

Wisconsin Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report

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2024



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

The Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report provides an overview of children placed in OHC throughout the 2024 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) 2024 and on December 31, 2024. 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.

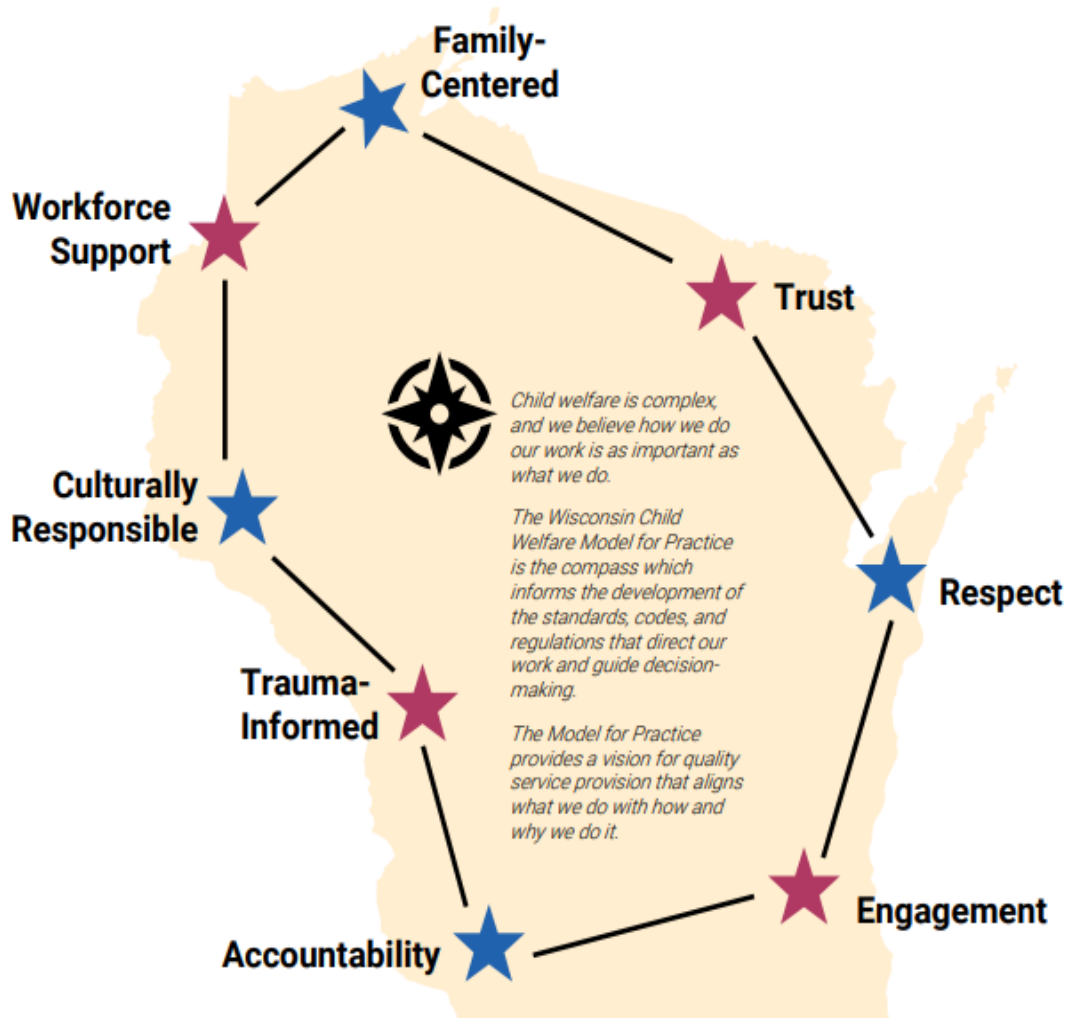
Wisconsin remains committed to continued improvements in putting families first and reducing racial disproportionality throughout the system. In 2024, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) invested \$30 million in in-home support services, ranging from Target Safety Support Funds (TSSF), Home Visiting (HV), and Family First Funds. Between 2020 and 2024, Wisconsin removed **2 fewer** children per day and decreased the overall number of children served in OHC by **17%**. It is worth noting that the OHC Report consistently measures metrics over a five-year period. This report contains data from 2020 which was an anomalous year due to the COVID-19 pandemic in which Wisconsin had record low removal numbers.



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

Wisconsin Child Welfare Model for Practice

Putting Families First

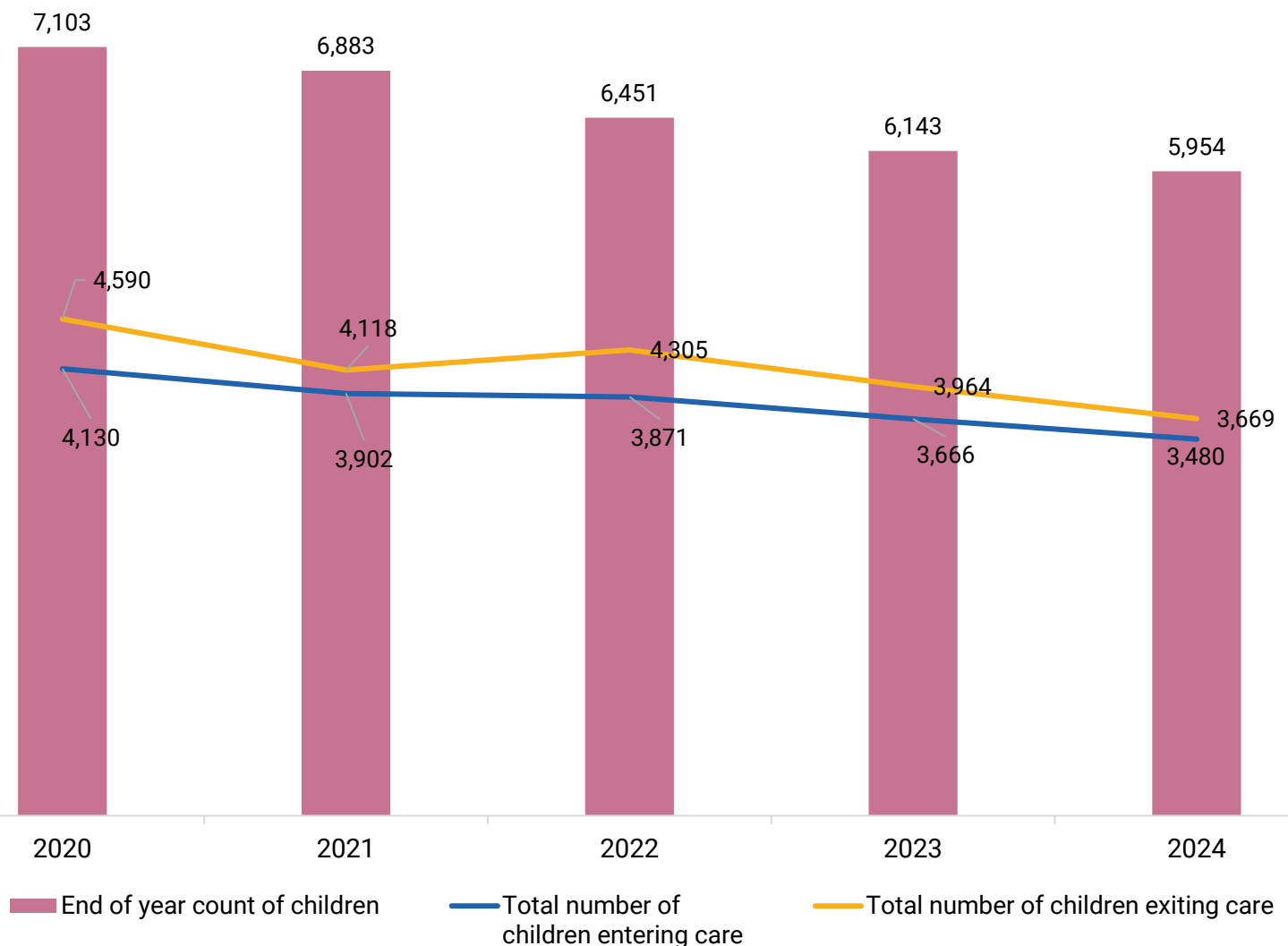


Wisconsin's child welfare services help children thrive in safe environments and empower families to provide safe, permanent, and nurturing homes for their children. Local communities and their child welfare agencies and families, with the support and guidance from federal and state partners, do this 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 **9,386** children had an OHC stay in 2024, representing a **17%** reduction since 2020. In this same time frame, Wisconsin has seen a **16%** decrease in children entering OHC. The number of children in OHC has declined for the past **seven** consecutive years.

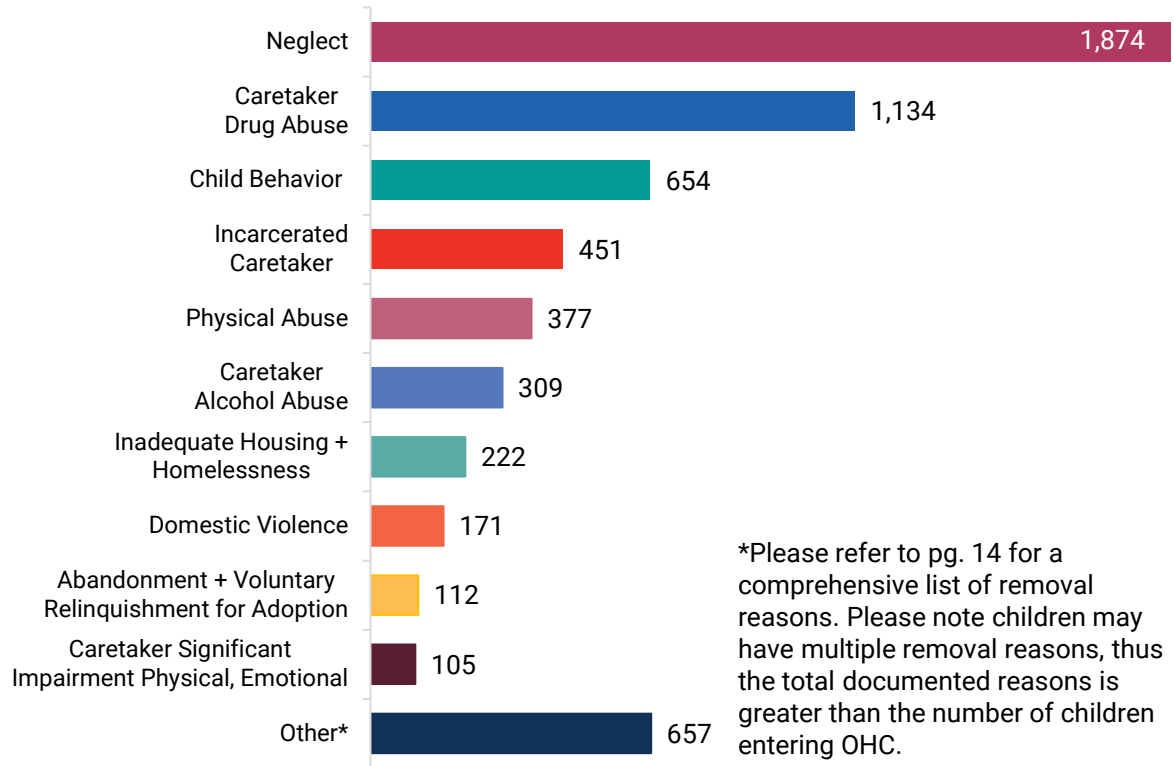
As of December 31, 2024, **5,954** children were in OHC in Wisconsin.



