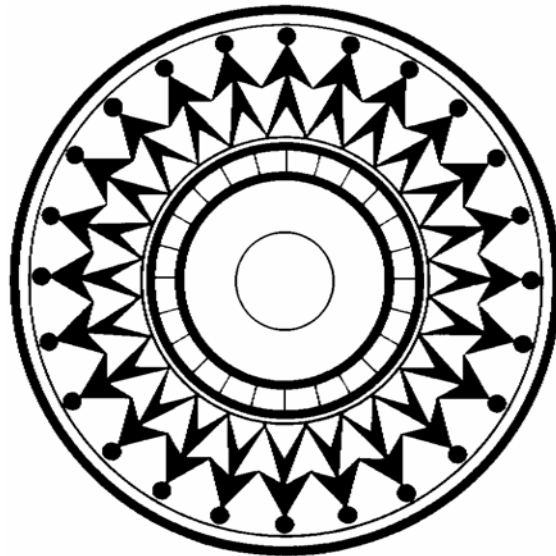


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Introduction

Child Welfare Policies and Demographic Characteristics: A Compilation of State-Level Data is a suite of datasets gathered from various sources. All datasets in this suite contain information about states. It is intended to be a resource for researchers doing policy studies in the areas of foster care, adoption, and child abuse, and is intended as a supplement to the AFCARS and NCANDS datasets. It consists of five studies, their data, and final reports (if any).

The common thread linking this suite of datasets is that the level of analysis is always states. This information can be used to group or classify states in some domain, coupled with using the AFCARS or NCANDS data to explore how states or groups of states compare. Our intention is that this process will increase the value of AFCARS and NCANDS for analyzing the effects of policy differences across states.

Most of the data were gleaned from reports published by academic or public interest organizations, such as The Urban Institute, the North American Council on Adoptable Children, or the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Each of these reports is available at the organization's web site, and is included in the files that accompany this User Guide in PDF format. The value of this compilation is in providing the data in a form that is readily readable by statistical programs such as SAS, SPSS, and Stata, and in compiling in one place the descriptions of the variables and values contained in the reports.

Other data in this suite were collected from the United States Bureau of the Census and Wikipedia, a web-based encyclopedia.

Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children

STUDY OVERVIEW

Study Identification

Title: *The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children: Understanding State Variation in Child Welfare Financing*

Principal Investigators: Cynthia Andrews Scarcella, Roseana Bess, Erica Hecht Zielewski, Rob Geen

Organization: The Urban Institute

Funding Agency: The *Assessing the New Federalism* project, the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care, and the Urban Institute

Bibliographic Citation

Scarcella, C., Bess, R., Zielewski, E., Geen, R. (May 2006). *The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children V: Understanding State Variation in Child Welfare Financing*. The Urban Institute (www.urban.org).

Purpose of the Study

The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children is a series of reports on surveys undertaken in even years since 1996. The report for state fiscal year 2004 is the most recent. This overview is from the 1996 report:

Child welfare services are designed to ensure the safety of children. As such, they span a broad range of activities, including supporting and preserving families, investigating reports of abuse or neglect, protecting victimized children, and assisting children temporarily or permanently removed from their parents' homes. Primary responsibility for delivering child welfare services rests with the states or local governments, which use funds from federal, state, and local sources. Federal funding accounts for a substantial proportion of the total available funds, but state officials and child welfare researchers charge that these funds come with spending restrictions that are major barriers to effective service delivery.

Recent legislation to devolve more financial and operational responsibility for social service delivery to the states will probably increase states' flexibility in financing social services, including child welfare services and other programs such as child care and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Unfortunately, because there is little systematic information on either the amount of funding available for child welfare services generally or the allocation of that funding across specific services, it is difficult to track changes that take place as devolution proceeds.

The purpose of this series of studies is to begin to fill this data gap and to provide a baseline from which to assess changes in the way states finance child welfare services.

Study Design

To gather data on child welfare financing across the states, the Urban Institute designed and implemented a national survey that was mailed to participants and supplemented with extensive phone

follow-up. For each survey in the series, state fiscal year (SFY) expenditure data was collected during summer and fall of the following year. Overall, the survey was designed to meet these specific goals:

- To collect detailed information on state child welfare expenditures before welfare reform.
- To list expenditure data by the source of funds (federal, state, or local) and to break out federal expenditures by source.
- To report data on funds used for out-of-home placement and, to the extent possible, adoption and administration expenditures.

Date(s) of Data Collection

The first survey was for State Fiscal Year 1996. Data were collected in 1997. Since then, surveys have been conducted in the years following even fiscal years.

Geographic Area

The 50 United States and the District of Columbia.

Data Collection Procedures

From the 1996 report:

The survey used a mailed questionnaire with extensive phone followup, averaging a total of 18 hours per state. This followup allowed us to persuade states to provide us with any missing information. While 49 states (all but Hawaii and Virginia) responded to our survey, many states could not provide all of the information we requested. As a result, the analyses in this paper often reflect information from fewer than 49 states. All but two of the responding states (47) provided complete data on state dollars expended, 37 provided data on all state and federal dollars expended, and 33 provided estimates of total spending, including the amount of federal, state, and local dollars expended.

Response Rates

- 1996: 49 of 51 (HI and VA missing).
- 1998: 48 of 51 (AR, ME, and ND missing).
- 2000: 51 of 51.
- 2002: 50 of 51 (CT missing).
- 2004: 49 of 51 (ME and SC missing).

Sources of Information

Surveys were completed by state public child welfare agency staff.

Type of Data Collected

Fiscal expenditures.

Analytic Considerations

For all waves, some states could not provide all the information requested. This situation limited the analysis in many instances to fewer than the number of states that responded, and throughout the reports the actual number of states included in an analysis is noted.

FILE INFORMATION

Data File Specifications

<i>No.</i>	<i>File Name</i>	<i>File Structure</i>	<i>Case Count</i>	<i>Variable Count</i>	<i>Records Per Case</i>
1	CostOfProtecting.dat	Rectangular	253	27	1

Extent of Collection

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CostOfProtecting.dat	Column-specified text file containing the data
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SPSS\CostOfProtecting.sps	SPSS syntax for creating SPSS dataset from the data file
Stata\CostOfProtecting_Stata.do	Stata syntax file
Stata\CostOfProtecting_Stata.dct	Stata dictionary file
CostOfProtecting_I_1996.pdf	Final report for the 1996 data year.
CostOfProtecting_I_1996_Supplement.pdf	Supplement to 1996 Final Report
CostOfProtecting_II_1998.pdf	Final report for the 1998 data year.
CostOfProtecting_III_2000.pdf	Final report for the 2000 data year.
CostOfProtecting_IV_2002.pdf	Final report for the 2002 data year.
CostOfProtecting_V_2004.pdf	Final report for the 2004 data year.

Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children

Variable List by Position

Position	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
1	State_Abbr	State code	Record Identifier
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier
5	TotalSpend	Total Child Welfare Spending	Data
6	FedSpend	Federal Child Welfare Spending	Data
7	TitleIVE	Title IV-E Funds	Data
8	TitleIVB	Title IV-B Funds	Data
9	TANF	TANF Grant to State	Data
10	SSBG	Social Services Block Grant	Data
11	Medicaid	Medicaid spending	Data
12	StateSpend	State Child Welfare Spending	Data
13	LocalSpend	Local Child Welfare Spending	Data
14	Contract Svcs	Spending on Contracted Service	Data
15	SSI	Supplemental Security Income	Data
16	FosterSpend	IV-E Foster Care Program Spending (\$)	Data
17	FosterPymts	Foster Care Maintenance Payments	Data
18	FosterAdmin	Foster Care Administration and Training	Data
19	AdoptSpend	Adoption Assistance Program Spending	Data
20	AdoptPymts	Adoption Assistance Subsidies	Data
21	AdoptAdmin	Adoption Administration and Training	Data
22	Chafee	Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	Data
23	DemoProj	Demonstration Project Grants	Data
24	FosterPen	Foster Care IV-E Penetration Rate	Data
25	AdoptPen	Adoption IV-E Penetration Rate	Data
26	EdVouchers	Education and Training Vouchers	Data
27	OOH_Spend	State Spending on Out-of-Home Placements	Data

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Variable List by Variable Name

Position	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
21	AdoptAdmin	Adoption Administration and Training	Data
25	AdoptPen	Adoption IV-E Penetration Rate	Data
20	AdoptPymts	Adoption Assistantance Subsidies	Data
19	AdoptSpend	Adoption Assistance Program Spending	Data
22	Chafee	Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	Data
14	ContractSvcs	Spending on Contracted Service	Data
23	DemoProj	Demonstration Project Grants	Data
26	EdVouchers	Education and Training Vouchers	Data
6	FedSpend	Federal Child Welfare Spending	Data
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
18	FosterAdmin	Foster Care Administration and Training	Data
24	FosterPen	Foster Care IV-E Penetration Rate	Data
17	FosterPymts	Foster Care Maintenance Payments	Data
16	FosterSpend	IV-E Foster Care Program Spending (\$)	Data
13	LocalSpend	Local Child Welfare Spending	Data
11	Medicaid	Medicaid spending	Data
27	OOH_Spend	State Spending on Out-of-Home Placements	Data
10	SSBG	Social Services Block Grant	Data
15	SSI	Supplemental Security Income	Data
1	State_Abbr	State code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
12	StateSpend	State Child Welfare Spending	Data
9	TANF	TANF Grant to State	Data
8	TitleIVB	Title IV-B Funds	Data
7	TitleIVE	Title IV-E Funds	Data
5	TotalSpend	Total Child Welfare Spending	Data
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier

Codebook: Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Kids

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
1	State_Abbr State code U.S. Postal Service 2-letter state code	Record Identifier	A2	1-2
2	FIPS State FIPS Code	Record Identifier	F4	3-6
3	State_Name State	Record Identifier	A20	7-26
4	Year Year State Fiscal Year	Record Identifier	F4	27-30
5	TotalSpend Total Child Welfare Spending Annual federal, state, and local funds spent on child welfare programs	Data	F10	31-40
6	FedSpend Federal Child Welfare Spending Total annual federal funds granted to state and used for child welfare activities. Funding sources dedicated to child welfare include Title IV-B and Title IV-E. Non-targeted funding sources include TANF, SSBG, Medicaid, and SSI.	Data	F10	41-50
7	TitleIVE Title IV-E Funds Annual federal reimbursement to the state for costs claimed under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Title IV-E funding consists of the Foster Care Program, the Adoption Assistance Program, the Chaffee Foster Care Independence Program and education and training vouchers to aged-out youth.	Data	F10	51-60
8	TitleIVB Title IV-B Funds Funding allocated under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act includes Child Welfare Services (subpart 1), Promoting Safe and Stable Families (subpart2), and other funds.	Data	F10	61-70
9	TANF TANF Grant to State Annual amount of the state's TANF block grant that was used for child welfare activities. Does not include TANF funds transferred to SSBG. TANF stands for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.	Data	F10	71-80

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
10	SSBG Social Services Block Grant The amount of the state's annual federal Social Services Block Grant (including funds transferred-in from TANF) that was used for child welfare activities.	Data	F10	81-90
11	Medicaid Medicaid spending Annual state Medicaid spending for which a child welfare agency provided the nonfederal match	Data	F10	91-100
12	StateSpend State Child Welfare Spending Annual spending on child welfare programs using state funds	Data	F10	101-110
13	LocalSpend Local Child Welfare Spending Annual spending on child welfare programs using local funds. "Localities" are usually counties.	Data	F10	111-120
14	ContractSvcs Spending on Contracted Service Annual spending on contracted services for provision of child welfare programs. Whether these costs come from Federal, State, or Local funds is not specified.	Data	F10	121-130
15	SSI Supplemental Security Income Total amount (\$) received by the state from title XVI Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or title II Survivors Insurance Benefits on behalf of children in out-of-home placements because of the death or disability of a parent, or for certain disabilities of the child.	Data	F10	131-140
16	FosterSpend IV-E Foster Care Program Spending (\$) The Title IV-E Foster Care Program reimburses states for maintenance payments provided to cover shelter, food, and clothing costs for eligible children in care; placement and administrative costs; and training for staff and foster parents.	Data	F10	141-150
17	FosterPymts Foster Care Maintenance Payments The portion of Title IV-E Foster Care Program payments ("FosterSpend") that goes to cover shelter, food, and clothing costs for eligible children in care	Data	F10	151-160
18	FosterAdmin Foster Care Administration and Training The portion of Title IV-E Foster Care Program payments ("FosterSpend") that goes to placement and administrative costs; training for staff and foster parents; and for Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS).	Data	F10	161-170

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
19	AdoptSpend Adoption Assistance Program Spending All expenditures associated with adoptive and subsidized guardianship placements including assistance payments, pre- and post-adoption services, support services, non-recurring adoption expenses, and administrative expenses associated with placement (including training).	Data	F10	171-180
20	AdoptPymts Adoption Assistantance Subsidies The portion of Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program payments ("AdoptionSpend") that goes for adoption assistance payments made to adoptive parents of eligible special needs children	Data	F10	181-190
21	AdoptAdmin Adoption Administration and Training The portion of Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program payments ("AdoptionSpend") that goes for administrative costs and training for staff and adoptive parents	Data	F10	191-200
22	Chafee Chafee Foster Care Independence Program A title IV-E program that provides funding to states for services and programs to prepare youth in foster care (or formerly in the foster care system) to live independently after exiting foster care.	Data	F10	201-210
23	DemoProj Demonstration Project Grants Youth Development State Collaboration Demonstration Project Grants.	Data	F10	211-220
24	FosterPen Foster Care IV-E Penetration Rate The percentage of children in out-of-home placements who received title IV-E reimbursed maintenance payments	Data	F5.1	221-225
25	AdoptPen Adoption IV-E Penetration Rate The percentage of children in adoptive placements who received title IV-E reimbursed adoption subsidies	Data	F5.1	226-230
26	EdVouchers Education and Training Vouchers The amount reimbursed for the title IV-E nonentitlement funding authorization for education and training vouchers to youth who have aged out of foster care	Data	F10	231-240

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
27	OOH_Spend	Data	F10	241-250

State Spending on Out-of-Home Placements

Include: payments for all children in family foster care, kinship care, shelter care, group or institutional residential care, independent living, and other placement settings; expenses associated with both in-state and out-of-state placements; expenditures on support services for children in placement (e.g., respite or child care, therapy); and administrative expenses associated with placement (including training).

Exclude: adoption related expenses and expenditures associated with reunification services.

Forever Families

STUDY OVERVIEW

Study Identification

Title: Support for Families of Children with Special Needs: A Policy Analysis of Adoption Subsidy Programs in the United States.

Principal Investigators: Jeanette Wiedemeier Bower, M.P.A. and Rita Laws, Ph.D.

