Quarterly Indicators Report

Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3

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Purpose

The Quarterly Indicators Report highlights trends in essential Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS), Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) and provider agencies, functions, key outcomes, and progress toward the four primary goals of Improving Outcomes for Children (IOC).

Improving Outcomes for Children (IOC) Goals



More children and youth maintained safely in their own homes and communities



A reduction in the use of residential placement



More children and youth achieving timely reunification or other permanence



Improved child, youth, and family functioning

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DHS Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision

Philadelphia children and youth have access to the support, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive within their communities.

Mission

Serve Philadelphia's children, youth, families, and communities by building on their strengths and advancing safe and supportive environments.

Values

Respect, Transparency, Accountability, Equity, and Wellness



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Executive Summary



Strength: Safely Reducing the Use of Formal Services

Fewer families accepted for DHS services

In the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2026, there were fewer families open for formal services than in an any of the previous four years. This reduction was possible because prevention programs continued to serve a high number of families despite increases in reports received by the Hotline. Additionally, seven of ten CUAs closed more cases than were opened.



Strength: Safely Reduce the Use of Residential Placement

Decrease in the use of residential placement

At the end of the third quarter, 149 dependent youth in placement were in professionally operated dependent residential placement facilities. There has been a 47 percent decline in youth in dependent residential placement since March 2022.

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Strength: More Children Supported in their Own Communities

Focusing on keeping children with kin

Of the children and youth with formal services who were not in their own homes on March 31, 2026, more were in kinship care (45%) than in either foster care (43%) or residential placement (7%).



Strength: Fewer children and youth removed from their homes

Prioritizing supporting children in their own homes

The number of children and youth who were removed from their homes decreased in the last Fiscal Year (2025). The number of children in dependent placement also declined, down 43 percent from Fiscal Year 2022.



Area of Focus: Room for Growth in Reunification and Permanency

Opportunities to grow reunification and get youth to permanency more quickly

The percentage of children and youth reunifying with family has trended down since Fiscal Year 2022. This downward trend slowed in the last two years.

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Area of Focus: Recruiting and Retaining Staff

Staff turnover at CUAs remains an opportunity for improvement

Four of ten CUA providers worked to increase recruitment and decrease turnover. Multiple strategies were used by DHS and CUA to improve recruitment and retention including controlling caseload averages across CUAs.

Area of Focus: Increases in Delinquent Residential Placement

More youth placed and placed longer in Delinquent Residential Placement

While the number of youth held in detention at PJJSC decreased by 48 percent since March 31, 2023, the number of youth placed in delinquent residential placement remained steady and the median length of stay increased.

Hotline and Investigations

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Glossary of Terms

DHS Hotline and Investigations units receive and investigate reports of alleged child abuse and neglect.

- **Hotline** - The unit within CWO responsible for receiving reports of alleged child abuse and neglect and determining if reports rise to the level of needing an investigation
- **Child Protective Services (CPS)** - Services provided by DHS for child abuse as defined by Pennsylvania law
- **General Protective Services (GPS)** - Services and activities provided by each county agency for cases requiring services under Philadelphia policies, but that do not rise to the level of CPS
- **Secondary Diversion** - A process to review GPS reports that were accepted for investigation with a 3-7-day priority. The goal is to divert these reports if possible, using the Safe Diversion Protocol.
- **Safe Diversion Protocol** - A process for Hotline supervisors to divert a case after an initial review or deploy a Hotline worker for screening. Deployed Hotline workers may choose to send a case to Intake for investigation or divert it.

Glossary of Terms (continued)

Hotline and Investigations - Counts and Measures

- **Intake -** The unit within CWO responsible for investigating reports of suspected child abuse and neglect after they are referred from hotline

- **Report -** An account of suspected abuse or neglect by a member of the public or other person who contacts DHS (e.g., family friend, teacher, nurse, neighbor, police officer). Reports are usually the unit of measurement for hotline and investigations indicators.

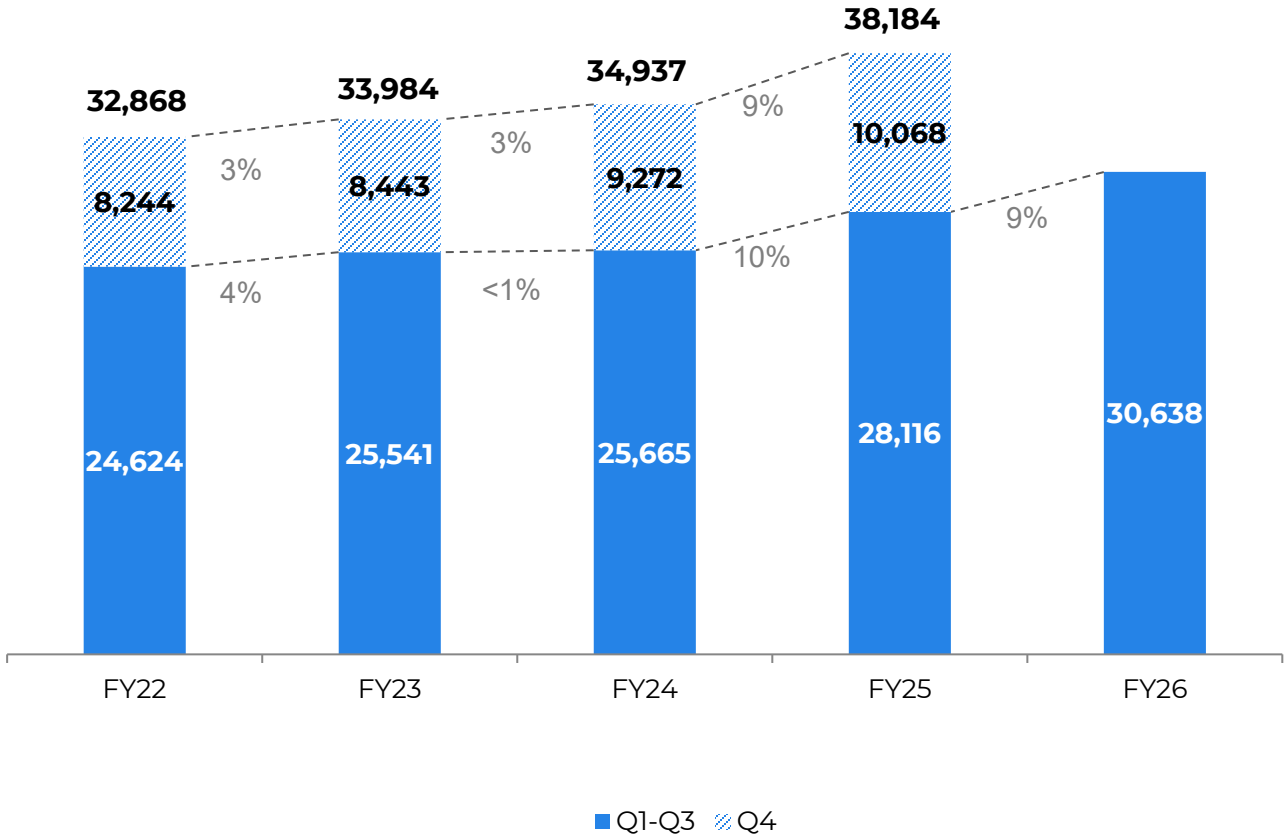
- **Investigation** - The process of fact finding related to a report. Findings from the investigation inform whether a youth is unsafe and accepted for child welfare services.

- **Repeated Maltreatment:** Youth with an indicated or founded safety CPS report who had a second indicated or founded CPS report within 12 months following the original report. DHS uses the Federal measure on the Federal fiscal year.

I. Hotline

Call Volume

Figure 1. Total Hotline Reports



There were 30,638 reports to the Hotline in the first three quarters of FY26, a nine percent increase compared to the first three quarters of FY25.

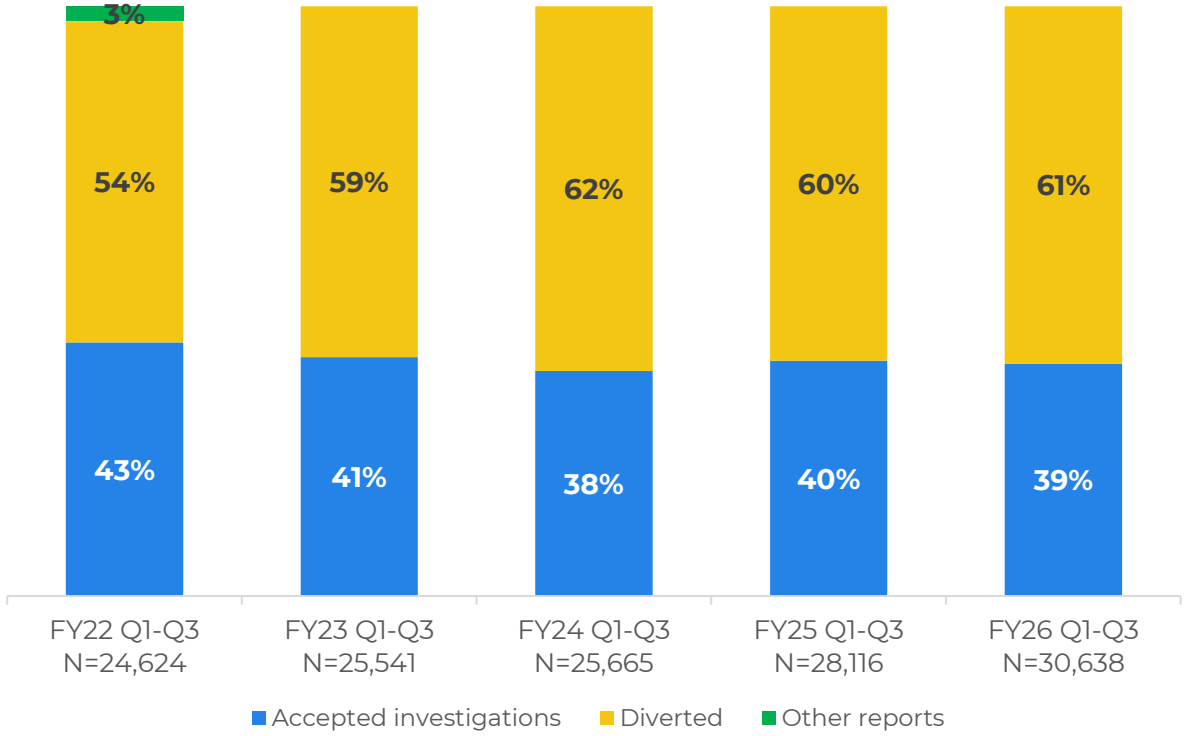
Hotline reports increased every year in the last five years, rising by almost a quarter (24%) since FY22.

Data run 5/1/2026

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Hotline Decisions

Figure 2. Hotline Action



Continuing to divert more Hotline reports than are accepted for investigation, three of every five (61%) reports were diverted in FY26 Q1-Q3.

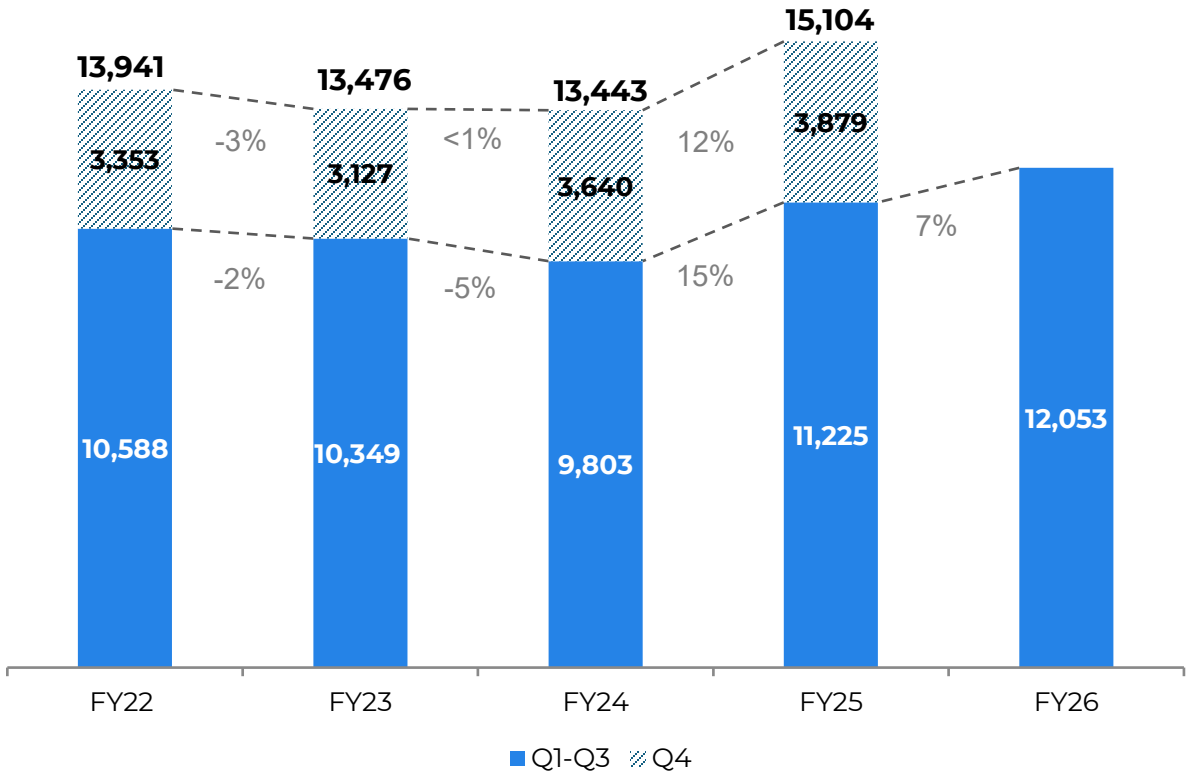
In FY26 Q1-Q3, fewer than two of every five (39%) reports were accepted for investigation.

Data run 5/1/2026
In FY23, DHS redefined these categories to remove the category of "Other" because reports previously categorized as Other are still screened using Hotline Guided Decision-Making protocols and can subsequently be accepted for investigation.

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Investigations

Figure 3. Total Investigations



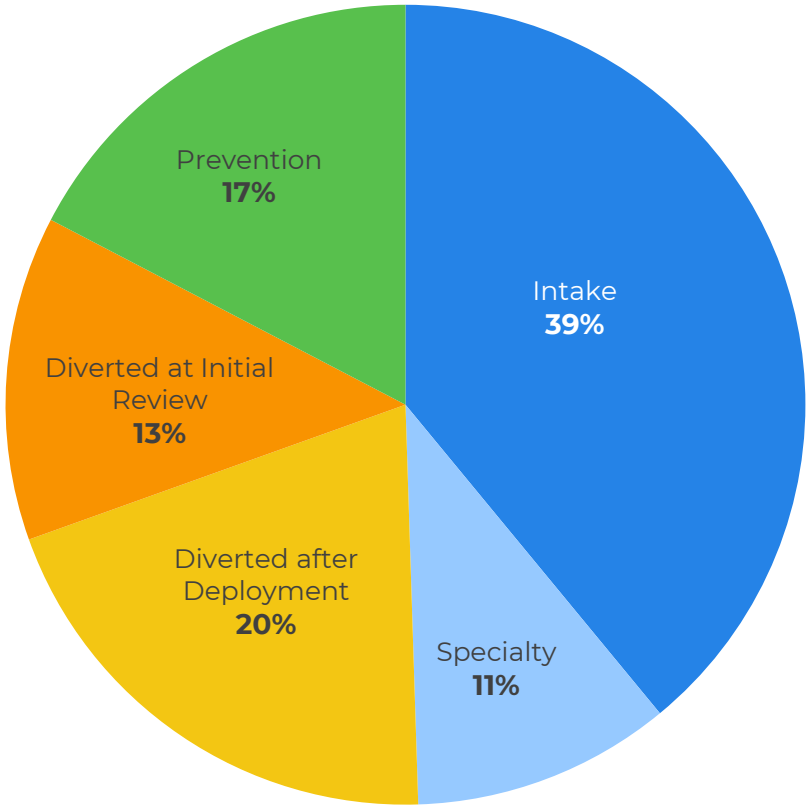
In FY26 Q1-Q3, there were 12,053 investigations, a seven percent increase from the same time in FY25.

Data run 5/1/2026

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Hotline Decisions

Figure 4. Secondary Diversions by Type



N=3,239

In FY26 Q1-Q3, 3,239 reports were sent to the secondary diversion unit, and half (51%) were diverted or sent to Prevention.

One in three (33%, N=1,074) reports were diverted at initial review or after deploying Hotline staff.

Nearly one in six (17%, N=562) reports were referred to Prevention services.

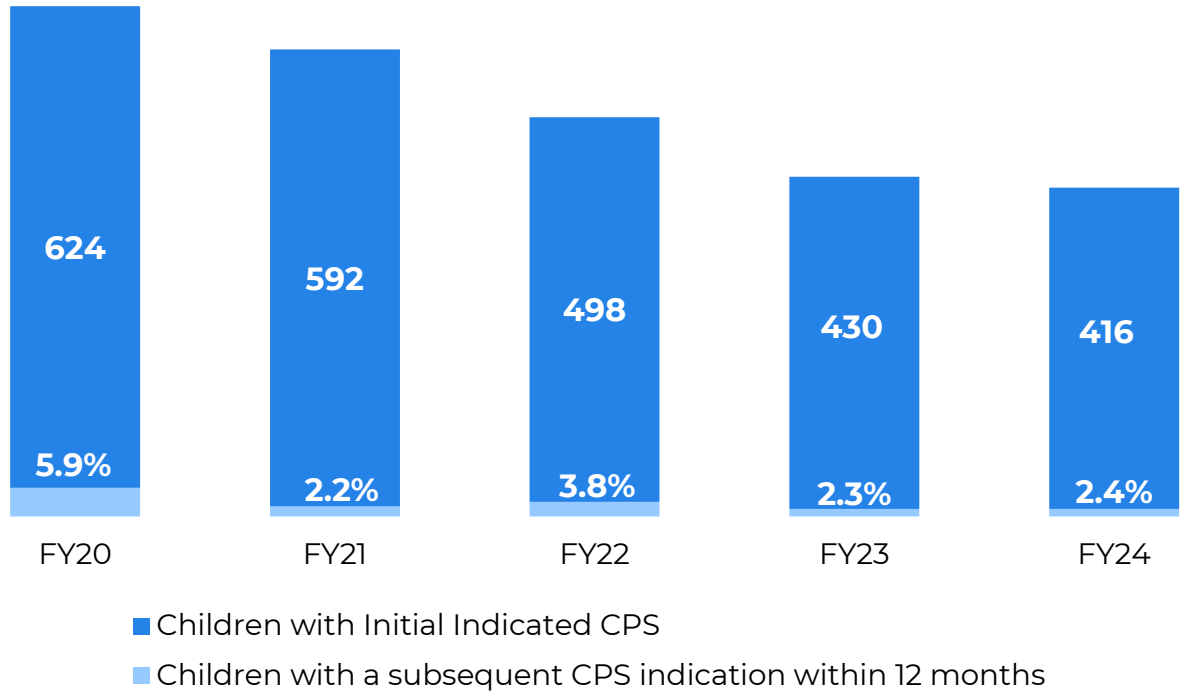
Half (50%, N=1,603) of secondary-diversion reports were sent to Intake or Specialty Investigations.

Data run 5/1/2026
Percentages for this figure have been rounded to the nearest whole number, so total may not equal 100%

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Investigations

Figure 5. Repeat Maltreatment: Federal Measure during most recent federal fiscal year



Of the 416 children with an indicated or founded CPS report between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024, ten children (2.4%) had another indicated CPS report within 12 months.

Data run 10/27/2025
Because the repeat maltreatment can happen anytime for one year after the initial report, the data take a full year to come to maturity. These data are updated once a year based on the Federal fiscal year of October 1st to September 30th.

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Hotline and Investigations Summary

In FY26 Q1-Q3, the total number of reports to the DHS Hotline of suspected abuse and neglect increased by nine percent from the same period the previous year.

Despite the increase in reports coming into the Hotline, a higher portion were diverted than in previous years.

At 61 percent in FY26 Q1-Q3, Hotline staff continued to divert more than half reports, and repeat maltreatment remained consistent with previous years.

Overall, despite Hotline reports continuing to increase, Hotline and secondary-diversion staff continued to safely divert most reports.

DHS Prevention Programs

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Glossary of Terms

DHS Prevention programs are voluntary services offered to families in Philadelphia who have been the subject of a Hotline report but do not need a formal safety service.

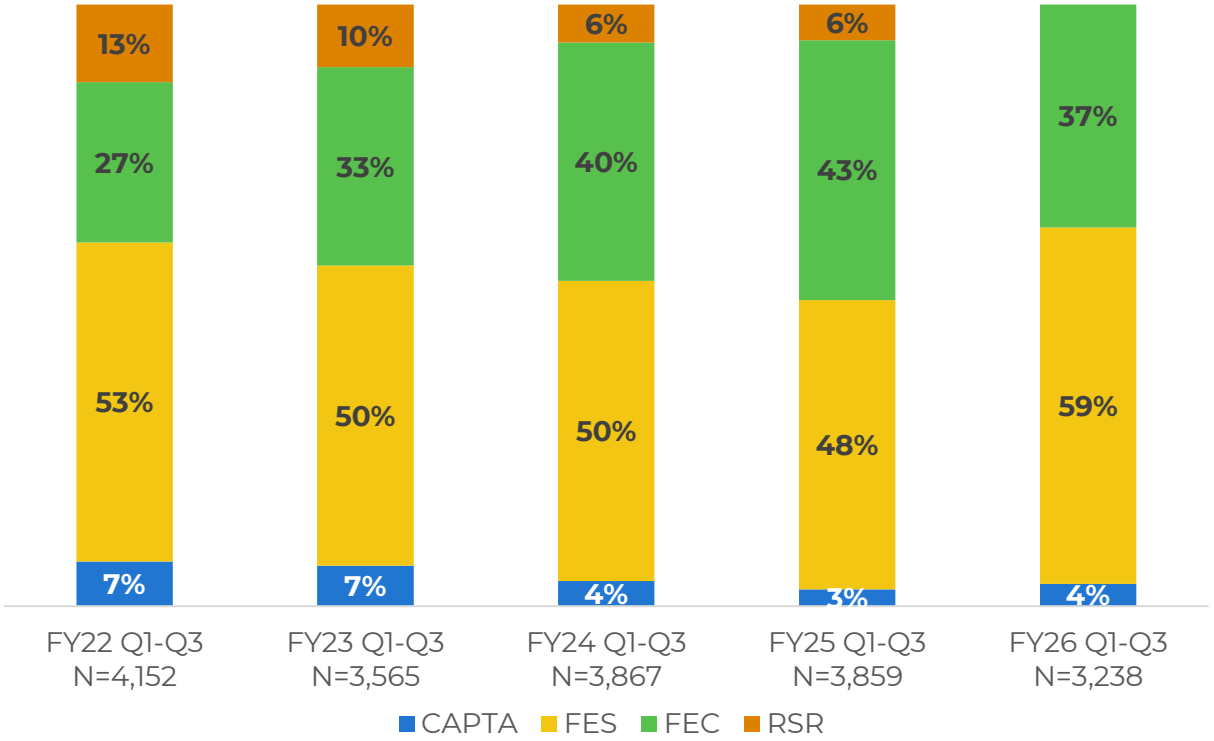
- **CAPTA** - A Case Coordination Program under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- **FEP** - Family Empowerment Programs, including both:
  - **FES** - Family Empowerment Services
  - **FEC** - Family Empowerment Centers
- **RSR** - Rapid Service Response referred to families by Intake. Most have an open investigation.

