



## NEGATIVE OUTCOMES

# Foster Care Placements

### INDICATOR

Rate of children entering Out-of-Home or foster care per 10,000 youth.

<b>Numerator</b>	Number of children removed from their home and placed in Out-of-Home care
<b>Denominator</b>	Individuals up to 18 years of age, per 10,000

### DESCRIPTION

This measure indicates the rate of children entering into Out-of-Home care through an intervention by the child welfare system. Types of placements include 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.

### IMPORTANCE

Out-of-Home placements occur to protect children from serious neglect, psychological, emotional and or physical risks. Yet, once removed from their home, these children are at risk of experiencing severed parent-child bonds (Hess, 1991). Such disintegration of the parent-child bond, even if the parent is abusive or neglectful, might have profound implications for a child's development (Bowlby, 2012). Children in foster care or other Out-of-Home placements are also often exposed to traumatic events before removal from home, in addition to potentially experiencing the removal itself as traumatic (Lang, 2016).

### LIMITATIONS

- These data are entered by county systems and thus accuracy depends on uniform data reporting by local programs.

### ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

#### Wisconsin Analyses

Race/Ethnicity	% Youth in Foster Care
American Indian/Alaskan Native	7.3%
Asian	1.2%
Black	35.5%
White	54.1%
Hispanic	9.8%

#### National Analyses

Race	% Youth in Foster Care
Data not available.	

YEAR:		2015	
WI	US	Best	Worst
35.8	35.9	15.0	105.8
<i>per 10,000</i>		VA	WV
PAST YEAR:		2014	
WI	US		
36.0*	33.9		

\* Indicates a statistically significant difference from the US value at  $p < 0.05$ .

### SOURCE

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