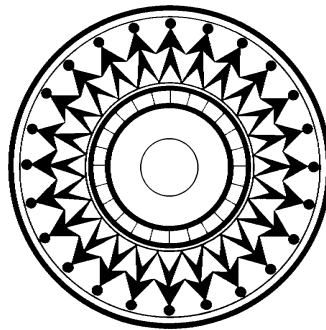# AFCARS User's Guide
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Purpose of the 1995 User's Guide Supplement

The *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 1995* is intended for use with the *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) User's Guide and Codebook*. The *User's Guide* contains a general overview of the AFCARS project and detailed descriptions of the variables contained in the adoption and foster care files. This *Supplement* contains information specific to the 1995 version 1 AFCARS datasets, *AD1995v1* and *FC1995v1*. There are six sections presented in the following order:

- a table indicating whether a state submitted data in the years 1995 through 1999
- a table of adoption and foster care record counts for the 1995 v1 files
- counts of adoption and foster care variables by state in the 1995 v1 files
- a listing of the geographic FIPS codes included in the 1995 v1 foster care dataset
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states
- additional data considerations, if any, conclude the document

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History of State Adoption Submissions to AFCARS

By AFCARS regulation, states were required to submit AFCARS data beginning in 1995; it was not until 1998, however, that penalties established by the same regulation became applicable. Data submitted prior to 1998 were often partial and incomplete. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted adoption data. Please note that a black square in a cell below does not imply that a state's data file was complete; some state files contained very few records.

States That Submitted Adoption Data By Year

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Alabama				■	■
Alaska				■	■
Arizona	■	■	■	■	■
Arkansas	■	■	■	■	■
California	■	■	■	■	■
Colorado	■	■	■	■	■
Connecticut			■	■	■
Delaware	■	■	■	■	■
District of Columbia	■	■	■	■	■
Florida	■	■	■	■	■
Georgia	■	■	■	■	■
Hawaii		■	■	■	■
Idaho	■	■	■	■	■
Illinois	■	■	■	■	■
Indiana	■	■	■	■	■
Iowa	■	■	■	■	■
Kansas			■	■	■
Kentucky	■	■	■	■	■
Louisiana		■	■	■	■
Maine	■	■	■	■	■
Maryland	■	■	■	■	■
Massachusetts	■	■	■	■	■
Michigan				■	■
Minnesota	■	■	■	■	■
Mississippi	■	■	■	■	■
Missouri				■	■

States That Submitted Adoption Data By Year (continued)

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Montana		■	■	■	■
Nebraska		■	■	■	■
Nevada			■	■	■
New Hampshire				■	■
New Jersey	■	■	■	■	■
New Mexico	■	■	■	■	■
New York			■	■	■
North Carolina	■	■	■	■	■
North Dakota			■	■	■
Ohio	■	■	■	■	■
Oklahoma	■	■	■	■	■
Oregon	■	■	■	■	■
Pennsylvania		■	■	■	■
Rhode Island	■	■	■	■	■
South Carolina				■	■
South Dakota	■	■	■	■	■
Tennessee	■	■	■	■	■
Texas	■	■	■	■	■
Utah	■	■	■	■	■
Vermont	■	■	■	■	■
Virginia				■	■
Washington		■	■	■	■
West Virginia				■	■
Wisconsin	■	■	■	■	■
Wyoming				■	■
Puerto Rico		■	■	■	■

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History of State Foster Care Submissions to AFCARS

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States With Usable Foster Care Data By Year

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Alabama				■	■
Alaska	■	■	■		
Arizona	■			■	■
Arkansas		■		■	■
California	■	■	■	■	■
Colorado		■	■	■	■
Connecticut				■	■
Delaware				■	■
District of Columbia		■		■	■
Florida		■	■	■	■
Georgia			■	■	■
Hawaii			■	■	■
Idaho	■			■	■
Illinois	■	■	■	■	■
Indiana				■	■
Iowa				■	■
Kansas				■	■
Kentucky	■				■
Louisiana			■	■	■
Maine		■	■	■	■
Maryland			■	■	■
Massachusetts	■	■	■		■
Michigan					
Minnesota				■	■

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States With Usable Foster Care Data By Year (continued)

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Mississippi		■		■	■
Missouri				■	■
Montana			■	■	■
Nebraska					■
Nevada					
New Hampshire					■
New Jersey	■	■	■	■	■
New Mexico	■			■	■
New York				■	■
North Carolina		■	■	■	■
North Dakota			■	■	■
Ohio	■				■
Oklahoma			■	■	■
Oregon				■	■
Pennsylvania				■	■
Rhode Island	■	■		■	■
South Carolina	■	■		■	■
South Dakota					■
Tennessee					■
Texas				■	■
Utah	■	■		■	■
Vermont	■	■	■	■	■
Virginia				■	■
Washington		■	■	■	■
West Virginia				■	■
Wisconsin				■	■
Wyoming				■	■
Puerto Rico				■	■

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1995 v1 Unduplicated Record Counts

States submit data to AFCARS twice a year; the first reporting period ends April 30 and the second September 30. Prior to each annual release, the Children's Bureau combines submissions for the two reporting periods and removes duplicate records. The table that follows lists the number of adoption and foster care records contained in the unduplicated annual 1995 v1 files by state. Users may obtain the duplicates for the adoption file database upon request.

1995 v1 State Record Counts

State	Adoption Records	Foster Care Records
Alabama		
Alaska		2,513
Arizona	462	9,322
Arkansas	60	
California	1,632	125,132
Colorado	84	
Connecticut		
Delaware	180	
District of Columbia	84	
Florida	904	
Georgia	121	
Hawaii		
Idaho	232	2,521
Illinois	1,722	57,278
Indiana	791	
Iowa	215	
Kansas		
Kentucky	1,213	5,237
Louisiana		
Maine	1	
Maryland	185	
Massachusetts	1,070	19,405
Michigan		
Minnesota	1,675	
Mississippi	1	
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Hampshire		
New Jersey	616	13,545
New Mexico	251	3,434

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1995 v1 State Record Counts

State	Adoption Records	Foster Care Records
New York		
North Carolina	355	
North Dakota		
Ohio	1,204	25,186
Oklahoma	10	
Oregon	418	
Pennsylvania		
Rhode Island	216	4,289
South Carolina		7,453
South Dakota	49	
Tennessee	62	
Texas	261	
Utah	138	2,739
Vermont	225	2,637
Virginia		
Washington		
West Virginia		
Wisconsin	349	
Wyoming		
Puerto Rico		

1995 v1 Adoption Variable Counts By State

The first column in the following table contains the names of the variables in the adoption file. Please refer to the *AFCARS User's Guide and Codebook* for more information about specific variables. Subsequent columns contain the number of records with non-missing values for the variable in the state identified in the column heading. The first row, which appears in bold, indicates the maximum number of records for the state. Reviewing the table before attempting an AFCARS analysis can be useful. For example, looking down Florida's column, it is apparent that the state did not submit information about the mother's year of birth (DOBYRMOM) in 1995.

