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Out-of-Home Placement & Screening Trends: Q4 2020

About this Report

The Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) has been tracking out-of-home placements (OHP) for juvenile clients since 2009. This report describes youth who were in out-of-home placement during the 4th quarter of 2020. Data is pulled from the DOCCR case management system (CSTS) and focuses on clients referred to OHP by Juvenile Probation.

This report provides trend data on youth with placements that closed during the quarter, as well as those with placements that were open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2020). Placements are organized by location (Hennepin County, Greater Minnesota, or out of state), and by type (residential treatment centers, sexual health treatment centers, the County Home School, foster homes, shelters, transition centers, group homes, chemical dependency centers, mental health centers, and evaluations). This report also organizes placements by race and gender.

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

Highlights/Key Trends:

- Screenings
 - The total number of placement screenings decreased from the previous quarter
 - The majority of screenings completed were for an Investigation or a New Charge
 - Screenings due to a probation violation remained stable from the previous quarter
 - In Q4 2020, parental attendance at screenings increased slightly from 44% in Q3 2020 to 50%.

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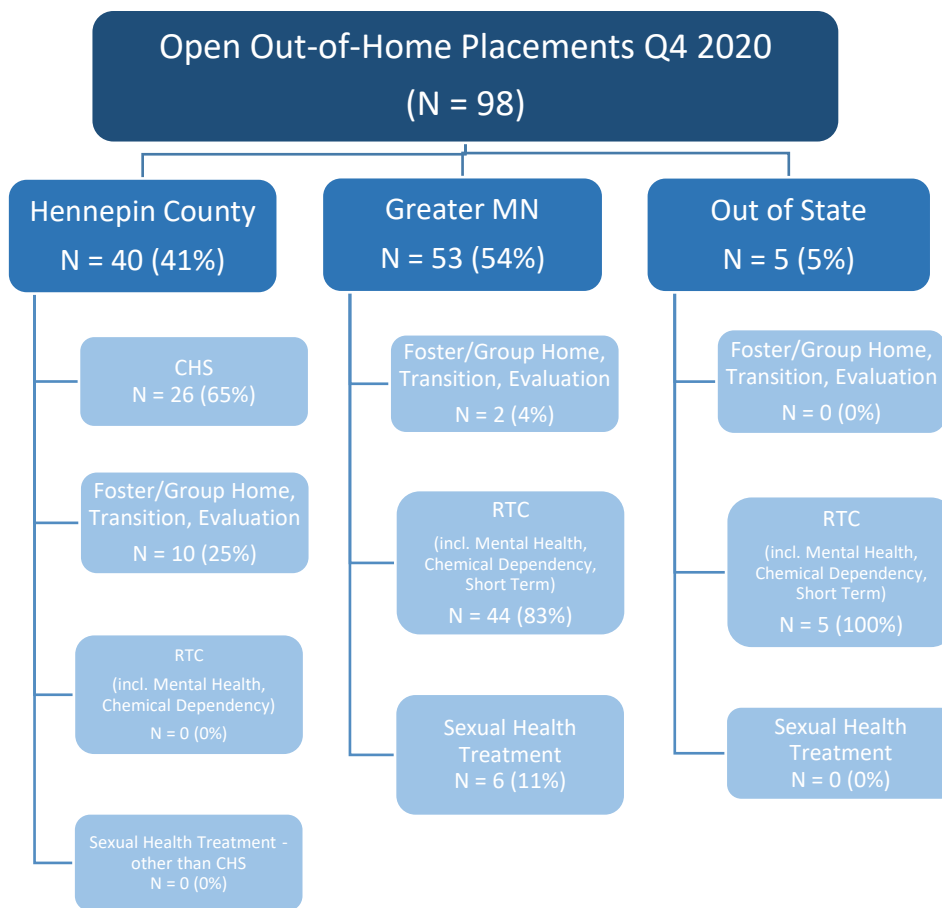


- Placements
 - Youth whose CHS-RTC or other RTC placement ended in Q4 2020, spent a median of 179 days in placement; this is a 31 day decrease in length of stay compared to Q3 2020
 - At the end of Q4 2020, three youth (5%) out of 65 remained in an OHP out-of-state; 37% were in placements within Hennepin – a continued decrease from previous quarters
 - 14% of the JP population was in placement in Q4 2020; a decrease from 17% in Q3 2020
 - Thirty-two youth started in placement in Q4 2020; by comparison, 83 started in Q1 2020

