



WATCHING THE NUMBERS

CY19	CY20	CY21	CY22	CY23	CY24	August 2026
FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TREND

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

REPORTS

Reports of abuse and neglect dropped to 57,923 in FY25. The percentage of cases substantiated rose to 29.2 percent.

Reports of Abuse and Neglect	55,984	53,311	58,433		60,571	57,923
Percentage of Child Protection Cases Substantiated	33.6	31.6	27.4	22.9	22.6	29.2



CASELOADS

Caseloads averaged 7 in FY25. Caseworkers with caseloads over 15 dropped.

Average Child Protective Caseload	7.5	6.3	8.4	9.7	8.1	7
Caseworkers with Caseloads over 15 (June)	0	8	105	60	17	2



PETITIONS AND OUTCOMES

The number of families taken to Family Court by ACS and Court ordered supervision decreased in FY25.

Abuse and Neglect Cases Filed by ACS - Family Court	10,305	7,791	8,009	6,647	6,970	6,346
ACS Supervision Ordered by Family Court	6,786	4,725	4,827	3,809	4,035	3,590
Total Emergency Removals	1,348	1,302	1,505	1,374	1,430	1,368
Emergency Removals Approved at Initial Hearing	956	770	945	981	1,015	976



FATALITIES

There were 47 child fatalities in CY24 from families known to ACS in the last 10 years.

Child Fatalities in Cases Known to ACS	57	52	53	39	45	47
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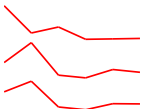


PREVENTIVE SERVICES

FAMILIES SERVED IN PREVENTIVE SERVICES

The number of families in preventive services has been fairly consistent in recent years.

Families Receiving ACS-Contracted Preventive Services	18,053	14,694	15,432	13,918	13,968	14,024
New Preventive Cases in Evidence-Based Services	2,334	2,879	1,988	1,914	2,143	2,067
New Preventive Cases Overall	7,699	8,317	6,817	6,657	7,009	6,996



PREVENTIVE SERVICES ENTRIES AND EXITS

The percentage of preventive cases that were referred by ACS decreased in CY24. The percentage of those admitted to foster care during or shortly after preventive services increased in CY24.

Percentage of Preventive Cases Referred by ACS	74.0	80.5	83.6	77.9	71.6	68
Percentage of Children Admitted to Foster Care who received Preventive Services in the Previous Year	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.5	3.1



FOSTER CARE SERVICES

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

The total foster care population declined in FY25, continuing a long downward trend. The number of children admitted to Foster Care increased in CY24, rising above 3,000 for the first time since 2019.

Total Average Foster Care Population	7,827	7,639	7,140	6,728	6,441	6,414
Children Admitted to Foster Care	3,497	2,643	2,703	2,721	2,960	3,072



FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS

Kinship care placements decreased slightly in FY25. Nearly 40 percent of siblings were separated in CY24.

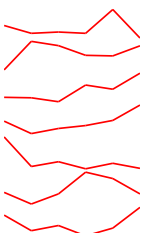
Percentage of Separated Siblings	44.4	41.9	42.0	41.3	38.8	39.66
Percentage of Foster Children in Kinship Care	39.8	42.2	42.6	43.9	44.9	44.1
Percentage of Foster Placements in Contiguous Community Districts	28.9	25.9	27.4	29.5	32.6	29.4



FOSTER CARE DISCHARGES

The number of children discharged from foster care decreased to 3,006 in 2025. The number of children discharged to reunification within a year decreased from the prior year.

Children Discharged from Foster Care	3,102	3,042	3,052	3,042	3,225	3,006
Number of Children Discharged to Kinship	267	414	392	342	339	391
Number of Children Discharged to APPLA	570	568	551	623	605	674
Percentage of Children with Reunification Goal	50.0	48.3	49.0	49.4	50.1	52.2
Children Discharged to Reunification within a Year	1,111	790	842	765	825	770
Percentage of Children Discharged to Permanency within a year of Placement	29.6	26.5	29.2	35.0	33.3	29.2
Percentage of Children Returning to Care within Two Years of Discharge	11.9	11.3	11.5	11.1	11.4	12.2



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ADOPTION SERVICES							
The number of adoptions in CY24 decreased. Nearly 40 percent of adoptions were completed within two years.							
Percentage of Children with Adoption as a Goal	23.8	25.6	25.2	25.4	24.7	23.5	
Number of Completed Adoptions	706	240	438	504	577	529	
Percentage of Adoptions Completed in less than Two Years	34.7	31.4	10.7	19.2	36.0	39.4	

FOSTER CARE POPULATION

DEMOGRAPHICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

The profound racial disparities among children in foster care remained in FY25, with Black and Latinx children making up over 85% of all children in foster care. The percentage of children admitted to foster care increased for 10-17 year olds in CY24. The percentage of children in foster care for more than three years decreased for children of all ages except for a small increase for children ages 10-13 in FY25.

Age of Children Admitted to Foster Care (total number)		3,006	2,551	2,695	2,735	2,946	3,072	
< 2 years old (percentage)		30.0	31.4	26.0	24.2	21.7	21.5	
2-5 years old		21.3	21.6	20.5	20.3	20.6	18.4	
6-9 years old		15.7	16.0	17.3	17.4	17.2	16.3	
10-13 years old		14.9	14.2	16.3	16.7	16.9	17.5	
14-17 years old		17.3	15.9	19.0	20.4	22.4	25.2	
18+ years old		0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	
Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (total number, March)		7,860	7,324	7,601	7,060	6,762	6,481	
African American (percentage)		52.9	51.6	50.6	50.1	50.3	48.6	
Latinx		36.7	37.3	35.5	35.8	36.2	37.9	
White		5.1	5.23	5.2	5.6	5.1	4.6	
Asian		1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.0	
Other/Unknown		3.5	3.9	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.9	
Children in Foster Care >3 Years and Age Distribution (percentage, March)		33.9	36.7	35.5	37.3	34.7	30.5	
2-5 years old		36.9	44.3	32.9	33.1	32.1	24.0	
6-9 years old		41.2	43.1	41.5	44.5	40.8	38.6	
10-13 years old		37.0	40.5	37.8	41.3	37.5	38.2	
14-17 years old		37.7	39.0	33.7	34.7	32.3	28.7	
18+ years old		63.6	63.4	64.6	68.4	64.1	51.5	

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

CARES is an alternative investigative approach used in cases that are not deemed high risk. ACS adopted the differential approach in 2013 and it now makes up a significant portion of its caseload.

Number of CARES units, end of year	15	16	31	46	64	64	
Number of cases opened and closed as CARES	2,195	2,343	4,012	6,914	10,058	11,279	
Average number of caseworker contacts				3.6	3.7	3.7	
Average length of service (duration of case; in days)				50.6	48.7	47.4	
Percentage of cases opened as CARES that became an investigation				13.7	10.59	10.66	
Of those investigated, percentage indicated				25.1	27.9	28.4	
Percentage of cases that converted from CARES to investigation that had a child removal during the investigation				6.0	7.8	7.5	
Number of child removals within 60 days				62	89	96	
Percentage of closed CARES cases with a report to SCR within one year of closure			34.5	27.5	28	28.2	

Race and Ethnicity of youngest child in case (percentage)							
African American				36.4	35.1	35.0	
Asian/Pacific Islander				6.3	5.5	5.3	
Hispanic				45.7	47.7	47.3	
White				7.5	7.4	7.2	
Other				3.1	3.1	0.7	
Unknown				1.1	1.2	1.0	
Multiple						3.5	

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

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

Legend

calendar year

fiscal year

point in time