Organization: North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

Funding Agency: The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

Bibliographic Citation

Jeanette Weidermeider Bower, J. & Laws, R. (July, 2002). *Forever Families, Support for Children with Special Needs: A Policy Analysis of Adoption Subsidy Programs in the United States*. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available online at <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/ForeverFamilies.pdf>

Purpose of the Study

From the report:

Federal Title IV-E Adoption Assistance was created by Congress under the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96- 272). NACAC and others in the child welfare field believe this Act was and is landmark legislation that, among other things, helps find permanency for foster children waiting for adoptive homes in the United States. Since the law is over twenty years old, we chose to analyze how well states are implementing the federal legislation and what types of state-funded policies support children with special needs and the families that have stepped forward to raise them.

This study attempts to answer several questions: How well is the law working? Where is it working? How can it work better?

A second purpose of the study involves the fact that Congress gave states flexibility in two important areas of P.L. 96-272: the definition of special needs and the way benefits can be awarded. Consequently, states differ in how narrowly or widely they define "special needs" and in how they distribute benefits across the array of costs that prospective parents must face when considering adoption of a special needs child. Benefits paid to foster parents are also often greater than those accruing to adoptive parents.

This report compares states' adoption assistance policies in 14 different areas (such as definitions of special needs and basic monthly subsidy rates) and identifies those policies best designed to help children with special needs obtain the services and support they need.

Study Design

The North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) conducts an annual mail survey of state administrators. The current report is based on the 2002 survey.

Date(s) of Data Collection

Fall 2001 to May 2002

Geographic Area

The fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Unit of Observation

States

Data Collection Procedures

Mail survey.

Response Rates

100%, though not all states responded to all questions.

Sources of Information

State child welfare administrators completed the surveys.

Type of Data Collected

Information about a state's adoption subsidy policies, including "14 Key Variables" that NACAC considers integral to child well-being. These are:

1. Definition of Special Needs
2. Monthly Subsidy Rates
3. Specialized Subsidy Rates
4. Eligibility of State-Subsidized Children for Medicaid
5. Nonrecurring Adoption Expense Reimbursement
6. Special Service Subsidies
7. Respite Care
8. Residential Treatment
9. Deferred Agreements
10. Subsidized Guardianships
11. Use of Income to Determine Subsidy Amount
12. Private and Public Agency Eligibility
13. Subsidy for Children over 18 Years Old
14. Administration of the Program

Analytic Considerations

State policies were scored by the authors using a 3-point scale. In the report, the scale is illustrated graphically as a minus(-) for a policy that was considered to be below average relative to other states, a slash (/) for a policy that was about average relative to other states, and a plus (+) for a policy that was better than average. In the data, minus = 0, slash = 1, and plus = 2. Although this does not provide much variability in the measures, it does allow grouping states that have similar policies.

Data are available for just one year. State policies are not likely to change much from year-to-year, but to check for subsequent years, you can access more recent information about individual states at the NACAC website (http://www.nacac.org/subsidy_stateprofiles.html).

FILE INFORMATION

Data File Specifications

No.	File Name	File Structure	Case Count	Variable Count	Records Per Case
1	ForeverFamilies.dat	Rectangular	51	34	1

Extent of Collection

<i>File Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
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SAS\ForeverFamilies SAS import.sas	SAS syntax file for creating SAS dataset from the data file
SAS\ForeverFamilies SAS formats.sas	SAS syntax file with variable and value labels
SPSS\ForeverFamilies.sps	SPSS syntax for creating SPSS dataset from the data file
Stata\ForeverFamilies _Stata.do	Stata syntax file
Stata\ForeverFamilies _Stata.dct	Stata dictionary file
ForeverFamilies.pdf	NACAC's Final Report

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Variable List by Position

Position	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
1	State_Abbr	State Postal Abbreviation	Record Identifier
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State Name	Record Identifier
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier
5	Definition	Score for Definition of Special Needs	14 Key Policies
6	de_Race	Def: Minority Race	Definition Element
7	de_Age	Def: Age	Definition Element
8	de_Sibling	Def: Siblings	Definition Element
9	de_Disabled	Def: Physical, Mental, Emot Disability	Definition Element
10	de_Risk	Def: Risk Factors	Definition Element
11	de_Other	Definition: Other (Non-Federal) Factors	Definition Element
12	MonthlyRate	Score for Adequacy of AAP Monthly Rate	14 Key Policies
13	AAPtoUSDA_p	AAP as % of USDA Cost of Child	Supplementary Info
14	AAPtoUSDA	Score for AAP vs USDA	Component of Key
15	AAPtoFoster_p	AAP as a % of Foster Care Subsidy	Supplementary Info
16	AAPtoFoster	Score for AAP vs Foster Care Subsidy	Component of Key
17	SpecRate	Score for Special AAP Rate	14 Key Policies
18	SR_MarkA	State Has Specialized AAP Rate	Component of Key
19	SR_MarkB	Specialized Rate as % of SFCP	Component of Key
20	Medicaid	Score for Medicaid Eligibility	14 Key Policies
21	NonRecurring	Adoption Expenses Reimbursement Score	14 Key Policies
22	NR_Amount	Amount of Non-Recurring Expenses Paid	Component of Key
23	SpecialSvcs	Score for Special Services Subsidy	14 Key Policies
24	RespiteCare	Score for Respite Care Subsidy Program	14 Key Policies
25	ResidTreat	Score for Residential Treatment Subsidy	14 Key Policies
26	DeferAgree	Score for Deferred Agreements	14 Key Policies
27	Guardianship	Availability of Subsidized Guardianship	14 Key Policies
28	MeansTest	Means Test or Income Scale Considered	14 Key Policies
29	EqualAgency	Score for Equal Treatment of Agencies	14 Key Policies
30	Over18	Score for Subsidy for Children over 18	14 Key Policies
31	AdminScore	Score for System of Administration	14 Key Policies
32	TypeOfAdmin	Type of System Administration	Supplementary Info
33	TuitionWaiver	Availability of Tuition Waiver	Supplementary Info
34	OverallScore	Overall Adoption Assistance Score	14 Key Policies

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Variable List by Variable Name

Position	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
16	AAPtoFoster	Score for AAP vs Foster Care Subsidy	Component of Key
15	AAPtoFoster_p	AAP as a % of Foster Care Subsidy	Supplementary Info
14	AAPtoUSDA	Score for AAP vs USDA	Component of Key
13	AAPtoUSDA_p	AAP as % of USDA Cost of Child	Supplementary Info
31	AdminScore	Score for System of Administration	14 Key Policies
7	de_Age	Def: Age	Definition Element
9	de_Disabled	Def: Physical, Mental, Emot Disability	Definition Element
11	de_Other	Definition: Other (Non-Federal) Factors	Definition Element
6	de_Race	Def: Minority Race	Definition Element
10	de_Risk	Def: Risk Factors	Definition Element
8	de_Sibling	Def: Siblings	Definition Element
26	DeferAgree	Score for Deferred Agreements	14 Key Policies
5	Definition	Score for Definition of Special Needs	14 Key Policies
29	EqualAgency	Score for Equal Treatment of Agencies	14 Key Policies
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
27	Guardianship	Availability of Subsidized Guardianship	14 Key Policies
28	MeansTest	Means Test or Income Scale Considered	14 Key Policies
20	Medicaid	Score for Medicaid Eligibility	14 Key Policies
12	MonthlyRate	Score for Adequacy of AAP Monthly Rate	14 Key Policies
21	NonRecurring	Adoption Expenses Reimbursement Score	14 Key Policies
22	NR_Amount	Amount of Non-Recurring Expenses Paid	Component of Key
30	Over18	Score for Subsidy for Children over 18	14 Key Policies
34	OverallScore	Overall Adoption Assistance Score	14 Key Policies
25	ResidTreat	Score for Residential Treatment Subsidy	14 Key Policies
24	RespiteCare	Score for Respite Care Subsidy Program	14 Key Policies
23	SpecialSvcs	Score for Special Services Subsidy	14 Key Policies
17	SpecRate	Score for Special AAP Rate	14 Key Policies
18	SR_MarkA	State Has Specialized AAP Rate	Component of Key
19	SR_MarkB	Specialized Rate as % of SFCP	Component of Key
1	State_Abbr	State Postal Abbreviation	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State Name	Record Identifier
33	TuitionWaiver	Availability of Tuition Waiver	Supplementary Info
32	TypeOfAdmin	Type of System Administration	Supplementary Info
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier

Codebook: Forever Families

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>								
1	State_Abbr State Postal Abbreviation U.S. Postal Service 2-letter state abbreviation	Record Identifier	A2	1-2								
2	FIPS State FIPS Code Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for state	Record Identifier	F4	3-6								
3	State_Name State Name	Record Identifier	A20	7-26								
4	Year Year Federal Fiscal Year that the state's data was submitted for NCAC's State Subsidy Profile	Record Identifier	F4	27-30								
5	Definition Score for Definition of Special Needs Score for how states define a child with special needs, based on six criteria: Race, Age, Siblings, Handicap, Risk Factors, and Other Factors. <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Value</i></th> <th><i>Value Label</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Two or Fewer Strong Elements</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Three Strong Elements</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Four or More Strong Elements</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>	0	Two or Fewer Strong Elements	1	Three Strong Elements	2	Four or More Strong Elements	14 Key Policies	F2	31-32
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1	Three Strong Elements											
2	Four or More Strong Elements											
6	de_Race Def: Minority Race Score for State's Definition of "Special Needs Child". <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Value</i></th> <th><i>Value Label</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Age Limitations Attached to Race</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Race is a Factor; No Othr Qualifiers</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>	0	Age Limitations Attached to Race	2	Race is a Factor; No Othr Qualifiers	Definition Element	F2	43-44		
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0	Age Limitations Attached to Race											
2	Race is a Factor; No Othr Qualifiers											

<i>Element Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
7 de_Age Def: Age Score for State's Definition of "Special Needs Child". Age can create a special need; older children have more difficulty finding placements. <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 Child >= 6 or Other Age Qualifiers 2 Includes 5 or Under; No Other Qualifiers	Definition Element	F2	33-34
8 de_Sibling Def: Siblings Score for State's Definition of "Special Needs Child". A child who is a member of a sibling group may be defined as special needs. <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 3+ Siblings or Other Qualifiers 2 Undefined or 2+ Sibs w No Other Qualifiers	Definition Element	F2	35-36
9 de_Disabled Def: Physical, Mental, Emot Disability Score for State's Definition of "Special Needs Child". Are there factors in the state's definition that limit accessibility to adoption assistance for children with medical conditions or physical, mental, or emotional disabilities? <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 Definition limits accessibility to program 2 Definition does not limit accessibilty to program	Definition Element	F2	37-38
10 de_Risk Def: Risk Factors Score for State's Definition of "Special Needs Child". This element regards the inclusion of any risk factors in the child's past or birth family history. <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 Risk Factors Not Included 2 Risk Factors Included in Definition	Definition Element	F2	39-40
11 de_Other Definition: Other (Non-Federal) Factors Score for State's Definition of "Special Needs Child". There is a federal definition for "special needs". States may add factors that limit or expand access to adoption services. <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 Include Factors that Limit Access 1 Effort to Place w/o AAP; Judicial Determination 2 Include Factors that Expand Access	Definition Element	F2	41-42

<i>Element Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
12 MonthlyRate Score for Adequacy of AAP Monthly Rate Overall score for providing monthly subsidy payments for an 8-year-old child (and avoiding an "adoption penalty" relative to Foster Care payments) <i>Based on scores for AAPtoUSDA and AAPtoFoster</i> <i>Value Value Label</i> 0 Program Needs Attention 1 Average Program 2 Good to Outstanding Program	14 Key Policies	F2	45-46
13 AAPtoUSDA_p AAP as % of USDA Cost of Child State adoption assistance payment (AAP) as a percentage of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimate of the cost of raising a child.	Supplementary Info	F5.2	47-51
14 AAPtoUSDA Score for AAP vs USDA Score for the adequacy of the state's monthly adoption assistance payment (AAP) for and 8-year-old child relative to the USDA's estimate of the cost of raising a child <i>Component "A" of MonthlyRate</i> <i>Value Value Label</i> 0 0-69% of USDA estimate 1 70-79% of USDA estimate 2 80-100% of USDA estimate	Component of Key	F2	52-53
15 AAPtoFoster_p AAP as a % of Foster Care Subsidy The proportion of what a child could receive as adoption assistance to what he/she would receive in in foster care.	Supplementary Info	F5.2	54-58
16 AAPtoFoster Score for AAP vs Foster Care Subsidy Score for the adequacy of the state's monthly Adoption Assistance Payment (AAP) relative to the state's foster care subsidy <i>Component "B" of MonthlyRate</i> <i>Value Value Label</i> 0 0-69% of Foster Care Rate 1 70-79% of Foster Care Rate 2 80% or Greater of Foster Care Rate	Component of Key	F2	59-60

<i>Element Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
17 SpecRate	14 Key Policies	F2	61-62
Score for Special AAP Rate			
Score for specialized rates or "difficulty-of-care" (DOC) or "level-of-care" (LOC) payments, which are payments over and above the basic adoption assistance payment (AAP).			
<i>Based on SR_MarkA and SR_MarkB</i>			
<i>Value Value Label</i>			
0 Below Average Program			
1 Average Program			
2 Good to Outstanding Program			
18 SR_MarkA	Component of Key	F2	63-64
State Has Specialized AAP Rate			
Specialized Adoption Assistance Payment (SAAP) (or "difficulty-of-care" (DOC) or "level-of-care" (LOC) payments) are payments over and above the basic adoption assistance payment (AAP).			
<i>Component "A" of SpecRate</i>			
<i>Value Value Label</i>			
0 State does not pay special AAP			
2 State pays some type of special AAP			
19 SR_MarkB	Component of Key	F2	65-66
Specialized Rate as % of SFCP			
Specialized Adoption Assistance Payment as a percentage of the Specialized Foster Care Payment			
<i>Component "B" of SpecRate</i>			
<i>Value Value Label</i>			
0 0-69% of SFC paid in AAP or No Data			
1 70-79% of SFC paid in AAP			
2 80-100% of SFC paid in AAP			
20 Medicaid	14 Key Policies	F2	67-68
Score for Medicaid Eligibility			
Score for eligibility of state-subsidized children for Medicaid (i.e. kids who are not eligible for AAP under Title IV-E)			
<i>Value Value Label</i>			
0 Does Not Provided Medicaid			
1 Include Some Children but Not All			
2 Provides Medicaid to All Such Children			
21 NonRecurring	14 Key Policies	F2	69-70
Adoption Expenses Reimbursement Score			
Score for amount of non-recurring expenses reimbursed to adoptive parents. (\$2000 is maximum allowable)			
<i>Value Value Label</i>			
0 \$0 to \$999 Reimbursed			
1 \$1000 to \$1499 Reimbursed			

