

Outcome 2: Faster Permanency, Community District Comparative

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First Foster Care Spell	CITYWIDE		STATEN ISLAND		CD 01	
	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year
Number of children w/1st spell admissions in CY	5,852	-1.6%	446	5.4%	344	12.4%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of children still in 1st spell	3,482	-4.8%	283	4.8%	213	4.9%
% w/ PPG reunification ⁴	85.6%	1.0%	90.8%	3.0%	90.1%	2.2%
% w/ PPG adoption	4.7%	7.0%	2.5%	33.6%	3.3%	122.4%
% w/ PPG independent living	2.3%	16.9%	1.1%	43.1%	1.4%	43.0%
Number of children discharged from 1st spell	2,370	3.4%	163	6.5%	131	27.2%
% discharged to reunification	93.9%	3.0%	96.3%	1.6%	95.4%	0.3%
% discharged to independent living	1.1%	-29.5%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged to other destinations	4.9%	-30.4%	3.7%	40.8%	4.6%	135.9%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	-67.8%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Length of stay of 1st spell discharges as percent of total admissions						
% discharged w/in 3 mo	26.6%	15.0%	23.5%	3.7%	24.4%	13.2%
% discharged 4-6 mo	7.8%	4.6%	4.7%	-26.2%	4.1%	-37.7%
% discharged 7-12 mo	5.7%	-23.2%	6.5%	5.8%	7.3%	71.1%

Second or Greater Foster Care Spell	CITYWIDE		STATEN ISLAND		CD 01	
	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year
Number of placements of children w/2nd+ spell admissions in CY	1,586	6.3%	113	13.0%	96	23.1%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of placements still in 2nd+ spell	1,068	6.2%	67	6.3%	55	19.6%
% w/ PPG reunification ⁴	83.3%	0.9%	94.0%	18.5%	92.7%	29.3%
% w/ PPG adoption	4.0%	15.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% w/ PPG independent living	5.6%	-0.8%	3.0%	-37.3%	3.6%	-44.2%
Number of discharges from 2nd+ spell	518	6.6%	46	24.3%	41	28.1%
% discharged to reunification	87.3%	3.2%	93.5%	-1.2%	95.1%	1.5%
% discharged to independent living	3.1%	-16.6%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged to other destinations	9.7%	-14.7%	6.5%	141.3%	4.9%	56.1%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Length of stay of 2nd+ spell discharges as percent of total admissions						
% discharged w/in 3 mo	19.6%	7.6%	14.2%	-41.0%	14.6%	-50.5%
% discharged 4-6 mo	7.0%	-5.9%	6.2%	23.9%	6.3%	21.9%
% discharged 7-12 mo	5.7%	-12.6%	17.7%	152.8%	18.8%	265.6%

