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#1 The Federal Fiscal Year Covered by This Dataset

Name: FY

Definition: The federal fiscal year begins Oct 1 and ends Sep 30 of the nominal fiscal year. ThisValue will be constant within a Foster Care file. If you append one year to another, this field is useful.

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

#2 The Version Number for This Dataset

Name: Version

Definition: New versions of older Foster Care files will reflect re-submissions of state data. Not all states will have re-submitted data for a new version.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

#3   State FIPS Code

Name: State

Definition: The 2-digit FIPS Code for the state reporting the record

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Alabama
2	Alaska
4	Arizona
5	Arkansas
6	California
8	Colorado
9	Connecticut
10	Delaware
11	District of Columbia
12	Florida
13	Georgia
15	Hawaii
16	Idaho
17	Illinois
18	Indiana
19	Iowa
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44	Rhode Island
45	South Carolina
46	South Dakota
47	Tennessee
48	Texas
49	Utah
50	Vermont
51	Virginia
53	Washington
54	West Virginia
55	Wisconsin
56	Wyoming
72	Puerto Rico

#4   State Two-Character Code

Name: St

Definition: United States Postal Service two-character code for state

Data Type: Char(2)

#5   Reporting Period End Date: Year

Name: RepDatYr

Definition: RepDatYr and RepDatMo tell which of the 3 possible submissions this record comes from.

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

#6 Reporting Period End Date: Month

Name: RepDatMo

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

#7   County FIPS Code

Name: FIPSCode

Definition: FIPS Code for the county that has responsibility for the case. This may or may not be the county where the child lives. Only counties with 1000 or more cases are identified in the Foster Care file.

Data Type: 4-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
8	Fewer than 1000 cases in the County

#8   Record Number (AFCARS ID)

Name: RecNumbr

Definition: The child's AFCARS ID (encrypted by the state prior to submission). For most states, but not all, this ID is consistent from year to year. Use this variable combined with the state ID to track a child across years. May be used to match AFCARSID in the NCANDS Child File, depending on State.

Data Type: Char(12)

#9   Child Sex

Name: Sex

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Male
2	Female
9	Unknown or Missing

#10　Child Amer Indian/AK Native

Name:　AmIAKN

Definition:　A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#11   Child Asian

Name: Asian

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#12   Child Black/African American

Name: BlkAfrAm

Definition: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#13 Child Hawaiian/Pacif Islander

Name: HawaiiPI

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#14   Child White

Name: White

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#15 Child Unable To Determine Race

Name: UnToDetm

Definition: The child is very young or severely disabled and no person is available to determine the child's race. "Unable to Determine" is also used if the parent, relative, or guardian is unwilling to identify the child's race.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#16 Child Hispanic Origin

Name: HisOrgin

Definition: The child is of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American origin, or a person of other Spanish cultural origin. Whether or not a person is Hispanic or Latino is determined by how they define themselves or by how others define them. In the case of young children, parents determine the ethnicity of the child.

Origin can be view as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race. Thus, the percent Hispanic should not be added to percentages for racial categories.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

#17   Diagnosed Disability

Name: ClinDis

Definition: **Yes** indicates that a qualified professional has clinically diagnosed the child as having at least one of the disabilities listed below.
No indicates that a qualified professional has conducted a clinical assessment of the child and has determined that the child has no disabilities.
Not yet determined indicates that a clinical assessment of the child by a qualified professional has not been conducted.

The conditions specified on the individual diagnoses are exhaustive lists of all conditions that a State may be using in a State's Information System.

See AFCARS Technical Bulletin #2 for more information on this variable.
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/afcars_tb2.pdf

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Yes
2	No
3	Not yet determined

#18   Mental Retardation

Name: MR

Definition: Significantly subaverage 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 socialization and learning. Includes ICD-9 Categories:

- Downs Syndrome
- Borderline Intellectual Functioning
- Hydrocephalus Microcephaly
- Mental Retardation (all degrees)

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#19   Visually Or Hearing Impaired

Name: VisHear

Definition: 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. Includes:

- Blindness and Low Vision (ICD-9: 369)
- Cataracts
- Congenital anomaly of the eye
- Glaucoma
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Retinal Detachment and Defects (ICD-9: 361)
- Visual Disturbances (ICD-9: 368)
- Deaf Hearing Loss (ICD-9: 389)

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#20   Physically Disabled

Name: PhyDis

Definition: 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. Includes:

- 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

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#21   Emotionally Disturbed

Name: DSMIII

Definition: 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 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Third Edition) (DSM III) or the most recent edition." [Note: the current edition is DSM-IV.] Includes:

- 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 Stress Disorder (PTSD); Separation Anxiety Disorder
- Eating Disorders: Anorexia Nervosa; Bulimia
- Impulse Control Disorder
- Mood Disorders: Bipolar Disorder; Cyclothymic Disorder; Depressive Disorders; Dysthymic Disorder
- Personality Disorders: Antisocial Personality Disorder; Avoidant Personality Disorder; Borderline Personality Disorder; Dependent Personality Disorder; Histrionic Personality Disorder; Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder; Paranoid Personality Disorder; Schizoid Personality Disorder; Schizotypal Personality Disorder
- Reactive Attachment Disorder
- Schizophrenic and Other Psychotic Disorders: Delusional Disorder; Psychotic Disorder; Schizophrenia; Schizophrenaform Disorder; Schizoaffective Disorder
- Somatoform Disorder
- Tourette Syndrome

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#22   Other Diagnosed Condition

Name: OtherMed

Definition: Conditions other than those noted above which require special medical care such as chronic illnesses. Included are children diagnosed as HIV positive or with AIDS. May Include:

- Aplastic Anemia
- Asperger's Syndrome Asthma
- Autistic Disorder
- Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Blood disorder that required hospitalization once a month
- Cancers
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (Pervasive Developmental Disorder)
- Chronic Granulomatous Disease
- Cleft palate
- Coagulation Defects
- Congenital cystic lung
- Congenital heart anomaly
- Crohn's disease
- Cushing's syndrome
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Disorders Involving The Immune Mechanism (code 279)
- Encephalopathy
- Epilepsy
- Fetal alcohol syndrome
- Fetal drug addiction
- Heart murmur, vigorous activity curtailed
- Heart disease
- Hemophilia
- Hypertension
- Human Immunodeficiency Disease (HIV)
- Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus-III
- Other Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus-III
- Immunodeficiency
- Kidney Disease
- Klienefelter's syndrome
- Learning Disability
- Leukemia
- Liver disease
- Lupus
- Malignant Neoplasms (Malignant tumors)
- Misplaced facial feature
- Nutritional deficiency
- Organic Brain Syndrome
- Pancreatic Disease
- Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise Specified
- Rett Disorder Sarcomas
- Seizure Disorder
- Sickle cell anemia
- Shaken Infant Syndrome
- Late Effects of Tuberculosis (ICD-9: 137)

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#23   Child Ever Adopted

Name: EverAdpt

Definition: Has the child ever been legally adopted?

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes, child has been legally adopted
2	No, has never been legally adopted
3	Unable to determine

#24 Age At Adoption

Name: AgeAdopt

Definition: If a child in the foster care system has previously been adopted, the child's age in years, actual or estimated, at the time of the legalized adoption. If Child Ever Adopted (element 16) is yes then Age At Adoption (element 17) field must have a value of 1 through 5.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
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

#25 Total Number of Removals

Name: TotalRem

Definition: The number of times the child was removed from home, including the current removal.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

#26   Placement Settings in Current FC Episode

Name: NumPlep

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

#27   Removal Manner

Name: ManRem

Definition: For the current placement episode for children in foster care, indicate whether the current placement agreement was voluntary, court ordered, or not yet determined. If Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (element 5) is not blank then Removal Manner (element 25) cannot have a Value of "3."

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).

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Voluntary
2	Court ordered
3	Not yet determined

#28　Removal Reason-Physical Abuse

Name:　　　PhyAbuse

Definition:　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.

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#29   Removal Reason-Sexual Abuse

Name: SexAbuse

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#30   Removal Reason-Neglect

Name: Neglect

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#31　Removal Reason-Alcohol Abuse Parent

Name:　AAParent

Definition:　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.

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#32   Removal Reason-Drug Abuse Parent

Name: DAParent

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#33 Removal Reason-Alcohol Abuse Child

Name: AAChild

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#34   Removal Reason-Drug Abuse Child

Name: DAChild

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#35   Removal Reason-Child Disability

Name: ChilDis

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#36　Removal Reason-Child Behavior Problem

Name:　ChBehPrb

Definition:　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.

