
CFSR Reviews - Measures and Methods

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Background

- ▶ Goals for today
 - ▶ Discuss new measures
 - ▶ Propose options for state response
 - ▶ Examine how the national standards look
 - ▶ Role of the Data Center - independent source

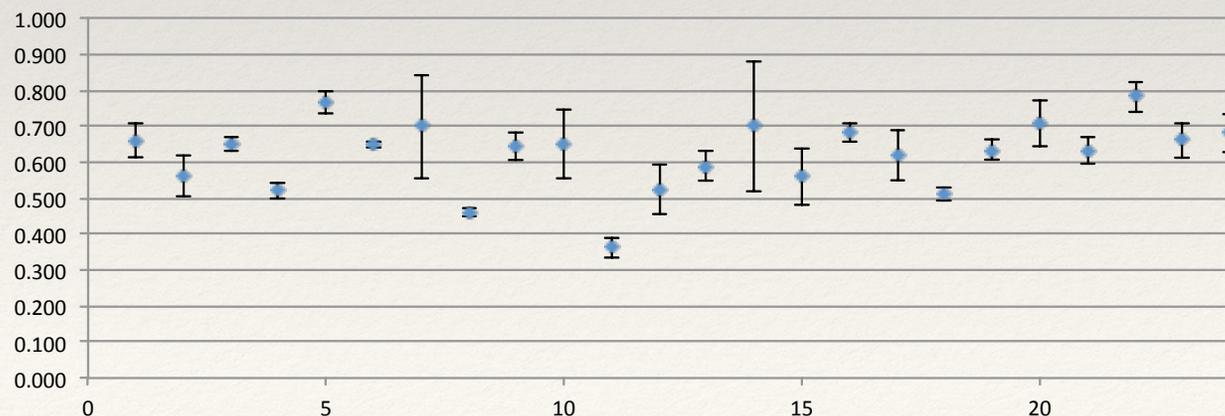
High Level View of Changes

- ▶ Better alignment with best practices
- ▶ Domains remain the same
 - ▶ Maltreatment in foster care includes all perpetrators with better exposure
 - ▶ Recurrence is now re-reporting
 - ▶ Permanency in 12 months rolls up the various permanency options and includes all admissions
 - ▶ Permanency in 12 months for the children in care over 2 years
 - ▶ Stability based on days of care provided
 - ▶ Reentry based on exits to permanency - entry to permanency to re-entry
- ▶ No composites
- ▶ Better method for establishing national standards
- ▶ Baselines and targets are still vague

Bumps

- ▶ Baselines and Targets
 - ▶ Better description / conceptualization of the problem
 - ▶ Science undeveloped
 - ▶ Sampling past performance poses conceptual challenges

