



## **Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care 2012-2013**

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## 2012 - 2013 Educational Stability in Foster Care: Eligibility Summary

	Placement Year				Total	
	2012		2013			
Unique Children Eligible for Educational Stability <sup>1</sup>	1,884		1,797		3,681	
Total Placements Eligible for Educational Stability <sup>2</sup>	3,249		2,620		5,869	
Completed Educational Stability	2,629	81%	2,427	93%	5,056	86%
Missing Educational Stability <sup>3</sup>	620	19%	193	7%	813	14%

<sup>1</sup>Children ages 5 to 18 years placed in family-based foster care are included in this measure. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 years receiving special education services or other public education services are also included.

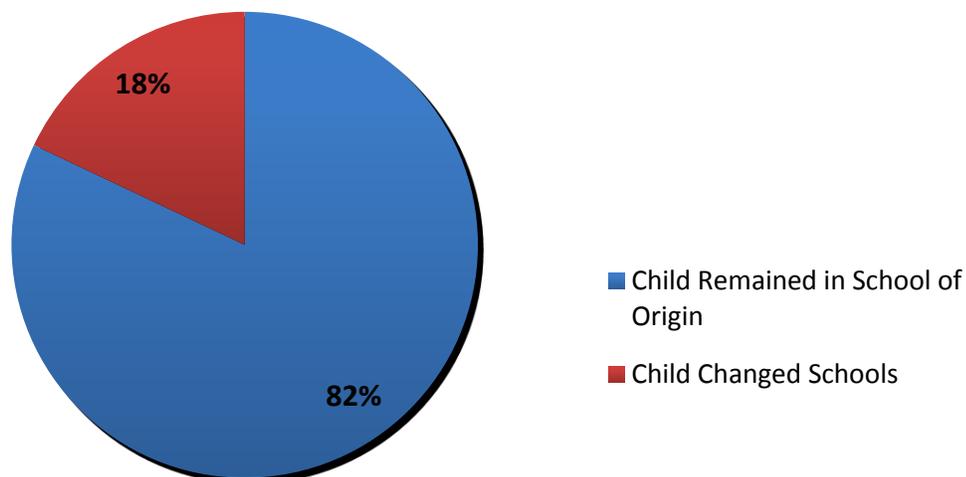
<sup>2</sup>Some children may have more than one placement and are therefore counted twice.

<sup>3</sup>Some eligible placements are missing educational stability in NJ Spirit. This information was not required in NJ Spirit until April 2012 and is currently required prior to the placement closure.

## 2012 - 2013 Educational Stability in Foster Care

Placements	Removal Year				Total	
	2012		2013			
Child Remained in School of Origin	2,090	79%	1,991	82%	4,081	81%
Child Changed Schools	539	21%	436	18%	975	19%
Total Placements	2,629		2,427		5,056	

### 2013 Educational Stability in Foster Care Placements



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## 2012 - 2013 Educational Stability in Foster Care by Placement Type

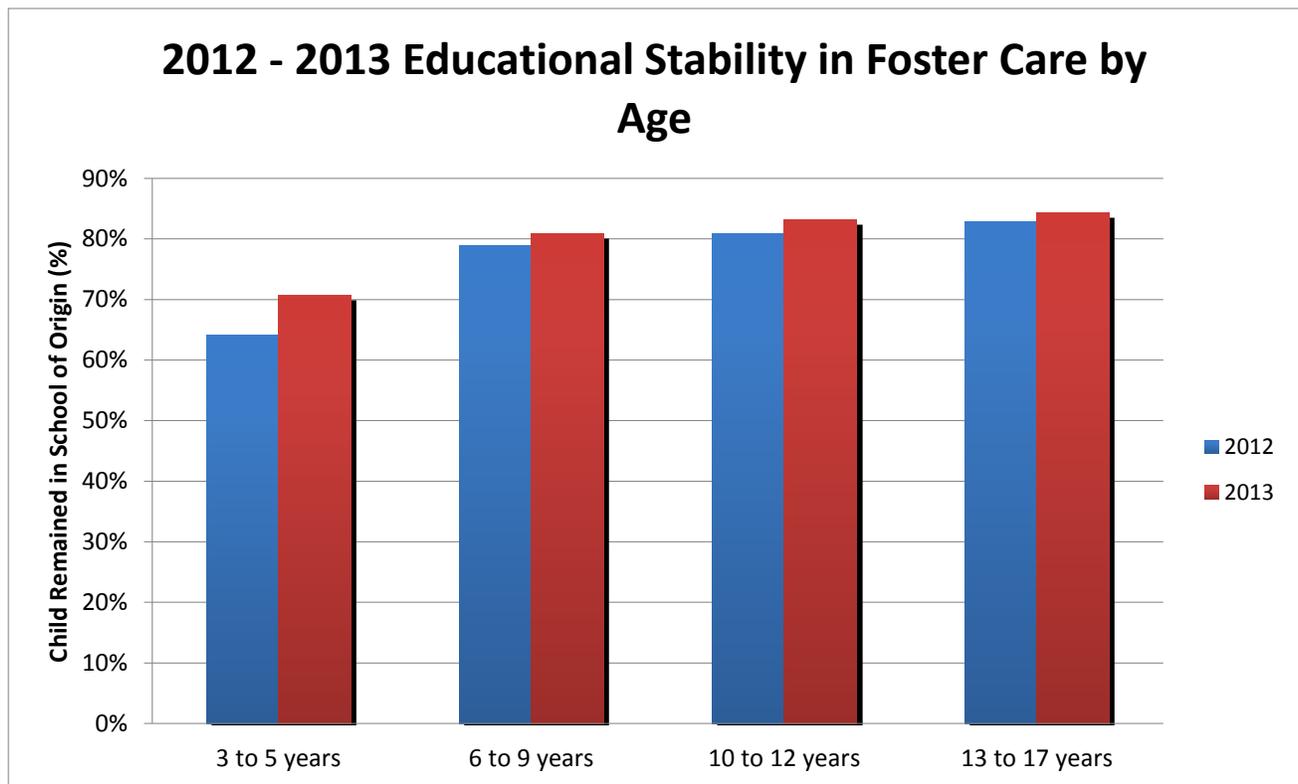
Placement Type	Placement Year									
	2012					2013				
	Child Remained in School of Origin		Child Changed Schools		Total	Child Remained in School of Origin		Child Changed Schools		Total
First Entry into Foster Care - First Placement	666	83%	138	17%	804	831	86%	130	14%	961
First Entry into Foster care - Additional Placements	868	78%	240	22%	1,108	566	78%	163	22%	729
Re-Entry into Foster Care - All Placements	643	90%	74	10%	717	597	81%	140	19%	737
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>2629</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>2427</b>

