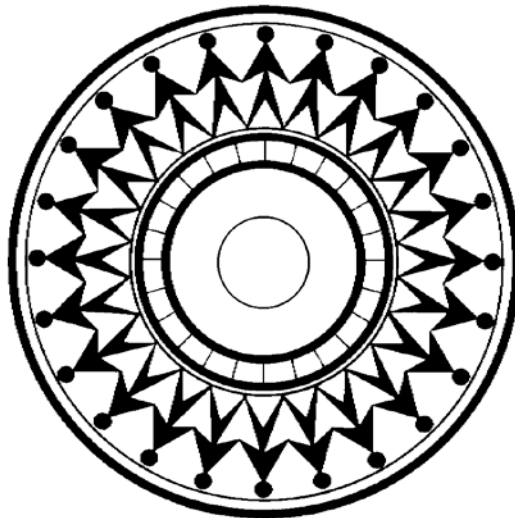


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PREFACE

The year 2000 data for the *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)* have been given to the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect for public distribution by the Children's Bureau. Funding for the project was provided by the Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This user's guide supplement contains details about the AFCARS Adoption data for the year 2000, and should not be used for details of earlier releases.

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In accordance with the *Terms of Use Agreement* for these datasets, users of these data are required to deposit a copy of any published work or report based wholly or in part on these data with NDACAN. A copy of any completed manuscript, thesis abstract, or reprint should be sent to the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, Cornell University, Family Life Development Center, Beebe Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853. Such copies will be used to provide funding agencies with essential information about the use of NDACAN resources and to facilitate the exchange of information about research activities among data users and contributors.

PURPOSE OF THE 2000 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2000* 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 2000 AFCARS ***Adoption*** dataset, *Ad2000v5*. This document contains

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2000
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2000 files
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states

PART 2

AFCARS
ADOPTION DATABASE

HISTORY OF STATE ADOPTION SUBMISSIONS TO AFCARS

By AFCARS regulation, states were required to submit AFCARS data beginning in 1995; it was not until 1998, however, that penalties established by the same regulation became applicable. Data submitted prior to 1998 were often incomplete. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted adoption data. Please note that a black dot in a cell 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. 1999 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 ADOPTION DATA

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999+
Alabama				•	•
Alaska				•	•
Arizona	•	•	•		•
Arkansas	•	•	•	•	•
California	•	•	•	•	•
Colorado	•	•	•	•	•
Connecticut			•	•	•
Delaware	•	•	•	•	•
District of Columbia	•	•	•	•	•
Florida	•	•	•	•	•
Georgia	•	•	•	•	•
Hawaii		•	•	•	•
Idaho	•	•	•	•	•
Illinois	•	•	•	•	•
Indiana	•	•	•	•	•
Iowa	•	•	•	•	•
Kansas			•	•	•
Kentucky	•	•	•	•	•
Louisiana		•	•	•	•
Maine	•	•	•	•	•
Maryland	•	•	•	•	•
Massachusetts	•	•	•	•	•
Michigan				•	•
Minnesota	•	•	•	•	•
Mississippi	•	•	•	•	•
Missouri				•	•
Montana		•	•	•	•
Nebraska		•	•		•
Nevada			•		•
New Hampshire				•	•

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999+
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		●	●	●	●

2000 ADOPTION 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 2000 files by state. Counts that differ from the previous version are highlighted.

