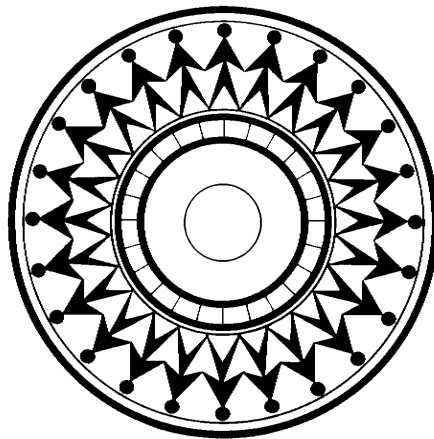


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## ABSTRACT

The Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) is a federally mandated data collection system intended to provide case specific information on all children covered by the protections of Title IV-B/E of the Social Security Act (Section 427). Under the final AFCARS' rule, states are required to collect data on all adopted children who are placed by the state's child welfare agency or by private agencies under contract with the public child welfare agency. States are encouraged to report other private adoptions not involving the public welfare agency that are finalized in the state as well. In addition, states are required to collect data on all children in foster care for whom the state child welfare agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision.

AFCARS was designed to address policy development and program management issues at both the state and federal levels. The data are also useful for researchers interested in analyzing aspects of the United States' foster care and adoption programs. Tables and other reports summarizing the AFCARS data are available from the Children's Bureau home page on the World Wide Web (<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb>).

AFCARS' reporting periods extend from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect distributes two data files for each fiscal year from 1995 through 1999; one file contains adoption data and the other foster care data. Each adoption data file contains 45 elements that provide information on the adopted child's gender, race, birth date, ethnicity and prior relationship with the adoptive parents. The date the adoption was finalized, as well as dates parental rights were terminated, characteristics of birth and adoptive parents, and whether the child was placed from within the United States or from another country are also captured. The foster care data files contain 89 elements that provide information on child demographics including gender, birth date, race, and ethnicity. Information about the number of previous stays in foster care, service goals, availability for adoption, dates of removal and discharge, funding sources, and the biological and foster parents is also included in the foster care files.

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## OVERVIEW

### **Background**

In 1982 the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families, through a grant to the American Public Welfare Association, implemented the Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS) which collected national data on foster care and adoption. The VCIS system had a number of weaknesses including variation from state to state in reporting periods, a lack of common definitions for data elements and services, and inconsistent methodologies in reporting. In addition, the aggregate nature of the data limited both the analyses that could be performed and the data's usefulness for purposes of planning or policy development at the federal and state levels. Due to these weaknesses in the VCIS system, the U.S. Congress set forth to establish an improved, mandatory national reporting system.

In 1986 Congress approved an amendment to Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (Section 479) requiring that an advisory committee be established to prepare a report to Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with recommendations for establishing, administering, and financing a system for collecting data on adoption and foster care in the United States. The advisory committee submitted a final report detailing recommendations for a mandatory system that would collect data on all children covered by the protections of Title IV-B of the Social Security Act (Section 427). On September 27, 1990, HHS published proposed federal regulations to implement the data collection system, which has become known as the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). On December 22, 1993, the final rule implementing AFCARS appeared in the Federal Register.

### **Purpose of AFCARS**

The purpose of AFCARS is twofold. First, AFCARS is designed to address policy development and program management issues at both the state and federal levels. Second, the data are useful for research aimed at analyzing such characteristics of the United States' foster care and adoption programs as timing, trends, and populations. It is important to keep in mind, however, that AFCARS was developed as an ongoing data collection system and does not conform to rigorous criteria for scientific research design.

Specific objectives of AFCARS include creation of the following:

- Reliable and consistent data through the use of uniform definitions, methodologies, and data standards.
- Statewide and national information on the number and characteristics of adoptive and foster care children and their parents (biological parents, adoptive parents, and foster care parents).
- Statewide and national information on the status of the foster care population (i.e., type of placement, length of placement, availability for adoption, and goals for ending or continuing care).
- Information on the extent and nature of assistance provided by federal, state, and local adoption and foster care programs.

- Information on the characteristics of the children to whom varying levels of assistance are provided.
- Information on the number and characteristics of children placed in foster care outside of the state that has responsibility.

### **Data Collection**

Under the final AFCARS rule, states are required to collect case specific data on all adopted children who were placed by the state child welfare agency, by private agencies under contract with the public child welfare agency, or by private adoptions voluntarily reported during the given reporting period. States are also required to collect data on all children in foster care for whom the state child welfare agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision, regardless of eligibility for Title IV-E funds. For the states that participated, each fiscal year's AFCARS data provide case-level information for children served by the foster care system and children whose adoptions were finalized from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

States are required to submit all of their adoption and foster care data electronically to the Children's Bureau at the close of each of two semi-annual reporting periods. The first semi-annual reporting period extends from October 1 through March 31, the second from April 1 to September 30. States submit 37 adoption data elements and 66 foster care data elements. The Children's Bureau combines the state files from the two periods into a single annual database.

The Children's Bureau recodes all dates as separate day, month, and year variables with the result that 45 adoption elements and 89 foster care elements are distributed for public use. The data elements are described in detail in the *Codebook* that follows this *User's Guide*. State-specific footnotes are presented in the *User's Guide Annual Supplements*.

Prior to 1998, data submissions were required; however, fiscal penalties were not applicable, while many states brought their information systems online. Therefore, pre-1998 fiscal year datasets are not as complete or reliable as subsequent datasets. Dramatic improvements in data quality and completeness occurred between 1995 and 1998 and continue to occur as states further develop their electronic information systems and financial penalties are levied for poor quality data.

### **Creation of the Adoption Files**

Adoptions such as the following **must** be reported to AFCARS and are included in the adoption files:

- Children placed for adoption by the public child welfare agency.
- Children who have been in the public foster care system and were placed for adoption by a private agency under contract with the public child welfare agency.
- Children in whose adoption the public child welfare agency was involved but who had not been in the public foster care system (e.g., children who received Title IV-E funds for non-recurring costs of adoption).

The following adoption are **voluntarily** reported to AFCARS and are included in the files:

- Children placed for adoption by tribal agencies.
- Children who were placed for adoption by private agencies but were not in the public foster care system.
- Children who were placed for adoption independently (e.g., by the birth parents, through a lawyer, etc.) but were not in the public foster care system.

States submit data for each child with a finalized adoption. Duplicate records are removed and the remaining records are sorted by the year that the adoption was finalized.

Please note that the actual electronic data transmission for many adoptions finalized in a fiscal year may not occur until a subsequent year. Consequently, data submissions in subsequent years may contain data from a number of earlier adoptions. To the extent possible, such transmissions are included in the data file for the year in which the adoption was finalized, but the adoption count should not be considered an absolute, final count. These late submissions will lead to small increases in the final count of adoptions in a state. Releases of new versions of the datasets include the updated data.

A matching program is used to remove duplicate records. However, the adoption file does not contain geographic Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code information or the child's day of birth, and consequently it can be difficult to discriminate between records that are truly duplicates and those that are merely very similar. Duplicate records are not distributed evenly among states; researchers interested in state-specific analyses may wish to request the duplicated adoption file from NDACAN to review the records that were dropped by the matching program.

