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Executive Summary

Children Available for Adoption

While the number of children entering permanent custody (PC) statewide increased from FFY 2003 to 2004, it appears that Ohio may have fewer PC entries in FFY 2005. In the first six months of this year, 992 children have entered PC.

The proportion of children entering PC in the largest eight Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) is far greater than the other 80 PCSAs as a group, but that proportion is decreasing slightly each year. In FFY 2003, the PC entries from the largest counties were 69 percent of all PC entries statewide. In the first six months of this year that proportion is down to under two-thirds (64%).

White children make up an increasingly larger percentage of all children entering permanent custody each year (55% in FFY 2003, 57 percent in FFY 2004 and 59% in the first half of FFY 2005).

The number of children available for adoption at the beginning of the year is decreasing, meaning that more children are being adopted than are entering PC. At the start of this federal fiscal year, there were 3616 children available (down from 4141 in FFY 2003 and 3861 in FFY 2004). The PCSA with the most children available for adoption, Cuyahoga County, has seen a steady drop in its available children. At the beginning of FFY 2003, there were 1518 available children. At the start of this year that number is down to 1266.

While one-quarter of the children entering PC are age ten and older, half of the children available for adoption at the start of the last few years are in that age group. This means that older children (i.e., those age ten and older) are not moving through to adoption as quickly as other children.

At the beginning of the current year, the children available for adoption are likely to:

- Be age ten to 13 (27%), 14 to 17 (23%) and two to five year of age (22%);
- Be African American (51%);
- Have spent more than four years in care since initial custody (45%) and two to four years in care (34%); and
Have spent one year or less in permanent custody (46%) or two to three years in PC (20%).

Outcomes

This report assesses adoption success in four ways:

1. Number of adoptions
2. Rates of success
3. Rates of adoption
4. Timeliness of adoption

With a decline in the number of children available for adoption, we would expect a decrease in the number of adoptions. This is the case. FFY 2004 saw 2149 adoptions, down from 2300 the prior year.

In addition to the number of adoptions, another way to measure adoption success is through the calculation of “rates of success.” These rates take all the children waiting for adoption and in adoptive placement at the beginning of a year and ask how many of these children were adopted by the end of the year. Ohio’s rates of success in the past two years were 40 percent (FFY 2003) and 39 percent (FFY 2004).

The rates of success for certain sub-populations of children are far lower. Children age ten and older continue to achieve adoptions less frequently than children under the age of ten. Just 23 percent of the older children who have been in care more than two years were adopted by the end of each of the past two years. The rates of success for African American children are also below the rate for all children. In FFY 2004 the rate of success statewide and for the group of the largest PCSAs for African American children was 35 percent. Forty-six percent of white children were adopted during that year. Length of time in permanent custody also impacts a child’s chances for adoption. After two years in PC the chance of being adopted decreases as more time elapses.

“Rates of adoption” were also calculated. These rates take the total adoptions (i.e., adoptions of children waiting for adoption and in adoptive placement at the beginning of a year and adoptions of those who entered during the year) and divide by the number of children available at the start of the year (waiting and placed). The rate for each of the past two years was 54 percent. The rate of adoption for older
children (i.e., age ten and older) in care more than two years is 24 percent; the rate for African American children is 47 percent.

Ohio continues to demonstrate improvement on the federal adoption measure. The state finished FFY 2004 with 28.5 percent of its children adopted within 24 months of initial custody. In the first half of the current year, that rate is up to 30.8 percent.

![Graph showing Adopted Children Adopted within Two Years of Initial Custody]

This is indicative of performance by the largest eight PCSAs who as a group have improved on this measure each year since 2001. Conversely, the balance of the PCSAs are seeing an increase in the number of children entering PC and a decrease each year since FFY 2002 in the number of adopted children adopted within two years.

Ohio’s overall improvement in the federal adoption measure is due in large part to increased timeliness in moving children to adoption once they are in PC. The front end of the adoption process (i.e., from initial custody to PC) is steadily less timely in each of the past four years.