Total Out-of-Home Placements

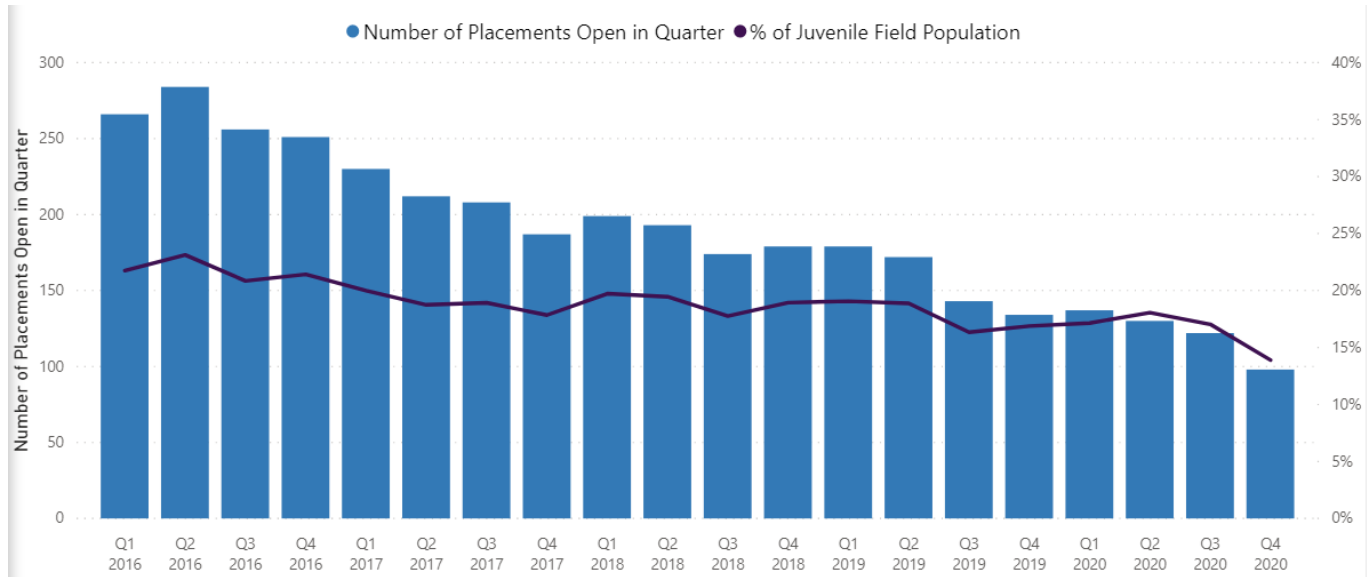
Figure 1¹ shows the breakout of Hennepin County clients in out-of-home placements. Overall, there were 98 out-of-home placements in Quarter 4 of 2020. Forty-one percent were placements within Hennepin County, 54% were placements in Greater Minnesota, and 5% were out of state placements. County Home School numbers are a combination of RTC and Sexual Health Treatment Programs.

Figure 1. Total Out-of-Home Placements Q4 2020



¹ Numbers in the chart may not equal the N identified at the top due to a small number of placements that do not fit the categories shown here, primarily shelters.

Figure 2. Percent of Juvenile Probation Population (excluding Investigation Only, STS, and Court Unit) Open in OHP by Quarter



