



National Center Quick-Look

Accidental Deaths Among Children Ever in Foster Care, Ages 1 to 17

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1,937

From 2004-2022, fatality review teams reviewed 1,937 accidental deaths among children ages 1-17 years old who had ever been in foster care.

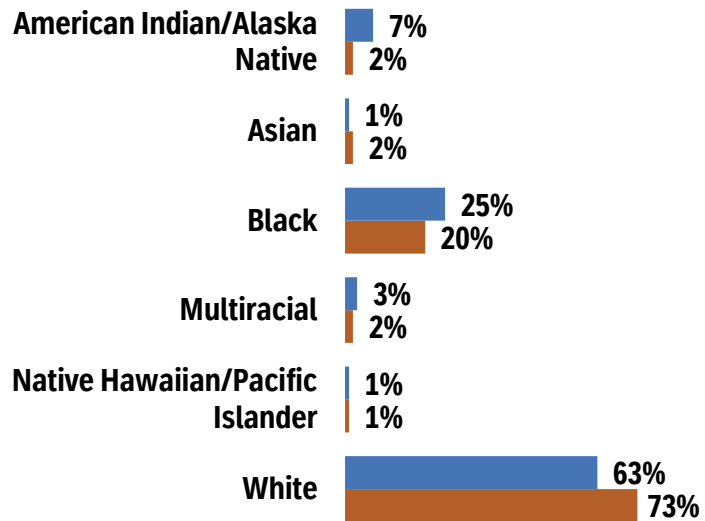
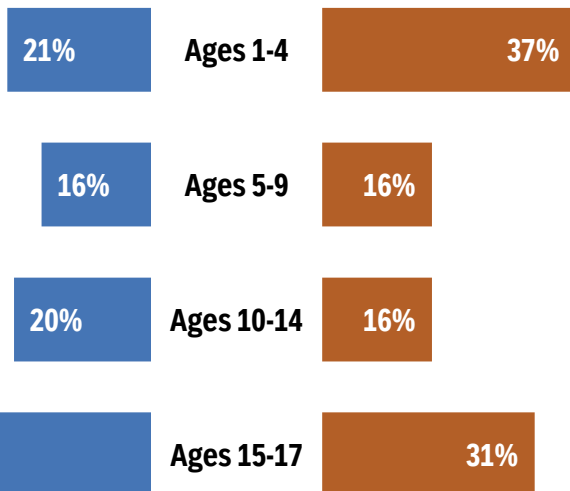
In this Quick-Look, we describe differences between deaths of children who were ever in foster care (n=1,937) and children not ever in foster care (n=12,920).



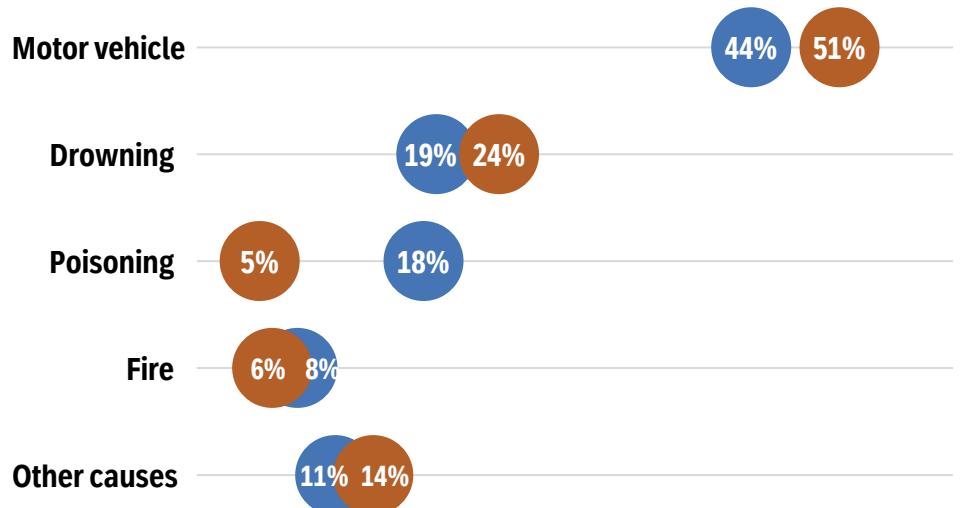
Children ever in foster care were older compared to children not ever in foster care.



Children ever in foster care were more often American Indian/Alaska Native or Black compared to children not ever in foster care.



