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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	225	1514
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 August 31, 2019. There have been 282 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	35	2.3%
Region 2	0	0.0%
Region 3	317	20.9%
Region 4	1042	68.8%
Region 5	4	0.3%
Region 6	116	7.7%

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	107	37.9%
Male	175	62.1%

Child Age	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care ²
0-4 years	30	10.6%	43%
5-9 years	90	31.9%	26%
10-14 years	91	32.3%	19%
15-17 years	69	24.5%	12%
Unknown	2	0.7%	--

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	107	37.9%
2 to 5	94	33.3%
6 to 9	41	14.5%
10 to 19	28	9.9%
20 or more	12	4.3%

Child Race and Ethnicity	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care ²
African American or Black	58	20.7%	9.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	3.9%	4.9%
Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	10	3.6%	2.3%
Caucasian	160	57.1%	62.9%
Multi-Racial	41	14.6%	20.4%
Hispanic	33	11.7%	19.7%

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