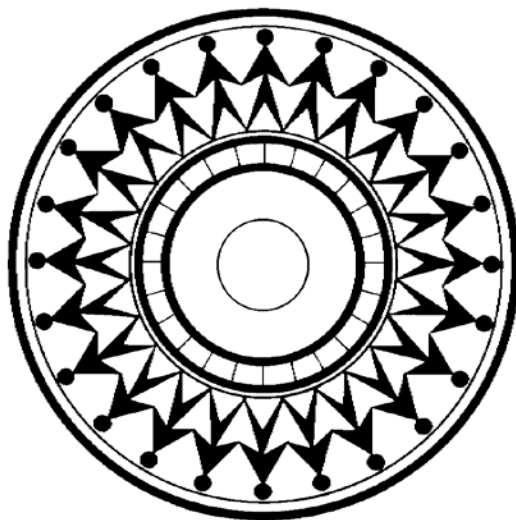


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## PURPOSE OF THE 2009 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2009 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 2009 AFCARS Foster Care dataset, FC2009v4. This document contains:

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2009
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2009 v4files
- a listing of the geographic FIPS codes for counties that had 1000 or more cases in the 2009 v4 foster care dataset
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states

## HISTORY OF STATE FOSTER CARE 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 incomplete. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted data. Please note that a black dot in a cell below does not imply that a state's data file was complete; some state files contained very few records. The number of records in each state's files is contained in the *State Records Counts Table* for the year. 2001 was the first year that all states (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) submitted data. Since then, all states have submitted data each year.

### STATES THAT SUBMITTED FOSTER CARE DATA

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	SINCE 2001
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				•	•	•	•
Montana			•	•	•	•	•
Nebraska					•	•	•
Nevada						•	•



STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	SINCE 2001
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				●	●		●

## 2009 FOSTER CARE 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 records contained in the unduplicated annual 2009 files by state.

### 2009 v4 STATE FOSTER CARE RECORD COUNTS

<b>StFIPS</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>V1</b>	<b>V4</b>
1	Alabama	10,475	9,677
2	Alaska	3,096	2,814
4	Arizona	17,569	16,929
5	Arkansas	7,196	7,574
6	California	109,171	99,798
8	Colorado	14,226	13,584
9	Connecticut	8,322	7,733
10	Delaware	1,723	1,369
11	District of Columbia	2,887	2,814
12	Florida	41,049	35,571
13	Georgia	18,845	15,833
15	Hawaii	3,275	2,889
16	Idaho	3,196	2,898
17	Illinois	23,639	22,956
18	Indiana	20,271	21,161
19	Iowa	12,275	11,251
20	Kansas	10,063	9,306
21	Kentucky	12,762	12,306
22	Louisiana	8,531	8,469
23	Maine	2,843	2,605
24	Maryland	11,044	10,330
25	Massachusetts	16,902	16,326
26	Michigan	29,551	27,906
27	Minnesota	13,536	11,693
28	Mississippi	5,396	5,384
29	Missouri	14,728	12,697
30	Montana	2,724	2,578
31	Nebraska	9,052	8,962
32	Nevada	8,385	7,875
33	New Hampshire	1,582	1,488
34	New Jersey	14,028	13,246
35	New Mexico	4,517	4,174
36	New York	42,831	41,650
37	North Carolina	15,432	14,515
38	North Dakota	2,118	2,114
39	Ohio	24,507	22,305
40	Oklahoma	17,594	15,292
41	Oregon	13,894	13,393

<b>StFIPS</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>V1</b>	<b>V4</b>
42	Pennsylvania	32,210	28,921
44	Rhode Island	4,062	3,716
45	South Carolina	8,854	8,725
46	South Dakota	2,861	2,865
47	Tennessee	13,672	12,937
48	Texas	43,845	40,846
49	Utah	4,738	4,725
50	Vermont	1,913	1,709
51	Virginia	10,159	9,338
53	Washington	17,388	17,433
54	West Virginia	7,540	7,276
55	Wisconsin	12,209	11,716
56	Wyoming	2,270	2,178
72	Puerto Rico	7,615	6,819
<b>Total Records</b>		<b>748,571</b>	<b>698,669</b>

## IDENTIFIED FIPS CODES IN THE 2009 v4 FOSTER CARE FILE

Below is a listing of the geographic Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes for "state subdivisions" (usually counties) included in the dataset. . For counties 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

