

**Case File Summary Report
State: Colorado**

The purpose of the case file review is to ensure that information that is submitted to AFCARS accurately reflects what is in the hard copy case records. This process generally does not identify new problems, but usually confirms the findings of the test case scenarios and the review of the State's AFCARS system documentation. The case file review involved all members of the State and Federal teams, technical and program.

This summary report provides information on the number of cases selected in the sample, the number of cases reviewed, and any relevant general information regarding the analysis of the results. The matrix that follows provides information on the number of records that had matching information and the number of records that had information that did not match what was submitted to AFCARS. The chart below provides information on how many cases were in the sample and how many were reviewed on-site.

Foster Care

Number of Cases in Sample	80
Number of Cases not Sent to Office	0
Number of Cases not reviewed	8
Number of Cases Reviewed	
- Child Welfare	66
- Juvenile Justice	6
Number of records not included in the final analysis	
- Child Welfare	6
- Juvenile Justice	2
Number of Cases in Final Analysis	64

Adoption

Number of Cases in Sample	30
Number of Cases not Sent to Office	0
Number of Cases Reviewed	22
Number of Cases in Final Analysis	22

Notes on the foster care cases:

Three records that were reviewed were not included in the final analysis because the reviewers did not have the complete case file and therefore, they were unable to confirm the majority of elements, including the current removal date.

There was one record in which the reviewer's notes and the data in AFCARS raised several questions that the case was removed from the final analysis.

One record was removed from the final analysis because the date of first removal reported to AFCARS occurred prior to the child's date of birth. The date of birth was confirmed by the reviewer, who also noted the child was removed at the time of birth and was adopted at the age of 20.5 months. The record reported to AFCARS shows an open case instead of an adoption that occurred in 2001.

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Another record removed from the final analysis was due to a question as to whether the child was currently in care or not. There had been a previous removal episode and the child ran away. It appears that the court discharged the case from the agency's responsibility. The reviewer noted that the child then seems to have been committed to DYC but there were no additional files or information to support whether the child was in a locked facility or a foster care setting. Since the reviewer also could not find a current removal date, the case was removed from the final analysis.