

Mercer County: Children Services Profile

June 2023

County Demographics 2022

Population		42,321
Race	White	96%
	African American	1%
	Multi-racial	2%
	Other	1%
Ethnicity (% Hispanic)		2%
Child Population		10,834
Per Capita Income		\$33,892
Poverty Rate	All Ages	6%
	Children	9%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren		262

Agency Response SFY 2023

Reports Screened-In by Agency		204
By Type	Physical Abuse	31%
	Neglect	21%
	Sexual Abuse	24%
	Emotional Maltreatment	1%
	Multiple Allegations	7%
	Family in Need of Services, Dependency, Other	14%
By Category	Abuse or Neglect (Traditional Response)	35%
	Abuse or Neglect (Alternative Response)	51%
	Dependency	3%
	Family in Need of Services	11%
Cases Transferred to Ongoing		15

Children in Custody	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	Change
Total in custody anytime during year	60	55	-8%
Rate per 1,000 children	5.5	5.1	-8%

Permanency

Children who gained permanency through	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	Change
Reunification	14	12	-14%
Guardianship	0	3	-
Custody to Relative	5	5	0%
Adoption	7	4	-43%
Children waiting to be adopted	10	4	-60%

Youth Aged Out of Care

	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	Change
Number Aged Out	1	4	300%

Children Served

	On 7/1/2022		On 7/1/2023	
Total	81		55	
In Custody	34	42%	24	44%
In Home	47	58%	31	56%

Profile of Children in Custody on 7/1/2023

Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

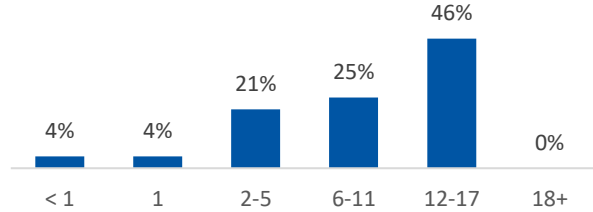
Race

White	96%
African American	0%
Multiracial	4%
Other	0%

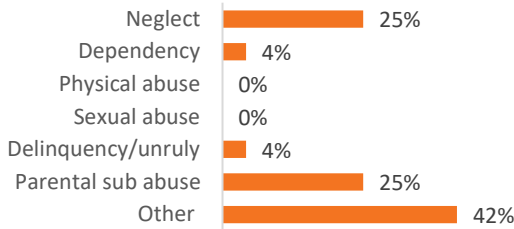
Ethnicity (% Hispanic)

13%

Age in Years



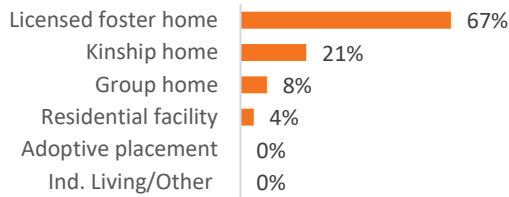
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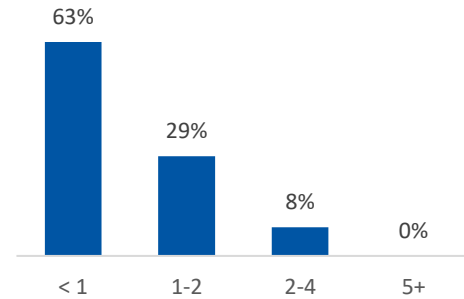
Type of Custody

Temporary	79%
Permanent	17%
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	4%

Placement Type



Years in Custody



Profile of Children in Home on 7/1/2023

Gender

Female	58%
Male	42%

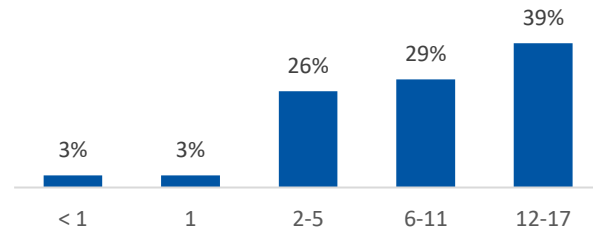
Race

White	87%
African American	0%
Multiracial	13%
Other	0%

Ethnicity (% Hispanic)

3%

Age in Years



Contact Information

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For data sources and notes, go to <https://www.pcsao.org/pdf/factbook/2023/Sources.pdf>