FIPS	County	N
01073	Jefferson, AL	1,754
02020	Anchorage, AK	1,150
04013	Maricopa, AZ	9,472
04019	Pima, AZ	4,402
05119	Pulaski, AR	1,140
06001	Alameda, CA	3,278
06007	Butte, CA	1,162
06013	Contra Costa, CA	1,863
06019	Fresno, CA	3,724
06029	Kern, CA	3,467
06037	Los Angeles, CA	33,741
06059	Orange, CA	4,355
06065	Riverside, CA	6,615
06067	Sacramento, CA	6,066
06071	San Bernardino, CA	5,425
06073	San Diego, CA	6,927
06075	San Francisco, CA	2,105
06077	San Joaquin, CA	1,961
06085	Santa Clara, CA	2,562
06107	Tulare, CA	1,393
08001	Adams, CO	1,096
08005	Arapahoe, CO	1,223
08031	Denver, CO	3,199
08041	El Paso, CO	1,681
08059	Jefferson, CO	1,215
09003	Hartford, CT	1,915
09009	New Haven, CT	2,360
11001	District of Columbia	2,814
12011	Broward, FL	2,449
12031	Duval, FL	1,927
12057	Hillsborough, FL	3,475
12086	Miami-Dade, FL	3,139
12095	Orange, FL	1,581
12099	Palm Beach, FL	1,975
12103	Pinellas, FL	2,304
12105	Polk, FL	1,410
12127	Volusia, FL	1,143
13089	De Kalb, GA	1,139
13121	Fulton, GA	1,705
15003	Honolulu, HI	1,939

FIPS	County	N
17031	Cook, IL	9,611
17143	Peoria, IL	2,026
17163	St. Clair, IL	1,081
17201	Winnebago, IL	1,273
18003	Allen, IN	1,378
18089	Lake, IN	2,362
18097	Marion, IN	4,865
18141	St. Joseph, IN	1,112
19113	Linn, IA	1,012
19153	Polk, IA	1,522
20173	Sedgwick, KS	1,872
20177	Shawnee, KS	1,197
21067	Fayette, KY	1,014
21111	Jefferson, KY	1,578
24510	Baltimore City, MD	5,778
25005	Bristol, MA	2,053
25009	Essex, MA	1,879
25013	Hampden, MA	2,282
25017	Middlesex, MA	2,516
25025	Suffolk, MA	1,885
25027	Worcester, MA	2,503
26049	Genesee, MI	1,860
26065	Ingham, MI	1,032
26081	Kent, MI	1,372
26099	Macomb, MI	1,821
26125	Oakland, MI	1,832
26163	Wayne, MI	9,596
27053	Hennepin, MN	2,617
27123	Ramsey, MN	1,566
29095	Jackson, MO	1,527
29189	St. Louis, MO	1,196
29510	St. Louis City, MO	1,039
31055	Douglas, NE	3,099
31109	Lancaster, NE	1,714
32003	Clark, NV	5,727
32031	Washoe, NV	1,460
34007	Camden, NJ	1,353
34013	Essex, NJ	2,582
34017	Hudson, NJ	1,080
35001	Bernalillo, NM	1,029

FIPS	County	N
36029	Erie, NY	1,515
36055	Monroe, NY	1,196
36061	New York, NY	25,796
36103	Suffolk, NY	1,296
36119	Westchester, NY	1,224
37119	Mecklenburg, NC	1,384
39035	Cuyahoga, OH	2,800
39049	Franklin, OH	3,982
39061	Hamilton, OH	2,037
39113	Montgomery, OH	1,201
39153	Summit, OH	1,749
40109	Oklahoma, OK	5,325
40143	Tulsa, OK	2,081
41039	Lane, OR	1,602
41047	Marion, OR	1,838
41051	Multnomah, OR	3,128
41067	Washington, OR	1,246
42003	Allegheny, PA	3,484
42011	Berks, PA	1,053
42079	Luzerne, PA	1,100

FIPS	County	N
42101	Philadelphia, PA	8,837
44007	Providence, RI	2,643
45019	Charleston, SC	1,024
45045	Greenville, SC	1,337
45079	Richland, SC	1,167
47157	Shelby, TN	1,812
48029	Bexar, TX	4,532
48113	Dallas, TX	2,960
48201	Harris, TX	7,074
48439	Tarrant, TX	1,998
48453	Travis, TX	1,226
49035	Salt Lake, UT	1,689
53011	Clark, WA	1,120
53033	King, WA	2,834
53053	Pierce, WA	2,423
53061	Snohomish, WA	1,843
53063	Spokane, WA	1,862
53077	Yakima, WA	1,143
55079	Milwaukee, WI	3,952
	<b>N Counties:</b>	<b>119</b>

## 2009 FOSTER CARE STATE FOOTNOTES

States are encouraged, but not required, to provide explanatory footnotes along with their data submissions. 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 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 2009 versions of the foster care data follow, sorted by element number and state. General state footnotes that are not specific to an element or period are given an element number of 00.