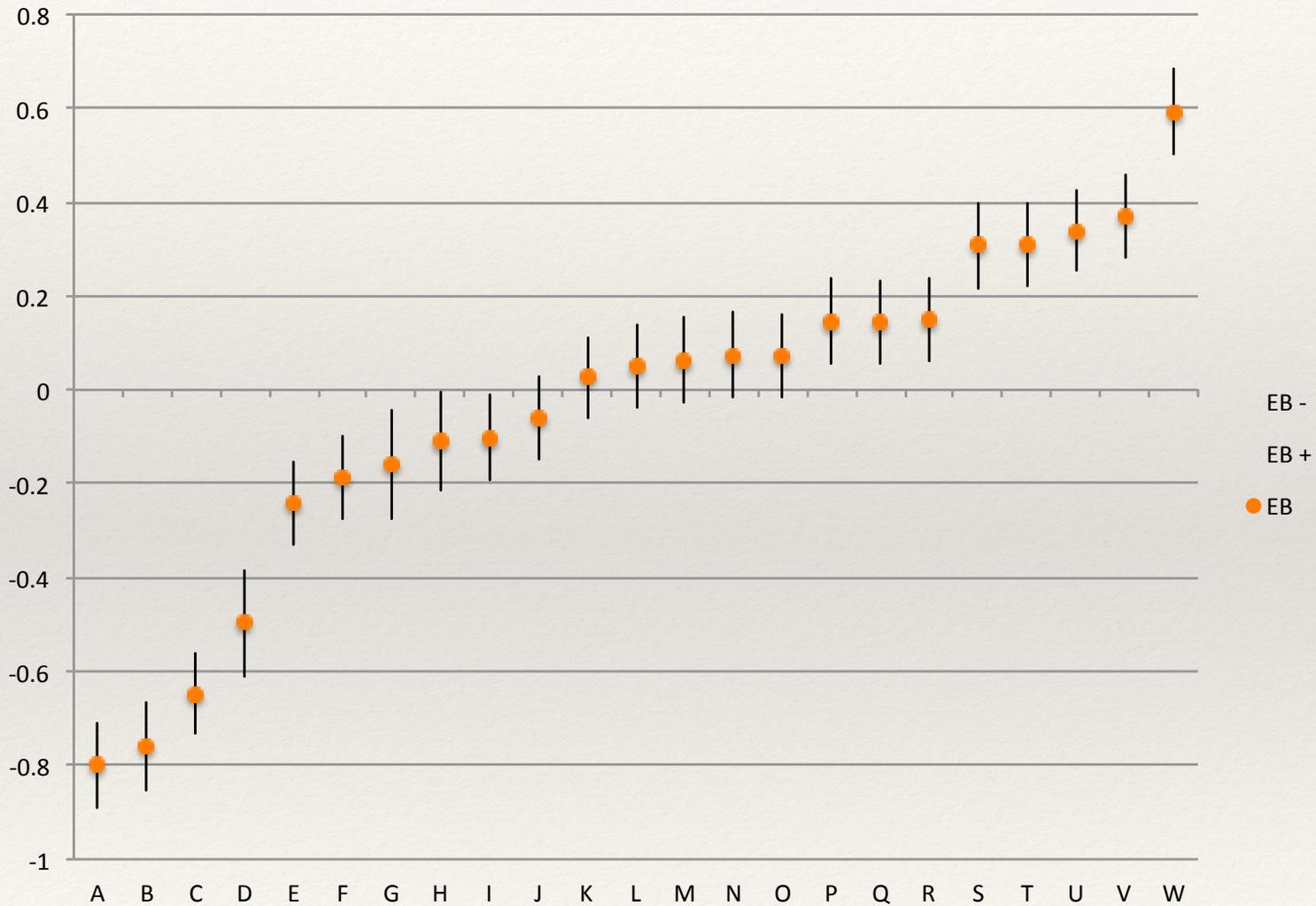
Prediction Intervals for Reunification Rate by State