FIPS	State	Records				
		v1	v2	v3	v4a	v5
01	Alabama	202	202	202	202	202
02	Alaska	202	202	202	202	202
04	Arizona	853	853	853	853	853
05	Arkansas	325	325	325	325	325
06	California	8,693	8,764	8,781	8,818	8,188
08	Colorado	691	691	698	711	689
09	Connecticut	499	499	499	0	419
10	Delaware	103	103	103	103	103
11	District of Columbia	319	319	319	319	319
12	Florida	1,609	1,629	1,629	1,629	1,605
13	Georgia	1,057	1,080	1,085	1,091	1,032
15	Hawaii	280	280	280	280	280
16	Idaho	140	140	140	140	140
17	Illinois	5,668	5,664	5,664	5,664	5,673
18	Indiana	1,147	1,147	1,147	1,160	1,147
19	Iowa	735	729	729	729	728
20	Kansas	469	468	468	468	468
21	Kentucky	395	398	396	398	391
22	Louisiana	476	476	476	476	476
23	Maine	411	379	379	379	380
24	Maryland	537	548	549	552	527
25	Massachusetts	861	861	861	861	861
26	Michigan	2,803	2,804	2,804	2,804	2,800
27	Minnesota	614	614	614	614	614
28	Mississippi	288	288	288	288	288
29	Missouri	1,265	1,265	1,265	1,265	1,265
30	Montana	236	238	238	238	235
31	Nebraska	300	293	293	293	297
32	Nevada	231	231	231	231	231
33	New Hampshire	96	97	97	97	97
34	New Jersey	837	832	832	832	827

FIPS	State	Records				
		v1	v2	v3	v4a	v5
35	New Mexico	347	347	347	347	347
36	New York	4,234	4,234	4,234	4,234	4,234
37	North Carolina	1,337	1,337	1,337	1,337	1,337
38	North Dakota	105	105	108	108	108
39	Ohio	2,044	2,044	2,044	2,044	2,044
40	Oklahoma	1,062	1,067	1,073	1,096	1,042
41	Oregon	831	831	831	831	831
42	Pennsylvania	1,712	1,712	1,712	1,712	1,690
44	Rhode Island	260	260	260	260	260
45	South Carolina	378	378	378	378	378
46	South Dakota	94	94	94	94	94
47	Tennessee	431	431	431	431	431
48	Texas	2,029	2,040	2,045	2,045	2,078
49	Utah	303	303	303	303	302
50	Vermont	122	122	117	117	119
51	Virginia	448	448	448	448	448
53	Washington	1,141	1,141	1,141	1,141	1,141
54	West Virginia	352	352	352	352	352
55	Wisconsin	736	736	736	736	736
56	Wyoming	61	61	61	61	57
72	Puerto Rico	231	260	428	454	164
		50,600	50,722	50,927	50,551	49,855

2000 ADOPTION 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 Adoption system
- characteristics of the population, including whether certain types of placements are included
- state definitions that differ from federal AFCARS definitions.

Footnotes for the 2000 versions of the Adoption 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 2000 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Adoption data.

Foster Care Footnotes - 2000			
Element	State	Note	
F00	Florida	Records have been selected for extraction based on actual dates in care.	
F00	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; data entry in this structure is not yet complete for all records reported this period.	
F00	Florida	Records in this submission represent a transition from reporting methods used in prior periods to those that will be used under Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System. Data are not directly comparable to any other period.	
F00	Florida	Some relative placement records are selected based on their living arrangement at the date of extract since history is not available; these values could vary from those during the reporting period.	
F00	Nebraska	Approximately 14% of the state's substitute care population includes children in the juvenile justice system.	
F00	Nebraska	Legal Status	Counts
F00	Nebraska	HHS Ward	5977
F00	Nebraska	Voluntary Placement Agreement	114
F00	Nebraska	Police Hold	254
F00	Nebraska	Direct Relinquishment	5
F00	Nebraska	Juvenile Court Ward	11
F00	Nebraska	Tribal Court Custody	150
F00	Nebraska	HHS-OJS Ward	1182
F00	Nebraska	Total	7693
F03	Florida	Where the service area includes multiple counties, the child's residence county is used if among the counties served, else the home office county is	

Foster Care Footnotes - 2000		
Element	State	Note
		used.
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	A sequential number is created and stored in the state database for the child.
F04	Nebraska	Record numbers in dataset are encrypted state identifiers.
F05	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
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.
F06	Nebraska	Estimated birth date is January 1 of the estimated year.
F08	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F08	Nebraska	"Unable to determine" includes persons with race indicated as "other."
F09	Florida	Effective January 17, 1996, Florida began capturing ethnicity for subjects of new abuse reports. This data is not yet available for all children in care.
F09	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F10	Florida	Entry in state diagnosis fields is optional and does not necessarily mean there has not been a diagnosis; therefore no entry is coded as missing (blank).
F10	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F10	Nebraska	Clinical diagnosis is required.
F11	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F12	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F13	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F13	Nebraska	Includes children who are medically fragile and/or needing medical equipment and/or wheelchair.

