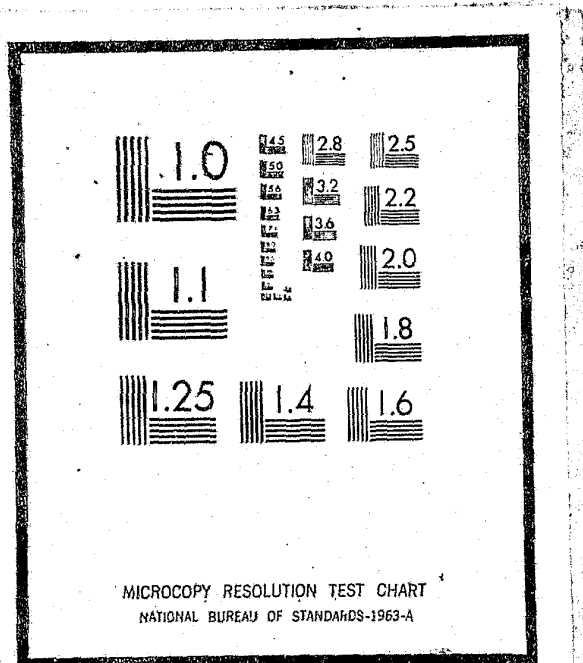


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TIME SPENT IN CARE BY CHILDREN SERVED IN THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM IN NEW YORK STATE, 1973

This brief examines the active foster care caseload in New York State as of December 31, 1973 with respect to the amount of time spent in care by foster children. In this report "time in care" is synonymous with "length of stay," and refers to the aggregate amount of time in a child's life that he has received foster care services--excluding any interruptions--and not merely the duration of the current placement. This report excludes children assigned to the New York State Training School System but does include 377 out-of-State children in the New York State caseload who have not been separately enumerated. The State total is therefore greater than the sum of the New York City and Upstate caseloads.

The average time in care decreased for each age group from 1969 to 1973. At the same time, there was a significant shift in the age distribution of the children in care. In 1969, 11 percent of foster children in this State were under one year of age and 36 percent were under six. Four years later these proportions had dropped to 4 and 23 percent respectively. There was only a slight increase in the percentage of children six to nine years old, but for those over ten the increase was from 46 percent in 1969 to 56 percent in 1973. This caused the median age of foster children to increase from 8.3 years to nearly 11 years. Thus the age distribution shifted toward the older children and the normally higher average stays of these children tended to inflate the overall average length of stay.

These two conditions created an apparent paradox. In 1968 the average length of stay of all children in foster care in New York State was 2.85 years. One year later this average had increased to 3.00 years and by the end of 1973, half of all children in care had spent at least 3.56 years in foster care (Table 4). Therefore, although the average length of time in each age group declined, the overall average length of stay increased because more of the caseload was concentrated in the older age groups.

This phenomenon also occurred in New York City where the average age of children in care rose from 9.2 in 1969 to 10.9 in 1973. Consequently, the increased proportion of older children who had been in foster care for longer periods contributed heavily to the increase in the average length of stay. The median length of stay of each individual age group decreased, in some cases substantially (see Table 1), while the overall average rose from 3.57 years in 1969 to 3.97 in 1973.

The situation was slightly different in the rest of the State. Upstate, the change in the average age from 1969 to 1973 (9.0 to 11.1) was accompanied by an increase in the length of stay among children in the 9 to 13 years age group. These factors combined to raise the median length of stay even more dramatically--23 percent, from 2.44 years to 3.00 years.

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The overall length of stay in 1973 was nearly a year greater in New York City than Upstate, but the gap has narrowed slightly since 1969. New York City children in every age bracket had spent more time in care than similarly aged children Upstate (Tables 5 and 6). The most obvious disparities between the two regions were for children ages 7 and 8 who, on the average, were in care a year longer in New York City and for those 13 and over for whom the differences ranged from 1.1 to 2.8 years. Forty-six percent of foster children Upstate under 6 years of age had been in care less than 1 full year while the figure for New York City was only 29 percent. About 24 percent of New York City children over age 13 had spent more than 13 years in foster care, but only 15 percent of such children Upstate had been in care that long. Older children are more likely to be in institutions than younger ones.

At the end of 1973, 5 percent of children in foster homes were under 1 year of age and nearly 30 percent were under 6 (see Tables 2 and 3). In contrast, less than 1 percent of institutionalized children had yet to reach their first birthday and only 4 percent were under 6. The median age of foster home children was 9.4 years as compared to 14 years for those in institutional care. It should be noted that the modality of care indicated refers only to the current placement and does not necessarily apply to the child's entire foster care experience.

