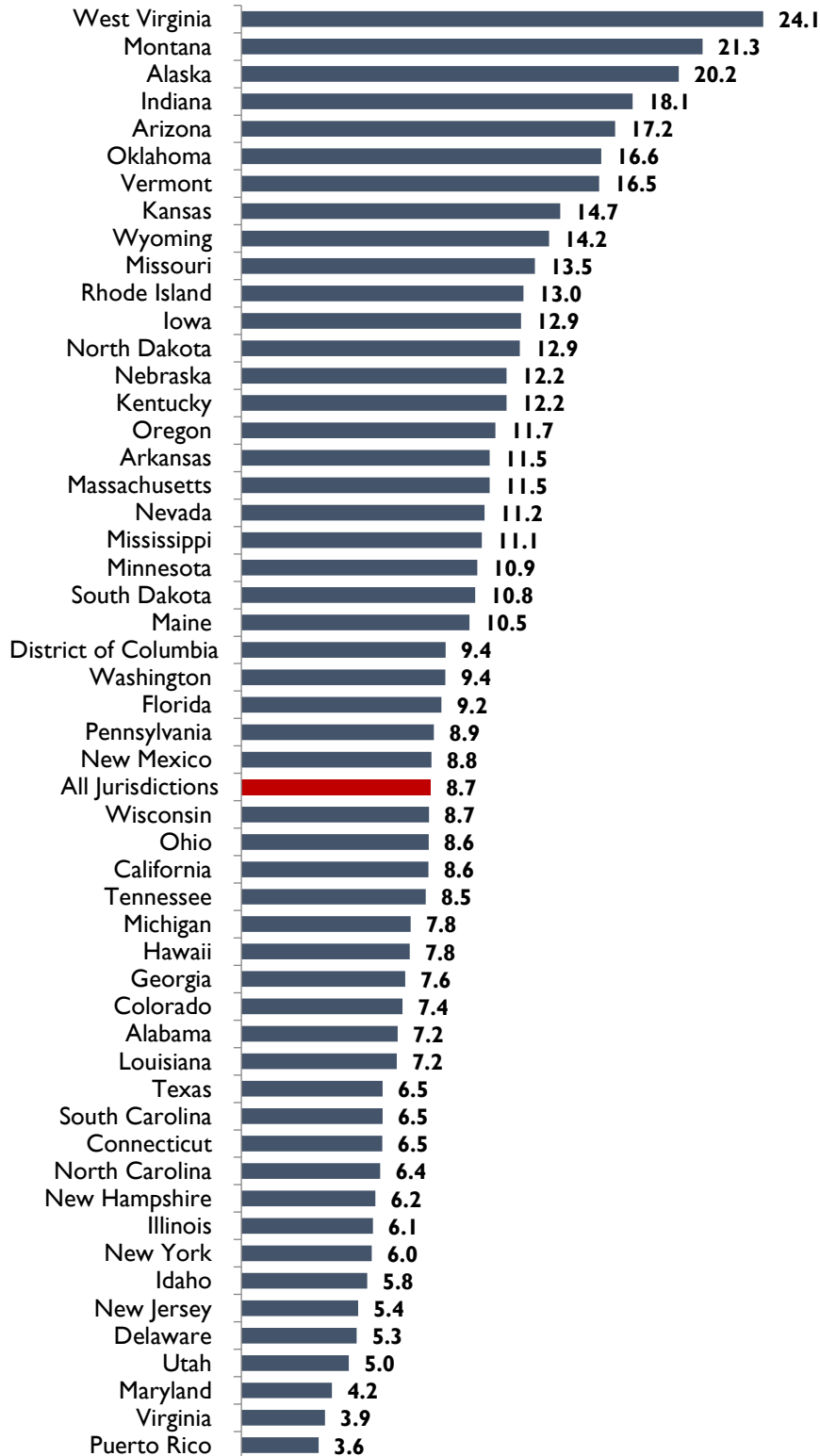# Figure 11-4 Rate of Children Served in Foster Care by State, FY2016
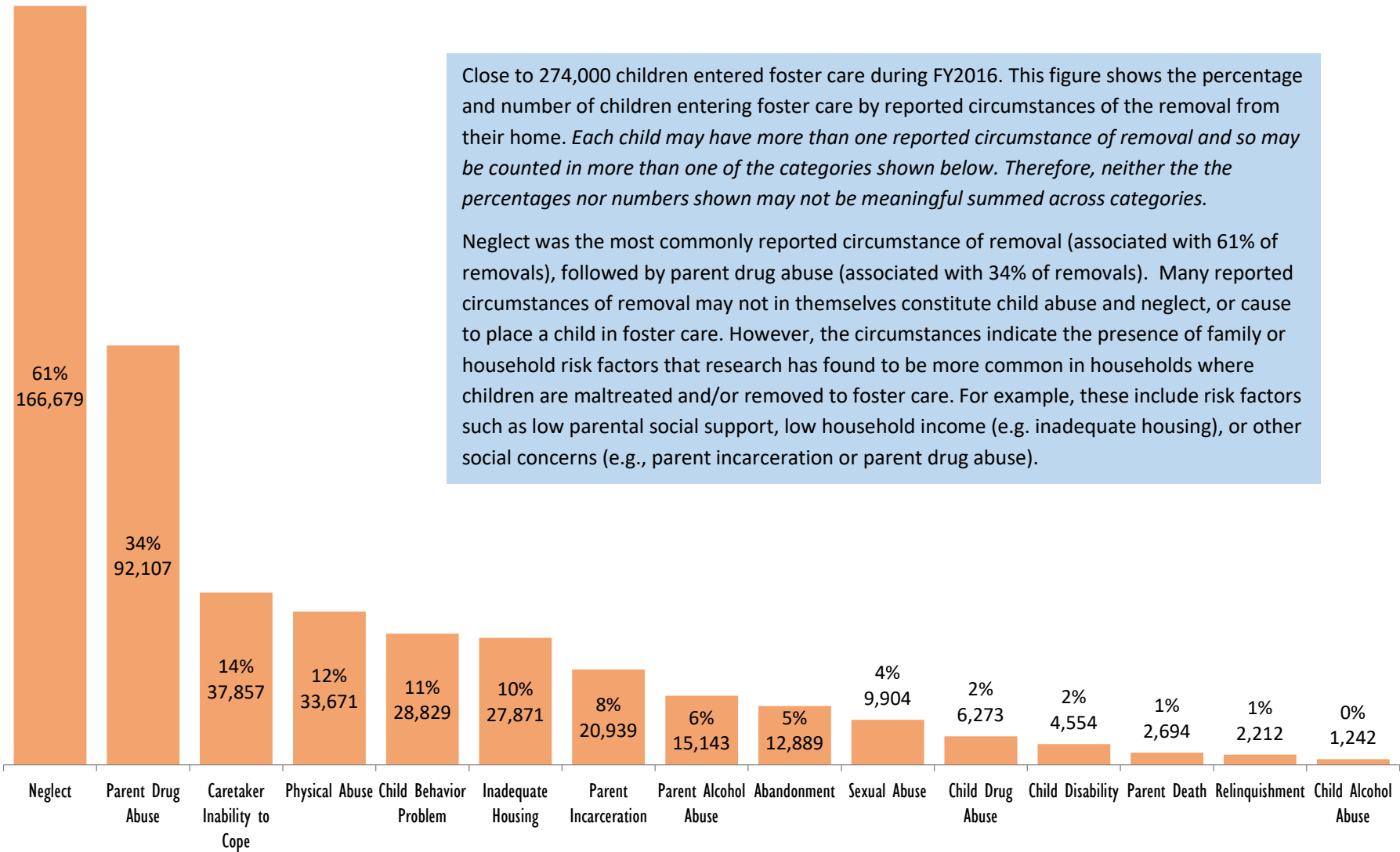
Rate = number of children who spent at least 24 hours in care during FY2016 for every 1,000 children living in the state.

