

**Table 3. Certified/Approved Foster Homes**

Region	Foster Home Type	Homes certified/approved as of 12/31/2020	Homes certified/approved as of 6/30/21	% Change
		# Unique Homes	# Unique Homes	
NYS	Approved Relative Foster Home	3,591	4,129	15.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2,316	2,267	-2.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	5,094	5,259	3.2%
	Total	11,001	11,655	5.9%
New York City	Approved Relative Foster Home	2,216	2,454	10.7%
	Certified Foster Home	1,219	1,175	-3.6%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1,686	1,822	8.1%
	Total	5,121	5,451	6.4%
ROS	Approved Relative Foster Home	1,375	1,675	21.8%
	Certified Foster Home	1,097	1,092	-0.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	3,408	3,437	0.9%
	Total	5,880	6,204	5.5%
ALBANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	25	36	44.0%
	Certified Foster Home	28	33	17.9%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	75	79	5.3%
	Total	128	148	15.6%
ALLEGANY	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	8	-27.3%
	Certified Foster Home	5	6	20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	26	26	0.0%
	Total	42	40	-4.8%
BROOME	Approved Relative Foster Home	25	37	48.0%
	Certified Foster Home	18	22	22.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	138	143	3.6%
	Total	181	202	11.6%
CATTARAUGUS	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	15	15.4%
	Certified Foster Home	7	6	-14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	42	36	-14.3%
	Total	62	57	-8.1%
CAYUGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	18	12.5%
	Certified Foster Home	18	16	-11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	33	31	-6.1%
	Total	67	65	-3.0%
CHAUTAUQUA	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	14	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	7	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	66	69	4.5%
	Total	87	90	3.4%
CHEMUNG	Approved Relative Foster Home	18	22	22.2%
	Certified Foster Home	13	11	-15.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	57	52	-8.8%
	Total	88	85	-3.4%
CHENANGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	8	9	12.5%
	Certified Foster Home	3	3	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	40	39	-2.5%
	Total	51	51	0.0%

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	Total	11,001	11,655	5.9%
CLINTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	15	25	66.7%
	Certified Foster Home	52	41	-21.2%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	36	56.5%
	Total	90	102	13.3%
COLUMBIA	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	3	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	1	-66.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	23	9.5%
	Total	27	27	0.0%
CORTLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	9	-18.2%
	Certified Foster Home	2	3	50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	19	20	5.3%
	Total	32	32	0.0%
DELAWARE	Approved Relative Foster Home	8	18	125.0%
	Certified Foster Home	19	21	10.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	24	14.3%
	Total	48	63	31.3%
DUTCHESS	Approved Relative Foster Home	46	46	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	17	21	23.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	93	92	-1.1%
	Total	156	159	1.9%
ERIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	124	148	19.4%
	Certified Foster Home	77	59	-23.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	346	365	5.5%
	Total	547	572	4.6%
ESSEX	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	10	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	8	6	-25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	14	16	14.3%
	Total	27	32	18.5%
FRANKLIN	Approved Relative Foster Home	35	46	31.4%
	Certified Foster Home	30	37	23.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	29	16.0%
	Total	90	112	24.4%
FULTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	6	100.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	5	25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	29	26	-10.3%
	Total	36	37	2.8%
GENESEE	Approved Relative Foster Home	11	13	18.2%
	Certified Foster Home	10	7	-30.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	25	24	-4.0%
	Total	46	44	-4.3%
GREENE	Approved Relative Foster Home	8	14	75.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	8	14.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	27	0.0%
	Total	42	49	16.7%

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HAMILTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	1	0	-100.0%
	Total	3	2	-33.3%
HERKIMER	Approved Relative Foster Home	15	22	46.7%
	Certified Foster Home	15	12	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	19	-9.5%
	Total	51	53	3.9%
JEFFERSON	Approved Relative Foster Home	16	20	25.0%
	Certified Foster Home	3	13	333.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	88	77	-12.5%
	Total	107	110	2.8%
LEWIS	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	3	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	1	-50.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	25	8.7%
	Total	28	29	3.6%
LIVINGSTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	1	1	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	3	-25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	30	31	3.3%
	Total	35	35	0.0%
MADISON	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	9	50.0%
	Certified Foster Home	2	5	150.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	21	16.7%
	Total	26	35	34.6%
MONROE	Approved Relative Foster Home	32	39	21.9%
	Certified Foster Home	75	72	-4.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	229	240	4.8%
	Total	336	351	4.5%
MONTGOMERY	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	5	-16.7%
	Certified Foster Home	3	3	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	19	18	-5.3%
	Total	28	26	-7.1%
NASSAU	Approved Relative Foster Home	63	66	4.8%
	Certified Foster Home	46	49	6.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	136	136	0.0%
	Total	245	251	2.4%
NIAGARA	Approved Relative Foster Home	20	26	30.0%
	Certified Foster Home	31	26	-16.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	79	78	-1.3%
	Total	130	130	0.0%
ONEIDA	Approved Relative Foster Home	65	92	41.5%
	Certified Foster Home	30	42	40.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	55	44	-20.0%
	Total	150	178	18.7%
ONONDAGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	121	130	7.4%
	Certified Foster Home	42	42	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	194	182	-6.2%
	Total	357	354	-0.8%

