

COMPARISON DATA

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE
STRUCTURED DECISION
MAKING® SYSTEM IN CHILD
WELFARE SERVICES
IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TABLE 1					
EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRALS					
CWS/CMS SCREENING DECISION					
COUNTY	ACCEPT		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	3,519	33%	7,293	67%	10,812
Alpine	9	35%	17	65%	26
Amador	255	42%	347	58%	602
Butte	868	23%	2,902	77%	3,770
Calaveras	305	38%	506	62%	811
Colusa	163	53%	142	47%	305
Contra Costa	3,342	51%	3,192	49%	6,534
Del Norte	354	45%	427	55%	781
El Dorado	819	43%	1,073	57%	1,892
Fresno	8,854	62%	5,381	38%	14,235
Glenn	359	44%	463	56%	822
Humboldt	889	30%	2,029	70%	2,918
Imperial	1,013	51%	971	49%	1,984
Inyo	225	48%	248	52%	473
Kern	4,127	36%	7,349	64%	11,476
Kings	952	50%	964	50%	1,916
Lake	466	40%	692	60%	1,158
Lassen	224	41%	317	59%	541
Los Angeles	43,307	65%	23,664	35%	66,971
Madera	1,795	67%	883	33%	2,678
Marin	365	36%	656	64%	1,021
Mariposa	87	61%	55	39%	142
Mendocino	955	55%	775	45%	1,730
Merced	1,905	49%	2,007	51%	3,912
Modoc	192	76%	59	24%	251
Mono	69	34%	135	66%	204
Monterey	1,992	44%	2,573	56%	4,565
Napa	624	49%	638	51%	1,262
Nevada	444	39%	708	61%	1,152
Orange	10,156	36%	17,936	64%	28,092

TABLE 1**EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRALS
CWS/CMS SCREENING DECISION**

COUNTY	ACCEPT		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Placer	1,092	29%	2,672	71%	3,764
Plumas	62	66%	32	34%	94
Riverside	22,228	82%	4,964	18%	27,192
Sacramento	9,533	48%	10,335	52%	19,868
San Benito	319	45%	384	55%	703
San Bernardino	18,466	77%	5,457	23%	23,923
San Diego	20,667	54%	17,732	46%	38,399
San Francisco	1,400	35%	2,567	65%	3,967
San Joaquin	3,682	42%	5,018	58%	8,700
San Luis Obispo	1,463	45%	1,778	55%	3,241
San Mateo	1,864	40%	2,809	60%	4,673
Santa Barbara	3,403	60%	2,314	40%	5,717
Santa Clara	6,062	67%	2,994	33%	9,056
Santa Cruz	833	37%	1,434	63%	2,267
Shasta	1,721	54%	1,454	46%	3,175
Siskiyou	424	60%	280	40%	704
Solano	2,103	47%	2,378	53%	4,481
Sonoma	1,776	41%	2,541	59%	4,317
Stanislaus	2,964	45%	3,646	55%	6,610
Sutter	324	30%	764	70%	1,088
Tehama	593	42%	810	58%	1,403
Trinity	106	51%	103	49%	209
Tulare	4,844	60%	3,174	40%	8,018
Tuolumne	329	41%	479	59%	808
Ventura	2,907	37%	5,032	63%	7,939
Yolo	723	38%	1,185	62%	1,908
Yuba	583	46%	678	54%	1,261
Total	199,113	54%	167,419	46%	366,532

TABLE 2

STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING® (SDM) SCREENING COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	10,473	97%	339	3%	10,812
Alpine	25	96%	1	4%	26
Amador	575	96%	27	4%	602
Butte	3,770	100%	0	0%	3,770
Calaveras	807	>99%	4	<1%	811
Colusa	289	95%	16	5%	305
Contra Costa	6,530	>99%	4	<1%	6,534
Del Norte	778	>99%	3	<1%	781
El Dorado	1,690	89%	202	11%	1,892
Fresno	13,069	92%	1,166	8%	14,235
Glenn	820	>99%	2	<1%	822
Humboldt	2,869	98%	49	2%	2,918
Imperial	1,748	88%	236	12%	1,984
Inyo	341	72%	132	28%	473
Kern	10,774	94%	702	6%	11,476
Kings	1,904	99%	12	1%	1,916
Lake	1,083	94%	75	6%	1,158
Lassen	537	99%	4	1%	541
Los Angeles	66,786	>99%	185	<1%	66,971
Madera	2,656	99%	22	1%	2,678
Marin	1,011	99%	10	1%	1,021
Mariposa	115	81%	27	19%	142
Mendocino	1,672	97%	58	3%	1,730
Merced	3,689	94%	223	6%	3,912
Modoc	246	98%	5	2%	251
Mono	204	100%	0	0%	204
Monterey	4,527	99%	38	1%	4,565
Napa	1,230	97%	32	3%	1,262
Nevada	1,119	97%	33	3%	1,152
Orange	27,662	98%	430	2%	28,092
Placer	3,726	99%	38	1%	3,764
Plumas	73	78%	21	22%	94
Riverside	26,974	99%	218	1%	27,192

TABLE 2

STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING® (SDM) SCREENING COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Sacramento	19,180	97%	688	3%	19,868
San Benito	697	99%	6	1%	703
San Bernardino	23,717	99%	206	1%	23,923
San Diego	37,652	98%	747	2%	38,399
San Francisco	3,910	99%	57	1%	3,967
San Joaquin	8,459	97%	241	3%	8,700
San Luis Obispo	3,147	97%	94	3%	3,241
San Mateo	4,416	95%	257	5%	4,673
Santa Barbara	5,717	100%	0	0%	5,717
Santa Clara	9,014	>99%	42	<1%	9,056
Santa Cruz	2,249	99%	18	1%	2,267
Shasta	3,172	>99%	3	<1%	3,175
Siskiyou	654	93%	50	7%	704
Solano	4,330	97%	151	3%	4,481
Sonoma	4,167	97%	150	3%	4,317
Stanislaus	6,269	95%	341	5%	6,610
Sutter	1,049	96%	39	4%	1,088
Tehama	1,395	99%	8	1%	1,403
Trinity	190	91%	19	9%	209
Tulare	7,175	89%	843	11%	8,018
Tuolumne	808	100%	0	0%	808
Ventura	7,939	100%	0	0%	7,939
Yolo	1,780	93%	128	7%	1,908
Yuba	929	74%	332	26%	1,261
Total	357,788	98%	8,744	2%	366,532

