

Understanding The CFSR Review Periods and The Permanency Measures

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Establishing the Review Periods

- Review periods always span one year.
- A review period can begin on April 1 or October 1.
- HHS established Ohio's review period to begin on April 1 and end on March 31.
- In addition to providing county specific reports on this review period, we provide overlapping reports with a review period between October 1 and September 30.

Review Period Vocabulary

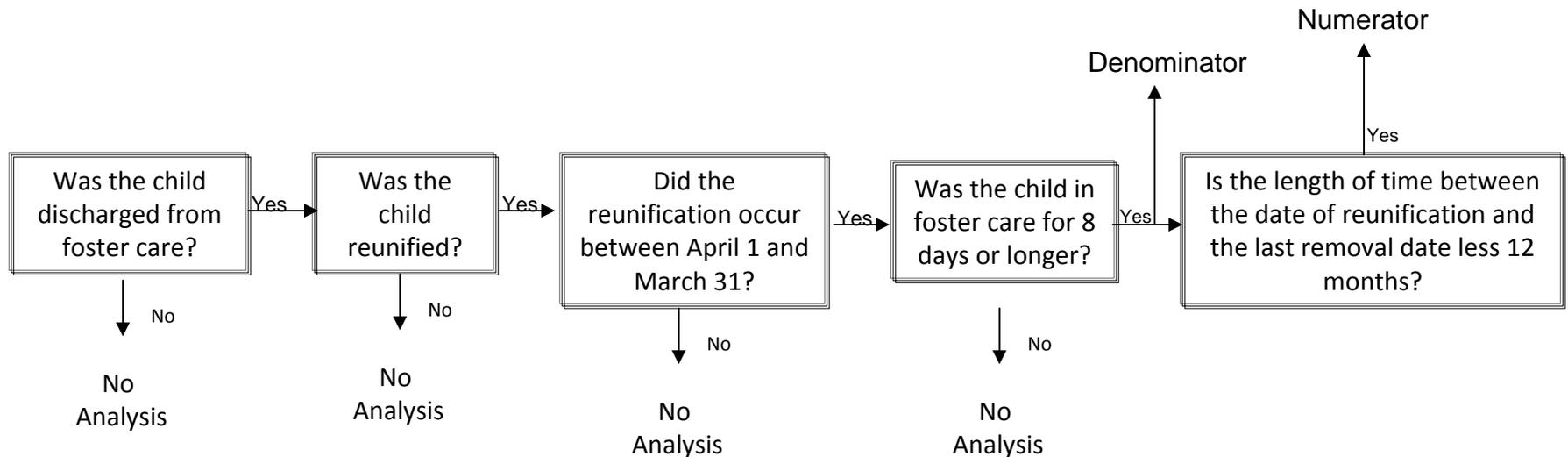
- You may hear the following terms:
 - 07A
 - 07B
 - 08A
 - 08B
- These terms signify a 6 month review period.
 - 07A = a review period of 10-1-06 to 3-31-07.
 - 07B = a review period of 4-1-07 to 9-30-07.
 - 08A = a review period of 10-1-07 to 3-31-08.
 - 08B = a review period of 4-1-08 to 9-30-08.
- The patterns:
 - A always begins on October 1
 - B always begins on April 1
 - 07 and 08 correspond to the Federal Fiscal Year

Six Month Reviews and One Year Reviews

- The 6 month review periods are combined into 1 year review periods:
 - 07a-07b = 10-1-06 to 9-30-07
 - 07b-08a = 4-1-07 to 3-31-08
 - 08a-08b = 10-1-07 to 9-30-08
- A confusing point: A one year review period uses data over a two year time period.
 - For example 08a-08b review uses data from
 - Oct 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008 and the previous year's data (i.e., Oct. 1, 2006 to Sept. 30, 2007)

Exits to Reunification in Less than 12 Months

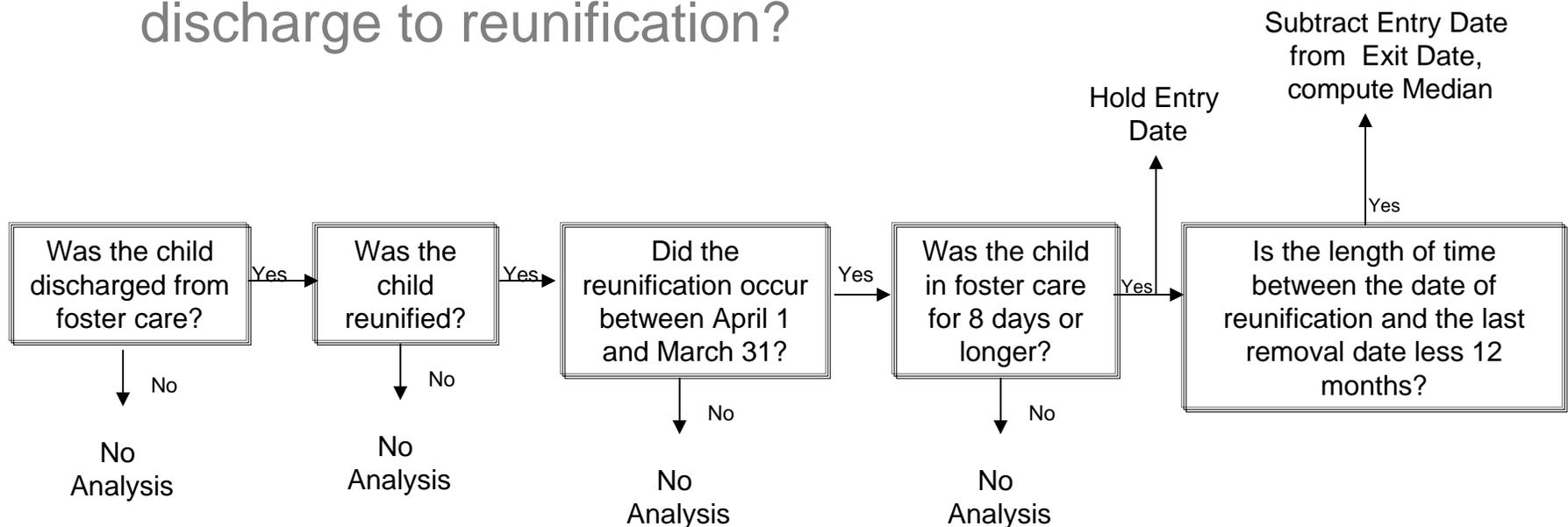
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification between April 1 and March 31, and who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