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	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year
Number of children w/1st spell admissions in CY	6,106	66.3%	362	123.5%	288	154.9%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of children still in 1st spell	2,331	72.8%	160	150.0%	136	195.7%
% w/PPG reunification	44.0%	0.2%	43.1%	-11.0%	44.1%	-18.8%
% w/PPG adoption	44.4%	-1.2%	43.8%	7.7%	46.3%	25.3%
% w/PPG independent living	9.9%	6.5%	12.5%	14.3%	8.8%	1.5%
Number of children still in 1st spell with goal of adoption	1,035	70.8%	70	169.2%	63	270.6%
% freed	30.1%	9.4%	10.0%	-56.7%	9.5%	-59.5%
Number with goal of adoption freed during current spell	312	86.8%	7	16.7%	6	50.0%
% freed within 12 months after goal change	42.0%	-19.4%	14.3%	-82.9%	16.7%	-77.8%
% freed within 13-24 months after goal change	45.8%	44.4%	85.7%	414.3%	83.3%	233.3%
% freed more than 24 months after goal change	3.5%	47.2%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Number discharged from 1st spell	3,775	62.6%	202	106.1%	152	126.9%
% discharged to reunification	88.5%	11.9%	92.6%	5.5%	94.7%	11.4%
% discharged to adoption	4.5%	-24.8%	2.5%	-39.4%	0.7%	-78.0%
% discharged to independent living	2.2%	-19.3%	2.5%	-39.4%	2.6%	-55.9%
% discharged to other destinations	4.8%	-60.7%	2.5%	-39.4%	2.0%	-66.9%
Length of stay as a percent of total admissions						
% discharged within 12 months	42.2%	-1.9%	38.7%	8.0%	34.7%	-14.7%
% discharged 13-24 months	14.3%	5.5%	14.6%	-1.2%	16.0%	28.9%
% discharged 25-36 months	5.1%	-19.3%	2.5%	-66.4%	2.1%	-66.4%
Number discharged to adoption	170	22.3%	5	25.0%	1	-50.0%
Length of stay in 1st spell before adoption as a percent of all adoptions						
% discharged w/in 24 months	26.5%	-16.4%	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged 25-30 months	31.8%	-19.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged 31-36 months	38.8%	45.9%	60.0%	20.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Length of stay in 1st spell between being freed and adopted as a percent of all adoptions for children freed						
% discharged within 12 months of being freed	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged within 13-24 months of being freed	25.9%	-12.3%	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged more than 24 months after being freed	72.9%	7.9%	60.0%	-20.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Number of children w/2nd+ spell admissions in CY	1,579	35.0%	94	118.6%	71	208.7%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of children still in 2nd+ spell	623	40.0%	34	183.3%	27	575.0%
% w/PPG reunification	45.7%	-11.5%	32.4%	29.4%	37.0%	-25.9%
% w/PPG adoption	28.9%	8.0%	35.3%	-29.4%	40.7%	63.0%
% w/PPG independent living	21.8%	15.6%	29.4%	17.6%	22.2%	-11.1%
Number of children still in 2nd+ spell with goal of adoption	180	51.3%	12	100.0%	11	1000.0%
% freed	27.2%	4.5%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Number with goal of adoption freed during current spell *	49	58.1%	0	N/A	0	N/A
% freed within 12 months after goal change	26.5%	-54.3%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% freed within 13-24 months after goal change	55.1%	113.5%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% freed more than 24 months after goal change	4.1%	4.1%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Number discharged from 2nd+ spell	956	31.9%	60	93.5%	44	131.6%
% discharged to reunification	80.6%	7.5%	83.3%	7.6%	84.1%	-0.1%
% discharged to adoption	2.6%	18.5%	6.7%	3.3%	2.3%	2.3%
% discharged to independent living	6.0%	-3.9%	5.0%	5.0%	6.8%	6.8%
% discharged to other destinations	10.8%	-34.9%	5.0%	-69.0%	6.8%	-56.8%
Length of stay as a percent of total admissions						
% discharged within 12 months	40.3%	-2.4%	41.5%	-25.7%	43.7%	-33.1%
% discharged 13-24 months	15.4%	11.8%	18.1%	29.6%	16.9%	29.6%
% discharged 25-36 months	4.9%	-26.9%	4.3%	83.0%	1.4%	-67.6%
Number discharged to adoption	25	56.3%	4	100.0%	1	100.0%
Length of stay in 2nd+ spell before adoption as a percent of all adoptions						
% discharged w/in 24 months	24.0%	-4.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged 25-30 months	36.0%	15.2%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged 31-36 months	40.0%	28.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Length of stay in 2nd+ spell between being freed and adopted as a percent of all adoptions for children freed						
% discharged within 12 months of being freed	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged within 13-24 months of being freed	16.0%	-14.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged more than 24 months after being freed	68.0%	-9.3%	75.0%	75.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**The difference in the number freed during the current spell and the percent of children in care with a goal of adoption that are freed is due to children that were freed during a prior foster care spell.*

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Number of children still in 2nd+ spell with goal of adoption	180	51.3%	12	100.0%	0	N/A
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Length of stay in 2nd+ spell between being freed and adopted as a percent of all adoptions for children freed						
% discharged within 12 months of being freed	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged within 13-24 months of being freed	16.0%	-14.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged more than 24 months after being freed	68.0%	-9.3%	75.0%	75.0%	0.0%	N/A

**The difference in the number freed during the current spell and the percent of children in care with a goal of adoption that are freed is due to children that were freed during a prior foster care spell.*

Outcome 2: Faster Permanency, Community District Comparative

This outcome provides a measure of the foster care system's success at moving children into permanent homes on a timely basis. The best measure for this outcome is the time in foster care for an annual admissions cohort¹. This report focuses on the status of children placed in the most recent annual admissions cohort. It compares measures for children who are from the specified community district (CD) for this report with the same measures for all children from the borough and the entire city. The first page of this report considers the overall performance of admissions cohorts; the second and third pages focus on adoption discharges.

The first section on this page presents the performance of 1st time admission cohorts. The second section considers 2nd or greater spell² admissions cohorts for the same calendar years. For each group the total number of placements into foster care is provided. The remaining indicators in these sections of the report examine the status of the admissions cohorts at a specified point in time during the calendar year following the admission year. The percent change from the previous year's cohort, as measured at the same point in time following the end of that admission year is also provided. The number still in care, broken down by Permanency Planning Goal (PPG)³ is shown. Next, the number discharged and to what destination is presented. Finally, a summary of how long those discharges stayed in care is included.

