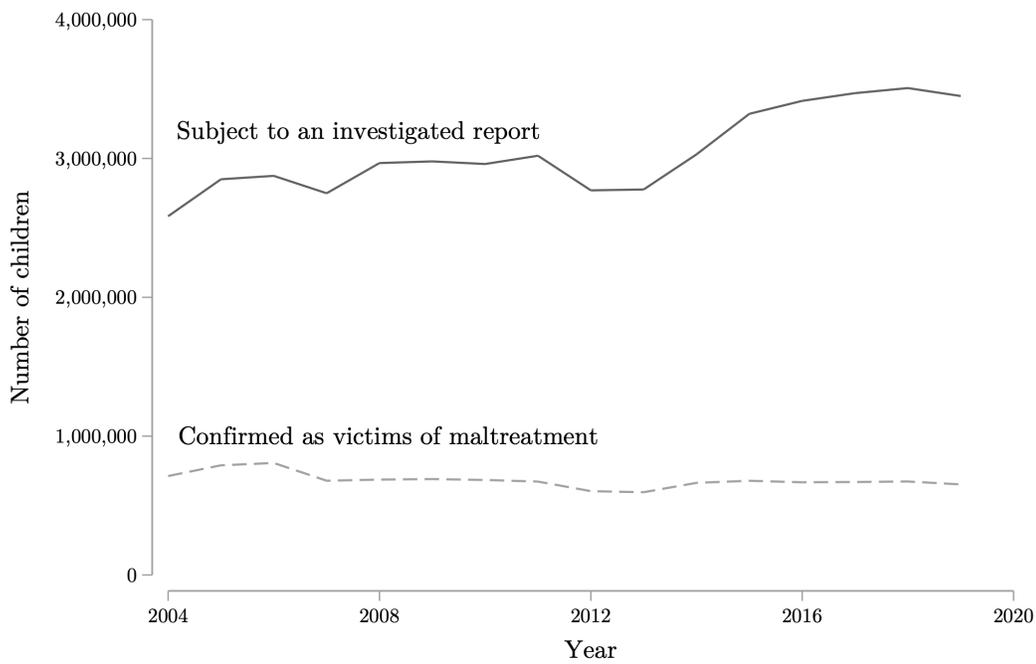


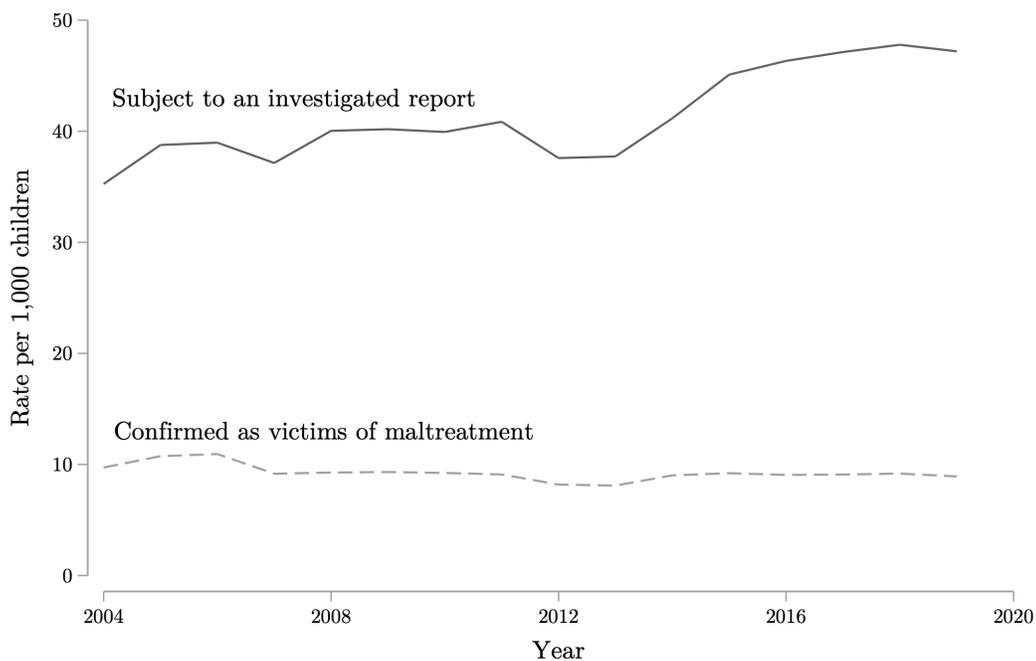
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Figure A1: Children Subject to an Investigated Report and Confirmed as Victims of Maltreatment

