

- Colorado has consistently remained above the federal benchmark of **94.6%** for Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence in each of the last 6 years.
- Colorado has improved its performance in Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care, and fell within **.06%** of the national standard in 2009.
- In 2009, Colorado was above the national average rate of **99.55%** absence of abuse/neglect in foster care with a rate of **99.62%**.

**FEDERAL CFSR SAFETY OUTCOMES: ABSENCE OF MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE, ABSENCE OF MALTREATMENT IN FOSTER CARE**

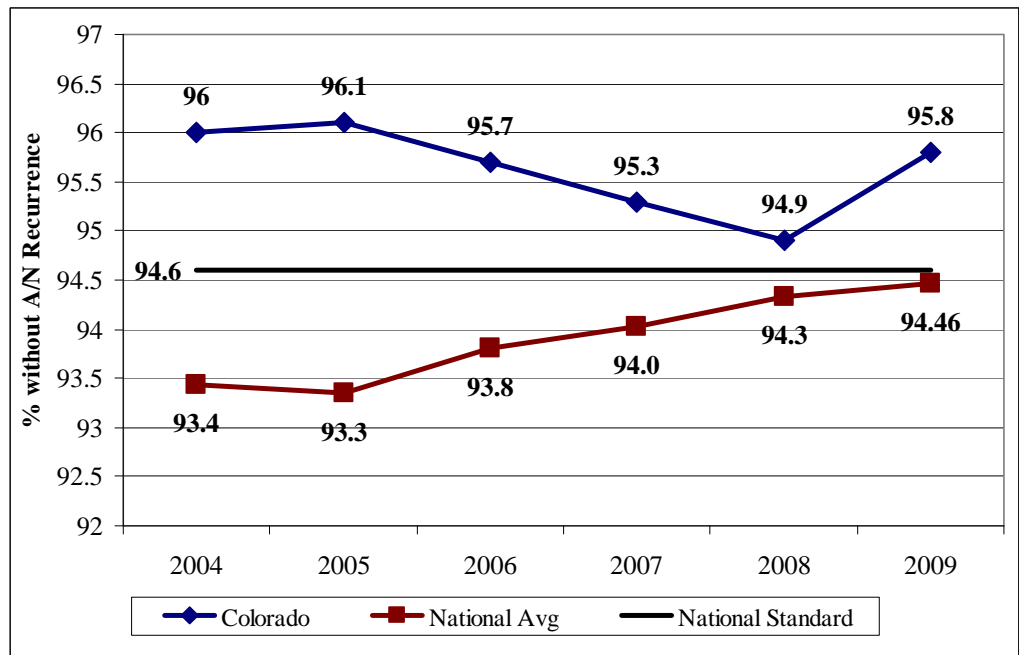
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau monitors state child welfare services through the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR). National standards have been established in the CFSR for federal data indicators relating to children's Safety, Permanency and Family/Child Well-Being.

Colorado has performed well on the two national safety outcomes identified in the CFSR: absence of repeat maltreatment and absence of abuse/neglect in foster care.

**Federal Safety Outcome 1: Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence**

The chart below displays Colorado's annual performance on CFSR Safety Measure 1: Absence of Repeat Maltreatment. The 75<sup>th</sup> percentile national standard for this indicator is **94.6%** or more children will not experience repeat maltreatment (defined as having a substantiated incident of child abuse or neglect within six months of a previous substantiated (confirmed) report.) Since 2004, Colorado has performed above the national standard.