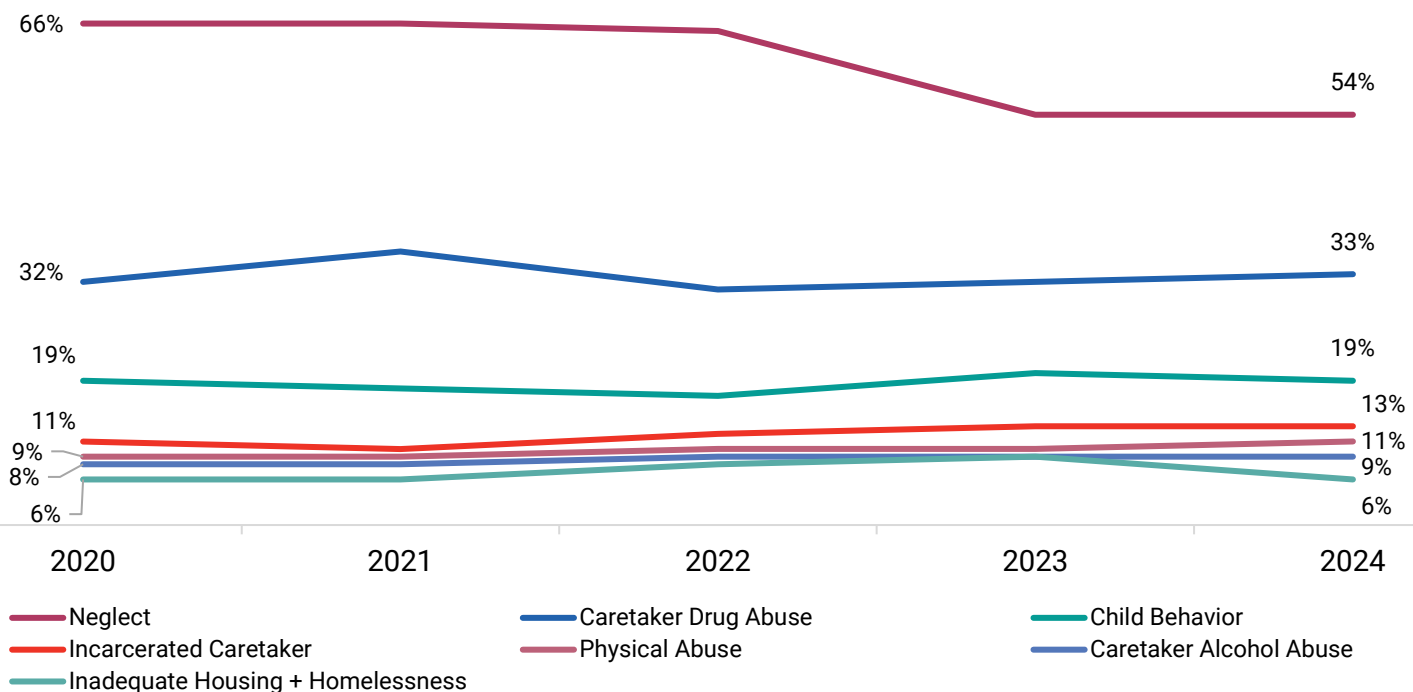
Who is entering OHC?

Over the last decade, neglect has continued to be the primary reason identified for removal. While the percentage of children entering OHC due to neglect has decreased from **65%** in 2022 to **54%** in 2024, it remains the most prevalent reason for child removal and entry into OHC. There was a decrease from **8%** to **6%** of children entering OHC due to housing challenges.

Why are children entering into OHC?

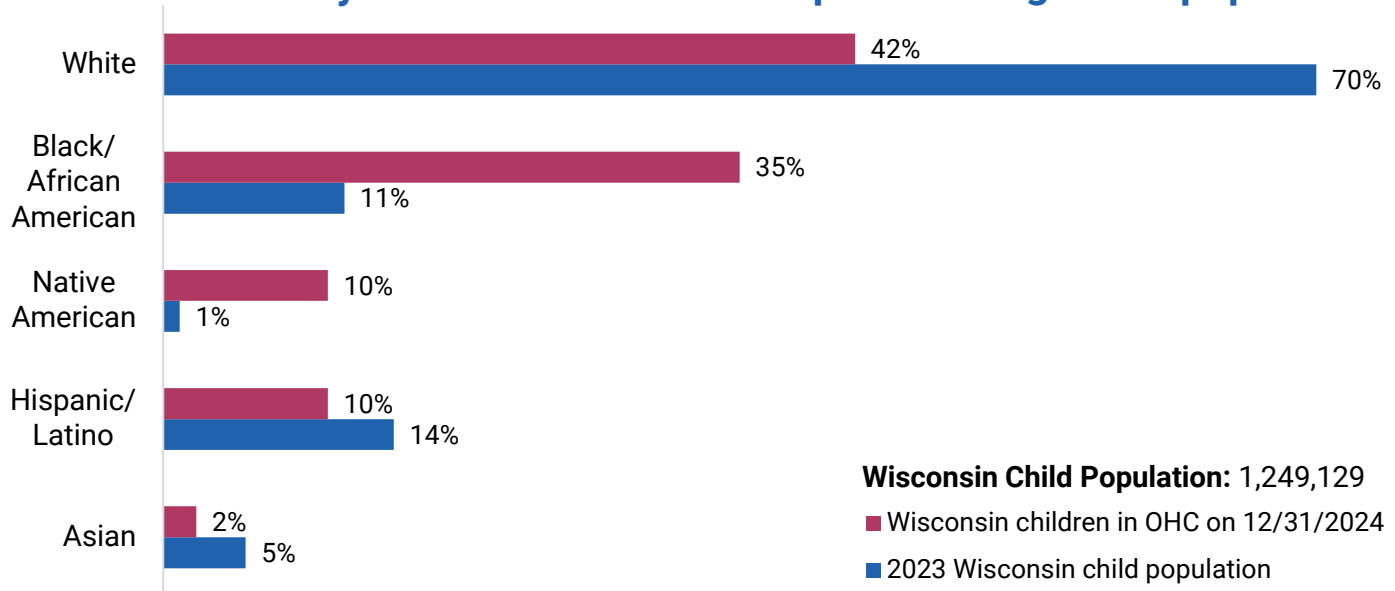


Trends of the top seven removal reason rates of the past 5 years



Who is in OHC?

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



The data on this page are a count of **5,954** children residing in OHC on 12/31/2024.

Although the overall number of children in OHC decreased from 2020 to 2024, the population of Black/African American children in OHC proportionally increased from **32% to 35%** in that same timeframe. The Black/African American children's entry and OHC placement rate is **3 times** higher than the Black/African American children living in the state. Similarly, the Native American children's entry and OHC rate is **8 times higher⁺** than the Native American children living in the state.

The majority (**69%**) 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% (2) and 2% (90), respectively, of children in OHC.

[^]The Wisconsin Child Population is as of 2023 from the Office of Juvenile Justice (OOJJ) Easy Access Population Profile.

+In conjunction with updated OOJJ's census collection, the racial disparity analyses has also been updated to reflect current DSP methodology.

3% of children entering OHC are children with a previous adoption. This has remained consistent over the past five years. Over **60%** of this group of children entered directly into a congregate care, shelter, and detention placements.

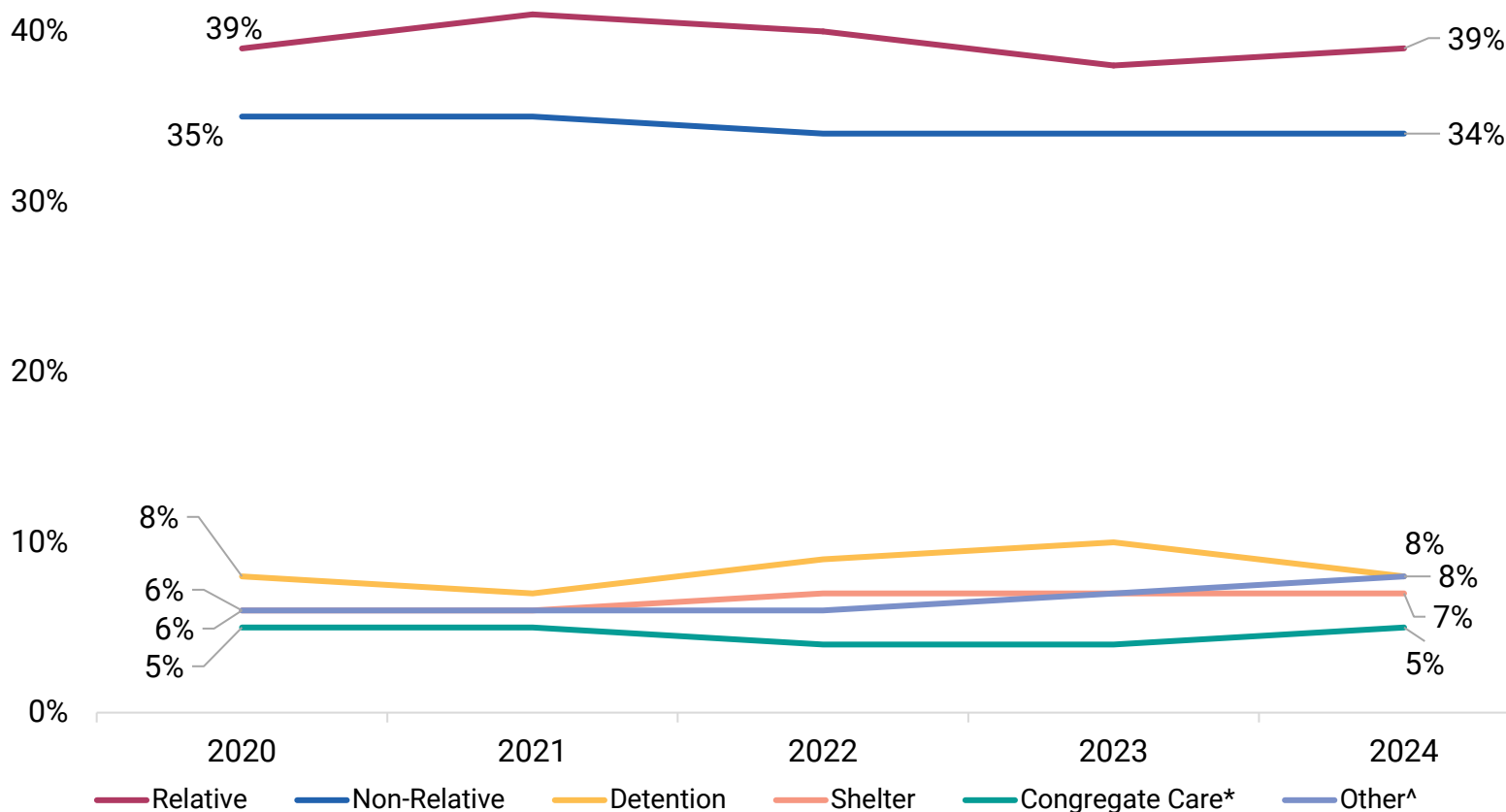
Disparities are prevalent for children who re-enter OHC post-adoption, disproportionately affecting Black/African American and Native American children. In 2024, Black/African American children comprised **35%** of OHC entries and comprised **32%** of re-entries post-adoption.



