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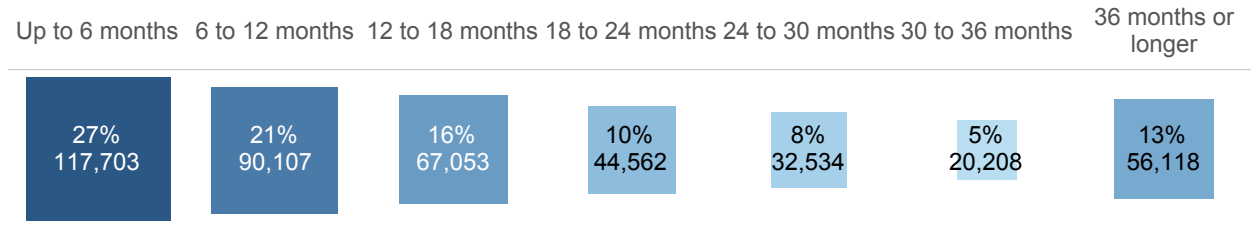
## Who Are the Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Care?

Statewide population: **428,285** children and youth (ages 0–17) in out-of-home care on September 30, 2017.



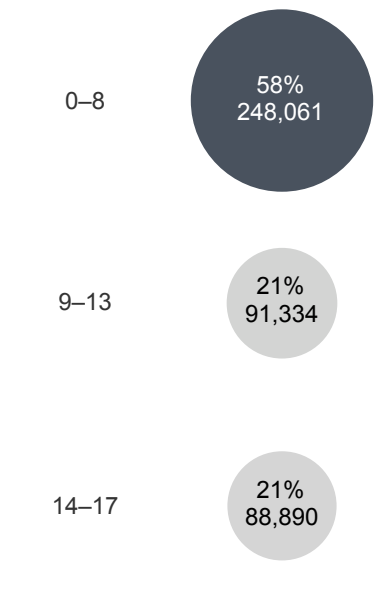
### How long have the children and youth been in care during this removal episode?\*

(Point in time on September 30, 2017)



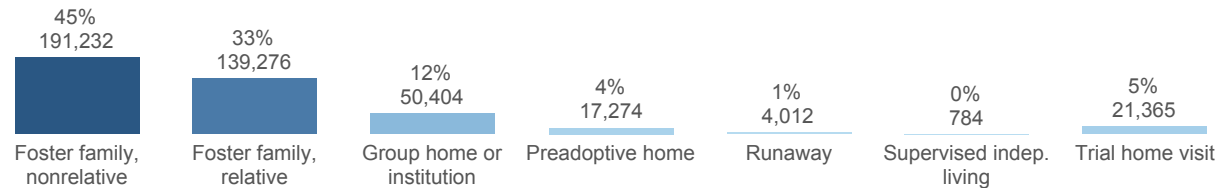
### How old are the children in out-of-home care?

(Age on September 30, 2017)



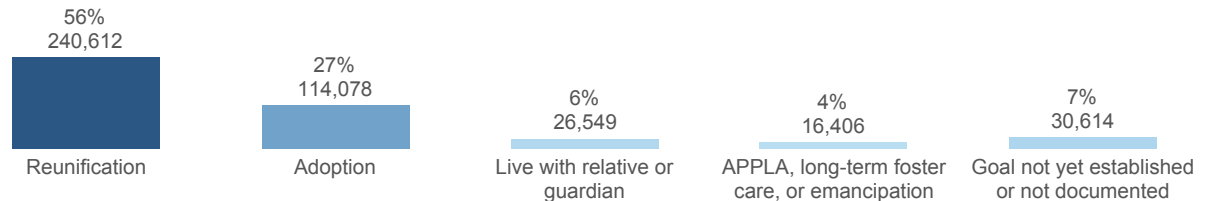
### Where are the children and youth living?\*

(Most recent placement setting as of September 30, 2017)



### What are the children's documented primary case plan goals?\*

(Most recent primary case plan goal)



Data source: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 v1. Annual foster care file obtained from National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN).

