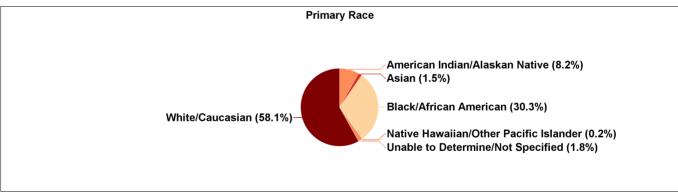
#### Reunification

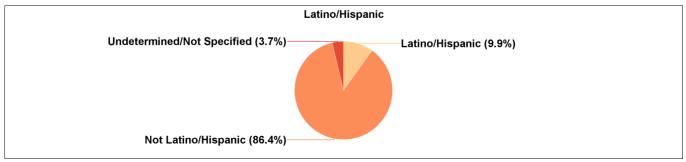
Figure 29

Demographics of Children Discharging to Reunification
CY 2019







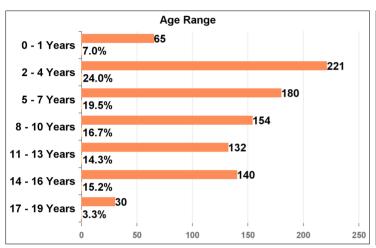


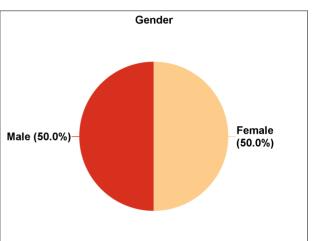
#### Guardianship

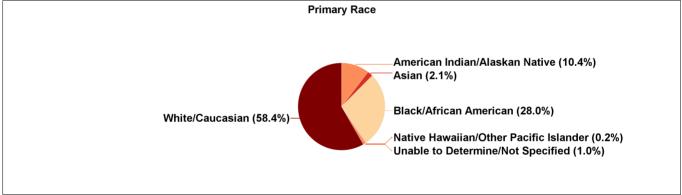
Figure 30

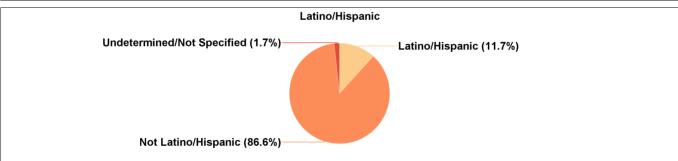
Demographics of Children Discharging to Guardianship
CY 2019

**Total = 922** 







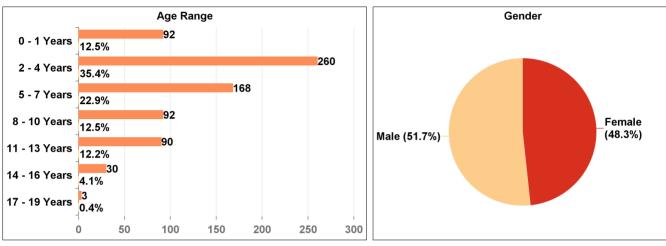


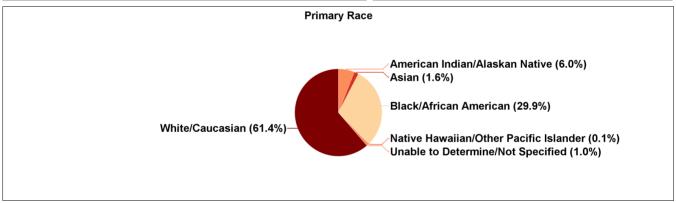
# Adoption

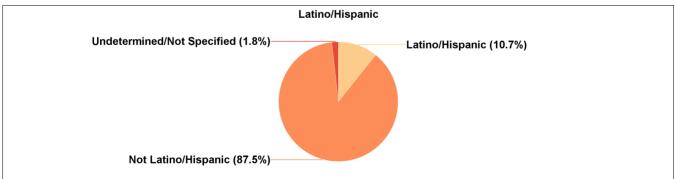
Figure 31

Demographics of Children Discharging to Adoption
CY 2019

**Total = 735** 



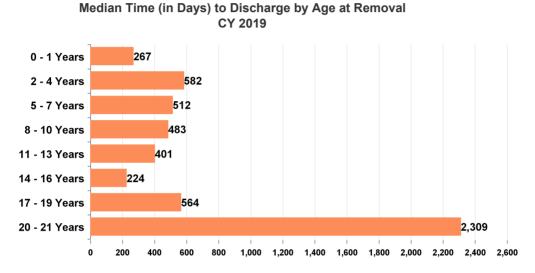




#### **Median Time to Discharge**

The median length of time to discharge is based on the time from the child's removal from home until the time of discharge. Statewide, children spent a median of 414 days in OHC before discharge. Children aged 20 - 21 Years at discharge spent the longest time (a median of approximately 6.3 years) in OHC before discharge from OHC in 2019. Black/African American children spend somewhat longer in OHC, a median of 446 days before discharge, than other racial groups.

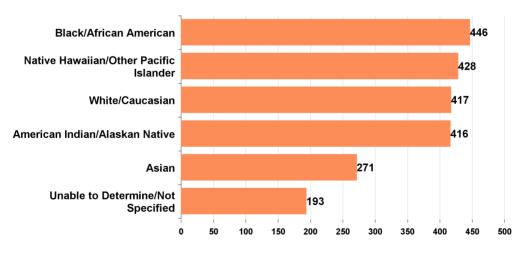
Figure 32



Median of All Children = 414

Figure 33

Median Time (in Days) to Discharge by Primary Race
CY 2019



Median of All Children = 414

#### Entry and Discharge Comparison for Children Entering and Exiting Out-of-Home Care

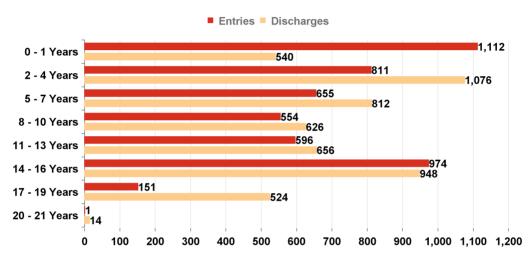
This section compares the demographics of the 4,854 children who entered and the 5,196 who exited OHC during CY 2019. Children are counted only once per year, even if they entered or exited OHC multiple times. The figures below illustrate the comparison by age, gender, race, and Latino/Hispanic ethnicity.

Figure 34 shows children aged 0 - 1 Years had the largest difference (572) between the number of entries and number of discharges.

#### Comparison by Age Range

Figure 34

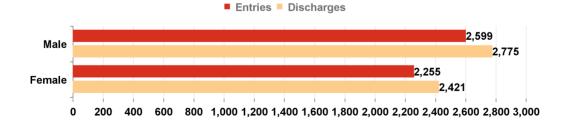
Number of Entries versus Discharges by Age Range
CY 2019



#### Comparison by Gender

Figure 35

Entries versus Discharges by Gender
CY 2019

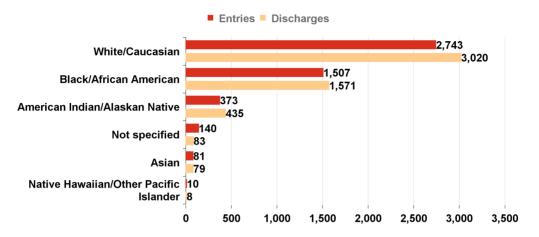


## **Children Exiting Out-Of-Home Care**

#### **Comparison by Primary Race**

Figure 36

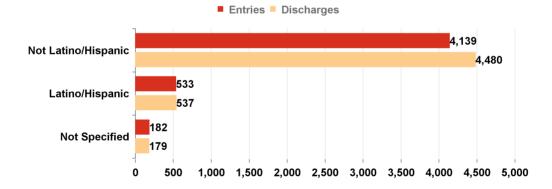
Entries versus Discharges by Primary Race
CY 2019



#### Comparison by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity

Figure 37

Entries versus Discharges by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity
CY 2019



### **Out-of-Home Care Re-Entry**

Re-entry into OHC occurs when a child is discharged from OHC to permanency and subsequently is removed and re-enters OHC. Permanent living arrangements include those with children's parents, relatives, or guardians. The calculation for re-entry was defined by the federal government Child and Family Services Review Round 3 and uses the following criteria:

- 1. Denominator: The number of children who entered OHC in a 12-month period who discharged within 12 months of their individual entry.
- 2. Numerator: Of the children in the denominator, the number of children who re-entered care within 12 months of their individual discharge.

