

Department of Community Corrections & Rehabilitation

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Out-of-Home Placement & Screening Trends: Q4 2019

About this Report

The Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) has been tracking out-of-home placements (OHP) for juvenile offenders since 2009. This report describes youth who were in out-of-home placement during the 4th quarter of 2019. Data is pulled from the juvenile case management information system (MAIn) using the OHP Population Report.

This report provides trend data on youth with placements that closed during the quarter, as well as those with placements that were open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2019). Placements are organized by location (Hennepin County, Greater Minnesota, or out of state), and by type (residential treatment centers, sexual health treatment centers, the County Home School, foster homes, shelters, transition centers, group homes, chemical dependency centers, mental health centers, and evaluations). This report also organizes placements by race and gender.

DOCCR has been tracking information about the screening process for out-of-home placements since 2013. This report provides data on placement screenings by type, location, reason, race, and parental involvement. This report also provides a way to monitor recent policy changes. These policy changes include: (1) limiting the overall use of screening and OHP, but making every attempt to keep the youth in Hennepin County when OHP is recommended; (2) observing all aspects of screening and OHP decision points by race and gender in an effort to reduce disparity; (3) keeping RTC stays to under 180 days (6 months); (4) eliminating the use of OHP screening as a consequence/response for technical violations; (5) ensuring screening is matching youth to the least restrictive services that meet their needs; and (6) allowing parents to have a voice in the process.

Highlights/Key Trends:

- Screenings
 - The number of placement screenings has continued to trend downward
 - More than half of the screenings were done for a new charge
 - Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of youth screened identified as Black/African American; 60% of the overall Juvenile Probation population identifies as Black/African American
 - In Q4 2019, parents attended less than half of the screenings; this is similar to Q2 2019

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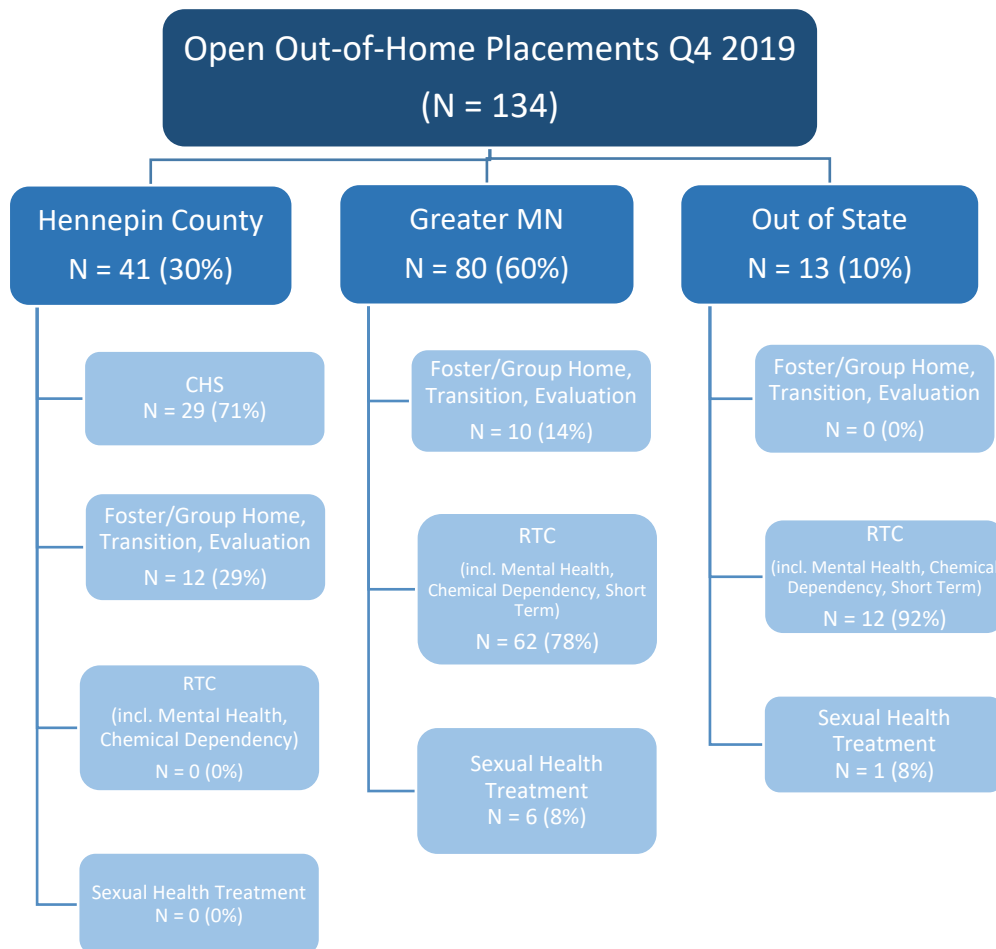


