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INTRODUCTION

This county-level data report provides select data analyses in tabular form from the Structured Decision Making® (SDM) System in Child Welfare Services management report (May 2023). Evident Change encourages counties to use the information in this report to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement with respect to the use of the SDM® tools. Also, the information may encourage counties to share successful strategies that support use of the SDM tools with fidelity. Please note that the counties in California are unique and represent diverse landscapes with respect to population, geography, and resource availability. This context should be considered when comparing information between counties. Results for counties with fewer than 25 investigations available for analysis are included in the total but are not listed by county. Therefore, the sums of the columns do not equal the numbers in the “Total” row.

SCREENING AND RESPONSE TIME DECISIONS

In 2022, California counties received 397,260 referrals concerning child abuse or neglect. A total of 205,094 referrals were assigned for an in-person response, according to the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS).

TABLE 1					
EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRALS					
CWS/CMS SCREENING DECISION					
COUNTY	ACCEPT		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	4,103	35%	7,611	65%	11,714
Alpine	20	51%	19	49%	39
Amador	262	38%	422	62%	684
Butte	785	22%	2,818	78%	3,603
Calaveras	328	35%	615	65%	943
Colusa	136	54%	117	46%	253
Contra Costa	3,489	48%	3,855	52%	7,344
Del Norte	406	48%	447	52%	853
El Dorado	917	49%	964	51%	1,881
Fresno	8,363	54%	7,151	46%	15,514
Glenn	368	48%	395	52%	763
Humboldt	931	32%	1,971	68%	2,902
Imperial	1,219	71%	499	29%	1,718
Inyo	229	54%	192	46%	421
Kern	4,732	38%	7,771	62%	12,503
Kings	990	49%	1,034	51%	2,024
Lake	494	39%	762	61%	1,256
Lassen	198	39%	308	61%	506
Los Angeles	47,135	65%	25,138	35%	72,273
Madera	1,541	58%	1,130	42%	2,671
Marin	415	37%	720	63%	1,135
Mariposa	113	53%	100	47%	213
Mendocino	970	49%	1,013	51%	1,983
Merced	1,952	44%	2,527	56%	4,479
Modoc	207	72%	79	28%	286
Mono	50	25%	149	75%	199

TABLE 1

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRALS
CWS/CMS SCREENING DECISION**

COUNTY	ACCEPT		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Monterey	1,701	35%	3,153	65%	4,854
Napa	582	41%	830	59%	1,412
Nevada	460	37%	790	63%	1,250
Orange	10,985	35%	20,586	65%	31,571
Placer	979	24%	3,108	76%	4,087
Plumas	60	66%	31	34%	91
Riverside	22,277	69%	10,170	31%	32,447
Sacramento	9,739	45%	12,045	55%	21,784
San Benito	334	43%	442	57%	776
San Bernardino	17,971	67%	8,777	33%	26,748
San Diego	20,564	54%	17,642	46%	38,206
San Francisco	1,666	37%	2,793	63%	4,459
San Joaquin	3,471	39%	5,507	61%	8,978
San Luis Obispo	1,948	49%	2,019	51%	3,967
San Mateo	2,194	44%	2,810	56%	5,004
Santa Barbara	3,390	56%	2,635	44%	6,025
Santa Clara	6,462	67%	3,246	33%	9,708
Santa Cruz	893	40%	1,341	60%	2,234
Shasta	1,877	55%	1,535	45%	3,412
Siskiyou	429	60%	285	40%	714
Solano	2,210	47%	2,537	53%	4,747
Sonoma	1,697	36%	3,041	64%	4,738
Stanislaus	2,646	35%	4,812	65%	7,458
Sutter	439	33%	905	67%	1,344
Tehama	549	40%	826	60%	1,375
Trinity	85	45%	106	55%	191
Tulare	4,807	54%	4,173	46%	8,980
Tuolumne	309	36%	546	64%	855
Ventura	2,728	34%	5,272	66%	8,000
Yolo	737	35%	1,396	65%	2,133
Yuba	538	35%	999	65%	1,537
Total	205,094	52%	192,166	48%	397,260

In 2022, counties received 397,260 referrals concerning child abuse or neglect. Of those, 389,608 (98.1%) had a completed SDM screening assessment.

TABLE 2					
SDM SCREENING COMPLETION RATE					
COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	11,379	97%	335	3%	11,714
Alpine	37	95%	2	5%	39
Amador	663	97%	21	3%	684
Butte	3,603	100%	0	0%	3,603
Calaveras	936	99%	7	1%	943
Colusa	228	90%	25	10%	253
Contra Costa	7,326	>99%	18	<1%	7,344
Del Norte	851	>99%	2	<1%	853
El Dorado	1,767	94%	114	6%	1,881
Fresno	14,145	91%	1,369	9%	15,514
Glenn	758	99%	5	1%	763
Humboldt	2,844	98%	58	2%	2,902
Imperial	1,665	97%	53	3%	1,718
Inyo	236	56%	185	44%	421
Kern	12,403	99%	100	1%	12,503
Kings	2,023	>99%	1	<1%	2,024
Lake	1,163	93%	93	7%	1,256
Lassen	501	99%	5	1%	506
Los Angeles	72,128	>99%	145	<1%	72,273
Madera	2,643	99%	28	1%	2,671
Marin	1,119	99%	16	1%	1,135
Mariposa	189	89%	24	11%	213
Mendocino	1,922	97%	61	3%	1,983
Merced	3,467	77%	1,012	23%	4,479
Modoc	283	99%	3	1%	286
Mono	199	100%	0	0%	199
Monterey	4,850	>99%	4	<1%	4,854
Napa	1,371	97%	41	3%	1,412
Nevada	1,228	98%	22	2%	1,250

TABLE 2

SDM SCREENING COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Orange	31,145	99%	426	1%	31,571
Placer	4,086	>99%	1	<1%	4,087
Plumas	65	71%	26	29%	91
Riverside	32,308	>99%	139	<1%	32,447
Sacramento	21,393	98%	391	2%	21,784
San Benito	775	>99%	1	<1%	776
San Bernardino	26,632	>99%	116	<1%	26,748
San Diego	37,518	98%	688	2%	38,206
San Francisco	4,307	97%	152	3%	4,459
San Joaquin	8,841	98%	137	2%	8,978
San Luis Obispo	3,886	98%	81	2%	3,967
San Mateo	4,834	97%	170	3%	5,004
Santa Barbara	6,017	>99%	8	<1%	6,025
Santa Clara	9,658	99%	50	1%	9,708
Santa Cruz	2,200	98%	34	2%	2,234
Shasta	3,405	>99%	7	<1%	3,412
Siskiyou	686	96%	28	4%	714
Solano	4,694	99%	53	1%	4,747
Sonoma	4,708	99%	30	1%	4,738
Stanislaus	7,118	95%	340	5%	7,458
Sutter	1,318	98%	26	2%	1,344
Tehama	1,362	99%	13	1%	1,375
Trinity	184	96%	7	4%	191
Tulare	8,437	94%	543	6%	8,980
Tuolumne	853	>99%	2	<1%	855
Ventura	8,000	100%	0	0%	8,000
Yolo	1,974	93%	159	7%	2,133
Yuba	1,271	83%	266	17%	1,537
Total	389,608	98%	7,652	2%	397,260

Of 389,593 referrals received concerning child abuse or neglect with a completed SDM screening assessment, 218,894 (56.2%) were screened in for an in-person response. The analysis excludes 15 referrals that had a data anomaly in the screening tool.

