

The chart below shows an increase in the department's disruption rate for two years after a significant decrease during the previous four state fiscal years. However, the rate has dropped significantly again during the past two years, and even at our high point in SFY 13-14, we still were significantly below the national average for adoption disruption, which is 10-12%. An "Adoptive Placement" occurs when a child is placed in a home with parent(s) who are planning to adopt the child. The purpose of an "Adoptive Placement" is to give the child and the family time to adjust to one another. "Adoptive Placement Disruption" describes when a child is removed from an adoptive placement (at the request of the child or the family) prior to the finalization of the adoption. SCDSS removes the child from the family and works with the child and the family to try to resolve the problems; however, sometimes the adoption plan is aborted.

