

AFCARS Data Elements Side-by-Side Comparison

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1. IV-E Agency	1. IV-E Agency
2. Report date	2. Report date
3. Local agency	3. Local agency
4. Child record number	4. Child's Record number
(b) Child information	Child's Demographic Information
5. (b.1) Child's date of birth	5. Date of birth
6. (b.2.i) Child's gender	7. Child's Sex
7. (b.2.ii) Child's sexual orientation	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
8 – 14. (b.3) Reason to know a child is an "Indian Child" as defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
15 - 17. (b.4) Application of ICWA.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
18 – 20. (b.5) Court determination that ICWA applies	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
21 – 23. (b.6) Notification - ICWA	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
24. (b.7) Request to transfer to tribal court - ICWA	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
25 - 28. (b.8) Denial of transfer - ICWA	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
29 - 36. (b.9) Child's race	8. Child's Race
37. (b.10) Hispanic/Latino origin	9. Child's Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity
38. (b.11.i) Health assessment	10. Child diagnosed with disability and response options of yes, no, not yet determined.
39. (b.11.ii) Date of health assessment	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
40. (b.12) Timely Health Assessment	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
41. (b.13) Health, behavioral or mental health conditions	10. Has the Child Been Clinically Diagnosed with a Disability(ies)?
42. (b.13.i) Intellectual disability	11. Mental Retardation
43. (b.13.ii) Autism spectrum disorder	15 Other Medically Diagnosed Conditions Requiring Special Care
44. (b.13.iii) Visual impairment and blindness	12 Visually or Hearing Impaired
45. (b.13.iv) Hearing impairment and deafness	12 Visually or Hearing Impaired
46. (b.13.v) Orthopedic impairment or other physical condition	13. Physically Disabled
47. (b.13.vi) Mental/emotional disorders	14. Emotionally Disturbed (DSM- IV)
48. (b.13.vii) Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.	14. Emotionally Disturbed (DSM- IV)
49. (b.13.viii) Serious mental disorders	14. Emotionally Disturbed (DSM- IV)
50. (b.13.ix) Developmental delay	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
51. (b.13.x) Developmental disability	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
52. (b.13.xi) Other diagnosed condition	15. Other Medically Diagnosed Conditions Requiring Special Care
53. (b.14) School enrollment	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
54. (b.15) Educational level	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
55. (b.16) Educational stability	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
56. (b.16.i) Proximity	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
57. (b.16.ii) District/zoning rules	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
58. (b.16.iii) Residential facility	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
59. (b.16.iv) Services/programs	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
60. (b.16.v) Child request	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
61. (b.16.vi) Parent/Legal Guardian request	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
62. (b.16.vii) Other	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
63. (b.17.i) Pregnant as of the end of the report period	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
64. (b.17.ii) Ever fathered or bore children	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
65. (b.17.iii) Child and his/her child(ren) placed together at any point during the report period?	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection

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66. (b.18) Special education	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
67. (b.19) Prior adoption(s)	16. Has this Child Ever Been Adopted?
68. (b.19.i) Prior adoption date	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
69. (b.19.ii) Prior adoption type - <i>intercountry</i>	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
70. Prior Guardianship (b.20i)	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
71. (b.20.ii) Prior guardianship date	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
72. (b.21) Child financial and medical assistance	59 -65 Sources of Federal Financial Support/Assistance for Child
73. (b.21.i) SSI or Social Security benefits	64. SSI or Other Social Security Benefits
74. (b.21.ii) Title XIX Medicaid	63. Title XIX (Medicaid)
75. (b.21.iii) Title XXI SCHIP	65. None of the Above
76. (b.21.iv) State/Tribal adoption assistance	65. None of the Above
77. (b.21.v) State/Tribal foster care	65. None of the Above
78. (b.21.vi) Child support	62. Title IV-D (Child Support)
79. (b.21.vii) Title IV-E adoption subsidy	60. Title IV-E (Adoption Assistance)
80. (b.21.viii) Title IV-E guardianship assistance	65. None of the Above
81. (b.21.ix) Title IV-A TANF	61. Title IV-A
82. (b.21.x) Title IV-B	65. None of the Above
83. (b.21.xi) SSBG	65. None of the Above
84. (b.21.xii) Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.	65. None of the Above
85. (b.21.xiii) Other	65. None of the Above
86. (b.22) Title IV-E foster care during report period	59. Title IV-E (Foster Care)
87. (b.23) Total Number of siblings	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
88. (b.24) Siblings in foster care	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
89. (b.25) Siblings in living arrangement	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
(c) Parent or legal guardian information	Principal Caretaker Information
90. (c.1) Year of birth of first parent or legal guardian	45. Year of Birth (1 st Principal Caretaker)
91. (c.2) Year of birth of second parent or legal guardian	46. Year of Birth (2 nd Principal Caretaker - if applicable)
92. (c.3) Tribal membership mother	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
93. (c.4) Tribal membership father	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
94. (c.5) Termination/modification of parental rights.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
95. (c.5.i) Termination/modification of parental rights petition	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
96. (c.5.ii) Termination/modification of parental rights	47. Date of Mother's Parental Rights Termination (if applicable) 48. Date of Legal or Putative Father's Parental Rights Termination (if applicable)
97 - 99 Involuntary termination/modification of parental rights under ICWA	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
100. Voluntary termination/modification of parental rights under ICWA	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
(d) Removal Information	Removal/Placement Setting Indicators
101. (d.1) Date of child's removal	18 Date of first removal from home and 21. Date of latest removal
102. (d.2) Transaction date: removal	22. Removal Transaction Date
103 -105 Removals under ICWA.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
106. (d.4) Environment at removal	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
107. (d.5) Authority for placement and care responsibility	25. Manner of Removal from Home for Current Removal Episode
(d)(6) Child and family circumstances at removal	Circumstances Associated with Removal
108. (d.6.i) Runaway	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
109. (d.6.ii) Whereabouts unknown	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
110. (d.6.iii) Physical abuse	26. Physical Abuse (alleged/reported)