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1995 Adoption Variable Counts by State
<u>Arizona</u> Through <u>Idaho</u>

	AZ	AR	CA	CO	DE	DC	FL	GA	ID
No. of Records	*462*	*60*	*1,632*	*84*	*180*	*84*	*904*	*121*	*232*
REPDATYR	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
REPDATMO	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
AGNYINVL	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
DOBYR	462	60	1,628	84	171	84	904	121	232
DOBMO	462	60	1,628	84	171	84	904	121	232
SEX	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
RACE	462	60	1,470	64	166	83	904	121	232
HISORGIN	462	60	1,629	13	180	84	904	121	0
AGYSPNDS	462	60	1,611	20	178	71	904	112	219
BASSPNDS	462	60	1,611	20	32	71	904	112	0
MR	462	60	1,611	84	178	71	904	112	0
VISHEAR	462	60	191	0	178	60	0	112	0
PHYDIS	462	60	1,611	84	178	71	904	112	219
DSMIII	462	60	1,611	84	178	71	904	112	219
OTHRMED	462	60	1,611	84	178	71	904	112	219
DOBYRMOM	440	4	1,611	0	152	0	0	114	0
DOBYRDAD	53	0	1,031	0	131	0	0	121	0
MOMARRD	462	60	757	0	164	84	904	121	0
TPRMOMYR	452	29	1,632	0	61	0	0	116	0
TPRMOMO	452	29	1,632	0	61	0	0	116	0
TPRMOMDA	452	29	1,632	0	61	0	0	116	0
TRPDADYR	233	22	1,631	0	93	0	0	51	0
TPRDADMO	233	22	1,631	0	93	0	0	51	0
TPRDADDA	233	22	1,631	0	93	0	0	51	0
FINADPYR	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
FINADPMO	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
FINADPDA	462	60	1,632	84	180	84	904	121	232
ADPFAMST	446	53	1,632	13	0	27	0	0	0
ADMOMYR	440	56	1,609	11	135	37	0	118	0
ADDADYR	359	57	1,278	2	160	12	0	106	0
AMOMRACE	458	57	1,627	10	134	62	903	121	0
HOMOM	458	57	1,627	0	180	63	904	121	0
ADADRACE	458	57	1,533	1	157	56	904	121	0
HODAD	458	57	1,533	0	180	56	904	121	0
STPARENT	462	60	1,439	0	175	60	0	121	0
OTHEREL	462	60	1,568	0	175	60	0	121	0
FOSPARCH	462	60	1,066	0	175	84	904	121	0
NONREL	462	60	1,066	0	175	60	0	121	0
CHPLDFRM	462	25	1,632	84	125	60	0	121	0
CHPLDBY	462	53	1,632	84	180	60	904	121	0
MONSUBSY	462	60	1,632	83	180	84	904	0	105
MONAMNT	462	0	428	18	146	84	904	0	192
IVEAA	462	0	608	84	180	83	904	0	192

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1995 Adoption Variable Counts by State
<u>Illinois</u> Through <u>Mississippi</u>

	IL	IN	IA	KY	ME	MD	MA	MN	MS
No. of Records	*1,722*	*791*	*215*	*1,213*	*1*	*185*	*1,070*	*1,675*	*1*
REPDATYR	1,722	791	215	1,213	1	185	1,070	1,675	1
REPDATMO	1,722	791	215	1,213	1	185	1,070	1,675	1
AGNYINVL	1,722	791	213	1,213	1	185	1,070	1,619	0
DOBYR	1,722	791	84	1,212	1	185	1,070	1,669	1
DOBMO	1,722	791	84	1,212	1	185	1,070	1,669	1
SEX	1,722	791	215	0	1	185	1,058	1,675	1
RACE	1,722	791	215	0	1	185	1,045	1,675	1
HISORGIN	1,722	791	215	0	1	185	1,070	1,675	1
AGYSPNDS	1,722	441	208	1,213	0	180	0	1,672	0
BASSPNDS	1,722	0	208	1,213	0	180	0	1,672	0
MR	1,722	35	208	1,213	1	180	0	1,672	0
VISHEAR	1,722	99	208	0	1	180	0	1,672	0
PHYDIS	1,722	18	208	1,213	1	180	0	1,672	0
DSMIII	1,722	11	208	1,213	1	180	0	1,672	0
OTHRMED	1,722	80	208	0	1	180	0	1,672	0
DOBYRMOM	1,127	0	210	0	0	37	998	900	0
DOBYRDAD	0	0	210	0	0	6	745	428	0
MOMARRD	1,722	0	212	0	1	150	0	1,675	1
TPRMOMYR	1,299	737	2	0	0	0	1,023	694	1
TPRMOMO	1,299	737	2	0	0	0	1,023	694	1
TPRMOMDA	1,299	737	2	0	0	0	1,023	694	1
TRPDADYR	1,302	702	2	0	0	0	1,023	399	1
TPRDADMO	1,302	702	2	0	0	0	1,023	399	1
TPRDADDA	1,302	702	2	0	0	0	1,023	399	1
FINADPYR	1,722	791	215	1,213	1	185	1,070	1,675	1
FINADPMO	1,722	791	215	1,213	1	185	1,070	1,675	1
FINADPDA	1,722	791	215	1,213	1	185	1,070	1,675	1
ADPFAMST	300	0	3	0	1	9	1,050	1,143	0
ADMOMYR	299	0	3	0	1	10	1,035	1,147	0
ADDADYR	199	0	5	0	0	9	615	1,082	0
AMOMRACE	305	0	127	0	1	52	1,060	1,147	0
HOMOM	326	0	127	0	1	75	1,060	1,147	0
ADADRACE	300	0	129	0	0	74	1,059	1,147	0
HODAD	326	0	129	0	0	75	1,060	1,147	0
STPARENT	1,722	0	213	0	1	185	0	1,675	1
OTHEREL	1,722	0	213	1,213	1	185	1,044	1,675	1
FOSPARCH	1,722	0	211	1,213	1	177	1,044	1,673	1
NONREL	1,722	0	213	1,213	1	185	1,044	1,675	1
CHPLDFRM	1,722	0	91	0	0	177	886	1,675	1
CHPLDBY	1,722	0	89	763	0	163	1,070	1,635	1
MONSUBSY	1,722	0	215	1,206	1	163	1,070	1,643	1
MONAMNT	1,556	0	209	1,206	1	22	0	1,657	1
IVEAA	1,722	735	215	1,206	1	163	0	1,657	1