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
	2 \$1500 to \$2000 Reimbursed			
22	NR_Amount Amount of Non-Recurring Expenses Paid Amount (\$) paid by state to adoptive parents to help defray non-recurring direct costs associated with adoption, such as adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, etc.	Component of Key	F8	71-78
23	SpecialSvcs Score for Special Services Subsidy Special Service Subsidies are payments to help parents purchase services or equipment for children with extraordinary needs. <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 Does Not Provide Special Subsidies 1 Yes, but Limited or with Restrictions 2 Provides Special Services Subsidies	14 Key Policies	F2	79-80
24	RespiteCare Score for Respite Care Subsidy Program Does the state pay for respite care for adopted children w special needs? <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 No Respite Care Reimbursement 1 Yes, But With Limitations 2 Provides Full Reimbursement	14 Key Policies	F2	81-82
25	ResidTreat Score for Residential Treatment Subsidy If Medicaid does not cover residential treatment for a child receiving adoption assistance, does the state provide a subsidy to pay for it? <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 State Does Not Pay 1 Yes, But With Limitations 2 State Pays Residential Treatment Costs	14 Key Policies	F2	83-84
26	DeferAgree Score for Deferred Agreements A deferred adoption assistance agreement serves as an insurance policy for families who adopt at-risk children who are currently healthy or too young for diagnosis, but where certain risk factors are present. Are deferred agreements offered by the state? <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 0 State Does Not Offer Deferred Agreements 2 State Offers Deferred Agreements	14 Key Policies	F2	85-86

<i>Element Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>	
27	Guardianship	14 Key Policies	F2	87-88
	Availability of Subsidized Guardianship			
	Does the state offer subsidized guardianships as an alternative form of legal permanency for children with extreme needs?			
	<i>The most common limitation is to offer the program only for relatives.</i>			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	0	State Does Not Offer Subsidized Guardianships		
	1	Limited Program		
	2	State Offers Subsidized Guardianships		
28	MeansTest	14 Key Policies	F2	89-90
	Means Test or Income Scale Considered			
	Means testing family income is a disincentive to achieving permanency. Does the state use means testing or income scales to determine the amount of AAP a family may receive?			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	0	No		
	1	Yes		
29	EqualAgency	14 Key Policies	F2	91-92
	Score for Equal Treatment of Agencies			
	Does the state treat children placed through public and private agencies equally in terms of eligibility for Adoption Assistance Payments?			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	0	Public & Private Agencies are Differentiated		
	1	Yes, But Few Qualify		
	2	Public & Private Agencies Treated Equally		
30	Over18	14 Key Policies	F2	93-94
	Score for Subsidy for Children over 18			
	Does the state provide an option for extending Adoption Assistance Payments for adopted children beyond the age of 18?			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	0	No		
	1	Yes, But with Restrictions		
	2	Yes, Option Available		
31	AdminScore	14 Key Policies	F2	95-96
	Score for System of Administration			
	How is the state's adoption subsidy program administered? A centrally administered system is more likely to treat all children uniformly, and avoids conflicts that occur when counties make eligibility decisions and set rates and have partial responsibility for payments.			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	0	County Administered / County \$		
	1	County Admin / No County \$		

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	2 State Administered													
32	TypeOfAdmin Type of System Administration At what level are decisions made about rate setting and eligibility determination? Centralized policy and decision-making is more likely to ensure consistent and fair application of the Adoption Assistance Program.	Supplementary Info	F2	97-98										
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33	TuitionWaiver Availability of Tuition Waiver Does the state offer a college tuition waiver (or similar) program for children adopted from the foster care system?	Supplementary Info	F2	99-100										
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34	OverallScore Overall Adoption Assistance Score Overall score for State Adoption Assistance Program, for comparison to other states. <i>Based on the 14 Key Policy Scores</i>	14 Key Policies	F2	101-102										
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Listening to Parents

STUDY OVERVIEW

Study Identification

Title: Listening to Parents: Overcoming Barriers to the Adoption of Children from Foster Care

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Purpose of the Study

From the report: *The Adoption and Safe Families Act offers financial incentives to states for increasing the number of children adopted, but it includes no special provisions to increase the number of persons willing to adopt foster children. States have encouraged adoption and have removed many of the barriers for foster parents and relatives to adopt. It appears unlikely, though, that states will be able to count on foster parents and relatives to adopt at a rate that would enable all waiting children to find permanent homes. Thus, if child welfare agencies are going to be successful in significantly reducing the number of children who are waiting to be adopted, they will need to recruit additional general applicants and ensure that their current policies or practices do not inadvertently discourage general applicants from completing the adoption process.*

This study was designed to learn more about general applicant adoptions in order to inform child welfare agencies' recruitment efforts and adoption practices. The purpose of the study is to estimate the number of general applicants who seek to adopt foster children, understand the factors that influence whether they succeed in having a child placed with them, and document how general applicant adoptions are different from adoptions by foster parents and relatives. The study also documents the experiences of general applicants, including aspects of the adoption process that they find most difficult and suggestions they have for improving the adoption process.

Study Design

From the report: *This study involved four different data collection and analysis efforts: 1) an analysis of data from the federal Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), 2) a national survey of state adoption directors, 3) case studies of adoption practices, and 4) an analysis of adoption applicant case record abstraction. Only the data from the national survey is included in this data set.*

The Survey. In 2002, the Urban Institute mailed a survey to each state adoption director. The survey was designed to begin to understand the attrition of adoption applicants by documenting the number of persons who successfully pass through different points of the adoption process. The survey was developed in consultation with the National Association of Adoption Managers to ensure that there were

no existing data that could address the questions posed. While not all states that responded could provide complete data, 40 states provided at least partial information. Follow-up phone calls were made to clarify some responses.

The survey asked for state-level data on 1) the number of persons who requested information from state foster care adoption hotlines as well as from other sources the state adoption agencies track; 2) the percentage of individuals requesting information who go forward with the adoption process, either by attending an orientation session or completing an application, 3) the number of home studies the state agency and private agencies under contract with the state completed in the prior year, 4) the percent of individuals completing an initial adoption application who complete the home study process, and 5) the number of adoption applicants with approved home studies who are waiting to be matched with a child in foster care. In addition, the survey collected background information on state adoption practices including the extent to which different parts of the process are contracted out, the types of recruitment activities the state conducts, and the training provided to adoption applicants.

Date(s) of Data Collection: 2002

Geographic Area

There are data from 36 states and the District of Columbia

Data Collection Procedures

Mail survey of State Adoption Directors with phone followup.

Response Rates

37 of 51 = 72%

FILE INFORMATION

Data File Specifications

<i>No.</i>	<i>File Name</i>	<i>File Structure</i>	<i>Case Count</i>	<i>Variable Count</i>	<i>Records Per Case</i>
1	ListeningToParents.dat	Rectangular	37	34	1

Extent of Collection

<i>File Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
ListeningToParents.dat	Column-specified text file containing the data
SAS\ListeningToParents SAS import.sas	SAS syntax file for creating SAS dataset from the data file
SAS\ListeningToParents SAS formats.sas	SAS syntax file with variable and value labels
SPSS\ListeningToParents.sps	SPSS syntax for creating SPSS dataset from the data file
Stata\ListeningToParents _Stata.do	Stata syntax file
Stata\ListeningToParents _Stata.dct	Stata dictionary file
ListeningToParents.pdf	NACAC's Final Report

