

COUNTY CHARACTERISTICS

As previously noted in this report, the following *county-specific* data about the characteristics of children in FFAs and non-relative FFHs has been obtained from the CWS/CMS database and covers the period, January-December 1999. The data was retrieved for all children in a FFA or non-relative FFH placement during this time. Only county-specific data for age, ethnicity and gender by placement type in each county is presented here.

It should be noted that data presented in this section may differ from statewide data presented in the chapter regarding characteristics of children due to their specificity to each county.

PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY AGE

The data reveals that for placements made by counties in FFAs and FFHs, children age 0-4 years constituted the largest age group at 16,382 children, or 32 percent of all children placed to FFAs and FFHs. Of this age group, 11,209 children (37% of all FFH placements) were placed in a FFH and 5,173 children (24% of all FFA placements) were placed in a FFA.

A sample of the data identifying eight "big"¹ counties with the largest total number of FFA and FFH placements, reveals that all eight counties had the largest number of placements in the 0-4 age years group regardless of placement type. Six of those 8 counties placed more of their 0-4 year old population in a FFH.

- ◆ ALAMEDA: 28% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 54% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ FRESNO: 31% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 82% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ KERN: 34% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 88% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ LOS ANGELES: 31% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 68% of these children were in a FFH.

¹ "Big" counties refer to the 37 counties (excluding Los Angeles County) identified by the California Welfare Directors Association as such. The big counties are: Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo and Yuba.

PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY AGE (continued)

- ◆ ORANGE: 41% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 54% of these children were in a FFA.
- ◆ SACRAMENTO: 34% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 54% of these children were in a FFA.
- ◆ SAN BERNARDINO: 34% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 60% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ SAN DIEGO: 42% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 97% of these children were in a FFH.

A sample of the data identifying eight small² counties with the largest total number of FFA and FFH placements reveals a difference in the age group having the larger number of placements. The big counties in the sample had more 0-4 year old placements; the small counties in this sample had more 15-18 year old placements. Six counties had the largest number of placements in the 15-18 years age group regardless of placement type. Three of the small counties placed the majority of this population with a FFA, while the remaining three placed the majority of their 15-18 year olds in a FFH.

- ◆ DEL NORTE: 27% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 0-4 years age group; 100% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ GLENN: 27% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 15-18 years age group; 54% of these children were in a FFA.
- ◆ LAKE: 24% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 5-8 years age group; 78% of these children were in a FFA.
- ◆ LASSEN: 45% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 15-18 years age group; 95% of these children were in a FFA.
- ◆ NEVADA: 34% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 15-18 years age group; 54% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ SISKIYOU: 28% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 15-18 years age group; 85% of these children were in a FFA.

² "Small" counties refer to the 20 counties identified by the California Welfare Directors' Association as such. The small counties are: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity and Tuolumne.

PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY AGE (continued)

- ◆ TEHAMA: 35% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 15-18 years age group; 61% of these children were in a FFH.
- ◆ TUOLUMNE: 23% of all FFA/FFH placements by the county were in the 15-18 years age group; 72% of these children were in a FFH.

Based on the age data presented in Figure 32, 30 of California's 58 counties placed children more often in a FFA than FFH. However, the total number of placements to FFHs (29,818) was greater than the total placements made to FFAs (21,547).

Figure 31 on the following pages contains each county's data regarding placement utilization by age.

Figure 31
 COUNTY-SPECIFIC PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY AGE

Shaded boxes indicate placement type with larger number of placements for each county. Bold boxes indicate placement type with larger number of placements in each age group for each county.

