

# Child Welfare Services Outcome and Accountability Quarterly Data Report



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Report provides a quarterly update on progress toward continuous child welfare improvements for Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services (SCC DFCS). The report presents Federal indicators from round two of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) as well as select State indicators. Tracking the County's performance on these indicators is important as the State faces potential financial sanctions for failure to demonstrate improvement.<sup>1</sup>

In round two of CFSR, the logic for the Federal indicators was modified to improve the measurement of children's outcomes: First, adjustments were made to the Federal indicators based on State performance in 2004 at the 75 percentile. This challenges States to meet or exceed the new national standards. Second, the area on permanency and stability was expanded to provide a comprehensive review of children's experiences. Four "composites" tapping different aspects of permanency and stability were developed from 15 indicators. Each indicator has a corresponding national goal to direct programmatic efforts at the local level. In parallel, the California Department of Social Services, UC Berkeley, and several counties continue to revise the methodology for State-specific measures (e.g., timely response to referrals and timely social worker visits). The present report provides a review of Federal and State indicators important to evaluating child welfare improvement efforts.

Internal Agency discussions continue among key directors and managers to review and decide on System Improvement Plan priorities based on present performance on the Federal and State indicators and results from the second Federal review (CFSR). A new Quality Assurance Unit is being launched to properly review and track outcomes and performance.

Overall, SCC's performance is mixed. While improvement from a year ago is observed across 11 of the 20 Federal and State indicators, only 1 indicator meets the established standard. Additionally, while approximately a third of the indicators are only a few percentage points shy of meeting set standards, the rest are markedly distant from the target standard. To address these challenges, the Agency and DFCS directors along with other key directors and managers are reviewing the child welfare process to identify areas that need closer monitoring or improvement. To complement this process, a Quality Assurance manager was hired to form a new unit that will support improvements across identified outcome and performance indicators. Notable improvements and challenges are highlighted below. Additionally, on-going training focuses on children of color and emphasizes cultural competency and family engagement.

## IMPROVEMENT FINDINGS

### **Child Safety: "Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect."**

- Children experience safety in foster home placements. After extensive training on proper and timely data recording, SCC is successfully tracking outcomes on foster home maltreatment. The past two quarters have shown child safety levels that exceed the national standard (see p. 7; note: prior quarters reflect inaccurate data entry).
- Social workers continue to respond in a timely manner to immediate referrals. Timeliness to immediate response referrals has historically been strong and has increased by 0.6 percent from a year ago to the present rate of 94.4 percent (see p. 8); however, this rate is 0.6 percent shy of meeting the State standard.

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<sup>1</sup> See ACL 00-25, which references: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (2000). 45 CFR Parts 1355, 1356 and 1357. *Federal Register*, 65(16), 4020-4093.

**Permanency and Stability: “Children have permanency and stability in their living situations without increasing entry into foster care.”**

Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification

- Children experience timely and permanency of reunifications. While the present quarter shows that none of the indicators for the composite Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification is meeting set goals, the overall score exceeds the national standard (see p. 9). The chart for this composite also shows that SCC has maintained a relatively strong performance across the past year and has consistently exceeded the State average. Additionally, improvement from a year ago is observed across all 4 composite indicators.
- Asian/Pacific Islander and to a lesser extent Hispanic children experience timely family reunifications that exceed national goals (see pp. 9-10).

Timeliness to Adoption

- Caucasian and to a lesser extent Asian/Pacific Islander children experience timely adoptions that exceed national goals (see pp. 12-14).

Permanency for Children in Long-term Care

- Asian/Pacific Islander foster children experience discharge to a permanent home after being legally free for adoption that exceeds the national goal. SCC is close to meeting the national goal for all children (see p. 16).

**Child and Family Well-being: “The family relationships and connections of children will be preserved, as appropriate.”**

- Children experience placements in family settings. At any point-in-time, approximately 80 percent of children and youths in foster care experience family placements such as with relatives and foster parents (including Foster Family Agency homes). Children and youths in SCC experience more family placements than the average foster youth in California (71 percent). More importantly in the last reported quarter, 46 percent of children and youths in SCC experienced placements with relatives, 10 percent more than the average foster youth in California.
- Hispanic and African American children are more likely to experience family placements than their Caucasian and Asian/Pacific Islander counterparts (see table, p. 20).

CHALLENGES

- Foster care children need to experience timely social worker visits. Presently, it is not clear whether the low visitation rate is due to untimely visits or late/incomplete data entry. To bring attention to these issues, all case carrying units are receiving individualized training on maintaining complete and timely case plans in the State’s database system. The training includes protocols on entering visits, as inaccuracies will lead to imprecise representation of children’s experiences with social worker visits.
- Adoption outcomes for children who have been in foster care for longer periods of time (e.g., longer than 17 months) need to be improved. DFCS has dedicated one manager to the update and implement recruitment and retention strategies to increase the pool of prospective adoptive and foster parents.
- The permanency of children and youths in long-term care needs to be strengthened. For example, the percent of children who exit to permanency, such as through family reunification, guardianship, or adoption, is 11.3 percent below the national goal of 29.1 percent. As part of the California Connected by 25 Initiative, DFCS and partners are working to improve family finding efforts to link and strengthen youths’ connections to significant

adults before emancipation. New training for social workers will continue to emphasize the importance of permanency and concurrent planning.

- The placement stability of children in care needs to be strengthened. Not enough children experience stable foster care placements, which is defined as no more than two placements in the life of a case. The Relative Support Team and behavior specialists continue to support children and youths in placements with relative or non-relative extended family members. For example, behavior specialists provide coaching support to relative caregivers to effectively manage challenging behaviors. The Department's provision of supports to relative caregivers helps maintain the stability of family placements.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Report provides a quarterly update on SCC's progress toward continuous child welfare improvements.<sup>2 3</sup> The Outcomes and Accountability Report is also a tool for the DFCS and Agency to help guide management actions. Through dialogue with DFCS and other Agency stakeholders, the report may help elicit analytic questions to better understand and continue to improve outcomes and performance, as appropriate.

### SCC CHILD WELFARE IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

There are several strategic efforts taking place across DFCS to improve child and family outcomes. Eight SIP workgroups were initially formed to develop and implement improvement plans. Key improvement objectives follow (*target measures follow each area of improvement*):

- **Reduce first entry into foster care with a focus on children of color.** Reducing disproportionality remains a top priority and major concern for SCC. The *Unified Children of Color Taskforce* has engaged in several analytic efforts to better understand the disproportionality of children of color in the child welfare system. Presently, a contract with the SPHERE Institute is set to investigate and report on the referral process and child welfare entry, and whether there are ethnic variations. Additionally, a workgroup formed in June 2008 to develop standards based on best practices to improve the content and quality of investigative narratives and family interviews.

Culturally competent assessments and services, joint decision making, early strength-based interventions, and preventative community-based services are among the skills and resources used by social workers and community partners to keep children with their families whenever appropriate. Specific tools and programs include the risk and safety assessment tool implemented in early 2007, which includes cultural-specific assessment questions; Team Decision Making (TDM); Early Intervention Services to divert children in temporary custody at the Shelter; and Differential Response to connect families at risk of entering the child welfare system with community-based services. These best practice strategies are aimed at providing families and children with appropriate, culturally competent, and equitable services.

- First entry into care (see p. 6)
- **Improve timely response and visits.** The *Timely Visits and Response* and *Quality Assurance Workgroups* have implemented successful data entry and timely response trainings for DFCS staff.
  - Timely response: Immediate and 10-day referrals (see p. 8)
  - Timely social worker visits with child (see p. 8)
- **Increase the permanency of family reunifications and placement stability.** DFCS staff continue to be committed to convening joint decision making meetings to inform children's case plans. Specifically, TDM meetings, a Family-to-Family best practice, bring together child welfare staff, family supports, community partners, and other stakeholders to the table to inform placement plans. Additionally, DFCS continues to

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<sup>2</sup> State Accountability Act, Assembly Bill (AB) 636, California-Children & Family Services Review, 2001.

<sup>3</sup> Administration for Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services (2006). The data measures, data composites and National standards to be used in the Child and Family Services Reviews. Federal Register (71)109, 32969-32987.

allocate resources to two resource parent support teams comprised of former foster parents and relative/NREFM caregivers. Finally, the Continuum of Care Committee, a multidisciplinary team of professionals and stakeholders, meet regularly to identify opportunities to expand family placements in children's communities that will lead to increased placement stability. The Committee's efforts have led to a reduction in the shelter population and informed foster parent training to better meet the needs of children with acute behavioral challenges.

*Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency Reunification*

- Reunification within 12 months, entry cohort (see p. 10)
- Re-entry within 12 months of reunification (see p. 11)

*Composite 4: Placement Stability*

- No more than two placements in 12 months (see p. 17)

- **Improve connections to family.** DFCS is set to expand Family Finding services to serve more children in care. In addition, team-based meetings continue to be used as strategies to actively involve families. For example, Team Decision Making meetings have been moved to the "front end" in order to engage families earlier and attempt to avoid entry into foster care, and Joint Decision Making meetings continue to be used to salvage and support placement changes. In addition, DFCS continues to allocate resources to California Connected by 25 in order to support Emancipation Conferences for youths exiting the child welfare system. Through this process youths are supported in establishing family connections, establishing educational goals and attaining job-skills, and accessing other supports and services.
  - Children placed with some or all siblings (see p. 19)
  - Relative placement, point-in-time (see p. 20)

## STRUCTURE AND METHODOLOGY

To report on child welfare outcomes and performance, the report is divided into two sections:

Section I presents Child Welfare Outcomes at a Glance; these are outcome summaries for Federal and State indicators and composites.

Section II presents historical charts and ethnicity tables for Federal and select State indicators (some may not have ethnic breakdown tables). Composite historical charts are also included where appropriate.

Three main methods are used to report on child welfare outcomes and performance. First, entry cohort indicators assess *all* children's experiences longitudinally. This method provides a more comprehensive understanding of children's experiences in the child welfare system. Second, exit cohort indicators assess children's experiences as they exit the child welfare system. Third, median time is used to assess the time that it takes to reunification or adoption.

To evaluate performance:

- All Federal indicators/composites are compared against national standards or goals.
- Present performance is compared to last year's performance.
- Charts for the previous Federal and SIP priority indicators compare SCC against Statewide performance.<sup>4</sup>

Data used in the present report was provided by the Center for Social Sciences Research, UC Berkeley.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Caution is advised for measures or descriptive categories with statistically small numbers (e.g., maltreatment in foster care, Native Americans receiving child welfare services).

<sup>5</sup> To learn more about California child welfare performance data, visit <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports>.



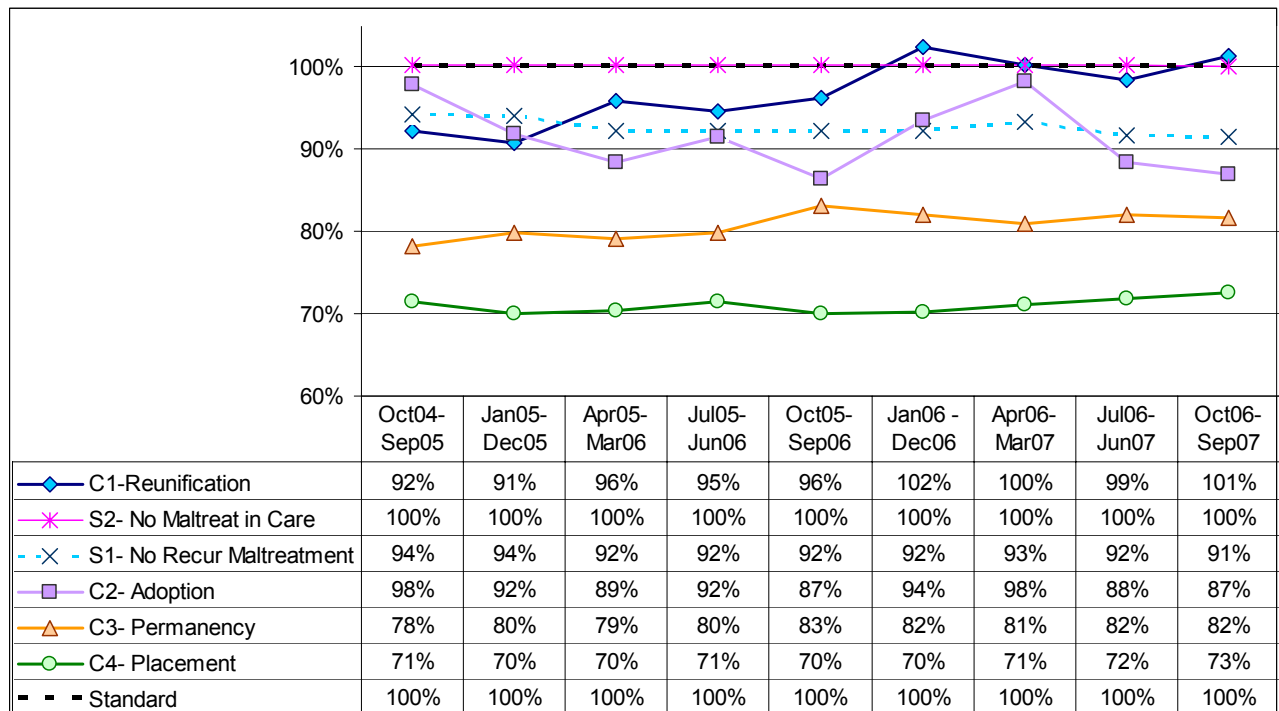
## CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES AT A GLANCE

### Safety and Permanency/Stability Indicators

Indicator	National or State Standard	Two-Year Comparison (rolling-year)		Current Period	
		Last Year	Current Period	National Standard Met (✓) or Not Met (X)	Improvement/Standard Met (✓) or Decline (X) from Last Year
<b>CHILD SAFETY</b>					
		Oct05-Sep06	Oct06-Sep07		
S1- No Recurrence of Maltreatment	≥ 94.6%	92.0%	91.2%	X	X
S2- No Maltreatment in Foster Care	≥ 99.68%	100.0%	99.82%	✓	✓
		Jul06-Sep06	Jul07-Sep07		
2B- Timely Response to Immediate Referrals (State indicator)	≥ 95.0%	94.0%	94.4%	X	✓
2B- Timely Response to 10-day Referrals (State indicator)	≥ 95.0%	93.7%	89.8%	X	X
2C- Timely Social Worker Visits (State indicator)	≥ 95.0%	81.7%	77.7%	X	X
<b>PERMANENCY &amp; STABILITY</b>					
COMPOSITE 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification					
		Oct05-Sep06	Oct06-Sep07		
C1.1- Reunification within 12 Months (Exit Cohort)	≥ 75.2%	68.5%	69.4%	X	✓
C1.2- Median Time to Reunification (Exit Cohort)	≤ 5.4 mos.	7 mos.	6.7 mos.	X	✓
C1.3- Reunification within 12 Months (Entry Cohort)	≥ 48.4%	Apr05-Sep05	Apr06-Sep06		
		41.9%	47.6%	X	✓
C1.4- Reentry Following Reunification (Exit Cohort)	≤ 9.9%	Oct04-Sep05	Oct05-Sep06		
		13.7%	12.1%	X	✓
COMPOSITE 2: Timeliness to Adoption					
		Oct05-Sep06	Oct06-Sep07		
C2.1- Adoption within 24 Months (Exit Cohort)	≥ 36.6%	31.3%	33.8%	X	✓
C2.2- Median Time to Adoption (Exit Cohort)	≤ 27.3 mos.	30.7 mos.	27.9 mos.	X	✓
C2.3- Adoption within 12 Months (17 Months in Care)	≥ 22.7%	17.4%	14.5%	X	X
C2.4- Legally Free within 6 Months (17 Months in Care)	≥ 10.9%	Oct05-Mar05	Oct06-Mar06		
		4.9%	4.5%	X	X
C2.5- Adoption within 12 Months (Legally Free)	≥ 53.7%	Oct04-Sep05	Oct05-Sep06		
		48.1%	47.8%	X	X

Indicator	National or State Standard	Two-Year Comparison (rolling-year)		Current Period	
		Last Year	Current Period	National Standard Met (✓) or Not Met (X)	Improvement/Standard Met (✓) or Decline (X) from Last Year
COMPOSITE 3: Permanency for Children in Long-term Care					
		Oct05-Sep06	Oct06-Sep07		
C3.1- Exits To Permanency (24 Months in Care)	≥ 29.1%	21.9%	17.8%	X	X
C3.2- Exits To Permanency (Legally Free for Adoption at Exit)	≥ 98.0%	97.3%	96.2%	X	X
C3.3- In Care 3 Years Or Longer (emancipated or Age 18)	≤ 37.5%	62.7%	58.7%	X	✓
COMPOSITE 4: Placement Stability					
		Oct05-Sep06	Oct06-Sep07		
C4.1- Children with ≤ 2 placements (8 days to 12 months in care)	≥ 86.0%	69.3%	71.9%	X	✓
C4.2- Children with ≤ 2 placements (12 to 24 months in care)	≥ 65.4%	45.2%	45.1%	X	X
C4.3- Children with ≤ 2 placements (at least 24 months in care)	≥ 41.8%	19.6%	21.2%	X	✓

### Composite Scores for SCC Compared to National Standard<sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup> Scores were converted to percentages for comparison purposes (go to CWS Outcomes at [www.cssr.berkeley.edu](http://www.cssr.berkeley.edu)).

