Percent Change in Contributing Factor for Reason for Removal in the United States 2012-2016

Percentage Change

Parental Death -42.86%
Child Disability -31.03%
Child Behavior Problem -27.14%
Child AOD -24.24%
Caretaker Inability to Cope -19.37%
Sexual Abuse -14.58%
Physical Abuse -12.84%
Relinquishment -9.09%
Abandonment -2.00%
Inadequate Housing -0.91%
Parent Incarceration 5.63%
Neglect 8.40%
Parental AOD 14.98%

Despite the undercount by states, the percentage of children entering foster care that had parent drug abuse reported as a reason for removal increased from 30.7% in 2012 to 35.3% in 2016. This is the largest increase of any reason for removal.