- Placements
 - Youth whose CHS-RTC or other RTC placement ended in Q4 2019, spent a median of 176 days in placement; this is just under the 180-day benchmark set by the department
 - Sixty percent of youth with an open placement during Q4 2019 were placed outside of Hennepin County
 - Youth of color are the majority of youth in placement be it RTC or otherwise

Total Out-of-Home Placements

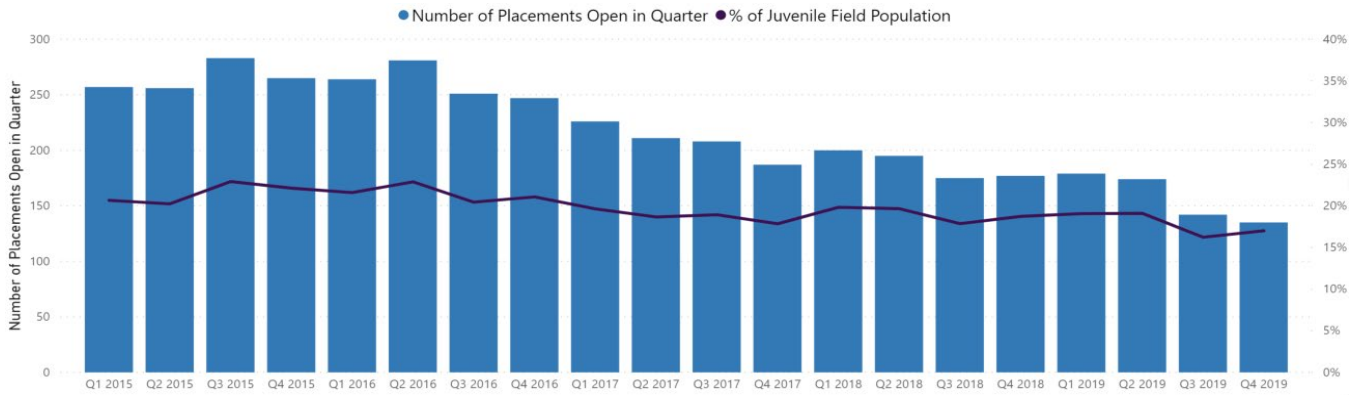
Figure 1¹ shows the breakout of Hennepin County clients in out-of-home placements. Overall, there were 134 out-of-home placements in quarter 4 of 2019. Thirty percent were placements within Hennepin County, 60% were placements in Greater Minnesota, and 10% were out of state placements.

Figure 1. Total Out-of-Home Placements Q4 2019



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Figure 2. Percent of Juvenile Probation Population (excluding STS) Open in OHP by Quarter