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## 2012 - 2013 Educational Stability in Foster Care by Age

Age	Placement Year									
	2012					2013				
	Child Remained in School of Origin		Child Changed Schools		Total	Child Remained in School of Origin		Child Changed Schools		Total
3 to 5 years	132	64%	74	36%	206	82	71%	34	29%	116
6 to 9 years	756	79%	203	21%	959	797	81%	188	19%	985
10 to 12 years	475	81%	112	19%	587	454	83%	92	17%	546
13 to 17 years	727	83%	150	17%	877	658	84%	122	16%	780
Total Placements	2090	79%	539	21%	2629	1991	82%	436	18%	2427



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## 2012 - 2013 Educational Stability in Foster Care by County

Placement Year 2012					
County at Removal	Child Remained in School of Origin		Child Changed Schools		Total
Atlantic	82	64%	46	36%	128
Bergen	137	84%	27	16%	164
Burlington	119	73%	43	27%	162
Camden	298	85%	54	15%	352
Cape May	41	79%	11	21%	52
Cumberland	68	83%	14	17%	82
Essex	326	78%	91	22%	417
Gloucester	121	81%	28	19%	149
Hudson	176	87%	26	13%	202
Hunterdon	16	84%	3	16%	19
Mercer	49	69%	22	31%	71
Middlesex	135	86%	22	14%	157
Monmouth	120	81%	29	19%	149
Morris	40	65%	22	35%	62
Ocean	87	76%	27	24%	114
Passaic	99	80%	25	20%	124
Salem	29	88%	4	12%	33
Somerset	34	83%	7	17%	41
Sussex	36	77%	11	23%	47
Union	60	79%	16	21%	76
Warren	17	61%	11	39%	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>2090</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>2629</b>

Placement Year 2013					
County at Removal	Child Remained in School of Origin		Child Changed Schools		Total
Atlantic	64	63%	37	37%	101
Bergen	94	92%	8	8%	102
Burlington	138	80%	35	20%	173
Camden	284	80%	69	20%	353
Cape May	20	83%	4	17%	24
Cumberland	98	82%	21	18%	119
Essex	306	81%	71	19%	377
Gloucester	91	88%	12	12%	103
Hudson	204	88%	27	12%	231
Hunterdon	19	68%	9	32%	28
Mercer	54	73%	20	27%	74
Middlesex	133	85%	23	15%	156
Monmouth	123	86%	20	14%	143
Morris	38	75%	13	25%	51
Ocean	109	87%	17	13%	126
Passaic	69	87%	10	13%	79
Salem	13	81%	3	19%	16
Somerset	25	78%	7	22%	32
Sussex	36	73%	13	27%	49
Union	47	84%	9	16%	56
Warren	26	76%	8	24%	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>2427</b>

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## 2012 - 2013 Educational Stability: Reasons Child Changed Schools<sup>1</sup>

Reason	Placement Year			
	2012		2013	
Total Placements when Child Changed Schools	539		436	
Proximity of School	242	45%	231	53%
Preference	121	22%	111	25%
New Permanency Plan	118	22%	69	16%
Child's Age and Grade Level	103	19%	78	18%
Length of Placement	77	14%	63	14%
Point in School Year	65	12%	45	10%
Safety of Child	54	10%	61	14%
School Performance and Involvement	39	7%	39	9%
Education Needs (Special Education)	28	5%	23	5%
Other	99	18%	92	21%

<sup>1</sup>There may be multiple reasons selected as to why a child changed schools.

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