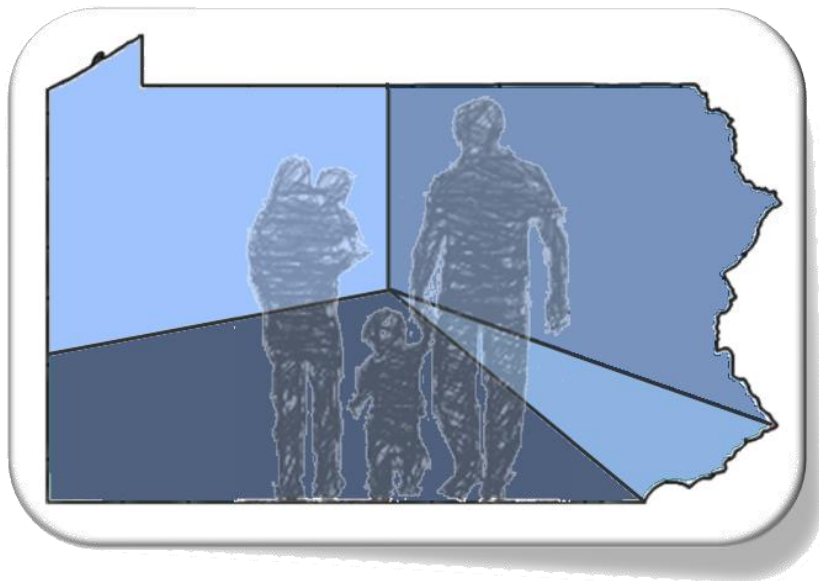


# PENNSYLVANIA COURTS



## CHILD DEPENDENCY DATA

### DASHBOARD GUIDE

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## **INTRODUCTION TO DEPENDENCY & THE DASHBOARD**

### **What is Dependency?**

Dependency cases are generally initiated in Pennsylvania by Children and Youth Services (CYS) in the interest of children who are believed to be without proper care. In these situations, CYS files a standard dependency petition that declares the reasons why a child is without proper parental care and should be under the supervision of the court. An adjudicatory hearing is subsequently held to determine if the allegations presented in the petition are true and if some court action is required. If a child is adjudicated 'dependent' in the hearing, meaning the child is without proper care, it allows the court to order services and programs for the child and family that include the following:

- Drug, alcohol, or mental health evaluation for child or parents.
- Participation in parenting classes, family finding (locating other family members), family group decision making.
- Removal of child from the home for temporary placement in a foster home, group home, or institution.

The ultimate goal of all dependency cases is to provide a permanent home for the child.

### **The Office of Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC)**

The OCFC was created by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in an effort to create more positive outcomes for foster children. The OCFC's primary goal is to minimize the length of time that dependent children must spend in foster care, or other temporary living situations, when they have been removed from their parents care by a court order. The OCFC is dedicated to reuniting families, accelerating adoptions, and enhancing permanent adult connection for children who remain in the foster care system.



The OCFC is part of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's (AOPC) Judicial Programs Department and receives guidance and direction from the State Roundtable, which is chaired by Supreme Court Justice Max Baer.

### **Leadership Roundtables (LRT)**

Pennsylvania uses a Roundtable model to guide dependency practices and to maintain collaboration between the courts, the Department of Public Welfare, and other relevant parties. The Roundtable structure that is currently in operation consists of three levels: Local Children's, Leadership, and State. The Leadership Roundtable is the intermediate level of this statewide system and plays an important role with respect to the metrics displayed on the dependency dashboards.



The Leadership Roundtable is actually a collection of seven separate roundtables. Each of Pennsylvania's 67 Counties has been divided into these seven groups based roughly on their population size. Each LRT is numbered from 1 to 8 with the largest counties grouped into LRT 1 and the smallest in LRT 8. The purpose of these roundtables is to bring together the counties who are most likely to have similar experiences so they can raise areas of interest or concerns and provide each other with support, problem solving techniques, and best practice methods. The Leadership Roundtables meet twice a year, in spring and fall, and are co-chaired by a dependency court judge from one judicial district and a children and youth administrator from another.

From a dashboard perspective, it is important to take into account the counties that make up each LRT whenever you view statistics at this level. Case totals and other volume-related metrics will usually be higher for LRT 1 than all others. In addition, statistics represented by percentages for LRT's with smaller counties, such as LRT 8, may be skewed since they may only have a handful of cases that all fall into the same category.

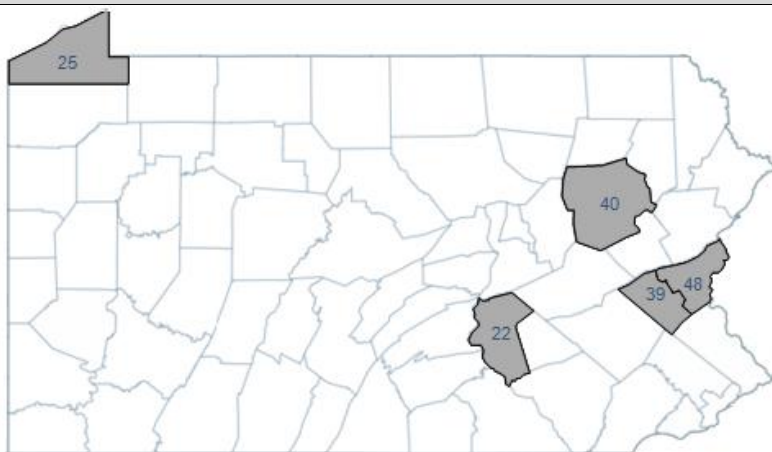
Roundtables by County	
Roundtable 1	
<p><i>Allegheny (02)</i>  <i>Bucks (09)</i>  <i>Delaware (23)</i>  <i>Montgomery (46)</i>  <i>Philadelphia (51)</i></p>	
Roundtable 2	
<p><i>Berks (06)</i>  <i>Chester (15)</i>  <i>Lancaster (36)</i>  <i>Westmoreland (65)</i>  <i>York (67)</i></p>	



