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| (a) General information | General information |
| (a)(1) Title IV-E Agency - format according to ACF's specifications | 1. Title IV-E Agency - abbreviation |
| (a)(2) Report date - M/Y | 2. Report date - M/Y |
| (a)(3) Local agency - format according to ACF's specifications | 3. Local agency - FIPS code or ACF provided code |
| (a)(4) Child record number - number | 4. Child's Record number - number |
| (b) Child information | Child's Demographic Information |
| (b)(1) Child's date of birth - M/D/Y | 5. Date of birth - M/D/Y |
| (b)(2) Child's sex - male - female | 7. Child's Sex - male - female |
| (b)(3) Reason to know a child is an "Indian Child" as defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(4)(i) Child's tribal membership – federally recognized tribe - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(4)(ii) Child's tribal membership - all federally recognized Indian tribe(s) format according to ACF's specifications | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(5)(i) Application of ICWA - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(5)(ii) Application of ICWA - date | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(6) Notification - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(7) Child's race (i) American Indian or Alaska Native - yes - no (ii) Asian - yes - no (iii) Black or African American - yes - no (iv) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - yes - no (v) White - yes - no | 8. Child's Race a) American Indian or Alaska Native - applies - does not apply b) Asian - applies - does not apply c) Black or African American - applies - does not apply d) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - applies - does not apply e) White - applies - does not apply |

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| (vii) Unknown - yes - no (vii) Abandoned - yes - no (viii) Declined - yes - no | f) Unable to Determine - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(8) Child's Hispanic or Latino ethnicity - yes - no - unknown - abandoned - declined | 9. Child's Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity - yes - no - unable to determine |
| (b)(9) Health assessment - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(10) Health, behavioral or mental health conditions - child has a diagnosed condition - no exam or assessment conducted - exam or assessment conducted and none of the conditions apply - exam or assessment conducted but results not received | 10. Has the Child Been Clinically Diagnosed with a Disability(ies)? - yes. If yes, indicate each type of disability with a "1" - no - not yet determined |
| (b)(10)(i) Intellectual disability - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 11. Mental Retardation - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(ii) Autism spectrum disorder - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 15. Other Medically Diagnosed Conditions Requiring Special Care - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(iii) Visual impairment and blindness - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 12. Visually or Hearing Impaired - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(iv) Hearing impairment and deafness - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 12. Visually or Hearing Impaired - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(v) Orthopedic impairment or other physical condition - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 13. Physically Disabled - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(vi) Mental/emotional disorders - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 14. Emotionally Disturbed (DSM- IV) - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(vii) Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 14. Emotionally Disturbed (DSM- IV) - applies - does not apply |

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| (b)(10)(viii) Serious mental disorders - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 14. Emotionally Disturbed (DSM- IV) - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(ix) Developmental delay - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 15. Other Medically Diagnosed Conditions Requiring Special Care - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(x) Developmental disability - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 15. Other Medically Diagnosed Conditions Requiring Special Care - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(10)(xi) Other diagnosed condition - existing condition - previous condition - does not apply | 15. Other Medically Diagnosed Conditions Requiring Special Care - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(11) School enrollment - elementary - secondary - post-secondary education or training - college - not school-age - not enrolled | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(12) Educational level - not school-age - kindergarten - 1 st grade - 2 nd grade - 3 rd grade - 4 th grade - 5 th grade - 6 th grade - 7 th grade - 8 th grade - 9 th grade - 10 th grade - 11 th grade - 12 th grade - GED - post-secondary education or training - college | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(13) Pregnant or parenting (b)(13)(i) Child is pregnant as of the end of the report period - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(13)(ii) Child has ever fathered or bore a child - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(13)(iii) Child and his/her child(ren) placed together at any point during the report period - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |

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| - not applicable | |
| (b)(14) Special education - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(15) Prior adoption - yes - no - abandoned | 16. Has this Child Ever Been Adopted? - yes - no - unable to determine |
| (b)(15)(i) Prior adoption date - M/Y | 17. If yes, how old was the child when the adoption was legalized? - less than 2 years old - 2-5 years old - 6 to 12 years old - 13 years or older - Unable to Determine |
| (b)(15)(ii) Prior adoption intercountry - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(16)(i) Prior guardianship - yes - no - abandoned | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(16)(ii) Prior guardianship date - M/Y | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(17) Child financial and medical assistance - child has received support/assistance - no support/assistance received | 59 - 65 Sources of Federal Financial Support/Assistance for Child |
| (b)(17)(i) State/Tribal adoption assistance - applies - does not apply | 65. None of the Above - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(ii) State/Tribal foster care - applies - does not apply | 65. None of the Above - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(iii) Title IV-E adoption subsidy - applies - does not apply | 60. Title IV-E (adoption subsidy) - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(iv) Title IV-E guardianship assistance - applies - does not apply | 65. None of the Above - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(v) Title IV-A TANF - applies - does not apply | 61. Title IV-A - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(vi) Title IV-B - applies - does not apply | 65. None of the Above - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(vii) Chafee Program - applies - does not apply | 65. None of the Above - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(17)(viii) Other - applies - does not apply | 62. Title IV-D (Child Support) 63. Title XIX (Medicaid) 64. SSI or Other Social Security Benefits 65. None of the Above |

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| | - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(18) Title IV-E foster care during report period - yes - no | 59. Title IV-E (Foster Care) - applies - does not apply |
| N/A not in final rule | 66. Amount of the Monthly Foster Care Payment - number |
| (b)(19) Total number of siblings - number - 0 | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(20) Siblings in foster care - number - 0 | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (b)(21) Siblings in living arrangement - number - 0 | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (c) Parent or legal guardian information | Principal Caretaker Information |
| (c)(1) Year of birth of first parent or legal guardian - year - abandoned | 45. Year of Birth (1 st Principal Caretaker) - number |
| (c)(2) Year of birth of second parent or legal guardian - year - abandoned - not applicable | 46. Year of Birth (2 nd Principal Caretaker - if applicable) - number |
| (c)(3) Tribal membership mother - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (c)(4) Tribal membership father - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (c)(5) Termination/modification of parental rights - voluntary - involuntary - not applicable | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (c)(5)(i) Termination/modification of parental rights petition - M/D/Y - deceased | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (c)(5)(ii) Termination/modification of parental rights - M/D/Y | 47. Date of Mother's Parental Rights Termination (foster care file) - M/D/Y 48. Date of Legal or Putative Father's Parental Rights Termination (foster care file) - M/D/Y 19. Date of Mother's termination of parental rights (adoption data file) - M/D/Y 20. Date of Father's termination of parental rights (adoption data file) - M/D/Y |
| N/A not in final rule | 44. Caretaker Family Structure - married couple - unmarried couple |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - single female - single male - unable to determine |
| (d) Removal Information | Removal/Placement Setting Indicators |
| (d)(1) Date of child's removal - M/D/Y | 18. Date of first removal from home - M/D/Y 19. Total Number of Removals From Home to Date - number 21. Date of latest removal from home - M/D/Y |
| (d)(2) Removal transaction date - M/D/Y | 22. Removal Transaction Date - date |
| (d)(3) Environment at removal - parent household - relative household - legal guardian household - relative legal guardian household - justice facility - medical/mental health facility - other | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| N/A not in final rule | 25. Manner of Removal from Home for Current Removal Episode - VPA - court ordered - not yet determined |
| (d)(4) Child and family circumstances at removal | Actions or Conditions Associated with Removal |
| (d)(4)(i) Runaway - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(ii) Whereabouts unknown - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(iii) Physical abuse - applies - does not apply | 26. Physical Abuse (alleged/reported) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(iv) Sexual abuse - applies - does not apply | 27. Sexual Abuse (alleged/reported) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(v) Psychological or emotional abuse - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(vi) Neglect - applies - does not apply | 28. Neglect (alleged/reported) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(vii) Medical neglect - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(viii) Domestic violence - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(ix) Abandonment - applies | 38. Abandonment - applies |