**NDACAN strongly recommends that users review the 2009 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Foster Care data.**

Foster Care 2009 version 1: Footnotes		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F00	Georgia	Georgia SHINES implements removal events separately from the in-custody event. Therefore 94 children appear as "drop-ins" indicating that they were in-custody during a previous period yet they were not reported. System design and policy is currently being reviewed to improve this implementation.
F00	Hawaii	AFCARS FOSTER CARE RESUBMISSIONS FOR FFY01 TO FFY04 AND FFY07B ARE BEING RETRANSMITTED TO INCLUDE THE REVISED LOGIC FOR EXTRACTING REMOVAL EPISODES FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL/DETENTION/INCARCERATION AT BEGINNING OF THE DHS PLACEMENT RESPONSIBILITY EPISODE
F00	Hawaii	AFCARS FOSTER CARE DATA IS BEING RETRANSMITTED FOR FFY 1999,2000,2001,2002 TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE MAPPING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL FIELDS. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE MAPPING OF ELEMENTS 31 THROUGH 40 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN ERROR. THIS WAS DUE TO A
F00	Hawaii	THIS WAS DUE TO AN ERROR IN OUR FOSTER CARE EXTRACT PROGRAM THAT INCORRECTLY MAPPED THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL FIELDS IN OUR DATABASE TO THE FIELDS ON THE AFCARS FOSTER CARE EXTRACT RECORD.
F00	Hawaii	THIS CREATED A TOTALLY ERRONEOUS REPORT OF WHAT WERE THE ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD AND AS SUCH WILL SKEW ANY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS THAT MAY BE DONE USING THESE FIELDS.

Foster Care 2009 version 1: Footnotes		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F00	Hawaii	AFCARS FOSTER CARE DATA IS BEING RETRANSMITTED FOR FFY 1999,2000,2001,2002 TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE MAPPING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL FIELDS. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE MAPPING OF ELEMENTS 31 THROUGH 40 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN ERROR.
F00	Hawaii	THESE RETRANSMISSIONS WILL ALSO AFFECT ELEMENTS 18,19,23,24 AND 41 DUE TO A CHANGE TO NO LONGER REPORT ON REMOVALS OR PLACEMENTS OF ONE CALENDAR DAY.
F00	Hawaii	AFCARS FOSTER CARE RESUBMISSIONS FOR FFY01 TO FFY04 AND FFY07B ARE BEING RETRANSMITTED TO INCLUDE THE REVISED LOGIC FOR EXTRACTING REMOVAL EPISODES FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL/DETENTION/INCARCERATION AT BEGINNING OF THE DHS PLACEMENT
F00	Hawaii	RESPONSIBILITY EPISODE AS WELL AS SETTING THE DISHCARGE DATEWHEN THE CHILD IS PLACED WITH A NON-CUSTODIAL LEGAL PARENT.
F00	Michigan	APPROXIMATELY 10% OF THE STATE'S SUBSTITUTE CARE POPULATION INCLUDES CHILDREN IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
F00	Nebraska	APPROXIMATELY 14% OF THE STATE'S SUBSTITUTE CARE POPULATION INCLUDES CHILDREN IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
F00	Ohio	Data submitted 05/15/2009 was solely extracted from Ohio's SACWIS database, with all 88 Public Children Services Agencies implemented. Analysis of said report identified functional & conversion errors which are being addressed.
F00	Ohio	Approximately, 215 records were excluded from Ohio's Rpt Population, based upon the following condition, when the Discharge_Date(E56) and Removed_Date(E21) were equal.
F00	Ohio	Analysis revealed Ohio included 1005 records where the child was >= 19 years of age. Ohio's Rpt. extraction code has been modified to exclude these records.
F00	Pennsylvania	Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 1,752.
F00	Pennsylvania	This Subsequent Foster Care file submission is for the purpose of addressing "dropped cases" for Round Two of the CFSR Data Profile.
F00	Pennsylvania	This Subsequent Foster Care file submission is for the purpose of addressing "dropped cases" and future CFSR data profile analysis.
F00	Utah	DJJS provided the last 117 FC records.
F00	Utah	DJJS provided the last 123 FC records.
F03	Iowa	Adoption workers cover more than one county. Therefore, foster children awaiting adoption appear to be from a limited number of counties.
F03	Nebraska	THE FOLLOWING OFFICES DEAL WITH MORE CASES THAN JUST THOSE IN THEIR COUNTY: ALLIANCE, SIDNEY, NORTH PLATTE, MCCOOK, LEXINGTON, BROKEN BOW, O'NEILL, DAKOTA CITY, COLUMBUS, NORFOLK, SEWARD, NEBRASKA CITY.
F04	Florida	SYSTEM GENERATED AFCARS ID NUMBER IS ENCRYPTED.

