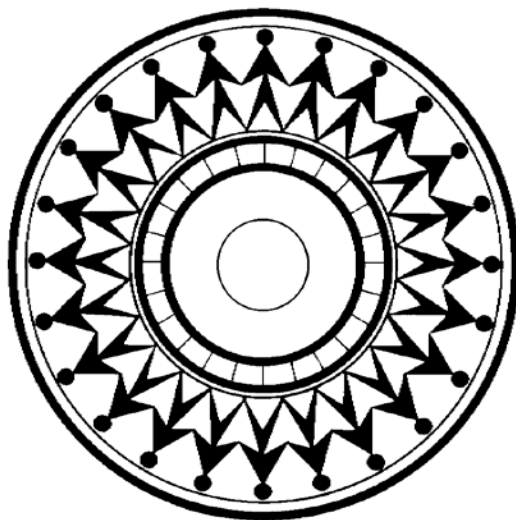


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PREFACE

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PURPOSE OF THE 2005 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2005 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 2005 AFCARS Foster Care dataset, FC2005v5. This document contains:

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2005
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2005 v5files
- a listing of the geographic FIPS codes for counties that had 1000 or more cases in the 2005 v5 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				●	●		●

2005 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 2005 files by state.

2005 STATE FOSTER CARE RECORD COUNTS: VERSIONS

FIPS	State	v1	v2	v3	v4a	v5
1	Alabama	10,338	10,338	10,338	10,338	10,338
2	Alaska	2,581	2,579	2,407	2,407	2,407
4	Arizona	16,043	16,043	16,043	16,043	16,043
5	Arkansas	6,633	6,610	6,610	6,610	6,610
6	California	123,763	120,971	120,971	120,971	120,971
8	Colorado	15,395	15,395	15,395	15,395	15,395
9	Connecticut	8,936	8,936	9,444	0	9,460
10	Delaware	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643
11	District of Columbia	3,555	3,568	3,568	3,568	3,568
12	Florida	49,851	49,851	49,851	49,851	49,851
13	Georgia	25,029	25,029	25,029	25,029	25,029
15	Hawaii	4,802	4,762	4,763	4,763	4,763
16	Idaho	3,227	3,227	3,227	3,227	3,227
17	Illinois	25,537	25,537	25,656	25,656	25,656
18	Indiana	17,430	17,411	17,411	17,411	17,411
19	Iowa	11,519	11,519	11,519	11,519	11,519
20	Kansas	8,775	8,775	8,773	8,773	8,773
21	Kentucky	12,784	12,714	12,714	12,714	12,714
22	Louisiana	7,595	7,595	7,595	7,595	7,595
23	Maine	3,300	3,300	3,333	3,333	3,333
24	Maryland	13,546	13,546	13,546	13,546	13,546
25	Massachusetts	18,526	18,526	18,526	18,526	18,526
26	Michigan	30,047	30,047	30,047	30,047	30,047
27	Minnesota	14,286	14,286	14,325	14,325	14,325
28	Mississippi	4,928	4,928	4,928	4,928	4,928
29	Missouri	17,646	17,646	17,646	17,646	17,646
30	Montana	3,371	3,371	3,371	3,371	3,371
31	Nebraska	9,655	9,656	9,656	9,656	9,656
32	Nevada	7,854	7,687	7,720	7,720	7,720
33	New Hampshire	1,727	1,727	1,727	1,727	1,727
34	New Jersey	19,669	18,265	18,230	18,230	18,230
35	New Mexico	4,355	4,355	4,355	4,355	4,355
36	New York	45,131	45,125	45,125	45,125	45,125
37	North Carolina	16,180	16,180	16,180	16,180	16,180
38	North Dakota	2,275	2,281	2,281	2,281	2,281
39	Ohio	29,643	29,647	29,647	29,647	29,647
40	Oklahoma	17,414	17,414	17,415	17,415	17,415
41	Oregon	16,040	16,039	16,039	16,039	16,039