Forty-three percent of all children living in foster homes in 1973 had received foster care services for 5 years or more and 18 percent for 10 years or more. This contrasts with only 25 and 8 percent of those institutionalized. Among school-age children (6 and over), the difference in length of stay with respect to type of care is even more dramatic. Fifty-nine percent of such children living in foster homes had been in care for over 5 years compared with only 26 percent of those in institutions. The median length of stay of all foster home children was 4.03 years and for those institutionalized, 2.05 years.

For a fuller discussion of New York State Foster Care see Foster Care of Children in New York State, Program Analysis Report No. 54, February 1974, prepared by The N.Y.S. Department of Social Services, Bureau of Research.

TABLE 1

TOTAL TIME IN CARE - MEDIAN NUMBER OF YEARS

Age	New York City		Upstate	
	1969	1973	1969	1973
1 year, under 2	1.36	1.24	1.35	1.17
2 years, under 3	2.20	1.91	2.05	1.51
3 years, under 4	3.06	2.52	2.50	1.88
4 years, under 5	3.66	3.19	2.90	2.33
5 years, under 6	4.08	3.58	3.22	2.70
6 years, under 7	4.59	3.95	3.22	3.20
7 years, under 8	4.73	4.29	3.50	3.30
8 years, under 9	5.05	4.49	3.57	3.51
9 years, under 10	5.41	4.52	3.80	4.18
10 years, under 11	5.86	4.86	4.31	4.68
11 years, under 12	5.82	4.79	4.37	4.60
12 years, under 13	5.81	5.18	4.61	4.86
13 years, under 14	6.67	5.59	4.48	4.49
14 years, under 15	6.60	5.59	4.16	4.07
15 years, under 16	6.68	6.03	3.80	3.38
16 years and over	10.24	8.88	6.56	6.06
Total	3.57	3.97	2.44	3.00
Median age	9.2	10.9	9.0	11.1

TABLE 2
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
AGE BY TYPE OF CARE
NEW YORK STATE, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total	Current type of care		
		Foster family homes	Institutions	Other
Total	48,812	35,287	10,246	3,279
Percent of total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 1 year	3.8	4.9	.7	.9
1 year	3.5	4.5	.6	1.5
2 years	3.3	4.2	.6	1.8
3 years	4.0	5.1	.6	2.1
4 years	4.2	5.4	.6	2.5
5 years	4.2	5.3	1.0	2.6
6-9 years	21.2	24.5	12.6	14.9
10-11 years	12.0	11.6	14.3	9.3
12-13 years	13.1	11.3	19.1	12.4
14-15 years	14.4	10.6	26.3	18.7
16 years or over	16.3	12.6	23.6	33.3

TABLE 3
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE
FIVE YEARS OR MORE AND TEN YEARS OR MORE
BY AGE AND TYPE OF CARE
NEW YORK STATE, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Current type of care			
	Foster family homes		Institutions	
	5 years or more	10 years or more	5 years or more	10 years or more
All ages	42.9	17.6	24.6	8.4
School-age	59.0	25.0	25.6	8.7
6 years	36.7	--	7.9	--
7 years	43.4	--	7.1	--
8 years	48.8	--	11.1	--
9 years	52.8	--	14.9	--
10 years	60.0	17.7	17.9	1.9
11 years	59.2	25.5	20.4	4.9
12 years	64.0	32.0	23.2	5.0
13 years	65.1	36.1	24.7	7.4
14 years	67.0	40.9	25.0	9.0
15 years	67.1	44.2	26.2	8.5
16 years or over	72.7	53.5	38.3	18.6
Median length of stay all ages (years)	4.03		2.05	

TABLE 4

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
TOTAL TIME IN CARE BY AGE
NEW YORK STATE, DECEMBER 31, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care - Number															Median (yrs.)	
	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs. or more		
Under 1 year	1837	1837															--
1 year	1694	619	1075														1.21
2 years	1609	455	471	683													1.74
3 years	1929	419	418	467	625												2.27
4 years	2057	393	351	335	399	579											2.85
5 years	2052	350	315	297	278	345	467										3.23
6 years	2396	362	326	316	305	269	286	532									3.64
7 years	2491	379	355	282	247	249	201	261	517								3.93
8 years	2680	411	352	276	286	216	198	215	264	462							4.07
9 years	2832	412	328	304	285	235	181	182	209	252	444						4.37
10 years	2914	424	331	280	255	217	199	197	185	186	255	385					4.77
11 years	2956	429	359	294	246	214	176	174	168	158	174	188	376				4.70
12 years	3173	433	346	323	254	227	197	194	163	163	154	152	234	333			5.02
13 years	3197	522	335	297	229	208	173	152	160	154	151	140	153	213	310		5.04
14 years	3495	713	349	288	247	169	162	143	176	151	139	128	147	156	527		4.89
15 years	3545	784	389	273	196	165	168	167	149	132	137	126	143	145	571		4.79
16 years or over	7955	842	818	585	437	395	329	361	356	313	289	318	288	341	2283		7.59
Total	48812	9784	6918	5300	4289	3488	2737	2578	2347	1971	1743	1437	1341	1188	3691		3.56