Foster Care 2009 version 1: Footnotes		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F04	Iowa	Record numbers are encrypted in data submission.
F04	Nebraska	RECORD NUMBERS IN DATA SET ARE ENCRYPTED STATE IDENTIFIERS.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001325202288 was reported as 001625267222 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 004828207268 was reported as 008527227265 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	The child reported as Record Number 004523296276 in the 9A period is not being reported in the 9B period since the child was removed less than 24 hours.
F04	Oklahoma	The child reported as Record Number 001628250259 in the 9A period is not being reported in the 9B period since he/she is the child of a minor parent and is currently placed with the minor parent.
F04	Oklahoma	The child reported as Record Number 005522256277 in the 9A period is not being reported in the 9B period since he/she is the child of a minor parent and is currently placed with the minor parent.
F04	Oklahoma	The child reported as Record Number 006725256222 in the 9A period is not being reported in the 9B period since he/she is the child of a minor parent and is currently placed with the minor parent.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 005123260260 was reported in error. At this time the only placement for this child in Trial Home Visit and the child should be part of the AFCARS population.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 004828237268 was reported as 008527207265 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 004821277268 was reported as 005725287212 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009727237264 was reported as 000323247214 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 002824234276 was reported as 008525224245 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 008227214276 was reported as 007429284200 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.



Foster Care 2009 version 1: Footnotes		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 002320284289 was reported as 000022284219 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005923237266 was reported as 007027214213 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009721274274 was reported as 008926234255 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006422284237 was reported as 007623250275 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009823200203 was reported as 007529290201 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005324210273 was reported as 008025250267 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001328237232 was reported as 005922236278 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 008225284251 was reported as 001822286278 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009128206276 was reported as 003129216275 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006626262277 was reported as 001320226276 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 004422290297 was reported as 000326250219 in the 09A period, due to Client Merge.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006923266242 was reported as 000326280219 in the 09A period. This client was improperly merged and the original id no longer exists.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 003721212294 was reported in error. Child was never removed.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 003126244240 was reported in error. Child was never removed.

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<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 008426200213 was reported in error. Child was never removed.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 008426210213 was reported in error. Child was never removed.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 003922292234 was reported under the original bio id Child was removed from the Adoptive parents. The correct id is 009425216244.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 003922282234 was reported under the original bio id Child was removed from the Adoptive parents. The correct id is 009425286244.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 005229257208 was reported under the original bio id Child was removed from the Adoptive parents. The correct id is 009425296244.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 008827267261 was reported under the original bio id Child was removed from the Adoptive parents. The correct id is 009127216245.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 001225284229 was reported under the original bio id Child was removed from the Adoptive parents. The correct id is 001624264211.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 005525270221 was reported in error. At this time the only placement for this child in Trial Home Visit and the child should be part of the AFCARS population.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 9A period, the removal reported for Record Number 005123200260 was reported in error. At this time the only placement for this child in Trial Home Visit and the child should be part of the AFCARS population.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were approximately 575 record number changes from the previous report period to the 2009/09 report period.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were approximately 25 additional dropped records from the previous report period to the 2009/09 report period.
F04	Washington	Washington State began information system conversion four months into the 2009a AFCARS reporting period, therefore, the population reported represents an estimated 92% of children in care.
F04	Washington	Washington State began information system conversion four months into the 2009a AFCARS reporting period, therefore, the population reported represents an estimated 95% of children in care.
F05	Florida	EXCLUDES CHILDREN WHOSE MOST RECENT REVIEW IS AFTER THEIR DISCHARGE DATE.
F05	Florida	THIS REPORT MAY NOT INCLUDE DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS THAT MAY ALSO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A JUDICIAL REVIEW.