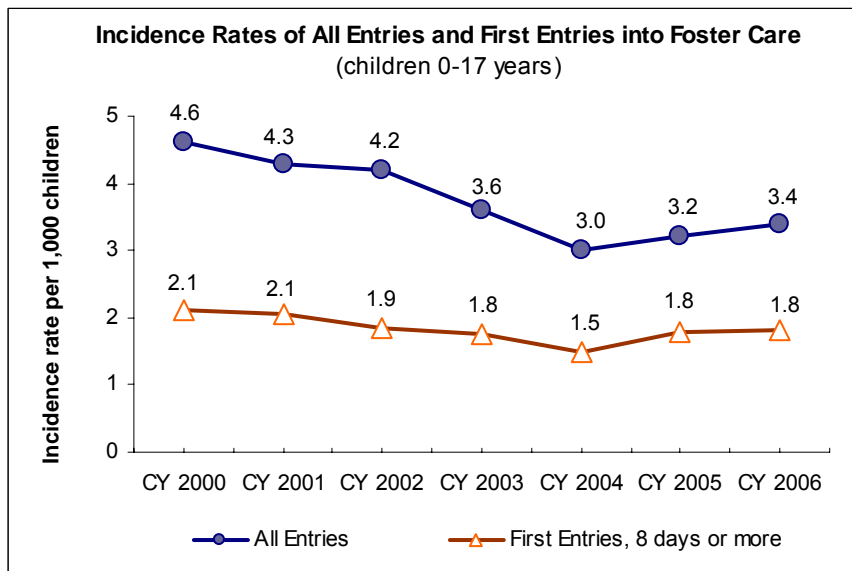
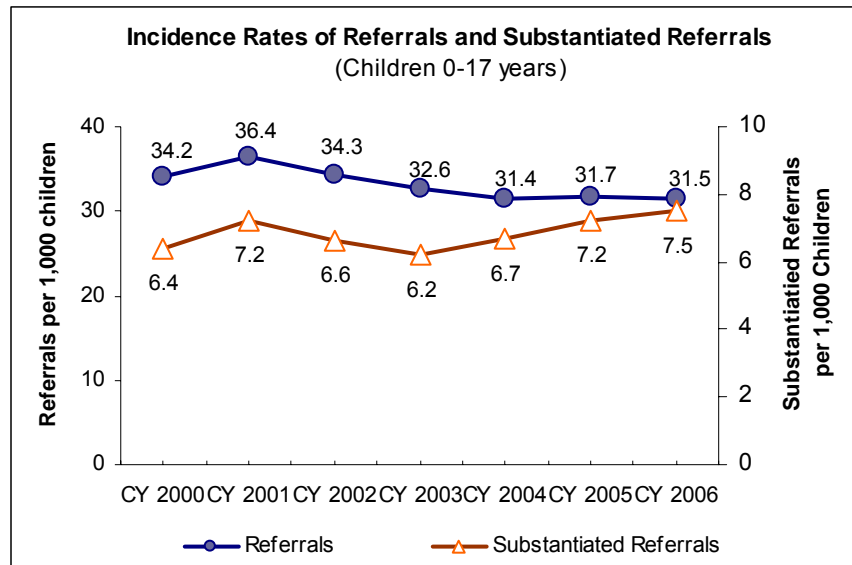
## Well-Being Indicators

Indicator	Two-Year Comparison (rolling-year)		Improvement (✓) or Decline (X)
	Last Year	Current Period	
<b>4A- Sibling Placement</b>	Oct-06	Oct-07	
All siblings	50.0%	52.1%	✓
Some or all siblings	68.5%	69.3%	✓
<b>4B- Least Restrictive Placement FIRST PLACEMENT (8 days or more in foster care)</b>	Oct05- Sep06	Oct06- Sep07	
Relative	11.3%	7.2%	X
Foster home	19.1%	19.6%	✓
Foster Family Agency	6.0%	4.2%	na
Shelter	54.3%	59.1%	X
Group home	8.6%	8.0%	✓
Other	0.7%	2.0%	na
<b>4B- Least Restrictive Placement POINT-IN-TIME PLACEMENT</b>	Oct-06	Oct-07	
Relative	44.2%	46.2%	✓
Foster home	16.2%	15.3%	X
Foster Family Agency	19.8%	19.4%	na
Shelter	2.2%	1.6%	✓
Group home	9.6%	10.3%	X
Other	8.1%	7.3%	na

**Note:** NA is used for placement types with no directional goal. These placements are used as appropriate.

# HISTORICAL DATA CHARTS AND ETHNICITY TABLES

## Participation Rates

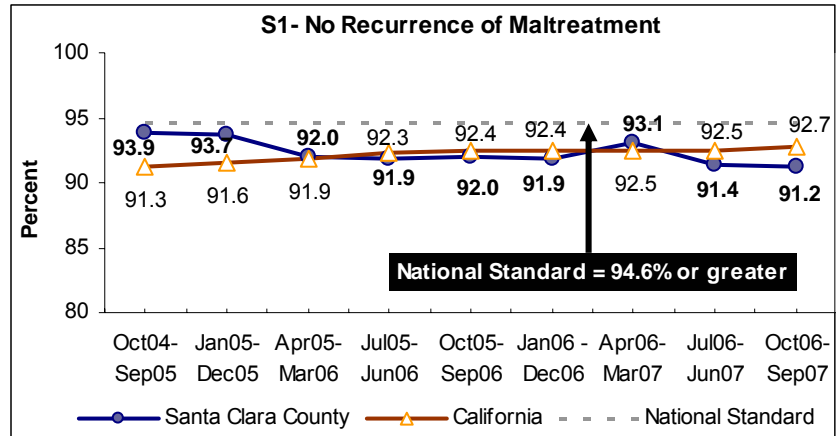


**Incidence Rate for Referrals, Substantiations and Foster Care Entries per 1,000 Children (CY 2006)**

Ethnicity	Referrals	Substantiated Referrals	All Entries
Black	117	31.3	17.4
White	23.5	4.8	2.4
Hispanic	49	13.1	5.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.7	2.4	1.1
Native American	34.7	10.7	8.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>

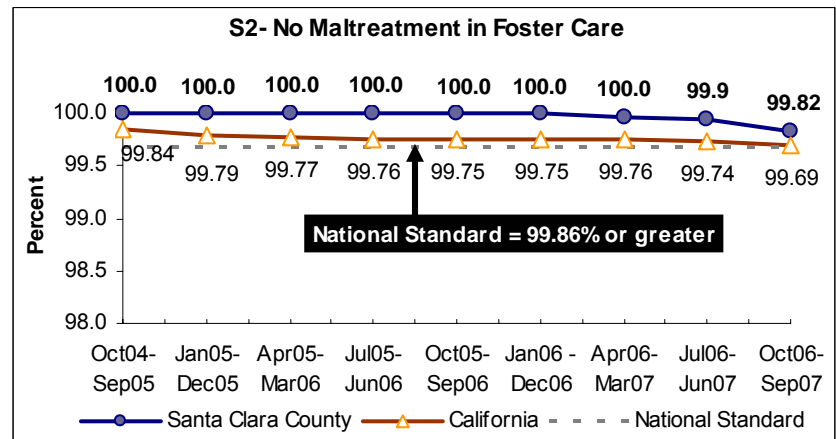
### Child Safety

S1- Of all children who were victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation during the first 6 months of a year, what percent were not victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation within the next 6-month period?



