

## **2018 BRIGHT SPOTS DATA PACKAGE ADOPTION**

NOTE: This document contains one chapter of the 2018 Bright Spots package. More information regarding how to use and interpret the figure and tables contained here can be found in the complete 2018 Bright Spots package and technical appendix available at [http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/Professionals\\_data\\_reports.asp](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/Professionals_data_reports.asp) or by emailing [data.warehouse@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:data.warehouse@ocfs.ny.gov).

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## Question 12: Time to Adoption from Freed Date

**Question:** How long does it take for children to be adopted after being freed? How many have been waiting for a year or more to be adopted?



**Answer:** For children adopted in 2018, the statewide median time to adoption from freed date was 10.6 months (Figure 12a). Time varied considerably across counties, from a low of 2.56 months to a high of 25.6 months.

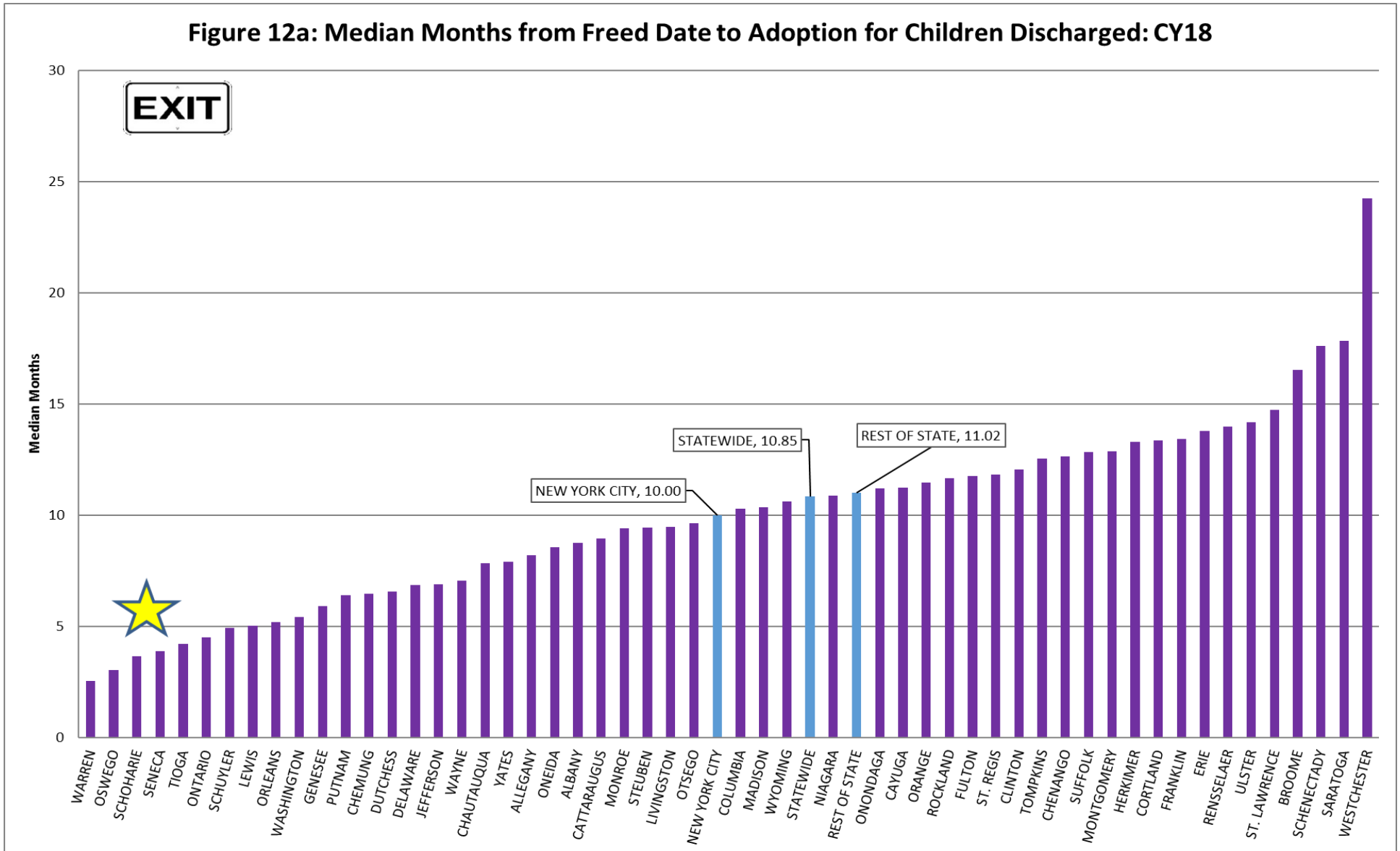
On 12/31/18 there were 1,884 freed children living in foster care statewide. 41.08% (N=774) had been freed and awaiting adoption for a year or more (Figure 12b).