## Roundtables by County

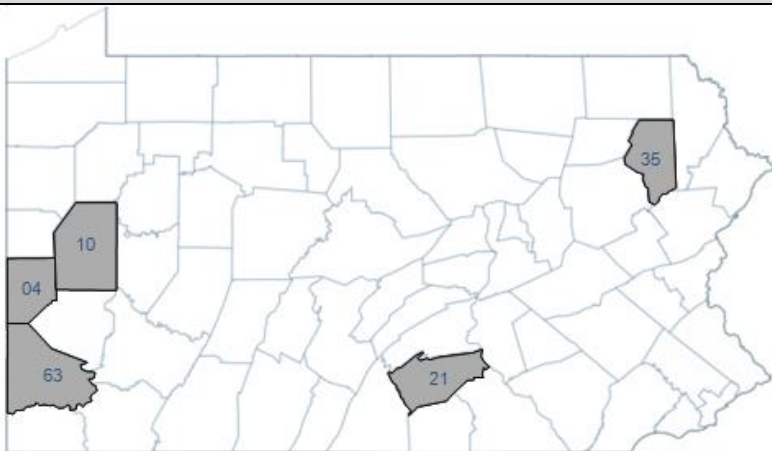
### Roundtable 3

*Erie (25)*  
*Dauphin (22)*  
*Lehigh (39)*  
*Luzerne (40)*  
*Northampton (48)*



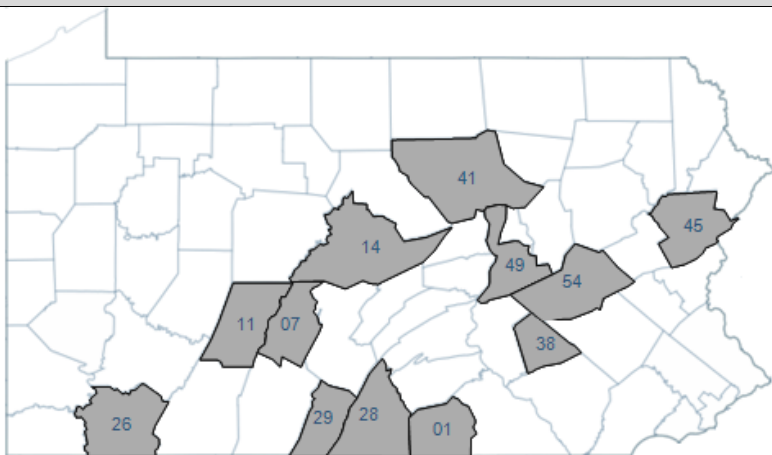
### Roundtable 4

*Beaver (04)*  
*Butler (10)*  
*Cumberland (21)*  
*Lackawanna (35)*  
*Washington (63)*



### Roundtable 5/6\*

*Adams (01)*  
*Blair (07)*  
*Cambria (11)*  
*Centre (14)*  
*Fayette (26)*  
*Franklin (28)*  
*Fulton (29)*  
*Lebanon (38)*  
*Lycoming (41)*  
*Monroe (45)*  
*Northumberland (49)*  
*Schuylkill (54)*



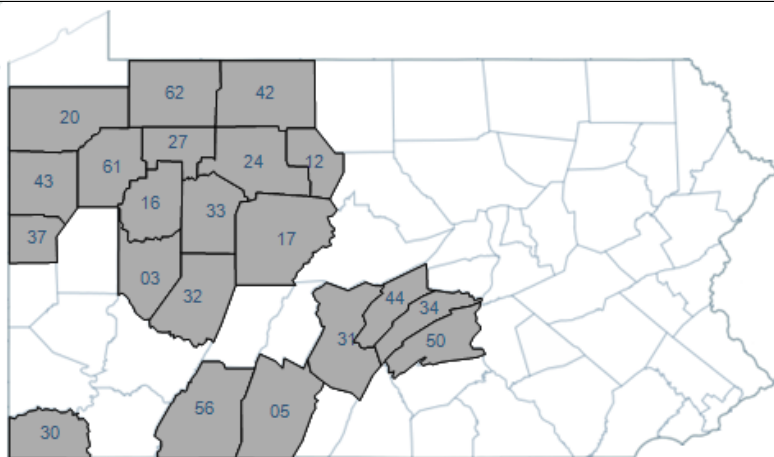


## Roundtables by County

### Roundtable 7

Armstrong (03)  
Bedford (05)  
Cameron (12)  
Clarion (16)  
Clearfield (17)  
Crawford (20)  
Elk (24)  
Forest (27)  
Greene (30)  
Huntingdon  
(31)  
Indiana (32)

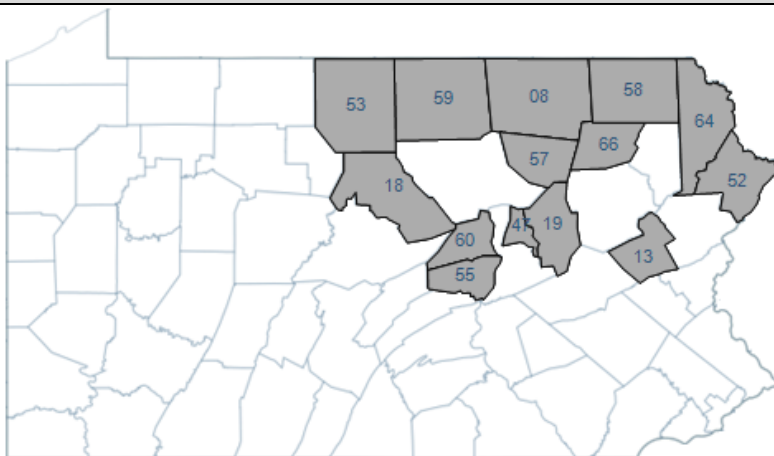
Jefferson (33)  
Juniata (34)  
Lawrence (37)  
Mercer (43)  
McKean (42)  
Mifflin (44)  
Perry (50)  
Somerset (56)  
Venango (61)  
Warren (62)



### Roundtable 8

Bradford (08)  
Carbon (13)  
Clinton (18)  
Columbia (19)  
Montour (47)  
Pike (52)  
Potter (53)

Snyder (55)  
Susquehanna  
(58)  
Sullivan (57)  
Tioga (59)  
Union (60)  
Wayne (64)  
Wyoming (66)



*\* When the Leadership Roundtables were originally formed there were eight groups. Roundtables 5 & 6 subsequently voted to combine themselves into a single Roundtable. On the dashboards, consequently, LRT statistics for these counties are combined and the joint Roundtable is referred to as '5/6'.*

## The Child Dependency Data Dashboards & CPCMS

The Pennsylvania Courts dependency dashboards consist of four interactive statistical dashboards that are based on the available data recorded for dependency cases in one or more calendar years. Overall, this reporting system has been designed to provide a mix of metrics that show a cross-section of dependency statistics at the county, Leadership Roundtable (LRT), and state levels.

