

Placement Trend Report: Focus on Young Children



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Re-Referral and Placement Trends - Statewide

In the chart below, at the child level, we look at whether a new intake or placement happened within 180 days of a reference intake (a screened in CPS intake). If both events occurred, the one that happened first is counted as the outcome. These trends vary by race/ethnicity, age, SDM risk level, type of alleged maltreatment, and prior number of CPS intakes. These categories can be explored using the filters.

Filters

Race/Ethnicity
All

Age Group
All

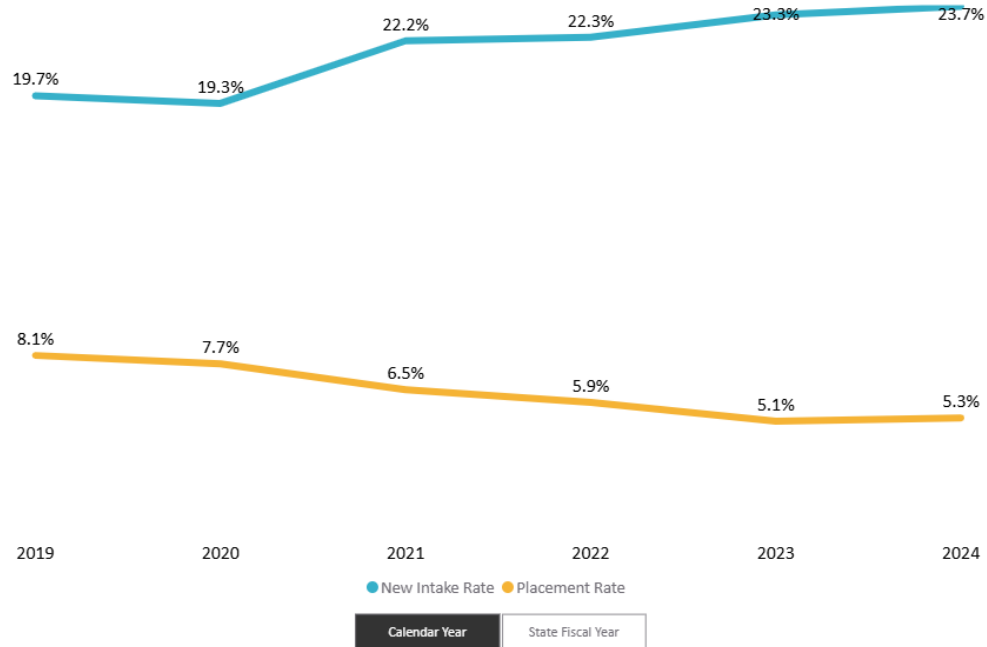
SDM Score
All

Intake Reason
All

Major CAN
All

Prior CPS Intakes
All

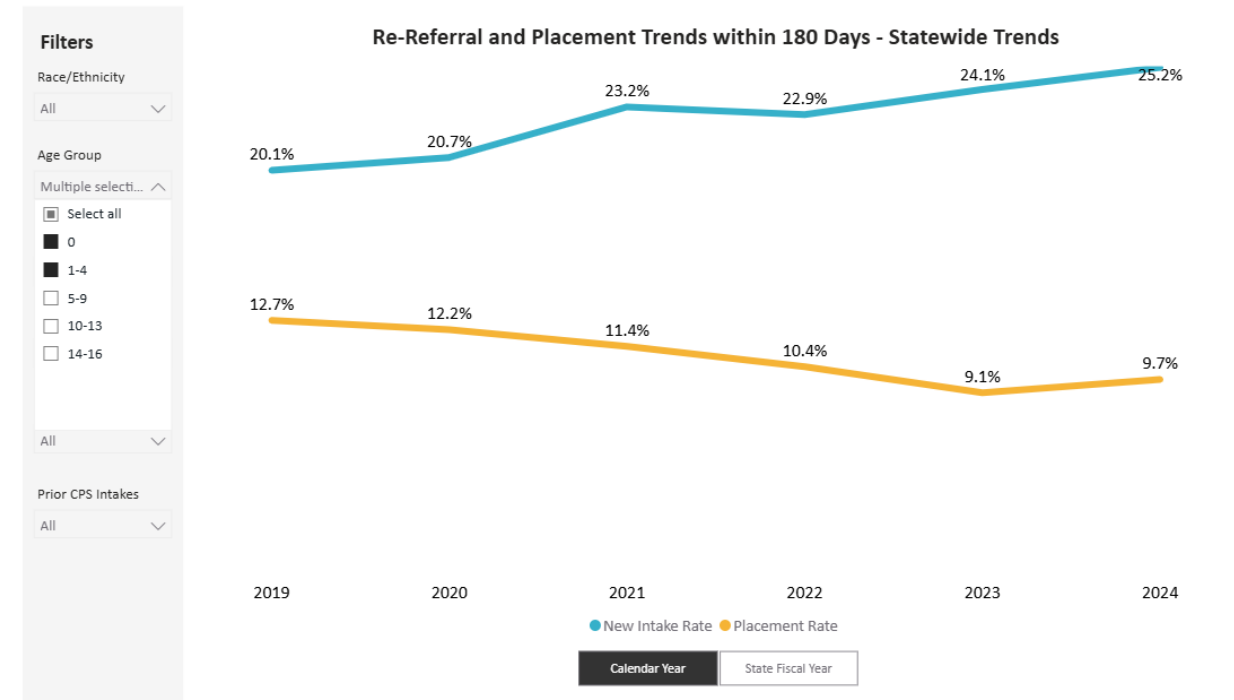
Re-Referral and Placement Trends within 180 Days - Statewide Trends