### **Things to Consider:**

- What factors might contribute to your county having a faster or slower time to adoption than others?
- Analysis Tips: How many children are contributing to your adoption outcomes? Compare your mean and median time to adoption. Cases that move extremely quickly or very slowly impact average time, but not the median.

**For More Information:** See 2018 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPs)

Figure 12a: Median Months from Freed Date to Adoption for Children Discharged: CY18



\* If a district does not have data that appears in the denominator, it will not appear in the graph.

<b>Table 12a: Median Months from Free Date to Adoption for Children Discharged: CY18</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b># of Children Discharged to Adoption in CY 2018</b>	<b>Time from Freed to Date of Adoption for Adoptions in 2018</b>	
		<b>Mean Time (In Months)</b>	<b>Median Time (In Months)</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	1,783	14.49	10.69
<b>New York City</b>	809	13.98	10.00
<b>Rest of State</b>	974	14.95	11.02
Albany	13	9.64	8.75
Allegany	13	20.83	8.20
Broome	16	15.42	16.54
Cattaraugus	7	16.80	8.95
Cayuga	7	19.14	11.25
Chautauqua	16	8.59	7.84
Chemung	27	6.50	6.46
Chenango	4	13.26	12.64
Clinton	24	15.51	12.07
Columbia	2	10.30	10.30
Cortland	10	13.23	13.38
Delaware	12	6.05	6.85
Dutchess	39	9.17	6.57
Erie	162	18.72	13.79
Essex	0	N/A	N/A
Franklin	9	12.15	13.44
Fulton	2	11.77	11.77
Genesee	9	6.66	5.93
Greene	0	N/A	N/A
Hamilton	0	N/A	N/A
Herkimer	8	13.40	13.31
Jefferson	15	9.41	6.89
Lewis	1	5.05	5.05
Livingston	13	10.13	9.48
Madison	9	10.78	10.36
Monroe	33	13.77	9.41
Montgomery	10	13.10	12.87
Nassau	21	21.27	16.75
Niagara	28	14.72	10.89
Oneida	15	20.03	8.56
Onondaga	61	14.40	11.21
Ontario	13	11.51	4.52
Orange	42	14.36	11.48
Orleans	5	5.57	5.21
Oswego	6	3.05	3.05
Otsego	4	8.27	9.64
Putnam	7	6.26	6.39
Rensselaer	10	30.43	14.00
Rockland	8	11.48	11.67
St. Lawrence	27	15.85	14.72
Saratoga	6	19.47	17.84
Schenectady	17	25.61	17.62
Schoharie	9	6.56	3.67
Schuyler	5	6.51	4.95
Seneca	6	8.33	3.89
Steuben	16	13.31	9.44
Suffolk	71	16.97	12.85
Sullivan	6	22.66	25.57
Tioga	4	4.46	4.23
Tompkins	31	15.27	12.56
Ulster	6	14.16	14.20
Warren	5	7.78	2.56
Washington	8	10.65	5.44
Wayne	7	9.83	7.07
Westchester	58	25.72	24.25
Wyoming	7	11.25	10.62
Yates	2	7.92	7.92
St. Regis	2	11.84	11.84

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**Figure 12b: % of Freed Children Remaining in Foster Care for One or More Years After Freed Date, as of 12/31/18**

