

OFFICE OF THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S OMBUDS



DCYF Use of Hotels and Offices as Placement

2019 Report

OFCO tracks the Department of Children, Youth, and Families' (DCYF) use of hotels and/or Department offices as emergency placements for children under DCYF care. These are also referred to as "placement exceptions".

The source of this data is notifications from DCYF's Administrative Incident Reporting System (AIRS).

The OFCO 2019 Reporting Year runs September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019.

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Count of Placement Exceptions	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Annual Total
2019 Reporting Year	83	66	89	113	125	95	151	148	165	153	101		1289
2018 Reporting Year	63	59	82	74	70	38	104	145	187	62	139	67	1090
2017 Reporting Year	31	27	4	3	24	4	1	19	144	164	167	236	824

This data summarizes placement exceptions from September 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. There have been 250 children over this period who have spent at least one night in a hotel or office.

Placement Exceptions By DCYF Region ¹	Count	Percent
Region 1	27	2.1%
Region 2	0	0.0%
Region 3	279	21.6%
Region 4	917	71.1%
Region 5	4	0.3%
Region 6	62	4.8%

¹ For a map of DCYF Regions, see <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/DCYFMap-offices.pdf>

Child Gender/Sex	Count	Percent
Female	95	38.0%
Male	155	62.0%

Child Age	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care ²
0-4 years	29	11.6%	43%
5-9 years	86	34.4%	26%
10-14 years	81	32.4%	19%
15-17 years	52	20.8%	12%
Unknown	2	0.8%	--

² Partners for Our Children Data Portal Team. (2019). Children in Out-of-Home Care (Count).

Number of Placement Exceptions Per Child	Count	Percent
Only 1	100	40.0%
2 to 5	92	36.8%
6 to 9	34	13.6%
10 to 19	15	6.0%
20 or more	9	3.6%

Child Race and Ethnicity	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care ²
African American or Black	51	20.6%	8.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	3.6%	4.3%
Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	9	3.6%	2.4%
Caucasian	140	56.7%	64.9%
Multi-Racial	38	15.4%	19.6%
Hispanic	31	14.8%	19.4%

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