



State Child Welfare Policy Database

Foster Care Facts FFY 2014: Puerto Rico

Children in foster care

	PR	US
Number of children in foster care ¹	3,696	415,129
Number of children who entered foster care ²	760	264,746
Average length of time in foster care ³	55 months	21 months
Percent of children in foster care for five or more years	36%	7%

Age distribution of children in foster care⁴

	PR	US
Less than 1 year	2%	7%
1-5 years old	20%	33%
6-10 years old	24%	23%
11-15 years old	31%	21%
16-20 years old	24%	16%

Gender of children in foster care

	PR	US
Female	49%	48%
Male	51%	52%

Case plan goal for children in foster care⁵

	PR	US
Reunification	55%	55%
Adoption	19%	25%
Guardianship	11%	7%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	14%	9%
Case goal not yet established	1%	5%

Number of different foster care placements⁶

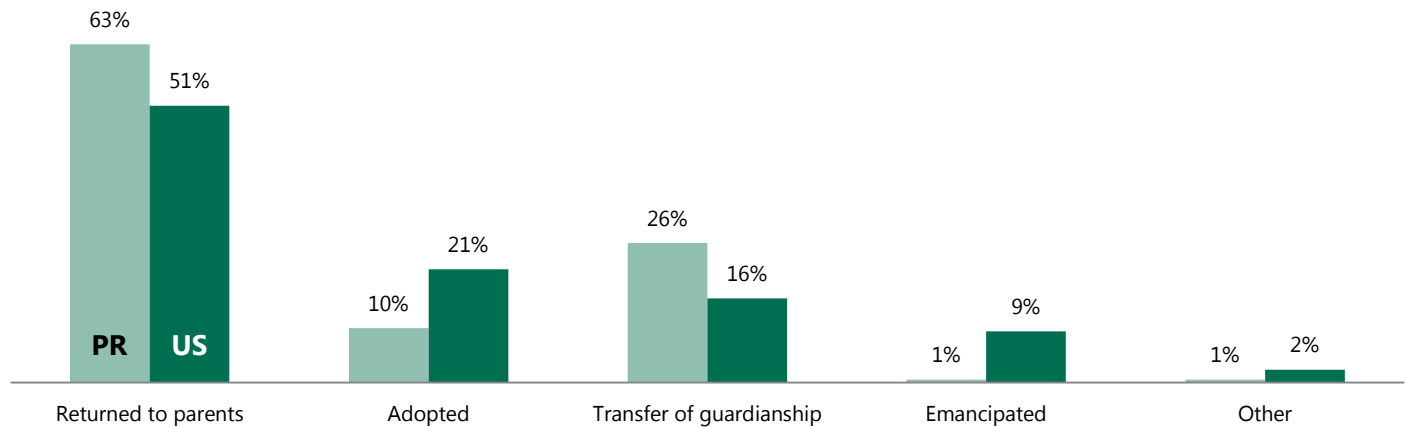
	PR	US
Percent of children who experienced one placement	97%	41%
Percent of children who experienced two placements	3%	25%
Percent of children who experienced three placements	0%	13%
Percent of children who experienced four or more placements	0%	21%

Foster care by placement type⁷

	Non-relative	Relative	Group home/institution	Other
PR	44%	31%	19%	7%
US	46%	29%	14%	11%

Source, unless specified otherwise: This information is from the federal Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), and represents the federal fiscal year 2014 reporting period (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014).

Outcomes of children exiting foster care⁸



Aging out of foster care

	PR	US
Number of children who exited foster care	545	238,230
Number of children who emancipated from foster care ⁹	3	22,392
Of children who aged out of foster care, percent who had been in care since before age 13	67%	22%
Number of children who were at risk of aging out of foster care ¹⁰	498	49,813

¹ Number of children of all ages currently in foster care on September 30, 2014.

² Number of children whose date of most recent removal was during the 2014 federal fiscal year.

³ Unless otherwise noted, length of stay in care is calculated based on the current removal episode.

⁴ Does not include children over age 20 or children missing birthdate data.

⁵ Does not include children who were missing case plan goal data.

⁶ The number of places the child has lived, including the current setting, during the current removal episode; trial home visits are not included as a placement setting.

⁷ Other placement types include pre-adoptive home, runaway, supervised independent living, and trial home visit. Children missing placement data are excluded.

⁸ Does not include children who were missing exit reason data. Emancipation means the child/youth left foster care at the age of majority.

⁹ Includes children of all ages who emancipated from care.

¹⁰ Includes children aged nine and over with a case goal of long term foster care or emancipation.