TABLE 3					
FINAL SDM SCREENING DECISION					
COUNTY	IN-PERSON RESPONSE		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	3,853	34%	7,526	66%	11,379
Alpine	19	51%	18	49%	37
Amador	265	40%	398	60%	663
Butte	838	23%	2,765	77%	3,603
Calaveras	334	36%	602	64%	936
Colusa	133	58%	95	42%	228
Contra Costa	3,695	50%	3,631	50%	7,326
Del Norte	408	48%	443	52%	851
El Dorado	1,083	61%	684	39%	1,767
Fresno	11,376	80%	2,765	20%	14,141
Glenn	369	49%	389	51%	758
Humboldt	971	34%	1,873	66%	2,844
Imperial	1,218	73%	447	27%	1,665
Inyo	108	46%	128	54%	236
Kern	5,668	46%	6,734	54%	12,402
Kings	993	49%	1,030	51%	2,023
Lake	462	40%	701	60%	1,163
Lassen	198	40%	303	60%	501
Los Angeles	48,425	67%	23,700	33%	72,125
Madera	1,587	60%	1,056	40%	2,643
Marin	420	38%	699	62%	1,119
Mariposa	114	60%	75	40%	189
Mendocino	967	50%	955	50%	1,922
Merced	1,660	48%	1,807	52%	3,467
Modoc	208	73%	75	27%	283
Mono	54	27%	145	73%	199
Monterey	1,735	36%	3,115	64%	4,850
Napa	583	43%	788	57%	1,371
Nevada	468	38%	760	62%	1,228

TABLE 3

FINAL SDM SCREENING DECISION

COUNTY	IN-PERSON RESPONSE		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Orange	10,895	35%	20,248	65%	31,143
Placer	1,519	37%	2,567	63%	4,086
Plumas	50	77%	15	23%	65
Riverside	24,878	77%	7,430	23%	32,308
Sacramento	9,606	45%	11,786	55%	21,392
San Benito	338	44%	437	56%	775
San Bernardino	21,793	82%	4,837	18%	26,630
San Diego	21,897	58%	15,619	42%	37,516
San Francisco	1,676	39%	2,631	61%	4,307
San Joaquin	3,435	39%	5,406	61%	8,841
San Luis Obispo	1,975	51%	1,911	49%	3,886
San Mateo	2,237	46%	2,597	54%	4,834
Santa Barbara	3,893	65%	2,124	35%	6,017
Santa Clara	6,536	68%	3,122	32%	9,658
Santa Cruz	895	41%	1,305	59%	2,200
Shasta	1,873	55%	1,532	45%	3,405
Siskiyou	424	62%	262	38%	686
Solano	2,235	48%	2,459	52%	4,694
Sonoma	1,798	38%	2,910	62%	4,708
Stanislaus	2,716	38%	4,402	62%	7,118
Sutter	463	35%	855	65%	1,318
Tehama	545	40%	817	60%	1,362
Trinity	94	51%	90	49%	184
Tulare	4,462	53%	3,975	47%	8,437
Tuolumne	307	36%	546	64%	853
Ventura	2,726	34%	5,274	66%	8,000
Yolo	757	38%	1,217	62%	1,974
Yuba	653	51%	618	49%	1,271
Total	218,894	56%	170,699	44%	389,593

In 2022, of 389,593 referrals with a completed SDM screening assessment, 359,203 were eligible for a screening decision override. The analysis excludes 15 referrals that had a data anomaly in the screening tool as well as 30,390 referrals for which a review of screening criteria was not required due to the presence of at least one preliminary screening criterion.

TABLE 4							
SDM SCREENING OVERRIDES							
COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IN-PERSON RESPONSE, NO CRITERIA SELECTED		OVERRIDE TO EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	9,155	95%	77	1%	382	4%	9,614
Alpine	26	90%	1	3%	2	7%	29
Amador	522	95%	12	2%	15	3%	549
Butte	3,522	99%	11	<1%	39	1%	3,572
Calaveras	736	93%	40	5%	14	2%	790
Colusa	158	79%	0	0%	41	21%	199
Contra Costa	7,051	99%	15	<1%	39	1%	7,105
Del Norte	748	91%	55	7%	18	2%	821
El Dorado	1,596	95%	17	1%	64	4%	1,677
Fresno	12,586	91%	82	1%	1,097	8%	13,765
Glenn	633	96%	4	1%	21	3%	658
Humboldt	2,352	97%	49	2%	32	1%	2,433
Imperial	1,651	>99%	0	0%	6	<1%	1,657
Inyo	185	92%	2	1%	15	7%	202
Kern	12,076	99%	5	<1%	166	1%	12,247
Kings	1,771	97%	25	1%	21	1%	1,817
Lake	1,046	95%	25	2%	27	2%	1,098
Lassen	444	93%	1	<1%	32	7%	477
Los Angeles	60,864	94%	876	1%	3,253	5%	64,993
Madera	2,142	92%	2	<1%	196	8%	2,340
Marin	1,070	99%	8	1%	7	1%	1,085
Mariposa	148	86%	12	7%	13	8%	173
Mendocino	1,656	98%	1	<1%	28	2%	1,685
Merced	3,053	97%	36	1%	57	2%	3,146
Modoc	271	99%	1	<1%	2	1%	274
Mono	164	94%	0	0%	10	6%	174
Monterey	4,163	98%	12	<1%	87	2%	4,262