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#37 Removal Reason-Parent Death

Name: PrtsDied

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#38 Removal Reason-Parent Incarceration

Name: PrtsJail

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#39   Removal Reason-Caretaker Inability Cope

Name: NoCope

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#40   Removal Reason-Abandonment

Name: Abandmnt

Definition: 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

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#41   Removal Reason-Relinquishment

Name: Relinqsh

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#42   Removal Reason-Inadequate Housing

Name: Housing

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#43 Current Placement Setting

Name: CurPlSet

Definition: The type of setting in which the child currently lives. If Current Placement Setting (element 41) is a Value that indicates that the child is not in a foster family or a pre-adoptive home, then elements 49 through 55 must be "0."

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.

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.

3 = Foster family home, non-relative: A licensed foster family home regarded by the state as a foster care living arrangement.

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.

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.

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 setting which provides the opportunity for increased responsibility for self care.

7 = Runaway: The child has run away from the foster care setting.

8 = Trial home visit: The child has been in a foster care placement

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Pre-adoptive home
2	Foster home, relative
3	Foster home, non-relative
4	Group home
5	Institution
6	Supervised independent living
7	Runaway
8	Trial home visit
99	Missing

#44   Out of State Placement

Name: PlaceOut

Definition: 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.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

#45   Most Recent Case Plan Goal

Name: CaseGoal

Definition: Permanency goals are 1,2,3,6

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value   **Value Label**

1   Reunify with parent, principal caretaker
2   Live with other relative(s)
3   Adoption
4   Long-term foster care
5   Emancipation
6   Guardianship
7   Case plan goal not yet established
99   Missing

#46   Principal Caretaker Family Structure

Name: StkFamSt

Definition: The type of adult caretaker (parents or others) from whom the child was removed for the current foster care episode.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Married couple
2	Unmarried couple
3	Single female
4	Single male
5	Unable to determine

#47   1st Principal Caretaker Year of Birth

Name: CTK1YR

Definition: This is the person from whose custody the child was removed.

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

#48   2nd Principal Caretaker Year of Birth

Name: CTK2YR

Definition: This is the person from whose custody the child was removed.

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

#49   Foster Family Structure

Name: FosFamSt

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Married couple
2	Unmarried couple
3	Single female
4	Single male
5	Unable to determine

#50   1st Foster Caretaker Year of Birth

Name: FCCTK1YR

Definition:

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

#51   2nd Foster Caretaker Year of Birth

Name: FCCTK2YR

Definition:

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

#52　　1st Foster Caretaker Am Indian/AK Native

Name:　　RF1AMAKN

Definition:

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#53   1st Foster Caretaker Asian

Name: RF1ASIAN

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#54   1st Foster Caretaker Black/African American

Name: RF1BLKAA

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#55　　　1st Foster Caretaker Hawaii/Pacific Islander

Name:　　　RF1NHOPI

Definition:

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#56　　　1st Foster Caretaker White

Name:　　　RF1WHITE

Definition:

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#57 1st Foster Caretaker Unable To Determine Race

Name: RF1UTOD

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#58   1st Foster Caretaker Hispanic Origin

Name: HOFCCTK1

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

#59   2nd Foster Caretaker Am Indian/AK Native

Name: RF2AMAKN

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#60   2nd Foster Caretaker Asian

Name: RF2Asian

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#61   2nd Foster Caretaker Black/African American

Name: RF2BLKAA

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#62   2nd Foster Caretaker Hawaii/Pacific Islander

Name: RF2NHOPI

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#63   2nd Foster Caretaker White

Name: RF2WHITE

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#64   2nd Foster Caretaker Unable To Determine Race

Name: RF2UTOD

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#65   2nd Foster Caretaker Hispanic Origin

Name: HOFCCTK2

Definition:

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

#66   Discharge Reason

Name: DISREASN

Definition: From "Child Welfare Outcomes" page B-2:

- The Department (HHS) considers children as discharged from foster care to reunification if the reason for discharge reported to AFCARS is either "reunification with parent or primary caretaker" (Value 1) or "living with other relative" (Value 2).

- It is important to note that the discharge reason of living with other relatives only applies to children discharged from foster care to the care of a relative. It does not apply to children in the foster care system in out-of-home placements with relatives, and it does not apply to children discharged from foster care to a legal guardian, even if the legal guardian is a relative.

