

- Colorado’s Child Welfare practice is trending toward serving more children in their homes.
- The percentage of children who exited to permanency by emancipation or adoption has decreased from **4.0%** in 2007 to **2.9%** in 2013.
- In 2013, **90%** of the children served remained home or were reunified with their families.
- The percentage of children being served in their homes without placement has increased from **55.4%** of all children who achieved permanency in 2007 to **58.9%** in 2013.

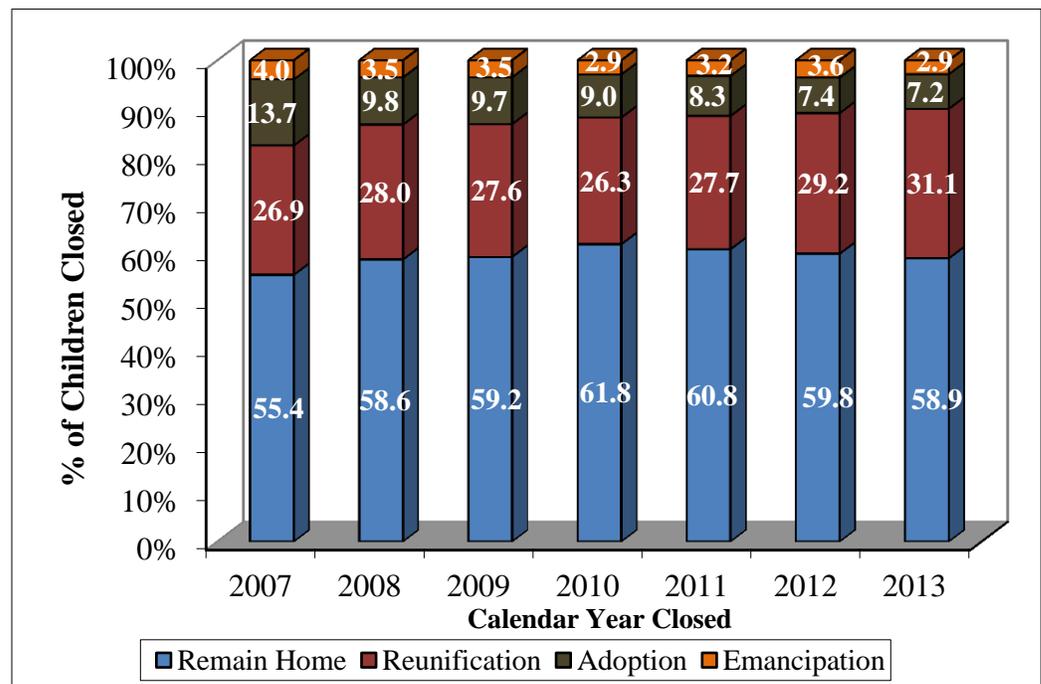
PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

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 emancipate from out-of-home care.

The trend in Colorado’s child welfare practice is to tailor more services toward protecting children in their home and avoiding entry into out-of-home placement whenever safely possible. Over the last 7 years, the percentage of children being served in the home with their parents has increased from **55.4 %** of all cases closed in 2007 to **58.9%** of all cases closed in 2013. **90%** of the children closed from a case in 2013 remained home or were reunified with their families.

The percentage of children emancipating from foster care has decreased from **4.0%** of total children closed in 2007 to **2.9%** of children closed in 2013, while the number of closures resulting from adoptions has decreased from **13.7%** to **7.2%** in that same timeframe.

Permanency Outcomes for Children Served – Calendar Years 2007 to 2013



Source: Trails child closure / ending residence data