**Adopting Families**

Nearly half of all adoptions are by foster parents. Foster parent adoptions account for 43 percent of African American adoptions statewide and over half (55%) of the African American adoptions in the largest eight counties. Foster parents tend to adopt children who have been in PC one year or less, yet fewer than half of the children available for adoption (47%) fall into this category.
Adoptions by Family Type in FFY 2004

The next largest group of adopting families consists of those who have no prior relationship to the child. These stranger adoptive parents adopted a larger proportion of children between the ages of ten and 13 than did any other type of adopting parents. In the largest eight PCSAs 55 percent of stranger adoptions were adoptions of African American children. In the state as a whole, stranger adoptive parents adopt a much lower proportion (37%) of African American children. Next to foster/kinship adopting parents, strangers adopt the greatest percentage of children who have spent more than three years in permanent custody.

Kinship and foster/kinship adoptive parents tend to adopt African American children and also adopt a larger proportion of older children than foster parents do. Adoptive parents who are related to the child and who provided foster care prior to adoption adopt the greatest percentage of children (32%) in PC more than three years.

Recommendations

Based on the findings in this report, the following three recommendations are offered.

1. Conduct “concurrent planning” after permanent custody is achieved for children over the age of nine. They are less likely to be adopted and represent half of the children available for adoption at the start of FFY 2005. This concurrent planning would consist of continued efforts toward adoption but also simultaneous efforts toward other types of placements. The other placements would be those which allow them opportunities to make connections with adults (especially important if they age out of the system) and prepare them to live on their own.

2. Following permanent custody, re-double efforts to place children with relatives. Relatives (or people with a special relationship to the child) are more likely to adopt children age ten and over and African American children. Both of these groups of children represent a large proportion of the children waiting for adoption.
3. Explore strategies to get foster parents to adopt older children (age ten and over) and those in permanent custody for more than one year.
Part I: Children Available for Adoption

Part I will explore trends which will impact the number of adoptions in the coming year and in future years. Specifically, this section will examine trends among the number of children entering permanent custody and the children in permanent custody. These two populations will impact future adoptions because if there are fewer children available for adoption Ohio cannot expect the number of adoptions to increase as it has in previous years. Additionally, the characteristics of those children who are waiting to be adopted can also impact the number and timeliness of adoptions.

Children Entering Permanent Custody

The number of children entering permanent custody (PC) statewide increased slightly from FFY 2003 to 2004, from 2113 to 2184 children. As shown in the graph to the right, with 992 children entering PC in the first six months of the current federal fiscal year (FFY), it appears that Ohio will have fewer entries into PC in the current year.

While the largest eight Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) continue to comprise the largest percentage of PC entries, their proportion of all PC entries statewide is declining:

- 69% in 2003
- 68% in 2004
- 64% in 2005 (1st half)

With three of the larger PCSAs (i.e., Hamilton, Montgomery and Summit) comprising greater proportions of the children entering PC statewide from FFY 2004 to the first half of 2005, much of the decrease among the eight largest PCSAs can be attributed to the declining numbers of children entering PC in Cuyahoga County (see table at right).

For a listing of the number and percentage of children entering PC for each PCSA, see Table 1 in the appendix.
Besides looking just at the numbers of children entering permanent custody, it is important to look at the characteristics of those children. In particular, age and race can impact trends in adoption.

**Age**

For the purposes of this report, “older children” refers to those age ten and older unless otherwise specified. In FFY 2003, 495 older children entered PC; in the following year, that number rose to 520. Statewide, the percentage of children entering PC who are ages ten to 17\(^1\) remains steady, 23 percent in FFY 2003 and 24 percent in 2004.

Among the largest PCSAs, Cuyahoga and Butler had the largest proportions of older children entering PC in FFY 2004 (39% and 32%, respectively). In the year prior, Stark (32%) and Hamilton (29%) had the largest percentages of older children entering PC. This is important given that it is more difficult to find adoptive homes for older children than for those under the age of ten. (See Tables 3a-3c in the appendix for a listing of PC entries by age and PCSA.)

**Race**

Race is another characteristic which can impact adoptions for children. Statewide, over half of the children entering PC are white (55% in 2003, 57% in 2004 and 59% in the 1st half of 2005).

As shown in the graph below, there has been a decline in the proportion of Ohio’s children entering PC who are African American. In the largest eight PCSAs, the percentage of African American children entering PC has gone from 57% in 2003 to 56% in 2004 to 53% in the first half of 2005. Among those PCSAs, Cuyahoga, Hamilton and Montgomery have the largest percentages.

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\(^1\) “ages ten to 17” means that the child is at least ten and has not reached his or her 18th birthday.
of African American children entering PC.

Tables 2a through 2c in the appendix provide the racial composition of the children entering PC in each of the PCSAs.

