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Statistics Overall Description

On November 12, 2024 Dolores Smith with Family and Juvenile Services (FJS), on behalf of Ashley Clark, requested from Research and Statistics the following for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 through CY 2023 Statewide updated to present.

Frequency of CFCRB reviews of each child – these are the categories needed: earlier than 6 months; at 6 months; at 7 months; later than six months (the purpose of this one is to determine if children in out-of-home care are having CFCRB reviews every six months; this includes IPRs.)

These are from the 3530_CIP_Measures report:

- PM-4G: Time to first APR - *Annual Permanency Review*
 - PM-4H: Time to filing of TPR petition
 - PM-4I: Time to order of TPR
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To calculate the performance measures data was extracted from both databases:

- o The Children's Automated Tracking System (CATS), the electronic case management system for the AOC Citizen Foster Care Review Board.
- o CourtNet (KyCourts), the electronic case management system which contains a summary of DNA cases statewide.

The cohort of children for performance measure 4G is limited to children who should have had their first annual permanency review (APR) during CY 2021 & CY 2022: children who entered foster care during CY 2020 & CY 2021 and who had been in care 14+ months or were still in care, as of the run date. The DNA case number is extracted from CATS database and then used to link to the matching case number in CourtNet to get the date of the first annual permanency review (APR).

The cohort of children for performance measures 4H and 4I is limited to DNA episodes (CATS) of children released from care during the timeframe 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2022.

The cross-tabulations and visual charts display the time in care for measures 4G, 4H and 4I Statewide.

Measure 4H & Measure 4I was calculated by extracting the Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) case numbers from CATS database, then were used to link to the matching case number in CourtNet.

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Note: Exclusions from Performance Measures include

- Cases statewide where DNA disposition date is prior to filing date
- Cases with DNA filing(s) with disposition type “Transferred” (case filing date is the same date as case disposition date) and/or “Merged” (has charge disposition type “MER”).

Statistics Tables and Charts (Performance Measures)

The tables and charts provide the statistical findings for performance measures 4G, 4H, and 4L with each performance measure being reported statewide.

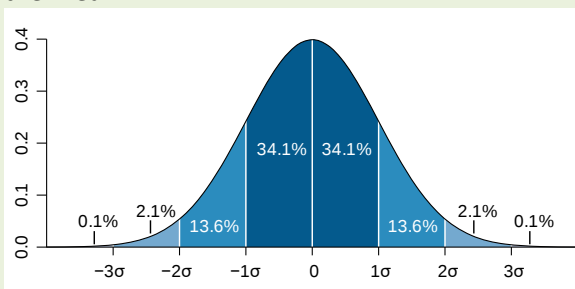
The statistical counts are visualized using:

- **Cross-tabulations:** A cross-tabulation (or crosstab) is a two- (or more) dimensional table that records frequency counts, percentages, averages, median, percentiles, or other descriptive statistics. The cross-tabulations in this report provide:
 - o Distinct count and percentage of children.
 - o Count of episodes and percentage of episodes.
 - o Arithmetic Mean (Average) length of time. *Average* time calculates the total number of days for all cases divided by the number of cases.
 - o Median (50th Percentile) length of time. *Median* time is the number of days that falls midway between the shortest and longest cases.

Calculation Note: With an odd set of numbers, the median is simply the middle number, e.g., the median of 2, 4, and 7 is 4. With an even set of numbers, the median is the mean of the two middle numbers, e.g., the median of 2, 4, 7, and 12 is 5.5 (4 plus 7 divided by 2).¹

Type	Description	Example	Result
<i>Average</i> (Arithmetic Mean)	Sum of values of a data set divided by number of values:	$(1+2+2+3+4+7+9) / 7$	4
<i>Median</i> (50 th Percentile)	Middle value separating the greater and lesser halves of a data set	Example 1: 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 Example 2: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9	Example 1: 3 Example 2: $(4+5) / 2 = 4.5$

- o Standard Deviation is an indication of how much the values in each category tend to vary from the mean. It is a measure of dispersion. It is calculated as the square root of the average squared difference from the mean.



