



Child Protection Services by the #'s

State Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2023)

Reports to Child Protection Services

Total reports made to Child Protection Services	17,083
Total reports alleging child abuse and/or neglect	16,272

Foster Care (Includes all Out of Home Placement Settings)

Children Entering Foster Care	1023
Children in Foster Care (average number per month)	1544
Children Discharged from Foster Care	1010
Monthly Caseworker Visits Federal Fiscal Year 2021	
Visits Occurring	17,846
Percent Occurring	97.01%
Visits Occurring in the Home	16,536
Percent Occurring in the home	92.66%

Licensed Foster Homes by Department of Social Services (as of June 30, 2023)

Native American Foster Homes	89
Total Foster Homes	808

Receiving Services In Home (without court involvement)

Children (Foster Care not Required)	688
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Children Discharged from Foster Care

Reunification	456
Adoption	251
Guardianship	111
Transfer to Tribal Program	42
Reached Legal Adulthood (Age 18)	62
Placement with a Relative	41
Transfer to Other Agency	7
Runaway	0
Transfer to Department of Corrections	2
Death of Child	1

Reunification

Average Number of Days from Initial Placement to Reunification	280
Percent Reunified within 12 Months	65.4%

Adoption

Children Placed in an Adoptive Home	242
Finalized Adoptions	251
Adoption by Foster Parent	139
Adoption by Relative	96
Adoption by Non-Relative	16
Average Months from Initial Placement to Finalized Adoption	33.2

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, supervised independent living and periods of trial reunification.

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).

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.

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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.

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.