**Children in Permanent Custody who are Waiting for Adoption and who are in Adoptive Placement**

The previous section provided a snapshot of those children entering permanent custody *during a given period*. Now we will turn to those who are in PC, either waiting or in adoptive placement *at the start of a federal fiscal year*. A look at this population can help to predict the number of adoptions that will be achieved in the coming years and can help to focus adoption efforts by identifying the demographics of the population.

Over the past few years, Ohio has seen fewer children waiting for adoption and fewer children in adoptive placement. With fewer children available for adoption, there will inevitably be fewer adoptions.

The numbers of waiting and placed children in each PCSA are shown in tables 4a through 4c\(^2\) of the appendix.

The largest eight PCSAs continue to have about three-quarters of all the waiting and placed children, yet that percentage has decreased slightly in the

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\(^2\) These tables include all waiting and placed children, even those age 18 and older.
past few years (from 76% at the start of 2003 to 75% in 2004 and 74% at the start of the current year).

Cuyahoga, Franklin and Hamilton have the largest number of waiting and placed children so their numbers have the greatest impact on the statewide trends. As shown in the graph at right, Cuyahoga has seen a significant drop in the number of children waiting and placed. In Cuyahoga this is due in part to fewer children entering PC in that county (684 in 2003 and 560 in 2004) and in part to improvement since 2001 in the timeliness of adoptions. The number of waiting and placed children in Franklin County also has declined since 2003.

**Age**

As discussed in the previous section, one-quarter of children entering permanent custody are between the ages of ten and 17. However, half of the children available at the start of FFY 2003, 2004 and 2005 are ages ten to 17. This indicates that older children are not moved through to adoption as quickly as younger children.

**Race**

A similar trend can be seen when considering the race of children available for adoption at the start of the federal fiscal years. In the last three years African American children have made up between 38 and 43 percent of PC entries, but more than half of the children available at the start of the FFY 2003 (56%), 2004 (53%) and 51%).

**Length of Time in PC**

Not surprisingly, the largest groups of children among the waiting and placed population are those children who have been in PC for one year or less and between one and two years. In other words, they are the children who most recently entered PC. As shown below, the next largest group is the children who have been in care the longest (more than four years).
When the population of waiting and placed children is broken down by length of time in PC and age, a clear pattern emerges. In FFY 2004 for instance, the largest proportion of the older children (31%) have been in PC more than four years. Forty-two percent of children ages ten to 17 are still available for adoption more than three years after PC, compared to only seven percent of children under ten.

Special Needs

Special needs data are shown in tables 6a through 6c in the appendix. These data are questionable as they do not appear to be recorded consistently in FACSIS. For example, in FFY 2004 there were 460 waiting and placed children categorized as “age” special needs, but we know that there are 1964 children age ten or older available for adoption. Another example that runs contrary to what is known about the population of children in care is that FACSIS indicates that just 13 percent of
waiting and placed children have mental health issues and 26 percent have emotional health issues.

**Gender**

Males continue to be 55 percent of the waiting and placed children.

The characteristics of children waiting and placed are shown in tables 5a through 5c in the appendix. ³

**Children Available for Adoption at the Start of FFY 2005**

Tables 5c and 6c ⁴ in the appendix show the characteristics of those children available for adoption at the beginning of the current federal fiscal year. There are 3616 children under the age of 18 available for adoption (i.e., waiting or placed) and half of these children (1806) are age ten or older.

More of the children currently available are African American. There are 1861 African American children as compared to 1700 white children. When broken down by age group, African Americans are 50 percent of the children ages birth to nine, but 53 percent of children over the age of ten.

Fifty-five percent, or 2003 of the available children are males.

More than one-third of the children (38%) available for adoption at the start of the current federal fiscal year have spent

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³ Please note that tables 5a – 5c do not include children age 18 or older.
⁴ Note that like tables 5a – 5c, tables 6a – 6c exclude children age 18 and older.
more than four years in care (i.e., more than 4 years since initial custody). When broken down further by age group, the time in care for waiting and placed children is more revealing. As the graph below shows, 21 percent of children under the age of ten have been in care more than four years. For those ages ten to 17, that percentage is 68 percent. The largest number of the younger children (486) has been in care between one and two years.

