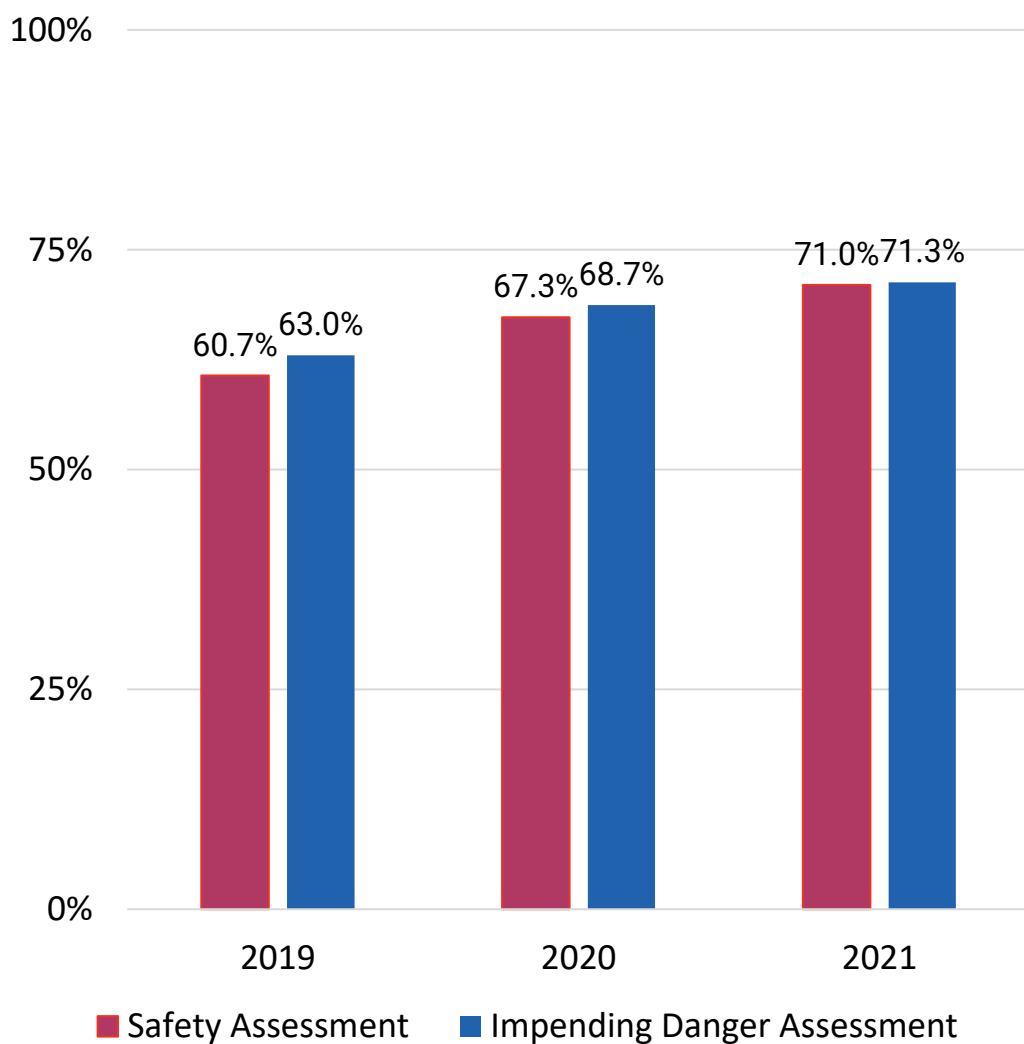


Safety Assessment & Impending Danger

IA Case Record Review Results 2019 - 2021



Impending Danger

One critical part of an Initial Assessment (IA) is to determine if there is an Impending Danger Threat (IDT). An IDT is a foreseeable state of danger in which family behaviors, attitudes, motives, emotions and/or situations pose a threat that may not be currently active but can be anticipated to have severe effects to one child at any time in the near future. When Impending Danger is identified the agency ensures safety through an in-home safety plan or placing a child in out-of-home care.

Safety Assessment

At the conclusion of the IA, the agency must make a determination of whether child(ren) in home are safe or unsafe based on whether danger threat(s) exist within the family or there is a protective adult in the home to control for the safety threat(s).

Summary of Safety Assessment: Statewide, there has been improvement in Safety Assessments. In 2019, 60.7% (182 of 300) of cases had a Safety Assessment consistent with Standards. This increased to 71.0% (213 of 300) in 2021.

Summary of Impending Danger: Statewide, there has also been improvement in the assessment of Impending Danger. In 2019, 63.0% (189 of 300) of cases had an Impending Danger Assessment consistent with Standards. This increased to 71.3% (214 of 300) in 2021. Of the cases that were not consistent with Standards, about one-third indicated there was *Not Enough Information*.

