

CHILDREN IN NEED OF PROTECTION OR SERVICES (CHIPS) DATASET

Records of all placements from cases involving Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) ordered between January 2019 and June 2023 was obtained from the Court Research Office of Minnesota's State Court Administrator's Office. This included 53,480 juvenile placements broken down to the following placement types/facility categories:

Non-Null Facility Categories / Placement Types	Count of Placements	% of Placements
Foster care, correctional facility	718	1.34%
Foster care, residential treatment center	1392	2.60%
Foster care, non-relative	20111	37.60%
Foster care, relative	12395	23.18%
Prot Super w/Parent or Legal Cust. from whom child removed	5323	9.95%
Prot. Super w/Parent or Legal Custodian, child never removed	6240	11.67%
Protective Supervision w/ Other Parent	1682	3.15%
TrialHomeVisit w/Parent or LeglCust from whom child removed	5619	10.51%
Grand Total	53480	100.00%

This working group is mainly focused on the subset of placements highlighted above, those ordered to correctional facilities and residential treatment centers (RTC) which comprise 3.95% of all CHIPS placements in the dataset. Here is the breakdown of only these two categories:

Facility Category	Count of Placements	% of Placements
Foster care, correctional facility	718	34.03%
Foster care, residential treatment center	1392	65.97%
Grand Total	2110	100.00%

Around a third of placements in this subset go to correctional facilities while the rest are placed in residential treatment centers.

CHIPS PLACEMENTS BY GENDER

Gender	Foster care, correctional facility	Foster care, residential treatment center	Grand Total
Female	324 (15.36%)	652 (30.90%)	976 (46.26%)
Male	340 (16.11%)	625 (29.62%)	965 (45.73%)
NULL	54 (2.56%)	115 (5.45%)	169 (8.01%)
Grand Total	718 (34.03%)	1392 (65.97%)	2110 (100.00%)

There's an even split of placements when broken down by gender and they are twice as likely to end up at an RTC than a correctional facility.

CHIPS PLACEMENTS BY AGE AT FILING

Age at Filing	Foster care, correctional facility	Foster care, residential treatment center	Grand Total
<12	133 (6.30%)	356 (16.87%)	489 (23.18%)
13	103 (4.88%)	207 (9.81%)	310 (14.69%)
14	146 (6.92%)	233 (11.04%)	379 (17.96%)
15	163 (7.73%)	233 (11.04%)	396 (18.77%)
16	121 (5.73%)	250 (11.85%)	371 (17.58%)
17	38 (1.80%)	106 (5.02%)	144 (6.82%)
NULL	14 (0.66%)	7 (0.33%)	21 (1.00%)
Grand Total	718 (34.03%)	1392 (65.97%)	2110 (100.00%)

Placement patterns remain consistent when broken down by age at filing (majority are placed at RTCs). 54% of placements were for individuals between the ages of 14 and 17. Nearly a quarter of placements were for individuals 12 years or younger.

CHIPS PLACEMENTS BY RACE

Race	Foster care, correctional facility	Foster care, residential treatment center	Grand Total
American Indian or Alaska Native	41 (1.94%)	75 (3.55%)	116 (5.50%)
Asian or Pacific Islander	5 (0.24%)	18 (0.85%)	23 (1.09%)
Black or African American	117 (5.55%)	212 (10.05%)	329 (15.59%)
Hispanic or Latino	98 (4.64%)	155 (7.35%)	253 (11.99%)
White	275 (13.03%)	541 (25.64%)	816 (38.67%)
Multiracial	42 (1.99%)	125 (5.92%)	167 (7.91%)
Other	14 (0.66%)	25 (1.18%)	39 (1.85%)
Unavailable	126 (5.97%)	241 (11.42%)	367 (17.39%)
Grand Total	718 (34.03%)	1392 (65.97%)	2110 (100.00%)

Placements to RTCs still dominated the dataset when broken down by race.