TABLE 4

SDM SCREENING OVERRIDES

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IN-PERSON RESPONSE, NO CRITERIA SELECTED		OVERRIDE TO EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Napa	1,215	98%	14	1%	9	1%	1,238
Nevada	1,043	95%	11	1%	49	4%	1,103
Orange	26,427	95%	94	<1%	1,195	4%	27,716
Placer	3,850	98%	0	0%	83	2%	3,933
Plumas	53	82%	0	0%	12	18%	65
Riverside	27,871	93%	612	2%	1,362	5%	29,845
Sacramento	19,257	98%	43	<1%	311	2%	19,611
San Benito	631	92%	7	1%	45	7%	683
San Bernardino	25,353	98%	15	<1%	411	2%	25,779
San Diego	33,113	98%	256	1%	455	1%	33,824
San Francisco	3,752	96%	10	<1%	164	4%	3,926
San Joaquin	8,235	96%	278	3%	50	1%	8,563
San Luis Obispo	3,182	92%	5	<1%	254	7%	3,441
San Mateo	4,499	96%	99	2%	77	2%	4,675
Santa Barbara	5,141	89%	4	<1%	625	11%	5,770
Santa Clara	8,911	93%	75	1%	554	6%	9,540
Santa Cruz	2,183	>99%	1	<1%	2	<1%	2,186
Shasta	3,267	97%	74	2%	39	1%	3,380
Siskiyou	636	99%	0	0%	4	1%	640
Solano	4,077	97%	58	1%	61	1%	4,196
Sonoma	4,412	97%	20	<1%	111	2%	4,543
Stanislaus	6,206	91%	22	<1%	561	8%	6,789
Sutter	1,168	96%	11	1%	43	4%	1,222
Tehama	1,234	97%	5	<1%	29	2%	1,268
Trinity	174	96%	1	1%	7	4%	182
Tulare	7,090	97%	76	1%	118	2%	7,284
Tuolumne	821	97%	0	0%	27	3%	848
Ventura	6,322	90%	9	<1%	711	10%	7,042
Yolo	1,735	95%	27	1%	68	4%	1,830
Yuba	1,110	90%	18	1%	105	9%	1,233
Total	342,763	95%	3,214	1%	13,226	4%	359,203

Referrals with an initial and final recommendation for an in-person response are eligible for the response priority section. In 2022, 215,680 referrals had an SDM response time recorded.

TABLE 5					
FINAL SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY LEVEL					
COUNTY	IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	1,502	40%	2,274	60%	3,776
Amador	82	32%	171	68%	253
Butte	253	31%	574	69%	827
Calaveras	121	41%	173	59%	294
Colusa	16	12%	117	88%	133
Contra Costa	428	12%	3,252	88%	3,680
Del Norte	55	16%	298	84%	353
El Dorado	169	16%	897	84%	1,066
Fresno	2,471	22%	8,823	78%	11,294
Glenn	74	20%	291	80%	365
Humboldt	164	18%	758	82%	922
Imperial	314	26%	904	74%	1,218
Inyo	39	37%	67	63%	106
Kern	1,812	32%	3,851	68%	5,663
Kings	382	39%	586	61%	968
Lake	82	19%	355	81%	437
Lassen	54	27%	143	73%	197
Los Angeles	10,564	22%	36,985	78%	47,549
Madera	420	26%	1,165	74%	1,585
Marin	84	20%	328	80%	412
Mariposa	20	20%	82	80%	102
Mendocino	277	29%	689	71%	966
Merced	610	38%	1,014	62%	1,624
Modoc	85	41%	122	59%	207
Mono	6	11%	48	89%	54
Monterey	583	34%	1,140	66%	1,723
Napa	162	28%	407	72%	569
Nevada	79	17%	378	83%	457
Orange	2,141	20%	8,660	80%	10,801
Placer	115	8%	1,404	92%	1,519

TABLE 5					
FINAL SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY LEVEL					
COUNTY	IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	
Plumas	10	20%	40	80%	50
Riverside	4,235	17%	20,031	83%	24,266
Sacramento	2,840	30%	6,723	70%	9,563
San Benito	81	24%	250	76%	331
San Bernardino	2,134	10%	19,644	90%	21,778
San Diego	9,226	43%	12,415	57%	21,641
San Francisco	762	46%	904	54%	1,666
San Joaquin	972	31%	2,185	69%	3,157
San Luis Obispo	492	25%	1,478	75%	1,970
San Mateo	564	26%	1,574	74%	2,138
Santa Barbara	619	16%	3,270	84%	3,889
Santa Clara	1,763	27%	4,698	73%	6,461
Santa Cruz	145	16%	749	84%	894
Shasta	209	12%	1,590	88%	1,799
Siskiyou	88	21%	336	79%	424
Solano	745	34%	1,432	66%	2,177
Sonoma	585	33%	1,193	67%	1,778
Stanislaus	714	27%	1,980	73%	2,694
Sutter	101	22%	351	78%	452
Tehama	93	17%	447	83%	540
Trinity	13	14%	80	86%	93
Tulare	1,792	41%	2,594	59%	4,386
Tuolumne	44	14%	263	86%	307
Ventura	504	19%	2,213	81%	2,717
Yolo	207	28%	523	72%	730
Yuba	216	34%	419	66%	635
Total	52,327	24%	163,353	76%	215,680

*Five days in Los Angeles County.

TABLE 6

SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		OVERRIDE TO 10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	3,387	90%	95	3%	294	8%	3,776
Amador	208	82%	13	5%	32	13%	253
Butte	786	95%	38	5%	3	<1%	827
Calaveras	262	89%	12	4%	20	7%	294
Colusa	129	97%	4	3%	0	0%	133
Contra Costa	3,599	98%	33	1%	48	1%	3,680
Del Norte	325	92%	12	3%	16	5%	353
El Dorado	1,039	97%	5	<1%	22	2%	1,066
Fresno	10,884	96%	160	1%	250	2%	11,294
Glenn	345	95%	15	4%	5	1%	365
Humboldt	869	94%	20	2%	33	4%	922
Imperial	1,171	96%	47	4%	0	0%	1,218
Inyo	93	88%	12	11%	1	1%	106
Kern	4,935	87%	630	11%	98	2%	5,663
Kings	920	95%	36	4%	12	1%	968
Lake	377	86%	23	5%	37	8%	437
Lassen	183	93%	11	6%	3	2%	197
Los Angeles	42,266	89%	1,305	3%	3,978	8%	47,549
Madera	1,495	94%	53	3%	37	2%	1,585
Marin	379	92%	4	1%	29	7%	412
Mariposa	95	93%	5	5%	2	2%	102
Mendocino	901	93%	50	5%	15	2%	966
Merced	1,493	92%	125	8%	6	<1%	1,624
Modoc	180	87%	24	12%	3	1%	207
Mono	54	100%	0	0%	0	0%	54
Monterey	1,506	87%	75	4%	142	8%	1,723
Napa	542	95%	13	2%	14	2%	569
Nevada	435	95%	17	4%	5	1%	457
Orange	9,900	92%	178	2%	723	7%	10,801
Placer	1,495	98%	16	1%	8	1%	1,519
Plumas	44	88%	1	2%	5	10%	50
Riverside	23,223	96%	527	2%	516	2%	24,266

