

Wisconsin Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report

Calendar Year 2022



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About the Wisconsin Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report



Additional Resources: For more information on current placements and placements at time of entry and exit, [see the Wisconsin OHC Dashboard](#).

The Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report provides an overview of children placed in OHC throughout the 2022 calendar year. This year's report is reflective of changes compared to the prior report to better represent the current landscape and trajectory experienced by children and youth while they are in Wisconsin's out-of-home care system.

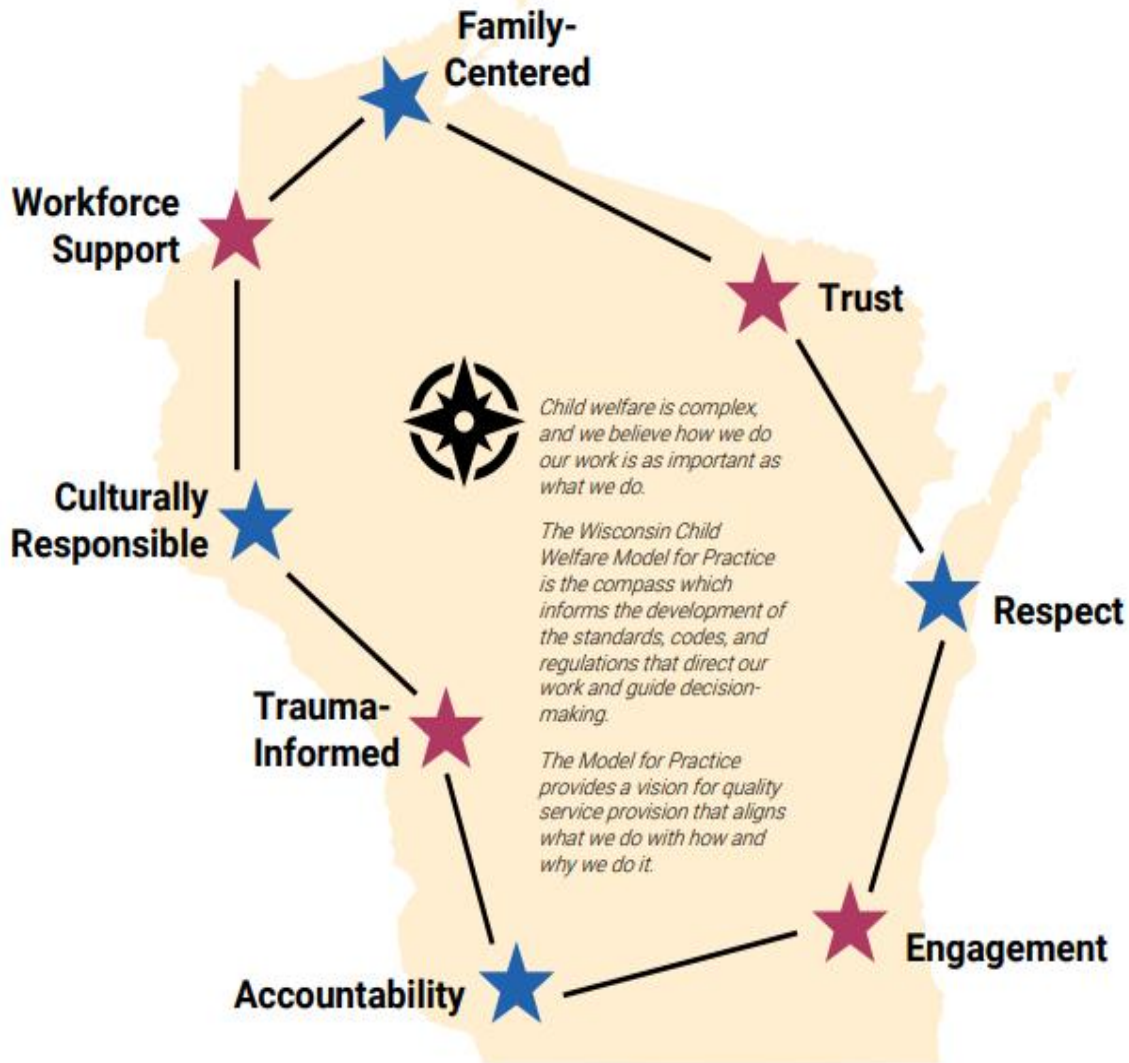
The OHC Report provides information on children in OHC placements during calendar year (CY) 2022 and on December 31, 2022. This report includes information on demographics, trends in the OHC system, placement data, and outcomes data (stability, discharges, length of stay, etc.). Counts presented in this report may differ from other published information depending on data maturity, the scrape of data utilized, or the source.

Wisconsin remains committed to continued strides in putting families first and reducing racial disproportionality throughout the system. Between 2018 and 2022, Wisconsin removed 4 fewer children per day and decreased the overall proportion of children served in OHC in that period of time by 28%.

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) thanks individuals with lived experience, local child welfare agencies, service providers, and placement providers for ensuring that all children are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities.

Wisconsin Child Welfare Model for Practice

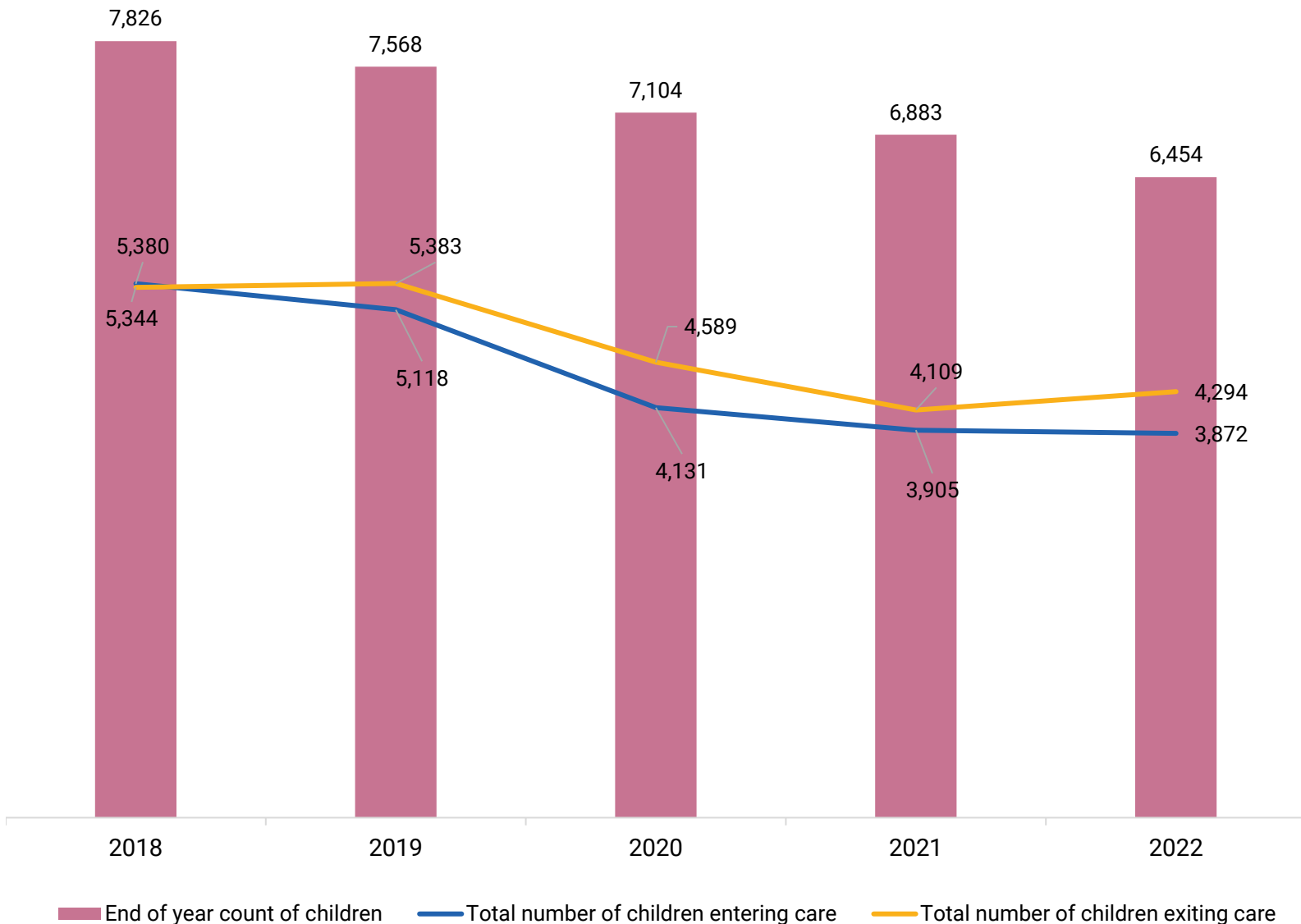
Putting Families First



Wisconsin child welfare services help children thrive in safe environments and empower families to provide safe, permanent, and nurturing homes for their children. Local communities and their child welfare agencies and families, with the support and guidance from federal and state partners, do this by supporting children and youth in their own homes, families, tribes, and communities whenever possible. With a focus on family and community, we will engage with children, youth, and families to expand healthy connections in their communities and tribes and to bolster resiliency in families to help them thrive.

