

PROTECTIVE SERVICES	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
<b>REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT:</b>	65,114	65,731	63,521	59,675	61,798	60,841
State hotline reports rose since a recent low in FY13.						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF REPORTS SUBSTANTIATED:</b>	41.9	40.1	39.6	39.8	39.5	39.0
Child protective workers found reason to suspect abuse or neglect in two-fifths of reports.						
<b>PENDING RATE:</b>	4.5	4.8	3.9	4.4	5.2	5.2
The monthly average of new cases per child protective worker has risen in recent years.						
<b>AVERAGE CHILD PROTECTIVE CASELOAD:</b>	9.1	9.4	8.7	8.2	9.8	10.5
Caseloads have risen markedly since FY13.						
<b>ACS SUPERVISION ORDERED BY FAMILY COURT (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):</b>	5,822	4,913	5,180	5,009	5,712	6,158
The total number of court-ordered supervisions as an outcome of Article 10 filings has risen.						
<b>CHILD FATALITIES IN CASES KNOWN TO ACS (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):</b>	39	46	43	50	44	58
This includes deaths from natural causes, which increased from 4 in 2013 to 19 in 2014.						
<b>PREVENTIVE SERVICES</b>						
<b>FAMILIES RECEIVING ACS-CONTRACTED PREVENTIVE SERVICES (ANNUAL, CUMULATIVE):</b>	23,063	21,535	19,172	20,853	21,039	22,280
The number of families in preventive programs has risen.						
<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN PREVENTIVE CASES (ACTIVE, JUNE):</b>	27,532	23,294	22,952	25,762	25,172	26,123
The number of children in preventive programs has stabilized after a decline.						
<b>PERCENT OF PREVENTIVE CASES REFERRED BY ACS:</b>	64	71	72	72	68	72
The majority of cases in preventive services are referred by ACS Child Protective Services.						
<b>FOSTER CARE SERVICES</b>						
<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO FOSTER CARE:</b>	7,108	6,313	5,698	4,779	4,501	4,104
A record low in FY15.						
<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM FOSTER CARE:</b>	7,181	7,055	6,453	5,416	4,969	4,250
Slightly more children were discharged than admitted.						
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE FOSTER CARE POPULATION:</b>	15,895	14,843	13,820	12,958	11,728	11,098
The number of children in foster care continues to decline.						
<b>MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY FOR CHILDREN BEFORE RETURN TO PARENTS (MONTHS):</b>	5.3	6.4	5.5	6.8	7.5	6.6
Children entering foster care for the first time returned home in about 7 - 8 months in FY14.						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH REUNIFICATION GOAL (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):</b>	51.1	51.5	52.1	49.1	48.5	50.0
About half of the children in foster care at any point in time are expected to return home.						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF SEPARATED SIBLINGS (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):</b>	48.1	47.4	47.1	44.7	44.7	45.6
Fewer than half of siblings in foster care were living apart from one another in 2014.						
<b>RECIDIVISM RATE (%) (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):</b>	11.3	12.6	13.6	13.1	13.0	11.6
This is the percentage of children returning to foster care within one year of discharge.						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER CHILDREN IN KINSHIP CARE:</b>	35.0	34.9	35.0	34.4	33.5	32.8
Kinship care remains about one-third of the foster care system.						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER PLACEMENTS IN BOROUGH OF ORIGIN:</b>	58.8	60.5	57.9	60.7	61.6	62.4
This number includes residential care as well as foster boarding homes.						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER PLACEMENTS IN CONTIGUOUS COMMUNITY DISTRICTS:</b>	31.2	35.4	33.5	33.5	33.3	36.8
The number of children placed in foster homes close to home remained at one-third of the system.						
<b>ADOPTION SERVICES</b>						
<b>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH ADOPTION AS A GOAL (PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR):</b>	30.3	31.1	30.7	32.4	31.5	29.8
The percentage of children in care with a goal of adoption has fallen below one-third.						
<b>NUMBER OF FINALIZED ADOPTIONS:</b>	1,165	1,186	1,295	1,310	1,101	1,004
Nearly one-quarter of children discharged from foster care were adopted in FY14.						
<b>AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE ADOPTIONS (YEARS):</b>	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.7
The time it takes to finalize once a child is considered appropriate for adoption has declined in recent years.						

All numbers above reported in NYC fiscal years unless otherwise indicated. Sources: NYC Mayor's Management Reports, NY State Office of Children and Family Services Monitoring and Analysis Profiles, NYC Administration for Children's Services Updates, and data requests.