

Variable Name	Full Name	Description	Type	Categories (if applicable)/ Units of measurement (if applicable)
lifelos	Total Length of Stay in Foster Care	Total Days in Foster Care, All Episodes	Quantitative	Days
phyabuse	Removal Reason - Physical Abuse	Alleged or substantiated physical abuse, injury, or maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare	Categorical	Yes, No
sexabuse	Removal Reason – Sexual Abuse	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.	Categorical	Yes, No
neglect	Removal Reason – Neglect	As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, alleged, or substantiated negligent treatment or maltreatment, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or care.	Categorical	Yes, no
AAparent	Removal Reason – Alcohol Abuse Parent	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.	Categorical	Yes, no
DAparent	Removal Reason – Drug Abuse Parent	As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the principal caretaker's compulsive	Categorical	Yes, No

		use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature.		
AAchild	Removal Reason – Alcohol Abuse Child	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.	Categorical	Yes, No
DAchild	Removal Reason – Drug Abuse Child	As a condition associated with a child's removal from home and contact with the foster care system, the child's use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature. Includes infants exposed to drugs during pregnancy.	Categorical	Yes, No
ChiDis	Removal Reason – Child Disability	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.	Categorical	Yes, No
ChiBehPrb	Removal Reason – Child Behavior Problem	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	Categorical	Yes, No

		running away from home or another placement.		
PrtsJail	Removal Reason – Parent Incarceration	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.	Categorical	Yes, No
Abandmnt	Removal Reason – Abandonment	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.	Categorical	Yes, no
housing	Removal Reason – Inadequate Housing	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.	Categorical	Yes, no
race	Derived Race	Derived Child Race without Ethnicity	Categorical	White, Black or African, American Indian or Native Alaskan, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
ctkfamst	Caretaker Family Structure	The type of adult caretaker from whom the child was removed	Categorical	Married Couple, Unmarried Couple, Single Female, Single Make

manrem	Removal Manner	<p>Manner of removal from home for current episode</p> <p>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</p> <p>Court ordered: The court has issued an order which is the basis of the child's removal</p>	Categorical	Voluntary, Court Ordered
ageatstart	Age on the First Day of the Fiscal Year	Ages are computed from the child's actual DOB. Computing from the DOB in this dataset may yield a different age, because all publicly available birth dates are set to the 15th.	Quantitative	Years old
disreasn	Discharge Reason	<p>Reunification with Parents or Primary Caretakers: the child was returned to his or her principal caretaker(s)' home</p> <p>Living with Other Relatives: the child went to live with a relative other than the one from whose home he or she was removed</p> <p>Adoption: The child was legally adopted</p> <p>Emancipation: the child reached majority according to the law by virtue of age, marriage, etc.</p> <p>Guardianship: permanent custody of the child was awarded to an individual. Includes both relative and non-relative guardianships.</p> <p>Runaway: The child ran away from foster care placement</p> <p>Death of Child: The child died while in foster care</p>	Categorical	Reunification with Parents or Primary Caretakers; Living with Other Relatives; Adoption; Emancipation; Guardianship; Runaway; Death of Child
sex	Child Sex	The biological sex of the child is indicated	Categorical	Male, Female

clindis	Child Has Been Clinically Diagnosed with Disability	<p>Yes indicated that a qualified professional has clinically diagnosed the child as having at least one of the disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Retardation (Down Syndrome, Borderline Intellectual Functioning, Hydrocephalus, Microcephaly, Mental Retardation (all degrees) ○ Visual or Hearing Impaired ○ Physically Disabled (Arthritis, Brittle Bones/Osteogenesis Imperfectus, Cerebral Palsy, Chronic Motor Tic Disorder, Club Foot, Diplegia, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, Paralysis-Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Diplegic; Poliomyelitis, Rheumatoid arthritis(juvenile), Spina bifida) ○ Emotionally Disturbed (Adjustment Disorders, Attention Deficit and Disruptive Disorders: ADD, ADHD, Conduct Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder; Anxiety Disorders: Agoraphobia, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder including Generalized Panic Disorder, Phobias, Post-Traumatic Disorder (PTSD), Separation Anxiety Disorder; Eating Disorders: Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia) <p>No indicated that a qualified professional has conducted a clinical assessment of the child and has determined that the child has no disabilities</p>	Categorical	Yes, No
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