The jurisdiction of dependency cases is exclusive to the Courts of Common Pleas. As part of each county's responsibility to track all of these cases in a consistent way, from start to finish, the state adopted the use of the Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS).



This system is a database that tracks the key details for each dependency case and is capable of compiling aggregate local and statewide statistics in several important categories. CPCMS is the most complete resource regarding dependency case information and, consequently, it is the basis for the metrics displayed in the dependency dashboards.

The four distinct dashboards available include the following:

- **Child Dependency Data Statewide** – Displays dependency case statistics at the state, Leadership Roundtable, or county level based on a selected classification known as a Measure Group.
- **Child Dependency Data County** – Focuses on independent county totals based on the cases that fall into a selected Measure Group.
- **Child Dependency Data Demographics** – Displays dependency statistics at a state and county level in the Measure Group categories associated to the age of the child, gender, and race.
- **Child Dependency Court Data** – Displays dependency statistics at a state and county level in the Measure Group categories associated to the placement of the child, permanency plan goal, and length of court supervision.

Subsequent sections of this document provide a detailed overview of each of these dashboards, which includes a description of their features and the statistics they display.



## **DASHBOARD MEASURE GROUPS & MEASURES**

### **Understanding Measure Groups and Measures**

A Measure Group is broad classification for dependency cases meeting specific characteristics that can be computed at the state, Leadership Roundtable (LRT), or county level. Measure Groups cover a wide variety of characteristics including those related to the demographics of dependent children, cases that are pre and post-adjudication, the length of supervision, and permanency goals.

In relation to the dashboard, the selected Measure Group determines the type of data that is displayed in each dashboard. In all instances, however, the actual information displayed is by statistical subcategories, referred to as Measures. Measures are more precise statistical groupings for the cases that fall under each Measure Group.

For example, one of the available Measure Groups is 'Age of the Child'. This is a logical statistical grouping but one that does not offer any statistical distinctions since all children have ages. Consequently, 'Age of the Child' is broken out into several Measures, which define specific age ranges of dependent children and provide some logical statistical results (i.e. 0-3 years, 4-7 years, 8-11 years, etc.). Dashboard data is never displayed at the Measure Group level.

More detailed information about the Measure Groups and Measures available on the dependency dashboards can be found on pages 9-14.



### **Defining the Available Measure Groups and Measures:**

Within the Pennsylvania dependency dashboards, the Measure Group filter is a function that can be used to customize the data that appears. The data displayed for each Group Measure is subcategorized into 'Measures', which makes it possible to refine the information displayed to a more precise group of cases.

The tables that appear on pages 9-14 represent each of the different Measure Groups and their corresponding Measures. The effect that each Measure has on the statistics appearing in the dashboards is also noted.

<b>PENDING ADJUDICATION INBOUND</b>	
<i>This Measure Group reflects the cases that entered the Active Inventory, which are those that became ready for adjudication, during the year.</i>	
<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD</b>
<b>Number of Petitions Awaiting Adjudication at the Beginning of the year</b>	Displays statistics based on the cases that began the year as 'Active' because they ended the previous year in an Active status.
<b>New Petitions</b>	
<b>Other Inbound</b>	Displays statistics for cases that returned to an Active status after a warrant for a child was returned, cases that were transferred in from another county prior to adjudication, and cases that went from an Active/Adjudicated status to an Active status with no measurable explanation.

<b>PENDING ADJUDICATION OUTBOUND</b>	
<i>This Measure Group reflects the cases that left the Active Inventory during the year, either due to adjudication, withdrawal, or some other reason.</i>	
<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD</b>
<b>Adjudicated Dependent (Judge)</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child was adjudicated dependent by a judge.
<b>Adjudicated Dependent (Hearing Officer)*</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child was adjudicated dependent by a hearing officer.
<b>Adjudicated Not Dependent (Judge)</b>	Displays statistics for cases where a judge adjudicated a child not dependent.



<b>PENDING ADJUDICATION OUTBOUND</b>	
<b>Adjudicated Not Dependent (Hearing Officer)*</b>	Displays statistics for cases where a hearing officer adjudicated a child not dependent.
<b>Dismissed</b>	Displays statistics for cases that were dismissed by the court prior to adjudication.
<b>Withdrawn</b>	Displays statistics for cases that were withdrawn by the petitioner prior to adjudication.
<b>Transferred</b>	Displays statistics for cases that were transferred to another county prior to adjudication.
<b>Other Outbound</b>	Displays statistics for cases where a warrant was issued for the child prior to adjudication, cases that moved to an Adjudicated status but no adjudication of dependency is recorded, cases with an order terminating court supervision that were never adjudicated dependent, cases closed due to statistical cleanup, and cases closed prior to adjudication with no measurable explanation.

*\*Hearing officers are appointed by a judge to hear dependency cases on their behalf. Hearing officers cannot issue orders, but can make recommendations to the judge.*

<b>ADJUDICATED DEPENDENT INBOUND</b>	
<i>This Measure Group reflects the cases that entered the Adjudicated Inventory, which are those that were adjudicated and under the court's supervision at some point during the year.</i>	
<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD</b>
<b>Adjudicated Dependent (Judge)</b>	Displays statistics for the cases that were adjudicated dependent by a judge.
<b>Adjudicated Dependent (Hearing Officer)</b>	Displays statistics for the cases that were adjudicated dependent by a hearing officer.
<b>Number of Children Under Court Supervision at the Beginning of the Year</b>	Displays statistics for cases that ended the prior year in an Adjudicated status.
<b>Other Inbound</b>	Includes cases returned to an Adjudicated status after a warrant for a child was returned, cases that moved to an Adjudicated status but no adjudication of dependency is recorded, cases that were previously closed and returned to an Adjudicated status with no measurable explanation, and cases that were adjudicated dependent prior to the filing of a dependency petition.