S1	National Standard	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 94.6%	90.7%	✗	92.8%	✗
White	≥ 94.6%	92.2%	✗	94.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 94.6%	91.5%	✗	89.6%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 94.6%	96.4%	✓	92.5%	✗
Native American	≥ 94.6%	50.0%	✗	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 94.6%	92.0%	✗	91.2%	✗

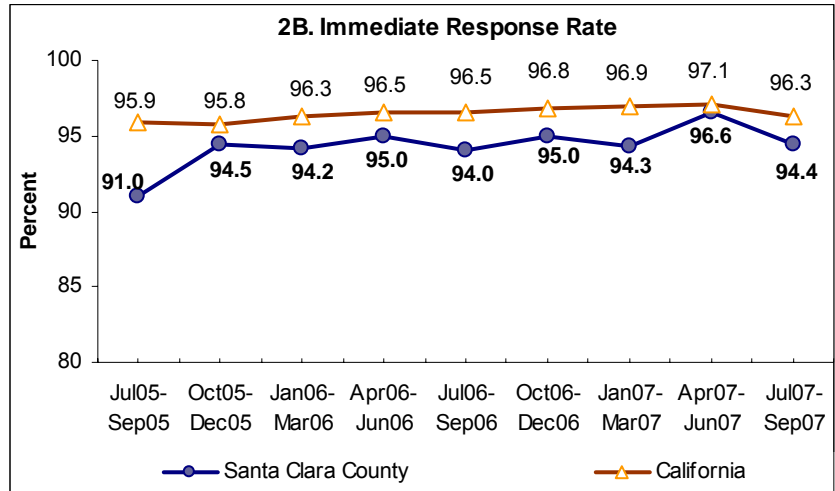
S2- Of all children served in foster care during the year, what percent were not victims of a substantiated maltreatment allegation by a foster parent or facility staff member?



S2	National Standard	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
White	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	99.86%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	99.80%	✓
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
Native American	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	96.00%	✗
Total	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	99.82%	✓

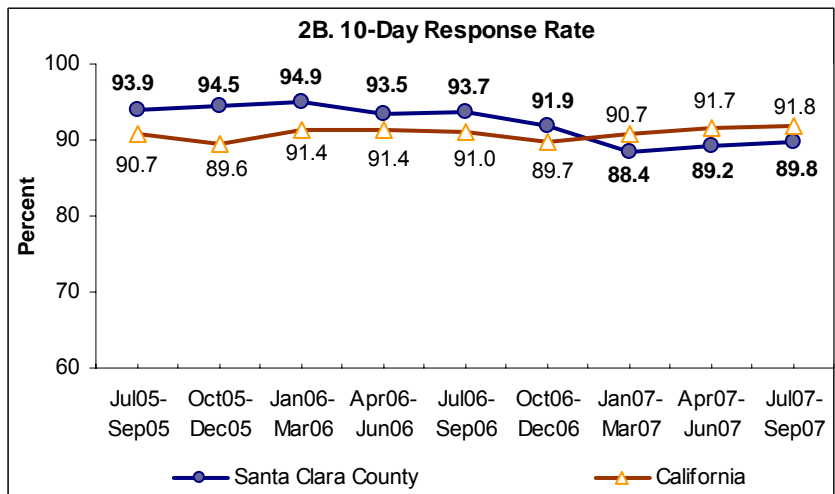
2B. State Outcome measure:

Percent of child abuse/neglect referrals with a timely immediate response.



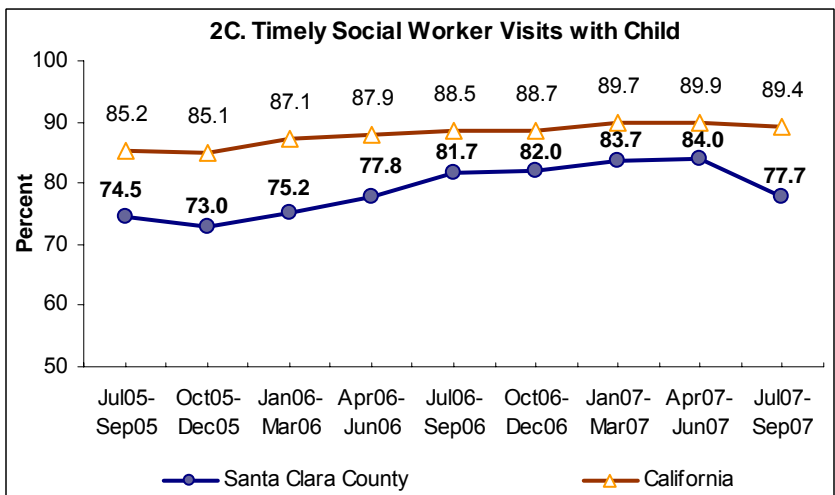
2B. State Outcome measure:

Percent of child abuse/neglect referrals with a timely 10-day response.

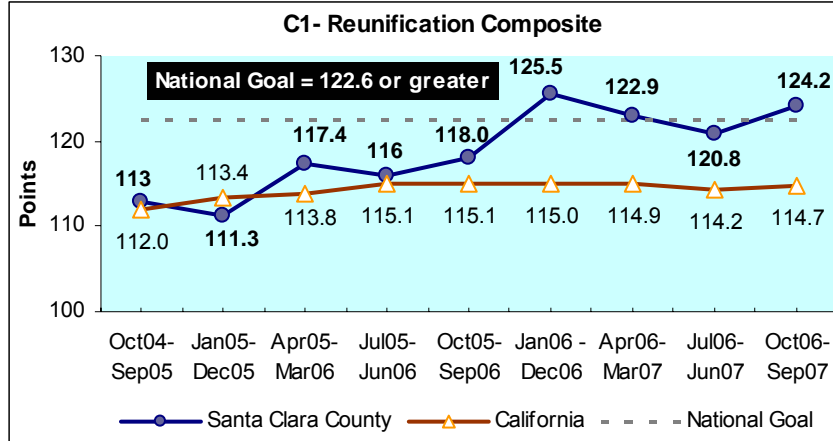


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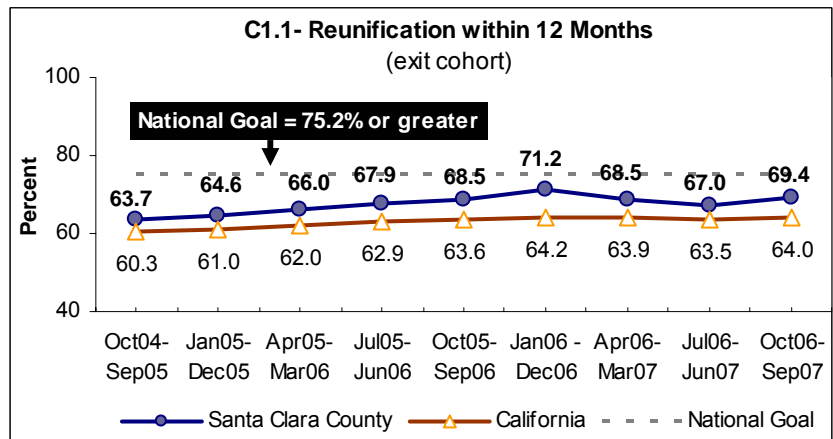
Percent of timely social worker visits with child.



