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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	30 8	14 2		Not found = 6
#6 Child Birth Date	50 10	0 0		
#7 Child Sex  1 = Male 2 = Female	50 10	0 0		
#8 Child Race  a. American Indian or Alaska Native	49 8	0 1		Not found = 1 Not found = 1  The DJJS case was reported as “unable to determine” but the reviewer found a race.
b. Asian	48 9	1 0		Not found = 1 Not found = 1  The error in the DCFS case was due to an additional race identified by the reviewer.
c. Black or African American	49 9	0 0		Not found = 1 Not found = 1
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	49 9	0 0		Not found = 1 Not found = 1
e. White	49 9	0 0		Not found = 1 Not found = 1
f. Unable to Determine	49 8	0 1		Not found = 1 Not found = 1
#9 Child Hispanic Origin	49 9	0 0		Not found = 1 Not found = 1

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1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine				
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	49 4	1 6		There were two DJJS cases in error because the AFCARS data indicated "not yet determined," but the reviewer found diagnosed conditions.  In four DJJS cases, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found a diagnosed disability.
#11 Mental Retardation	50 10	0 0		
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	47 10	2 0		Not found = 1  The error cases in the DCFS cases were due to the AFCARS indicating that the condition applied, but it was a condition (myopia) that should not be mapped to AFCARS.
#13 Physically Disabled	49 10	1 0		
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	47 4	3 6		There were two error cases in #14 and #15 that the condition was mapped incorrectly.
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	44 9	6 1		There were two error cases reported as "applies," but the reviewer found no information that should be mapped to this condition.  There were two error cases in #14 and #15 that the condition was mapped incorrectly.

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#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted?  1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	49 7	1 3		DJJS: The responses were “unable to determine,” but the reviewer was able to determine if the youth had been previously adopted.
#17 Age at Previous Adoption  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	48 10	2 0		In one error case, the AFCARS data was missing, but the reviewer was able to determine an approximate age at the time of the adoption.
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	44  6	2  4		Not found = 4  Two of the error cases appear to have typographical errors - day of 01 instead of 10 and a year of 2004 instead of 2005. The other two error cases had later dates reported to AFCARS than the dates found by the reviewers.
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	46 10	1 0		Not found = 3
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	42 10	3 0		Not found = 5
#21 Date of Latest Removal	46 7	2 3		Not found = 2

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#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	40 8	5 2		Not found = 5  The two DJJS error cases had a placement date reported to AFCARS that occurred after the end of the report period.
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	36 5	7 5		Not found = 7  Two error cases were because the foster parents changed status (from DCFS families to being foster parents through a private agency). This was extracted as two placement settings instead of one.
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode  1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	48 10	0 0		Not found = 2
#26 Physical Abuse	46 10	3 0		Not found = 1
#27 Sexual Abuse	43 10	6 0		Not found = 1
#28 Neglect	48 10	1 0		Not found = 1
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	43 10	6 0		Not found = 1
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	47 10	2 0		Not found = 1

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#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	43 10	6 0		Not found = 1
#32 Child Drug Abuse	47 10	2 0		Not found = 1
#33 Child Disability	0 10	20 0	29	Not found = 1  The 29 records marked as questionable were all reported as “applies.” Since the reviewer did not specifically note this was wrong, they were listed as questionable. It is likely the response is wrong based on the incorrect program code.
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	47 10	1 0		Not found = 2
#35 Death of Parent	49 10	0 0		Not found = 1
#36 Incarceration of Parent	47 10	1 0		Not found = 2
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	44 10	5 0		Not found = 1
#38 Abandonment	48 10	1 0		Not found = 1
#39 Relinquishment	49 10	0 0		Not found = 1
#40 Inadequate Housing	46 10	3 0		Not found = 1
#41 Current Placement Setting	40 9	7 1		Not found = 3

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1 = Pre-Adoptive Home 2 = Foster Family Home (Relative) 3 = Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) 4 = Group Home 5 = Institution 6 = Supervised Independent Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit				
#42 Out of State Placement	48 10	0 0		Not found = 2
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal  1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	47 3	1 7	1	Not found = 1
#44 Caretaker Family Structure	42 10	3 0		Not found = 5

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1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine				
#45 1 <sup>st</sup> Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	34 5	9 5		Not found = 7
#46 2 <sup>nd</sup> Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	29 9	15 1		Not found = 6
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	47 10	3 0		
#48 Father's Date of TPR	47 10	3 0		
#49 Foster Family Structure  0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	30 7	17 3		Not found = 3  There were 10 error cases in which the AFCARS data was missing and the child was in a foster home setting. In some instances, it was a relative placement.  There were seven error cases because the data reported in element #41 was incorrect. In some instances, the reviewer noted the child was at Rise, but in a family home. The AFCARS data indicated the child was in an institution.  The three error DJJS cases had missing data and the child was in a family foster home.