New Ideas

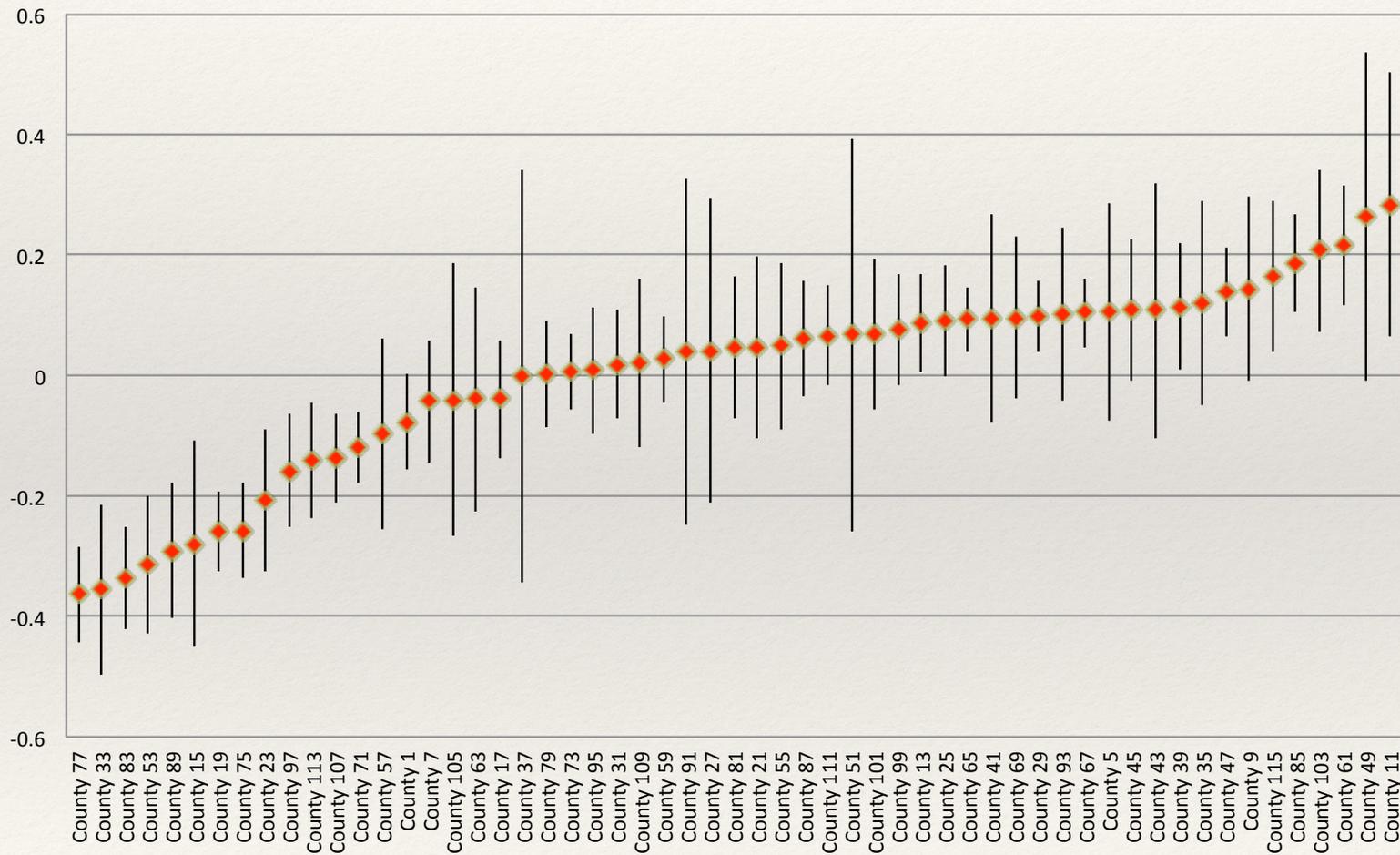
- ▶ Risk adjustment
 - ▶ Major shortcoming in prior rounds
 - ▶ Room here to assess the options
 - ▶ Age, placement rate, care type, reentry rate, policy context
 - ▶ Parsimony
- ▶ New theory of how states differ
 - ▶ Goes by different names
 - ▶ Used widely in schools and health care
 - ▶ Highly adaptable
 - ▶ Very powerful

