

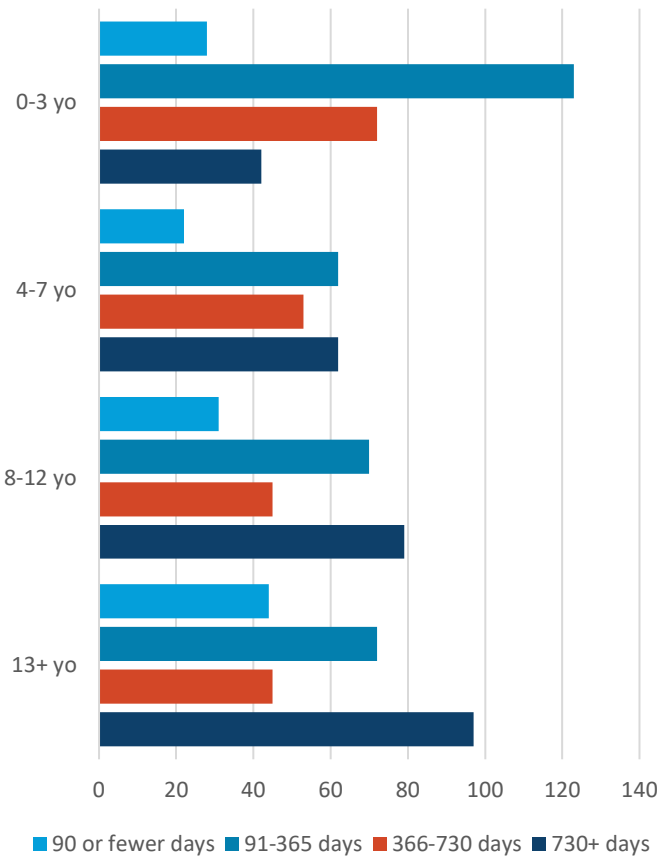
# Targeted Data Trends: Foster Care



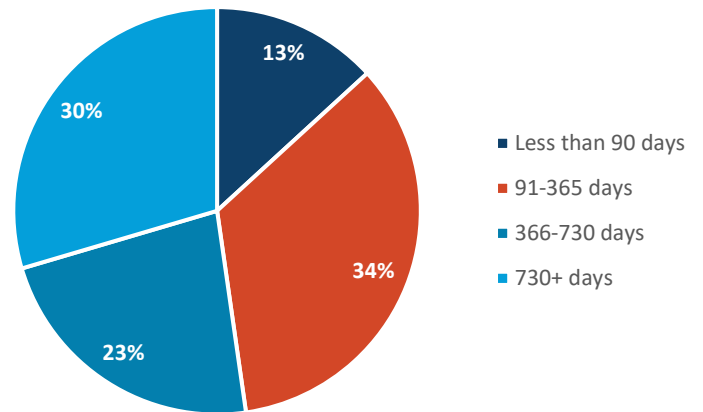
## Length of Time in Foster Care

The length of time that a child spends in foster care is a data trend that is closely monitored especially related to policy and practice changes within the state child welfare system. The data highlighted in the following charts is from a point-in-time data pull dated 12/1/2024 and reflects all open foster care episodes on that date (947 children).