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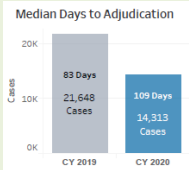
¹ (Court Performance Measures in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases: Technical Guide, April 2009, p. 160)

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	CY 2019			CY 2020			Grand Total		
	Cases	Charges	Median Days	Cases	Charges	Median Days	Cases	Charges	Median Days
OTHER	5,642	5,897	81	3,802	3,925	111	9,444	9,822	93
DISMISSED	4,454	4,756	47	3,276	3,431	66	7,730	8,187	53
STIPULATE DNA	3,533	3,591	88	2,362	2,436	113	6,195	6,367	97
FINDING OF DNA	3,746	3,879	99	2,417	2,533	106	6,163	6,412	107
COMMITMENT OF JUVENILE TO CHR	1,962	1,998	78	1,292	1,306	103	3,254	3,304	85
INFORMAL JUDGMENT	1,628	1,666	114	960	977	171	2,588	2,643	138
MERGED / TRANSFER	673	709	62	446	465	63	1,119	1,174	62
Grand Total	21,648	22,836	83	14,313	15,073	109	35,961	37,909	92

- **Horizontal & vertical bar charts:** Bar charts are used to plot categorical data across dimensions, highlight differences, and show trends such as changes over time.



Page 1: Frequency of IPR/Paper reviews.

This measure shows how long it takes to complete each of the IPR/Paper reviews. Under this measure, the time begins to run with the DNA case filing date to the first review and the subsequent reviews scheduled. The children reviews are obtained from CATS system.

The universe of children included in this measure are children who have had a scheduled review in CY 2021 thru 6/30/2023. Excludes children whose DNA case was transferred to or from another county.

** Children not in care over 6 months and not reviewed are excluded.*

The time measurement used is "Yes" review was on or before 212.6127 days (at 6 months); or "No" review was greater than 212.6127 days (after 6 months) to capture the frequency of scheduled reviews. An IPR/paper review is required no later than every six (6) months after the date the child is considered to have entered foster care

Note: A technical error caused a delay in exporting information from the TWIST database into CATS in FY 21, which resulted in the CFCRB not receiving timely notice of children entering out-of-home care. This technical has been corrected.

Page 2: Frequency of IPR/Paper reviews by review kind (IPR/Paper)

This measure is same as page 1, additionally grouped by review kind.

Page 3: PM-4G Average (median) time from case filing date to the first Permanency Review.

This measure shows how long it takes to complete the first annual permanency review. Under this measure, the time begins to run with the DNA case filing date and ends on the day the first annual permanency review is scheduled (APR, REV, PPR scheduled event)². The DNA case number is first

² "APR" (Annual Permanency Review) is the correct scheduled event. However, "REV" (Review) and "PPR" (Permanent Placement Review) is also included in this measure because it is frequently used instead of "APR". Best practice would be to use "APR" when the permanency review is scheduled.

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obtained from CATS system and used to link to the DNA case in CourtNet to find the first scheduled event date of annual permanency review (APR), Permanent Placement Review (PPR) or Permanency Review (REV).

The universe of children included in this measure are children who should have had their first APR/PPR/REV scheduled in CY 2021 or CY 2022. Excludes children whose DNA case was transferred to or from another county.

- * CY 2021 data includes children entering care during CY 2020.*
- * CY 2022 data include children entering care during CY 2021.*
- * DNA cases which were dismissed are excluded.*

The time measurement used is 425 days (14 months) to capture the children who received a timely APR/PPR/REV. An APR is required no later than every twelve (12) months after the date the child is considered to have entered foster care.

Federal law defines “children considered to have entered foster care” as the earlier of either:

- 1. The date of the first judicial finding of abuse or neglect; or*
- 2. 60 days after the date the child is removed from the home.³*

This report measures the case filing date and then adds sixty (60) days as the basis for the 14-month time measurement.

The time is calculated (in days) from the case filing date to the first APR/PPR/REV. The cases are then grouped into three categories:

- 1. APR 425 days (14 months) or Less*
- 2. First APR 426+ days*
- 3. No APR/PPR/REV*

Notes for PM-4G

- 1.** Does not include children who were released prior to being in care 14 months.
- 2.** Includes children who were in care 14 months & over, as of the run date.
- 3.** The measurement includes only the time to the first APR/PPR/REV. Subsequent APR/PPR/REV are not included.

