

Table 3. Certified/Approved Foster Homes--Total number of foster families that are certified in the state on 12/31/2021 and 6/30/2022.

Region	Foster Home Type	Homes	Homes	% Change
		certified/approved as of 12/31/21 # Unique Homes	certified/approved as of 6/30/2022 # Unique Homes	
NYS	Approved Relative Foster Home	3,645	3,640	-0.1%
	Certified Foster Home	2,001	2,164	8.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,115	5,100	-0.3%
	Total	10,761	10,904	1.3%
New York City	Approved Relative Foster Home	2,107	2,076	-1.5%
	Certified Foster Home	1,007	1,134	12.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1,735	1,791	3.2%
	Total	4,849	5,001	3.1%
ROS	Approved Relative Foster Home	1,538	1,564	1.7%
	Certified Foster Home	994	1,030	3.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	3,380	3,309	-2.1%
	Total	5,912	5,903	-0.2%
ALBANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	39	36	-7.7%
	Certified Foster Home	37	39	5.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	84	83	-1.2%
	Total	160	158	-1.3%
ALLEGANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	11	22.2%
	Certified Foster Home	3	2	-33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	20	-9.1%
	Total	34	33	-2.9%
BROOME	Approved Relative Foster Home	31	37	19.4%
	Certified Foster Home	20	24	20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	147	139	-5.4%
	Total	198	200	1.0%
CATTARAUGUS	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	17	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	9	11	22.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	29	3.6%
	Total	54	57	5.6%
CAYUGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	18	16	-11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	19	19	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	33	37	12.1%
	Total	70	72	2.9%
CHAUTAUQUA	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	22	37.5%
	Certified Foster Home	9	9	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	62	62	0.0%
	Total	87	93	6.9%
CHEMUNG	Approved Relative Foster Home	15	11	-26.7%
	Certified Foster Home	9	10	11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	45	43	-4.4%
	Total	69	64	-7.2%
CHENANGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	9	-10.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	5	66.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	39	38	-2.6%
	Total	52	52	0.0%
CLINTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	18	5.9%
	Certified Foster Home	18	21	16.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	55	57	3.6%
	Total	90	96	6.7%
COLUMBIA	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	6	50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	3	200.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	16	-23.8%
	Total	26	25	-3.8%
CORTLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	8	12	50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	23	0.0%
	Total	33	37	12.1%

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	Certified Foster Home	2,001	2,164	8.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,115	5,100	-0.3%
	Total	10,761	10,904	1.3%
DELAWARE	Approved Relative Foster Home	19	27	42.1%
	Certified Foster Home	20	23	15.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	22	-15.4%
	Total	65	72	10.8%
DUTCHESS	Approved Relative Foster Home	40	50	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	17	18	5.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	90	86	-4.4%
	Total	147	154	4.8%
ERIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	161	173	7.5%
	Certified Foster Home	53	52	-1.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	343	327	-4.7%
	Total	557	552	-0.9%
ESSEX	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	14	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	5	5	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	16	12	-25.0%
	Total	35	31	-11.4%
FRANKLIN	Approved Relative Foster Home	48	33	-31.3%
	Certified Foster Home	28	27	-3.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	27	8.0%
	Total	101	87	-13.9%
FULTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	7	9	28.6%
	Certified Foster Home	5	5	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	26	0.0%
	Total	38	40	5.3%
GENESEE	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	9	-10.0%
	Certified Foster Home	8	9	12.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	21	0.0%
	Total	39	39	0.0%
GREENE	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	11	-15.4%
	Certified Foster Home	5	7	40.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	19	17	-10.5%
	Total	37	35	-5.4%
HAMILTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	0	-100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	0	0	N/A
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1	1	0.0%
	Total	2	1	-50.0%
HERKIMER	Approved Relative Foster Home	21	20	-4.8%
	Certified Foster Home	12	18	50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	16	17	6.3%
	Total	49	55	12.2%
JEFFERSON	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	14	-17.6%
	Certified Foster Home	26	25	-3.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	51	51	0.0%
	Total	94	90	-4.3%
LEWIS	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	4	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	28	7.7%
	Total	31	34	9.7%
LIVINGSTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	2	-50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	24	-4.0%
	Total	30	28	-6.7%