<b>ADJUDICATED DEPENDENT OUTBOUND</b> <i>This Measure Group reflects the cases that left the Adjudicated Inventory during the year.</i>	
MEASURE	EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD
<b>Dismissed</b>	Displays statistics for cases that were dismissed by the court.
<b>Other Outbound</b>	Displays statistics for cases where a warrant was issued for a child, cases closed without explanation or due to statistical cleanup, and cases reverting from an Adjudicated to Active status with no measurable explanation.
<b>Termination of Court Supervision</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the court entered an order terminating its supervision of the child.
<b>Transferred</b>	Displays statistics for cases where supervision was transferred to another court.
<b>Withdrawn</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the petition was withdrawn after the child was adjudicated dependent.

<b>AGE OF THE CHILD</b> <i>This Measure Group reflects the age of the child at the end of the court's supervision. Data is broken down into the following categories:</i>	
MEASURES	
<b>End Age 0–3</b>	<b>End Age 16–17</b>
<b>End Age 4–7</b>	<b>End Age 18</b>
<b>End Age 8–11</b>	<b>End Age 19+</b>
<b>End Age 12–15</b>	<b>Unknown (unrecorded)</b>



<b>CASES REMAINING IN INVENTORY</b> <i>This Measure Group reflects the cases that remained open at the end of the year.</i>	
MEASURE	EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD
Active	Displays statistics for cases that remain open at the end of the year in an Active status.
Active/Adjudicated Dependent	Displays statistics for cases that remain open at the end of the year in an Active/Adjudicated status.

<b>GENDER OF THE CHILD</b> <i>This Measure Group reflects the gender of the child on all countable cases. The following values are recorded:</i>
MEASURES
Male
Female
Unknown (unrecorded)

<b>LENGTH OF COURT SUPERVISION</b> <i>This Measure Group reflects the amount of time that all adjudicated cases have been under court supervision. The data is broken down as follows:</i>	
DATA MEASURE SUBCATEGORIES	
Length of Supervision 0-1 Months	Length of Supervision 25-36 Months
Length of Supervision 2-3 Months	Length of Supervision 37-48 Months
Length of Supervision 4-6 Months	Length of Supervision 49-60 Months
Length of Supervision 7-12 Months	Length of Supervision >60 Months
Length of Supervision 13-24 Months	Unknown (unrecorded)



<b>PERMANENCY PLAN GOAL</b>	
<i>This Measure Group reflects the last court-ordered permanency plan goal for the child. Goals are classified by the OCFC as follows:</i>	
<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD</b>
<b>Adoption</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is to be adopted.
<b>APPLA</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is to be placed in another planned permanent living arrangement, different from the other possible goals, due to unique circumstances.
<b>Fit &amp; Willing Relative</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is to be placed with a relative that is willing and able to provide proper care.
<b>Permanent Legal Custodian</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is to be placed with a permanent legal custodian. The custodian has not adopted the child, but has the legal authority to make decisions on their behalf.
<b>Remain in the Home</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is to remain with the family.
<b>Return to the Home</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is to be reunified with the family.
<b>Unknown</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the goal cannot be systematically determined.

<b>PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD</b>	
<i>This Measure Group reflects the current placement type of the child as last ordered by the court. Placement types are classified by the OCFC as follows:</i>	
<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>EFFECT ON THE DASHBOARD</b>
<b>Congregate Care</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is in an out-of-home placement facility for multiple unrelated children.
<b>Delinquency Detainment</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is in an out-of-home placement at a shelter or secured facility.
<b>Foster Care</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is in an out-of-home placement that cares for one child or siblings.



<b>PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD</b>	
<b>Hospitalization</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is in out-of-home medical care. This placement is generally court-ordered and for psychiatric care.
<b>In Home</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child remained in the home.
<b>Kinship Care</b>	Displays statistics for cases where the child is in out-of-home placement and cared for by legal relatives or non-relative kin with a family-like relationship.
<b>Unreported</b>	Displays statistics for cases where placement cannot be systematically determined.

<b>RACE OF THE CHILD</b>	
<i>This Measure Group reflects the race of the child on all countable cases. The following race values are recorded:</i>	
<b>MEASURES</b>	
<b>Asian</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Native American/Alaskan Native</b>
<b>Biracial</b>	<b>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>Unknown</b> (unreported)



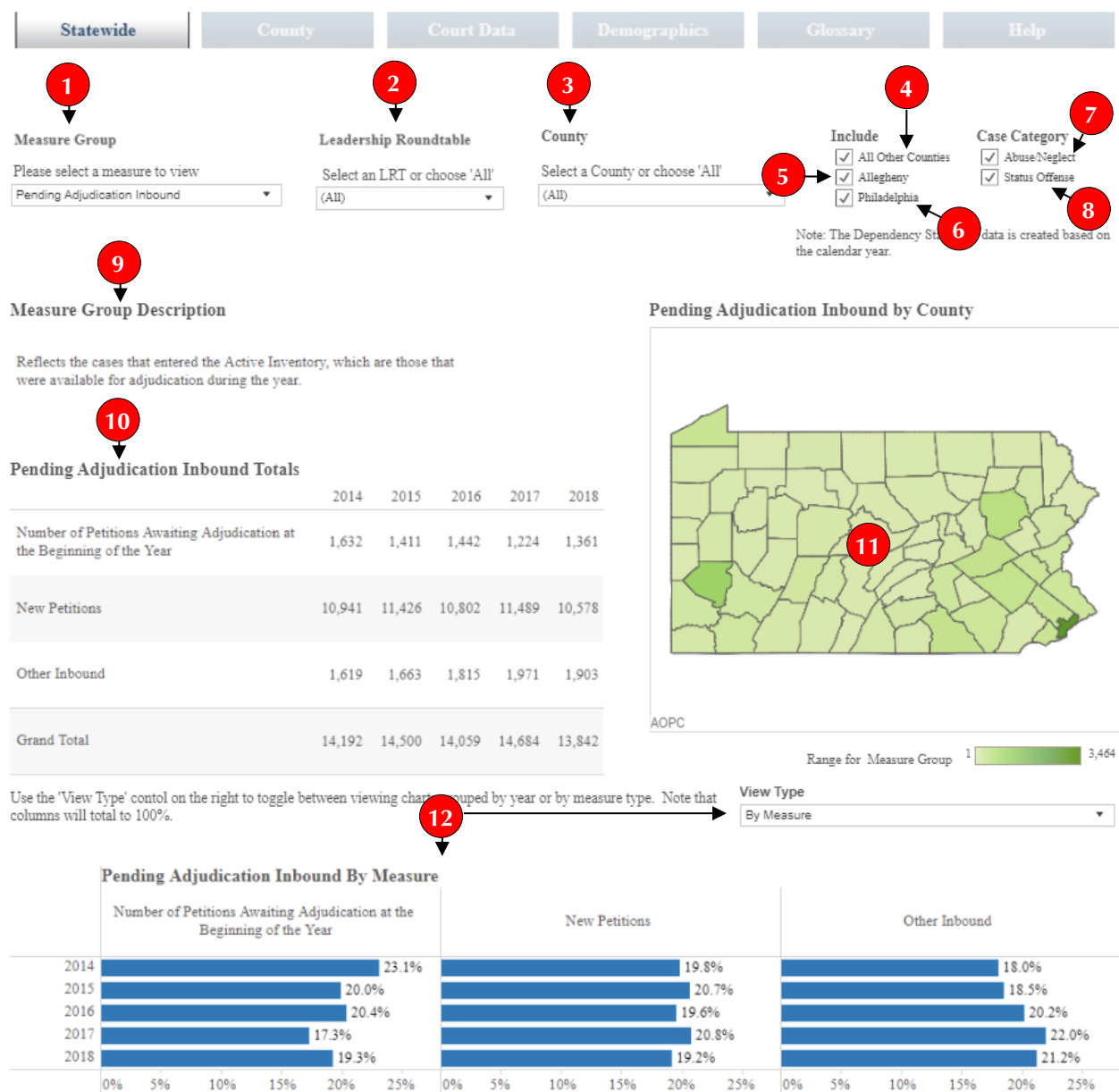
## THE CHILD DEPENDENCY DATA STATEWIDE DASHBOARD