Initial Placement Impacts Child's Experience in OHC

In 2024, **61%** of children in Wisconsin were not placed with a relative when they first entered OHC. While this demonstrates a slight increase in placing children with a relative when they first enter OHC, the majority of children entering OHC are placed with non-relative and facility-based settings. 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?



Total : **3,480**

Governor Evers signed 2023 Wisconsin Act 119 into law on March 14, 2024, aimed to keep more children with family and like-kin caregivers. This legislation was effective January 1, 2025, and therefore, it is not currently reflected in this year's report.

*Congregate care placements include RCCs and Group Homes.

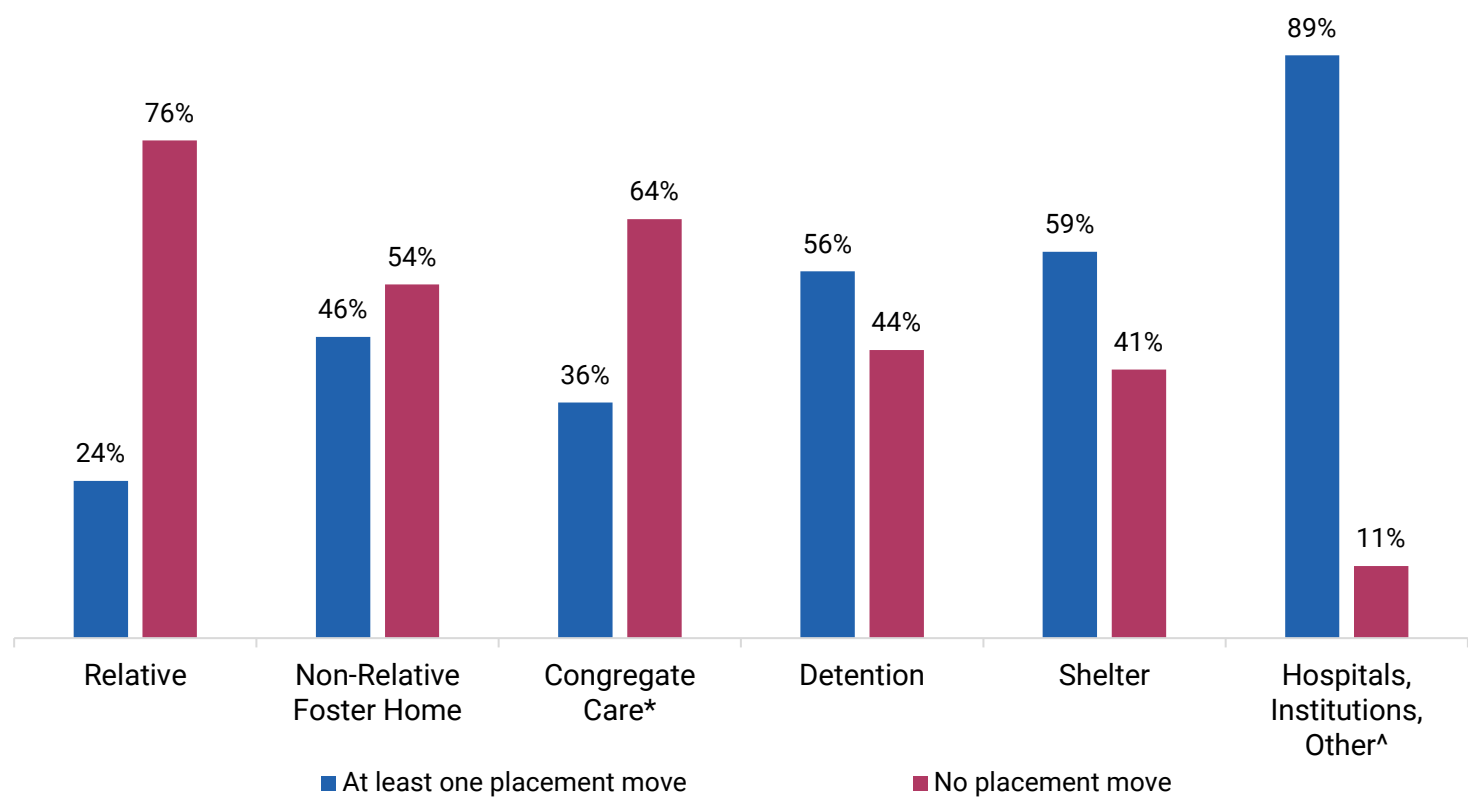
^Other placements include Institutions, Supervised Independent Living, and Missing from OHC placements.



Initial Placement Impacts Child's Experience in OHC

When children are placed with relatives, they are less likely to experience subsequent placement moves. In 2024, of all children initially placed with a relative, **76%** did not experience any placement changes during 2024. This is an increase of **2 percentage points** from the previous year.

Children's stability in OHC impacted by initial placement



In 2024, children **initially** placed with a non-relative foster home changed placements twice as often as children initially placed with a relative. Children initially placed in non-family settings fared worse. 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.

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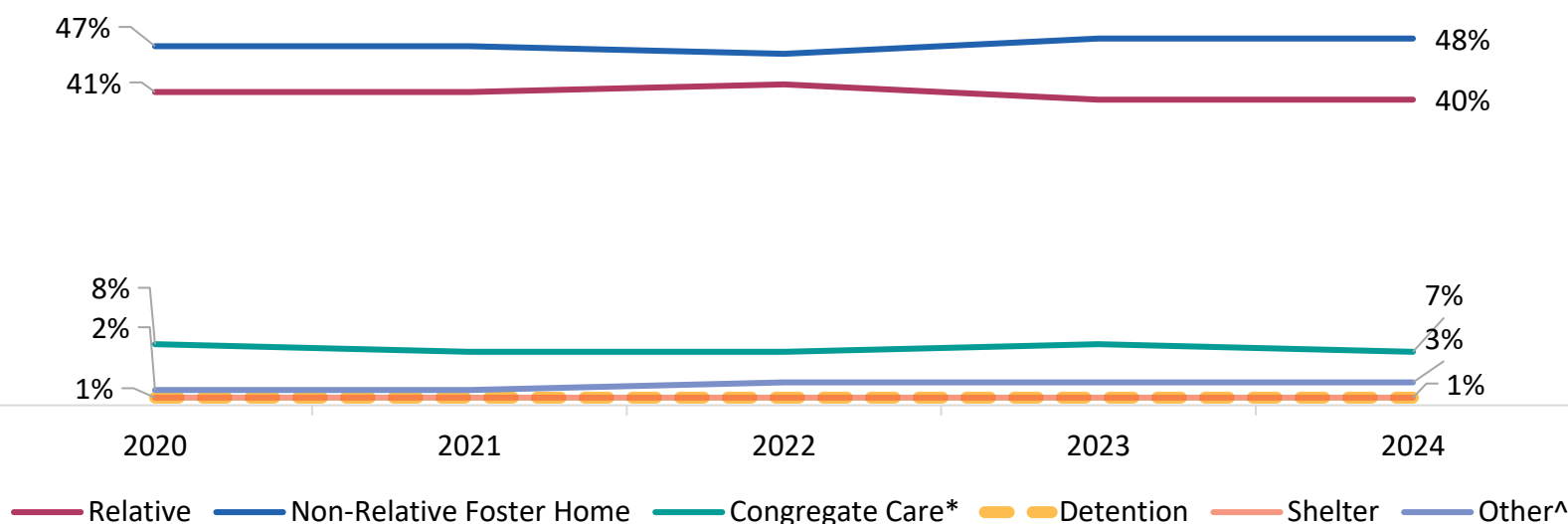


Relative Placement is Best for Children

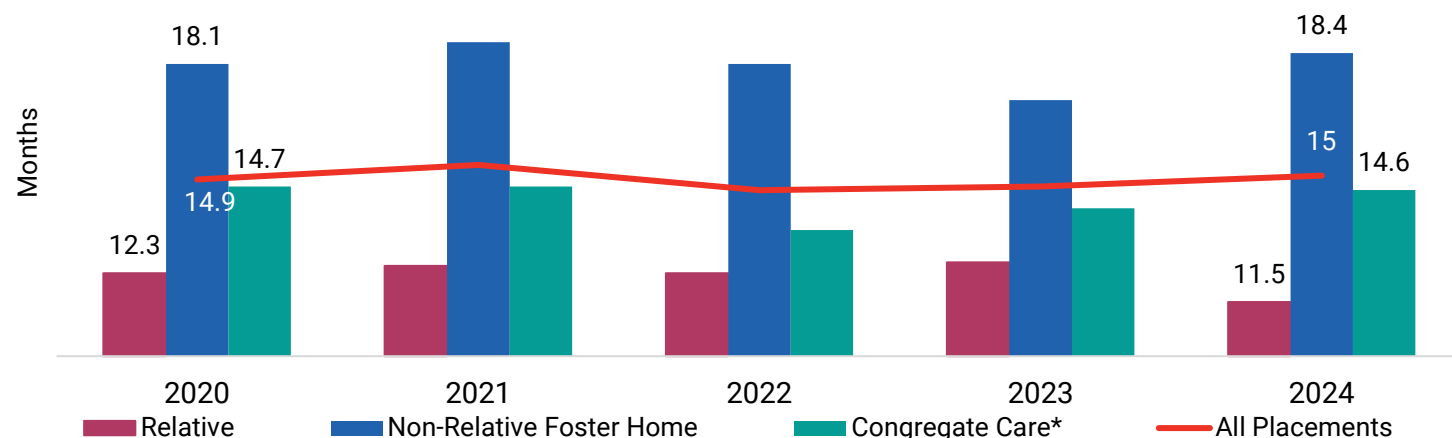
If a child needs to be placed in OHC, placing children with a family member is preferred as it is the best way to maintain family connections.

