



# Child Protection Services by the #'s

State Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2021)

## Reports to Child Protection Services

Total reports made to Child Protection Hotline	17,218
Total reports alleging child abuse and/or neglect	16,108

## Foster Care (Includes all Out of Home Placement Settings)

Children Entering Foster Care	1074
Children in Foster Care (as of June 30, 2021)	1624
Children Discharged from Foster Care	1058
Monthly Caseworker Visits Federal Fiscal Year 2020	
Visits Occurring	18,684
Percent Occurring	96.89%
Visits Occurring in the Home	17,543
Percent Occurring in the home	93.89%

## Licensed Foster Homes by Child Protection Services (as of June 30, 2021)

Native American Foster Homes	87
Total Foster Homes	826

## Receiving Services In Home (without court involvement)

Children (Foster Care not Required)	773
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## Children Discharged from Foster Care

Reunification	518
Adoption	227
Guardianship	135
Transfer to Tribal Program	67
Reached Legal Adulthood (Age 18)	59
Placement with a Relative	32
Transfer to Other Agency	16
Runaway	2
Transfer to Department of Corrections	1

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Death of Child	1
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**Reunification**

Average Number of Days from Initial Placement to Reunification	269
Percent Reunified within 12 Months	70.8%

**Adoption**

Children Placed in an Adoptive Home	262
Finalized Adoptions	227
Adoption by Foster Parent	131
Adoption by Relative	87
Adoption by Non-Relative	9
Average Months from Initial Placement to Finalized Adoption	33.5

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Receiving Services In Home (without court involvement):** Number of children who are able to safely remain in their home. These children and their families receive services and are monitored by Child Protection Services or another agency.

**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).

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**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.