Wisconsin's OHC Landscape

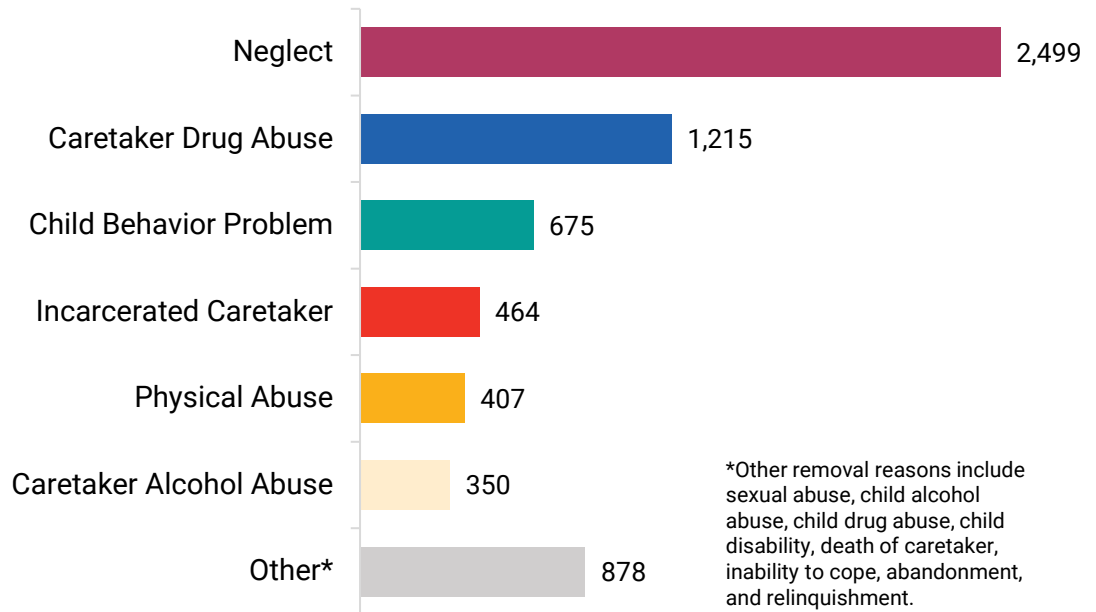
A total of **10,452** children were served in OHC in 2022. As the number of children served in OHC declines each year, there has been a **18%** reduction compared to a system peak in 2018. In this same time frame, Wisconsin has seen a **28%** decrease in children entering OHC. If Wisconsin continues this trend, the state should continue to see fewer children in OHC in the future.



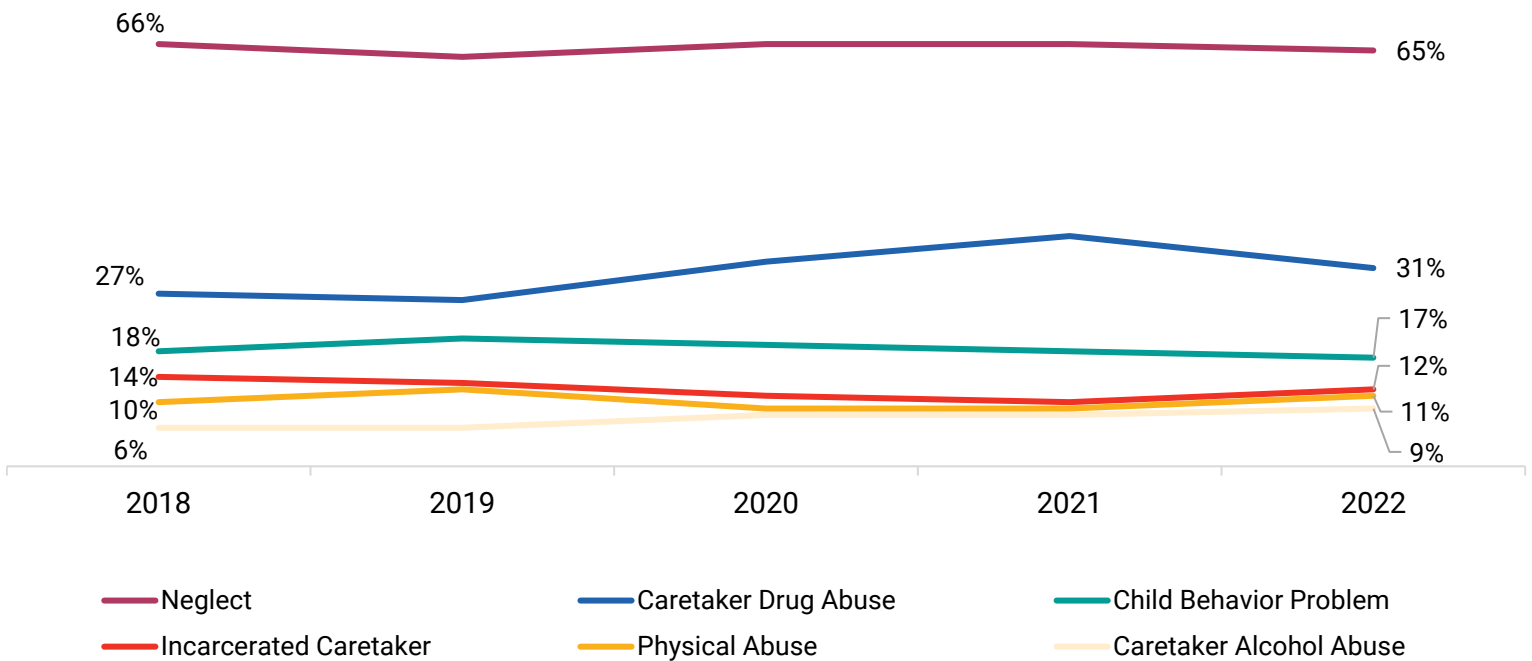
Who is entering OHC?

Over the last decade, neglect has continued to be the primary identified reason for removal. While the number of children entering OHC due to neglect is decreasing, it remains the most prevalent reason for children entering OHC, with nearly **65%** of children having at least one removal reason identified as neglect.

Why are children entering into OHC?

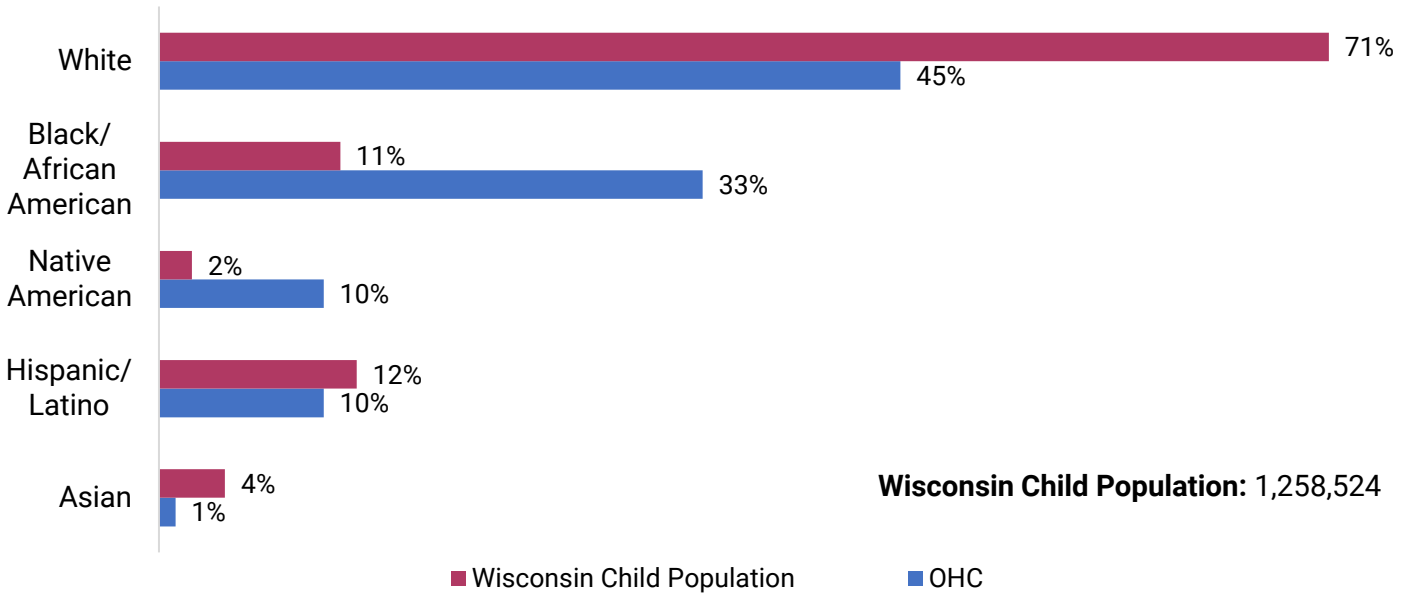


Trends of the top six removal reason rates of the past 5 years

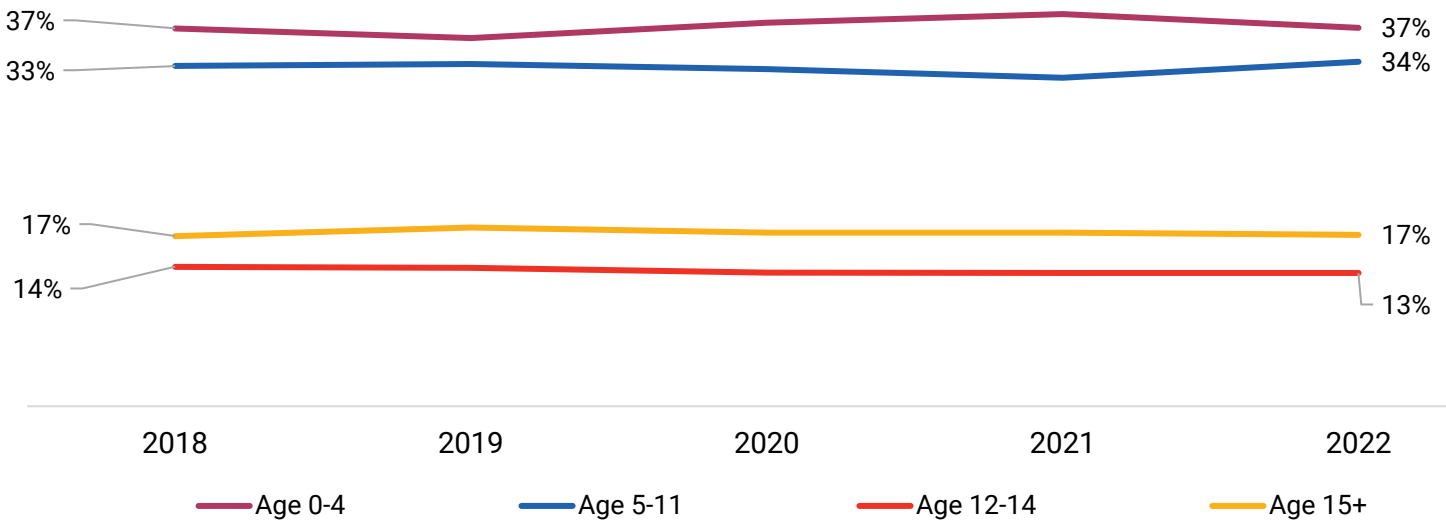


Who is in OHC?