Compared to the previous year, children in OHC saw a decrease in placement with a family member. As of 12/31/2024, placements in family-like settings made up a majority of OHC placements (**88%**), including **40%** of children placed with relatives and **48%** with non-relative foster homes. When children are placed with a relative, they spend less time in OHC compared to any other type of placement. In 2024, relative placements were the only setting category where the median length of stay decreased from 2023.

Placements of children in OHC on 12/31



Median length of stay by placement on 12/31 of each calendar year



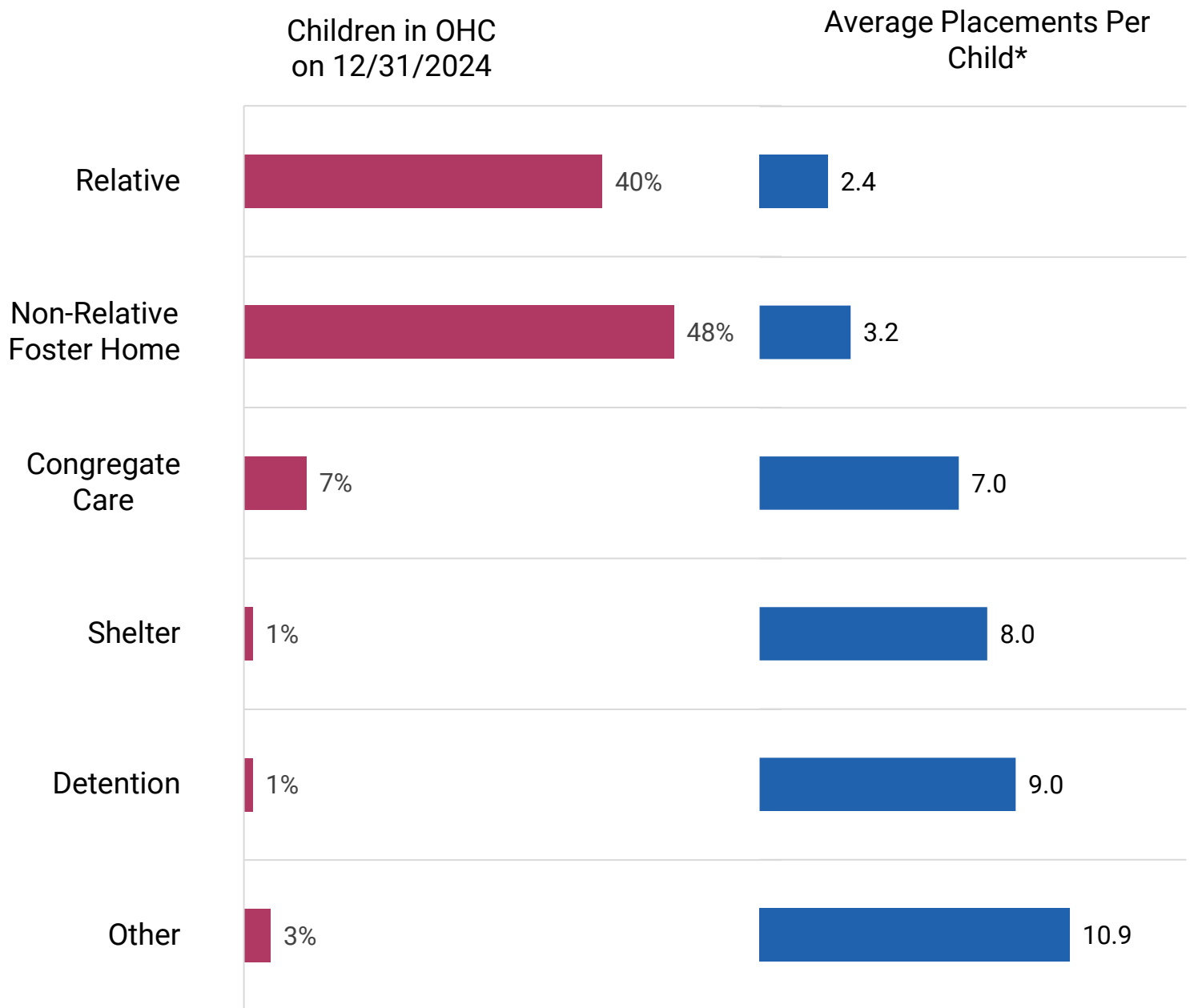
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Placement Stability

Placement proportions and average placements



The benefits of placing children with a relative are seen throughout a child's experience in OHC. Of the children in OHC at the end of the year, those placed with relatives experienced fewer placements.

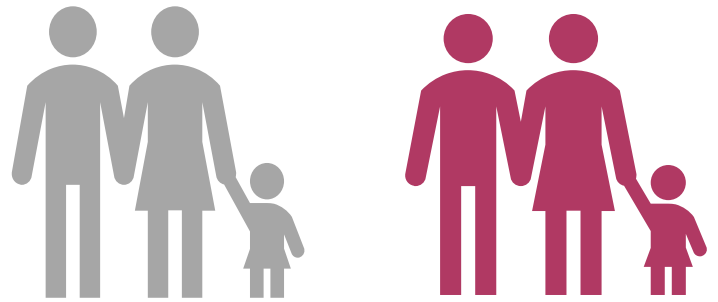
*Count of placements provide a 10-year history of placement data from 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2024.



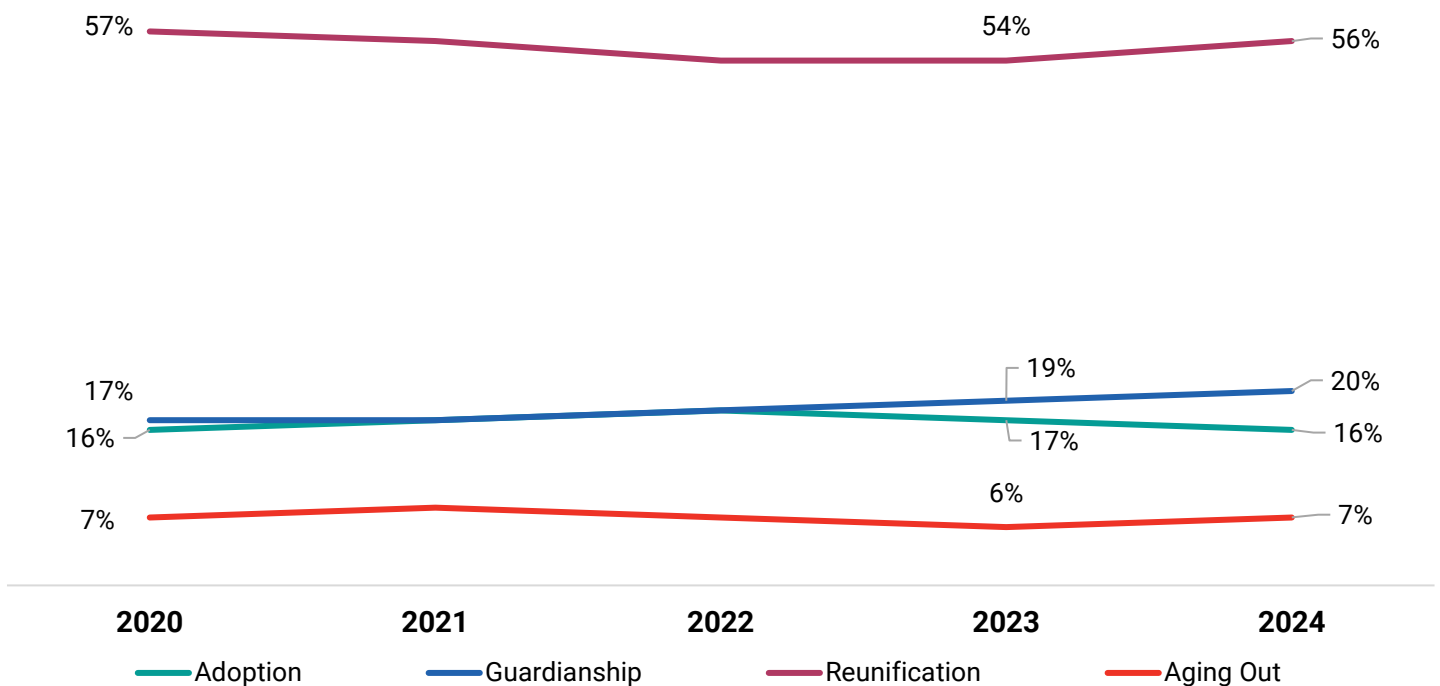
Supporting Children Leaving OHC

Returning children to their families and communities is the most desirable outcome for children leaving OHC. In 2024, over **90%** of children who exited OHC achieved legal permanency. For the children that reunified, **75%** were from a family-like setting, of which **47%** were in a relative setting, and **28%** were in a non-relative foster home prior to reunification.

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



Discharges over time



In 2024, **16%** of children achieved permanency through adoption and **20%** achieved permanency through guardianship.