TABLE 6

SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		OVERRIDE TO 10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Sacramento	8,821	92%	122	1%	620	6%	9,563
San Benito	311	94%	9	3%	11	3%	331
San Bernardino	20,835	96%	441	2%	502	2%	21,778
San Diego	20,589	95%	432	2%	620	3%	21,641
San Francisco	1,605	96%	24	1%	37	2%	1,666
San Joaquin	2,857	90%	102	3%	198	6%	3,157
San Luis Obispo	1,836	93%	55	3%	79	4%	1,970
San Mateo	1,967	92%	46	2%	125	6%	2,138
Santa Barbara	3,785	97%	64	2%	40	1%	3,889
Santa Clara	5,619	87%	219	3%	623	10%	6,461
Santa Cruz	893	>99%	0	0%	1	<1%	894
Shasta	1,693	94%	30	2%	76	4%	1,799
Siskiyou	405	96%	17	4%	2	<1%	424
Solano	2,042	94%	45	2%	90	4%	2,177
Sonoma	1,586	89%	49	3%	143	8%	1,778
Stanislaus	2,496	93%	132	5%	66	2%	2,694
Sutter	414	92%	33	7%	5	1%	452
Tehama	498	92%	14	3%	28	5%	540
Trinity	85	91%	2	2%	6	6%	93
Tulare	4,074	93%	276	6%	36	1%	4,386
Tuolumne	303	99%	2	1%	2	1%	307
Ventura	2,607	96%	56	2%	54	2%	2,717
Yolo	675	92%	33	5%	22	3%	730
Yuba	537	85%	81	13%	17	3%	635
Total	200,072	93%	5,848	3%	9,760	5%	215,680

*Five days in Los Angeles County.

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

In 2022, 157,610 (85%) of 185,510 investigations had a safety assessment completed on the allegation household. Referrals overridden to an in-person response on the hotline tool were excluded from the safety assessment completion rates because, based on policy, no further SDM assessments are required on these referrals.

TABLE 7					
SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE					
COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	2,203	58%	1,567	42%	3,770
Amador	112	46%	132	54%	244
Butte	521	75%	174	25%	695
Calaveras	229	90%	25	10%	254
Colusa	85	67%	41	33%	126
Contra Costa	2,344	71%	941	29%	3,285
Del Norte	269	93%	21	7%	290
El Dorado	689	86%	113	14%	802
Fresno	5,991	83%	1,206	17%	7,197
Glenn	275	85%	48	15%	323
Humboldt	649	78%	184	22%	833
Imperial	854	81%	195	19%	1,049
Inyo	61	27%	163	73%	224
Kern	3,750	89%	446	11%	4,196
Kings	824	91%	81	9%	905
Lake	252	61%	159	39%	411
Lassen	168	92%	14	8%	182
Los Angeles	38,369	89%	4,726	11%	43,095
Madera	1,246	95%	70	5%	1,316
Marin	338	89%	42	11%	380
Mariposa	68	72%	27	28%	95
Mendocino	580	66%	296	34%	876
Merced	1,262	72%	493	28%	1,755
Modoc	148	75%	49	25%	197
Mono	43	86%	7	14%	50
Monterey	1,177	76%	364	24%	1,541

TABLE 7

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Napa	495	91%	47	9%	542
Nevada	291	77%	88	23%	379
Orange	9,351	90%	1,079	10%	10,430
Placer	803	87%	123	13%	926
Plumas	36	65%	19	35%	55
Riverside	17,717	87%	2,576	13%	20,293
Sacramento	7,574	87%	1,133	13%	8,707
San Benito	287	95%	16	5%	303
San Bernardino	12,099	76%	3,812	24%	15,911
San Diego	15,701	87%	2,346	13%	18,047
San Francisco	1,464	94%	97	6%	1,561
San Joaquin	2,698	91%	261	9%	2,959
San Luis Obispo	1,598	88%	210	12%	1,808
San Mateo	1,570	78%	439	22%	2,009
Santa Barbara	2,723	87%	390	13%	3,113
Santa Clara	5,543	92%	513	8%	6,056
Santa Cruz	740	89%	94	11%	834
Shasta	1,523	89%	194	11%	1,717
Siskiyou	348	88%	48	12%	396
Solano	1,459	76%	452	24%	1,911
Sonoma	1,293	86%	218	14%	1,511
Stanislaus	1,985	78%	554	22%	2,539
Sutter	347	88%	47	12%	394
Tehama	458	89%	58	11%	516
Trinity	67	86%	11	14%	78
Tulare	3,591	81%	824	19%	4,415
Tuolumne	267	94%	16	6%	283
Ventura	2,224	87%	337	13%	2,561
Yolo	456	71%	190	29%	646
Yuba	374	77%	114	23%	488
Total	157,610	85%	27,900	15%	185,510

TABLE 8

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

COUNTY	SAFE		SAFE WITH PLAN		UNSAFE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	1,758	80%	175	8%	270	12%	2,203
Amador	79	71%	22	20%	11	10%	112
Butte	268	51%	172	33%	81	16%	521
Calaveras	174	76%	28	12%	27	12%	229
Colusa	63	74%	17	20%	5	6%	85
Contra Costa	1,904	81%	311	13%	129	6%	2,344
Del Norte	233	87%	17	6%	19	7%	269
El Dorado	512	74%	145	21%	32	5%	689
Fresno	4,903	82%	624	10%	464	8%	5,991
Glenn	201	73%	61	22%	13	5%	275
Humboldt	540	83%	46	7%	63	10%	649
Imperial	658	77%	103	12%	93	11%	854
Inyo	33	54%	23	38%	5	8%	61
Kern	2,979	79%	451	12%	320	9%	3,750
Kings	635	77%	119	14%	70	8%	824
Lake	202	80%	32	13%	18	7%	252
Lassen	137	82%	21	13%	10	6%	168
Los Angeles	31,780	83%	5,210	14%	1,379	4%	38,369
Madera	1,062	85%	119	10%	65	5%	1,246
Marin	198	59%	119	35%	21	6%	338
Mariposa	53	78%	12	18%	3	4%	68
Mendocino	465	80%	77	13%	38	7%	580
Merced	993	79%	145	11%	124	10%	1,262
Modoc	108	73%	23	16%	17	11%	148
Mono	37	86%	5	12%	1	2%	43
Monterey	892	76%	223	19%	62	5%	1,177
Napa	430	87%	46	9%	19	4%	495
Nevada	252	87%	21	7%	18	6%	291
Orange	7,574	81%	1,186	13%	591	6%	9,351
Placer	697	87%	49	6%	57	7%	803
Plumas	9	25%	24	67%	3	8%	36
Riverside	15,492	87%	1,661	9%	564	3%	17,717
Sacramento	5,700	75%	1,594	21%	280	4%	7,574

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SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

COUNTY	SAFE		SAFE WITH PLAN		UNSAFE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Benito	246	86%	25	9%	16	6%	287
San Bernardino	10,628	88%	503	4%	968	8%	12,099
San Diego	13,908	89%	1,456	9%	337	2%	15,701
San Francisco	923	63%	397	27%	144	10%	1,464
San Joaquin	2,293	85%	201	7%	204	8%	2,698
San Luis Obispo	1,269	79%	256	16%	73	5%	1,598
San Mateo	1,387	88%	147	9%	36	2%	1,570
Santa Barbara	2,551	94%	123	5%	49	2%	2,723
Santa Clara	5,061	91%	381	7%	101	2%	5,543
Santa Cruz	553	75%	151	20%	36	5%	740
Shasta	1,031	68%	384	25%	108	7%	1,523
Siskiyou	292	84%	24	7%	32	9%	348
Solano	1,261	86%	137	9%	61	4%	1,459
Sonoma	975	75%	255	20%	63	5%	1,293
Stanislaus	1,736	87%	170	9%	79	4%	1,985
Sutter	278	80%	58	17%	11	3%	347
Tehama	326	71%	83	18%	49	11%	458
Trinity	36	54%	24	36%	7	10%	67
Tulare	2,827	79%	551	15%	213	6%	3,591
Tuolumne	168	63%	77	29%	22	8%	267
Ventura	1,946	88%	217	10%	61	3%	2,224
Yolo	300	66%	101	22%	55	12%	456
Yuba	194	52%	151	40%	29	8%	374
Total	131,225	83%	18,758	12%	7,627	5%	157,610

Of 157,610 SDM safety assessments completed on allegation households in 2022, 7,627 had a safety decision of unsafe.

