



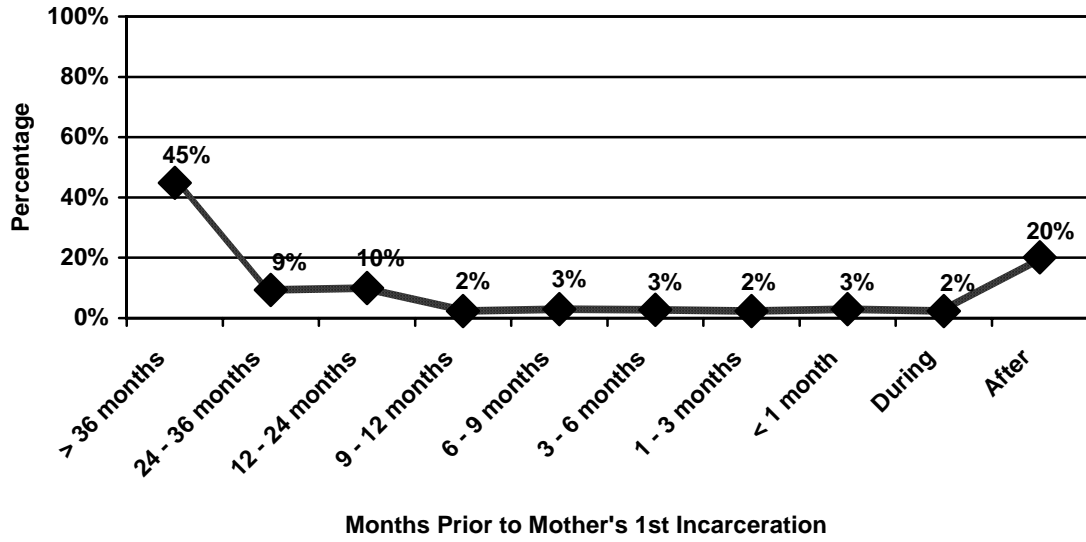
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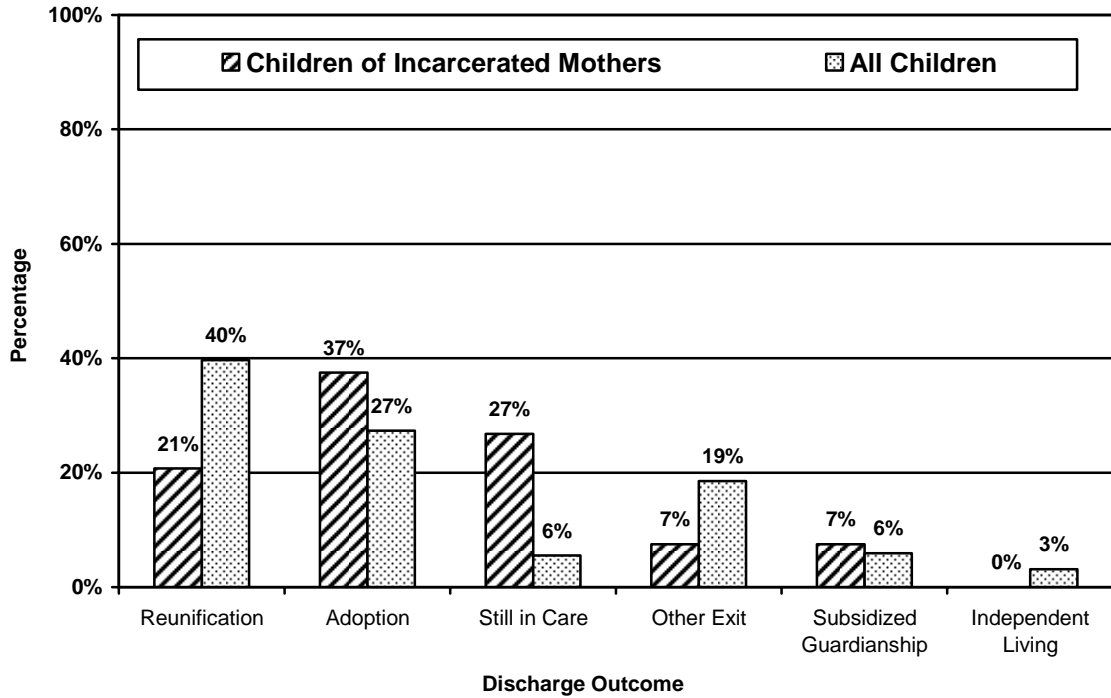
## **Foster Care Placement Among Children with Incarcerated Mothers**