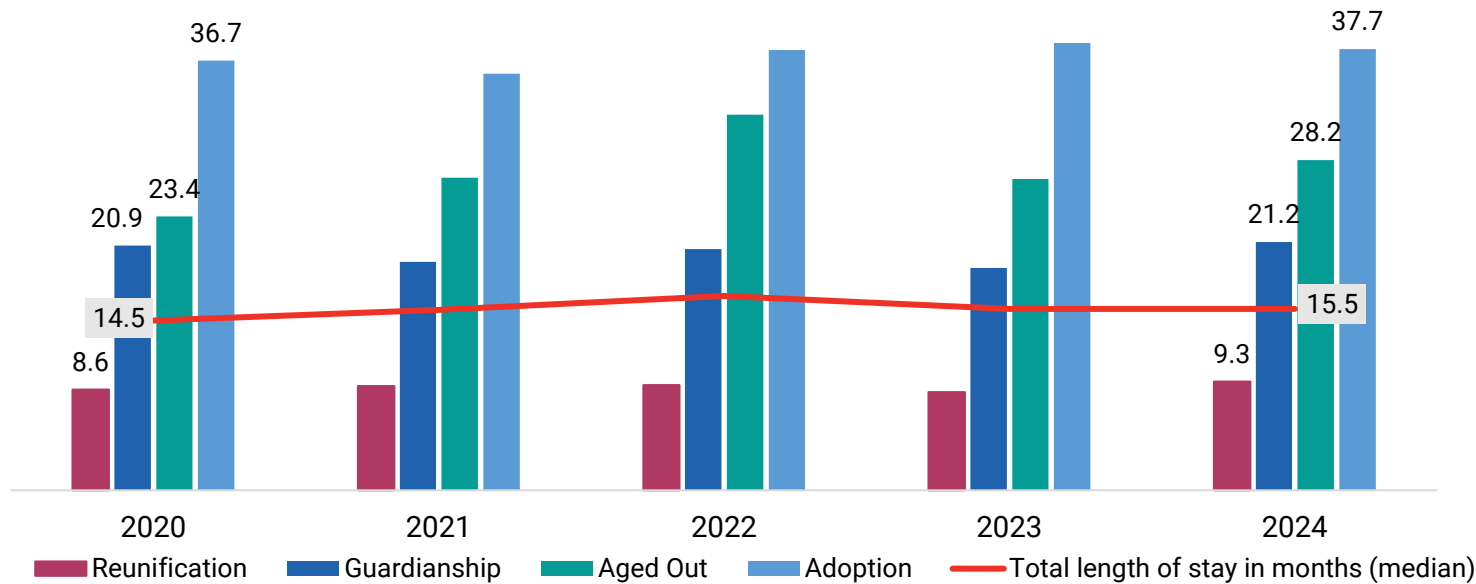
Supporting Children Leaving OHC

More children exited OHC (3,669) than entered (3,480) in 2024. Children have a better chance of thriving when they return to the safety and security of their life with their families.

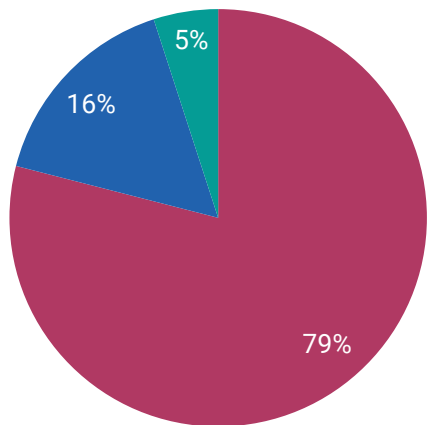
For the past five years, the length of stay for children exiting OHC remained consistent. Children exiting OHC spent a median of 15.5 months and an average of 20.7 months in OHC. This means there are some children that remain in OHC much longer than their peers.

In 2024, children who reunified with their family were in OHC for a median of 9.3 months, which is 6.2 months less than the statewide median, whereas children whose parents' rights were terminated spent more than 3 years in OHC prior to adoptions.

How long do children stay in OHC?



Children returning to OHC

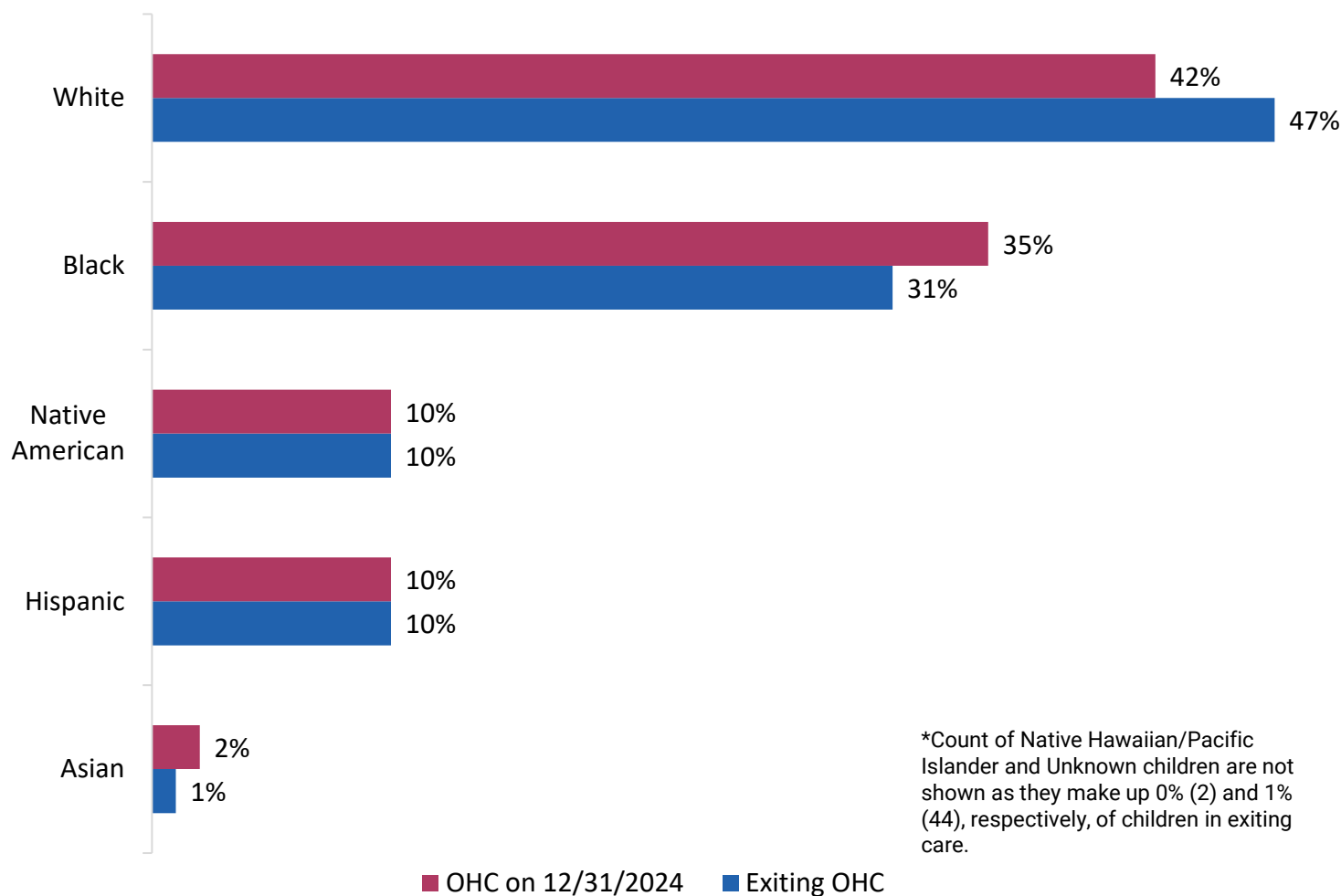


As of 12/31/2024, 21% of children in OHC have been in OHC multiple times throughout their childhood. While the federal standard for re-entry rate is 8.3%, Wisconsin's re-entry rate was 10.7% for children who re-entered OHC within 12 months of returning home.

Supporting Children Leaving OHC

In 2024, **47%** of children exiting OHC were White, **31%** of children were Black/African American, **10%** of children were Hispanic/Latino, **10%** of children were Native American, and **1%** of children were Asian. Black/African American and Asian children exited OHC at a disproportionately lower rate during 2024 than were in OHC on 12/31/2024.

Children exiting OHC compared to children in OHC*



In 2024, while the median length of stay in OHC for all children exiting was **15.5 months**, Black/African American children exiting OHC had a median of **16.7 months**.

Frequently Asked Data Points

A total of **9,386** children were served in OHC for CY 2024

Entry into OHC in 2024

Total entries in 2024: **3,480**

Total unique number of children entered in 2024: **3,332**

Race and Ethnicity:

- **White:** 1,440, (43% of total unique children entering) | **Black/African American:** 1,123, (34%) | **Hispanic:** 328, (10%) | **Native American:** 330, (10%) | **Unknown:** 53, (2%) | **Asian:** 56, (2%) | **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** 2, (0.1%)

Sex:

- **Female:** 1,559 (47% of total unique children entering) | **Male:** 1,773 (53%)

Age:

- **0-4 :** 1,364, (41% of total unique children entering) | **5-11:** 921, (28%) | **12-14:** 494, (15%) | **15+:** 564 (17%)

Removal Reasons:

- **Neglect:** 1,874, (54% of total entries)
- **Caretaker Drug Use:** 1,134, (33%)
- **Child Behavior Problem:** 655, (19%)
- **Incarceration Caretaker:** 451, (13%)
- **Physical Abuse:** 377, (11%)
- **Caretaker Alcohol Use:** 309, (9%)
- **Inadequate Housing + Homelessness:** 222, (6%)
- **Domestic Violence:** 171, (5%)
- **Abandonment + Voluntary Relinquishment for Adoption :** 112, (3%)
- **Caretaker Significant Impairment Physical Emotional:** 105 (3%)
- **Prenatal Drug Exposure:** 95 (3%)
- **Sexual Abuse:** 78, (2%)
- **Medical Neglect:** 59 (2%)
- **Runaway:** 52, (1%)
- **Caretaker Significant Impairment Cognitive:** 51, (1%)
- **Child Requested Placement:** 46, (1%)
- **Child Diagnosed Condition:** 43, (1%)
- **Caretaker Death:** 39, (1%)
- **Whereabouts Unknown:** 36, (1%)
- **Caretaker Failure to Return:** 35, (1%)
- **Child Drug Use:** 31, (1%)
- **Inadequate Access to Mental Health Services:** 24, (0.7%)
- **Sex Trafficking:** 15, (0.4%)
- **Prenatal Alcohol Exposure:** 12, (0.3%)
- **Psychological or Emotional Abuse:** 11, (0.3%)
- **Child Alcohol Use:** 10, (0.3%)
- **Education Neglect:** 9, (0.3%)
- **Inadequate Access to Medical Services:** 9, (0.3%)
- **Family Conflict Related to Child's Sexual Gender:** 1, (0.0%)
- **Parental Immigration Detainment or Deportation:** 1, (0.0%)
- **Public Agency Title IV-E Agreement:** 0, (0%)
- **Tribal Title IV-E Agreement:** 0, (0.0%)

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Children in OHC on 12/31/2024

Children in OHC on 12/31/2024: **5,954**

Race/Ethnicity:

- **White:** 2,484, (42%) | **Black/African American:** 2,099, (35%) | **Hispanic:** 603, (10%) | **Native American:** 571, (10%) | **Unknown:** 90, (2%) | **Asian:** 105, (2%) | **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** 2, (0%)

Sex:

- **Female:** 2,885, (48%) | **Male:** 3,069, (52%)

Age:

- **0-4 :** 2,106, (35%) | **5-11:** 2,000, (34%) | **12-14:** 757, (13%) | **15+:** 1,091, (18%)

Disability:

- **Total number of children with a disability:** 1,007 (17% of total children in OHC on 12/31/2024)

Disability List:

- **None:** 4,947, (83% of total children in OHC on 12/31/2024)
- **Emotionally Disturbed:** 746, (74% of total children with a disability)
- **ADHD:** 501, (50%)
- **Other Diagnosed Conditions(s):** 313, (31%)
- **Anxiety:** 306, (30%)
- **Mental/Emotional Disorders:** 230, (23%)
- **Depression:** 218, (22%)
- **Autism Spectrum Disorder:** 138, (14%)
- **Developmental Delay:** 124, (12%)
- **Asthma:** 107, (11%)
- **Learning Disability:** 97, (10%)
- **Reactive Attachment Disorder:** 75, (7%)
- **Intellectual Disability:** 73, (7%)
- **Developmental Disability:** 43, (4%)
- **Serious Mental Disorders:** 40, (3%)
- **Serious Emotional Disturbances:** 39, (4%)
- **Orthopedic Impairment or Other Physical Condition:** 34, (3%)
- **Seizure Disorder:** 30, (3%)
- **Congenital Malformation:** 26, (3%)
- **Hearing Impairment and Deafness:** 17, (2%)
- **ADD:** 17, (2%)
- **Visual Impairment and Blindness:** 16, (2%)
- **Diabetes:** 10, (1%)

Median Length of Stay: 15.0 months

Average Length of Stay: 21.0 months

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Children Exiting OHC in 2024

Total exits in 2024: **3,669**

Total unique number of children exited in 2024: **3,594**

Race and Ethnicity:

- **White:** 1,679, (47% of total unique children exiting) | **Black/African American:** 1,127, (31%) | **Hispanic:** 359, (10%) | **Native American:** 350, (10%) | **Unknown:** 44, (1%) | **Asian:** 33, (1%) | **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** 2, (0.1%)

Sex:

- **Female:** 1,680 (47% of total unique children exiting) | **Male:** 1,914, (53%)

Age:

- **0-4 :** 1,092, (30% of total unique children exiting) | **5-11:** 1,151, (32%) | **12-14:** 479, (13%) | **15+:** 878 (24%)

Discharge Reason:

- **Reunification:** 2,041, (55% of total exits)
- **Guardianship:** 732, (20%)
- **Adoption:** 574, (16%)
- **Aging Out:** 245, (6.8%)
- **Transfer to Other Agency:** 48, (1.3%)
- **Living With Other Relatives:** 18, (0.5%)
- **Missing from OHC:** 6, (0.2%)
- **Death of Child:** 5, (0.1%)

Median Length of Stay: 15.5 months

Average Length of Stay: 20.7 months

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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 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 for short term placements with little notice.

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. Within this report, this category includes providers with Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) certification.

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. Within this report, this category includes providers with Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) certification.

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, 2024

County	0 - 4 Years		5 - 11 Years		12 - 14 Years		15 and above		Grand Total	
Statewide	2,106	35%	2,000	34%	757	13%	1,091	18%	5,954	100%
Adams	0	0%	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	3	100%
Ashland	5	17%	9	31%	4	14%	11	38%	29	100%
Barron	7	22%	12	38%	3	9%	10	31%	32	100%
Bayfield	6	25%	4	17%	2	8%	12	50%	24	100%
Brown	137	44%	100	32%	32	10%	42	14%	311	100%
Buffalo	3	23%	6	46%	1	8%	3	23%	13	100%
Burnett	10	34%	9	31%	4	14%	6	21%	29	100%
Calumet	4	27%	7	47%	1	7%	3	20%	15	100%
Chippewa	6	24%	5	20%	4	16%	10	40%	25	100%
Clark	0	0%	6	32%	5	26%	8	42%	19	100%
Columbia	11	34%	6	19%	2	6%	13	41%	32	100%
Crawford	6	50%	2	17%	1	8%	3	25%	12	100%
Dane	66	29%	63	28%	32	14%	63	28%	224	100%
Dodge	24	38%	22	35%	6	10%	11	17%	63	100%
Door	13	45%	7	24%	6	21%	3	10%	29	100%
Douglas	21	29%	25	34%	15	21%	12	16%	73	100%
Dunn	7	22%	17	53%	1	3%	7	22%	32	100%
Eau Claire	29	26%	44	40%	17	15%	21	19%	111	100%
Florence	7	70%	3	30%	0	0%	0	0%	10	100%
Fond Du Lac	44	32%	45	33%	26	19%	21	15%	136	100%
Forest	9	43%	8	38%	3	14%	1	5%	21	100%
Grant	8	32%	11	44%	3	12%	3	12%	25	100%
Green	5	29%	4	24%	3	18%	5	29%	17	100%
Green Lake	6	67%	2	22%	1	11%	0	0%	9	100%
Iowa	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	2	100%
Iron	0	0%	8	80%	0	0%	2	20%	10	100%
Jackson	21	32%	29	45%	9	14%	6	9%	65	100%
Jefferson	26	50%	15	29%	8	15%	3	6%	52	100%
Juneau	15	65%	5	22%	2	9%	1	4%	23	100%
Kenosha	125	38%	120	37%	37	11%	43	13%	325	100%
Kewaunee	8	42%	5	26%	1	5%	5	26%	19	100%
La Crosse	32	40%	21	26%	9	11%	19	23%	81	100%
Lafayette	5	42%	3	25%	1	8%	3	25%	12	100%
Langlade	7	18%	16	41%	3	8%	13	33%	39	100%
Lincoln	21	45%	9	19%	8	17%	9	19%	47	100%
Manitowoc	42	32%	61	47%	17	13%	11	8%	131	100%
Marathon	48	33%	54	37%	22	15%	21	14%	145	100%
Marinette	11	29%	12	32%	8	21%	7	18%	38	100%
Marquette	1	11%	5	56%	1	11%	2	22%	9	100%
Menominee	0	0%	2	67%	0	0%	1	33%	3	100%
Milwaukee	644	37%	572	33%	208	12%	315	18%	1,739	100%
Monroe	12	34%	7	20%	10	29%	6	17%	35	100%
Oconto	10	28%	15	42%	1	3%	10	28%	36	100%
Oneida	10	20%	16	32%	13	26%	11	22%	50	100%
Outagamie	57	28%	79	39%	24	12%	42	21%	202	100%
Ozaukee	9	23%	12	31%	8	21%	10	26%	39	100%
Pepin	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Pierce	7	23%	14	45%	6	19%	4	13%	31	100%
Polk	4	25%	3	19%	5	31%	4	25%	16	100%
Portage	46	47%	31	32%	9	9%	11	11%	97	100%
Price	3	18%	8	47%	3	18%	3	18%	17	100%
Racine	61	41%	48	32%	11	7%	29	19%	149	100%
Richland	9	60%	3	20%	0	0%	3	20%	15	100%
Rock	60	47%	32	25%	13	10%	24	19%	129	100%
Rusk	5	31%	8	50%	1	6%	2	13%	16	100%
Saint Croix	16	27%	26	43%	7	12%	11	18%	60	100%
Sauk	10	29%	7	21%	8	24%	9	26%	34	100%
Sawyer	12	36%	7	21%	4	12%	10	30%	33	100%
Shawano	27	56%	16	33%	1	2%	4	8%	48	100%
Sheboygan	31	33%	24	26%	14	15%	24	26%	93	100%
State	97	36%	114	43%	34	13%	22	8%	267	100%
Taylor	10	37%	9	33%	4	15%	4	15%	27	100%
Trempealeau	7	26%	7	26%	3	11%	10	37%	27	100%
Vernon	9	35%	10	38%	2	8%	5	19%	26	100%
Vilas	19	37%	18	35%	4	8%	11	21%	52	100%
Walworth	17	27%	24	39%	8	13%	13	21%	62	100%
Washburn	1	8%	4	33%	3	25%	4	33%	12	100%
Washington	19	32%	20	33%	8	13%	13	22%	60	100%
Waukesha	16	28%	14	25%	9	16%	18	32%	57	100%
Waupaca	8	30%	10	37%	4	15%	5	19%	27	100%

Appendix B
Child Age Range by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2024

County	0 - 4 Years		5 - 11 Years		12 - 14 Years		15 and above		Grand Total	
Waushara	4	16%	9	36%	4	16%	8	32%	25	100%
Winnebago	32	45%	15	21%	11	15%	13	18%	71	100%
Wood	37	35%	33	31%	17	16%	19	18%	106	100%

Appendix C
Child Race and Ethnicity by County
Count of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2024

County	White	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic/Latino	Unknown	Grand Total
Statewide	2, 484	2, 099	571	105	*	603	90	5, 954
Adams	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Ashland	*	0	23	0	0	*	0	29
Barron	24	*	*	0	0	0	*	32
Bayfield	*	*	17	0	0	0	0	24
Brown	92	59	112	*	0	39	*	311
Buffalo	*	*	0	0	0	*	0	13
Burnett	14	0	14	0	0	0	*	29
Calumet	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	15
Chippewa	19	*	*	*	0	*	0	25
Clark	14	*	*	0	0	*	0	19
Columbia	19	*	*	*	0	*	0	32
Crawford	11	*	0	0	0	0	0	12
Dane	59	113	*	*	0	35	0	224
Dodge	42	10	*	0	0	*	*	63
Door	19	*	*	0	0	*	*	29
Douglas	49	*	13	0	0	0	*	73
Dunn	17	*	*	0	0	*	0	32
Eau Claire	59	26	*	*	0	16	*	111
Florence	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	10
Fond Du Lac	79	29	*	*	0	23	*	136
Forest	*	0	18	0	0	0	0	21
Grant	20	*	*	0	0	*	0	25
Green	*	*	*	0	0	*	0	17
Green Lake	*	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
Iowa	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Iron	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	10
Jackson	37	*	22	0	0	*	0	65
Jefferson	36	*	*	0	0	*	*	52
Juneau	21	*	*	0	0	0	0	23
Kenosha	116	142	*	0	0	57	*	325
Kewaunee	14	*	0	0	0	*	0	19
La Crosse	44	23	*	*	0	*	*	81
Lafayette	10	*	0	0	0	0	0	12
Langlade	28	*	*	0	0	*	*	39
Lincoln	36	*	*	0	0	*	*	47
Manitowoc	74	25	12	10	0	10	0	131
Marathon	93	35	*	*	0	*	*	145
Marinette	23	*	*	*	0	*	0	38
Marquette	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Menominee	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	*
Milwaukee	218	1, 218	44	25	*	204	28	1, 739
Monroe	22	*	*	0	0	*	0	35
Oconto	28	*	*	0	0	*	0	36
Oneida	41	*	*	*	0	0	0	50
Outagamie	99	45	38	*	0	16	*	202
Ozaukee	33	*	0	*	0	*	*	39
Pepin	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Pierce	20	*	*	*	0	*	0	31
Polk	*	0	*	*	0	*	0	16
Portage	73	*	*	0	0	10	*	97
Price	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Racine	51	80	0	0	0	18	0	149
Richland	14	0	0	0	0	*	0	15
Rock	78	33	*	0	0	12	0	129
Rusk	15	0	*	0	0	0	0	16
Saint Croix	40	*	*	0	0	*	*	60
Sauk	23	*	*	0	0	0	0	34
Sawyer	*	*	22	*	0	0	0	33
Shawano	15	*	23	*	0	*	0	48
Sheboygan	42	18	*	17	0	13	0	93
State	163	66	12	*	0	21	*	267
Taylor	15	*	*	0	0	*	*	27
Trempealeau	24	*	0	0	0	*	0	27