TABLE 9		
THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS UNSAFE		
SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Alameda (N = 270)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	151	56%
Physical Harm	109	40%
Failure to Protect	63	23%
Butte (N = 81)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	57	70%
Hazardous Living Conditions	39	48%
Physical Harm	30	37%
Calaveras (N = 27)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	15	56%
Physical Harm	14	52%
Failure to Protect	12	44%
Contra Costa (N = 129)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	57	44%
Physical Harm	51	40%
Failure to Protect	41	32%
El Dorado (N = 32)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	18	56%
Physical Harm	16	50%
Failure to Protect	11	34%
Fresno (N = 464)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	235	51%
Physical Harm	167	36%
Failure to Protect	128	28%
Humboldt (N = 63)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	34	54%
Previous Maltreatment	26	41%
Physical Harm	20	32%

TABLE 9

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS UNSAFE**

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Imperial (N = 93)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	54	58%
Physical Harm	40	43%
Failure to Protect	21	23%
Kern (N = 320)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	182	57%
Physical Harm	134	42%
Hazardous Living Conditions	109	34%
Kings (N = 70)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	44	63%
Physical Harm	24	34%
Failure to Protect	19	27%
Los Angeles (N = 1,379)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	692	50%
Physical Harm	581	42%
Failure to Protect	317	23%
Madera (N = 65)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	36	55%
Physical Harm	24	37%
Hazardous Living Conditions	15	23%
Failure to Protect	15	23%
Mendocino (N = 38)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	29	76%
Failure to Protect	18	47%
Hazardous Living Conditions	17	45%
Merced (N = 124)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	92	74%
Physical Harm	55	44%
Failure to Protect	40	32%
Monterey (N = 62)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	42	68%
Physical Harm	21	34%
Failure to Protect	15	24%

TABLE 9

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS UNSAFE**

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Orange (N = 591)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	279	47%
Physical Harm	257	43%
Failure to Protect	106	18%
Placer (N = 57)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	37	65%
Physical Harm	17	30%
Failure to Protect	14	25%
Riverside (N = 564)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	322	57%
Physical Harm	280	50%
Failure to Protect	170	30%
Sacramento (N = 280)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	143	51%
Physical Harm	121	43%
Failure to Protect	54	19%
Hazardous Living Conditions	54	19%
San Bernardino (N = 968)		
Physical Harm	497	51%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	494	51%
Previous Maltreatment	316	33%
San Diego (N = 337)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	170	50%
Physical Harm	146	43%
Hazardous Living Conditions	62	18%
San Francisco (N = 144)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	94	65%
Physical Harm	51	35%
Failure to Protect	19	13%
San Joaquin (N = 204)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	100	49%
Physical Harm	77	38%
Hazardous Living Conditions	42	21%

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**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS UNSAFE**

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
San Luis Obispo (N = 73)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	51	70%
Failure to Protect	25	34%
Physical Harm	24	33%
Santa Mateo (N = 36)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	23	64%
Physical Harm	11	31%
Failure to Protect	8	22%
Santa Barbara (N = 49)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	28	57%
Physical Harm	22	45%
Failure to Protect	14	29%
Santa Clara (N = 101)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	58	57%
Physical Harm	37	37%
Failure to Protect	29	29%
Santa Cruz (N = 36)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	21	58%
Physical Harm	12	33%
Previous Maltreatment	11	31%
Shasta (N = 108)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	64	59%
Previous Maltreatment	45	42%
Physical Harm	44	41%
Siskiyou (N = 32)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	20	63%
Physical Harm	11	34%
Hazardous Living Conditions	7	22%
Solano (N = 61)		
Physical Harm	35	57%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	27	44%
Failure to Protect	21	34%

TABLE 9

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS UNSAFE**

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Sonoma (N = 63)		
Physical Harm	34	54%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	28	44%
Previous Maltreatment	19	30%
Stanislaus (N = 79)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	33	42%
Previous Maltreatment	33	42%
Physical Harm	31	39%
Failure to Protect	19	24%
Tehama (N = 49)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	31	63%
Physical Harm	25	51%
Hazardous Living Conditions	14	29%
Tulare (N = 213)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	99	46%
Physical Harm	85	40%
Hazardous Living Conditions	54	25%
Ventura (N = 61)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	36	59%
Physical Harm	31	51%
Failure to Protect	12	20%
Yolo (N = 55)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	36	65%
Physical Harm	24	44%
Failure to Protect	15	27%
Yuba (N = 29)		
Physical Harm	14	48%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	12	41%
Physical Harm	9	31%
Hazardous Living Conditions	9	31%
COMBINED (N = 7,627; includes all safety threats on the assessment and all counties in the state)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	4,069	53%
Physical Harm	3,269	43%
Failure to Protect	1,874	25%

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Of substantiated (31,844) or inconclusive (70,950) investigations in 2022, 97,610 (95%) had a risk assessment completed. Referrals overridden to an in-person response on the hotline tool were excluded from the risk assessment completion rate because, based on policy, no further SDM assessments are required on these referrals.

