

Child and Family Services Review Data Profile Quick Reference



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The Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Data Profile is a document produced by the Children's Bureau (CB) to provide states with performance information on child outcomes related to safety and permanency.

What Information Is Included in the CFSR Data Profile?

The CFSR Data Profile includes information on a state's performance on seven statewide data indicators related to children served by the child welfare system. Five of the indicators help you understand whether children have permanency and stability in their living situations. The other two indicators help you understand whether children are protected from abuse and neglect once they are involved with the child welfare system. The indicators measure the degree to which desired outcomes are achieved.

The CFSR Data Profiles present information on the following:

- **Page 1: Risk standardized performance (RSP)** – RSP is used to assess state performance compared to national performance on each indicator. RSP accounts for some of the factors that influence performance on the indicators and that states have little control over. One example is the age of children in care.
- **Page 2: Footnotes** – The footnotes include definitions and clarifications. (Additional notes are also included on page 3.)
- **Page 3: Observed performance** – These values show how the state performed on each statewide data indicator without risk adjustment.
- **Page 4: Data quality** – This section shows the results of data quality checks performed and identifies problems that might affect the data performance calculations. CB calculates data checks on state submissions to the two national child welfare data systems that are the data sources for the statewide data indicators: the [Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System \(AFCARS\)](#) and the [National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System \(NCANDS\)](#).

Use this tip sheet to:

- Understand the different parts of the CFSR data profile
- Help interpret and discuss your state's data and performance

How Can States Use the CFSR Data Profiles?

State child welfare agencies and their partners can use the Data Profiles to identify strengths and areas for improvement. They can help assess progress on goals as part of strategic planning, reporting, and continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts. Use the RSP to compare a state's performance on an indicator to national performance. Use the observed performance to examine a state's own performance over time.

What Do the Statewide Data Indicators Measure?

The table below presents the purpose of each of the seven data indicators. Click on the indicator title for more detailed information on how that indicator is calculated.

Indicator	Purpose
Permanency in 12 months (entries)	Measures whether permanency is achieved (through reunification, adoption, guardianship, or living with a relative) within 12 months of children entering foster care.
Permanency in 12 months (12–23 mos.)	Measures whether permanency is achieved if children have been in foster care for at least 12 months and not more than 23 months.
Permanency in 12 months (24+ mos.)	Measures whether permanency is achieved if children have been in foster care for at least 24 months.
Reentry to foster care	Measures whether children reenter foster care within 12 months of their discharge when permanency (excluding adoptions) was achieved within 12 months.
Placement stability	Measures whether children who the agency removes from their homes experience stability while they are in foster care.
Maltreatment in care	Measures whether children experience abuse or neglect while in the state child welfare system's placement and care responsibility.
Recurrence of maltreatment	Measures whether children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment experience subsequent maltreatment.

Where Can You Find More Information?

Find detailed information on the statewide data indicators on the Capacity Building Center for State's [CFSR Statewide Data Indicators webpage](#) and in CB's [CFSR Round 3 Statewide Data Indicator Data Dictionary](#).

What's Presented on Page 1 of the Data Profile?



State

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR 3) Data Profile

February 2021

Submissions as of 12-15-20 (AFCARS) and 12-15-20 (NCANDS)

The data presented here use AFCARS and NCANDS submissions received by this date.

Risk Standardized Performance (RSP)

RSP is used to compare state performance to national performance. RSP calculations adjust for some factors that the state has little control over (e.g., the age of children in care).

- State's performance (using RSP interval) is statistically better than national performance.
- State's performance (using RSP interval) is statistically no different than national performance.
- State's performance (using RSP interval) is statistically worse than national performance.

The RSP results are color coded to indicate performance compared to national performance.

The column headings provide the AFCARS data periods corresponding to the 12-month reporting period. The numbers and letters relate to the 6-month AFCARS federal fiscal year reporting period (A = October–March; B = April–September).

National Performance		15B16A	16A16B	16B17A	17A17B	17B18A	18A18B	18B19A	19A19B	19B20A	20A20B
Permanency in 12 months (entries)	RSP	46.5%	48.4%	46.8%	43.1%	43.2%	44.4%				
	RSP interval	44.9%-48.1% ¹	46.8%-50.0% ¹	45.1%-48.4% ¹	41.6%-44.7% ²	41.6%-44.7% ²	42.8%-45.9% ¹				
	Data used	15B-18A	16A-18B	16B-19A	17A-19B	17B-20A	18A-20B				
Permanency in 12 months (12 - 23 mos)	RSP				40.9%	41.9%	43.7%	45.2%	45.2%	42.9%	
	RSP interval				38.4%-43.5% ³	39.3%-44.6% ³	41.2%-46.3% ²	42.9%-47.6% ²	42.8%-47.6% ²	40.5%-45.2% ³	
	Data used				17B-18A	18A-18B	18B-19A	19A-19B	19B-20A	20A-20B	

The left side of the table shows the statewide data indicators. See page 2 of this document for the purpose of each indicator.