Measures

- **Total Referrals** - all families referred to child welfare prevention programs, including referrals diverted from Hotline or Investigations and referrals from CUA and other sources
- **Voluntary Service Rate** - the proportion of families who voluntarily enrolled in services out of all cases received

Referrals to Prevention Programs

Figure 6. Referrals to DHS Prevention Programs by Program



In Q1-Q3 of FY26, 3,238 families were referred to DHS Prevention programs, a 16 percent decrease from the total referrals in Q1-Q3 of FY25.

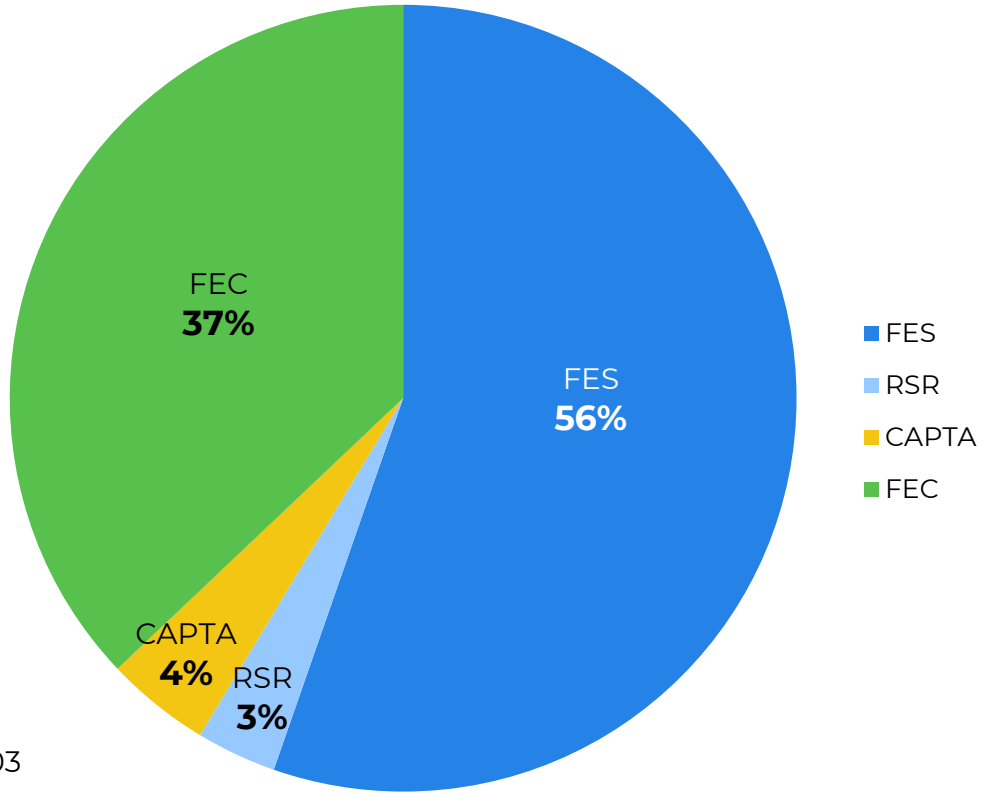
Family Empowerment Services (FES) and Family Empowerment Centers (FEC) received 96 percent of FY26 Q1-Q3 referrals.

Data run on 4/28/2026
RSR was temporarily unavailable in Q1-Q3 of FY26.
Referrals are counted if they are received by CWO Prevention programs, rather than referrals made by front end staff. Of all referrals made, some may be subsequently rejected because families are already receiving services, referrals were made for the incorrect program, or multiple referrals were made.

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Families Served

Figure 7. Total Families Served by DHS Prevention Programs in FY26 Q1-Q3 by Program



N = 1,303

In FY26 Q1-Q3, 1,303 families received Prevention services including those that were referred before FY26 but continued into the new year.

In line with the percent referred, Family Empowerment Services and Family Empowerment Centers are the most utilized DHS Prevention programs, serving over 90 percent of families receiving prevention services.

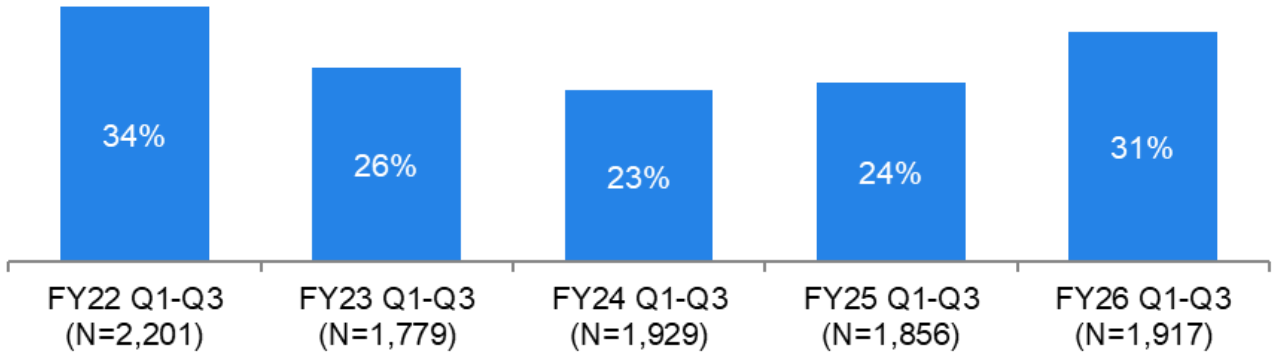
Data run 4/28/2026

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Family Empowerment Services

Family Empowerment Services (FES) offer intensive case management supports that stabilize families to **limit future involvement** with formal child welfare services.

Figure 8. Families Voluntarily Enrolled in FES



Of the 1,917 families referred to FES in FY26 Q1-Q3, almost a third of families (31%) voluntarily enrolled in services, the highest rate since FY22.

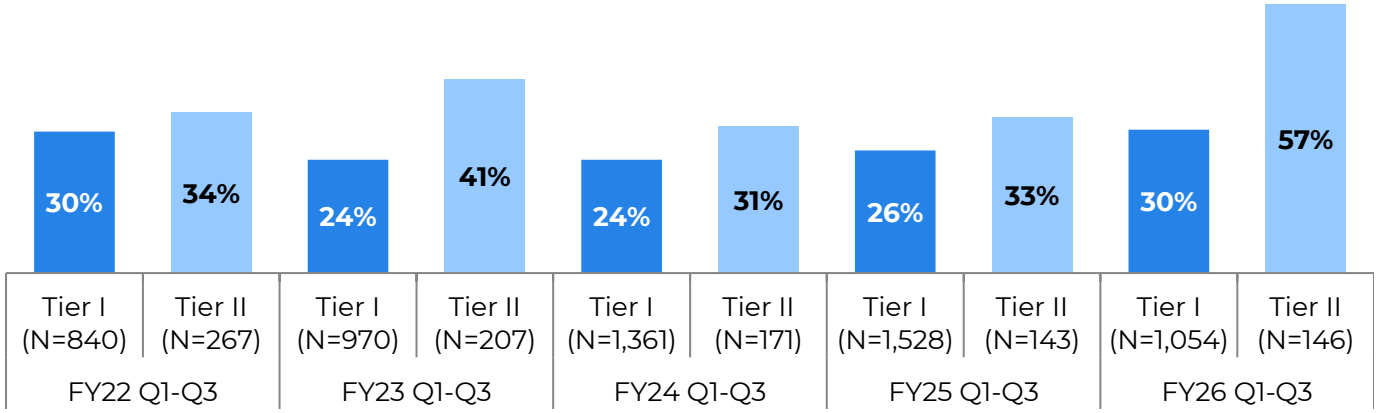
Data run on 4/28/2026
Voluntary Service Rate refers to the proportion of families who voluntarily enrolled in services out of all cases received

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Family Empowerment Centers

Family Empowerment Centers (FEC) are community-based hubs that provide intensive supports to families to prevent future involvement with DHS. Families receive different levels of support based on risk: lower risk families are serviced through Tier I and higher risk through Tier II.

Figure 9. Voluntary Service Rate*



In FY26 Q1-Q3, nearly one in three Tier I families and over half of Tier II families voluntarily enrolled in FEC services, both exceeding the rates from the previous year.

Data run on 4/28/2026

*Voluntary Service Rate refers to the proportion of families who voluntarily enrolled in services out of all cases (N) referred for services

FEC Tier II shows a significantly higher voluntary service rate in FY26 Q1-Q3 compared to previous fiscal years (57% vs. 33% in FY25 Q1-Q3 and 31% in FY24 Q1-Q3). This increase correlates with the closure of a Rapid Service Response (RSR) provider in July 2025 and more referrals from the investigations unit, which tend to have higher service uptake.

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DHS Prevention Programs Summary

The number of families referred to DHS Prevention programs was 3,238 in the first three quarters of FY26, with FES and FEC receiving 96% of referrals.

The percent of families referred to Prevention programs that voluntarily enrolled in services increased in the first three quarters of FY26. The rate for families referred to FES and FEC reached 31 and 57 percent, respectively, more than at this point in any of the last five years.

Overall, at the end of FY26 Q3, DHS Prevention programs served 1,303 families in their own homes to prevent formal involvement with DHS.

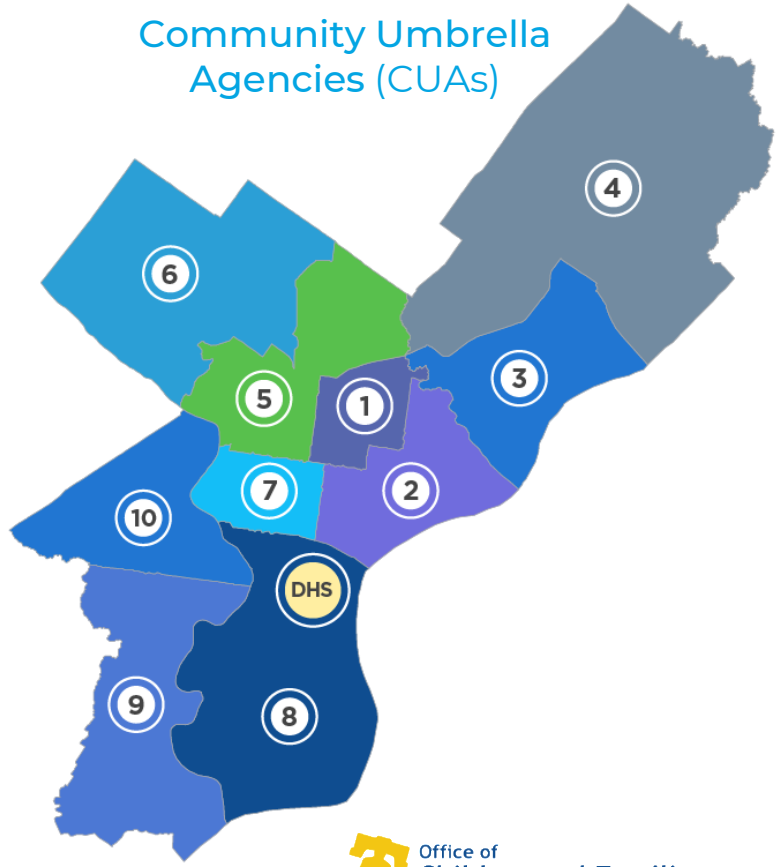
Dependent Services

Glossary of Terms

DHS Dependent Services are for families who DHS determines through an investigation to require formal services to keep youth/children safe.

- **Community Umbrella Agencies** (CUAs) **-** Community-based organizations that provide case management for families accepted for formal child welfare services
- **Accepted for Service -** Process to formally open cases for families who, through investigation, intake determined to need formal services
- **Closed -** Case status for families who received CUA services and are no longer active
- **In-Home Safety -** Services for families where there are active safety threats, but whose children can safely stay in their own homes with a Safety Plan.
- **In-Home Non-safety -** Services provided to families in a home without active safety threats. These services are often for families who are court mandated to receive CUA case management services due to truancy issues.

Community Umbrella Agencies (CUAs)



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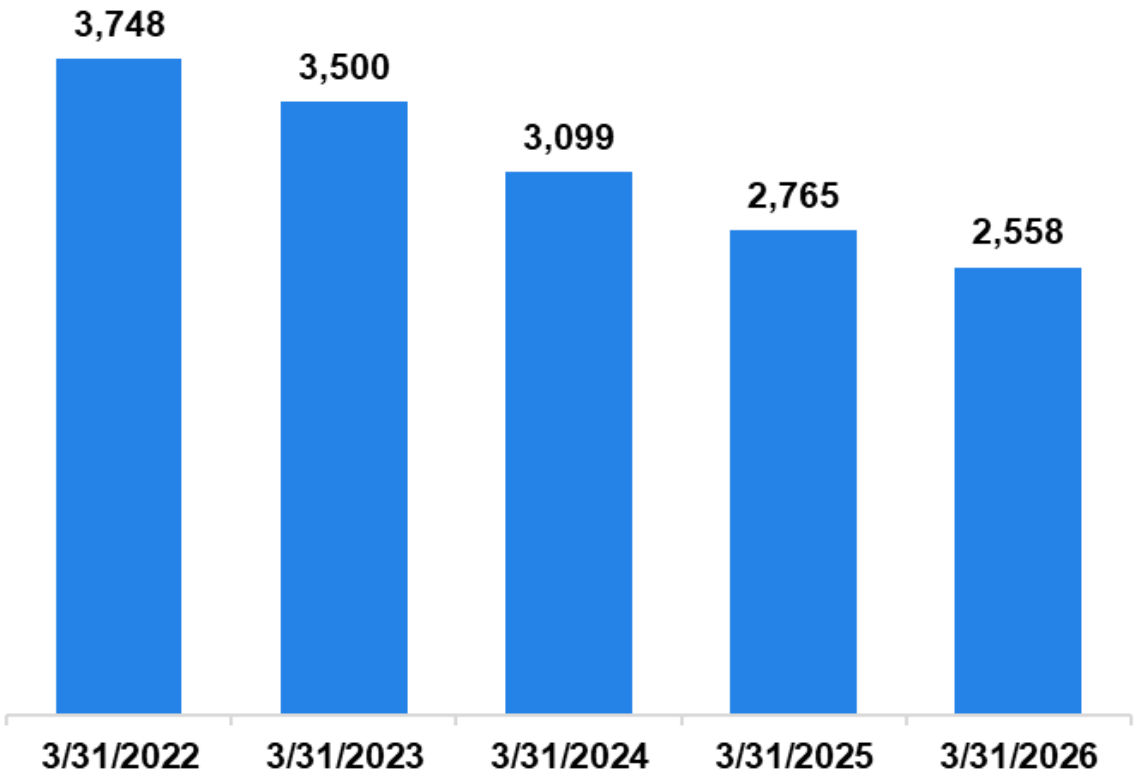
Glossary of Terms (continued)

Dependent Services Placement Types and Measures

- **Dependent Placement** - A temporary placement for children whose safety can't be ensured in their home of origin. Includes family-based placements and residential placement.
- **Kinship Care** - A family-based, out-of-home placement with caregivers whom the youth knew before the placement began
- **Foster Care** - A family-based, out-of-home placement with caregivers whom the youth did not previously know
- **Dependent Residential Placement** - Dependent out-of-home placement in a group setting. Dependent residential placement Includes Emergency Shelter, Group Home, and Community Behavioral Health-Funded Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and Institutions.
- **Caseload** - The number of cases each caseworker within DHS/CUA is responsible for managing. Each case may have multiple youth with the same caregiver(s).
- **Visitation** - Case Managers are expected to regularly visit with children to ensure their safety and well-being and help families work toward case closure. Visitation metrics measure the percentage of on-time visits that occurred within a given period.

Families Open for Service

Figure 10. Total Families Open for Service on March 31, 2026



There were 2,558 families open for service on March 31, 2026.

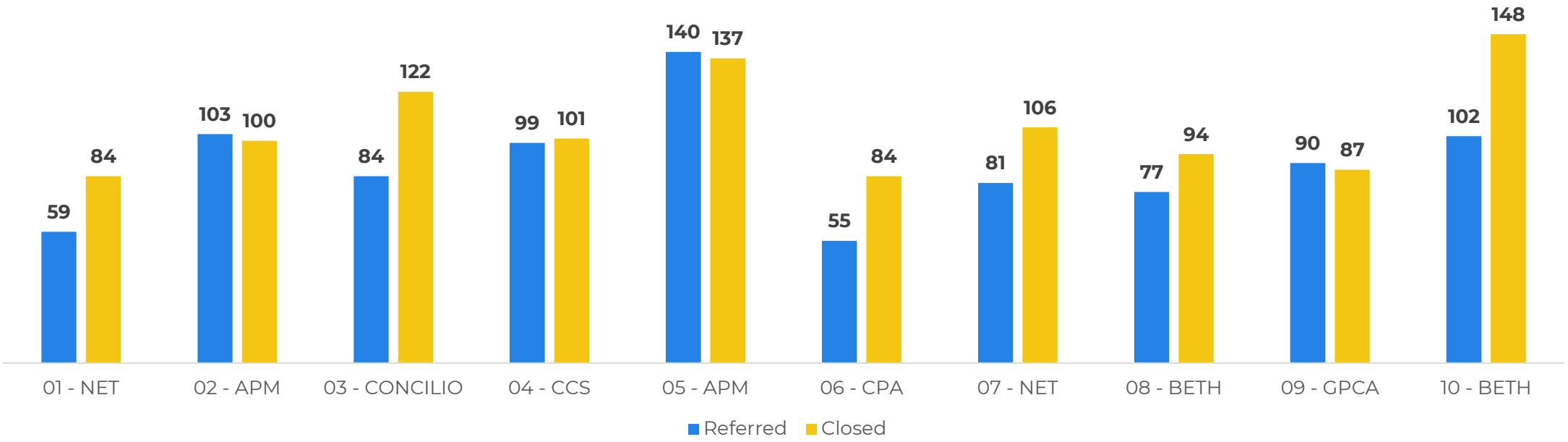
The number of families open for service has declined 32 percent since 2022.

Data run on 4/22/2026

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Families Accepted for Service and Families Closed

Figure 11. Families Referred and Closed in FY26 Q3, by CUA



In FY26 Q3, seven of ten CUAs closed more family cases than were referred to them.

CUA 6 had the highest ratio of closed cases to referrals, closing over 50 percent more cases than they were referred.

Data run on 4/22/2026
Families closed includes those transferred to Non-CWO Services (Delinquent or Subsidy).

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Caseload

Table 1. Case Management Workers' Caseload Distribution on March 31, 2026

CUA	Total Workers	Total Cases	Median Caseload	Average Caseload
01 - NET	27	233	10	9
02 - APM	14	201	15	14
03 - CONCILIO	21	245	12	12
04 - CCS	20	197	10	10
05 - APM	23	378	18	16
06 - CPA	26	187	8	7
07 - NET	30	237	9	8
08 - BETH	21	254	14	12
09 - GPCA	39	241	7	6
10 - BETH	38	239	7	6
Overall	**259**	**2,412**	**9**	**9**

The median caseload for CUAs was nine cases per worker.

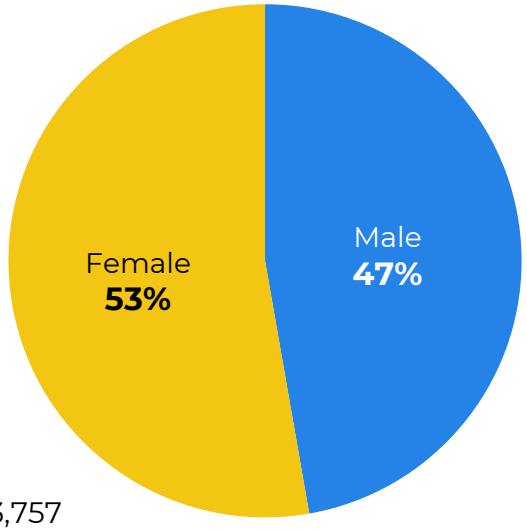
CUAs 9 and 10 had the lowest median caseload (7), and CUA 5 had the highest at 18.

CUA 5 had the largest number of total cases at 378.

Data run on 5/1/2026
Cases that did not have a case manager designated in the electronic database at the time data were run were excluded from the analysis.

Sex of Dependent Youth – March 31, 2026

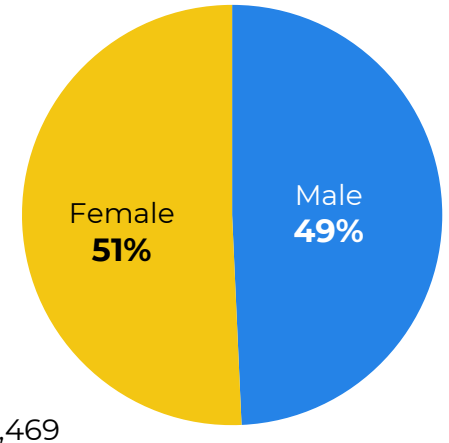
Figure 12. Sex of All Dependent Youth



N=3,757

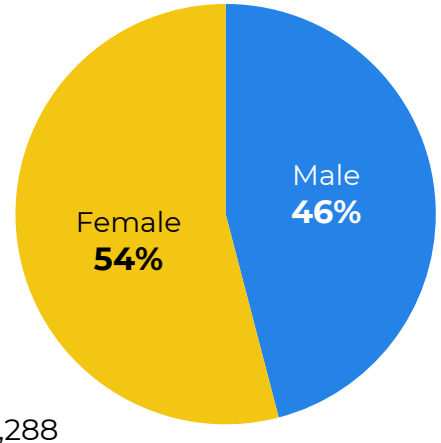
On March 31, 2026, there were slightly more female than male children and youth receiving dependent services.