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F05	Iowa	Iowa Citizen Foster Care Review Board Reviews, Court Reviews, and DHS Administrative Reviews are shown in element 5.
F05	Nebraska	ANOTHER STATE AGENCY, FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD, IS MANDATED BY STATE LAW TO CONDUCT THE PERIODIC REVIEW ON ALL CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT FOR 6 MONTHS OR GREATER.
F05	Washington	Last review recorded is out of 7-month range. An exception to the worker is generated when there is no review documented within the last seven months from the report period end or within 7 months of discharge.
F06	Iowa	A date of birth is required. We do not estimate date of birth.
F06	Michigan	CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS 18 YEARS OR OLDER ARE STILL WARDS OF THE STATE AND ARE CONSIDERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN.
F06	Nebraska	ESTIMATED BIRTH DATE IS JANUARY 1 OF THE ESTIMATED YEAR.??
F06	Nevada	Cleanup effort in place so that children 18 or older who are not in school are not reported.
F08	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER.
F10	Iowa	A clinical diagnosis is required by a qualified professional.
F10	Nebraska	CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS IS REQUIRED.
F10	Washington	Previously reported only for children with an identified disability. æNoÆ and those not reported were both mapped as ænot reportedÆ. This has been corrected in WashingtonÆs new SACWIS system. This data will continue to improve. Pre-SACWIS s
F11	Washington	Previously reported only for children with an identified disability. æNoÆ and those not reported were both mapped as ænot reportedÆ. This has been corrected in WashingtonÆs new SACWIS system. This data will continue to improve. Pre-SACWIS s
F12	Washington	Previously reported only for children with an identified disability. æNoÆ and those not reported were both mapped as ænot reportedÆ. This has been corrected in WashingtonÆs new SACWIS system. This data will continue to improve. Pre-SACWIS s
F13	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WHO ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND/OR NEEDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR WHEELCHAIR.
F13	Washington	Previously reported only for children with an identified disability. æNoÆ and those not reported were both mapped as ænot reportedÆ. This has been corrected in WashingtonÆs new SACWIS system. This data will continue to improve. Pre-SACWIS s
F14	Iowa	DSM III diagnostic criteria is used in this data element.
F14	Washington	Previously reported only for children with an identified disability. æNoÆ and those not reported were both mapped as ænot reportedÆ. This has been corrected in WashingtonÆs new SACWIS system. This data will continue to improve. Pre-SACWIS s

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F15	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND/OR IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
F15	Washington	Previously reported only for children with an identified disability. æNoÆ and those not reported were both mapped as ænot reportedÆ. This has been corrected in WashingtonÆs new SACWIS system. This data will continue to improve. Pre-SACWIS s
F16	Nebraska	DATE WILL BE KNOWN IF DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ADOPTION.
F17	Nebraska	AGE WILL BE KNOWN IF DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ADOPTION.
F18	Hawaii	SOME OF THESE WERE NOT ACTUAL REMOVALS BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN 24 HOURS LONG BUT SPANNED TWO CALENDAR DAYS.
F19	Hawaii	WE ARE NO LONGER REPORTING ONE CALENDAR DAY EPISODES.
F19	Hawaii	SOME OF THESE SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS PRIOR REMOVALS BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN 24 HOURS LONG BUT SPANNED TWO CALENDAR DAYS.
F19	Iowa	For every foster care service with an exit date and 1)exit reason of return home or 2)exit reason of transfer custody to other parent, or 3) an exit reason of placement with a suitable person, counts as one removal.
F19	Nebraska	STATE DID NOT MANDATE THAT HISTORICAL DATA BE CONVERTED. IF A REMOVAL OCCURRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1998, IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE NEW SYSTEM.
F19	Washington	3.2% records counting 0 removals. This reflects a childÆs removal with a temporary event other than on-run. The current afcars logic does not increase the count by 1 when a childÆs first placement event is a temporary event other than on-r
F20	Florida	DUE TO CONVERSION TO NEW SYSTEM SOME OF THESE ELEMENTS WILL BE BLANK
F22	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACITON DATE FOR LATEST REMOVAL FROM HOME.
F23	Hawaii	PLACEMENT DATES MAY VARY FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS WE ARE NO LONGER REPORTING ON ONE CALENDAR PLACEMENTS. RUNAWAY WILL NOW BE REPORTED AS THE DATE THE CHILD RAN AWAY.
F24	Florida	SOME RECORDS SHOW NO PLACEMENT BECAUSE THEIR INITIAL AND ONLY PLACEMENT IS A HOSPITAL, DJJ FACILITY, OR RUNAWAY.
F24	Florida	FLORIDA DOES NOT EXCLUDE PLACEMENTS OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS DURATION FROM PLACEMENT COUNT UNLESS PLACEMENT TYPE WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNT.
F24	Hawaii	WE ARE NO LONGER REPORTING ONE CALENDAR DAY PLACEMENTS
F24	Hawaii	SOME OF THESE SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS PLACEMENT SETTINGS BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN 24 HOURS LONG BUT SPANNED TWO CALENDAR DAYS.