Race and ethnicity of children in OHC compared with general population*^



Ages of children in OHC over the past 5 years



The data on this page are a count of **6,454** children residing in OHC on 12/31/2022.

The majority (**71%**) of children served in OHC were aged 0-11 years old. The proportions of age groups has remained constant over the past five years, even as the number of children in OHC decreased.

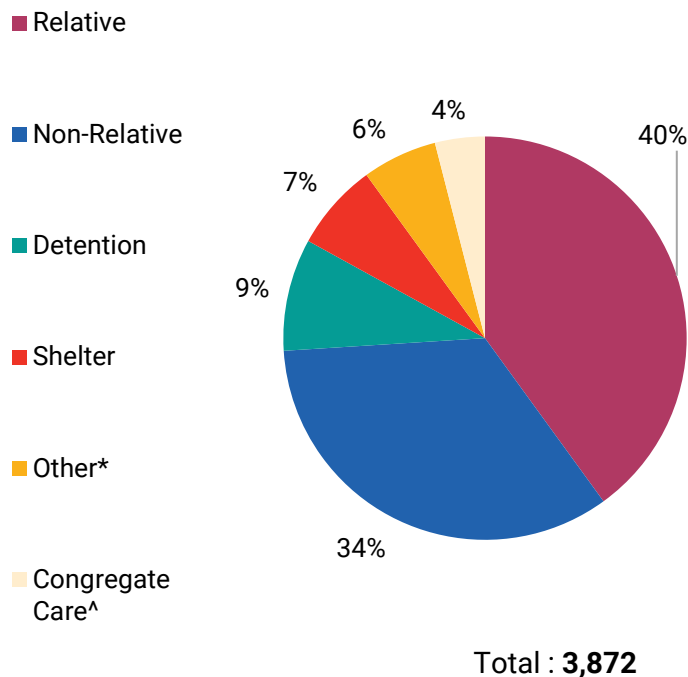
*Count of Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Unknown children are not shown as they make up 0% (3) and 2% (105), respectively, of children in OHC.

^The Wisconsin Child Population is as of 2020 from the Office of Juvenile Justice Easy Access Population Profile.

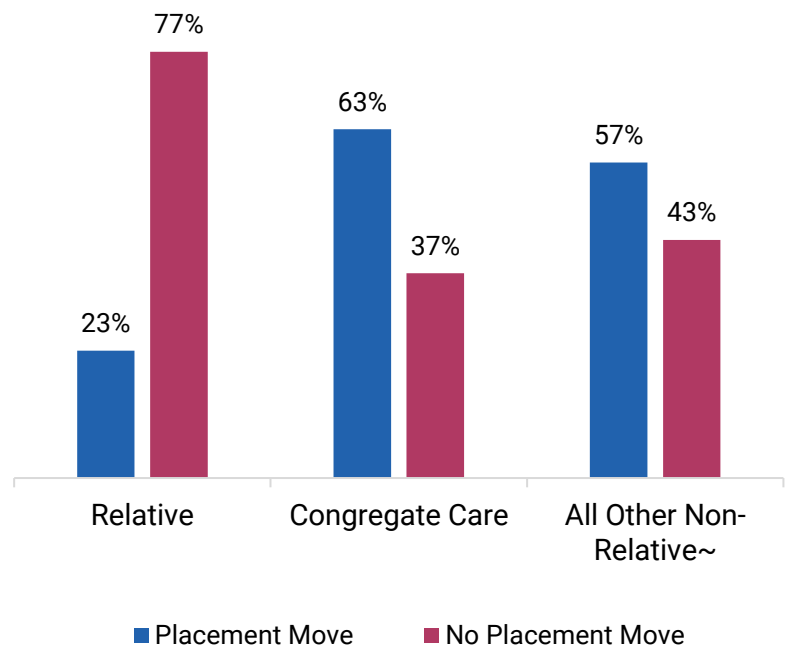
Initial Placement Impacts Child's Experience in OHC

In 2022, **60%** of children in Wisconsin were not placed with a relative when they first entered OHC. Children's initial placement matters as exposure to the child welfare system inflicts lasting trauma. If OHC is necessary, children should be placed with a relative, and only when that is not an option, should the next least restrictive setting be considered.

Where are children placed when they *first* enter OHC?



Children's stability in OHC impacted by initial placement



Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino children were less likely to be placed with a relative when entering OHC, with **63%** of each group having initial placements with non-relatives.

When children are placed with their relative, they are less likely to experience subsequent placement moves. In 2022, children **initially** placed with a relative had an average of **0.4** placement moves while children placed with non-relatives had an average of **0.8** placement moves. Children initially placed in congregate care fare worse, with an average of **1** placement move. While this may seem small, remember every move a child makes in OHC is a change to their structure and routine. DCF is continuing to implement strategies to improve a child's stability in OHC.

*Other placements include Institutions, Supervised Independent Living, and Missing from OHC placements.

^Congregate care placements include RCCs and Group Homes.

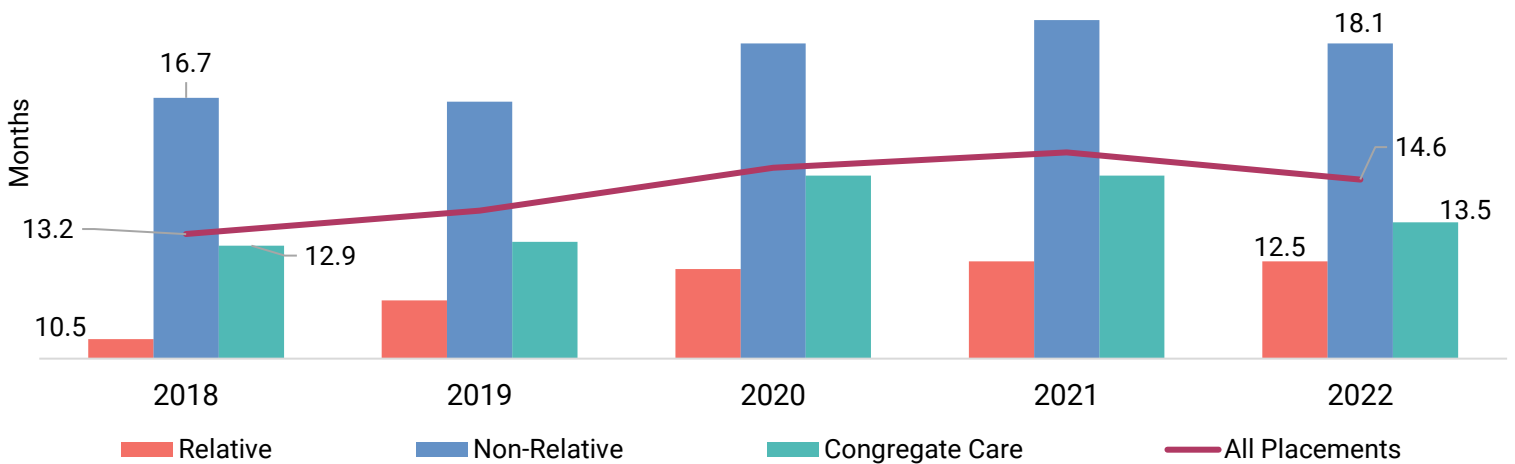
~ All other non-relative placements include children in a non-relative foster home, detention, shelter, and other placements.

Relative Placement is Best for Children

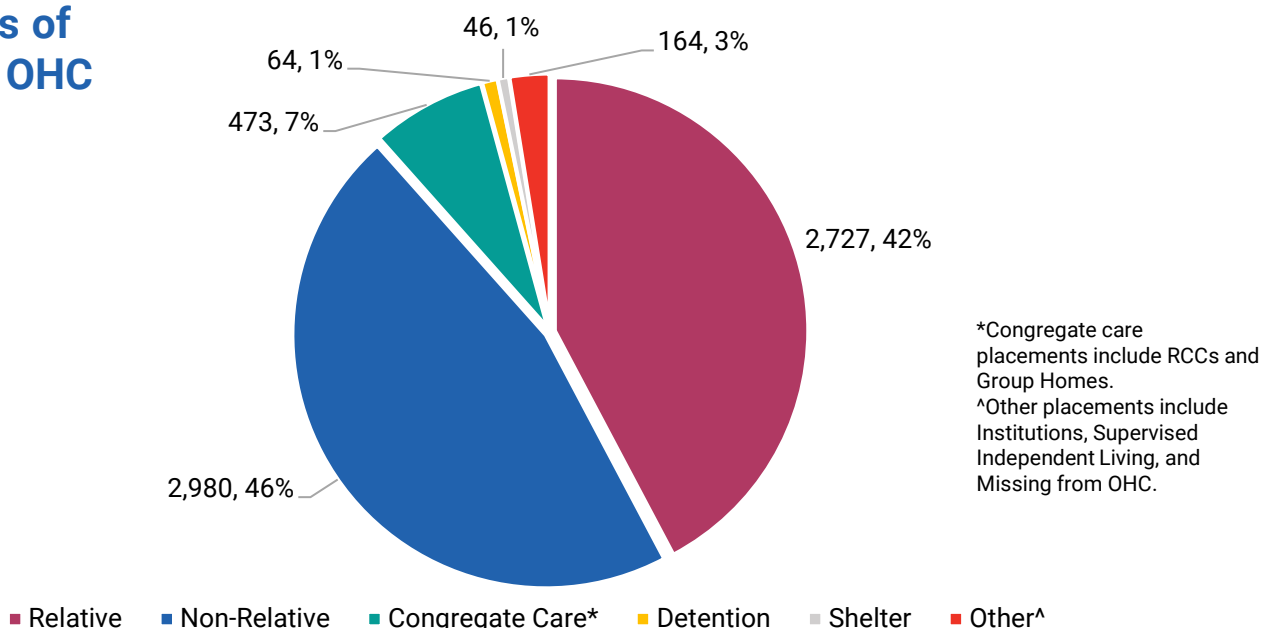
If a child needs to be placed in OHC, placing children with a family member is preferred as it is the best way to maintain family connections.