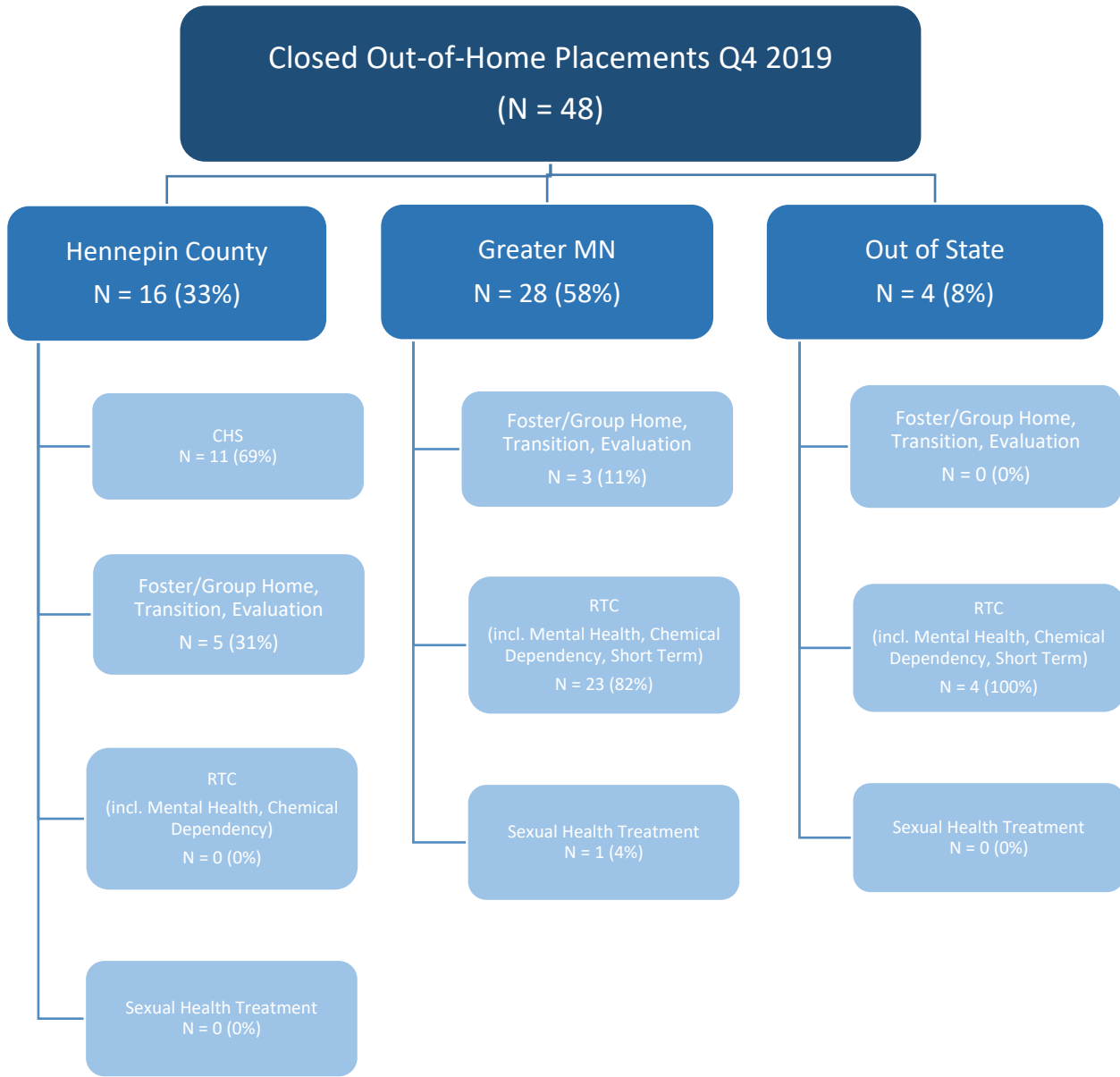
Closed Placements

Figure 3² shows the breakout of closed out-of-home placements (those which ended in the quarter). Of the 134 total placements, 48 closed during Q4 2019.

Thirty-three percent of the placements that closed were placements in Hennepin County, 58% were Greater Minnesota placements and 8% were out of state placements.

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Figure 3. Closed Out-of-Home Placements Q4 2019



The median number of days in placement for youth with CHS-RTC placements and other RTC placements that closed during quarter 4 of 2019 is shown below. The median number of days in placement for youth of color (n = 36) was 175 days. The median length of stay for white youth (n = 1) was 365 days. Two youth of color closed on Sexual Health Treatment in Q4 2019 and the median time in placement was 497 days. Six youth of color closed from foster or group homes with a median of 29 days in placement. Three youth of color closed in a transition or evaluation with a median of 92 days in placement.

Figures 4 and 5 show the median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC placements and other RTC placements that closed in that quarter. Figure 6 shows the median days in placement for all other types.

Figure 4. Median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC³ or other RTC placement for closed placements by race

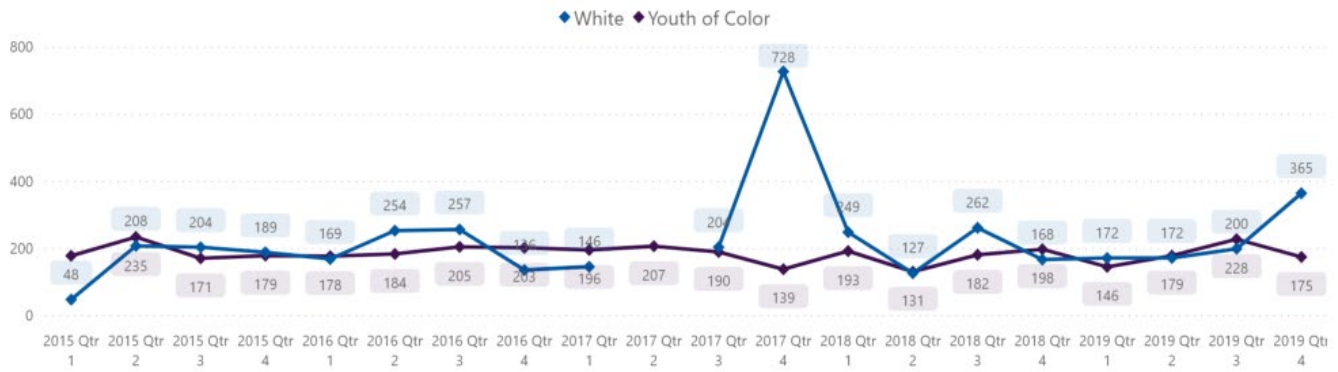


Figure 5. Median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC⁴ or other RTC⁵ placement for closed placements by race