## Timeliness and Permanency Reunification

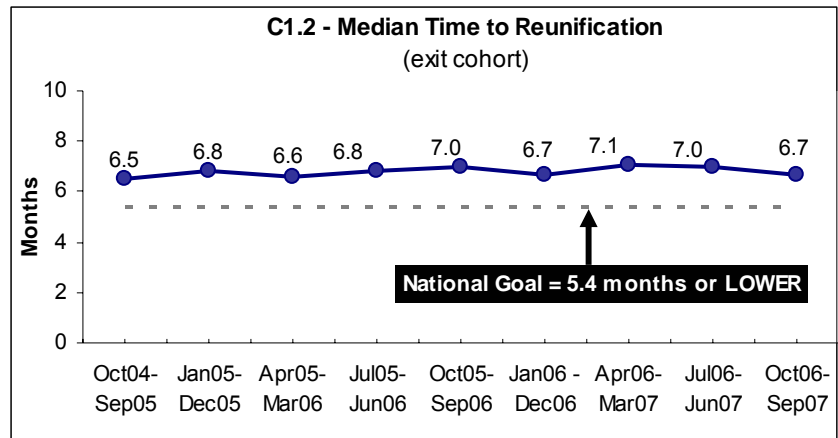


**C1.1-** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the year who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



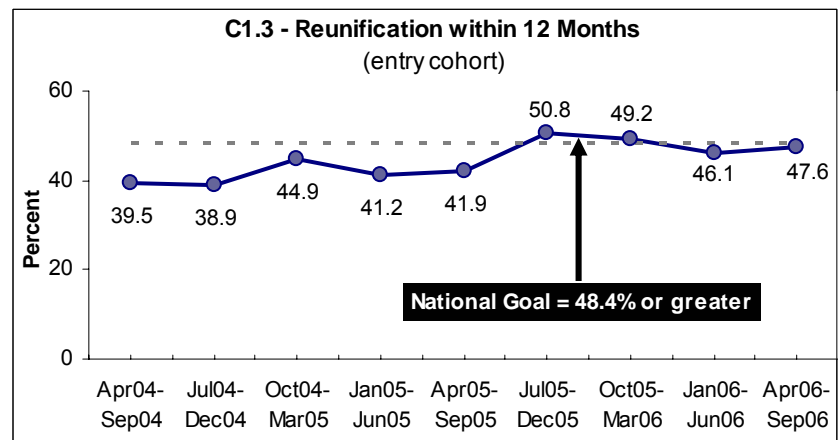
C1.1	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 75.2%	73.6%	✗	73.9%	✗
White	≥ 75.2%	70.7%	✗	65.0%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 75.2%	67.5%	✗	68.4%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 75.2%	68.3%	✗	82.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 75.2%	42.9%	✗	66.7%	✗
Total	≥ 75.2%	68.5%	✗	69.4%	✗

**C1.2-** Of all children in foster care for 8 days or longer discharged to reunification during the year, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification?



C1.2	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Month	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 5.4	6.8	✗	7.3	✗
White	≤ 5.4	6.5	✗	6.9	✗
Hispanic	≤ 5.4	7.2	✗	6.8	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 5.4	3.8	✓	2.2	✓
Native American	≤ 5.4	17.9	✗	2.0	✓
Total	≤ 5.4	7.0	✗	6.7	✗

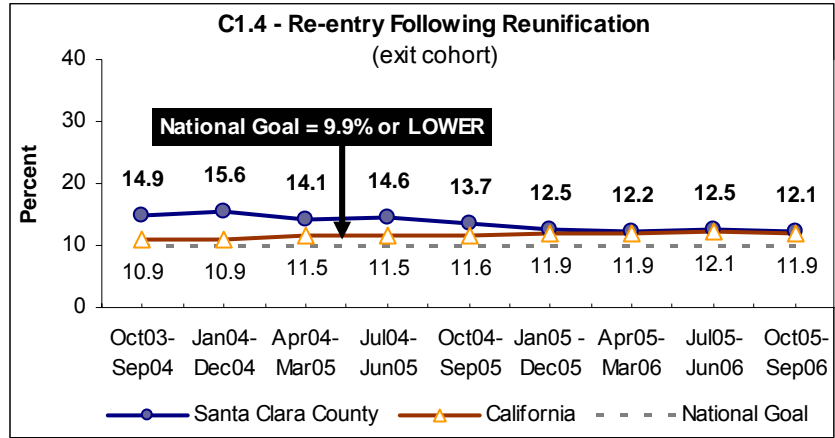
**C1.3-** Of all children entering foster care for the first time in a 6-month period, and who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of latest removal from home?



C1.3	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Sep05)		Current Period (Apr06-Sep06)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 48.4%	28.6%	✗	41.3%	✗
White	≥ 48.4%	47.4%	✗	38.8%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 48.4%	37.8%	✗	50.0%	✓
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 48.4%	76.0%	✓	61.5%	✓
Native American	≥ 48.4%	NA	NA	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 48.4%	41.9%	✗	47.6%	✗

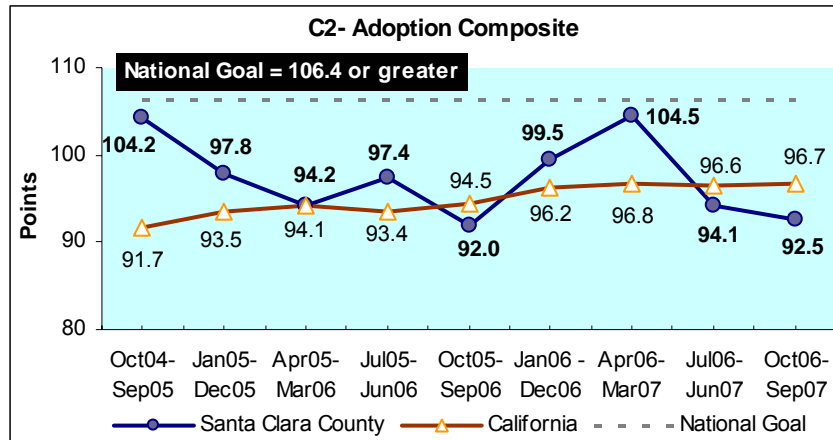


**C1.4-** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year, what percent reentered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?

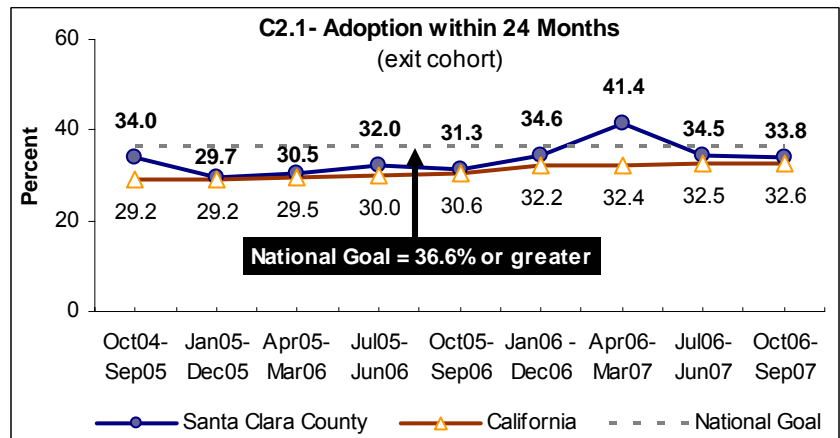


C1.4 Ethnicity	National Goal	Last year (Oct04-Sep05)		Current Period (Oct05-Sep06)	
	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 9.9%	17.3%	✗	14.3%	✗
White	≤ 9.9%	10.3%	✗	11.4%	✗
Hispanic	≤ 9.9%	16.5%	✗	12.2%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 9.9%	4.4%	✓	12.9%	✗
Native American	≤ 9.9%	0.0%	✓	0.0%	✓
Total	≤ 9.9%	13.7%	✗	12.1%	✗

## Timeliness to Adoption

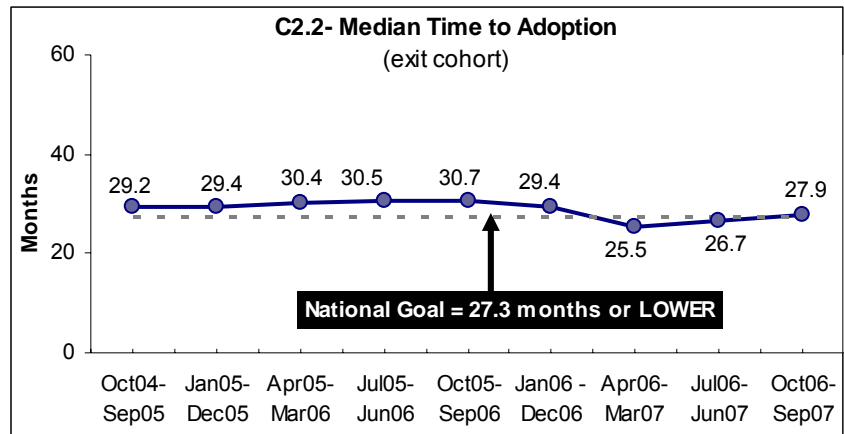


**C2.1-** Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during a year, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