Figure 12a. Sex of Dependent Youth **In-Home**



N=1,469

Figure 12b. Sex of Dependent Youth in **Placement**



N=2,288

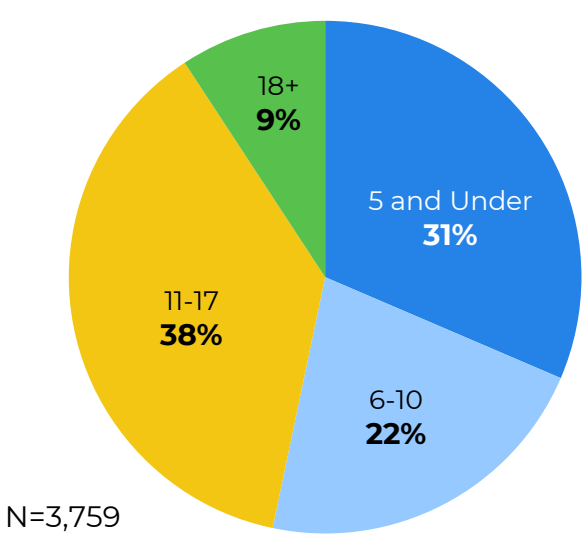
On March 31, 2026, females made up 51 percent of In-Home youth and 54 percent of youth in placement.

Data run on 4/22/2026
*Sample size discrepancy across sex, age, and race/ethnicity is the result of unreported sex, race, and age. Youth is defined as children 18 and under.

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Age of Dependent Youth – March 31, 2026

Figure 13. Age of All Dependent Youth



On March 31, 2026, older children aged 11-17 were the most represented age group.

Figure 13a. Age of Dependent Youth **In-Home**

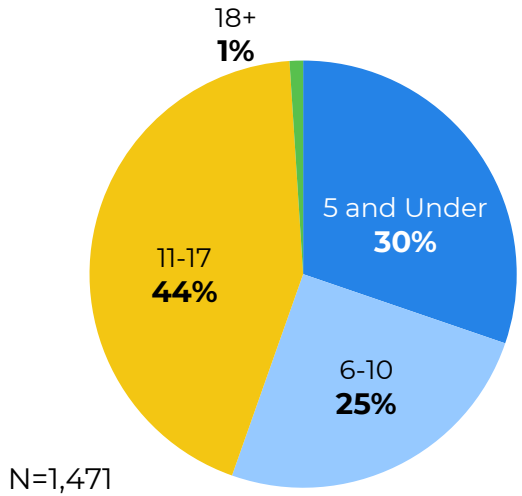
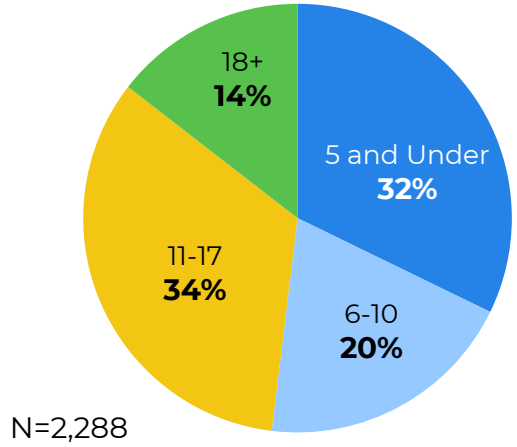


Figure 13b. Age of Dependent Youth in **Placement**



On March 31, 2026, children aged 11-17 made up 44 percent of in-home youth and 34 percent of dependent youth in placement, the largest age group for both categories.

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Race/Ethnicity of Dependent Youth – March 31, 2026

Figure 14. Race/Ethnicity of All Dependent Youth

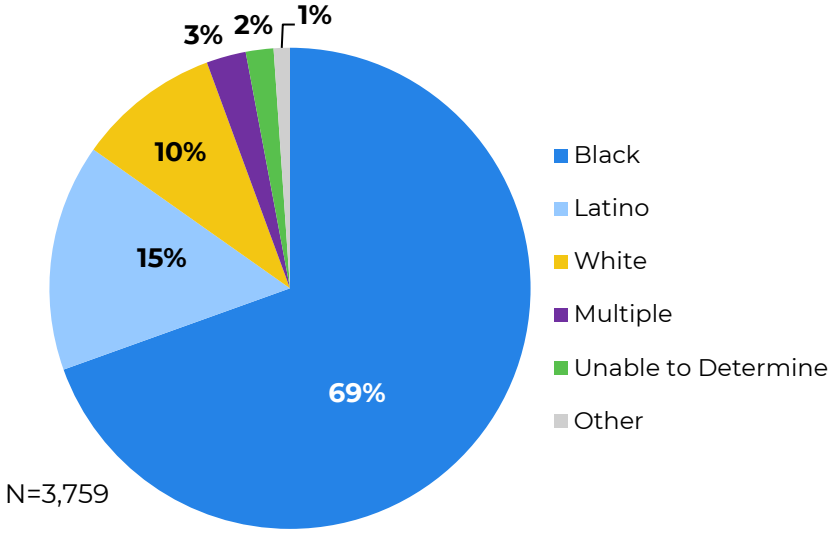


Figure 14a. Race/Ethnicity of Dependent Youth **In-Home**

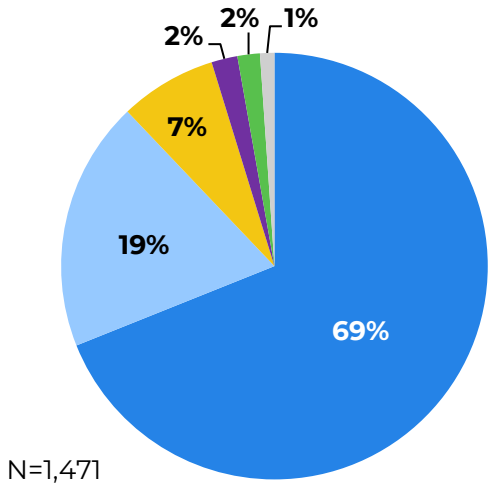
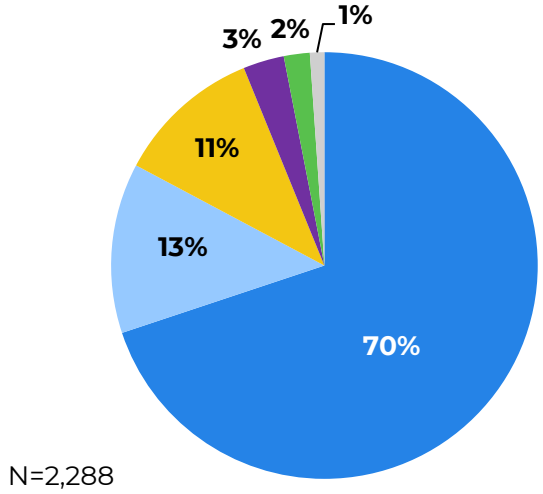


Figure 14b. Race/Ethnicity of Dependent Youth in **Placement**



More than two out of three (69%) dependent youth are Black, compared to 43 percent of Philadelphia youth who are Black.

Fifteen percent of dependent youth are Latino, compared to 25 percent in Philadelphia overall.

Data run on 4/22/2026
*Sample size discrepancy across sex, age, and race/ethnicity is the result of unreported sex and age. Youth is defined as children under 18.
Philadelphia youth demographics from 2024 American Community Survey
https://data.census.gov/table?q=race/ethnicity%20by%20age%20in%20philadelphia

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In-Home Services

Figure 15. Total **Families** with In-Home Services

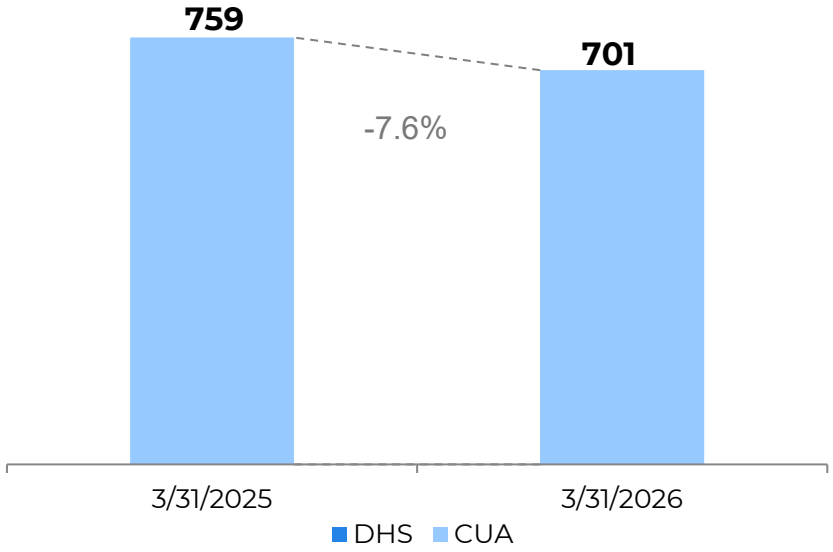
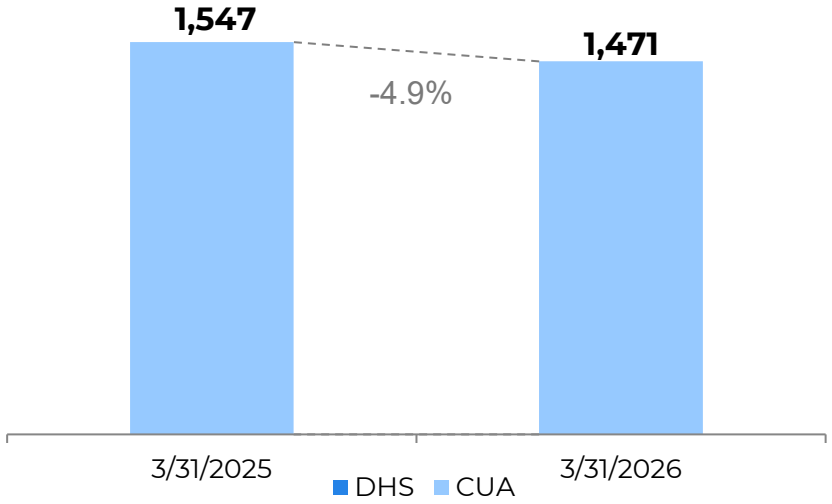


Figure 16. Total **Children** with In-Home Services



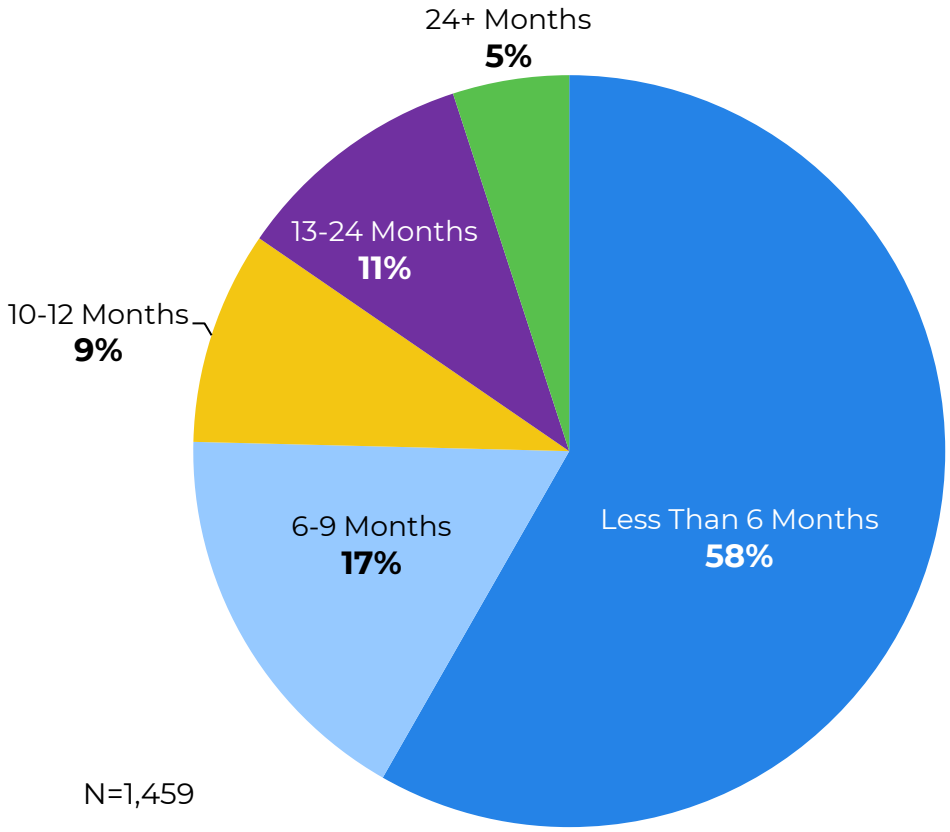
Compared to March 31, 2025, the total number of families with In-Home Services declined by over seven percent while the total number of children declined by about five percent.

Data run on 4/22/2026
Family and child totals vary slightly from next slide because of missing data for CUA and Service Type.

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In-Home Services

Figure 17. Length of Stay for In-Home Services as of March 31, 2026



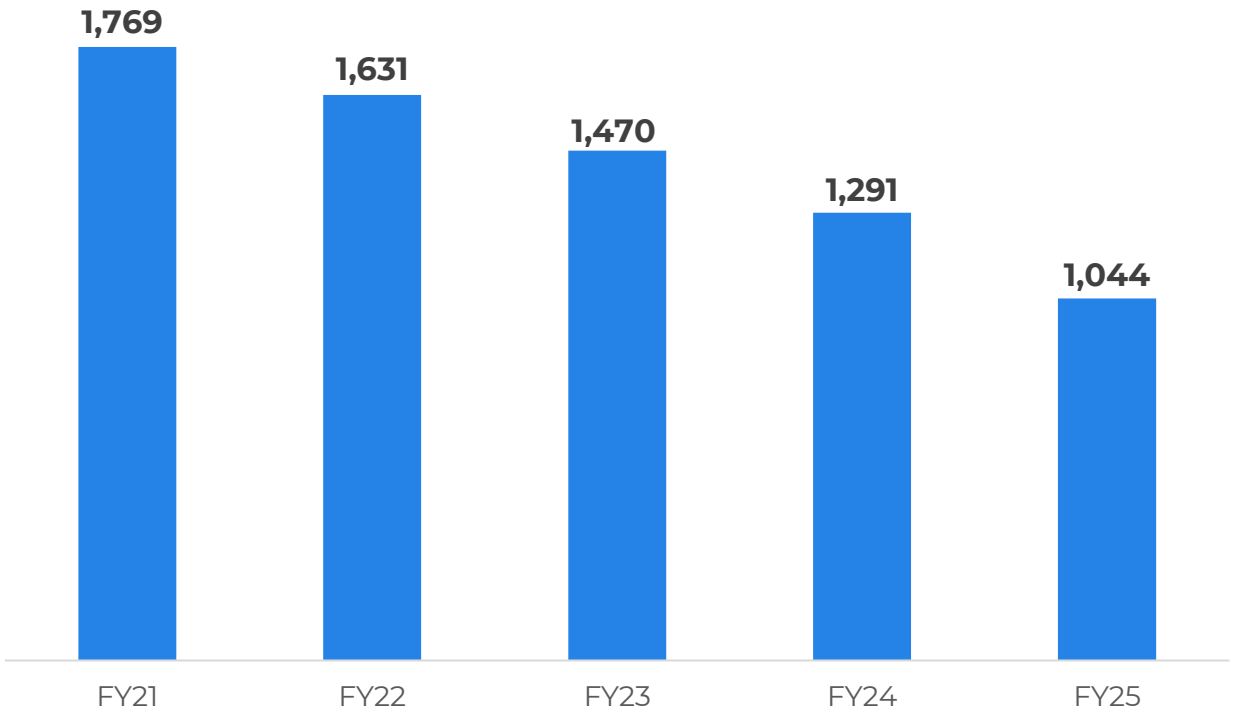
On March 31, 2026, over half (58%) of youth with In-Home Services had been receiving services for less than six months.

Data run on 4/22/2026
Youth whose service information had yet to be entered into the electronic database are excluded from this figure.

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Removals from Home

Figure 18. Number of Children Removed from Home, by Federal Fiscal Year*



Between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025, there were 1,044 children removed from their homes.

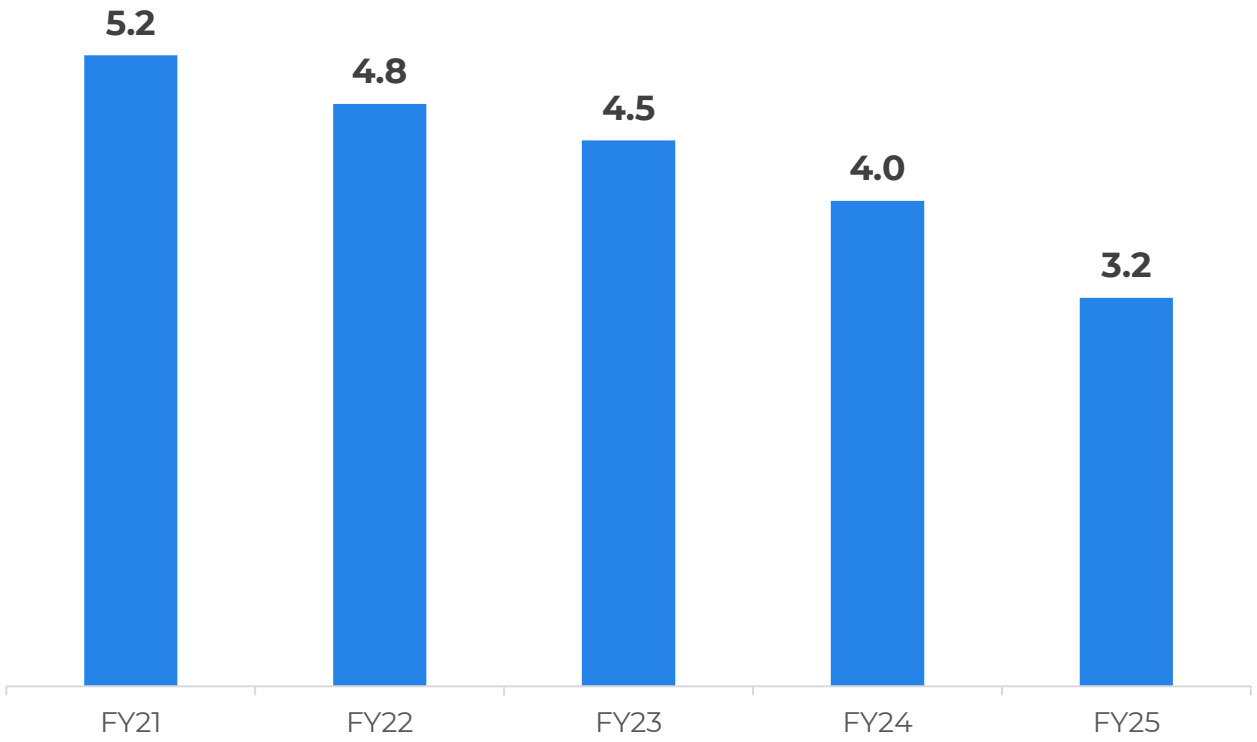
The FY25 total represents a 41 percent decrease from FY21 (1,769 children).

Data run on 10/23/2025
Removals from home are entries into dependent placement in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).
*Federal fiscal year runs 10/1 to 9/30. The federal fiscal year is used to provide better comparisons with other jurisdictions within the U.S.

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Rate of Removal from Home

Figure 19. Removal Rate of Children per 1,000 Philadelphia Children, by Federal Fiscal Year*



In Federal FY25, the removal rate of children was 3.2 per 1,000 children.

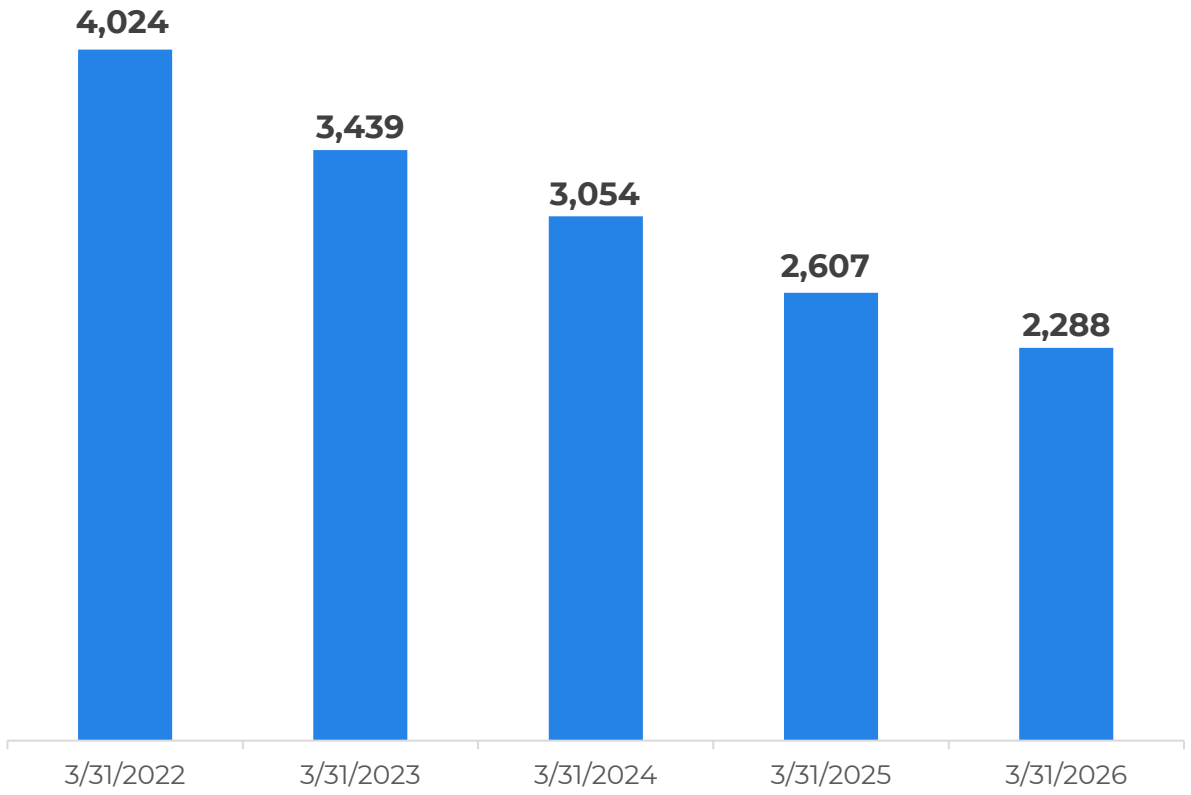
The FY25 rate represents a 38 percent decrease from FY21.