- Values 1, 2, 3, & 5 are considered "Permanence" by the Children's Bureau i.e. reunification, living with relatives, adoption, and guardianship

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Reunified with parent, primary caretaker
2	Living with other relative(s)
3	Adoption
4	Emancipation
5	Guardianship
6	Transfer to another agency
7	Runaway
8	Death of child
99	Missing

#67   Title IV-E Foster Care Payments

Name: IVEFC

Definition: Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments are being paid on behalf of the child. At least one of elements 59 through 65 must have a Value of "1." Authorized under title IV-E of the Social Security Act, as amended, the Foster Care Maintenance Payments Program provides Federal matching funds of 50 to 83 percent, depending on the state's per capita income. Funds are available for: monthly maintenance payments to eligible foster care providers; administrative costs to manage the program; training staff and foster parents; foster parent recruitment; and other related expenses.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#68   Title IV-E Adoption Assistance

Name: IVEAA

Definition: 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.

At least one of elements 59 through 65 must have a Value of "1."

Adoption assistance from the Federal government is administered under the Federal Title IV-E adoption assistance program. Payments to the parents of an eligible child with special needs can take the form of either one-time (nonrecurring) adoption assistance or ongoing (recurring) adoption assistance. These funds are paid through the State agency or through another public or nonprofit private agency and are available for children being adopted from foster care.

Non-Recurring Adoption Assistance
Nonrecurring adoption assistance is paid or reimbursed for one- time reasonable and necessary expenses directly related to the legal adoption of a child with special needs that have not been reimbursed from other sources or funds. These reimbursable expenses may include the home study fees, attorney fees, replacement of the birth certificate, and travel for visits to the child (including mileage, lodging, and meals). The Federal maximum for this type of assistance is $2,000 for each adoptive placement.3 Some expenses in excess of this amount may be tax deductible.

Recurring Adoption Assistance
Ongoing adoption assistance provides funds that may be used for any identifiable need of the child. These usually take the form of monthly payments to the parents of eligible children. The maximum payment amount may not exceed the amount that would have been paid for maintenance if the child had remained in a foster home in that State. Payments can continue until the child reaches age 18 (or until age 21 where the State determines that the child has a physical, mental, or emotional disability), and these payments continue even if the family moves to another State. While adoption assistance is not taxable, portions could be taxed if the family cannot prove that the amount spent on the child's support was more than the amount of assistance received.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#69　Title IV-A AFDC Payment

Name:　IVAAFDC

Definition:　Child is living with relative(s) whose source of support is an AFDC payment for the child. At least one of elements 59 through 65 must have a Value of "1."

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#70   Title IV-D Child Support Funds

Name: IVDCHSUP

Definition: Title IV-D child support funds are being paid to the state agency on behalf of the child by assignment from the receiving parent. At least one of elements 59 through 65 must have a Value of "1."

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#71 Title XIX Medicaid

Name: XIXMEDCD

Definition: Child is eligible for and may be receiving assistance under title XIX.

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#72   SSI Or Social Security Act Benefits

Name: SSIOther

Definition: Child is receiving support under title XVI or other Social Security Act titles not included in elements 59-63. At least one of elements 59 through 65 must have a Value of "1."

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#73   Only State Or Other Support

Name: NOA

Definition: 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. At least one of elements 59 through 65 must have a Value of "1."

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#74   Monthly FC Payment

Name: FCMntPay

Definition: The payment amount should be for a full calendar month and not a pro-rated or partial payment. Ideally, the amount should also reflect the child's current living arrangement as of the end of the report period (foster care element #41). If the child's living arrangement changes from one type of setting to another (i.e., from a group home to a foster home) in the last month of the report period, then this element should be zeroes. And it should reflect all payments made on behalf of the child that represent the foster care maintenance payment (i.e., Federal, State, county, municipality, tribal, and private payments).

As for the general reliability of the variable, the Children's Bureau has serious concerns about its accuracy for many states. Frequency distributions often have questionable results.

Data Type: 4-byte Integer

#75   Date of Birth of the Foster Child

Name: DOB

Definition: To help protect child confidentialty, date of birth is set to the nearest month. The day part is always the 15th.

Data Type: Date/Time

#76   Date of First Removal

Name: Rem1Dt

Definition: Date of the child's initial entry into the state's foster care system.

