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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 (CWS) management report (May 2025). Evident Change urges counties to use the report to pinpoint strengths and improvement opportunities in SDM® tools. Information in this report may encourage counties to share successful strategies that support using SDM tools with fidelity. Counties in California represent diverse landscapes in population, geography, and resource availability. Consider this context when comparing information between counties.

Results for counties with fewer than 25 referrals, investigations, cases, or placement episodes available for analysis are included in the total but are not listed individually. Therefore, the sums of the table columns do not equal the numbers in the “Total” rows.

SCREENING AND RESPONSE TIME DECISIONS

In 2024, California counties received 400,354 child abuse or neglect referrals. A total of 184,072 (46%) 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 | 3,389 | 32% | 7,304 | 68% | 10,693 |
| Alpine | 11 | 38% | 18 | 62% | 29 |
| Amador | 288 | 40% | 440 | 60% | 728 |
| Butte | 478 | 14% | 2,878 | 86% | 3,356 |
| Calaveras | 411 | 40% | 617 | 60% | 1,028 |
| Colusa | 126 | 52% | 115 | 48% | 241 |
| Contra Costa | 3,589 | 44% | 4,569 | 56% | 8,158 |
| Del Norte | 265 | 40% | 401 | 60% | 666 |
| El Dorado | 820 | 40% | 1,210 | 60% | 2,030 |
| Fresno | 6,459 | 40% | 9,537 | 60% | 15,996 |
| Glenn | 260 | 42% | 353 | 58% | 613 |
| Humboldt | 1,043 | 32% | 2,196 | 68% | 3,239 |
| Imperial | 1,760 | 60% | 1,156 | 40% | 2,916 |
| Inyo | 163 | 45% | 201 | 55% | 364 |
| Kern | 3,861 | 33% | 7,859 | 67% | 11,720 |
| Kings | 989 | 40% | 1,481 | 60% | 2,470 |
| Lake | 559 | 43% | 748 | 57% | 1,307 |
| Lassen | 200 | 38% | 324 | 62% | 524 |
| Los Angeles | 34,064 | 59% | 23,516 | 41% | 57,580 |
| Madera | 1,585 | 57% | 1,214 | 43% | 2,799 |
| Marin | 293 | 31% | 650 | 69% | 943 |
| Mariposa | 115 | 78% | 32 | 22% | 147 |
| Mendocino | 802 | 41% | 1,172 | 59% | 1,974 |
| Merced | 1,949 | 41% | 2,860 | 59% | 4,809 |
| Modoc | 229 | 67% | 111 | 33% | 340 |
| Mono | 58 | 27% | 157 | 73% | 215 |

TABLE 1

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

| COUNTY | ACCEPT | | EVALUATE OUT | | N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Monterey | 2,129 | 39% | 3,281 | 61% | 5,410 |
| Napa | 511 | 32% | 1,100 | 68% | 1,611 |
| Nevada | 481 | 36% | 855 | 64% | 1,336 |
| Orange | 8,712 | 27% | 23,029 | 73% | 31,741 |
| Placer | 1,429 | 34% | 2,748 | 66% | 4,177 |
| Plumas | 97 | 51% | 94 | 49% | 191 |
| Riverside | 24,667 | 66% | 12,916 | 34% | 37,583 |
| Sacramento | 8,956 | 38% | 14,573 | 62% | 23,529 |
| San Benito | 213 | 30% | 504 | 70% | 717 |
| San Bernardino | 16,472 | 57% | 12,663 | 43% | 29,135 |
| San Diego | 18,911 | 48% | 20,689 | 52% | 39,600 |
| San Francisco | 1,894 | 54% | 1,612 | 46% | 3,506 |
| San Joaquin | 3,686 | 32% | 7,673 | 68% | 11,359 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1,762 | 47% | 2,008 | 53% | 3,770 |
| San Mateo | 1,767 | 35% | 3,298 | 65% | 5,065 |
| Santa Barbara | 3,390 | 56% | 2,633 | 44% | 6,023 |
| Santa Clara | 6,563 | 57% | 4,976 | 43% | 11,539 |
| Santa Cruz | 854 | 39% | 1,339 | 61% | 2,193 |
| Shasta | 1,335 | 38% | 2,134 | 62% | 3,469 |
| Siskiyou | 389 | 58% | 279 | 42% | 668 |
| Solano | 2,242 | 45% | 2,728 | 55% | 4,970 |
| Sonoma | 1,528 | 33% | 3,166 | 67% | 4,694 |
| Stanislaus | 3,085 | 38% | 4,937 | 62% | 8,022 |
| Sutter | 409 | 30% | 977 | 70% | 1,386 |
| Tehama | 619 | 47% | 708 | 53% | 1,327 |
| Trinity | 70 | 37% | 120 | 63% | 190 |
| Tulare | 3,494 | 37% | 6,033 | 63% | 9,527 |
| Tuolumne | 249 | 29% | 624 | 71% | 873 |
| Ventura | 3,010 | 39% | 4,792 | 61% | 7,802 |
| Yolo | 671 | 28% | 1,724 | 72% | 2,395 |
| Yuba | 696 | 42% | 948 | 58% | 1,644 |
| Total | 184,072 | 46% | 216,282 | 54% | 400,354 |

In 2024, counties received 400,354 child abuse or neglect referrals. Of those, 394,015 (98.4%) had a completed SDM screening tool.

| TABLE 2 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| SDM SCREENING COMPLETION RATE | | | | | |
| COUNTY | COMPLETED | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 10,509 | 98% | 184 | 2% | 10,693 |
| Alpine | 25 | 86% | 4 | 14% | 29 |
| Amador | 717 | 98% | 11 | 2% | 728 |
| Butte | 3,328 | 99% | 28 | 1% | 3,356 |
| Calaveras | 1,017 | 99% | 11 | 1% | 1,028 |
| Colusa | 191 | 79% | 50 | 21% | 241 |
| Contra Costa | 8,148 | 100% | 10 | <1% | 8,158 |
| Del Norte | 655 | 98% | 11 | 2% | 666 |
| El Dorado | 1,858 | 92% | 172 | 8% | 2,030 |
| Fresno | 14,850 | 93% | 1,146 | 7% | 15,996 |
| Glenn | 608 | 99% | 5 | 1% | 613 |
| Humboldt | 3,176 | 98% | 63 | 2% | 3,239 |
| Imperial | 2,913 | 100% | 3 | <1% | 2,916 |
| Inyo | 328 | 90% | 36 | 10% | 364 |
| Kern | 11,720 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 11,720 |
| Kings | 2,194 | 89% | 276 | 11% | 2,470 |
| Lake | 1,281 | 98% | 26 | 2% | 1,307 |
| Lassen | 522 | 100% | 2 | <1% | 524 |
| Los Angeles | 57,407 | 100% | 173 | <1% | 57,580 |
| Madera | 2,760 | 99% | 39 | 1% | 2,799 |
| Marin | 901 | 96% | 42 | 4% | 943 |
| Mariposa | 132 | 90% | 15 | 10% | 147 |
| Mendocino | 1,910 | 97% | 64 | 3% | 1,974 |
| Merced | 4,216 | 88% | 593 | 12% | 4,809 |
| Modoc | 328 | 96% | 12 | 4% | 340 |
| Mono | 209 | 97% | 6 | 3% | 215 |
| Monterey | 5,401 | 100% | 9 | <1% | 5,410 |
| Napa | 1,611 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 1,611 |
| Nevada | 1,312 | 98% | 24 | 2% | 1,336 |
| Orange | 31,426 | 99% | 315 | 1% | 31,741 |

TABLE 2**SDM SCREENING COMPLETION RATE**

| COUNTY | COMPLETED | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Placer | 4,177 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 4,177 |
| Plumas | 152 | 80% | 39 | 20% | 191 |
| Riverside | 37,487 | 100% | 96 | <1% | 37,583 |
| Sacramento | 23,126 | 98% | 403 | 2% | 23,529 |
| San Benito | 714 | 100% | 3 | <1% | 717 |
| San Bernardino | 28,934 | 99% | 201 | 1% | 29,135 |
| San Diego | 39,455 | 100% | 145 | <1% | 39,600 |
| San Francisco | 3,357 | 96% | 149 | 4% | 3,506 |
| San Joaquin | 11,246 | 99% | 113 | 1% | 11,359 |
| San Luis Obispo | 3,647 | 97% | 123 | 3% | 3,770 |
| San Mateo | 4,874 | 96% | 191 | 4% | 5,065 |
| Santa Barbara | 5,840 | 97% | 183 | 3% | 6,023 |
| Santa Clara | 11,502 | 100% | 37 | <1% | 11,539 |
| Santa Cruz | 2,141 | 98% | 52 | 2% | 2,193 |
| Shasta | 3,468 | 100% | 1 | <1% | 3,469 |
| Siskiyou | 600 | 90% | 68 | 10% | 668 |
| Solano | 4,894 | 98% | 76 | 2% | 4,970 |
| Sonoma | 4,599 | 98% | 95 | 2% | 4,694 |
| Stanislaus | 7,509 | 94% | 513 | 6% | 8,022 |
| Sutter | 1,322 | 95% | 64 | 5% | 1,386 |
| Tehama | 1,305 | 98% | 22 | 2% | 1,327 |
| Trinity | 185 | 97% | 5 | 3% | 190 |
| Tulare | 9,509 | 100% | 18 | <1% | 9,527 |
| Tuolumne | 871 | 100% | 2 | <1% | 873 |
| Ventura | 7,801 | 100% | 1 | <1% | 7,802 |
| Yolo | 2,228 | 93% | 167 | 7% | 2,395 |
| Yuba | 1,409 | 86% | 235 | 14% | 1,644 |
| Total | 394,015 | 98% | 6,339 | 2% | 400,354 |

Of the 394,015 child abuse or neglect referrals with a completed SDM screening tool, 196,628 (49.9%) were screened in for an in-person response. The analysis excludes eight referrals with a data anomaly in the screening tool.

| TABLE 3 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| FINAL SDM SCREENING DECISION | | | | | |
| COUNTY | IN-PERSON RESPONSE | | EVALUATE OUT | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 3,357 | 32% | 7,152 | 68% | 10,509 |
| Alpine | 14 | 56% | 11 | 44% | 25 |
| Amador | 287 | 40% | 430 | 60% | 717 |
| Butte | 517 | 16% | 2,811 | 84% | 3,328 |
| Calaveras | 423 | 42% | 594 | 58% | 1,017 |
| Colusa | 121 | 63% | 70 | 37% | 191 |
| Contra Costa | 3,705 | 45% | 4,442 | 55% | 8,147 |
| Del Norte | 263 | 40% | 392 | 60% | 655 |
| El Dorado | 900 | 48% | 958 | 52% | 1,858 |
| Fresno | 9,606 | 65% | 5,244 | 35% | 14,850 |
| Glenn | 261 | 43% | 347 | 57% | 608 |
| Humboldt | 1,111 | 35% | 2,065 | 65% | 3,176 |
| Imperial | 1,759 | 60% | 1,154 | 40% | 2,913 |
| Inyo | 126 | 38% | 202 | 62% | 328 |
| Kern | 5,138 | 44% | 6,582 | 56% | 11,720 |
| Kings | 1,046 | 48% | 1,148 | 52% | 2,194 |
| Lake | 556 | 43% | 725 | 57% | 1,281 |
| Lassen | 199 | 38% | 323 | 62% | 522 |
| Los Angeles | 34,821 | 61% | 22,581 | 39% | 57,402 |
| Madera | 1,621 | 59% | 1,139 | 41% | 2,760 |
| Marin | 290 | 32% | 611 | 68% | 901 |
| Mariposa | 111 | 84% | 21 | 16% | 132 |
| Mendocino | 816 | 43% | 1,094 | 57% | 1,910 |
| Merced | 1,625 | 39% | 2,591 | 61% | 4,216 |
| Modoc | 230 | 70% | 98 | 30% | 328 |
| Mono | 71 | 34% | 138 | 66% | 209 |
| Monterey | 2,169 | 40% | 3,232 | 60% | 5,401 |
| Napa | 530 | 33% | 1,081 | 67% | 1,611 |
| Nevada | 474 | 36% | 838 | 64% | 1,312 |