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ONTARIO	Approved Relative Foster Home	12	11	-8.3%
	Certified Foster Home	10	11	10.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	48	46	-4.2%
	Total	70	68	-2.9%
ORANGE	Approved Relative Foster Home	75	90	20.0%
	Certified Foster Home	58	59	1.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	165	168	1.8%
	Total	298	317	6.4%
ORLEANS	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	4	5	25.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	21	21	0.0%
	Total	27	28	3.7%
OSWEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	53	65	22.6%
	Certified Foster Home	4	7	75.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	79	78	-1.3%
	Total	136	150	10.3%
OTSEGO	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	2	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	9	10	11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	27	27	0.0%
	Total	38	39	2.6%
PUTNAM	Approved Relative Foster Home	9	8	-11.1%
	Certified Foster Home	22	15	-31.8%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	6	11	83.3%
	Total	37	34	-8.1%
RENSSELAER	Approved Relative Foster Home	14	15	7.1%
	Certified Foster Home	18	16	-11.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	44	48	9.1%
	Total	76	79	3.9%
ROCKLAND	Approved Relative Foster Home	24	25	4.2%
	Certified Foster Home	9	13	44.4%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	66	62	-6.1%
	Total	99	100	1.0%
ST. LAWRENCE	Approved Relative Foster Home	61	86	41.0%
	Certified Foster Home	33	32	-3.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	88	98	11.4%
	Total	182	216	18.7%
SARATOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	17	30.8%
	Certified Foster Home	10	13	30.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	59	66	11.9%
	Total	82	96	17.1%
SCHENECTADY	Approved Relative Foster Home	32	41	28.1%
	Certified Foster Home	8	8	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	74	72	-2.7%
	Total	114	121	6.1%
SCHOHARIE	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	4	33.3%
	Certified Foster Home	7	7	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	17	16	-5.9%
	Total	27	27	0.0%

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SCHUYLER	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	1	-66.7%
	Certified Foster Home	1	3	200.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	10	9	-10.0%
	Total	14	13	-7.1%
SENECA	Approved Relative Foster Home	6	2	-66.7%
	Certified Foster Home	6	6	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	15	10	-33.3%
	Total	27	18	-33.3%
STEUBEN	Approved Relative Foster Home	13	16	23.1%
	Certified Foster Home	16	15	-6.3%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	48	52	8.3%
	Total	77	83	7.8%
SUFFOLK	Approved Relative Foster Home	103	103	0.0%
	Certified Foster Home	60	56	-6.7%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	243	230	-5.3%
	Total	406	389	-4.2%
SULLIVAN	Approved Relative Foster Home	10	14	40.0%
	Certified Foster Home	31	31	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	29	3.6%
	Total	69	74	7.2%
TIOGA	Approved Relative Foster Home	7	12	71.4%
	Certified Foster Home	3	6	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	18	17	-5.6%
	Total	28	35	25.0%
TOMPKINS	Approved Relative Foster Home	17	20	17.6%
	Certified Foster Home	6	6	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	34	34	0.0%
	Total	57	60	5.3%
ULSTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	54	59	9.3%
	Certified Foster Home	66	63	-4.5%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	43	44	2.3%
	Total	163	166	1.8%
WARREN	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	7	250.0%
	Certified Foster Home	7	11	57.1%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	13	16	23.1%
	Total	22	34	54.5%
WASHINGTON	Approved Relative Foster Home	5	8	60.0%
	Certified Foster Home	10	8	-20.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	24	21	-12.5%
	Total	39	37	-5.1%
WAYNE	Approved Relative Foster Home	2	5	150.0%
	Certified Foster Home	11	11	0.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	23	25	8.7%
	Total	36	41	13.9%
WESTCHESTER	Approved Relative Foster Home	102	146	43.1%
	Certified Foster Home	100	94	-6.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	163	166	1.8%
	Total	365	406	11.2%

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WYOMING	Approved Relative Foster Home	0	0	N/A
	Certified Foster Home	5	2	-60.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	28	31	10.7%
	Total	33	33	0.0%
YATES	Approved Relative Foster Home	3	5	66.7%
	Certified Foster Home	1	2	100.0%
	Foster/Adoptive Home	11	12	9.1%
	Total	15	19	26.7%

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 poten

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