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care - Percent																
	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs. or more		
Under 1 year	100.0	100.0															
1 year	100.0	36.5	63.5														
2 years	100.0	28.3	29.3	42.4													
3 years	100.0	21.7	21.7	24.2	32.4												
4 years	100.0	19.1	17.1	16.3	19.4	25.1											
5 years	100.0	17.0	15.4	14.5	13.6	16.8	22.7										
6 years	100.0	15.1	13.6	13.2	12.7	11.2	11.9	22.3									
7 years	100.0	15.2	14.3	11.3	9.9	10.0	8.1	10.5	20.7								
8 years	100.0	15.3	13.1	10.3	10.7	8.1	7.4	8.0	9.9	17.2							
9 years	100.0	14.5	11.6	10.7	10.1	8.3	6.4	6.4	7.4	8.9	15.7						
10 years	100.0	14.5	11.4	9.6	8.8	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.4	8.8	13.2					
11 years	100.0	14.6	12.1	9.9	8.3	7.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.3	5.9	6.4	12.7				
12 years	100.0	13.6	10.9	10.2	8.0	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.8	7.4	10.5			
13 years	100.0	16.2	10.5	9.3	7.2	6.5	5.4	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.8	6.7	9.7		
14 years	100.0	20.4	10.0	8.2	7.1	4.8	4.6	4.1	5.0	4.3	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.5	15.1		
15 years	100.0	22.1	11.0	7.7	5.5	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.1	16.1		
16 years or over	100.0	10.6	10.3	7.4	5.5	5.0	4.1	4.5	4.5	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.6	4.3	28.7		
Total	100.0	20.0	14.2	10.9	8.8	7.2	5.6	5.3	4.8	4.0	3.6	2.9	2.7	2.4	7.6		

TABLE 4A

CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
TOTAL TIME IN CARE BY AGE
NEW YORK STATE, DECEMBER 31, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care															
	Total	Under 1 yr.	Under 2 yrs.	Under 3 yrs.	Under 4 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Under 6 yrs.	Under 7 yrs.	Under 8 yrs.	Under 9 yrs.	Under 10 yrs.	Under 11 yrs.	Under 12 yrs.	Under 13 yrs.	Under 21 yrs.	
Under 1 year	1837	100.0														
1 year	1694	36.5	100.0													
2 years	1609	28.3	57.6	100.0												
3 years	1929	21.7	43.4	67.6	100.0											
4 years	2057	19.1	36.2	52.5	71.9	100.0										
5 years	2052	17.0	32.4	46.9	60.5	77.3	100.0									
6 years	2396	15.1	28.7	41.9	54.6	65.8	77.7	100.0								
7 years	2491	15.2	29.5	40.8	50.7	60.7	68.8	79.3	100.0							
8 years	2680	15.3	28.4	38.7	49.4	57.5	64.9	72.9	82.8	100.0						
9 years	2832	14.5	26.1	36.8	46.9	55.2	61.6	68.0	75.4	84.3	100.0					
10 years	2914	14.5	25.9	35.5	44.3	51.7	58.5	65.3	71.6	78.0	86.8	100.0				
11 years	2956	14.6	26.7	36.6	44.9	52.1	58.1	64.0	69.7	75.0	80.9	87.3	100.0			
12 years	3173	13.6	24.5	34.7	42.7	49.9	56.1	62.2	67.3	72.4	77.3	82.1	89.5	100.0		
13 years	3197	16.2	26.7	36.0	43.2	49.7	55.1	59.9	64.9	69.7	74.4	78.8	83.6	90.3	100.0	
14 years	3495	20.4	30.4	38.6	45.7	50.5	55.1	59.2	64.2	68.5	72.5	76.2	80.4	84.9	100.0	
15 years	3545	22.1	33.1	40.8	46.3	51.0	55.7	60.4	64.6	68.3	72.2	75.8	79.8	83.9	100.0	
16 years or over	7955	10.6	20.9	28.3	33.8	38.8	42.9	47.4	51.9	55.8	59.4	63.4	67.0	71.3	100.0	
Total	48812	20.0	34.2	45.1	53.9	61.1	66.7	72.0	76.8	80.8	84.4	87.3	90.0	92.4	100.0	