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#50 1 <sup>st</sup> Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	32 9	18 1		Not found = 7
#51 2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	32 9	18 1		Not found = 7
#52 1 <sup>st</sup> Foster Caretaker's Race	25 9	17 1		Not found = 8
#53 1 <sup>st</sup> Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	25 7	17 3		Not found = 8
#54 2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster Caretaker's Race	25 8	17 2		Not found = 8
#55 2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	25 7	17 3		Not found = 8
#56 Date of Discharge	50 7	0 3		One of the DJJS error cases had a date of discharge that was after the end of the report period.
#58 Reason for Discharge 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) 2 = Living with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship 6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway	50 8	0 2		



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8 = Death of Child				
#59 Title IVE Foster Care	18 <sup>1</sup> 10	2 0		Not found = 2
#60 Title IVE Adoption	19 10	0 0		Not found = 3
#61 Title IVA AFDC	18 10	0 0		Not found = 4
#62 Title IVD Child Support	18 10	0 0		Not found = 4
#63 Title XIX Medicaid	20 10	1 0		Not found = 1
#64 SSI	16 10	2 0	1	Not found = 3
#65 None of the Above	18 10	0 0		Not found = 4

<sup>1</sup> For foster care elements #59 - 65, only 22 DCFS records were analyzed.

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#66 Monthly Amount	-	-		Not analyzed because there were not enough reviewers who could verify the data in the paper file.

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#4 State Agency Involvement  1 = Yes 2 = No	30	0		
#5 Child Date of Birth	30	0		
#6 Child Sex  1 = Male 2 = Female	30	0		
#7 Child Race  a. American Indian or Alaska Native	26	0		Not found = 4
b. Asian	26	0		Not found = 4
c. Black or African American	26	0		Not found = 4
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	26	0		Not found = 4
e. White	25	1		Not found = 4  There was an additional race identified.
f. Unable to Determine	26	0		Not found = 4
#8 Child Hispanic Origin  1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	28	1		Not found = 1
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	27	3		The error cases all indicated "no" and the response for element #35 indicated a

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				subsidy is being paid.
#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs  0 = Not Applicable 1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other	24	5		Not found = 1  In three of the error cases, the response was “not applicable,” but element #35 was “yes.”  There were two records in which the reviewer indicated a condition of “at-risk.” The AFCARS data indicated a diagnosed “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities.”
#11 Mental Retardation	30	0		
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	30	0		
#13 Physically Disabled	30	0		
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	30	0		
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	28	2		There were two records in which the reviewer indicated a condition of “at-risk.” The AFCARS data indicated a diagnosed “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities.”
#16 Mother's Birth Year	25	1		Not found = 4
#17 Father's Birth Year	19	4		Not found = 7  One error was reported as blank, but the reviewer found a date of birth. The other errors were incorrect birth years.

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#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth  1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	24	0		Not found = 6
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	20	7		Not found = 3  Note: The reviewers may have written down the date the order was signed.
#20 Date of Father's TPR	14	9		Not found = 7  Note: The reviewers may have written down the date the order was signed.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	23	1		Not found = 6
#22 Adoptive Family Structure  1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	29	0		Not found = 1
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	28	0		Not found = 2
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	27	2		Not found = 1
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	11	0		Not found = 19
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	11	0		Not found = 19
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	12	0		Not found = 18

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#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	12	0		Not found = 18
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	29	0		Not found = 1
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	28	1		Not found = 1  This was an additional relationship between the adoptive parents and the child.
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	29	0		Not found = 1
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	28	1		Not found = 1  This was an additional relationship between the adoptive parents and the child.
#33 Child Was Placed from  1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	29	0		Not found = 1
#34 Child Was Placed by  1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	29	0		Not found = 1
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	28	1		Not found = 1

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#36 Monthly Amount	25	3		Not found = 2
#37 Adoption Assistance	28	0		Not found = 2