For the first time since the formation of DCYF we are seeing an **uptick in the percentage of children placed within 180 days of intake** (from 5.1% in CY 2023 to 5.3% in CY 2024). This is associated with 97 more children experiencing placement in 2024 when compared to 2023.

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Which **age group** of children are being placed at a higher rate?

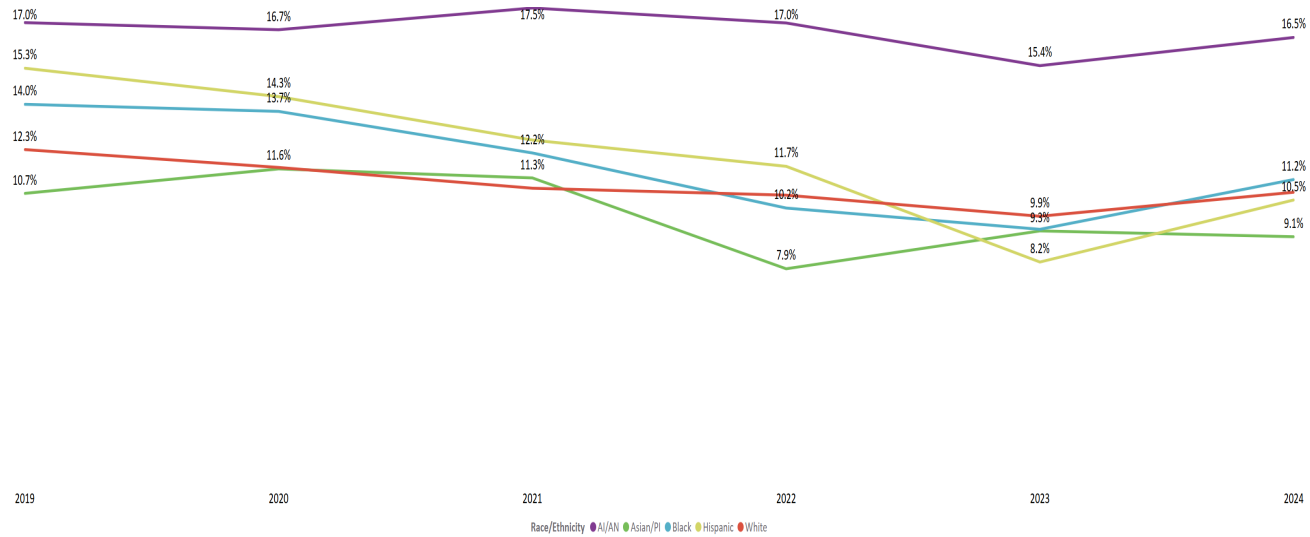


The uptick in children being placed was most apparent for young children age 0-4. For this group, the percentage placed in **CY 2023 was 9.1%** while in **CY 2024 the rate increased to 9.7%**. This represents a total of 105 additional children being placed in this age group.

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Which sub-population of children age 0-4 are being placed at a higher rate?