**Adoptions finalized in years prior to FY 1998 are not being updated because most states indicated that those data were not credible. Users are encouraged not to request or utilize these data.**

### **Creation of the Foster Care Files**

As long as a child is in foster care, the state must submit an AFCARS record for every report period during which the child is in care. When the child is discharged from foster care, the state submits the child's record for that report period, along with the discharge information.

Only one record per foster care child is included in the annual database. The database includes only the last record received for each child served. If a child has a record in both periods, the record from the second period will be retained. A child who is in care or comes into care at the start of the year, exits care, and then later returns to care in the second half of the year, will also have one record in the annual database, the one submitted in the second report period when the child has returned to care.

It is possible that foster care entries and discharges for the fiscal year under review may not be submitted by a state until after the close of the fiscal year. To minimize an undercount of entries and discharges, these records are identified in the data from the first period of the subsequent fiscal year, extracted, and included in the dataset for the period in which they belong.

To produce the annual database of foster care records, the Children's Bureau first compares the information sent by states for the October through March and the April through September reporting

periods in that fiscal year. On a state-by-state basis, the Children's Bureau creates interim extract files by matching case records across the two reporting periods. Through matching and extraction, an unduplicated annual file is created for each state. The state files are then combined to create the annual database.

### **Confidentiality Protections for Children in the AFCARS**

Before distributing the AFCARS data, NDACAN makes two manipulations to the foster care data to protect the privacy of the children in foster care. First, geographic FIPS codes for the children from counties with fewer than 1,000 records in the annual database are recoded 8 to indicate *Not provided for reasons of confidentiality*. Second, each child's day of birth is recoded as the first day of the week of birth. For example, children born from the eighth through the fourteenth day of May in 1998 will all have a birth date of 5/08/1998.

Adopted children's county FIPS codes and days of birth are not reported to AFCARS. Therefore, no adjustments are necessary to assure the confidentiality of the adoption file data.

### **NDACAN Data Versions**

Each NDACAN version of the files contains the most complete and accurate data that are available at the time of release. Version 1 data are drawn from the annual database, the creation of which is described above. Under certain circumstances, however, states have the option of submitting corrected data to the Children's Bureau after a required reporting date. In such cases subsequent versions of the data will contain more accurate information. At the present time, it is not possible to say when the final NDACAN version of the 1999 files will be released.

The Children's Bureau releases an outcomes report for each fiscal year. By the time version 1 of that fiscal year's data is sent to NDACAN for release, some modifications will have been made to the data, i.e., individual states may submit revised data. Therefore, statistics created using the version 1 data of the year's release may not exactly replicate the tables and summaries contained in the outcomes report for the year in question for certain states.

### **State Footnotes**

In addition to the required data elements states are encouraged (but not required) to include footnotes with their data submissions. The footnotes allow states to provide additional information they deem vital to the interpretation of their data. Footnotes may include the following:

- General characteristics of the state's adoption and foster care system.
- Characteristics of the population, such as whether certain types of placements are included.
- State definitions that vary from federal AFCARS definitions.
- Explanations for data counts such as the number of deaths in foster care, the number of children with disabilities, or the number of children in types of institutional settings.

More information about the technical implementation of AFCARS can be found at:

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/oss/AFCARS/AFCARS.htm>

## DESCRIPTION OF THE DATA FILES

NDACAN distributes these data as SAS transport or SPSS portable files. Other file formats and data subsets can be prepared by special request. Please contact NDACAN for more information.

### **File Characteristics**

NDACAN distributes two files for each fiscal year of data collection. Brief descriptions of the data files are provided below. For information regarding variables, please refer to the codebook information sections of this guide. In each file the child is the unit of analysis.

#### **Adoption files**

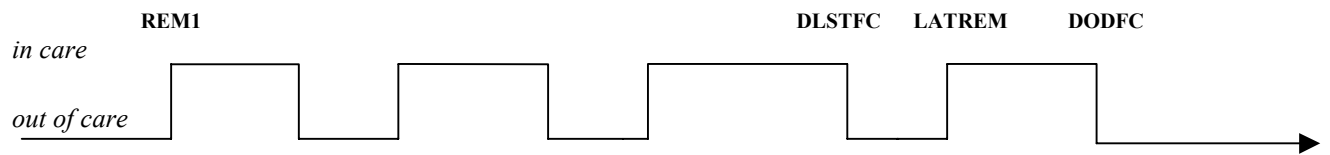
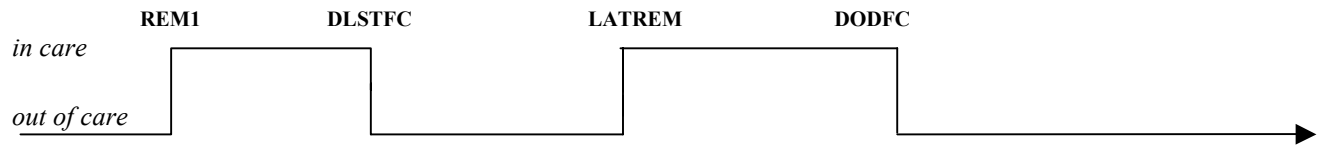
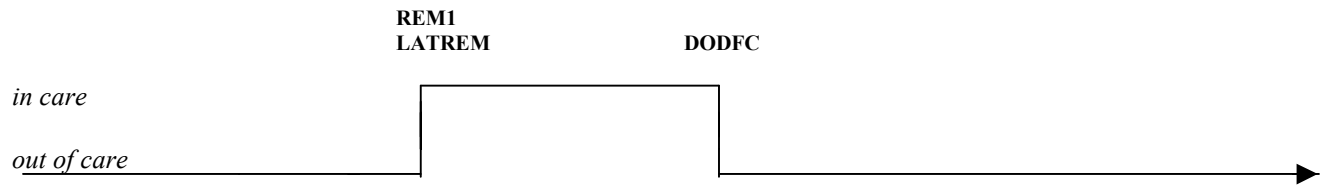
Files containing adoption data are named *AD<year>v<version number>* where *<year>* is the 4-digit fiscal year in which the data were collected and *<version number>* is the NDACAN file version number. The file named *AD1998v2* would therefore contain the second version of fiscal year 1998's adoption data. Each adoption data file contains 45 variables and a varying number of cases from a varying number of reporting states each year. Specific variable and case counts can be found in the *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplements*. The file contains information on child demographics, including gender, birth, race, and ethnicity, as well as some information on disability or special needs of the child, funding sources, dates parental rights were terminated, and information on the adoptive parents.

#### **Foster Care files**

Files containing foster care data are named *FC<year>v<version number>* where *<year>* is the 4-digit fiscal year in which the data were collected and *<version number>* is the NDACAN file version number. The file named *FC1998v2* would therefore contain the second version of fiscal year 1998's foster care data. The foster care data files contain 89 variables and a varying number of cases from a varying number of reporting states each year. Specific variable and case counts can be found in the *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplements*. Variables include child demographics such as gender, birth, race, and ethnicity, as well as the number of previous stays in foster care, service goals, availability for adoption, dates of removal and discharge, funding sources and information on the biological and foster parents.

The data included are those for the most recent removal. As illustrated in the *Timeline of Entrance and Exits from Foster Care* which follows, REM1, the date of the first removal, will not change regardless of how many times the child enters and exits care. LATREM, the latest removal date and DLSTFC, the discharge date for the last episode, will change with each episode. DODFC, the date of discharge from foster care, will be missing if the child is in care at the end of the reporting period. DODFC discharge information entered at the conclusion of earlier stays in care are reset to missing if a child re-enters care.