TABLE 3

FINAL SDM SCREENING DECISION

| COUNTY | IN-PERSON RESPONSE | | EVALUATE OUT | | N |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Orange | 8,635 | 27% | 22,791 | 73% | 31,426 |
| Placer | 1,652 | 40% | 2,525 | 60% | 4,177 |
| Plumas | 84 | 55% | 68 | 45% | 152 |
| Riverside | 26,872 | 72% | 10,614 | 28% | 37,486 |
| Sacramento | 8,780 | 38% | 14,346 | 62% | 23,126 |
| San Benito | 214 | 30% | 500 | 70% | 714 |
| San Bernardino | 19,059 | 66% | 9,875 | 34% | 28,934 |
| San Diego | 20,795 | 53% | 18,659 | 47% | 39,454 |
| San Francisco | 1,985 | 59% | 1,372 | 41% | 3,357 |
| San Joaquin | 3,635 | 32% | 7,611 | 68% | 11,246 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1,732 | 47% | 1,915 | 53% | 3,647 |
| San Mateo | 1,808 | 37% | 3,066 | 63% | 4,874 |
| Santa Barbara | 3,727 | 64% | 2,113 | 36% | 5,840 |
| Santa Clara | 6,592 | 57% | 4,910 | 43% | 11,502 |
| Santa Cruz | 828 | 39% | 1,313 | 61% | 2,141 |
| Shasta | 1,328 | 38% | 2,140 | 62% | 3,468 |
| Siskiyou | 365 | 61% | 235 | 39% | 600 |
| Solano | 2,223 | 45% | 2,671 | 55% | 4,894 |
| Sonoma | 1,615 | 35% | 2,984 | 65% | 4,599 |
| Stanislaus | 2,966 | 39% | 4,543 | 61% | 7,509 |
| Sutter | 433 | 33% | 889 | 67% | 1,322 |
| Tehama | 609 | 47% | 696 | 53% | 1,305 |
| Trinity | 68 | 37% | 117 | 63% | 185 |
| Tulare | 3,535 | 37% | 5,974 | 63% | 9,509 |
| Tuolumne | 247 | 28% | 624 | 72% | 871 |
| Ventura | 3,013 | 39% | 4,788 | 61% | 7,801 |
| Yolo | 691 | 31% | 1,537 | 69% | 2,228 |
| Yuba | 980 | 70% | 429 | 30% | 1,409 |
| Total | 196,628 | 50% | 197,379 | 50% | 394,007 |

In 2024, 359,529 of the 394,007 referrals with a completed SDM screening assessment were eligible for a screening decision override. The analysis excludes eight referrals with a data anomaly in the screening tool and 34,478 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 | 8,737 | 96% | 58 | 1% | 296 | 3% | 9,091 |
| Amador | 525 | 94% | 15 | 3% | 18 | 3% | 558 |
| Butte | 2,756 | 84% | 36 | 1% | 502 | 15% | 3,294 |
| Calaveras | 781 | 91% | 63 | 7% | 16 | 2% | 860 |
| Colusa | 142 | 84% | 0 | 0% | 27 | 16% | 169 |
| Contra Costa | 7,892 | 99% | 17 | <1% | 26 | <1% | 7,935 |
| Del Norte | 564 | 92% | 28 | 5% | 19 | 3% | 611 |
| El Dorado | 1,641 | 96% | 13 | 1% | 49 | 3% | 1,703 |
| Fresno | 12,593 | 89% | 99 | 1% | 1,456 | 10% | 14,148 |
| Glenn | 503 | 97% | 5 | 1% | 10 | 2% | 518 |
| Humboldt | 2,579 | 97% | 51 | 2% | 28 | 1% | 2,658 |
| Imperial | 2,885 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 2,885 |
| Inyo | 282 | 98% | 3 | 1% | 4 | 1% | 289 |
| Kern | 10,728 | 94% | 8 | <1% | 724 | 6% | 11,460 |
| Kings | 1,890 | 98% | 15 | 1% | 21 | 1% | 1,926 |
| Lake | 1,179 | 97% | 15 | 1% | 27 | 2% | 1,221 |
| Lassen | 490 | 97% | 0 | 0% | 13 | 3% | 503 |
| Los Angeles | 49,049 | 94% | 699 | 1% | 2,180 | 4% | 51,928 |
| Madera | 2,274 | 95% | 6 | <1% | 107 | 4% | 2,387 |
| Marin | 859 | 99% | 7 | 1% | 4 | <1% | 870 |
| Mariposa | 116 | 91% | 4 | 3% | 8 | 6% | 128 |
| Mendocino | 1,597 | 93% | 2 | <1% | 112 | 7% | 1,711 |
| Merced | 3,844 | 98% | 40 | 1% | 30 | 1% | 3,914 |
| Modoc | 291 | 98% | 2 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 296 |
| Mono | 171 | 97% | 1 | 1% | 4 | 2% | 176 |
| Monterey | 4,611 | 97% | 34 | 1% | 105 | 2% | 4,750 |
| Napa | 1,432 | 97% | 26 | 2% | 20 | 1% | 1,478 |

TABLE 4

SDM SCREENING OVERRIDES

| COUNTY | NO OVERRIDE | | OVERRIDE TO IN-PERSON RESPONSE, NO CRITERIA SELECTED | | OVERRIDE TO EVALUATE OUT | | N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Nevada | 1,093 | 97% | 14 | 1% | 19 | 2% | 1,126 |
| Orange | 26,877 | 95% | 59 | <1% | 1,315 | 5% | 28,251 |
| Placer | 3,645 | 91% | 3 | <1% | 350 | 9% | 3,998 |
| Plumas | 143 | 95% | 4 | 3% | 4 | 3% | 151 |
| Riverside | 30,859 | 91% | 1,069 | 3% | 2,112 | 6% | 34,040 |
| Sacramento | 20,527 | 99% | 69 | <1% | 191 | 1% | 20,787 |
| San Benito | 616 | 98% | 6 | 1% | 5 | 1% | 627 |
| San Bernardino | 25,492 | 96% | 110 | <1% | 1,072 | 4% | 26,674 |
| San Diego | 34,654 | 98% | 119 | <1% | 517 | 1% | 35,290 |
| San Francisco | 3,036 | 96% | 8 | <1% | 129 | 4% | 3,173 |
| San Joaquin | 9,485 | 97% | 244 | 2% | 58 | 1% | 9,787 |
| San Luis Obispo | 2,941 | 95% | 13 | <1% | 157 | 5% | 3,111 |
| San Mateo | 4,624 | 98% | 38 | 1% | 55 | 1% | 4,717 |
| Santa Barbara | 5,458 | 97% | 1 | <1% | 187 | 3% | 5,646 |
| Santa Clara | 10,260 | 94% | 131 | 1% | 550 | 5% | 10,941 |
| Santa Cruz | 2,119 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 2,119 |
| Shasta | 3,368 | 97% | 77 | 2% | 15 | <1% | 3,460 |
| Siskiyou | 575 | 99% | 0 | 0% | 6 | 1% | 581 |
| Solano | 4,271 | 97% | 72 | 2% | 68 | 2% | 4,411 |
| Sonoma | 4,336 | 98% | 21 | <1% | 67 | 2% | 4,424 |
| Stanislaus | 6,440 | 93% | 29 | <1% | 438 | 6% | 6,907 |
| Sutter | 1,132 | 97% | 21 | 2% | 16 | 1% | 1,169 |
| Tehama | 1,152 | 99% | 8 | 1% | 9 | 1% | 1,169 |
| Trinity | 168 | 94% | 4 | 2% | 7 | 4% | 179 |
| Tulare | 8,431 | 98% | 84 | 1% | 93 | 1% | 8,608 |
| Tuolumne | 789 | 98% | 5 | 1% | 13 | 2% | 807 |
| Ventura | 6,108 | 94% | 5 | <1% | 388 | 6% | 6,501 |
| Yolo | 1,983 | 97% | 19 | 1% | 43 | 2% | 2,045 |
| Yuba | 1,271 | 95% | 31 | 2% | 31 | 2% | 1,333 |
| Total | 342,294 | 95% | 3,511 | 1% | 13,724 | 4% | 359,529 |

Referrals with initial and final recommendations for an in-person response are eligible for the response priority section. In 2024, there were 193,117 referrals with a recorded final SDM response time; those missing an initial response time are not included.

| TABLE 5 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| FINAL SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY LEVEL | | | | | |
| COUNTY | IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS | | 10 DAYS* | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 1,420 | 43% | 1,879 | 57% | 3,299 |
| Amador | 106 | 39% | 166 | 61% | 272 |
| Butte | 182 | 38% | 299 | 62% | 481 |
| Calaveras | 137 | 38% | 223 | 62% | 360 |
| Colusa | 17 | 14% | 104 | 86% | 121 |
| Contra Costa | 379 | 10% | 3,309 | 90% | 3,688 |
| Del Norte | 33 | 14% | 202 | 86% | 235 |
| El Dorado | 147 | 17% | 740 | 83% | 887 |
| Fresno | 1,590 | 17% | 7,917 | 83% | 9,507 |
| Glenn | 52 | 20% | 204 | 80% | 256 |
| Humboldt | 143 | 13% | 917 | 87% | 1,060 |
| Imperial | 379 | 22% | 1,380 | 78% | 1,759 |
| Inyo | 18 | 15% | 105 | 85% | 123 |
| Kern | 1,638 | 32% | 3,492 | 68% | 5,130 |
| Kings | 402 | 39% | 629 | 61% | 1,031 |
| Lake | 109 | 20% | 432 | 80% | 541 |
| Lassen | 92 | 46% | 107 | 54% | 199 |
| Los Angeles | 7,669 | 22% | 26,453 | 78% | 34,122 |
| Madera | 419 | 26% | 1,196 | 74% | 1,615 |
| Marin | 55 | 19% | 228 | 81% | 283 |
| Mariposa | 23 | 21% | 84 | 79% | 107 |
| Mendocino | 325 | 40% | 489 | 60% | 814 |
| Merced | 574 | 36% | 1,011 | 64% | 1,585 |
| Modoc | 71 | 31% | 157 | 69% | 228 |
| Mono | 8 | 11% | 62 | 89% | 70 |
| Monterey | 785 | 37% | 1,350 | 63% | 2,135 |
| Napa | 106 | 21% | 398 | 79% | 504 |
| Nevada | 82 | 18% | 378 | 82% | 460 |
| Orange | 1,736 | 20% | 6,840 | 80% | 8,576 |

TABLE 5

FINAL SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY LEVEL

| COUNTY | IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS | | 10 DAYS* | | N |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Placer | 152 | 9% | 1,497 | 91% | 1,649 |
| Plumas | 7 | 9% | 73 | 91% | 80 |
| Riverside | 5,600 | 22% | 20,203 | 78% | 25,803 |
| Sacramento | 2,525 | 29% | 6,186 | 71% | 8,711 |
| San Benito | 26 | 13% | 182 | 88% | 208 |
| San Bernardino | 1,647 | 9% | 17,302 | 91% | 18,949 |
| San Diego | 7,663 | 37% | 13,013 | 63% | 20,676 |
| San Francisco | 824 | 42% | 1,153 | 58% | 1,977 |
| San Joaquin | 981 | 29% | 2,410 | 71% | 3,391 |
| San Luis Obispo | 470 | 27% | 1,249 | 73% | 1,719 |
| San Mateo | 490 | 28% | 1,280 | 72% | 1,770 |
| Santa Barbara | 582 | 16% | 3,144 | 84% | 3,726 |
| Santa Clara | 1,642 | 25% | 4,819 | 75% | 6,461 |
| Santa Cruz | 183 | 22% | 645 | 78% | 828 |
| Shasta | 180 | 14% | 1,071 | 86% | 1,251 |
| Siskiyou | 71 | 19% | 294 | 81% | 365 |
| Solano | 745 | 35% | 1,406 | 65% | 2,151 |
| Sonoma | 607 | 38% | 987 | 62% | 1,594 |
| Stanislaus | 803 | 27% | 2,134 | 73% | 2,937 |
| Sutter | 107 | 26% | 305 | 74% | 412 |
| Tehama | 98 | 16% | 503 | 84% | 601 |
| Trinity | 12 | 19% | 52 | 81% | 64 |
| Tulare | 1,298 | 38% | 2,153 | 62% | 3,451 |
| Tuolumne | 37 | 15% | 205 | 85% | 242 |
| Ventura | 532 | 18% | 2,476 | 82% | 3,008 |
| Yolo | 165 | 25% | 507 | 75% | 672 |
| Yuba | 327 | 34% | 622 | 66% | 949 |
| Total | 46,477 | 24% | 146,640 | 76% | 193,117 |