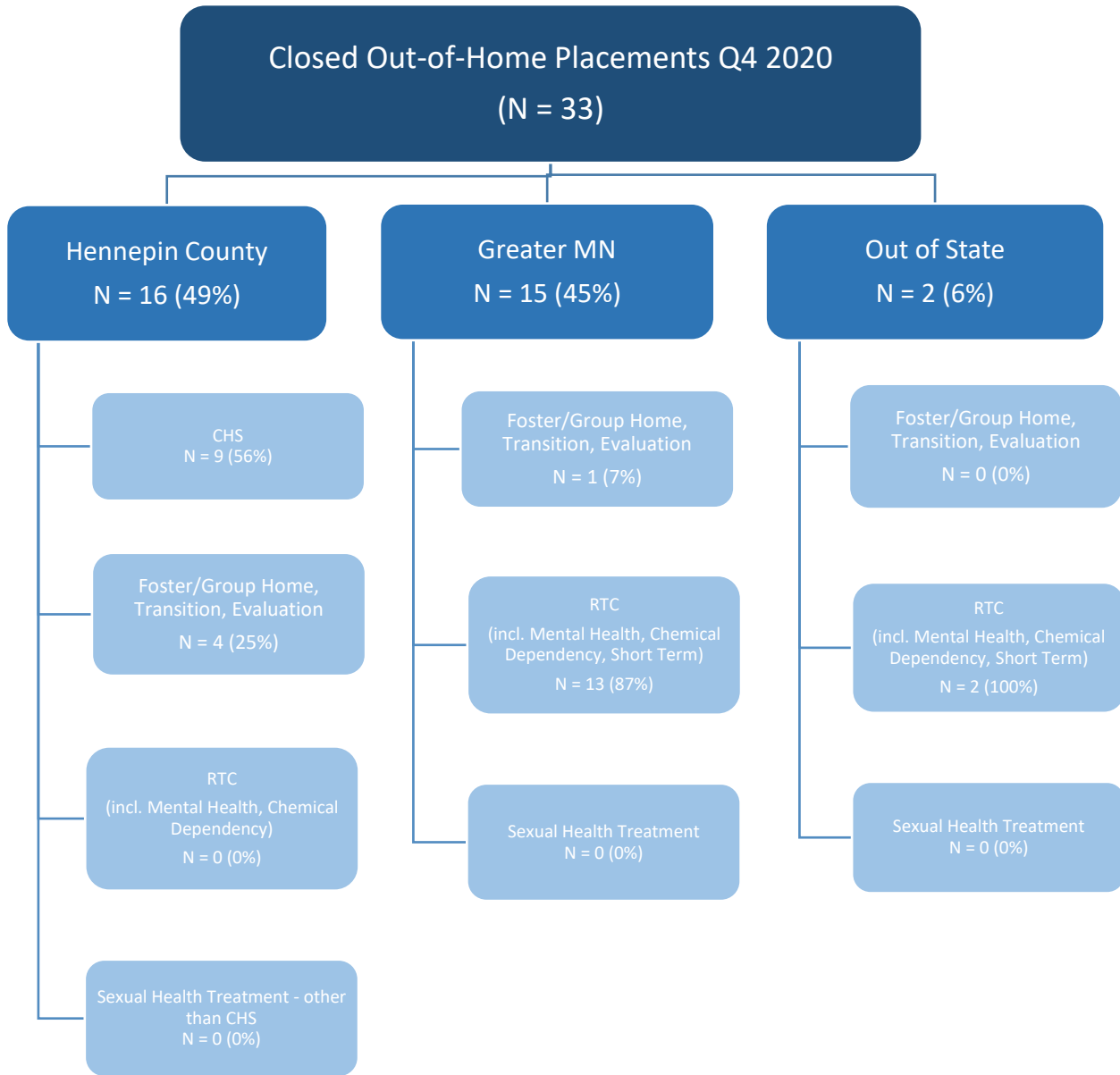
Closed Placements

Figure 3² shows the breakout of closed out-of-home placements (those which ended in the quarter). Of the 98 total placements, 33 closed during Q4 2020.

Forty-nine percent of the placements that closed were placements in Hennepin County, 45% were Greater Minnesota placements and 6% were out of state placements.

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Figure 3. Closed Out-of-Home Placements Q4 2020



The median number of days in placement for youth with CHS-RTC placements and other RTC placements that closed during Quarter 4 of 2020 is shown below. The median number of days in placement for youth of color (n = 21) was 179 days. The median length of stay for white youth (n = 2) was 152 days. No youth closed on Sexual Health Treatment in Q4 2020. Five youth of color closed from foster or group homes with a median of 74 days in placement.

Figures 4 and 5 show the median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC placements and other RTC placements that closed in that quarter. Figure 6 shows the median days in placement for all other types of placement that closed in Q4 2020.

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

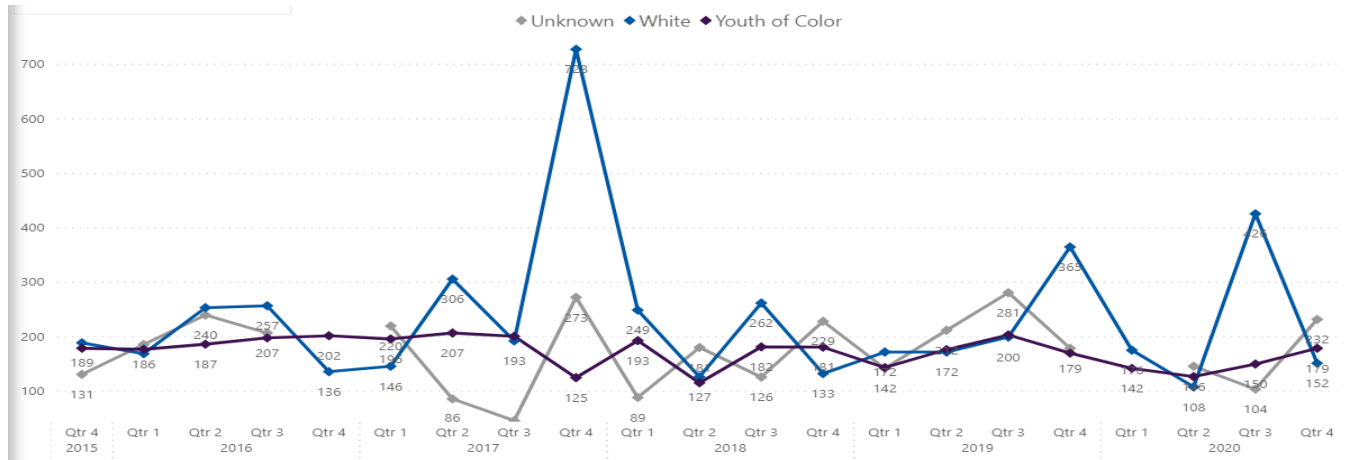


Figure 5. Median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC⁴ or other RTC⁵ placement for closed placements by race