1995 Adoption Variable Counts by State
<u>New Jersey</u> Through <u>Tennessee</u>

	NJ	NM	NC	OH	OK	OR	RI	SD	TN
No. Of Records	*616*	*251*	*355*	*1,204*	*10*	*418*	*216*	*49*	*62*
REPDATYR	616	251	355	1,204	10	418	216	49	62
REPDATMO	616	251	355	1,204	10	418	216	49	62
AGNYINVL	616	251	355	1,202	10	418	216	40	59
DOBYR	616	251	350	1,201	10	0	216	49	62
DOBMO	616	251	350	1,201	10	0	216	49	62
SEX	616	251	353	1,201	10	402	216	49	62
RACE	616	134	346	1,204	10	418	216	49	61
HISORGIN	616	251	353	1,204	10	418	216	49	62
AGYSPNDS	616	0	171	1,169	10	251	216	0	56
BASSPNDS	616	0	36	1,169	10	404	216	0	56
MR	616	0	312	1,169	10	251	216	0	56
VISHEAR	616	0	312	1,169	10	251	216	0	56
PHYDIS	616	0	312	1,169	10	251	216	0	56
DSMIII	616	0	312	1,169	10	251	216	0	56
OTHRMED	616	0	312	1,169	10	251	216	0	56
DOBYRMOM	608	0	302	83	6	418	0	0	8
DOBYRDAD	556	0	169	42	5	418	0	0	8
MOMARRD	616	0	342	1,204	10	184	216	0	62
TPRMOMYR	616	148	0	0	10	267	158	0	61
TPRMOMO	616	148	0	0	10	267	158	0	61
TPRMOMDA	616	148	0	0	10	267	158	0	61
TRPDADYR	616	140	0	0	10	131	148	0	61
TPRDADMO	616	140	0	0	10	131	148	0	61
TPRDADDA	616	140	0	0	10	131	148	0	61
FINADPYR	616	251	355	1,204	10	418	216	49	62
FINADPMO	616	251	355	1,204	10	418	216	49	62
FINADPDA	616	251	355	1,204	10	418	216	49	62
ADPFAMST	616	0	341	629	10	0	170	0	55
ADMOMYR	616	228	338	624	10	418	167	0	58
ADDADYR	616	196	286	569	8	418	135	0	49
AMOMRACE	616	157	339	621	10	418	170	0	58
HOMOM	616	251	341	618	10	418	170	0	58
ADADRACE	616	157	292	573	10	418	170	0	49
HODAD	616	251	341	570	10	418	170	0	49
STPARENT	616	0	284	0	10	418	216	0	62
OTHEREL	616	251	350	0	10	418	216	0	62
FOSPARCH	616	251	350	0	10	418	216	0	59
NONREL	616	251	350	0	10	418	216	0	62
CHPLDFRM	616	251	351	1,204	10	418	216	0	62
CHPLDBY	616	251	349	1,204	10	418	216	0	62
MONSUBSY	616	251	27	1,193	10	418	216	40	62
MONAMNT	616	251	20	1,193	10	0	216	49	62
IVEAA	616	251	178	1,193	10	0	216	40	62

1995 Adoption Variable Counts by State
Texas Through Wisconsin

	TX	UT	VT	WI
No. of Records	*261*	*138*	*225*	*349*
REPDATYR	261	138	225	349
REPDATMO	261	138	225	349
AGNYINVL	261	138	225	0
DOBYR	261	138	224	349
DOBMO	261	138	224	349
SEX	261	138	225	349
RACE	261	131	225	317
HISORGIN	261	73	225	32
AGYSPNDS	261	104	199	0
BASSPNDS	258	104	186	0
MR	261	104	199	0
VISHEAR	261	104	199	0
PHYDIS	261	104	199	0
DSMIII	261	104	199	0
OTHRMED	261	104	199	0
DOBYRMOM	0	61	201	298
DOBYRDAD	0	25	197	113
MOMARRD	261	138	225	349
TPRMOMYR	257	68	225	259
TPRMOMO	257	68	225	259
TPRMOMDA	257	68	225	259
TRPDADYR	257	68	225	145
TPRDADMO	257	68	225	145
TPRDADDA	257	68	225	145
FINADPYR	261	138	225	349
FINADPMO	261	138	225	349
FINADPDA	261	138	225	349
ADPFAMST	251	66	225	0
ADMOMYR	247	53	225	272
ADDADYR	206	53	205	321
AMOMRACE	251	82	225	267
HOMOM	251	82	225	8
ADADRACE	251	82	225	349
HODAD	251	53	225	349
STPARENT	261	138	225	0
OTHEREL	261	138	225	0
FOSPARCH	261	138	225	0
NONREL	261	138	225	0
CHPLDFRM	261	138	225	0
CHPLDBY	261	138	225	0
MONSUBSY	11	137	225	0
MONAMNT	261	45	225	0
IVEAA	11	45	225	0

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1995 v1 Foster Care Variable Counts By State

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1995 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
<u>Alaska</u> Through <u>New Mexico</u>

	AK	AZ	CA	ID	IL	KY	MA	NJ	NM
No. of Records	*2,513*	*9,322*	*125,132*	*2,521*	*57,278*	*5,237*	*19,405*	*13,545*	*3,434*
REPDATYR	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,405	13,545	3,434
REPDATMO	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,405	13,545	3,434
FIPSCODE	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,405	13,545	3,434
PEDREVYR	826	6,854	94,365	0	46,330	0	15,564	13,519	1,726
PEDREVMO	826	6,854	94,365	0	46,330	0	15,564	13,519	1,726
PEDREVDA	826	6,854	94,365	0	46,330	0	15,564	13,519	1,726
DOBYR	2,513	9,320	125,027	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,405	13,545	3,434
DOBMO	2,513	9,320	125,027	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,405	13,545	3,434
DOBWK	2,513	9,320	125,027	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,405	13,545	3,434
SEX	2,511	9,313	125,103	2,521	57,278	5,237	19,226	13,545	3,434
RACE	2,513	9,322	121,764	2,521	57,278	5,237	18,936	13,545	1,959
HISORGIN	2,513	9,322	125,132	0	57,278	5,237	18,936	13,545	3,434
CLINDIS	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,257	0	0	13,545	0
MR	2,513	9,322	125,132	0	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
VISHEAR	2,513	9,322	125,132	0	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
PHYDIS	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
DSMIII	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
OTHERMED	2,513	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
EVERADPT	2,507	9,322	125,130	0	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
AGEADOPT	2,513	9,322	125,130	0	57,278	0	0	13,545	0
REM1YR	2,470	9,317	102,034	2,521	57,133	0	19,405	13,519	3,394
REM1MO	2,470	9,317	102,034	2,521	57,133	0	19,405	13,519	3,394
REM1DA	2,470	9,317	102,034	2,521	57,133	0	19,405	13,519	3,394
TOTALREM	2,513	9,322	125,132	0	50,587	0	19,405	13,519	3,434
DLSTFCYR	733	995	21,498	0	7,274	0	2,697	3,319	0
DLSTFCMO	733	995	21,498	0	7,274	0	2,697	3,319	0
DLSTFCDA	733	995	21,498	0	7,274	0	2,697	3,319	0
LATREMYR	2,456	8,492	123,301	2,521	56,801	5,237	19,383	13,096	3,320
LATREMMO	2,456	8,492	123,301	2,521	56,801	5,237	19,383	13,096	3,320
LATREMDA	2,456	8,492	123,301	2,521	56,801	5,237	19,383	13,096	3,320
REMTRNYR	0	9,322	124,934	0	57,274	0	19,390	13,292	0
REMTRNMO	0	9,322	124,934	0	57,274	0	19,390	13,292	0
REMTRNDA	0	9,322	124,934	0	57,274	0	19,390	13,292	0
CURSETYR	2,503	8,754	124,982	2,521	57,278	0	19,405	13,178	2,969
CURSETMO	2,503	8,754	124,982	2,521	57,278	0	19,405	13,178	2,969
CURSETDA	2,503	8,754	124,982	2,521	57,278	0	19,405	13,178	2,969
NUMPLEP	2,485	8,834	125,117	0	57,131	0	19,346	13,180	3,139
MANREM	2,506	8,847	125,017	0	50,409	0	18,451	13,545	3,055
PHYABUSE	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
SEXABUSE	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
NEGLECT	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
AAPARENT	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0

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1995 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
Alaska Through New Mexico (cont.)