*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 | 3,107 | 94% | 51 | 2% | 141 | 4% | 3,299 |
| Amador | 250 | 92% | 11 | 4% | 11 | 4% | 272 |
| Butte | 462 | 96% | 16 | 3% | 3 | 1% | 481 |
| Calaveras | 339 | 94% | 11 | 3% | 10 | 3% | 360 |
| Colusa | 117 | 97% | 2 | 2% | 2 | 2% | 121 |
| Contra Costa | 3,605 | 98% | 38 | 1% | 45 | 1% | 3,688 |
| Del Norte | 227 | 97% | 4 | 2% | 4 | 2% | 235 |
| El Dorado | 848 | 96% | 14 | 2% | 25 | 3% | 887 |
| Fresno | 9,291 | 98% | 91 | 1% | 125 | 1% | 9,507 |
| Glenn | 243 | 95% | 10 | 4% | 3 | 1% | 256 |
| Humboldt | 994 | 94% | 23 | 2% | 43 | 4% | 1,060 |
| Imperial | 1,757 | 100% | 2 | <1% | 0 | 0% | 1,759 |
| Inyo | 118 | 96% | 4 | 3% | 1 | 1% | 123 |
| Kern | 4,559 | 89% | 452 | 9% | 119 | 2% | 5,130 |
| Kings | 978 | 95% | 46 | 4% | 7 | 1% | 1,031 |
| Lake | 481 | 89% | 11 | 2% | 49 | 9% | 541 |
| Lassen | 176 | 88% | 19 | 10% | 4 | 2% | 199 |
| Los Angeles | 30,601 | 90% | 786 | 2% | 2,735 | 8% | 34,122 |
| Madera | 1,562 | 97% | 35 | 2% | 18 | 1% | 1,615 |
| Marin | 262 | 93% | 6 | 2% | 15 | 5% | 283 |
| Mariposa | 102 | 95% | 2 | 2% | 3 | 3% | 107 |
| Mendocino | 782 | 96% | 20 | 2% | 12 | 1% | 814 |
| Merced | 1,403 | 89% | 173 | 11% | 9 | 1% | 1,585 |
| Modoc | 217 | 95% | 9 | 4% | 2 | 1% | 228 |
| Mono | 68 | 97% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 3% | 70 |
| Monterey | 1,917 | 90% | 128 | 6% | 90 | 4% | 2,135 |
| Napa | 468 | 93% | 12 | 2% | 24 | 5% | 504 |
| Nevada | 447 | 97% | 13 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 460 |
| Orange | 7,836 | 91% | 105 | 1% | 635 | 7% | 8,576 |
| Placer | 1,607 | 97% | 22 | 1% | 20 | 1% | 1,649 |
| Plumas | 79 | 99% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% | 80 |
| Riverside | 24,663 | 96% | 533 | 2% | 607 | 2% | 25,803 |

TABLE 6

SDM RESPONSE PRIORITY OVERRIDE RATE

| COUNTY | NO OVERRIDE | | OVERRIDE TO IMMEDIATE/24 HOURS | | OVERRIDE TO 10 DAYS* | | N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Sacramento | 8,135 | 93% | 102 | 1% | 474 | 5% | 8,711 |
| San Benito | 203 | 98% | 4 | 2% | 1 | <1% | 208 |
| San Bernardino | 18,263 | 96% | 380 | 2% | 306 | 2% | 18,949 |
| San Diego | 20,139 | 97% | 184 | 1% | 353 | 2% | 20,676 |
| San Francisco | 1,906 | 96% | 32 | 2% | 39 | 2% | 1,977 |
| San Joaquin | 2,961 | 87% | 120 | 4% | 310 | 9% | 3,391 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1,583 | 92% | 38 | 2% | 98 | 6% | 1,719 |
| San Mateo | 1,625 | 92% | 37 | 2% | 108 | 6% | 1,770 |
| Santa Barbara | 3,635 | 98% | 71 | 2% | 20 | 1% | 3,726 |
| Santa Clara | 5,683 | 88% | 202 | 3% | 576 | 9% | 6,461 |
| Santa Cruz | 823 | 99% | 3 | <1% | 2 | <1% | 828 |
| Shasta | 1,170 | 94% | 33 | 3% | 48 | 4% | 1,251 |
| Siskiyou | 345 | 95% | 13 | 4% | 7 | 2% | 365 |
| Solano | 1,957 | 91% | 60 | 3% | 134 | 6% | 2,151 |
| Sonoma | 1,441 | 90% | 81 | 5% | 72 | 5% | 1,594 |
| Stanislaus | 2,782 | 95% | 96 | 3% | 59 | 2% | 2,937 |
| Sutter | 373 | 91% | 25 | 6% | 14 | 3% | 412 |
| Tehama | 571 | 95% | 10 | 2% | 20 | 3% | 601 |
| Trinity | 60 | 94% | 2 | 3% | 2 | 3% | 64 |
| Tulare | 3,220 | 93% | 191 | 6% | 40 | 1% | 3,451 |
| Tuolumne | 236 | 98% | 5 | 2% | 1 | <1% | 242 |
| Ventura | 2,877 | 96% | 66 | 2% | 65 | 2% | 3,008 |
| Yolo | 631 | 94% | 26 | 4% | 15 | 2% | 672 |
| Yuba | 846 | 89% | 89 | 9% | 14 | 1% | 949 |
| Total | 181,054 | 94% | 4,520 | 2% | 7,543 | 4% | 193,117 |

*Five days in Los Angeles County.

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

In 2024, 153,129 (92%) of 165,576 investigations had a safety assessment completed on the allegation household. Referrals overridden to an in-person response on the hotline screening tool were excluded from the safety assessment completion rates because, based on policy, they do not require further SDM assessments.

| TABLE 7 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|--------|
| SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE | | | | | |
| COUNTY | COMPLETED | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 2,207 | 69% | 972 | 31% | 3,179 |
| Amador | 245 | 98% | 4 | 2% | 249 |
| Butte | 384 | 94% | 24 | 6% | 408 |
| Calaveras | 295 | 91% | 30 | 9% | 325 |
| Colusa | 79 | 72% | 31 | 28% | 110 |
| Contra Costa | 2,413 | 71% | 984 | 29% | 3,397 |
| Del Norte | 153 | 78% | 43 | 22% | 196 |
| El Dorado | 668 | 95% | 36 | 5% | 704 |
| Fresno | 4,475 | 84% | 833 | 16% | 5,308 |
| Glenn | 219 | 93% | 17 | 7% | 236 |
| Humboldt | 882 | 96% | 35 | 4% | 917 |
| Imperial | 1,524 | 99% | 14 | 1% | 1,538 |
| Inyo | 27 | 17% | 131 | 83% | 158 |
| Kern | 3,365 | 97% | 96 | 3% | 3,461 |
| Kings | 832 | 98% | 15 | 2% | 847 |
| Lake | 432 | 86% | 68 | 14% | 500 |
| Lassen | 187 | 99% | 2 | 1% | 189 |
| Los Angeles | 30,174 | 96% | 1,159 | 4% | 31,333 |
| Madera | 1,389 | 99% | 11 | 1% | 1,400 |
| Marin | 241 | 94% | 15 | 6% | 256 |
| Mariposa | 106 | 95% | 5 | 5% | 111 |
| Mendocino | 615 | 84% | 113 | 16% | 728 |
| Merced | 1,517 | 87% | 226 | 13% | 1,743 |
| Modoc | 154 | 75% | 51 | 25% | 205 |
| Mono | 55 | 98% | 1 | 2% | 56 |
| Monterey | 1,561 | 85% | 276 | 15% | 1,837 |

TABLE 7

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

| COUNTY | COMPLETED | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Napa | 457 | 98% | 8 | 2% | 465 |
| Nevada | 234 | 63% | 136 | 37% | 370 |
| Orange | 8,040 | 97% | 207 | 3% | 8,247 |
| Placer | 1,217 | 93% | 96 | 7% | 1,313 |
| Plumas | 39 | 63% | 23 | 37% | 62 |
| Riverside | 20,772 | 94% | 1,277 | 6% | 22,049 |
| Sacramento | 7,404 | 93% | 568 | 7% | 7,972 |
| San Benito | 195 | 97% | 6 | 3% | 201 |
| San Bernardino | 11,698 | 81% | 2,777 | 19% | 14,475 |
| San Diego | 15,986 | 97% | 576 | 3% | 16,562 |
| San Francisco | 1,596 | 96% | 66 | 4% | 1,662 |
| San Joaquin | 3,104 | 98% | 74 | 2% | 3,178 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1,560 | 95% | 74 | 5% | 1,634 |
| San Mateo | 1,415 | 86% | 225 | 14% | 1,640 |
| Santa Barbara | 2,954 | 96% | 127 | 4% | 3,081 |
| Santa Clara | 5,840 | 96% | 212 | 4% | 6,052 |
| Santa Cruz | 774 | 96% | 31 | 4% | 805 |
| Shasta | 1,155 | 97% | 34 | 3% | 1,189 |
| Siskiyou | 349 | 98% | 8 | 2% | 357 |
| Solano | 1,855 | 95% | 99 | 5% | 1,954 |
| Sonoma | 1,306 | 94% | 84 | 6% | 1,390 |
| Stanislaus | 2,876 | 97% | 100 | 3% | 2,976 |
| Sutter | 283 | 81% | 65 | 19% | 348 |
| Tehama | 546 | 94% | 36 | 6% | 582 |
| Trinity | 59 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 59 |
| Tulare | 3,149 | 99% | 45 | 1% | 3,194 |
| Tuolumne | 218 | 96% | 8 | 4% | 226 |
| Ventura | 2,742 | 95% | 150 | 5% | 2,892 |
| Yolo | 572 | 93% | 43 | 7% | 615 |
| Yuba | 526 | 86% | 88 | 14% | 614 |
| Total | 153,129 | 92% | 12,447 | 8% | 165,576 |