On 12/31/2022, placements in family-like settings made up a majority of OHC placements (**88%**), **42%** of children placed with relatives and **46%** with non-relatives. **Seven percent** of children were placed in congregate care, which was a **25%** decrease in congregate care placements since 2018. Statewide, children in OHC on this date were in OHC for a median of **14.6** months. Children placed with a relative were in OHC for a median of **12.5** months, compared to children placed with non-relatives at **13.5** and congregate care at **18.1**.

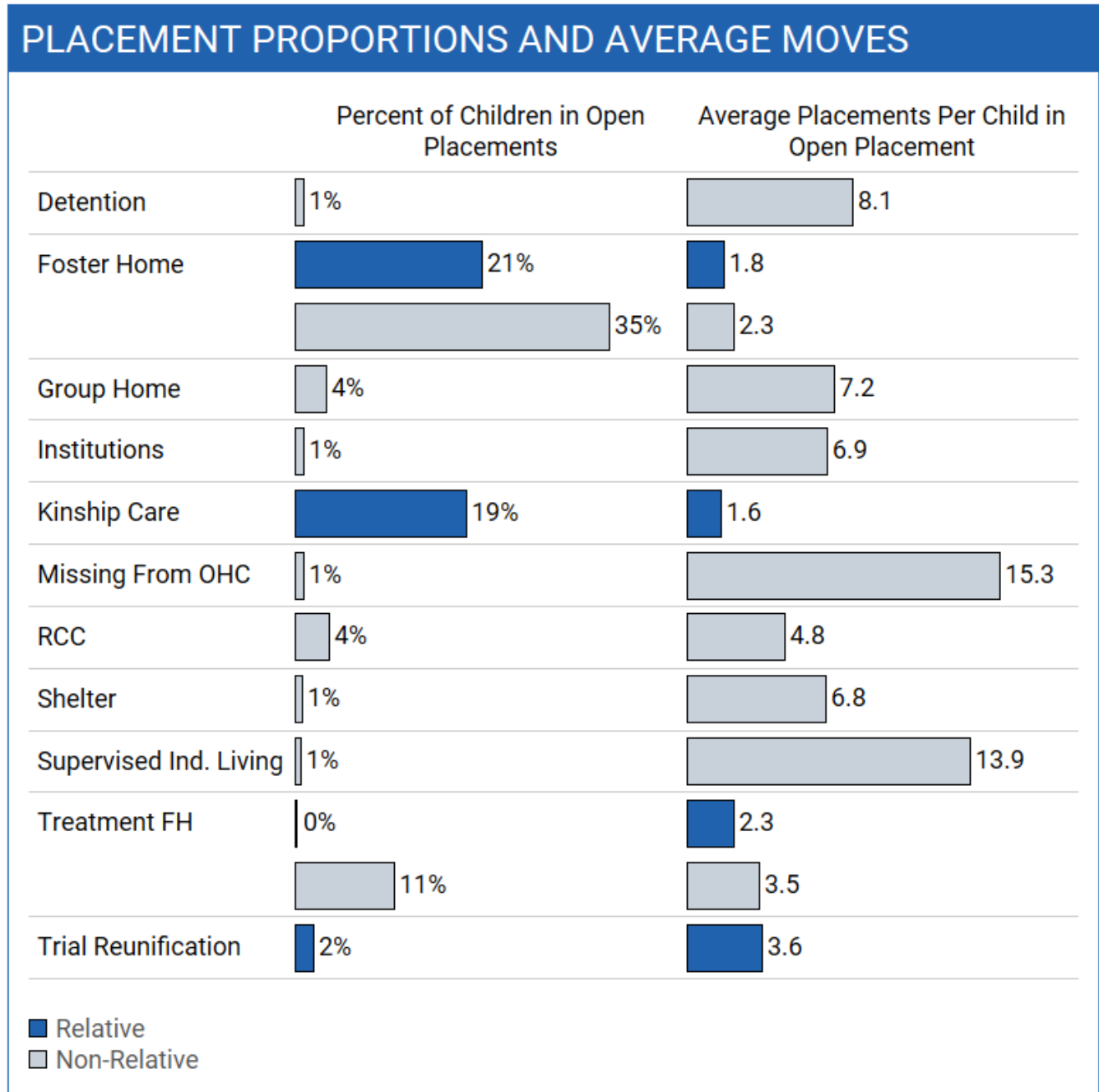
Median length of stay by placement



Placements of children in OHC



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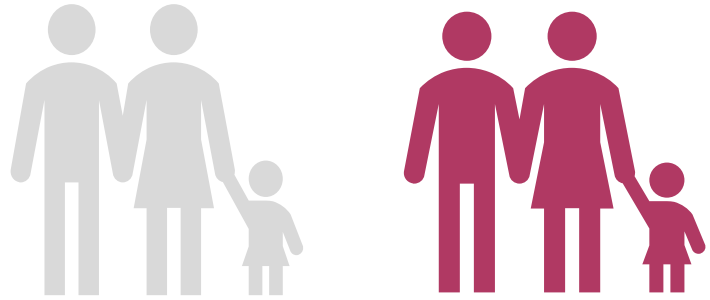


The benefits of placing children with a relative is prevalent throughout a child's experience in OHC. Children in relative settings experience fewer placement moves than children in non-relative settings. Of the children in OHC at the end of the year, those in relative foster homes experienced **1.8** placement moves in their current episode, compared to **4.8** in RCCs and **7.2** in group homes. When children were placed with relatives, they were more likely to return home to their family (**61%**) than when they were placed with a non-relative (**49%**).

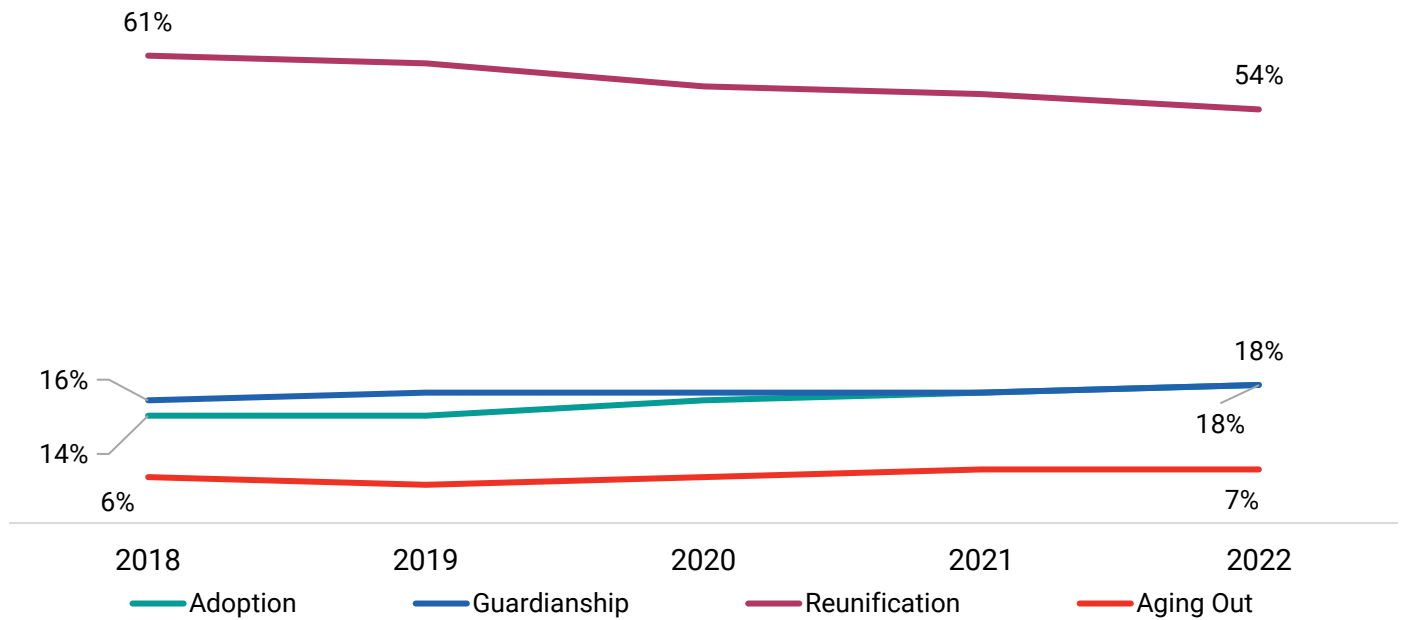
Supporting Children Leaving OHC

Returning children to their families and known communities is the most desirable outcome for children leaving OHC. In 2022, **90%** of children who exited OHC achieved legal permanency. Over the past five years, while children who exited OHC due to adoption and guardianship slightly increased, reunification decreased.

About **50%** of Wisconsin children in OHC return home to their family.



Discharges over time



49% of children exiting OHC were White, **29%** of children were Black/African American, **10%** of children were Hispanic/Latino, **9%** of children were Native American, and **1%** of children were Asian.

In 2022, **61%** of the youth that aged out of OHC were in placements for **over 2 years**.