**Timeline of Entrances and Exits from Foster Care  
Illustrations of Fixed and Relative Variable Relationships**



**REM1 = first removal date (fixed)  
LATREM = latest removal date (relative)  
DLSTFC = discharge date for episode (relative)  
DODFC = discharge date from foster care (fixed)**

### **Notes Regarding the Data Files**

In using these data, one should be aware of the following:

- In the unduplicated adoption data files, each record should represent a unique child whose adoption was finalized during that fiscal year. Upon request NDACAN will provide a file containing duplicated data. There is some duplication in the foster care files, primarily among the discharge records; however, it is estimated to be less than 2%.
- While every effort has been made to create the cleanest, most reliable and up-to-date AFCARS datasets as possible, anomalies still exist in the data. Users are encouraged to examine overall and by state frequencies of the data elements they are using in their analyses.
- Many states extracted early data from "legacy" (old) information systems or new information systems under development. Consequently pre-1998 data may be less reliable or incomplete.
- The state footnotes associated with each state should always be taken into account when utilizing a state's data. Footnotes for elements arranged by state can be found in the *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplements*.
- Differing state policies have an impact on how information is categorized and reported and any attempt to compare states should be sensitive to these differences. Differences in ethnic and racial classifications are an important example.

**Please contact NDACAN directly if you have questions  
or encounter problems using these datasets.**

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The following references are not meant to be an exhaustive or representative list of documents produced from and related to the dataset. They are meant to provide the researcher with a starting point from which to begin an investigation of relevant aspects of the data.

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### **Related Policy Documentation**

Available from the Children's Bureau policy retrieval Web page:

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/policy/search.htm>

- 45 CFR 1355.40 (Final Rules)
- ACYF- PIQ-94-01, issued 7/8/94 (Questions and Answers Clarifying Data Elements)
- ACYF- PIQ-95-01, issued 5/8/95 (Questions and Answers Clarifying Data Elements)
- ACYF-95-IM-95-32, issued 9/18/95 (Addition of Foster Care Data Element: Amount of Monthly Foster Care Payment)

**Related Technical Bulletins**

Available from the Office of State Systems Web page: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/oss/>

- #003, AFCARS optional Explanatory Footnotes, July 1994
- #011, Questions to Guide Footnote Preparation (May 15, 1995)

**Related Web Site Information**

- Children's Bureau, AFCARS information and statistics:  
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/stats/index.htm>
- Children's Bureau: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/>
- Office of State Systems: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/oss>
- Children's Bureau Policy Retrieval: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/policy/search.htm>

**CODEBOOK: AFCARS VARIABLE INFORMATION**

The Codebook consists of six sections. The first two sections are lists of the variables in the adoption files, which are first listed in alphabetical order and then in the order in which they appear in the data files. The third section contains a detailed description of the adoption variables arranged in the order in which they appear in the AFCARS adoption files. This three-part sequence is repeated for the foster care variables in sections four through six.

In the descriptive sections for both the adoption and foster care files variable names, variable labels, and variable formats are provided on the first line. Variable values and their corresponding labels are listed as appropriate.



**Variables in AFCARS Adoption Files - Sorted Alphabetically**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Element</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Page</b>
ADADRACE	27	Adoptive Father Race	28
ADDADYR	24	Adoptive Father Year Of Birth	27
ADMOMYR	23	Adoptive Mother Year Of Birth	27
ADPFAMST	22	Adoptive Family Structure,	27
AGNYINVL	04	State Agency Involvement	23
AGYSPNDS	08	Child Special Needs	24
AMOMRACE	25	Adoptive Mother Race	28
BASSPNDS	10	Special Needs Basis	25
CHPLDBY	34	Agency/Individual Placing Child	30
CHPLDFRM	33	Location of Custodial Agency/Individual	30
DOBMO	05m	Child Date Of Birth, Month	23
DOBYR	05y	Child Date Of Birth, Year	23
DOBYRDAD	17	Father Year Of Birth	26
DOBYRMOM	16	Mother Year Of Birth	26
DSMIII	14	Emotionally Disturbed	26
FINADPDA	21d	Date Adoption Legalized, Day	27
FINADPMO	21m	Date Adoption Legalized, Month	27
FINADPYR	21y	Date Adoption Legalized, Year	27
FOSPARCH	31	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Foster Parent	29
HISORGIN	08	Child Hispanic Origin	24
HODAD	28	Adoptive Father Hispanic Origin	29
HOMOM	26	Adoptive Mother Hispanic Origin	28
IVEAA	37	IV-E Assistance Claimed	30
MOMARRD	18	Mother Married	26
MONAMNT	36	Amount of Subsidy	30
MONSUBSY	35	Receiving Subsidy	30
MR	11	Mental Retardation	25
NONREL	32	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Non-Relative	29
OTHEREL	30	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Other Relative	29
OTHRMED	15	Other Diagnosed Condition	26
PHYDIS	13	Physically Disabled	25
RACE	07	Child Race	24
RECNUM	03	Record Number	23
REPDATMO	02m	Report End Date, Month	23
REPDATYR	02y	Report End Date, Year	23
SEX	06	Child Sex	24
STATE	01	State	23
STPARENT	29	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Stepparent	29
TPRDADDA	20d	TPR Father, Day	27
TPRDADMO	20m	TPR Father, Month	27
TPRDADYR	20y	TPR Father, Year	27

<b>Name</b>	<b>Element</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Page</b>
TPRMOMDA	19d	TPR Mother, Day	27
TPRMOMO	19m	TPR Mother, Month	27
TPRMOMYR	19y	TPR Mother, Year	26
VISHEAR	12	Visual Hearing Impaired	25

**Variables in AFCARS Adoption Files - Sorted by Element**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Element</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Page</b>
STATE	01	State	23
REPDATMO	02m	Report End Date, Month	23
REPDATYR	02y	Report End Date, Year	23
RECNUM	03	Record Number	23
AGNYINVL	04	State Agency Involvement	23
DOBMO	05m	Child Date Of Birth, Month	23
DOBYR	05y	Child Date Of Birth, Year	23
SEX	06	Child Sex	24
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FOSPARCH	31	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Foster Parent	29
NONREL	32	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Non-Relative	29
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CHPLDBY	34	Agency/Individual Placing Child	30
MONSUBSY	35	Receiving Subsidy	30
MONAMNT	36	Amount of Subsidy	30
IVEAA	37	IV-E Assistance Claimed	30

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**Variable Information for AFCARS Adoption Files**

The variables below are arranged in the order in which they appear in the data file. The first line in the description of each variable contains the name in capital letters, the position in the file, and the variable label. The data type is listed in italics below the variable name. When applicable, explanatory text or value labels follow.

