

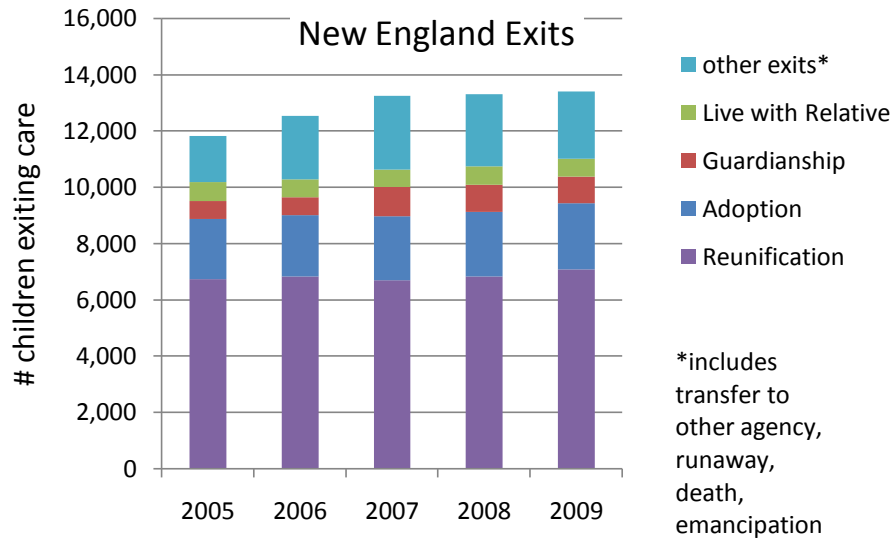
Goal: Increase Exits to Permanency

Exit Cohort Measure

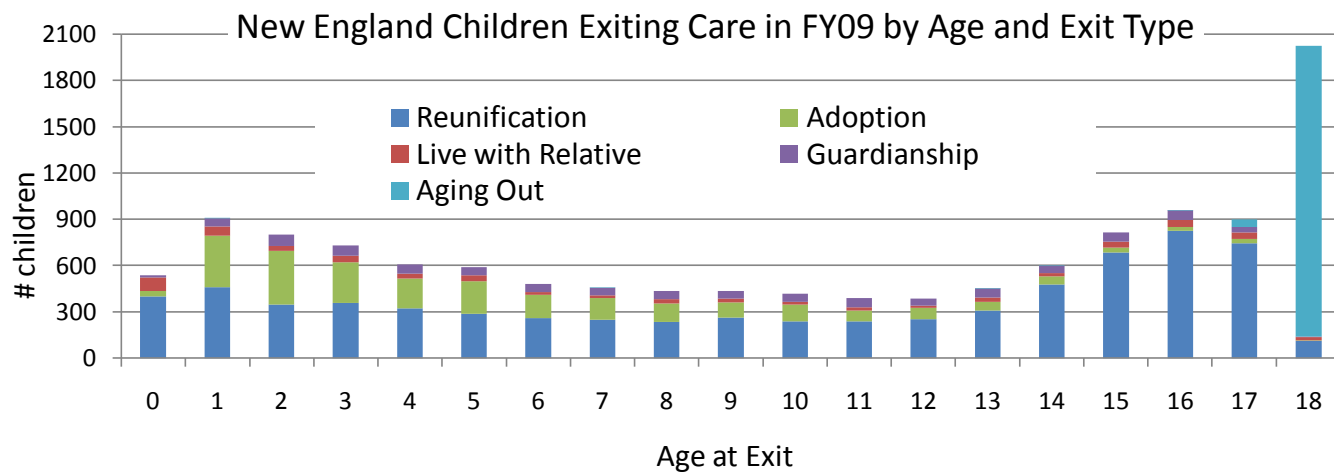
Data source (unless otherwise noted): AFCARS; may include some youth from juvenile justice cases.

As is true in any analysis, it is important to consider differences in statute, policy and practice when comparing jurisdictions.

New England Exits to Permanency (Exit Cohort)						% change 05-09
	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	
# Exits (+7%)	13,139	13,499	12,983	13,324	13,413	2.1%
# Exits to permanency (+3%)	10,189	10,290	10,641	10,751	11,032	8.3%
% Exits to permanency	78%	76%	82%	81%	82%	



Jurisdiction	FY09		
	# exits to emancipation	# total exits	% emancipation
CT	456	2,972	15%
MA	1076	6,673	16%
ME	158	959	16%
NH	72	558	13%
RI	164	1,604	10%
VT	88	647	14%
New England	2,014	13,413	15%
National	29,471	276,266	11%



First Time Entry Cohort Measure (see length of stay sheet for more information on entry cohorts)

Data source: Chapin Hall Foster Care Profile

Entry Rate and Timely Reunification		
	CY07 First Entries: % reunified in 12 mos	entry rate (08 AFCARS)
NH	23%	2.0
ME	27%	3.2
CT	31%	3.3

The best way to measure performance improvement in this area is to follow groups of children who enter care at the same time to determine how they are discharged. Unfortunately, AFCARS data are not set up for longitudinal analysis. The tables here provide data for states that are members of the Foster Care Data Archive (FCDA). The FCDA is designed for longitudinal analysis and provides accurate performance indicators related to length of stay and exits to permanency. These data exclude youth in juvenile justice cases.

Permanency within 3 years - 2005 First Entries				
	% Reunified	% Relative/Guardian	% Adopted	Cumulative % Exited to Permanency within 3 years
CT	43%	16%	13%	72%
ME	41%	9%	21%	71%
NH	38%	12%	18%	68%

Data are from Chapin Hall Foster Care Data Profiles. Entry rates calculated from AFCARS (entry numbers) and Claritas population estimates.

Children who entered care for the first time in 2005 were followed for three years. After three years, less than half were reunified (43% in CT, 41% in ME, and 38% in NH). Overall, about 70% of these children exited to permanency after three years in care (72% in CT, 71% in ME, and 68% in NH).