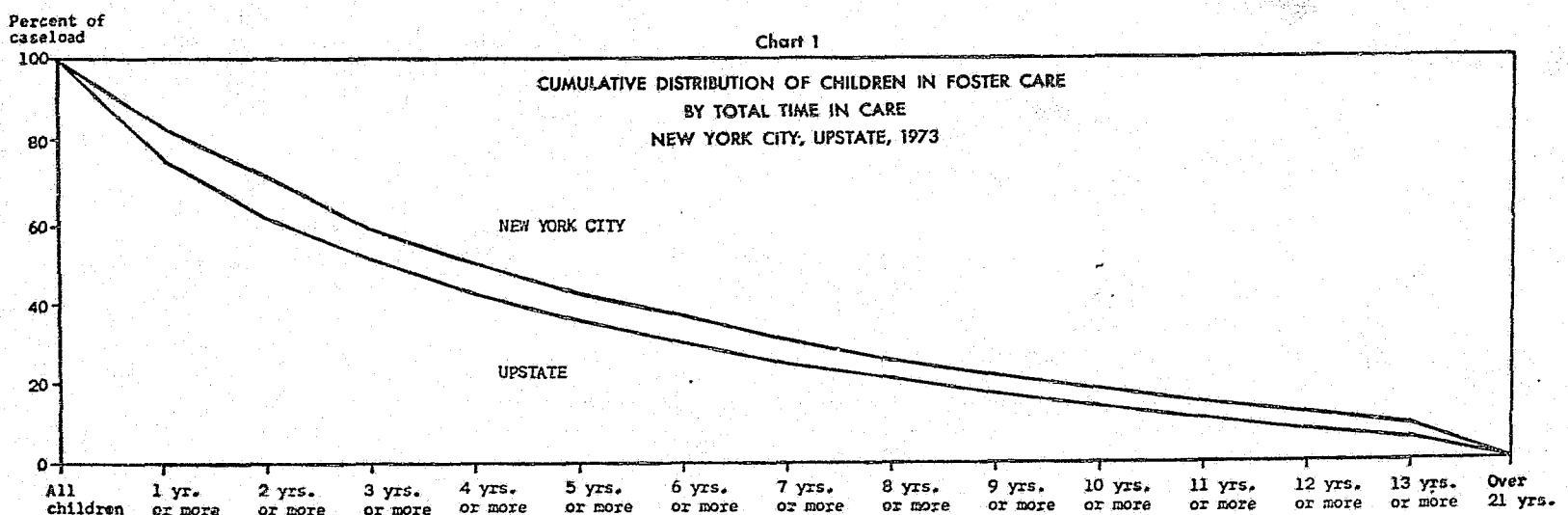


TABLE 5
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
TOTAL TIME IN CARE BY AGE
NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 31, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care - Number															Median (yrs.)	
	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs. or more		
Under 1 year	719	719															--
1 year	916	312	604														1.24
2 years	920	210	275	435													1.91
3 years	1137	186	228	298	423												2.52
4 years	1278	200	199	190	264	425											3.19
5 years	1257	153	188	190	167	235	324										3.58
6 years	1462	190	172	197	181	174	186	362									3.95
7 years	1529	179	208	174	177	161	125	168	357								4.29
8 years	1615	211	194	156	179	138	115	122	193	307							4.49
9 years	1707	231	184	190	176	140	111	103	129	174	269						4.52
10 years	1779	247	204	190	150	115	104	105	113	130	176	245					4.86
11 years	1772	233	224	184	145	127	95	101	92	95	107	120	249				4.79
12 years	1876	241	208	206	144	118	118	101	91	97	90	84	163	215			5.18
13 years	1853	246	187	180	141	117	94	86	96	98	88	84	93	131	212		5.59
14 years	1996	318	193	183	149	104	87	82	100	95	69	76	96	94	350		5.59
15 years	1912	302	191	158	109	95	88	93	84	75	74	66	80	102	385		6.03
16 years or over	4709	374	423	321	235	206	204	223	208	183	177	183	167	227	1578		8.88
Total	28437	4552	3882	3252	2622	2155	1661	1546	1463	1254	1050	858	848	769	2525		3.97