	AK	AZ	CA	ID	IL	KY	MA	NJ	NM
DAPARENT	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
AACHILD	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
DACHILD	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
CHILDIS	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
CHBEHPRB	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
PRTSDIED	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
PRTSJAIL	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
NOCOPE	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
ABANDMNT	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
RELINQSH	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
HOUSING	1,778	8,356	120,777	0	54,954	0	0	13,545	0
CURPLSET	2,504	8,839	124,780	2,521	54,138	4,068	19,405	13,113	2,511
PLACEOUT	2,513	9,322	114,219	2,521	57,278	0	19,405	13,113	3,434
CASEGOAL	2,513	9,322	125,068	2,521	52,898	4,387	19,405	13,545	3,434
CTKFAMST	2,513	9,322	125,132	0	57,278	0	19,405	13,545	0
CTK1YR	0	9,319	0	0	38,618	0	19,096	13,545	2,786
CTK2YR	0	2,476	0	0	14,844	0	12,049	13,545	1,956
PRTMOMYR	44	535	6,035	0	4,967	0	2,446	3,454	197
PRTMOMMO	44	535	6,035	0	4,967	0	2,446	3,454	197
PRTMOMDA	44	535	6,035	0	4,967	0	2,446	3,454	197
PRTDADYR	45	50	6,035	0	4,636	0	2,446	3,301	205
PRTDADMO	45	50	6,035	0	4,636	0	2,446	3,301	205
PRTDADDA	45	50	6,035	0	4,636	0	2,446	3,301	205
FOSFAMST	0	9,181	0	0	57,278	0	19,325	13,545	0
FCCTK1YR	0	5,335	0	0	0	0	13,016	8,992	2,986
FCCTK2YR	0	4,093	0	0	0	0	7,375	8,992	2,986
RFCCTK1	2,513	9,322	0	0	57,278	0	19,325	13,545	1,514
HOFCCTK1	2,513	9,322	0	0	57,278	0	19,325	13,545	2,420
RFCCTK2	2,513	9,322	0	0	57,278	0	13,764	13,545	846
HOFCCTK2	2,513	9,322	0	0	57,278	0	13,764	13,545	1,499
DODFCYR	1,067	3,696	28,186	1,668	7,834	1,836	3,883	7,048	1,836
DODFCMO	1,067	3,696	28,186	1,668	7,834	1,836	3,883	7,048	1,836
DODFCDA	1,067	3,696	28,186	1,668	7,834	1,836	3,883	7,048	1,836
DODTRNYR	0	3,696	28,689	0	7,826	5,237	3,883	7,048	1,442
DODTRNMO	0	3,696	28,689	0	7,826	5,237	3,883	7,048	1,442
DODTRNDA	0	3,696	28,689	0	7,826	5,237	3,883	7,048	1,442
DISREASN	2,513	8,900	124,086	2,521	57,278	1,666	19,405	13,545	3,282
IVEFC	0	9,322	125,132	2,521	57,273	0	19,405	13,545	3,434
IVEAA	0	9,322	0	0	57,273	0	19,405	13,545	3,434
IVAAFDC	0	9,322	0	0	57,273	0	0	13,545	3,434
IVDCHSUP	0	9,322	0	0	57,273	0	0	13,545	3,434
XIXMEDCD	0	9,322	0	0	57,273	0	0	13,545	3,434
SSIOTHER	0	9,322	0	0	57,273	0	0	13,545	3,434
NOA	0	9,322	0	0	57,273	0	19,405	13,545	3,434

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1995 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
<u>Ohio</u> Through <u>Vermont</u>

	OH	RI	SC	UT	VT
No. of Records	*25,186*	*4,289*	*7,453*	*2,739*	*2,637*
REPDATYR	25,186	4,289	7,453	2,739	2,637
REPDATMO	25,186	4,289	7,453	2,739	2,637
FIPSCODE	25,186	4,289	7,453	2,739	2,637
PEDREVYR	18,084	893	4,144	1,853	2,637
PEDREVMO	18,084	893	4,144	1,853	2,637
PEDREVDA	18,084	893	4,144	1,853	2,637
DOBYR	25,088	4,289	7,453	2,739	2,636
DOBMO	25,088	4,289	7,453	2,739	2,636
DOBWK	25,088	4,289	7,453	2,739	2,636
SEX	25,147	4,288	7,453	2,736	2,637
RACE	25,186	4,289	7,453	2,711	2,637
HISORGIN	25,186	4,289	0	2,354	2,637
CLINDIS	24,578	4,289	0	2,739	2,635
MR	24,578	4,289	0	2,739	2,635
VISHEAR	24,578	4,289	0	2,739	2,635
PHYDIS	24,578	4,289	0	2,739	2,635
DSMIII	24,578	4,289	0	2,739	2,635
OTHERMED	24,578	4,289	0	2,739	2,635
EVERADPT	25,186	4,289	0	2,739	2,637
AGEADOPT	25,186	4,289	0	2,739	0
REM1YR	25,177	4,289	6,255	2,738	2,636
REM1MO	25,177	4,289	6,255	2,738	2,636
REM1DA	25,177	4,289	6,255	2,738	2,636
TOTALREM	22,556	4,287	6,255	2,739	2,430
DLSTFCYR	531	1,543	491	569	597
DLSTFCMO	531	1,543	491	569	597
DLSTFCDA	531	1,543	491	569	597
LATREMYR	24,358	4,287	7,359	2,663	2,549
LATREMMO	24,358	4,287	7,359	2,663	2,549
LATREMDA	24,358	4,287	7,359	2,663	2,549
REMTRNYR	0	4,288	7,359	2,379	2,612
REMTRNMO	0	4,288	7,359	2,379	2,612
REMTRNDA	0	4,288	7,359	2,379	2,612
CURSETYR	25,186	4,289	6,175	1,811	2,637
CURSETMO	25,186	4,289	6,175	1,811	2,637
CURSETDA	25,186	4,289	6,175	1,811	2,637
NUMPLEP	25,185	4,289	6,176	1,685	2,614
MANREM	25,138	4,113	5,812	2,739	2,610
PHYABUSE	25,186	2,695	0	2,724	2,445
SEXABUSE	25,186	2,695	0	2,724	2,445
NEGLECT	25,186	2,695	6,255	2,724	2,445
AAPARENT	0	2,695	0	2,739	2,445

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1995 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
<u>Ohio</u> Through <u>Vermont</u> (cont.)

	OH	RI	SC	UT	VT
DAPARENT	0	2,695	0	2,739	2,445
AACHILD	0	2,695	0	2,739	2,445
DACHILD	0	2,695	0	2,739	2,445
CHILDIS	0	2,695	0	1,320	2,445
CHBEHPRB	25,186	2,695	0	2,739	2,445
PRTSDIED	25,186	2,695	0	2,739	2,445
PRTSJAIL	25,186	2,695	6,255	2,739	2,445
NOCOPE	25,186	2,695	0	2,739	2,445
ABANDMNT	0	2,695	6,255	2,739	2,445
RELINQSH	0	2,695	6,255	2,739	2,445
HOUSING	0	2,695	6,255	2,739	2,445
CURPLSET	24,982	4,018	6,577	1,616	2,637
PLACEOUT	25,186	4,289	6,154	2,739	2,637
CASEGOAL	20,175	4,289	7,024	2,726	2,637
CTKFAMST	25,186	4,289	0	2,224	2,637
CTK1YR	5,607	3,042	0	2,684	2,407
CTK2YR	982	643	0	2,684	1,021
PRTMOMYR	0	325	0	188	247
PRTMOMMO	0	325	0	188	247
PRTMOMDA	0	325	0	188	247
PRTDADYR	0	323	0	188	239
PRTDADMO	0	323	0	188	239
PRTDADDA	0	323	0	188	239
FOSFAMST	8,821	4,289	0	1,619	1,287
FCCTK1YR	7,783	0	0	861	346
FCCTK2YR	6,642	0	0	737	141
RFCCTK1	7,962	4,289	0	862	2,637
HOFCCTK1	7,962	4,289	0	862	2,637
RFCCTK2	6,276	4,289	0	747	2,637
HOFCCTK2	6,276	4,289	0	747	2,637
DODFCYR	8,494	828	2,704	928	761
DODFCMO	8,494	828	2,704	928	761
DODFCDA	8,494	828	2,704	928	761
DODTRNYR	0	828	2,704	928	761
DODTRNMO	0	828	2,704	928	761
DODTRNDA	0	828	2,704	928	761
DISREASN	25,185	4,289	7,087	2,739	2,534
IVEFC	25,186	4,289	0	2,739	2,637
IVEAA	25,186	4,289	0	2,739	2,637
IVAAFDC	0	4,289	0	2,739	2,364
IVDCHSUP	0	4,289	0	2,739	2,364
XIXMEDCD	0	4,289	0	2,739	2,364
SSIOTHER	0	4,289	0	2,739	2,637
NOA	25,186	4,289	0	2,739	2,364