TABLE 8

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

| COUNTY | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | N |
|--------------|--------|-----|----------------|-----|--------|-----|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 1,767 | 80% | 218 | 10% | 222 | 10% | 2,207 |
| Amador | 174 | 71% | 61 | 25% | 10 | 4% | 245 |
| Butte | 210 | 55% | 117 | 30% | 57 | 15% | 384 |
| Calaveras | 243 | 82% | 31 | 11% | 21 | 7% | 295 |
| Colusa | 36 | 46% | 39 | 49% | 4 | 5% | 79 |
| Contra Costa | 1,943 | 81% | 326 | 14% | 144 | 6% | 2,413 |
| Del Norte | 128 | 84% | 14 | 9% | 11 | 7% | 153 |
| El Dorado | 558 | 84% | 63 | 9% | 47 | 7% | 668 |
| Fresno | 3,611 | 81% | 559 | 12% | 305 | 7% | 4,475 |
| Glenn | 183 | 84% | 22 | 10% | 14 | 6% | 219 |
| Humboldt | 807 | 91% | 23 | 3% | 52 | 6% | 882 |
| Imperial | 1,338 | 88% | 116 | 8% | 70 | 5% | 1,524 |
| Inyo | 20 | 74% | 7 | 26% | 0 | 0% | 27 |
| Kern | 2,769 | 82% | 258 | 8% | 338 | 10% | 3,365 |
| Kings | 694 | 83% | 102 | 12% | 36 | 4% | 832 |
| Lake | 361 | 84% | 51 | 12% | 20 | 5% | 432 |
| Lassen | 157 | 84% | 13 | 7% | 17 | 9% | 187 |
| Los Angeles | 24,166 | 80% | 4,347 | 14% | 1,661 | 6% | 30,174 |
| Madera | 1,160 | 84% | 132 | 10% | 97 | 7% | 1,389 |
| Marin | 96 | 40% | 134 | 56% | 11 | 5% | 241 |
| Mariposa | 89 | 84% | 13 | 12% | 4 | 4% | 106 |
| Mendocino | 497 | 81% | 88 | 14% | 30 | 5% | 615 |
| Merced | 1,230 | 81% | 172 | 11% | 115 | 8% | 1,517 |
| Modoc | 134 | 87% | 8 | 5% | 12 | 8% | 154 |
| Mono | 43 | 78% | 11 | 20% | 1 | 2% | 55 |
| Monterey | 1,233 | 79% | 269 | 17% | 59 | 4% | 1,561 |
| Napa | 410 | 90% | 33 | 7% | 14 | 3% | 457 |
| Nevada | 200 | 85% | 9 | 4% | 25 | 11% | 234 |
| Orange | 6,223 | 77% | 1,206 | 15% | 611 | 8% | 8,040 |
| Placer | 1,074 | 88% | 87 | 7% | 56 | 5% | 1,217 |
| Plumas | 7 | 18% | 26 | 67% | 6 | 15% | 39 |
| Riverside | 18,083 | 87% | 1,869 | 9% | 820 | 4% | 20,772 |
| Sacramento | 6,106 | 82% | 1,052 | 14% | 246 | 3% | 7,404 |

TABLE 8

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

| COUNTY | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| San Benito | 180 | 92% | 5 | 3% | 10 | 5% | 195 |
| San Bernardino | 10,284 | 88% | 560 | 5% | 854 | 7% | 11,698 |
| San Diego | 14,390 | 90% | 1,339 | 8% | 257 | 2% | 15,986 |
| San Francisco | 1,053 | 66% | 429 | 27% | 114 | 7% | 1,596 |
| San Joaquin | 2,739 | 88% | 253 | 8% | 112 | 4% | 3,104 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1,382 | 89% | 134 | 9% | 44 | 3% | 1,560 |
| San Mateo | 1,265 | 89% | 117 | 8% | 33 | 2% | 1,415 |
| Santa Barbara | 2,716 | 92% | 148 | 5% | 90 | 3% | 2,954 |
| Santa Clara | 5,112 | 88% | 573 | 10% | 155 | 3% | 5,840 |
| Santa Cruz | 535 | 69% | 198 | 26% | 41 | 5% | 774 |
| Shasta | 765 | 66% | 293 | 25% | 97 | 8% | 1,155 |
| Siskiyou | 302 | 87% | 20 | 6% | 27 | 8% | 349 |
| Solano | 1,689 | 91% | 106 | 6% | 60 | 3% | 1,855 |
| Sonoma | 932 | 71% | 304 | 23% | 70 | 5% | 1,306 |
| Stanislaus | 2,693 | 94% | 132 | 5% | 51 | 2% | 2,876 |
| Sutter | 223 | 79% | 48 | 17% | 12 | 4% | 283 |
| Tehama | 405 | 74% | 100 | 18% | 41 | 8% | 546 |
| Trinity | 32 | 54% | 24 | 41% | 3 | 5% | 59 |
| Tulare | 2,495 | 79% | 481 | 15% | 173 | 5% | 3,149 |
| Tuolumne | 126 | 58% | 72 | 33% | 20 | 9% | 218 |
| Ventura | 2,505 | 91% | 181 | 7% | 56 | 2% | 2,742 |
| Yolo | 383 | 67% | 143 | 25% | 46 | 8% | 572 |
| Yuba | 317 | 60% | 161 | 31% | 48 | 9% | 526 |
| Total | 128,278 | 84% | 17,300 | 11% | 7,551 | 5% | 153,129 |

Of the 153,129 SDM safety assessments completed on allegation households in 2024, 7,551 had a safety decision of “unsafe” and 17,300 had a safety decision of “safe with plan.”

| TABLE 9 | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS UNSAFE | | |
| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
| Alameda (N = 222) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 117 | 53% |
| Physical harm | 81 | 36% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 31 | 14% |
| Domestic violence | 31 | 14% |
| Butte (N = 57) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 27 | 47% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 22 | 39% |
| Physical harm | 19 | 33% |
| Contra Costa (N = 144) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 75 | 52% |
| Physical harm | 54 | 38% |
| Failure to protect | 33 | 23% |
| El Dorado (N = 47) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 23 | 49% |
| Physical harm | 14 | 30% |
| Failure to protect | 14 | 30% |
| Fresno (N = 305) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 153 | 50% |
| Physical harm | 81 | 27% |
| Failure to protect | 74 | 24% |
| Humboldt (N = 52) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 23 | 44% |
| Physical harm | 12 | 23% |
| Other | 10 | 19% |
| Imperial (N = 70) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 47 | 67% |
| Failure to protect | 22 | 31% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 17 | 24% |

TABLE 9

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

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Kern (N = 338) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 179 | 53% |
| Physical harm | 94 | 28% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 93 | 28% |
| Kings (N = 36) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 14 | 39% |
| Physical harm | 13 | 36% |
| Failure to protect | 10 | 28% |
| Los Angeles (N = 1,661) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 756 | 46% |
| Physical harm | 612 | 37% |
| Other | 407 | 25% |
| Madera (N = 97) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 51 | 53% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 32 | 33% |
| Failure to protect | 32 | 33% |
| Mendocino (N = 30) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 21 | 70% |
| Failure to protect | 13 | 43% |
| Physical harm | 10 | 33% |
| Merced (N = 115) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 84 | 73% |
| Domestic violence | 45 | 39% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 45 | 39% |
| Monterey (N = 59) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 45 | 76% |
| Physical harm | 20 | 34% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 9 | 15% |
| Nevada (N = 25) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 20 | 80% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 8 | 32% |
| Physical harm | 5 | 20% |
| Failure to protect | 5 | 20% |

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

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Orange (N = 611) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 267 | 44% |
| Physical harm | 230 | 38% |
| Failure to protect | 144 | 24% |
| Placer (N = 56) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 32 | 57% |
| Failure to protect | 21 | 38% |
| Physical harm | 19 | 34% |
| Riverside (N = 820) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 361 | 44% |
| Physical harm | 246 | 30% |
| Failure to protect | 239 | 29% |
| Sacramento (N = 246) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 132 | 54% |
| Physical harm | 87 | 35% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 54 | 22% |
| San Bernardino (N = 854) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 408 | 48% |
| Physical harm | 304 | 36% |
| Failure to protect | 234 | 27% |
| San Diego (N = 257) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 112 | 44% |
| Physical harm | 95 | 37% |
| Other | 39 | 15% |
| San Francisco (N = 114) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 71 | 62% |
| Physical harm | 30 | 26% |
| Failure to protect | 23 | 20% |
| San Joaquin (N = 112) | | |
| Physical harm | 57 | 51% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 44 | 39% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 14 | 13% |
| Other | 14 | 13% |

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

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| San Luis Obispo (N = 44) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 30 | 68% |
| Physical harm | 12 | 27% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 12 | 27% |
| Other | 12 | 27% |
| San Mateo (N = 33) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 13 | 39% |
| Physical harm | 7 | 21% |
| Failure to protect | 6 | 18% |
| Santa Barbara (N = 90) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 60 | 67% |
| Failure to protect | 24 | 27% |
| Physical harm | 23 | 26% |
| Santa Clara (N = 155) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 87 | 56% |
| Other | 48 | 31% |
| Physical harm | 45 | 29% |
| Santa Cruz (N = 41) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 24 | 59% |
| Physical harm | 13 | 32% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 9 | 22% |
| Shasta (N = 97) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 47 | 48% |
| Physical harm | 31 | 32% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 28 | 29% |
| Siskiyou (N = 27) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 17 | 63% |
| Failure to protect | 9 | 33% |
| Physical harm | 6 | 22% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 6 | 22% |
| Solano (N = 60) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 39 | 65% |
| Physical harm | 21 | 35% |

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

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Hazardous living conditions | 14 | 23% |
| Sonoma (N = 70) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 45 | 64% |
| Physical harm | 28 | 40% |
| Failure to protect | 16 | 23% |
| Stanislaus (N = 51) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 25 | 49% |
| Other | 20 | 39% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 14 | 27% |
| Tehama (N = 41) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 25 | 61% |
| Physical harm | 13 | 32% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 12 | 29% |
| Tulare (N = 173) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 86 | 50% |
| Physical harm | 46 | 27% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 39 | 23% |
| Ventura (N = 56) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 25 | 45% |
| Physical harm | 21 | 38% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 11 | 20% |
| Yolo (N = 46) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 22 | 48% |
| Failure to protect | 17 | 37% |
| Physical harm | 14 | 30% |
| Yuba (N = 48) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 29 | 60% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 25 | 52% |
| Failure to protect | 24 | 50% |
| COMBINED (N = 7,551; includes all safety threats on the assessment and all counties in the state) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 3,740 | 50% |
| Physical harm | 2,514 | 33% |
| Failure to protect | 1,751 | 23% |

TABLE 10

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS SAFE WITH PLAN**

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Alameda (N = 218) | | |
| Domestic violence | 81 | 37% |
| Physical harm | 45 | 21% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 44 | 20% |
| Amador (N = 61) | | |
| Domestic violence | 22 | 36% |
| Physical harm | 13 | 21% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 11 | 18% |
| Butte (N = 117) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 37 | 32% |
| Domestic violence | 26 | 22% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 25 | 21% |
| Calaveras (N = 31) | | |
| Hazardous living conditions | 9 | 29% |
| Domestic violence | 8 | 26% |
| Physical harm | 5 | 16% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 5 | 16% |
| Colusa (N = 39) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 12 | 31% |
| Other | 10 | 26% |
| Physical harm | 8 | 21% |
| Contra Costa (N = 326) | | |
| Domestic violence | 126 | 39% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 67 | 21% |
| Physical harm | 64 | 20% |
| El Dorado (N = 63) | | |
| Domestic violence | 17 | 27% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 16 | 25% |
| Physical harm | 15 | 24% |
| Fresno (N = 559) | | |
| Domestic violence | 206 | 37% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 162 | 29% |
| Physical harm | 116 | 21% |

TABLE 10

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS SAFE WITH PLAN**

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Imperial (N = 116) | | |
| Domestic violence | 31 | 27% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 26 | 22% |
| Other | 23 | 20% |
| Kern (N = 258) | | |
| Physical harm | 93 | 36% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 60 | 23% |
| Domestic violence | 44 | 17% |
| Kings (N = 102) | | |
| Domestic violence | 31 | 30% |
| Physical harm | 22 | 22% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 22 | 22% |
| Lake (N = 51) | | |
| Physical harm | 20 | 39% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 12 | 24% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 11 | 22% |
| Los Angeles (N = 4,347) | | |
| Domestic violence | 1,351 | 31% |
| Physical harm | 1,029 | 24% |
| Other | 913 | 21% |
| Madera (N = 132) | | |
| Domestic violence | 43 | 33% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 35 | 27% |
| Physical harm | 30 | 23% |
| Marin (N = 134) | | |
| Domestic violence | 81 | 60% |
| Physical harm | 24 | 18% |
| Other | 24 | 18% |
| Mendocino (N = 88) | | |
| Domestic violence | 38 | 43% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 23 | 26% |
| Physical harm | 17 | 19% |

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**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS SAFE WITH PLAN**