TABLE 10					
SDM RISK ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE: SUBSTANTIATED AND INCONCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIONS					
COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	950	95%	53	5%	1,003
Amador	59	50%	58	50%	117
Butte	425	82%	91	18%	516
Calaveras	154	99%	1	1%	155
Colusa	51	70%	22	30%	73
Contra Costa	874	91%	86	9%	960
Del Norte	200	>99%	1	<1%	201
El Dorado	433	94%	27	6%	460
Fresno	3,311	86%	523	14%	3,834
Glenn	157	95%	9	5%	166
Humboldt	353	98%	9	2%	362
Imperial	407	83%	83	17%	490
Kern	2,110	96%	80	4%	2,190
Kings	560	99%	7	1%	567
Lake	221	85%	38	15%	259
Lassen	67	99%	1	1%	68
Los Angeles	34,933	98%	684	2%	35,617
Madera	698	96%	29	4%	727
Marin	271	90%	29	10%	300
Mendocino	505	91%	52	9%	557
Merced	429	64%	243	36%	672
Modoc	88	83%	18	17%	106
Monterey	389	84%	72	16%	461
Napa	268	96%	12	4%	280
Nevada	138	97%	4	3%	142

TABLE 10

**SDM RISK ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE:
SUBSTANTIATED AND INCONCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Orange	6,091	98%	114	2%	6,205
Placer	552	96%	23	4%	575
Plumas	25	56%	20	44%	45
Riverside	8,568	94%	517	6%	9,085
Sacramento	4,372	94%	291	6%	4,663
San Benito	83	100%	0	0%	83
San Bernardino	4,826	87%	750	13%	5,576
San Diego	7,911	97%	285	3%	8,196
San Francisco	546	91%	53	9%	599
San Joaquin	2,190	99%	32	1%	2,222
San Luis Obispo	633	98%	10	2%	643
San Mateo	570	85%	103	15%	673
Santa Barbara	1,449	98%	35	2%	1,484
Santa Clara	3,239	96%	139	4%	3,378
Santa Cruz	514	98%	12	2%	526
Shasta	949	>99%	2	<1%	951
Siskiyou	293	100%	0	0%	293
Solano	417	84%	79	16%	496
Sonoma	775	88%	107	12%	882
Stanislaus	1,728	98%	27	2%	1,755
Sutter	198	87%	29	13%	227
Tehama	192	82%	41	18%	233
Trinity	48	91%	5	9%	53
Tulare	1,458	98%	28	2%	1,486
Tuolumne	146	94%	9	6%	155
Ventura	1,215	94%	76	6%	1,291
Yolo	282	73%	102	27%	384
Yuba	234	85%	41	15%	275
Total	97,610	95%	5,184	5%	102,794

TABLE 11

FINAL SDM RISK LEVEL

COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	177	19%	451	47%	223	23%	99	10%	950
Amador	4	7%	29	49%	14	24%	12	20%	59
Butte	50	12%	157	37%	145	34%	73	17%	425
Calaveras	21	14%	64	42%	44	29%	25	16%	154
Colusa	13	25%	28	55%	6	12%	4	8%	51
Contra Costa	152	17%	418	48%	224	26%	80	9%	874
Del Norte	17	9%	91	46%	66	33%	26	13%	200
El Dorado	59	14%	208	48%	118	27%	48	11%	433
Fresno	632	19%	1,531	46%	852	26%	296	9%	3,311
Glenn	12	8%	66	42%	44	28%	35	22%	157
Humboldt	46	13%	130	37%	110	31%	67	19%	353
Imperial	98	24%	187	46%	84	21%	38	9%	407
Kern	182	9%	826	39%	706	33%	396	19%	2,110
Kings	110	20%	258	46%	154	28%	38	7%	560
Lake	43	19%	95	43%	70	32%	13	6%	221
Lassen	9	13%	31	46%	19	28%	8	12%	67
Los Angeles	6,186	18%	15,975	46%	9,568	27%	3,204	9%	34,933
Madera	135	19%	345	49%	188	27%	30	4%	698
Marin	65	24%	138	51%	53	20%	15	6%	271
Mendocino	88	17%	212	42%	148	29%	57	11%	505
Merced	78	18%	229	53%	84	20%	38	9%	429
Modoc	17	19%	44	50%	17	19%	10	11%	88
Monterey	74	19%	170	44%	105	27%	40	10%	389
Napa	49	18%	139	52%	59	22%	21	8%	268
Nevada	22	16%	65	47%	34	25%	17	12%	138
Orange	1,406	23%	2,828	46%	1,458	24%	399	7%	6,091
Placer	102	18%	271	49%	133	24%	46	8%	552
Plumas	3	12%	14	56%	3	12%	5	20%	25
Riverside	1,615	19%	4,208	49%	2,051	24%	694	8%	8,568
Sacramento	659	15%	2,194	50%	1,179	27%	340	8%	4,372
San Benito	13	16%	54	65%	10	12%	6	7%	83
San Bernardino	858	18%	2,236	46%	1,162	24%	570	12%	4,826
San Diego	1,480	19%	3,823	48%	1,998	25%	610	8%	7,911

TABLE 11

FINAL SDM RISK LEVEL

COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Francisco	73	13%	211	39%	193	35%	69	13%	546
San Joaquin	578	26%	1,095	50%	400	18%	117	5%	2,190
San Luis Obispo	63	10%	253	40%	224	35%	93	15%	633
San Mateo	146	26%	292	51%	95	17%	37	6%	570
Santa Barbara	323	22%	722	50%	293	20%	111	8%	1,449
Santa Clara	751	23%	1,646	51%	636	20%	206	6%	3,239
Santa Cruz	68	13%	240	47%	156	30%	50	10%	514
Shasta	95	10%	441	46%	274	29%	139	15%	949
Siskiyou	53	18%	132	45%	84	29%	24	8%	293
Solano	77	18%	199	48%	84	20%	57	14%	417
Sonoma	111	14%	412	53%	193	25%	59	8%	775
Stanislaus	352	20%	1,004	58%	276	16%	96	6%	1,728
Sutter	67	34%	102	52%	20	10%	9	5%	198
Tehama	19	10%	73	38%	65	34%	35	18%	192
Trinity	4	8%	23	48%	17	35%	4	8%	48
Tulare	195	13%	643	44%	450	31%	170	12%	1,458
Tuolumne	13	9%	67	46%	55	38%	11	8%	146
Ventura	209	17%	610	50%	297	24%	99	8%	1,215
Yolo	34	12%	141	50%	63	22%	44	16%	282
Yuba	42	18%	134	57%	43	18%	15	6%	234
Total	17,752	18%	45,973	47%	25,069	26%	8,816	9%	97,610

TABLE 12

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	876	92%	37	4%	37	4%	950
Amador	52	88%	7	12%	0	0%	59
Butte	404	95%	8	2%	13	3%	425
Calaveras	153	99%	0	0%	1	1%	154
Colusa	48	94%	2	4%	1	2%	51
Contra Costa	824	94%	22	3%	28	3%	874
Del Norte	197	99%	2	1%	1	1%	200
El Dorado	423	98%	5	1%	5	1%	433
Fresno	3,211	97%	53	2%	47	1%	3,311
Glenn	156	99%	0	0%	1	1%	157
Humboldt	334	95%	7	2%	12	3%	353
Imperial	395	97%	3	1%	9	2%	407
Kern	2,016	96%	61	3%	33	2%	2,110
Kings	547	98%	6	1%	7	1%	560
Lake	219	99%	2	1%	0	0%	221
Lassen	67	100%	0	0%	0	0%	67
Los Angeles	32,859	94%	377	1%	1,697	5%	34,933
Madera	690	99%	4	1%	4	1%	698
Marin	262	97%	1	<1%	8	3%	271
Mendocino	499	99%	4	1%	2	<1%	505
Merced	409	95%	11	3%	9	2%	429
Modoc	88	100%	0	0%	0	0%	88
Monterey	369	95%	13	3%	7	2%	389
Napa	262	98%	5	2%	1	<1%	268
Nevada	135	98%	3	2%	0	0%	138
Orange	5,713	94%	73	1%	305	5%	6,091
Placer	534	97%	6	1%	12	2%	552
Plumas	25	100%	0	0%	0	0%	25
Riverside	8,241	96%	139	2%	188	2%	8,568
Sacramento	4,279	98%	30	1%	63	1%	4,372
San Benito	78	94%	3	4%	2	2%	83
San Bernardino	4,493	93%	138	3%	195	4%	4,826