COUNTY	PLACEMENT TYPE BY AGE IN YEARS												TOTAL COUNTY FFA/FFH PLACEMENTS
	0-4		5-8		9-11		12-14		15-18		TOTAL		
	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	
Alameda	312	372	341	255	234	191	185	185	163	225	1,235	1,228	2,463
Alpine	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	1	5
Amador	0	3	3	4	4	5	7	1	4	2	18	15	33
Butte	88	84	118	22	95	14	85	14	101	24	487	158	645
Calaveras	2	4	5	4	3	4	12	5	16	8	38	25	63
Colusa	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	5	1	9	6	15
Contra Costa	46	344	96	146	106	132	79	107	103	101	430	830	1,260
Del Norte	0	29	1	26	0	12	3	12	5	20	9	99	108
El Dorado	27	20	24	13	20	16	24	7	21	17	116	73	189
Fresno	101	469	139	260	134	149	132	124	152	156	658	1,158	1,816
Glenn	8	14	5	11	15	7	12	5	15	13	55	50	105
Humboldt	2	73	5	42	5	40	6	28	19	45	37	228	265
Imperial	0	31	2	34	0	14	1	14	2	18	5	111	116
Inyo	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	10	1	9	2	23	25
Kern	77	540	140	247	96	197	87	188	79	168	479	1340	1,819
Kings	1	47	2	37	4	21	10	19	17	23	34	147	181
Lake	33	5	33	9	23	7	26	7	22	12	137	40	177
Lassen	9	1	8	4	11	0	22	0	43	2	93	7	100
Los Angeles	1,593	3,310	1,320	2,325	1,051	1,579	933	1,320	1,188	1,370	6,085	9,904	15,989
Madera	30	4	16	7	14	7	15	9	15	17	90	44	134
Marin	36	1	21	0	15	4	16	3	31	12	119	20	139
Mariposa	7	1	6	2	2	1	3	2	8	2	26	8	34

Figure 31 (continued)
COUNTY-SPECIFIC PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY AGE

COUNTY	PLACEMENT TYPE BY AGE IN YEARS												TOTAL COUNTY FFA/FFH PLACEMENTS
	0-4		5-8		9-11		12-14		15-18		TOTAL		
	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	
Mendocino	56	15	50	34	38	35	40	18	33	27	217	129	346
Merced	73	15	46	21	46	25	34	23	37	41	236	125	361
Modoc	0	3	0	6	0	7	1	15	0	12	1	43	44
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	2	5	7
Monterey	12	86	14	66	20	36	10	31	26	46	82	265	347
Napa	2	20	2	23	5	18	2	13	17	29	28	103	131
Nevada	13	6	3	9	2	5	7	5	12	14	37	39	76
Orange	485	413	407	138	193	81	163	83	95	141	1,343	856	2,199
Placer	34	60	42	33	45	16	38	26	55	25	214	160	374
Plumas	3	0	4	1	4	0	4	0	24	1	39	2	41
Riverside	39	595	69	304	40	217	57	163	40	161	245	1,440	1,685
Sacramento	821	702	726	368	502	253	428	161	406	135	2,883	1,619	4,502
San Benito	4	1	5	0	1	0	5	1	9	3	24	5	29
San Bernardino	351	522	329	304	265	158	210	149	170	133	1,325	1,266	2,591
San Diego	51	1,412	78	649	90	389	89	258	159	268	467	2,976	3,443
San Francisco	169	166	138	85	126	73	140	48	140	73	713	445	1,158
San Joaquin	117	243	119	94	104	41	80	46	117	50	537	474	1,011
San Luis Obispo	10	68	18	57	33	29	31	25	55	46	147	225	372
San Mateo	46	71	29	39	30	30	26	27	23	50	154	217	371
Santa Barbara	18	61	11	42	8	34	21	28	26	37	84	202	286

Figure 31 (continued)
COUNTY-SPECIFIC PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY AGE

COUNTY	PLACEMENT TYPE BY AGE IN YEARS												TOTAL COUNTY FFA/FFH PLACEMENTS
	0-4		5-8		9-11		12-14		15-18		TOTAL		
	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	
Santa Clara	188	309	187	139	156	75	104	70	105	98	740	691	1,431
Santa Cruz	11	86	10	37	11	42	16	50	17	48	65	263	328
Shasta	15	196	17	129	19	76	26	60	37	50	114	511	625
Sierra	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	3
Siskiyou	24	4	25	2	27	2	30	3	39	7	145	18	163
Solano	37	51	40	39	39	24	28	13	74	15	218	142	360
Sonoma	21	66	28	43	26	26	18	31	25	35	118	201	319
Stanislaus	31	110	38	57	28	35	33	40	58	50	188	292	480
Sutter	10	57	20	29	12	133	21	11	23	17	86	247	333
Tehama	1	45	10	28	7	13	14	18	29	46	61	150	211
Trinity	0	4	0	1	0	2	1	4	6	10	7	21	28
Tulare	25	195	29	107	31	93	63	58	117	124	265	577	842
Tuolumne	1	22	0	21	4	14	6	13	7	18	18	88	106
Ventura	34	129	28	44	25	30	12	19	28	41	127	263	390
Yolo	67	64	61	25	32	6	33	7	20	11	213	113	326
Yuba	42	67	62	29	46	10	50	8	35	16	235	130	365
TOTAL IN AGE GROUP	5,173	11,209	4,922	6,445	3,843	4,423	3,500	3,584	4,067	4,115	21,547	29,818	51,365

COUNTY PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY ETHNICITY

Figure 32 contains an analysis of the CWS/CMS data for January-December 1999 regarding county placement utilization of FFAs and FFHs by ethnicity presented in Figure 33.