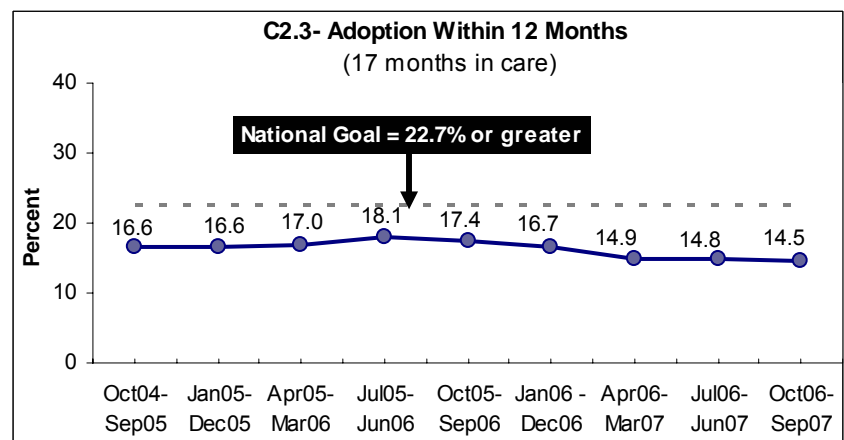
C2.1	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 36.6%	6.3%	✗	35.7%	✗
White	≥ 36.6%	43.9%	✓	48.9%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 36.6%	28.7%	✗	29.5%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 36.6%	37.5%	✓	12.5%	✗
Native American	≥ 36.6%	100.0%	✓	NA	NA
Total	≥ 36.6%	31.3%	✗	33.8%	✗

**C2.2-** Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in foster care in months from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption?



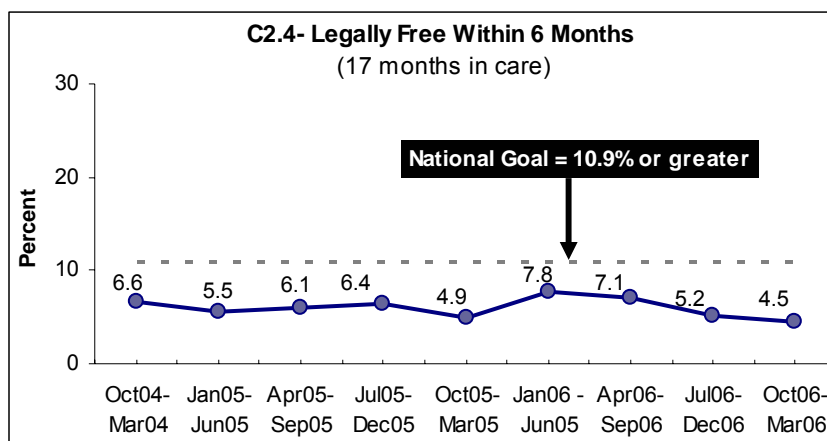
C2.2	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Month	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 27.3	37.6	✗	29.8	✗
White	≤ 27.3	25.5	✓	24.2	✓
Hispanic	≤ 27.3	31.3	✗	29.3	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 27.3	27.6	✓	32.7	✗
Native American	≤ 27.3	17.1	✓	NA	NA
Total	≤ 27.3	30.7	✗	27.9	✗

**C2.3-** Of all children in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer on the first day of the year, what percent were discharged to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?



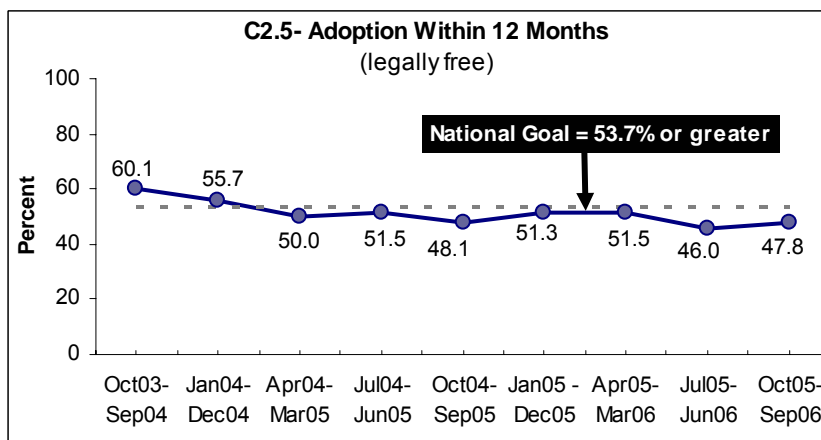
C2.3	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 22.7%	10.3%	✗	5.9%	✗
White	≥ 22.7%	14.9%	✗	11.6%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 22.7%	20.6%	✗	17.5%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 22.7%	14.0%	✗	21.1%	✗
Native American	≥ 22.7%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 22.7%	17.4%	✗	14.5%	✗

**C2.4-** Of all children in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer and not legally free for adoption on the first day of the year, what percent became legally free within the next 6 months?



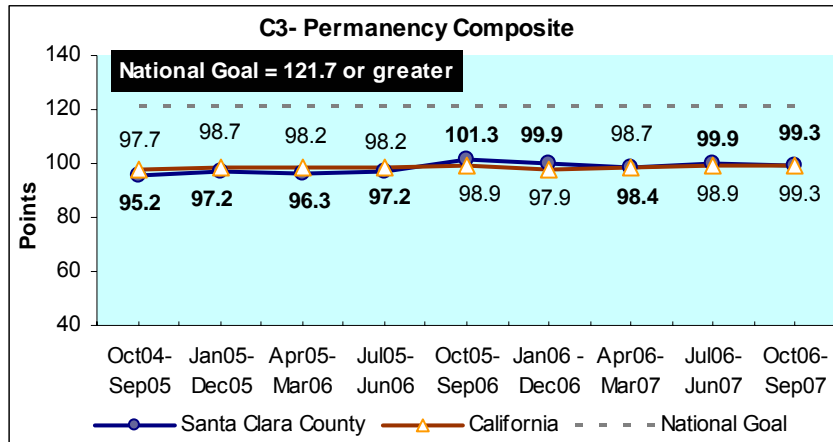
C2.4	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Mar06)		Current Period (Oct06-Mar07)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 10.9%	1.7%	✗	0.9%	✗
White	≥ 10.9%	6.8%	✗	4.2%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 10.9%	5.6%	✗	6.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 10.9%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Native American	≥ 10.9%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 10.9%	4.9%	✗	4.5%	✗

**C2.5-** Of all children in foster care who became legally free for adoption during the year, what percent were then discharged to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months?

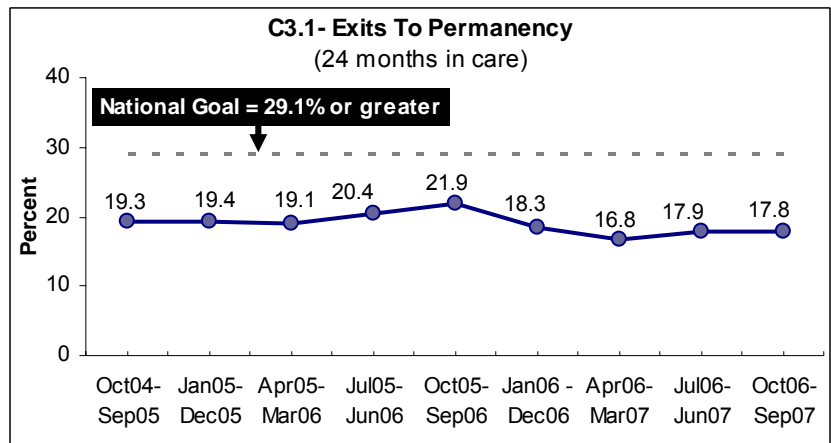


C2.5	National Goal	Last year (Oct04-Sep05)		Current Period (Oct05-Sep06)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 53.7%	16.7%	✗	8.0%	✗
White	≥ 53.7%	59.4%	✓	63.5%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 53.7%	44.2%	✗	48.4%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 53.7%	76.9%	✓	55.6%	✓
Native American	≥ 53.7%	100.0%	✓	NA	NA
Total	≥ 53.7%	48.1%	✗	47.8%	✗