FIPS	State	v1	v2	v3	v4a	v5
42	Pennsylvania	35,273	35,273	35,273	35,273	35,273
72	Puerto Rico	8,535	8,535	8,535	8,535	8,535
44	Rhode Island	3,867	3,867	3,867	3,867	3,867
45	South Carolina	7,828	7,828	7,828	7,828	7,828
46	South Dakota	2,884	2,884	2,884	2,884	2,884
47	Tennessee	15,438	15,438	15,438	15,438	15,438
48	Texas	41,043	41,043	41,043	41,043	41,043
49	Utah	4,269	4,269	4,269	4,269	4,269
50	Vermont	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150
51	Virginia	10,439	10,439	10,439	10,439	10,439
53	Washington	16,192	16,192	16,192	16,192	16,192
54	West Virginia	6,116	6,779	7,112	7,112	7,112
55	Wisconsin	13,863	13,863	13,527	13,527	13,527
56	Wyoming	2,274	2,314	2,314	2,281	2,281
Total Records		801,200	797,403	797,925	788,448	797,908

IDENTIFIED FIPS CODES IN THE 2005 v5 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.

FIPS5	County	Records
01073	Jefferson, AL	2,143
01097	Mobile, AL	1,039
04013	Maricopa, AZ	8,436
04019	Pima, AZ	3,981
05119	Pulaski, AR	1,040
06001	Alameda, CA	4,262
06007	Butte, CA	1,191
06013	Contra Costa, CA	2,476
06019	Fresno, CA	4,425
06029	Kern, CA	4,094
06037	Los Angeles, CA	40,773
06059	Orange, CA	4,662
06065	Riverside, CA	8,266
06067	Sacramento, CA	6,831
06071	San Bernardino, CA	7,762
06073	San Diego, CA	8,251
06075	San Francisco, CA	2,653
06077	San Joaquin, CA	2,628
06085	Santa Clara, CA	3,529
06089	Shasta, CA	1,013
06107	Tulare, CA	2,131
08001	Adams, CO	1,531
08005	Arapahoe, CO	1,383
08031	Denver, CO	2,731
08041	El Paso, CO	1,824
08059	Jefferson, CO	1,455
08101	Pueblo, CO	1,154
09001	Fairfield, CT	1,424
09003	Hartford, CT	2,345
09009	New Haven, CT	2,655
10003	New Castle, DE	1,026
11001	District of Columbia	3,568
12009	Brevard, FL	1,347
12011	Broward, FL	3,031
12031	Duval, FL	3,519
12033	Escambia, FL	1,193

FIPS5	County	Records
12057	Hillsborough, FL	5,140
12069	Lake, FL	1,011
12083	Marion, FL	1,437
12086	Miami-Dade, FL	4,932
12095	Orange, FL	2,020
12099	Palm Beach, FL	2,180
12101	Pasco, FL	1,343
12103	Pinellas, FL	3,188
12105	Polk, FL	2,700
12127	Volusia, FL	1,651
13089	De Kalb, GA	1,624
13121	Fulton, GA	2,833
13135	Gwinnett, GA	1,127
15003	Honolulu, HI	3,302
17031	Cook, IL	13,934
17143	Peoria, IL	1,645
17201	Winnebago, IL	1,042
18003	Allen, IN	1,114
18089	Lake, IN	2,416
18097	Marion, IN	4,382
19153	Polk, IA	1,980
20173	Sedgwick, KS	1,809
21067	Fayette, KY	1,036
21111	Jefferson, KY	1,863
24510	Baltimore City, MD	8,226
25005	Bristol, MA	2,222
25009	Essex, MA	2,357
25013	Hampden, MA	2,555
25017	Middlesex, MA	2,858
25023	Plymouth, MA	1,000
25025	Suffolk, MA	2,650
25027	Worcester, MA	2,432
26049	Genesee, MI	2,416
26065	Ingham, MI	1,011
26081	Kent, MI	1,313
26099	Macomb, MI	1,319