Data run on 10/23/2025
Removals from home are entries into dependent placement in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).
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Children in Placement

Figure 20. Number of Children in Dependent Placement on March 31st of Each Year



On March 31, 2026, there were 2,288 children in dependent placement.

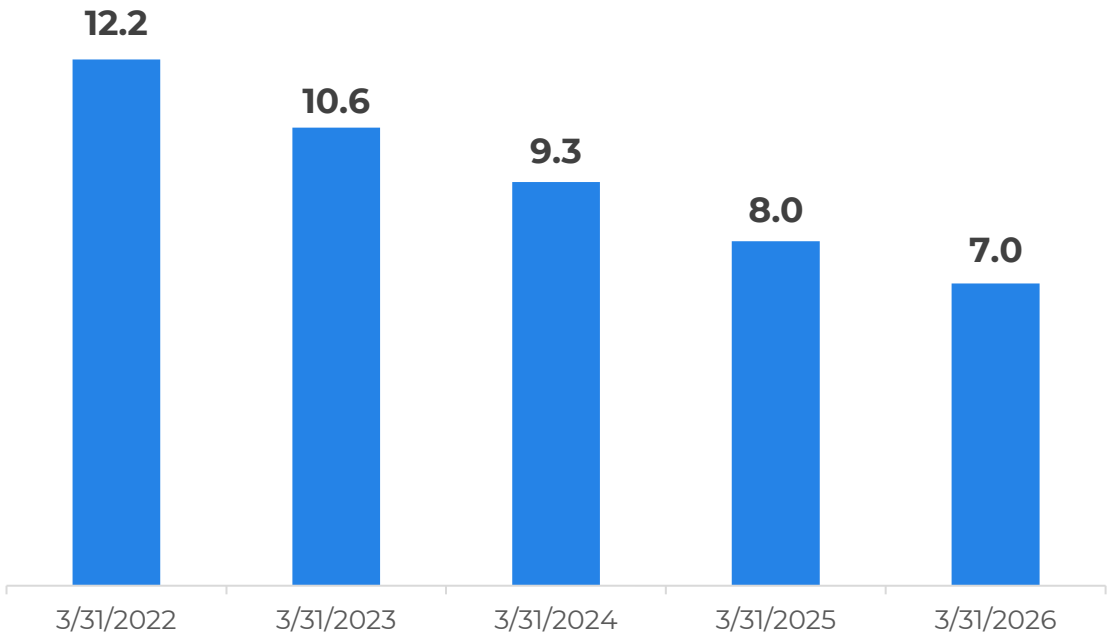
The number of children in placement on March 31, 2026 is 43 percent fewer than on March 31, 2022.

Data run on 4/22/2026

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Rate of Children in Placement

Figure 21. Rate of Children in Dependent Placement per 1,000 Philadelphia Children on March 31st of Each Year



On March 31, 2026, the rate of children in placement was 7.0 per 1,000 children.

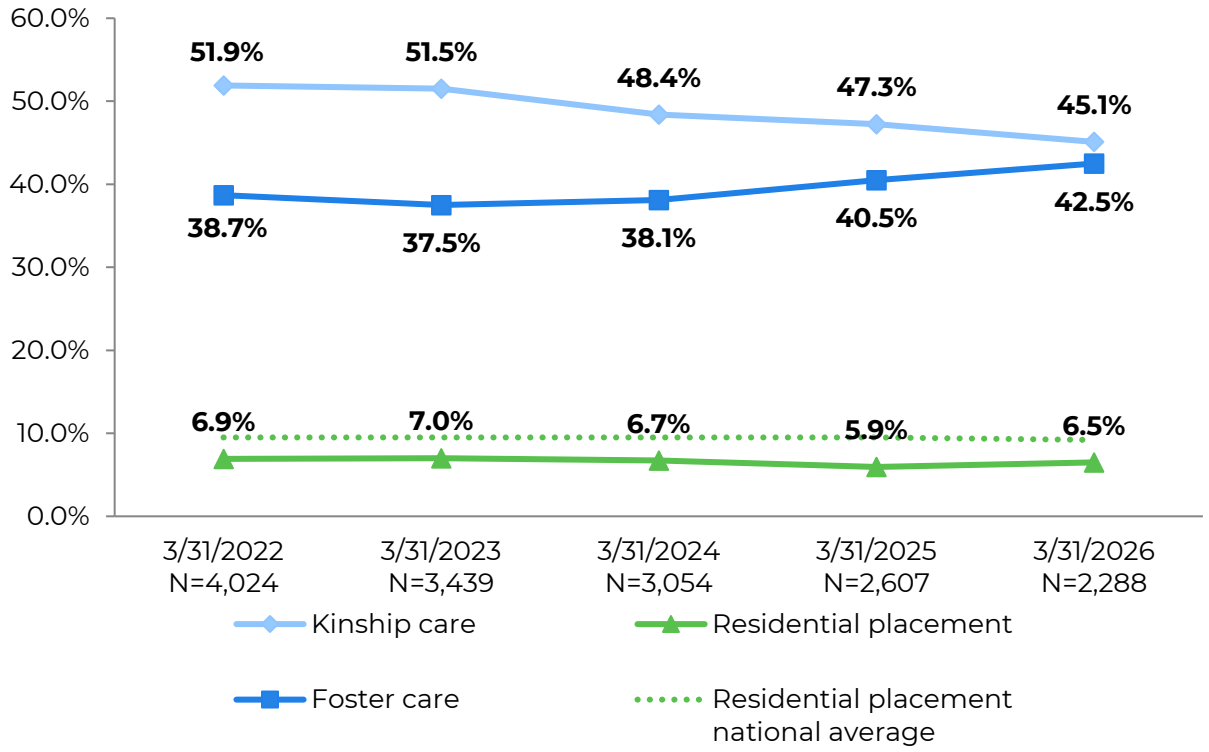
This rate of children in dependent placement is 43 percent lower than on March 31, 2022.

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Dependent Placements by Type

Figure 22. Dependent Placements on March 31st of Each Year



Children in Kinship, Foster, and Residential Placement have each decreased since 2022.

Kinship Care as a percentage of dependent placements was 45.1 percent in March 2026, the most of all types of dependent placement.

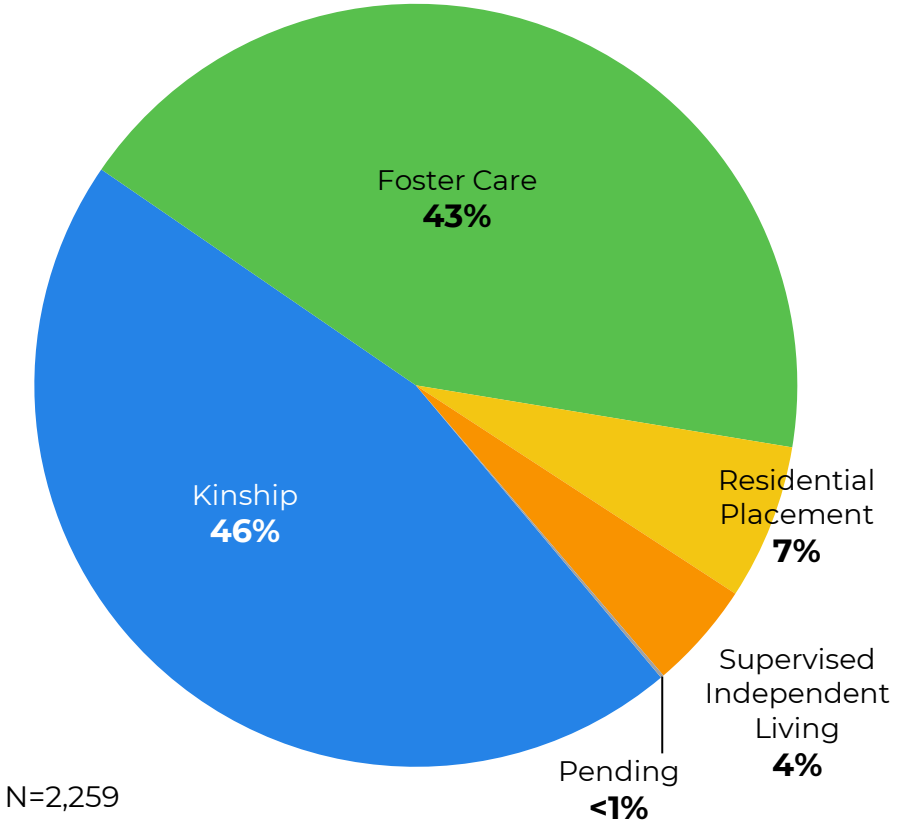
Residential Placement as a percentage of dependent placements was 6.5 percent in March 2026, below the national average of 9.2 percent.

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Residential Placement national average was calculated by aggregating national institution and group home totals reported in AFCARS Reports. Current average is from AFCARS Report #30, Preliminary Estimate for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, the most recent report available

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Dependent Placement Services

Figure 23. Children in Dependent Placements on March 31, 2026, by Placement Type



Nearly nine in ten (89%) youth in placement on March 31, 2026 were in Kinship or Foster Care.

Fewer than one in ten (7%) youth in placement were in Residential Placement.

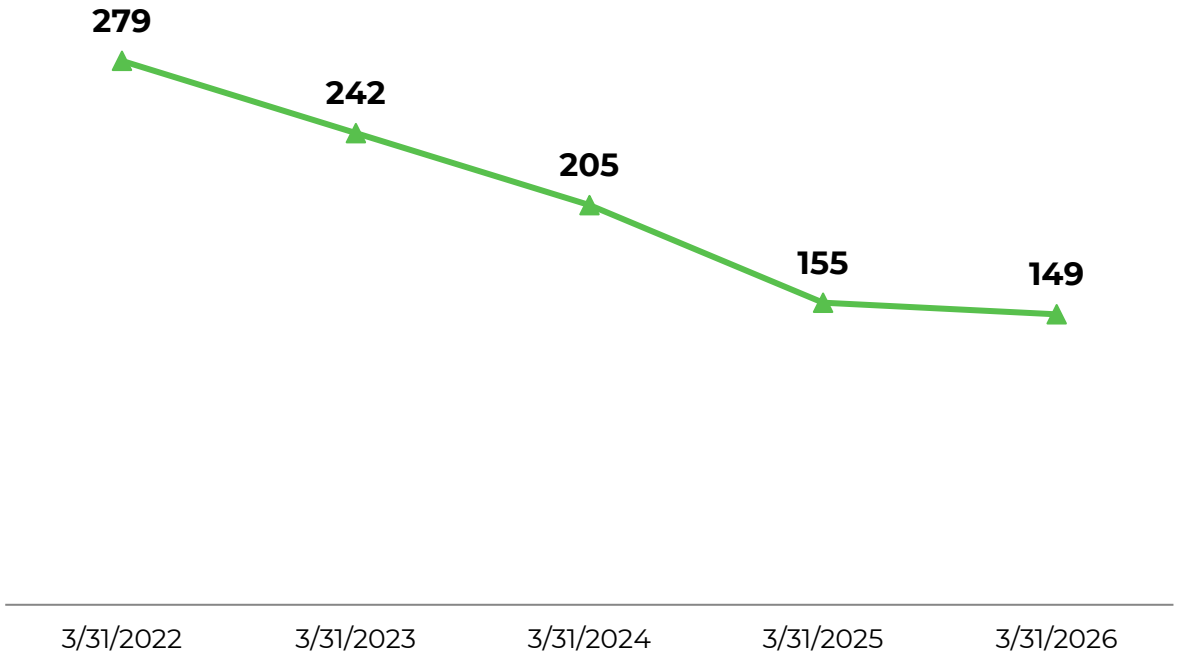
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*Pending youths' service information had yet to be entered into the electronic database as of the date the data were run. Percentages for this figure have been rounded to the nearest whole number, so total may not equal 100% *ICPC not included in this graph due to the inability to confirm data

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Dependent Residential Placement Services

Figure 24. Dependent Residential Placement Totals on March 31 of Each Year



Since March 31, 2022, the number of dependent youth in Residential Placement settings has decreased 47 percent from 279 youth to 149 youth.

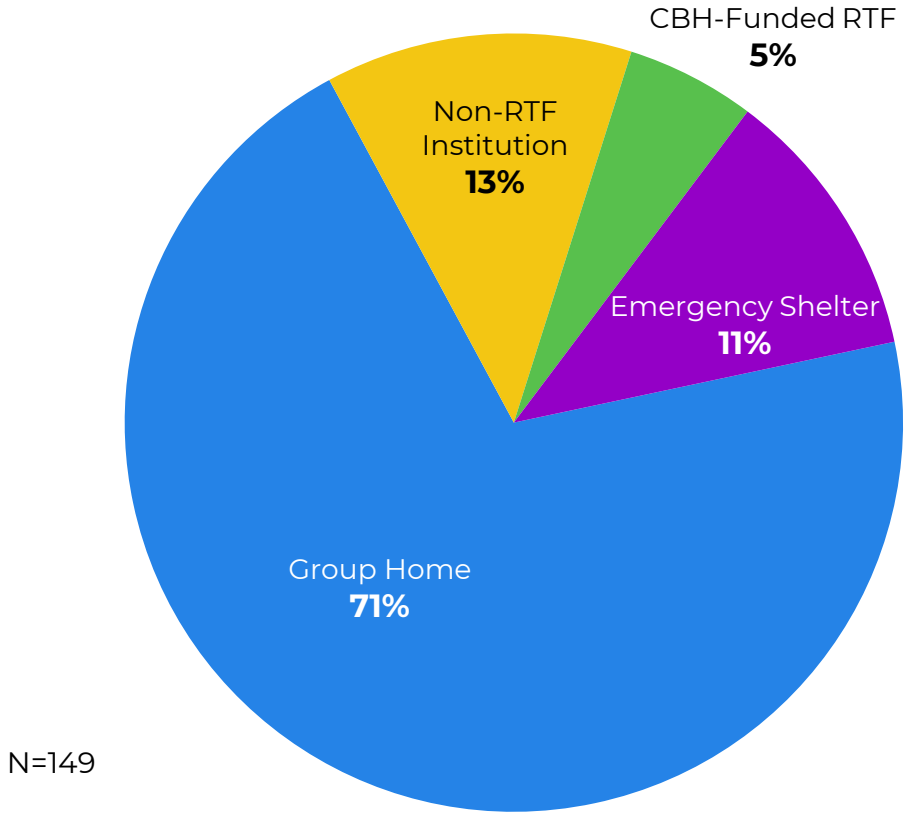
For the same timespan, overall youth in dependent placements decreased by 47 percent.

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Dependent Residential Placement Services

Figure 25. Children in Dependent Residential Placement on March 31, 2026



More than two-thirds (71%, N=105) of youth in Dependent Residential Placement were in group homes on March 31, 2026.

Seventeen youth were in emergency shelters, representing 11 percent of Residential Placements.

Data run on 4/22/2026
*Residential Placement was previously termed Congregate Care

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Dependent Residential Placement Services

Table 2. Distance between Residential Placement Facilities and City Limits on March 31, 2026

Distance	# of Facilities	# of Youth
In Philadelphia	8 (24%)	46 (31%)
Within 5 Miles	5 (15%)	38 (26%)
6 - 10 Miles	5 (15%)	17 (11%)
11 - 25 Miles	5 (15%)	13 (9%)
26 - 50 Miles	6 (18%)	14 (9%)
Over 50 Miles	5 (15%)	21 (14%)
Total	**34**	**149**

More than half of dependent Residential Placement facilities serving 68 percent of youth were either in Philadelphia or within 10 miles of the city limits.

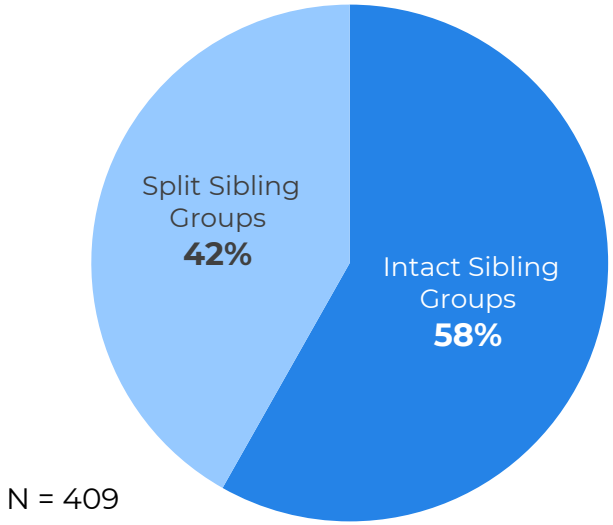
Data run on 5/1/2026
A facility is defined as an agency site and/or campus. Providers with multiple sites within the same ZIP code are considered a campus and counted only once. Providers with sites spread across multiple zip codes are counted multiple times– once for every ZIP code.

Family Foster Care Sibling Composition

Table 3. Sibling Composition of Youth in Foster Care and Kinship Care on March 31, 2026

CUA	Total Number of Sibling Groups	Total Number of Intact Sibling Groups	Percentage of Intact Sibling Groups
01 - NET	35	18	54%
02 - APM	34	21	58%
03 - CONCILIO	48	30	57%
04 - CCS	23	12	39%
05 - APM	67	36	62%
06 - CPA	33	22	77%
07 - NET	47	27	61%
08 - BETH	37	24	76%
09 - GPCA	45	22	45%
10 - BETH	40	26	59%
Overall	**409**	**238**	**58%**

Figure 26. Sibling Composition of Youth in Foster Care and Kinship Care on March 31, 2026



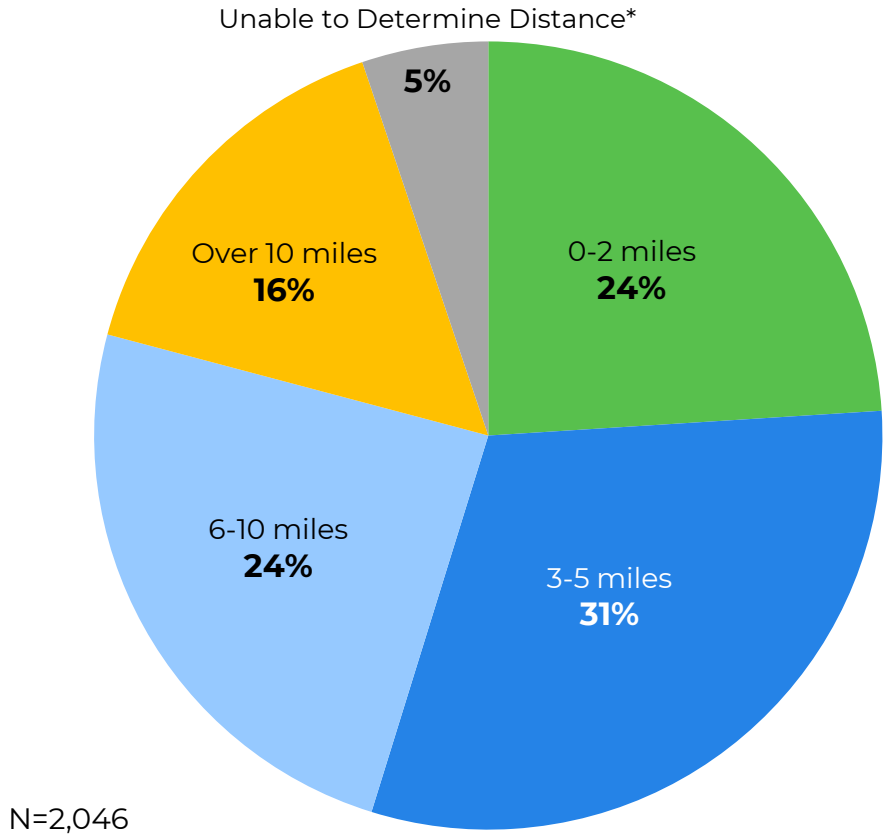
Of the 409 sibling groups placed in Family Foster Care, nearly three in five (58%) were placed together. CUA 6 had the highest percentage of intact sibling groups at 77 percent, while CUA 4 had the lowest percentage at 39 percent.

Data run on 4/22/2026

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Family Foster Care Distance from Home

Figure 27. Distance from Home for Youth in Kinship and Foster Care as of December 31, 2025



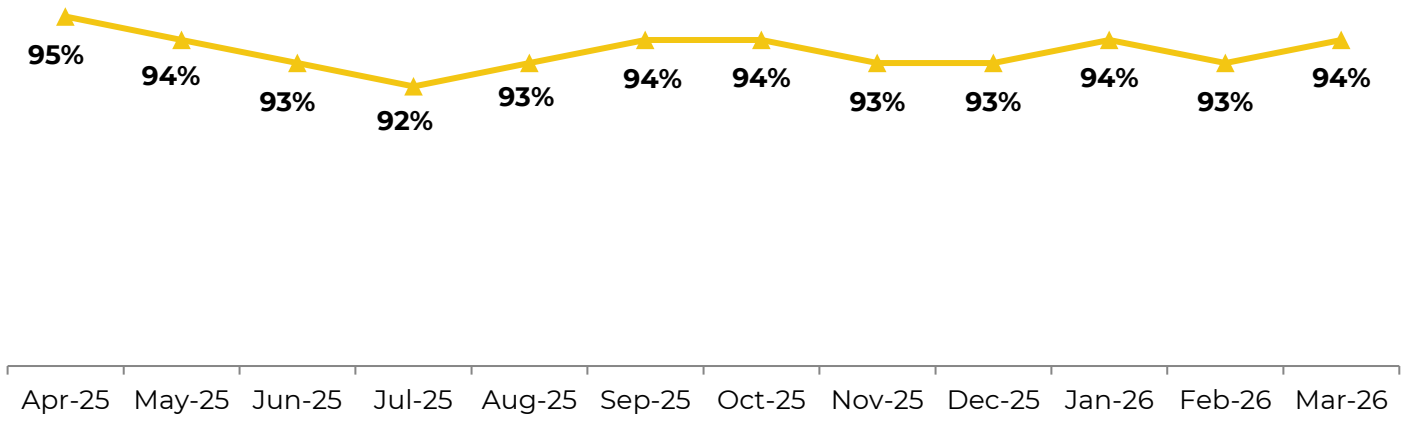
Over half of youth in Kinship and Foster Care (55%) lived within five miles of their home of origin, and four in every five (79%) youth lived within 10 miles.

Data run on 5/1/2026
Missing addresses were removed before geocoding, resulting in a lower number of youth included in the analysis.
"Unable to Determine Distance" included houses located outside of Philadelphia or incomplete addresses that could not be geocoded.

