

- Colorado’s Child Welfare practice is trending toward serving more children in their homes.
- The percentage of children served in their homes has increased from **53.8%** of all children who achieved permanency in 2006 to **60.8%** in 2011.
- The percentage of children who exited to permanency by emancipation or adoption has decreased since 2006.
- In 2011, **88.5%** of the children served remained home or were reunified with their families.

PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

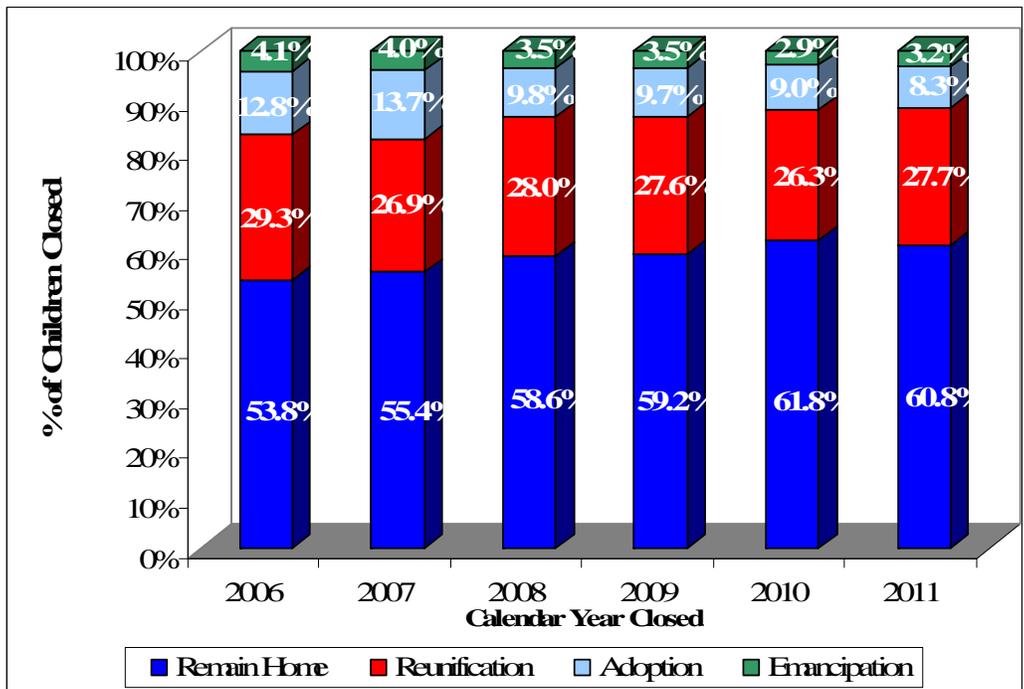
The table below indicates permanency outcomes that can be achieved for children served in child welfare cases: children can remain safely at home while receiving services, be reunified with their families, be adopted if parental rights are terminated by the courts, or emancipated from out-of-home care.

The trend in Colorado’s child welfare practice is to gear more services toward protecting children in their home and avoiding entry into out-of-home placement whenever possible. Over the last 6 years, the percentage of children being served in the home with their parents has increased from **53.8%** of all cases closed in 2006 to **60.8%** of all cases closed in 2011. In 2011, **88.5%** of the children served remained home or were reunified with their families.

Because more children remain safely in their homes, fewer were placed in out-of-home care and thus the percentage of total closures that were reunifications with the child’s family has decreased from **29.3%** in 2006 to **27.7%** in 2011.

The percentage of children emancipating from foster care has decreased from **4.1%** of total children closed in 2006 to **3.2%** of children closed in 2011, while the number of closures resulting from adoptions has decreased from **12.8%** to **8.3%** in that same timeframe.

Permanency Outcomes for Children Served – Calendar Years 2006 to 2011



Source: Trails child closure / ending residence data