Data Center Members Ranked Using CFSR Approach



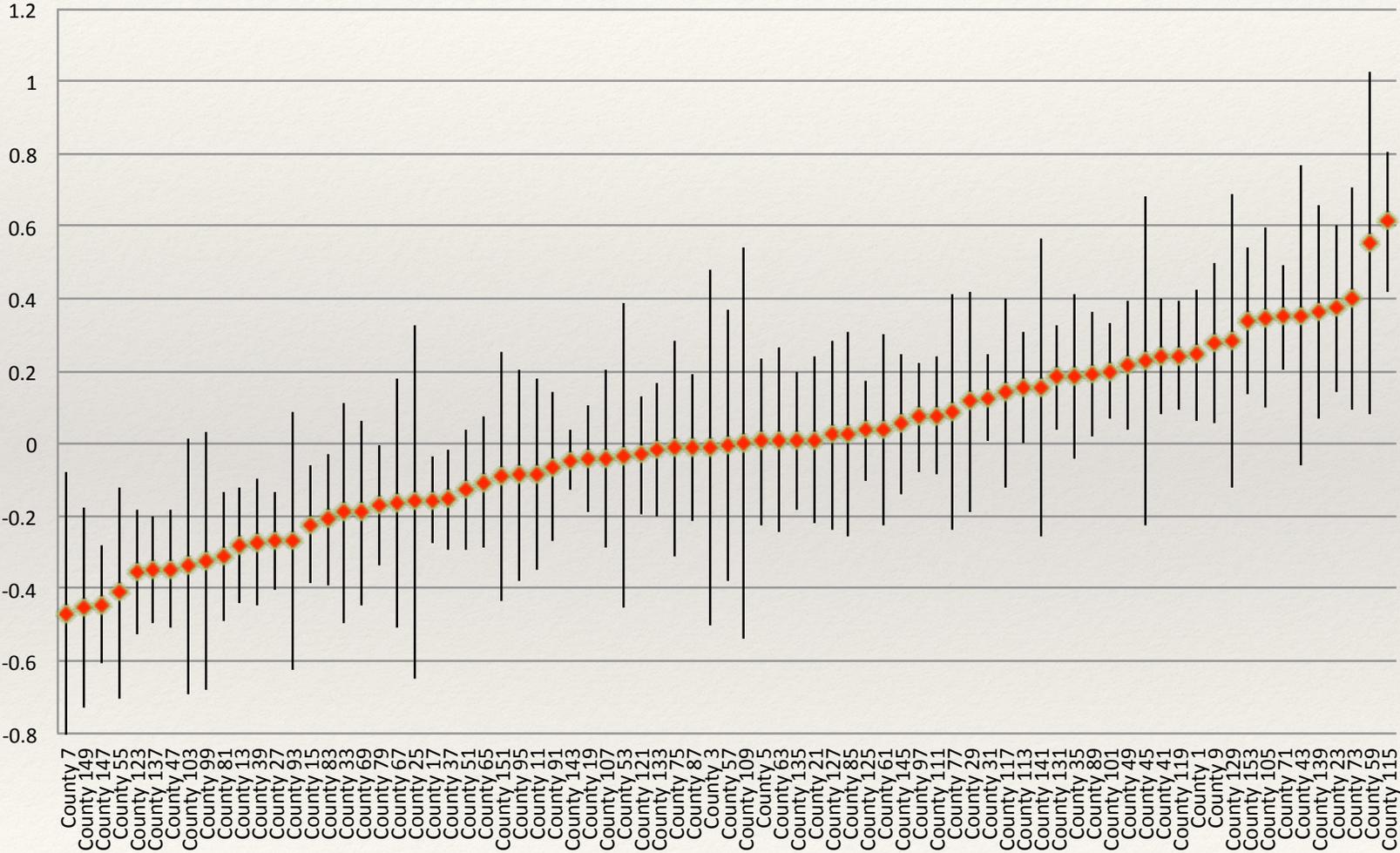
State A

Random Effects/Confidence Limits for Permanency Exit: State A