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Monthly Visitation

Figure 28. CUA Visitation Rates by Month



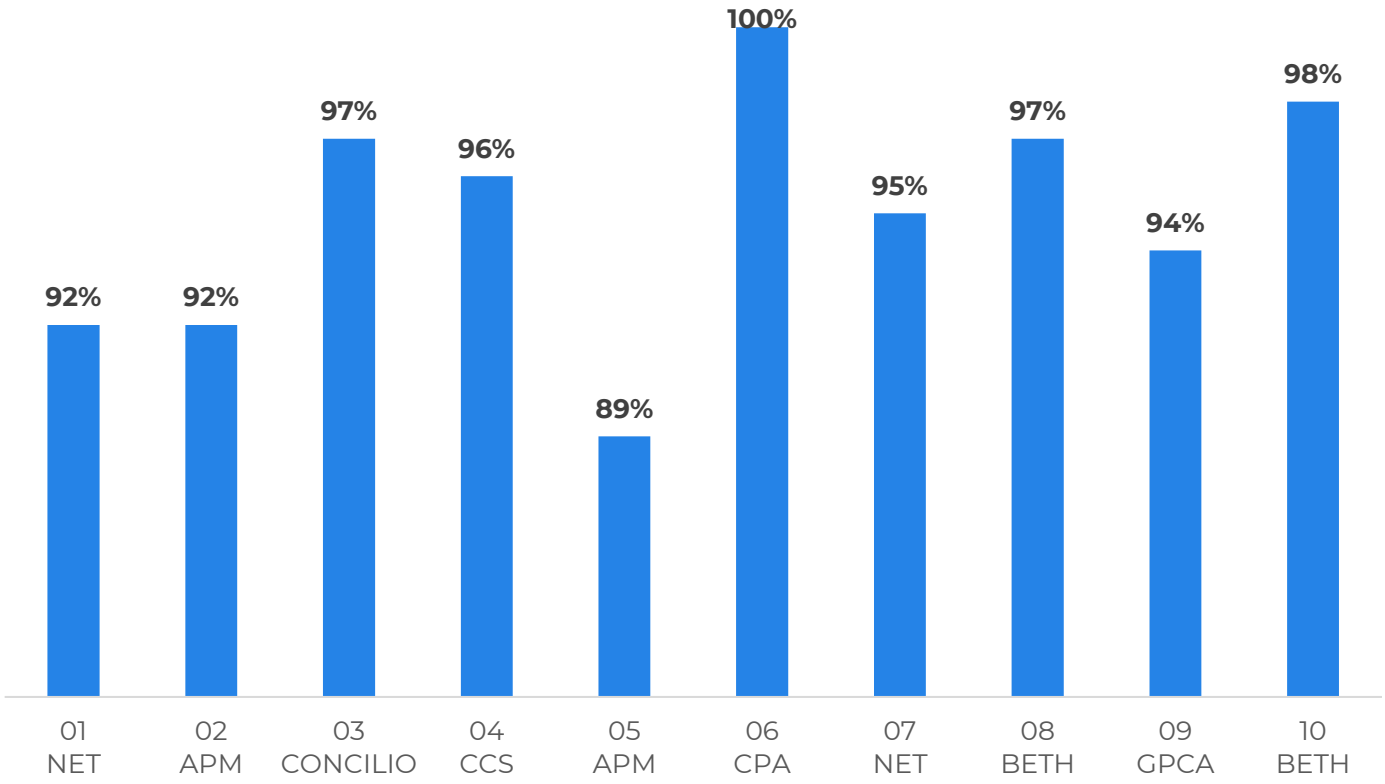
Overall, CUAs exceeded the benchmark of visiting 90 percent of families every month in the last full year ending on March 31.

Data run on 4/15/2026

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Monthly Visitation

Figure 29. March 2026 Visitation Rates, by CUA



In March 2026, nine of ten CUAs met the benchmark visitation rate of 90 percent or higher. The highest visitation rate was at 06-CPA with 100 percent, while the lowest was 89 percent at 05-APM.

Data run on 4/15/2026

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Dependent Services Summary

The number of families open for service continued to decline. Both the number of children with In-Home Services (1,471) and children with Dependent Placement Services (2,288) decreased.

While caseloads in the system overall are within recommended levels, some CUAs have more than double the median caseload of others.

Less than half of youth in Dependent Placement were in Kinship Care (45%), lower than recent years but still above the percent in Foster Care (43%).

At 149 youth on March 31, 2026, the total number of youth in Dependent Residential Placement was lower than in the last five years.

While more progress can be made, more children and youth are being supported in their own homes and communities.

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Permanency

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Glossary of Terms

DHS Permanency Services aim to reunite children in placement with their families of origin or with a permanent family to achieve a stable, long-term living arrangement.

- **Reunification** - Process through which children in dependent placement go back to living with their families of origin. Reunification is always the first goal for children in dependent placement.
- **Adoption** - Process of establishing a legal relationship of parent and child between persons who are not so related by birth.
- **Permanent Legal Custodianship (PLC)** - A legal option approved in Court granting legal custody of a child to a person(s) while maintaining some of the birth parents' rights.
- **Life Connection** - An adult with whom the youth has a connection. A life connection can be kin, a former foster parent, or mentor that is willing to help provide support and resources to the youth as they transition out of the system.

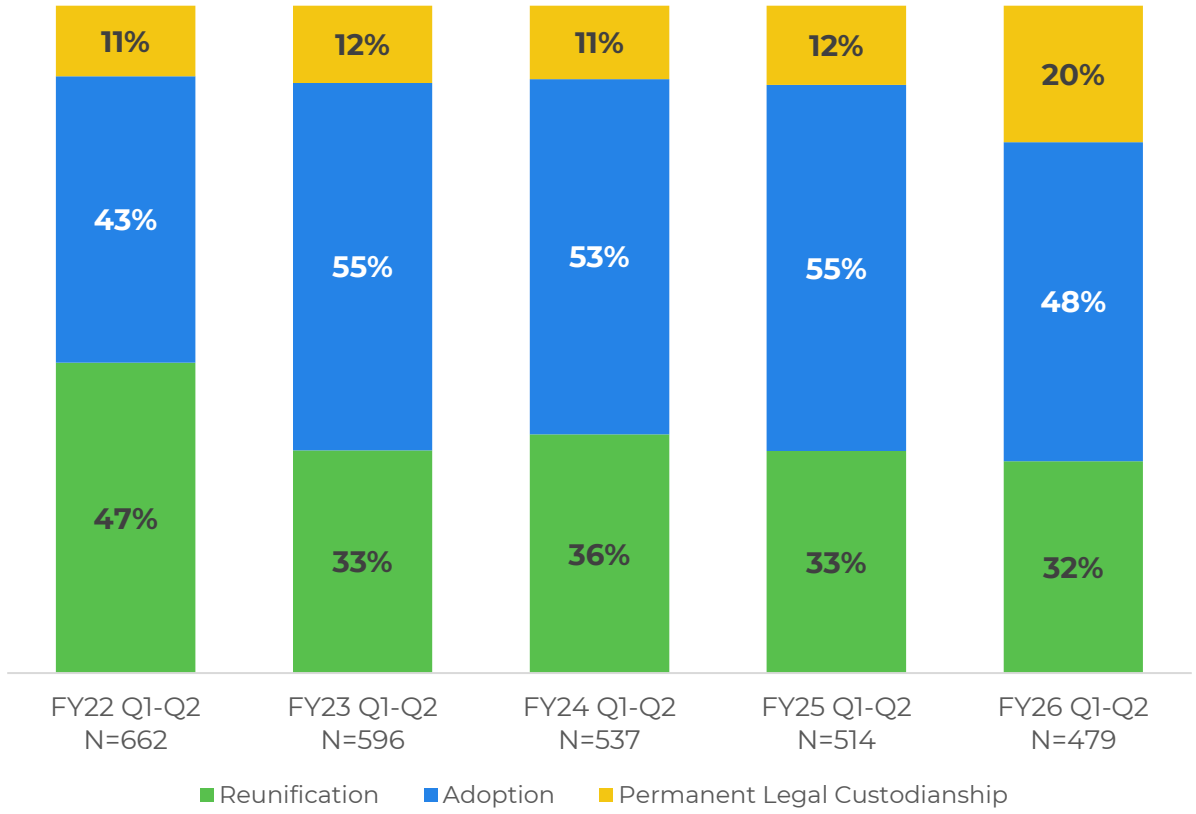
Glossary of Terms (continued)

Permanency Measures

- **One Year Re-Entry Rate** - Percentage of children who are reunified that re-enter foster care within one year of reunification.
- **Permanency data** are updated once every six months to better reveal longer term patterns on youth attaining permanency.

Permanency Rates and Totals

Figure 30. Permanency Totals by Permanency Type



In the first half of FY26, 479 children and youth attained permanency through Reunification, Adoption, and Permanent Legal Custodianship (PLC).

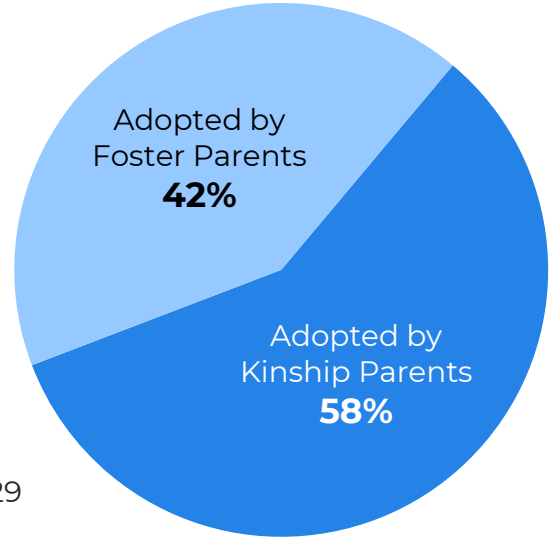
Around one-third (32%) of permanencies in the first half of FY26 were Reunifications, and nearly half (48%) were Adoptions.

Data run on 1/9/2026.
Permanency data are updated once every six months to more clearly show patterns on youth attaining permanency.

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Adoptions and Permanent Legal Custody (PLC)

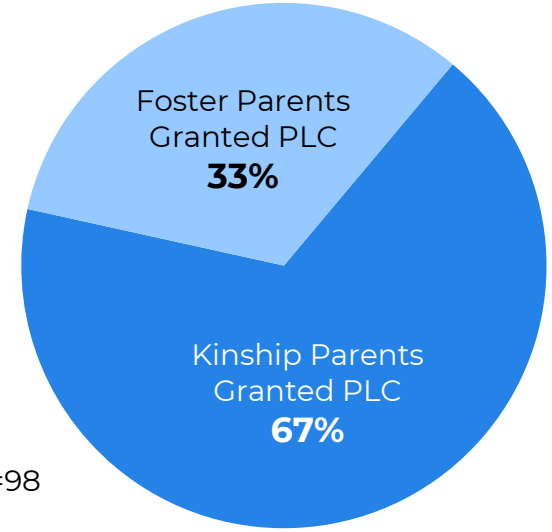
Figure 31. Youth Who are **Adopted** by Foster and Kinship Parents



N=229

Of the 229 children and youth who were adopted in the first half of FY26, nearly three in five (58%) were adopted by their kinship resource parents.

Figure 32. Youth who **Achieved PLC** with Foster and Kinship Parents



N=98

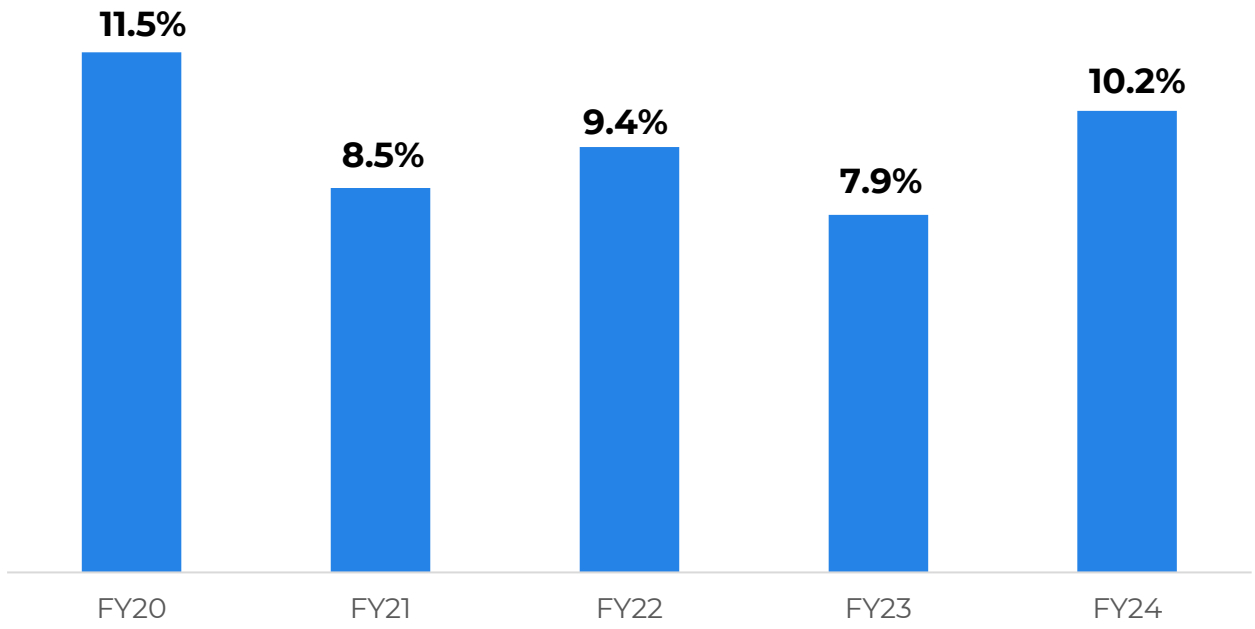
Of the 98 children and youth who achieved PLC, over two-thirds (67%) were in the custody of their kinship resource parents.

Data run on 1/8/2026
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Permanency- Re-Entry

Figure 33. One-Year Re-Entry



Over one in ten (10.2%) youth who were reunified between October 2023 and September 2024 re-entered dependent placement within one year.

Data run on 10/27/2025
Because this measure looks forward in time, there is a one-year delay in reporting repeat maltreatment.
These data are updated once a year based on the Federal fiscal year of October 1st to September 30th.

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Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Care

Figure 34a. Aging Out Totals

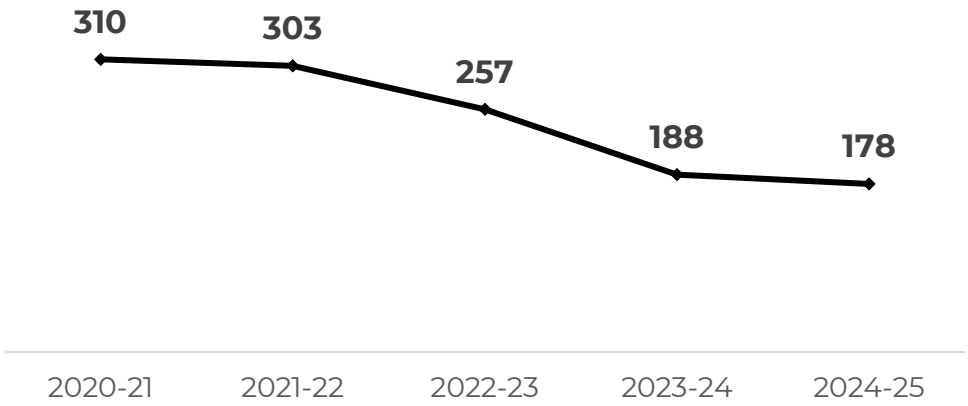
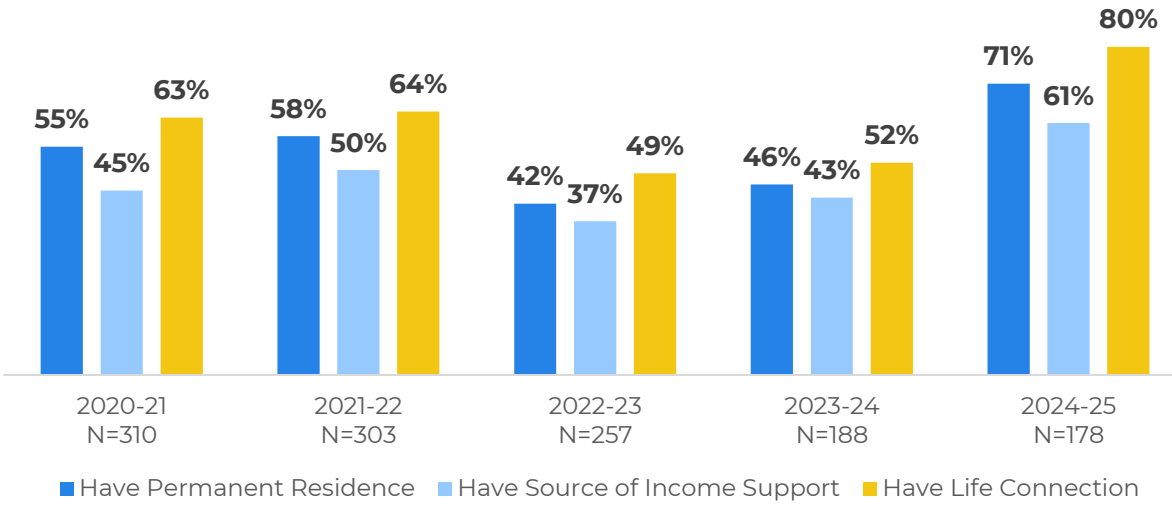


Figure 34b. Outcomes for Youth Aging Out



The number of youth aging out of care decreased 43 percent from FY21 to FY25, from 310 youth to 178 youth.

The percentages of youth aging out with permanent residences, a source of income, and/or a life connection was higher in Federal Fiscal Year 2025 than any of the four previous years.

Data run on 7/1/2025
Aging out data and accompanying narrative are reproduced from Philadelphia's 2025-26 Needs-Based Plan & Budget (NBPB) submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Permanency Summary

The percentage of permanencies through Reunification has been on a downward trend over the last five years.

Re-entry of children to Foster Care within a year of permanency has fluctuated over the last five years.

The number of youth aging out of care has trended downward since FY21, and higher percentages of youth aging out have basic life supports.

The percentage of children and youth reunifying with family has trended down since FY22 but has stabilized in the last two years.

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Juvenile Justice Programs

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Glossary of Terms

DHS' Division of Juvenile Justice Services goal is to provide safe and secure detention options that focus on youths' well-being through trauma-informed practices, while diverting youth at risk of delinquency from the formal juvenile justice system through Community-Based Prevention Services.

DHS Juvenile Justice - Prevention Programs

- **Intensive Prevention Services (IPS)** - Community-based services that provide support to youth (ages 10-19) who are having disciplinary issues at school or conflicts at home. The goal is to improve behavior and prevent entry into the juvenile justice system.
- **Community Evening Resource Centers (CERCs)** - Free, safe spaces, activities, and connection to resources for youth ages 10-17 every night from 7pm-2am. CERCs can also receive youth who are in violation of the City's minor curfew law and have come to the attention of the Philadelphia Police.

Glossary of Terms (continued)

DHS Juvenile Justice - Alternatives to Detention

- **Evening Reporting Centers (ERCs)** - ERCs offer programming to help youth complete probation terms, prevent reentry in the juvenile justice system, and successfully reintegrate them into their communities. There are four different types of ERCs:
  - **The Pre-ERC:** for youth in the pre adjudicatory phase
  - **The Community Intervention Center (CIC) ERC:** for youth during their court case
  - **The Post-ERC:** for youth after their case has been adjudicated
  - **Aftercare ERC (AERC):** for youth who have been discharged from JJ residential placement

- **In-Home Detention (IHD)** - A court-ordered program for delinquent youth, offering an alternative to residential detention

- **Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)** - A community-based prevention program offered to youth aged 10 to 19 who are at risk for involvement with the Juvenile Justice System

Glossary of Terms (continued)

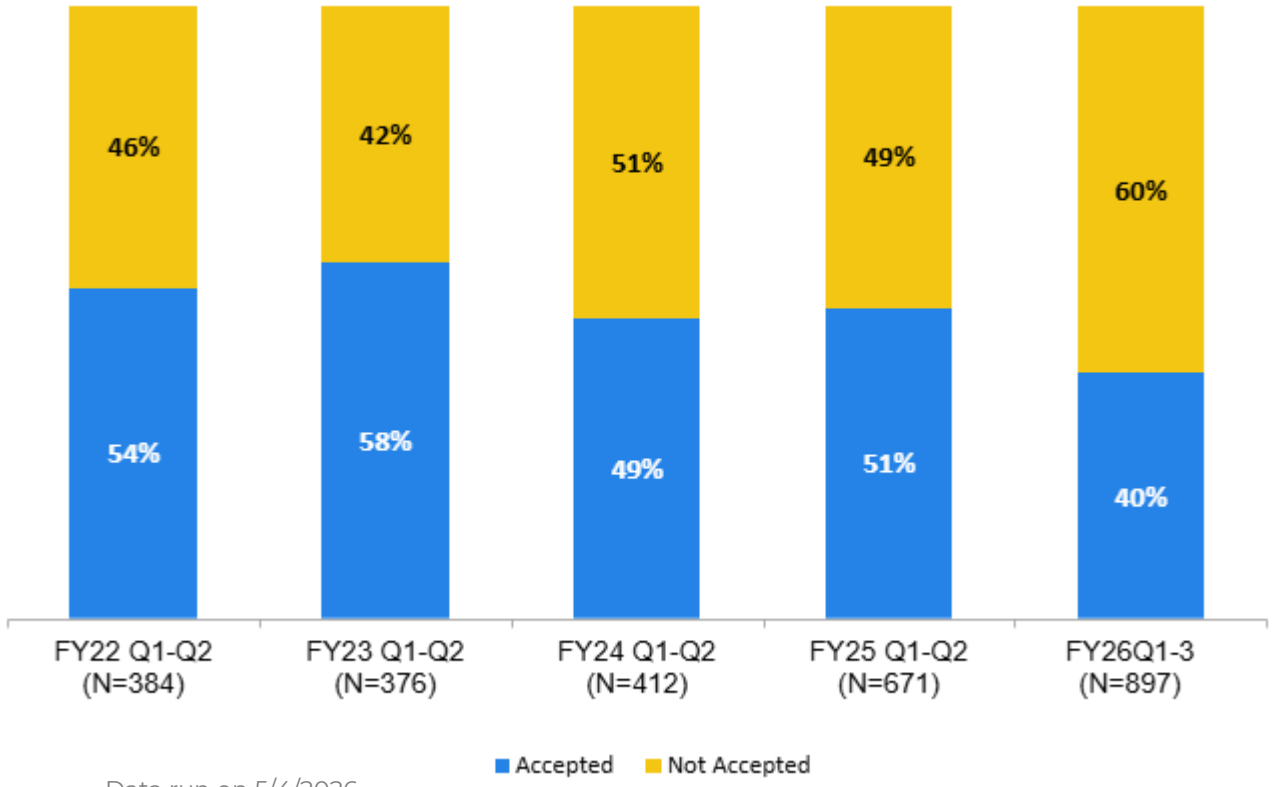
Juvenile Justice Detention and Residential Placement and Measures

- **Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC)** - Philadelphia's only secure juvenile detention center for youth. The PJJSC holds youth at the request of the Courts while they wait for their day in court.
- **Delinquent Residential Placement** - Facility-based placements for juvenile justice-involved youth who are adjudicated delinquent by the Court and ordered into a residential placement. Delinquent Residential Placement includes Group Homes, CBH-Funded Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs), Non-RTF Institutions, and State Institutions.
- **Length of Stay** - Amount of time youth has spent in a particular service location. Length of stay is calculated by taking the median number of days all youth spent at the PJJSC or residential placement in a specified time-period.