Child Race/Ethnicity



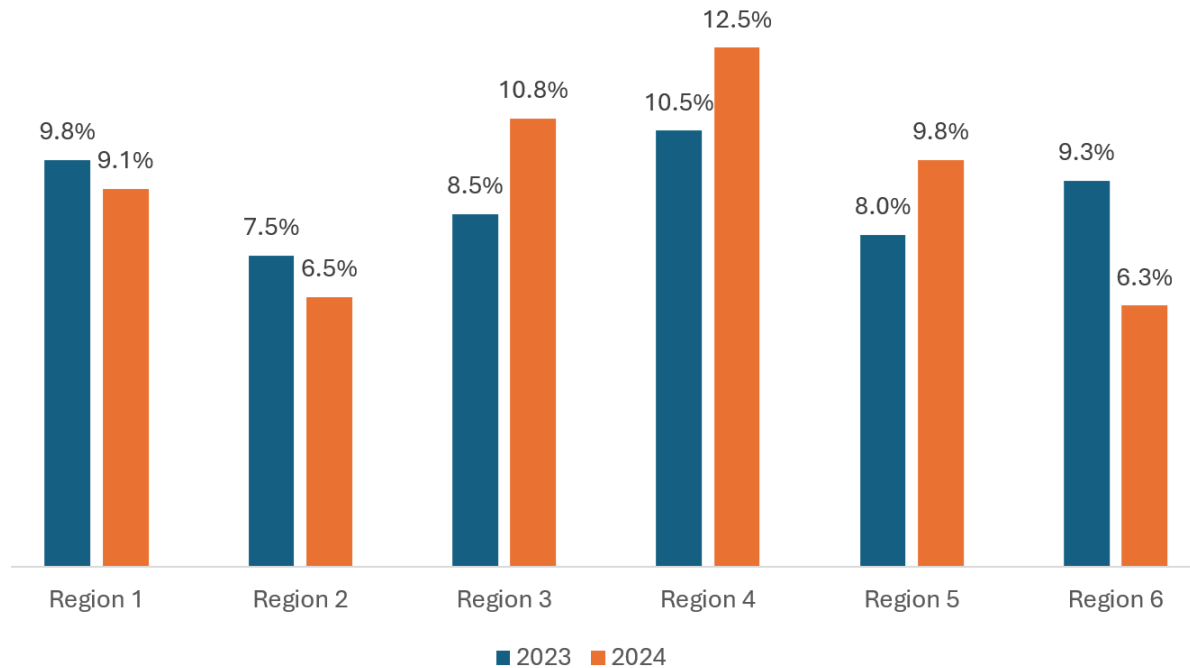
The increase in placement is most strongly seen with **AI/AN** (from 15.4% to 16.5%), **Black** (from 9.4% to 11.2%) and **Hispanic** (from 8.2% to 10.5%) children in the 0-4 age group. Combined these groups accounted for 95 additional children age 0-4 placed in care between 2023 and 2024.

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Region

Placement rate change from CY 2023 to 2024 for children age 0-4



The placement rate change from CY 2023 to CY 2024 shows **different patterns in the different regions**. Placement rate for children 0-4 increased in regions 3, 4 and 5 while it decreased in regions 1, 2 and 6.

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How has the CPS **Chronicity** changed for children age 0-4

CPS Chronicity
 This tab focuses on the number of prior screened-in CPS intakes associated with each child. The four categories of prior number of intakes are 0, 1-2, 3-4 or 5 or more. This count does not include the current intake so if a child had three prior screened-in intakes associated with them, the reference intake would be their 4th intake.