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care - Percent																
	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs. or more		
Under 1 year	100.0	100.0															
1 year	100.0	34.1	65.9														
2 years	100.0	22.8	29.9	47.3													
3 years	100.0	16.4	20.1	26.2	37.3												
4 years	100.0	15.6	15.6	14.9	20.7	33.2											
5 years	100.0	12.2	15.0	15.1	13.3	18.7	25.7										
6 years	100.0	13.0	11.8	13.5	12.4	11.9	12.7	24.7									
7 years	100.0	11.7	13.6	11.4	10.3	10.5	8.2	11.0	23.3								
8 years	100.0	13.1	12.0	9.7	11.1	8.5	7.1	7.6	12.0	18.9							
9 years	100.0	13.5	10.8	11.1	10.3	8.2	6.5	6.0	7.6	10.2	15.8						
10 years	100.0	13.8	11.5	10.7	8.4	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.4	7.3	9.9	13.8					
11 years	100.0	13.1	12.6	10.4	8.2	7.2	5.4	5.7	5.2	5.4	6.0	6.8	14.0				
12 years	100.0	12.7	11.1	11.0	7.7	6.3	6.3	5.4	4.9	5.2	4.8	4.5	8.7	11.4			
13 years	100.0	13.4	10.1	9.7	7.6	6.3	5.1	4.6	5.2	5.3	4.7	4.5	5.0	7.1	11.4		
14 years	100.0	15.9	9.7	9.2	7.5	5.2	4.4	4.1	5.0	4.8	3.5	3.8	4.8	4.7	17.4		
15 years	100.0	15.8	10.0	8.3	5.7	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.2	5.3	20.0		
16 years or over	100.0	7.9	9.0	6.8	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.5	4.8	33.6		
Total	100.0	16.1	13.7	11.4	9.2	7.6	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.4	3.7	3.0	3.0	2.7	8.9		

TABLE 5A
CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
TOTAL TIME IN CARE BY AGE
NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 31, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care															
	Total	Under 1 yr.	Under 2 yrs.	Under 3 yrs.	Under 4 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Under 6 yrs.	Under 7 yrs.	Under 8 yrs.	Under 9 yrs.	Under 10 yrs.	Under 11 yrs.	Under 12 yrs.	Under 13 yrs.	Under 21 yrs.	
Under 1 year	719	100.0														
1 year	916	34.1	100.0													
2 years	920	22.8	52.7	100.0												
3 years	1137	16.4	36.5	62.7	100.0											
4 years	1278	15.6	31.2	46.1	66.8	100.0										
5 years	1257	12.2	27.2	42.3	55.6	74.3	100.0									
6 years	1462	13.0	24.8	38.3	50.7	62.6	75.3	100.0								
7 years	1529	11.7	25.3	36.7	47.0	57.5	65.7	76.7	100.0							
8 years	1615	13.1	25.1	34.8	45.9	54.4	61.5	69.1	81.1	100.0						
9 years	1707	13.5	24.3	35.4	45.7	53.9	60.4	66.4	74.0	84.2	100.0					
10 years	1779	13.8	25.3	36.0	44.4	50.9	56.7	62.6	69.0	76.3	86.2	100.0				
11 years	1772	13.1	25.7	36.1	44.3	51.5	56.9	62.6	67.8	73.2	79.2	86.0	100.0			
12 years	1876	12.7	23.8	34.8	42.5	48.8	55.1	60.5	65.4	70.6	75.4	79.9	88.6	100.0		
13 years	1853	13.4	23.5	33.2	40.8	47.1	52.2	56.8	62.0	67.3	72.0	76.5	81.5	88.6	100.0	
14 years	1996	15.9	25.6	34.8	42.3	47.5	51.9	56.0	61.0	65.8	69.3	73.1	77.9	82.6	100.0	
15 years	1912	15.8	25.8	34.1	39.8	44.8	49.9	54.8	59.2	63.1	67.0	70.5	74.7	80.0	100.0	
16 years or over	4709	7.9	16.9	23.7	28.7	33.1	37.4	42.1	46.5	50.4	54.2	58.1	61.6	66.4	100.0	
Total	28437	16.1	29.8	41.2	50.4	58.0	63.8	69.2	74.3	78.7	82.4	85.4	88.4	91.1	100.0	

