

Outcome 4: Re-entries into Foster Care from Reunification & Adoption, Citywide Summary

This outcome provides a measure of the foster care system's success at achieving permanency for children discharged to their families. This performance report focuses on two perspectives: (1) discharges from; and (2) admissions into foster care. The top section focuses on what is perceived to be the best measure of Outcome 4: measuring the rate at which children discharged to reunification¹ return to care within one year. This portion of the report also measures the rate of re-entry based on length of stay at time of discharge, comparing the re-entry rates of those discharged within 90 days of placement to the re-entry rates of those discharged after 90 days of care. The bottom section considers the total number of placements from home (admissions) and provides information on foster care history for those children.

	<u>JAN</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2005</u>
Reunification discharges from 1st spell²	353	310	361	1,024	844	700	775
% re-entered ³ in 1 year	12.2%	11.9%	15.5%	13.3%	12.3%	11.4%	8.8%
% w/SCR reports w/in 1 yr ⁴							
Discharges w/in 90 days of placement	162	114	144	420	297	303	151
% re-entered in 1 year	14.2%	19.3%	25.0%	19.3%	16.8%	18.5%	19.2%
Discharges after 90+ days of placement	191	196	217	604	547	397	624
% re-entered in 1 year	10.5%	7.7%	9.2%	9.1%	9.9%	6.0%	6.3%
Reunification discharges from 2nd+ spell	82	73	76	231	189	201	242
% re-entered in 1 year	12.2%	12.3%	14.5%	13.0%	9.0%	12.9%	7.9%
Discharges w/in 90 days of placement	31	18	18	67	34	64	46
% re-entered in 1 year	19.4%	22.2%	16.7%	19.4%	14.7%	18.8%	13.0%
Discharges after 90+ days of placement	51	55	58	164	155	137	196
% re-entered in 1 year	7.8%	9.1%	13.8%	10.4%	7.7%	10.2%	6.6%
Adoption discharges⁴							
% re-entered in 1 year							

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Number of admissions	669	627	693	1,989	1,852	1,926	2,253
% admitted as re-entry	18.4%	19.5%	23.2%	20.4%	21.2%	17.9%	19.2%
% re-entry from reunification discharge	16.7%	17.9%	21.5%	18.8%	19.0%	16.1%	17.4%
% w/re-entry w/in 1 yr of reunification discharge	8.1%	8.0%	9.5%	8.5%	7.9%	5.9%	5.1%

* "CYTD" refers to running totals for the specified calendar year, through the end of MAR

**All discharge numbers are based on the number of children that were discharged for the displayed month, one year prior. (e.g., for a column marked 'Jan 2000', discharge numbers reflect the number of children discharged in January of 1999)

¹ Reunification is defined as discharge to parent, relative or primary resource person.

² A spell is the time between foster care entry and discharge. A child's first spell is his/her first episode in foster care. Subsequent episodes in foster care are higher-order spells (2nd spell, 3rd spell and so on).

³ Re-entry from reunification is defined as admissions whose previous discharge was to reunification.

⁴ Currently the data to complete this analysis are unavailable.