Data Type: Date/Time

#77 Discharge Date For Previous Removal

Name: DLstFCDt

Definition: The ending date of the previous foster care episode

Data Type: Date/Time

#78   Date of Latest Removal

Name: LatRemDt

Definition: The day the child was removed from his/her home and entered the

Data Type: Date/Time

#79   Begin Date for Current Placement Setting

Name: CurSetDt

Definition: There may be more than one placement setting within a foster care episode. See the variable "CurPlSet" for a list of setting types.

Data Type: Date/Time

#80   Date of Discharge from Foster Care

Name: DoDFCDt

Definition: The date the agency no longer has legal responsibility for care and placement of the child, i.e. exited the foster care system.

Data Type: Date/Time

#81 Termination Date Of Parental Rights - Mom

Name: TPRMomDt

Definition: Date of the mother's termination of parental rights. If this date is after the end of the current FY, the parents cannot be considered as having lost parental rights during that year. (IsTPR = 0)

Data Type: Date/Time

#82　Termination Date of Parental Rights - Dad

Name:　TPRDadDt

Definition:　Date of the father's termination of parental rights. If this date is after the end of the current FY, the parents cannot be considered as having lost parental rights during that year. (IsTPR = 0)

Data Type:　Date/Time

#83   Date of All Parents Loss of Parental Rights

Name: TPRDate

Definition: If both parents have a TPR date that is prior to the end of the fiscal year, this is the later of the two. If one of the TPR dates is after the end of the FY, TPRDate is Null

Data Type: Date/Time

#84   Periodic Review Date

Name: PedRevDt

Definition: Most recent periodic review date. May be left blank if child has been in care less than nine months.

Data Type: Date/Time

#85 Removal Transaction Date

Name: RemTrnDt

Definition: Date the state recorded the removal

Data Type: Date/Time

#86   Date that the Discharge Was Recorded

Name: DoDTrnDt

Definition: Date that the state recorded the Discharge

Data Type: Date/Time

#87   Length (Days) Since Latest Removal Date

Name: LatRemLOS

Definition:

- If child is InAtEnd then this is the LOS as of the last day of the fiscal year (Sep 30).

- If the child Exited, then this is the LOS on the Date of Discharge (DoDFCDt)

- If this LOS > 7670 days (21 yrs), it is recoded to Null

- To convert to months, divide by 30.44

Data Type: 4-byte Integer

#88   Length (Days) in Current Placement Setting

Name: SettingLOS

Definition:

- For children who are in FC at the end of the year, the number of days between the date of placement in the most recent setting and the end of the FY.
SettingLOS = 9/30/FY - CurSetDt

- For chidren who exited, the number of days between their current setting date and the date they exited foster care.
SettingLOS = DoDFCDt - CurSetDt

- SettingLOS is set to NULL if the calculation result is greater than 21 years, or greater than the child's age, or less than zero

Data Type: 4-byte Integer

#89   Length (Days) Of Previous FC Stay

Name: PreviousLOS

Definition: Applies only to children who have exactly 2 foster care episodes, as these are the only chidren for which the beginning and end dates of the previous episode are recorded in the data.

PreviousLOS = DLstFCDt - Rem1Dt

Data Type: 4-byte Integer

#90   Total Days Stay In FC, All Episodes

Name: LifeLOS

Definition: Can only be computed for kids who have 1 or 2 removals (TotRem).
If TotalRem = 1, CareerLOS = LatRemLOS
If TotalRem = 2, CareerLOS = LatRemLOS + PreviousLOS

Data Type: 4-byte Integer

#91   Age on the First Day of the Fiscal Year

Name: AgeAtStart

Definition: Regardless of whether child was in Foster Care at the time. Purpose: Kids who are 18 or older at the beginning of the FY are excluded from some measures for the CFSR (see Child Welfare Outcomes.pdf, page B-2)

Data Type: 2-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
99	DOB Missing

#92   Age at Most Recent Removal

Name: AgeAtLatRem

Definition: Child's age on the date of the most recent removal [LatRemDt]; Age at entry into foster care

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
99	DOB Missing

#93   Age of Child at the End of FFY, or at Exit

Name: AgeAtEnd

Definition: Child's Age: If InAtEnd then this is the age on the last day of the FY
If Exited then this is the age on the date of discharge [DoDFCDt]

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
99	DOB Missing

#94   In FC at the Beginning of the FFY

Name: InAtStart

Definition: Child is InAtStart if the date of the most recent removal is prior to the start of the current FY and the date of exit from FC is either missing or is after the start of the FY.

NOTE: A child who was in Foster Care at the beginning of the FY, is discharged during the year, then re-enters, would not be classified as InAtStart.

