

# An Overview of Foster Care in Missouri

## For every 10 children in foster care...

There are 1.3 million children in Missouri

Roughly 13,000 Missouri children are in foster care

Of all children in foster care...

**45%** are in foster homes

**45%** are in kinship care

**10%** are in residential facilities

Roughly **4.5** are living in **foster homes**



Roughly **4.5** are living in **kinship/relative care**



**1** is living in a **residential facility**



Family Placement

Non-Family Placement

## Of all children in non-family placement....

**2%** are classified as 'other sub-placements'



'Other Sub-Placements' can include runaway status, detention, kinship care, or children who are in a medical or mental health facility

**9%** are in trial home visits



Trial foster home visits include children who are living in a family setting for a trial period to assess whether permanent placement is appropriate.



**9%** are in treatment foster homes

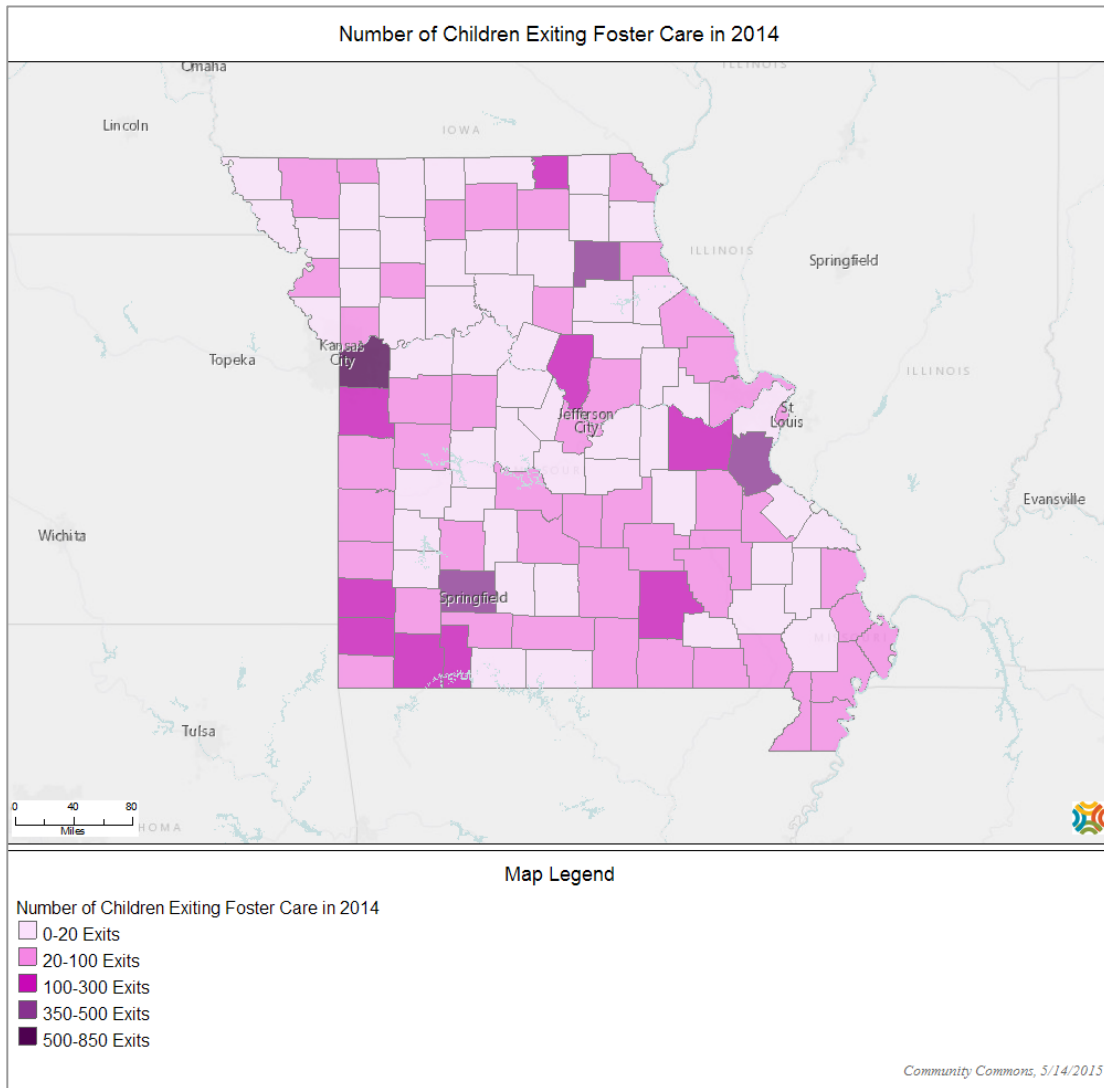
Treatment foster homes are living situations consisting of highly intensive individual treatment for one or two children living in a family foster home setting and community environment. Treatment foster homes provide services to youth with severe behavioral disorders, psychiatric diagnoses, delinquency, and symptoms of complex trauma.