### Summary:

This dashboard displays statewide statistics in three ways based on the cases that fall into a selected Measure Group.

### Features & Statistics:

The picture below highlights the important interactive and statistical features of this dashboard and pages 16-17 explain what they mean to you.





Feature	Use
1. <b>Measure Group</b>	A collection of broad classifications that logically separates dependency statistics by specific characteristics. The data displayed on the dashboard at any given time is solely related to the dependency cases that correspond to the selected Measure Group.
2. <b>Leadership Roundtable</b>	Selecting one of the Roundtables from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect the Measure Group statistics related to the counties in that Roundtable only. The use of this filter automatically limits the available options in the <b>County</b> filter and vice versa.
3. <b>County</b>	Selecting any Pennsylvania county from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect the statistics related to that county within the selected Measure Group. The Roundtable number that is associated to each county is provided for your reference only and does not affect the metrics shown. The use of this filter automatically limits the available options in the <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> filter and vice versa.
4. <b>All Other Counties</b>	When this checkbox is selected, it ensures that all statewide data for the selected Measure Group is displayed except for Allegheny and Philadelphia counties.
5. <b>Allegheny</b>	Due to the potential for skewing the state averages that are calculated on this dashboard, it is possible to exclude Allegheny County from the statistics displayed by clearing this checkbox. This filter should not be used in conjunction with the <b>County</b> filter.
6. <b>Philadelphia</b>	Due to the potential for skewing the state averages that are calculated on this dashboard, it is possible to exclude Philadelphia County from the statistics displayed by clearing this checkbox. This filter should not be used in conjunction with the <b>County</b> filter.
7. <b>Abuse/Neglect</b>	This checkbox determines whether the data displayed includes cases where there was an allegation of dependency on the grounds of 'Abuse/Neglect'. This includes cases where the child is abused or neglected by their parents, the parents have abandoned the child, or the child does not have any living parents. This category represents the majority of dependency cases.
8. <b>Status Offense</b>	This checkbox determines whether the data displayed includes cases where the allegations of dependency related to 'Status Offense' grounds. These are instances where the child is habitually truant, incorrigible, or ungovernable.
9. <b>Selected Measure Group Description</b>	This section of the dashboard displays a brief description of the types of dependency cases that fall into the selected Measure Group.



Feature	Use
10. <b>Totals</b> (table)	Based on the cases that fall under the selected Measure Group, this table shows the breakdown of cases, by calendar year, which are counted under each of the corresponding Measures.
11. <b>By County</b> (map)	<p>The map of Pennsylvania offers a more illustrative way of portraying the count of cases for each county within a given Measure. Various shades of green are used to reflect this count for the corresponding year. Lighter shades represent a smaller number of cases and darker shades represent counties with higher totals.</p> <p>Hovering your mouse pointer over any county displays an informational popup that provides the county name, its county number, and its Leadership Roundtable. The precise Measure totals for a given year also display and these can be toggled for each county by clicking on the name of a Measure and/or year in the <i>Totals</i> table. Initially, the statistics reflected on this map are for a pre-selected Measure and the most recent year shown.</p> <p>The shaded counties that appear in the map are based on the selections in the <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> and <b>County</b> filters at the top of the screen. For example, selecting '3' from the Leadership Roundtable filter places a focus on the counties within that roundtable by removing the green shading from all counties outside that LRT. Alternatively, if the dashboard is restricted to Allegheny County through the <b>County</b> filter, only that county is shaded on the map.</p>
12. <b>By Measure/By Year</b> (bar graph) & <b>View Type field</b>	<p>This bar graph offers information in two ways based on the selection made through the <b>View Type</b> dropdown directly above:</p> <p>By Measure: Based on the total number of cases that are counted under each Measure over all the years shown, this graph shows the percentage of those cases that correspond to each calendar year.</p> <p>By Year: Based on the total number of cases that are counted under the selected Measure Group for a given year, this graph shows the percentage of cases that correspond to each Measure. The bar graph shows separate totals for a multi-year period.</p>