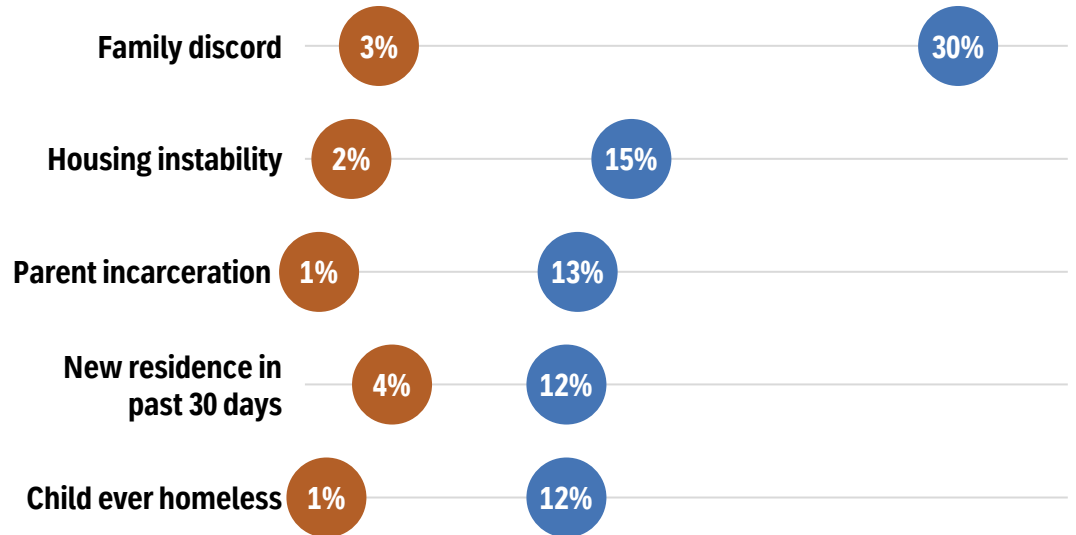
More than 4 in 10 children ever in foster care died due to motor vehicle or other transportation-related causes.



However, children ever in foster care died by poisoning at a proportion nearly four times higher than children not ever in foster care.



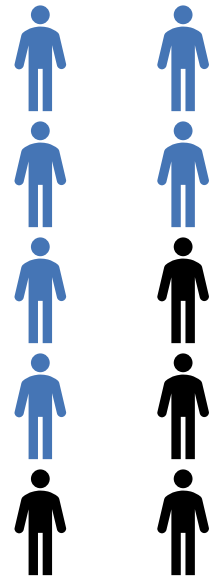
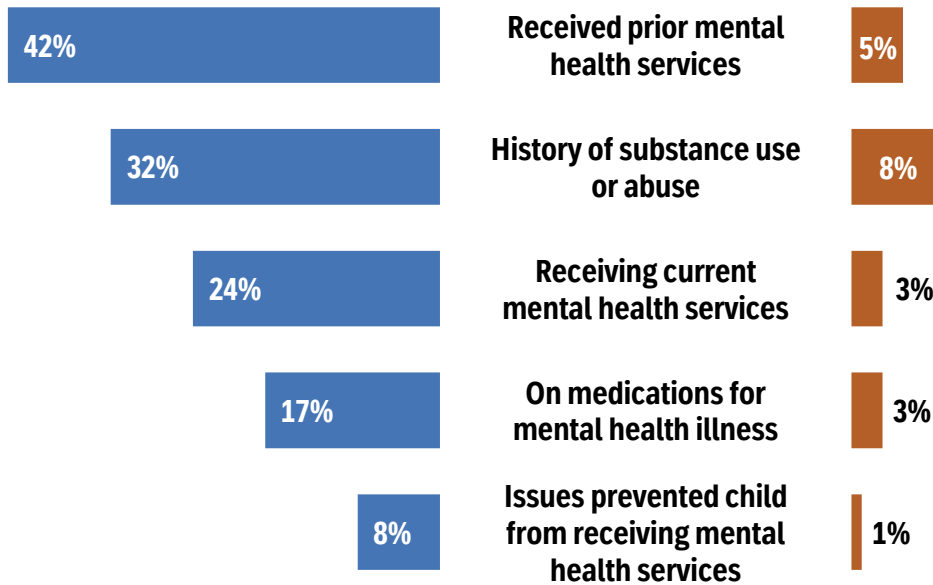
Children ever in foster care experienced housing and family stressors at a higher proportion compared to children not ever in foster care.



Children ever in foster care experienced behavioral health issues and received services at a higher proportion compared to children not ever in foster care.



6 in 10 children ever in foster care experienced school problems, compared to 1 in 10 children not ever in foster care.



Prevention Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics' [Health Care Resources for Children in Foster Care](#)



Minnesota Department of Human Services' [Child Foster Care Home Safety Checklist](#)



National Foster Parent Association Training Institute's [Resources For Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents](#)



These data represent a smaller percent of deaths in the Pediatric National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System. [Read more about the data contained in this Quick-Look.](#)



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