**ELEMENT NAME VARIABLE INFORMATION**

<b>01</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>State</b>
<i>NUM</i>		Identity of the state reporting on the record. Use the two-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for the state.
<b>02y</b>	<b>REPDATYR</b>	<b>Report End Date, Year</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The last year for the reporting period.
<b>02m</b>	<b>REPDATMO</b>	<b>Report End Date, Month</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The last month for the reporting period.
<b>03</b>	<b>RECNUM</b>	<b>Record Number</b>
<i>CHAR</i>		The sequential number that the state uses to transmit data to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or a unique (encrypted) number that follows the child as long as he or she is in foster care. Encrypted values may appear garbled in the data file; this is not an error. The record number cannot be linked to the child's case I.D. number except at the state or local level.
<b>04</b>	<b>AGNYINVL</b>	<b>State Agency Involvement</b>
<i>NUM</i>		Indicate whether the state Title IV-B/IV-E agency had any involvement in the adoption, that is, whether the adopted child belongs to one of the following categories: (1) a child who had been in foster care under the responsibility and care of the state child welfare agency and who was subsequently adopted whether special needs or not and whether a subsidy was provided or not; (2) a special needs child who was adopted in the state, whether or not he/she was in the public foster care system prior to his/her adoption and for whom non-recurring expenses were reimbursed; or (3) a child for whom an adoption assistance payment or service is being provided based on arrangement made by or through the state agency.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>
		1   Yes
		2   No
<b>05y</b>	<b>DOBYR</b>	<b>Child Date Of Birth, Year</b>
<i>NUM</i>		Month of the child's birth. If the child is abandoned or the date of birth is otherwise unknown, enter an approximate date of birth.
<b>05m</b>	<b>DOBMO</b>	<b>Child Date Of Birth, Month</b>

ELEMENT	NAME	VARIABLE INFORMATION
NUM		Month of the child's birth. If the child is abandoned or the date of birth is otherwise unknown, enter an approximate date of birth.
<b>06</b> NUM	<b>SEX</b>	<p><b>Child Sex</b> The gender of the person.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>1   Male</p> <p>2   Female</p>
<b>07</b> NUM	<b>RACE</b>	<p><b>Child Race</b> In general, a person's race is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the race of the child.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>1   White (a person of European, North African, or Middle Eastern origin)</p> <p>2   Black (a person whose ancestry is any of the black racial groups of Africa)</p> <p>3   American Indian/Alaskan Native (a person whose ancestry is North American, and who maintains tribal affiliation or is so recognized in the community)</p> <p>4   Asian/Pacific Islander (a person whose origin is the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian sub-continent, or the Pacific Islands. This includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa and Vietnam.)</p> <p>5   Unable to determine (The specific race category is <i>Unable to determine</i> because the child is very young or is severely disabled and no other person is available to identify the child's race.)</p>
<b>08</b> NUM	<b>HISORGIN</b>	<p><b>Child Hispanic Origin</b> Answer <i>yes</i> if the child is a Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American person, or person of other Spanish cultural origin regardless of race. Whether or not a person is Hispanic is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the race of the child.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>1   Yes</p> <p>2   No</p> <p>3   Unable to determine (The child is very young or is severely disabled and no person is available to determine whether or not he child is Hispanic.)</p>
<b>09</b> NUM	<b>AGYSPNDS</b>	<p><b>Child Special Needs</b> Use the state definition of <i>special needs</i> as it pertains to a child eligible for an adoption subsidy under Title IV-E.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p>

ELEMENT	NAME	VARIABLE INFORMATION
		1 Yes 2 No
<b>10</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>BASSPNDS</b>	<p><b>Special Needs Basis</b> The primary basis or condition for categorization as special needs and only as it is defined by the state.</p> <p><u>Value</u> <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 Not applicable</p> <p>1 Racial/original background (The primary condition or factor for special needs is racial/original background as defined by the state.)</p> <p>2 Age (The primary factor or condition for special needs is age of the child as defined by the state.)</p> <p>3 Sibling group member (The primary factor or condition for special needs is membership in a sibling group as defined by the state.)</p> <p>4 Medical condition or disabilities (The disability may be mental, physical, or emotional. The primary factor or condition for special needs is the child's medical condition as defined by the state, but clinically diagnosed by a qualified professional.)</p> <p>5 Other</p>
<b>11</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>MR</b>	<p><b>Mental Retardation</b> Significantly sub-average general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period that adversely affect a child/youth's socialization and learning. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).</p> <p><u>Value</u> <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 No</p> <p>1 Yes</p>
<b>12</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>VISHEAR</b>	<p><b>Visual Hearing Impaired</b> Having a visual impairment that may significantly affect educational performance or development; or a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects educational performance. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).</p> <p><u>Value</u> <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 No</p> <p>1 Yes</p>
<b>13</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PHYDIS</b>	<p><b>Physically Disabled</b> A physical condition that adversely affects the child's day-to-day motor functioning, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, orthopedic impairments and other physical disabilities. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).</p> <p><u>Value</u> <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 No</p>

ELEMENT	NAME	VARIABLE INFORMATION
		1 Yes
<b>14</b> NUM	<b>DSMIII</b>	<p><b>Emotionally Disturbed</b></p> <p>A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree: an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal problems. The term includes persons who are schizophrenic or autistic. The term does not include persons who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they are also seriously emotionally disturbed. The diagnosis is based the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM III)</i>, Third Edition, or the most recent edition. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 No</p> <p>1 Yes</p>
<b>15</b> NUM	<b>OTHRMED</b>	<p><b>Other Diagnosed Condition</b></p> <p>Conditions other than those noted in AFCARS under types of disabilities (mental retardation, visually or hearing impaired, physically disabled, emotionally disturbed) which require special medical care such as chronic illnesses. Included are children diagnosed as HIV positive or with AIDS. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 No</p> <p>1 Yes</p>
<b>16</b> NUM	<b>DOBYRMOM</b>	<p><b>Mother Year Of Birth</b></p> <p>Year that a person was born. AFCARS adoption data elements ask for these data on the birth parent(s) and adoptive parent(s).</p>
<b>17</b> NUM	<b>DOBYRDAD</b>	<p><b>Father Year Of Birth</b></p> <p>Year that a person was born. AFCARS adoption data elements ask for these data on the birth parent(s) and adoptive parent(s).</p>
<b>18</b> NUM	<b>MOMARRD</b>	<p><b>Mother Married</b></p> <p>For adoption data, indicate whether the birth mother was married at time of child's birth; include common law marriage if legal in the state.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>0 Not applicable</p> <p>1 Yes</p> <p>2 No</p> <p>3 Unable to determine (The child was abandoned and no information was available on the mother.)</p>
<b>19y</b>	<b>TPRMOMYR</b>	<b>TPR Mother, Year</b>

ELEMENT	NAME	VARIABLE INFORMATION
<i>NUM</i>		The year that the court terminated the mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>19m</b>	<b>TPRMOMO</b>	<b>TPR Mother, Month</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The month that the court terminated the mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>19d</b>	<b>TPRMOMDA</b>	<b>TPR Mother, Day</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The day that the court terminated the mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>20y</b>	<b>TPRDADYR</b>	<b>TPR Father, Year</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The year that the court terminated the father's parental rights. If the father is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>20m</b>	<b>TPRDADMO</b>	<b>TPR Father, Month</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The month that the court terminated the father's parental rights. If the father is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>20d</b>	<b>TPRDADDA</b>	<b>TPR Father, Day</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The day that the court terminated the father's parental rights. If the father is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>21y</b>	<b>FINADPYR</b>	<b>Date Adoption Legalized, Year</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The year the court issued the final adoption decree.
<b>21m</b>	<b>FINADPMO</b>	<b>Date Adoption Legalized, Month</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The month the court issued the final adoption decree.
<b>21d</b>	<b>FINADPDA</b>	<b>Date Adoption Legalized, Day</b>
<i>NUM</i>		The day the court issued the final adoption decree.
<b>22</b>	<b>ADPFAMST</b>	<b>Adoptive Family Structure</b>
<i>NUM</i>		Select from the four alternatives -- married couple, unmarried couple, single female, single male -- the category which best describes the nature of the adoptive parent(s) family structure.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>
		1   Married couple
		2   Unmarried couple
		3   Single female
		4   Single male
		5   Unable to determine
<b>23</b>	<b>ADMOMYR</b>	<b>Adoptive Mother Year Of Birth</b>
<i>NUM</i>		Year that a person was born. AFCARS Adoption data elements ask for these data on the birth parent(s) and adoptive parent(s).
<b>24</b>	<b>ADDADYR</b>	<b>Adoptive Father Year Of Birth</b>
<i>NUM</i>		Year that a person was born. AFCARS Adoption data elements ask for