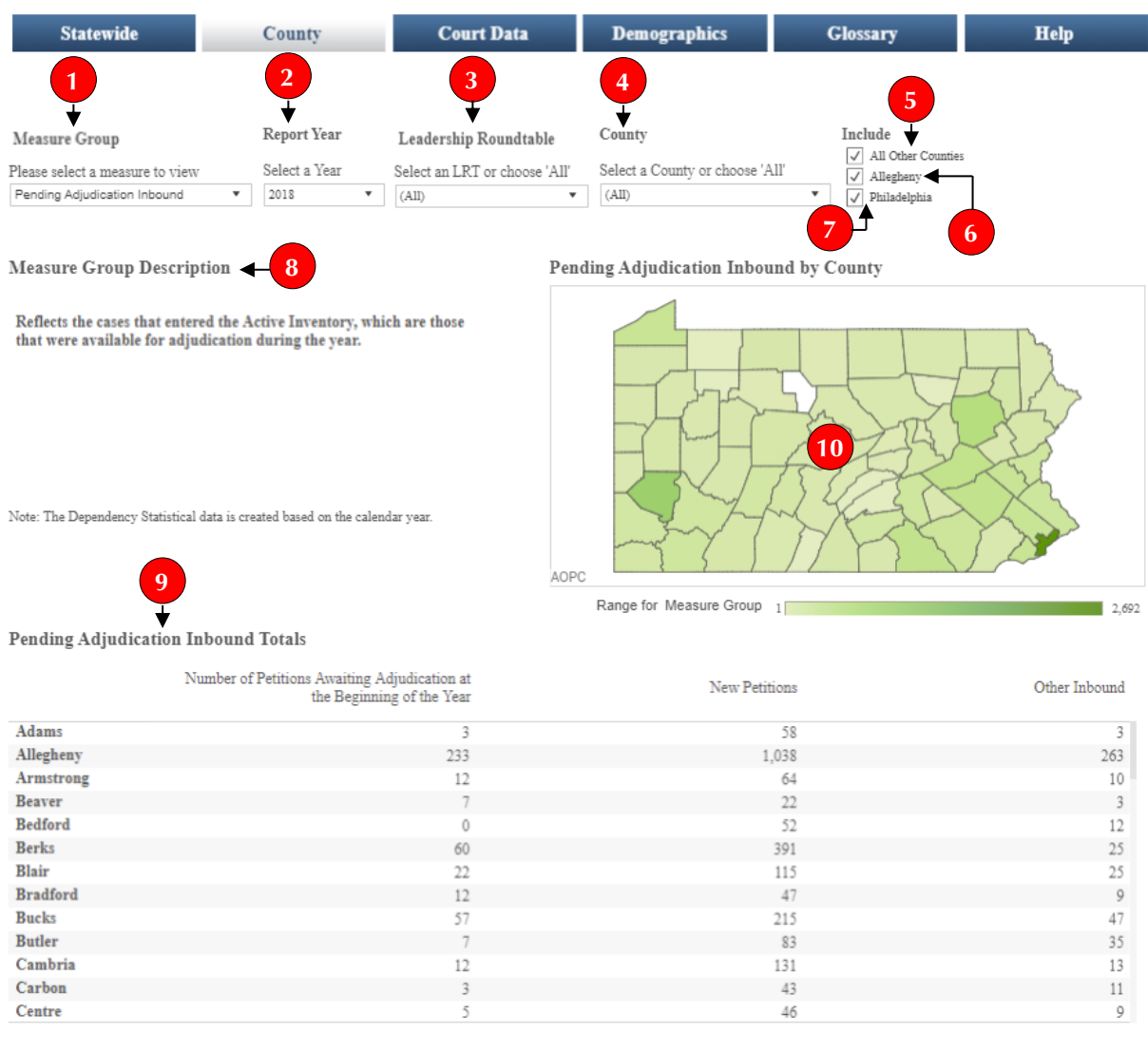
## THE CHILD DEPENDENCY DATA COUNTY DASHBOARD

### Summary:

This dashboard displays county-level statistics in three ways based on the cases that fall into a selected Measure Group.

### Features and Statistics:

The picture below highlights the important interactive and statistical features of this dashboard and pages 19-19 explains what they mean to you.





Feature	Use
1. <b>Measure Group</b>	A collection of broad classifications that logically separates dependency statistics by specific characteristics. The data displayed on the dashboard at any given time is solely related to the dependency cases that correspond to the selected Measure Group. Refer to pages 9-14 for more information about each Measure Group.
2. <b>Report Year</b>	Selecting any year from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect only those cases that apply to the selected Measure Group in that calendar year.
3. <b>Leadership Roundtable</b>	Selecting one of the Roundtables from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect the Measure Group statistics related to the counties in that Roundtable only. The use of this filter automatically limits the available options in the <b>County</b> filter and vice versa.
4. <b>County</b>	Selecting any Pennsylvania county from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect the statistics related to that county within the selected Measure Group. The Roundtable number that is associated to each county is provided for your reference only and does not affect the information shown. Use of this filter automatically limits the available options in the <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> filter and vice versa.
5. <b>All Other Counties</b>	When this checkbox is selected, it ensures that all statewide data for the selected Measure Group is displayed except for Allegheny and Philadelphia counties.
6. <b>Allegheny</b>	Due to the potential for skewing the state averages that are calculated on this dashboard, it is possible to exclude Allegheny County from the statistics displayed by clearing this checkbox. This filter should not be used in conjunction with the <b>County</b> filter.
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9. <b>Totals</b> (table)	Based on the cases that fall under the selected Measure Group, this table shows the breakdown of cases for each county that are counted under each of the corresponding Measures.



Feature	Use
<b>10. By County</b> (map)	<p>The map of Pennsylvania offers a more illustrative way of portraying the count of cases for each county within a given Measure. Various shades of green are used to reflect this count for the corresponding year. Lighter shades represent a smaller number of cases and darker shades represent counties with higher totals.</p> <p>Hovering your mouse pointer over any county displays an informational popup that provides the county name, its county number, and Leadership Roundtable. The precise Measure totals for the selected year also display and these can be toggled for each county by clicking on the name of a Measure in the <i>Totals</i> table. Initially, the statistics reflected on this map are for a pre-selected Measure.</p> <p>The shaded counties that appear in the map are based on the selections in the <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> and <b>County</b> filters at the top of the screen. For example, selecting '3' from the Leadership Roundtable filter places a focus on the counties within that roundtable by removing the green shading from all counties outside that LRT. Alternatively, if the dashboard is restricted to Allegheny County through the <b>County</b> filter, only that county is shaded on the map.</p>
(Not Pictured) <b>Age of Child</b> <b>Detail</b> (bar graph)	<p>This table appears only when 'Age of Child' is selected in the Measure Group filter. This table shows the total number of cases, for the calendar year selected in the <b>Report Year</b> filter, that apply to each individual age (&lt;1 through 19).</p>