Considering the length of time in permanent custody and ages of the children available for adoption at the beginning of FFY 2005, there are again stark differences between the children under ten and those who are ages ten to 17. The majority of younger children (65%) have spent one year or less in PC, whereas just under one-third (32%) of the older children have been in PC one year or less. In fact, 29 percent of the older children have been in PC more than four years. Twenty-six percent have been in PC between two and four years.
FACSIS data on special needs indicate that most children available for adoption have no special physical, mental or emotional special needs. As mentioned before, it is likely that PCSAs are not entering these data for the waiting and placed children.

The top special health needs listed for the available children are shown in the table below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Special Need</th>
<th># of children</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Emotional/Behavioral</td>
<td>766</td>
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<tr>
<td>Attention Deficit Disorder</td>
<td>366</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sexually Abused</td>
<td>363</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physically Aggressive</td>
<td>334</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physically Abused</td>
<td>330</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Disabilities</td>
<td>286</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lying</td>
<td>284</td>
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<tr>
<td>Developmentally Delayed</td>
<td>277</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drug Exposed</td>
<td>192</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Substance Abuse</td>
<td>141</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stealing</td>
<td>126</td>
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</table>

Data about special needs at the beginning of FFY 2005 are shown in table 6c in the appendix.
Part II of this report examines outcomes for children in care. In particular, it focuses on different measurements of adoption success and outcomes other than adoption for those children available for adoption.

Tables 4a through 4c in the appendix introduce two new measures: the rate of success and the rate of adoption\(^5\). The rate of success begins with the children who were either waiting for adoption or placed in an adoptive home at the beginning of the period and calculates the percentage of just those children who had finalized adoptions during the year. Those waiting theoretically include only those who are in permanent custody and have a goal of adoption. However, because the goal of adoption is not always recorded properly, those with goals of “maintain in own home” and “return to parent/guardian/custodian” are also included. Children in permanent custody with goals of “independent living” and “permanent placement” are not included. The combination of the waiting and placed children represents the group for whom adoption might be expected during the year, so the percentage of that group which is actually adopted is the rate of success.

The rate of adoption represents the total number of adoptions divided by the sum of those waiting and placed at the beginning of the year. Again, there is a difference between the theoretical and actual calculation. Theoretically, the total number of adoptions is the sum of those adopted who were waiting or placed at the beginning of the year and those adopted who entered permanent custody during the year. However, there are a number of children who get adopted without ever having permanent custody entered into FACSIS or who have a goal of “independent living” or “permanent placement.” These are not included in the number considered waiting or placed at the beginning of the year and they are generally not included in the number entering permanent custody during the year. Thus, the total number of adoptions can be greater than the sum of the waiting and placed who were adopted and the number entering permanent custody who were adopted.

The rate of adoption provides a means for agencies to estimate how many adoptions they will finalize during the year, if their historical trends continue. Because it is the ratio of total adoptions to the sum of those waiting and placed at the beginning of the year, the county can apply the historical ratio to the current year’s number of waiting and placed children to estimate its total adoptions for the year. This will be larger than the total number waiting and placed when the rate of adoption is over 100 percent.

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\(^5\) Rates of success and adoption are also applied to subpopulations of children, older children with two years since initial custody (Tables 8a-8c) and African American children (Tables 9a-9c).
Adoption Success

There are different ways to assess adoption success. The easiest way is to look for an increase in the number of adoptions. While this is a straightforward measurement, it is not practical for Ohio given the recent decline in the numbers of children available for adoption. There were 4141 waiting and placed children (ages 0 to 17) at the beginning of FFY 2003. At the start of the current year, that number is down to 3616.

**Number of Adoptions**

In FFY 2002, Ohio reached its peak in the number of children adopted (2307 children). Since that year, adoptions have decreased to 2300 in FFY 2003 and 2149 in FFY 2004. As stated above, this decline is expected as the number of available children falls.

The largest eight PCSAs had 75 percent of the children available for adoption at the start of FFY 2004 and accounted for 1515 adoptions, or 70 percent of the statewide total.
**Rates of Success**

With the number of adoptions expected to decrease, another way to assess adoption success is through “rates of success.” Rates of success take all of the children available for adoption at the start of a year and look at how many of those children were adopted during that same year. These rates are calculated in the following way:

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\text{Rates of Success} = \frac{\text{# of waiting and placed adopted during the FFY}}{\text{# waiting at start of FFY} + \text{# placed at start of FFY}}.
\]

For example,

- At the start of FFY 2004, there were 4006 children available for adoption, either waiting for adoption (3054) or placed (952).
- Of the 4006 children, 1577 were adopted during 2004.
- 1577 divided by 4006 equals a 2004 rate of success of 39%.
- The rate is slightly lower than that for FFY 2003 (40%).