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| - does not apply | - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(x) Failure to return - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xi) Caretaker's alcohol use - applies - does not apply | 29. Alcohol Abuse (parent) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xii) Caretaker's drug use - applies - does not apply | 30. Drug Abuse (parent) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xiii) Child alcohol use - applies - does not apply | 31. Alcohol Abuse (child) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xiv) Child drug use - applies - does not apply | 32. Drug Abuse (child) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xv) Prenatal alcohol exposure - applies - does not apply | 31. Alcohol Abuse (child) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xvi) Prenatal drug exposure - applies - does not apply | 32. Drug Abuse (child) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xvii) Diagnosed Condition - applies - does not apply | 33. Child's Disability - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xviii) Inadequate access to mental health services - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xix) Inadequate access to medical services - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xx) Child behavior problem - applies - does not apply | 34. Child's Behavior Problem - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxi) Death of caretaker - applies - does not apply | 35. Death of Parent(s) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxii) Incarceration of caretaker - applies - does not apply | 36. Incarceration of Parent(s) - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxiii) Caretakers significant impairment – physical/emotional - applies - does not apply | 37. Caretaker's Inability to Cope Due to Illness or Other Reason - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxiv) Caretaker's significant impairment – cognitive - applies - does not apply | 37. Caretaker's Inability to Cope Due to Illness or Other Reason - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxv) Inadequate housing - applies - does not apply | 40. Inadequate Housing - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxvi) Voluntary relinquishment for adoption - applies | 39. Relinquishment - applies |

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| - does not apply | - does not apply |
| (d)(4)(xxvii) Child requested placement - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxviii) Sex trafficking - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxix) Parental immigration detainment or deportation - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxx) Family conflict related to child's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxxi) Educational Neglect - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxxii) Public agency title IV-E agreement - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxxiii) Tribal title IV-E agreement - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(4)(xxxiv) Homelessness. - applies - does not apply | 40. Inadequate Housing - applies - does not apply |
| (d)(5) Victim of sex trafficking prior to entering foster care - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(5)(i) Report to Law Enforcement - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(5)(ii) Date - date | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(6) Victim of sex trafficking while in foster care - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(6)(i) Report to law enforcement - yes - no | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (d)(6)(ii) Date - date | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e) Living arrangement and provider information | Current Placement Settings |
| (e)(1) Date of living arrangement - M/D/Y | 23. Date of Placement in Current Foster Care Setting - M/D/Y 24. Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode? - number |
| (e)(2) Foster family home - yes - no | 41. Current Placement Setting - Foster Family Home - Relative - Foster Family Home - Non-relative |

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| (e)(3) Foster family home type (e)(3)(i) Licensed home - applies - does not apply | 41. Current Placement Setting - Foster Family Home - Relative - Foster Family Home - Non-relative |
| (e)(3)(ii) Therapeutic foster family home - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e)(3)(iii) Shelter care foster family home - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e)(3)(iv) Relative foster family home - applies - does not apply | 41. Current Placement Setting - Foster Family Home (Relative) |
| (e)(3)(v) Pre-adoptive home - applies - does not apply | 41. Current Placement Setting - Pre-Adoptive Home |
| (e)(3)(vi) Kin foster family home - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e)(4) Other living arrangement type - group home-family operated - group home-staff operated - group home-shelter care - residential treatment center - qualified residential treatment program - child care institution - child care institution-shelter care - supervised independent living - juvenile justice facility - medical or rehabilitative facility - psychiatric hospital - runaway - whereabouts unknown - placed at home | 41. Current Placement Setting - group home - institution - supervised independent living - runaway - trial home visit |
| (e)(5) Location of living arrangement - out-of-state or out-of-tribal service area - in-state or in-tribal service area - out-of-country - runaway or whereabouts unknown | 42. Is Current Placement Out-of-State/Tribal service area - yes - no |
| (e)(6) Jurisdiction or country where child is living - state, tribal service area, Indian reservation, or country in a format according to ACF's specifications | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e)(7) Marital status of the foster parent(s) - married couple - unmarried couple - separated - single adult | 49. Foster Family Structure - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| (e)(8) Child's relationships to the foster parent(s) - relative(s) - non-relative(s) - kin | 41. Current Placement Setting - Foster Family Home - Relative - Foster Family Home - Non-relative |