Race	Year	2016				2017				2018				2019				2020					
		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	Median Placement Days	124	183	156	377	171	207	149	20	79	174	161	287	27	174	108	95	172	287				
	N	5	6	4	3	3	6	2	5	1	4	1	1	4	5	1	4	3	4				
Asian/Pacific Islander	Median Placement Days	239			205	216	176							33	34				161				
	N	1			1	1	1							2	2				1				
Black/African American	Median Placement Days	175	187	191	196	199	209	207	125	196	110	203	166	178	202	235	173	137	118	148	179		
	N	36	62	33	48	44	36	35	21	43	37	27	26	27	30	21	28	27	23	24	19		
Multiracial	Median Placement Days	216	156	269	114	159	257	179	196	144	248	163	215	56	141	92	204	142	163	233	307		
	N	6	6	5	3	6	2	5	5	7	5	4	5	5	3	2	2	1	4	1	2		
Unknown	Median Placement Days	186	240	207		220	86	46	273	89	181	126	229	142	212	281	179		146	104	232		
	N	1	4	2		5	2	3	2	4	6	3	2	3	5	1	5		1	1	1		
White	Median Placement Days	169	254	257	136	146	306	193	728	249	127	262	133	172	172	200	365	176	108	426	152		
	N	3	6	5	1	2	1	6	2	2	2	1	4	3	2	2	1	2	5	1	2		
Total	Median Placement Days	177	191	213	196	195	201	199	142	193	126	182	181	146	179	228	173	144	127	150	179		
	N	52	84	49	56	61	48	51	35	57	54	36	38	44	47	27	40	33	38	27	24		

³ Does not include CHS – Sexual Health Treatment Programs.

⁴ Does not include CHS – Sexual Health Treatment Programs.

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

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

Intervention Type	Year	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019				2020			
		Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4			
County Home School - Sexual Health Treatment	Median of Placement Days	330	177	140	46	242	147	289	138	247		420	327		381	654	337	567		230	477				
	N	4	4	9	3	4	2	4	6	2		3	1		1	1	2	1		1	3				
Foster Care	Median of Placement Days	2	2	213	2	294	214	390	63		680	1,109	277	75			425		547		10				
	N	4	5	5	7	3	5	3	3		1	1	4	2			2		1		1				
Group Home	Median of Placement Days	46	90	83	96	35	112	91	70	73	54	66	51	77	70	65	99	87	83	46	85	74			
	N	16	11	16	16	16	7	14	11	12	11	10	8	9	11	16	19	9	13	8	15	5			
Sexual Health Treatment	Median of Placement Days		301		53	173	342	125	246	294	407	454	365	395	505	287	534	427		446	481				
	N		2		3	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	3			
Shelter	Median of Placement Days	81	36	37	9	11	14	26	16	12	3	33	41	29	40	64	3	27	37	12	1	23			
	N	2	4	6	6	7	11	9	6	5	3	8	4	4	7	6	3	1	6	6	5	4			
Total	Median of Placement Days	46	77	87	56	75	57	47	70	53	51	66	72	57	58	82	102	90	80	38	85	41			
	N	26	26	36	35	32	26	31	29	20	16	24	18	16	21	24	28	12	20	16	27	9			

