



Child Protection Services by the #'s

State Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020)

Reports to Child Protection Services

Total reports made to Child Protection Hotline	16,773
Total reports alleging child abuse and/or neglect	15,363

Foster Care

Children entering Foster Care	1,235
Children in Foster Care (as of June 30, 2020)	1,730
Children discharged from Foster Care	1,190
Monthly Caseworker Visits Federal Fiscal Year 2019	
Visits Occurring	17,653
Percent Occurring	97.17%
Visits Occurring in the Home	16,504
Percent Occurring in the home	93.49%

Licensed Foster Homes by Child Protection Services (as of June 30, 2020)

Native American Foster Homes	90
Total Foster Homes	890

Receiving Child Protection Services in home (without court involvement)

Families (Foster Care not required)	48
Children (Foster Care not required)	333

Children discharged from foster care

Reunification	617
Finalized Adoptions	211
Guardianship	146
Transfer to Tribal Program	87
Transfer to Department of Corrections or other agency	10
Reached legal adulthood (Age 18)	73
Placement with a Relative	43
Death of child	2
Runaway	1

Reunification

Average number of days from initial placement to reunification	230
Percent reunified within 12 months	75%

Adoption

Children placed in an adoptive home	226
Adoption by Foster Parent	144
Adoption by Relative	55
Adoption by Non-relative	12
Average months from initial placement to finalized adoption	34

Explanation of Terms:

State Fiscal Year: For budgeting and other financially related reasons governments and businesses often operate using a fiscal year. It starts at the beginning of a quarter and ends 365 days later. In South Dakota, the State Fiscal Year begins July 1st and ends June 30th.

Federal Fiscal Year: The Federal Fiscal Year is the accounting period for the federal government which begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends.

Foster Care (Out-of-home Care): Is a temporary service provided by states for children who cannot live with their families. Children in foster care may live with relatives or with unrelated foster parents. Foster care can also refer to placement settings like group homes, residential care facilities, emergency shelters and supervised independent living.

In-Home Services: CPS provided services to a family with no court involvement or foster care placement.

Placement with Relative: Child has been placed in the legal custody of a relative by the court without a formal guardianship. This does not include placement with the child's mother or father.

Reunification: When children return home to their parent(s) or guardian(s).

Guardianship: Someone who is not the child's parent(s) is appointed to be responsible for the care, safety, and wellbeing of the child when the parent(s) are not able to do so. The child's parent(s) may or may not retain parental rights to their children.

Adoption: The establishment of a legally recognized lifelong relationship between an adoptive parent and a child. This only occurs after the rights of the biological parents are terminated.

Relative Placement: Child has been placed in legal custody with a relative. This does not include placement with the child's mother or father.

Caseworker Visits: Caseworker Visits are defined as purposeful, face to face monthly interactions between Family Services Specialists and children in Foster Care which contribute to an assessment of safety and case planning processes.