See tables 4a and 4b for the 2003 and 2004 rates of success.

Rates of success can also be applied to different populations as a way to identify with which groups of children Ohio is more and less successful.

The graph below clearly illustrates the impact of age on adoption - the older a child gets, the less chance he or she has to be adopted. In federal fiscal years 2003 and 2004, between 23 and 24 percent of available children over age nine had been adopted by the end of the year. Of the 911 children ages 14 to 17 available for adoption in FFY 2004, just 15 percent were adopted during the year.
Race is another characteristic which impacts adoption. Of all of the white children available for adoption at the beginning of FFY 2004, just under half (46%) had been adopted by the end of the year. One-third of the African American children available were adopted during that same year.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Race</th>
<th>Children Available (age 10-17) at Start of FFY 2004</th>
<th>Adopted during FFY 2004</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>#</td>
<td>%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>1758</td>
<td>812</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>African American</td>
<td>2054</td>
<td>733</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Native American</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>15</td>
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The amount of time children are in care has also negatively impacted adoptions for those in care the longest. Chances for adoption drop drastically among those children for whom four years have gone by since they were removed from the home. Also, once a child has been in permanent custody two years, his or her chances for adoption continue to decrease as time elapses.
Of particular interest are children between the ages of ten and 17 who have been in care more than two years, traditionally a difficult group of children to get adopted. While statewide rate of success is 40 percent for 2003 and 2004 combined, the rate for these older children is 23 percent. As shown in the graph below, this relatively low rate of success applies to a time when the number of older children available for adoption is declining.

The rate of success among the largest PCSAs (38%) is just under Ohio’s rate. The smaller 80 PCSAs rate as a group is 64 percent. Rates of success for older children who have been in care for more than two years are shown for each PCSA in tables 8a through 8c.

Similar to older children, the number of African American children available for adoption is decreasing (2356 at the start of FFY 2003, 2105 at the start of 2004 and
1929 this year), yet their rate of success is not improving. In FFY 2003, the statewide rate of success for African American children was 37.5 percent. The following year it dropped to 34.9 percent. While the rate for African American children among the larger PCSAs in FFY 2003 (36.9%) was slightly lower than the state’s rate, the larger PCSA rate for FFY 2004 (35.2%) was higher than the statewide rate.

Rates of Adoption

Another way to look at adoption success is through “rates of adoption.” These are different from rates of success in that rates of adoption include not only children waiting or placed at the start of the year who were adopted during the year, but also include those children adopted who entered PC that same year. Rates of adoption are calculated in the following way:

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\text{Total adoptions}^6 / (\text{waiting at start} + \text{placed at start})
\]

Ohio’s rate of adoption was 54.2 percent in FFY 2003 and 53.6 in FFY 2004. The larger counties as a group went from 51.2 to 50.2 percent. The smaller counties remained at 64 percent both years.

The rate of adoption for older children in care more than two years (24%) is significantly lower than the rate for all children (54%) in FFY 2004. The larger eight PCSAs have a higher rate among this population (25%) than do the smaller PCSAs (23%). Tables 8a, 8b and 8c show rates of adoption for older children in care more than two years.

While larger counties have slightly higher rates of adoption for older children in care more than two years, they have lower rates for African American children.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Rate of Adoption for African American Children</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>46.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>8 Largest PCSAs</td>
<td>45.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remaining 80 PCSAs</td>
<td>58.5%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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See tables 9a, 9b and 9c for rates of adoption for African American children.

Timeliness of Adoption

Timeliness of adoptions is an important measure of adoption success since all states are encouraged to have 32 percent of all adopted children adopted within two years of initial custody. In the first half of the current federal fiscal year, Ohio is showing improvement over prior years on this federal adoption measure. Through March 2005,

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6 Total adoptions include adoptions of those children waiting and placed at the start of the year as well as adoptions of children who entered PC that year.
30.8 percent of Ohio’s adopted children have been adopted within two years, up from between 25.4 to 28.7 percent in the last four years. Table 10 in the appendix shows PCSA performance on the federal adoption measure for FFY 2001 through the first half of 2005.