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FIPS Codes Used in the 1995 Foster Care File

Below is a listing of the geographic Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes included in the 1995 v1 dataset. The regions listed had 1,000 or more records in the annual database. For regions with fewer than 1,000 records the FIPS code is not provided, and a value of *8* (*Not provided for reasons of confidentiality*) is assigned.

FIPSCODE	Values
8	Not provided for reasons of confidentiality
9	Missing
2020	Anchorage, AK
4013	Maricopa, AZ
4019	Pima, AZ
6001	Alameda, CA
6007	Butte, CA
6013	Contra Costa, CA
6019	Fresno, CA
6029	Kern, CA
6037	Los Angeles, CA
6059	Orange, CA
6065	Riverside, CA
6067	Sacramento, CA
6071	San Bernardino, CA
6073	San Diego, CA
6075	San Francisco, CA
6077	San Joaquin, CA
6081	San Mateo, CA
6085	Santa Clara, CA
6099	Stanislaus, CA
6107	Tulare, CA
6111	Ventura, CA
17007	Boone, IL
17031	Cook, IL
17089	Kane, IL
17143	Peoria, IL
17163	St. Clair, IL
17167	Sangamon, IL
21111	Jefferson, KY
25005	Bristol, MA
25009	Essex, MA
25013	Hampden, MA
25015	Hampshire, MA
25017	Middlesex, MA
25023	Plymouth, MA
25025	Suffolk, MA
25027	Worcester, MA

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FIPS Codes Used in the 1995 Foster Care File (continued)

FIPSCODE	Values
34007	Camden, NJ
34013	Essex, NJ
34017	Hudson, NJ
34025	Monmouth, NJ
39035	Cuyahoga, OH
39049	Franklin, OH
39061	Hamilton, OH
39095	Lucas, OH
39113	Montgomery, OH
39151	Stark, OH
39153	Summit, OH
44007	Providence, RI
49035	Salt Lake, UT

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1995 v1 State Footnotes

States are encouraged, but not required, to provide explanatory footnotes with each of their two submissions per fiscal year. The footnotes allow states to provide additional information they consider necessary for proper interpretation of their data. The footnotes may include such information as:

- general characteristics of the state's adoption and foster care system
- characteristics of the population, including whether certain types of placements are included
- state definitions that differ from federal AFCARS definitions.

Footnotes for the 1995 v1 versions of both the adoption and foster care data follow, sorted by state and element number. The submission period, either March (*03*) or September (*09*), is noted. General state footnotes that are not specific to an element or period are given an element number of *00*. The *A* or *F* preceding an element number identifies it as an adoption or foster care element, respectively.

NDACAN strongly recommends that users review the 1995 v1 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the 1995 v1 AFCARS data.

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State Footnote Table – 1995

State	Period	Element	Footnote
Arkansas			The last court hearing/review of cases - update each time a judicial review is held.
		A07	State collects 17 different race codes. Collapsed similar codes into the 5 AFCARS selections. All not matching were coded unknown - AFCARS code 5. State descriptions Caribbean and Haitian were coded unknown.
		A08	State system does not include a code for Hispanic origin. Mapped state race codes Spanish American and Cuban into AFCARS code.
			State has code if reason for removal is based on child's disability. State does not collect information if child was diagnosed as having a disability.
		F17	State does not collect age of child previously adopted. Errors in AFCARS reporting program produced inconsistency in data so field contains spaces, state will retransmit by 12/15/95 or correct before end of next reporting period covering 10/01/95 thru 03/31/95.
		F29	State does not collect parent alcohol abuse for reason child removed from home.
		F30	State does not collect parent drug abuse for reason child removed from home.
		*F31	State collects reason child removed, substance abuse and mapped this into AFCARS code child alcohol abuse.
		F37	State does not collect caretaker inability to cope as a reason for removal.
		F43	State does not collect case plan goal not yet established.
		F44	State does not collect the four AFCARS choices for caretaker family structure types.
		F49	State does not collect the 4 AFCARS choices for foster family structure types.
			Field most likely in error - a keyed date is kept on our file but may change after child has be closed if case is reopened or modified a new field will be collected or data from transaction files will be used to correct this in future report.
California		A10	CDSS has not collected data on the primary basis for special needs. We will start collecting this data after June 1995. This submission has assumed that if a child has a medical condition that condition is the primary basis for special needs.

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State Footnote Table – 1995

State	Period	Element	Footnote
California (cont.)		A12	CDSS has not collected data on visual or hearing impairments. This data will be collected beginning in July 1995.
			CDSS has collected data of the time of adoptive placement rather than at the finalization. Thus, cases in this submission are for children placed for adoption between 10/1/94 & 3/31/95 for whom CDSS reports have been received and processed.
			CDSS has treated Hispanic as a racial group. For this submission, Hispanics were coded as white. The collection of racial and ethnic data will be revised to conform to federal standards beginning in July 1995.
			CDSS has collected data on child's monthly subsidy, but on a separate database. The two databases do not match perfectly so CDSS will begin to collect the same data on both databases beginning in July 1995.
			CDSS has collected data on child's federal AAP status, but on a separate database. The two databases do not match perfectly so CDSS will modify the characteristics data system beginning in July 1995 to include this data as well.
			Adoptions data is incomplete (thru 6/95 only), due to program changes not processed at time of transmission.
Florida		F00	Relative placement cases are excluded from this submission since we are unable to determine which cases have a goal of returning home; changes to our system are in progress, and we should be able to include these cases in our next submission.
		F03	Relative placement records (other than long-term) are selected based on their status and living arrangement at the date of extract since history is not available; these values could vary from those during the reporting period.
			Where the service area includes multiple counties, the child's residence county is used if among the counties served, else the home office county is used.
			Entry in state diagnosis fields is optional and does not necessarily mean there has not been a diagnosis; therefore no entry is coded as not yet determined.
		F34	Includes state codes for runaway, truancy and beyond control.
		F37	Includes state code for other dependency; other dependency includes parent deceased or incarcerated which cannot be separated under F35 and F36.