FIPS5	County	Records
26125	Oakland, MI	2,020
26163	Wayne, MI	10,725
27053	Hennepin, MN	3,508
27123	Ramsey, MN	1,853
29077	Greene, MO	1,139
29095	Jackson, MO	2,325
29189	St. Louis, MO	1,695
29510	St. Louis City, MO	2,063
31055	Douglas, NE	3,273
31109	Lancaster, NE	1,496
32003	Clark, NV	5,325
32031	Washoe, NV	1,434
34007	Camden, NJ	1,884
34013	Essex, NJ	3,179
34017	Hudson, NJ	1,193
34021	Mercer, NJ	1,843
34023	Middlesex, NJ	1,155
34025	Monmouth, NJ	1,029
34039	Union, NJ	1,412
35001	Bernalillo, NM	1,009
36029	Erie, NY	1,987
36055	Monroe, NY	1,885
36061	New York, NY	26,796
36103	Suffolk, NY	1,638
36119	Westchester, NY	1,109
37119	Mecklenburg, NC	1,466
39035	Cuyahoga, OH	4,829
39049	Franklin, OH	5,990
39061	Hamilton, OH	1,984
39095	Lucas, OH	1,406
39113	Montgomery, OH	1,547
39151	Stark, OH	1,357
39153	Summit, OH	2,384

FIPS5	County	Records
40109	Oklahoma, OK	5,079
40143	Tulsa, OK	2,457
41039	Lane, OR	1,652
41047	Marion, OR	2,294
41051	Multnomah, OR	3,753
41067	Washington, OR	1,529
42003	Allegheny, PA	4,267
42011	Berks, PA	1,267
42045	Delaware, PA	1,033
42049	Erie, PA	1,066
42101	Philadelphia, PA	11,512
42133	York, PA	1,137
44007	Providence, RI	2,806
45045	Greenville, SC	1,009
47037	Davidson, TN	1,644
47157	Shelby, TN	1,753
48029	Bexar, TX	4,743
48113	Dallas, TX	4,443
48201	Harris, TX	5,881
48355	Nueces, TX	1,042
48439	Tarrant, TX	1,953
48453	Travis, TX	1,731
49035	Salt Lake, UT	1,807
53011	Clark, WA	1,137
53033	King, WA	2,915
53053	Pierce, WA	2,191
53061	Snohomish, WA	1,457
53063	Spokane, WA	1,484
53077	Yakima, WA	1,265
55079	Milwaukee, WI	4,737
72127	San Juan, PR	1,222

2005 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 2005 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 2005 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Foster Care data.

Foster Care Footnotes 2005 version 1		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F00	Alaska	Alaska is resubmitting this 2005B file, extracted from its SACWIS on 12-28-2005, with manual revisions.
F00	Alaska	Alaska is resubmitting this 2005A file, extracted from its SACWIS on 12-28-2005, with manual revisions.
F00	Colorado	approximately 9% of the Foster Care file includes children in the juvenile justice system.
F00	Florida	RECORDS ARE SELECTED BASED ON DATE OF REMOVAL PRIOR TO END OF THE PERIOD AND DISCHARGE TRANSACTION DATE DURING THE PERIOD.
F00	Florida	DETAILED HISTORIC CONVERSION FROM LEGACY SYSTEMS DID NOT OCCUR. SPECIFIC ELEMENTS RELATED TO AFCARS ARE CAPTURED ON A SUMMARY SCREEN.
F00	Florida	LESS THAN 1% OF CASES SUBMITTED REPRESENT CINS/FINS IV-E ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED IN JUVENILE JUSTICE SHELTERS.
F00	Georgia	Please make sure that the following corrections are made to our 2005 data files.
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	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.