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NYS	Approved Relative Foster Home	3,645	3,640	-0.1%
	Certified Foster Home	2,001	2,164	8.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,115	5,100	-0.3%
	Total	10,761	10,904	1.3%
MADISON	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	16	23.1%
	Certified Foster Home	7	7	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	27	8.0%
	Total	45	50	11.1%
MONROE	Approved Relative Foster Home	45	37	-17.8%
	Certified Foster Home	68	63	-7.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	221	219	-0.9%
	Total	334	319	-4.5%
MONTGOMERY	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	8	33.3%
	Certified Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	18	0.0%
	Total	25	27	8.0%
NASSAU	Approved Relative Foster Home	66	64	-3.0%
	Certified Foster Home	38	41	7.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	126	135	7.1%
	Total	230	240	4.3%
NIAGARA	Approved Relative Foster Home	28	38	35.7%
	Certified Foster Home	17	14	-17.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	74	79	6.8%
	Total	119	131	10.1%
ONEIDA	Approved Relative Foster Home	91	113	24.2%
	Certified Foster Home	49	57	16.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	29	24	-17.2%
	Total	169	194	14.8%
ONONDAGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	116	112	-3.4%
	Certified Foster Home	48	43	-10.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	176	176	0.0%
	Total	340	331	-2.6%
ONTARIO	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	11	10.0%
	Certified Foster Home	9	7	-22.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	38	36	-5.3%
	Total	57	54	-5.3%
ORANGE	Approved Relative Foster Home	75	77	2.7%
	Certified Foster Home	48	45	-6.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	177	168	-5.1%
	Total	300	290	-3.3%
ORLEANS	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	4	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	23	4.5%
	Total	27	29	7.4%
OSWEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	49	49	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	10	9	-10.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	88	77	-12.5%
	Total	147	135	-8.2%
OTSEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	5	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	11	9	-18.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	27	3.8%
	Total	41	41	0.0%

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	Certified Foster Home	2,001	2,164	8.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,115	5,100	-0.3%
	Total	10,761	10,904	1.3%
PUTNAM	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	2	-50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	5	-28.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	22	26	18.2%
	Total	33	33	0.0%
RENSSELAER	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	17	6.3%
	Certified Foster Home	16	16	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	53	54	1.9%
	Total	85	87	2.4%
ROCKLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	28	27	-3.6%
	Certified Foster Home	19	18	-5.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	66	70	6.1%
	Total	113	115	1.8%
ST. LAWRENCE	Approved Relative Foster Home	75	54	-28.0%
	Certified Foster Home	39	71	82.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	90	75	-16.7%
	Total	204	200	-2.0%
SARATOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	17	6.3%
	Certified Foster Home	17	18	5.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	69	68	-1.4%
	Total	102	103	1.0%
SCHENECTADY	Approved Relative Foster Home	28	26	-7.1%
	Certified Foster Home	6	10	66.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	70	64	-8.6%
	Total	104	100	-3.8%
SCHOHARIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	4	7	75.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	2	-33.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	18	0.0%
	Total	25	27	8.0%
SCHUYLER	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	3	200.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	11	7	-36.4%
	Total	13	11	-15.4%
SENECA	Approved Relative Foster Home	0	2	N/A
	Certified Foster Home	5	5	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	8	10	25.0%
	Total	13	17	30.8%
STEUBEN	Approved Relative Foster Home	12	10	-16.7%
	Certified Foster Home	8	8	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	55	50	-9.1%
	Total	75	68	-9.3%
SUFFOLK	Approved Relative Foster Home	92	96	4.3%
	Certified Foster Home	43	43	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	260	254	-2.3%
	Total	395	393	-0.5%

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	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,115	5,100	-0.3%
	Total	10,761	10,904	1.3%
SULLIVAN	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	13	-23.5%
	Certified Foster Home	29	27	-6.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	27	17.4%
	Total	69	67	-2.9%
TIOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	10	-23.1%
	Certified Foster Home	7	7	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	20	20	0.0%
	Total	40	37	-7.5%
TOMPKINS	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	18	5.9%
	Certified Foster Home	5	4	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	32	31	-3.1%
	Total	54	53	-1.9%
ULSTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	35	30	-14.3%
	Certified Foster Home	46	37	-19.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	49	57	16.3%
	Total	130	124	-4.6%
WARREN	Approved Relative Foster Home	8	9	12.5%
	Certified Foster Home	12	12	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	20	17	-15.0%
	Total	40	38	-5.0%
WASHINGTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	7	6	-14.3%
	Certified Foster Home	11	10	-9.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	23	0.0%
	Total	41	39	-4.9%
WAYNE	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	5	-16.7%
	Certified Foster Home	7	8	14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	27	-3.6%
	Total	41	40	-2.4%
WESTCHESTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	113	119	5.3%
	Certified Foster Home	86	84	-2.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	160	161	0.6%
	Total	359	364	1.4%
WYOMING	Approved Relative Foster Home	0	1	N/A
	Certified Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	22	-15.4%
	Total	27	24	-11.1%
YATES	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	1	-50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	3	50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	13	13	0.0%
	Total	17	17	0.0%

Footnotes: Definition of Different Type of Foster Homes:

A. Approved Relative Foster Home – A foster home where the foster parents are relatives of the child they are caring for. A relative is an (1) adult who is related to the parent(s) or stepparent(s) of a child through blood, marriage or adoption to any degree of kinship; (2) an adult with a positive relationship to the child or child's family including but not limited to a child's godparent, neighbor, family friend; or (3) an unrelated person where placement with such person allows half -siblings to remain together in an approved foster home, and the parents or stepparents of one of the half -siblings is a relative of such person.

B. Foster/Adoptive Home – Indicated as certified foster/adoptive home in Connections. A placement where the potential foster parents have stated that they plan to, or will consider, adopting foster children.

C. Certified Foster Home – A placement where the potential foster parents have stated they do not intend to adopt foster children.

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