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| (e)(9) Year of birth for first foster parent - year | 50. Year of Birth (1 st Foster Caretaker) - year |
| (e)(10) First foster parent tribal membership - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e)(11) Race of first foster parent (i) American Indian or Alaska Native - yes - no (ii) Asian - yes - no (iii) Black or African American - yes - no (iv) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - yes - no (v) White - yes - no (vii) Unknown - yes - no (vii) Declined - yes - no | 52. Race of 1 st Foster Caretaker a) American Indian or Alaska Native - applies - does not apply b) Asian - applies - does not apply c) Black or African American - applies - does not apply d) Native Hawaiian - applies - does not apply e) White - applies - does not apply f) Unable to Determine - applies - does not apply |
| (e)(12) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of first foster parent - yes - no - unknown - declined | 53. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity of 1 st Foster Caretaker - yes - no - unable to determine |
| (e)(13) Sex of first foster parent - female - male | 49. Foster Family Structure - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| (e)(14) Year of birth for second foster parent - year | 51. Year of Birth (2 nd Foster Caretaker) - year |
| (e)(15) Second foster parent tribal membership - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (e)(16) Race of second foster parent (i) American Indian or Alaska Native - yes - no (ii) Asian - yes - no (iii) Black or African American | 54. Race of 2nd Foster Caretaker (If Applicable) a) American Indian or Alaska Native - applies - does not apply b) Asian - applies - does not apply c) Black or African American |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (iv) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - yes - no (v) White - yes - no (vii) Unknown - yes - no (vii) Declined - yes - no | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply d) Native Hawaiian - applies - does not apply e) White - applies - does not apply f) Unable to Determine - applies - does not apply |
| (e)(17) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of second foster parent | 55. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity of 2 nd Foster Caretaker (if applicable) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no - unknown - declined | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no - unable to determine |
| (e)(18) Sex of second foster parent | 49. Foster Family Structure |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - male - female | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| (f) Permanency planning | Most Recent Case Plan Goal |
| (f)(1) Permanency plan | 43. Most Recent Case Plan Goal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reunify with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) - live with other relatives - adoption - guardianship - planned permanent living arrangement - permanency plan not established | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reunify with parents or principal caretakers - live with other relatives - adoption - long term foster care - emancipation - guardianship - case plan goal not yet established |
| (f)(2) Date of permanency plan | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| - M/D/Y | |
| (f)(3) Date of periodic review | 5. Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if applicable) |
| - M/D/Y | |
| (f)(4) Date of permanency hearing | 5. Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if applicable) |
| - M/D/Y | |
| (f)(5) Caseworker visit dates | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| - M/D/Y | |
| (f)(6) Caseworker visit location | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - child's residence - other location | |
| (g) General exit information | Outcome Information |
| (g)(1) Date of exit | 56. Date of Discharge from Foster Care (foster care data file) |
| - M/D/Y | - M/D/Y |
| | 20. Date Child Was Discharged from Last Foster Care Episode (foster care data file) |
| | -date |
| | 21. Date adoption legalized (adoption data file) |

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| | -M/D/Y |
| (g)(2) Exit transaction date - M/D/Y | 57. Foster care discharge transaction date - date |
| (g)(3) Exit reason - not applicable - reunify with parent(s)/legal guardian(s) - live with other relatives - adoption - emancipation - guardianship - runaway or whereabouts unknown - death of child - transfer to another agency | 58. Reason for Discharge - reunification with parents or primary caretakers - living with other relatives - adoption - emancipation - transfer to another agency - runaway - death of child |
| (g)(4) Transfer to another agency - State title IV-E agency - Tribal title IV-E agency - Indian tribe or tribal agency (non-IV-E) - juvenile justice agency - mental health agency - other public agency - private 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 |
| (h)(1) Marital status of the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s) - married couple - married but individually adopting or obtaining legal guardianship - separated - unmarried couple - single adult | 22. Adoptive Parents' Family Structure (adoption data file) - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| (h)(2) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s) | 29-32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent(s) to the Child (adoption data file) |
| N/A not in final rule | 29. Relationship-Stepparent (adoption data file) - applies - does not apply |
| (h)(2)(i) Relative(s) - applies - does not apply | 30. Relationship - other relative (adoption data file) - applies - does not apply |
| (h)(2)(ii) Kin - applies - does not apply | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (h)(2)(iii) Non-relative(s) - applies - does not apply | 32. Relationship - other non-relative (adoption data file) - applies - does not apply |
| (h)(2)(iv) Foster parent(s) - applies - does not apply | 31. Relationship - foster parent of child (adoption data file) - applies - does not apply |
| (h)(3) Date of birth of first adoptive parent or guardian - M/D/Y | 23. Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth (adoption data file) - year |
| (h)(4) First adoptive parent or guardian tribal membership - yes | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no - unknown | |
| (h)(5) Race of first adoptive parent or guardian (i) American Indian or Alaska Native <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (ii) Asian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (iii) Black or African American <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (iv) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (v) White <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (vii) Unknown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (vii) Declined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no | 25. Adoptive Mother's Race (adoption data file) a) American Indian or Alaska Native <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply b) Asian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply c) Black or African American <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply d) Native Hawaiian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply e) White <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply f) Unable to Determine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply |
| (h)(6) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of first adoptive parent or guardian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no - unknown - declined | 26. Adoptive Mother's Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no |
| (h)(7) Sex of first adoptive parent or guardian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - female - male | 22. Adoptive Parents' Family Structure (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| (h)(8) Date of birth of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M/D/Y | 24. Adoptive Father's Year of Birth (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - year |
| (h)(9) Second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple tribal membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no - unknown | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (h)(10) Race of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple (i) American Indian or Alaska Native <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (ii) Asian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no (iii) Black or African American <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes | 27. Adoptive Father's Race (adoption data file) a) American Indian or Alaska Native <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply b) Asian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply c) Black or African American <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applies - does not apply |