State	Rate
West Virginia	24.1
Montana	21.3
Alaska	20.2
Indiana	18.1
Arizona	17.2
Oklahoma	16.6
Vermont	16.5
Kansas	14.7
Wyoming	14.2
Missouri	13.5
Rhode Island	13.0
Iowa	12.9
North Dakota	12.9
Nebraska	12.2
Kentucky	12.2
Oregon	11.7
Arkansas	11.5
Massachusetts	11.5
Nevada	11.2
Mississippi	11.1
Minnesota	10.9
South Dakota	10.8
Maine	10.5
District of Columbia	9.4
Washington	9.4
Florida	9.2
Pennsylvania	8.9
New Mexico	8.8
All Jurisdictions	**8.7**
Wisconsin	8.7
Ohio	8.6
California	8.6
Tennessee	8.5
Michigan	7.8
Hawaii	7.8
Georgia	7.6
Colorado	7.4
Alabama	7.2
Louisiana	7.2
Texas	6.5
South Carolina	6.5
Connecticut	6.5
North Carolina	6.4
New Hampshire	6.2
Illinois	6.1
New York	6.0
Idaho	5.8
New Jersey	5.4
Delaware	5.3
Utah	5.0
Maryland	4.2
Virginia	3.9
Puerto Rico	3.6