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Variable List by Position

Positio	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
1	State_Abbr	State code	Record Identifier
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier
5	KidsTPR	Children Free for Adoption	Pool of Children
6	YouthIncl	Youth Are Included in KidsWithTPR	Pool of Children
7	Applic_Annual	Annual Adoption Info Requests	Adoption Process
8	Orient_p	Callers Who Go Further in Adopt Process	Adoption Process
9	Foster_p	Become Foster Parents to Adopt	Adoption Process
10	Homestudy_Ann	Annual Adoption Homestudies Completed	Adoption Process
11	Homestudy_p	% Applications That Go to Home Study	Adoption Process
12	Incomplete_p	% Homestudy Then Quit	Adoption Process
13	Placed_Ann	Children Placed Annually	Adoption Process
14	Placed_p	% Placed Children Adoption Only	Adoption Process
15	Finalized_Ann	Adoptions Finalized - Annual	Adoption Process
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19	C_Orient	Contracted Orientation Meetings	Contracted Services
20	C_Application	Contracted Application Process	Contracted Services
21	C_Homestudy	Contracted Home Study	Contracted Services
22	C_Training	Contracted Training	Contracted Services
23	C_Matching	Contracted Matching	Contracted Services
24	C_Placement	Contracted Placement	Contracted Services
25	C_PostSvcs	Contracted Post Adoption Services	Contracted Services
26	PublicStaff	Public Agency Staff (FTE)	Staffing
27	PrivateStaff	Private Agency Staff (FTE)	Staffing
28	Training	Training of Adoptive and Foster Parents	Adoption Process
29	TotalFees	Dollar Amount of Fees Paid	Service With Fee
30	Fee_App	Fee for Application	Service With Fee
31	Fee_Study	Fee for Home Study	Service With Fee
32	Fee_Final	Fee for Adoption Finalization	Service With Fee
33	Fee_Train	Fee for Training	Service With Fee
34	Fee_Other	Fee for Other Service	Service With Fee
35	DescrOther	Description of Other Fee	Service With Fee

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1	State_Abbr State code U.S. Postal Service 2-letter state code	Record Identifier	A2	1-2
2	FIPS State FIPS Code Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for state	Record Identifier	F4	3-6
3	State_Name State	Record Identifier	A20	7-26
4	Year Year <i>2002 only</i>	Record Identifier	F4	27-30
5	KidsTPR Children Free for Adoption Number of children available for adoption (children whose birth parents have relinquished parental rights)	Pool of Children	F8	31-38
6	YouthIncl Youth Are Included in KidsWithTPR Are youth with a permanency goal of independent living/emancipation included in variable KidsWithTPR <i>Value Value Label</i> 0 No 1 Yes 2 Not Known	Pool of Children	F2	39-40
7	Applic_Annual Annual Adoption Info Requests An estimate (extrapolated to annual) of the number of potential adoption applicants who request information about adopting a child from the state's foster care system.	Adoption Process	F8	41-48

<i>Element Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>	
8	Orient_p	Adoption Process	F2	49-50
	Callers Who Go Further in Adopt Process			
	Estimated percent of individuals requesting information who go further with the adoption process, either attending an orientation session or completing an application			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	<25%		
	2	25-50%		
	3	>50 - 75%		
	4	>75%		
	5	NA		
9	Foster_p	Adoption Process	F2	51-52
	Become Foster Parents to Adopt			
	Of these individuals who go forward (variable Orient_p), approximately what percent become foster parents so that they can improve their opportunity to adopt?			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	<25%		
	2	25-50%		
	3	>50-75%		
	4	>75%		
	5	NA		
10	Homestudy_Ann	Adoption Process	F8	53-60
	Annual Adoption Homestudies Completed			
	Estimate of how many adoption homestudies were completed during the past year (includes private agencies under contract with state agency)			
11	Homestudy_p	Adoption Process	F2	61-62
	% Applications That Go to Home Study			
	Of all the individuals who complete an initial adoption application, approximately what percent complete the home study process?			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	<25%		
	2	25-50%		
	3	>50-75%		
	4	>75%		
	5	NA		
12	Incomplete_p	Adoption Process	F2	63-64
	% Homestudy Then Quit			
	Approximate percent of individuals being homestudied who never complete the adoption process			
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
	1	<25%		
	2	25 - 50%		
	3	>50 - 75%		
	4	>75%		
	5	NA		
13	Placed_Ann Children Placed Annually Estimate of the number of children placed annually in pre-adoptive homes by state agency (and private agencies with state contracts)	Adoption Process	F8	65-72
14	Placed_p % Placed Children Adoption Only Estimated % of the children placed annually where the adoptive parents were "adoption only," that is, they were not related to, or the foster parent of, the child placed	Adoption Process	F8	73-80
15	Finalized_Ann Adoptions Finalized - Annual Estimated annual number of children for whom adoptions were finalized	Adoption Process	F8	81-88
16	Finalized_p Percent of Adoptive Placements Finalized Estimated % of the children for whom adoptions were finalized annually where the adoptive parents were "adoption only," that is, they were not related to or the foster parent of the child placed	Adoption Process	F8	89-96
17	Waiting Adoption Applicants Approved and Waiting The number of adoption applicants who have approved home studies who are waiting to be matched with a child in foster care.	Adoption Process	F8	97-104
18	C_Recruit Contracted Recruitment Was the RECRUITMENT component of of the adoption process conducted by private agencies under contract with the state <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 1 None 2 Some 3 Most 4 All	Contracted Services	F2	105-106

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
	5 NA			
19	C_Orient Contracted Orientation Meetings Were ORIENTATION MEETINGS conducted by private agencies under contract with the state	Contracted Services	F2	107-108
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	None		
	2	Some		
	3	Most		
	4	All		
	5	NA		
20	C_Application Contracted Application Process Was the adoption APPLICATION PROCESS conducted by private agencies under contract with the state	Contracted Services	F2	109-110
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	None		
	2	Some		
	3	Most		
	4	All		
	5	NA		
21	C_Homestudy Contracted Home Study Was HOME STUDY conducted by private agencies under contract with the state	Contracted Services	F2	111-112
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	None		
	2	Some		
	3	Most		
	4	All		
	5	NA		
22	C_Training Contracted Training Was TRAINING of potential adoptive parents conducted by private agencies under contract with the state	Contracted Services	F2	113-114
	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value Label</i>		
	1	None		
	2	Some		
	3	Most		
	4	All		
	5	NA		

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23	C_Matching Contracted Matching Was MATCHING of potential adoptive parents with foster care children conducted by private agencies under contract with the state	Contracted Services	F2	115-116												
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26	PublicStaff Public Agency Staff (FTE) Number of full-time equivalent employees (FTE) who work on adoptions for the state	Staffing	F8	121-128												
27	PrivateStaff Private Agency Staff (FTE) Number of full-time equivalent employees (FTE) employed by private agencies that have contracts with the state	Staffing	F8	129-136												

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28	Training Training of Adoptive and Foster Parents Are adoptive parent applicants and foster parent applicants trained together? Do they receive the same training?	Adoption Process	F2	137-138
	<i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i>			
	1 Same Training / Together			
	2 Same Training / Separately			
	3 Different Training / Groups			
	4 Different Training / Individual			
29	TotalFees Dollar Amount of Fees Paid Dollar amount of fees paid, even if the cost may be reimbursed as a non-recurring adoption expense	Service With Fee	F8	139-146
30	Fee_App Fee for Application State charges a fee for the adoption application	Service With Fee	F1	147-147
	<i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i>			
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
31	Fee_Study Fee for Home Study State charges a fee for home study materials	Service With Fee	F1	148-148
	<i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i>			
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
32	Fee_Final Fee for Adoption Finalization State charges a fee for adoption finalization	Service With Fee	F1	149-149
	<i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i>			
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
33	Fee_Train Fee for Training State charges a fee for adoption training	Service With Fee	F1	150-150
	<i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i>			
	0 No			
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34	Fee_Other Fee for Other Service State charges a fee for some other service. <i>Service specified in variable DescrOther</i>	Service With Fee	F1	151-151						
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35	DescrOther Description of Other Fee More detail about the service for which a fee is charged	Service With Fee	A60	152-211						

State Political Environment

STUDY OVERVIEW

Data Source

Governors: Wikipedia, *List of Current United States Governors*, online at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_current_United_States_Governors

State Legislatures: Wikipedia, *List of U.S. State Legislatures* online at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_legislatures

Purpose of the Data

The data contain historic information about the political environment of a state, as indicated by the political party of the governor and the majority party of the upper and lower houses of the state legislature.

