

Section 5

Child Protection

What is CP&P?

The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P), formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), operates within the New Jersey Department of Children and Families as the state's child welfare and protection agency. CP&P is responsible for investigating reports of child abuse and neglect and, if necessary, arranging for the child's protection and services for the family. When children cannot remain at home due to safety concerns, CP&P may ask the family court to place the child into foster care and to seek another permanent home for children who cannot be safely reunified with their parent(s) within the timeframes provided by law.

Children Under Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) Supervision

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 15-19
Newark	4,125	3,758	3,960	4,018	3,769	-9
Essex	6,410	5,881	6,216	6,187	5,601	-13
New Jersey	50,792	48,169	47,762	48,256	47,151	-7

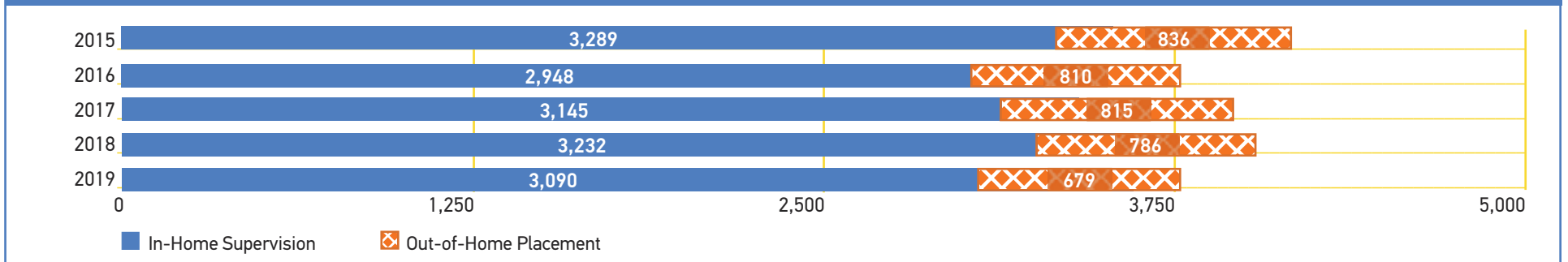
Children Receiving In-Home CP&P Services

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 15-19
Newark	3,289	2,948	3,145	3,232	3,090	-6
Essex	5,180	4,723	5,079	5,140	4,696	-9
New Jersey	43,291	41,044	41,155	42,202	42,036	-3

Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placement

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 15-19
Newark	836	810	815	786	679	-19
Essex	1,230	1,158	1,137	1,047	905	-26
New Jersey	7,501	7,125	6,607	6,054	5,115	-32

Newark Children Under CP&P Supervision



N.J. Department of Children and Families' Strategic Plan

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer has announced a new vision, Safe, Healthy, and Connected, for how to strengthen the agency. DCF is actively collaborating with the New Jersey judiciary and other stakeholders, including ACNJ, to improve outcomes for children and youth under its supervision. These efforts are a promising start, focused on decreasing the number of youth in placement for three or more years and reducing the racial disparity in youth under the care of New Jersey's child welfare system. The Commissioner's four priorities include:

- Primary prevention of maltreatment and maltreatment related fatalities,
- Preserving kinship connections,
- Staff health and wellness,
- And a fully integrated and inclusive Children's System of Care (CSOC).

For more information regarding the new strategic plan, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/strategic.html>.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14-18
Newark	5,578	5,811	5,834	6,294	6,468	16
Essex	9,638	10,048	10,148	10,646	10,985	14
New Jersey	90,135	89,441	88,969	91,585	94,161	4

Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14-18
Newark	821	664	632	615	431	-48
Essex	1,305	1,084	1,003	948	706	-46
New Jersey	11,556	9,397	8,256	6,463	5,923	-49

Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Newark	14.7	11.4	10.8	9.8	6.7
Essex	13.5	10.8	9.9	8.9	6.4
New Jersey	12.8	10.5	9.3	7.1	6.3

● Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Children Under Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) Supervision, 2015-2019. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

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Children Receiving In-Home CP&P Services, 2015-2019. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placement, 2015-2019. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect, 2014-2018. Number of children who were reported for child abuse/neglect. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families for each calendar year.

Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2014-2018. The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. In 2013, the N.J. Department of Children and Families added two possible findings of child abuse/neglect investigations—“established” and “not established”. Previously, investigators could only determine whether reported abuse/neglect was “substantiated” or “unfounded”.

Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2014-2018. Based on the number of children found to be substantiated or established victims of child abuse/neglect out of the number of children reported for abuse or neglect. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. In 2013, the N.J. Department of Children and Families added two possible findings of child abuse/neglect investigations—“established” and “not established”. Previously, investigators could only determine whether reported abuse/neglect was “substantiated” or “unfounded”.