Source: Figure prepared by CRS for the 2018 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.
Note: Rates were calculated using the number of children (under age 18) served in care during FY2016 and U.S. Census Bureau estimates of state, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico populations under age of 18 in 2016 as shown in *Child Maltreatment 2016*. Data by state on the number of children (all ages) served in care during FY2016 is available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption.

Figure 11-4A. Circumstances Associated with Children's Removal From the Home, FY2016
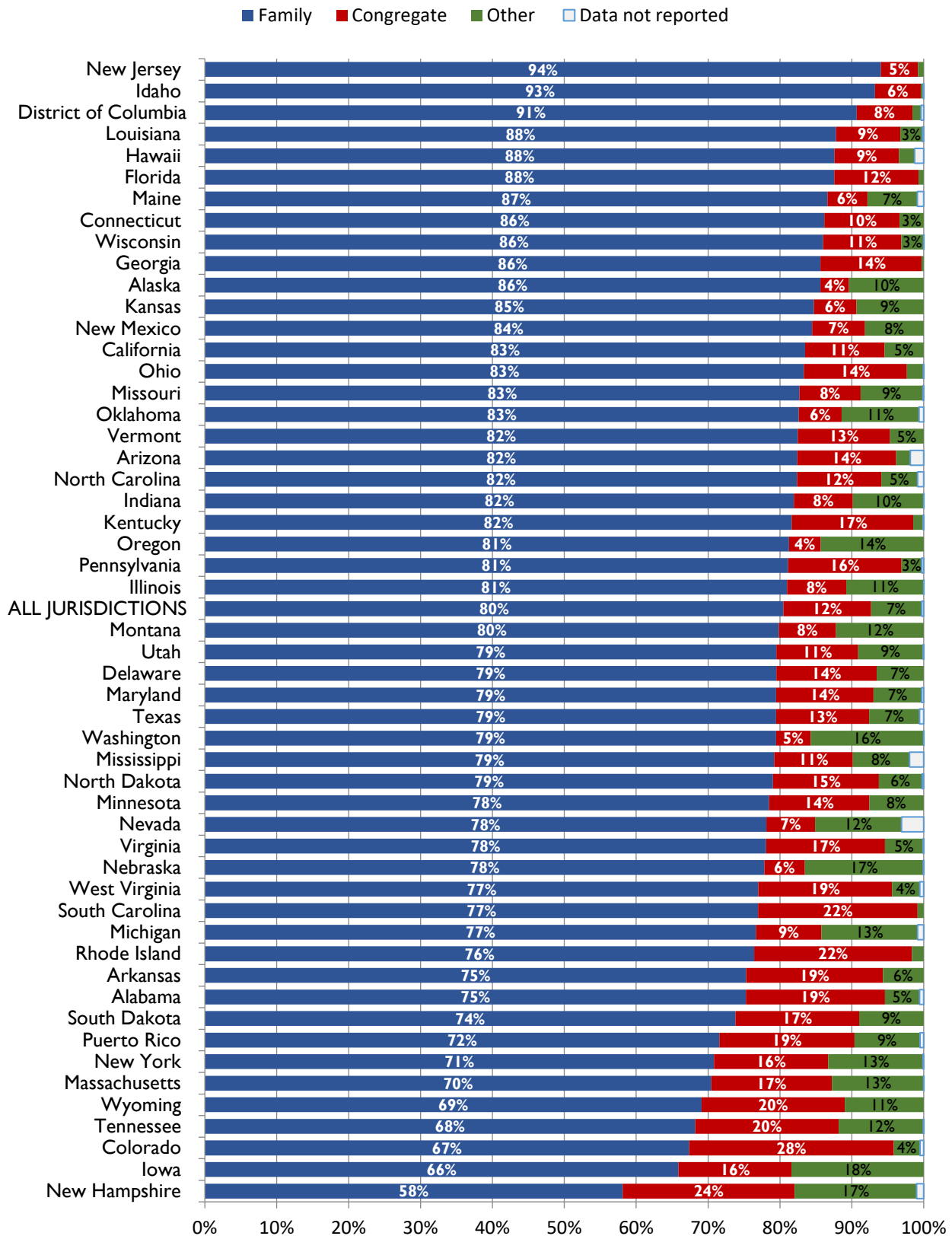

