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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	28	12	4	There was one record that had a date after the end of the report period reported to AFCARS. Another record had a review date reported in AFCARS that occurred prior to the current removal episode. There were two records where the child had been in care for several years, and there was no information reported for a periodic review. An additional record had a review date of 2001 reported to AFCARS. There were two instances where a child had been in care for three and six months, respectively, and the reviewer found dates of periodic review, but these were not reported in AFCARS.
#6 Child Birth Date	44	0	0	
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	44	0	0	
#8 Child Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine	43	1	0	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes	42	2	0	

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2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine				
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	25	18	1	The records marked as “not matching” indicated “not yet determined,” but the reviewers found diagnosed conditions in the child’s paper case record.
#11 Mental Retardation	42	1	1	
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	43	0	1	
#13 Physically Disabled	43	0	1	
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	24	20	0	
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	34	9	1	
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	33	11	0	There were six records that were reported as “unable to determine,” but the review indicated that the child had never been adopted. There were five records that indicated either “unable to determine” or “no” and the reviewer found that the child had been previously adopted prior to the current removal episode.
#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	38	6		
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	33	9	2	
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	31	7	6	

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#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	32	9	3	
#21 Date of Latest Removal	28	11	5	
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	31	6	7	
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	19	14	11	Of the records that were incorrect, five increased in the number of placements and nine decreased.
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	25	17	2	There were two records that reported "court order" in AFCARS, but the child originally entered care under a voluntary agreement.
#26 Physical Abuse	34	9	1	
#27 Sexual Abuse	39	5		
#28 Neglect	39	5		
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	39	5		
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	40	4		
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	42	2		
#32 Child Drug Abuse	43	1		
#33 Child Disability	41	3		
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	36	8		
#35 Death of Parent	44	0		
#36 Incarceration of Parent	43	1		
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	37	7		

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#38 Abandonment	44	0		
#39 Relinquishment	44	0		
#40 Inadequate Housing	42	2		
#41 Current Placement Setting 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	35	7	2	Most of the errors were "group homes" that should have been coded as "institutions."
#42 Out of State Placement	43	1	0	
#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	43	1	0	
#44 Caretaker Family Structure	28	14	2	There were 11 of the records that had missing data reported to AFCARS. Reviewers found the

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1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine				information.
#45 1st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	30	12	2	There were 12 of the records that had missing data reported to AFCARS. Reviewers found the information.
#46 2nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	29	13	2	There were 12 of the records that had missing data reported to AFCARS. Reviewers found the information.
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	41	3	0	
#48 Father's Date of TPR	42	2	0	
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	42	0	2	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify the information.
#50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	35	0	9	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify the information.
#51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	38	0	6	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify the information.
#52 1st Foster Caretaker's Race	33	0	11	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify

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#53 1st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	33	1	10	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify the information.
#54 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race	36	0	8	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify the information.
#55 2nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	37	0	7	There were 14 records analyzed that the child was in a family foster home situation. Most of these files could not be analyzed because the reviewer could not verify the information.
#56 Date of Discharge	41	3	0	
#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 8 = Death of Child	42	2	0	
#59 Title IVE Foster Care #60 Title IVE Adoption #61 Title IVA AFDC				This data was not verified.

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#62 Title IVD Child Support #63 Title XIX Medicaid #64 SSI #65 None of the Above #66 Monthly Amount				

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	28			
#5 Child Date of Birth	28	0		
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	28			
#7 Child Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine	26	2		
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	28			
#9 Has Agency Determined	20	8		

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Special Needs				
#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	14	14		One record indicated in the AFCARS data that "medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities" applied, but elements #11 -15 were coded as "does not apply."
#11 Mental Retardation	28			
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	28			
#13 Physically Disabled	28			
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	21	7		
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	26	2		
#16 Mother's Birth Year	26		2	
#17 Father's Birth Year	26	1	1	
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes	21	1	6	

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#19 Date of Mother's TPR	25	1	2	
#20 Date of Father's TPR	20	6	2	In one record, dad's TPR date was the same as the mother's, but the father was deceased. The record should have indicated the father's date of death.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	4	15	9	
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	23	1	4	One record was missing the "adoptive family structure." The reviewer indicated the child was adopted by the maternal grandparents. The AFCARS record indicated the adoptive father's date of birth and race information.
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	21	1	6	
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	22	0	6	
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	21	1	6	
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	21	0	7	
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	22	0	6	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	21	0	7	
#29 Relationship of	27	0	1	Elements #29 – 32: On eight records,

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Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent				reviewers noted that there was more than one category that applied. In five cases, the adoptive parents were relatives and had been foster parents. In four of these, the information reported to AFCARS was that the adoptive parent was a foster parent. Therefore, the information regarding relative adoptions was lost. In three records the reviewer indicated the parents were non-relative foster parents.
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	23	4	1	
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	24	3	1	
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	25	2	1	
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	28	0		
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency	28	0		

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4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent				
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	24	0	4	
#36 Monthly Amount	20	0	8	
#37 Adoption Assistance	23	0	5	