Page 4: PM-4H Average (median) time from filing of the original DNA petition to filing the termination of parental rights (TPR) case.

This measure shows how long it takes from the date the original DNA petition is filed to the date the termination of parental rights case is filed.

³ (Court Performance Measures in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases: Technical Guide, April 2009, p. 201)

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The universe of children included in this measure are children who were released from foster care during CY 2020 & CY 2021. Excludes children whose DNA case was transferred to or from another county.

The time is calculated (in days) from the DNA case filing date to the TPR case filing date.

Notes for PM-4H:

1. The specified county is based on the county the Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) case was filed. The county where the DNA case was filed may differ.

The table (**PM 4H-1**) displays the count of DNA cases, distinct count of children, the average, median and standard deviation days per CY. The line graph to the right illustrates the average and median days.

The table (**PM 4H-2**) displays the percent of DNA cases by the months from DNA petition to the TPR petition grouped by (0-3 months, 4-6 months, 7-12 months, 12-18 months, 18+ months) per CY. The horizontal graph to the right illustrates the same information.

Page 5: PM-4I Average (median) time from filing of the original DNA petition to the order to terminate parental rights (OTPR).

This measure shows how long it takes from the date the original DNA petition is filed to the date the termination of parental rights proceeding is completed.

The universe of children included in this measure are children who were released from foster care during CY 2020 & CY 2021. Excludes children whose DNA case was transferred to or from another county.

The time is calculated (in days) from the DNA case filing date to the OTPR date.

Notes for PM-4I:

1. Time to OTPR includes children whose TPR case may have been appealed.
2. The specified county is based on the county in which the TPR case was filed. The county where the DNA case was filed may differ.

The table (**PM 4I-1**) displays the count of episodes, distinct count of children, the average, median and standard deviation days per CY. The line graph to the right illustrates the average days and median days.

The table (**PM 4I-2**) displays the percent of DNA cases by the months from filing DNA petition to the OTPR date grouped by (0-365 days and >365 days) per CY. The horizontal graph to the right illustrates the same information.

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- The statistics and data set generated are a snapshot in time, as of report run date.

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Data Variables Requested

Database	Data Variable	Description
CFC_RB (CATS)	CY	A calendar year (CY) is January 1 to December 31. The calendar year refers to the episode date.
	Release County	The county of the case entered in CATS database.
	Release Judge	The DNA judge from the case entered in CATS database.
	Children	A count in which each unique child is included only once, regardless of the number of times a child entered foster care. "Child" means any person who has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday.
	Release Date	The date a child exits/released from the custody of the Cabinet.
	Episode	An episode is each entry into foster care. Count is based on each case id of the specified episode types.
	Episode Type	The episode types included in this report are: <u>Code</u> <u>Case Type Description</u> CA Abuse and Neglect CHA Child Abuse NEG Neglect DP Dependency
	Foster Care	Foster care means the child has been removed from their parents or person exercising custodial control or supervision and subsequently placed in the custody of the cabinet; and/or placed in a foster home or private child-caring facility or child-placing agency but remains under the supervision of the cabinet.
	IPR Review (Paper is the previous review form)	An interested party review is an interactive process in Kentucky's foster care system that involves meeting with family members. The review focuses on the case plans for the child and their parents, as well as the progress being made towards permanency. The review boards work with court-appointed advocates, social workers, and biological parents.
CourtNet	Cases	A distinct count of cases.
	Case Filing Date	Specific date a case was originally filed in a court.
	Case Type	Case types in child abuse/neglect & dependency cases filed: • CA – Child Abuse / Neglect • CHA – Child Abuse • NEG – Neglect • DP - Dependency Case types in adoption/termination cases filed: • AD - Adoption • ADPT – Adoption / Termination of Parental Rights • TPR – Termination of Parental Rights
	APR	The APR (Annual Permanency Review) scheduled event type. Kentucky requires an annual permanency review hearing, according to KRS 610.125. The hearing must be held at least annually and cannot continue for more than 12 months from the child's placement in foster care. The review is intended to determine if the child's best interests are being served.