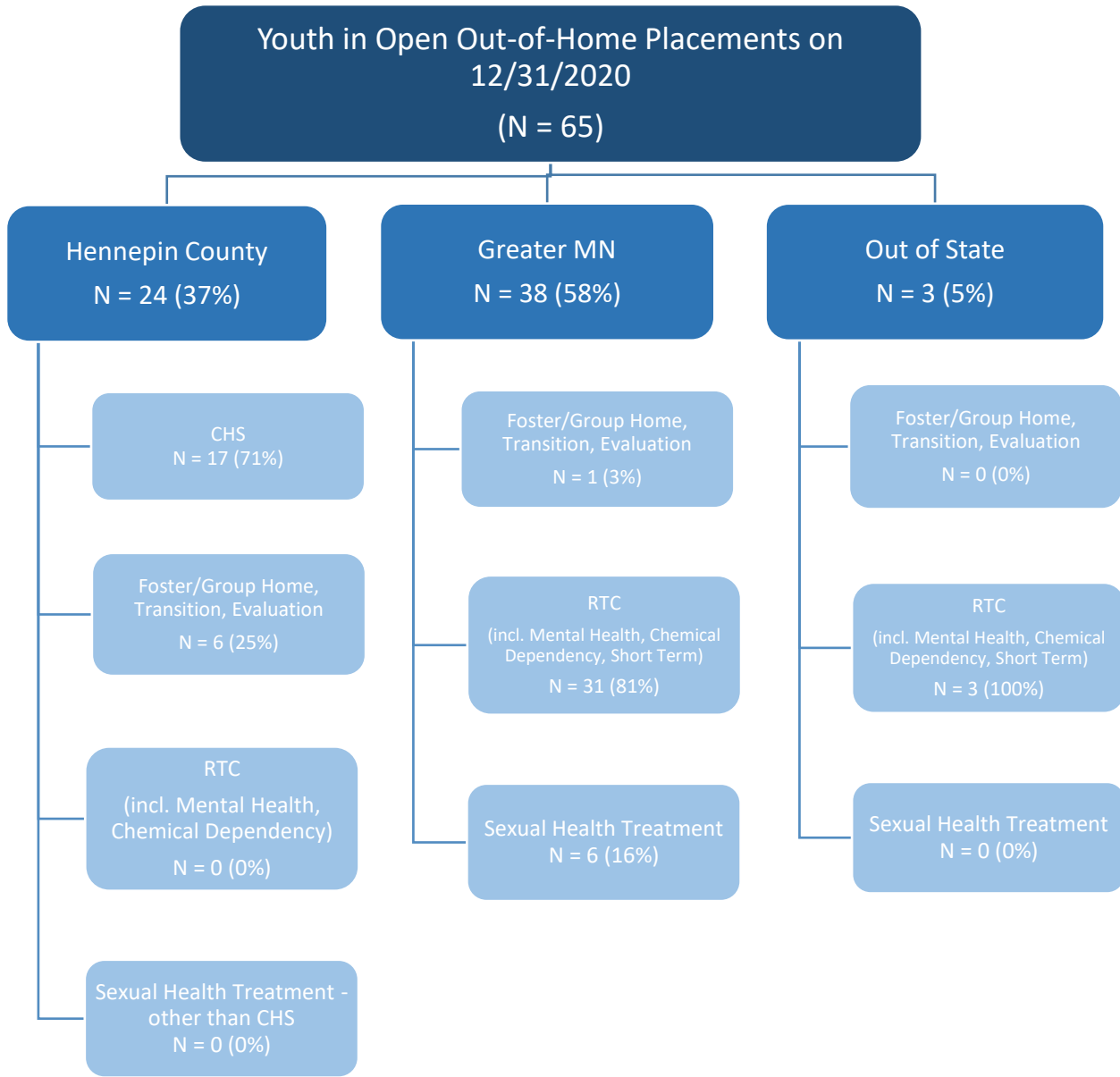
Open Placements

There were 65 youth in an out-of-home placement on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2020). Thirty-seven percent of open placements were in Hennepin County, 58% were in Greater Minnesota, and 5% were out of state (see Figure 7)⁷.

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

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Figure 7. Open Out-of-Home Placements Q4 2020



The charts below show the number of male and female youth in out-of-home placement on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2020).