Race	Year	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
Amer Indian/AK Native	Median Placement Days	178	229	273	155	124	183	179	377	171	207	149	31	79	174	161	287	27	174	108	150
	N	7	4	4	7	5	6	3	3	3	6	2	4	1	4	1	1	4	5	1	3
Asian	Median Placement Days		271			239			205	216	176										
	N		1			1			1	1	1										
Black/African American	Median Placement Days	179	231	169	179	177	187	191	202	195	211	207	125	198	112	208	176	178	202	235	174
	N	48	33	43	44	35	62	33	47	43	35	35	21	42	35	26	23	27	30	21	25
Other Race	Median Placement Days	177	284	86	131	186	177	207	12	240	154	114	273	128	181	126	229	132	172	281	179
	N	4	1	4	4	1	5	2	1	6	3	4	2	4	6	3	2	4	7	1	5
Two or more Races	Median Placement Days	178	245	268	267	216	156	269	114	121	257	179	196	172	248	163	215	56	97	92	179
	N	3	3	4	8	6	6	5	3	5	2	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	2	2	3
White	Median Placement Days	85	208	204	189	169	254	257	136	146		204	728	249	127	262	168	172	172	200	365
	N	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	1	2		5	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1
Total	Median Placement Days	178	231	173	179	177	189	216	202	192	207	199	146	195	131	184	198	149	179	228	176
	N	66	45	58	67	51	83	48	56	60	47	51	34	55	52	35	33	43	46	27	37

³ Does not include CHS – Sexual Health Treatment Programs.

⁴ Does not include CHS – Sexual Health Treatment Programs.

⁵ Includes Chemical Dependency, Mental Health, RTC, and Short-Term enrollment types.

Figure 6. Median number of days in placement for all other placements⁶

Enrollment Type	Year	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
CHS - Sexual Health Treatment	Median Placement Days	259	315	308	330	177	140	46	242	147	289	138	247		420	327		381	654	337	567
	N	3	5	6	4	4	9	3	4	2	4	6	2		3	1		1	1	2	1
Evaluation	Median Placement Days		31	36		49			43		41			46	38	17	63	60			
	N		1	1		1			1		1			1	2	1	1	1			
Foster Home	Median Placement Days	195	111	392	2	2	213	2	294	214	390	63		680	1109	277	75			425	
	N	6	1	1	4	5	5	7	3	5	3	3		1	1	4	2			2	
Group Homes	Median Placement Days	120	18	50	46	65	65	96	25	130	37	61	31	78	46	71	77	64	64	101	29
	N	20	19	21	12	10	15	12	13	3	7	9	6	10	7	6	5	10	13	14	6
Sexual Health Treatment	Median Placement Days			249		301	303	82	173	342	329	246	294	407	454	344	225	505	287	209	427
	N			3		2	1	4	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	4	2	3	3	1
Transition	Median Placement Days	149	114	141	46	112	168	27	215	97	105	128	111	28	213	43	47	413	99	184	92
	N	2	3	6	3	1	1	3	2	4	5	2	6	2	3	4	4	1	3	3	3
Total	Median Placement Days	148	71	88	46	92	134	69	155	130	115	114	116	76	106	122	97	71	109	133	92
	N	31	29	38	23	23	31	29	25	15	22	23	15	15	18	18	16	15	20	24	11