Close to 274,000 children entered foster care during FY2016. This figure shows the percentage and number of children entering foster care by reported circumstances of the removal from their home. *Each child may have more than one reported circumstance of removal and so may be counted in more than one of the categories shown below. Therefore, neither the the percentages nor numbers shown may not be meaningful summed across categories.*

Neglect was the most commonly reported circumstance of removal (associated with 61% of removals), followed by parent drug abuse (associated with 34% of removals). Many reported circumstances of removal may not in themselves constitute child abuse and neglect, or cause to place a child in foster care. However, the circumstances indicate the presence of family or household risk factors that research has found to be more common in households where children are maltreated and/or removed to foster care. For example, these include risk factors such as low parental social support, low household income (e.g. inadequate housing), or other social concerns (e.g., parent incarceration or parent drug abuse).

Category	%	Number
Neglect	61%	166,679
Parent Drug Abuse	34%	92,107
Caretaker Inability to Cope	14%	37,857
Physical Abuse	12%	33,671
Child Behavior Problem	11%	28,829
Inadequate Housing	10%	27,871
Parent Incarceration	8%	20,939
Parent Alcohol Abuse	6%	15,143
Abandonment	5%	12,889
Sexual Abuse	4%	9,904
Child Drug Abuse	2%	6,273
Child Disability	2%	4,554
Parent Death	1%	2,694
Relinquishment	1%	2,212
Child Alcohol Abuse	0%	1,242

Figure 11-4B Percentage of Children in Foster Care by Type of Placement Setting and by State

Data are for FY2016; Any percentage of less than 3% is not displayed in this figure.

Legend: ■ Family ■ Congregate ■ Other □ Data not reported

State	Family	Congregate	Other
New Jersey	94%	5%	
Idaho	93%	6%	
District of Columbia	91%	8%	
Louisiana	88%	9%	3%
Hawaii	88%	9%	
Florida	88%	12%	
Maine	87%	6%	7%
Connecticut	86%	10%	3%
Wisconsin	86%	11%	3%
Georgia	86%	14%	
Alaska	86%	4%	10%
Kansas	85%	6%	9%
New Mexico	84%	7%	8%
California	83%	11%	5%
Ohio	83%	14%	
Missouri	83%	8%	9%
Oklahoma	83%	6%	11%
Vermont	82%	13%	5%
Arizona	82%	14%	
North Carolina	82%	12%	5%
Indiana	82%	8%	10%
Kentucky	82%	17%	
Oregon	81%	4%	14%
Pennsylvania	81%	16%	3%
Illinois	81%	8%	11%
ALL JURISDICTIONS	80%	12%	7%
Montana	80%	8%	12%
Utah	79%	11%	9%
Delaware	79%	14%	7%
Maryland	79%	14%	7%
Texas	79%	13%	7%
Washington	79%	5%	16%
Mississippi	79%	11%	8%
North Dakota	79%	15%	6%
Minnesota	78%	14%	8%
Nevada	78%	7%	12%
Virginia	78%	17%	5%
Nebraska	78%	6%	17%
West Virginia	77%	19%	4%
South Carolina	77%	22%	
Michigan	77%	9%	13%
Rhode Island	76%	22%	
Arkansas	75%	19%	6%
Alabama	75%	19%	5%
South Dakota	74%	17%	9%
Puerto Rico	72%	19%	9%
New York	71%	16%	13%
Massachusetts	70%	17%	13%
Wyoming	69%	20%	11%
Tennessee	68%	20%	12%
Colorado	67%	28%	4%
Iowa	66%	16%	18%
New Hampshire	58%	24%	17%

Source: Figure prepared by CRS for the 2018 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.
Notes: For supporting data see Table 11-4. "Family" setting includes children placed in pre-adoptive homes as well as relative or non-relative foster family homes. "Congregate" care includes children placed in group homes or institutions. "Other" includes children placed in supervised independent living, those who have run away from their placements, and those on trial home visits.

Table 11-4 Current Placement Setting of Children in Foster Care by State, FY2016

Current placement setting is the place where the child was living on the last day of FY2016 (September 30, 2016).