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**25 AMOMRACE**

NUM

**Adoptive Mother Race**

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Value Label

- 0 Not applicable
- 1 White (a person of European, North African, or Middle Eastern origin)
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- 3 American Indian/Alaskan Native (a person whose ancestry is North American, and who maintains tribal affiliation or is so recognized in the community)
- 4 Asian/Pacific Islander (a person whose origin is the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian sub-continent, or the Pacific Islands. This includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa and Vietnam.)
- 5 Unable to determine

**26 HOMOM**

NUM

**Adoptive Mother Hispanic Origin**

Indicate *yes* if adoptive mother is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American person, or person of other Spanish cultural origin regardless of race. Whether or not a person is Hispanic is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the race of the child.

Value Label

- 0 Not applicable
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Unable to determine

**27 ADADRACE**

NUM

**Adoptive Father Race**

In general, a person's race is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves.

Value Label

- 0 Not applicable
- 1 White (a person of European, North African, or Middle Eastern origin)
- 2 Black (a person whose ancestry is any of the black racial groups of Africa)
- 3 American Indian/Alaskan Native (a person whose ancestry is North American, and who maintains tribal affiliation or is so recognized in the community)
- 4 Asian/Pacific Islander (a person whose origin is the Far East,

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		Southeast Asia, the Indian sub-continent, or the Pacific Islands. This includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa, and Vietnam.)
		5 Unable to determine
<b>28</b> NUM	<b>HODAD</b>	<b>Adoptive Father Hispanic Origin</b> Indicate <i>yes</i> if adoptive father is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American person, or person of other Spanish cultural origin regardless of race. Whether or not a person is Hispanic is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the race of the child. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 Not applicable 1 Yes 2 No 3 Unable to determine
<b>29</b> NUM	<b>STPARENT</b>	<b>Pre-Adoptive Relation: Stepparent</b> Indicate if adoptive parent's prior relationship with the child was as a spouse of the child's birth mother or birth father. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>30</b> NUM	<b>OTHEREL</b>	<b>Pre-Adoptive Relation: Other Relative</b> Indicate if adoptive parent's prior relationship with child was as a relative through the birth parents by blood or marriage. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>31</b> NUM	<b>FOSPARCH</b>	<b>Pre-Adoptive Relation: Foster Parent</b> Indicate if child was placed in a non-relative foster family home with a family which later adopted him or her. The initial placement could have been for the purpose of adoption or for the purpose of foster care. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>32</b> NUM	<b>NONREL</b>	<b>Pre-Adoptive Relation: Non Relative</b> Indicate if adoptive parent's prior relationship to child fits into none of the categories listed (stepparent, other relative of child by birth or marriage, foster parent of child). <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
<b>33</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CHPLDFRM</b>	<p><b>Location of Custodial Agency/Individual</b> Indicate the location of the individual or agency that had custody or responsibility for the child at the time of initiation of adoption proceedings (placed from within state, another state, or another country). <u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1   Within state (Responsibility for the child resided with an individual or agency within the state filling the report.)</li> <li>2   Another state (Responsibility for the child resided with an individual or agency in another state or territory of the United States.)</li> <li>3   Another country (Immediately prior to the adoptive placement, the child was residing in another country and was not a citizen of the United States.)</li> </ol>
<b>34</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CHPLDBY</b>	<p><b>Agency/Individual Placing Child</b> Indicate the individual or agency that placed the child for adoption. <u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1   Public agency (unit of state or local government)</li> <li>2   Private agency (for-profit or non-profit agency institution)</li> <li>3   Tribal agency (unit within one of the federally recognized Indian Tribes or Indian Tribal Organizations)</li> <li>4   Independent person (doctor, lawyer, or some other individual)</li> <li>5   Birth parent (parent(s) placed the child directly with the adoptive parent(s))</li> </ol>
<b>35</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>MONSUBSY</b>	<p><b>Receiving Subsidy</b> Enter <i>yes</i> if the child was adopted with an adoption assistance agreement under which: (1) regular subsidies (federal or state) are paid. <u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1   Yes</li> <li>2   No</li> </ol>
<b>36</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>MONAMNT</b>	<p><b>Amount of Subsidy</b> Indicate the monthly amount of the adoption subsidy rounded to the nearest dollar. Indicate <i>0</i> if the subsidy includes only benefits under titles XIX or XX of the Social Security Act.</p>
<b>37</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>IVEAA</b>	<p><b>IV-E Assistance Claimed</b> If element #35 is <i>yes</i>, indicate whether subsidy is claimed by the state for reimbursement under Title IV-E. Do not include Title IV-E non-recurring costs in this item. <u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1   Yes</li> <li>2   No</li> </ol>

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<b>ELEMENT NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
<b>01</b> <b>STATE</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>State</b> Identity of the state reporting on the record. The 2-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for the state is used.
<b>02y</b> <b>REPDATYR</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>Report End Date, Year</b> The last year for the reporting period.
<b>02m</b> <b>REPDATMO</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>Report End Date, Month</b> The last month for the reporting period. <i>03</i> and <i>09</i> are the only allowable values.
<b>03</b> <b>FIPSCODE</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>Local Agency FIPS Code</b> Identity of the county or equivalent unit that has responsibility for the case. The 5-digit Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) must be used. To protect the privacy of the children in regions with fewer than 1,000 records in the annual database, the FIPS code in such cases has been replaced with a value of 8. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 8    Not provided for reasons of confidentiality 9    Missing
<b>04</b> <b>RECNUMBR</b> <i>CHAR</i>	<b>Record Number</b> The sequential number that the state uses to transmit data to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or a unique (encrypted) number which follows the child as long as he or she is in foster care. Encrypted values may appear garbled in the data file; this is not an error. The record number cannot be linked to the child's case I.D. number except at the state or local level.
<b>05y</b> <b>PEDREVYR</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>Date Of Most Recent Periodic Review, Year</b> For children who have been in care seven months or longer, the year of the most recent administrative or court review, including dispositional hearing is entered. For children who have been in care less than seven months, the field blank is blank. An entry in this field certifies that the child's computer record is current up to this date.
<b>05m</b> <b>PEDREVMO</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>Date Of Most Recent Periodic Review, Month</b> For children who have been in care seven months or longer, the month of