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		The review report should clearly document all information related to the child. The Citizen Foster Care Review Board also conducts interactive reviews that focus on case plans and the progress being made to secure permanency.
	Scheduled Event Date	The date the scheduled event was set to be heard in court.
	KRS	The Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) is the title given to Kentucky's subject-based statutes or laws governing the commonwealth. The KRS is a "subject-based compilation using decimal-based numbering system." Found at https://legislature.ky.gov/Law/Statutes/Pages/default.aspx

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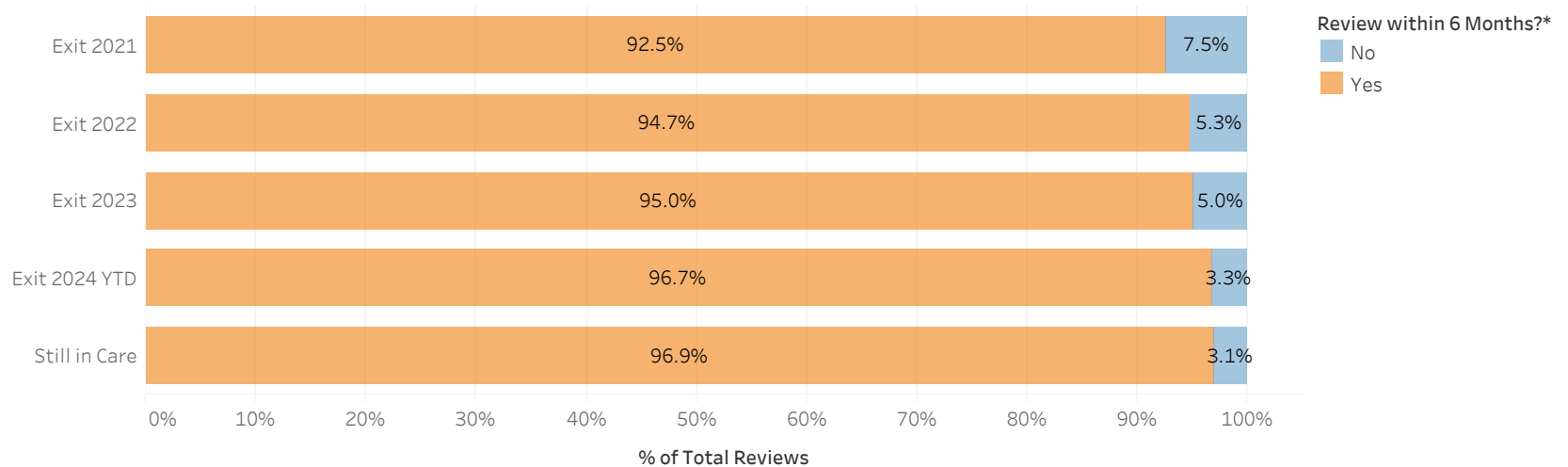
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Time Before Each Foster Care Review

CFCRB Reviews of Children Released January 1, 2021 - November 18, 2024 or Still in Care As of 11/18/2024
with at Least 183 days in Care

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CY Exit/In Care	Review within 6 Months?*	Children	Episodes	Reviews	% of Reviews
Exit 2021	Yes	3,396	3,396	17,478	92.5%
	No	1,202	1,202	1,414	7.5%
Exit 2022	Yes	3,358	3,358	17,711	94.7%
	No	854	854	989	5.3%
Exit 2023	Yes	3,169	3,170	16,813	95.0%
	No	738	738	883	5.0%
Exit 2024 YTD	Yes	2,508	2,508	13,528	96.7%
	No	367	367	455	3.3%
Still in Care	Yes	5,536	5,536	24,894	96.9%
	No	659	659	805	3.1%
Grand Total		17,597	18,160	94,970	100.0%



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* The definition used for Review within 6 Months is whether the date of the current review is more or less than 213 days after the date of the previous review or episode's start date. This is approximately just under seven months, separating situations in which a review occurred before the end of the sixth month following the previous date from those where the review was seven months or more following the previous date.

* These statistics exclude 223 reviews indicating a preceding time of greater than 500 days, 66 initial reviews with Review Dates preceding the related episode's start date, and 121 episodes in which a child was in care for at least 183 days (approximately six months) without having any review.