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F24	Iowa	Data reflects same day in/out placements, emergency placements respite, day treatment and other short term placements.
F24	Nebraska	STATE DID NOT MANDATE THAT HISTORICAL DATA BE CONVERTED. IF PLACEMENTS OCCURRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1998, IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE NEW SYSTEM.
F25	Washington	Data for this element was not accurately obtained from the pre-SACWIS system resulting in 100% failing. Washington's new SACWIS requires this data to be recorded on the removal record.
F26	Iowa	Iowa defines physical abuse as damage to any bodily tissue that must undergo a healing process or results in death.
F27	Iowa	Iowa defines sexual abuse as commission of sexual offenses with or to a child as a result of acts or omissions of a caretaker.
F28	Iowa	Failure of caretaker to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing or other care necessary for child's health & welfare when financially able: health/mental health care, emotional needs, proper supervision & response to infant's survival.
F31	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM (ELEMENT 34).
F32	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY RELINQUISHMENT (ELEMENT 39).
F33	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY INADEQUATE HOUSING (ELEMENT 40).
F34	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY DEATH OF PARENT (ELEMENT 35).
F35	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY INCARCERATION OF PARENT (ELEMENT 36).
F36	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CARETAKER INABILITY TO COPE (ELEMENT 37).
F37	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD ALCOHOL ABUSE (ELEMENT 31).
F38	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD DRUG ABUSE (ELEMENT 32).
F38	Hawaii	WAS CONFIRMED. CASE #73348 CLIENT #87463
F39	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD DISABILITY (ELEMENT

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		33).
F40	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY ABANDONMENT (ELEMENT 38).
F41	Florida	TRIAL HOME VISITS ARE NOT CAPTURED.
F41	Hawaii	HAWAII IS NO LONGER REPORTING TRIAL HOME VISITS BECAUSE HAWAII'S CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT HRS 587 DOES NOT ALLOW TRIAL HOME VISITS UP TO 6 MONTHS AS IS ALLOWED FOR AFCARS.
F41	Iowa	Juvenile Justice population is included. Categories include: foster family, group care, relative, independent living; psychiatric medical institution for children, shelter, structured juvenile program, & medical institution.
F41	Nebraska	SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING INCLUDES BOARDING HOMES, DOMICILLIARY FACILITIES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SITUATIONS.
F41	Nebraska	GROUP HOME INCLUDES GROUP HOMES FOR CHILDREN, TREATMENT GROUP HOMES, EMERGENCY SHELTER CENTERS, AND GROUP HOME FOR ADULTS.
F41	Nebraska	INSTITUTION INCLUDES CENTRES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES, MEDICAL HOSPITALS, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, JAILS, YOUTH LOCKED FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES, AND SCHOOLS.
F41	Nebraska	APPROVED OR UNLICENSED RELATIVE HOMES ARE INCLUDED IN RELATIVE FOSTER HOMES.
F43	Nebraska	REUNIFY WITH PARENT OR PRINCIPAL CARETAKER INCLUDES CASE PLAN GOALS OF FAMILY PRESERVATION AND REUNIFICATION.
F43	Nebraska	EMANCIPATION INCLUDES CASE PLAN GOALS OF INDEPENDENT LIVING AND SELF SUFFICIENCY.
F43	Nebraska	STATE POLICY DOES NOT DEFINE "LIVE WITH OTHER RELATIVES" AS A CASE PLAN GOAL.
F43	Washington	Post go live changes to design in new SACWIS system required users to document this data differently resulting in a decline in compliance. Corrections to current afcar mapping logic combine with user training will improve this element.
F44	Washington	Conversion to new SACWIS system did not populate this data on an estimated 8,000 converted Legally Free cases. Collection of this data on newly created Legally Free cases will not have this problem and the data will improve for this element
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F45	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
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F47	Georgia	Fourteen children who finalized to adoption, had an improperly documented TPR in SHINES. This is a training and conversion issue and does not indicate that the TPR did not occur.
F49	Georgia	Analysis of the file indicates that case managers have been confused about the correct protocol for entering foster caretaker detailed information in the new system. This error will be corrected by a combination of data corrections, additional training,
F49	Georgia	Twenty Children who finalized to adoption had an improperly documented TPR in SHINES. This is a training and conversion issue and does not indicate that the TPR did not occur.
F49	Georgia	date of birth, and race information. 1084 records show no family structure on relative placements.
F49	Georgia	Additionally, presently functionality is being designed to capture relative family structure,
F52	Georgia	Inconsistencies exist for over 300 Records missing bits. A correction is currently being implemented for future submissions.
F52	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
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F54	Georgia	Over 2000 Records were affected due to foster family structure being coded as single.