Open Placements

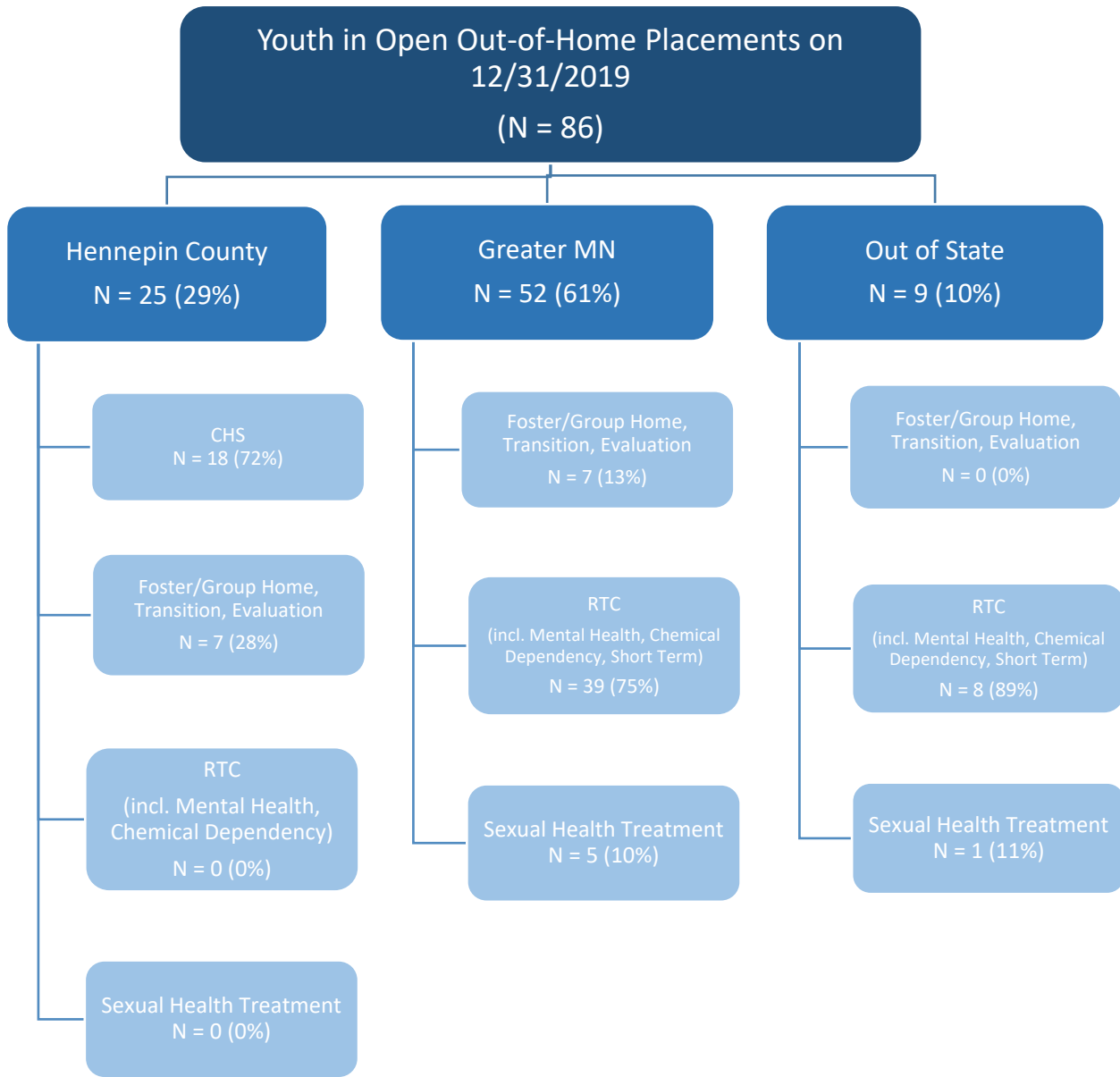
There were 86 youth in an out-of-home placement on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2019).

Twenty nine percent of open placements were in Hennepin County, 61% were in Greater Minnesota, and 10% were out of state (see Figure 7)⁷.

⁶ Ns are too small to be broken out by race. Does not include shelters.

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Figure 7. Open Out-of-Home Placements Q4 2019



The charts below show the number of male and female youth in out-of-home placement on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2019).

Figure 8. Open placements by gender on December 31, 2019



Figure 9. Boys in open placements by race on December 31, 2019

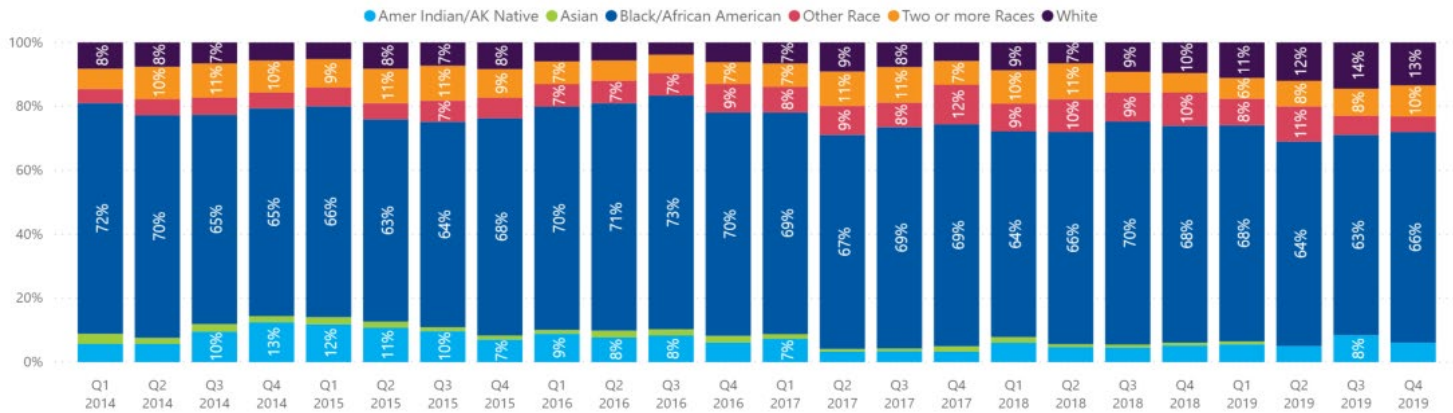
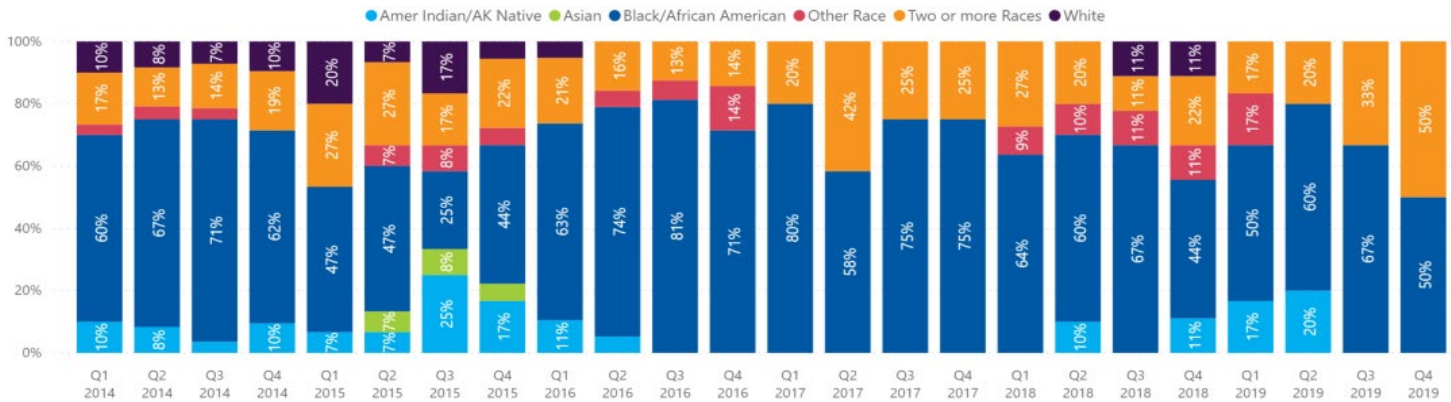


