CFSR Permanency Outcome 1
Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

**Definition**

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**National Performance**

(A higher value is desirable.)

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<td>Number of children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care (in that episode) for 24 months or more</td>
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Risk is adjusted on age of child on the first day of a 12-month period, and by state.

Per Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)

31.8 PERCENT (A higher value is desirable.)
### Data Quality Checks Performed

- Dropped records (greater than 10%)
- AFCARS IDs do not match from one period to the next (greater than 40%)
- Missing date of birth (greater than 5%)
- Missing date of latest removal (greater than 5%)
- Date of birth after date of entry (greater than 5%)
- Date of birth after date of exit (greater than 5%)
- Age at entry is greater than 21 (greater than 5%)
- Age at discharge is greater than 21 (greater than 5%)
- In foster care more than 21 years (greater than 5%)
- Enters and exits care the same day (greater than 5%)
- Exit date is prior to the removal date (greater than 5%)
- Missing discharge reason (exit date exists) (greater than 10%)
- Percentage of children on first removal (greater than 95%)

### Data Periods Used to Calculate the National Performance

**AFCARS**

#### Primary Data Elements Required for Calculation

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#### Data Elements Required for Risk-Adjusted Analysis

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### Notes

- The trial home visit adjustment is not applied to this indicator.

### INCLUSIONS

- Permanency includes discharges from foster care to reunification with the child’s parents or primary caregivers, living with a relative, guardianship, or adoption.
- Youth entering at age 17 who turn 18 while in care or discharge at age 18 are not counted as achieving permanency.

### EXCLUSIONS

- Children who are age 18 or older are excluded from this measure.
- Children who do not have a discharge reason are excluded.
- Children who reenter foster care within the same reporting period are excluded, as the AFCARS reporting structure does not support reporting of the discharge reason for first episode.

For more information: [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews/round3](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews/round3)