AFCARS Data Elements Side-by-Side Comparison (2.1 vs 1.0)

| Out-of-Home Care Data Elements as Published in the Final Rule Issued 5/12/2020 (85 FR 28410 , 45 CFR 1355.44) | Foster Care and Adoption Data Elements as Published in the Appendix to 45 CFR part 1355 (1993) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no (iv) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - yes - no (v) White - yes - no (vii) Unknown - yes - no (vii) Declined - yes - no | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Native Hawaiian - applies - does not apply e) White - applies - does not apply f) Unable to Determine - applies - does not apply |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h)(11) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple - yes - no - unknown - declined | 28. Adoptive Father's Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h)(12) Sex of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple - female - male | 22. Adoptive Parents' Family Structure (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h)(13) Inter/Intrajurisdictional adoption or guardianship - interjurisdictional adoption or guardianship - intercountry adoption or guardianship - intrajurisdictional adoption or guardianship | 33. Child was placed from (adoption only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - within state/tribal service area - another state/tribal service area - another country |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h)(14) Assistance agreement type - Title IV-E adoption assistance agreement - State/tribal adoption assistance agreement - Adoption-Title IV-E agreement non-recurring expenses only - Adoption-Title IV-E agreement Medicaid only - Title IV-E guardianship assistance agreement - State/tribal guardianship assistance agreement - no agreement | 35. Is the child receiving a monthly subsidy? (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no 37. Adoption assistance – IV-E (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes - no |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h)(19) Siblings in adoptive or guardianship home - number - not applicable - 0 | 10. Primary Factor or Condition for Special Needs (adoption data file) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - membership in a sibling group to be placed for adoption together |

AFCARS Data Elements Side-by-Side Comparison (2.1 vs 1.0)

| Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Data Elements as Published in the Final Rule Issued 5/12/2020 (85 FR 28410 , 45 CFR 1355.45) | Adoption Data Elements as Published in the Appendix to 45 CFR part 1355 (Note: Guardianship information not collected) |
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| (a) General information | General Information (adoption data file) |
| (a)(1) Title IV-E Agency - per requirements issued by ACF | 1. Title IV-E Agency - abbreviation |
| (a)(2) Report date - M/Y | 2. Report period date - M/Y |
| (a)(3) Child record number - number | 3. Record number - number |
| (In 1355.44(h)(14)) | 4. Title IV-E agency involvement - yes - no |
| (b) Child's demographics | Child's Demographic Information (adoption data file) |
| (b)(1) Child's date of birth - M/D/Y | 5. Child's date of birth - M/D/Y |
| (b)(2) Child's sex - male - female | 6. Sex - male - female |
| (b)(3) Child's race (i) American Indian or Alaska Native - yes - no (ii) Asian - yes - no (iii) Black or African American - yes - no (iv) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - yes - no (v) White - yes - no (vii) Unknown - yes - no (vii) Abandoned - yes - no (viii) Declined - yes - no | 7. Child's race a) American Indian or Alaska Native - applies - does not apply b) Asian - applies - does not apply c) Black or African American - applies - does not apply d) Native Hawaiian - applies - does not apply e) White - applies - does not apply f) Unable to Determine - applies - does not apply |
| (b)(4) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity - yes - no - unknown - abandoned - declined | 8. Child Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity - applies - does not apply - unable to determine |