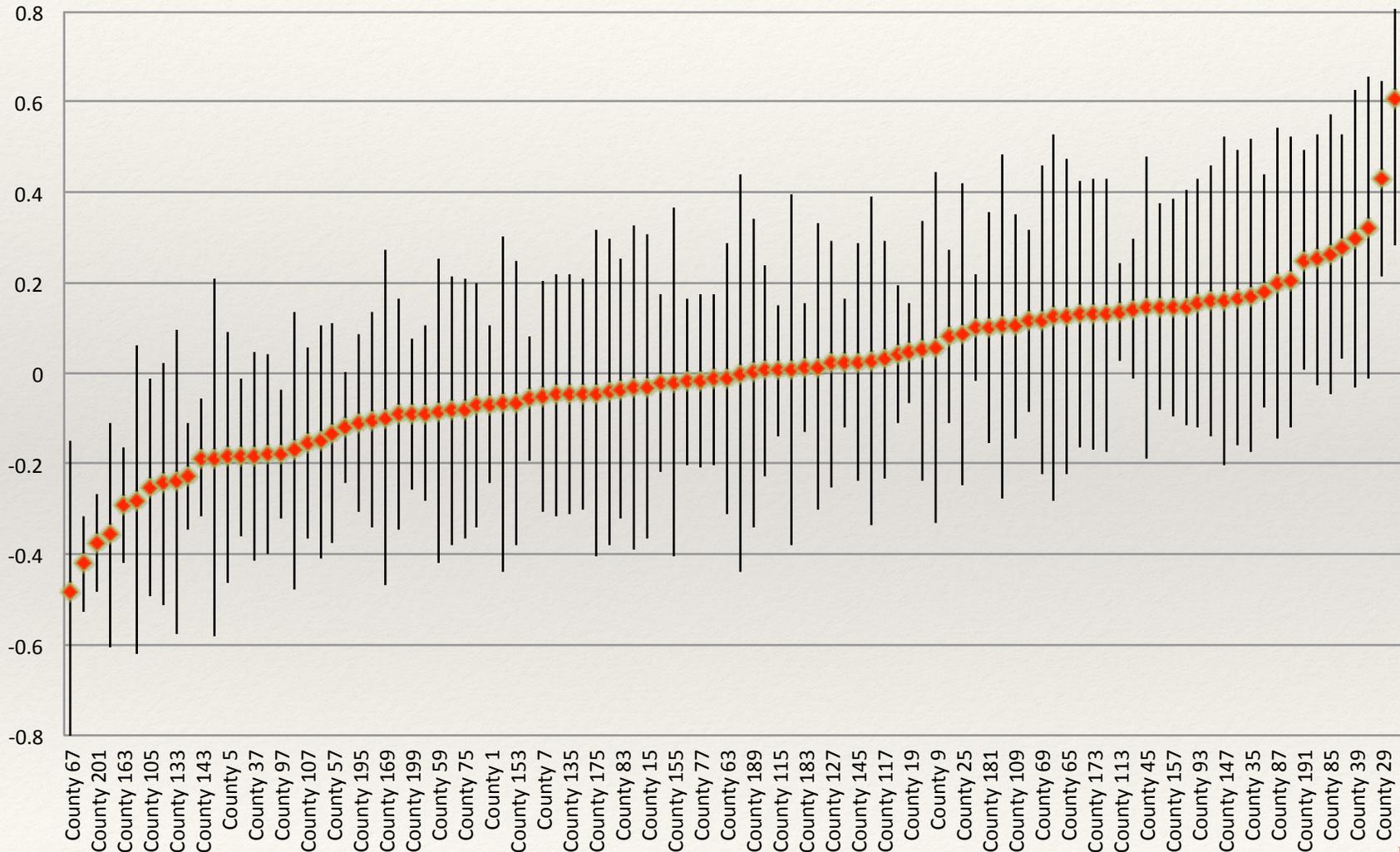
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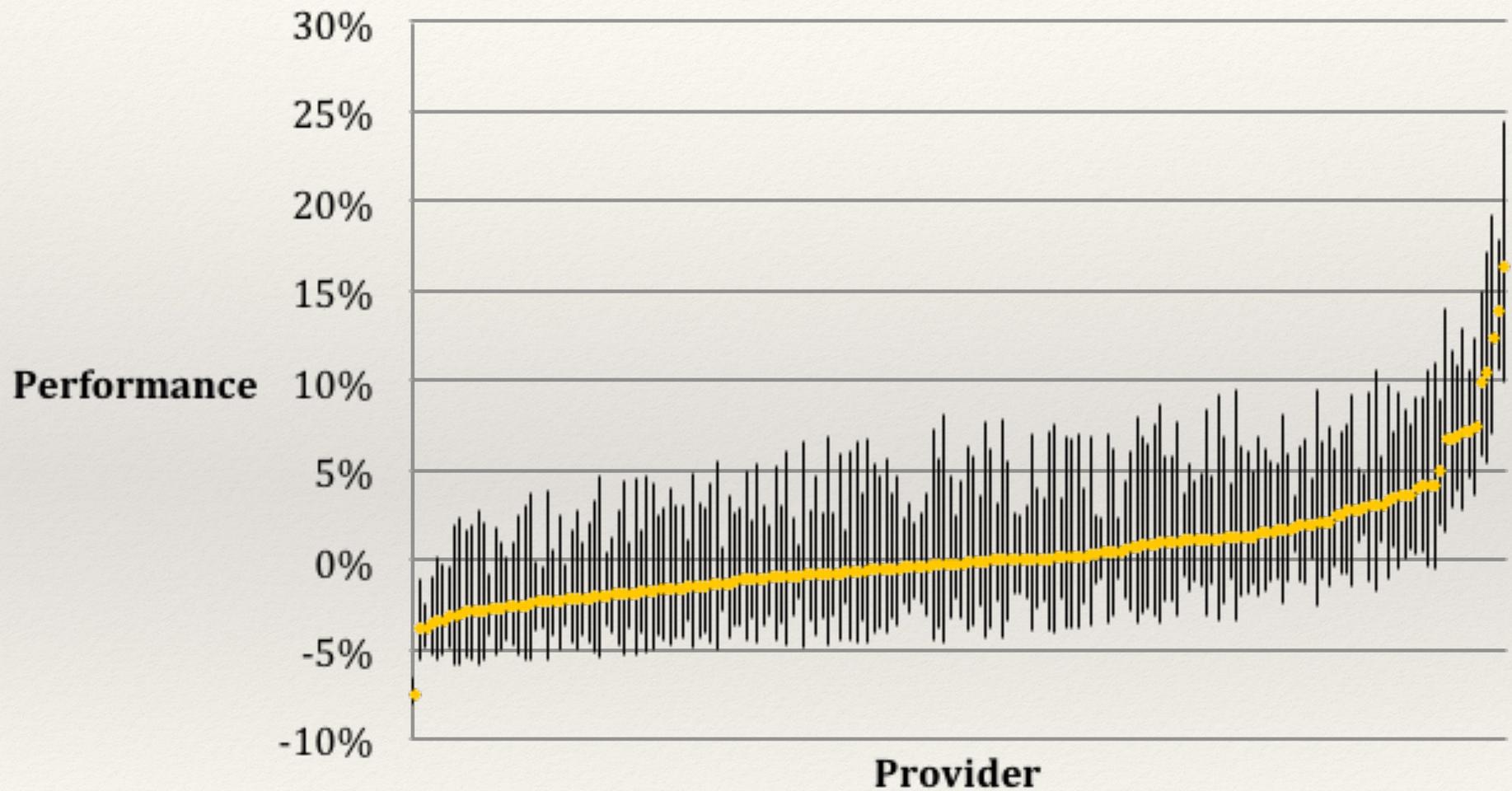