Median number of years in care

Chart 2

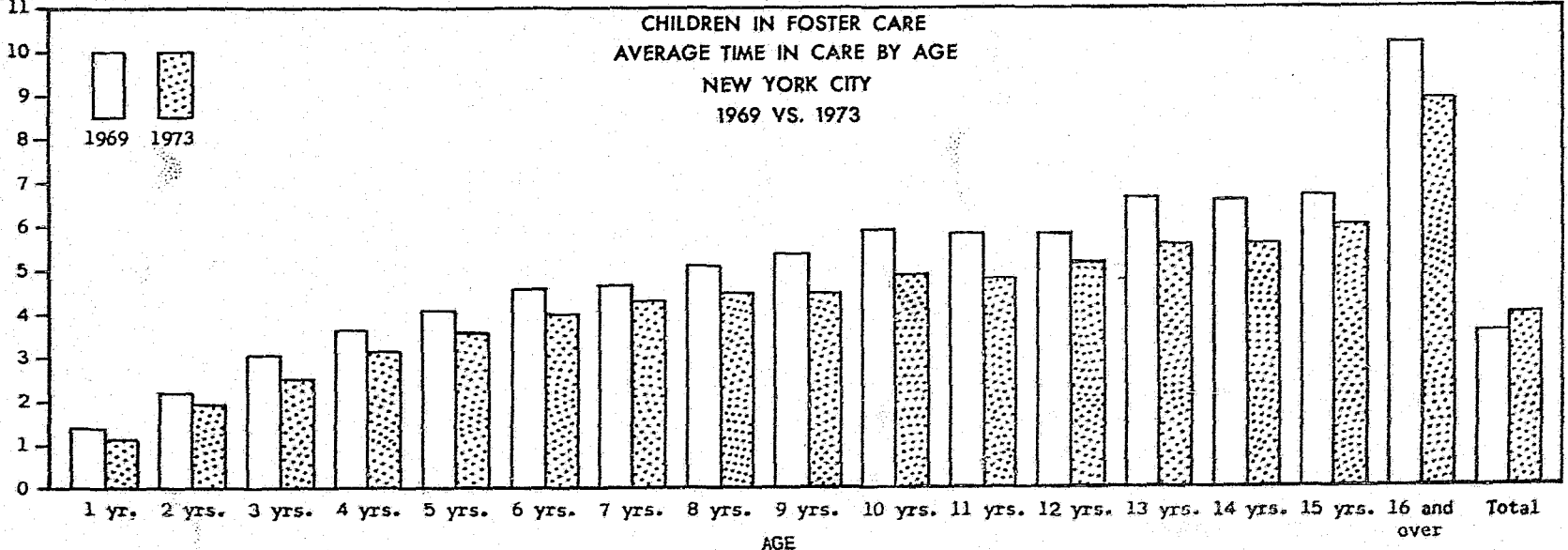


TABLE 6
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
TOTAL TIME IN CARE BY AGE
UPSTATE, DECEMBER 31, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care - Number															Median (yrs.)	
	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs. or more		
Under 1 year	1082	1082															--
1 year	712	282	430														1.17
2 years	650	231	186	233													1.51
3 years	769	221	186	169	193												1.88
4 years	764	189	146	144	134	151											2.33
5 years	779	189	126	107	110	110	137										2.70
6 years	921	168	150	118	122	95	100	168									3.20
7 years	949	195	146	107	89	88	76	93	155								3.30
8 years	1054	198	155	120	105	78	82	92	71	153							3.51
9 years	1118	177	142	114	109	95	69	79	80	78	175						4.18
10 years	1131	177	125	90	104	102	94	92	72	56	79	140					4.68
11 years	1177	195	132	109	100	87	81	73	76	63	66	68	127				4.60
12 years	1291	191	135	116	110	109	79	93	72	66	64	68	71	117			4.86
13 years	1337	273	147	116	88	91	78	66	64	56	62	56	60	82	98		4.49
14 years	1481	382	151	105	98	65	75	61	76	56	70	52	51	62	177		4.07
15 years	1602	464	192	112	86	70	70	74	65	57	62	60	62	43	185		3.38
16 years or over	3181	444	374	258	197	186	123	136	148	129	112	135	120	114	705		6.06
Total	19998	5058	2923	2018	1645	1327	1064	1027	879	714	690	579	491	418	1165		3.00

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Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care - Percent																
	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs. or more		
Under 1 year	100.0	100.0															
1 year	100.0	39.6	60.4														
2 years	100.0	35.5	28.6	35.9													
3 years	100.0	28.7	24.2	22.0	25.1												
4 years	100.0	24.8	19.1	18.8	17.5	19.8											
5 years	100.0	24.3	16.2	13.7	14.1	14.1	17.6										
6 years	100.0	18.2	16.3	12.8	13.2	10.3	10.9	18.3									
7 years	100.0	20.5	15.4	11.3	9.4	9.3	8.0	9.3	16.3								
8 years	100.0	18.8	14.7	11.4	10.0	7.4	7.8	8.7	6.7	14.5							
9 years	100.0	15.7	12.7	10.2	9.7	8.5	6.2	7.1	7.2	7.0	15.7						
10 years	100.0	15.5	11.1	8.0	9.2	9.0	8.3	8.1	6.4	5.0	7.0	12.4					
11 years	100.0	16.5	11.2	9.3	8.5	7.4	6.9	6.2	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.8	10.7				
12 years	100.0	14.7	10.5	9.0	8.5	8.4	6.1	7.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.5	9.1			
13 years	100.0	20.5	11.0	8.7	6.6	6.8	5.8	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.5	6.1	7.3		
14 years	100.0	25.8	10.2	7.1	6.6	4.4	5.1	4.1	5.1	3.8	4.7	3.5	3.4	4.2	12.0		
15 years	100.0	28.9	11.9	7.0	5.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	2.7	11.5		
16 years or over	100.0	13.9	11.8	8.1	6.2	5.8	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.1	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.6	22.1		
Total	100.0	25.3	14.6	10.1	8.2	6.6	5.3	5.1	4.4	3.6	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.1	5.8		