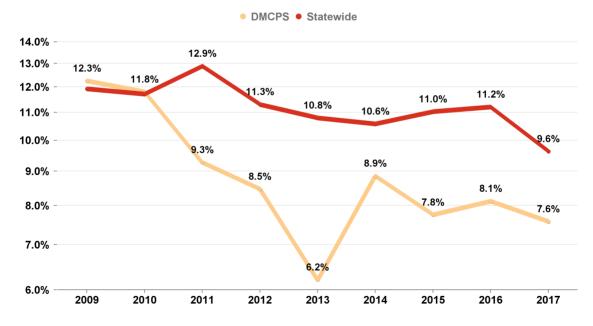
Note: The federal re-entry measure is intentionally limited to focus on children who enter OHC within a 12-month period in 2017. The data included in this measure takes time to cure. It cannot be finalized until a child is 12 months post discharge to a permanent living arrangement. This indicator captures the majority of children who may re-enter foster care. This measure excludes children in care less than 8 days and children who enter care at 18 or older.

The federal standard for this measure is that 8.3% or fewer children will re-enter OHC within 12 months of discharge.

Figure 38 provides a yearly trend of the re-entry measure. Among children who entered OHC in 2017 and discharged within 12 months, the statewide re-entry rate was 9.6%. The re-entry rate in DMCPS was 7.6%.

Figure 38

Rate of Children Re-Entering Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months
2009 - 2017



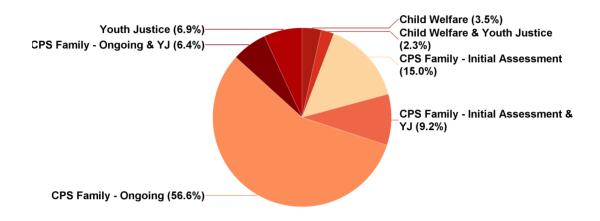
Note: Statewide re-entry rate includes DMCPS data.

#### Children Re-Entering OHC by Case Type

Figure 39 shows the number of statewide children who re-enter OHC within 12 months of discharge, displayed by case type. The largest proportion of re-entries consists of CPS case types.

Figure 39

Children Re-Entering Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months by Case Type
CY 2017

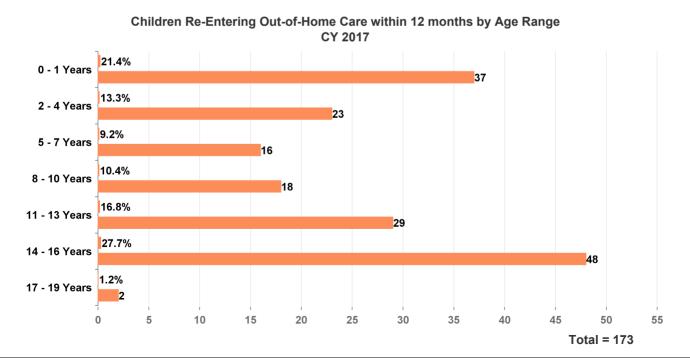


**Total = 173** 

#### Children Re-Entering OHC by Age Range

Figure 40 displays the breakdown of ages of children at the time of their re-entry into OHC during CY 2017. Children aged 14 - 16 Years account for 27.7% of the re-entries.

Figure 40



### Appendix A

#### **Data Limitations**

Race: According to federal regulations, race is to be self-reported by the child or by the family of the child. For the purposes of this report, the child's primary race as reported in the Child Welfare Data Warehouse is included in this report.

**Latino/Hispanic:** December 31, 2019 data indicate that 246 children had "unable to determine" or "not specified" as the Latino/Hispanic designation, when in fact those children may or may not be of Latino/Hispanic origin. DCF continues to work with counties and internally to provide training and technical assistance to ensure that ethnicity is documented in Child Welfare Data Warehouse.

**Disability:** Disability data in eWiSACWIS are generally underreported, primarily because the demographic information may not be updated to reflect new information regarding the diagnosis of children. The Department is identifying and moving forward with data exchanges that would allow us to provide more accurate data directly from other source systems.

**Removal Reasons:** When children are removed from home, there can be multiple contributing factors or removal reasons. Workers are encouraged but not required to select as many removal reasons as apply to the child, though there may be under-reporting of specific removal reasons. DCF continues to work with agencies to document removal reasons in Child Welfare Data Warehouse.

#### Appendix B

#### Types of Out-of-Home Care Providers

In Wisconsin, there are a variety of placement settings which can be used to best meet the needs of a given child or youth. These settings are addressed in this report and include the following:

**Foster Family Homes:** Foster family homes can include both related and unrelated individuals. Foster family homes are licensed by local child welfare agencies based on state statutes. Receiving homes are licensed foster homes that take children on emergency placements/short term placements.

**Treatment Foster Homes:** Treatment foster homes are licensed by child placing agencies, either through a county or a private agency. Private child placing agencies are licensed by Department of Children and Families (DCF). Treatment foster homes serve children with more intensive service needs that require specialized care.

**Pre-Adoptive Homes:** Pre- adoptive foster homes are licensed by a county or Public Adoptions. Children are placed in pre-adoptive homes with the intention of permanency being met by adoption in the near future.

**Group Homes:** A group home is a facility operated by a person licensed by DCF to provide 24 hour care for 5-8 residents.

**Residential Care Centers (RCCs):** RCCs are residential facilities that are operated by local child welfare agencies licensed pursuant to section 48.60 of Wisconsin Statutes for the care and maintenance of children. Children placed in a RCC have significant needs that cannot be addressed in a family setting.

**Shelter Care Facilities (SC):** Shelter care facilities provide short-term (not to exceed a total of 60 days), non-secure residential care and physical custody to children pending court action or voluntary placements for under 20 days or crisis stabilization services for up to 5 days.

**Detention:** A detention facility under certain circumstances can be used as an out-of-home care placement when being used as or becomes a primary physical placement of the child.

**Hospital/Mental Health Facility:** Hospital/mental health facility could be used as an out-of-home care placement when the child subsequently enters into one of the placement settings listed above or when the hospital or inpatient facility placement takes place within a current placement episode.

Youth/Adult Correctional Facilities: Youth/adult correctional facilities are secured facilities used for the purpose of corrections.

## Appendix C

# Statewide Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Case Type	Count of Cases	Percent of Total
CPS Family - Ongoing	5,474	72.3%
Pre-Adoptive Child	565	7.5%
CPS Family - Ongoing & YJ	551	7.3%
Youth Justice	310	4.1%
CPS Family - Initial Assessment & YJ	211	2.8%
Child Welfare	210	2.8%
CPS Family - Initial Assessment	130	1.7%
Child Welfare & Youth Justice	97	1.3%
DCF Guardianship - County Custody	13	0.2%
CPS - Licensed / Certified Provider	6	0.1%
ICPC Pre-Adoptive Child	1	0.0%
Total	7,568	100.0%

## Appendix D

# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	CPS F	amily - oing	Pre-Ad Ch		CPS Fa Init Assess	ial	Child V	Velfare	Otl	her	Youth	Justice	ICPC Adoptiv		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,474	72.3%	565	7.5%	130	1.7%	210	2.8%	878	11.6%	310	4.1%	1	0.0%	7,568
Adams	16	84.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%	2	10.5%	0	0.0%	19
Ashland	24	52.2%	0	0.0%	4	8.7%	2	4.3%	14	30.4%	2	4.3%	0	0.0%	46
Barron	74	86.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	4	4.7%	6	7.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	86
Bayfield	7	18.9%	0	0.0%	3	8.1%	22	59.5%	4	10.8%	1	2.7%	0	0.0%	37
Brown	217	81.3%	0	0.0%	4	1.5%	3	1.1%	34	12.7%	9	3.4%	0	0.0%	267
Buffalo	19	86.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.5%	2	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22
Burnett	27	77.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	22.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	35
Calumet	11	73.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%	15
Chippewa	74	68.5%	0	0.0%	2	1.9%	7	6.5%	22	20.4%	3	2.8%	0	0.0%	108
Clark	8	40.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%	10	50.0%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%	20
Columbia	26	63.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%	10	24.4%	4	9.8%	0	0.0%	41
Crawford	10	66.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	3	20.0%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	15
Dane	141	55.3%	0	0.0%	5	2.0%	6	2.4%	47	18.4%	56	22.0%	0	0.0%	255
Dodge	74	83.1%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	2	2.2%	5	5.6%	7	7.9%	0	0.0%	89
Door	13	76.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	23.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17
Douglas	74	69.8%	0	0.0%	4	3.8%	2	1.9%	26	24.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	106