First Foster Care Spell	CITYWIDE		STATEN ISLAND		CD 03	
	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year
Number of children w/1st spell admissions in CY	5,852	-1.6%	446	5.4%	38	-5.0%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of children still in 1st spell	3,482	-4.8%	283	4.8%	31	47.6%
% w/ PPG reunification ⁴	85.6%	1.0%	90.8%	3.0%	100.0%	N/A
% w/ PPG adoption	4.7%	7.0%	2.5%	33.6%	0.0%	N/A
% w/ PPG independent living	2.3%	16.9%	1.1%	43.1%	0.0%	N/A
Number of children discharged from 1st spell	2,370	3.4%	163	6.5%	7	-63.2%
% discharged to reunification	93.9%	3.0%	96.3%	1.6%	100.0%	11.8%
% discharged to independent living	1.1%	-29.5%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged to other destinations	4.9%	-30.4%	3.7%	40.8%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	-67.8%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Length of stay of 1st spell discharges as percent of total admissions						
% discharged w/in 3 mo	26.6%	15.0%	23.5%	3.7%	10.5%	-73.7%
% discharged 4-6 mo	7.8%	4.6%	4.7%	-26.2%	5.3%	5.3%
% discharged 7-12 mo	5.7%	-23.2%	6.5%	5.8%	2.6%	5.3%

Second or Greater Foster Care Spell	CITYWIDE		STATEN ISLAND		CD 03	
	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year	CY 2008 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2007 Admission Year
Number of placements of children w/2nd+ spell admissions in CY	1,586	6.3%	113	13.0%	9	28.6%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of placements still in 2nd+ spell	1,068	6.2%	67	6.3%	8	60.0%
% w/ PPG reunification ⁴	83.3%	0.9%	94.0%	18.5%	100.0%	N/A
% w/ PPG adoption	4.0%	15.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A
% w/ PPG independent living	5.6%	-0.8%	3.0%	-37.3%	0.0%	N/A
Number of discharges from 2nd+ spell	518	6.6%	46	24.3%	1	-50.0%
% discharged to reunification	87.3%	3.2%	93.5%	-1.2%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged to independent living	3.1%	-16.6%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged to other destinations	9.7%	-14.7%	6.5%	141.3%	100.0%	100.0%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Length of stay of 2nd+ spell discharges as percent of total admissions						
% discharged w/in 3 mo	19.6%	7.6%	14.2%	-41.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged 4-6 mo	7.0%	-5.9%	6.2%	23.9%	11.1%	11.1%
% discharged 7-12 mo	5.7%	-12.6%	17.7%	152.8%	0.0%	-100.0%

¹ Admission cohort refers to the group of children placed in foster care in a given year.

² A spell is the time between foster care entry and discharge. A child's 1st spell is his/her 1st episode in foster care. Subsequent episodes in foster care are second or greater spells.

³ Permanency Planning Goal (PPG) refers to a goal that must be specified for every child in foster care at all times.

⁴ Reunification is defined as discharge to parent, relative or primary resource person.

Outcome 2: Faster Permanency, Community District Comparative (continued)

This portion of the report focuses on those children discharged to adoption. This page describes 1st spell admission cohorts and the next page looks at 2nd or greater spell cohorts. The total number of children in each cohort is displayed on the first line of both pages. The remaining measures examine the status of the admission cohorts at a specific point in time during the calendar year three years following the admission year. The number still in care is broken down by PPG. For those with a goal of adoption the percent freed and the number freed during the current spell is shown. Next the number discharged and to what destination is presented. A summary of how long those discharged stayed in care is then shown. Finally, for those adopted the time in care before adoption and the time between being freed for adoption and being adopted are presented.