TABLE 12

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Diego	7,717	98%	89	1%	105	1%	7,911
San Francisco	491	90%	18	3%	37	7%	546
San Joaquin	2,114	97%	24	1%	52	2%	2,190
San Luis Obispo	609	96%	12	2%	12	2%	633
San Mateo	558	98%	10	2%	2	<1%	570
Santa Barbara	1,424	98%	9	1%	16	1%	1,449
Santa Clara	3,174	98%	19	1%	46	1%	3,239
Santa Cruz	500	97%	9	2%	5	1%	514
Shasta	910	96%	16	2%	23	2%	949
Siskiyou	288	98%	2	1%	3	1%	293
Solano	400	96%	11	3%	6	1%	417
Sonoma	748	97%	18	2%	9	1%	775
Stanislaus	1,680	97%	9	1%	39	2%	1,728
Sutter	190	96%	4	2%	4	2%	198
Tehama	187	97%	2	1%	3	2%	192
Trinity	47	98%	1	2%	0	0%	48
Tulare	1,419	97%	24	2%	15	1%	1,458
Tuolumne	142	97%	1	1%	3	2%	146
Ventura	1,169	96%	15	1%	31	3%	1,215
Yolo	274	97%	5	2%	3	1%	282
Yuba	228	97%	1	<1%	5	2%	234
Total	93,181	95%	1,321	1%	3,108	3%	97,610

SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT FINDINGS

The analysis examined whether workers completed a reunification reassessment within six or nine months of the start of a child’s family reunification (FR) services. Placement episodes lasting less than eight days were excluded from the analysis; probate guardianship, Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program, and Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children placement episodes were also excluded. Note that the dates on which these started and whether the youth reached their 18th birthday were considered for the 2021 trend. Placement episodes with FR services active less than nine months—and still open as of the extract date during each year examined (e.g., the extract for the current year was February 15, 2023)—were excluded to allow equal opportunity (i.e., at least nine months) to complete the reunification reassessment.

TABLE 13

SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	191	73%	23	9%	49	19%	263
Butte	17	11%	18	11%	122	78%	157
Calaveras	5	12%	17	41%	19	46%	41
Contra Costa	28	11%	39	16%	182	73%	249
Del Norte	18	49%	3	8%	16	43%	37
El Dorado	2	4%	13	27%	34	69%	49
Fresno	5	<1%	6	1%	1,062	99%	1,073
Humboldt	11	14%	22	28%	45	58%	78
Imperial	13	9%	20	14%	106	76%	139
Kern	105	11%	272	30%	544	59%	921
Kings	54	38%	30	21%	59	41%	143
Lassen	0	0%	6	19%	26	81%	32
Los Angeles	1,628	27%	2,281	38%	2,090	35%	5,999
Madera	20	13%	55	35%	83	53%	158
Marin	2	8%	6	24%	17	68%	25
Mendocino	1	1%	3	3%	87	96%	91
Merced	60	21%	84	29%	143	50%	287
Monterey	12	27%	1	2%	32	71%	45

TABLE 13							
SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE							
COUNTY	COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Napa	20	47%	15	35%	8	19%	43
Orange	81	8%	304	30%	631	62%	1,016
Placer	27	27%	28	28%	46	46%	101
Riverside	202	15%	185	13%	996	72%	1,383
Sacramento	34	6%	121	21%	430	74%	585
San Bernardino	287	13%	805	37%	1,110	50%	2,202
San Diego	106	12%	290	34%	453	53%	849
San Francisco	28	12%	69	29%	137	59%	234
San Joaquin	10	2%	105	23%	346	75%	461
San Luis Obispo	24	30%	19	24%	37	46%	80
Santa Barbara	64	35%	10	5%	108	59%	182
Santa Clara	102	60%	18	11%	50	29%	170
Santa Cruz	34	76%	0	0%	11	24%	45
Shasta	13	8%	29	17%	127	75%	169
Siskiyou	23	64%	4	11%	9	25%	36
Solano	57	36%	41	26%	61	38%	159
Sonoma	22	14%	0	0%	140	86%	162
Stanislaus	20	10%	85	41%	100	49%	205
Sutter	2	3%	6	10%	54	87%	62
Tehama	9	23%	0	0%	31	78%	40
Tulare	30	8%	115	29%	245	63%	390
Ventura	68	31%	37	17%	117	53%	222
Yolo	2	1%	0	0%	150	99%	152
Yuba	7	11%	0	0%	54	89%	61
Total	3,531	19%	5,210	27%	10,276	54%	19,017

Note: There were two removals in 2021 that had no initial recommendation in the reunification reassessment; these were excluded from this analysis.

In 2021, 8,741 children had a reunification reassessment completed within six or nine months of the start of FR services.

TABLE 14							
SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN RECOMMENDATION							
COUNTY	CONTINUE SERVICES		TERMINATE SERVICES		RETURN HOME		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	122	57%	65	30%	27	13%	214
Butte	20	57%	8	23%	7	20%	35
Contra Costa	36	54%	11	16%	20	30%	67
Humboldt	23	70%	4	12%	6	18%	33
Imperial	22	67%	7	21%	4	12%	33
Kern	175	46%	144	38%	58	15%	377
Kings	39	46%	19	23%	26	31%	84
Los Angeles	2,690	69%	728	19%	491	13%	3,909
Madera	43	57%	11	15%	21	28%	75
Merced	77	53%	22	15%	45	31%	144
Napa	17	49%	10	29%	8	23%	35
Orange	241	63%	96	25%	48	12%	385
Placer	36	65%	14	25%	5	9%	55
Riverside	234	60%	60	16%	93	24%	387
Sacramento	100	65%	29	19%	26	17%	155
San Bernardino	696	64%	167	15%	229	21%	1,092
San Diego	260	66%	107	27%	29	7%	396
San Francisco	48	49%	27	28%	22	23%	97
San Joaquin	75	65%	26	23%	14	12%	115
San Luis Obispo	24	56%	9	21%	10	23%	43
Santa Barbara	48	65%	13	18%	13	18%	74
Santa Clara	76	63%	25	21%	19	16%	120
Santa Cruz	19	56%	5	15%	10	29%	34
Shasta	16	38%	15	36%	11	26%	42
Siskiyou	17	63%	2	7%	8	30%	27
Solano	67	68%	22	22%	9	9%	98
Stanislaus	79	75%	23	22%	3	3%	105
Tulare	92	63%	41	28%	12	8%	145
Ventura	63	60%	25	24%	17	16%	105
Total	5,590	64%	1,806	21%	1,345	15%	8,741

Note: There were two removals in 2021 that had no initial recommendation in the reunification reassessment; these were excluded from this analysis.