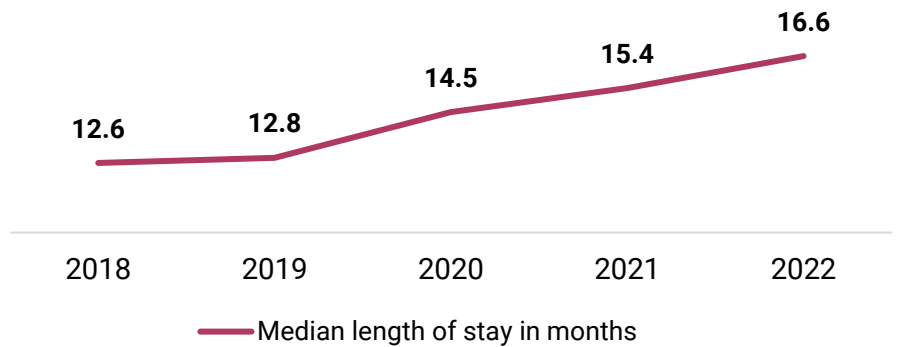
When reunification is not possible, adoption and guardianship are considered other options of legal permanency for the child. In 2022, **18%** of children were adopted and **19%** discharged to guardianship. Just **18%** of adopted children were adopted by a relative.

Supporting Children Leaving OHC

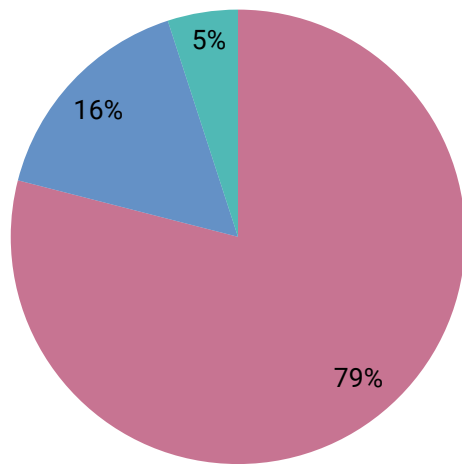
More children exited OHC (**4,294**) than entered (**3,872**) in 2022. This is a **4.5% increase** of exits from 2021. Children have a better chance of thriving when they return to the safety and security of their life back with their families.

Length of stay in OHC has been increasing over the past five years. In 2022, children who exited OHC spent a *median* of **16.6 months** in OHC, while on *average* children spent **21.5 months** in OHC. This means there are some children in OHC much longer than their peers. DCF has decreased the overall OHC population, and in doing so has also decreased children who stay in OHC for shorter lengths of time. This has impacted the overall median as there are more children in OHC staying for longer lengths of time.

How long do children stay in OHC?



Children returning to OHC



■ 1st time in care ■ 2nd time in care ■ 3+ times in care

21% of children in OHC as of December 31, 2022, have been in OHC multiple times throughout their childhood. While the [federal standard](#) for re-entry rate is **8.3%**, Wisconsin's re-entry rate was **10.5%** for children who re-entered OHC within 12 months of returning home.

Racial Disparity in OHC

DCF remains committed to using data to better understand racial disparity in our system. Data on disparity is used in evaluating programs and policies, utilizing and implementing program and policy initiatives to correct inequities and disproportionality for children and families of color in the child welfare system. The data supports that this commitment is critical as significant disproportionality persists throughout the OHC system for children and families of color. Though Wisconsin saw a **6% decrease** in children in OHC compared to 2021, significant racial disparities persist for Black/African American and Native American children.



OHC Disparities in 2022

Black/African American children

- Black/African American children are consistently **overrepresented by 30%** in every facet of the child welfare system.
- Although more children have been leaving OHC, Black/African American children were the only group of children who exited OHC at a rate lower than the number of children that were in OHC. In 2022, while there were **33% Black/African American** children in OHC, just **29% exited** OHC.
- An overwhelming majority of children who went missing from a congregate care setting were **Black/African American girls (67%)**.
- Black/African American children exiting OHC in 2022 had a median episode of **19.9 months**, while all children had a median of **16.6 months**.

Native American children

- Native American children's entry rate is **4x higher** and the OHC rate is **5x higher** than the Native American children living in the state.
- Nearly **30%** of Native American children had prior experience in OHC.

Additional Disparity Data

- Of the youth in OHC at the end of 2022, **525 (8%)** also had a youth justice referral in 2022. Of those, **49% were** White children and **31%** were Black/African American children.
- Though congregate care usage has decreased for all children compared to the prior year, when looking back **five** years, White children saw a **31% decrease**, while **Hispanic/Latino and Asian** children saw an overall **increase** in congregate care settings.
- There was a **25% increase (17)** of Asian children in OHC compared to the prior year.

Frequently Asked Data Points

A total of **10,452** children were served in OHC for CY 2022

Entry into OHC

Total entries in 2022: **3,872**
Total unique number of children entered in 2022: **3,709**

Race and Ethnicity:

White: 1,761, (47%) | **Black/African American:** 1,155, (31%) | **Hispanic:** 333, (9%) | **Native American:** 319, (9%) | **Unknown:** 76, (2%) | **Asian:** 61, (2%) | **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** 4, (0.1%)

Gender/Sex:

Female: 1,760 (47%) | **Male:** 1,949 (53%)

Age:

0-4 : 1,475, (40%) | **5-11:** 1,092, (29%) | **12-14:** 549, (15%) | **15+:** 604 (16%)

Removal Reasons:

Neglect: 2,499, (65% of total entries) | **Caretaker Drug Abuse:** 1,215, (31%) | **Child Behavior Problem:** 675, (17%) | **Incarceration Caretaker:** 464, (12%) | **Physical Abuse:** 407, (11%) | **Caretaker Alcohol Abuse:** 350, (9%) | **Inadequate Housing:** 253, (7%) | **Inability to Cope:** 191, (5%) | **Abandonment:** 119, (3%) | **Sexual Abuse:** 98, (3%) | **Death of Caretaker:** 59, (2%) | **Relinquishment:** 56, (1%) | **Child Drug Abuse:** 42, (1%) | **Child Disability:** 41, (1%) | **Child Alcohol Abuse:** 19, (0.5%)

Children in OHC on 12/31/2022

Children in OHC on 12/31/2022: **6,454**

Race/Ethnicity:

White: 2,897, (45%) | **Black/African American:** 2,115, (33%) | **Native American:** 634, (10%) | **Hispanic:** 615, (10%) | **Unknown:** 105, (2%) | **Asian:** 85, (1%) | **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** 3, (0.1%)

Gender/Sex:

Female: 3,094, (48%) | **Male:** 3,360, (52%)

Age:

0-4 : 2,377, (37%) | **5-11:** 2,164, (34%) | **12-14:** 836, (13%) | **15+:** 1,077, (17%)

Disability:

Total number of children: 1,022, 16% of total OHC population

Total number of disability records: 1,288

Emotionally Dysregulated: 754, (59%) | **Learning Disability:** 115, 9% | **Mental Disability:** 51, 4% | **Other Medically Diagnosed Disability:** 327, 25% | **Physical Disability:** 40, 3% | **Visual/Hearing Impaired:** 1, 0%

Median Length of Stay: 14.6 months

Average Length of Stay: 20.7 months

Children Exiting OHC

Total exits in 2022: **4,294**
Total unique number of children exited in 2022: **4,185**

Race and Ethnicity:

White: 2,051, (49%) | **Black/African American:** 1,223, (29%) | **Hispanic:** 397, (9%) | **Native American:** 387, (9%) | **Unknown:** 77, (2%) | **Asian:** 43, (1%) | **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** 7, (0.2%)

Gender/Sex:

Female: 1,928 (46%) | **Male:** 2,257 (54%)

Age:

0-4 : 1,303, (31%) | **5-11:** 1,321, (32%) | **12-14:** 544, (13%) | **15+:** 1,023 (24%)

Discharge Reason:

Reunification: 2,237, (53%) | **Guardianship:** 782, (19%) | **Adoption:** 772, (18%) | **Aging Out:** 294, (7%) | **Transfer to Another Agency:** Licensed Private, Mental Health, Other Public, Private, Tribal Title IV-E, Youth Justice, and Indian Tribe/Non-IV-E: 42, (1%) | **Living With Other Relatives:** 39, (1%) | **Missing from OHC:** 17, (0.4%) | **Custody Transfer to DHS/Other Institution:** 16, (0.4%) | **Death of Child:** 7, (0.2%)

To compare data from prior years, please see the archived list of OHC Reports on the [Child Welfare Reports and Dashboard page](#).



Appendix A

Out-of-Home Care Provider Types

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 the home of a relative (e.g. voluntary, court-ordered or long-term kinship care) 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. Adoptions occur with both relatives or non-relatives.

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 operated by the Department of Corrections.