TABLE 3

FINAL SDM® SCREENING DECISION

COUNTY	IN-PERSON RESPONSE		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	3,327	32%	7,145	68%	10,472
Alpine	10	40%	15	60%	25
Amador	238	41%	337	59%	575
Butte	957	25%	2,813	75%	3,770
Calaveras	305	38%	502	62%	807
Colusa	165	57%	124	43%	289
Contra Costa	3,551	54%	2,979	46%	6,530
Del Norte	356	46%	422	54%	778
El Dorado	948	56%	742	44%	1,690
Fresno	10,116	77%	2,953	23%	13,069
Glenn	363	44%	456	56%	819
Humboldt	930	32%	1,939	68%	2,869
Imperial	1,016	58%	732	42%	1,748
Inyo	158	46%	183	54%	341
Kern	5,150	48%	5,623	52%	10,773
Kings	947	50%	957	50%	1,904
Lake	432	40%	651	60%	1,083
Lassen	220	41%	317	59%	537
Los Angeles	44,187	66%	22,589	34%	66,776
Madera	1,826	69%	830	31%	2,656
Marin	364	36%	647	64%	1,011
Mariposa	73	63%	42	37%	115
Mendocino	914	55%	758	45%	1,672
Merced	1,840	50%	1,849	50%	3,689
Modoc	195	79%	51	21%	246
Mono	72	35%	132	65%	204
Monterey	1,980	44%	2,546	56%	4,526
Napa	633	51%	597	49%	1,230
Nevada	442	39%	677	61%	1,119
Orange	10,004	36%	17,658	64%	27,662
Placer	1,627	44%	2,099	56%	3,726
Plumas	62	85%	11	15%	73
Riverside	23,991	89%	2,981	11%	26,972

TABLE 3					
FINAL SDM® SCREENING DECISION					
COUNTY	IN-PERSON RESPONSE		EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	
Sacramento	9,362	49%	9,818	51%	19,180
San Benito	327	47%	370	53%	697
San Bernardino	19,601	83%	4,112	17%	23,713
San Diego	21,222	56%	16,427	44%	37,649
San Francisco	1,402	36%	2,508	64%	3,910
San Joaquin	3,587	42%	4,872	58%	8,459
San Luis Obispo	1,496	48%	1,651	52%	3,147
San Mateo	1,880	43%	2,536	57%	4,416
Santa Barbara	3,654	64%	2,063	36%	5,717
Santa Clara	6,114	68%	2,900	32%	9,014
Santa Cruz	832	37%	1,417	63%	2,249
Shasta	1,723	54%	1,449	46%	3,172
Siskiyou	425	65%	229	35%	654
Solano	2,070	48%	2,259	52%	4,329
Sonoma	1,884	45%	2,283	55%	4,167
Stanislaus	2,987	48%	3,282	52%	6,269
Sutter	401	38%	648	62%	1,049
Tehama	601	43%	794	57%	1,395
Trinity	105	55%	85	45%	190
Tulare	4,338	60%	2,837	40%	7,175
Tuolumne	328	41%	480	59%	808
Ventura	2,908	37%	5,030	63%	7,938
Yolo	755	42%	1,025	58%	1,780
Yuba	538	58%	391	42%	929
Total	205,940	58%	151,823	42%	357,763

Note: There are 25 referrals that were excluded from this analysis due to the error of the initial screening decision.

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	8,456	95%	164	2%	281	3%	8,901
Amador	466	95%	12	2%	12	2%	490
Butte	3,618	97%	17	<1%	86	2%	3,721
Calaveras	673	92%	42	6%	20	3%	735
Colusa	228	89%	2	1%	26	10%	256
Contra Costa	6,129	99%	14	<1%	71	1%	6,214
Del Norte	658	89%	61	8%	23	3%	742
El Dorado	1,464	96%	7	<1%	51	3%	1,522
Fresno	10,950	87%	65	1%	1,603	13%	12,618
Glenn	654	95%	13	2%	20	3%	687
Humboldt	2,361	97%	51	2%	28	1%	2,440
Imperial	1,734	>99%	0	0%	1	<1%	1,735
Inyo	254	91%	2	1%	23	8%	279
Kern	10,285	97%	5	<1%	288	3%	10,578
Kings	1,641	97%	24	1%	30	2%	1,695
Lake	979	96%	17	2%	25	2%	1,021
Lassen	498	97%	3	1%	14	3%	515
Los Angeles	55,514	93%	1,028	2%	3,316	6%	59,858
Madera	2,077	91%	25	1%	170	7%	2,272
Marin	968	99%	10	1%	1	<1%	979
Mariposa	97	93%	3	3%	4	4%	104
Mendocino	1,426	98%	3	<1%	31	2%	1,460
Merced	3,592	99%	13	<1%	16	<1%	3,621
Modoc	228	97%	3	1%	3	1%	234
Mono	154	93%	0	0%	11	7%	165
Monterey	3,758	97%	20	1%	92	2%	3,870
Napa	1,093	97%	18	2%	18	2%	1,129
Nevada	925	92%	14	1%	62	6%	1,001
Orange	23,415	96%	94	<1%	831	3%	24,340
Placer	3,584	98%	1	<1%	71	2%	3,656
Plumas	65	89%	0	0%	8	11%	73

TABLE 4							
SDM SCREENING OVERRIDES							
COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IN-PERSON RESPONSE, NO CRITERIA SELECTED		OVERRIDE TO EVALUATE OUT		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Riverside	25,288	95%	669	3%	688	3%	26,645
Sacramento	17,425	98%	59	<1%	276	2%	17,760
San Benito	540	95%	2	<1%	25	4%	567
San Bernardino	22,442	98%	29	<1%	408	2%	22,879
San Diego	33,041	97%	408	1%	542	2%	33,991
San Francisco	3,434	97%	6	<1%	86	2%	3,526
San Joaquin	7,865	96%	277	3%	67	1%	8,209
San Luis Obispo	2,580	94%	4	<1%	156	6%	2,740
San Mateo	4,088	96%	106	2%	85	2%	4,279
Santa Barbara	4,908	91%	6	<1%	475	9%	5,389
Santa Clara	8,369	94%	58	1%	493	6%	8,920
Santa Cruz	2,220	>99%	0	0%	5	<1%	2,225
Shasta	3,022	96%	57	2%	64	2%	3,143
Siskiyou	601	98%	0	0%	13	2%	614
Solano	3,776	97%	71	2%	57	1%	3,904
Sonoma	3,924	98%	11	<1%	71	2%	4,006
Stanislaus	5,867	97%	44	1%	110	2%	6,021
Sutter	952	94%	10	1%	49	5%	1,011
Tehama	1,266	96%	14	1%	35	3%	1,315
Trinity	175	94%	6	3%	6	3%	187
Tulare	5,819	96%	98	2%	127	2%	6,044
Tuolumne	771	96%	1	<1%	31	4%	803
Ventura	5,944	88%	6	<1%	820	12%	6,770
Yolo	1,544	95%	29	2%	53	3%	1,626
Yuba	811	91%	17	2%	67	7%	895
Total	314,636	95%	3,719	1%	12,047	4%	330,402

Note: There are 25 referrals that were excluded from this analysis due to errors in the initial screening decision.