This improvement can be attributed in large part to the performance of the larger PCSAs. Their performance on this measure has increased each year since 2001. While much of the focus is on the larger PCSAs (since they have the greatest impact on the adoption measure), it is important to focus smaller counties on timeliness to adoption, as well. The 80 smaller PCSAs as a group are seeing an increase in the number of children entering PC and a decrease each year since FFY 2002 in the number of adopted children adopted within two years.
As the following two graphs show, the reason for Ohio’s overall improvement is clearly attributable to moving children quickly into adoption once permanent custody is achieved. Each year, the proportion of children entering PC within a year of removal from the home has decreased. Conversely, the proportion of children adopted within one year of PC has steadily increased. Tables 11 and 12 of the appendix contain these data for each PCSA.

![Graph](image1)

**Adopted Children Entering Permanent Custody within One Year of Initial Custody**

<table>
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<th>FFY</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>2001</td>
<td>32.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>30.4%</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>30.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>29.2%</td>
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<td>1st half of 2005</td>
<td>28.5%</td>
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![Graph](image2)

**Adopted Children Adopted within One Year of Permanent Custody**

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<tr>
<th>FFY</th>
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<td>2002</td>
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<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>38.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>43.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1st half of 2005</td>
<td>47.5%</td>
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For now it looks like the decreased rates of movement from initial to permanent custody will not prevent continued improvement on the federal adoption measure. The proportion of children adopted within a year of PC is growing at a faster rate than the decline in the proportion of children entering PC within a year. Moreover, that improvement may reasonably be expected to accelerate, because the reduction in the
number of children entering permanent custody during the current fiscal year should imply that PCSAs will have fewer children for whom to find permanent homes.

Other Outcomes

Just over 40 percent of children available at the beginning of FFY 2003 and FFY 2004 were adopted at some point by the end of each of those years. So what were the outcomes for the other children?

Statewide, just under half (between 45% and 47%) of the children were still waiting for adoption at the end of the year. Much smaller proportions of children were in adoptive placements (7%), no longer waiting for adoption (3%-5%) or had some other discharge from care (1%-2%). Those with some other discharge include children with a custody termination reason other than finalized adoption (e.g. exited system upon turning 18, death, custody to other relative) or whose custody termination reason is missing in FACSIS. Those “no longer waiting” are children who are no longer in permanent custody or their goal had a goal change from adoption to permanent placement or independent living.

Older children are adopted less frequently than children under the age of ten, so naturally they are over-represented among the other outcomes as compared with the younger children. In FFY 2004, 1068 of the 1965 older children available for adoption at the start of that year were still waiting for adoption at the end of the year. Nearly two hundred (9%) were no longer considered waiting for adoption because they were no longer in permanent custody or their goal had been changed to permanent placement or independent living.
Outcomes in FFY 2004 by Age Group

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<th>Other Discharge</th>
<th>No Longer Waiting</th>
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<td>0 to 9</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>10 to 17</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>9%</td>
<td>54%</td>
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The other outcomes for African Americans are not surprising and do not differ substantially from the outcomes for all children except that they represent proportionally slightly more of all of the outcomes besides adoption and “other discharge.”

Outcomes in FFY 2004 by Race

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<th>Race</th>
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<th>Waiting</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>4%</td>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>6%</td>
<td>48%</td>
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Children in PC more than three years are over-represented in the “no longer waiting” category compared to all children. This is not surprising as they are more than likely to be older children in permanent placements or independent living situations. Similarly, the higher proportion of “other discharges” among those in PC the longest are likely older and exiting care due to turning 18. The high proportion of children in care more than two years who are placed is interesting because it is possible that they have not progressed, that is they may be children who were in adoptive placement at the beginning of the year.

Outcomes in FFY 2004 by Length of Time in Permanent Custody

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<th>Time in PC</th>
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<td>0-12 months</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>13-24 months</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>25-36 months</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>37-48 months</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>more than 4 years</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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Looking at the other outcomes for children does not tell us anything surprising, but does reinforce that older children, African Americans and those in permanent custody the longest are less likely to be adopted and also more likely to have some discharge from care other than adoption or to be no longer among the population waiting for adoption.