*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 and Ethnicity by County
Count of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2024

County	White	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic/Latino	Unknown	Grand Total
Vernon	24	*	0	0	0	*	0	26
Vilas	*	0	43	0	0	0	0	52
Walworth	48	*	0	0	0	*	*	62
Washburn	*	0	*	0	0	*	0	12
Washington	43	*	*	0	0	*	*	60
Waukesha	26	16	*	*	0	*	0	57
Waupaca	20	*	*	0	0	*	*	27
Waushara	18	*	0	0	0	*	*	25
Winnebago	34	23	*	*	0	*	*	71
Wood	68	15	*	*	0	*	*	106

*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, 2024

	Placement Setting	Count	Percent
Relative Foster Care/Kinship	Foster Family Home - Relative	786	13.2%
	Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	1,091	18.3%
	Relative - Unlicensed	372	6.2%
	Treatment Foster Home - Relative	17	0.3%
	Trial Reunification	106	1.8%
	Total	2,372	39.8%
Non-Relative Foster Care	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	1,964	33.0%
	Non-Relative-Unlicensed	130	2.2%
	Pre-Adoptive Home	61	1.0%
	Receiving Home	7	0.1%
	Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	677	11.4%
	Total	2,839	47.7%
Congregate Care	RCC - QRTP	192	3.2%
	RCC	40	0.7%
	GH - QRTP	114	1.9%
	Group Home	88	1.5%
	Total	434	7.3%
Detention	Detention	65	1.1%
	Reception Center - Detention	1	0.0%
	Total	66	1.1%
Shelter	Reception Center - Shelter	1	0.0%
	Shelter	44	0.7%
	Total	45	0.8%
Other	Adult Corrections	2	0.0%
	Hospital	14	0.2%
	Juvenile Correctional Facility	47	0.8%
	Missing From Out-of-Home Care	79	1.3%
	Supervised Independent Living	56	0.9%
	Total	198	3.3%
Statewide		5,954	100.0%

Appendix E
Placement Setting by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2024

County	Relative Foster Care/Kinship		Non-Relative Foster Care		Congregate Care		Detention		Shelter		Other		Grand Total	
Statewide	2,372	39.8%	2,839	47.7%	434	7.3%	66	1.1%	45	0.8%	198	3.3%	5,954	100.0%
Adams	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
Ashland	9	31.0%	16	55.2%	4	13.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	29	100.0%
Barron	11	34.4%	14	43.8%	6	18.8%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	32	100.0%
Bayfield	9	37.5%	9	37.5%	4	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	8.3%	24	100.0%
Brown	160	51.4%	116	37.3%	16	5.1%	4	1.3%	11	3.5%	4	1.3%	311	100.0%
Buffalo	3	23.1%	7	53.8%	2	15.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.7%	13	100.0%
Burnett	18	62.1%	8	27.6%	3	10.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	29	100.0%
Calumet	11	73.3%	2	13.3%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	15	100.0%
Chippewa	6	24.0%	11	44.0%	4	16.0%	4	16.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	100.0%
Clark	7	36.8%	7	36.8%	4	21.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%	19	100.0%
Columbia	9	28.1%	15	46.9%	6	18.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	6.3%	32	100.0%
Crawford	8	66.7%	2	16.7%	2	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Dane	70	31.3%	111	49.6%	21	9.4%	4	1.8%	6	2.7%	12	5.4%	224	100.0%
Dodge	17	27.0%	39	61.9%	5	7.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	3.2%	63	100.0%
Door	12	41.4%	17	58.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	29	100.0%
Douglas	37	50.7%	29	39.7%	4	5.5%	3	4.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	73	100.0%
Dunn	6	18.8%	24	75.0%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	32	100.0%
Eau Claire	27	24.3%	65	58.6%	14	12.6%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	4	3.6%	111	100.0%
Florence	7	70.0%	3	30.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	100.0%
Fond Du Lac	65	47.8%	57	41.9%	6	4.4%	3	2.2%	3	2.2%	2	1.5%	136	100.0%
Forest	12	57.1%	7	33.3%	1	4.8%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	100.0%
Grant	7	28.0%	16	64.0%	1	4.0%	1	4.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	100.0%
Green	5	29.4%	10	58.8%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17	100.0%
Green Lake	5	55.6%	3	33.3%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	100.0%
Iowa	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
Iron	4	40.0%	6	60.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	100.0%
Jackson	37	56.9%	27	41.5%	1	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	65	100.0%
Jefferson	20	38.5%	30	57.7%	2	3.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	52	100.0%
Juneau	9	39.1%	14	60.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	23	100.0%
Kenosha	140	43.1%	155	47.7%	2	0.6%	5	1.5%	2	0.6%	21	6.5%	325	100.0%
Kewaunee	7	36.8%	12	63.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	100.0%
La Crosse	15	18.5%	51	63.0%	13	16.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	81	100.0%
Lafayette	11	91.7%	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Langlade	16	41.0%	18	46.2%	4	10.3%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	39	100.0%
Lincoln	29	61.7%	15	31.9%	2	4.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	47	100.0%
Manitowoc	65	49.6%	62	47.3%	3	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	131	100.0%
Marathon	66	45.5%	68	46.9%	9	6.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.4%	145	100.0%
Marinette	10	26.3%	19	50.0%	7	18.4%	0	0.0%	2	5.3%	0	0.0%	38	100.0%
Marquette	4	44.4%	4	44.4%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	100.0%
Menominee	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
Milwaukee	718	41.3%	793	45.6%	119	6.8%	14	0.8%	7	0.4%	88	5.1%	1,739	100.0%
Monroe	15	42.9%	14	40.0%	4	11.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.7%	35	100.0%
Oconto	12	33.3%	22	61.1%	2	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	36	100.0%
Oneida	29	58.0%	13	26.0%	5	10.0%	2	4.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.0%	50	100.0%
Outagamie	83	41.1%	94	46.5%	16	7.9%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	5	2.5%	202	100.0%
Ozaukee	13	33.3%	18	46.2%	7	17.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	39	100.0%
Pepin	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
Pierce	13	41.9%	14	45.2%	3	9.7%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31	100.0%
Polk	5	31.3%	7	43.8%	4	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16	100.0%
Portage	38	39.2%	55	56.7%	2	2.1%	1	1.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%	97	100.0%
Price	9	52.9%	5	29.4%	3	17.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17	100.0%
Racine	46	30.9%	79	53.0%	6	4.0%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%	15	10.1%	149	100.0%
Richland	8	53.3%	4	26.7%	3	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	100.0%
Rock	39	30.2%	66	51.2%	12	9.3%	3	2.3%	5	3.9%	4	3.1%	129	100.0%
Rusk	14	87.5%	0	0.0%	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16	100.0%
Saint Croix	25	41.7%	26	43.3%	7	11.7%	1	1.7%	0	0.0%	1	1.7%	60	100.0%
Sauk	3	8.8%	25	73.5%	4	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.9%	34	100.0%
Sawyer	7	21.2%	17	51.5%	5	15.2%	1	3.0%	0	0.0%	3	9.1%	33	100.0%
Shawano	24	50.0%	23	47.9%	1	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	48	100.0%
Sheboygan	42	45.2%	34	36.6%	15	16.1%	1	1.1%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	93	100.0%
State	55	20.6%	206	77.2%	6	2.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	267	100.0%
Taylor	16	59.3%	8	29.6%	3	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	27	100.0%

*Note: Below are the placement settings categories-

- > Relative Foster Care/Kinship: Foster family home (relative), kinship care-court ordered, relative-unlicensed, trial reunification, treatment foster home - relative
- > Non-Relative Foster Care: 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.
- > Detention: Detention, reception center - detention
- > Shelter: Shelter, reception center - shelter
- > Other: Adult corrections, hospital, juvenile correctional facility, missing from out-of-home care, supervised independent living

Appendix E
Placement Setting by County
Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care
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County	Relative Foster Care/Kinship		Non-Relative Foster Care		Congregate Care		Detention		Shelter		Other		Grand Total	
Trempealeau	16	59.3%	8	29.6%	1	3.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	7.4%	27	100.0%
Vernon	13	50.0%	8	30.8%	4	15.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%	26	100.0%
Vilas	3	5.8%	41	78.8%	7	13.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.9%	52	100.0%
Walworth	31	50.0%	19	30.6%	4	6.5%	1	1.6%	0	0.0%	7	11.3%	62	100.0%
Washburn	5	41.7%	5	41.7%	2	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Washington	23	38.3%	25	41.7%	10	16.7%	1	1.7%	1	1.7%	0	0.0%	60	100.0%
Waukesha	19	33.3%	26	45.6%	5	8.8%	1	1.8%	3	5.3%	3	5.3%	57	100.0%
Waupaca	15	55.6%	8	29.6%	3	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.7%	27	100.0%
Waushara	5	20.0%	18	72.0%	2	8.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	100.0%
Winnebago	22	31.0%	36	50.7%	7	9.9%	3	4.2%	2	2.8%	1	1.4%	71	100.0%
Wood	48	45.3%	47	44.3%	9	8.5%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%	106	100.0%

*Note: Below are the placement settings categories-

> Relative Foster Care/Kinship: Foster family home (relative), kinship care-court ordered, relative-unlicensed, trial reunification, treatment foster home - relative

> Non-Relative Foster Care: 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.