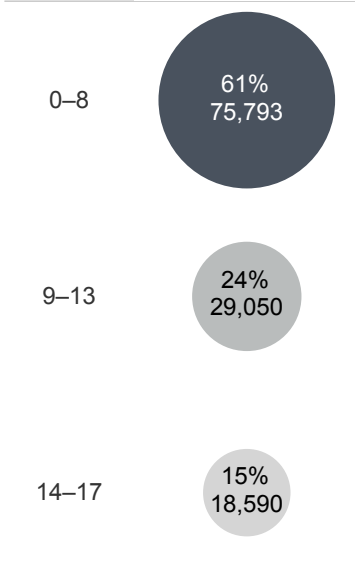
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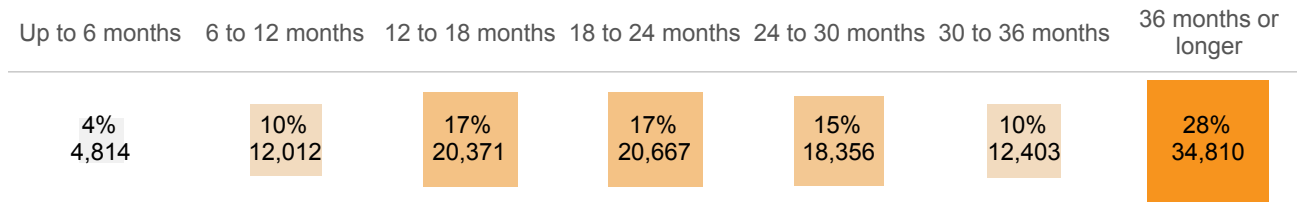
## Which Children and Youth Are Waiting for Adoption?

On September 30, 2017, there were **428,285** children and youth (ages 0–17) in out-of-home care. Of those, **123,433** were waiting for adoption.\*

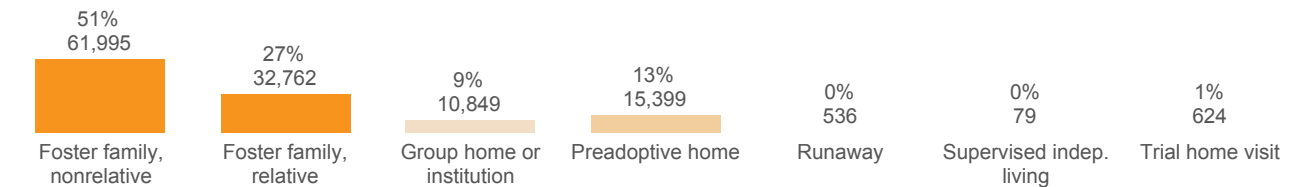
How old are the children in care who are waiting for adoption?  
(Age on September 30, 2017)



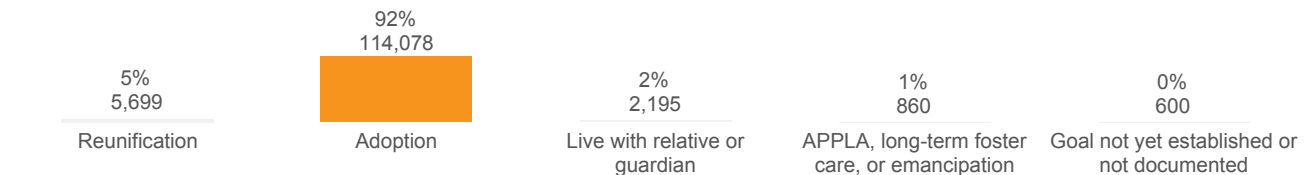
How long have waiting children and youth been in care during this removal episode?<sup>\*\*</sup>  
(Point in time on September 30, 2017)



Where are the waiting children and youth living now?<sup>\*\*</sup>  
(Most recent placement setting as of September 30, 2017)



What are waiting children's documented primary case plan goals?<sup>\*\*</sup>  
(Most recent primary case plan goal)



Data source: AFCARS FY 2017 v1. Annual foster care file obtained from NDACAN.

\*A child is waiting for adoption if they are between 0 and 17 years old and their parents have lost parental rights, or the child's case goal is adoption and they are in the foster care system at the end of the FY, excepting kids 16 or 17 years old whose parents have lost parental rights and their case goal is emancipation.

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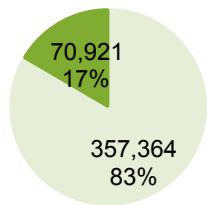
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## Children in Out-of-Home Care Who Are Legally Free for Adoption

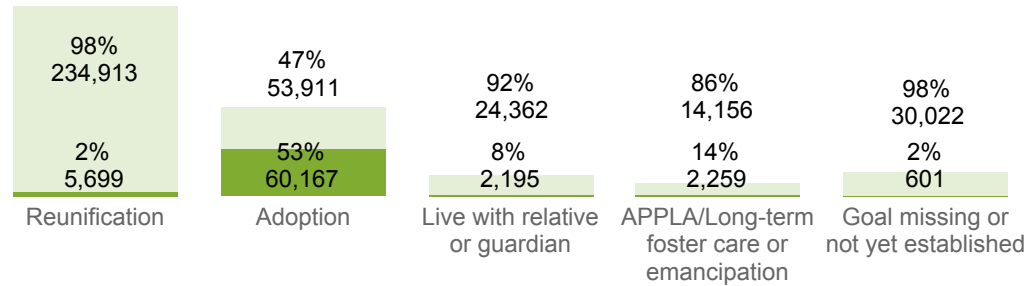
On September 30, 2017, there were **428,285** children and youth (ages 0–17) in out-of-home care. Of those, **70,921** were legally free for adoption.\*