TABLE 5

FINAL SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY LEVEL

COUNTY	IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	1,445	46%	1,718	54%	3,163
Amador	87	38%	139	62%	226
Butte	283	30%	657	70%	940
Calaveras	105	40%	158	60%	263
Colusa	29	18%	134	82%	163
Contra Costa	416	12%	3,121	88%	3,537
Del Norte	55	19%	240	81%	295
El Dorado	146	16%	795	84%	941
Fresno	2,792	28%	7,259	72%	10,051
Glenn	75	21%	275	79%	350
Humboldt	138	16%	741	84%	879
Imperial	273	27%	743	73%	1,016
Inyo	49	31%	107	69%	156
Kern	1,529	30%	3,616	70%	5,145
Kings	385	42%	538	58%	923
Lake	90	22%	325	78%	415
Lassen	75	35%	142	65%	217
Los Angeles	8,530	20%	34,629	80%	43,159
Madera	494	27%	1,307	73%	1,801
Marin	76	21%	278	79%	354
Mariposa	22	31%	48	69%	70
Mendocino	237	26%	674	74%	911
Merced	749	41%	1,078	59%	1,827
Modoc	65	34%	127	66%	192
Mono	12	17%	60	83%	72
Monterey	649	33%	1,311	67%	1,960
Napa	184	30%	431	70%	615
Nevada	76	18%	352	82%	428
Orange	1,869	19%	8,041	81%	9,910
Placer	160	10%	1,466	90%	1,626
Plumas	10	16%	52	84%	62
Riverside	3,545	15%	19,777	85%	23,322
Sacramento	2,926	31%	6,377	69%	9,303

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FINAL SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY LEVEL

COUNTY	IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	
San Benito	66	20%	259	80%	325
San Bernardino	2,210	11%	17,362	89%	19,572
San Diego	9,298	45%	11,516	55%	20,814
San Francisco	682	49%	714	51%	1,396
San Joaquin	899	27%	2,411	73%	3,310
San Luis Obispo	356	24%	1,136	76%	1,492
San Mateo	420	24%	1,354	76%	1,774
Santa Barbara	570	16%	3,078	84%	3,648
Santa Clara	1,667	28%	4,389	72%	6,056
Santa Cruz	122	15%	710	85%	832
Shasta	175	11%	1,491	89%	1,666
Siskiyou	90	21%	335	79%	425
Solano	601	30%	1,398	70%	1,999
Sonoma	584	31%	1,289	69%	1,873
Stanislaus	905	31%	2,038	69%	2,943
Sutter	99	25%	292	75%	391
Tehama	96	16%	491	84%	587
Trinity	22	22%	77	78%	99
Tulare	1,573	37%	2,667	63%	4,240
Tuolumne	40	12%	287	88%	327
Ventura	547	19%	2,355	81%	2,902
Yolo	234	32%	492	68%	726
Yuba	216	41%	305	59%	521
Total	49,050	24%	153,171	76%	202,221

*Five days in Los Angeles County.

Note: There are two referrals excluded from this analysis due to the response priority errors.

TABLE 6

SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		OVERRIDE TO 10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	2,874	91%	142	4%	147	5%	3,163
Amador	192	85%	16	7%	18	8%	226
Butte	909	97%	24	3%	7	1%	940
Calaveras	231	88%	11	4%	21	8%	263
Colusa	157	96%	5	3%	1	1%	163
Contra Costa	3,406	96%	54	2%	77	2%	3,537
Del Norte	279	95%	6	2%	10	3%	295
El Dorado	908	96%	10	1%	23	2%	941
Fresno	9,654	96%	156	2%	241	2%	10,051
Glenn	336	96%	11	3%	3	1%	350
Humboldt	826	94%	13	1%	40	5%	879
Imperial	978	96%	38	4%	0	0%	1,016
Inyo	138	88%	14	9%	4	3%	156
Kern	4,339	84%	618	12%	188	4%	5,145
Kings	876	95%	28	3%	19	2%	923
Lake	364	88%	14	3%	37	9%	415
Lassen	203	94%	11	5%	3	1%	217
Los Angeles	38,076	88%	1,209	3%	3,874	9%	43,159
Madera	1,666	93%	90	5%	45	2%	1,801
Marin	328	93%	3	1%	23	6%	354
Mariposa	63	90%	4	6%	3	4%	70
Mendocino	857	94%	32	4%	22	2%	911
Merced	1,638	90%	173	9%	16	1%	1,827
Modoc	179	93%	10	5%	3	2%	192
Mono	70	97%	0	0%	2	3%	72
Monterey	1,756	90%	85	4%	119	6%	1,960
Napa	569	93%	33	5%	13	2%	615
Nevada	407	95%	14	3%	7	2%	428
Orange	9,000	91%	182	2%	728	7%	9,910
Placer	1,593	98%	24	1%	9	1%	1,626
Plumas	47	76%	1	2%	14	23%	62
Riverside	22,275	96%	519	2%	528	2%	23,322

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COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		OVERRIDE TO IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS		OVERRIDE TO 10 DAYS*		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Sacramento	8,504	91%	200	2%	599	6%	9,303
San Benito	309	95%	7	2%	9	3%	325
San Bernardino	18,554	95%	414	2%	604	3%	19,572
San Diego	18,878	91%	950	5%	986	5%	20,814
San Francisco	1,308	94%	46	3%	42	3%	1,396
San Joaquin	3,023	91%	76	2%	211	6%	3,310
San Luis Obispo	1,403	94%	40	3%	49	3%	1,492
San Mateo	1,592	90%	36	2%	146	8%	1,774
Santa Barbara	3,480	95%	97	3%	71	2%	3,648
Santa Clara	5,057	84%	269	4%	730	12%	6,056
Santa Cruz	820	99%	0	0%	12	1%	832
Shasta	1,529	92%	19	1%	118	7%	1,666
Siskiyou	404	95%	17	4%	4	1%	425
Solano	1,861	93%	61	3%	77	4%	1,999
Sonoma	1,724	92%	48	3%	101	5%	1,873
Stanislaus	2,694	92%	185	6%	64	2%	2,943
Sutter	362	93%	23	6%	6	2%	391
Tehama	532	91%	28	5%	27	5%	587
Trinity	96	97%	1	1%	2	2%	99
Tulare	3,923	93%	264	6%	53	1%	4,240
Tuolumne	322	98%	2	1%	3	1%	327
Ventura	2,757	95%	78	3%	67	2%	2,902
Yolo	683	94%	29	4%	14	2%	726
Yuba	438	84%	71	14%	12	2%	521
Total	185,457	92%	6,512	3%	10,252	5%	202,221

*Five days in Los Angeles County.