(a) Number of children over time



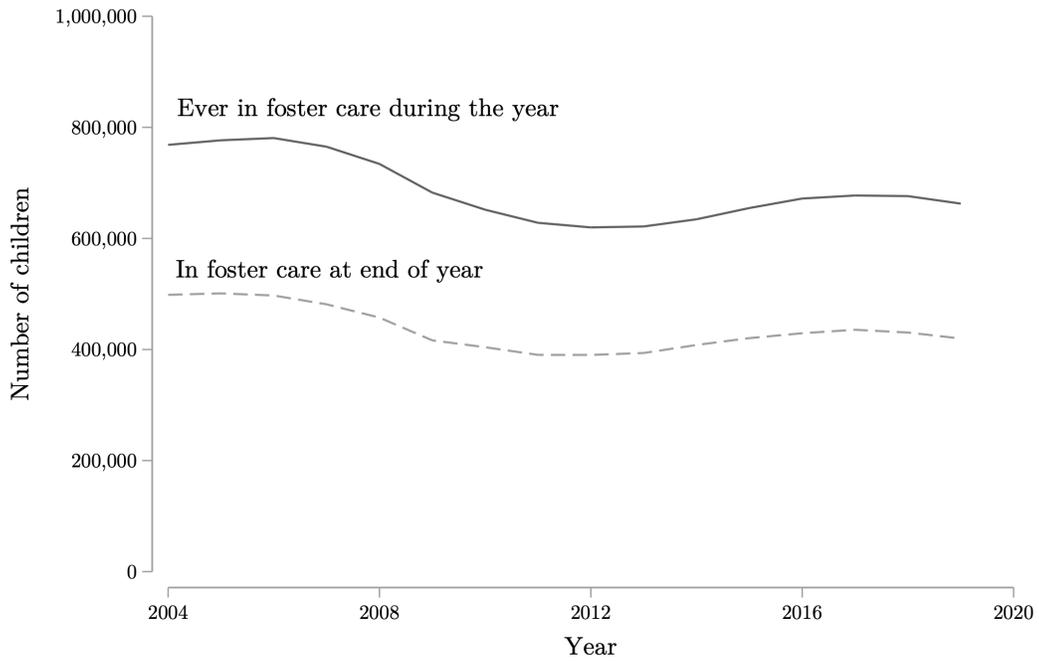
(b) Rate per 1,000 children over time



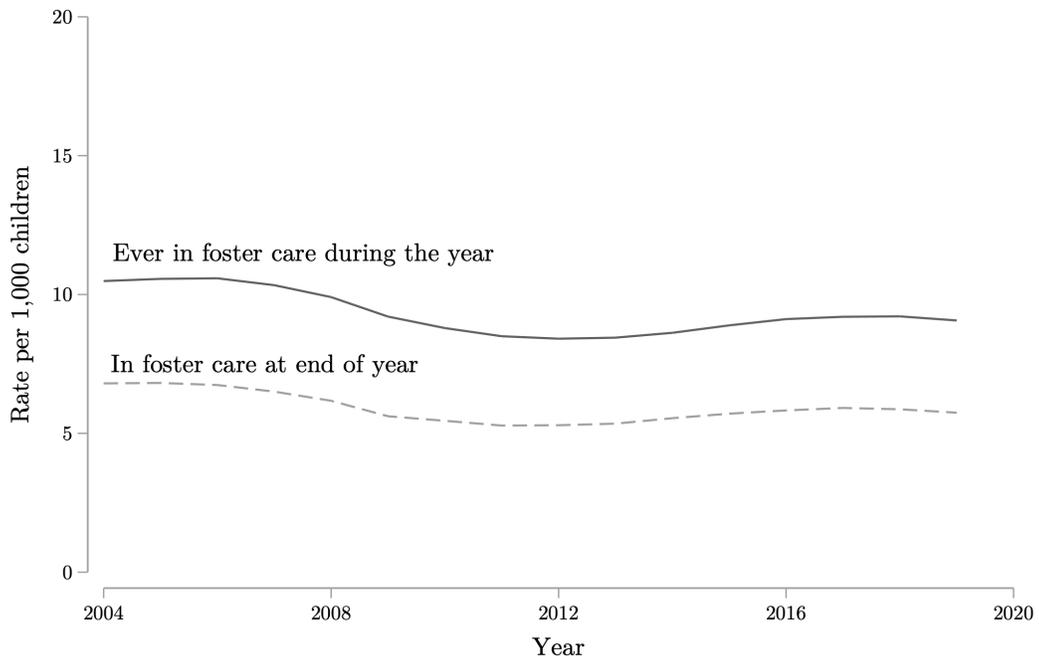
Notes: These statistics refer to unique children ages 0 to 17. Children are counted as confirmed victims of maltreatment if they are subject to a substantiated maltreatment report.