TABLE 6A
CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
TOTAL TIME IN CARE BY AGE
UPSTATE, DECEMBER 31, 1973

Age on 12/31/73	Total time in care															
	Total	Under 1 yr.	Under 2 yrs.	Under 3 yrs.	Under 4 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Under 6 yrs.	Under 7 yrs.	Under 8 yrs.	Under 9 yrs.	Under 10 yrs.	Under 11 yrs.	Under 12 yrs.	Under 13 yrs.	Under 21 yrs.	
Under 1 year	1082	100.0														
1 year	712	39.6	100.0													
2 years	650	35.5	64.1	100.0												
3 years	769	28.7	52.9	74.9	100.0											
4 years	764	24.8	43.9	62.7	80.2	100.0										
5 years	779	24.2	40.5	54.2	68.3	82.4	100.0									
6 years	921	18.2	34.5	47.3	60.5	70.8	81.7	100.0								
7 years	949	20.5	35.9	47.2	56.6	65.9	73.9	83.7	100.0							
8 years	1054	18.8	33.5	44.9	54.9	62.3	70.1	78.8	85.5	100.0						
9 years	1118	15.7	28.4	38.6	48.3	56.8	63.0	70.1	77.3	84.3	100.0					
10 years	1131	15.5	25.6	34.6	43.8	52.8	61.1	69.2	75.6	80.6	87.6	100.0				
11 years	1177	16.5	27.7	37.0	45.5	52.9	59.8	66.0	72.5	77.9	83.5	89.3	100.0			
12 years	1291	14.7	25.2	34.2	42.7	51.1	57.2	64.4	70.0	75.1	80.1	85.4	90.0	100.0		
13 years	1337	20.5	31.5	40.2	46.8	53.6	59.4	64.3	69.1	73.3	77.9	82.1	86.6	92.7	100.0	
14 years	1481	25.8	36.0	43.1	49.7	54.1	59.2	63.3	68.4	72.2	76.9	80.4	83.8	88.0	100.0	
15 years	1602	28.9	40.8	47.8	53.2	57.6	62.0	66.6	70.7	74.3	78.2	81.9	85.8	88.5	100.0	
16 years or over	3181	13.9	25.7	33.8	40.0	45.8	49.7	54.0	58.7	62.8	66.3	70.5	74.3	77.9	100.0	
Total	19998	25.3	39.9	50.0	58.2	64.8	70.1	75.2	79.6	83.2	86.7	89.6	92.1	94.2	100.0	

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Median number of years in care

Chart 3

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
AVERAGE TIME IN CARE BY AGE
UPSTATE
1969 VS. 1973