Figure 10. Girls in open placements by race on December 31, 2019



Hennepin County Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2019) for each placement location in Hennepin County broken out by placement type and by gender and race. Note in Figure 11 that there were no female juveniles open in Out of Home Placement in Hennepin County on December 31, 2019.

Figure 11. Open placements in Hennepin County

Type	Placement Name	Male		Total
		White	Youth of Color	
CHS - RTC	CHS STAMP		4	4
	CHS STAMP Plus		9	9
	Total		13	13
CHS - Sexual Health Treatment	CHS AFSHS Long Term	1	4	5
	Total	1	4	5
Foster/Group Homes	HSPHD Foster		1	1
	Jordan House		2	2
	Kadiri House		3	3
	PIR Braza House		1	1
	Total		7	7
Total		1	24	25

Greater Minnesota Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2019) for each placement location in greater Minnesota broken out by placement type and by gender and race.

Figure 12. Open placements in Greater Minnesota

Type	Placement Name	Female	Male		Total
		Youth of Color	White	Youth of Color	
Foster/Group Homes	Maple Tree		2	1	3
	Steps of Success-And	1			1
	Village Ranch Contry			3	3
	Total	1	2	4	7
RTC	Mash-Ka-Wisen			1	1
	MLA RTC			2	2
	MNDOC Red Wing RTC		1	23	24
	Woodland Hills RTC	1	2	9	12
	Total	1	3	35	39
Sexual Health Treatment	MLA RTC		1		1
	MNDOC Red Wing SOT		2	1	3
	Village Ranch Tier 2			1	1
	Total		3	2	5
Transition/Evaluation/Shelter	DIVINE Intervention	1			1
	Total	1			1
Total		3	8	41	52

Out of State Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2019) for each placement location outside of Minnesota broken out by placement type and by gender and race.

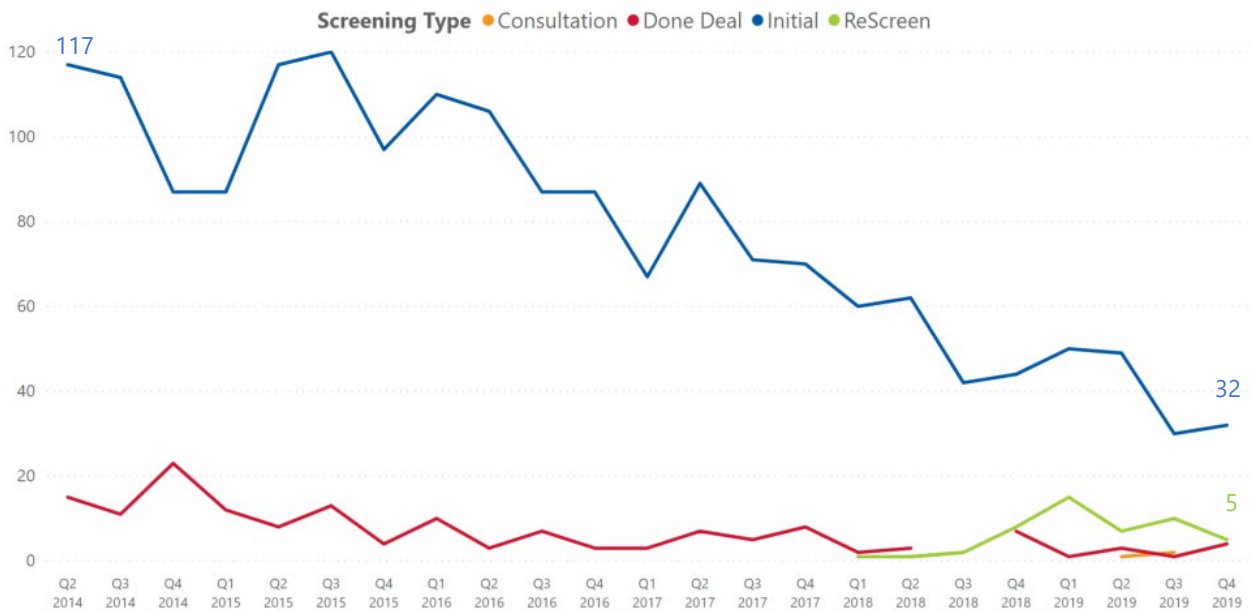
Figure 13. Open placements outside of Minnesota by location