## Permanency for Children in Long-Term Care

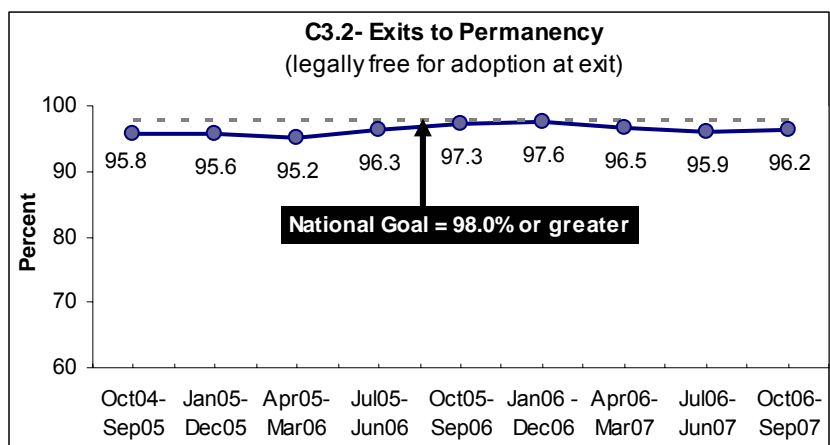


**C3.1-** Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percent were discharged to a permanent home by the end of the year and prior to turning 18?



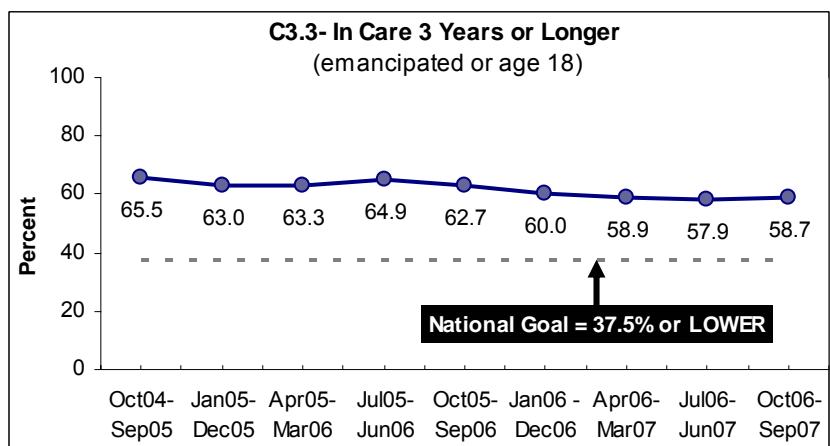
C3.1	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 29.1%	13.8%	✗	9.6%	✗
White	≥ 29.1%	13.6%	✗	14.5%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 29.1%	26.9%	✗	21.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 29.1%	21.7%	✗	21.2%	✗
Native American	≥ 29.1%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 29.1%	21.9%	✗	17.8%	✗

**C3.2-** Of all children discharged from foster care during the year who were legally free for adoption, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to turning 18?



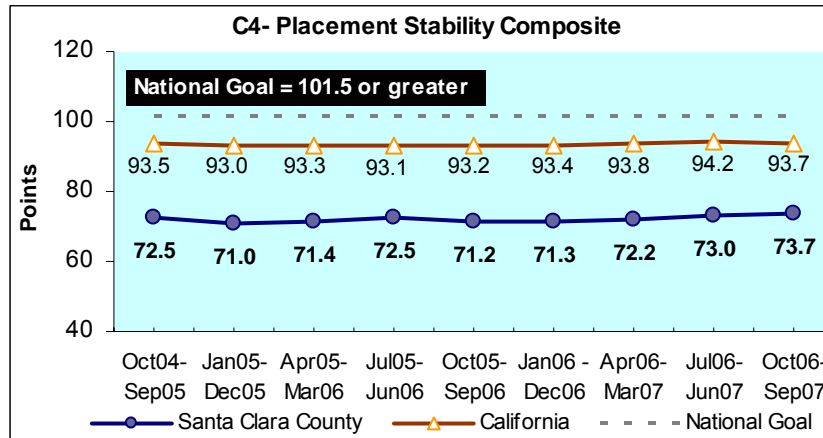
C3.2	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 98.0%	94.1%	✗	94.7%	✗
White	≥ 98.0%	98.3%	✓	95.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 98.0%	97.7%	✗	96.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 98.0%	88.9%	✗	100.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 98.0%	100.0%	✓	NA	NA
Total	≥ 98.0%	97.3%	✗	96.2%	✗

**C3.3-** Of all children in foster care during the year who were either discharged to emancipation or turned 18 while still in care, what percent had been in foster care for 3 years or longer?

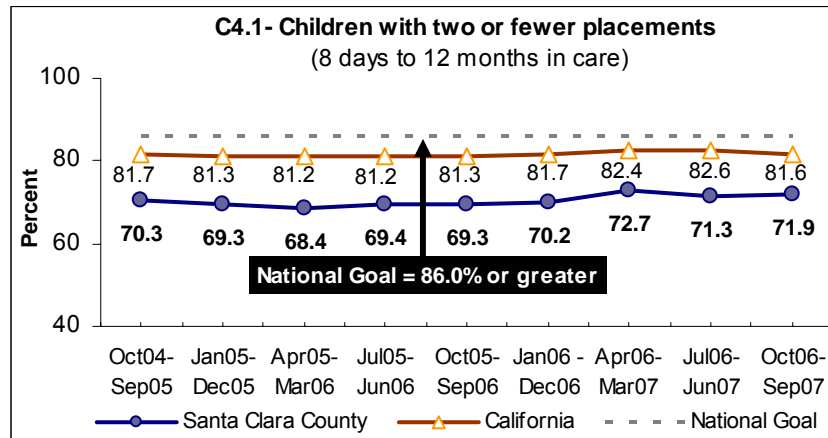


C3.3	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 37.5%	50.0%	✗	62.5%	✗
White	≤ 37.5%	59.1%	✗	53.1%	✗
Hispanic	≤ 37.5%	70.0%	✗	58.2%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 37.5%	61.5%	✗	63.6%	✗
Native American	≤ 37.5%	0.0%	✓	100.0%	✗
Total	≤ 37.5%	62.7%	✗	58.7%	✗

## Placement Stability

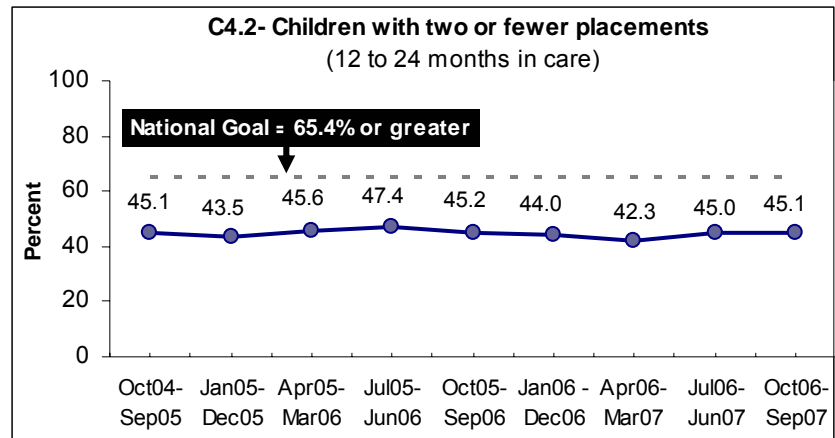


**C4.1-** Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



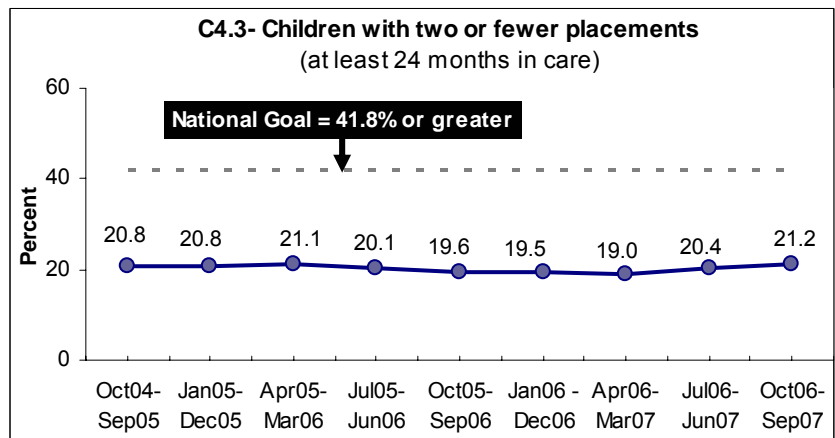
C4.1	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 86.0%	64.1%	✗	70.2%	✗
White	≥ 86.0%	69.3%	✗	76.0%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 86.0%	69.7%	✗	71.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 86.0%	74.6%	✗	69.7%	✗
Native American	≥ 86.0%	66.7%	✗	50.0%	✗
Total	≥ 86.0%	69.3%	✗	71.9%	✗

