



County of Los Angeles
Department of Children and Family Services
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES DATA
MONTHLY FACT SHEET
February - 2026



EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRALS		
	No. of Referrals	No. of Referred Children
Evaluated Out	1,574	2,462
In-Person Response	2,555	5,072
Total Referral Children Received during Month	4,129	7,534

REFERRAL CHILDREN RECEIVED BY ALLEGATION TYPE		
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	127	1.7%
General Neglect	2,763	36.7%
Exploitation	18	0.2%
Sexual Abuse	654	8.7%
Emotional Abuse	924	12.3%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	1,610	21.4%
Physical Abuse	1,322	17.5%
Severe Neglect	116	1.5%
Total	7,534	100.0%

IN-HOME AND OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES CASELOAD (CHILDREN) AS OF FEBRUARY 2026			
		FM and FR Services Caseload	* Adoption Services Caseload
Emergency Response (Open Services Cases)		426	
Family Maintenance	Under 12 Months	5,043	
	Over 12 Months	485	
	Sub Total	5,528	
Family Reunification	Under 18 Months	3,757	
	Over 18 Months	449	
	Sub Total	4,206	284
Permanent Placement		5,637	3,150
Supportive Transition		2,119	15
Total Children Receiving Child Welfare		17,916	3,449

* Adoption services caseload represents children in in-home and out-of-home services caseload receiving adoption services.

CHILD CHARACTERISTICS				CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT	
Age	Birth - 2 Years	3,199	17.9%	Relative/Non-Relative Extended Family Member Home	7
	3 - 4 Years	1,785	10.0%	Foster Family Home	1
	5 - 9 Years	4,038	22.5%	Foster Family Agency Certified Home	438
	10 - 13 Years	3,042	17.0%	Foster Family Agency Certified Resource Family Home	1,030
	14 - 15 Years	1,599	8.9%	Small Family Home	22
	16 - 17 Years	1,819	10.2%	Group Home	26
	18 Years & Older	2,434	13.6%	Supervised Independent Living Placement	1,003
	Age Total	17,916	100.0%	Resource Family Home (RFH): Non-Relative RFH	2,334
Ethnicity	White	1,864	10.4%	Resource Family Home (RFH): Relative RFH	4,457
	Hispanic	10,489	58.5%	Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program	151
	Black	4,741	26.5%	Other (County Shelter, Tribal, and Court Specified Homes)	192
	Asian/Pacific Islander	410	2.3%	Total Out-of-Home Placement	9,661
	American Indian/Alaskan Native	62	0.3%	Non Foster Care (NFC) Placement	94
	Other	350	2.0%	Adoptive Home - Adoption Not Finalized: Non-Relative	243
	Ethnicity Total	17,916	100.0%	Adoptive Home - Adoption Not Finalized: Relative	479
Sex Assigned at Birth	Male	8,850	49.4%	Guardian Home: Non-Relative	709
	Female	9,055	50.5%	Guardian Home: Relative	72
	Unknown	11	0.1%	Total Placement (Includes NFC Placement, Adoptive Home, and Guardian Home)	11,258
	Sex Assigned at Birth Total	17,916	100.0%	NOTE: In the above, 32 children received D Rate and 13 received F Rate care.	

FOSTER CARE RESOURCES			
		Homes	Beds
**Foster Homes		2	2
*Foster Family Agency Homes (self-report)	In Los Angeles County	1,165	1,276
	Out-of-County	713	1,063
	Sub Total	1,878	2,339
**Small Family Homes		50	14

* Self-report data are being tracked by DCFS Out-of-Home Care Management Division.

** Foster Homes and Small Family Homes excludes licensed homes on hold.

Source: Data are from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Datamart History Table.