Legally Free for Adoption? ■ Yes ■ No

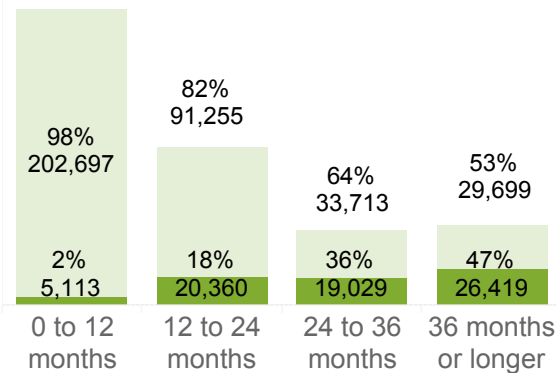
**How many children in out-of-home care are legally free for adoption?** (Both parents have a termination of parental rights [TPR] date that is prior to the end of the fiscal year)



**How many children with a goal of adoption are legally free?\*\*\*** Of the children and youth in care with a primary goal of adoption, 53% are legally free for adoption.



**Legally free by time in care:\*\*** Of the children and youth in care 3 years or longer, 47% are legally free for adoption.



**How long have children been legally free?\*\*\*** Of the legally free children and youth in care 3 years or longer, 31% have been legally free for more than 3 years.

Time in care (this episode)	Time Since Legally Free					
	Less than 6 mos	6 mos to less than 1 ..	1 to 2 yrs	2 to 3 yrs	3 years or longer	more than 18 yrs - dat..
0 to 12 months	3,381 (66%)	624 (12%)	121 (2%)	84 (2%)	782 (15%)	0%
12 to 24 months	12,359 (61%)	5,811 (29%)	1,466 (7%)	55 (0%)	456 (2%)	0%
24 to 36 months	6,034 (32%)	6,538 (34%)	5,565 (29%)	576 (3%)	226 (1%)	0%
36 months or longer	2,784 (11%)	3,623 (14%)	6,762 (26%)	4,940 (19%)	8,278 (31%)	0%

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## Children in Out-of-Home Care Who Are Waiting for Adoption: Time in Most Recent Placement Setting, Placement Type, and TPR (Legally Free) Status

On September 30, 2017, there were **123,433** children and youth (ages 0–17) in out-of-home care who were waiting for adoption.\* Of those, **69,522** were legally free for adoption.\*\*

This visualization focuses on the children and youth who are waiting for adoption (as of September 30, 2017). It organizes these children and youth by age group and their most recent placement setting. The green bars indicate the number of children and youth by the length of time in that most recent setting. The shades of green convey the TPR status.\*\*\*

Age (in years on 9/30/17)	Most recent placement setting	Legally Free for Adoption? <span style="color: green;">■</span> Yes <span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> No		Less than 6 months in current setting		6 to 12 months in current setting		12 to 24 months in current setting		Longer than 2 years in current setting	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
0–8	Foster family, nonrelative	4,280	6,110	3,513	4,974	6,544	6,675	4,378	2,950		
	Foster family, relative	1,823	2,734	2,194	3,067	4,597	4,398	2,698	1,875		
	Group home or institution	189	270	99	144	122	195	90	225		
	Preadoptive home	3,064	544	1,253	395	2,041	696	1,900	611		
	Runaway										
	Supervised independent living	6									
	Trial home visit	66	245	24		5		8			
9–13	Foster family, nonrelative	2,771	2,196	1,395	1,220	2,056	1,664	1,995	1,091		
	Foster family, relative	752	807	625	679	1,228	1,063	915	664		
	Group home or institution	1,281	636	478	287	454	261	275	184		
	Preadoptive home	1,168	194	457	91	628	164	638	189		
	Runaway	17		5							
	Supervised independent living										
	Trial home visit	47	93	9							
14–17	Foster family, nonrelative	2,135	972	931	490	1,149	644	1,315	444		
	Foster family, relative	536	322	292	223	427	277	353	174		
	Group home or institution	2,326	785	826	274	594	239	422	164		
	Preadoptive home	451	75	192	38	223	60	259	64		
	Runaway	282	103	69	16	25		7			
	Supervised independent living	41	10	9		5		5			
	Trial home visit	54	32	10							

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