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Element	State	Note
F14	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F15	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F15	Florida	Also may be based on state code for other developmental disability.
F15	Nebraska	Includes children with attention deficit disorder and/or in infectious diseases.
F16	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F16	Nebraska	Date will be known if department has been involved with the adoption.
F17	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F17	Nebraska	Age will be known if department has been involved with the adoption.
F18	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F19	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
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.
F20	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F21	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F22	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F22	Nebraska	State has capacity to generate the transacion date for latest removal from home.
F23	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.

Foster Care Footnotes - 2000		
Element	State	Note
F24	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F24	Nebraska	State did not mandate that historical data be converted. If placements occurred prior to December 1998, they may not have been recorded in the new system.
F25	Texas	The State of Texas only deals with court ordered placements. All records will be set to 2 for "court ordered" as the manner of removal for the current placement episode.
F26	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F27	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F28	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F28	Florida	May include state code for mental injury.
F29	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F30	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F31	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F32	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F33	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F34	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F34	Florida	May include state codes for runaway, truancy and beyond control.
F35	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in

Foster Care Footnotes - 2000		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
		that structure.
F36	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F37	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F37	Florida	May include state code for other dependency; other dependency includes parent deceased or incarcerated which cannot be separated under F35 and F36.
F38	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F39	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F40	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F41	Florida	Trial home visits are not captured.
F41	Florida	Delinquency, alcohol, drug abuse and mental health residential programs are coded as institutions because the majority would meet that definition although a few would qualify as group homes; hospitals are coded as institutions.
F41	Nebraska	Group home includes group homes for children, treatment group homes, emergency shelter centers, and group homes for adults.
F41	Nebraska	Institution includes centers 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.
F41	Nebraska	Supervised independent living includes boarding homes, domicilliary facilities and independent living situations.
F42	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F43	Florida	State code for custody on a permanent basis to a foster parent is coded as long term foster care; relative and non-relative care (short-term) and guardianship cannot be distinguished from reunification.
F43	Nebraska	State policy does not define "live with other relatives" as a case plan goal.

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Element	State	Note
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.
F44	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F45	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F46	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F52	California	Used "unable to determine" for race of Hispanic or Mexican or Central American or South American and "yes" for Hispanic origin code
F52	Nebraska	"Unable to determine" includes persons with race indicated as "other."
F53	Nebraska	"Unable to determine" includes persons with race indicated as "other."
F54	California	Used "unable to determine" for race of Hispanic or Mexican or Central American or South American and "yes" for Hispanic origin code
F56	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F57	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F57	Nebraska	State has capacity to generate the transaction date for discharge from foster care.
F57	Texas	Legal Status error - an interface with the courts required additional data in legal status records. The code change caused a timeliness error. Once identified, corrective action was started. Please consider when accessing possible penalties
F58	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F58	Florida	For some cases, placement with legal guardian (not a relative) cannot be distinguished from reunification with parents.
F58	Florida	Transfer to another agency may include juvenile justice, adult corrections, other department programs (not child welfare), private agencies and closure of interstate cases.
F59	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.

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Element	State	Note
F59	Florida	This field is coded based on Title IV-E eligibility of the child; if the placement is not eligible, payments will not be Title IV-E.
F60	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F60	Florida	This field is coded based on Title IV-E eligibility of the child; if the placement is not eligible, payments will not be Title IV-E.
F61	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F62	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F62	Texas	Title IV-D information is currently not available.
F63	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based totally on data contained in that structure.
F64	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F64	Florida	This field is coded based on SSI eligibility of the child.
F65	Florida	In march 2000, Florida implemented changes to its legacy systems to capture some of the additional data required to meet AFCARS requirements; this element is reported based partially on data contained in that structure.
F66	Florida	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchering system (cwvs) and the client information system (cis) with the same client identification number.
F66	Idaho	Most recent monthly amount paid for maintenance only.