## Appendix D

# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	CPS F	amily - oing	Pre-Ad Ch		CPS Fa Init Assess	ial	Child V	Velfare	Otl	ner	Youth	Justice	ICPC Adoptiv		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,474	72.3%	565	7.5%	130	1.7%	210	2.8%	878	11.6%	310	4.1%	1	0.0%	7,568
Dunn	32	84.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	15.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	38
Eau Claire	127	78.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	11	6.8%	20	12.3%	3	1.9%	0	0.0%	162
Fond Du Lac	119	72.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	6	3.6%	16	9.7%	23	13.9%	0	0.0%	165
Forest	24	70.6%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%	7	20.6%	2	5.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	34
Grant	22	78.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	7.1%	4	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	28
Green	20	83.3%	0	0.0%	2	8.3%	0	0.0%	1	4.2%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	24
Green Lake	8	72.7%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11
lowa	3	75.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4
Iron	7	77.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9
Jackson	36	69.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.9%	7	13.5%	8	15.4%	0	0.0%	52
Jefferson	61	69.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2.3%	11	12.5%	14	15.9%	0	0.0%	88
Juneau	36	94.7%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	38
Kenosha	301	76.2%	0	0.0%	4	1.0%	1	0.3%	54	13.7%	35	8.9%	0	0.0%	395
Kewaunee	9	90.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	10
La Crosse	102	75.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	3.7%	17	12.5%	12	8.8%	0	0.0%	136
Lafayette	12	63.2%	0	0.0%	3	15.8%	1	5.3%	1	5.3%	2	10.5%	0	0.0%	19

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# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	CPS Fa	•	Pre-Ad Ch		CPS Fa Init Assess	ial	Child V	Velfare	Otl	her	Youth	Justice	ICPC Adoptiv		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,474	72.3%	565	7.5%	130	1.7%	210	2.8%	878	11.6%	310	4.1%	1	0.0%	7,568
Langlade	60	85.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	10.0%	3	4.3%	0	0.0%	70
Lincoln	34	97.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	35
Manitowoc	99	83.2%	0	0.0%	3	2.5%	0	0.0%	15	12.6%	2	1.7%	0	0.0%	119
Marathon	130	70.3%	0	0.0%	2	1.1%	3	1.6%	39	21.1%	11	5.9%	0	0.0%	185
Marinette	56	73.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	6.6%	9	11.8%	6	7.9%	0	0.0%	76
Marquette	2	66.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	3
Menominee	36	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	36
Milwaukee	1,594	80.9%	188	9.5%	39	2.0%	51	2.6%	98	5.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1,971
Monroe	42	71.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.7%	9	15.3%	7	11.9%	0	0.0%	59
Oconto	33	60.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	5.5%	15	27.3%	4	7.3%	0	0.0%	55
Oneida	47	87.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	5.6%	3	5.6%	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	54
Outagamie	195	84.4%	0	0.0%	2	0.9%	1	0.4%	30	13.0%	3	1.3%	0	0.0%	231
Ozaukee	31	79.5%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	1	2.6%	5	12.8%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	39
Pepin	12	80.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%	15
Pierce	42	91.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.2%	1	2.2%	2	4.3%	0	0.0%	46
Polk	50	87.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	5.3%	4	7.0%	0	0.0%	57

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# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	CPS F	amily - oing	Pre-Ad		CPS Fa Init Assess	ial	Child V	Velfare	Otl	ner	Youth	Justice	ICPC Adoptiv		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,474	72.3%	565	7.5%	130	1.7%	210	2.8%	878	11.6%	310	4.1%	1	0.0%	7,568
Portage	60	70.6%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	2	2.4%	16	18.8%	6	7.1%	0	0.0%	85
Price	20	62.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	6	18.8%	5	15.6%	0	0.0%	32
Racine	158	79.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	30	15.0%	10	5.0%	0	0.0%	200
Richland	18	81.8%	1	4.5%	1	4.5%	0	0.0%	1	4.5%	1	4.5%	0	0.0%	22
Rock	165	74.7%	0	0.0%	8	3.6%	7	3.2%	36	16.3%	5	2.3%	0	0.0%	221
Rusk	16	88.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	18
Saint Croix	52	73.2%	0	0.0%	1	1.4%	2	2.8%	13	18.3%	3	4.2%	0	0.0%	71
Sauk	22	56.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	7.7%	11	28.2%	3	7.7%	0	0.0%	39
Sawyer	11	31.4%	0	0.0%	13	37.1%	4	11.4%	3	8.6%	4	11.4%	0	0.0%	35
Shawano	31	86.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	13.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	36
Sheboygan	197	77.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.8%	53	20.7%	4	1.6%	0	0.0%	256
State Adoptions	0	0.0%	376	98.2%	1	0.3%	2	0.5%	4	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	383
Taylor	9	81.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	11
Trempealeau	23	88.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%	1	3.8%	1	3.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26
Vernon	18	69.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	15.4%	4	15.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26
Vilas	20	31.3%	0	0.0%	3	4.7%	12	18.8%	27	42.2%	2	3.1%	0	0.0%	64

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# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	CPS Fa	•	Pre-Ad Ch	•	CPS Fa Init Assess	ial	Child V	Velfare	Oth	ner	Youth	Justice	ICPC Adoptiv		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,474	72.3%	565	7.5%	130	1.7%	210	2.8%	878	11.6%	310	4.1%	1	0.0%	7,568
Walworth	55	73.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2.7%	16	21.3%	2	2.7%	0	0.0%	75
Washburn	14	93.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	15
Washington	75	79.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	10	10.6%	8	8.5%	0	0.0%	94
Waukesha	134	74.4%	0	0.0%	4	2.2%	7	3.9%	28	15.6%	7	3.9%	0	0.0%	180
Waupaca	15	65.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	21.7%	3	13.0%	0	0.0%	23
Waushara	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	50.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	4
Winnebago	106	85.5%	0	0.0%	2	1.6%	0	0.0%	14	11.3%	2	1.6%	0	0.0%	124
Wood	57	66.3%	0	0.0%	4	4.7%	3	3.5%	17	19.8%	5	5.8%	0	0.0%	86

NOTE: Other includes Child Welfare & Youth Justice, CPS Family - Initial Assessment & YJ, CPS Family - Ongoing & YJ, CPS - Licensed / Certified Provider, DCF Guardianship - County Custody, and ICPC.

# Child Age Range by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	0 -	- 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	- 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20 -	- 21	
	Ye	ars	Yea	ars	Total												
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,093	14.4%	1,619	21.4%	1,237	16.3%	984	13.0%	941	12.4%	1,206	15.9%	483	6.4%	5	0.1%	7,568
Adams	1	5.3%	4	21.1%	4	21.1%	3	15.8%	2	10.5%	1	5.3%	4	21.1%	0	0.0%	19
Ashland	3	6.5%	6	13.0%	4	8.7%	8	17.4%	10	21.7%	13	28.3%	2	4.3%	0	0.0%	46
Barron	10	11.6%	23	26.7%	11	12.8%	16	18.6%	12	14.0%	13	15.1%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	86
Bayfield	2	5.4%	12	32.4%	7	18.9%	3	8.1%	7	18.9%	6	16.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	37
Brown	54	20.2%	60	22.5%	50	18.7%	25	9.4%	31	11.6%	36	13.5%	11	4.1%	0	0.0%	267
Buffalo	2	9.1%	5	22.7%	6	27.3%	4	18.2%	2	9.1%	2	9.1%	1	4.5%	0	0.0%	22
Burnett	6	17.1%	7	20.0%	5	14.3%	6	17.1%	6	17.1%	4	11.4%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	35
Calumet	4	26.7%	3	20.0%	4	26.7%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	2	13.3%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	15
Chippewa	16	14.8%	20	18.5%	21	19.4%	17	15.7%	12	11.1%	15	13.9%	7	6.5%	0	0.0%	108
Clark	2	10.0%	3	15.0%	2	10.0%	2	10.0%	2	10.0%	7	35.0%	2	10.0%	0	0.0%	20
Columbia	3	7.3%	5	12.2%	3	7.3%	3	7.3%	7	17.1%	15	36.6%	5	12.2%	0	0.0%	41
Crawford	2	13.3%	1	6.7%	3	20.0%	4	26.7%	1	6.7%	4	26.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15
Dane	27	10.6%	38	14.9%	26	10.2%	19	7.5%	27	10.6%	89	34.9%	29	11.4%	0	0.0%	255
Dodge	24	27.0%	11	12.4%	16	18.0%	8	9.0%	11	12.4%	12	13.5%	7	7.9%	0	0.0%	89
Door	4	23.5%	2	11.8%	1	5.9%	3	17.6%	1	5.9%	6	35.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17
Douglas	9	8.5%	22	20.8%	12	11.3%	20	18.9%	17	16.0%	23	21.7%	3	2.8%	0	0.0%	106
Dunn	5	13.2%	6	15.8%	4	10.5%	3	7.9%	5	13.2%	10	26.3%	5	13.2%	0	0.0%	38
Eau Claire	16	9.9%	28	17.3%	30	18.5%	24	14.8%	22	13.6%	29	17.9%	13	8.0%	0	0.0%	162
Fond Du Lac	24	14.5%	28	17.0%	36	21.8%	19	11.5%	19	11.5%	29	17.6%	10	6.1%	0	0.0%	165
Forest	7	20.6%	7	20.6%	10	29.4%	2	5.9%	6	17.6%	1	2.9%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	34