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Merced (N = 172) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 53 | 31% |
| Domestic violence | 42 | 24% |
| Physical harm | 32 | 19% |
| Monterey (N = 269) | | |
| Physical harm | 82 | 30% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 68 | 25% |
| Domestic violence | 51 | 19% |
| Napa (N = 33) | | |
| Physical harm | 13 | 39% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 8 | 24% |
| Domestic violence | 8 | 24% |
| Orange (N = 1,206) | | |
| Domestic violence | 442 | 37% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 344 | 29% |
| Physical harm | 189 | 16% |
| Placer (N = 87) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 31 | 36% |
| Domestic violence | 21 | 24% |
| Physical harm | 21 | 24% |
| Plumas (N = 26) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 15 | 58% |
| Domestic violence | 6 | 23% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 5 | 19% |
| Riverside (N = 1,869) | | |
| Domestic violence | 714 | 38% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 379 | 20% |
| Physical harm | 356 | 19% |
| Sacramento (N = 1,052) | | |
| Domestic violence | 387 | 37% |
| Physical harm | 236 | 22% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 217 | 21% |

TABLE 10

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS SAFE WITH PLAN**

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| San Bernardino (N = 560) | | |
| Domestic violence | 175 | 31% |
| Physical harm | 160 | 29% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 109 | 19% |
| San Diego (N = 1,339) | | |
| Domestic violence | 525 | 39% |
| Physical harm | 267 | 20% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 237 | 18% |
| San Francisco (N = 429) | | |
| Domestic violence | 207 | 48% |
| Physical harm | 110 | 26% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 54 | 13% |
| San Joaquin (N = 253) | | |
| Physical harm | 80 | 32% |
| Domestic violence | 67 | 26% |
| Sexual Abuse | 35 | 14% |
| San Luis Obispo (N = 134) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 49 | 37% |
| Domestic violence | 34 | 25% |
| Other | 21 | 16% |
| San Mateo (N = 117) | | |
| Domestic violence | 51 | 44% |
| Physical harm | 31 | 26% |
| Questionable explanation of injury | 15 | 13% |
| Santa Barbara (N = 148) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 50 | 34% |
| Physical harm | 40 | 27% |
| Domestic violence | 28 | 19% |
| Santa Clara (N = 573) | | |
| Domestic violence | 229 | 40% |
| Physical harm | 129 | 23% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 100 | 17% |

TABLE 10

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS SAFE WITH PLAN**

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Santa Cruz (N = 198) | | |
| Domestic violence | 81 | 41% |
| Physical harm | 49 | 25% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 41 | 21% |
| Shasta (N = 293) | | |
| Domestic violence | 116 | 40% |
| Physical harm | 66 | 23% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 60 | 20% |
| Solano (N = 106) | | |
| Domestic violence | 31 | 29% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 28 | 26% |
| Physical harm | 25 | 24% |
| Sonoma (N = 304) | | |
| Domestic violence | 118 | 39% |
| Physical harm | 67 | 22% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 61 | 20% |
| Stanislaus (N = 132) | | |
| Physical harm | 49 | 37% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 28 | 21% |
| Hazardous living conditions | 25 | 19% |
| Sutter (N = 48) | | |
| Physical harm | 19 | 40% |
| Sexual Abuse | 9 | 19% |
| Domestic violence | 9 | 19% |
| Tehama (N = 100) | | |
| Domestic violence | 35 | 35% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 26 | 26% |
| Physical harm | 19 | 19% |
| Tulare (N = 481) | | |
| Domestic violence | 117 | 24% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 110 | 23% |
| Physical harm | 107 | 22% |

TABLE 10

**THREE MOST PREVALENT SAFETY THREATS IDENTIFIED
IN HOUSEHOLDS ASSESSED AS SAFE WITH PLAN**

| SAFETY THREAT | n | % |
|---|--------------|------------|
| Tuolumne (N = 72) | | |
| Domestic violence | 20 | 28% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 19 | 26% |
| Failure to protect | 14 | 19% |
| Ventura (N = 181) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 61 | 34% |
| Physical harm | 51 | 28% |
| Domestic violence | 43 | 24% |
| Yolo (N = 143) | | |
| Domestic violence | 62 | 43% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 27 | 19% |
| Sexual Abuse | 22 | 15% |
| Yuba (N = 161) | | |
| Child immediate needs not met | 52 | 32% |
| Domestic violence | 49 | 30% |
| Physical harm | 30 | 19% |
| COMBINED (N = 17,300; includes all safety threats on the assessment and all counties in the state) | | |
| Domestic violence | 5,842 | 34% |
| Physical harm | 3,852 | 22% |
| Child immediate needs not met | 3,444 | 20% |

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Of substantiated (28,229) or inconclusive (65,311) investigations in 2024, there were 89,018 (95%) with a completed risk assessment. Referrals overridden to an in-person response on the hotline tool were not included in the risk assessment completion rate, as the policy states no additional SDM assessments are required for these referrals.

| TABLE 11 | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------|---------------|-----|--------|
| SDM RISK ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE: SUBSTANTIATED AND INCONCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIONS | | | | | |
| COUNTY | COMPLETED | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 1,042 | 96% | 48 | 4% | 1,090 |
| Amador | 124 | 96% | 5 | 4% | 129 |
| Butte | 258 | 92% | 23 | 8% | 281 |
| Calaveras | 172 | 99% | 1 | 1% | 173 |
| Colusa | 51 | 77% | 15 | 23% | 66 |
| Contra Costa | 898 | 94% | 56 | 6% | 954 |
| Del Norte | 63 | 97% | 2 | 3% | 65 |
| El Dorado | 383 | 94% | 24 | 6% | 407 |
| Fresno | 2,247 | 73% | 850 | 27% | 3,097 |
| Glenn | 93 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 93 |
| Humboldt | 310 | 98% | 6 | 2% | 316 |
| Imperial | 796 | 94% | 53 | 6% | 849 |
| Kern | 2,208 | 99% | 27 | 1% | 2,235 |
| Kings | 377 | 98% | 7 | 2% | 384 |
| Lake | 319 | 92% | 28 | 8% | 347 |
| Lassen | 83 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 83 |
| Los Angeles | 26,430 | 99% | 391 | 1% | 26,821 |
| Madera | 828 | 99% | 8 | 1% | 836 |
| Marin | 176 | 95% | 9 | 5% | 185 |
| Mendocino | 422 | 96% | 17 | 4% | 439 |
| Merced | 549 | 74% | 189 | 26% | 738 |
| Modoc | 95 | 85% | 17 | 15% | 112 |
| Monterey | 580 | 94% | 37 | 6% | 617 |
| Napa | 191 | 98% | 4 | 2% | 195 |
| Nevada | 91 | 96% | 4 | 4% | 95 |

TABLE 11

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

| COUNTY | COMPLETED | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Orange | 5,404 | 99% | 63 | 1% | 5,467 |
| Placer | 774 | 97% | 28 | 3% | 802 |
| Plumas | 17 | 35% | 31 | 65% | 48 |
| Riverside | 9,315 | 96% | 399 | 4% | 9,714 |
| Sacramento | 4,040 | 94% | 258 | 6% | 4,298 |
| San Benito | 51 | 98% | 1 | 2% | 52 |
| San Bernardino | 4,944 | 83% | 998 | 17% | 5,942 |
| San Diego | 7,731 | 96% | 281 | 4% | 8,012 |
| San Francisco | 703 | 92% | 64 | 8% | 767 |
| San Joaquin | 2,343 | 98% | 55 | 2% | 2,398 |
| San Luis Obispo | 456 | 98% | 10 | 2% | 466 |
| San Mateo | 551 | 92% | 49 | 8% | 600 |
| Santa Barbara | 1,610 | 99% | 19 | 1% | 1,629 |
| Santa Clara | 3,315 | 98% | 58 | 2% | 3,373 |
| Santa Cruz | 551 | 98% | 13 | 2% | 564 |
| Shasta | 802 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 802 |
| Siskiyou | 222 | 98% | 5 | 2% | 227 |
| Solano | 534 | 82% | 115 | 18% | 649 |
| Sonoma | 743 | 93% | 53 | 7% | 796 |
| Stanislaus | 2,090 | 99% | 25 | 1% | 2,115 |
| Sutter | 131 | 81% | 30 | 19% | 161 |
| Tehama | 274 | 94% | 17 | 6% | 291 |
| Trinity | 38 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 38 |
| Tulare | 1,335 | 100% | 5 | <1% | 1,340 |
| Tuolumne | 118 | 86% | 20 | 14% | 138 |
| Ventura | 1,344 | 97% | 37 | 3% | 1,381 |
| Yolo | 410 | 95% | 20 | 5% | 430 |
| Yuba | 344 | 92% | 31 | 8% | 375 |
| Total | 89,018 | 95% | 4,522 | 5% | 93,540 |

TABLE 12

FINAL SDM RISK LEVEL

| COUNTY | LOW | | MODERATE | | HIGH | | VERY HIGH | | N |
|----------------|-------|-----|----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 237 | 23% | 504 | 48% | 216 | 21% | 85 | 8% | 1,042 |
| Amador | 20 | 16% | 54 | 44% | 42 | 34% | 8 | 6% | 124 |
| Butte | 16 | 6% | 103 | 40% | 90 | 35% | 49 | 19% | 258 |
| Calaveras | 12 | 7% | 82 | 48% | 61 | 35% | 17 | 10% | 172 |
| Colusa | 12 | 24% | 35 | 69% | 3 | 6% | 1 | 2% | 51 |
| Contra Costa | 168 | 19% | 440 | 49% | 204 | 23% | 86 | 10% | 898 |
| Del Norte | 6 | 10% | 24 | 38% | 19 | 30% | 14 | 22% | 63 |
| El Dorado | 72 | 19% | 175 | 46% | 98 | 26% | 38 | 10% | 383 |
| Fresno | 375 | 17% | 1,111 | 49% | 600 | 27% | 161 | 7% | 2,247 |
| Glenn | 11 | 12% | 37 | 40% | 31 | 33% | 14 | 15% | 93 |
| Humboldt | 24 | 8% | 119 | 38% | 110 | 35% | 57 | 18% | 310 |
| Imperial | 254 | 32% | 412 | 52% | 88 | 11% | 42 | 5% | 796 |
| Kern | 227 | 10% | 904 | 41% | 745 | 34% | 332 | 15% | 2,208 |
| Kings | 70 | 19% | 182 | 48% | 103 | 27% | 22 | 6% | 377 |
| Lake | 57 | 18% | 159 | 50% | 85 | 27% | 18 | 6% | 319 |
| Lassen | 15 | 18% | 39 | 47% | 24 | 29% | 5 | 6% | 83 |
| Los Angeles | 4,666 | 18% | 12,225 | 46% | 7,074 | 27% | 2,465 | 9% | 26,430 |
| Madera | 204 | 25% | 374 | 45% | 185 | 22% | 65 | 8% | 828 |
| Marin | 32 | 18% | 94 | 53% | 44 | 25% | 6 | 3% | 176 |
| Mendocino | 45 | 11% | 195 | 46% | 145 | 34% | 37 | 9% | 422 |
| Merced | 89 | 16% | 306 | 56% | 117 | 21% | 37 | 7% | 549 |
| Modoc | 15 | 16% | 58 | 61% | 17 | 18% | 5 | 5% | 95 |
| Monterey | 182 | 31% | 250 | 43% | 93 | 16% | 55 | 9% | 580 |
| Napa | 32 | 17% | 104 | 54% | 37 | 19% | 18 | 9% | 191 |
| Nevada | 12 | 13% | 45 | 49% | 26 | 29% | 8 | 9% | 91 |
| Orange | 1,300 | 24% | 2,454 | 45% | 1,240 | 23% | 410 | 8% | 5,404 |
| Placer | 179 | 23% | 399 | 52% | 146 | 19% | 50 | 6% | 774 |
| Riverside | 1,676 | 18% | 4,619 | 50% | 2,339 | 25% | 681 | 7% | 9,315 |
| Sacramento | 731 | 18% | 1,951 | 48% | 1,056 | 26% | 302 | 7% | 4,040 |
| San Benito | 7 | 14% | 29 | 57% | 11 | 22% | 4 | 8% | 51 |
| San Bernardino | 780 | 16% | 2,440 | 49% | 1,172 | 24% | 552 | 11% | 4,944 |
| San Diego | 1,619 | 21% | 3,702 | 48% | 1,935 | 25% | 475 | 6% | 7,731 |
| San Francisco | 135 | 19% | 336 | 48% | 166 | 24% | 66 | 9% | 703 |