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State Footnote Table – 1995

State	Period	Element	Footnote
Florida (cont.)		F41	Relatives licensed as foster or shelter parents cannot be distinguished, therefore all family home settings are coded as non-relative; trial home visits are not captured.
		F43	State code for custody on a permanent basis to a foster parent is coded as long-term foster care; relative care and guardianship cannot be distinguished from reunification.
		F58	Transfer to another agency includes juvenile justice, adult corrections, other HRS programs (not child welfare), private agencies and closure of interstate cases.
		F59	This field is coded based on IV-E eligibility of the child; if the placement is not eligible, payments will not be IV-E.
		F64	This field is coded based on SSI eligibility of the child. Based on state code for other developmental disability.
		A31	Relative and non-relative are not distinguished; includes all foster parent adoptions. Coded *yes* if payment was made for maintenance subsidy, non-recurring amount, medical cost – reimbursement, and/or medical cost - direct pay.
		A37	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchering system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
		A37	Coded *yes* if payment was made for maintenance subsidy - Title IV-E.
		F00	Records have been selected for extraction based on actual dates in care.
		F03	Where the service area includes multiple counties, the child's residence county is used if among the counties served, else the home office county is used. Entry in state diagnosis fields is optional and does not necessarily mean there has not been a diagnosis; therefore no entry is coded as not yet determined.
		F28	Includes state codes for neglect and mental injury.
		F37	Includes state code for other dependency; other dependency includes parent deceased or incarcerated which cannot be separated under F35 and F36.
		F41	Relatives licensed as foster or shelter parents cannot be distinguished, therefore all family home settings are coded as non-relative; trial home visits are not captured.

State Footnote Table – 1995

State	Period	Element	Footnote
Florida (cont.)		F41	Delinquency, alcohol, drug abuse and mental health residential programs are coded as institutions because the majority would meet that definition although a few would qualify as group homes; hospitals are coded as institutions.
		F58	Transfer to another agency includes juvenile justice, adult corrections, other HRS programs (not child welfare), private agencies and closure of interstate cases.
		F59	This field is coded based on IV-E eligibility of the child; if the placement is not eligible, payments will not be IV-E.
		A03	A sequential number is created and stored in the state database for the child.
		A10	Children of mixed race, sibling groups, and some conditions or disabilities cannot be distinguished and are included in other; the special condition of emotional tie to foster parent is also coded other.
		A10	Children meeting multiple criteria are counted according to the first which applies: disability, race, age, other.
		F66	Most recent monthly amount paid for maintenance subsidy only.
		F00	Records have been selected for extraction based on actual dates in care.
		F58	Placement with legal guardian (not a relative) cannot be distinguished from reunification with parents.
		A10	Racial origin includes black children; age includes children eight and over; conditions and disabilities includes only those where the optional state diagnosis fields have been entered.
		F11	Delinquency, alcohol, drug abuse and mental health residential programs are coded as institutions because the majority would meet that definition although a few would qualify as group homes; hospitals are coded as institutions.
		A10	Children meeting multiple criteria are counted according to the first which applies: disability, race, age, other.
Idaho			**NO FOOTNOTES FOR FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTIONS**
Kansas			KS has a separate race code (Hispanic) for AFCARS this code has been mapped into **unable to determine** and a *yes* was included for F09.
		F10	KS does not have disability information at this time.