Type	Placement Name	Female		Male		Total
		Youth of Color	White	Youth of Color	White	
RTC	Benchmark			1		1
	Lakeside Academy				3	3
	Milwaukee Academy	1				1
	Woodward Academy RTC			1	2	3
	Total	1	2	5	8	8
Sexual Health Treatment	Lakeside Academy SOT				1	1
	Total				1	1
Total		1	2	6	9	9

Placement Screening

Youth receive a placement screening to determine if an out-of-home placement is recommended⁸. The chart below shows the number of placement screenings conducted on youth by quarter. There was a 73% decrease in initial screenings between Q2 2014 and Q4 2019. After six months, placements may be re-screened for a 90-day extension. Screenings marked as “done deal” are included in Figure 14 for the overall trend but excluded from Figures 15 – 17.

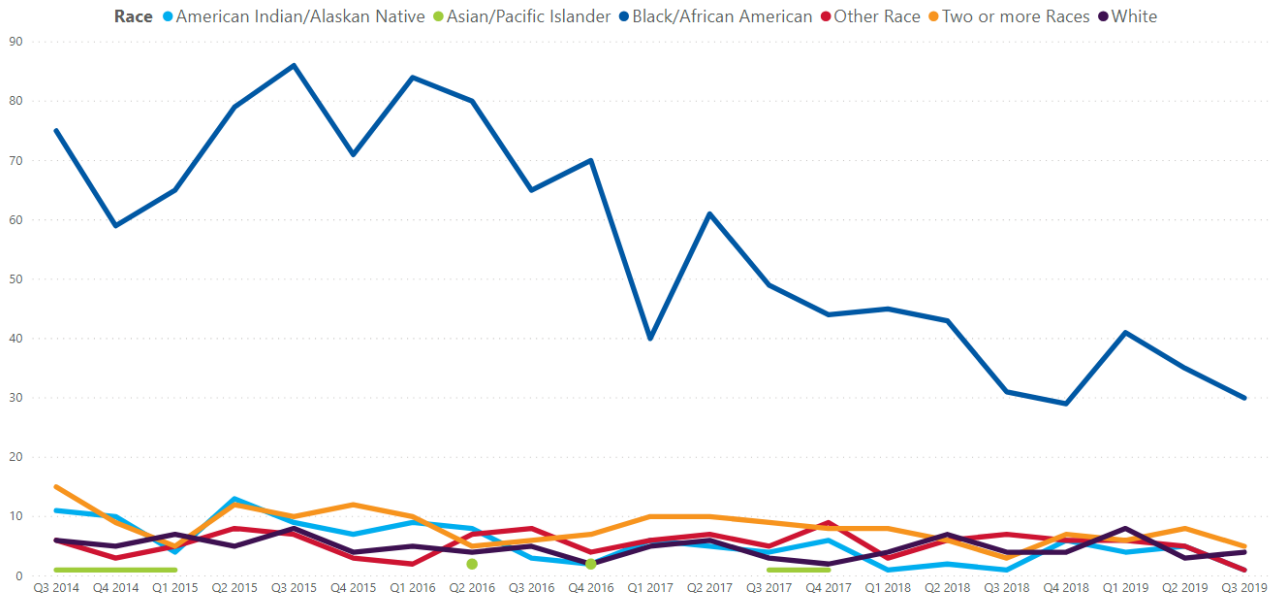
Figure 14. Number of placement screenings by type of screening



⁸ At times a youth may be screened for more than one placement on a single day. These records have been counted as duplicates and have been removed for analysis. Youth who are sent directly to placement as a court order have also been removed for analysis, though the trend appears in Figure 14.