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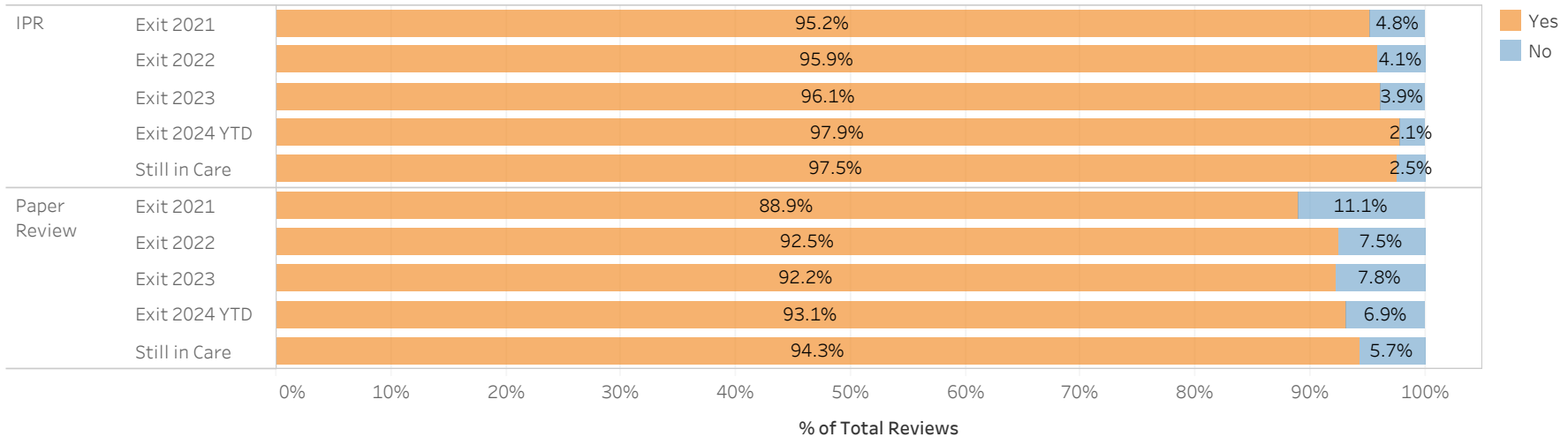
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CFCRB Reviews of Children Released January 1, 2021 - November 18, 2024 or Still in Care As of 11/18/2024

STATEWIDE

CY Exit/In Care	Review within 6 Months?*	IPR				Paper Review			
		Children	Episodes	Reviews	% of Reviews	Children	Episodes	Reviews	% of Reviews
Exit 2021	Yes	2,447	2,447	10,287	95.2%	2,035	2,035	7,191	88.9%
	No	477	477	519	4.8%	790	790	895	11.1%
Exit 2022	Yes	2,629	2,629	11,480	95.9%	1,611	1,611	6,231	92.5%
	No	463	463	486	4.1%	422	422	503	7.5%
Exit 2023	Yes	2,684	2,685	12,249	96.1%	1,136	1,136	4,564	92.2%
	No	465	465	496	3.9%	310	310	387	7.8%
Exit 2024 YTD	Yes	2,306	2,306	10,419	97.9%	804	804	3,109	93.1%
	No	206	206	224	2.1%	179	179	231	6.9%
Still in Care	Yes	5,218	5,218	19,808	97.5%	1,338	1,338	5,086	94.3%
	No	460	460	498	2.5%	242	242	307	5.7%
Grand Total		15,032	15,450	66,466	100.0%	7,294	7,398	28,504	100.0%



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Time (in Days) from Case Filing Date to First Annual Permanency Review (APR/REV)

Reviews Expected During CY 2021 (Entry CY 2020)