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		the most recent administrative or court review, including dispositional hearing. For children who have been in care less than seven months, the field is blank. An entry in this field certifies that the child's computer record is current up to this date.
<b>05d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PEDREVDA</b>	<b>Date Of Most Recent Periodic Review, Day</b> For children who have been in care seven months or longer, the day of the most recent administrative or court review, including dispositional hearing. For children who have been in care less than seven months, the field is blank. An entry in this field certifies that the child's computer record is current up to this date.
<b>06y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DOBYR</b>	<b>Child's Date Of Birth, Year</b> Year of child's birth. If the child is abandoned or the date of birth is otherwise unknown, an approximate date of birth is entered.
<b>06m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DOBMO</b>	<b>Child's Date Of Birth, Month</b> Month of child's birth. If the child is abandoned or the date of birth is otherwise unknown, an approximate date of birth is entered.
<b>06w</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DOBWK</b>	<b>Child's Date Of Birth, Day</b> Day of child's birth. If the child is abandoned or the date of birth is otherwise unknown, the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of the month is used. To protect the confidentiality of children in foster care, this variable has been recoded so that all possible days are collapsed into 4 values. The first day of each week in a month (1, 8, 15, 22) has been preserved so that month/day/year birth variables may be combined into a single variable with a date format. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 1 1st through the 7th day 8 8th through the 14th day 15 15th through the 21st day 22 22nd through the 31st day
<b>07</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>Child Sex</b> The gender of the child. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 1 Male 2 Female
<b>08</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>Child Race</b> In general, a person's race is determined by how others define them or by how he or she defines themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the race of the child. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 1 White (a person of European, North African, or Middle Eastern origin).

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Black (a person whose ancestry is any of the black racial groups of Africa).</li> <li>3 American Indian/Alaskan Native (a person whose ancestry is North American and who maintains tribal affiliation or is so recognized in the community).</li> <li>4 Asian/Pacific Islander (a person whose origin is the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian sub-continent, or the Pacific Islands. This includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa, and Vietnam).</li> <li>5 Unable to determine (The specific race category is <i>Unable to determine</i> because the child is very young or is severely disabled and no person is available to identify the child's race).</li> </ol>
<b>09</b> NUM	<b>HISORGIN</b>	<p><b>Hispanic Origin</b> Answer is <i>Yes</i> if the child is a Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American person, or person of other Spanish cultural origin, regardless of race. Whether or not a person is Hispanic is determined by how others define them or how they define themselves. In the case of young children, parents determine the race of the child.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Yes</li> <li>2 No</li> <li>3 Unable to determine (the child is very young or is severely disabled and no person is available to determine whether or not the child is Hispanic).</li> </ol>
<b>10</b> NUM	<b>CLINDIS</b>	<p><b>Diagnosed Disability</b> Has the child been clinically diagnosed by a qualified professional as having one or more of the following: mental retardation; emotional disturbance; specific learning disability; hearing, speech or sight impairment; physical disability; or other clinically diagnosed handicap. Included whether or not the disability(ies) was one of the factors that led to the child's removal.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Yes (A qualified professional has clinically diagnosed the child as having at least one of the disabilities listed in the definition above).</li> <li>2 No (A qualified professional has conducted a clinical assessment of the child and has determined that the child has no disabilities).</li> <li>3 Not yet determined (A clinical assessment of the child by a qualified professional has not been conducted).</li> </ol>
<b>11</b> NUM	<b>MR</b>	<p><b>Mental Retardation</b> Significantly sub-average general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period that adversely affect a child's/youth's</p>

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		socialization and learning. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional). <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>12</b> NUM	<b>VISHEAR</b>	<b>Visually Hearing Impaired</b> Having a visual impairment that may significantly affect educational performance or development; or a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects educational performance. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional). <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>13</b> NUM	<b>PHYDIS</b>	<b>Physically Disabled</b> A physical condition that adversely affects the child's day-to-day motor functioning, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, orthopedic impairments, and other physical disabilities. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional). <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>14</b> NUM	<b>DSMIII</b>	<b>Emotionally Disturbed</b> A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree: an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal problems. The term includes persons who are schizophrenic or autistic. The term does not include persons who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they are also seriously emotionally disturbed. The diagnosis is based on the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM III)</i> , Third Edition, or the most recent edition. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional). <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>15</b> NUM	<b>OTHERMED</b>	<b>Other Diagnosed Condition</b> Conditions other than those noted in AFCARS under types of disabilities (mental retardation, visually or hearing impaired, physically disabled, emotionally disturbed) that require special medical care such as chronic

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
		illnesses. Included are children diagnosed as HIV positive or with AIDS. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional). <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>16</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>EVERADPT</b>	<b>Child Adopted</b> Has child ever been legally adopted. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 1 Yes 2 No 3 Unable to determine (Child has been abandoned or the child's parents are otherwise not available to provide the information).
<b>17</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>AGEADOPT</b>	<b>Age At Adoption</b> If a child in foster care system has previously been adopted, the child's age in years, actual or estimated, at the time of the legalized adoption. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 Not applicable 1 Less than 2 years old 2 2-5 years old 3 6-12 years old 4 13 years or older 5 Unable to determine
<b>18y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>REM1YR</b>	<b>First Removal Date, Year</b> Year the child was removed from home for the first time for purpose of placement in a foster care setting. If the current removal is the first removal, the date of the current removal is entered.
<b>18m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>REM1MO</b>	<b>First Removal Date, Month</b> Month the child was removed from home for the first time for purpose of placement in a foster care setting. If the current removal is the first removal, the date of the current removal is entered.
<b>18d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>REM1DA</b>	<b>First Removal Date, Day</b> Day the child was removed from home for the first time for purpose of placement in a foster care setting. If the current removal is the first removal, the date of the current removal is entered.
<b>19</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>TOTALREM</b>	<b>Total Number Of Removals</b> The number of times the child was removed from home, including the current removal.
<b>20y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DLSTFCYR</b>	<b>Discharge Date for Previous Removal, Year</b> For children with prior removals, the year they were discharged from care for the episode immediately prior to the current episode. For children with no prior removals, the field is left blank.

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
<b>20m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DLSTFCMO</b>	<b>Discharge Date for Previous Removal, Month</b> For children with prior removals, the month they were discharged from care for the episode immediately prior to the current episode. For children with no prior removals, the field is left blank.
<b>20d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DLSTFCDA</b>	<b>Discharge Date for Previous Removal, Day</b> For children with prior removals, the day they were discharged from care for the episode immediately prior to the current episode. For children with no prior removals, the field is left blank.
<b>21y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>LATREMYR</b>	<b>Latest Removal Date, Year</b> Year the child was last removed from his/her home for the purpose of being placed in foster care. This would be the year of the current episode or, if the child has exited foster care, the year of removal for the most recent removal.
<b>21m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>LATREMMO</b>	<b>Latest Removal Date, Month</b> Month the child was last removed from his/her home for the purpose of being placed in foster care. This would be the month of the current episode or, if the child has exited foster care, the month of removal for the most recent removal.
<b>21d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>LATREMDA</b>	<b>Latest Removal Date, Day</b> Day the child was last removed from his/her home for the purpose of being placed in foster care. This would be the day of the current episode or, if the child has exited foster care, the day of removal for the most recent removal.
<b>22y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>REMTRNYR</b>	<b>Removal Transaction Date, Year</b> A computer-generated date that accurately indicates the year the response to <b>Latest Removal Date, Year</b> was entered into the information system.
<b>22m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>REMTRNMO</b>	<b>Removal Transaction Date, Month</b> A computer-generated date that accurately indicates the month the response to <b>Latest Removal Date, Month</b> was entered into the information system.
<b>22d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>REMTRNDA</b>	<b>Removal Transaction Date, Day</b> A computer-generated date that accurately indicates the day the response to <b>Latest Removal Date, Day</b> was entered into the information system.
<b>23y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CURSETYR</b>	<b>Most Recent Placement Date, Year</b> Year the child moved into the current foster home, facility, residence, shelter, institution, etc., for purposes of continued foster care.
<b>23m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CURSETMO</b>	<b>Most Recent Placement Date, Month</b> Month the child moved into the current foster home, facility, residence, shelter, institution, etc., for purposes of continued foster care.