Note: There are two referrals excluded from this analysis due to the response priority errors.

TABLE 7

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	2,413	74%	851	26%	3,264
Amador	97	41%	137	59%	234
Butte	545	68%	251	32%	796
Calaveras	235	84%	44	16%	279
Colusa	105	70%	45	30%	150
Contra Costa	2,477	80%	637	20%	3,114
Del Norte	262	87%	39	13%	301
El Dorado	599	85%	106	15%	705
Fresno	6,094	77%	1,777	23%	7,871
Glenn	260	83%	54	17%	314
Humboldt	634	76%	196	24%	830
Imperial	605	71%	251	29%	856
Inyo	93	43%	125	57%	218
Kern	3,273	89%	396	11%	3,669
Kings	814	92%	73	8%	887
Lake	281	75%	93	25%	374
Lassen	160	79%	42	21%	202
Los Angeles	35,159	88%	4,939	12%	40,098
Madera	1,295	89%	163	11%	1,458
Marin	286	84%	53	16%	339
Mariposa	53	66%	27	34%	80
Mendocino	629	71%	251	29%	880
Merced	1,476	83%	303	17%	1,779
Modoc	158	85%	27	15%	185
Mono	57	84%	11	16%	68
Monterey	1,345	73%	502	27%	1,847
Napa	518	89%	67	11%	585
Nevada	250	67%	121	33%	371
Orange	8,591	89%	1,047	11%	9,638
Placer	873	88%	115	12%	988
Plumas	40	71%	16	29%	56
Riverside	17,645	85%	3,091	15%	20,736
Sacramento	7,440	86%	1,168	14%	8,608

TABLE 7**SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE**

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
San Benito	278	91%	27	9%	305
San Bernardino	13,384	83%	2,685	17%	16,069
San Diego	15,974	86%	2,560	14%	18,534
San Francisco	1,176	92%	108	8%	1,284
San Joaquin	3,022	89%	357	11%	3,379
San Luis Obispo	1,218	88%	160	12%	1,378
San Mateo	1,358	77%	396	23%	1,754
Santa Barbara	2,738	89%	352	11%	3,090
Santa Clara	5,242	91%	495	9%	5,737
Santa Cruz	673	87%	104	13%	777
Shasta	1,511	92%	137	8%	1,648
Siskiyou	348	87%	51	13%	399
Solano	1,404	75%	461	25%	1,865
Sonoma	1,398	86%	230	14%	1,628
Stanislaus	2,345	83%	479	17%	2,824
Sutter	258	91%	27	9%	285
Tehama	510	91%	53	9%	563
Trinity	88	94%	6	6%	94
Tulare	3,337	75%	1,101	25%	4,438
Tuolumne	277	97%	9	3%	286
Ventura	2,393	87%	344	13%	2,737
Yolo	542	80%	138	20%	680
Yuba	418	76%	129	24%	547
Total	154,662	85%	27,436	15%	182,098

TABLE 8

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

COUNTY	SAFE		SAFE WITH PLAN		UNSAFE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	1,896	79%	232	10%	285	12%	2,413
Amador	65	67%	12	12%	20	21%	97
Butte	291	53%	169	31%	85	16%	545
Calaveras	173	74%	33	14%	29	12%	235
Colusa	75	71%	23	22%	7	7%	105
Contra Costa	1,958	79%	384	16%	135	5%	2,477
Del Norte	209	80%	32	12%	21	8%	262
El Dorado	413	69%	156	26%	30	5%	599
Fresno	4,930	81%	625	10%	539	9%	6,094
Glenn	202	78%	36	14%	22	8%	260
Humboldt	549	87%	40	6%	45	7%	634
Imperial	457	76%	79	13%	69	11%	605
Inyo	60	65%	29	31%	4	4%	93
Kern	2,466	75%	448	14%	359	11%	3,273
Kings	625	77%	121	15%	68	8%	814
Lake	207	74%	56	20%	18	6%	281
Lassen	108	68%	31	19%	21	13%	160
Los Angeles	28,608	81%	5,065	14%	1,486	4%	35,159
Madera	1,092	84%	118	9%	85	7%	1,295
Marin	198	69%	73	26%	15	5%	286
Mariposa	40	75%	10	19%	3	6%	53
Mendocino	499	79%	87	14%	43	7%	629
Merced	1,085	74%	266	18%	125	8%	1,476
Modoc	129	82%	20	13%	9	6%	158
Mono	40	70%	15	26%	2	4%	57
Monterey	1,061	79%	246	18%	38	3%	1,345
Napa	454	88%	46	9%	18	3%	518
Nevada	210	84%	12	5%	28	11%	250
Orange	6,903	80%	1,149	13%	539	6%	8,591
Placer	718	82%	98	11%	57	7%	873
Plumas	17	43%	18	45%	5	13%	40
Riverside	15,383	87%	1,775	10%	487	3%	17,645
Sacramento	5,520	74%	1,610	22%	310	4%	7,440

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SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

COUNTY	SAFE		SAFE WITH PLAN		UNSAFE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Benito	238	86%	28	10%	12	4%	278
San Bernardino	11,558	86%	698	5%	1,128	8%	13,384
San Diego	13,727	86%	1,848	12%	399	2%	15,974
San Francisco	728	62%	344	29%	104	9%	1,176
San Joaquin	2,651	88%	183	6%	188	6%	3,022
San Luis Obispo	930	76%	239	20%	49	4%	1,218
San Mateo	1,202	89%	142	10%	14	1%	1,358
Santa Barbara	2,545	93%	114	4%	79	3%	2,738
Santa Clara	4,746	91%	360	7%	136	3%	5,242
Santa Cruz	528	78%	116	17%	29	4%	673
Shasta	1,033	68%	378	25%	100	7%	1,511
Siskiyou	300	86%	24	7%	24	7%	348
Solano	1,165	83%	134	10%	105	7%	1,404
Sonoma	1,038	74%	275	20%	85	6%	1,398
Stanislaus	2,036	87%	213	9%	96	4%	2,345
Sutter	183	71%	53	21%	22	9%	258
Tehama	385	75%	95	19%	30	6%	510
Trinity	49	56%	30	34%	9	10%	88
Tulare	2,580	77%	584	18%	173	5%	3,337
Tuolumne	198	71%	54	19%	25	9%	277
Ventura	2,063	86%	236	10%	94	4%	2,393
Yolo	296	55%	193	36%	53	10%	542
Yuba	175	42%	189	45%	54	13%	418
Total	127,002	82%	19,645	13%	8,015	5%	154,662