**80%** are in residential facilities



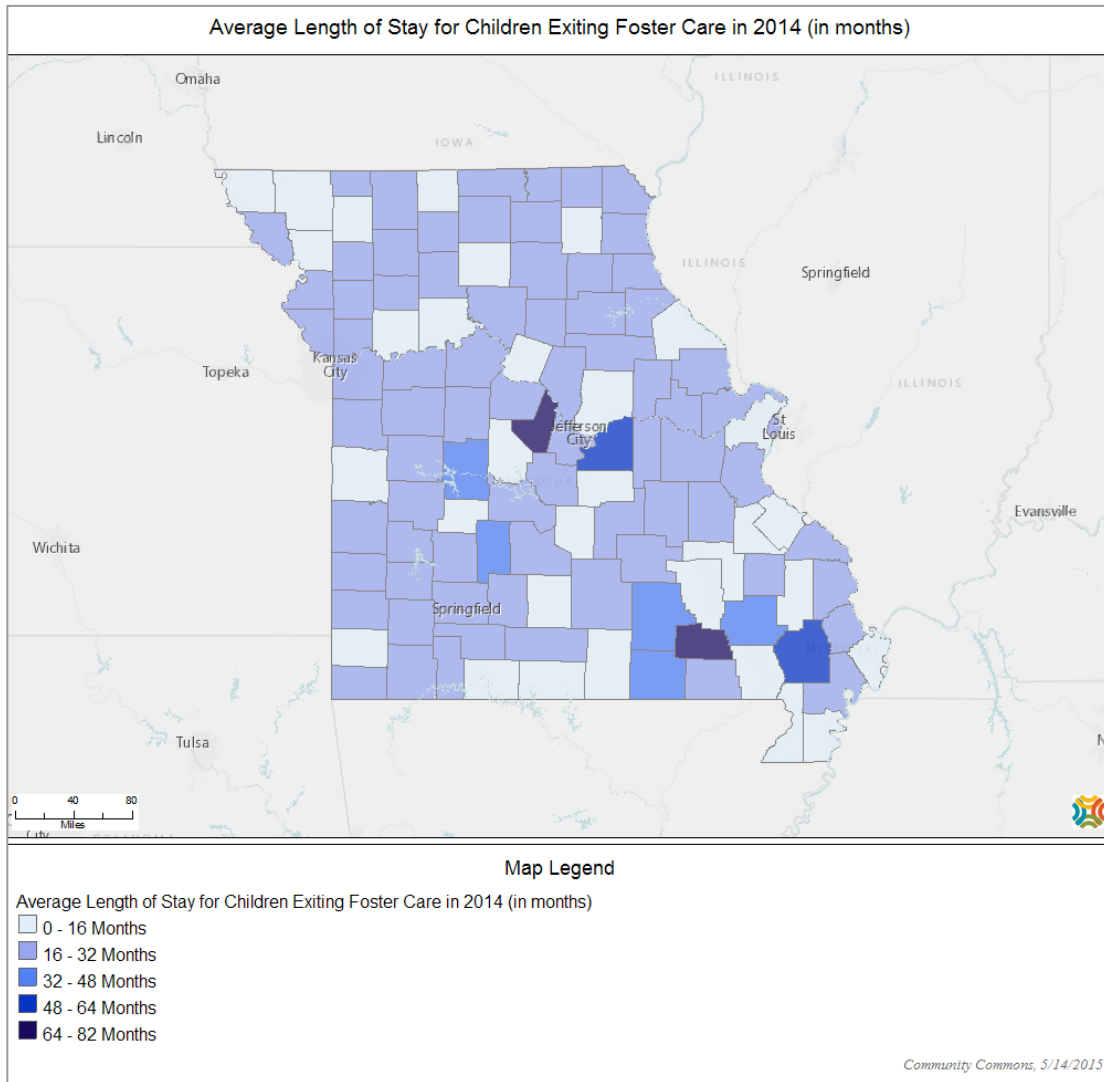
Residential facilities are transitional placement for children awaiting family placement