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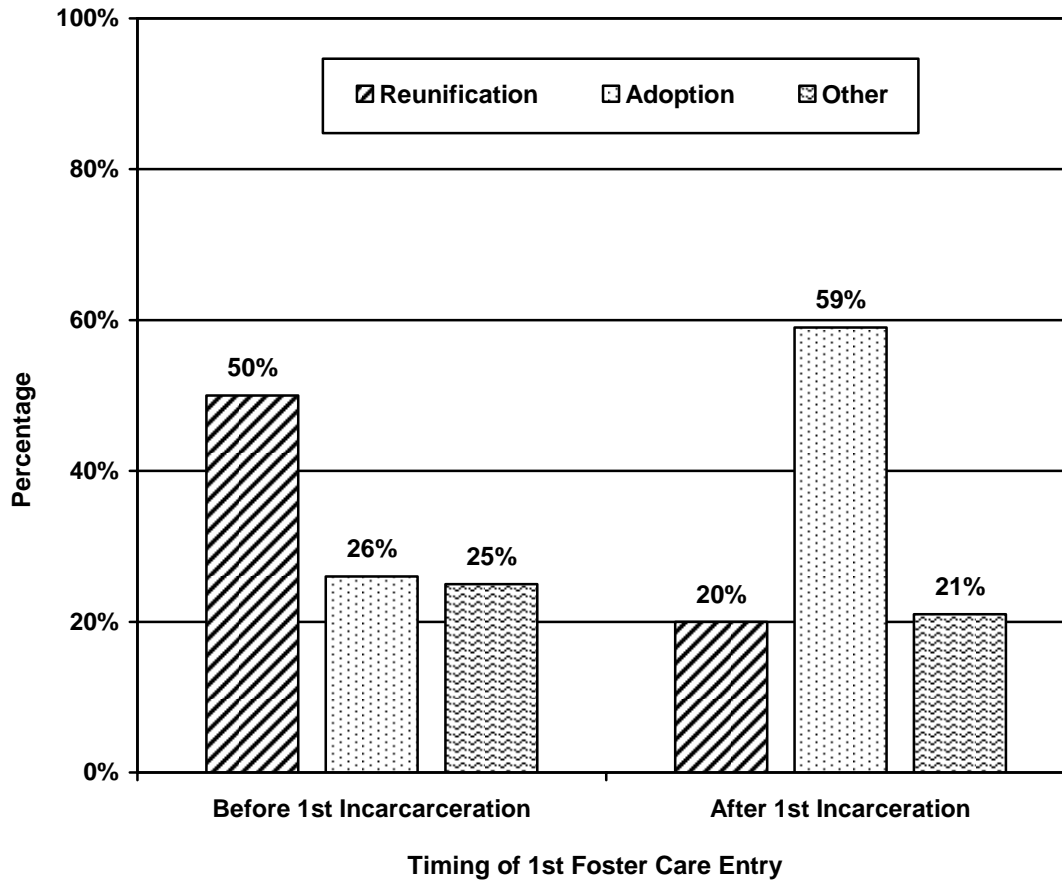
### Most children had entered foster care before mother's first incarceration began



### Reunification less likely and adoption more likely for children of incarcerated mothers



**Reunification more likely for children placed before  
and adoption more likely for children placed after  
the beginning of mother's first incarceration**



**Administrative Data Sources**

Vera Institute of Justice Study

- Corrections records from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and the New York City Department of Correction (DOC)
- Foster care placement records from the Child Care Review Service (CCRS) database

Chapin Hall Center for Children Study

- Admissions to and exits from state prisons and Cook County jail between January 1993 and June 2001
- Public assistance records (i.e., AFDC/TANF/Food Stamps/Medicaid) between July 1989 and June 2001
- Child welfare records on foster care placements between January 1977 and June 2001

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