TABLE 9

THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN REMOVAL HOUSEHOLDS

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Alameda (N = 285)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	155	54%
Physical Harm	126	44%
Failure to Protect	78	27%
Butte (N = 85)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	53	62%
Hazardous Living Conditions	45	53%
Physical Harm	39	46%
Calaveras (N = 29)		
Physical Harm	11	38%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	10	34%
Previous Maltreatment	8	28%
Contra Costa (N = 135)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	69	51%
Physical Harm	65	48%
Failure to Protect	44	33%
El Dorado (N = 30)		
Physical Harm	16	53%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	15	50%
Previous Maltreatment	12	40%
Fresno (N = 539)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	338	63%
Physical Harm	219	41%
Failure to Protect	126	23%
Humboldt (N = 45)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	24	53%
Physical Harm	14	31%
Failure to Protect	8	18%
Imperial (N = 69)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	42	61%
Physical Harm	29	42%
Failure to Protect	14	20%
Hazardous Living Conditions	14	20%

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THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN REMOVAL HOUSEHOLDS

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Kern (N = 359)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	187	52%
Physical Harm	125	35%
Hazardous Living Conditions	115	32%
Kings (N = 68)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	46	68%
Physical Harm	25	37%
Previous Maltreatment	23	34%
Los Angeles (N = 1,486)		
Physical Harm	738	50%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	650	44%
Failure to Protect	358	24%
Madera (N = 85)		
Physical Harm	38	45%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	31	36%
Failure to Protect	21	25%
Mendocino (N = 43)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	32	74%
Failure to Protect	17	40%
Physical Harm	16	37%
Merced (N = 125)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	89	71%
Physical Harm	61	49%
Hazardous Living Conditions	48	38%
Monterey (N = 38)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	25	66%
Physical Harm	12	32%
Previous Maltreatment	9	24%
Nevada (N = 28)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	15	54%
Failure to Protect	10	36%
Hazardous Living Conditions	9	32%

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THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN REMOVAL HOUSEHOLDS

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Orange (N = 539)		
Physical Harm	278	52%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	202	37%
Failure to Protect	92	17%
Placer (N = 57)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	32	56%
Physical Harm	15	26%
Hazardous Living Conditions	13	23%
Riverside (N = 487)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	275	56%
Physical Harm	242	50%
Failure to Protect	149	31%
Sacramento (N = 310)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	145	47%
Physical Harm	140	45%
Failure to Protect	58	19%
San Bernardino (N = 1,128)		
Physical Harm	599	53%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	555	49%
Previous Maltreatment	386	34%
San Diego (N = 399)		
Physical Harm	179	45%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	170	43%
Failure to Protect	67	17%
San Francisco (N = 104)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	65	63%
Physical Harm	41	39%
Failure to Protect	20	19%
San Joaquin (N = 188)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	113	60%
Physical Harm	64	34%
Hazardous Living Conditions	36	19%

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THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN REMOVAL HOUSEHOLDS

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
San Luis Obispo (N = 49)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	31	63%
Physical Harm	20	41%
Failure to Protect	13	27%
Hazardous Living Conditions	13	27%
Santa Barbara (N = 79)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	52	66%
Physical Harm	29	37%
Failure to Protect	22	28%
Santa Clara (N = 136)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	74	54%
Physical Harm	46	34%
Failure to Protect	37	27%
Santa Cruz (N = 29)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	19	66%
Physical Harm	8	28%
Hazardous Living Conditions	7	24%
Shasta (N = 100)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	65	65%
Previous Maltreatment	47	47%
Physical Harm	38	38%
Solano (N = 105)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	62	59%
Physical Harm	32	30%
Failure to Protect	23	22%
Sonoma (N = 85)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	52	61%
Physical Harm	39	46%
Previous Maltreatment	33	39%
Stanislaus (N = 96)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	43	45%
Physical Harm	35	36%
Previous Maltreatment	24	25%

TABLE 9

THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN REMOVAL HOUSEHOLDS

SAFETY THREAT	n	%
Tehama (N = 30)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	15	50%
Physical Harm	14	47%
Hazardous Living Conditions	8	27%
Failure to Protect	8	27%
Tulare (N = 173)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	82	47%
Physical Harm	53	31%
Hazardous Living Conditions	36	21%
Tuolumne (N = 25)		
Previous Maltreatment	13	52%
Physical Harm	11	44%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	9	36%
Ventura (N = 94)		
Physical Harm	52	55%
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	52	55%
Failure to Protect	25	27%
Yolo (N = 53)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	40	75%
Failure to Protect	27	51%
Physical Harm	20	38%
Yuba (N = 54)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	31	57%
Physical Harm	26	48%
Hazardous Living Conditions	17	31%
COMBINED (N = 8,015; includes all safety threats on the assessment and all counties in the state)		
Child Immediate Needs Not Met	4,097	51%
Physical Harm	3,636	45%
Failure to Protect	1,991	25%

TABLE 10

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

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	1,067	93%	76	7%	1,143
Amador	49	89%	6	11%	55
Butte	462	82%	100	18%	562
Calaveras	174	98%	4	2%	178
Colusa	65	74%	23	26%	88
Contra Costa	1,115	94%	74	6%	1,189
Del Norte	197	100%	0	0%	197
El Dorado	435	99%	3	1%	438
Fresno	3,556	87%	516	13%	4,072
Glenn	158	92%	14	8%	172
Humboldt	353	97%	12	3%	365
Imperial	346	90%	39	10%	385
Inyo	26	100%	0	0%	26
Kern	2,134	96%	90	4%	2,224
Kings	613	99%	6	1%	619
Lake	252	93%	19	7%	271
Lassen	73	100%	0	0%	73
Los Angeles	32,289	98%	770	2%	33,059
Madera	788	97%	22	3%	810
Marin	232	98%	4	2%	236
Mendocino	539	93%	42	7%	581
Merced	545	78%	154	22%	699
Modoc	90	86%	15	14%	105
Mono	39	100%	0	0%	39
Monterey	362	82%	80	18%	442
Napa	278	98%	6	2%	284
Nevada	140	89%	18	11%	158
Orange	5,653	98%	97	2%	5,750
Placer	573	96%	26	4%	599
Plumas	29	64%	16	36%	45
Riverside	8,889	95%	446	5%	9,335
Sacramento	4,606	93%	341	7%	4,947