Intensive Prevention Services

Intensive Prevention Services (IPS) serve youth between 10 and 19 years old who are at risk for becoming dependent or juvenile justice-involved due to high-risk behaviors.

Figure 35. IPS Voluntary Service Rate



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Service Referrals consist of all youth referred who were eligible to be served.

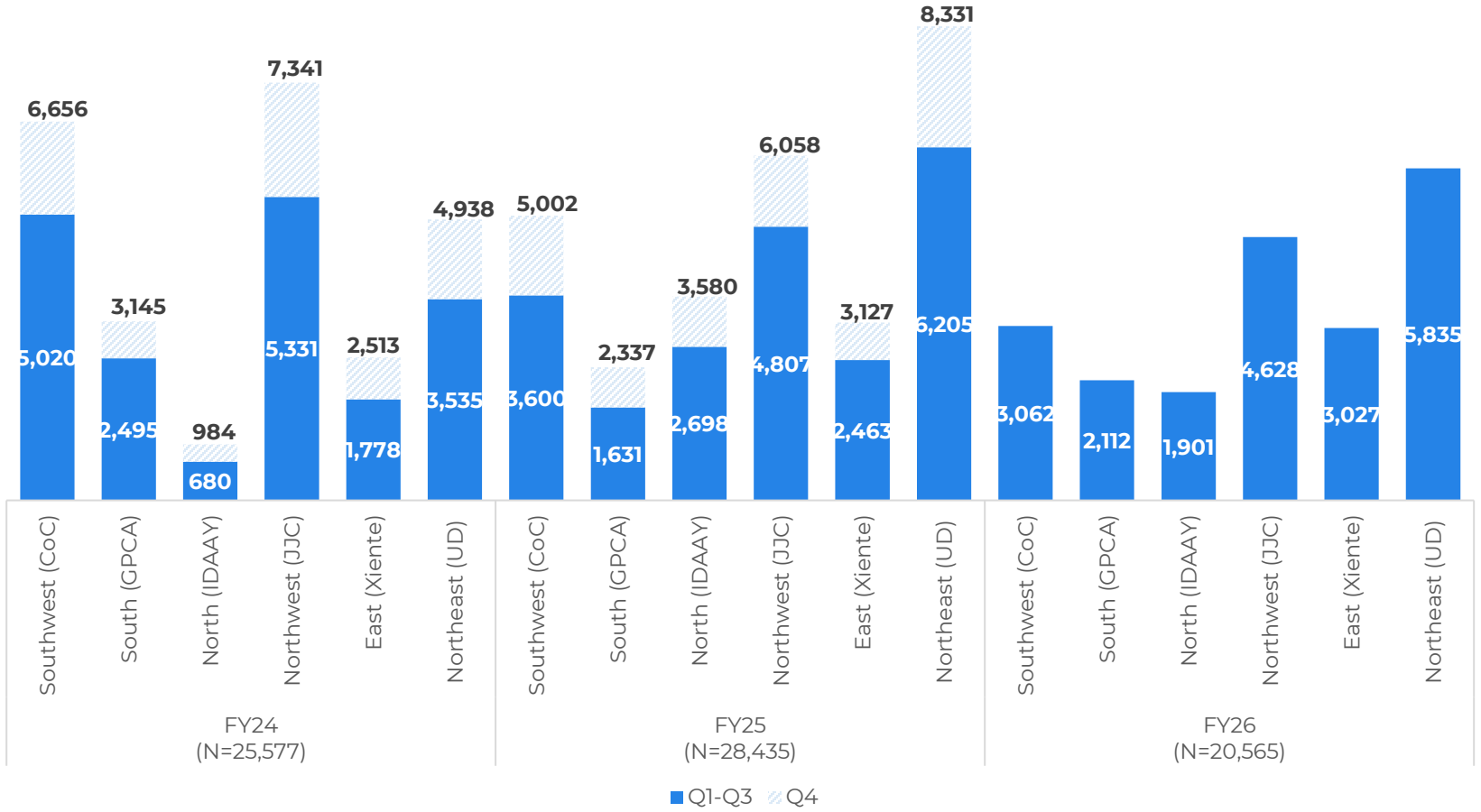
IPS received 897 referrals in FY26 Q1-Q3, higher than the count from FY25 and prior years.

Of these referrals, 358 were accepted, representing a 40 percent acceptance rate, lower than last year (50%).

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Community Evening Resource Center (CERC) Visit Volume

Figure 36. Total CERC Visits



In FY26 Q1-Q3, CERCs received 20,565 visits representing a four percent decrease from FY25 Q1-Q3.

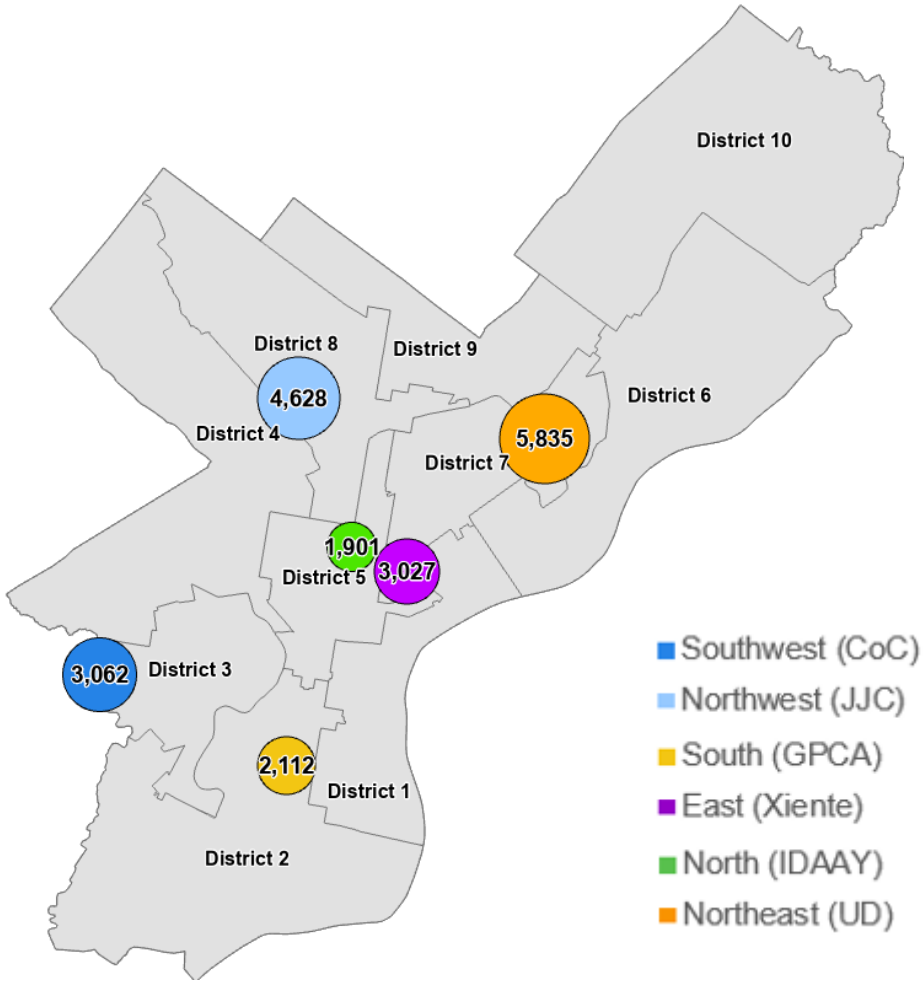
Unique Dreams in Northeast Philadelphia had the most visits (5,835) in FY26 Q1-Q3.

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CERC programming expanded over time with the North and Northwest divisions opening in FY23Q2 and the East and Northeast divisions opening in FY24Q1.

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CERC Visits by Provider – FY26 Q1-Q3

Figure 37. CERC Visits by Provider



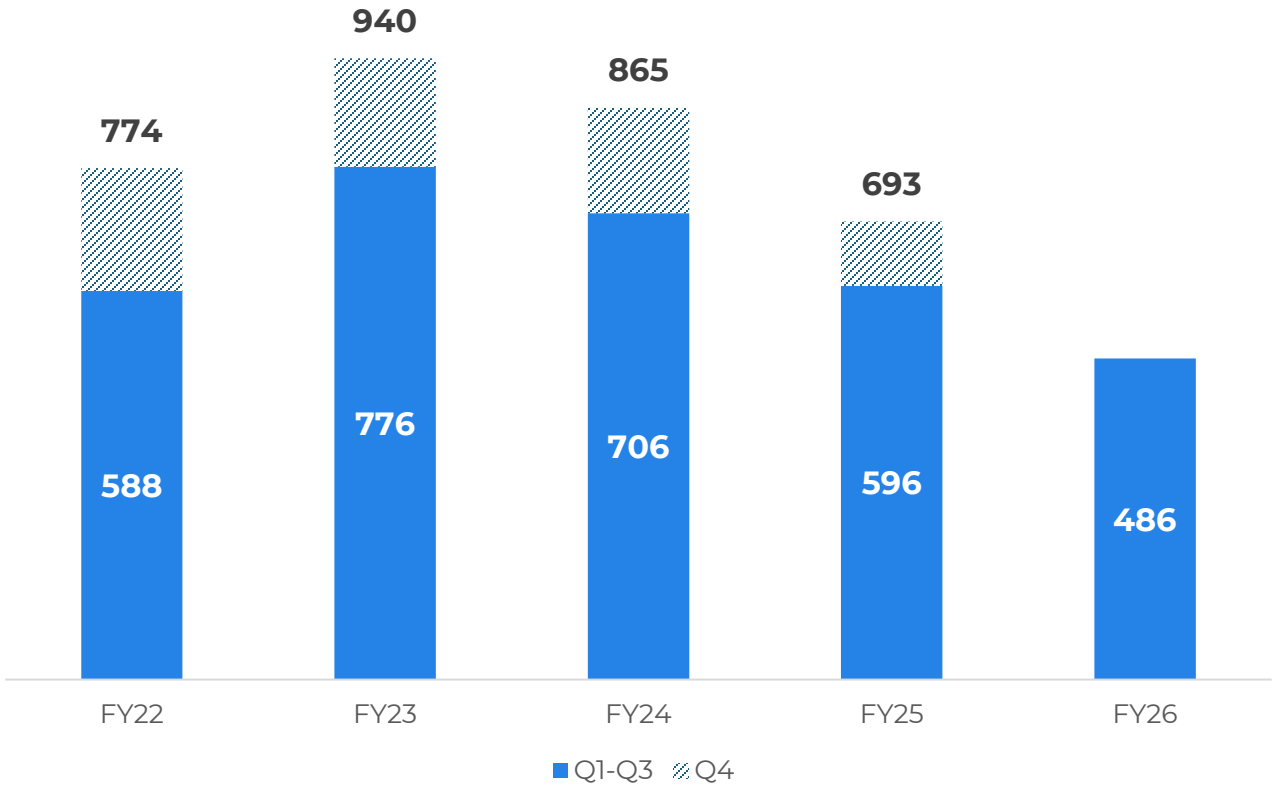
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Northeast and Northwest CERCs saw the most visits in the first three quarters of FY26, accounting for just over half (51%, N=10,463) of all visits.

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In-Home Detention Program

Figure 38a. Youth Served in In-home Detention (IHD)



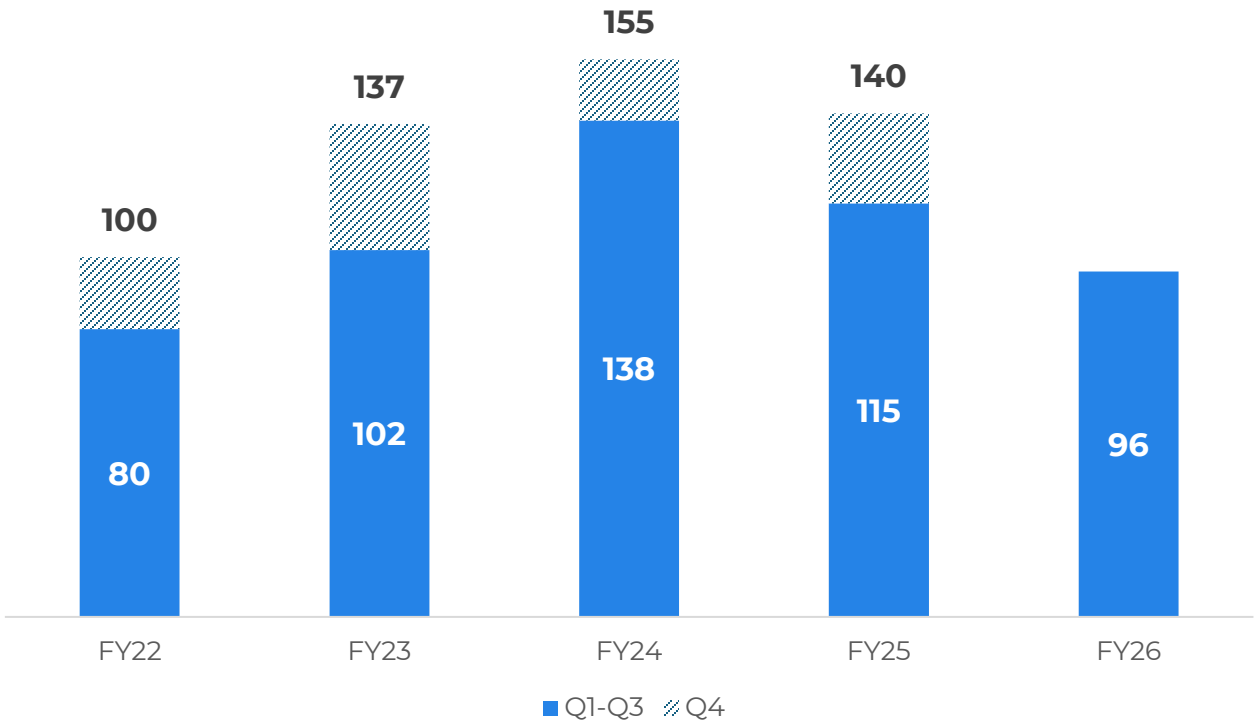
In FY26 Q1-Q3, 486 youth experienced in-home detention, continuing the downward trend from FY23.

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Intensive Supervision Program

Figure 38b. Youth Served in Intensive Supervision Programs (ISP)



In FY26 Q1-Q3, 96 youth were in the Intensive Supervision Program, down 17 percent from FY25 Q1-Q3.

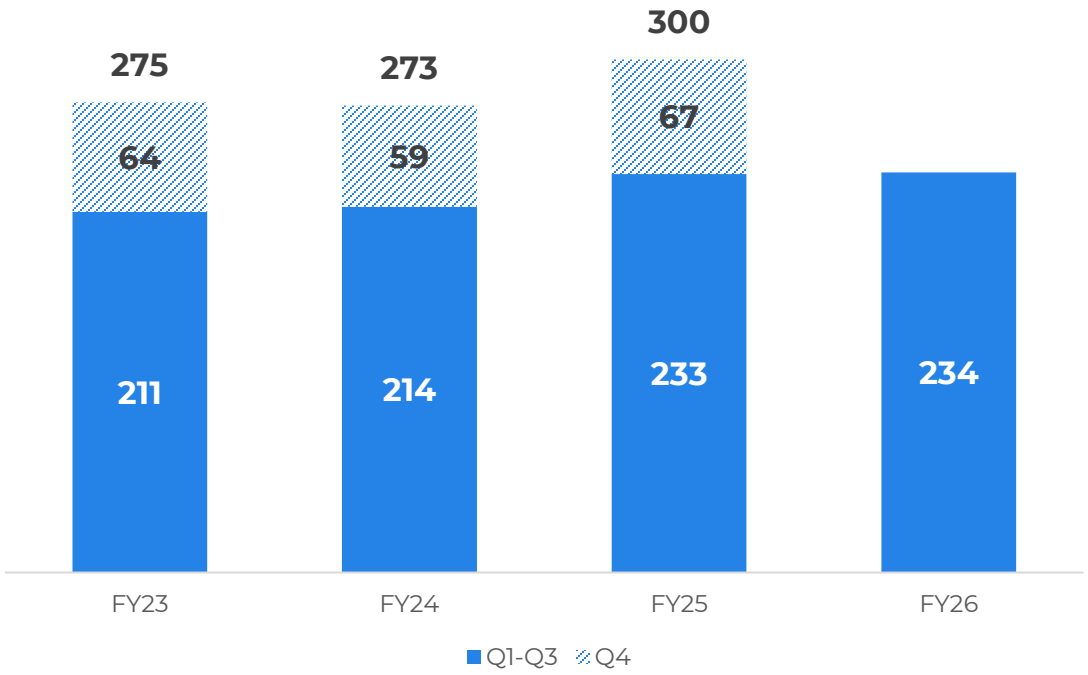
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Evening Reporting Centers

Evening Reporting Centers (ERCs) are community-based, afterschool programs that provide daily structured activities and serve as an alternative to placement for juvenile justice-involved youth ages 14-18.

Figure 39. Youth Receiving Evening Reporting Center Services



Evening Reporting Centers served 234 youth in FY26 Q1-Q3, the most youth in the past four years.

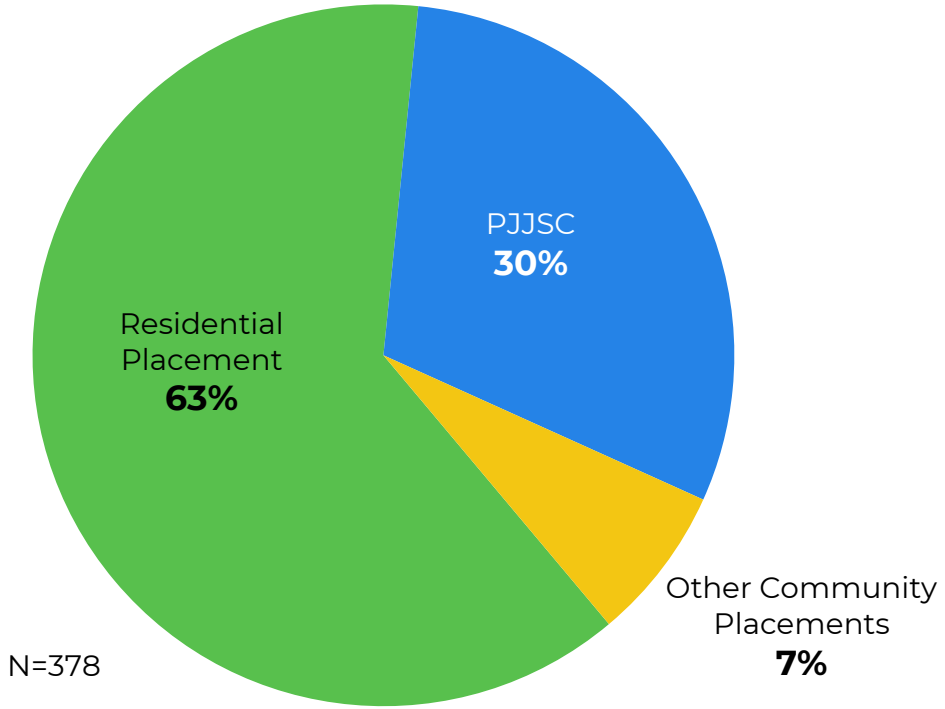
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Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth Placed Outside of Home

PJJSC, Delinquent Residential Placement & Community Placements

Figure 40. Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth Placed Outside the Home on March 31, 2026 by Location



On March 31, 2026, there were 378 juvenile justice-involved youth placed outside the home.

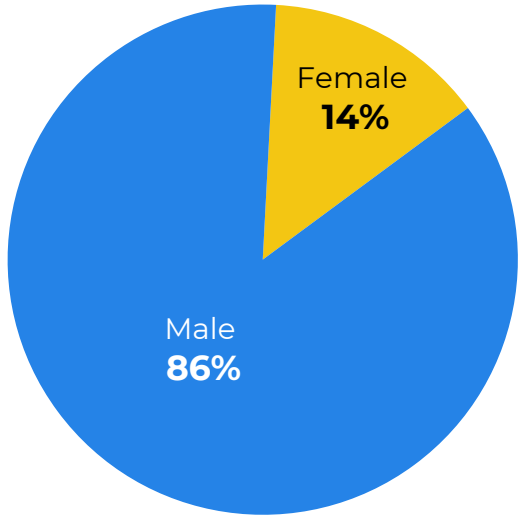
More than three in five (63%) youth were placed in residential placement, and under one-third were in detention at the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC).

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*Note, the PJJSC count was based on PJJSC roster point in time for 3/31/26, not Delinquent Placement Population and Congregate Care
"Other community placements" include foster care and supervised independent living
Data for Juvenile Justice-involved youth in placement alternatives, such as GPS monitoring, are not tracked directly by DHS

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Sex of Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth – March 31, 2026

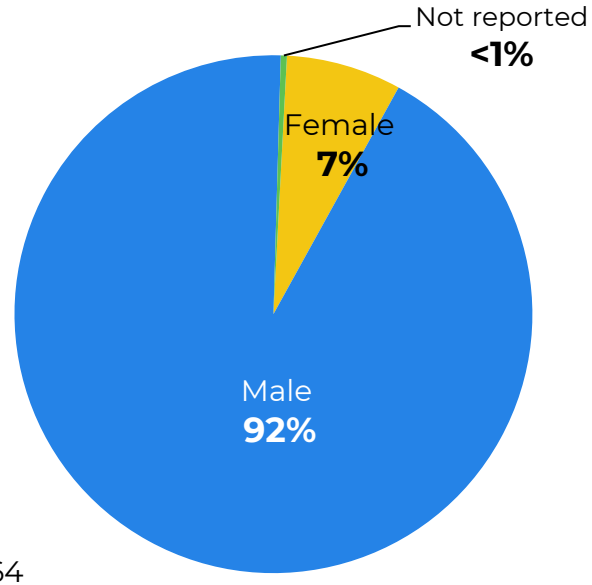
Figure 41a. Sex of Youth Held in the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC)



N=114

On March 31, more than four in five (86%) youth held in detention at the PJJSC were male.