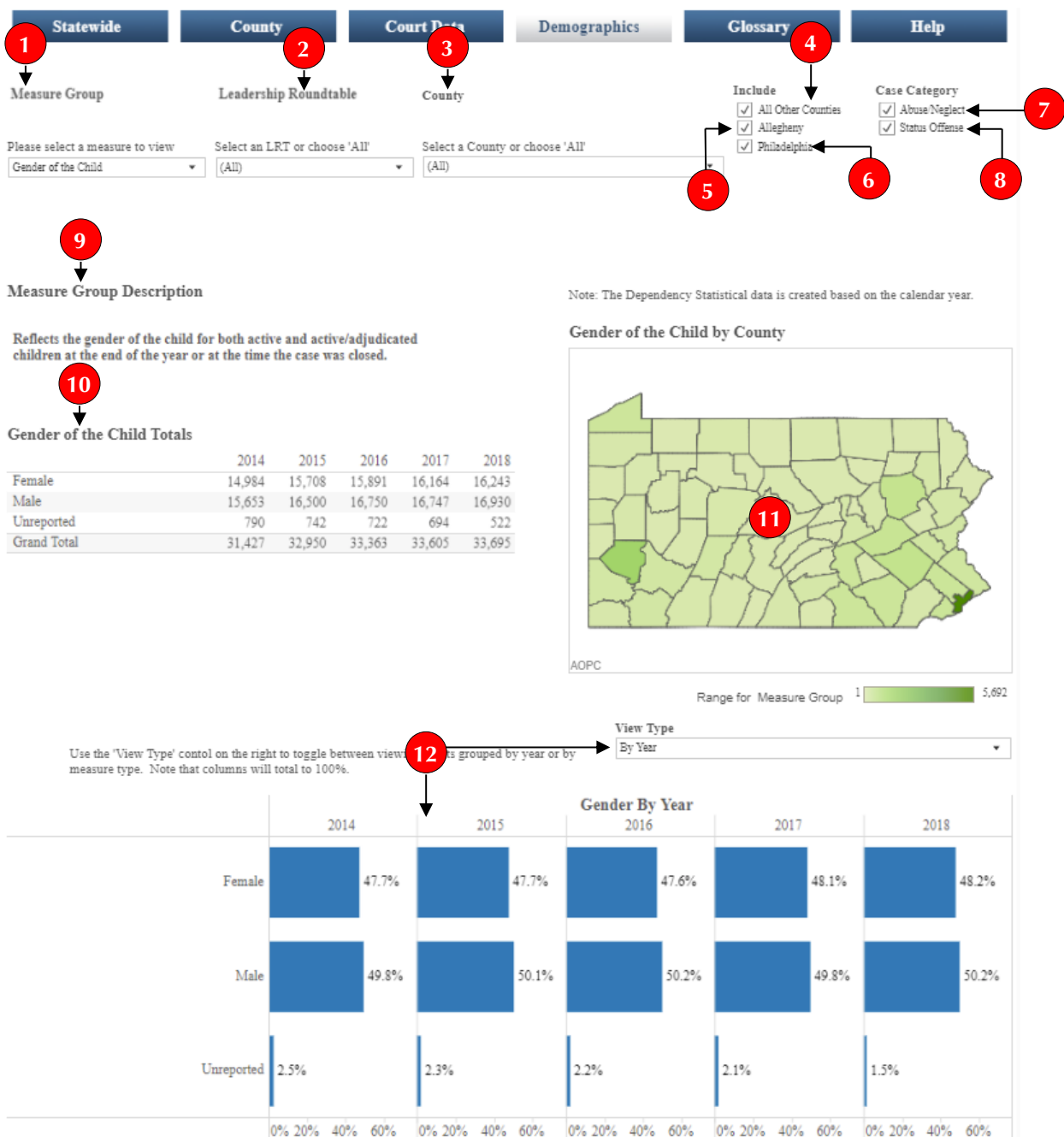
## THE CHILD DEPENDENCY DATA DEMOGRAPHICS DASHBOARD

### Summary:

This dashboard displays state and county-level statistics based on the cases that fall into Measure Groups related to the age, race, and gender of the child.

### Features and Statistics:

The picture below highlights the important interactive and statistical features of this dashboard and pages 22-24 explains what they mean to you.





Feature	Use
1. <b>Measure Group</b>	A collection of broad classifications that logically separates dependency statistics by specific characteristics. The data displayed on the dashboard at any given time is solely related to the dependency cases that correspond to the selected Measure Group. Refer to pages 9-14 for more information about each Measure Group.
2. <b>Leadership Roundtable</b>	Selecting one of the Roundtables from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect the Measure Group statistics related to the counties in that Roundtable only. The use of this filter automatically limits the available options in the <b>County</b> filter and vice versa.
3. <b>County</b>	Selecting any Pennsylvania county from this dropdown will update the dashboard to reflect the statistics related to that county within the selected Measure Group. The Roundtable number that is associated to each county is provided for your reference only and does not affect the information shown. The use of this filter automatically limits the available options in the <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> filter and vice versa.
4. <b>All Other Counties</b>	When this checkbox is selected, it ensures that all statewide data for the selected Measure Group is displayed except for Allegheny and Philadelphia counties.
5. <b>Allegheny</b>	Due to the potential for skewing the state averages that are calculated on this dashboard, it is possible to exclude Allegheny County from the statistics displayed by clearing this checkbox. This filter should not be used in conjunction with the <b>County</b> filter.
6. <b>Philadelphia</b>	Due to the potential for skewing the state averages that are calculated on this dashboard, it is possible to exclude Philadelphia County from the statistics displayed by clearing this checkbox. This filter should not be used in conjunction with the <b>County</b> filter.
7. <b>Abuse/Neglect</b>	This checkbox determines whether the data displayed includes cases where there was an allegation of dependency on the grounds of 'Abuse/Neglect'. This includes cases where the child is abused or neglected by their parents, the parents have abandoned the child, or the child does not have any living parents. This category represents the majority of dependency cases.
8. <b>Status Offense</b>	This checkbox determines whether the data displayed includes cases where the allegations of dependency related to 'Status Offense' grounds. These are instances where the child is habitually truant, incorrigible, or ungovernable.