Date(s) of Data Collection

Ongoing, current data are for 1980 and 1990 through 2005. Data are not complete for all years.

Geographic Area

The 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico

Unit of Observation

State

FILE INFORMATION

Data File Specifications

<i>File Name</i>	<i>File Structure</i>	<i>Case Count</i>	<i>Variable Count</i>	<i>Records Per Case</i>
StatePolitical.dat	Rectangular	957	11	1

Extent of Collection

<i>File Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
StatePolitical.dat	Column-specified text file containing the data
SAS\StatePolitical SAS import.sas	SAS syntax file for creating SAS dataset from the data file
SAS\StatePolitical SAS formats.sas	SAS syntax file with variable and value labels
SPSS\StatePolitical.sps	SPSS syntax for creating SPSS dataset from the data file
Stata\StatePolitical_Stata.do	Stata syntax file
Stata\StatePolitical_Stata.dct	Stata dictionary file

State Political Environment Variable List by Position

Positio	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
1	State_Abbr	State code	Record Identifier
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier
5	Governor	Party of Governor	Data
6	LH_D	Number of Democrats in Lower House	Data
7	LH_R	Number of Republicans in Lower House	Data
8	LH_Oth	Number of Others in Lower House	Data
9	UH_D	Number of Democrats in Upper House	Data
10	UH_R	Number of Republicans in Upper House	Data
11	UH_Oth	Number of Others in Upper House	Data

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3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
9	UH_D	Number of Democrats in Upper House	Data
11	UH_Oth	Number of Others in Upper House	Data
10	UH_R	Number of Republicans in Upper House	Data

Codebook: State Political Environment

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
1	State_Abbr State code U.S. Postal Service 2-letter state code	Record Identifier	A2	1-2
2	FIPS State FIPS Code Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for state	Record Identifier	F4	3-6
3	State_Name State	Record Identifier	A20	7-26
4	Year Year	Record Identifier	F4	27-30
5	Governor Party of Governor The political party of the state's governor for the majority of the year <i>Value</i> <i>Value Label</i> 1 Republican 2 Democrat 3 Other Party or Independent	Data	F1	31-38
6	LH_D Number of Democrats in Lower House Number of Democrats in the lower house of the state legislature	Data	F4	39-46
7	LH_R Number of Republicans in Lower House Number of Republicans in the lower house of the state legislature	Data	F4	47-54

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
8	LH_Oth Number of Others in Lower House Number of representatives in the lower house of the state legislature who are neither Democrats nor Republicans	Data	F4	55-62
9	UH_D Number of Democrats in Upper House Number of Democrats in the upper house of the state legislature (usually called the State Senate)	Data	F4	63-70
10	UH_R Number of Republicans in Upper House Number of Republicans in the upper house of the state legislature (usually called the State Senate)	Data	F4	71-78
11	UH_Oth Number of Others in Upper House Number of representatives in the upper house of the state legislature who are neither Democrats nor Republicans	Data	F4	79-86

Statistical Abstract of the United States

STUDY OVERVIEW

Data Source

Online source: <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>. Sources of data include the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other Federal agencies and private organizations

Purpose of the Data

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published since 1878, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States.

Date(s) of Data Collection

State-year records exist for years 1980, 1990, 1995, and 1998 through 2005, though not all variables have data for all years.

Geographic Area

The 50 United States and the District of Columbia.

Type of Data Collected

Details about Population, Race, Education, Health Insurance status, State Economy, and Child Protective Services activity.

FILE INFORMATION

Data File Specifications

No.	File Name	File Structure	Case Count	Variable Count	Records Per Case
1	StatAbstract.dat	Rectangular	561	39	1

Extent of Collection

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StatAbstract.dat	Column-specified text file containing the data
SAS\StatAbstract SAS import.sas	SAS syntax file for creating SAS dataset from the data file
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Stata\StatAbstract_Stata.do	Stata syntax file
Stata\StatAbstract_Stata.dct	Stata dictionary file

Statistical Abstract of the U.S.

Variable List by Position

Position	Variable Name	Variable Label	Group
1	State_Abbr	State code	Record Identifier
2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier
5	Population	Resident Population (K)	Data
6	HSGrad_p	% Population with High School Degree	Education
7	HSGrads	Number of High School Graduates (K)	Education
8	CollGrad_p	% Pop with College Degree	Education
9	ElementaryPop	School Enrollment, Elementary (K)	Education
10	HSPop	School Enrollment, Grades 9-12 (K)	Education
11	federalexp	Total Fed Spending in State (\$Million)	Unassigned
12	fedexpdirect	Federal Direct Payments (\$Million)	Unassigned
13	HealthIns_p	% Pop w/o Health Insurance	Health Insurance
14	HealthInsKids_p	% Kids w/o Health Insurance	Health Insurance
15	MedicarePop	Medicare Population in State (K)	Health Insurance
16	MedicaidPop	Medicaid Enrollment (K)	Health Insurance
17	MedicaidPymts	Medicaid Payments (\$Million)	Health Insurance
18	GSP	Current Gross State Product (\$Millions)	State Economy
19	RealGSP	Adj Gross State Product (\$Millions)	State Economy
20	InPoverty_p	Percent of Persons in Poverty	State Economy
21	FamPoverty_p	Percent of Families in Poverty	State Economy
22	Income	Personal Income per Capita (\$)	State Economy
23	RealIncome	Personal Income per Capita (2000\$)	State Economy
24	Unemployed_p	Percent Unemployed	State Economy
25	PopUnder18	Children under 18 in State	Data
26	CPSReports	Child Abuse and Neglect Reports	Data
27	CPSinvestigate	Child Abuse/Neglect Cases Investigated	Data
28	CPSVictims	Child Abuse and Neglect Victims	Data
29	lowbirthwt_p	Percent of Births with Low Birth Weight	Natality
30	teenbirth_p	Percent of Births to Teenage Mothers	Natality
31	UnmarriedBirth_p	Percent of Births to Unmarried Women	Natality
32	White	Population: White Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
33	Black	Population: Black Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
34	Amlnd	Population: American Indian Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
35	Asian	Population: Asian Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
36	Paclslnd	Pop: Hawaiian/Pac Islander Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
37	Multiracial	Population: Multiracial (K)	Race/Ethnicity
38	hispanic	Population: Hispanic or Latino Origin	Race/Ethnicity
39	caucasiannh	Population: Caucasian, Non-Hispanic	Race/Ethnicity