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### **December 31, 2019**

County	0 -	· 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	- 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20	- 21	
		ars		ars	Ye			ars		ars		ars		ars	Ye		Total
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,093	14.4%	1,619	21.4%	1,237	16.3%	984	13.0%	941	12.4%	1,206	15.9%	483	6.4%	5	0.1%	7,568
Grant	4	14.3%	8	28.6%	2	7.1%	4	14.3%	3	10.7%	7	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	28
Green	3	12.5%	5	20.8%	6	25.0%	3	12.5%	1	4.2%	5	20.8%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	24
Green Lake	6	54.5%	3	27.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11
Iowa	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	4
Iron	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	33.3%	3	33.3%	2	22.2%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9
Jackson	4	7.7%	13	25.0%	10	19.2%	3	5.8%	8	15.4%	8	15.4%	6	11.5%	0	0.0%	52
Jefferson	10	11.4%	18	20.5%	14	15.9%	14	15.9%	7	8.0%	17	19.3%	8	9.1%	0	0.0%	88
Juneau	7	18.4%	6	15.8%	8	21.1%	6	15.8%	5	13.2%	4	10.5%	2	5.3%	0	0.0%	38
Kenosha	47	11.9%	80	20.3%	79	20.0%	55	13.9%	54	13.7%	59	14.9%	21	5.3%	0	0.0%	395
Kewaunee	0	0.0%	1	10.0%	2	20.0%	3	30.0%	1	10.0%	1	10.0%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%	10
La Crosse	23	16.9%	28	20.6%	26	19.1%	13	9.6%	12	8.8%	25	18.4%	9	6.6%	0	0.0%	136
Lafayette	2	10.5%	1	5.3%	5	26.3%	2	10.5%	6	31.6%	2	10.5%	1	5.3%	0	0.0%	19
Langlade	9	12.9%	23	32.9%	9	12.9%	10	14.3%	6	8.6%	8	11.4%	5	7.1%	0	0.0%	70
Lincoln	6	17.1%	16	45.7%	9	25.7%	3	8.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	35
Manitowoc	19	16.0%	33	27.7%	18	15.1%	20	16.8%	13	10.9%	14	11.8%	2	1.7%	0	0.0%	119
Marathon	28	15.1%	36	19.5%	24	13.0%	21	11.4%	27	14.6%	41	22.2%	8	4.3%	0	0.0%	185
Marinette	9	11.8%	9	11.8%	17	22.4%	9	11.8%	10	13.2%	14	18.4%	8	10.5%	0	0.0%	76
Marquette	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	3
Menominee	3	8.3%	7	19.4%	7	19.4%	8	22.2%	7	19.4%	3	8.3%	1	2.8%	0	0.0%	36
Milwaukee	337	17.1%	412	20.9%	304	15.4%	242	12.3%	238	12.1%	265	13.4%	168	8.5%	5	0.3%	1,971

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### **December 31, 2019**

County	0 -	· 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	· 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20	- 21	
	Ye	ars	Ye	ars	Total												
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,093	14.4%	1,619	21.4%	1,237	16.3%	984	13.0%	941	12.4%	1,206	15.9%	483	6.4%	5	0.1%	7,568
Monroe	11	18.6%	14	23.7%	7	11.9%	2	3.4%	8	13.6%	15	25.4%	2	3.4%	0	0.0%	59
Oconto	4	7.3%	7	12.7%	8	14.5%	7	12.7%	8	14.5%	15	27.3%	6	10.9%	0	0.0%	55
Oneida	12	22.2%	11	20.4%	7	13.0%	7	13.0%	7	13.0%	8	14.8%	2	3.7%	0	0.0%	54
Outagamie	30	13.0%	57	24.7%	49	21.2%	39	16.9%	24	10.4%	24	10.4%	8	3.5%	0	0.0%	231
Ozaukee	6	15.4%	5	12.8%	5	12.8%	6	15.4%	9	23.1%	8	20.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	39
Pepin	2	13.3%	5	33.3%	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	2	13.3%	4	26.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15
Pierce	10	21.7%	12	26.1%	5	10.9%	8	17.4%	1	2.2%	8	17.4%	2	4.3%	0	0.0%	46
Polk	9	15.8%	9	15.8%	10	17.5%	12	21.1%	7	12.3%	4	7.0%	6	10.5%	0	0.0%	57
Portage	18	21.2%	19	22.4%	13	15.3%	9	10.6%	14	16.5%	9	10.6%	3	3.5%	0	0.0%	85
Price	6	18.8%	4	12.5%	3	9.4%	4	12.5%	3	9.4%	10	31.3%	2	6.3%	0	0.0%	32
Racine	24	12.0%	40	20.0%	31	15.5%	26	13.0%	36	18.0%	33	16.5%	10	5.0%	0	0.0%	200
Richland	1	4.5%	5	22.7%	5	22.7%	1	4.5%	2	9.1%	5	22.7%	3	13.6%	0	0.0%	22
Rock	36	16.3%	50	22.6%	33	14.9%	31	14.0%	26	11.8%	30	13.6%	15	6.8%	0	0.0%	221
Rusk	2	11.1%	4	22.2%	5	27.8%	3	16.7%	2	11.1%	2	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18
Saint Croix	8	11.3%	18	25.4%	15	21.1%	10	14.1%	7	9.9%	11	15.5%	2	2.8%	0	0.0%	71
Sauk	1	2.6%	10	25.6%	6	15.4%	7	17.9%	7	17.9%	6	15.4%	2	5.1%	0	0.0%	39
Sawyer	4	11.4%	4	11.4%	6	17.1%	8	22.9%	7	20.0%	4	11.4%	2	5.7%	0	0.0%	35
Shawano	4	11.1%	14	38.9%	5	13.9%	6	16.7%	2	5.6%	5	13.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	36
Sheboygan	35	13.7%	62	24.2%	44	17.2%	31	12.1%	35	13.7%	38	14.8%	11	4.3%	0	0.0%	256
State Adoptions	29	7.6%	124	32.4%	82	21.4%	65	17.0%	50	13.1%	30	7.8%	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	383

# Child Age Range by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	0 -	-	2 -	-		- 7		10	11 -			- 16		- 19		- 21	_ , .
		ars	_	ars	Total												
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,093	14.4%	1,619	21.4%	1,237	16.3%	984	13.0%	941	12.4%	1,206	15.9%	483	6.4%	5	0.1%	7,568
Taylor	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	4	36.4%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	11
Trempealeau	5	19.2%	7	26.9%	2	7.7%	1	3.8%	5	19.2%	3	11.5%	3	11.5%	0	0.0%	26
Vernon	4	15.4%	3	11.5%	7	26.9%	4	15.4%	0	0.0%	4	15.4%	4	15.4%	0	0.0%	26
Vilas	6	9.4%	11	17.2%	10	15.6%	5	7.8%	14	21.9%	13	20.3%	5	7.8%	0	0.0%	64
Walworth	10	13.3%	18	24.0%	3	4.0%	11	14.7%	13	17.3%	15	20.0%	5	6.7%	0	0.0%	75
Washburn	1	6.7%	2	13.3%	4	26.7%	3	20.0%	2	13.3%	2	13.3%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	15
Washington	15	16.0%	16	17.0%	15	16.0%	13	13.8%	8	8.5%	20	21.3%	7	7.4%	0	0.0%	94
Waukesha	19	10.6%	37	20.6%	24	13.3%	30	16.7%	19	10.6%	38	21.1%	13	7.2%	0	0.0%	180
Waupaca	3	13.0%	4	17.4%	2	8.7%	4	17.4%	1	4.3%	4	17.4%	5	21.7%	0	0.0%	23
Waushara	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	3	75.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4
Winnebago	23	18.5%	39	31.5%	23	18.5%	11	8.9%	10	8.1%	16	12.9%	2	1.6%	0	0.0%	124
Wood	14	16.3%	16	18.6%	7	8.1%	11	12.8%	9	10.5%	20	23.3%	9	10.5%	0	0.0%	86

# Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	4,239	2,453	602	86	15	155	18
Adams	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashland	15	0	30	0	0	0	1
Barron	60	*	19	0	0	4	0
Bayfield	*	*	32	0	0	0	0
Brown	130	46	72	*	0	13	1
Buffalo	18	*	0	0	0	0	0
Burnett	18	*	14	0	0	1	0
Calumet	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa	98	*	*	*	0	1	0
Clark	17	*	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia	31	*	0	0	0	1	0
Crawford	14	*	0	0	0	0	0
Dane	99	149	*	*	0	0	0
Dodge	75	10	*	0	0	1	0
Door	11	*	0	0	0	2	0
Douglas	77	10	16	0	0	3	0
Dunn	26	*	*	*	0	1	0
Eau Claire	102	36	*	14	*	1	0
Fond Du Lac	100	60	0	0	0	5	0
Forest	14	0	18	0	0	2	0
Grant	27	*	0	0	0	0	0

# Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	4,239	2,453	602	86	15	155	18
Green	22	*	0	0	0	0	0
Green Lake	*	*	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iron	*	*	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	32	0	19	0	0	1	0
Jefferson	76	*	0	0	0	9	0
Juneau	30	*	*	0	0	0	0
Kenosha	216	152	*	*	*	19	0
Kewaunee	*	0	0	0	0	1	0
La Crosse	70	55	10	*	0	0	0
Lafayette	18	*	0	0	0	0	0
Langlade	59	*	*	0	0	5	1
Lincoln	31	0	0	0	0	4	0
Manitowoc	98	18	*	0	0	2	0
Marathon	124	25	10	25	0	1	0
Marinette	65	*	*	0	0	4	0
Marquette	*	*	0	0	0	0	0
Menominee	0	0	36	0	0	0	0
Milwaukee	494	1,352	56	*	*	42	13
Monroe	50	*	*	*	0	0	0
Oconto	40	*	13	0	0	0	0
Oneida	43	*	*	*	*	0	0

# Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	4,239	2,453	602	86	15	155	18
Outagamie	118	58	52	*	*	0	0
Ozaukee	32	*	*	*	0	0	0
Pepin	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pierce	40	*	0	*	0	0	0
Polk	52	*	*	0	0	0	0
Portage	59	10	*	*	0	2	0
Price	23	*	*	0	0	0	0
Racine	93	99	*	0	0	2	1
Richland	20	*	*	0	0	0	0
Rock	183	34	*	*	0	2	0
Rusk	16	*	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Croix	54	*	*	0	0	3	0
Sauk	27	*	*	*	0	0	0
Sawyer	*	0	30	0	0	0	0
Shawano	17	*	16	0	0	0	0
Sheboygan	169	63	*	*	0	11	0
State Adoptions	291	62	26	*	0	2	0
Taylor	10	*	0	0	0	0	0
Trempealeau	20	*	*	*	0	0	0
Vernon	22	*	0	0	0	0	0
Vilas	22	0	40	0	*	1	0
Walworth	66	*	0	0	0	2	0

# Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	4,239	2,453	602	86	15	155	18
Washburn	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	83	10	0	0	0	0	1
Waukesha	155	20	0	*	0	4	0
Waupaca	22	0	*	0	0	0	0
Waushara	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnebago	68	52	0	*	0	3	0
Wood	68	11	*	*	0	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>Non-zero counts representing fewer than 10 children are suppressed in order to protect the identities of the children in those subgroups.

### Appendix G

# Child Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	Not Latino	Latino	Undetermined	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	6,512	810	221	25
Adams	18	*	0	0
Ashland	44	0 0		2
Barron	82	*	3	0
Bayfield	37	0	0	0
Brown	226	28	12	1
Buffalo	21	0	1	0
Burnett	33	*	1	0
Calumet	14	0	1	0
Chippewa	104	*	1	0
Clark	16	*	1	0
Columbia	34	*	0	1
Crawford	15	0	0	0
Dane	225	24	5	1
Dodge	76	*	4	0
Door	13	*	0	0
Douglas	97	*	5	0
Dunn	33	*	2	0
Eau Claire	140	11	10	1
Fond Du Lac	148	14	3	0
Forest	31	0	3	0
Grant	27	0	1	0
Green	20	*	0	0
Green Lake	*	*	1	0
Iowa	*	0	0	0
Iron	*	0	0	0
Jackson	51	0	1	0
Jefferson	61	24	3	0
Juneau	37 * 0		0	0
Kenosha	302	71	20	2

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# Child Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

0	Net Letter	December 31, 2		Not On original
County	Not Latino	Latino	Undetermined	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	6,512	810	221	25
Kewaunee	*	0	1	0
La Crosse	130	*	1	0
Lafayette	16	*	0	0
Langlade	60	*	6	2
Lincoln	33	*	1	0
Manitowoc	103	12	4	0
Marathon	168	10	7	0
Marinette	73	*	1	0
Marquette	*	0	0	0
Menominee	36	0	0	0
Milwaukee	1,646	269	44	12
Monroe	44	13	2	0
Oconto	46	*	3	0
Oneida	52	0	2	0
Outagamie	214	14	3	0
Ozaukee	31	*	4	0
Pepin	15	0	0	0
Pierce	46	0	0	0
Polk	55	*	1	0
Portage	80	*	2	0
Price	29	*	1	0
Racine	165	18	14	3
Richland	22	0	0	0
Rock	186	35	0	0
Rusk	17	0	1	0
Saint Croix	65	*	2	0
Sauk	36	*	1	0
Sawyer	35	0	0	0
Shawano	35	*	0	0

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# Child Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

### **December 31, 2019**

County	Not Latino	Latino	Undetermined	Not Specified
State Total - 7,568	6,512	810	221	25
Sheboygan	193	56	7	0
State Adoptions	328	44	11	0
Taylor	*	*	0	0
Trempealeau	24	*	0	0
Vernon	26	0	0	0
Vilas	57	*	1	0
Walworth	59	14	2	0
Washburn	15	0	0	0
Washington	83	*	4	0
Waukesha	139	32	9	0
Waupaca	18	*	2	0
Waushara	*	0	0	0
Winnebago	104	15	5	0
Wood	79	*	1	0

<sup>\*</sup>Non-zero counts representing fewer than 10 children are suppressed in order to protect the identities of the children in those subgroups.

## Appendix H

# Placement Setting Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Setting	Count	Percent
Foster Family Home Setting	6,514	86.07%
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	2,602	34.4%
Foster Family Home (Relative)	935	12.4%
Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	1,231	16.3%
Non-Relative-Unlicensed	120	1.6%
Pre-Adoptive Home	88	1.2%
Receiving Home	15	0.2%
Relative - Unlicensed	702	9.3%
Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	798	10.5%
Treatment Foster Home - Relative	23	0.3%
Group Setting	658	8.69%
Group Home	273	3.6%
RCC	335	4.4%
Shelter	50	0.7%
Secured Facility	138	1.82%
Adult Corrections	5	0.1%
Detention	76	1%
Hospital	9	0.1%
Juvenile Correctional Facility	46	0.6%
Reception Center - Detention	2	0%
Missing from Out-of-Home Care	55	0.73%
Supervised Independent Living	50	0.66%
Trial Reunification	142	1.88%
Reception Center - Shelter	11	0.15%
State Total	7,568	100%