Appendix B
Child Age Range by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

County	0 - 4 Years		5 - 11 Years		12 - 14 Years		15 and above		Grand Total	
State Total	2,377	36.8%	2,164	33.5%	836	13.0%	1,077	16.7%	6,454	100.0%
Adams	4	66.7%	1	16.7%	1	16.7%	0	0.0%	6	100.0%
Ashland	9	21.4%	11	26.2%	8	19.0%	14	33.3%	42	100.0%
Barron	24	36.9%	19	29.2%	7	10.8%	15	23.1%	65	100.0%
Bayfield	8	22.2%	17	47.2%	3	8.3%	8	22.2%	36	100.0%
Brown	118	41.4%	105	36.8%	26	9.1%	36	12.6%	285	100.0%
Buffalo	3	27.3%	5	45.5%	3	27.3%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%
Burnett	5	38.5%	3	23.1%	2	15.4%	3	23.1%	13	100.0%
Calumet	3	21.4%	3	21.4%	5	35.7%	3	21.4%	14	100.0%
Chippewa	40	41.2%	29	29.9%	17	17.5%	11	11.3%	97	100.0%
Clark	8	28.6%	9	32.1%	5	17.9%	6	21.4%	28	100.0%
Columbia	9	31.0%	12	41.4%	2	6.9%	6	20.7%	29	100.0%
Crawford	7	50.0%	5	35.7%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	14	100.0%
Dane	72	34.3%	46	21.9%	34	16.2%	58	27.6%	210	100.0%
Dodge	26	32.1%	30	37.0%	12	14.8%	13	16.0%	81	100.0%
Door	6	35.3%	6	35.3%	3	17.6%	2	11.8%	17	100.0%
Douglas	30	27.0%	39	35.1%	29	26.1%	13	11.7%	111	100.0%
Dunn	14	32.6%	16	37.2%	6	14.0%	7	16.3%	43	100.0%
Eau Claire	35	34.3%	27	26.5%	19	18.6%	21	20.6%	102	100.0%
Florence	4	50.0%	2	25.0%	1	12.5%	1	12.5%	8	100.0%
Fond Du Lac	51	31.1%	60	36.6%	22	13.4%	31	18.9%	164	100.0%
Forest	8	38.1%	8	38.1%	4	19.0%	1	4.8%	21	100.0%
Grant	14	35.0%	18	45.0%	5	12.5%	3	7.5%	40	100.0%
Green	4	33.3%	4	33.3%	1	8.3%	3	25.0%	12	100.0%
Green Lake	7	41.2%	8	47.1%	1	5.9%	1	5.9%	17	100.0%
Iron	0	0.0%	5	50.0%	2	20.0%	3	30.0%	10	100.0%
Jackson	23	33.8%	21	30.9%	11	16.2%	13	19.1%	68	100.0%
Jefferson	19	36.5%	18	34.6%	9	17.3%	6	11.5%	52	100.0%
Juneau	17	45.9%	9	24.3%	4	10.8%	7	18.9%	37	100.0%
Kenosha	118	38.9%	120	39.6%	36	11.9%	29	9.6%	303	100.0%
Kewaunee	11	45.8%	9	37.5%	1	4.2%	3	12.5%	24	100.0%
La Crosse	40	47.6%	22	26.2%	7	8.3%	15	17.9%	84	100.0%
Lafayette	6	35.3%	4	23.5%	1	5.9%	6	35.3%	17	100.0%
Langlade	22	37.3%	24	40.7%	7	11.9%	6	10.2%	59	100.0%
Lincoln	16	47.1%	7	20.6%	4	11.8%	7	20.6%	34	100.0%
Manitowoc	53	34.0%	61	39.1%	19	12.2%	23	14.7%	156	100.0%
Marathon	66	45.2%	40	27.4%	18	12.3%	22	15.1%	146	100.0%
Marinette	15	33.3%	17	37.8%	4	8.9%	9	20.0%	45	100.0%
Marquette	4	50.0%	2	25.0%	0	0.0%	2	25.0%	8	100.0%
Menominee	5	33.3%	8	53.3%	1	6.7%	1	6.7%	15	100.0%
Milwaukee	673	37.3%	576	31.9%	225	12.5%	330	18.3%	1,804	100.0%
Monroe	7	20.0%	13	37.1%	4	11.4%	11	31.4%	35	100.0%
Oconto	14	36.8%	14	36.8%	2	5.3%	8	21.1%	38	100.0%
Oneida	22	37.3%	23	39.0%	6	10.2%	8	13.6%	59	100.0%
Outagamie	74	31.1%	103	43.3%	28	11.8%	33	13.9%	238	100.0%
Ozaukee	12	40.0%	12	40.0%	1	3.3%	5	16.7%	30	100.0%
Pepin	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
Pierce	14	43.8%	10	31.3%	5	15.6%	3	9.4%	32	100.0%
Polk	4	21.1%	7	36.8%	6	31.6%	2	10.5%	19	100.0%
Portage	51	47.2%	38	35.2%	10	9.3%	9	8.3%	108	100.0%
Price	4	36.4%	3	27.3%	1	9.1%	3	27.3%	11	100.0%
Racine	46	36.2%	37	29.1%	18	14.2%	26	20.5%	127	100.0%
Richland	9	50.0%	5	27.8%	2	11.1%	2	11.1%	18	100.0%
Rock	37	36.3%	28	27.5%	20	19.6%	17	16.7%	102	100.0%
Rusk	6	54.5%	2	18.2%	3	27.3%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%
Saint Croix	36	35.0%	34	33.0%	15	14.6%	18	17.5%	103	100.0%
Sauk	21	35.6%	17	28.8%	10	16.9%	11	18.6%	59	100.0%
Sawyer	11	34.4%	13	40.6%	5	15.6%	3	9.4%	32	100.0%
Shawano	23	52.3%	12	27.3%	2	4.5%	7	15.9%	44	100.0%
Sheboygan	41	30.8%	40	30.1%	22	16.5%	30	22.6%	133	100.0%
State	115	37.0%	145	46.6%	37	11.9%	14	4.5%	311	100.0%
Taylor	9	31.0%	9	31.0%	4	13.8%	7	24.1%	29	100.0%
Trempealeau	4	19.0%	10	47.6%	0	0.0%	7	33.3%	21	100.0%
Vernon	12	40.0%	7	23.3%	4	13.3%	7	23.3%	30	100.0%
Vilas	18	31.0%	20	34.5%	8	13.8%	12	20.7%	58	100.0%
Walworth	14	33.3%	12	28.6%	5	11.9%	11	26.2%	42	100.0%
Washburn	5	35.7%	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	6	42.9%	14	100.0%
Washington	35	44.3%	18	22.8%	9	11.4%	17	21.5%	79	100.0%

Appendix B
Child Age Range by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

County	0 - 4 Years		5 - 11 Years		12 - 14 Years		15 and above		Grand Total	
Waukesha	34	43.6%	23	29.5%	8	10.3%	13	16.7%	78	100.0%
Waupaca	21	43.8%	13	27.1%	5	10.4%	9	18.8%	48	100.0%
Waushara	11	39.3%	9	32.1%	3	10.7%	5	17.9%	28	100.0%
Winnebago	21	32.8%	24	37.5%	7	10.9%	12	18.8%	64	100.0%
Wood	47	38.2%	34	27.6%	20	16.3%	22	17.9%	123	100.0%

Appendix C
Child Race by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

County	White	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic/Latino	Unknown	Grand Total
State Total	2, 897	2, 115	634	85	*	615	105	6, 454
Adams	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	*
Ashland	11	*	27	0	0	*	*	42
Barron	51	*	*	0	0	*	*	65
Bayfield	*	*	33	0	0	0	0	36
Brown	91	60	97	*	0	28	*	285
Buffalo	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	11
Burnett	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	13
Calumet	*	*	*	0	0	*	0	14
Chippewa	80	*	*	*	0	*	*	97
Clark	23	*	0	*	0	*	0	28
Columbia	18	*	0	0	0	*	0	29
Crawford	13	0	*	0	0	0	0	14
Dane	57	119	*	*	0	23	0	210
Dodge	56	14	*	0	0	10	0	81
Door	10	*	*	0	0	*	*	17
Douglas	67	18	17	0	0	*	*	111
Dunn	33	*	0	*	0	0	*	43
Eau Claire	61	25	*	0	0	*	*	102
Florence	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	*
Fond Du Lac	93	37	12	*	0	20	*	164
Forest	*	0	14	0	0	0	*	21
Grant	38	0	*	0	0	0	0	40
Green	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	12
Green Lake	15	*	0	0	0	0	*	17
Iron	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	10
Jackson	31	*	31	0	0	*	*	68
Jefferson	45	*	0	0	0	*	*	52
Juneau	31	*	0	0	0	*	*	37
Kenosha	93	138	*	*	0	60	*	303
Kewaunee	19	0	*	0	0	*	*	24
La Crosse	51	19	11	*	0	*	0	84
Lafayette	13	*	0	0	0	*	0	17
Langlade	38	*	*	0	0	*	*	59
Lincoln	25	*	*	0	0	*	*	34
Manitowoc	103	24	*	*	0	19	*	156
Marathon	100	16	*	18	0	*	0	146
Marinette	35	*	*	0	0	*	*	45
Marquette	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*
Menominee	0	0	13	0	0	0	*	15
Milwaukee	238	1, 247	63	23	*	197	34	1, 804
Monroe	18	0	*	0	*	*	0	35
Oconto	28	*	*	*	0	*	0	38
Oneida	49	*	*	0	0	*	*	59
Outagamie	126	45	46	0	0	21	0	238
Ozaukee	18	*	*	*	0	*	*	30
Pepin	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	*
Pierce	24	*	*	0	0	*	0	32
Polk	14	*	*	0	0	0	0	19
Portage	81	*	*	*	0	*	*	108
Price	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Racine	34	74	*	0	0	15	0	127
Richland	16	*	0	0	0	*	0	18
Rock	72	20	*	0	0	*	0	102
Rusk	*	*	0	0	0	*	0	11
Saint Croix	80	*	*	0	0	*	*	103
Sauk	36	*	*	0	0	*	*	59
Sawyer	*	*	23	*	0	0	0	32
Shawano	19	0	23	0	0	*	0	44
Sheboygan	53	24	*	10	0	35	*	133
State	181	73	20	*	0	31	*	311
Taylor	20	*	*	0	0	*	*	29
Trempealeau	19	0	*	0	0	*	0	21
Vernon	25	*	0	0	0	*	0	30
Vilas	15	0	43	0	0	0	0	58
Walworth	33	*	0	0	0	*	*	42

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

Appendix C
Child Race by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

County	White	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic/Latino	Unknown	Grand Total
Washburn	11	0	*	0	0	*	0	14
Washington	67	*	*	0	0	*	*	79
Waukesha	46	18	*	*	0	*	*	78
Waupaca	41	*	*	0	0	*	*	48
Waushara	17	0	0	0	0	11	0	28
Winnebago	40	16	0	0	0	*	0	64
Wood	93	19	*	0	0	*	*	123

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

Appendix D
Placement Setting Occurrences
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