CHIPS PLACEMENTS TO FACILITY CATEGORIES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Facility Judicial District	Foster care, correctional facility	Foster care, residential treatment center	Grand Total
1st	59 (2.80%)	17 (0.81%)	76 (3.60%)
2nd	15 (0.71%)	3 (0.14%)	18 (0.85%)
3rd	20 (0.95%)	47 (2.23%)	67 (3.18%)
4th	20 (0.95%)	7 (0.33%)	27 (1.28%)
5th	12 (0.57%)	26 (1.23%)	38 (1.80%)
6th	6 (0.28%)	77 (3.65%)	83 (3.93%)
7th	44 (2.09%)	41 (1.94%)	85 (4.03%)
8th	51 (2.42%)	107 (5.07%)	158 (7.49%)
9th	194 (9.19%)	236 (11.18%)	430 (20.38%)
10th	81 (3.84%)	84 (3.98%)	165 (7.82%)
BLANK	216 (10.24%)	747 (35.40%)	963 (45.64%)
Grand Total	718 (34.03%)	1392 (65.97%)	2110 (100.00%)

Broken down by judicial district, we find districts 1, 2, 4, and 7 get more placements to their correctional facilities than RTCs. Unfortunately, nearly half of the dataset did not have their judicial district identified so caution should be taken when concluding anything from this specific analysis.

In contrast, individuals tend to have their cases result in an RTC placement across the board except for district 9 where there's nearly equal opportunity with correctional facilities inching ahead.

Party Judicial District	Foster care, correctional facility	Foster care, residential treatment center	Grand Total
1st	53 (2.51%)	154 (7.30%)	207 (9.81%)
2nd	20 (0.95%)	73 (3.46%)	93 (4.41%)
3rd	90 (4.27%)	143 (6.78%)	233 (11.04%)
4th	18 (0.85%)	57 (2.70%)	75 (3.55%)
5th	69 (3.27%)	176 (8.34%)	245 (11.61%)
6th	7 (0.33%)	85 (4.03%)	92 (4.36%)
7th	113 (5.36%)	266 (12.61%)	379 (17.96%)
8th	34 (1.61%)	97 (4.60%)	131 (6.21%)
9th	218 (10.33%)	191 (9.05%)	409 (19.38%)
10th	96 (4.55%)	150 (7.11%)	246 (11.66%)
Grand Total	718 (34.03%)	1392 (65.97%)	2110 (100.00%)

CHIPS PLACEMENTS TO FACILITY CATEGORIES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT (continued)

Here is a matrix of placements between case judicial district and their resulting facility district:

		Party Judicial District										Grand Total
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	
Facility Judicial District	1st	21 (1.00%)	2 (0.09%)	25 (1.18%)	4 (0.19%)	13 (0.62%)	1 (0.05%)	2 (0.09%)		2 (0.09%)	6 (0.28%)	76 (3.60%)
	2nd	3 (0.14%)	4 (0.19%)		1 (0.05%)	1 (0.05%)		8 (0.38%)			1 (0.05%)	18 (0.85%)
	3rd	6 (0.28%)	2 (0.09%)	28 (1.33%)	4 (0.19%)	9 (0.43%)	1 (0.05%)	8 (0.38%)	3 (0.14%)	2 (0.09%)	4 (0.19%)	67 (3.18%)
	4th	3 (0.14%)	1 (0.05%)	3 (0.14%)	12 (0.57%)	1 (0.05%)	1 (0.05%)	2 (0.09%)	1 (0.05%)	1 (0.05%)	2 (0.09%)	27 (1.28%)
	5th	4 (0.19%)	1 (0.05%)	3 (0.14%)	1 (0.05%)	24 (1.14%)	1 (0.05%)	1 (0.05%)	2 (0.09%)	1 (0.05%)		38 (1.80%)
	6th	4 (0.19%)	1 (0.05%)	6 (0.28%)	1 (0.05%)	5 (0.24%)	35 (1.66%)	8 (0.38%)	4 (0.19%)	11 (0.52%)	8 (0.38%)	83 (3.93%)
	7th	3 (0.14%)	2 (0.09%)	3 (0.14%)	2 (0.09%)	5 (0.24%)		50 (2.37%)	8 (0.38%)	11 (0.52%)	1 (0.05%)	85 (4.03%)
	8th	13 (0.62%)	2 (0.09%)	4 (0.19%)	1 (0.05%)	49 (2.32%)	1 (0.05%)	39 (1.85%)	29 (1.37%)	11 (0.52%)	9 (0.43%)	158 (7.49%)
	9th	19 (0.90%)	4 (0.19%)	21 (1.00%)	1 (0.05%)	6 (0.28%)	35 (1.66%)	97 (4.60%)	18 (0.85%)	208 (9.86%)	21 (1.00%)	430 (20.38%)
	10th	16 (0.76%)	1 (0.05%)	23 (1.09%)	4 (0.19%)	11 (0.52%)	1 (0.05%)	37 (1.75%)	11 (0.52%)	1 (0.05%)	60 (2.84%)	165 (7.82%)
	BLANK	115 (5.45%)	73 (3.46%)	117 (5.55%)	44 (2.09%)	121 (5.73%)	16 (0.76%)	127 (6.02%)	55 (2.61%)	161 (7.63%)	134 (6.35%)	963 (45.64%)
Grand Total	207 (9.81%)	93 (4.41%)	233 (11.04%)	75 (3.55%)	245 (11.61%)	92 (4.36%)	379 (17.96%)	131 (6.21%)	409 (19.38%)	246 (11.66%)	2110 (100.00%)	