**Absence of Abuse/Neglect Maltreatment Recurrence 2004 -2009**



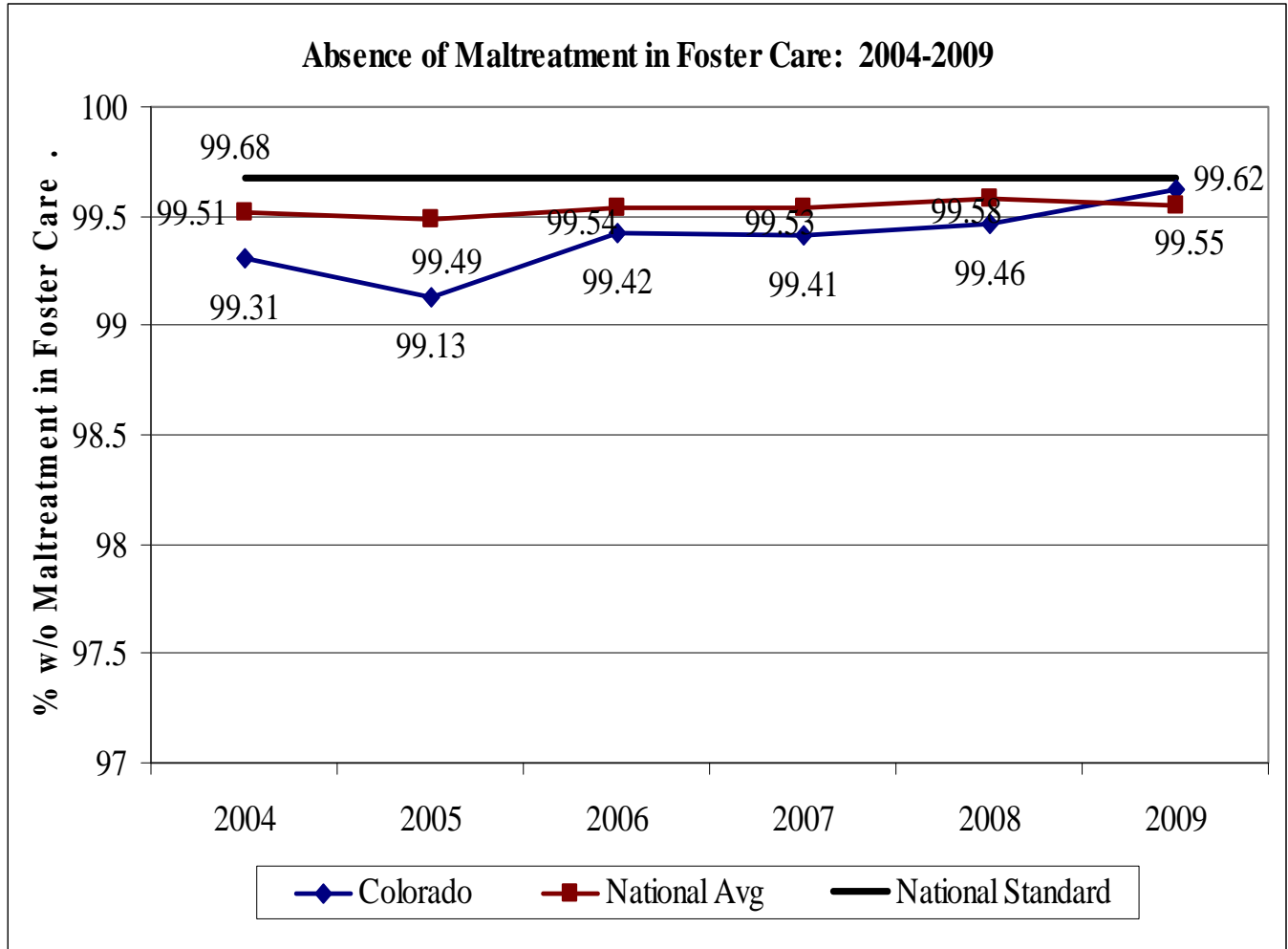
\*Defined as substantiated report of intra-familial abuse/neglect within six months of previous substantiated report.

**Source:** Child Maltreatment 2009, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/index.htm>

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### Federal Safety Outcome 2: Absence of Abuse/Neglect in Foster Care

Although Colorado has not achieved the national standard for absence of abuse/neglect in foster care, performance on this measure has been showing steady improvement since 2004. As of 2009, Colorado was above the national average of **99.55%** with a **99.62%** rate and within **0.06%** of the national standard of **99.68%**.



Source: Child Maltreatment 2009, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/index.htm>