State	Family Setting			Congregate Setting		Other			Data not reported	TOTAL All Children in all Settings
	Pre-adoptive home	Foster family home, relative	Foster family home, non-relative	Group Home	Institution	Supervised independent living	Runaway	Trial home visit		
Alabama	50	509	3,244	372	605	58	57	129	29	5,053
Alaska	802	734	879	15	97	0	18	275	0	2,820
Arizona	143	7,999	5,967	1,786	568	6	320	11	318	17,118
Arkansas	263	984	2,428	351	577	17	39	221	0	4,880
California	1,663	17,437	26,558	3,339	2,699	1,499	1,081	409	0	54,685
Colorado	66	1,482	2,314	287	1,345	79	87	43	30	5,733
Connecticut	201	1,529	1,819	245	187	111	0	27	0	4,119
Delaware	24	96	500	63	46	0	7	44	0	780
District of Columbia	148	158	443	35	29	4	6	0	3	826
Florida	322	10,474	10,051	2,379	415	2	167	0	0	23,810
Georgia	154	3,633	6,817	45	1,694	0	34	4	0	12,381
Hawaii	3	677	726	89	55	13	22	0	20	1,605
Idaho	104	463	848	40	57	0	5	0	1	1,518
Illinois	1,059	6,437	5,555	171	1,153	819	319	598	2	16,113
Indiana	969	7,431	7,856	172	1,451	31	95	1,828	4	19,837
Iowa	157	1,978	1,821	724	220	33	52	1,019	0	6,004
Kansas	343	2,202	3,642	57	374	21	60	603	0	7,302
Kentucky	176	349	5,853	10	1,310	80	5	24	5	7,812
Louisiana	146	1,609	2,161	143	256	26	22	90	8	4,461
Maine	114	563	914	73	29	9	4	115	16	1,837
Maryland	57	1,418	1,577	366	155	63	36	159	10	3,841
Massachusetts	489	2,969	4,227	1,229	601	29	116	1,249	1	10,910
Michigan	294	4,057	4,542	73	982	217	80	1,255	99	11,599
Minnesota	720	3,343	2,837	464	763	52	108	506	0	8,793
Mississippi	65	2,162	2,118	370	229	24	38	372	108	5,486
Missouri	1,517	3,510	5,237	110	944	57	61	958	14	12,408

State	Family Setting			Congregate Setting		Other			Data not reported	TOTAL All Children in all Settings
	Pre-adoptive home	Foster family home, relative	Foster family home, non-relative	Group Home	Institution	Supervised independent living	Runaway	Trial home visit		
Montana	177	1,553	957	203	65	3	18	390	0	3,366
Nebraska	220	1,324	1,579	101	124	74	32	557	1	4,012
Nevada	26	1,597	1,697	31	257	0	40	472	131	4,251
New Hampshire	27	288	394	14	278	0	3	204	12	1,220
New Jersey	39	2,339	3,759	109	230	35	16	0	0	6,527
New Mexico	119	581	1,505	78	114	5	41	167	0	2,610
New York	1,251	7,420	5,283	775	2,356	91	433	2,070	23	19,702
North Carolina	299	2,807	5,482	542	679	23	74	431	88	10,425
North Dakota	0	277	835	22	185	0	5	80	3	1,407
Ohio	497	2,551	8,391	650	1,314	42	133	142	5	13,725
Oklahoma	383	3,197	4,721	341	259	1	77	1,003	65	10,047
Oregon	485	2,501	3,210	52	285	62	56	974	0	7,625
Pennsylvania	826	5,605	6,618	1,374	1,167	216	126	111	43	16,086
Rhode Island	5	651	608	324	39	11	16	0	0	1,654
South Carolina	171	222	2,661	114	766	0	33	1	0	3,968
South Dakota	43	336	666	0	244	2	7	118	0	1,416
Tennessee	359	749	4,577	832	830	152	137	695	2	8,333
Texas	594	10,704	13,125	534	3,450	28	269	1,860	174	30,738
Utah	209	760	1,287	108	215	42	45	170	2	2,838
Vermont	61	416	614	149	21	3	1	58	0	1,323
Virginia	217	290	3,311	263	546	41	2	217	3	4,890
Washington	109	3,758	4,840	444	83	360	102	1,262	1	10,959
West Virginia	245	1,262	3,092	866	245	24	38	168	33	5,973
Wisconsin	105	2,774	3,470	370	432	28	63	139	1	7,382
Wyoming	5	270	411	103	95	0	1	108	0	993
Puerto Rico	51	582	2,419	242	559	106	53	230	22	4,264
Total	16,572	139,017	196,446	21,649	31,679	4,599	4,660	21,566	1,277	437,465