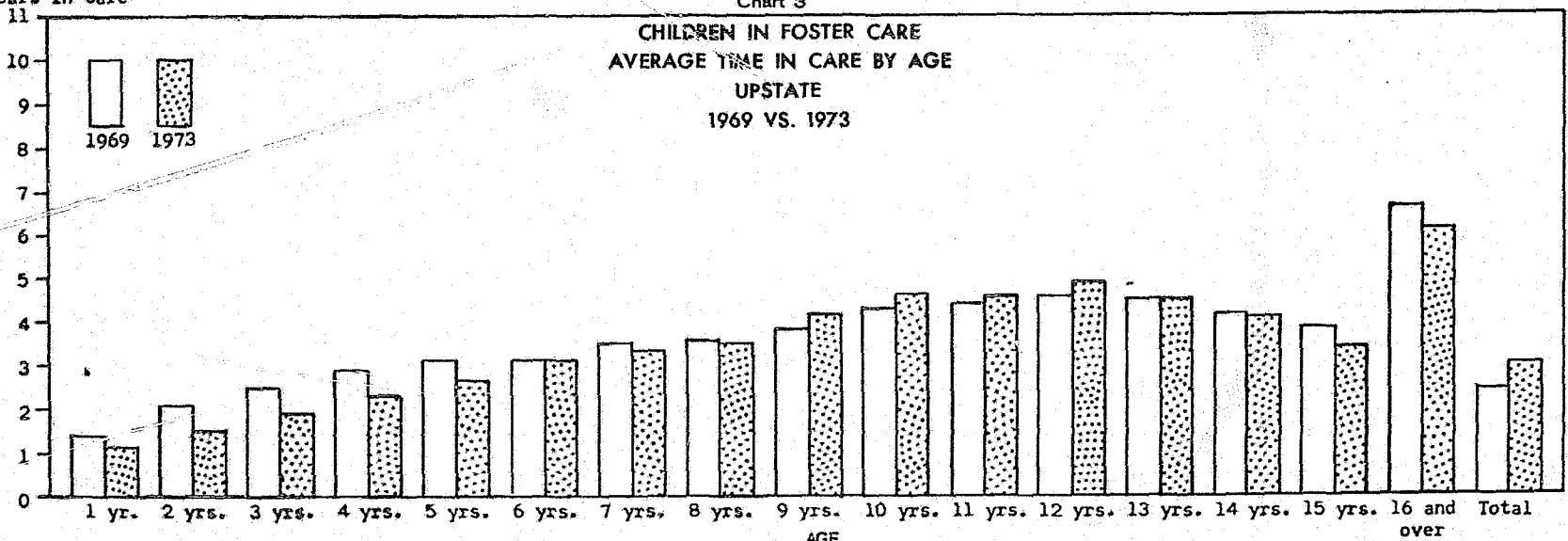
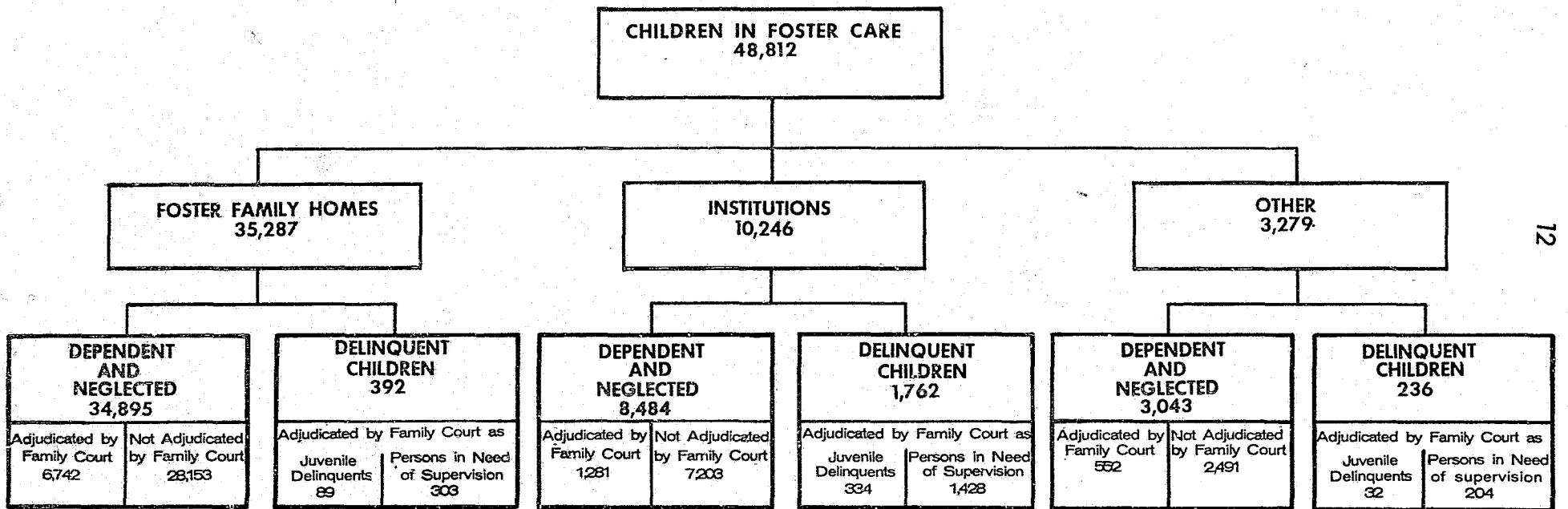


CHART 4

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION
OF THE NYS BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DECEMBER 31, 1973



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NOTE: At the end of 1973 there were, in addition to those enumerated above, 6,155 delinquent children in the New York State Training School System supervised by the New York State Division for Youth. These children, along with those in institutions providing temporary or special services such as schools for the deaf, convalescent homes and temporary shelters, are excluded from this report.

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