

This report is being submitted by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to the Children and Family Services Act, 20 ILCS 505/5.46(i). That section of the Act directs the Department to file a report with the General Assembly providing the following information for State Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023:

- (1) The number of youth entering care.
- (2) The number of youth entering care receiving each of the following types of benefits: Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits.
- (3) The number of youth entering care for whom the Department filed an application for each of the following types of benefits: Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits.
- (4) The number of youth entering care who were awarded each of the following types of benefits based on an application filed by the Department: Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits.

The attached document includes the above required information, with the exception of items (2), (3) & (4) specifically for the State Fiscal Year 2019. That data was not available to the Department to report based on the prior vendor records. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2020, a new vendor was selected and the requested records were available and are included in this report.

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		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
a	Number of youth entering care	7,229	8,332	8,525	6,770	6,365
b	Number of youth entering care who were already receiving one or more of the following types of benefits: Social Security (SSI), Supplemental Security Income (SSA), Veterans and Railroad Retirement benefits:*		506	580	379	445
c	Number of Social Security (SSI), Supplemental Security Income (SSA), Veterans and Railroad Retirement benefit applications the Department filed for youth entering care:*		1,002	1,019	1,174	1,541
d	Number of Awarded Social Security (SSI), Supplemental Security Income (SSA), Veterans and Railroad Retirement benefit applications the Department filed for youth entering care:*		453	634	769	880

*\*Previous Vendor Data was not usable.*