Outcomes for children who began a given year either waiting or placed are shown in tables 5a, 5b and 5c in the appendix.
Now that we have considered which children are available for adoption and outcomes for these children, we turn to the types of families who adopt Ohio’s children. For the purposes of this report, adopting families have been categorized into four groups:

- **Foster Parents** - parents who are unrelated to the child and have provided foster care for the child prior to adoption;
- **Kinship** - adopting parents who are related to the child or had a special relationship with the child prior to adoption but did not care for the child as a foster parent;
- **Foster and Kinship Parents** - parents who are related to the child and who have provided foster care for the child prior to adoption; and
- **No Relationship** - these families could also be called “stranger adoptions” where the adopting parents had no prior relationship to the adopted child.

### Adoptions by Type of Family in FFY 2004

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2149</td>
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### Foster Parents

Foster parents who adopted children in FFY 2004 tended to adopt younger children, especially those in the two to five age group. In fact, as children get older they are less and less likely to be adopted by foster parents. As shown in the line graph, this is true of foster parents from both the large and small PCSAs.

Statewide, more than half of adopted children (55%) adopted by their foster parents are white children. In the larger PCSAs foster parents accounted for slightly fewer
adoptions of white children (54%). In the balance of the PCSAs, the majority of foster parents (88%) adopted white children.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percentage of Foster Parent Adoptions</th>
<th>Ohio</th>
<th>8 Largest PCSAs</th>
<th>Balance of PCSAs</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<tr>
<td>African American</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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As with age, the length of time children spent in permanent custody prior to adoption by foster parents did not differ between the larger and smaller PCSAs. The adopting foster families tend to adopt children who have been in PC one year or less.

**Kinship**

Like foster parents, relatives (or those with a special relationship with the child prior to adoption) tend to adopt children in that two to five age group. Although kinship and foster parent adoptions look similar in terms of the age of children they adopt most frequently, relatives do adopt a higher percentage of older children.

Not surprisingly, relatives adopt a larger proportion (68%) of African American children than do foster parents. As shown in the table below, the higher proportion is
attributable to the eight largest PCSAs in which 80 percent of relatives adopt African American children.

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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>80%</td>
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Kinship adoptions differ from foster parent adoptions by the length of time adopted children spent in PC prior to adoption. While foster parents adopt the majority of children within the first year of permanent custody, relatives adopt children within the first two years. The exception to this is in the smaller 80 PCSAs where a greater proportion of relative adoptions occur within one year of PC.

![Graph showing length of time in permanent custody of children adopted by kinship parents]

**Foster and Kinship**

Again, foster and kinship parents are those who are related to the child and who provided foster care for the child prior to adoption. Like the previous two types of adoptive parents, foster/kinship families adopt the most children in the two to five age group. They do however adopt a greater proportion of older children than do foster parents, similar to relatives who adopt.

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7 A breakdown by county size is not shown as just one child was adopted by a foster/kinship parent in FFY 2004 among the 80 smaller PCSAs.
In Ohio, foster/kinship adoptive parents are more likely than any other type of families to adopt African American children. A full 71 of the 88 foster/kinship adoptions were of African American children. Forty-nine of the 88 children had been in PC one year or less prior to adoption, 20 between one and two years and ten had been in PC more than four years.

**No Relationship**

While the largest percentage of children adopted by stranger adoptive parents were in the two to five age group, as was the case with other adoptive parents, they adopted a greater proportion of ten to 13 year olds than did other adoptive parents. This pattern is the same for the large and small PCSAs.

Looking at the state as a whole, white children are adopted by strangers more often (62%) than African American children (37%). This is not true in the largest PCSAs, however. Over half of the stranger adoptions (55%) in these eight PCSAs are of African American children.

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Strangers adopt a greater proportion of children (30%) who have been in permanent custody three or more years than foster (20%) and kinship (21%) adoptive parents and only slightly less than foster/kinship parents (32%).

The table below shows, on a statewide basis, the type of child families tended to adopt in FFY 2004.

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<td></td>
<td>2-5 (FFY04)</td>
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<table>
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<th>Race:</th>
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<tr>
<th>Time in PC:</th>
<th>in PC 1 year or less</th>
<th>in PC 1-2 years</th>
<th>0-2 years (FFY03)</th>
<th>0-12 months (FFY04)</th>
<th>in PC 0-2 years</th>
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See tables 7a through 7c for the characteristics of adopted children by type of adoption. These tables contain data for Ohio, the eight largest PCSAs as a group and the balance of the PCSAs as a group.
Ohio is making progress in its efforts to better serve children in the custody of its public children services agencies. There are fewer children in permanent custody, the rates with which children are adopted are holding steady and Ohio continues to improve its performance on the federal adoption measure. Even with these improvements, certain segments of the population of children in permanent custody are still not achieving permanency to the same extent as other children. Specifically, these children are between the ages of ten and 17, African American and have been in care the longest. With these children in mind, the following three recommendations are made:

1. **Conduct “concurrent planning” after permanent custody is achieved for older children.** These children are less likely to be adopted and represent half of the children available for adoption at the start of FFY 2005. This concurrent planning would consist of continued efforts toward adoption but also simultaneous efforts toward other types of placements. The other placements would be those which allow them opportunities to make connections with adults (especially important if they age out of the system) and prepare them to live on their own.