Figure 8. Open placements by gender on December 31, 2020

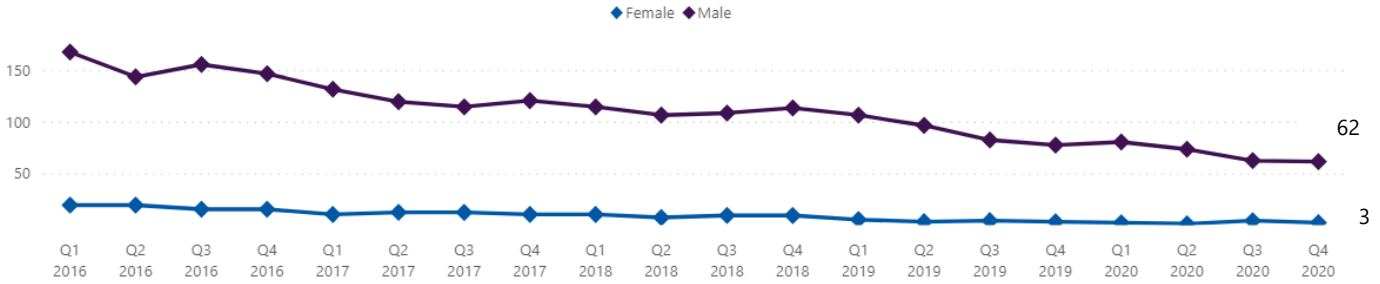


Figure 9. Boys in open placements by race on December 31, 2020

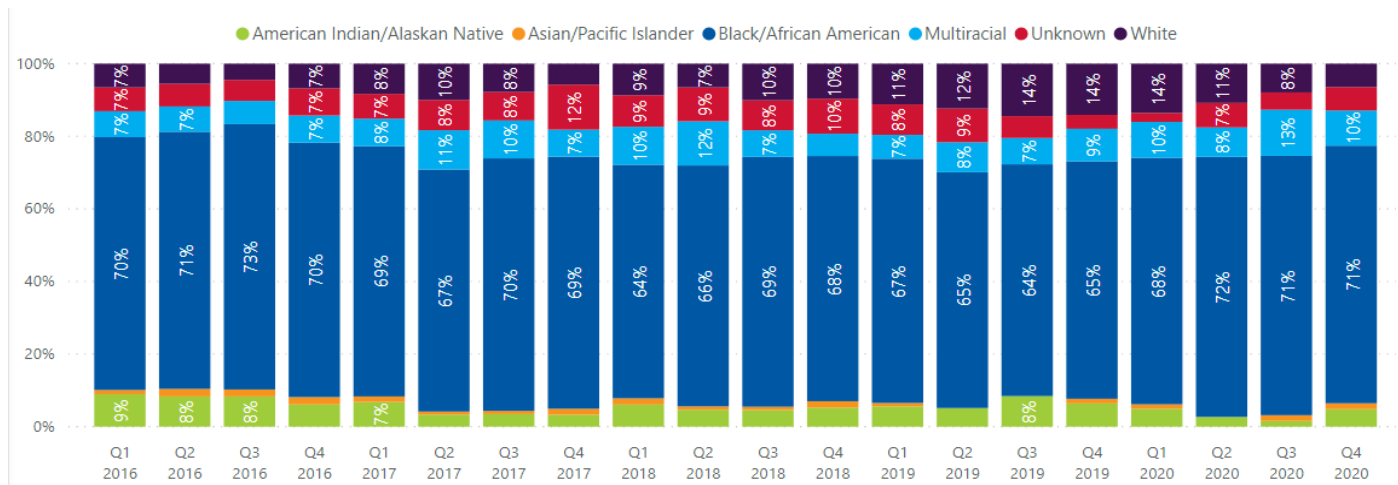
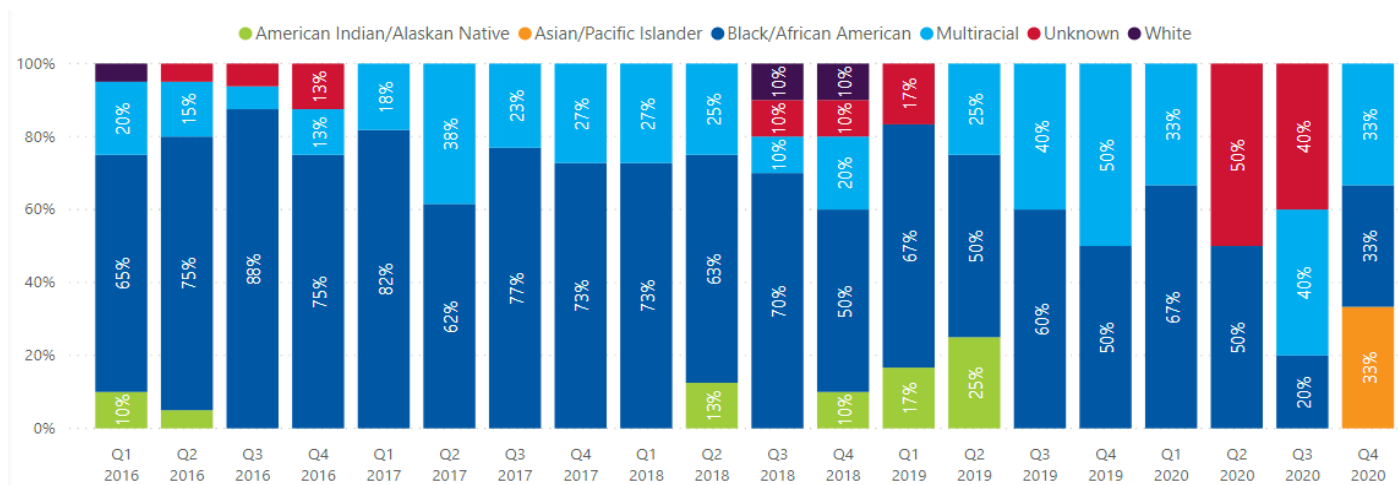


Figure 10. Girls in open placements by race on December 31, 2020



Hennepin County Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2020) for each placement location in Hennepin County broken out by placement type and by gender and race. Note in Figure 11 that there were no White female juveniles open in Out of Home Placement in Hennepin County on December 31, 2020.

Figure 11. Open placements in Hennepin County

Type	Placement Name	Male			Total	
		Unknown	White	Youth of Color	Unknown	Total
☐ CHS - RTC	STAMP Plus		1	4	5	5
	START			5	5	5
	Total		1	9	10	10
☐ CHS - Sexual Health Treatment	AFSHS Long Term Program	1	1	5	7	7
	Total	1	1	5	7	7
☐ Group Home	Cedar Heights			4	4	4
	Kadiri House			2	2	2
	Total			6	6	6
☐ Shelter	St. Joseph's Home for Children - Intake		1		1	1
	Total		1		1	1
Total		1	3	20	24	24

Greater Minnesota Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2020) for each placement location in greater Minnesota broken out by placement type and by gender and race.

Figure 12. Open placements in Greater Minnesota

Type	Placement Name	Female		Male		Total		
		Youth of Color	Total	Unknown	White	Youth of Color	Total	
☐ Group Home	Mapletree Group Home					1	1	1
	Total					1	1	1
☐ Residential Treatment Center	MCF - Red Wing				1	20	21	21
	West Central Regional Juvenile Center	1	1		1	3	4	5
	Woodland Hills Juvenile Justice	1	1	1		3	4	5
	Total	2	2	2	1	26	29	31
☐ Sexual Health Treatment	Cokato - Sexuality-Specific Treatment					1	1	1
	MCF - Red Wing - Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program				1	3	4	4
	Mille Lacs Academy - Unhealthy Sexual Behaviors Program					1	1	1
	Total			1		5	6	6
Total		2	2	3	1	32	36	38

Out of State Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (December 31, 2020) for each placement location outside of Minnesota broken out by placement type and by gender and race.