Foster Care Footnotes 2005 version 1		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
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.
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 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	Indiana	One explanation for duplication child id is child may appear more than once if the child has been in a case in more than one county during the same reporting period. The other is bad practice by county.
F00	Indiana	Some children were JD and IVE FC in the previous report period so were part of the AFCARS pull. During the current report period their status changed (and in some cases retroactively) to Non-IVE therefore they are no longer included in t
F00	Indiana	In the prior report period child had a valued placement and was part of the AFCARS pull. During the current report period that previous entry was errored out as error in data entry, consequently child has "fallen off" the report.
F00	Indiana	The discrepancy between foster care placements closed with a reason of adoption and the number of adoptions reported is recognized, the issue has been corrected in the system but older cases still are a problem.
F00	Indiana	Duplicate cases: 4 children have duplicate IDs since they were active in more than one county during the reporting period. The other duplicates were worker errors.
F00	Indiana	Some children were JD and IVE FC in the previous report period so were part of the AFCARS pull. During the current report period their status changed (and in some cases retroactively) to Non-IVE therefore they are no longer included in the prior report p
F00	Indiana	The discrepancy between foster care placements closed with a reason of adoption and the number of adoptions reported: Adoption finalization info was entered for pre-ICWIS adoptions so payment can be made via the financial module.
F00	Indiana	Some children were JD and IVE FC in the previous report period so they were part of the AFCARS pull. During the current report period their status changed (and in some cases retroactively) to Non-IVE therefore they are no longer included i
F00	Indiana	Bio closed with reason of adoption, but no adoption case found: Due to inconsistent practices in creating adoption cases in ICWIS and failure to address previous unmatched data problems, no adoption cases were found to match these bio case
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	Nebraska	LEGAL STATUS COUNTS.

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<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F00	Nebraska	HHS WARD 5977.
F00	Nebraska	VOL. PLACEMENT AGREEMENT 0114.
F00	Nebraska	POLICE HOLD 0254.
F00	Nebraska	DIRECT RELINQUISHMENT 0005.
F00	Nebraska	JUVENILE COURT WARD 0011.
F00	Nebraska	TRIBAL COURT CUSTODY 0150.
F00	Nebraska	HHS-OJS WARD 1182.
F00	Nebraska	TOTAL 7693.
F00	Pennsylvania	Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 2,316.
F00	Pennsylvania	Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 2,405.
F03	Florida	THE LOCAL AGENCY (FIPS CODE) REPRESENTS THE COUNTY OF JURISDICTION IN ALL CASES.
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 PERSON ID NUMBER IS ENCRYPTED.
F04	Florida	THERE IS A RECOGNIZED ISSUE WITH DUPLICATE PERSON RECORDS IN FLORIDA'S SACWIS. A MERGE PROCESS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND IS SCHEDULED TO RUN REGULARLY.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 004420806401 was deleted on 090705 because it is duplicate for 004420806302.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 004420806302 changed to 004420806401 on 090705.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 011502086701 changed to 011502086901 on 091505.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 011502086703 changed to 011502086903 on 091505.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 006708268405 changed to 006708208405 on 091505.
F04	Iowa	Record numbers are encrypted in data submission.
F04	Nebraska	RECORD NUMBERS IN DATA SET ARE ENCRYPTED STATE IDENTIFIERS.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were 408 record number changes from the previous report period to the 2005/03 report period.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were 597 known record number changes from the previous report period to the 2005/09 report period.
F05	Florida	THIS REPORT MAY NOT INCLUDE DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS THAT MAY ALSO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A JUDICIAL REVIEW.
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.
F06	Florida	FLORIDA LAW ALLOWS FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THEIR 23RD BIRTHDAY.