2. **Following permanent custody, re-double efforts to place children with relatives.** Relatives (or people with a special relationship to the child) are more likely to adopt older children and African American children. Both of these groups of children represent a large proportion of the children waiting for adoption.

3. **Explore strategies to get foster parents to adopt older children and those in permanent custody for more than one year.** Foster parents adopt more children than any other type of adopting families, yet they tend to adopt younger children and children who have been in permanent custody one year or less. Efforts should be made to figure out why this is and to develop, with foster parents, strategies for increasing adoptions of older children and children in permanent custody the longest.
Table 1: Children Entering Permanent Custody by County, FFY 2003, 2004 and 1st Half of 2005

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### Balance of Counties

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| **Statewide** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Age** | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-1 years | 207 | 19.5 | 19 | 10.9 | 5 | 5.6 | 87 | 10.5 | 318 |
| 2-5 years | 423 | 39.9 | 57 | 32.6 | 35 | 39.3 | 289 | 35.0 | 804 |
| 6-9 years | 184 | 17.4 | 41 | 23.4 | 22 | 24.7 | 193 | 23.4 | 440 |
| 10-13 years | 155 | 14.6 | 31 | 17.7 | 16 | 18.0 | 178 | 21.5 | 380 |
| 14-17 years | 86 | 8.1 | 27 | 15.4 | 11 | 12.4 | 74 | 9.0 | 198 |
| 18+ years | 4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.6 | 9 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| **Sex** | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 546 | 51.6 | 86 | 49.1 | 45 | 50.6 | 441 | 53.4 | 1118 |
| Female | 513 | 48.4 | 89 | 50.9 | 44 | 49.4 | 385 | 46.6 | 1031 |
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| White | 585 | 55.2 | 55 | 31.4 | 18 | 20.2 | 508 | 61.5 | 1166 |
| African American | 456 | 43.1 | 119 | 68.0 | 71 | 79.8 | 305 | 36.9 | 951 |
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| **Special Needs** | | | | | | | | | |
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| Minority | 427 | 40.3 | 105 | 60.0 | 65 | 73.0 | 280 | 33.9 | 877 |
| Ethnic | 149 | 14.1 | 32 | 18.3 | 33 | 37.1 | 89 | 10.8 | 303 |
| Siblings | 416 | 39.3 | 92 | 52.6 | 63 | 70.8 | 372 | 45.0 | 943 |
| Medical | 276 | 26.1 | 32 | 18.3 | 15 | 16.9 | 187 | 22.6 | 510 |
| Physical | 91 | 8.6 | 6 | 3.4 | 6 | 6.7 | 63 | 7.6 | 166 |
| Mental | 123 | 11.6 | 14 | 8.0 | 9 | 10.1 | 101 | 12.2 | 247 |
| Emotional | 199 | 18.8 | 30 | 17.1 | 9 | 10.1 | 170 | 20.6 | 408 |
| One or More Needs | 883 | 83.4 | 155 | 88.6 | 83 | 93.3 | 655 | 79.3 | 1776 |
| **Time in Perm. Custody** | | | | | | | | | |
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| 25-36 months | 86 | 8.1 | 22 | 12.6 | 7 | 7.9 | 136 | 16.5 | 251 |
| 37-48 months | 44 | 4.2 | 17 | 9.7 | 2 | 2.2 | 47 | 5.7 | 110 |
| More Than 4 years | 76 | 7.2 | 17 | 9.7 | 10 | 11.2 | 65 | 7.9 | 168 |
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37 See page 14 for a narrative explanation of these rates and their calculations.
38 Rate of Success = Adopted children waiting or placed at the beginning of the FFY / (waiting at beginning + placed at beginning)
39 Rate of Adoption = Total adoptions / (waiting at beginning + placed at beginning)

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