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| Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Data Elements as Published in the Final Rule Issued 5/12/2020 (85 FR 28410 , 45 CFR 1355.45) | Adoption Data Elements as Published in the Appendix to 45 CFR part 1355 (Note: Guardianship information not collected) |
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| | Financial Adoption Support (adoption data file) |
| (c) Adoption and guardianship assistance agreement information (c)(1) Assistance agreement type - title IV-E adoption assistance agreement - title IV-E guardianship assistance agreement | 35. Adoption assistance – IV-E - yes - no |
| (c)(2) Adoption or Guardianship Subsidy amount - number - 0 | 36. Monthly amount - number |
| (d) Adoption finalization or guardianship legalization date - M/D/Y | 21. Date adoption legalized - M/D/Y |
| (e) Agreement termination date - M/D/Y | N/A not in the current AFCARS collection |
| (f) Adoption or guardianship placing agency - title IV-E agency - private agency under agreement - Indian tribe under contract/agreement | 34. Child was placed by - public agency - private agency - tribal agency - independent person - birth parent |
| (In 1355.44(h)(14)) | 35. Is the child receiving a monthly subsidy? - yes - no |
| | Special Needs Status (adoption data file) |
| N/A not in final rule | 9. Has the title IV-E agency determined that the child has special needs? - yes - no |
| (Only “membership in a sibling group” is in 1355.44(h)(19)) (Special Needs not in final rule) | 10. If yes, Primary Factor or Condition for Special Needs - racial/original background - age - membership in a sibling group to be placed for adoption together - medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities - other |
| (In 1355.44(b)(10)) (Special Needs not in final rule) | 11. Type of Disability-Mental Retardation (if selected “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities”) - applies - does not apply |
| (In 1355.44(b)(10)) (Special Needs not in final rule) | 12. Type of Disability-Visually or Hearing Impaired (if selected “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities”) - applies - does not apply |
| (In 1355.44(b)(10)) (Special Needs not in final rule) | 13. Type of Disability-Physically Disabled (if selected “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities”) - applies - does not apply |
| (In 1355.44(b)(10)) (Special Needs not in final rule) | 14. Type of Disability-Emotionally Disturbed (DSM III) (if selected “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities”) - applies - does not apply |
| (In 1355.44(b)(10)) (Special Needs not in final rule) | 15. Type of Disability-Other medically diagnosed condition requiring special care |

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| | | - applies | - does not apply |
| | | Birth Parents (adoption data file) | |
| | N/A not in final rule | 16. Mother, if known year of birth | - year |
| | N/A not in final rule | 17. Father, if known, year of birth | - year |
| | N/A not in final rule | 18. Was the Mother Married at the Time of the Child's Birth? | - yes - no - unable to determine |
| | | Court Actions (adoption data file) | |
| | (In 1355.44(c)(5)(ii)) | 19. Date of Mother's termination of parental rights | - M/D/Y |
| | (In 1355.44(c)(5)(ii)) | 20. Date of Father's termination of parental rights | - M/D/Y |
| | | Adoptive Parents (adoption data file) | |
| | (In 1355.44(h)(1), (7), and (12)) | 22. Family structure | - married couple - unmarried couple - single female - single male |
| | (In 1355.44(h)(3) and (8)) | 23. Year of birth Adoptive mother 24. Year of birth Adoptive father | - year |
| | (In 1355.44(h)(5) and (10)) | 25. Race Adoptive mother 27. Race Adoptive father | a) American Indian or Alaska Native b) Asian c) Black or African American d) Native Hawaiian e) White f) Unable to Determine - applies - does not apply |
| | (In 1355.44(h)(6) and (11)) | 26. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity Adoptive Mother 28. Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity Adoptive Father | - applies - does not apply - unable to determine |
| | (In 1355.44(h)(2)) | Relationship to Adoptive Parents 29. Relationship-Stepparent 30. Relationship-Other relative 31. Relationship-Foster parent 32. Relationship-Other non-relative | |