### Appendix I

# Placement Setting Occurrences by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Foster	Home	Kinship C		RC	cc	Group	Home	Secured	l Facility	Ott	her	Relativ	ensed re/Non- ative	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Total
State Total	4,446	58.7%	1,231	16.3%	335	4.4%	273	3.6%	138	1.8%	323	4.3%	822	10.9%	7,568
Adams	12	63.2%	3	15.8%	1	5.3%	1	5.3%	1	5.3%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%	19
Ashland	27	58.7%	6	13.0%	2	4.3%	3	6.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	17.4%	46
Barron	64	74.4%	13	15.1%	1	1.2%	1	1.2%	1	1.2%	5	5.8%	1	1.2%	86
Bayfield	30	81.1%	4	10.8%	2	5.4%	1	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	37
Brown	155	58.1%	58	21.7%	11	4.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.7%	12	4.5%	29	10.9%	267
Buffalo	16	72.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	27.3%	22
Burnett	16	45.7%	4	11.4%	2	5.7%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	34.3%	35
Calumet	10	66.7%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	1	6.7%	15
Chippewa	48	44.4%	33	30.6%	3	2.8%	6	5.6%	2	1.9%	1	0.9%	15	13.9%	108
Clark	9	45.0%	2	10.0%	4	20.0%	1	5.0%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%	3	15.0%	20
Columbia	22	53.7%	1	2.4%	8	19.5%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%	1	2.4%	8	19.5%	41
Crawford	6	40.0%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	46.7%	15
Dane	145	56.9%	27	10.6%	30	11.8%	6	2.4%	14	5.5%	13	5.1%	20	7.8%	255
Dodge	46	51.7%	5	5.6%	8	9.0%	2	2.2%	0	0.0%	3	3.4%	25	28.1%	89
Door	9	52.9%	6	35.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.9%	1	5.9%	17
Douglas	62	58.5%	22	20.8%	8	7.5%	0	0.0%	4	3.8%	5	4.7%	5	4.7%	106
Dunn	25	65.8%	4	10.5%	2	5.3%	2	5.3%	0	0.0%	2	5.3%	3	7.9%	38
Eau Claire	113	69.8%	18	11.1%	6	3.7%	2	1.2%	7	4.3%	1	0.6%	15	9.3%	162
Fond Du Lac	98	59.4%	25	15.2%	5	3.0%	5	3.0%	6	3.6%	3	1.8%	23	13.9%	165
Forest	16	47.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%	2	5.9%	2	5.9%	13	38.2%	34
Grant	17	60.7%	2	7.1%	3	10.7%	0	0.0%	1	3.6%	0	0.0%	5	17.9%	28
Green	14	58.3%	6	25.0%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	2	8.3%	24
Green Lake	8	72.7%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	11
Iowa	2	50.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	4
Iron	4	44.4%	0	0.0%	2	22.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	33.3%	9

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# Placement Setting Occurrences by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Foster	Home		are Court ered	RC	cc	Group	Home	Secured	Facility	Oti	ner	Unlice Relativ Rela	e/Non-	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Total
State Total	4,446	58.7%	1,231	16.3%	335	4.4%	273	3.6%	138	1.8%	323	4.3%	822	10.9%	7,568
Jackson	32	61.5%	5	9.6%	6	11.5%	2	3.8%	0	0.0%	2	3.8%	5	9.6%	52
Jefferson	56	63.6%	9	10.2%	4	4.5%	2	2.3%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	16	18.2%	88
Juneau	26	68.4%	4	10.5%	3	7.9%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	3	7.9%	38
Kenosha	235	59.5%	57	14.4%	11	2.8%	10	2.5%	23	5.8%	39	9.9%	20	5.1%	395
Kewaunee	8	80.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%	10
La Crosse	97	71.3%	13	9.6%	10	7.4%	6	4.4%	3	2.2%	0	0.0%	7	5.1%	136
Lafayette	3	15.8%	14	73.7%	2	10.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19
Langlade	30	42.9%	21	30.0%	6	8.6%	0	0.0%	1	1.4%	4	5.7%	8	11.4%	70
Lincoln	19	54.3%	7	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	25.7%	35
Manitowoc	53	44.5%	32	26.9%	3	2.5%	0	0.0%	2	1.7%	3	2.5%	26	21.8%	119
Marathon	111	60.0%	32	17.3%	8	4.3%	9	4.9%	4	2.2%	4	2.2%	17	9.2%	185
Marinette	50	65.8%	2	2.6%	1	1.3%	6	7.9%	2	2.6%	7	9.2%	8	10.5%	76
Marquette	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	3
Menominee	10	27.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26	72.2%	36
Milwaukee	1,095	55.6%	405	20.5%	54	2.7%	142	7.2%	12	0.6%	105	5.3%	158	8.0%	1,971
Monroe	26	44.1%	2	3.4%	1	1.7%	8	13.6%	2	3.4%	7	11.9%	13	22.0%	59
Oconto	27	49.1%	10	18.2%	4	7.3%	0	0.0%	2	3.6%	0	0.0%	12	21.8%	55
Oneida	23	42.6%	12	22.2%	3	5.6%	0	0.0%	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	15	27.8%	54
Outagamie	129	55.8%	51	22.1%	9	3.9%	1	0.4%	4	1.7%	9	3.9%	28	12.1%	231
Ozaukee	12	30.8%	13	33.3%	7	17.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	7.7%	4	10.3%	39
Pepin	3	20.0%	3	20.0%	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	5	33.3%	15
Pierce	37	80.4%	4	8.7%	3	6.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.2%	1	2.2%	46
Polk	31	54.4%	6	10.5%	3	5.3%	3	5.3%	1	1.8%	3	5.3%	10	17.5%	57
Portage	57	67.1%	13	15.3%	2	2.4%	0	0.0%	2	2.4%	8	9.4%	3	3.5%	85
Price	15	46.9%	4	12.5%	1	3.1%	6	18.8%	1	3.1%	1	3.1%	4	12.5%	32
Racine	109	54.5%	39	19.5%	8	4.0%	2	1.0%	14	7.0%	9	4.5%	19	9.5%	200

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# Placement Setting Occurrences by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

#### **December 31, 2019**

County	Foster	Home	Kinship C	are Court ered	RC	c	Group	Home	Secured	l Facility	Oti	her	Relativ	ensed re/Non- ative	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Total
State Total	4,446	58.7%	1,231	16.3%	335	4.4%	273	3.6%	138	1.8%	323	4.3%	822	10.9%	7,568
Richland	3	13.6%	13	59.1%	1	4.5%	1	4.5%	0	0.0%	2	9.1%	2	9.1%	22
Rock	117	52.9%	45	20.4%	16	7.2%	5	2.3%	5	2.3%	11	5.0%	22	10.0%	221
Rusk	5	27.8%	4	22.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	44.4%	1	5.6%	18
Saint Croix	37	52.1%	6	8.5%	1	1.4%	2	2.8%	1	1.4%	9	12.7%	15	21.1%	71
Sauk	21	53.8%	4	10.3%	3	7.7%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	3	7.7%	7	17.9%	39
Sawyer	18	51.4%	2	5.7%	5	14.3%	3	8.6%	0	0.0%	2	5.7%	5	14.3%	35
Shawano	16	44.4%	15	41.7%	2	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	8.3%	36
Sheboygan	128	50.0%	42	16.4%	9	3.5%	7	2.7%	1	0.4%	5	2.0%	64	25.0%	256
State Adoptions	373	97.4%	0	0.0%	5	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	1.3%	383
Taylor	4	36.4%	3	27.3%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	11
Trempealeau	10	38.5%	13	50.0%	2	7.7%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26
Vernon	22	84.6%	1	3.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	11.5%	26
Vilas	43	67.2%	4	6.3%	6	9.4%	6	9.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	7.8%	64
Walworth	38	50.7%	7	9.3%	5	6.7%	0	0.0%	2	2.7%	8	10.7%	15	20.0%	75
Washburn	6	40.0%	5	33.3%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	20.0%	15
Washington	52	55.3%	12	12.8%	12	12.8%	1	1.1%	2	2.1%	4	4.3%	11	11.7%	94
Waukesha	138	76.7%	16	8.9%	7	3.9%	5	2.8%	1	0.6%	2	1.1%	11	6.1%	180
Waupaca	11	47.8%	3	13.0%	1	4.3%	1	4.3%	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	6	26.1%	23
Waushara	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	2	50.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4
Winnebago	86	69.4%	18	14.5%	2	1.6%	4	3.2%	2	1.6%	6	4.8%	6	4.8%	124
Wood	48	55.8%	18	20.9%	3	3.5%	4	4.7%	3	3.5%	1	1.2%	9	10.5%	86

NOTE: Foster Home includes relative and non-relative foster homes, relative and non-relative treatment foster homes, and pre-adoptive homes. Secured Facility comprises youth and adult correctional facilities, hospital, detention and, reception center - detention. Other encompasses shelter, reception center - shelter, trial reunification, supervised independent living, receiving home, and missing from out-of-home care.