> Detention: Detention, reception center - detention

> Shelter: Shelter, reception center - shelter

> Other: Adult corrections, hospital, juvenile correctional facility, missing from out-of-home care, supervised independent living

Appendix F
Placement Setting Occurrences
by Race/Ethnicity
December 31, 2024

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	370	455	89	125	36	0	16	1,091
	Foster Family Home - Relative	384	211	83	84	20	0	4	786
	Relative - Unlicensed	181	100	52	33	1	0	5	372
	Trial Reunification	58	30	7	8	3	0	0	106
	Treatment Foster Home - Relative	4	12	0	1	0	0	0	17
	Total	997	808	231	251	60	0	25	2,372
Non-Relative Foster Care	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	907	584	210	177	34	2	50	1,964
	Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	217	309	58	83	3	0	7	677
	Non-Relative-Unlicensed	28	68	7	24	1	0	2	130
	Pre-Adoptive Home	41	15	0	3	0	0	2	61
	Receiving Home	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
	Total	1,193	978	280	287	38	2	61	2,839
Congregate Care	RCC - QRTP	115	37	21	15	4	0	0	192
	Group Home	30	44	7	5	2	0	0	88
	GH - QRTP	38	57	9	10	0	0	0	114
	RCC	24	12	3	0	0	0	1	40
	Total	207	150	40	30	6	0	1	434
Detention	Detention	21	26	8	8	1	0	1	65
	Reception Center - Detention	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	22	26	8	8	1	0	1	66
Shelter	Shelter	22	11	2	9	0	0	0	44
	Reception Center - Shelter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	22	12	2	9	0	0	0	45
Other	Missing From Out-of-Home Care	11	60	1	6	0	0	1	79
	Juvenile Correctional Facility	18	19	4	5	0	0	1	47
	Supervised Independent Living	9	38	2	7	0	0	0	56
	Hospital	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	14
	Adult Corrections	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Total	43	125	10	18	0	0	2	198
Statewide		2,484	2,099	571	603	105	2	90	5,954

Appendix G
Entry Rate per 1,000 Children by County
Rate of child population entering into Out-of-Home Care
CY 2024

County	Total Count of Children Entering	Entries Per 1,000 Children	WI Census
Statewide	3,480	2.8	1,249,129
Adams	5	1.8	2,785
Ashland	5	1.5	3,325
Barron	29	3.0	9,769
Bayfield	19	6.9	2,734
Brown	228	3.7	61,506
Buffalo	7	2.6	2,677
Burnett	22	8.4	2,624
Calumet	10	0.9	11,609
Chippewa	27	1.9	14,141
Clark	7	0.7	10,217
Columbia	26	2.2	11,715
Crawford	7	2.3	3,076
Dane	187	1.7	111,383
Dodge	26	1.5	16,855
Door	10	2.1	4,714
Douglas	33	4.0	8,317
Dunn	18	2.1	8,741
Eau Claire	59	2.8	21,116
Florence	10	15.4	650
Fond Du Lac	85	3.9	21,702
Forest	13	7.1	1,822
Grant	16	1.5	10,873
Green	7	0.9	7,848
Green Lake	6	1.4	4,205
Iowa	2	0.4	5,120
Iron	1	1.0	994
Jackson	48	10.9	4,417
Jefferson	34	2.1	16,578
Juneau	12	2.4	4,996
Kenosha	189	5.3	35,829
Kewaunee	7	1.6	4,280
La Crosse	43	1.9	23,093
Lafayette	9	2.1	4,230
Langlade	30	8.2	3,665
Lincoln	23	4.6	5,048
Manitowoc	79	4.9	16,250
Marathon	67	2.2	30,980
Marinette	27	3.4	7,862
Marquette	6	2.0	2,983
Menominee	5	3.7	1,344
Milwaukee	801	3.7	215,270
Monroe	40	3.4	11,665
Oconto	21	2.7	7,747
Oneida	45	7.2	6,273
Outagamie	88	2.0	43,816
Ozaukee	25	1.3	19,366
Pepin	2	1.2	1,639
Pierce	24	2.8	8,616
Polk	34	3.8	8,972
Portage	66	5.0	13,249
Price	14	5.9	2,363
Racine	77	1.7	44,050
Richland	7	2.0	3,584
Rock	66	1.8	36,388
Rusk	10	3.5	2,854
Saint Croix	43	1.9	22,735
Sauk	19	1.3	14,542
Sawyer	24	7.2	3,337
Shawano	30	3.5	8,661
Sheboygan	64	2.6	25,055

Note: Children are counted only once per year even if they entered OHC multiple times.

Per capita measures in the 2023 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 2024

County	Total Count of Children Entering	Entries Per 1,000 Children	WI Census
Taylor	22	4.8	4,594
Trempealeau	15	1.8	8,186
Vernon	8	1.0	8,035
Vilas	19	5.0	3,825
Walworth	46	2.3	20,174
Washburn	15	4.9	3,044
Washington	50	1.7	28,654
Waukesha	45	0.5	85,573
Waupaca	23	2.2	10,251
Waushara	6	1.4	4,378
Winnebago	71	2.1	34,428
Wood	70	4.4	15,732

Note: Children are counted only once per year even if they entered OHC multiple times.

Per capita measures in the 2023 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 2024

County	Children Entering	Children Exiting	Difference
Statewide	3,480	3,669	(189)
Adams	6	8	(2)
Ashland	5	13	(8)
Barron	31	39	(8)
Bayfield	21	14	7
Brown	238	194	44
Buffalo	7	2	5
Burnett	22	21	1
Calumet	12	7	5
Chippewa	27	32	(5)
Clark	7	13	(6)
Columbia	26	32	(6)
Crawford	7	17	(10)
Dane	221	194	27
Dodge	26	33	(7)
Door	10	6	4
Douglas	33	40	(7)
Dunn	18	24	(6)
Eau Claire	61	51	10
Florence	10	2	8
Fond Du Lac	86	77	9
Forest	13	11	2
Grant	18	25	(7)
Green	7	9	(2)
Green Lake	6	2	4
Iowa	2	1	1
Iron	1	9	(8)
Jackson	50	34	16
Jefferson	35	27	8
Juneau	12	11	1
Kenosha	197	208	(11)
Kewaunee	7	7	0
La Crosse	44	31	13
Lafayette	9	11	(2)
Langlade	34	47	(13)
Lincoln	25	23	2
Manitowoc	79	76	3
Marathon	71	47	24
Marinette	36	31	5

Note: This appendix counts the number of episodes a child entered and exited OHC during the calendar year. If a child entered and exited OHC more than once during the calendar year, 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 2024

County	Children Entering	Children Exiting	Difference
Marquette	6	6	0
Menominee	5	11	(6)
Milwaukee	807	795	12
Monroe	42	49	(7)
Oconto	23	31	(8)
Oneida	48	35	13
Outagamie	103	102	1
Ozaukee	25	16	9
Pepin	2	3	(1)
Pierce	24	22	2
Polk	38	46	(8)
Portage	67	51	16
Price	14	8	6
Racine	79	81	(2)
Richland	7	12	(5)
Rock	67	34	33
Rusk	11	8	3
Saint Croix	44	54	(10)
Sauk	19	31	(12)
Sawyer	28	19	9
Shawano	34	36	(2)
Sheboygan	64	65	(1)
State	0	386	(386)
Taylor	22	13	9
Trempealeau	15	14	1
Vernon	8	18	(10)
Vilas	21	31	(10)
Walworth	46	22	24
Washburn	15	12	3
Washington	52	39	13
Waukesha	46	36	10
Waupaca	23	24	(1)
Waushara	6	14	(8)
Winnebago	79	56	23
Wood	70	60	10

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

Appendix I
Five Year Entry Trend
CY 2020-2024

County	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020-2024
Statewide	4,130	3,902	3,871	3,666	3,480	-16%
Adams	7	11	2	5	6	-14%
Ashland	30	18	27	21	5	-83%
Barron	59	70	47	48	31	-47%
Bayfield	15	34	16	16	21	40%
Brown	228	269	263	249	238	4%
Buffalo	14	15	16	2	7	-50%
Burnett	16	14	15	21	22	38%
Calumet	14	19	6	9	12	-14%
Chippewa	83	83	47	47	27	-67%
Clark	11	15	18	14	7	-36%
Columbia	43	26	22	43	26	-40%
Crawford	16	11	11	18	7	-56%
Dane	238	193	211	192	221	-7%
Dodge	49	44	33	38	26	-47%
Door	11	18	21	17	10	-9%
Douglas	54	45	81	53	33	-39%
Dunn	37	37	52	41	18	-51%
Eau Claire	99	80	79	73	61	-38%
Florence	5	8	1	1	10	100%
Fond Du Lac	97	87	92	85	86	-11%
Forest	23	14	14	25	13	-43%
Grant	38	21	38	30	18	-53%
Green	13	13	12	19	7	-46%
Green Lake	9	11	19	3	6	-33%
Iowa	2	4	0	2	2	0%
Iron	11	10	1	10	1	-91%
Jackson	24	43	46	41	50	108%
Jefferson	33	36	33	37	35	6%
Juneau	20	24	26	21	12	-40%
Kenosha	211	180	228	277	197	-7%
Kewaunee	3	17	17	14	7	133%
La Crosse	44	52	39	51	44	0%
Lafayette	4	14	9	10	9	125%
Langlade	50	55	39	40	34	-32%
Lincoln	36	58	27	40	25	-31%
Manitowoc	84	94	76	73	79	-6%
Marathon	100	100	66	72	71	-29%
Marinette	59	31	26	30	36	-39%
Marquette	8	18	15	13	6	-25%
Menominee	34	5	0	0	5	-85%
Milwaukee	804	728	821	686	806	0%
Monroe	71	25	20	37	42	-41%
Oconto	33	30	29	33	23	-30%
Oneida	78	51	49	28	48	-38%
Outagamie	129	130	91	120	103	-20%
Ozaukee	25	20	36	25	25	0%
Pepin	8	5	6	2	2	-75%
Pierce	35	25	27	21	24	-31%
Polk	43	33	40	30	38	-12%
Portage	63	91	59	70	67	6%
Price	16	16	12	12	14	-13%
Racine	118	114	111	127	79	-33%
Richland	14	13	13	12	7	-50%
Rock	88	69	78	56	67	-24%
Rusk	14	18	11	9	11	-21%
Saint Croix	65	63	104	61	44	-32%
Sauk	28	36	44	32	19	-32%
Sawyer	22	14	18	11	28	27%
Shawano	18	22	30	26	34	89%
Sheboygan	83	66	61	64	64	-23%
State	3	5	0	2	1	-67%
Taylor	7	21	26	15	22	214%
Trempealeau	15	19	13	19	15	0%
Vernon	19	17	20	31	8	-58%

Appendix I shows a five-year county breakdown of the count of child removals into OHC and the percent difference from year to year in entry. If a child entered OHC more than once during the calendar year, they will be counted for each entry.

**Appendix I
Five Year Entry Trend
CY 2020-2024**

County	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020-2024
Vilas	17	32	25	29	21	24%
Walworth	43	39	28	35	46	7%
Washburn	12	15	13	12	15	25%
Washington	39	41	58	49	52	33%
Waukesha	72	57	54	43	46	-36%
Waupaca	23	29	40	9	23	0%
Waushara	22	16	14	25	6	-73%
Winnebago	50	61	43	77	79	58%
Wood	121	84	86	57	70	-42%

Appendix I shows a five-year county breakdown of the count of child removals into OHC and the percent difference from year to year in entry. If a child entered OHC more than once during the calendar year, they will be counted for each entry.

Appendix J

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:

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

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 K

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 OHC 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.

OHC 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.