TABLE 12

FINAL SDM RISK LEVEL

| COUNTY | LOW | | MODERATE | | HIGH | | VERY HIGH | | N |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| San Joaquin | 580 | 25% | 1,264 | 54% | 379 | 16% | 120 | 5% | 2,343 |
| San Luis Obispo | 48 | 11% | 212 | 46% | 153 | 34% | 43 | 9% | 456 |
| San Mateo | 180 | 33% | 257 | 47% | 84 | 15% | 30 | 5% | 551 |
| Santa Barbara | 403 | 25% | 827 | 51% | 309 | 19% | 71 | 4% | 1,610 |
| Santa Clara | 741 | 22% | 1,636 | 49% | 701 | 21% | 237 | 7% | 3,315 |
| Santa Cruz | 83 | 15% | 246 | 45% | 161 | 29% | 61 | 11% | 551 |
| Shasta | 102 | 13% | 391 | 49% | 224 | 28% | 85 | 11% | 802 |
| Siskiyou | 20 | 9% | 117 | 53% | 57 | 26% | 28 | 13% | 222 |
| Solano | 130 | 24% | 262 | 49% | 112 | 21% | 30 | 6% | 534 |
| Sonoma | 125 | 17% | 362 | 49% | 186 | 25% | 70 | 9% | 743 |
| Stanislaus | 605 | 29% | 1,133 | 54% | 284 | 14% | 68 | 3% | 2,090 |
| Sutter | 43 | 33% | 68 | 52% | 14 | 11% | 6 | 5% | 131 |
| Tehama | 42 | 15% | 129 | 47% | 75 | 27% | 28 | 10% | 274 |
| Trinity | 2 | 5% | 15 | 39% | 13 | 34% | 8 | 21% | 38 |
| Tulare | 189 | 14% | 604 | 45% | 393 | 29% | 149 | 11% | 1,335 |
| Tuolumne | 14 | 12% | 59 | 50% | 34 | 29% | 11 | 9% | 118 |
| Ventura | 238 | 18% | 697 | 52% | 300 | 22% | 109 | 8% | 1,344 |
| Yolo | 66 | 16% | 198 | 48% | 99 | 24% | 47 | 11% | 410 |
| Yuba | 54 | 16% | 174 | 51% | 87 | 25% | 29 | 8% | 344 |
| Total | 16,951 | 19% | 42,638 | 48% | 22,007 | 25% | 7,422 | 8% | 89,018 |

TABLE 13

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT OVERRIDE RATE

| COUNTY | NO OVERRIDE | | POLICY OVERRIDE | | DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE | | N |
|----------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|-----|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 995 | 95% | 22 | 2% | 25 | 2% | 1,042 |
| Amador | 123 | 99% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% | 124 |
| Butte | 243 | 94% | 6 | 2% | 9 | 3% | 258 |
| Calaveras | 170 | 99% | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 172 |
| Colusa | 51 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 51 |
| Contra Costa | 860 | 96% | 20 | 2% | 18 | 2% | 898 |
| Del Norte | 61 | 97% | 1 | 2% | 1 | 2% | 63 |
| El Dorado | 373 | 97% | 4 | 1% | 6 | 2% | 383 |
| Fresno | 2,201 | 98% | 29 | 1% | 17 | 1% | 2,247 |
| Glenn | 89 | 96% | 1 | 1% | 3 | 3% | 93 |
| Humboldt | 297 | 96% | 6 | 2% | 7 | 2% | 310 |
| Imperial | 790 | 99% | 3 | <1% | 3 | <1% | 796 |
| Kern | 2,104 | 95% | 46 | 2% | 58 | 3% | 2,208 |
| Kings | 364 | 97% | 8 | 2% | 5 | 1% | 377 |
| Lake | 316 | 99% | 2 | 1% | 1 | <1% | 319 |
| Lassen | 82 | 99% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 83 |
| Los Angeles | 24,947 | 94% | 308 | 1% | 1,175 | 4% | 26,430 |
| Madera | 809 | 98% | 7 | 1% | 12 | 1% | 828 |
| Marin | 166 | 94% | 1 | 1% | 9 | 5% | 176 |
| Mendocino | 415 | 98% | 2 | <1% | 5 | 1% | 422 |
| Merced | 542 | 99% | 4 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 549 |
| Modoc | 90 | 95% | 3 | 3% | 2 | 2% | 95 |
| Monterey | 555 | 96% | 19 | 3% | 6 | 1% | 580 |
| Napa | 188 | 98% | 2 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 191 |
| Nevada | 87 | 96% | 3 | 3% | 1 | 1% | 91 |
| Orange | 5,015 | 93% | 84 | 2% | 305 | 6% | 5,404 |
| Placer | 750 | 97% | 12 | 2% | 12 | 2% | 774 |
| Riverside | 8,992 | 97% | 115 | 1% | 208 | 2% | 9,315 |
| Sacramento | 3,918 | 97% | 32 | 1% | 90 | 2% | 4,040 |
| San Benito | 51 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 51 |
| San Bernardino | 4,584 | 93% | 117 | 2% | 243 | 5% | 4,944 |
| San Diego | 7,581 | 98% | 59 | 1% | 91 | 1% | 7,731 |

TABLE 13

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT OVERRIDE RATE

| COUNTY | NO OVERRIDE | | POLICY OVERRIDE | | DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE | | N |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| San Francisco | 663 | 94% | 17 | 2% | 23 | 3% | 703 |
| San Joaquin | 2,304 | 98% | 16 | 1% | 23 | 1% | 2,343 |
| San Luis Obispo | 444 | 97% | 1 | <1% | 11 | 2% | 456 |
| San Mateo | 541 | 98% | 8 | 1% | 2 | <1% | 551 |
| Santa Barbara | 1,561 | 97% | 14 | 1% | 35 | 2% | 1,610 |
| Santa Clara | 3,188 | 96% | 23 | 1% | 104 | 3% | 3,315 |
| Santa Cruz | 542 | 98% | 6 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 551 |
| Shasta | 774 | 97% | 8 | 1% | 20 | 2% | 802 |
| Siskiyou | 208 | 94% | 4 | 2% | 10 | 5% | 222 |
| Solano | 525 | 98% | 6 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 534 |
| Sonoma | 717 | 97% | 9 | 1% | 17 | 2% | 743 |
| Stanislaus | 2,061 | 99% | 7 | <1% | 22 | 1% | 2,090 |
| Sutter | 126 | 96% | 1 | 1% | 4 | 3% | 131 |
| Tehama | 268 | 98% | 4 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 274 |
| Trinity | 38 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 38 |
| Tulare | 1,294 | 97% | 22 | 2% | 19 | 1% | 1,335 |
| Tuolumne | 114 | 97% | 0 | 0% | 4 | 3% | 118 |
| Ventura | 1,303 | 97% | 22 | 2% | 19 | 1% | 1,344 |
| Yolo | 390 | 95% | 9 | 2% | 11 | 3% | 410 |
| Yuba | 334 | 97% | 4 | 1% | 6 | 2% | 344 |
| Total | 85,261 | 96% | 1,100 | 1% | 2,657 | 3% | 89,018 |

SDM RISK LEVEL AND SAFETY DECISION COMBINATIONS

In 2024, 128,609 investigations for families that did not already have an open case had a completed safety assessment and a completed risk assessment. The analysis examined findings from the last safety assessment completed during the investigation and risk assessment.

| TABLE 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| SDM RISK LEVEL AND SAFETY DECISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | LOW/MODERATE RISK | | | | | | HIGH/VERY HIGH RISK | | | | | | N |
| | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 1,460 | 72% | 109 | 5% | 76 | 4% | 196 | 10% | 53 | 3% | 129 | 6% | 2,023 |
| Amador | 95 | 52% | 32 | 17% | 2 | 1% | 30 | 16% | 18 | 10% | 7 | 4% | 184 |
| Butte | 91 | 30% | 56 | 19% | 12 | 4% | 64 | 21% | 43 | 14% | 34 | 11% | 300 |
| Calaveras | 142 | 59% | 2 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 72 | 30% | 6 | 2% | 17 | 7% | 242 |
| Colusa | 19 | 31% | 36 | 59% | 2 | 3% | 1 | 2% | 1 | 2% | 2 | 3% | 61 |
| Contra Costa | 1,414 | 73% | 106 | 5% | 27 | 1% | 241 | 12% | 67 | 3% | 85 | 4% | 1,940 |
| Del Norte | 81 | 58% | 3 | 2% | 2 | 1% | 40 | 29% | 5 | 4% | 8 | 6% | 139 |
| El Dorado | 447 | 72% | 11 | 2% | 11 | 2% | 110 | 18% | 19 | 3% | 26 | 4% | 624 |
| Fresno | 2,285 | 63% | 267 | 7% | 74 | 2% | 647 | 18% | 176 | 5% | 160 | 4% | 3,609 |
| Glenn | 124 | 66% | 8 | 4% | 4 | 2% | 35 | 19% | 8 | 4% | 9 | 5% | 188 |
| Humboldt | 541 | 67% | 1 | <1% | 4 | <1% | 215 | 27% | 5 | 1% | 44 | 5% | 810 |
| Imperial | 833 | 82% | 34 | 3% | 9 | 1% | 80 | 8% | 11 | 1% | 50 | 5% | 1,017 |
| Kern | 1,188 | 51% | 24 | 1% | 57 | 2% | 728 | 32% | 37 | 2% | 276 | 12% | 2,310 |
| Kings | 590 | 72% | 21 | 3% | 12 | 1% | 148 | 18% | 18 | 2% | 25 | 3% | 814 |
| Lake | 252 | 67% | 20 | 5% | 1 | <1% | 69 | 18% | 22 | 6% | 14 | 4% | 378 |
| Lassen | 132 | 71% | 8 | 4% | 2 | 1% | 29 | 16% | 3 | 2% | 12 | 6% | 186 |

TABLE 14

SDM RISK LEVEL AND SAFETY DECISION

| COUNTY | LOW/MODERATE RISK | | | | | | HIGH/VERY HIGH RISK | | | | | | N |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------|-----|---------------|
| | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Los Angeles | 18,273 | 64% | 1,136 | 4% | 220 | 1% | 6,312 | 22% | 1,253 | 4% | 1,342 | 5% | 28,536 |
| Madera | 903 | 69% | 70 | 5% | 18 | 1% | 234 | 18% | 39 | 3% | 45 | 3% | 1,309 |
| Marin | 83 | 37% | 92 | 41% | 1 | <1% | 13 | 6% | 27 | 12% | 9 | 4% | 225 |
| Mariposa | 51 | 78% | 4 | 6% | 0 | 0% | 5 | 8% | 2 | 3% | 3 | 5% | 65 |
| Mendocino | 297 | 58% | 20 | 4% | 4 | 1% | 148 | 29% | 14 | 3% | 28 | 5% | 511 |
| Merced | 348 | 65% | 40 | 7% | 1 | <1% | 95 | 18% | 27 | 5% | 23 | 4% | 534 |
| Modoc | 95 | 79% | 4 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 13 | 11% | 1 | 1% | 7 | 6% | 120 |
| Monterey | 442 | 69% | 41 | 6% | 15 | 2% | 63 | 10% | 33 | 5% | 46 | 7% | 640 |
| Napa | 325 | 73% | 5 | 1% | 2 | 0% | 102 | 23% | 1 | <1% | 13 | 3% | 448 |
| Nevada | 132 | 70% | 3 | 2% | 5 | 3% | 36 | 19% | 3 | 2% | 10 | 5% | 189 |
| Orange | 5,093 | 66% | 707 | 9% | 61 | 1% | 938 | 12% | 288 | 4% | 580 | 8% | 7,667 |
| Placer | 881 | 80% | 7 | 1% | 13 | 1% | 134 | 12% | 13 | 1% | 54 | 5% | 1,102 |
| Riverside | 14,721 | 76% | 379 | 2% | 156 | 1% | 3,220 | 17% | 339 | 2% | 576 | 3% | 19,391 |
| Sacramento | 2,646 | 64% | 181 | 4% | 36 | 1% | 871 | 21% | 237 | 6% | 168 | 4% | 4,139 |
| San Benito | 34 | 69% | 2 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 7 | 14% | 0 | 0% | 6 | 12% | 49 |
| San Bernardino | 4,132 | 69% | 135 | 2% | 78 | 1% | 812 | 14% | 98 | 2% | 756 | 13% | 6,011 |
| San Diego | 11,443 | 76% | 78 | 1% | 27 | <1% | 3,143 | 21% | 128 | 1% | 214 | 1% | 15,033 |
| San Francisco | 1,016 | 69% | 119 | 8% | 27 | 2% | 168 | 11% | 77 | 5% | 68 | 5% | 1,475 |
| San Joaquin | 1,849 | 79% | 21 | 1% | 17 | 1% | 327 | 14% | 33 | 1% | 93 | 4% | 2,340 |
| San Luis Obispo | 1,035 | 69% | 17 | 1% | 8 | 1% | 401 | 27% | 13 | 1% | 32 | 2% | 1,506 |
| San Mateo | 531 | 79% | 20 | 3% | 4 | 1% | 87 | 13% | 11 | 2% | 23 | 3% | 676 |