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State Footnote Table – 1995

State	Period	Element	Footnote
Kansas (cont.)		F16	KS' foster care database does not contain information about a child once that child has been adopted.
			KS' child in need of care/neglect and abuse reason for removal from home code is too general to map into this AFCARS field definition.
			KS has no foster caretaker marital status information.
			KS does not have automated demographic information on the foster parents.
			KS does not have any computer-generated dates.
			KS discharge from foster care codes do not correlate to AFCARS definitions.
			Foster care assistance information is not available.
Kentucky			KY codes for Hispanic, biracial and not reported are reported as AFCARS code 5 (unable to determine).
			KY code 14 (other) does not translate to an AFCARS code so it is being left blank.
			KY source system for this transmission does not capture this information.
			KY code 7 (other) does not translate to an AFCARS code so it is being left blank.
			KY codes for Hispanic, biracial and not reported are reported as AFCARS code 5 (unable to determine).
			KY codes for biracial and not reported are reported as AFCARS code 3 (unable to determine).
			KY source system for this transmission does not capture this information.
			KY does not currently capture this date.
Massachusetts		F00	Population being reported does not include cases in juvenile justice system.
		F00	There should be no duplication in reported cases.
		F00	Multi-racial not tracked.
		F00	Reported population includes children with mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities but not as their primary problem.
		F04	Record numbers are encrypted state child identifiers.
		F08	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on F08 and 1-*yes* on F09.
		F10	State disability data too unreliable to use.
		F16	Child ever adopted data not collected.
		F26	Physical abuse data not collected.
		F27	Sexual abuse data not collected.
		F29	Alcohol abuse (parent) data not collected.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Massachusetts *(cont.)*		F30	Drug abuse (parent) data not collected.
		F32	Drug abuse (child) data not collected.
		F34	Child's behavior problem data not collected.
		F36	Incarceration of parent(s) data not collected.
		F37	Caretaker's inability to cope data not collected.
		F40	Inadequate housing data not collected.
		F41	Homes are not licensed but are qualified based on homestudy, criminal records and perpetrator searches.
		F47	Separate data on mother's and father's termination of parental rights data not collected, we will use our parent's rights terminated data for both mother & father.
		F52	Race (1st foster caretaker) - Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on F52 and as 1-*yes* on F53.
		F54	Race (2nd foster caretaker) - Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on F54 and as 1-*yes* on F55.
		F60	Title IV-E adoption subsidy only claimed after child's adoption is legalized.
		F61	AFDC status of children not collected.
		F62	Child support status of children not collected.
		F64	SSI or other federal benefit data not collected.
		A00	Non-state agency adoptions are not included.
		A07	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on A07 and 1-*yes* on A08.
		A09	Special needs data too unreliable to use.
		A11	Mental retardation data too unreliable to use.
		A12	Visual or hearing impaired data too unreliable to use.
		A15	Other medical data too unreliable to use.
		A18	Mother married at time of child's birth not collected.
		A27	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on A27 and 1-*yes* on A28.
		A29	Stepparent data not collected.
		A34	Placed by is always public agency.
		A36	Amount of subsidy not available.
		A37	Title IV-E adoption assistance data not available.
		F00	Reported population includes children with mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities but not as their primary problem.
		F04	Record numbers are encrypted state child identifiers.
		F17	Age of child at prior adoption not collected.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Massachusetts (cont.)		F35	Death of parent(s) data not collected.
		A27	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on A27 and 1-*yes* on A28.
		A00	Adoptions occurring in the last 60 days of the report period will be reported in the submission for the following period.
		F00	Temporary method of extraction used (based on actual dates in care).
		A25	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on A25 and 1-*yes* on A26.
		F08	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as 5-*unable to determine* on F08 and 1-*yes* on F09.
Minnesota			Ages of children for the foster care summary file are computed based on age as of 12/31/93, to reflect age while in care.
		F17	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the age at which a child was "ever adopted."
		F18	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the date of the first removal.
		F19	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the total number of removals to date.
		F22	MN's current foster care data system is not able to collect data on the removal transaction date.
		F29	MN's current foster care data system collects data on child substance abuse without splitting it into drug and alcohol.
		F30	All instances of substance abuse were mapped into AFCARS alcohol abuse since alcohol is by far the most prevalent type of substance abuse noted.
		F44	MN's current foster care data system cannot report family structure in the AFCARS schema.
		F50	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on caretakers' dates of birth.
		F51	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on foster parents' years of birth.
		F57	MN's current foster care data system is not able to collect data on the discharge transaction date.
		F60	In MN IV-E adoption support is only received by children whose adoptions are finalized, so they are in the adoptions file, not foster care.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Minnesota *(cont.)*		F60-F63	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
		F61	In MN, no child who receives IV-E foster or adoptive care would be simultaneously eligible for IV-A.
		F63	In MN, all children who receive any type of IV-E are automatically eligible for Title XIX MA.
		F00	MN's data for this 9503 transmission are from the 2nd half of calendar year 1994 (for foster care only), rather than the AFCARS requested reporting period.
		F05	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the date of the most recent periodic review.
		F16	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on whether a child was "ever adopted."
New Mexico		A00	NM implemented a computer system in 1984 for tracking adoption and foster care clients. Historical data is available beginning more than ten years ago for adoption data elements that map directly to AFCARS definitions.
		A00	NM's automated system does not track private adoption subsidy payments. The data is in manual systems. Functionality for one-time private adoption subsidy payments will be added August 1995.
		A04	The state automated system only tracks Title IV-B/IV-E agency adoptions. Private adoption data is handled manually. Procedures would need to be modified to collect and store private adoption data in the automated system.
		A09-A10	NM special needs data does not map directly to AFCARS definitions. Data element will be added august 1995.
		A11	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Adoption data elements A11 - A15 will be added August 1995.
		A17	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added August 1995.
		A22	Family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added August 1995.
		A23	If adoptive mother date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
		A29	Stepparent adoption data are not collected or stored in the state information system. These are all done through private attorneys.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
New Mexico *(cont.)*		F00	NM does not specifically collect data for a 'foster care episode.' Data is collected for service planning, with placement and termination dates.
		F00	A complex computer program was developed to approximate the data corresponding with the foster care episode definition. Data structure issues and data integrity exceptions are not yet fully resolved.
		F18-F22	AFCARS data elements F18 - F22 and F56 - F58 do not map directly to AFCARS definitions. A new data structure will be added August 1995; this will facilitate training social workers to collect data from a foster care episode perspective.
		F04	A unique encrypted number is assigned to each child; this unique number will follow the child as long as he or she is in foster care.
		F05	A date in this field does not certify the child's computer record is current up to this date. Procedurally, it is not realistic to certify the child's computer record is current at the same time a 'review date' is entered into the system.
		F06	The automated system requires child's date of birth.
		F10-F15	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Data elements F10 – F15 will be added August 1995.
		F16-F17	Previous adoption data is not collected. Data elements F16 - F17 will be added August 1995.
		F18	Date of removal from home is not collected. Date of first placement is used.
		F19	Total number of removals from home is estimated based on the current system data structure. A complex program approximates the number of foster care episodes, and then estimates the total removals from home. Data conversion issues remain.
		F20	Discharge date is approximated from two data elements that do not map directly. Depending on circumstances, placement termination date or loss of custody date is used.
		F21	Latest removal from home is approximated from placement date, when beginning of foster care episode is determined.
		F49	Foster family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added August 1995.
		F61	AFDC payment data not available in the computer system. Data element will be added August 1995.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
New Mexico *(cont.)*		A00	NM's automated system does not track birth parent information for adoption services. This data is only in manual systems. The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added December 1995.
		A00	NM's adoption file has duplicate adoptions that were finalized in previous reporting periods. This error was procedural in nature and procedures will be corrected before the next reporting period.
		A00	196 adoptions are being reported and estimates are that there were only approximately 50 finalized during the reporting period ending 9/30/95.
		A22	Family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added December 1995.
		A35	Private adoptions receiving a one-time adoption subsidy payment are not included. Functionality to collect these payments will be added December 1995.
		F05	A date in this field does not certify the child's computer record is current up to this date. Procedurally, it is not realistic to certify the child's computer record is current at the same time a 'review date' is entered into the system.
		F05	Procedurally, social workers submit paperwork at the end of each month to the data entry operator. Events continue to occur, such as a citizen review board, or internal review. System updates do not occur as events occur.
		F19	Total number of removals from home is estimated based on the current system data structure. A complex program approximates the number of foster care episodes, and then estimates the total removals from home. Data conversion issues remain.
		F22	Removal transaction date is not collected. Data element will be added December 1995.
		F44	Caretaker family structure data not collected. Data element will be added December 1995.
		F45	If the caretaker date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
		F49	Foster family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added December 1995.
		F52	If Hispanic origin is *yes*, then race data is not available. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added December 1995.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
New Mexico (cont.)		F56	Discharge date is approximated from two data elements that do not map directly. Depending on circumstances, placement termination date or loss of custody date is used.
		F61	AFDC payment data not available in the computer system. Data element will be added December 1995.
		F62	Child support data not available in the current system. An interface is required to capture this data from another system. Funding to develop this interface not yet determined. Projected October 1995.
		F16-F17	Previous adoption data is not collected. Data elements F16 - F17 will be added December 1995. The value for 'placed from' will always be equal to 1 - child was placed from within the state. If the child was placed from another state, that state is finalizing adoption proceedings and will have reporting responsibility.
		F26	Condition associated with a child's removal from home is not collected. Data elements F26 - F40 will be added August 1995.
		F62	Child support data not available in the current system. An interface is required to capture this data from another system. Funding to develop this interface not yet determined. Projected October 1995.
		A00	NM's automated system does not track private adoption subsidy payments. The data is in manual systems. Functionality for one-time private adoption subsidy payments will be added December 1995.
		A11-A15	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Adoption data elements A11 - A15 will be added December 1995.
		A24	If adoptive father date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
		A34	Data for 'child placed by' is not collected. Data element will be added December 1995.
		F18-F22	AFCARS data elements F18 - F22 and F56 - F58 do not map directly to AFCARS definitions. A new data structure will be added December 1995; this will facilitate training social workers to collect data from a foster care episode perspective.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Ohio		F06	Date-of-birth is currently unedited in the Micro-FACSIS County base systems. A service request has been released to require its entry, and to ensure the values are reasonable. Failure of this edit will then disallow the Client registration.
		F07	The sex code is currently unedited in the Micro-FACSIS county base systems. A service request has been released to require its entry, and to ensure the values are reasonable. Failure of this edit will then disallow the client registration.
		F10	Also related to F11-F15; there are currently no edits to ensure the coordination of these elements, although the elements themselves are individually available. This will be corrected in planned County releases of the Micro-FACSIS software.
		F19	Also related to F20-F21, there are currently no edits to ensure the accuracy of the event dates. Also, backdating/predating facilities in the Micro-based county systems allow for consistency errors. Plans for F22 will also correct these.
		F22	A state data integrity audit also pointed out the lack of an unmodifiable transaction date stamp. The correction is under analysis at this time, but it represents a fundamental departure from the current county system architecture.
		F29	Also applies to F30-F33, F38-F40. These are essentially Caretaker Family oriented and therefore not available for entry. They will be included in the next software release to the Counties, along with the facilities for multiple "reasons".
		F44	Also applies to F45-F48. These are the Family oriented elements that are not currently available in the current State-level database. A proposal to obtain these items is currently undergoing review in "policy" areas of the systems users.
		F49	Also applies to F50-F55. Consistency errors involving these items stem from the lack of mandatory entries for data elements in the Foster homes demographics database at the County sites. These edits will be installed shortly.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Ohio (cont.)		F57	See notes on F22 - transaction date stamping is essential for fiscal prudence, and there will be Draconian modifications to the county and state systems toward that end. We hope to simultaneously evolve into the SACWIS model.
		F61	Also applies to F62-F64. The SACWIS model includes a communications link to other applications for other Federally funded services. We have no such linkage but are preparing to have the Counties declare these services explicitly.
		A09	Also applies to A10. The counties are asked to state whether there is special needs, but are not required to elaborate on the type of need. Also, we do not consider race or age to be special needs.
		A16	Also applies to A17-A20. We do not know at this time the ability to respond to questions on the biological parents. Plans to include family data at the state level are currently being formulated.
		A22	Also applies to A23-A28. The county system users are not required to enter the specific demographic data for the foster care family members. Edits will soon be added to ensure complete data, in a Micro software release to the counties.
		A29	Also applies to A30-A32. These questions are in regard to the relationships between the adoptive home and the adopted child. We have no such data at this time, but they will be added to the next software to the counties.
		F00	Although AFCARS is a function of SACWIS, we are forced by budgetary limitations to redesign (reorient) our 1987 FACSIS system, which was not permitted to contain family (caretaker) data. Thus, these elements will be under-reported for a time.
		F22	A state data integrity audit also pointed out the lack of an unmodifiable transaction date stamp. The correction is under analysis at this time, but it represents a fundamental departure from the current County system architecture.
Oklahoma			A majority of subject records are out of compliance due to conversion of existing data. As this element does not accurately reflect timeliness for these records, we strongly feel they should not be subject to this error.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Oklahoma *(cont.)*		F00	Children with placements in tribal foster care homes and children within relative placements were not included in this data. We have submitted two questions concerning this and are awaiting resolution.
Rhode Island		F03	RI currently has one central office from where all placements are made this being Providence.
		F09	RI does not collect this information as a single data element but as an option in race identification. This number reflects cases were race was selected as Hispanic.
		F12	RI includes speech impaired in this disability group.
		F22	RI did not record transaction dates prior to 1992. For these events prior to 1992 we are using event dates.
		F24	RI can only record changes in address as placement change, thus our events will currently include changes in address while placed with the same caretaker.
		F27	RI does not have this break down of information available see F26.
		F41	RI group homes may have less than 7 children. RI has specialized foster homes that may or may not be relative foster homes. These are being grouped in with relative foster homes as most are also this group.
		F43	RI does not assign a case plan goal for cases open less than 6 months. RI also does not allow adoption as a case plan goal if parental rights are not already terminated.
		F57	RI did not record transaction dates prior to 1992. For these events prior to 1992 we are using event dates.
		A00	RI corrected methodology for determining if child was adopted during the AFCARS period.
		A12	RI includes speech impairments with visually and or hearing impaired as one group. RI does not keep record of this information.
		A19	RI has this information in most cases; exceptions are where adoptive parental rights may have also been terminated as this information would overwrite original dates of termination of rights.
		A26	RI records Hispanic as a selection under race. Our numbers reflect only cases where race was indicated as Hispanic.
		A25	RI records Hispanic as a racial category and reports this in A08. Thus our totals in racial groups are missing these persons and may not be accurate in cross state comparisons.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Rhode Island *(cont.)*		A28	RI records Hispanic as a selection under race. Our numbers reflect only cases where race was indicated as Hispanic.
		A29-A32	RI does not collect this data.
		A34	RI records only those adoptions placed by public agency.
		F09	RI does not collect this information as a single data element but as an option in race identification. This number reflects cases were race was selected as Hispanic.
		F22	RI did not record transaction dates prior to 1992. For these events prior to 1992 we are using event dates.
		F24	RI can only record changes in address as placement change, thus our events will currently include changes in address while placed with the same caretaker.
		F26	RI collects data on abuse/neglect but does not break it down into type of abuse/neglect. Number reflects cases where removal was associated with abuse/neglect.
		F62	RI D.C.Y.F. does not record this information. Funds are distributed by another agency and information cannot be integrated in D.C.Y.F. records.
		A00	RI does not maintain a connection between the pre-adoptive record of a child and the new record created after the adoption is finalized. RI is including as *single* those that we categorizes as separated.
		A26	RI records Hispanic as a racial category and reports this in A26. Thus our totals in racial groups are missing these persons and may not be accurate in cross state comparisons.
South Carolina		F00	Adoption data is maintained on a personal computer system that is not currently linked to the other systems.
		F04	This data element is encrypted.
		F08	The system can report on three options for race: black, white, and other. The current system reports on physical abuse and sexual abuse combined. The current system does not differentiate among types of substance abuse.
		F41	In some instances, the licensing database does not differentiate group home from institutional placements.
		F41	Private providers of foster family care are considered child-placing agencies which are designated as institutions on the licensing database.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
South Carolina (cont.)		F43	The current system posts the permanent plan as determined by the caseworker; it may or may not be the plan recommended at an administrative (foster care review board) or judicial review.
		F00	Some foster care data is maintained on six separate systems. Data is currently being reported from two separate systems. Five of these systems are linked. The current system does not differentiate among types of substance abuse.
		F58	The current system does not capture AFCARS codes 5 (guardianship) and 6 (transfer to another agency).
		F19	Child's disability: entry of data into this field in current system does not require a diagnosis, but is the caseworker's opinion. Relative placements cannot be differentiated from foster family care in some instances.
Tennessee			TN has written a new computer program to save AFCARS adoption data to a file. The data is normally deleted for confidentiality reasons. 90 plus adoptions occurred during rpt pd before program was in place and will not be reported.
		F00	Cannot determine Hispanic culture with 100% accuracy, due to TN data entry options. "Latin American" is listed as race code, as are Black and Caucasian. Black or white Hispanic are not differentiated.
		A16	One agency's computer system has data element, but that agency does not offer adoptive services, therefore the question may never be asked, or child may not be on their system. IV-D agency's system does not contain data element. This data element is currently not being captured.
		A17	One agency's computer system has data element, but that agency does not
		A00	Due to a program code problem, a new program which captures adoption
		F00	Record numbers in the data set are sequential. TN uses adoption
		F00	TN uses the temporary method of extraction for records. We have no
		F25	Manner removal home - both computer systems original order can be overlaid when a new order is issued. Only tracking one occurrence.

