



The Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study

Systems Involvement: Findings from Age 22

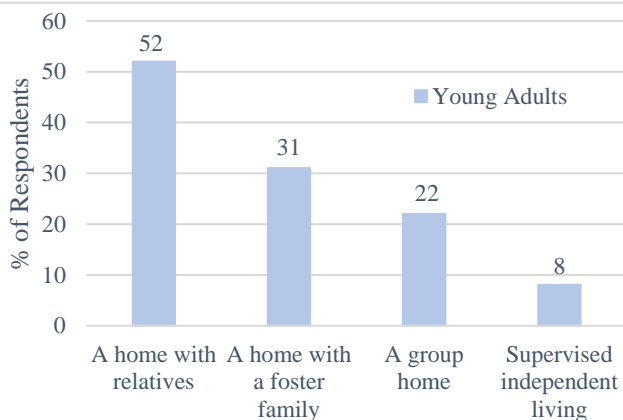
The Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS) is a longitudinal birth cohort study that has been following approximately 5,000 young adults and their families since they were born about 22 years ago. The study oversampled births to unmarried parents resulting in an oversample of disadvantaged families who are often underrepresented in large, national datasets. We have collected data on these young adults and their parents at seven time periods: when the child was born and when they were ages 1, 3, 5, 9, 15, and 22.

In this brief, we present weighted findings from the FFCWS Year 22 national sample which includes 2,157 young adults and 1,978 PCGs. These findings focus on the topic of systems involvement from the Young Adult survey; the Year 22 PCG survey also includes questions about systems involvement. Year 22 items related to systems involvement are outlined in Box 1.

CPS Involvement

Of the 12% of young adults who reported CPS involvement with their family before age 18, 29% reported ever being in an out-of-home placement

These respondents were asked what type(s) of placement(s) they had experienced:



Note: The percentages reported in this graph are based on the number of young adults who reported ever being removed from their family and put in an out-of-home placement.

Box 1. Systems Involvement Items in FFCWS Y22 Data

In YA survey:

- CPS involvement with family before age 18
- Being stopped by police since Y15 survey
- Ever being arrested, and age when arrested
- Criminal justice involvement since age 18, including spending time in jail, being charged with a crime, pleading guilty to a crime, being tried in court, costs incurred
- Time spent in jail or prison since age 18

In PCG survey:

- CPS involvement with family before age 18
- Whether, how many times, and how long YA spent time in a juvenile detention facility or adult correctional institution since Y15 survey

Criminal Justice Involvement

At the time of the Year 22 survey:

- 9% of young adults had ever been arrested
 - 3% of young adults were arrested before age 18
 - 4% of young adults were arrested since age 18
 - 2% of young adults were arrested both before and since age 18
- Since age 18:
 - 4% of young adults had spent 1 or more nights in jail
 - 5% of young adults had been charged with a crime
 - 4% of young adults had pled guilty to a crime
 - 4% of young adults had been tried in court

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