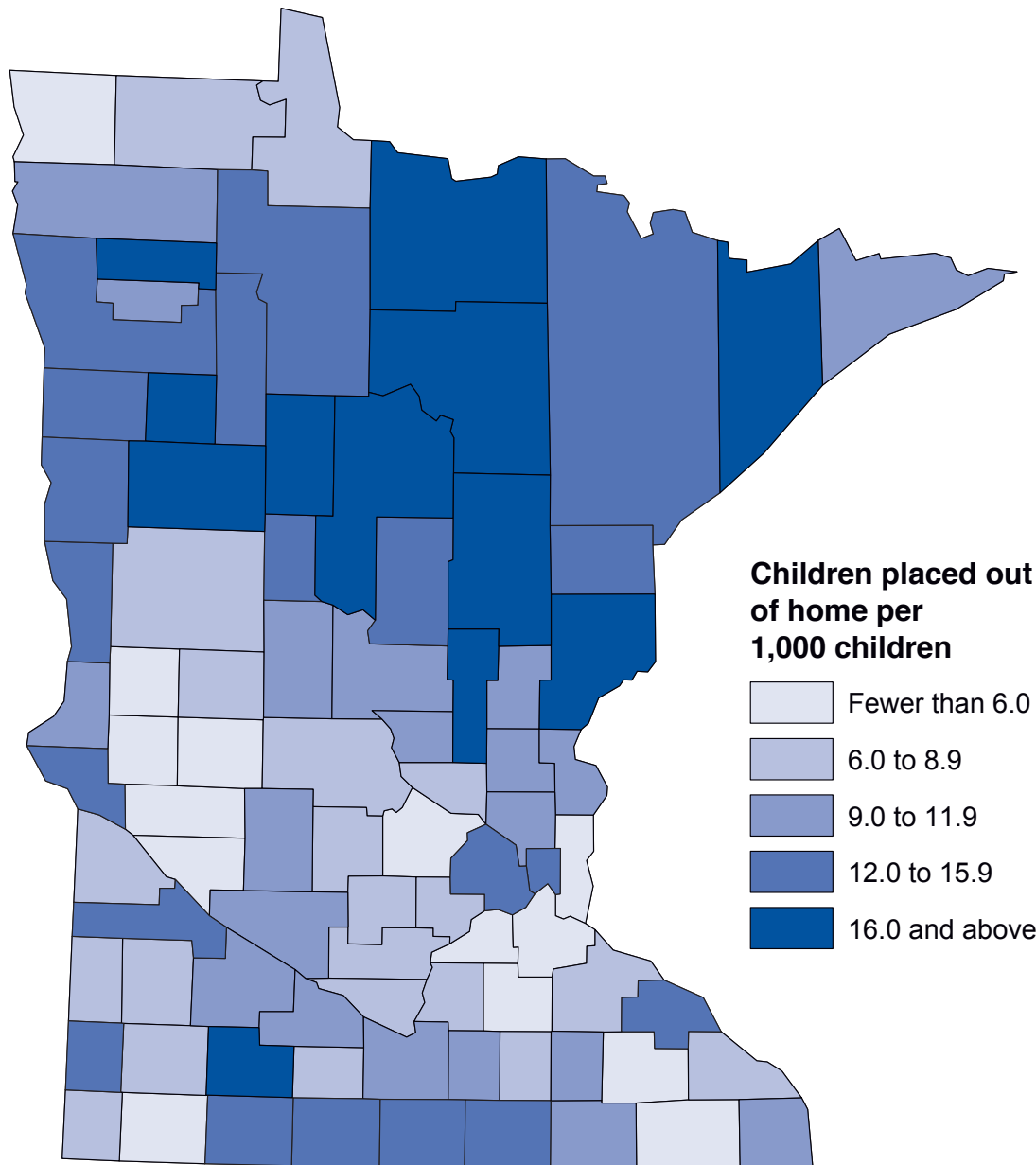


Out-of-home Placements, 2004

Children are removed from their homes for reasons ranging from neglect to abuse, abandonment, parent incarceration, the child's behavior or substance abuse. Often children are removed on an emergency basis – they were at immediate risk of harm, either from an adult or themselves. About one-third of children placed out of home were in care for less than a week, and more than 80 percent of them were returned to their parent or guardian. This map reflects unique children, where each child is counted once, regardless of the number of placements for that child. Fewer than 10% of children were placed out of home more than once during the year.

Two sets of counties, Lincoln, Lyon and Murray and Faribault and Martin, report their cases together. Therefore, the rate listed for the individual county is the combined rate.



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