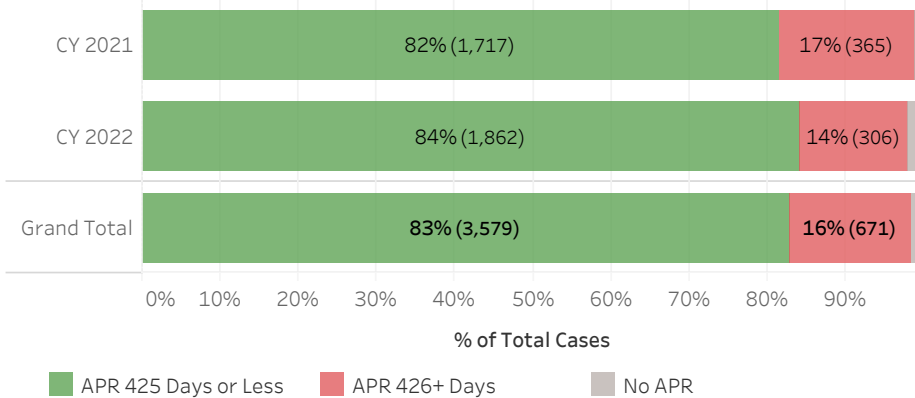
Reviews Expected During CY 2022 (Entry CY 2021)

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PM4G-1: Percent of Cases with Timely Annual Permanency Review

		Cases	% of Cases	Children
CY 2021	APR 425 Days or Less	1,717	82%	1,717
	APR 426+ Days	365	17%	365
	No APR	21	1%	21
	Total	2,103	100%	2,103
CY 2022	APR 425 Days or Less	1,862	84%	1,861
	APR 426+ Days	306	14%	306
	No APR	44	2%	44
	Total	2,212	100%	2,211
Grand Total		4,315	100%	4,310

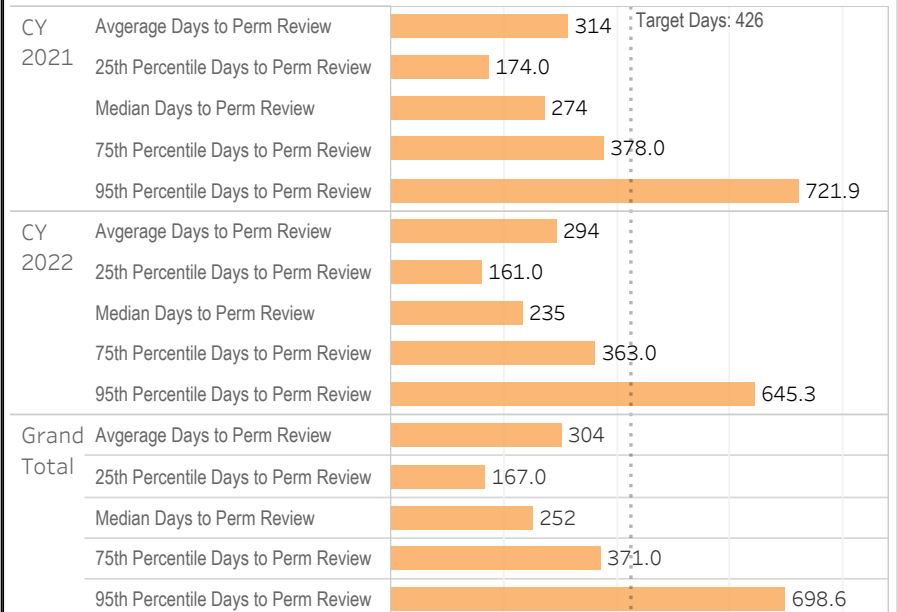
Percent of Cases to with Timely Annual Permanency Review



Median & Average Time (in Days) to First APR/REV

	CY 2021	CY 2022	Grand Total
Cases	2,082	2,168	4,250
Average Days to Perm Review	314	294	304
Std. dev. of Days to Perm Review	215	232	224
25th Percentile Days to Perm Review	174	161	167
Median Days to Perm Review	274	235	252
75th Percentile Days to Perm Review	378	363	371
95th Percentile Days to Perm Review	722	645	699