Figure 32

ETHNICITY COMPARISON

	Total Population FFA and FFH	FFA Placement Percentage	FFH Placement Percentage
Caucasian	18,916 (38%)	47%	53%
African-American	14,654 (29%)	46%	54%
Latino	14,826 (29%)	54%	46%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,233 (2.5%)	51%	49%
Native American	740 (1.5%)	45%	55%
Total	50,369		

Analysis of the data for the eight big counties with the largest number of total FFA/FFH placements presented in Figure 33 below reveals the following facts:

- ◆ ALAMEDA had 4.9% FFA/FFH placements statewide; African-American children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 61%; of those children, 51% were placed in a FFA. Caucasian children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 21% and, likewise, 51% of those children were placed in a FFA.
- ◆ FRESNO had 3.6% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; Latino children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 41%; of those children, 67% were placed in a FFH. Caucasian children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 32%, with 67% of those children in a FFH.
- ◆ KERN had 3.6% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; Caucasian children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 49%; of those children, 70% were placed in a FFH. Latino children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 32%, with 77% of those children in a FFH.
- ◆ LOS ANGELES had 31.6% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; African-American children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 41%; of those children, 51% were placed in a FFA. Latino children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 38%, with 73% of those children placed in a FFA.

COUNTY PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY ETHNICITY (continued)

- ◆ ORANGE had 4.4% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; Latino children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 45%; of those children, 65% were placed in a FFA. Caucasian children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 41%, with 56% of those children placed in a FFA.
- ◆ SACRAMENTO had 8.8% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; Caucasian children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 49%; of those children, 68% were placed in a FFA. African-American children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 33%, with 57% of those children placed in a FFA.
- ◆ SAN BERNARDINO had 5.0% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; Caucasian children constituted the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 51%; of those children, 51% were placed in a FFH. Latino children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 27%, with 56% of those children placed in a FFA. It is interesting to note that San Bernardino County utilizes FFAs more often than FFHs, yet the majority of Caucasian children are placed in a FFH.
- ◆ SAN DIEGO had 6.8% of FFA/FFH placements statewide; Caucasian children constitute the ethnicity with the most FFA/FFH placements at 40%; of those children, 86% were placed in a FFH. Latino children constituted the ethnicity with the second most FFA/FFH placements at 28%, with 90% of those children placed in a FFH.

Analysis of the data for the eight small counties with the largest number of total FFA/FFH placements presented in Figure 33 below reveals that the FFA/FFH population of these eight counties accounts for 2 percent of the FFA/FFH population statewide, at 1,026 children. In all eight small counties, Caucasian children constituted the predominant ethnicity at 80 percent of all FFA/FFH placements for those counties.

Latino children accounted for the second largest ethnic group placed in FFAs/FFHs by these small counties, at 10 percent. Placement with FFAs was the placement option most often chosen for these two ethnic groups: 53 percent of Caucasian children and 63 percent of Latino children were so placed.

Figure 33

COUNTY-SPECIFIC PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY ETHNICITY

Shaded boxes indicate placement type with larger number of children in each county. Bold boxes indicated larger number in each placement type by ethnicity in each county.