### Appendix J

# Placement Setting by Age Range Count of Children in Out-of-Home Care

	0 - 1	2 - 4	5 - 7	8 - 10	11 - 13	14 - 16	17 - 19	20 - 21	Total
Placement Setting	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Total
Foster Family Home Setting	1,070	1,573	1,198	941	802	678	251	1	6,514
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	511	711	458	332	251	247	91	1	2,602
Foster Family Home (Relative)	131	255	229	129	117	63	11	0	935
Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	230	320	220	192	134	108	27	0	1,231
Non-Relative-Unlicensed	19	8	13	24	23	19	14	0	120
Pre-Adoptive Home	11	27	15	17	13	4	1	0	88
Receiving Home	2	4	6	2	0	1	0	0	15
Relative - Unlicensed	113	128	123	98	113	89	38	0	702
Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	52	111	132	146	146	144	67	0	798
Treatment Foster Home - Relative	1	9	2	1	5	3	2	0	23
Group Setting	2	5	3	23	115	386	132	3	669
Group Home	0	0	0	1	27	163	80	2	273
RCC	0	0	3	20	76	187	48	1	335
Shelter	2	5	0	2	12	36	4	0	61
Secured Facility	4	0	0	0	8	95	31	0	138
Adult Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Detention	0	0	0	0	5	60	13	0	78
Hospital	4	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	9
Juvenile correctional facility	0	0	0	0	1	33	12	0	46
Missing From Out-of-Home Care	0	0	0	0	5	31	19	0	55
Trial Reunification	17	41	36	20	11	16	1	0	142
Supervised Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	1	50
State Total	1,093	1,619	1,237	984	941	1,206	483	5	7,568

### Appendix K

# Child Primary Race by Placement Setting Count of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Placement Setting	Caucasian	Black/ African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine/ Not Specified	Total
Foster Family Home Setting	3,698	2,019	549	77	13	158	6,514
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	1,519	786	189	31	10	67	2,602
Foster Family Home (Relative)	559	255	92	8	1	20	935
Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	662	419	91	27	1	31	1,231
Non-Relative-Unlicensed	62	44	10	1	0	3	120
Pre-Adoptive Home	56	19	9	0	0	4	88
Receiving Home	8	6	1	0	0	0	15
Relative - Unlicensed	445	149	85	5	0	18	702
Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	378	327	72	5	1	15	798
Treatment Foster Home - Relative	9	14	0	0	0	0	23
Group Setting	345	280	29	5	0	10	669
Group Home	108	148	11	2	0	4	273
RCC	209	101	18	3	0	4	335
Shelter	28	31	0	0	0	2	61
Secured Facility	62	62	8	3	1	2	138
Adult Corrections	0	4	1	0	0	0	5
Detention	35	37	3	2	0	1	78
Hospital	6	3	0	0	0	0	9
Juvenile correctional facility	21	18	4	1	1	1	46
Missing From Out-of-Home Care	4,125	2,392	589	86	14	170	7,376
Supervised Independent Living	21	27	1	0	1	0	50
Trial Reunification	93	34	12	0	0	3	142
State Total	4,239	2,453	602	86	15	173	7,568

## Appendix L

# Entry Rate per 1,000 Children by County Rate of child population entering into Out-of-Home Care

### CY 2019

County	Estimated Child Population (0-17)	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
State Total	1,266,597	5,124	4
Adams	2,848	33	11.6
Ashland	3,427	25	7.3
Barron	9,709	75	7.7
Bayfield	2,605	16	6.1
Brown	62,218	197	3.2
Buffalo	2,665	22	8.3
Burnett	2,684	26	9.7
Calumet	11,666	10	0.9
Chippewa	14,136	71	5
Clark	10,240	15	1.5
Columbia	12,099	39	3.2
Crawford	3,233	9	2.8
Dane	110,268	314	2.8
Dodge	17,173	53	3.1
Door	4,497	15	3.3
Douglas	8,444	72	8.5
Dunn	8,865	38	4.3
Eau Claire	21,086	88	4.2
Florence	613	0	0
Fond Du Lac	21,953	121	5.5
Forest	1,774	39	22
Grant	10,650	29	2.7
Green	8,157	16	2
Green Lake	4,141	21	5.1
Iowa	5,282	4	0.8
Iron	856	20	23.4
Jackson	4,496	40	8.9
Jefferson	17,641	66	3.7
Juneau	5,330	29	5.4

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### CY 2019

County	Estimated Child Population (0-17)	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
State Total	1,266,597	5,124	4
Kenosha	38,003	310	8.2
Kewaunee	4,390	0	0
La Crosse	23,134	75	3.2
Lafayette	3,986	28	7
Langlade	3,741	44	11.8
Lincoln	5,022	44	8.8
Manitowoc	16,146	104	6.4
Marathon	30,724	106	3.5
Marinette	7,613	61	8
Marquette	2,997	4	1.3
Menominee	1,515	45	29.7
Milwaukee	225,421	993	4.4
Monroe	11,670	86	7.4
Oconto	7,628	53	6.9
Oneida	6,069	46	7.6
Outagamie	43,823	133	3
Ozaukee	18,950	39	2.1
Pepin	1,519	9	5.9
Pierce	8,813	50	5.7
Polk	9,012	53	5.9
Portage	13,458	53	3.9
Price	2,396	34	14.2
Racine	44,900	159	3.5
Richland	3,739	19	5.1
Rock	37,402	162	4.3
Rusk	2,883	19	6.6
Saint Croix	22,188	71	3.2
Sauk	14,617	25	1.7
Sawyer	3,175	28	8.8

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# Entry Rate per 1,000 Children by County Rate of child population entering into Out-of-Home Care

#### CY 2019

County	Estimated Child Population (0-17)	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
State Total	1,266,597	5,124	4
Shawano	8,732	34	3.9
Sheboygan	25,229	172	6.8
Taylor	4,750	17	3.6
Trempealeau	7,437	15	2
Vernon	8,011	20	2.5
Vilas	3,746	42	11.2
Walworth	21,036	63	3
Washburn	2,962	11	3.7
Washington	29,435	65	2.2
Waukesha	86,052	131	1.5
Waupaca	10,300	15	1.5
Waushara	4,460	3	0.7
Winnebago	35,005	102	2.9
Wood	15,752	78	5

Note - 1 children entering into Public Adoptions were not included in the counts. Total entries include children that may have entered OHC multiple times.

Population Source: Office of Juvenile Justice 2019 Easy Access Population Profile

https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/asp/comparison\_selection.asp?selState=55

#### Appendix M

#### **Removal Reasons**

**Physical Abuse:** Alleged or substantiated physical abuse, injury or maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare.

**Sexual Abuse:** Alleged or substantiated sexual abuse or exploitation of a child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.

**Neglect:** Alleged or substantiated negligent treatment or maltreatment, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or care.

Alcohol Abuse (Parent): Principal caretaker's compulsive use of alcohol that is not of a temporary nature.

Drug Abuse (Parent): Principal caretaker's compulsive use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature.

Alcohol Abuse (Child): Child's compulsive use of or need for alcohol. This includes infants addicted at birth.

Drug Abuse (Child): Child's compulsive use of or need for narcotics. This includes infants addicted at birth.

**Child's Disability:** Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional of one or more of the following: Developmental disability; emotional dysregulation; specific learning disability; hearing, speech or sign impairment; physical disability; or other clinically diagnosed handicap.

**Child's Behavior Problem:** Behavior in the school and/or community that adversely affects socialization, learning, growth and moral development. These may include adjudicated or non-adjudicated child behavior problems, such as youth justice involvement or delinquency.

**Death of Parent(s):** Family stress or inability to care for child due to death of a parent or caretaker.

**Incarceration of Parent:** Temporary or permanent placement of a parent or caretaker in jail that adversely affects care for the child.

**Caretaker's Inability to Cope:** Physical or emotional illness or disabling condition adversely affecting the caretaker's ability to care for the child.