TABLE 14

SDM RISK LEVEL AND SAFETY DECISION

| COUNTY | LOW/MODERATE RISK | | | | | | HIGH/VERY HIGH RISK | | | | | | N |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | SAFE | | SAFE WITH PLAN | | UNSAFE | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Santa Barbara | 2,220 | 82% | 16 | 1% | 28 | 1% | 340 | 13% | 26 | 1% | 87 | 3% | 2,717 |
| Santa Clara | 4,160 | 77% | 115 | 2% | 18 | <1% | 861 | 16% | 155 | 3% | 116 | 2% | 5,425 |
| Santa Cruz | 365 | 49% | 109 | 15% | 3 | <1% | 169 | 23% | 76 | 10% | 21 | 3% | 743 |
| Shasta | 560 | 51% | 159 | 15% | 14 | 1% | 191 | 17% | 100 | 9% | 71 | 6% | 1,095 |
| Siskiyou | 222 | 68% | 5 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 78 | 24% | 3 | 1% | 20 | 6% | 328 |
| Solano | 452 | 70% | 40 | 6% | 7 | 1% | 77 | 12% | 18 | 3% | 49 | 8% | 643 |
| Sonoma | 722 | 67% | 52 | 5% | 4 | <1% | 219 | 20% | 51 | 5% | 35 | 3% | 1,083 |
| Stanislaus | 2,055 | 82% | 41 | 2% | 11 | <1% | 305 | 12% | 42 | 2% | 38 | 2% | 2,492 |
| Sutter | 149 | 74% | 29 | 14% | 2 | 1% | 10 | 5% | 4 | 2% | 8 | 4% | 202 |
| Tehama | 132 | 43% | 55 | 18% | 8 | 3% | 50 | 16% | 35 | 12% | 24 | 8% | 304 |
| Trinity | 26 | 46% | 6 | 11% | 0 | 0% | 15 | 27% | 6 | 11% | 3 | 5% | 56 |
| Tulare | 2,004 | 68% | 99 | 3% | 50 | 2% | 604 | 20% | 100 | 3% | 107 | 4% | 2,964 |
| Tuolumne | 67 | 41% | 37 | 23% | 0 | 0% | 24 | 15% | 19 | 12% | 15 | 9% | 162 |
| Ventura | 1,954 | 75% | 52 | 2% | 7 | <1% | 477 | 18% | 66 | 3% | 49 | 2% | 2,605 |
| Yolo | 301 | 58% | 65 | 12% | 7 | 1% | 68 | 13% | 42 | 8% | 40 | 8% | 523 |
| Yuba | 247 | 58% | 52 | 12% | 10 | 2% | 55 | 13% | 23 | 5% | 40 | 9% | 427 |
| Total | 89,685 | 70% | 4,758 | 4% | 1,161 | 1% | 23,382 | 18% | 3,903 | 3% | 5,720 | 4% | 128,609 |

SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Evident Change identified children in placement episodes that began in 2023 and examined whether workers completed a reunification assessment 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 episodes were also excluded. The dates on which these started and whether the youth reached their 18th birthday were considered. 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 17, 2025)—were excluded to allow equal opportunity (i.e., at least nine months) to complete the reunification assessment.

TABLE 15

SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

| COUNTY | COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS | | COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| | Alameda | 133 | 60% | 7 | 3% | 83 | |
| Amador | 19 | 49% | 9 | 23% | 11 | 28% | 39 |
| Butte | 13 | 8% | 19 | 12% | 126 | 80% | 158 |
| Calaveras | 37 | 86% | 0 | 0% | 6 | 14% | 43 |
| Contra Costa | 27 | 13% | 57 | 28% | 122 | 59% | 206 |
| Del Norte | 6 | 21% | 10 | 34% | 13 | 45% | 29 |
| El Dorado | 8 | 13% | 9 | 15% | 43 | 72% | 60 |
| Fresno | 17 | 2% | 30 | 4% | 678 | 94% | 725 |
| Humboldt | 10 | 8% | 42 | 36% | 66 | 56% | 118 |
| Imperial | 44 | 40% | 12 | 11% | 54 | 49% | 110 |
| Kern | 122 | 16% | 171 | 22% | 486 | 62% | 779 |
| Kings | 38 | 21% | 74 | 40% | 73 | 39% | 185 |
| Lake | 11 | 42% | 7 | 27% | 8 | 31% | 26 |
| Los Angeles | 2,927 | 66% | 454 | 10% | 1,021 | 23% | 4,402 |
| Madera | 46 | 42% | 22 | 20% | 42 | 38% | 110 |
| Marin | 5 | 12% | 7 | 17% | 29 | 71% | 41 |
| Mendocino | 8 | 7% | 11 | 10% | 88 | 82% | 107 |
| Merced | 46 | 16% | 144 | 51% | 93 | 33% | 283 |
| Monterey | 7 | 14% | 9 | 18% | 35 | 69% | 51 |
| Napa | 18 | 69% | 5 | 19% | 3 | 12% | 26 |
| Orange | 97 | 10% | 193 | 21% | 641 | 69% | 931 |

TABLE 15

SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT COMPLETION RATE

| COUNTY | COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS | | COMPLETED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MONTHS | | NOT COMPLETED | | N |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Placer | 21 | 23% | 23 | 25% | 48 | 52% | 92 |
| Riverside | 184 | 13% | 156 | 11% | 1,080 | 76% | 1,420 |
| Sacramento | 59 | 14% | 116 | 27% | 251 | 59% | 426 |
| San Bernardino | 147 | 8% | 582 | 31% | 1,173 | 62% | 1,902 |
| San Diego | 132 | 20% | 214 | 33% | 303 | 47% | 649 |
| San Francisco | 38 | 14% | 51 | 18% | 189 | 68% | 278 |
| San Joaquin | 113 | 28% | 101 | 25% | 186 | 47% | 400 |
| San Luis Obispo | 23 | 21% | 45 | 42% | 40 | 37% | 108 |
| San Mateo | 17 | 50% | 6 | 18% | 11 | 32% | 34 |
| Santa Barbara | 55 | 49% | 11 | 10% | 46 | 41% | 112 |
| Santa Clara | 111 | 71% | 8 | 5% | 37 | 24% | 156 |
| Santa Cruz | 22 | 69% | 3 | 9% | 7 | 22% | 32 |
| Shasta | 98 | 56% | 16 | 9% | 62 | 35% | 176 |
| Siskiyou | 12 | 26% | 21 | 46% | 13 | 28% | 46 |
| Solano | 72 | 63% | 18 | 16% | 25 | 22% | 115 |
| Sonoma | 11 | 14% | 2 | 3% | 64 | 83% | 77 |
| Stanislaus | 9 | 8% | 20 | 18% | 82 | 74% | 111 |
| Sutter | 2 | 4% | 5 | 10% | 43 | 86% | 50 |
| Tehama | 15 | 33% | 3 | 7% | 28 | 61% | 46 |
| Tulare | 41 | 11% | 165 | 44% | 165 | 44% | 371 |
| Tuolumne | 30 | 94% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 6% | 32 |
| Ventura | 73 | 35% | 34 | 16% | 102 | 49% | 209 |
| Yolo | 8 | 8% | 1 | 1% | 94 | 91% | 103 |
| Yuba | 8 | 10% | 9 | 11% | 64 | 79% | 81 |
| Total | 4,958 | 31% | 2,936 | 19% | 7,923 | 50% | 15,817 |

In 2023, there were 7,889 children who had a reunification assessment completed within six or nine months of the start of FR services.

| TABLE 16 | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----|--|-----|-------------|-----|-------|
| SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN RECOMMENDATION | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | CONTINUE SERVICES | | TERMINATE SERVICES/PURSUE PERMANENCY ALTERNATIVE | | RETURN HOME | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 96 | 69% | 42 | 30% | 2 | 1% | 140 |
| Amador | 17 | 61% | 6 | 21% | 5 | 18% | 28 |
| Butte | 16 | 50% | 3 | 9% | 13 | 41% | 32 |
| Calaveras | 24 | 65% | 7 | 19% | 6 | 16% | 37 |
| Contra Costa | 41 | 49% | 17 | 20% | 26 | 31% | 84 |
| Fresno | 25 | 53% | 8 | 17% | 14 | 30% | 47 |
| Humboldt | 28 | 54% | 12 | 23% | 12 | 23% | 52 |
| Imperial | 31 | 55% | 14 | 25% | 11 | 20% | 56 |
| Kern | 175 | 60% | 75 | 26% | 43 | 15% | 293 |
| Kings | 50 | 45% | 14 | 13% | 48 | 43% | 112 |
| Los Angeles | 2,564 | 76% | 509 | 15% | 305 | 9% | 3,378 |
| Madera | 39 | 57% | 11 | 16% | 18 | 26% | 68 |
| Merced | 118 | 62% | 30 | 16% | 42 | 22% | 190 |
| Orange | 188 | 65% | 70 | 24% | 31 | 11% | 289 |
| Placer | 27 | 61% | 11 | 25% | 6 | 14% | 44 |
| Riverside | 238 | 70% | 40 | 12% | 62 | 18% | 340 |
| Sacramento | 99 | 57% | 45 | 26% | 31 | 18% | 175 |
| San Bernardino | 450 | 62% | 139 | 19% | 140 | 19% | 729 |
| San Diego | 223 | 64% | 76 | 22% | 47 | 14% | 346 |
| San Francisco | 44 | 50% | 18 | 20% | 26 | 30% | 88 |
| San Joaquin | 146 | 68% | 53 | 25% | 15 | 7% | 214 |
| San Luis Obispo | 41 | 60% | 13 | 19% | 14 | 21% | 68 |
| Santa Barbara | 41 | 62% | 11 | 17% | 14 | 21% | 66 |
| Santa Clara | 87 | 73% | 24 | 20% | 8 | 7% | 119 |
| Santa Cruz | 10 | 40% | 6 | 24% | 9 | 36% | 25 |
| Shasta | 73 | 64% | 23 | 20% | 18 | 16% | 114 |
| Siskiyou | 26 | 79% | 2 | 6% | 5 | 15% | 33 |
| Solano | 73 | 81% | 14 | 16% | 3 | 3% | 90 |

| TABLE 16 | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN RECOMMENDATION | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | CONTINUE SERVICES | | TERMINATE SERVICES/PURSUE PERMANENCY ALTERNATIVE | | RETURN HOME | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Stanislaus | 13 | 45% | 11 | 38% | 5 | 17% | 29 |
| Tulare | 128 | 62% | 41 | 20% | 37 | 18% | 206 |
| Tuolumne | 24 | 80% | 4 | 13% | 2 | 7% | 30 |
| Ventura | 72 | 67% | 20 | 19% | 15 | 14% | 107 |
| Total | 5,389 | 68% | 1,415 | 18% | 1,085 | 14% | 7,889 |

Note: Five removals in 2023 had no initial recommendation in the reunification reassessment and were excluded from this analysis.