Figure A2: Children in foster care

(a) Number of children over time

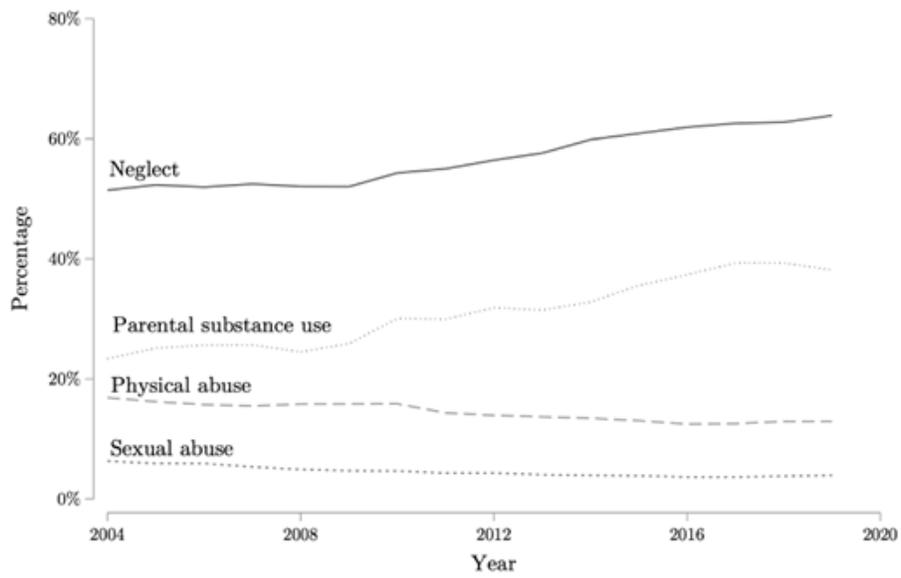


(b) Rate per 1,000 children over time



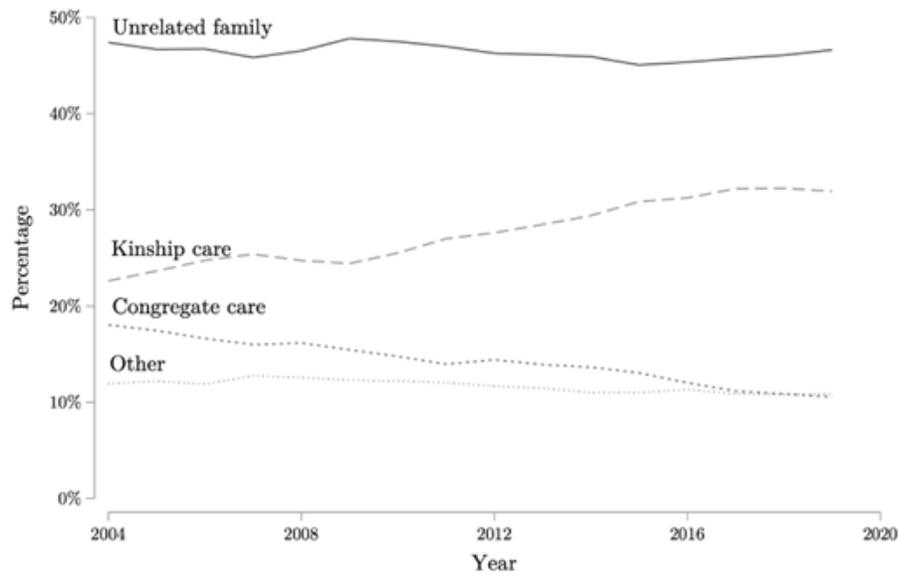
Notes: We restrict each series to children ages 0 to 17 who were ever in foster care during the fiscal year and who were in foster care at the end of the fiscal year.

