

Children in DCS Custody

This section of the report gives statistical information on the types of children who were in Department of Children's Services custody in fiscal year 1998-1999 and the reasons they entered custody. The CORS (Client Operation and Review System) database provided these statistics. The CORS database was the primary system of data collection from the time DCS became a separate entity in 1996 until CORS was replaced by the TN KIDS information system in the fall of 1999. CORS was used to collect general information and demographic data and to track the location and status of children referred to DCS care. As of June 30, 1999, 11,234 children were in the custody of the Department of Children's Services. As shown in Figure 3, the overall number of children in custody has remained relatively stable during the past five years, with a slight decrease since FY95-96.

Figure 3: Total Children in DCS Custody Comparing Children in Custody last day of Fiscal Year 1995-1999