TABLE 10

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

COUNTY	COMPLETED		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	
San Benito	105	95%	5	5%	110
San Bernardino	5,949	90%	654	10%	6,603
San Diego	8,423	97%	256	3%	8,679
San Francisco	538	93%	40	7%	578
San Joaquin	2,304	96%	101	4%	2,405
San Luis Obispo	503	>99%	2	<1%	505
San Mateo	499	89%	59	11%	558
Santa Barbara	1,518	95%	79	5%	1,597
Santa Clara	3,488	95%	168	5%	3,656
Santa Cruz	478	95%	27	5%	505
Shasta	822	98%	18	2%	840
Siskiyou	295	99%	2	1%	297
Solano	511	91%	53	9%	564
Sonoma	755	87%	112	13%	867
Stanislaus	2,016	98%	32	2%	2,048
Sutter	150	85%	27	15%	177
Tehama	122	48%	130	52%	252
Trinity	62	97%	2	3%	64
Tulare	1,313	97%	36	3%	1,349
Tuolumne	166	99%	2	1%	168
Ventura	1,329	96%	56	4%	1,385
Yolo	379	81%	91	19%	470
Yuba	300	80%	73	20%	373
Total	98,158	95%	5,070	5%	103,228

TABLE 11

FINAL SDM RISK LEVEL

COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	179	17%	471	44%	293	27%	124	12%	1,067
Amador	0	0%	19	39%	16	33%	14	29%	49
Butte	54	12%	206	45%	130	28%	72	16%	462
Calaveras	25	14%	79	45%	49	28%	21	12%	174
Colusa	17	26%	36	55%	9	14%	3	5%	65
Contra Costa	191	17%	564	51%	276	25%	84	8%	1,115
Del Norte	20	10%	80	41%	69	35%	28	14%	197
El Dorado	58	13%	211	49%	128	29%	38	9%	435
Fresno	622	17%	1,608	45%	1,000	28%	326	9%	3,556
Glenn	9	6%	67	42%	52	33%	30	19%	158
Humboldt	26	7%	151	43%	111	31%	65	18%	353
Imperial	77	22%	160	46%	76	22%	33	10%	346
Inyo	1	4%	11	42%	4	15%	10	38%	26
Kern	187	9%	798	37%	742	35%	407	19%	2,134
Kings	104	17%	294	48%	165	27%	50	8%	613
Lake	39	15%	128	51%	73	29%	12	5%	252
Lassen	0	0%	18	25%	33	45%	22	30%	73
Los Angeles	5,148	16%	14,338	44%	9,471	29%	3,332	10%	32,289
Madera	153	19%	393	50%	191	24%	51	6%	788
Marin	44	19%	123	53%	50	22%	15	6%	232
Mendocino	106	20%	242	45%	148	27%	43	8%	539
Merced	92	17%	272	50%	111	20%	70	13%	545
Modoc	14	16%	48	53%	19	21%	9	10%	90
Mono	5	13%	16	41%	14	36%	4	10%	39
Monterey	58	16%	175	48%	86	24%	43	12%	362
Napa	52	19%	130	47%	59	21%	37	13%	278
Nevada	17	12%	63	45%	51	36%	9	6%	140
Orange	1,386	25%	2,473	44%	1,419	25%	375	7%	5,653
Placer	82	14%	291	51%	154	27%	46	8%	573
Plumas	4	14%	8	28%	14	48%	3	10%	29
Riverside	1,887	21%	4,190	47%	2,152	24%	660	7%	8,889
Sacramento	732	16%	2,283	50%	1,226	27%	365	8%	4,606
San Benito	23	22%	64	61%	15	14%	3	3%	105

TABLE 11

FINAL SDM RISK LEVEL

COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Bernardino	1,078	18%	2,681	45%	1,435	24%	755	13%	5,949
San Diego	1,494	18%	3,953	47%	2,248	27%	728	9%	8,423
San Francisco	69	13%	212	39%	190	35%	67	12%	538
San Joaquin	558	24%	1,216	53%	414	18%	116	5%	2,304
San Luis Obispo	40	8%	229	46%	176	35%	58	12%	503
San Mateo	124	25%	232	46%	97	19%	46	9%	499
Santa Barbara	295	19%	748	49%	342	23%	133	9%	1,518
Santa Clara	770	22%	1,717	49%	766	22%	235	7%	3,488
Santa Cruz	50	10%	240	50%	154	32%	34	7%	478
Shasta	86	10%	379	46%	253	31%	104	13%	822
Siskiyou	52	18%	149	51%	76	26%	18	6%	295
Solano	96	19%	236	46%	117	23%	62	12%	511
Sonoma	90	12%	414	55%	181	24%	70	9%	755
Stanislaus	462	23%	1,116	55%	327	16%	111	6%	2,016
Sutter	29	19%	72	48%	32	21%	17	11%	150
Tehama	12	10%	49	40%	43	35%	18	15%	122
Trinity	9	15%	24	39%	18	29%	11	18%	62
Tulare	196	15%	590	45%	353	27%	174	13%	1,313
Tuolumne	32	19%	81	49%	42	25%	11	7%	166
Ventura	207	16%	659	50%	346	26%	117	9%	1,329
Yolo	47	12%	180	47%	99	26%	53	14%	379
Yuba	48	16%	158	53%	69	23%	25	8%	300
Total	17,256	18%	45,349	46%	26,186	27%	9,367	10%	98,158

TABLE 12

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	989	93%	35	3%	43	4%	1,067
Amador	49	100%	0	0%	0	0%	49
Butte	439	95%	16	3%	7	2%	462
Calaveras	171	98%	2	1%	1	1%	174
Colusa	65	100%	0	0%	0	0%	65
Contra Costa	1,065	96%	24	2%	26	2%	1,115
Del Norte	193	98%	3	2%	1	1%	197
El Dorado	424	97%	5	1%	6	1%	435
Fresno	3,431	96%	64	2%	61	2%	3,556
Glenn	153	97%	5	3%	0	0%	158
Humboldt	327	93%	10	3%	16	5%	353
Imperial	332	96%	4	1%	10	3%	346
Inyo	25	96%	1	4%	0	0%	26
Kern	2,030	95%	64	3%	40	2%	2,134
Kings	596	97%	12	2%	5	1%	613
Lake	249	99%	1	<1%	2	1%	252
Lassen	66	90%	5	7%	2	3%	73
Los Angeles	29,969	93%	414	1%	1,906	6%	32,289
Madera	764	97%	15	2%	9	1%	788
Marin	224	97%	2	1%	6	3%	232
Mendocino	533	99%	2	<1%	4	1%	539
Merced	526	97%	10	2%	9	2%	545
Modoc	88	98%	0	0%	2	2%	90
Mono	39	100%	0	0%	0	0%	39
Monterey	341	94%	15	4%	6	2%	362
Napa	270	97%	4	1%	4	1%	278
Nevada	136	97%	3	2%	1	1%	140
Orange	5,230	93%	80	1%	343	6%	5,653
Placer	547	95%	8	1%	18	3%	573
Plumas	27	93%	2	7%	0	0%	29
Riverside	8,563	96%	128	1%	198	2%	8,889
Sacramento	4,485	97%	47	1%	74	2%	4,606

