The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) divides Washington State into three regions. Pierce County is in Region 3, along with Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties.

This Focus on Piece County report provides graphs that depict the following:

* Trend data for the number of Investigations & Assessments since **2009** in the **Pierce County** offices or office groups.
* The comparative rate of Investigations & Assessments per 1,000 households in **Quarter 4, 2012** for all **Region 3** offices/office groups, as well as Washington State.
* Trend data for the number of In-Home Services cases since **2009** in the **Pierce County** offices or office groups.
* The comparative rate of In-Home Services per 1,000 households in **Quarter 4, 2012** for all **Region 3** offices/office groups, as well as Washington State.
* Trend data for the number of children in Out-of-Home Care since **2009** in **Pierce County**.
* The comparative rate of children in Out-of-Home Care per 1,000 children in **Quarter 4, 2012** for all **Region 3** counties, as well as Washington State.
* The percentage of children in each **Region 3** county who re-entered Out-of-Home Care within two years of a discharge in **2010** to a permanent placement (i.e., reunification, adoption, and guardianship).
* The percentage of children in **Pierce County, Region 3,** and Washington State who entered out-of-home care in **2010** and experienced one of the following outcomes after two years: reunification, adoption, guardianship, emancipation, other, and still in Out-of-Home Care.
* Of all the days children spent in Out-of-Home Care from 2009 to 2012, the percentage of days spent in kinship care in each **Region 3** county and Washington State.