Figure 13. Open placements outside of Minnesota by location

Type	Placement Name	Female		Male		Total
		Youth of Color	Total	Youth of Color	Total	
Residential Treatment Center	Benchmark Behavioral Health Systems			2	2	2
	Eau Claire Academy	1	1			1
	Total	1	1	2	2	3
Total		1	1	2	2	3

Placement Screening

Youth receive a placement screening to determine if an out-of-home placement is recommended⁸. The chart below shows the number of placement screenings conducted on youth by quarter. There was a 78% decrease in initial screenings between Q4 2015 and Q4 2020. Review is a new option included in CSTS. Reviews take place on youth who are already in placement and may need an extension of that placement. Re-screens are for cases that need more placement options or further consultation after an initial screening. Screenings marked as “done deal” are included in Figure 14 for the overall trend but excluded from Figures 15 – 17.

Figure 14. Number of placement screenings by type of screening

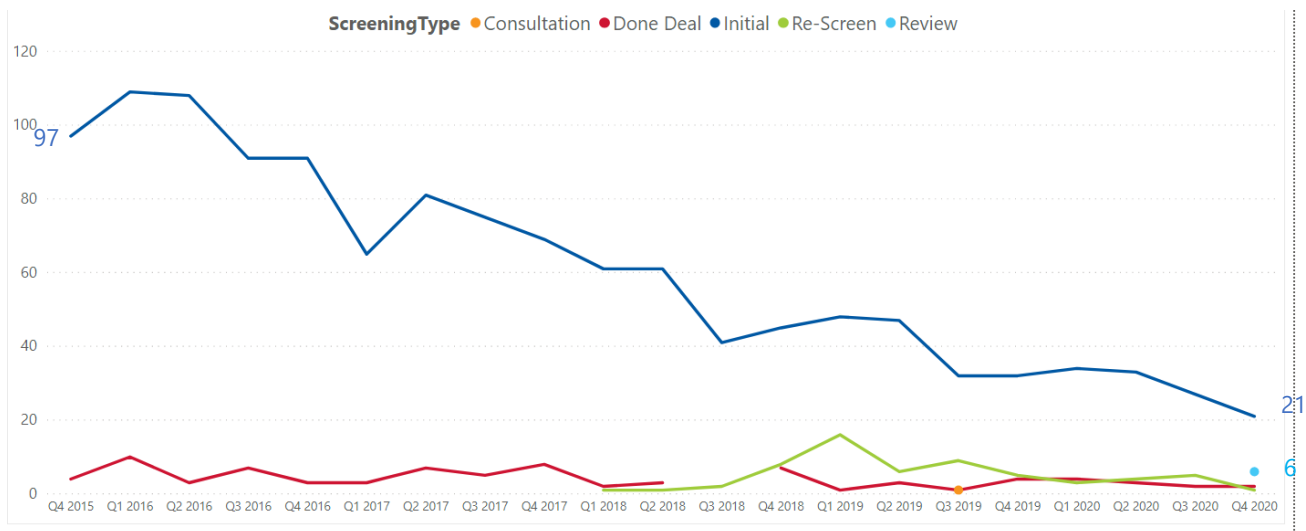
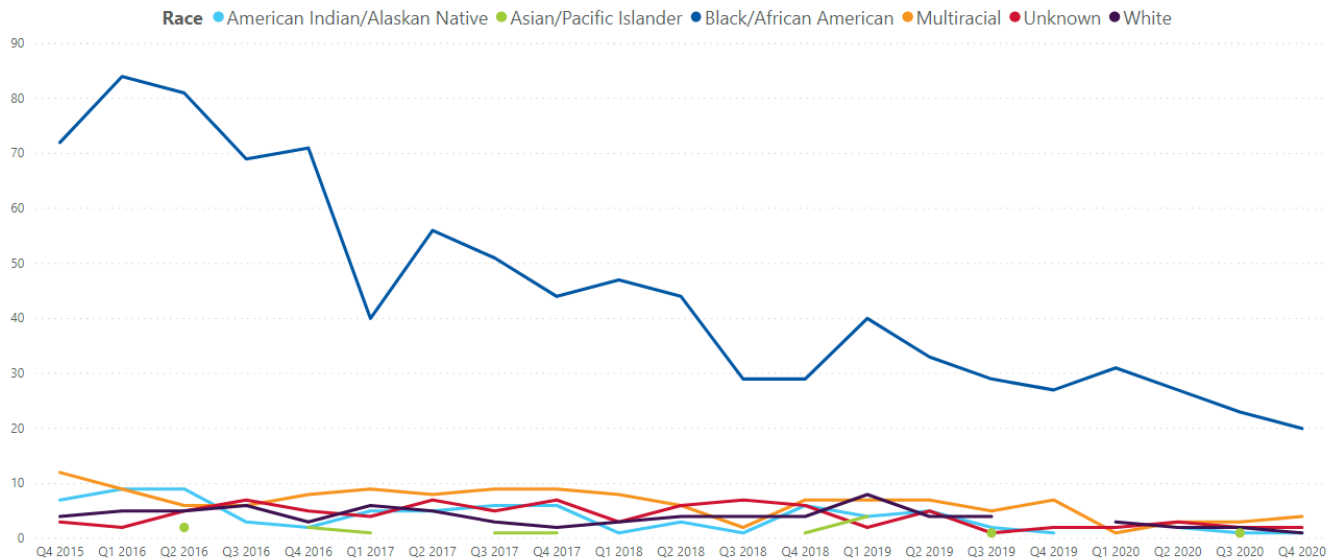