TABLE 12

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT OVERRIDE RATE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
San Benito	104	99%	1	1%	0	0%	105
San Bernardino	5,540	93%	170	3%	239	4%	5,949
San Diego	8,170	97%	113	1%	140	2%	8,423
San Francisco	477	89%	15	3%	46	9%	538
San Joaquin	2,221	96%	27	1%	56	2%	2,304
San Luis Obispo	491	98%	4	1%	8	2%	503
San Mateo	483	97%	15	3%	1	<1%	499
Santa Barbara	1,477	97%	15	1%	26	2%	1,518
Santa Clara	3,382	97%	24	1%	82	2%	3,488
Santa Cruz	468	98%	0	0%	10	2%	478
Shasta	802	98%	8	1%	12	1%	822
Siskiyou	289	98%	2	1%	4	1%	295
Solano	490	96%	13	3%	8	2%	511
Sonoma	721	95%	12	2%	22	3%	755
Stanislaus	1,956	97%	17	1%	43	2%	2,016
Sutter	147	98%	2	1%	1	1%	150
Tehama	114	93%	3	2%	5	4%	122
Trinity	61	98%	1	2%	0	0%	62
Tulare	1,249	95%	33	3%	31	2%	1,313
Tuolumne	160	96%	4	2%	2	1%	166
Ventura	1,274	96%	19	1%	36	3%	1,329
Yolo	367	97%	7	2%	5	1%	379
Yuba	290	97%	3	1%	7	2%	300
Total	93,085	95%	1,489	2%	3,584	4%	98,158

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	166	77%	13	6%	36	17%	215
Butte	23	12%	25	13%	145	75%	193
Calaveras	13	28%	13	28%	21	45%	47
Colusa	0	0%	0	0%	29	100%	29
Contra Costa	27	13%	41	19%	147	68%	215
El Dorado	1	2%	3	5%	57	93%	61
Fresno	12	1%	16	2%	953	97%	981
Glenn	2	7%	13	43%	15	50%	30
Humboldt	15	14%	28	26%	65	60%	108
Imperial	18	15%	24	20%	80	66%	122
Kern	181	23%	149	19%	445	57%	775
Kings	82	46%	22	12%	73	41%	177
Lassen	5	16%	3	9%	24	75%	32
Los Angeles	1,516	21%	2,553	36%	3,050	43%	7,119
Madera	14	9%	24	16%	114	75%	152
Marin	2	5%	10	26%	27	69%	39
Mendocino	3	3%	2	2%	84	94%	89
Merced	83	32%	68	26%	108	42%	259
Monterey	19	25%	12	16%	44	59%	75
Napa	26	43%	16	26%	19	31%	61
Nevada	1	4%	0	0%	25	96%	26
Orange	51	5%	324	30%	723	66%	1,098
Placer	28	29%	37	38%	32	33%	97
Riverside	192	14%	252	18%	976	69%	1,420
Sacramento	24	4%	112	17%	533	80%	669
San Bernardino	275	13%	697	33%	1,121	54%	2,093
San Diego	89	10%	276	30%	559	60%	924
San Francisco	35	14%	79	31%	138	55%	252
San Joaquin	19	5%	69	17%	321	78%	409
San Luis Obispo	7	7%	19	20%	70	73%	96
San Mateo	26	81%	1	3%	5	16%	32
Santa Barbara	34	17%	1	1%	160	82%	195

TABLE 13**SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE**

COUNTY	COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		NOT COMPLETED		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Santa Clara	164	40%	18	4%	223	55%	405
Santa Cruz	17	49%	3	9%	15	43%	35
Shasta	4	2%	44	26%	119	71%	167
Siskiyou	16	36%	15	33%	14	31%	45
Solano	52	40%	29	22%	50	38%	131
Sonoma	25	19%	5	4%	101	77%	131
Stanislaus	9	4%	56	25%	161	71%	226
Sutter	2	4%	3	7%	40	89%	45
Tehama	22	49%	0	0%	23	51%	45
Tulare	45	12%	83	22%	256	67%	384
Tuolumne	34	79%	3	7%	6	14%	43
Ventura	113	38%	52	17%	133	45%	298
Yolo	17	9%	5	3%	157	88%	179
Yuba	2	3%	5	7%	60	90%	67
Total	3,563	17%	5,228	26%	11,627	57%	20,418

Note: There were eight removals in 2020 that had no initial recommendation in the reunification reassessment and were excluded from this analysis.

TABLE 14

SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN RECOMMENDATION

COUNTY	CONTINUE SERVICES		TERMINATE SERVICES		RETURN HOME		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	114	64%	49	27%	16	9%	179
Butte	22	46%	12	25%	14	29%	48
Calaveras	11	42%	10	38%	5	19%	26
Contra Costa	25	37%	17	25%	26	38%	68
Fresno	15	54%	4	14%	9	32%	28
Humboldt	24	56%	8	19%	11	26%	43
Imperial	32	76%	8	19%	2	5%	42
Kern	220	67%	65	20%	45	14%	330
Kings	56	54%	21	20%	27	26%	104
Los Angeles	2,869	71%	656	16%	544	13%	4,069
Madera	23	61%	4	11%	11	29%	38
Merced	78	52%	20	13%	53	35%	151
Monterey	18	58%	10	32%	3	10%	31
Napa	21	50%	7	17%	14	33%	42
Orange	241	64%	96	26%	38	10%	375
Placer	34	52%	13	20%	18	28%	65
Riverside	274	62%	107	24%	63	14%	444
Sacramento	81	60%	34	25%	21	15%	136
San Bernardino	606	62%	177	18%	189	19%	972
San Diego	233	64%	97	27%	35	10%	365
San Francisco	58	51%	33	29%	23	20%	114
San Joaquin	43	49%	31	35%	14	16%	88
San Luis Obispo	19	73%	4	15%	3	12%	26
San Mateo	14	52%	8	30%	5	19%	27
Santa Barbara	21	60%	8	23%	6	17%	35
Santa Clara	129	71%	30	16%	23	13%	182
Shasta	25	52%	12	25%	11	23%	48
Siskiyou	19	61%	9	29%	3	10%	31
Solano	56	69%	19	23%	6	7%	81
Sonoma	19	63%	9	30%	2	7%	30
Stanislaus	37	57%	25	38%	3	5%	65
Tulare	73	57%	36	28%	19	15%	128

TABLE 14**SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN RECOMMENDATION**

COUNTY	CONTINUE SERVICES		TERMINATE SERVICES		RETURN HOME		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Tuolumne	20	54%	11	30%	6	16%	37
Ventura	117	71%	25	15%	23	14%	165
Total	5,731	65%	1,733	20%	1,327	15%	8,791

Note: There were eight removals in 2020 that had no initial recommendation in the reunification reassessment and were excluded from this analysis.