COUNTY	African-American		Caucasian		Latino		Asian/Pacific Islander		Native American		TOTAL		TOTAL FFA AND FFH COUNTY PLACEMENTS
	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	
Alameda	763	735	260	249	168	144	31	78	12	10	1,234	1,216	2,450
Alpine	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	4
Amador	0	0	15	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	18	14	32
Butte	39	5	375	123	26	15	18	1	24	14	482	158	640
Calaveras	0	1	35	15	3	7	0	1	0	1	38	25	63
Colusa	0	0	5	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	15
Contra Costa	0	351	0	344	0	97	0	24	0	4	0	820	820
Del Norte	0	0	5	56	1	10	1	12	2	17	9	95	104
El Dorado	3	2	88	66	18	4	0	1	3	0	112	73	185
Fresno	127	277	254	324	243	499	18	38	16	17	658	1,155	1,813
Glenn	0	0	42	40	10	6	1	2	1	2	54	50	104
Humboldt	1	3	29	151	1	15	2	3	4	47	37	219	256
Imperial	1	12	4	32	0	63	0	0	0	4	5	111	116
Inyo	0	1	2	15	0	3	0	0	0	4	2	23	25
Kern	75	246	266	630	132	448	3	3	3	5	479	1,332	1,811
Kings	15	40	10	52	9	46	0	8	0	1	34	147	181
Lake	6	0	99	35	17	4	1	0	12	0	135	39	174
Lassen	5	0	82	3	6	3	0	0	0	1	93	7	100
Los Angeles	3,357	3,259	1,865	1,075	4,416	1,626	171	75	59	31	9,868	6,066	15,934
Madera	9	13	16	26	19	47	0	1	0	2	44	89	133
Marin	7	34	8	51	4	24	0	7	1	1	20	117	137

Figure 33 (continued)

COUNTY-SPECIFIC PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY ETHNICITY

COUNTY	African-American		Caucasian		Latino		Asian/ Pacific Islander		Native American		TOTAL		TOTAL FFA AND FFH COUNTY PLACEMENTS
	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	
Mariposa	0	0	8	19	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	21	29
Mendocino	6	11	87	139	25	38	0	1	11	27	129	216	345
Merced	18	35	57	88	44	99	5	10	0	1	124	233	357
Modoc	4	0	30	1	2	0	0	0	7	0	43	1	44
Mono	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	5	7
Monterey	17	19	24	104	35	123	3	0	1	2	80	248	328
Napa	4	7	20	75	4	17	0	3	0	0	28	102	130
Nevada	0	0	34	36	2	1	0	0	0	0	36	37	73
Orange	109	72	502	399	645	339	82	40	2	2	1,340	852	2,192
Placer	10	5	161	126	35	21	1	4	5	4	212	160	372
Plumas	0	0	35	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	39	2	41
Riverside	47	251	124	762	61	356	1	12	10	24	243	1,405	1,648
Sacramento	858	636	1,480	695	383	227	83	24	55	17	2,859	1,599	4,458
San Benito	0	0	8	1	16	4	0	0	0	0	24	5	29
San Bernardino	246	245	635	658	382	305	16	11	4	9	1,283	1,228	2,511
San Diego	136	777	194	1,192	96	874	14	92	24	34	464	2,969	3,433
San Francisco	428	294	117	79	108	38	49	23	9	7	711	441	1,152
San Joaquin	120	101	264	190	110	153	30	17	3	3	527	464	991
San Luis Obispo	11	10	113	170	23	36	0	2	0	5	147	223	370
San Mateo	32	79	50	63	57	51	13	18	0	2	152	213	365
Santa Barbara	9	27	31	74	41	88	2	6	1	4	84	199	283
Santa Clara	108	105	249	196	328	329	47	50	8	5	740	685	1,425
Santa Cruz	2	14	31	148	31	98	0	1	1	1	65	262	327

Figure 33 (continued)

COUNTY-SPECIFIC PLACEMENT UTILIZATION BY ETHNICITY

COUNTY	African-American		Caucasian		Latino		Asian/ Pacific Islander		Native American		TOTAL		TOTAL FFA AND FFH COUNTY PLACEMENTS
	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	FFA	FFH	
Shasta	1	23	84	371	16	37	3	11	10	67	114	509	623
Sierra	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Siskiyou	3	0	119	15	11	3	0	0	8	0	141	18	159
Solano	83	54	110	69	16	13	7	4	0	0	216	140	356
Sonoma	4	17	82	130	29	40	0	2	3	7	118	196	314
Stanislaus	16	45	134	173	37	66	1	4	0	2	188	290	478
Sutter	4	3	60	96	10	10	6	1	2	3	82	113	195
Tehama	2	4	42	120	14	20	0	1	2	4	60	149	209
Trinity	0	0	5	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	19	26
Tulare	17	48	147	242	152	276	3	2	4	0	323	568	891
Tuolumne	1	0	14	78	3	2	0	0	0	5	18	85	103
Ventura	17	36	47	94	55	115	2	4	5	4	126	253	379
Yolo	21	8	109	62	66	28	1	2	9	7	206	107	313
Yuba	4	3	166	81	29	9	13	6	1	1	213	100	313
TOTALS	6,746	7,908	8,838	10,078	7,946	6,880	628	605	331	409	24,489	25,880	50,369