Median & Average Time (in Days) to First APR/REV



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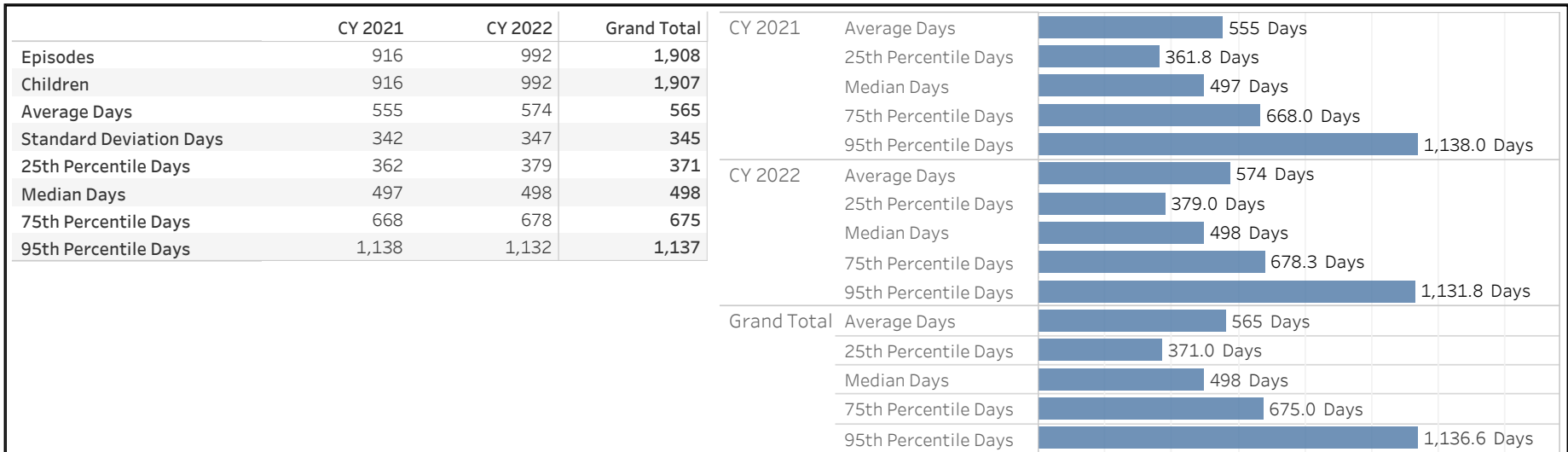
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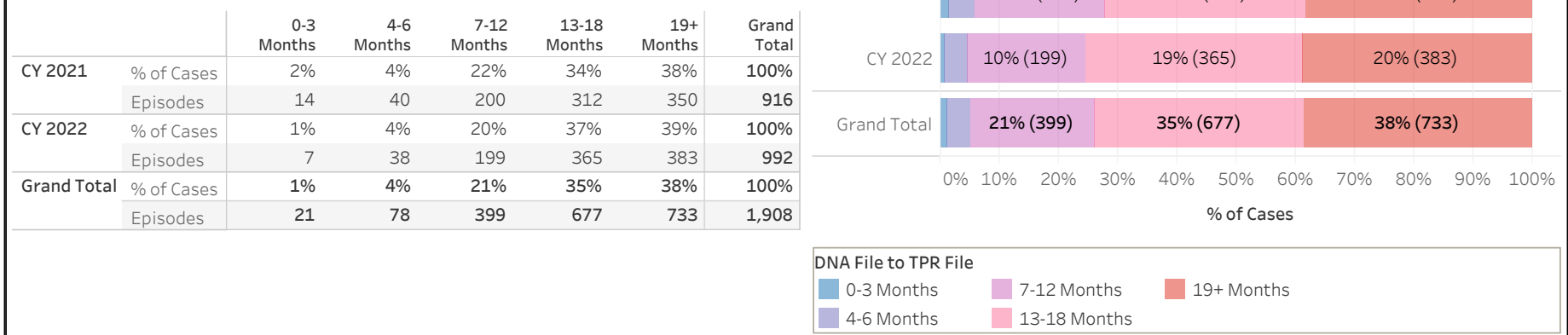
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Time from DNA Filing Date to Termination of Parental Rights Petition (TPR) Children Released from Foster Care CY 2021 & CY 2022 with Episode Including TPR Case STATEWIDE

PM 4H-1: Time (in Days) from DNA Case Filing Date to TPR Case Filing Date



PM 4H-2: Time (in Days) from DNA Case Filing Date to TPR Case Filing Date



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* Cases which have the TPR case filed prior to the DNA case being disposed have been excluded.