	Placement Setting	Count	Percent
Relative Foster Care/Kinship	Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	1,227	19.0%
	Foster Family Home - Relative	773	12.0%
	Relative - Unlicensed	584	9.0%
	Trial Reunification	128	2.0%
	Treatment Foster Home - Relative	15	0.2%
	Total	2,727	42.3%
Non-Relative Foster Care	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	2,088	32.4%
	Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	718	11.1%
	Non-Relative-Unlicensed	99	1.5%
	Pre-Adoptive Home	70	1.1%
	Receiving Home	5	0.1%
	Total	2,980	46.2%
Congregate Care	RCC - QRTP	186	2.9%
	Group Home	151	2.3%
	GH - QRTP	74	1.1%
	RCC	62	1.0%
	Total	473	7.3%
Other	Missing From Out-of-Home Care	65	1.0%
	Detention	61	0.9%
	Juvenile Correctional Facility	42	0.7%
	Shelter	40	0.6%
	Supervised Independent Living	39	0.6%
	Hospital	16	0.2%
	Reception Center - Shelter	6	0.1%
	Reception Center - Detention	3	0.0%
	Adult Corrections	2	0.0%
Total	274	4.2%	
State Total	6,454	100.0%	

Appendix E
Placement Setting by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

County	Relative Foster Care/Kinship		Non-Relative Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other		Grand Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
State Total	2,727	42.3%	2,980	46.2%	473	7.3%	274	4.2%	6,454	100.0%
Adams	1	16.7%	5	83.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	100.0%
Ashland	18	42.9%	16	38.1%	8	19.0%	0	0.0%	42	100.0%
Barron	28	43.1%	29	44.6%	7	10.8%	1	1.5%	65	100.0%
Bayfield	24	66.7%	10	27.8%	1	2.8%	1	2.8%	36	100.0%
Brown	128	44.9%	136	47.7%	9	3.2%	12	4.2%	285	100.0%
Buffalo	3	27.3%	8	72.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%
Burnett	4	30.8%	7	53.8%	0	0.0%	2	15.4%	13	100.0%
Calumet	7	50.0%	6	42.9%	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	14	100.0%
Chippewa	41	42.3%	46	47.4%	8	8.2%	2	2.1%	97	100.0%
Clark	13	46.4%	13	46.4%	2	7.1%	0	0.0%	28	100.0%
Columbia	14	48.3%	14	48.3%	0	0.0%	1	3.4%	29	100.0%
Crawford	10	71.4%	3	21.4%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	14	100.0%
Dane	71	33.8%	110	52.4%	17	8.1%	12	5.7%	210	100.0%
Dodge	24	29.6%	49	60.5%	7	8.6%	1	1.2%	81	100.0%
Door	3	17.6%	13	76.5%	1	5.9%	0	0.0%	17	100.0%
Douglas	57	51.4%	40	36.0%	9	8.1%	5	4.5%	111	100.0%
Dunn	17	39.5%	24	55.8%	0	0.0%	2	4.7%	43	100.0%
Eau Claire	30	29.4%	60	58.8%	9	8.8%	3	2.9%	102	100.0%
Florence	6	75.0%	2	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	100.0%
Fond Du Lac	76	46.3%	73	44.5%	7	4.3%	8	4.9%	164	100.0%
Forest	15	71.4%	4	19.0%	2	9.5%	0	0.0%	21	100.0%
Grant	14	35.0%	22	55.0%	4	10.0%	0	0.0%	40	100.0%
Green	3	25.0%	7	58.3%	1	8.3%	1	8.3%	12	100.0%
Green Lake	13	76.5%	4	23.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17	100.0%
Iron	1	10.0%	8	80.0%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	10	100.0%
Jackson	43	63.2%	20	29.4%	4	5.9%	1	1.5%	68	100.0%
Jefferson	21	40.4%	28	53.8%	2	3.8%	1	1.9%	52	100.0%
Juneau	7	18.9%	28	75.7%	2	5.4%	0	0.0%	37	100.0%
Kenosha	133	43.9%	137	45.2%	13	4.3%	20	6.6%	303	100.0%
Kewaunee	14	58.3%	7	29.2%	3	12.5%	0	0.0%	24	100.0%
La Crosse	44	52.4%	30	35.7%	5	6.0%	5	6.0%	84	100.0%
Lafayette	9	52.9%	3	17.6%	4	23.5%	1	5.9%	17	100.0%
Langlade	20	33.9%	35	59.3%	3	5.1%	1	1.7%	59	100.0%
Lincoln	23	67.6%	8	23.5%	2	5.9%	1	2.9%	34	100.0%
Manitowoc	79	50.6%	68	43.6%	8	5.1%	1	0.6%	156	100.0%
Marathon	66	45.2%	72	49.3%	6	4.1%	2	1.4%	146	100.0%
Marinette	14	31.1%	25	55.6%	6	13.3%	0	0.0%	45	100.0%
Marquette	3	37.5%	3	37.5%	2	25.0%	0	0.0%	8	100.0%
Menominee	13	86.7%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	100.0%
Milwaukee	767	42.5%	776	43.0%	152	8.4%	109	6.0%	1,804	100.0%
Monroe	11	31.4%	12	34.3%	10	28.6%	2	5.7%	35	100.0%
Oconto	17	44.7%	16	42.1%	2	5.3%	3	7.9%	38	100.0%
Oneida	34	57.6%	20	33.9%	2	3.4%	3	5.1%	59	100.0%
Outagamie	104	43.7%	113	47.5%	13	5.5%	8	3.4%	238	100.0%
Ozaukee	11	36.7%	13	43.3%	6	20.0%	0	0.0%	30	100.0%
Pepin	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
Pierce	14	43.8%	17	53.1%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	32	100.0%
Polk	10	52.6%	4	21.1%	5	26.3%	0	0.0%	19	100.0%
Portage	58	53.7%	46	42.6%	3	2.8%	1	0.9%	108	100.0%
Price	5	45.5%	4	36.4%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%
Racine	58	45.7%	51	40.2%	5	3.9%	13	10.2%	127	100.0%
Richland	8	44.4%	7	38.9%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%	18	100.0%
Rock	36	35.3%	42	41.2%	11	10.8%	13	12.7%	102	100.0%
Rusk	6	54.5%	4	36.4%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%
Saint Croix	59	57.3%	32	31.1%	5	4.9%	7	6.8%	103	100.0%
Sauk	30	50.8%	22	37.3%	5	8.5%	2	3.4%	59	100.0%
Sawyer	14	43.8%	12	37.5%	6	18.8%	0	0.0%	32	100.0%
Shawano	28	63.6%	15	34.1%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	44	100.0%
Sheboygan	44	33.1%	70	52.6%	14	10.5%	5	3.8%	133	100.0%

Note: Below are the placement settings included in different categories-
> Relative FC/Kinship: Foster Family Home (Relative), Kinship care-court ordered, relative-unlicensed, trial reunification, treatment foster home - relative.
> Non-Relative FC: Foster family home (non-relative),non-relative-unlicensed, pre-adoptive home, receiving home, treatment foster home - non relative.
> Congregate Care: Group home, GH - QRTP, RCC, and RCC - QRTP.
> Other: Adult corrections, detention, hospital, juvenile correctional facility, missing from out-of-home care, reception center detention, supervised independent living, reception center shelter, and shelter.

Appendix E
Placement Setting by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2022

County	Relative Foster Care/Kinship		Non-Relative Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other		Grand Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
State	59	19.0%	245	78.8%	7	2.3%	0	0.0%	311	100.0%
Taylor	17	58.6%	8	27.6%	2	6.9%	2	6.9%	29	100.0%
Trempealeau	11	52.4%	7	33.3%	2	9.5%	1	4.8%	21	100.0%
Vernon	11	36.7%	12	40.0%	6	20.0%	1	3.3%	30	100.0%
Vilas	17	29.3%	34	58.6%	6	10.3%	1	1.7%	58	100.0%
Walworth	16	38.1%	19	45.2%	3	7.1%	4	9.5%	42	100.0%
Washburn	9	64.3%	3	21.4%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	14	100.0%
Washington	21	26.6%	40	50.6%	16	20.3%	2	2.5%	79	100.0%
Waukesha	39	50.0%	33	42.3%	3	3.8%	3	3.8%	78	100.0%
Waupaca	25	52.1%	19	39.6%	1	2.1%	3	6.3%	48	100.0%
Waushara	12	42.9%	10	35.7%	4	14.3%	2	7.1%	28	100.0%
Winnebago	21	32.8%	32	50.0%	8	12.5%	3	4.7%	64	100.0%
Wood	43	35.0%	67	54.5%	12	9.8%	1	0.8%	123	100.0%

Note: Below are the placement settings included in different categories-

- > Relative FC/Kinship: Foster Family Home (Relative), Kinship care-court ordered, relative-unlicensed, trial reunification, treatment foster home - relative.
- > Non-Relative FC: Foster family home (non-relative), non-relative-unlicensed, pre-adoptive home, receiving home, treatment foster home - non relative.
- > Congregate Care: Group home, GH - QRTP, RCC, and RCC - QRTP.
- > Other: Adult corrections, detention, hospital, juvenile correctional facility, missing from out-of-home care, reception center detention, supervised independent living, reception center shelter, and shelter.