Feature	Use
9. <b>Selected Measure Group Description</b>	This section of the dashboard displays a brief description of the types of dependency cases that fall into the selected Measure Group.
10. <b>Totals</b> (table)	Based on the cases that fall under the selected Measure Group, this table shows the breakdown of cases, by calendar year, which are counted under each of the corresponding Measures.
11. <b>By County</b> (map)	<p>The map of Pennsylvania offers a more illustrative way of portraying the count of cases for each county within a given Measure. Various shades of green are used to reflect this count for the corresponding year. Lighter shades represent a smaller number of cases and darker shades represent counties with higher totals.</p> <p>Hovering your mouse pointer over any county displays an informational popup that provides the county name, its county number, and its Leadership Roundtable. The precise Measure totals for a given year also display and these can be toggled for each county by clicking on the name of a Measure and/or year in the <i>Totals</i> table. Initially, the statistics reflected on this map are for a pre-selected Measure and the most recent year shown.</p> <p>The shaded counties that appear in the map are based on the selections in the <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> and <b>County</b> filters at the top of the screen. For example, selecting '3' from the Leadership Roundtable filter places a focus on the counties within that roundtable by removing the green shading from all counties outside that LRT. Alternatively, if the dashboard is restricted to Allegheny County through the <b>County</b> filter, only that county is shaded on the map.</p>
12. <b>By Year/By Type</b> (bar graph)	<p>This bar graph offers information in two ways based on the selection made through the <b>View Type</b> dropdown directly above:</p> <p>By Measure: Based on the total number of cases that are counted under each Measure over all the years shown, this graph shows the percentage of those cases that correspond to each individual year.</p> <p>By Year: Based on the total number of cases that are counted under the selected Measure Group for a given year, this graph shows the percentage of cases that correspond to each Measure. The bar graph shows separate totals for a multi-year period.</p>



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	Regardless of the selected <b>View Type</b> , a second metric, Age of Child Detail, appears when 'Age of Child' is selected in the Measure Group filter. This table shows the total number of cases, for each calendar year shown, that apply to each individual age (<1 through 19).



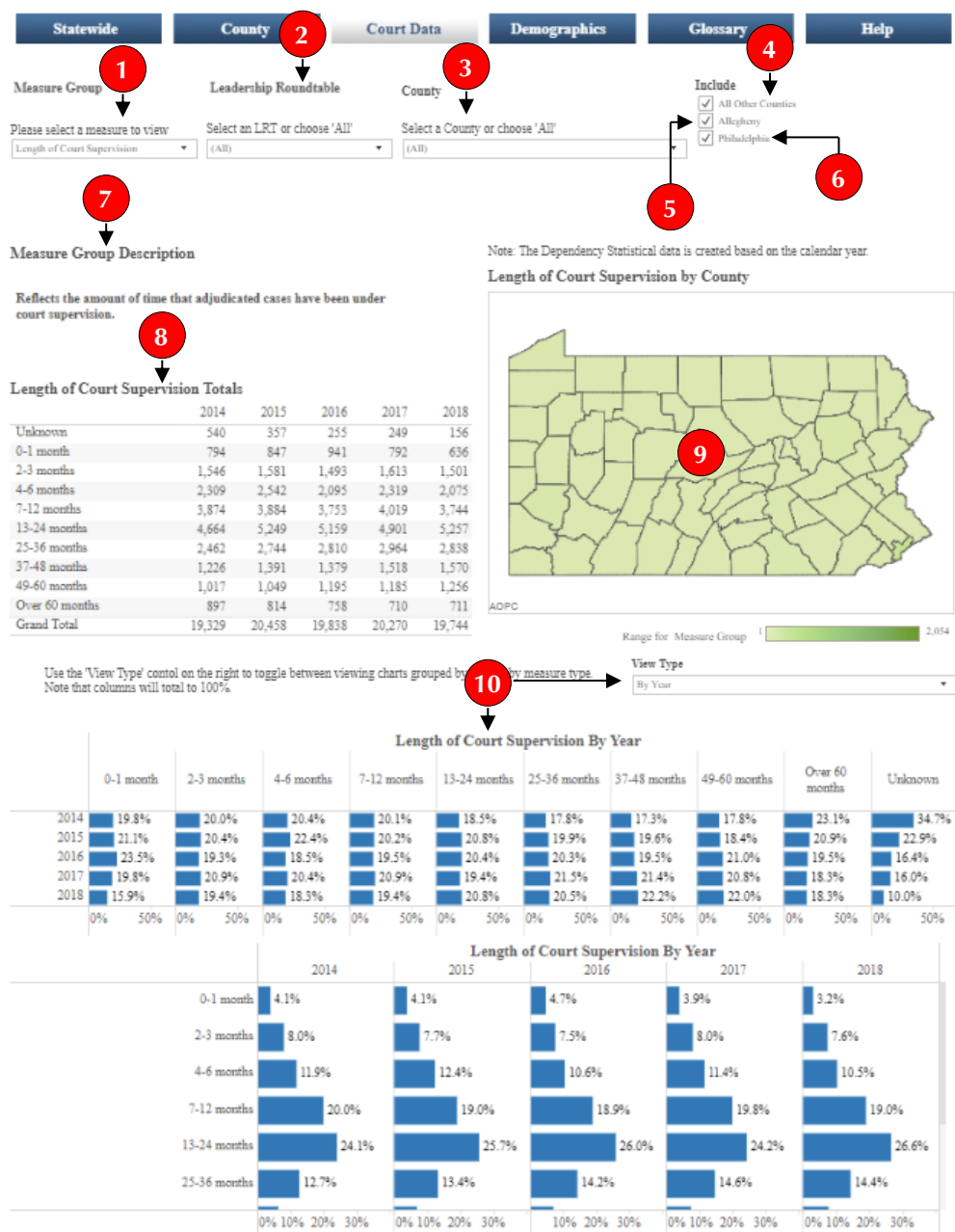
## THE CHILD DEPENDENCY COURT DATA DASHBOARD

### Summary:

This dashboard displays state and county-level statistics based on the cases that fall into Measure Groups related to the length of supervision, permanency plan goal, and placement of the child.

### Features and Statistics:

The picture below highlights the important interactive and statistical features of this dashboard and pages 26-28 explains what they mean to you.





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