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111. (d.6.iv) Sexual abuse	27. Sexual Abuse (alleged/reported)
112. (d.6.v) Psychological or emotional abuse	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
113. (d.6.vi) Neglect	28. Neglect (alleged/reported)
114. (d.6.vii) Medical neglect	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
115. (d.6.viii) Domestic violence	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
116. (d.6.ix) Abandonment	38. Abandonment
117. (d.6.x) Failure to return	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
118. (d.6.xi) Caretaker's alcohol use	29. Alcohol Abuse (parent)
119. (d.6.xii) Caretaker's drug use	30. Drug Abuse (parent)
120. (d.6.xiii) Child alcohol use	31. Alcohol Abuse (child)
121. (d.6.xiv) Child drug use	32. Drug Abuse (child)
122. (d.6.xv) Prenatal alcohol exposure	31. Alcohol Abuse (child)
123. (d.6.xvi) Prenatal drug exposure	32. Drug Abuse (child)
124. (d.6.xvii) Diagnosed Condition	33. Child's Disability
125. (d.6.xviii) Inadequate access to mental health services	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
126. (d.6.xix) Inadequate access to medical services	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
127. (d.6.xx) Child behavior problem	34. Child's Behavior Problem
128. (d.6.xxii) Death of caretaker	35. Death of Parent(s)
129. (d.6.xxii) Incarceration of caretaker	36. Incarceration of Parent(s)
130. (d.6.xxiii) Caretakers significant impairment – physical/emotional	37. Caretaker's Inability to Cope Due to Illness or Other Reason
131. (d.6.xxiv) Caretaker's significant impairment – cognitive	37. Caretaker's Inability to Cope Due to Illness or Other Reason
132. (d.6.xxv) Inadequate housing	40. Inadequate Housing
133. (d.6.xxvi) Voluntary relinquishment for adoption	39. Relinquishment
134. (d.6.xxvii) Child requested placement	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
135. (d.6.xxviii) Sex trafficking	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
136. (d.6.xxix) Parental immigration detainment or deportation	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
137. (d.6.xxx) Family conflict related to child's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
138. (d.6.xxxi) Educational Neglect	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
139. (d.6.xxxii) Public agency title IV-E agreement	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
140. (d.6.xxxiii) Tribal title IV-E agreement	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
141. (d.6.xxxiv) Homelessness.	40. Inadequate Housing
142. (d.7) Victim of sex trafficking prior to entering foster care	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
143. (d.7.i) Report to Law Enforcement	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
144. (d.7.ii) Dates of each report	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
145. (d.8) Victim of sex trafficking while in foster care	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
146. (d.8.i) Report to law enforcement	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
147. (d.8.ii) Date	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
(e) Living arrangement and provider information.	Current Placement Settings
148. (e.1) Date of living arrangement	23. Date of Placement in Current Foster Care Setting
149. (e. 2) Foster family home	41. Current Placement Setting
150. (e.3.i.) Foster family home type: Licensed home	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
151. (e.3.ii) Foster family home type: Therapeutic foster family	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection

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152. (e.3.iii) Foster family home type: Shelter care foster family home.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
153. (e.3.iv) Foster family home type: Relative foster family	41. Current Placement Setting - Foster Family Home (Relative)
154. (e.3.v) Foster family home type: Pre-adopt home	41. Current Placement Setting - Pre-Adoptive Home
155. (e.3.vi) Foster family home type: Kin foster family home	41. Current Placement Setting - Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)
156. (e.4) Other living arrangement type	41. Current Placement Setting
157. (e.5) Private agency living arrangement.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
158. (e.6) Location of living arrangement	42. Is Current Placement Setting Outside of State or Tribal Service Area?
159. (e.7) Jurisdiction or country where child is living	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
160 -164 (e.8) Available ICWA foster care and pre-adoptive placement preferences: a member of the Indian child's extended family	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
165. (e.9) Foster care and pre-adoptive placement preferences under ICWA.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
166. (e.10) Good cause under ICWA.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
167 - 171. (e.11) Basis for good cause.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
172. (e.12) Marital status of the foster parent(s)	49. Foster Family Structure
173. (e.13) Child's relationships to the foster parent(s).	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
174. (e.14) Year of birth for first foster parent	50. Year of Birth (1 st Foster Caretaker)
175. (e.15) First foster parent tribal membership.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
176 -182. (e.16) Race of first foster parent.	52. Race of 1 st Foster Caretaker
183. (e.17) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of first foster parent.	53. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity of 1 st Foster Caretaker
184. (e.18) Gender of first foster parent.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
185. (e.19) First foster parent sexual orientation.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
186. (e.20) Year of birth for second foster parent.	51. Year of Birth (2 nd Foster Caretaker)
187. (e.21) Second foster parent tribal membership.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
188 - 194. (e.22) Race of second foster parent.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
195. (e.23) Hispanic origin of the second foster parent	55. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity of 2 nd Foster Caretaker (if applicable)
196. (e.24) Gender of second foster parent.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
197. (e.25) Second foster parent sexual orientation.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
(f) Permanency planning	Most Recent Case Plan Goal
198. (f.1) Permanency plan	43. Case Plan Goal
199. (f.2) Date of permanency plan	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
200 (f.3) Date of periodic review	5. Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if applicable)
201 (f.4) Date of permanency hearing	5. Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if applicable)
202 (f.5) Juvenile justice	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
203 (f.6) Caseworker visit dates	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
204 (f.7) Caseworker visit location	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
205 Transition plan.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
206 Date of transition plan	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
207 - 219 (f.10) Active Efforts.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
(g) General exit information	Discharge Data
220. (g.1) Date of exit.	56. Date of Discharge from Foster Care (in foster care data file) and 21. Date adoption legalized (in adoption data file)
221. (g.2) Exit transaction date.	57. Foster Care Discharge Transaction Date

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222. (g.3) Exit reason.	58. Reason for Discharge
223. (g.4) Transfer to another agency	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
(h) Exit to adoption and guardianship information	Adoption Data File Data Elements – for adoptions only, guardianship not collected currently
224. (h.1) Marital status of the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s).	22. Adoptive Parents' Family Structure
(h.2) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s).	29 – 32. Relationship to Adoptive Parent (Adoption only)
225. (h.2.i) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Paternal grandparent(s).	30. Relationship - other relative
226. (h.2.ii) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Maternal grandparent(s).	30. Relationship - other relative
227. (h.2.iii) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Other paternal relative(s)	30. Relationship - other relative
228 (h.2.iv) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Other maternal relative(s)	30. Relationship - other relative
229 (h.2.v) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Sibling(s).	30. Relationship - other relative (Adoption only)
230 (h.2.vi) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Kin	30. Relationship - other relative or 32. Relationship - other non-relative (Adoption only)
231. (h.2.vii) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s). Non-relative(s)	32. Relationship - other non-relative (Adoption only)
232. (h.2.viii) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s).Foster parent(s)	31. Relationship - foster parent (Adoption only)
233. (h.3) Date of birth of first adoptive parent or guardian.	23. Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth 24. Adoptive Father's Year of Birth
234. (h.4) First adoptive parent or guardian tribal membership.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
235 - 241 (h.5) Race of first adoptive parent or guardian.	25. Adoptive Mother's Race 27. Adoptive Father's Race
242. (h.6) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of first adoptive parent or guardian.	26. Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin 28. Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin
243. (h.7) Gender of first adoptive parent or guardian	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
244. (h.8) First adoptive parent or legal guardian sexual orientation.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
245. (h.9) Date of birth of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple.	23. Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth 24. Adoptive Father's Year of Birth
246. (h.10) Second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple tribal membership.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
247 – 253. (h.11) Race of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple.	25. Adoptive Mother's Race 27. Adoptive Father's Race
254. (h.12) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple.	26. Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin 28. Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin
255. (h.13) Sex of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
256. (h.14) Second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple sexual orientation.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
257. (h.15) Inter/Intrajurisdictional adoption or guardianship.	33. Child was placed from (Adoption only)

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258. (h.16) Interjurisdictional adoption or guardianship jurisdiction	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
259. (h.17) Adoption or guardianship placing agency.	34. Child was placed by (Adoption only)
260. (h.18) Assistance agreement type.	35 – 37. Financial Adoption Support (Adoption only)
261. (h.19) Siblings in adoptive or guardianship home.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
262 – 265. (h.20) Available ICWA Adoptive placements.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
266. (h.21) Adoption placement preferences under ICWA.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
267. (h.22) Good cause under ICWA.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection
268 – 272. (h.23) Basis for good cause.	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection

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1. IV-E Agency	1. IV-E Agency code
2. Report date	2. Report period ending date
3. Child record number	3. Record number
4. Child's date of birth	5. Child's date of birth
5. Child's gender	6. Sex
6. Child's race	7. Race
7. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity	8. Hispanic origin
8. Assistance agreement type	37. Title IV-E Adoption assistance
9. Subsidy amount	36. Monthly amount
10. Adoption finalization or guardianship legalization date	21. Date adoption legalized
11. Agreement termination date	N/A not in the current AFCARS collection