Figure A3: Children Entering Foster Care by Reason for Removal



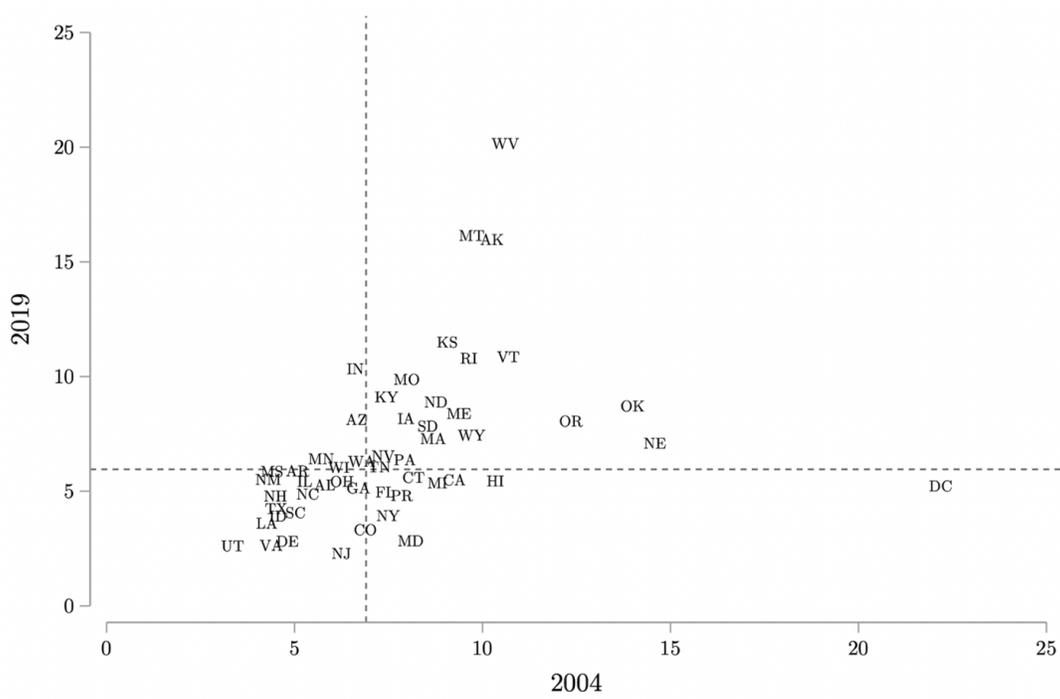
Notes: Parental substance use includes alcohol abuse and drug abuse. Removal reasons are not mutually exclusive since children can be removed for multiple reasons.

Figure A4: Children in Foster Care by Most Recent Placement Setting at End of Year



Notes: We report the percentage of children ages 0 to 17 who were in foster care at the end of the fiscal year and placed in each setting. Placement settings are mutually exclusive since we only observe the most recent placement. The “other” category includes pre-adoptive home, trial home visit, supervised independent living, and runaways.