Figure 41b. Sex of Youth in Delinquent Residential and Community Placement



N=264

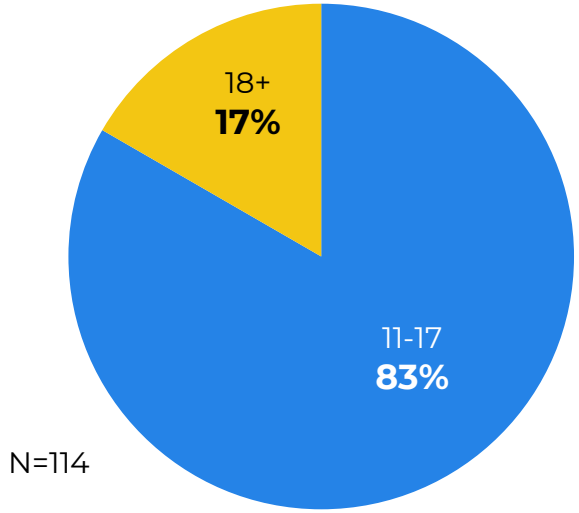
More than nine in ten (92%) youth in residential and community placement at the end of March were male.

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Age of Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth – March 31, 2026

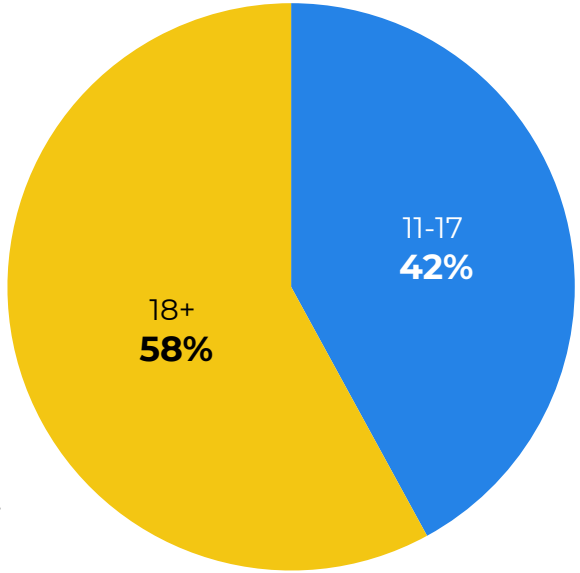
Figure 42a. Age of Youth Held in the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC)



N=114

On March 31, over four in five (83%) youth held in detention at the PJJSC were 11-17 years old.

Figure 42b. Age of Youth in Delinquent Residential and Community Placement



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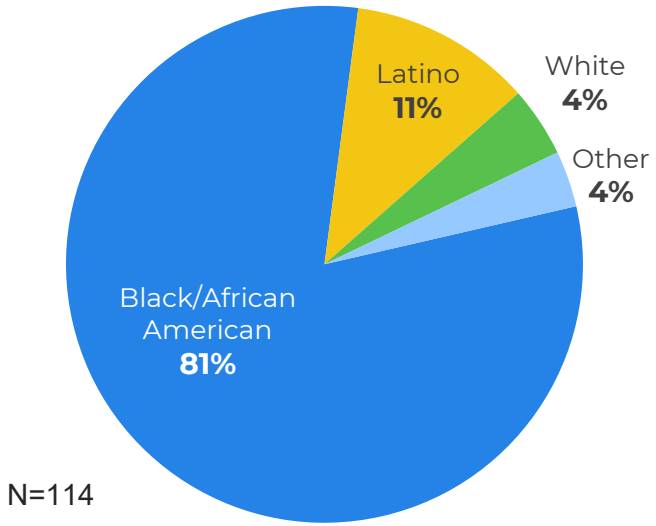
Over two in five (42%) youth in residential and community placement were 11-17 years old.

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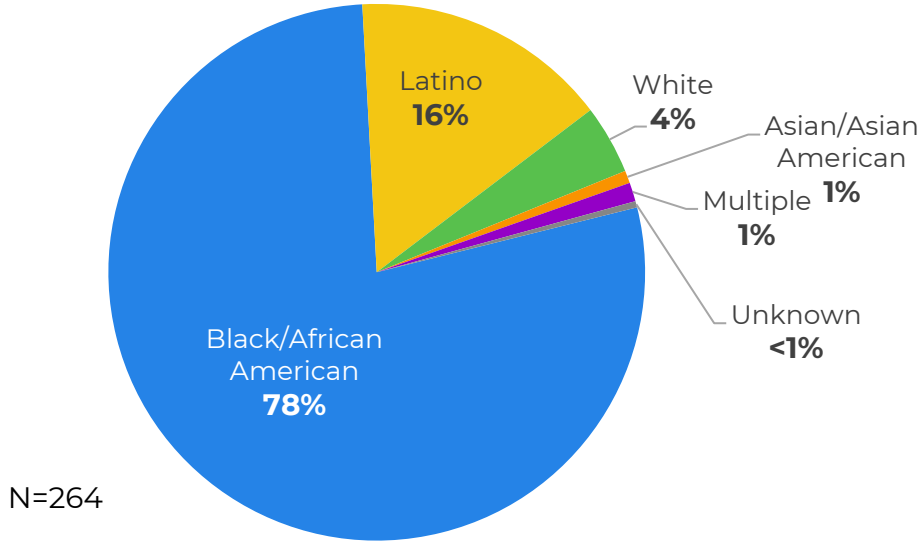
Race/Ethnicity of Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth – March 31, 2026

Figure 43a. Race/Ethnicity of Youth Held in the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC)



On March 31, more than four in five youth (81%) held in detention at the PJJSC identified as Black compared to 43 percent of youth in Philadelphia who are Black.

Figure 43b. Race/Ethnicity of Youth in Delinquent Residential and Community Placement



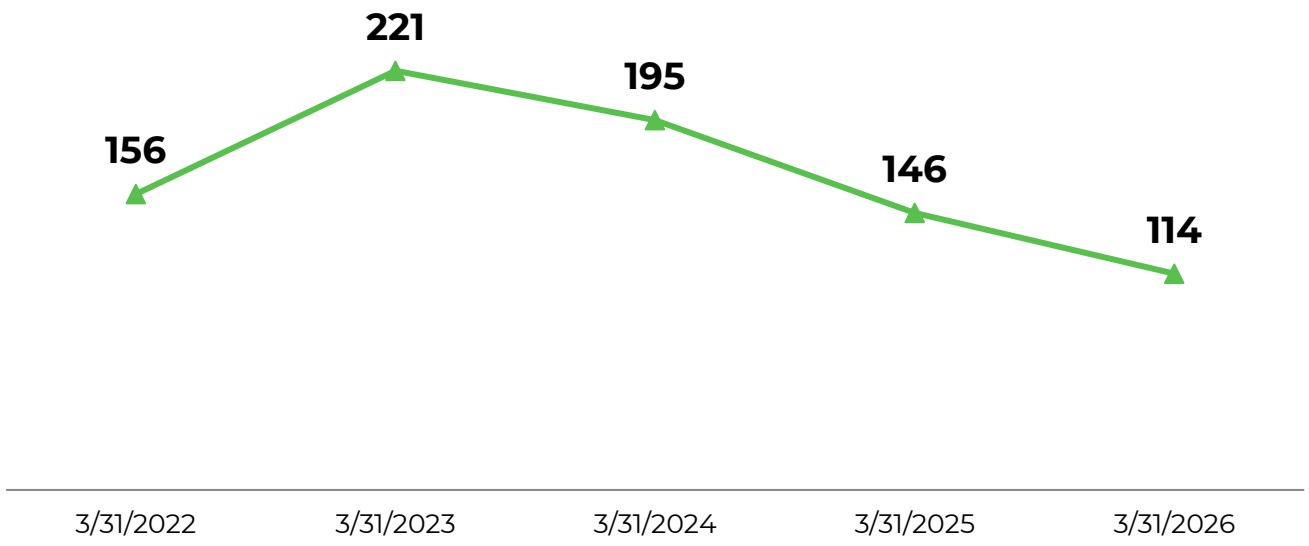
On March 31, nearly four in five youth (78%) in delinquent residential and community placement identified as Black.

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There were no youth described as Asian American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Mixed Race in the PJJSC on September 30.
Philadelphia youth demographics from American Community Survey at https://data.census.gov/table?q=race/ethnicity%20by%20age%20in%20philadelphia

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Figure 44. PJJSC Placement Totals on March 31st of Each Year



On March 31, there were 114 youth in detention at the PJJSC.

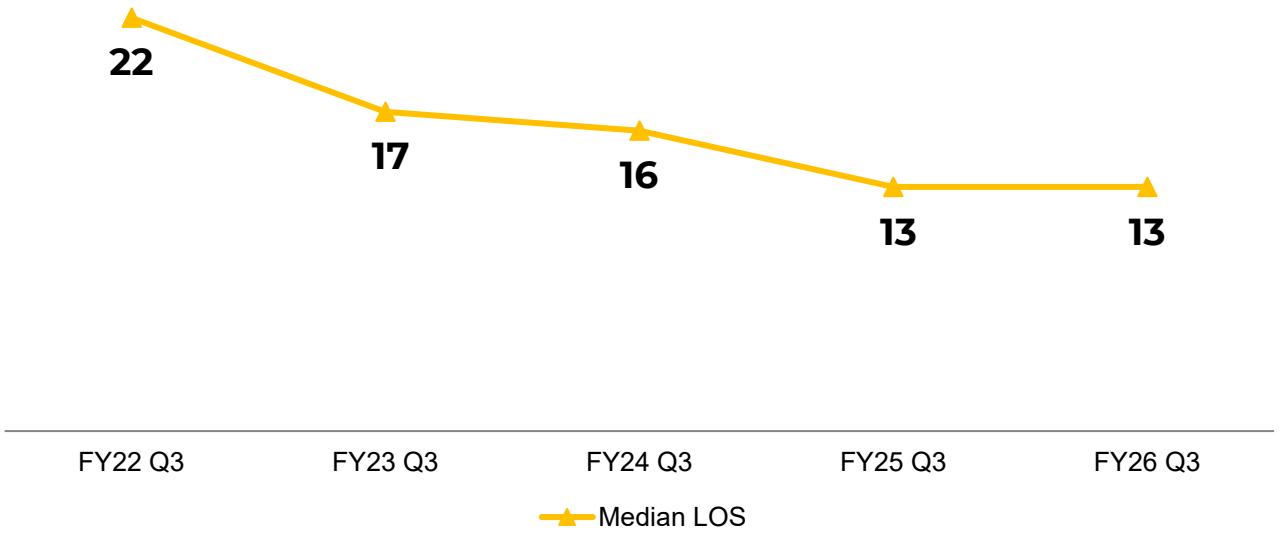
The number of youth held in detention at the PJJSC has been decreasing since 2023.

Data run on 5/4/2026
Data is preliminary and may not reflect all discharges as of data run date

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Figure 45. Median Length of Stay (Days) for Youth Exiting the PJJSC



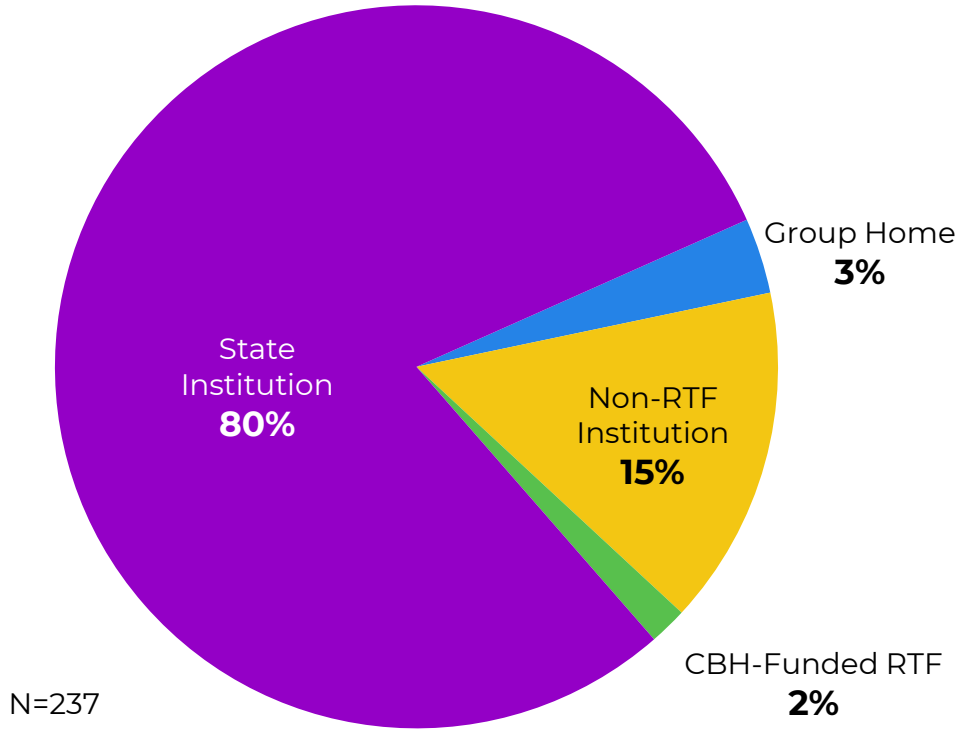
The median length of stay for youth who left the PJJSC has decreased in recent years, reaching 13 days in FY26 Q3.

Data run on 5/4/2026
Median length of stay is used to describe trends in length of stay because averages can be thrown off by very long and short stays.
Youth who entered and exited the PJJSC on the same calendar day were not counted.
This measure uses an exit cohort which may over represent those youth who leave the PJJSC quickly.
Data is preliminary and may not reflect all discharges as of data run date

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Figure 46. Children in Delinquent Residential Placement on March 31, 2026



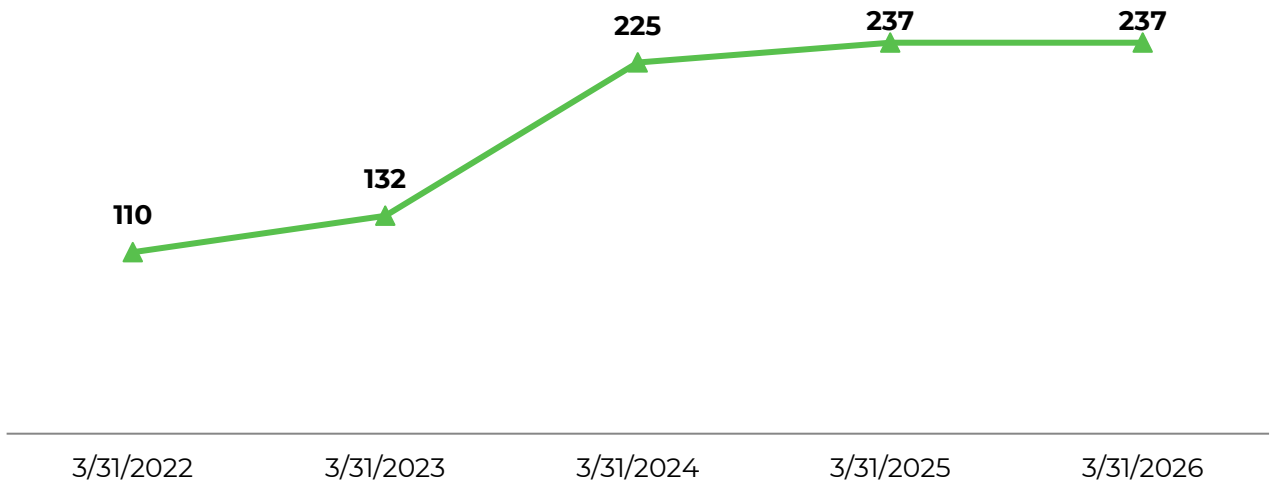
Four in five (80%) youth placed in Delinquent Residential Placement were in a state institution on March 31, 2026.

Five percent of youth placed in Delinquent Residential Placement were in Group Home or CBH-Funded RTF settings.

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Figure 47. Delinquent Residential Placement Totals on March 31 of Each Year



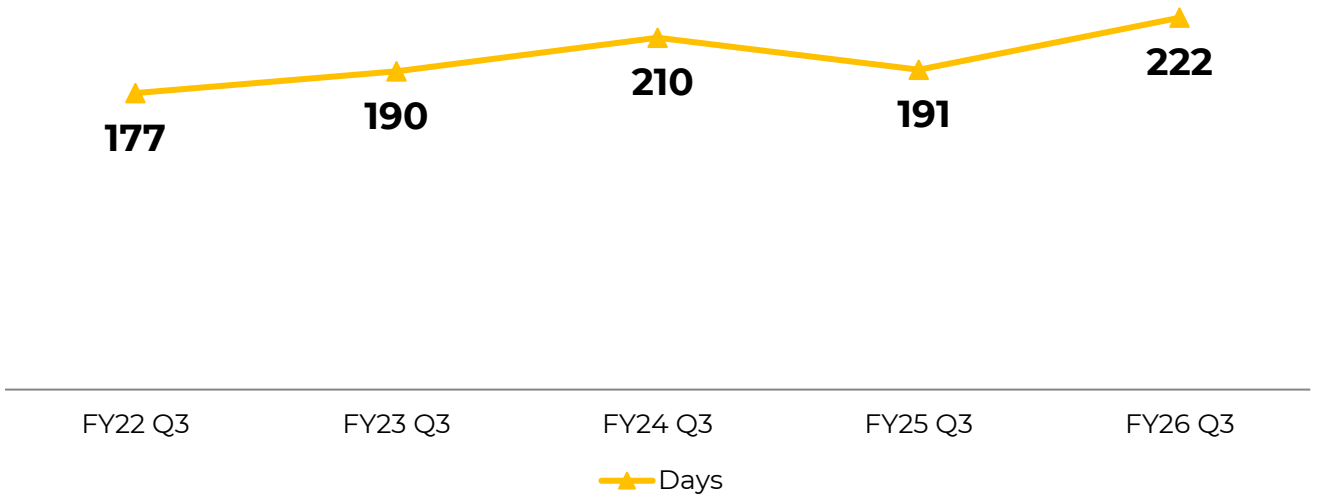
The total number of youth in delinquent residential placement from court ordered treatment, rehabilitation, and supervision has stabilized since 2024, reaching 237 in March 2026.

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Figure 48. Median Length of Stay (Days) for Youth Exiting **Delinquent Residential Placement**



The median length of stay for youth who exited Delinquent Residential Placement settings in FY26 Q3 was 222 days, a 25 percent increase over FY22.

Data run on 5/4/2026
Median length of stay is used to describe trends in length of stay over average length of stay, which can be affected by very long and short stayers. Residential Placement placements include Group Homes, CBH-Funded Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs), Non-RTF Institutions, and State Institutions. This measure uses an exit cohort which may over represent those youth who leave residential placement quickly.

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Table 4. Distance between Residential Placement and City Limits as of March 31, 2026

Distance	# of Facilities	# of Youth
In Philadelphia	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Within 10 Miles	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
11 – 50 Miles	1 (7%)	8 (3%)
51 – 100 Miles	3 (21%)	96 (41%)
101 – 200 Miles	4 (29%)	104 (44%)
200 + Miles	6 (43%)	29 (12%)
Total	**14**	**237**

No delinquent residential placements were in Philadelphia on March 31, 2026.

Nearly all (97%) youth in residential placement facilities were placed at least 50 miles from Philadelphia.

Data run on 5/1/2026
A facility is defined as an agency site and/or campus. Providers with multiple sites within the same Zip code are considered a campus and counted only once. Providers with sites spread across multiple ZIP codes are counted multiple times– once for every ZIP code.

Juvenile Justice Programs Summary

Intensive Prevention Services received 987 referrals in FY26 Q1-Q3, an increase from the previous year. Evening Reporting Centers provided an alternative to detention for 234 youth in FY26 Q1-Q3, the most in the past four years.

The number of youth held in detention at the PJJSC decreased while the number of youth in Delinquent Residential Placement stabilized.

At 13 days in FY26 Q3, the median length of stay at the PJJSC has decreased each of the last three years. Delinquent Residential Placement length of stay increased to 222 days in FY26 Q3.

DHS served more children and youth in their own homes and communities through prevention programs and alternatives to detention. The overall number of youth in delinquent Residential Placement increased and most delinquent Residential Placement facilities for JJ-involved youth were far from Philadelphia.

Additional OCF Programs

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Glossary of Terms

The Office of Children and Families (OCF) administers additional City-supported programs regarding Children and Family Support and Early Childhood Education.

- **Out of School Time (OST)** - Aligned with School District of Philadelphia (SDP) goals, OST has three age-based models; the elementary school model focuses on literacy, the middle school model focuses on career exposure, and the high school model focuses on career experience.

- **Career Connected Learning (C2L)** - C2L is a joint effort between the City, Philadelphia Works, and the School District of Philadelphia. C2L offers youth and young adults ages 12-24 paid, work-based career exposure, exploration, and skill development. Facilitated by JEVS Human Services, youth participate in internships, service-learning projects, career exposure and exploration, professional development, mentoring, and job shadowing. Additionally, students enrolled in High School OST programs participate in C2L activities where they can earn incentives for participation and meeting program goals.