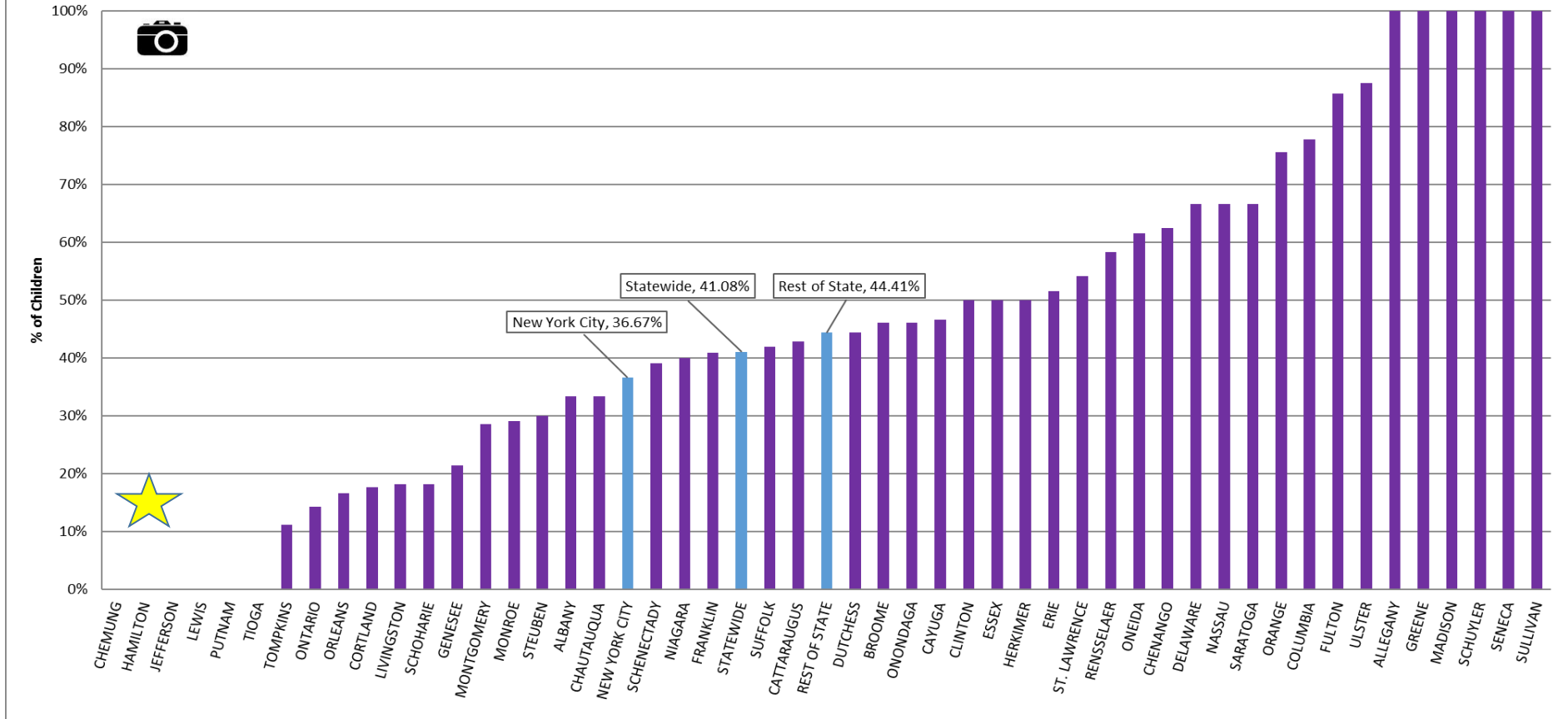


Table 12b: % of Freed Children Remaining in Foster Care for One or More Years After Freed Date, as of 12/31/18			
Location	Total Freed and in Care on 12/31/18	Free and In Care for More Than 1 Year Since Freed Date	
		#	%
Statewide	1,884	774	41.08%
New York City	810	297	36.67%
Rest of State	1,074	477	44.41%
Albany	42	14	33.33%
Allegany	2	2	100.00%
Broome	39	18	46.15%
Cattaraugus	7	3	42.86%
Cayuga	15	7	46.67%
Chautauqua	12	4	33.33%
Chemung	9	0	0.00%
Chenango	8	5	62.50%
Clinton	12	6	50.00%
Columbia	9	7	77.78%
Cortland	17	3	17.65%
Delaware	6	4	66.67%
Dutchess	18	8	44.44%
Erie	198	102	51.52%
Essex	6	3	50.00%
Franklin	22	9	40.91%
Fulton	7	6	85.71%
Genesee	14	3	21.43%
Greene	3	3	100.00%
Hamilton	1	0	0.00%
Herkimer	16	8	50.00%
Jefferson	4	0	0.00%
Lewis	1	0	0.00%
Livingston	11	2	18.18%
Madison	1	1	100.00%
Monroe	55	16	29.09%
Montgomery	21	6	28.57%
Nassau	33	22	66.67%
Niagara	20	8	40.00%
Oneida	26	16	61.54%
Onondaga	52	24	46.15%
Ontario	7	1	14%
Orange	45	34	75.56%
Orleans	6	1	16.67%
Oswego	0	0	N/A
Otsego	0	0	N/A
Putnam	1	0	0.00%
Rensselaer	12	7	58.33%
Rockland	0	0	N/A
St. Lawrence	24	13	54.17%
Saratoga	9	6	66.67%
Schenectady	41	16	39.02%
Schoharie	11	2	18%
Schuyler	1	1	100.00%
Seneca	1	1	100.00%
Steuben	30	9	30.00%
Suffolk	93	39	41.94%
Sullivan	5	5	100.00%
Tioga	1	0	0.00%
Tompkins	18	2	11.11%
Ulster	8	7	87.50%
Warren	4	0	0.00%
Washington	20	4	20.00%
Wayne	7	1	14.29%
Westchester	29	13	44.83%
Wyoming	8	2	25.00%
Yates	6	3	50%
St. Regis	0	0	N/A