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F54	Georgia	Inconsistencies exist for over 300 Records missing bits. A correction is currently being implemented for future submissions.
F56	Washington	Washington is unable to accurately determine discharges from care due to conversion to new SACWIS system. The 2009a submission is missing an estimated 1200 exit counts.
F57	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACTION DATE FOR DISCHARGE FROM FOSTER CARE.
F58	Hawaii	BABY (B.D. 4/10/04) DIED IN THE HOSPITAL ON 4/14/04. BABY DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES. BABY WAS UNDER DHS FOSTER CUSTODY. BABY WAS BORN DRUG EXPOSED. CASE #67409, CLIENT_287264
F58	Iowa	Placement with a suitable person includes placement with a relative, guardian or other suitable person. Iowa does not use emancipation. Clients coded as such have aged out of the system.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 72 number and 87.80 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 38 number and 84.44 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 37 number and 86.04 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 5. Caused by: accident (2); natural causes (3).
F58	Washington	Washington is unable to accurately determine discharges from care due to conversion to new SACWIS system. The 2009a submission is missing an estimated 1200 exit counts. The distribution by discharge type is incorrectly reported for both re
F58	Washington	As a result of dropped cases in Washington's 2009b submission, counts for discharges to emancipation are 67% lower than expected.
F59	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-E ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD. IF THE PLACEMENT IS NOT ELIGIBLE, PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE IV-E."
F59	Florida	DATA NOT AVAILABLE DURING CONVERSION TO NEW DATA SYSTEM.
F60	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-E ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
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F61	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-A ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
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F62	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-D ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F62	Florida	DATA NOT AVAILABLE DURING CONVERSION TO NEW DATA SYSTEM.
F62	Nebraska	TITLE IV-D INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE.
F63	Florida	DATA NOT AVAILABLE DURING CONVERSION TO NEW DATA SYSTEM.
F63	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON TITLE XIX ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F64	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON SSI ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F64	Florida	DATA NOT AVAILABLE DURING CONVERSION TO NEW DATA SYSTEM.



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F65	Florida	DATA NOT AVAILABLE DURING CONVERSTION TO NEW DATA SYSTEM.
F65	Oklahoma	38 were documented with No Income;
F65	Oklahoma	189 children were forced to 1. Of these:
F65	Oklahoma	18 were in care less than 30 days;
F65	Oklahoma	0 are IV-E Eligible but no payment was made and Element 59 was set to 0;
F65	Oklahoma	63 were made IV-E Ineligible by KIDS when the removal ended because the child did not have a compensable placement;
F65	Oklahoma	70 had no other documentation.
F66	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) AND SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
F66	Florida	MOST RECENT MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID FOR MAINTENANCE ONLY.
F66	Georgia	Conversion of payment system is underway. Less than 10% of counties are not reporting payments of SHINES.
F66	Iowa	The receipt of IVD payments is recorded here, however they are not included in the total, since they are applied to the State of Iowa's general fund, not to the child's individual case.