Glossary of Terms (continued)

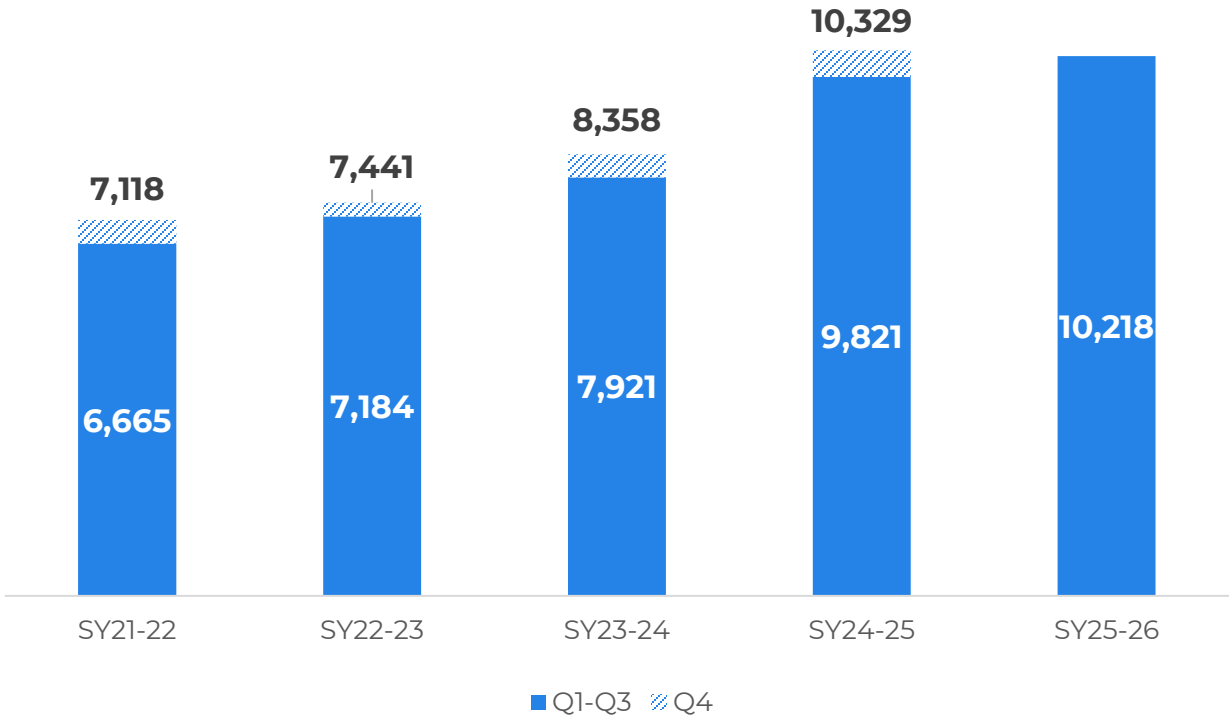
- **Education Support Center (ESC)** - The Education Support Center collaborates with cross-system partners to minimize educational disruptions, address learning barriers, and align supports for children and youth involved with DHS.

- **PHLpreK** - PHLpreK is the City of Philadelphia's free, quality pre-K program, supported by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax. All of Philadelphia's children who are 3 or 4 years old are eligible. There are no income or employment requirements.

- **Truancy Intervention and Prevention Services (TIPS) Early Intervention** - At designated schools, Truancy Case Managers connect with truant youth and their families with the goal of promoting attendance and diverting youth from Truancy Court. This service is for students that are beginning to accrue unexcused absences to prevent additional truancy and more formal involvement in the child welfare system.

Out of School Time (OST)

Figure 49. Summer OST Attendance



Over 10,000 youth attended OST programming in the first three quarters of School Year 2025-26. This includes 1,711 High School OST participants who took part in C2L programming.

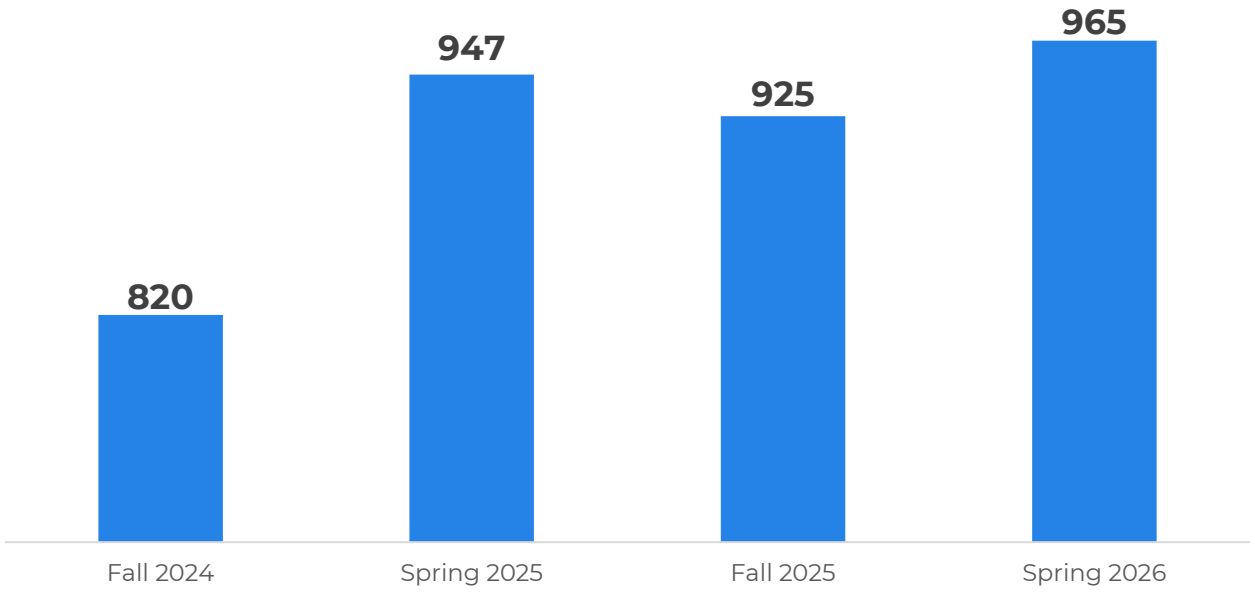
Since 2021, attendance has increased 53 percent.

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Career Connected Learning (C2L)

Figure 50. School Year C2L Attendance



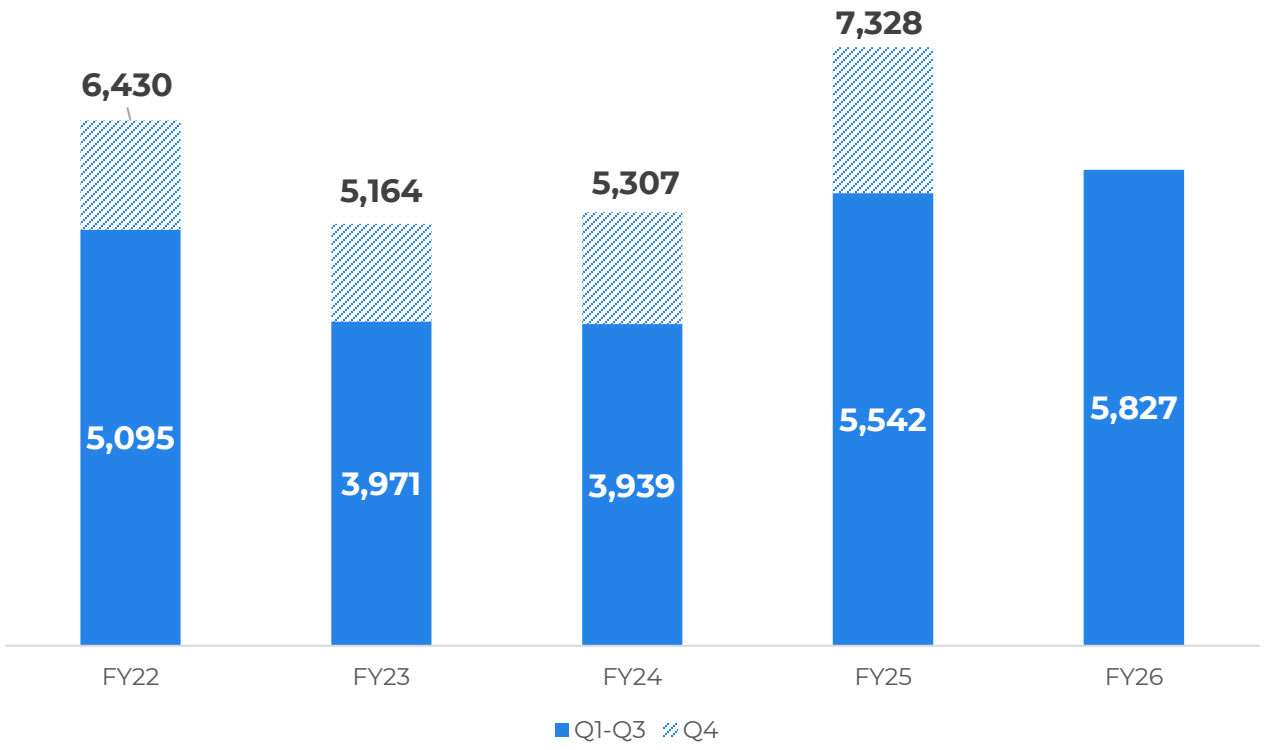
The number of youth served in C2L programming continues to increase, reaching 965 youth in Spring 2026.

Data provided by JEVS Human Services in May 2026. Prior to 2024, C2L was referred to as WorkReady and was facilitated by Philadelphia Youth Network.

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Education Support Center (ESC)

Figure 51. Education Stability Consults to provide supports and increase school attendance



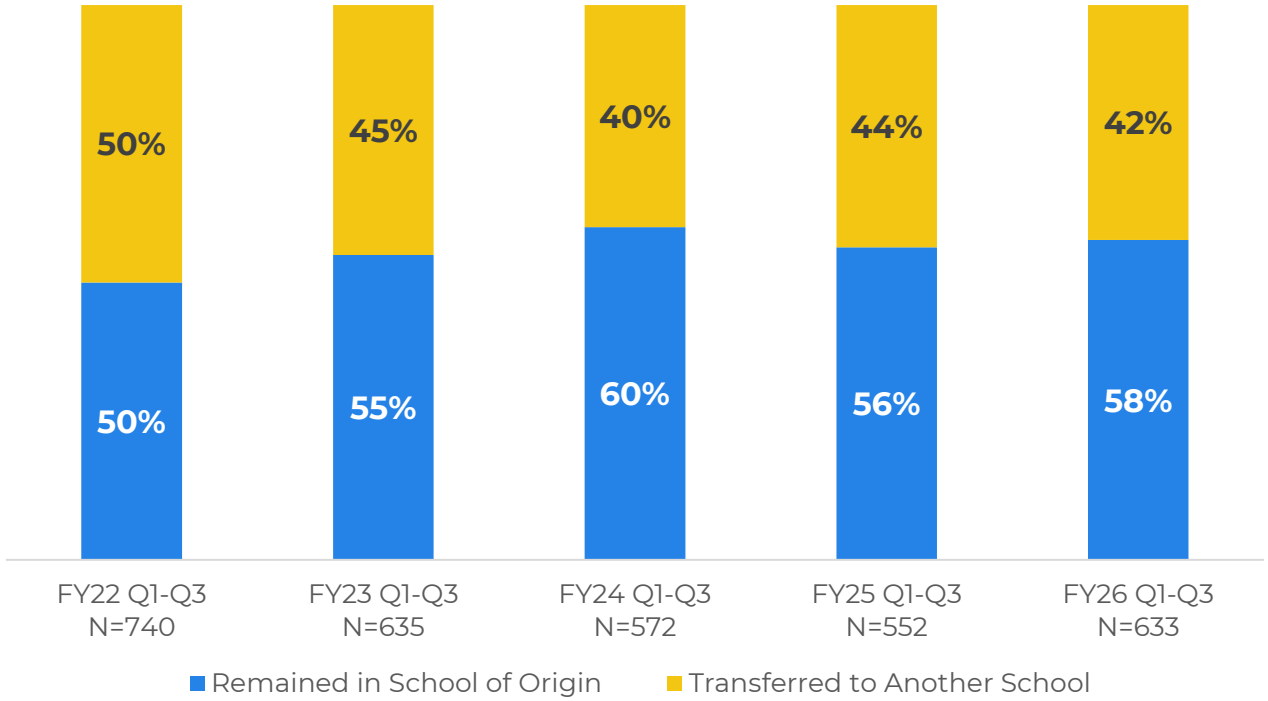
In FY26 Q1-Q3, 5,827 education stability consults were requested for students, a slight increase from FY25 Q1-Q3.

Data run on 1/15/2026, 2/15/2026, and 3/15/2026
Consults can be requested to support students with concrete goods and academic records requests, a Best Interest Determination conference, or a general education consult.

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Education Support Center (ESC)

Figure 52. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Best Interest Determination (BID) Conferences



Of the 633 youth who had ESSA BID conferences in Q1-Q3 of FY26, 58 percent remained in their school of origin during their placement.

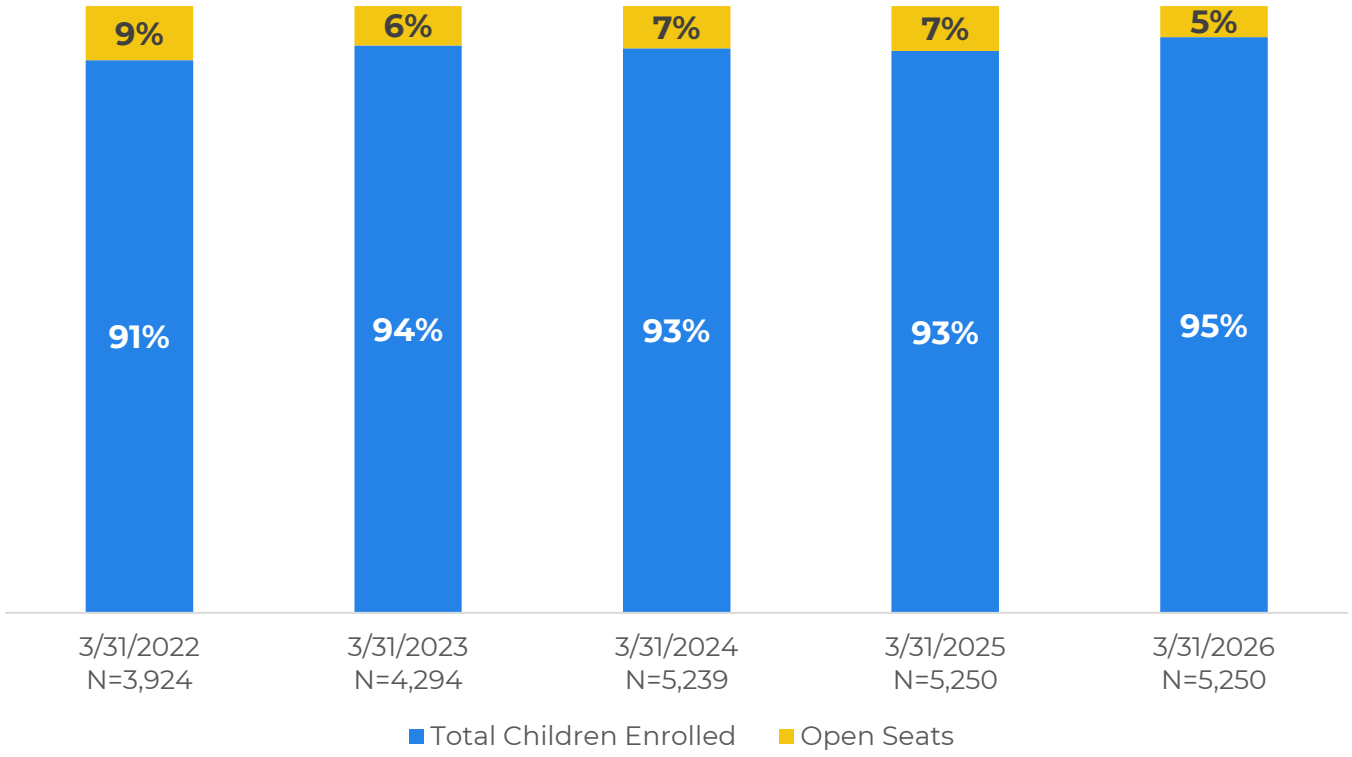
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The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides all children and youth in foster care with core protections for school stability and access. Best Interest Determination (BID) Conferences are held for children entering placement to determine if the child should remain in their school of origin and what supports they will need to do so.

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PHLpreK

Figure 53. Allocated Seat and Enrollment Data



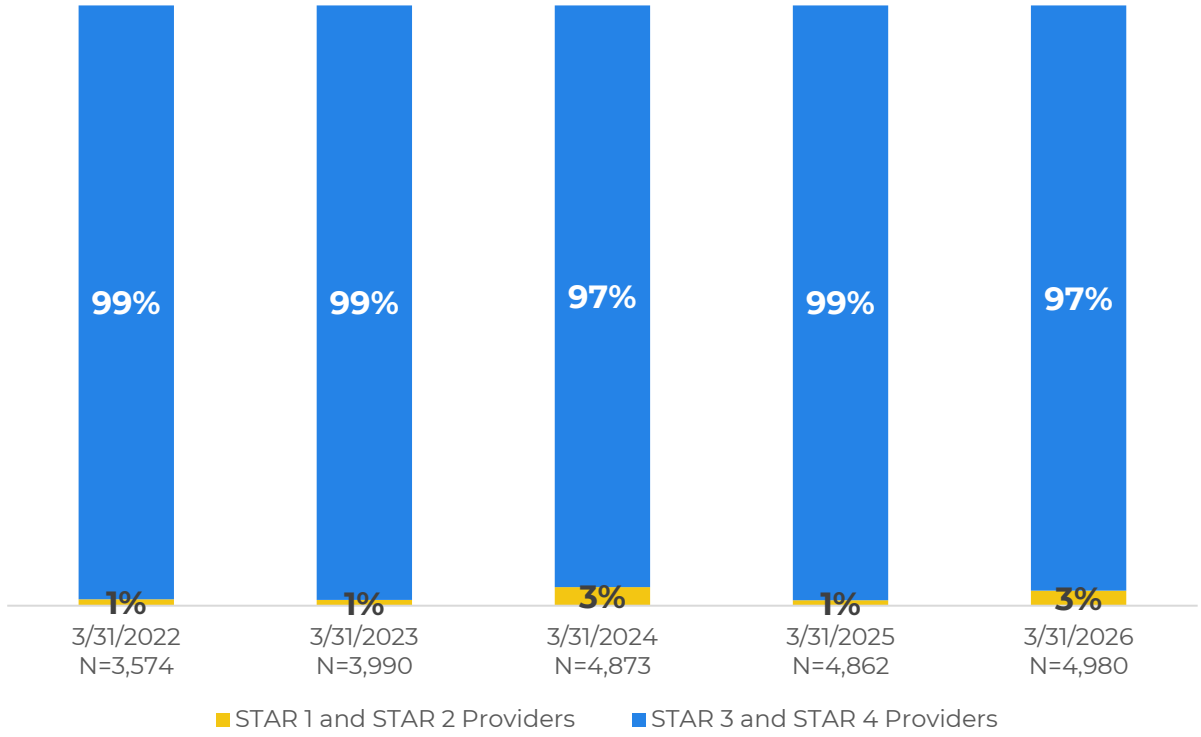
At the end of FY26 Q3, there were 4,980 children enrolled in PHLpreK, filling 95 percent of the total allocated seats (N=5,250).

Data from 4/6/2026 PHLpreK Enrollment Report

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Figure 54. PHLpreK Enrollment by Provider STAR Rating on March 31, 2026



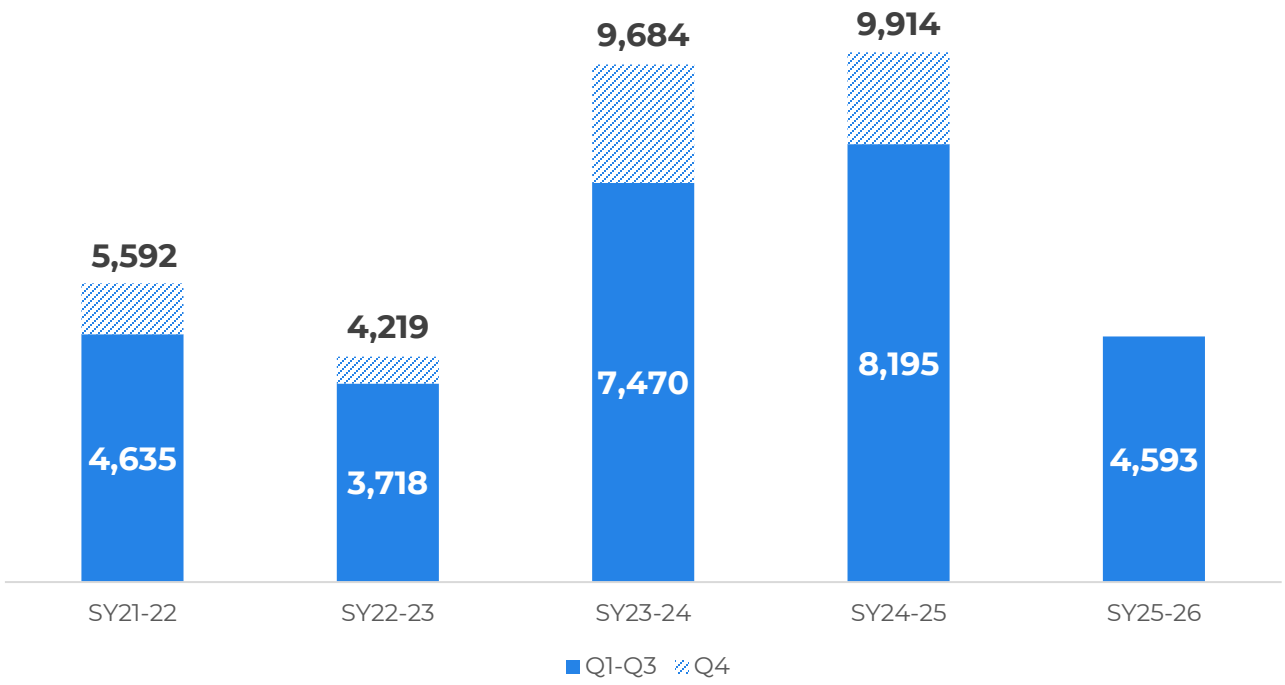
At the end of FY26 Q3, over 4,800 children were enrolled in STAR 3 and STAR 4 PHLpreK programs, representing 97 percent of all enrolled children.

Data from 4/6/2026 PHLpreK Enrollment Report.
Keystone STARS (Standards, Training/Professional Development, Assistance, Resources, and Supports) is a quality rating system that promotes quality improvement in early learning and development programs and school-age childcare.

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Truancy Intervention and Prevention Services (TIPS)

Figure 55. TIPS Early Intervention Active Cases



In the first three quarters of School Year 2025-26, TIPS Early Intervention services were provided for nearly 4,600 youth, a 44 percent decrease from the same time the previous school year.

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Additional OCF Programs Summary

The number of youth attending OST programs, including Career Connected Learning, continued to increase.

Following an ESSA BID conference, the number of youth remaining in their school of origin continued to be higher than the number transferring to another school.

The percentage and number of youth enrolled in high-quality public PreK programs continued to increase.

Overall, OCF programs regarding Children and Family Support and Early Childhood Education continue to see increases in enrollment and attendance.

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