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State	Period	Element	Footnote
Tennessee (cont.)		F00	Cannot determine Hispanic culture with 100% accuracy, due to TN data entry options. *Latin American* is listed as race code, as are *Black* and *Caucasian*. *Black* or *white Hispanic* are not differentiated.
		F00	TN is attempting to match data from (3) computer systems in (3
Vermont			No comment today.
Wisconsin		F03	In addition to reporting by county, WI reports cases by tribe. So far we have been unable to determine whether or not FIPS codes have been assigned for them.
			See F16.
			Data not available for removals before 1987.
			See F18.
			Original requirement was that this date must be later than date for F21, however response from ACF indicates this date may be equal to date for F21.
			Do not collect this data.
			Unable to determine this at present due to WI's classifications of unincorporated group home.
			Unable to determine, awaiting clarification of what constitutes an *agency*.
			Unable to determine, awaiting clarification of whether this date should be defaulted to date of legal adoption.
			See A19.
			Do not collect Hispanic origin separately, but as ethnic code (race).
			Unable to determine, awaiting ACF clarification of the term *guardianship*.
			Although WI does track adoption placements of children in foster care, we do not keep all the necessary information to determine reliably whether individual adoptions were ever finalized.

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Data Considerations

210 foster care records with a state code of *21* (Kentucky) do not have a RECNUMBR.

States did not submit the Amount of Monthly Foster Care Payment (FCMNTPAY) until 1996. The variable was not included in the 1195 foster care data file.

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