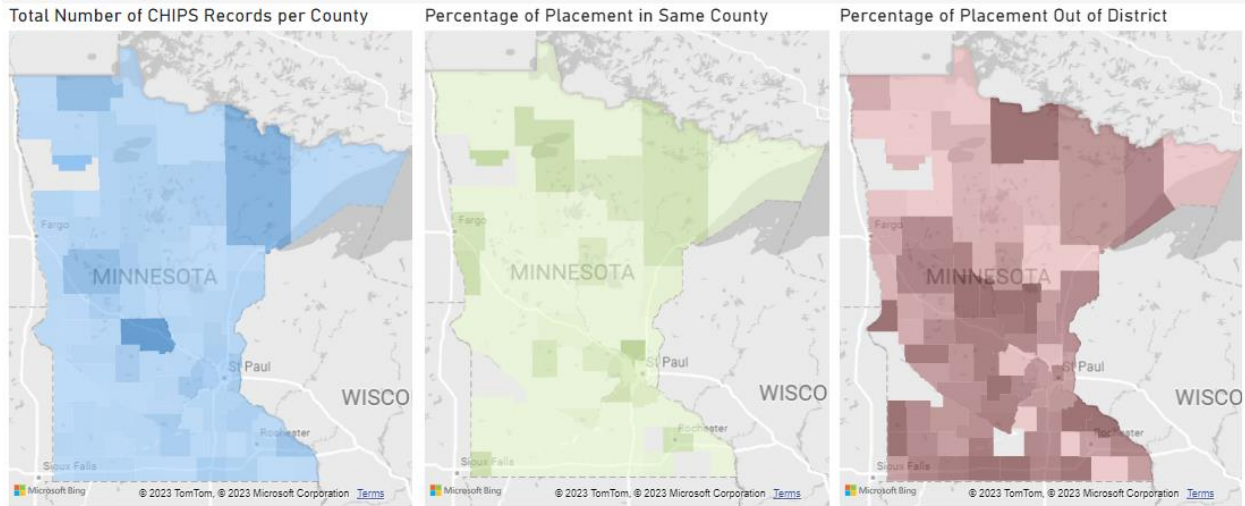
All districts except for districts 1,2, and 8 had majority of their placements within the same district. These three districts, place within the same district secondarily. Again, this only accounts for 54% of the dataset since 46% did not have facility district location information. Taken in totality, there is still more placements done outside of judicial districts than within:

Same District?	Count of Placements	% of Placements	Same County?	Count of Placements	% of Placements
TRUE	471	22.32%	TRUE	170	8.06%
FALSE	676	32.04%	FALSE	977	46.30%
	963	45.64%		963	45.64%
Grand Total	2110	100.00%	Grand Total	2110	100.00%

This is even more stark when looking at placements within the same county which only accounts for just nearly a fifth of all placements per county (170 within versus 977 outside of county).

CHIPS PLACEMENTS TO FACILITY CATEGORIES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT (continued)

Here is a spatial map of all CHIPS records by county and their resulting placements either within the same county (light green is 0%, dark green is 100%) or outside their judicial district (light red is 0%, dark red is 100%):



The dataset is dominated by records from Stearns county (104) and St. Louis county (65). Anoka county leads in keeping 78.26% of all their placements within county borders. Several counties have 100% of their placements outside their judicial districts such as the 20 from Goodhue county and 11 from Todd county.