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
<b>23d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CURSETDA</b>	<b>Most Recent Placement Date, Day</b> Day the child moved into the current foster home, facility, residence, shelter, institution, etc., for purposes of continued foster care.
<b>24</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>NUMPLEP</b>	<b>Number of Placement Settings</b> The number of places the child has lived, including the current setting, during the current removal episode. Do not include trial home visits as a placement setting.
<b>25</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>MANREM</b>	<b>Removal Manner</b> For the current placement episode for children in foster care, indicate whether the current placement agreement was voluntary, court ordered, or not yet determined. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 1   Voluntary (An official voluntary placement agreement has been executed between the caretaker and the agency. The placement remains voluntary even if a subsequent court order is issued to continue the child in foster care). 2   Court ordered (The court has issued an order which is the basis of the child's removal). 3   Not yet determined (A voluntary placement agreement has not been signed or a court order has not been issued. This will mostly occur in very short-term cases. When either a voluntary placement agreement is signed or a court order issued, the record should be updated to reflect the manner of removal at that time).
<b>26</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PHYABUSE</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Physical Abuse</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, alleged or substantiated physical abuse, injury or maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>27</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>SEXABUSE</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Sexual Abuse</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, alleged or substantiated sexual abuse or exploitation of a child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>28</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>NEGLECT</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Neglect</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
		with the foster care system, alleged or substantiated negligent treatment or maltreatment, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or care. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>29</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>AAPARENT</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Alcohol Abuse Parent</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the principal caretaker's compulsive use of alcohol that is not of a temporary nature. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>30</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DAPARENT</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Drug Abuse Parent</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the principal caretaker's compulsive use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>31</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>AACHILD</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Alcohol Abuse Child</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the child's compulsive use of or need for alcohol. This element should include infants addicted at birth. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>32</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DACHILD</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Drug Abuse Child</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the child's compulsive use of or need for narcotics. This element should include infants addicted at birth. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>33</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CHILDIS</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Child Disability</b> As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, a clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional of one or more of the following: mental retardation; emotional disturbance; specific learning disability; hearing, speech or sight impairment; physical disability; or other clinically diagnosed handicap. Include only if the disability(ies) was at least one of the factors which led to the child's removal.

ELEMENT	NAME	VARIABLE INFORMATION
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>34</b>	<b>CHBEHPRB</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Child Behavior Problem</b>
<i>NUM</i>		As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, child's behavior in the school and/or community that adversely affects socialization, learning, growth and moral development. These may include adjudicated or non-adjudicated child behavior problems. This would include the child's running away from home or other placement.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>35</b>	<b>PRTSDIED</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Parent Death</b>
<i>NUM</i>		As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, family stress or inability to care for child due to death of a parent or caretaker.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>36</b>	<b>PRTSJAIL</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Parent Incarceration</b>
<i>NUM</i>		As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, temporary or permanent placement of a parent or caretaker in jail that adversely affects care for the child.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>37</b>	<b>NOCOPE</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Caretaker Inability Cope</b>
<i>NUM</i>		As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, physical or emotional illness or disabling condition adversely affecting the caretaker's ability to care for the child.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>38</b>	<b>ABANDMNT</b>	<b>Reason for Removal: Abandonment</b>
<i>NUM</i>		As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the child has been left alone or with others; caretaker did not return or make whereabouts known.
		<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes

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<b>39</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>RELINQSH</b>	<p><b>Reason for Removal: Relinquishment</b></p> <p>As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, parent(s), in writing, assigned the physical and legal custody of the child to the agency for the purpose of having the child adopted.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>0   No</p> <p>1   Yes</p>
<b>40</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<p><b>Reason for Removal: Inadequate Housing</b></p> <p>As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, housing facilities were substandard, overcrowded, unsafe or otherwise inadequate resulting in their not being appropriate for the parents and child to reside together. Also includes homelessness.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>0   No</p> <p>1   Yes</p>
<b>41</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CURPLSET</b>	<p><b>Current Placement Setting</b></p> <p>Identify the type of setting in which the child currently lives. Types of settings include: pre-adoptive home, foster family home (relative), foster family home (non-relative), group home, institution, supervised independent living, runaway, trial home visit.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Pre-adoptive home (A home in which the family intends to adopt the child. The family may or may not be receiving a foster care payment or an adoption subsidy on behalf of the child).</li> <li>2 Foster family home, relative (A licensed or unlicensed home of the child's relatives regarded by the state as a foster care living arrangement for the child).</li> <li>3 Foster family home, non-relative (A licensed foster family home regarded by the state as a foster care living arrangement).</li> <li>4 Group home (A licensed or approved home providing 24-hour care for children in a small group setting that generally has from seven to twelve children).</li> <li>5 Institution (A child care facility operated by a public or private agency and providing 24-hour care and/or treatment for children who require separation from their own homes and group living experience. These facilities may include: child care institutions; residential treatment facilities; maternity homes; etc.)</li> <li>6 Supervised independent living (An alternative traditional living arrangement where the child is under the supervision of the agency but without 24-hour adult supervision, is receiving financial support from the child welfare agency, and is in a</li> </ol>

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		<p>setting which provides the opportunity for increased responsibility for self care).</p> <p>7 Runaway (The child has run away from the foster care setting).</p> <p>8 Trial home visit (The child has been in a foster care placement but, under state agency supervision, has been returned to the principal caretaker for a limited and specified period of time).</p>
<b>42</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PLACEOUT</b>	<p><b>Out Of State Placement</b></p> <p>The type of setting in which the child currently lives is located in another state. Note: Only the state with the placement and care responsibility for the child should include the child in the AFCARS reporting system.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>1 Yes (The current placement setting is located outside of the state making the report).</p> <p>2 No (The child continues to reside within the state making the report).</p>
<b>43</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CASEGOAL</b>	<p><b>Most Recent Case Plan Goal</b></p> <p>Indicate the most recent case plan goal for the child based on the latest review of the child's case plan -- whether a court review or an administrative review. If the child has been in care less than six months, enter the goal in the case record as determined by the caseworker.</p> <p><u>Value</u>   <u>Label</u></p> <p>1 Reunify with parent, principal caretaker (The goal is to keep the child in foster care for a limited time to enable the agency to work with the family with whom the child had been living prior to entering foster care in order to reestablish a stable family environment).</p> <p>2 Live with other relatives (The goal is to have the child live permanently with a relative or relatives other than the ones from whom the child was removed. This could include guardianship by a relative(s)).</p> <p>3 Adoption (The goal is to facilitate the child's adoption by relatives, foster parents or other unrelated individuals).</p> <p>4 Long-term foster care (Because of specific factors or conditions, it is not appropriate or possible to return the child home or place her or him for adoption, and the goal is to maintain the child in a long term foster care placement).</p> <p>5 Emancipation (Because of specific factors or conditions, it is not appropriate or possible to return the child home, have a child live permanently with a relative or have the child adopted; therefore, the goal is to maintain the child in a foster care setting until the child reaches the age of majority).</p> <p>6 Guardianship (The goal is to facilitate the child's placement with</p>