First Foster Care Spell	CITYWIDE		STATEN ISLAND		CD 03	
	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year
Number of children w/1st spell admissions in CY	6,106	66.3%	362	123.5%	25	47.1%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of children still in 1st spell	2,331	72.8%	160	150.0%	10	233.3%
% w/PPG reunification	44.0%	0.2%	43.1%	-11.0%	50.0%	50.0%
% w/PPG adoption	44.4%	-1.2%	43.8%	7.7%	10.0%	-70.0%
% w/PPG independent living	9.9%	6.5%	12.5%	14.3%	40.0%	-40.0%
Number of children still in 1st spell with goal of adoption	1,035	70.8%	70	169.2%	1	N/A
% freed	30.1%	9.4%	10.0%	-56.7%	0.0%	N/A
Number with goal of adoption freed during current spell	312	86.8%	7	16.7%	0	N/A
% freed within 12 months after goal change	42.0%	-19.4%	14.3%	-82.9%	0.0%	N/A
% freed within 13-24 months after goal change	45.8%	44.4%	85.7%	414.3%	0.0%	N/A
% freed more than 24 months after goal change	3.5%	47.2%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Number discharged from 1st spell	3,775	62.6%	202	106.1%	15	7.1%
% discharged to reunification	88.5%	11.9%	92.6%	5.5%	80.0%	-20.0%
% discharged to adoption	4.5%	-24.8%	2.5%	-39.4%	6.7%	6.7%
% discharged to independent living	2.2%	-19.3%	2.5%	-39.4%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged to other destinations	4.8%	-60.7%	2.5%	-39.4%	13.3%	13.3%
Length of stay as a percent of total admissions						
% discharged within 12 months	42.2%	-1.9%	38.7%	8.0%	44.0%	49.6%
% discharged 13-24 months	14.3%	5.5%	14.6%	-1.2%	12.0%	-77.3%
% discharged 25-36 months	5.1%	-19.3%	2.5%	-66.4%	4.0%	4.0%
Number discharged to adoption	170	22.3%	5	25.0%	1	100.0%
Length of stay in 1st spell before adoption as a percent of all adoptions						
% discharged w/in 24 months	26.5%	-16.4%	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%	100.0%
% discharged 25-30 months	31.8%	-19.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged 31-36 months	38.8%	45.9%	60.0%	20.0%	0.0%	N/A
Length of stay in 1st spell between being freed and adopted as a percent of all adoptions for children freed						
% discharged within 12 months of being freed	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged within 13-24 months of being freed	25.9%	-12.3%	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%	100.0%
% discharged more than 24 months after being freed	72.9%	7.9%	60.0%	-20.0%	0.0%	N/A

Outcome 2: Faster Permanency, Community District Comparative (continued)

Second or Greater Foster Care Spell	CITYWIDE		STATEN ISLAND		CD 03	
	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year	CY 2006 Admission Year	% Change from CY 2005 Admission Year
Number of children w/2nd+ spell admissions in CY	1,579	35.0%	94	118.6%	9	28.6%
Status as of:	MAR 2009		MAR 2009		MAR 2009	
Number of children still in 2nd+ spell	623	40.0%	34	183.3%	4	400.0%
% w/PPG reunification	45.7%	-11.5%	32.4%	29.4%	0.0%	N/A
% w/PPG adoption	28.9%	8.0%	35.3%	-29.4%	25.0%	25.0%
% w/PPG independent living	21.8%	15.6%	29.4%	17.6%	75.0%	75.0%
Number of children still in 2nd+ spell with goal of adoption	180	51.3%	12	100.0%	1	100.0%
% freed	27.2%	4.5%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Number with goal of adoption freed during current spell *	49	58.1%	0	N/A	0	N/A
% freed within 12 months after goal change	26.5%	-54.3%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% freed within 13-24 months after goal change	55.1%	113.5%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% freed more than 24 months after goal change	4.1%	4.1%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Number discharged from 2nd+ spell	956	31.9%	60	93.5%	5	-28.6%
% discharged to reunification	80.6%	7.5%	83.3%	7.6%	40.0%	-44.0%
% discharged to adoption	2.6%	18.5%	6.7%	3.3%	60.0%	320.0%
% discharged to independent living	6.0%	-3.9%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%	N/A
% discharged to other destinations	10.8%	-34.9%	5.0%	-69.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Length of stay as a percent of total admissions						
% discharged within 12 months	40.3%	-2.4%	41.5%	-25.7%	11.1%	-84.4%
% discharged 13-24 months	15.4%	11.8%	18.1%	29.6%	11.1%	-61.1%
% discharged 25-36 months	4.9%	-26.9%	4.3%	83.0%	33.3%	33.3%
Number discharged to adoption	25	56.3%	4	100.0%	3	200.0%
Length of stay in 2nd+ spell before adoption as a percent of all adoptions						
% discharged w/in 24 months	24.0%	-4.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged 25-30 months	36.0%	15.2%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged 31-36 months	40.0%	28.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Length of stay in 2nd+ spell between being freed and adopted as a percent of all adoptions for children freed						
% discharged within 12 months of being freed	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A
% discharged within 13-24 months of being freed	16.0%	-14.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
% discharged more than 24 months after being freed	68.0%	-9.3%	75.0%	75.0%	66.7%	66.7%

*The difference in the number freed during the current spell and the percent of children in care with a goal of adoption that are freed is due to children that were freed during a prior foster care spell.