



April 2025

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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

REPORTS

The number of reports of abuse and neglect held at approximately 60,000 after dropping during the pandemic. The percentage of cases that are substantiated dropped to a low of 22.6%.

Reports of Abuse and Neglect	66,212	55,984	53,311	58,433	60,854	60,571	
Percentage of Child Protection Cases Substantiated	35.1	33.6	31.6	27.4	22.9	22.6	

CASELOADS

Caseloads averaged 8.1 in FY24. Fewer caseworkers have caseloads over 15.

Average Child Protective Caseload	10.5	7.5	6.3	8.4	9.7	8.1	
Caseworkers with Caseloads over 15 (June)	96	0	8	105	60	17	

PETITIONS AND OUTCOMES

The number of families taken to Family Court by ACS and under Court ordered supervision increased slightly in FY24 but shows a downward trend over the 6-year period. Emergency removals increased.

Abuse and Neglect Cases Filed by ACS - Family Court	12,723	10,305	7,791	8,009	6,647	6,970	
ACS Supervision Ordered by Family Court	8,299	6,786	4,725	4,827	3,809	4,035	
Total Emergency Removals	1,820	1,348	1,302	1,505	1,374	1,430	
Emergency Removals Approved at Initial Hearing	1,284	956	770	945	981	1,015	

FATALITIES

There were 45 child fatalities in CY23 from families known to ACS in the last 10 years.

Child Fatalities in Cases Known to ACS	59	57	52	53	39	45	
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PREVENTIVE SERVICES

FAMILIES SERVED IN PREVENTIVE SERVICES

The number of families receiving preventive services in FY24 remained below the historical trend. The number of new preventive cases increased.

Families Receiving ACS-Contracted Preventive Services	19,185	18,053	14,694	15,432	13,918	13,968	
New Preventive Cases in Evidence-Based Services	2,989	2,334	2,879	1,988	1,914	2,143	
New Preventive Cases Overall	9,965	7,699	8,317	6,817	6,657	7,009	

PREVENTIVE SERVICES ENTRIES AND EXITS

The percentage of preventive cases that were referred by ACS decreased in CY23. The percentage of those admitted to foster care during or shortly after preventive services decreased slightly in CY23.

Percentage of Preventive Cases Referred by ACS	77.8	74.0	80.5	83.6	77.9	71.6	
Percentage of Children Admitted to Foster Care who received Preventive Services in the Previous Year	2.1	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.5	

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

The total foster care population declined in FY24, continuing a long downward trend. The number of children admitted to Foster Care increased in CY23.

Total Average Foster Care Population	8341	7,827	7,639	7,140	6,728	6,441	
Children Admitted to Foster Care	3743	3,497	2,643	2,703	2,721	2,960	

FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS

The percentage of kinship care placements increased slightly in FY24. Nearly 39% of siblings were separated in CY23.

Percentage of Separated Siblings	42.0	44.4	41.9	42.0	41.3	38.8	
Percentage of Foster Children in Kinship Care	38.1	39.8	42.2	42.6	43.9	44.9	
Percentage of Foster Placements in Contiguous Community Districts	28.7	28.9	25.9	27.4	29.5	32.6	

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FOSTER CARE DISCHARGES							
The number of children discharged from foster care increased to 3,225 in CY23. The number of children discharged to reunification within a year increased from the prior year's low point.							
Children Discharged from Foster Care	4100	3,102	3,042	3,052	3,042	3,225	
Number of Children Discharged to Kinship	379	267	414	392	342	339	
Number of Children Discharged to APPLA	613	570	568	551	623	605	
Percentage of Children with Reunification Goal	51.0	50.0	48.3	49.0	49.4	50.1	
Children Discharged to Reunification within a Year	1356	1,111	790	842	765	825	
Percentage of Children Discharged to Permanency within a year of Placement	32.5	29.6	26.5	29.2	35.0	33.3	
Percentage of Children Returning to Care within Two Years of Discharge	11.4	11.9	11.3	11.5	11.1	11.4	

ADOPTION SERVICES

The number of adoptions completed in CY23 increased. The percentage of adoptions completed in less than 2 years saw a slowdown in CY21 and

Percentage of Children with Adoption as a Goal	26.4	23.8	25.6	25.2	25.4	24.7	
Number of Completed Adoptions	810	706	240	438	504	577	
Percentage of Adoptions Completed in less than Two Years	29.0	34.7	31.4	10.7	19.2	36.0	

FOSTER CARE POPULATION**DEMOGRAPHICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

The profound racial disparities among children in foster care remained in 2024, with Black and Latinx children making up over 85% of all children in foster care. The percentage of children in foster care for more than three years decreased for children of all ages in 2024.

Age of Children Admitted to Foster Care (total number)	3,717	3,006	2,551	2,695	2,735	2,946	
< 2 years old (percentage)	28.1	30.0	31.4	26.0	24.2	21.7	
2-5 years old	22.2	21.3	21.6	20.5	20.3	20.6	
6-9 years old	17.5	15.7	16.0	17.3	17.4	17.2	
10-13 years old	14.7	14.9	14.2	16.3	16.7	16.9	
14-17 years old	16.4	17.3	15.9	19.0	20.4	22.4	
18+ years old	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (total number, March)	8,358	7,860	7,324	7,601	7,060	6,762	
African American (percentage)	53.9	52.9	51.6	50.6	50.1	50.3	
Latinx	35.9	36.7	37.3	35.5	35.8	36.2	
White	5.1	5.1	5.23	5.2	5.6	5.1	
Asian	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7	
Other/Unknown	3.5	3.5	3.9	6.6	6.6	6.6	

Children in Foster Care >3 Years and Age Distribution (percentage, March)	29.5	33.9	36.7	35.5	37.3	34.7	
2-5 years old	31.0	36.9	44.3	32.9	33.1	32.1	
6-9 years old	34.0	41.2	43.1	41.5	44.5	40.8	
10-13 years old	31.3	37.0	40.5	37.8	41.3	37.5	
14-17 years old	32.7	37.7	39.0	33.7	34.7	32.3	
18+ years old	64.1	63.6	63.4	64.6	68.4	64.1	

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CARES (Collaborative Assessment, Response, Engagement, and Support) DATA

CARES is an alternative investigative approach used in cases that are not deemed high risk. ACS adopted the differential approach in 2013

Number of CARES units, end of year	11	15	16	31	46	64
Number of cases opened and closed as CARES	1,738	2,195	2,343	4,012	6,914	10,058
Average number of caseworker contacts					3.6	3.7
Average length of service (duration of case; in days)					50.6	48.7
Percentage of cases opened as CARES that became an investigation					13.7	10.6
Of those investigated, percentage indicated					25.1	27.9
Percentage of cases that converted from CARES to investigation that had a child removal during the investigation					6.0	7.8
Number of child removals within 60 days					62	89
Percentage of closed CARES cases with a report to SCR within one year of closure			34.5	27.5		

Race and Ethnicity of youngest child in case (percentage)						
African American					36.4	35.1
Asian/Pacific Islander					6.3	5.5
Hispanic					45.7	47.7
White					7.5	7.4
Other					3.1	3.1
Unknown					1.1	1.2

Sources: NYC Mayor's Management Reports, NY State Office of Children and Family Services Monitoring and Analysis Profiles, NYC Administration for Children's Services Flash Reports, NYC ACS annual reports, and ACS data request.

Note: This report uses three different measures of time: fiscal year (July-June), calendar year, and point in time. The columns overlap to show the relationship between calendar and fiscal years. Rows are also color coded to indicate the different time periods.

Legend

calendar year fiscal year point in time