

**DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES  
FY13 STATISTICAL FACT SHEET (JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013)**

Intake/Investigation:

The Division of Family Services received 17,333 reports of abuse, neglect and dependency referrals in FY13 and, screened-in 7,999 or 46% of those reports. Compared to FY12, the number of reports received increased by 4%, while the number screened-in decreased by 9%. Of all cases investigated 1,503 or 19% were substantiated, a decrease of 12% over the number of cases substantiated in FY12.

Of the substantiated reports the following types of findings were identified:

	<u>Founded</u>	<u>% of Total Founded</u>
· Abuse (except sexual)	392	26
· Neglect	833	55
· Sex Abuse	141	9
· Dependency	137	9

Protective Treatment

In FY13, a total of 2,126 families and children received treatment services compared to 2,298 in FY12, a decrease of 8%.

The following services were provided.

	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY 13</u>
Adoption/Permanency	736	661	608
Interstate Compact	58	24	8
Protective Treatment	<u>1558</u>	<u>1613</u>	<u>1510</u>
Total	2,352	2,298	2,126

The Adoption and Safe Families Act requires that a permanency review be completed for all children who have been in substitute care for 9 months. Specialized permanency units serve children for whom adoption or another permanency option is recommended.

Interstate compact cases are cases involving children coming to Delaware from child protective systems in other states.

The goal of protective services is to keep children safe in their families if possible. When children must be removed from home the goal is to reunify them with their families as soon as that can be safely done.

Placement

The average monthly placement (DFS out-of-home care) population in FY13 was 687, a decrease of 7% over an average of 739 in FY12. Three hundred and ninety-three (393) children entered initial DFS placements and 457 children exited placement in FY13. There were 1,153 children who spent at least one day in Foster Care during FY13. This was an 11% decrease from the 1298 children in who spent at least one day in Foster Care during FY12. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 648 children in DFS out-of-home care, a decrease of 7% from 694 children in care at the end of FY12.

Of the children leaving placement during this fiscal year:

· 174	38.1%	returned home with parental custody
· 12	2.6%	returned to relatives not original custodian
· 9	2.0%	returned to non-relatives not original custodian
· 104	22.8%	were adopted
· 0	0.0%	deceased
· 64	14.0%	were placed with guardians
· 94	20.6%	were 18, married, emancipated

Adoption

In FY13, 104 children for whom the Division held parental rights were finalized in adoption.

Child Care Licensing

At the end of FY13, the Office of Child Care Licensing's total count of licensed facilities in Delaware was 1,380. These facilities have the capacity to serve 52,702 children.

The Criminal History Unit completed 7,082 criminal history record checks and 49,534 Child Protection Registry checks, resulting in the disclosure of 3,373 arrest reports. The unit also requested 122 out-of-state child abuse and neglect checks under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.