The **national performance** is listed for comparison to the state's RSP interval. The interval provides a range of values that includes the state's RSP performance. If the national performance value is outside the RSP interval, then the state's performance is statistically different from national performance.

"Data used" provides the AFCARS data submissions used to calculate performance for that permanency indicator. Different data periods are used to calculate different indicators.

For each data indicator, the direction of the arrow shows whether a higher RSP value (arrow facing up ▲) or lower RSP value (arrow facing down ▼) is better.

		16AB, FY16	17AB, FY17	18AB, FY18	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19
Maltreatment in care (victimizations / 100,000 days in care)	RSP	8.58	9.56	10.27			
	RSP interval	7.14-10.3 ²	8.09-11.3 ²	8.8-11.99 ²			
	Data used	16A-16B, FY16-17	17A-17B, FY17-18	18A-18B, FY18-19			
Recurrence of maltreatment	RSP				5.7%		
	RSP interval				5.2%-6.2% ¹	5.5%-6.5% ¹	5.8%-6.8% ¹
	Data used				FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19

The two safety indicators use NCANDS data reported annually for fiscal years (FY). The maltreatment in care indicator uses both AFCARS (A/B) and NCANDS data.

▲ For this indicator, a higher RSP value is desirable. ▼ For this indicator, a lower RSP value is desirable.

What's Presented on Page 3 of the Data Profile?



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Submissions as of 12-15-20 (AFCARS) and 12-15-20 (NCANDS)

CB produces CFSR Data Profiles twice each year, typically in February and August.

← **February 2021**

Observed Performance

Observed performance describes how a state performed on an indicator for a specific 12-month period using the state's data without risk adjustment. The data reflect the actual counts that determine a state's unadjusted performance.

Observed performance is the percent or rate of children experiencing the outcome of interest, without risk adjustment. See the Data Dictionary for a complete description of the numerator and denominator for each statewide data indicator.

		15B16A	16A16B	16B17A	17A17B	17B18A	18A18B	18B19A	19A19B	19B20A	20A20B
Permanency in 12 months (entries)	Denominator	3,510	3,480	3,506	3,724	3,744	3,767				
	Numerator	1,644	1,690	1,643	1,612	1,620	1,680				
	Observed performance	46.8%	48.6%	46.9%	43.3%	43.3%	44.6%				
Permanency in 12 months (12 - 23 mos)	Denominator					1,329	1,257	1,325	1,539	1,517	1,508
	Numerator					539	528	583	703	691	654
	Observed performance					40.6%	42.0%	44.0%	45.7%	45.6%	43.4%
Permanency in 12 months (24+ mos)	Denominator					1,154	1,251	1,302	1,267	1,330	1,383
	Numerator					361	447	445	466	501	533
	Observed performance					31.3%	35.7%	34.2%	36.8%	37.7%	38.5%
Re-entry to foster care	Denominator	1,624	1,659	1,610	1,580	1,598	1,658				
	Numerator	86	85	83	115	126	98				
	Observed performance	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	7.3%	7.9%	5.9%				
Placement stability	Denominator					611,281	554,504	602,345	602,345	602,345	602,345
	Numerator					3,540	3,345	3,345	3,345	3,345	3,345
	Observed performance					5.79%	6.03%	5.55%	5.55%	5.55%	5.55%

Performance is presented for the most recent six periods. Older periods and those without enough data are left blank.

The notes help explain profile elements.

"DQ" on the observed performance or RSP page indicates that there is a data quality issue and performance was not calculated. A DQ for a single data submission may prevent performance calculation for multiple years. See the data quality section on page 4 of the Data Profile for details.

		16AB,FY16	17AB,FY17	18AB,FY18	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19
Maltreatment in care (victimizations / 100,000 days in care)	Denominator	1,742,130	1,887,204	2,042,912			
	Numerator	111	135	158			
	Observed performance	6.37	7.15	7.73			
Recurrence of maltreatment	Denominator				DQ	DQ	DQ
	Numerator				DQ	DQ	DQ
	Observed performance				DQ	DQ	DQ

DQ = Performance was not calculated due to exceeding the data quality limit on one or more data quality (DQ) checks done for the indicator. Exceeding a limit on a DQ check for an AFCARS and/or NCANDS submission(s) will result in performance not being calculated on the associated indicator(s) that require the affected submission(s) to calculate performance. A DQ flag will likely impact multiple measurement periods. See the data quality table for details.

Denominator: For Placement stability and Maltreatment in care = number of days in care. For all other indicators = number of children.

Numerator: For Placement stability = number of moves. For Maltreatment in care = number of victimizations. For all other indicators = number of children.

Percentage or rate: For Placement stability = moves per 1,000 days in care. For Maltreatment in care = victimizations per 100,000 days in care. For all other indicators = percentage of children experiencing the outcome.