

Section 9: Table of Data Indicators for the CFSR

**TABLE OF DATA INDICATORS FOR THE
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW**

Ranges, Medians, and National Standards for the Child and Family Services Review Data Indicators - Fiscal Year (FY) 2004*

DATA INDICATORS	Range	Median	National Standard
Data indicators associated with CFSR safety outcome 1 – Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.			
Of all children who were victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation during the first 6 months of FY 2004, what percent were not victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation during a 6-month period?	86.0 – 98.0	93.3	94.4 or higher
Of all children served in foster care in FY 2004, what percent were not victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member?	98.59 – 99.90	99.58	99.67 or higher
Data indicators associated with CFSR permanency outcome 1 – Children have permanency and stability in their living situations			
Permanency Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification			
	50 – 150	101.6	110.2 or higher
Component A: Timeliness of reunification			
Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in FY 2004 who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the most recent entry into foster care? (This includes the “trial home visit adjustment.”)	44.3 – 92.5	69.9	No Standard
Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in FY 2004 who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the most recent entry into foster care until the date of reunification? (This includes the “trial home visit adjustment.”)	1.1 – 13.7	6.5	No Standard
Of all children entering foster care for the first time in the second 6 months of FY 2003 who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the first entry into foster care? (This includes the “trial home visit adjustment.”)	17.7 – 68.8	39.3	No Standard
Component B: Permanency of reunification			
Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in FY 2003, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	1.4 – 31.2	15.0	No Standard

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DATA INDICATORS	Range	Median	National Standard
Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions	50 – 150	94.4	103.0 or higher
Component A: Timeliness of adoptions of children discharged from foster care			
Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in FY 2004, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the most recent entry into foster care?	6.2 – 73.0	24.6	No Standard
Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in FY 2004, what was the median length of stay in foster care (in months) from the date of the most recent entry into foster care to the date of discharge?	16.9 – 55.7	32.5	No Standard
Component B: Progress toward adoption for children who meet ASFA time-in-care requirements			
Of all children in foster care on the first day of FY 2004 who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption before the end of the fiscal year?	2.2 – 22.8	17.7	No Standard
Of all children in foster care on the first day of FY 2004 who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent became legally free for adoption (i.e., a termination of parental rights was granted for each living parent) in less than 6 months from the beginning of the fiscal year?	0 – 17.2	7.4	No Standard
Component C: Progress toward adoption of children who are legally free for adoption			
Of all children who became legally free for adoption (i.e., a termination of parental rights was granted for each living parent) during FY 2003, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months of becoming legally free?	0 – 100	43.7	No Standard
Permanency Composite 3: Achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time	50 – 150	103.8	111.7 or higher
Component A: Achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time			
Of all children who were discharged from foster care in FY 2004 and were legally free for adoption (i.e., there was a termination of parental rights for each living parent), what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18 th birthday? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).	84.8 – 100	97.0	No Standard
Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of FY 2004, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18 th birthday and by the end of the fiscal year? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).	8.1 – 35.3	24.5	No Standard
Component B: Children growing up in foster care			
Of all children who exited foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation prior to their 18 th birthday or who reached their 18 th birthday while in foster care, what percent were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	17.9 – 80.4	50.7	No Standard

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DATA INDICATORS	Range	Median	National Standard
Permanency Composite 4: Placement Stability	50 – 150	99.2	108.5 or higher
Of all children in foster care in FY 2004 who were in foster care for (a) 8 days or longer and (b) less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?	55.0 – 99.6	83.3	No Standard
Of all children in foster care in FY 2004 who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?	27.0 – 99.8	59.9	No Standard
Of all children in foster care in FY 2004 who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?	13.7 – 98.9	33.9	No Standard

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Common Terminology

Data indicator: Refers to the two safety measures and the four permanency composites for which national standards have been developed. That is, anything that has a national standard is referred to as a data indicator.

Composite: Refers to a data indicator that incorporates State performance on multiple permanency-related individual measures.

Composite score: This term is the number that reflects a State's performance on a particular composite. Composite scores range from 50 to 150, with higher scores reflecting higher performance.

Individual measures: Refers to the specific measures that are included in each composite. Although it would be technically correct also to use that term to refer to the two safety measures, it may be clearer to refer to the two safety measures as safety "data indicators" since they have national standards associated with them. That way we will be able to differentiate them from the individual measures in the composites.

Components: Refers to the primary parts of a composite. Components may incorporate only one measure or may have two or more measures that are closely related to one another. (The table identifies the components for each composite.)