### Appendix N

# Entries and Discharges Children Entering into and Discharging from Out-of-Home Care by County

### CY 2019

County	Children Entering	Children Discharging	Difference
State Total	4,854	5,196	342
Adams	29	30	(1)
Ashland	23	37	(14)
Barron	71	71	0
Bayfield	15	14	1
Brown	195	203	(8)
Buffalo	20	16	4
Burnett	26	28	(2)
Calumet	11	7	4
Chippewa	70	82	(12)
Clark	15	16	(1)
Columbia	36	29	7
Crawford	8	5	3
Dane	238	241	(3)
Dodge	50	28	22
Door	14	11	3
Douglas	69	68	1
Dunn	34	43	(9)
Eau Claire	84	102	(18)
Florence	0	7	(7)
Fond Du Lac	117	127	(10)
Forest	38	34	4
Grant	29	20	9
Green	15	15	0
Green Lake	18	16	2
lowa	4	12	(8)
Iron	15	17	(2)
Jackson	38	32	6
Jefferson	61	40	21
Juneau	22	23	(1)
Kenosha	292	214	78
Kewaunee	0	12	(12)
La Crosse	71	70	1
Lafayette	25	16	9

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# Entries and Discharges Children Entering into and Discharging from Out-of-Home Care by County

### CY 2019

Children Children				
County	Children Entering	Children Discharging	Difference	
State Total	4,854	5,196	342	
Langlade	43	59	(16)	
Lincoln	41	58	(17)	
Manitowoc	104	64	40	
Marathon	104	89	15	
Marinette	57	40	17	
Marquette	2	3	(1)	
Menominee	34	27	7	
Milwaukee	946	895	51	
Monroe	79	77	2	
Oconto	45	42	3	
Oneida	42	33	9	
Outagamie	125	99	26	
Ozaukee	38	41	(3)	
Pepin	10	4	6	
Pierce	48	35	13	
Polk	48	72	(24)	
Portage	47	43	4	
Price	32	33	(1)	
Racine	147	161	(14)	
Richland	19	14	5	
Rock	151	144	7	
Rusk	19	20	(1)	
Saint Croix	65	62	3	
Sauk	20	18	2	
Sawyer	28	26	2	
Shawano	34	31	3	
Sheboygan	167	93	74	
State Adoptions	96	726	(630)	
Taylor	17	23	(6)	
Trempealeau	12	21	(9)	
Vernon	20	10	10	
Vilas	40	32	8	
Walworth	52	47	5	

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# Entries and Discharges Children Entering into and Discharging from Out-of-Home Care by County

#### CY 2019

County	Children Entering	Children Discharging	Difference
State Total	4,854	5,196	342
Washburn	9	7	2
Washington	64	69	(5)
Waukesha	118	81	37
Waupaca	14	24	(10)
Waushara	3	6	(3)
Winnebago	93	86	7
Wood	68	95	(27)

NOTE: Children are counted only once per year, even if they entered or exited OHC multiple times.

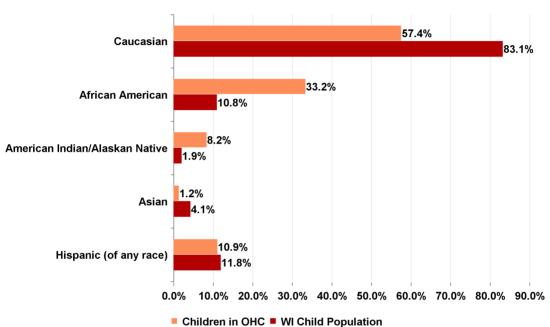
#### Appendix O

Figure 41 displays the percentage of children in Out-of-Home care (OHC) as of December 31, 2019, as compared to the total Wisconsin child population by race and Hispanic ethnicity. Children identified as African American and American Indian/Alaskan Native comprise a larger share of the OHC population than their proportional share of Wisconsin's general child population.

Figure 41

Children in OHC and Wisconsin Child Population by Race/Ethnicity Comparison

December 31, 2019 \* ^ ~



Total Unique Children in OHC= 7,370

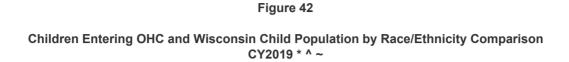
**Total WI Child Population= 1,501,463** 

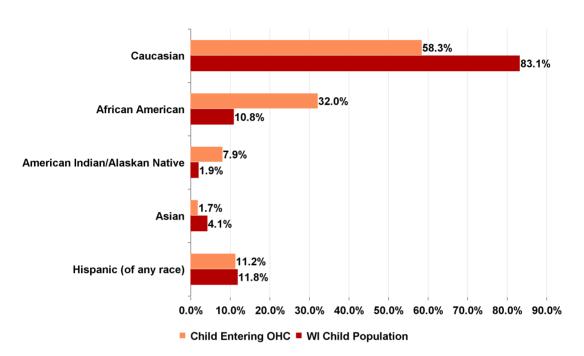
~ The population source from the Office of Juvenile Justice does not include children aged 21 years old.

<sup>\*</sup>Population source: Office of Juvenile Justice 2019 Easy Access Population Profile: https://www.ojjdp.gov/

<sup>^</sup> The 179 children who are identified as 'unable to determine' or 'not documented' are not included in the chart above. Likewise, the 15 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander children in OHC are also not depicted above.

Figure 42 displays the percentage of children who entered OHC in 2019, as compared to the total Wisconsin child population by race and Hispanic ethnicity. Children identified as African American and American Indian/Alaskan Native comprise a larger share of the children entering OHC than their proportional share of Wisconsin's general child population.





Total Unique Children Entering OHC= 4,695 Total WI Child Population= 1,501,463

#### https://www.ojjdp.gov/

<sup>\*</sup>Population source: Office of Juvenile Justice 2019 Easy Access Population Profile:

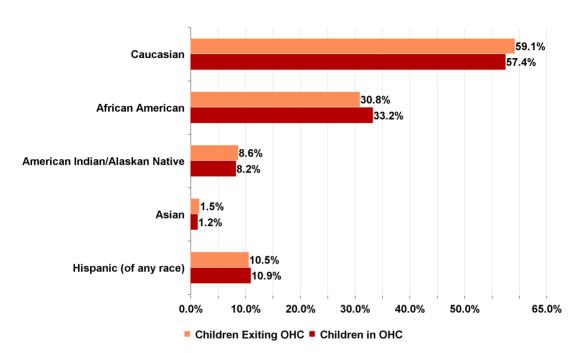
<sup>^</sup> The 143 children who are identified as 'unable to determine' or 'not documented' are not included in the chart above. Likewise, the 9 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander children are also not depicted above.

<sup>~</sup> The population source from the Office of Juvenile Justice does not include children aged 21 years old.

Figure 43 displays the percentage of children who exited to OHC in 2019, as compared to the total OHC population by race and Hispanic Ethnicity. Children identified as African American comprise a smaller share of the children exiting OHC than their proportional share of the OHC child population.

Figure 43

Children Exiting and Children in Out of Home Care Population by Race/Ethnicity Comparison CY 2019 \*



Total Unique Children Exiting OHC= 5,102

Total Unique Children in OHC= 7,370

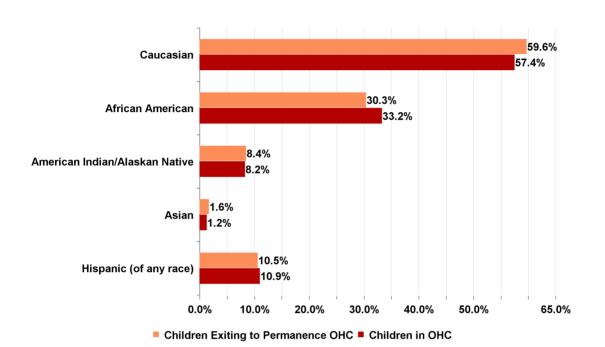
\*The 83 children who are identified as 'unable to determine' or 'not documented' are not included in the chart above. Likewise, the 7 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander children are also not depicted above.

Figure 44 displays the percentage of children who exited to permanence in 2019, as compared to the total OHC population by race and Hispanic ethnicity. Children identified as African American comprise a smaller share of the children exiting to permanence than their proportional share of the OHC child population.

Figure 44

Children Exiting to Permanence and Children in Out of Home Care Population by Race/Ethnicity

Comparison, CY 2019 \* ^



**Total Unique Children Exiting to Permanence= 4,667** 

Total Children in OHC= 7,370

<sup>\*</sup>The 73 children who are identified as 'unable to determine' or 'not documented' are not included in the chart above. Likewise, the 7 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander children are also not depicted above.

<sup>^</sup> Permanence includes discharge reasons of: 'Adoption', 'Adoption Finalized', 'Guardianship', and 'Reunification w/ Parent(s)/Primary Caretaker'