| TABLE 17 | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|-----|-------|
| SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN OVERRIDE | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | NO OVERRIDE | | POLICY OVERRIDE | | DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 114 | 81% | 19 | 14% | 7 | 5% | 140 |
| Amador | 26 | 93% | 2 | 7% | 0 | 0% | 28 |
| Butte | 32 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 32 |
| Calaveras | 28 | 76% | 7 | 19% | 2 | 5% | 37 |
| Contra Costa | 67 | 80% | 6 | 7% | 11 | 13% | 84 |
| Fresno | 40 | 85% | 6 | 13% | 1 | 2% | 47 |
| Humboldt | 44 | 85% | 4 | 8% | 4 | 8% | 52 |
| Imperial | 47 | 84% | 7 | 13% | 2 | 4% | 56 |
| Kern | 272 | 93% | 10 | 3% | 11 | 4% | 293 |
| Kings | 107 | 96% | 5 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 112 |
| Los Angeles | 3,018 | 89% | 160 | 5% | 200 | 6% | 3,378 |
| Madera | 53 | 78% | 3 | 4% | 12 | 18% | 68 |
| Merced | 171 | 90% | 12 | 6% | 7 | 4% | 190 |
| Orange | 230 | 80% | 50 | 17% | 9 | 3% | 289 |
| Placer | 35 | 80% | 7 | 16% | 2 | 5% | 44 |
| Riverside | 293 | 86% | 38 | 11% | 9 | 3% | 340 |
| Sacramento | 127 | 73% | 31 | 18% | 17 | 10% | 175 |

TABLE 17

SDM REUNIFICATION ASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PLAN OVERRIDE

| COUNTY | NO OVERRIDE | | POLICY OVERRIDE | | DISCRETIONARY OVERRIDE | | N |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| San Bernardino | 557 | 76% | 137 | 19% | 35 | 5% | 729 |
| San Diego | 308 | 89% | 19 | 5% | 19 | 5% | 346 |
| San Francisco | 67 | 76% | 14 | 16% | 7 | 8% | 88 |
| San Joaquin | 148 | 69% | 43 | 20% | 23 | 11% | 214 |
| San Luis Obispo | 44 | 65% | 13 | 19% | 11 | 16% | 68 |
| Santa Barbara | 57 | 86% | 8 | 12% | 1 | 2% | 66 |
| Santa Clara | 103 | 87% | 8 | 7% | 8 | 7% | 119 |
| Santa Cruz | 23 | 92% | 2 | 8% | 0 | 0% | 25 |
| Shasta | 96 | 84% | 11 | 10% | 7 | 6% | 114 |
| Siskiyou | 32 | 97% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 3% | 33 |
| Solano | 80 | 89% | 8 | 9% | 2 | 2% | 90 |
| Stanislaus | 23 | 79% | 6 | 21% | 0 | 0% | 29 |
| Tulare | 186 | 90% | 14 | 7% | 6 | 3% | 206 |
| Tuolumne | 26 | 87% | 4 | 13% | 0 | 0% | 30 |
| Ventura | 86 | 80% | 18 | 17% | 3 | 3% | 107 |
| Total | 6,771 | 86% | 691 | 9% | 427 | 5% | 7,889 |

SDM RISK REASSESSMENT FINDINGS

This analysis examined whether children’s cases that began in 2023 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 the life of a case that was active for less than nine months.

| TABLE 18 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|-------|
| 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 | 75 | 49% | 37 | 24% | 41 | 27% | 153 |
| Contra Costa | 73 | 52% | 18 | 13% | 50 | 35% | 141 |
| El Dorado | 5 | 6% | 4 | 5% | 71 | 89% | 80 |
| Fresno | 133 | 64% | 12 | 6% | 63 | 30% | 208 |
| Glenn | 6 | 15% | 4 | 10% | 29 | 74% | 39 |
| Humboldt | 18 | 22% | 13 | 16% | 50 | 62% | 81 |
| Kern | 57 | 37% | 29 | 19% | 67 | 44% | 153 |
| Kings | 5 | 17% | 4 | 14% | 20 | 69% | 29 |
| Los Angeles | 2,192 | 40% | 1,965 | 36% | 1,334 | 24% | 5,491 |
| Madera | 47 | 53% | 17 | 19% | 25 | 28% | 89 |
| Marin | 11 | 35% | 9 | 29% | 11 | 35% | 31 |
| Merced | 2 | 7% | 8 | 27% | 20 | 67% | 30 |
| Monterey | 45 | 68% | 15 | 23% | 6 | 9% | 66 |
| Napa | 64 | 84% | 1 | 1% | 11 | 14% | 76 |
| Orange | 212 | 25% | 310 | 36% | 338 | 39% | 860 |
| Placer | 23 | 33% | 31 | 44% | 16 | 23% | 70 |
| Plumas | 13 | 35% | 0 | 0% | 24 | 65% | 37 |
| Riverside | 361 | 24% | 236 | 16% | 887 | 60% | 1,484 |
| Sacramento | 291 | 72% | 52 | 13% | 62 | 15% | 405 |
| San Bernardino | 114 | 22% | 97 | 19% | 304 | 59% | 515 |
| San Diego | 132 | 48% | 92 | 33% | 52 | 19% | 276 |
| San Francisco | 87 | 33% | 62 | 24% | 111 | 43% | 260 |
| San Joaquin | 14 | 16% | 59 | 68% | 14 | 16% | 87 |

| TABLE 18 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|---------------|
| 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 Luis Obispo | 17 | 31% | 31 | 57% | 6 | 11% | 54 |
| San Mateo | 10 | 27% | 4 | 11% | 23 | 62% | 37 |
| Santa Barbara | 48 | 73% | 7 | 11% | 11 | 17% | 66 |
| Santa Clara | 277 | 69% | 82 | 20% | 43 | 11% | 402 |
| Sonoma | 37 | 32% | 28 | 24% | 51 | 44% | 116 |
| Stanislaus | 83 | 61% | 35 | 26% | 17 | 13% | 135 |
| Tulare | 31 | 19% | 82 | 50% | 51 | 31% | 164 |
| Ventura | 107 | 80% | 13 | 10% | 14 | 10% | 134 |
| Yolo | 4 | 11% | 0 | 0% | 32 | 89% | 36 |
| Yuba | 8 | 25% | 1 | 3% | 23 | 72% | 32 |
| Total | 4,667 | 39% | 3,370 | 28% | 3,991 | 33% | 12,028 |

In 2023, there were 8,037 children whose cases began in FM services that received a completed risk reassessment within six or nine months of their FM services starting.

| TABLE 19 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|
| SDM RISK REASSESSMENT LEVEL AFTER OVERRIDES | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | LOW | | MODERATE | | HIGH | | VERY HIGH | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Alameda | 55 | 49% | 44 | 39% | 13 | 12% | 0 | 0% | 112 |
| Contra Costa | 21 | 23% | 51 | 56% | 14 | 15% | 5 | 5% | 91 |
| Fresno | 33 | 23% | 109 | 75% | 3 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 145 |
| Humboldt | 3 | 10% | 22 | 71% | 3 | 10% | 3 | 10% | 31 |
| Kern | 25 | 29% | 44 | 51% | 16 | 19% | 1 | 1% | 86 |
| Los Angeles | 1,361 | 33% | 2,106 | 51% | 602 | 14% | 88 | 2% | 4,157 |
| Madera | 22 | 34% | 37 | 58% | 0 | 0% | 5 | 8% | 64 |
| Monterey | 19 | 32% | 33 | 55% | 7 | 12% | 1 | 2% | 60 |
| Napa | 14 | 22% | 40 | 62% | 9 | 14% | 2 | 3% | 65 |
| Orange | 218 | 42% | 242 | 46% | 57 | 11% | 5 | 1% | 522 |
| Placer | 21 | 39% | 28 | 52% | 3 | 6% | 2 | 4% | 54 |

| TABLE 19 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| SDM RISK REASSESSMENT LEVEL AFTER OVERRIDES | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | LOW | | MODERATE | | HIGH | | VERY HIGH | | N |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | |
| Riverside | 207 | 35% | 312 | 52% | 64 | 11% | 14 | 2% | 597 |
| Sacramento | 67 | 20% | 238 | 69% | 36 | 10% | 2 | 1% | 343 |
| San Bernardino | 70 | 33% | 112 | 53% | 29 | 14% | 0 | 0% | 211 |
| San Diego | 50 | 22% | 130 | 58% | 36 | 16% | 8 | 4% | 224 |
| San Francisco | 39 | 26% | 97 | 65% | 13 | 9% | 0 | 0% | 149 |
| San Joaquin | 12 | 16% | 41 | 56% | 20 | 27% | 0 | 0% | 73 |
| San Luis Obispo | 8 | 17% | 27 | 56% | 13 | 27% | 0 | 0% | 48 |
| Santa Barbara | 13 | 24% | 32 | 58% | 10 | 18% | 0 | 0% | 55 |
| Santa Clara | 64 | 18% | 197 | 55% | 87 | 24% | 11 | 3% | 359 |
| Sonoma | 21 | 32% | 24 | 37% | 20 | 31% | 0 | 0% | 65 |
| Stanislaus | 38 | 32% | 68 | 58% | 12 | 10% | 0 | 0% | 118 |
| Tulare | 53 | 47% | 45 | 40% | 11 | 10% | 4 | 4% | 113 |
| Ventura | 17 | 14% | 87 | 73% | 13 | 11% | 3 | 3% | 120 |
| Total | 2,503 | 31% | 4,260 | 53% | 1,118 | 14% | 156 | 2% | 8,037 |

Results for counties with fewer than 25 cases for analysis do not appear in the following table.

| TABLE 20 | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|---------|---------------|
| SDM RISK REASSESSMENT CASE CLOSED WITHIN 90 DAYS BY RISK CATEGORY | | | | | | |
| COUNTY | LOW/MODERATE RISK | | | HIGH/VERY HIGH RISK | | |
| | CASES CLOSED n | CASES N | CASE CLOSED % | CASES CLOSED n | CASES N | CASE CLOSED % |
| Alameda | 70 | 99 | 71% | — | — | — |
| Contra Costa | 33 | 72 | 46% | — | — | — |
| Fresno | 30 | 142 | 21% | — | — | — |
| Humboldt | 14 | 25 | 56% | — | — | — |
| Kern | 53 | 69 | 77% | — | — | — |
| Los Angeles | 1,565 | 3,467 | 45% | 117 | 690 | 17% |
| Madera | 41 | 59 | 69% | — | — | — |
| Monterey | 43 | 52 | 83% | — | — | — |
| Napa | 35 | 54 | 65% | — | — | — |
| Orange | 331 | 460 | 72% | 11 | 62 | 18% |

TABLE 20

SDM RISK REASSESSMENT CASE CLOSED WITHIN 90 DAYS BY RISK CATEGORY

| COUNTY | LOW/MODERATE RISK | | | HIGH/VERY HIGH RISK | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | CASES CLOSED | CASES N | CASE CLOSED % | CASES CLOSED | CASES N | CASE CLOSED % |
| | n | N | % | n | N | % |
| Placer | 28 | 49 | 57% | — | — | — |
| Riverside | 272 | 519 | 52% | 7 | 78 | 9% |
| Sacramento | 87 | 305 | 29% | 10 | 38 | 26% |
| San Bernardino | 84 | 182 | 46% | 7 | 29 | 24% |
| San Diego | 108 | 180 | 60% | 23 | 44 | 52% |
| San Francisco | 104 | 136 | 76% | — | — | — |
| San Joaquin | 9 | 53 | 17% | — | — | — |
| San Luis Obispo | 28 | 35 | 80% | — | — | — |
| Santa Barbara | 13 | 45 | 29% | — | — | — |
| Santa Clara | 208 | 261 | 80% | 28 | 98 | 29% |
| Sonoma | 43 | 45 | 96% | — | — | — |
| Stanislaus | 54 | 106 | 51% | — | — | — |
| Tulare | 56 | 98 | 57% | — | — | — |
| Ventura | 30 | 104 | 29% | — | — | — |
| Total | 3,443 | 6,763 | 51% | 279 | 1274 | 22% |