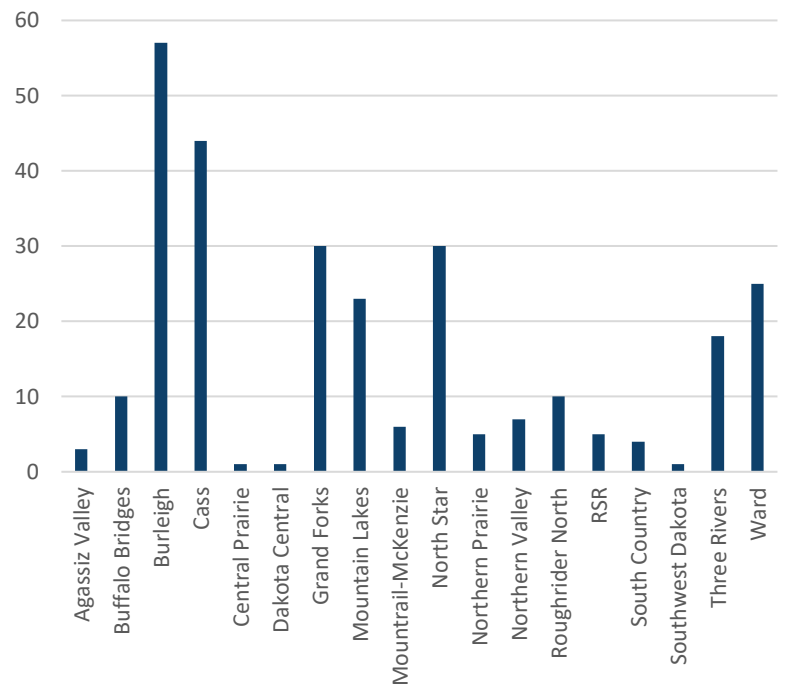
### Days in Care by Age Range



### Days in Care - Current FC Episodes

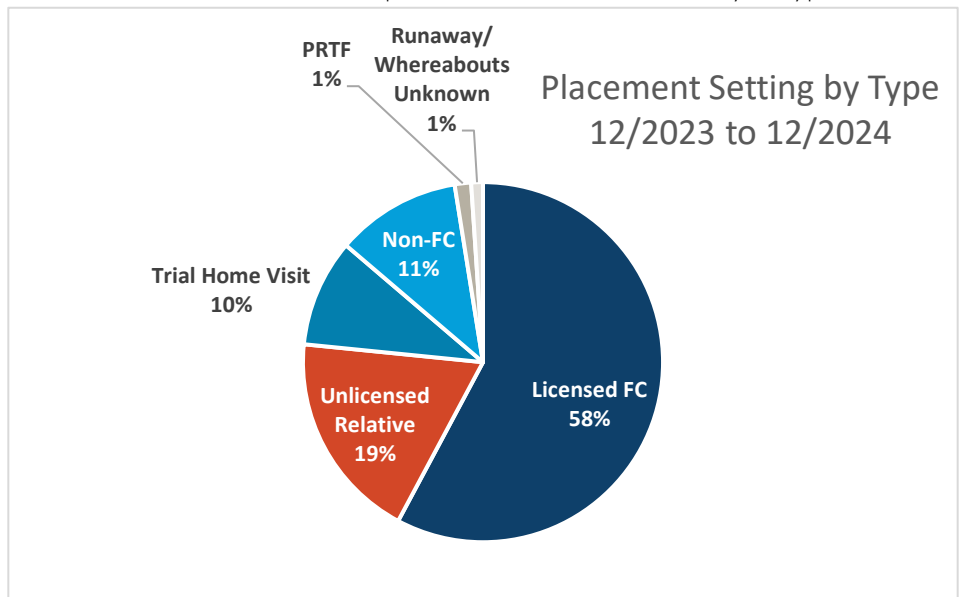


### FC Episodes 730+ Days by HSZ



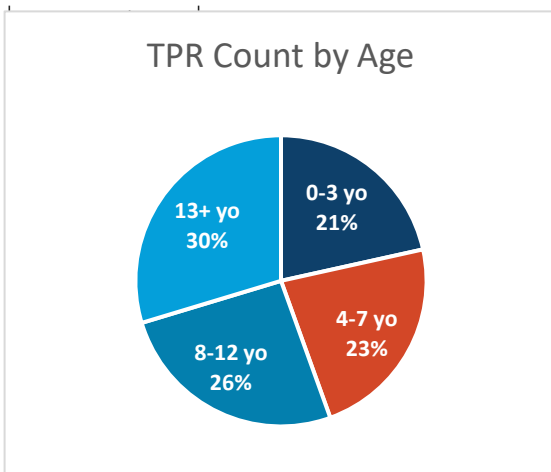
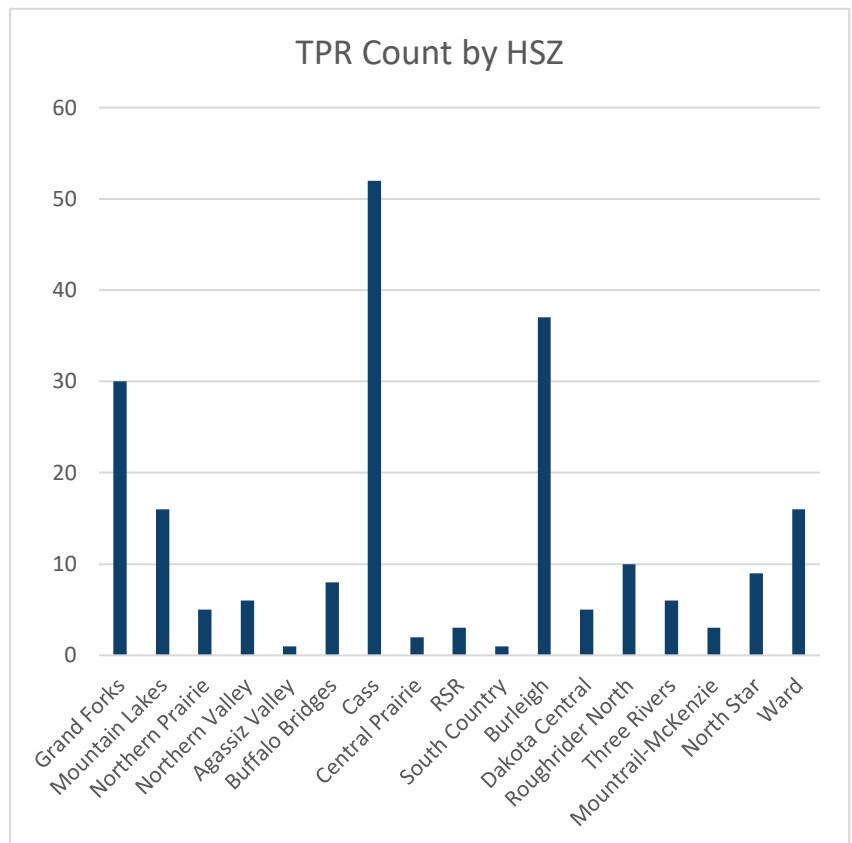
## Non-Foster Care Placements

Another targeted data trend that is often examined relates to placement type. Categories of foster care placements consist of Licensed Foster Care (PATH treatment foster care and Qualified Residential Treatment Program placements included), Unlicensed Relative Placement, Trial Home Visit, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, Runaway/Whereabouts Unknown, and Non-Foster Care Placements. Specific to this data trend analysis, types of Non-Foster Care Placements can include unlicensed shelters, hospitals, DD facilities, boarding schools, juvenile justice facilities, hotels, and offices. In the last calendar year, December 2023 to December 2024, there have been **427 non-foster care placement instances**. This number is not reflective of 427 total children, as some children have had numerous instances of non-FC placements.



## Termination of Parental Rights

A termination of parental rights (or TPR) is a judicial determination that is made when there is lack of sufficient progress in terms of case plan goals, barring any compelling reasons not to terminate, or there are other aggravating circumstances present. The following point-in-time data represents current open foster care episodes as of 12/1/2024 in which a TPR court order has been entered into the data management system, totaling 210 children whose parents' parental rights have



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