# Missouri Data on Foster Care



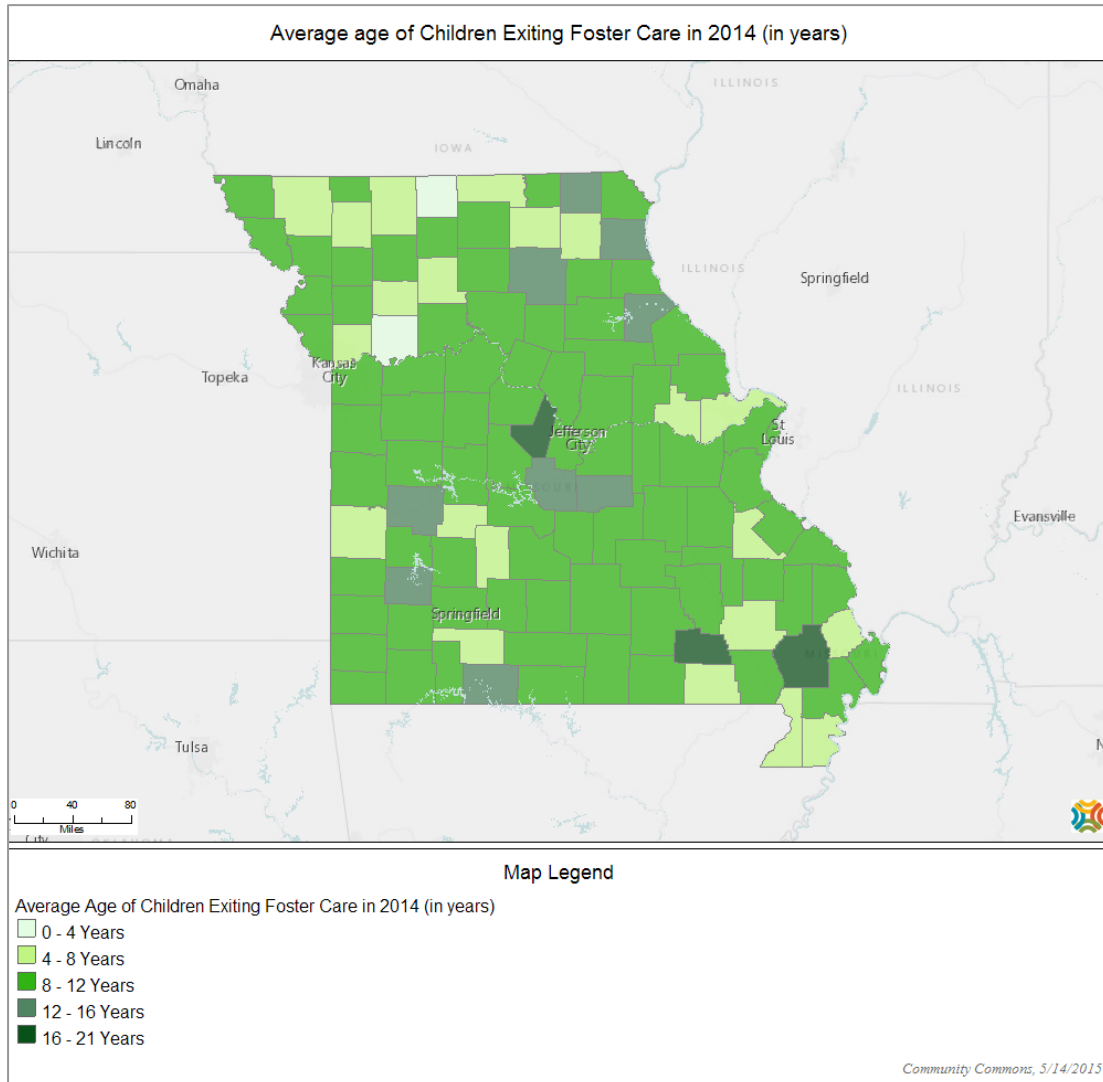
This map shows how many children exited the foster care system in each Missouri county in 2014. One thing to keep in mind when looking at this map is that counties that have fewer children exiting may also have a much lower population than counties with large numbers of children exiting, so a low number doesn't necessarily mean a lower proportion of exits.

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This map shows how long, on average, children who are exiting foster care in each county have been in the foster care system. This may help paint a picture of where Missouri needs increased resources for foster families and children.

# Missouri Data on Foster Care



This map shows how old, on average, children are when they are exiting foster care for each county in Missouri. Children can be in state custody until age 21.