TABLE 15

SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT OVERRIDE

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	132	74%	35	20%	12	7%	179
Butte	37	77%	9	19%	2	4%	48
Calaveras	20	77%	3	12%	3	12%	26
Contra Costa	56	82%	10	15%	2	3%	68
Fresno	19	68%	9	32%	0	0%	28
Humboldt	39	91%	3	7%	1	2%	43
Imperial	34	81%	4	10%	4	10%	42
Kern	285	86%	27	8%	18	5%	330
Kings	92	88%	8	8%	4	4%	104
Los Angeles	3,509	86%	319	8%	241	6%	4,069
Madera	34	89%	3	8%	1	3%	38
Merced	129	85%	19	13%	3	2%	151
Monterey	29	94%	1	3%	1	3%	31
Napa	38	90%	3	7%	1	2%	42
Orange	298	79%	66	18%	11	3%	375
Placer	56	86%	5	8%	4	6%	65
Riverside	367	83%	57	13%	20	5%	444
Sacramento	104	76%	26	19%	6	4%	136
San Bernardino	787	81%	162	17%	23	2%	972
San Diego	314	86%	28	8%	23	6%	365
San Francisco	92	81%	13	11%	9	8%	114
San Joaquin	66	75%	11	13%	11	13%	88
San Luis Obispo	19	73%	7	27%	0	0%	26
San Mateo	17	63%	2	7%	8	30%	27
Santa Barbara	33	94%	0	0%	2	6%	35
Santa Clara	155	85%	16	9%	11	6%	182
Shasta	42	88%	4	8%	2	4%	48
Siskiyou	26	84%	1	3%	4	13%	31
Solano	66	81%	8	10%	7	9%	81
Sonoma	25	83%	5	17%	0	0%	30
Stanislaus	46	71%	7	11%	12	18%	65
Tulare	99	77%	24	19%	5	4%	128

TABLE 15**SDM REUNIFICATION REASSESSMENT OVERRIDE**

COUNTY	NO OVERRIDE		POLICY OVERRIDE		DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Tuolumne	23	62%	13	35%	1	3%	37
Ventura	130	79%	24	15%	11	7%	165
Total	7,364	84%	957	11%	470	5%	8,791

TABLE 16

SDM RISK REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

COUNTY	NOT COMPLETED OR COMPLETED AFTER NINE MONTHS		COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	40	13%	197	64%	70	23%	307
Calaveras	16	39%	19	46%	6	15%	41
Contra Costa	72	40%	82	46%	24	13%	178
El Dorado	74	87%	3	4%	8	9%	85
Fresno	40	13%	221	73%	40	13%	301
Humboldt	24	26%	58	62%	11	12%	93
Kern	49	32%	46	30%	56	37%	151
Kings	24	53%	21	47%	0	0%	45
Los Angeles	2,951	35%	2,142	26%	3,224	39%	8,317
Madera	38	41%	31	34%	23	25%	92
Mendocino	33	97%	1	3%	0	0%	34
Merced	10	17%	25	42%	24	41%	59
Monterey	8	8%	62	58%	36	34%	106
Napa	3	9%	26	74%	6	17%	35
Orange	256	33%	186	24%	335	43%	777
Placer	28	33%	41	48%	16	19%	85
Plumas	21	81%	5	19%	0	0%	26
Riverside	494	45%	414	38%	186	17%	1,094
Sacramento	66	12%	429	75%	76	13%	571
San Bernardino	344	47%	185	25%	208	28%	737
San Diego	115	22%	197	38%	207	40%	519
San Francisco	54	21%	115	44%	94	36%	263
San Joaquin	24	24%	13	13%	63	63%	100
San Luis Obispo	12	30%	19	48%	9	23%	40
San Mateo	31	32%	43	44%	24	24%	98
Santa Barbara	22	25%	61	70%	4	5%	87
Santa Clara	92	14%	458	68%	128	19%	678
Santa Cruz	10	38%	15	58%	1	4%	26
Solano	16	36%	14	32%	14	32%	44
Sonoma	69	42%	82	50%	14	8%	165
Stanislaus	13	6%	142	64%	67	30%	222
Tulare	40	57%	10	14%	20	29%	70

TABLE 16**SDM RISK REASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE**

COUNTY	NOT COMPLETED OR COMPLETED AFTER NINE MONTHS		COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS		COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Ventura	28	15%	144	76%	18	9%	190
Yolo	52	90%	3	5%	3	5%	58
Total	5,306	33%	5,572	35%	5,054	32%	15,932

TABLE 17

SDM RISK REASSESSMENT LEVEL AFTER OVERRIDES

COUNTY	LOW		MODERATE		HIGH		VERY HIGH		N
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Alameda	138	52%	96	36%	32	12%	1	<1%	267
Calaveras	3	12%	20	80%	2	8%	0	0%	25
Contra Costa	27	25%	64	60%	15	14%	0	0%	106
Fresno	81	31%	155	59%	24	9%	1	<1%	261
Humboldt	15	22%	44	64%	9	13%	1	1%	69
Kern	27	26%	59	58%	16	16%	0	0%	102
Los Angeles	1,737	32%	2,550	48%	944	18%	135	3%	5,366
Madera	10	19%	44	81%	0	0%	0	0%	54
Merced	14	29%	32	65%	3	6%	0	0%	49
Monterey	28	29%	45	46%	16	16%	9	9%	98
Napa	6	19%	15	47%	11	34%	0	0%	32
Orange	208	40%	239	46%	61	12%	13	2%	521
Placer	15	26%	37	65%	5	9%	0	0%	57
Riverside	169	28%	337	56%	87	15%	7	1%	600
Sacramento	168	33%	308	61%	24	5%	5	1%	505
San Bernardino	163	41%	184	47%	35	9%	11	3%	393
San Diego	107	26%	193	48%	87	22%	17	4%	404
San Francisco	83	40%	93	44%	30	14%	3	1%	209
San Joaquin	13	17%	15	20%	45	59%	3	4%	76
San Luis Obispo	11	39%	13	46%	3	11%	1	4%	28
San Mateo	19	28%	40	60%	7	10%	1	1%	67
Santa Barbara	10	15%	53	82%	2	3%	0	0%	65
Santa Clara	144	25%	371	63%	69	12%	2	<1%	586
Solano	6	21%	13	46%	9	32%	0	0%	28
Sonoma	15	16%	53	55%	24	25%	4	4%	96
Stanislaus	52	25%	118	56%	26	12%	13	6%	209
Tulare	13	43%	15	50%	2	7%	0	0%	30
Ventura	17	10%	100	62%	40	25%	5	3%	162
Total	3,337	31%	5,399	51%	1,655	16%	235	2%	10,626