State C

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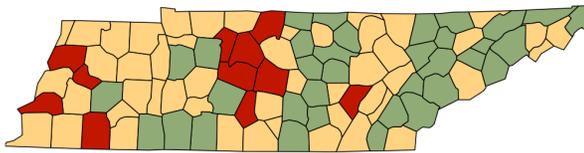
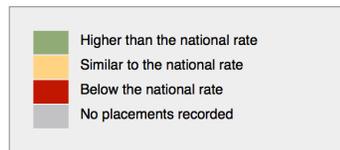


Providers Nested W/in Counties



Placement Rate Maps

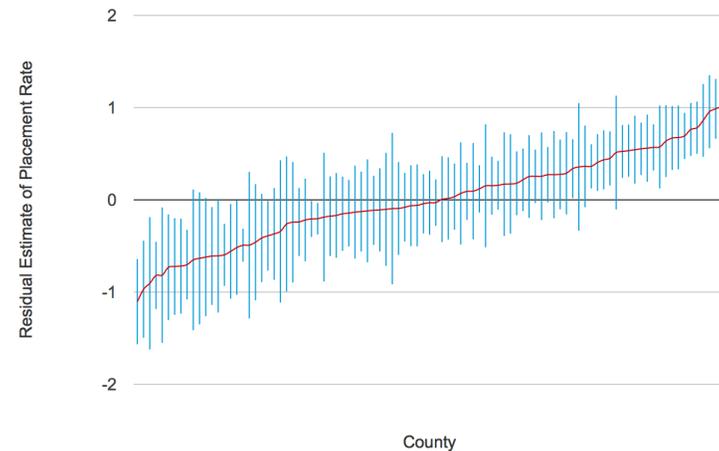
Comparative Foster Care Placement Rate in TN (National Reference)



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- The county rate is the observed number of first admissions to foster care per 1000 children in the county population.
- The national rate is the observed number of first admissions in the state/FCDA database per 1000 children in the state population/population of all counties in the FCDA database.
- The shading reflects the extent to which the county admission rate differs from the reference rate after controlling for socioeconomic variables. See the Hot Spot Interpretation Guide for further guidance.
- Data reflect first admissions to foster care between 1/1/2010 and 12/31/2010.

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- For each county, the position of the blue bar indicates whether the observed county admission rate is significantly higher (right side of the graph) or lower (left side of the map) than we would expect given the county's socioeconomic characteristics (i.e., whether the county is a statistical outlier). If the bar crosses zero, the observed county rate is not significantly different from its expected rate (i.e., reflected on the shaded map as "Around the state average").
- The length of the bar reflects the certainty about the outlier claim; the shorter the bar, the higher the certainty. See the Hot Spot Interpretation Guide for further guidance.
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