**C4.2-** Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



C4.2	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 65.4%	41.7%	✗	30.3%	✗
White	≥ 65.4%	48.4%	✗	49.7%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 65.4%	45.0%	✗	45.6%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 65.4%	39.5%	✗	42.3%	✗
Native American	≥ 65.4%	42.9%	✗	80.0%	✓
Total	≥ 65.4%	45.2%	✗	45.1%	✗

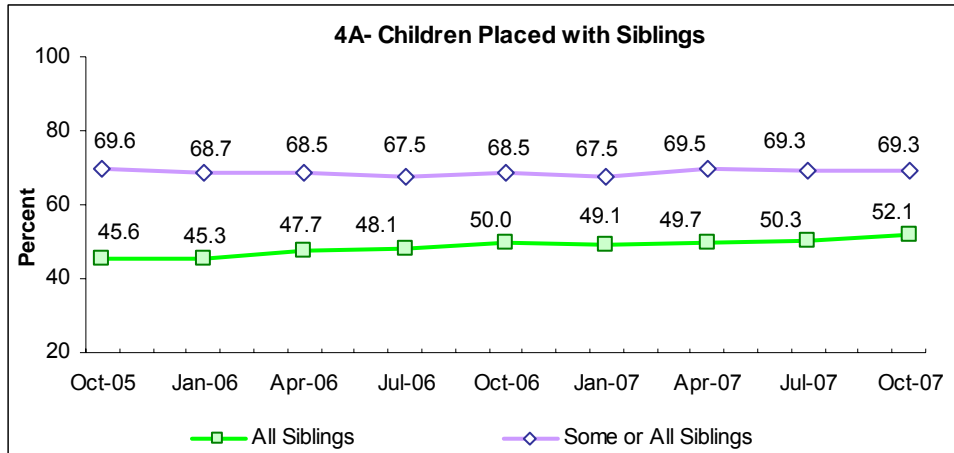
**C4.3-** Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



C4.3	National Goal	Last year (Oct05-Sep06)		Current Period (Oct06-Sep07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 41.8%	26.7%	✗	23.6%	✗
White	≥ 41.8%	18.0%	✗	20.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 41.8%	17.5%	✗	20.6%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 41.8%	29.1%	✗	20.0%	✗
Native American	≥ 41.8%	33.3%	✗	40.0%	✗
Total	≥ 41.8%	19.6%	✗	21.2%	✗

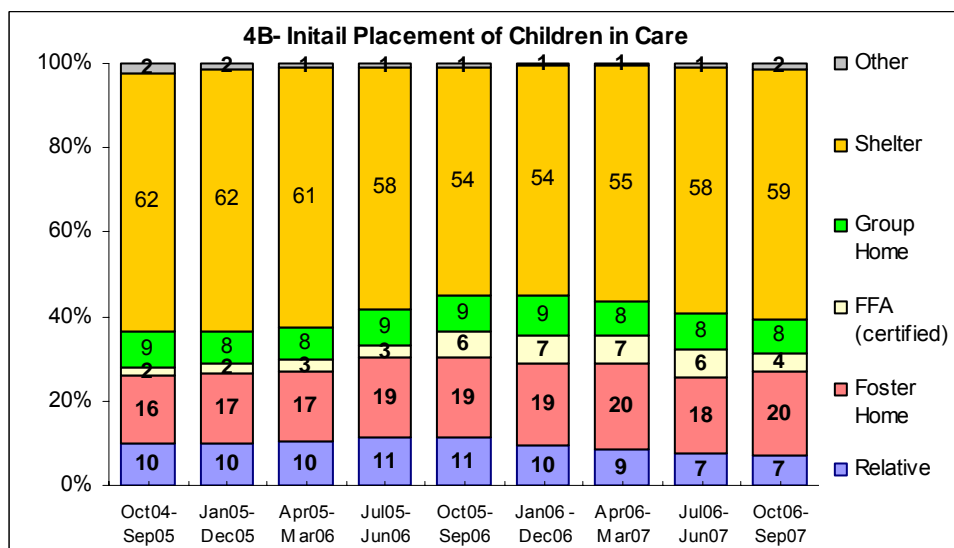


### Child Well-being

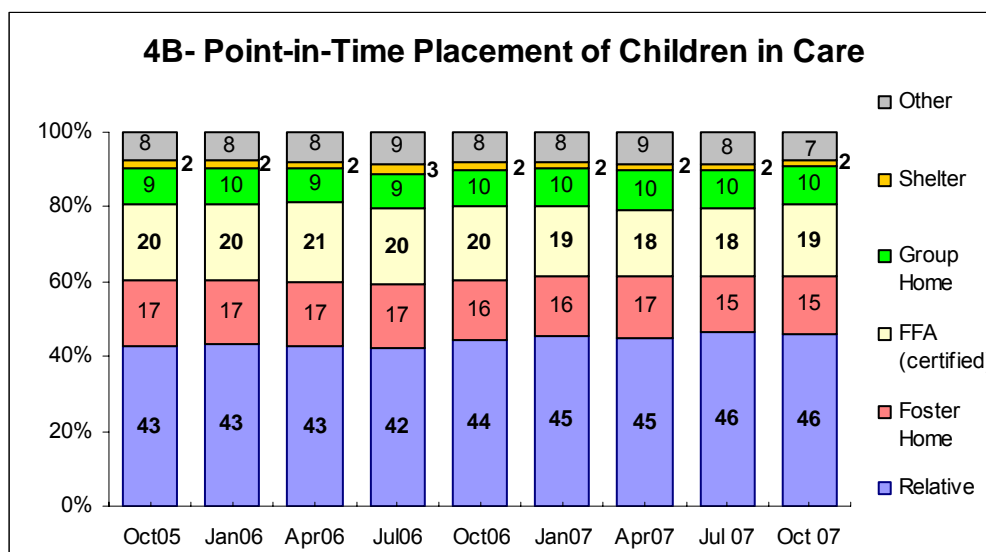


(Oct 1, 2007 ethnicity data is not available)

4A- Children Placed with Some or All Siblings		
Ethnicity	Rate (Jul 1, 2007)	
	All Siblings	Some or All Siblings
Black	48.1%	62.7%
White	43.0%	58.3%
Hispanic	52.9%	73.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	60.7%	78.7%
Native American	30.0%	60.0%
Total	50.8%	69.7%



4B- Initial Placement of Children in Care, Oct 2006 to Sep 2007						
First Placement Type	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Relative	7.5%	9.7%	6.7%	5.8%	0.0%	7.2%
Foster Home	15.9%	23.0%	19.6%	16.3%	18.2%	19.6%
FFA (certified)	2.8%	4.1%	4.1%	7.0%	0.0%	4.2%
Group Home	5.6%	12.0%	6.4%	11.6%	0.0%	8.0%
Shelter	67.3%	48.4%	61.5%	58.1%	72.7%	59.1%
Other	0.9%	2.8%	1.7%	1.2%	9.1%	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



4B- Point-in-time Placement of Children in Care, Oct 1, 2007						
Point-in-time Placement Type	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Relative	47.5%	41.3%	48.8%	35.0%	30.0%	46.2%
Foster Home	11.7%	11.6%	16.7%	22.0%	15.0%	15.3%
FFA (certified)	18.3%	22.7%	18.2%	20.0%	35.0%	19.4%
Group Home	10.0%	13.0%	9.0%	15.0%	10.0%	10.3%
Shelter	2.1%	2.2%	1.3%	1.0%	5.0%	1.6%
Other	10.4%	9.2%	6.0%	7.0%	5.0%	7.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>