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8	CollGrad_p	% Pop with College Degree	Education
27	CPSinvestigate	Child Abuse/Neglect Cases Investigated	CPS Activity
26	CPSReports	Child Abuse and Neglect Reports	CPS Activity
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9	ElementaryPop	School Enrollment, Elementary (K)	Education
21	FamPoverty_p	Percent of Families in Poverty	State Economy
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2	FIPS	State FIPS Code	Record Identifier
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6	HSGrad_p	% Population with High School Degree	Education
7	HSGrads	Number of High School Graduates (K)	Education
10	HSPop	School Enrollment, Grades 9-12 (K)	Education
22	Income	Personal Income per Capita (\$)	State Economy
20	InPoverty_p	Percent of Persons in Poverty	State Economy
29	lowbirthwt_p	Percent of Births with Low Birth Weight	Unassigned
16	MedicaidPop	Medicaid Enrollment (K)	Health Insurance
17	MedicaidPymts	Medicaid Payments (\$Million)	Health Insurance
15	MedicarePop	Medicare Population in State (K)	Health Insurance
37	Multiracial	Population: Multiracial (K)	Race/Ethnicity
36	Paclsland	Pop: Hawaiian/Pac Islander Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
5	Population	Resident Population (K)	Data
25	PopUnder18	Children under 18 in State	CPS Activity
19	RealGSP	Adj Gross State Product (\$Millions)	State Economy
23	ReallIncome	Personal Income per Capita (2000\$)	State Economy
1	State_Abbr	State code	Record Identifier
3	State_Name	State	Record Identifier
30	teenbirth_p	Percent of Births to Teenage Mothers	Unassigned
24	Unemployed_p	Percent Unemployed	State Economy
31	UnmarriedBirth_p	Percent of Births to Unmarried Women	Unassigned
32	White	Population: White Alone (K)	Race/Ethnicity
4	Year	Year	Record Identifier

Codebook: Statistical Abstract of the U.S.

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1	State_Abbr State code U.S. Postal Service 2-letter state code	Record Identifier	A2	1-2
2	FIPS State FIPS Code Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for state	Record Identifier	F4	3-6
3	State_Name State	Record Identifier	A20	7-26
4	Year Year	Record Identifier	F4	27-30
5	Population Resident Population (K) State resident population on July 1 (in thousands). Non-census years are estimates. www.census.gov/compendia/statab/tables/07s0017.xls	Data	F8.0	31-38
6	HSGrad_p % Population with High School Degree Percent of State Population with a High School Degree	Education	F5.1	39-43
7	HSGrads Number of High School Graduates (K) Public high school graduates resident in state (thousands) <i>Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, annual.</i>	Education	F5.1	44-48
8	CollGrad_p % Pop with College Degree Percent of State Population with a College Degree	Education	F5.1	49-53
9	ElementaryPop School Enrollment, Elementary (K) School Enrollment, Pre-K through Grade 8 (1000s)	Education	F8	54-61
10	HSPop School Enrollment, Grades 9-12 (K) School Enrollment Middle and High School Grades 9-12 (1000s)	Education	F8	62-69

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
11	federalex Total Fed Spending in State (\$Million) Total Federal Expenditures in State (\$ millions)	Unassigned	F8	70-77
12	fedexpdirect Federal Direct Payments (\$Million)	Unassigned	F8	78-85
13	HealthIns_p % Pop w/o Health Insurance Percent of State Population without Health Insurance <i>Source: www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-17.pdf</i>	Health Insurance	F5.1	86-90
14	HealthInsKids_p % Kids w/o Health Insurance Percent of Kids in State without Health Insurance <i>Source: www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-17.pdf</i>	Health Insurance	F5.1	91-95
15	MedicarePop Medicare Population in State (K) State Medicare Enrollment (1000s).	Health Insurance	F6.1	96-101
16	MedicaidPop Medicaid Enrollment (K) State Medicaid enrollment (persons who had payments made on their behalf at any time during the fiscal year) (1000s)	Health Insurance	F6.1	102-107
17	MedicaidPymts Medicaid Payments (\$Million) State Medicaid payments for fiscal year (federal and state hospital share payments)	Health Insurance	F8.1	108-115
18	GSP Current Gross State Product (\$Millions) Gross State Product in millions of current dollars. <i>Source: www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-41.pdf</i>	State Economy	F9	116-124
19	RealGSP Adj Gross State Product (\$Millions) Gross State Product adjusted for inflation (base year 2000) (\$Millions) <i>Source: www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-41.pdf</i>	State Economy	F9	125-133

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
20	InPoverty_p Percent of Persons in Poverty Percentage of individuals in state whose income is below the current poverty threshold during the previous 12 months. <i>For definition of "poverty", see American Community Survey Subject Definitions, page 66 (Subject_Definitions.pdf)</i>	State Economy	F5.1	134-138
21	FamPoverty_p Percent of Families in Poverty Percentage of families in state whose total income is below the current poverty threshold in the past 12 months. <i>For definition of "poverty", see American Community Survey Subject Definitions, page 66 (Subject_Definitions.pdf)</i>	State Economy	F5.1	139-143
22	Income Personal Income per Capita (\$) Personal income per capita in current dollars <i>Source: http://www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-43.pdf</i>	State Economy	F8	144-151
23	RealIncome Personal Income per Capita (2000\$) Personal income per capita in constant (2000) dollars <i>Source: http://www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-43.pdf</i>	State Economy	F8	152-159
24	Unemployed_p Percent Unemployed Percent unemployed of the civilian labor force <i>Source: www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-29.pdf</i>	State Economy	F5.1	160-164
25	PopUnder18 Children under 18 in State State population of children 0 through 17 years old <i>Source: USDHHS, Children's Bureau, Annual Child Maltreatment Report</i>	CPS Activity	F10	165-174
26	CPSReports Child Abuse and Neglect Reports Logged-in referrals to the CPS agency, after screening, of suspected child maltreatment. May include more than one child. <i>Source: USDHHS, Children's Bureau, Annual Child Maltreatment Report</i>	CPS Activity	F10	175-184
27	CPSinvestigate Child Abuse/Neglect Cases Investigated Total number of children who were subject of an investigation or assessment <i>Source: USDHHS, Children's Bureau, Annual Child Maltreatment Report</i>	CPS Activity	F10	185-194

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
28	CPSVictims Child Abuse and Neglect Victims Number of children having a maltreatment disposition of substantiated, indicated, or alternative response victim <i>Source: USDHHS, Children's Bureau, Annual Child Maltreatment Report</i>	CPS Activity	F10	195-204
29	lowbirthwt_p Percent of Births with Low Birth Weight	Unassigned	F5.1	205-209
30	teenbirth_p Percent of Births to Teenage Mothers	Unassigned	F5.1	210-214
31	UnmarriedBirth_p Percent of Births to Unmarried Women <i>Source: National Vital Statistics Reports</i>	Unassigned	F5.1	215-219
32	White Population: White Alone (K) State population with race "White" and no other races (1000s)	Race/Ethnicity	F8	220-227
33	Black Population: Black Alone (K) State population with race "Black or African American" and no other races (1000s)	Race/Ethnicity	F8	228-235
34	AmInd Population: American Indian Alone (K) State population with race "American Indian or Alaska Native" and no other races (1000s)	Race/Ethnicity	F8	236-243
35	Asian Population: Asian Alone (K) State population with race "Asian" and no other races (1000s)	Race/Ethnicity	F8	244-251
36	PacIsland Pop: Hawaiian/Pac Islander Alone (K) State population with race "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander" and no other races (1000s)	Race/Ethnicity	F8	252-259
37	Multiracial Population: Multiracial (K) State population with two or more races (1000s)	Race/Ethnicity	F8	260-267

<i>Element</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Columns</i>
38	hispanic Population: Hispanic or Latino Origin Number with Hispanic or Latino Origin in State	Race/Ethnicity	F8	268-275
39	caucasiannh Population: Caucasian, Non-Hispanic Number of Caucasian, Non-Hispanic Origin in State	Race/Ethnicity	F8	276-283