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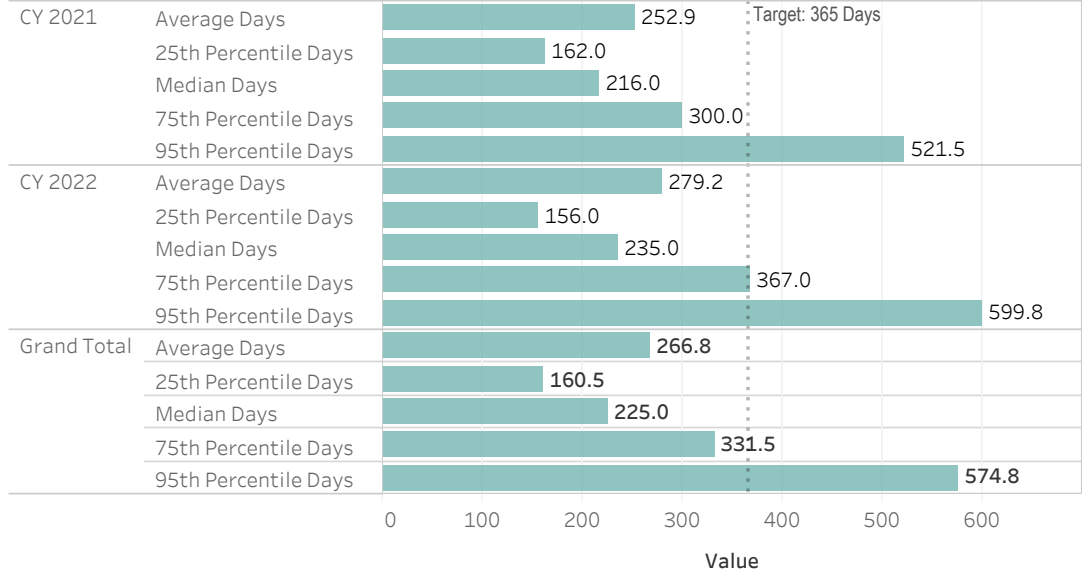
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Time from Termination of Parental Rights Petition Filing (TPR) to Order Terminating Parental Rights (OTPR)

Children Released from Foster Care CY 2021 & CY 2022 with Episode
Including TPR Case and at least one OTPR Document
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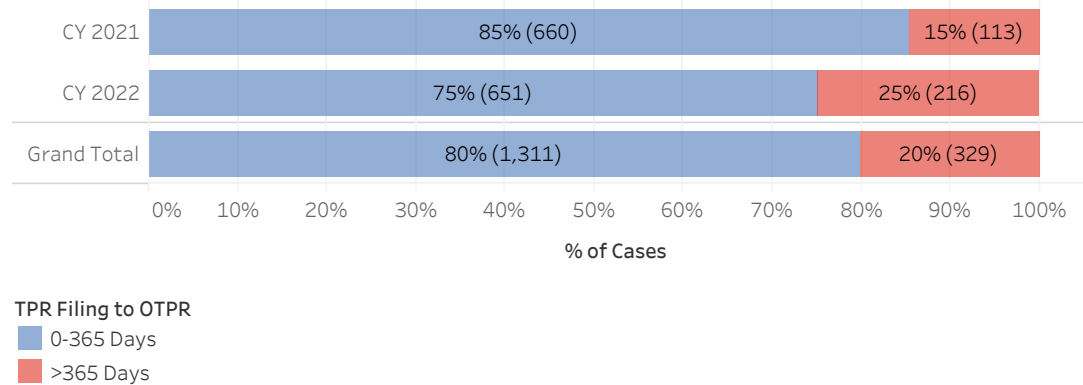
PM 4I-1: Time (in Days) from TPR Filing Date to OTPR Date

	CY 2021	CY 2022	Grand Total
Episodes	774	873	1,647
Children	774	873	1,646
Average Days	253	279	267
Standard Deviation Days	148	176	164
25th Percentile Days	162	156	161
Median Days	216	235	225
75th Percentile Days	300	367	332
95th Percentile Days	521	600	575



PM 4I-2: Time (in Days) from TPR Filing Date to OTPR Date

		0-365 Days	>365 Days	Grand Total
CY 2021	% of Cases	85%	15%	100%
	Episodes	660	113	773
CY 2022	% of Cases	75%	25%	100%
	Episodes	651	216	867
Grand Total	% of Cases	80%	20%	100%
	Episodes	1,311	329	1,640



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