Select all

0

1-4

5-9

10-13

14-16

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SDM Score

All ▾

Intake Reason

All ▾

Major CAN

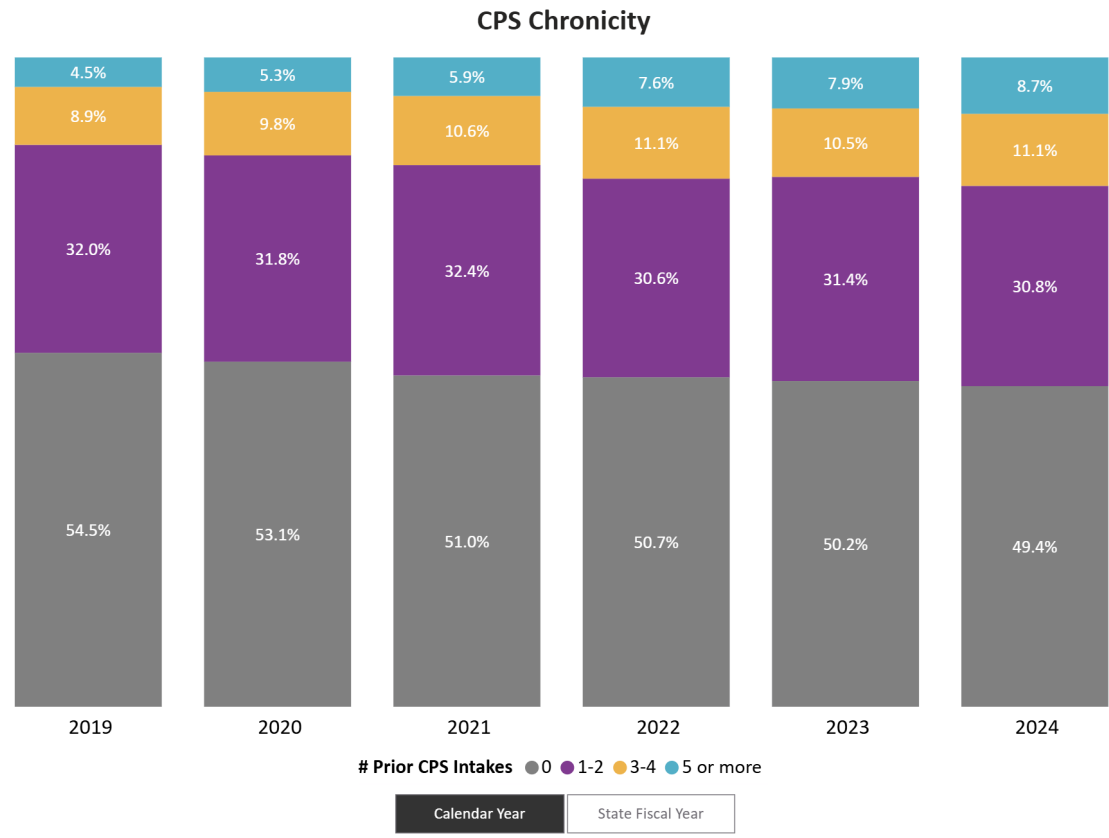
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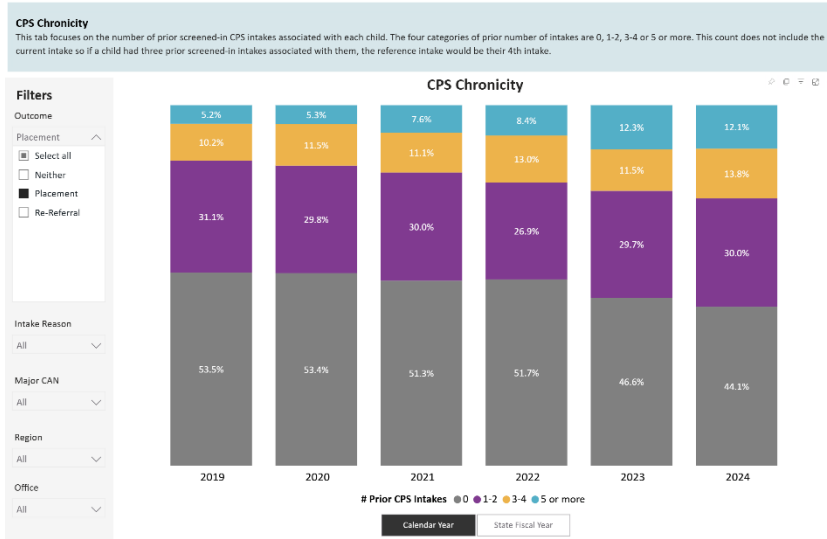
2023: 18.4% of children age 0–4 had **3 or more** prior screened-in intakes

2024: That figure rose to **19.8%**

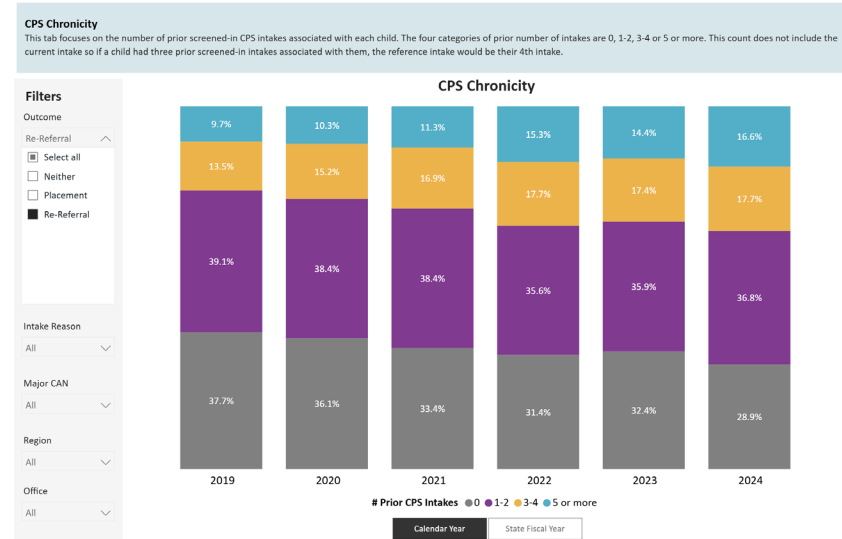
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CPS Chronicity for children age 0-4 by Outcome

A new filter was added to the CPS Chronicity tab allowing the data to be filtered by the outcome of the intake (placement within 180 days, re-referral within 180 days, or neither)



For those children 0-4 placed within 180 days:
2023: 23.8% of children aged 0-4 had 3 or more prior intakes
2024: That figure rose to 25.9%



For those children 0-4 re-referred within 180 days:
2023: 31.8% of children had 3 or more prior intakes
2024: That figure rose 34.3%