Figure 15 shows the total number of screenings above broken out by race excluding screenings sent directly to placement by the courts. These are all screenings referred by a Probation Officer.

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

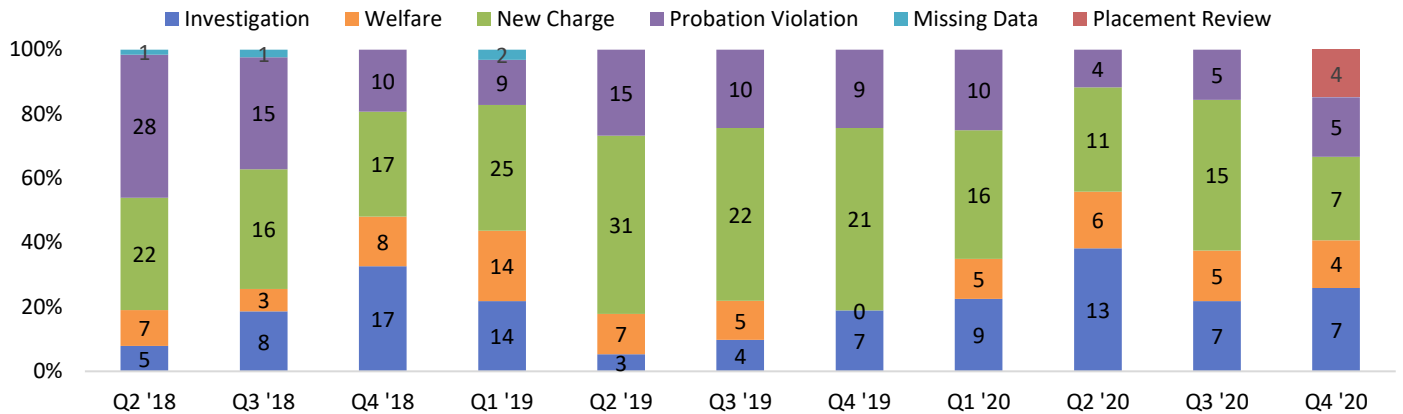
Figure 15. Placement screenings by race



Placement screenings are conducted for several different reasons⁹. In Q4 2020, 7 (25%) were for an investigation, 8 screenings (29%) were conducted for a new charge, 4 (14%) were for a needs-based welfare screening, 4 (14%) were for a placement review, and 5 (18%) because of a probation violation - clients were unsuccessfully discharged from placement.

⁹ Staff began recording the reason for conducting placement screenings in Q4 2017, though it was infrequently recorded until Q4 2018. **Investigation:** Client is pending an Investigation event and is not already on probation; **Welfare:** Client’s placement is needs-based (housing need, closure of past placement, etc.) **New Charge:** Client has a new pending offense; **Probation Violation – discharge from probation:** Client was discharged unsuccessfully from a placement **Placement Review:** Youth who are already in placement and come back to screening for an extension of placement

Figure 16. Reason for placement screening



The following table show the breakdown of the primary placement recommendation by race. Of the 30 screenings, 26 (87%) were youth of color.

Figure 17. Primary placement recommendation after screening by type and race Q4 2020

Primary Recommendation	Of Color	Unknown	White
Benchmark	6	2	
Community Based Services	1		
HCHS - STAMP Plus	1		
HCHS - START	3		
Healing Spirit House	1		
MCF - Red Wing	3		
MCF - Red Wing - JSOTP	1		
REM Cedar Heights			1
St. Joseph's Shelter - Intake	1	1	
The Hills - Woodland Hills Residential Treatment	2		
Village Ranch - Cokato	1		
Village Ranch - Rochester	1		
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	4		
Total	26	3	1

Staff began recording parental attendance at placement screenings in Q4 2018. To increase parent participation, parents were given the opportunity to attend via phone, beginning in Q4 2018. In Q4 2020 parents attended 58% (n = 11) of placement screenings. In Q4 2020, a new policy was implemented requiring Probation Officers to invite parents to “review” screenings. This may impact the numbers.

Figure 18. Parental attendance at placement screening