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		an agency or unrelated caretaker, with whom he or she was not living prior to entering foster care, and whom a court of competent jurisdiction has designated as legal guardian).
		7 Case plan goal not yet established (No case plan goal has been established other than the care and protection of the child).
<b>44</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CTKFAMST</b>	<b>Caretaker Family Structure</b> Select from the four alternatives -- married couple, unmarried couple, single female, single male -- the category which best describes the type of adult caretaker(s) from whom the child was removed for the current foster care episode. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 Not applicable 1 Married couple 2 Unmarried couple 3 Single female 4 Single male 5 Unable to determine
<b>45</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CTK1YR</b>	<b>Year Of Birth Of First Caretaker</b> Year that the first principal caretaker was born. If the exact year of birth is unknown, enter an estimated year of birth.
<b>46</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>CTK2YR</b>	<b>Year Of Birth Second Caretaker</b> Year that the second principal caretaker was born. If the exact year of birth is unknown, enter an estimated year of birth.
<b>47y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PRTMOMYR</b>	<b>TPR Mother, Year</b> Year that the court terminated the mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>47m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PRTMOMMO</b>	<b>TPR Mother, Month</b> Month that the court terminated the mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>47d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PRTMOMDA</b>	<b>TPR Mother, Day</b> Day that the court terminated the mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>48y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PRTDADYR</b>	<b>TPR Father, Year</b> Year that the court terminated the father's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>48m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>PRTDADMO</b>	<b>TPR Father, Month</b> Month that the court terminated the father's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>48d</b>	<b>PRTDADDA</b>	<b>TPR Father, Day</b>

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NUM		Day that the court terminated the father's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, enter the date of death.
<b>49</b>	<b>FOSFAMST</b>	<b>Foster Family Structure</b>
NUM		Select from the four alternatives -- married couple, unmarried couple, single female, single male --the category which best describes the nature of the foster parents with whom the child is living in the current foster care episode. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   Not applicable 1   Married couple 2   Unmarried couple 3   Single female 4   Single male 5   Unable to determine
<b>50</b>	<b>FCCTK1YR</b>	<b>Year Of Birth Of First Foster Caretaker</b>
NUM		Year that the first foster caretaker was born. If the exact year of birth is unknown, enter an estimated year of birth.
<b>51</b>	<b>FCCTK2YR</b>	<b>Year Of Birth Second Foster Caretaker</b>
NUM		Year that the second foster caretaker was born. If the exact year of birth is unknown, enter an estimated year of birth.
<b>52</b>	<b>RFCCTK1</b>	<b>Race Of First Foster Caretaker</b>
NUM		In general, a person's race is determined by how others define them or by how they define themselves. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   Not applicable 1   White (a person of European, North African, or Middle Eastern origin) 2   Black (a person whose ancestry is any of the black racial groups of Africa) 3   American Indian/Alaskan Native (a person whose ancestry is North American, and who maintains tribal affiliation or is so recognized in the community) 4   Asian/Pacific Islander (a person whose origin is the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian sub-continent, or the Pacific Islands. This includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa, and Vietnam) 5   Unable to determine
<b>53</b>	<b>HOFCCTK1</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin Of First Foster Caretaker</b>
NUM		Answer <i>yes</i> if the first foster caretaker is a Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American person, or person of other Spanish cultural origin regardless of race. Whether or not a person is Hispanic is determined by how others define them or how they define themselves.

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<b>56d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DODFCDA</b>	<p><b>Discharge Date for Latest Removal, Day</b> Day the child was discharged from foster care. If the child has not been discharged from care, leave blank.</p>														

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<b>57y</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DODTRNYR</b>	<b>Discharge Transaction Year</b> A computer generated date that accurately indicates the year the response to <b>Date Of Discharge From Foster Care</b> was entered into the information system.
<b>57m</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DODTRNMO</b>	<b>Discharge Transaction Month</b> A computer generated date that accurately indicates the month the response to <b>Date Of Discharge From Foster Care</b> was entered into the information system.
<b>57d</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DODTRNDA</b>	<b>Discharge Transaction Day</b> A computer generated date that accurately indicates the day the response to <b>Date Of Discharge From Foster Care</b> was entered into the information system.
<b>58</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>DISREASN</b>	<b>Discharge Reason</b> For child(ren) no longer in foster care, indicate outcome or reason for discharge. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   Not applicable (The child has not been discharged as of the end of the reporting period). 1   Reunified with parent, primary caretaker (The child was returned to his or her principal caretaker's or caretakers' home). 2   Living with other relatives (The child went to live with a relative other than the one from whose home he or she was removed). 3   Adoption (The child was legally adopted). 4   Emancipation (The child reached majority according to state law by virtue of age, marriage, etc.). 5   Guardianship (Permanent custody of the child was awarded to an individual). 6   Transfer to another agency (Responsibility for the care of the child was awarded to another agency -- either inside or outside of the state). 7   Runaway (The child ran away from the foster care placement). 8   Death of child (The child died while in foster care).
<b>59</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>IVEFC</b>	<b>Title IV-E Foster Care Payments</b> Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments are being paid on behalf of the child. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0   No 1   Yes
<b>60</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>IVEAA</b>	<b>Title IV-E Adoption Subsidy</b> Title IV-E adoption subsidy is being paid on behalf of the child who is in an adoptive home, but the adoption has not been legalized. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VARIABLE INFORMATION</b>
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<b>61</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>IVAAFDC</b>	<b>Title IV-A AFDC Payment</b> Child is living with relative(s) whose source of support is an AFDC payment for the child. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>62</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>IVDCHSUP</b>	<b>Title IV-D Child Support Funds</b> Child support funds are being paid to the state agency on behalf of the child by assignment from the receiving parent. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>63</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>XIXMEDCD</b>	<b>Title XIX</b> Child is eligible for and may be receiving assistance under title XIX. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>64</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>SSIOTHER</b>	<b>SSI</b> Child is receiving support under title XVI or other Social Security Act titles not included in elements 59-63. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>65</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>NOA</b>	<b>None Of The Above</b> The child is receiving support only from the state or from some other source (federal or non-federal) that is not included in elements 59-64. <u>Value</u> <u>Label</u> 0 No 1 Yes
<b>66</b> <i>NUM</i>	<b>FCMNTPAY</b>	<b>Amount Of Monthly Foster Care Payment</b> Enter the monthly foster care payment (regardless of sources) - Enter the monthly payment paid on behalf of the child regardless of source (i.e., federal, state, county, municipality, tribal, and private payments). If Title IV-E is paid on behalf of the child, the amount indicated should be the total computable amount. If the payment made on behalf of the child is not the same each month, indicate the amount of the last full monthly payment made during the reporting period. If no monthly payment has been made during the period, enter all zeros.