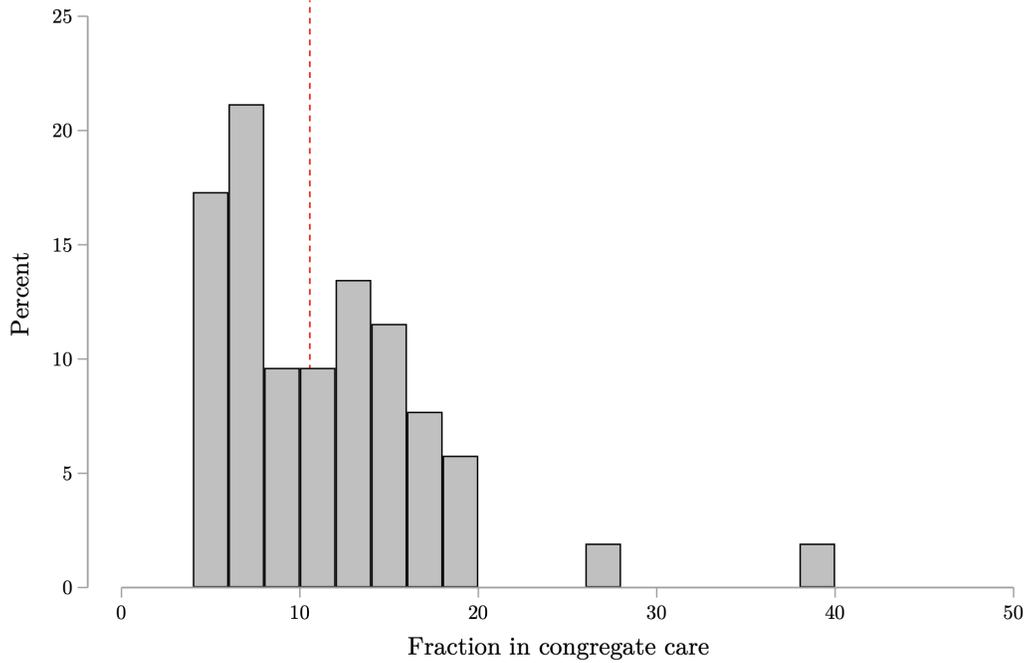
Figure A5: Children Placed in Foster Care (Rate per 1,000) in 2004 and 2019



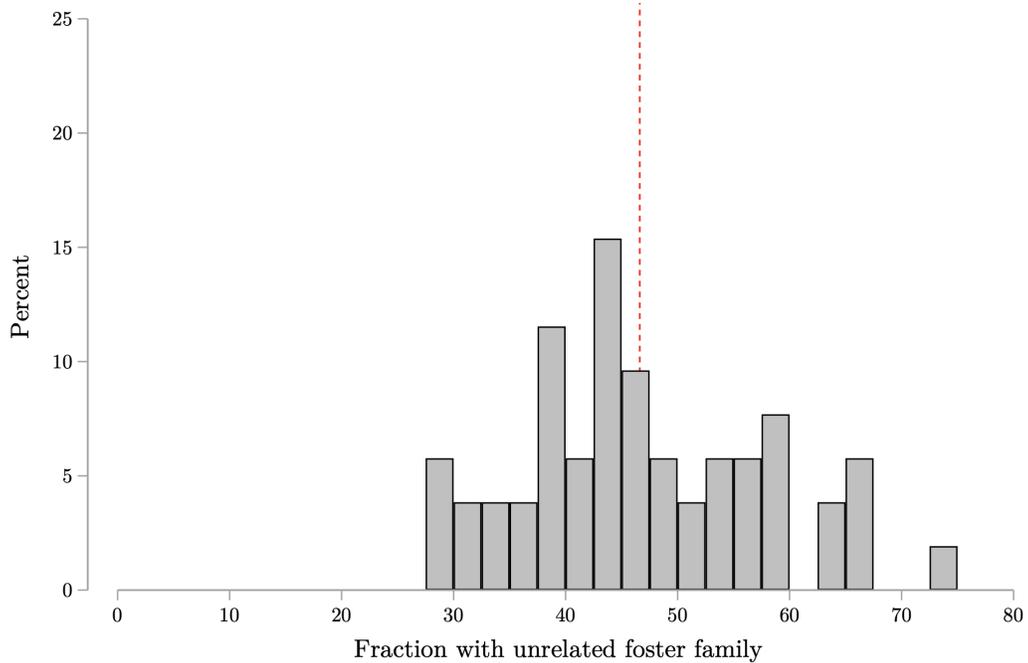
Notes: We report the rate per 1,000 children ages 0 to 17 placed in foster care at the end of the fiscal year. The vertical and horizontal dashed lines represent the median values in 2004 and 2019.

Figure A6: State variation in percentage congregate care and unrelated foster family

(a) Histogram of percentage of children in congregate care



(b) Histogram of percentage of children with unrelated foster family



Notes: Panel (a) reports the percentage of foster children in congregate care and Panel (b) reports the percentage of foster children with an unrelated foster family (one observation for each state). We report the percentage of children ages 0 to 17 who were in foster care at the end of the 2019 fiscal year and who were placed in each setting. The vertical lines represent the nationwide percentage in congregate care and percentage with an unrelated foster family.