Foster Care Footnotes 2005 version 1		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F06	Florida	FLORIDA LAW EFFECTIVE 10-1-02 SEPARATES SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 18) AND YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE (18 UP TO 23RD BIRTHDAY). LAW PERMITS A PHASE IN PERIOD FOR EXISTING ADULT RECIPIENTS UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003.
F06	Florida	AFTER JUNE 30, 2003, YOUNG ADULTS SHOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM THEIR REMOVAL EPISODES AND ARE NO LONGER EXPECTED TO BE REPORTED IN THE AFCARS FOSTER CARE POPULATION.
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	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORIGIN CODE
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	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F11	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F12	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F13	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WHO ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND/OR NEEDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR WHEELCHAIR.
F13	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F14	Iowa	DSM III diagnostic criteria is used in this data element.
F14	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F15	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND/OR IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
F15	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F16	Nebraska	DATE WILL BE KNOWN IF DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ADOPTION.
F16	Washington	The IT system only requires this data to be entered when a placement is created or updated. Children in placements that have not been updated are mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS

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		system.
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	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.
F22	Alaska	Where dates of removal were manually entered, the accompanying removal transaction dates have been left blank.
F22	Florida	DURING CONVERSION TO FLORIDA'S SACWIS, THE REMOVAL TRANSACTION DATE WAS POPULATED WITH THE DATE OF THE AUTOMATED CONVERSION.
F22	Florida	DATA PURIFICATION AND RE-ENTRY OF CASES FOLLOWING AUTOMATED CONVERSION SERIOUSLY IMPACTED DATA IN THIS FIELD.
F22	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACITON DATE FOR LATEST REMOVAL FROM HOME.
F22	Washington	Approximately eight percent of transaction data cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
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	FLORIDA COUNTS REPLACEMENT IN A SETTING WHERE A CHILD WAS PREVIOUSLY PLACED AS A NEW AND UNIQUE PLACEMENT.
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.
F24	Idaho	We recently modified our calculation to not count hospital settings of less than 30 days. However, we have not modified the extract to not pull children whose only placement was a hospital setting. Therefore in this run we have 3 children who were only in
F24	Iowa	Data reflects same day in/out placements, emergency placements respite, day treatment and other short term placements.

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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 cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
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	13 YR OLD MALE DIED DUE TO COMPLICATIONS OF POLY-GLANDULAR AUTOIMMUNE SYSTEM AND ACUTE APPENDICITIS. YOUTH WAS ON THE RUN FROM PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY AND STAYING WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER WHO FAILED TO REPORT THAT HE WAS WITH HER. MEDICAL NEGLECT
F38	Hawaii	WAS CONFIRMED. CASE #73348 CLIENT #87463
F38	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD DRUG ABUSE (ELEMENT 32).
F39	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD DISABILITY (ELEMENT 33).
F40	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY ABANDONMENT (ELEMENT 38).

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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	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.
F41	Nebraska	SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING INCLUDES BOARDING HOMES, DOMICILLIARY FACILITIES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SITUATIONS.
F43	Nebraska	STATE POLICY DOES NOT DEFINE "LIVE WITH OTHER RELATIVES" AS A CASE PLAN GOAL.
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.
F45	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
F46	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
F49	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F50	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F51	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F52	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORGIN CODE
F52	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
F52	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F53	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
F53	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in

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F54	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORGIN CODE
F54	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F55	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F57	Alaska	Where dates of discharge were manually entered, the accompanying discharge transaction dates have been left blank.
F57	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACTION DATE FOR DISCHARGE FROM FOSTER CARE.
F57	Oklahoma	(Element 57) was the run date of the data fix.
F57	Oklahoma	We did a data fix to close Trial Reunifications that were open longer than 6 months without the proper extensions. We populated removal end date (element 56) with Trial Reunification begin date + 6 months. The Transaction Date
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 = 132 number and 82.50 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 193 number and 76.58 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 13. Caused by: accident (1); homicide (5); natural causes (7).
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 8. Caused by: accident (2); homicide (1); natural causes (4); suicide (1).
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	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F60	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-E ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F60	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
F61	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-A ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F62	Nebraska	TITLE IV-D INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE.
F63	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON TITLE XIX ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F63	Tennessee	This is a subsequent file for AFCARS report period Oct 1,2004 - March 31,2005 that contains a correction for data element 63 Title XIX where this data element was previoulsy incorrectly reported as not applies on all records.
F64	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON SSI ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.

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F66	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTERIM 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	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.
F66	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.