

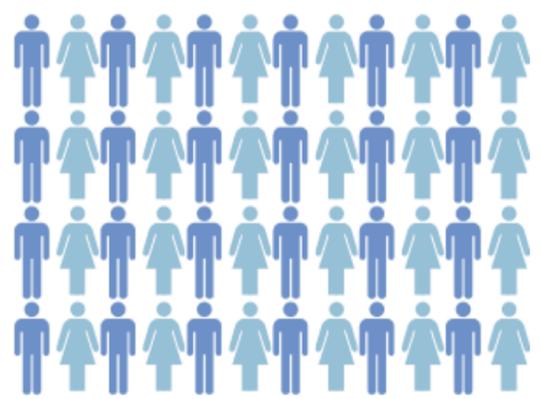
2011-2018 Statewide Permanency Trends



Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Child Abuse and Neglect Statewide Trends 2011-2018

35,156

New abuse and neglect cases were filed in Circuit Courts between 2011-2018 ¹

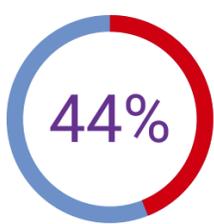


This represents 51% of all new juvenile cases filed in Circuit Courts ²



2011
3,391

New abuse and neglect cases filed

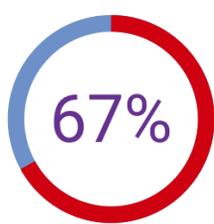


44%

Abuse and neglect cases have increased at rates higher than status and delinquency cases ³

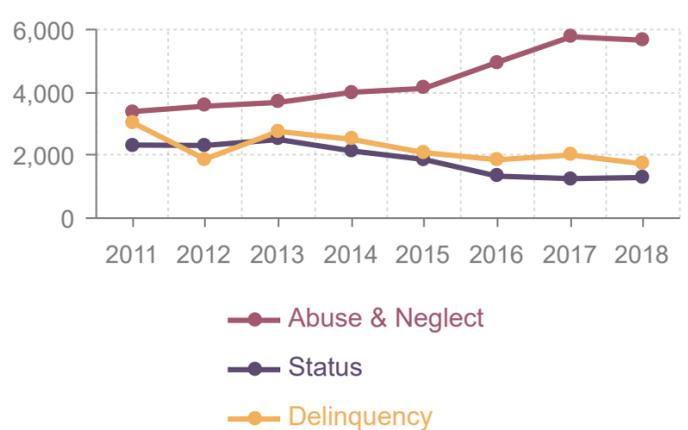
2018
5,659

New abuse and neglect cases filed



67%

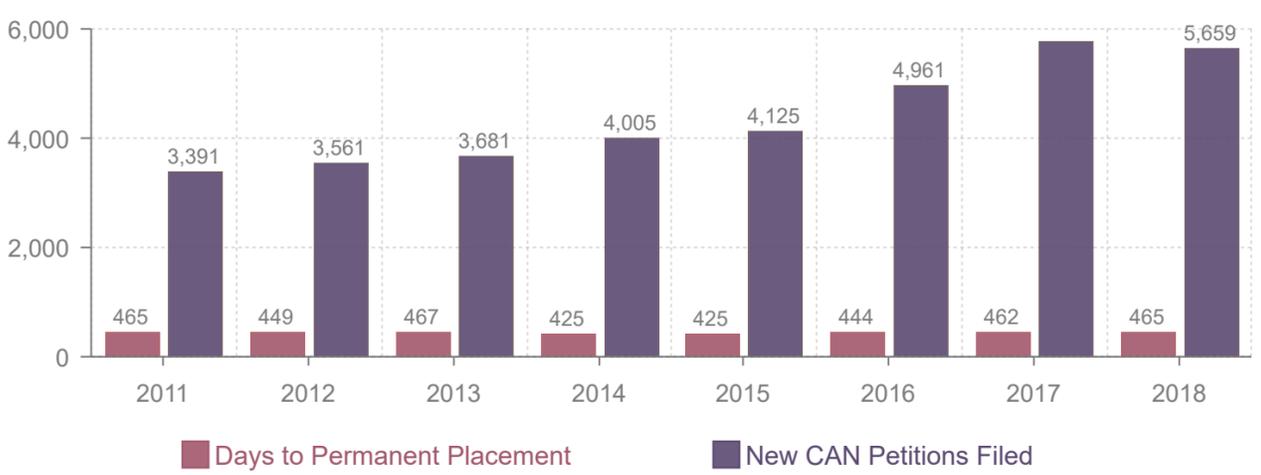
New Juvenile Cases 2011-2018



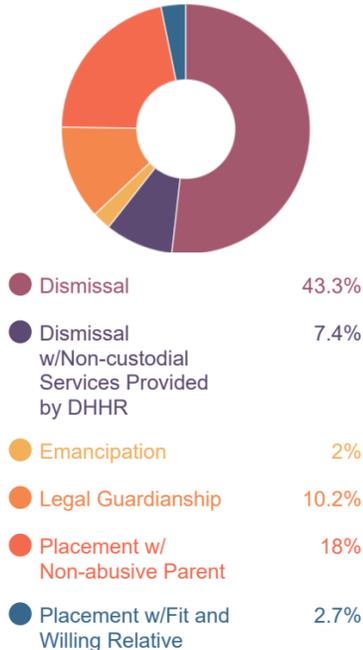
Data compiled from Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Annual Statistical Reports located here: <http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/press/Publications/index.html>

Permanency Measures examine the timeliness of activities relating to progress toward achieving permanency of the child. The primary measure is Time to Permanency which measures the span of the case from filing to completion upon the child's achievement of a permanent placement. The data reflects the work of all professionals involved in child abuse and neglect proceedings.

Time to Permanent Placement Compared to New Cases Filed



Type of Permanency Achieved



Average days from petition to termination of parental rights ⁴



Time, in days, from the original petition to adjudication ⁵



Average time, in days, from the original petition date to disposition ⁶

Data compiled from a representative sample of 19,000 records from the Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Information System (JANIS) May 08, 2020

Notes:

- ¹ In West Virginia, each case contains one child. The number in this graph is the number of new case filings for the time period indicated. It should be noted that it is possible for one child to be counted more than once in this time frame. There may be instances where a child reached permanency and the case was closed and then some time later the child was the subject of a new petition and received a new case number.
- ² Juvenile cases in Circuit Court comprise abuse and neglect cases, juvenile status offense cases and juvenile delinquency cases. During this time period, abuse and neglect cases accounted for 51% of all new juvenile cases filed in Circuit Court.
- ³ In 2011, abuse and neglect cases represented 44% of new juvenile cases filed in Circuit Courts. In 2018, abuse and neglect cases accounted for nearly 2/3 of all new juvenile cases filed in Circuit Courts.
- ⁴ This figure represents the average time in days of all cases during the time frame. It means that from the time the original petition was filed and the court case was initiated, it took an average of 302 days to terminate parental rights. Several factors influence this number such as improvement periods provided to the parents.
- ⁵ This is the average number in days from the filing of the original petition to the adjudicatory hearing. If a respondent was added after the preliminary hearing as a result of an amended petition, time to the adjudicatory hearing would be calculated from the date the respondent was added rather than the original petition date.
- ⁶ This is the average number in days from the filing of the original petition to disposition for each respondent. The average is calculated using all respondent records using the original petition filing date and the date of the earliest provided disposition date for each respondent. If a respondent was added after the preliminary hearing as a result of an amended petition, time to the disposition hearing would be calculated from the date the respondent was added rather than the original petition date.