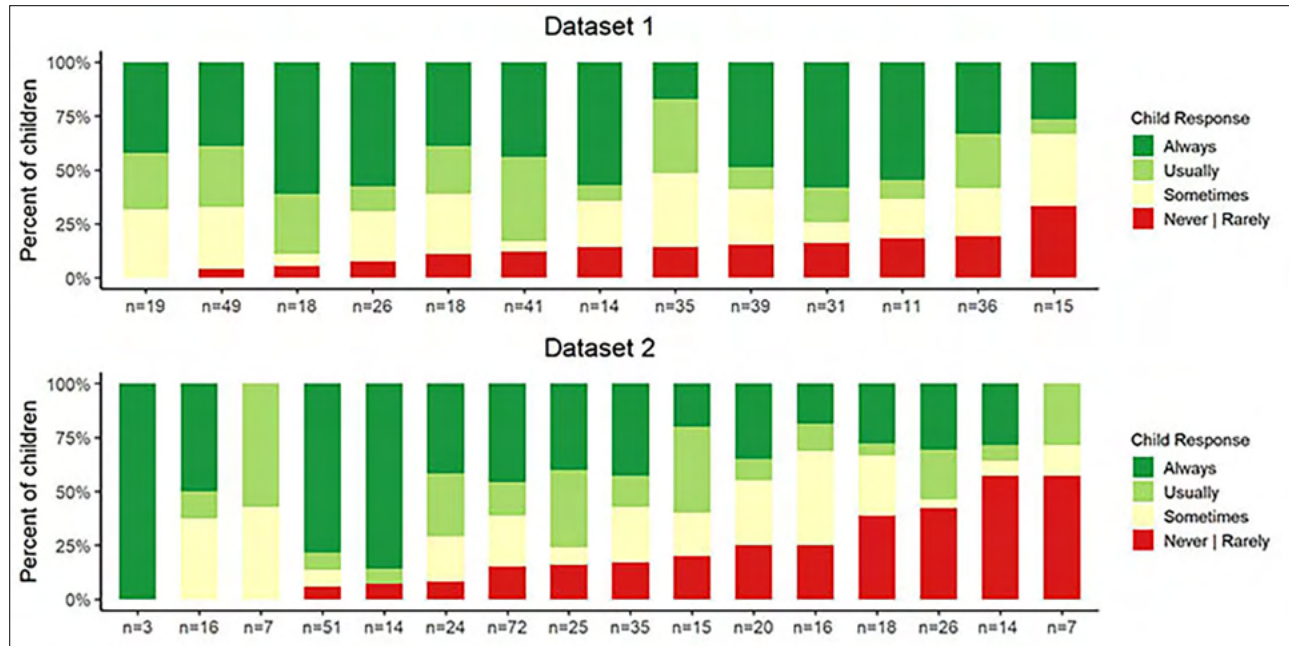




### Child perceptions of safety vary across agencies



**Note:** The number of children who responded to the question “I feel safe here” is indicated under the column for each agency.

This study examined perceptions of safety in 29 North American residential care agencies. In two different surveys, which we call Dataset 1 and Dataset 2, children were asked how often “I feel safe here.” For Dataset 1, 352 children from 13 agencies responded, and for Dataset 2, 363 from 16 agencies responded.

The results varied substantially across the agencies in both datasets. As shown in the figure, the percent of children who said “Never” or “Rarely” ranged from as low as 0% to as high as 57%. In fact, there were two agencies with 50% or more of children responding “Never” or “Rarely.” There were only seven agencies where 75% or more of children responded “Usually” or “Always” feeling safe.

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