IF LatRemDt < Oct 1, FY
AND (DoDFCDt Missing OR DoDFCDt >= Oct 1, FY)
THEN InAtStart = 1
ELSE InAtStart = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#95 In FC at the End of the Fiscal Year

Name: InAtEnd

Definition: Child is InAtEnd if entered FC prior to the end of the FY, but did not exit before that date.

IF LatRemDt <= Sep 30, FY
AND (DoDFCDt Missing OR DoDFCDt > Sep 30, FY)
THEN InAtEnd = 1
ELSE InAtEnd = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#96   Entered FC During the Fiscal Year

Name: Entered

Definition: Child's date of most recent removal (LatRemDt) is between the beginning and the end of the fiscal year.

IF LatRemDt >= Oct 1, FY
AND LatRemDt <= Sep 30, FY
THEN Entered = 1
ELSE Entered = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#97   Discharged from FC During FFY

Name: Exited

Definition: Child has a discharge date (DoDFCDt) that falls within the fiscal year.

IF DoDFCDt >= Oct 1, FY
AND DoDFCDt <= Sep 30, FY
THEN Exited = 1
ELSE Exited = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#98   In at Start or Entered FC During FY

Name: Served

Definition: Child passed through the Foster Care system at some point during the FY

IF InAtStart = 1
OR Entered = 1
THEN Served = 1
ELSE Served = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#99   Child is Waiting for Adoption

Name: IsWaiting

Definition: Child is waiting for adoption if they are between 0 and 17 years old and their parents have lost parental rights, or the child's case goal is adoption and they are in the foster care system at the end of the FY, excepting kids 16 or 17 years old whose parents have lost parental rights and their case goal is emancipation.

IF (IsTPR = 1 OR CaseGoal = 3)
AND AgeAtEnd between 0 and 17
AND InatEnd = 1
AND
 Not(AgeAtEnd between 16 and 17 AND IsTPR=1 AND CaseGoal = 5)
THEN IsWaiting = 1
ELSE IsWaiting = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#100　Parents Have Relinquished Parental Rights

Name:　IsTPR

Definition:　Both parents have a TPR date that is prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Data Type:　1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#101   Youth is No Longer Eligible for Foster Care Due to Age

Name: AgedOut

Definition: Aged Out is not the same as emancipated. Emancipated just means DisReasn = 4. To age out, a child must be age 17 or 18, or older than 18 and receiving Title IV-E Foster Care payments.

Aged Out satisfies this formula:

IF Exited = 1 AND DisReasn = 4 (Emancipated)
AND (AgeAtEnd Between 17 and 18 OR (AgeAtEnd>18 AND IVEFC=1))
THEN AgedOut = 1
ELSE AgedOut = 0

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

#102   Derived Race/Ethnicity Variable

Name: RaceEthn

Definition: Derived from Race variables.

If only one race is chosen, then that race.
If more than one race is chosen, then Value 6
If Hispanic ethnicity is chosen, then 7 (regardless of races chosen)

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Non-Hispanic (NH), White
2	NH, Black
3	NH, Am Ind AK Native
4	NH, Asian
5	NH, Hawaiian / Other Pac Islander
6	NH, More than One Race
7	Hispanic (Any Race)
99	Race/Ethnicity Unknown

#103   Derived Race Variable

Name: RaceEthn

Definition: Derived from five Race variables.

If only one race is chosen, then that race.
If more than one race is chosen, then Value 6
A person of any race can be of Hispanic ethnicity

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	White
2	Black
3	Am Ind AK Native
4	Asian
5	Hawaiian / Other Pac Islander
6	More than One Race
99	Race/Ethnicity Unknown

#104   Rural Urban Continuum Code

Name: RU13

Definition: USDA Rural Urban Continuum Code version 2013 See
http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes/documentation.aspx

Data Type: 1-byte Integer

Value	Value Label
1	Metro: > 1 million population
2	Metro: 250K to 1 million population
3	Metro: < 250K population
4	NonMetro: Urban > 20K pop; Adjacent
5	NonMetro: Urban >20K pop; Non-adjacent
6	NonMetro: Urban 2.5K to 20K; Adjacent
7	NonMetro; Urban 2.5 to 20K; Non-adjacent
8	Rural or < 2.5K population; Adjacent
9	Rural or < 2.5K population; Non-adjacent