TABLE 15

SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN OVERRIDE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	172	80%	25	12%	17	8%	214
Butte	29	83%	6	17%	0	0%	35
Contra Costa	59	88%	6	9%	2	3%	67
Humboldt	31	94%	0	0%	2	6%	33
Imperial	32	97%	0	0%	1	3%	33
Kern	310	82%	40	11%	27	7%	377
Kings	76	90%	4	5%	4	5%	84
Los Angeles	3,423	88%	261	7%	225	6%	3,909
Madera	60	80%	11	15%	4	5%	75
Merced	123	85%	14	10%	7	5%	144
Napa	29	83%	4	11%	2	6%	35
Orange	294	76%	64	17%	27	7%	385
Placer	42	76%	8	15%	5	9%	55
Riverside	342	88%	35	9%	10	3%	387
Sacramento	135	87%	16	10%	4	3%	155
San Bernardino	899	82%	155	14%	38	3%	1,092
San Diego	321	81%	54	14%	21	5%	396
San Francisco	83	86%	10	10%	4	4%	97
San Joaquin	84	73%	14	12%	17	15%	115
San Luis Obispo	31	72%	10	23%	2	5%	43
Santa Barbara	69	93%	5	7%	0	0%	74
Santa Clara	97	81%	16	13%	7	6%	120
Santa Cruz	30	88%	4	12%	0	0%	34
Shasta	31	74%	6	14%	5	12%	42
Siskiyou	26	96%	0	0%	1	4%	27
Solano	82	84%	13	13%	3	3%	98
Stanislaus	79	75%	18	17%	8	8%	105
Tulare	120	83%	19	13%	6	4%	145
Ventura	79	75%	19	18%	7	7%	105
Total	7,408	85%	862	10%	471	5%	8,741

SDM RISK REASSESSMENT FINDINGS

This analysis examined whether children whose cases began in family maintenance (FM) services received a completed risk reassessment within six or nine months of their FM services starting. Children who were included received FM services for at least nine months or for the life of a case that was active for less than nine months.

TABLE 16							
SDM RISK REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE							
COUNTY	COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		NOT COMPLETED OR COMPLETED AFTER NINE MONTHS		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	139	48%	85	29%	65	22%	289
Contra Costa	79	46%	31	18%	61	36%	171
El Dorado	1	2%	1	2%	53	96%	55
Fresno	211	81%	7	3%	42	16%	260
Glenn	3	12%	9	36%	13	52%	25
Humboldt	25	31%	15	19%	41	51%	81
Imperial	22	54%	3	7%	16	39%	41
Kern	44	30%	50	34%	51	35%	145
Kings	10	21%	8	17%	30	63%	48
Los Angeles	1,717	25%	3,072	46%	1,959	29%	6,748
Madera	86	65%	19	14%	27	20%	132
Marin	15	44%	12	35%	7	21%	34
Mendocino	2	5%	0	0%	35	95%	37
Merced	19	27%	29	41%	22	31%	70
Monterey	88	74%	28	24%	3	3%	119
Napa	30	56%	9	17%	15	28%	54
Orange	181	26%	230	33%	289	41%	700
Placer	25	54%	8	17%	13	28%	46
Riverside	352	28%	229	18%	689	54%	1,270
Sacramento	391	79%	46	9%	60	12%	497
San Bernardino	180	30%	121	20%	300	50%	601
San Diego	244	45%	160	29%	140	26%	544
San Francisco	43	22%	89	45%	66	33%	198

TABLE 16							
SDM RISK REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE							
COUNTY	COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		NOT COMPLETED OR COMPLETED AFTER NINE MONTHS		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Joaquin	8	14%	25	42%	26	44%	59
San Luis Obispo	13	33%	6	15%	21	53%	40
San Mateo	30	41%	24	33%	19	26%	73
Santa Barbara	78	71%	21	19%	11	10%	110
Santa Clara	301	66%	83	18%	70	15%	454
Solano	3	10%	10	33%	17	57%	30
Sonoma	75	41%	22	12%	87	47%	184
Stanislaus	146	82%	25	14%	6	3%	177
Tulare	29	24%	31	25%	62	51%	122
Ventura	131	84%	10	6%	15	10%	156
Yolo	1	3%	0	0%	34	97%	35
Total	4,785	35%	4,529	33%	4,521	33%	13,835

In 2021, 9,314 children whose cases began in FM services received a completed risk reassessment within six or nine months of their FM services starting.

TABLE 17									
SDM RISK REASSESSMENT LEVEL AFTER OVERRIDES									
COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	114	51%	94	42%	13	6%	3	1%	224
Contra Costa	37	34%	64	58%	9	8%	0	0%	110
Fresno	76	35%	125	57%	14	6%	3	1%	218
Humboldt	7	18%	30	75%	3	8%	0	0%	40
Imperial	3	12%	22	88%	0	0%	0	0%	25
Kern	18	19%	58	62%	11	12%	7	7%	94
Los Angeles	1,747	36%	2,270	47%	676	14%	96	2%	4,789
Madera	29	28%	58	55%	18	17%	0	0%	105
Marin	5	19%	20	74%	2	7%	0	0%	27
Merced	19	40%	28	58%	1	2%	0	0%	48

TABLE 17**SDM RISK REASSESSMENT LEVEL AFTER OVERRIDES**

COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Monterey	34	29%	53	46%	25	22%	4	3%	116
Napa	10	26%	26	67%	1	3%	2	5%	39
Orange	188	46%	168	41%	44	11%	11	3%	411
Placer	4	12%	25	76%	4	12%	0	0%	33
Riverside	220	38%	271	47%	69	12%	21	4%	581
Sacramento	136	31%	264	60%	34	8%	3	1%	437
San Bernardino	158	52%	134	45%	9	3%	0	0%	301
San Diego	85	21%	217	54%	91	23%	11	3%	404
San Francisco	47	36%	67	51%	15	11%	3	2%	132
San Joaquin	9	27%	21	64%	1	3%	2	6%	33
San Mateo	23	43%	24	44%	5	9%	2	4%	54
Santa Barbara	12	12%	73	74%	7	7%	7	7%	99
Santa Clara	112	29%	207	54%	58	15%	7	2%	384
Sonoma	22	23%	48	49%	27	28%	0	0%	97
Stanislaus	31	18%	94	55%	41	24%	5	3%	171
Tulare	23	38%	35	58%	2	3%	0	0%	60
Ventura	29	21%	59	42%	42	30%	11	8%	141
Total	3,220	35%	4,641	50%	1,249	13%	204	2%	9,314