Appendix F
Placement Setting Occurrences
by Race/Ethnicity
December 31, 2022

Placement Setting		White	Black/African American	Native American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	Grand Total
Relative Foster Care/Kinship	Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	507	424	126	116	32	0	22	1,227
	Foster Family Home - Relative	372	195	108	81	4	0	13	773
	Relative - Unlicensed	288	169	58	53	8	1	7	584
	Trial Reunification	75	28	14	7	0	0	4	128
	Treatment Foster Home - Relative	2	11	2	0	0	0	0	15
	Total	1,244	827	308	257	44	1	46	2,727
Non-Relative Foster Care	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	1,024	594	189	207	29	2	43	2,088
	Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	240	323	71	74	4	0	6	718
	Non-Relative-Unlicensed	45	35	14	3	1	0	1	99
	Pre-Adoptive Home	44	17	2	4	0	0	3	70
	Receiving Home	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Total	1,353	974	276	288	34	2	53	2,980
Congregate Care	RCC - QRTP	124	29	15	13	3	0	2	186
	Group Home	42	82	8	16	3	0	0	151
	GH - QRTP	28	30	4	10	1	0	1	74
	RCC	27	26	4	4	0	0	1	62
	Total	221	167	31	43	7	0	4	473
Other	Missing From Out-of-Home Care	11	50	0	4	0	0	0	65
	Detention	21	25	6	7	0	0	2	61
	Juvenile Correctional Facility	13	17	6	6	0	0	0	42
	Shelter	18	15	4	3	0	0	0	40
	Supervised Independent Living	6	28	1	4	0	0	0	39
	Hospital	8	4	2	2	0	0	0	16
	Reception Center - Shelter	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Reception Center - Detention	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
	Adult Corrections	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	79	147	19	27	0	0	2	274	
State Total	2,897	2,115	634	615	85	3	105	6,454	

Appendix G
Entry Rate per 1,000 Children by County
Rate of child population entering into Out-of-Home Care
CY 2022

County	Estimated 2020 WI Child Population, ages 0-17	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
Statewide	1,258,524	3,709	2.9
Adams	2,832	2	0.7
Ashland	3,345	26	7.8
Barron	9,654	47	4.9
Bayfield	2,630	16	6.1
Brown	61,790	236	3.8
Buffalo	2,614	10	3.8
Burnett	2,621	15	5.7
Calumet	11,463	6	0.5
Chippewa	14,021	47	3.4
Clark	10,259	18	1.8
Columbia	12,003	19	1.6
Crawford	3,188	10	3.1
Dane	110,215	187	1.7
Dodge	16,898	33	2.0
Door	4,496	21	4.7
Douglas	8,437	78	9.2
Dunn	8,723	51	5.8
Eau Claire	21,076	74	3.5
Florence	613	1	1.6
Fond Du Lac	21,669	89	4.1
Forest	1,718	14	8.1
Grant	10,676	36	3.4
Green	7,930	11	1.4
Green Lake	4,127	19	4.6
Iowa	5,205	0	0.0
Iron	869	1	1.2
Jackson	4,420	45	10.2
Jefferson	17,317	33	1.9
Juneau	5,353	26	4.9
Kenosha	37,450	222	5.9
Kewaunee	4,235	17	4.0
La Crosse	23,103	39	1.7
Lafayette	3,993	9	2.3
Langlade	3,709	38	10.2
Lincoln	4,959	26	5.2
Manitowoc	16,015	74	4.6
Marathon	30,696	66	2.2
Marinette	7,613	24	3.2
Marquette	2,961	10	3.4
Menominee	1,511	0	0.0
Milwaukee	224,058	809	3.6
Monroe	11,677	20	1.7
Oconto	7,689	25	3.3
Oneida	6,099	45	7.4
Outagamie	43,675	90	2.1
Ozaukee	18,941	36	1.9
Pepin	1,571	6	3.8
Pierce	8,682	26	3.0
Polk	8,856	37	4.2
Portage	13,439	55	4.1
Price	2,339	12	5.1
Racine	44,587	109	2.4
Richland	3,680	11	3.0
Rock	36,951	73	2.0
Rusk	2,824	10	3.5
Sauk	14,555	42	2.9
Sawyer	3,180	17	5.3
Shawano	8,665	29	3.3
Sheboygan	25,049	60	2.4
St. Croix	22,212	97	4.4
Taylor	4,646	26	5.6
Trempealeau	7,485	13	1.7
Vernon	7,990	20	2.5
Vilas	3,717	25	6.7
Walworth	20,805	28	1.3
Washburn	2,873	12	4.2
Washington	29,082	58	2.0
Waukesha	85,747	48	0.6
Waupaca	10,278	38	3.7
Waushara	4,322	14	3.2

Note: Children are counted only once per year even if they entered OHC multiple times.
Per capita measures in the 2022 report use data from the 2020 Office of Juvenile Justice 2020 Easy Access Population Profile as the denominator.

Appendix G
Entry Rate per 1,000 Children by County
Rate of child population entering into Out-of-Home Care
CY 2022

County	Estimated 2020 WI Child Population, ages 0-17	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
Winnebago	34,759	41	1.2
Wood	15,684	83	5.3

Note: Children are counted only once per year even if they entered OHC multiple times.
 Per capita measures in the 2022 report use data from the 2020 Office of Juvenile Justice 2020 Easy Access Population Profile as the denominator.

Appendix H
Entries and Exits
Children Entering and Exiting from Out-of-Home Care by County
CY 2022

County	Children Entering	Children Exiting	Difference
Statewide	3,872	4,294	(422)
Adams	2	3	(1)
Ashland	27	23	4
Barron	47	50	(3)
Bayfield	16	29	(13)
Brown	262	285	(23)
Buffalo	16	15	1
Burnett	15	12	3
Calumet	6	11	(5)
Chippewa	47	56	(9)
Clark	18	12	6
Columbia	22	26	(4)
Crawford	11	11	0
Dane	211	189	22
Dodge	33	36	(3)
Door	21	18	3
Douglas	81	50	31
Dunn	52	36	16
Eau Claire	79	83	(4)
Florence	1	1	0
Fond Du Lac	92	67	25
Forest	14	14	0
Grant	37	24	13
Green	12	9	3
Green Lake	19	13	6
Iowa	0	4	(4)
Iron	1	6	(5)
Jackson	46	24	22
Jefferson	33	39	(6)
Juneau	26	17	9
Kenosha	228	122	106
Kewaunee	17	15	2
La Crosse	39	39	0
Lafayette	9	6	3
Langlade	39	40	(1)
Lincoln	27	55	(28)
Manitowoc	81	94	(13)
Marathon	66	99	(33)
Marinette	26	22	4
Marquette	15	14	1
Menominee	0	6	(6)
Milwaukee	821	868	(47)
Monroe	20	31	(11)
Oconto	29	31	(2)
Oneida	49	46	3
Outagamie	91	105	(14)
Ozaukee	36	27	9
Pepin	6	9	(3)
Pierce	27	26	1
Polk	40	54	(14)
Portage	59	36	23
Price	12	20	(8)
Racine	110	106	4
Richland	13	11	2
Rock	78	89	(11)
Rusk	11	28	(17)
Saint Croix	104	80	24
Sauk	44	32	12
Sawyer	17	15	2
Shawano	30	27	3
Sheboygan	61	64	(3)
State	0	518	(518)
Taylor	26	11	15
Trempealeau	13	14	(1)

Note: This appendix counts the number of episodes a child entered and exited OHC in 2022. If a child entered and exited care more than once during 2022, they will be counted for each entry and exit.

Appendix H
Entries and Exits
Children Entering and Exiting from Out-of-Home Care by County
CY 2022

County	Children Entering	Children Exiting	Difference
Vernon	20	12	8
Vilas	25	18	7
Walworth	28	30	(2)
Washburn	13	15	(2)
Washington	58	51	7
Waukesha	54	61	(7)
Waupaca	40	31	9
Waushara	14	13	1
Winnebago	43	77	(34)
Wood	86	63	23

Note: This appendix counts the number of episodes a child entered and exited OHC in 2022. If a child entered and exited care more than once during 2022, they will be counted for each entry and exit.

Appendix I

ICWA and Native American Status

A child's and provider's Native American status is determined based on race, ethnicity, or ICWA status. Below are the eWisACWIS documentation guidelines for ICWA and Native American status:

ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act)

In eWisACWIS, there are up to three Tribal Membership statuses documented for a child/provider. ICWA status for a child/provider is determined based on these statuses, as identified below –

- ICWA Child/Provider status is set to 'Yes', when the Tribal Membership status is any of the following –
 - (a) Member
 - (b) Eligible for membership, not a member
 - (c) Pending
- ICWA Child/Provider status is set to 'No', when any of the Tribal Membership status is 'Not eligible for membership'
- ICWA Child/Provider status is set to 'Unknown', when there is no information documented for a child for Tribal Membership status. In absence of any information, the status cannot be identified and is set to 'Unknown'.

Native American

In eWisACWIS, there are up to five different races documented for a child. Native American status for a child/provider is determined based on race, ethnicity or ICWA status for a child/provider, as identified below –

Native American child/provider status is set to 'Yes', when any of the following is true –

- Child/Provider race is 'American Indian/Alaska Native' (across all five races) or
- Child/Provider ethnicity is 'Native American' or
- Child/Provider ICWA status is 'Yes'. (Refer to the explanation above on how to determine ICWA child)

Native American child/provider status is set to 'No', when child/provider's race, ethnicity and ICWA status do not match the required information as outlined above.

Appendix J

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 their 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 their 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. 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)
- Court Ordered Kinship Care
- Shelter care
- Detention
- Trial reunification
- Supervised independent living
- Hospital/Mental Health facility
- Missing from OHC

A child or youth is considered Missing from OHC when they are under the placement and care responsibility of the department or a county agency, living in an OHC setting, and any of the following criteria are met:

- The child or youth has been missing for 8 hours or for a period of time that cannot reasonably be justified by the child or youth's age, maturity, or emotional capacity as well as documenting the child's or youth's missing episode in eWisACWIS within 24 hours.
- When efforts to locate the child or youth have been unsuccessful.
- When it is known or suspected that a child or youth has been taken by force or coercion.
- When the child or youth is in the company of an unauthorized person or located in an unauthorized place.

Removal: A child's placement episode begins with the date of the child's removal from their 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.

Use of Average vs. Median: The OHC report uses both calculations of average and median. While similar, each formula can provide a different perspective. An average provides a number that represents the entire dataset, including outliers. When outliers exist in a dataset, they can bring an average up or down. For example, if a child has been in OHC for many years, that long episode will make the average length of stay for the entire dataset longer. A median provides the value of the middle of the dataset. For example, if a majority of children in OHC are in placement for 13 months, the median would be 13 months, regardless of any outliers of children with particularly long episodes.