Figure 15 shows the total number of screenings above broken out by race excluding screenings sent directly to placement by the courts. These are all screenings referred by Probation Officer.

Figure 15. Placement screenings by race

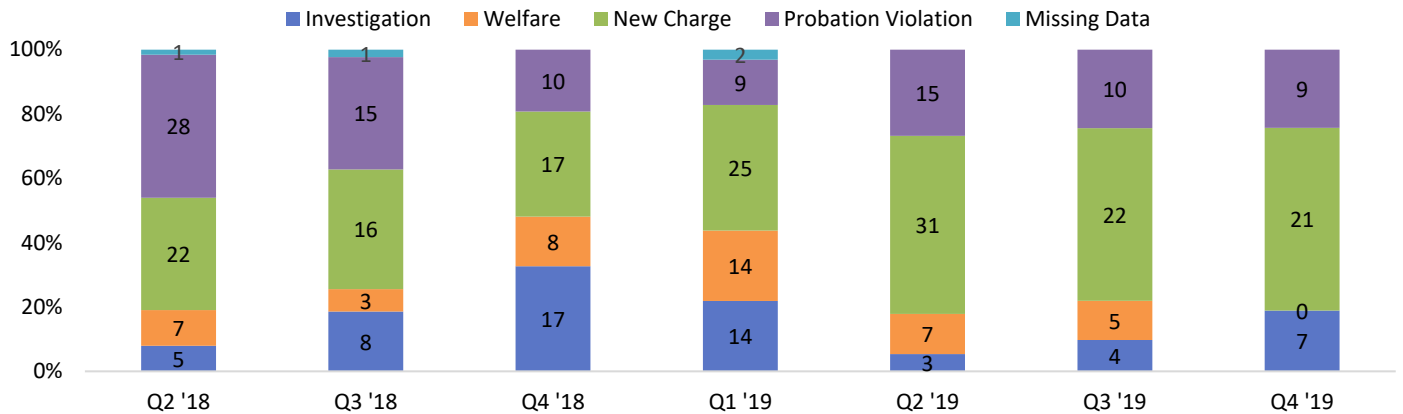


Placement screenings are conducted for several different reasons⁹. In Q4 2019, 21 screenings (57%) were conducted for a new charge, 7 (19%) were for an investigation, and 9 (24%) because of a probation violation¹⁰. Of the 8 unique clients screened for a probation violation, 6 had failed placement probation violation screenings and 2 had technical violation/failed community services screenings. One client was screened twice since he was not accepted by the recommended placement and he was re-screened on the same violation.

⁹ Staff began recording the reason for conducting placement screenings in Q2 2017, though it was infrequently recorded until Q2 2018. **Investigation:** Client is pending an Investigation event and is not already on probation; **Welfare:** Client’s placement is needs-based (housing need, closure of past placement, etc.); **New Charge:** Client has a new pending offense; **Probation Violation:** Client is being screened due to probation violations other than a new offense.

¹⁰ One client was screened twice.

Figure 16. Reason for placement screening



The following chart and table show the breakdown of placement screenings by race. Of the 41 screenings, 30 (73%) were youth who identified as Black/African American.

Figure 17. Placement admissions after screening by type and race

Admission	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019
CHS	18	28	33	22	21	19	23	15	18	9	11	5	12	7	13	5	8
Of Color	17	26	32	18	20	16	23	14	16	7	11	4	12	7	12	5	8
White	1	2	1	4	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Community Based						1	8	2	3	1	5	3	1	2	4	2	
Of Color						1	7	2	3		2	3	1	2	4	2	
White							1			1	3						
Group Homes/Transition	21	23	17	15	20	8	13	15	12	11	11	7	13	19	19	12	5
Of Color	20	21	16	15	20	8	13	14	12	11	11	6	12	16	17	11	5
White	1	2	1					1				1	1	3	2	1	
Other	10	3	5	4	2	2	7	4	8	4	4	3	4	5	1		1
Of Color	10	3	4	4	2	2	6	4	8	4	3	3	4	5	1		1
White			1				1				1						
RTC/Short Term	45	50	50	46	44	33	35	39	27	34	31	28	19	30	20	22	23
Of Color	43	49	49	45	44	31	33	38	27	33	30	26	17	27	19	19	23
White	2	1	1	1		2	2	1		1	1	2	2	3	1	3	
Sexual Health Treatment	2	5	2	3	3	2	3	1	2	2	4	1	3	3		1	
Of Color	2	5	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1		1	
White					1		2				2		1	2			
Total	96	109	106	87	87	65	89	71	70	60	64	46	52	65	57	42	37

Staff began recording parental attendance at placement screenings in Q2 2018. To increase parent participation, parents were given the opportunity to attend via phone, beginning in Q4 2018. In Q4 2019 parents attended 46% (N=17) of placement screenings.

Figure 18. Parental attendance at placement screening