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Exits to Reunification, Median Stay

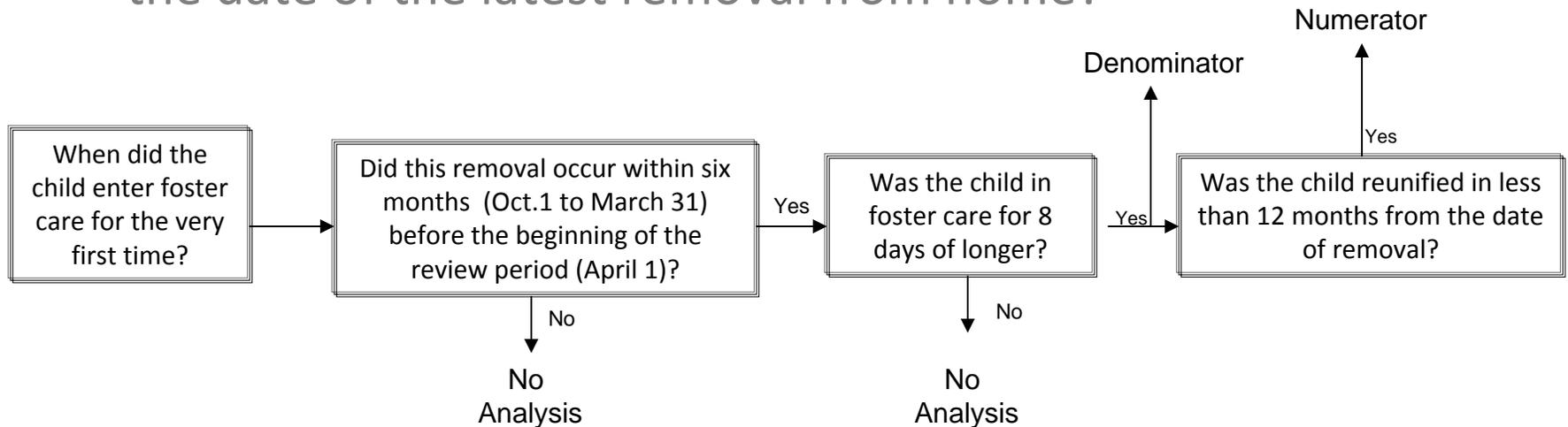
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification between April 1 and March 31, and who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date discharge to reunification?



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Entry Cohort Reunification in Less than 12 Months

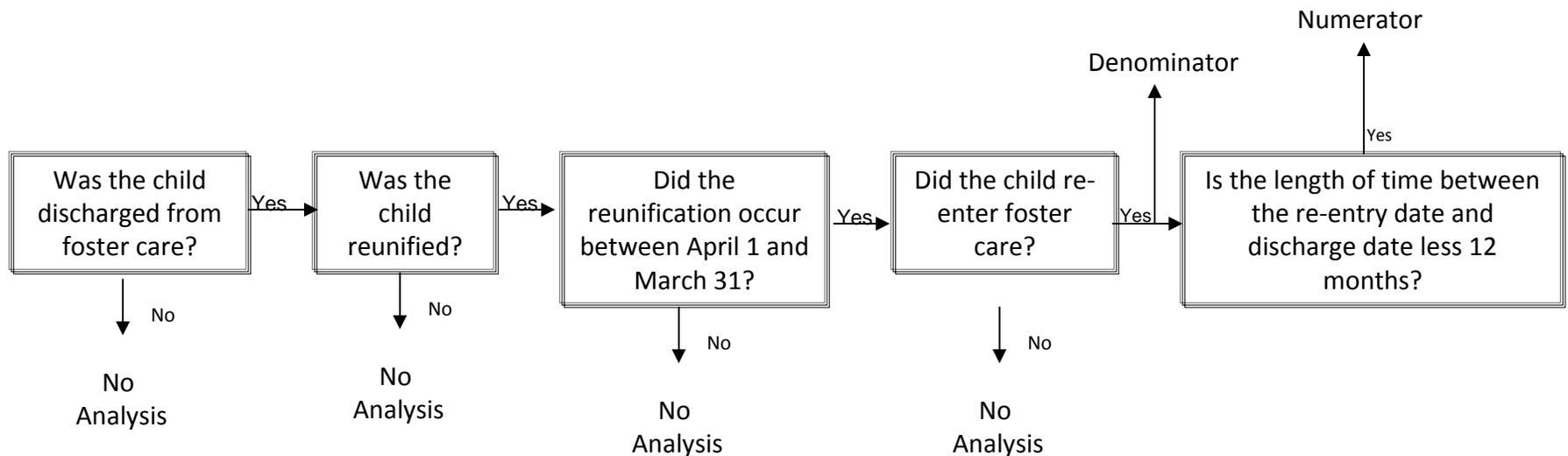
C1.3: Of all children entering foster care for the first time six months prior to April 1 and who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



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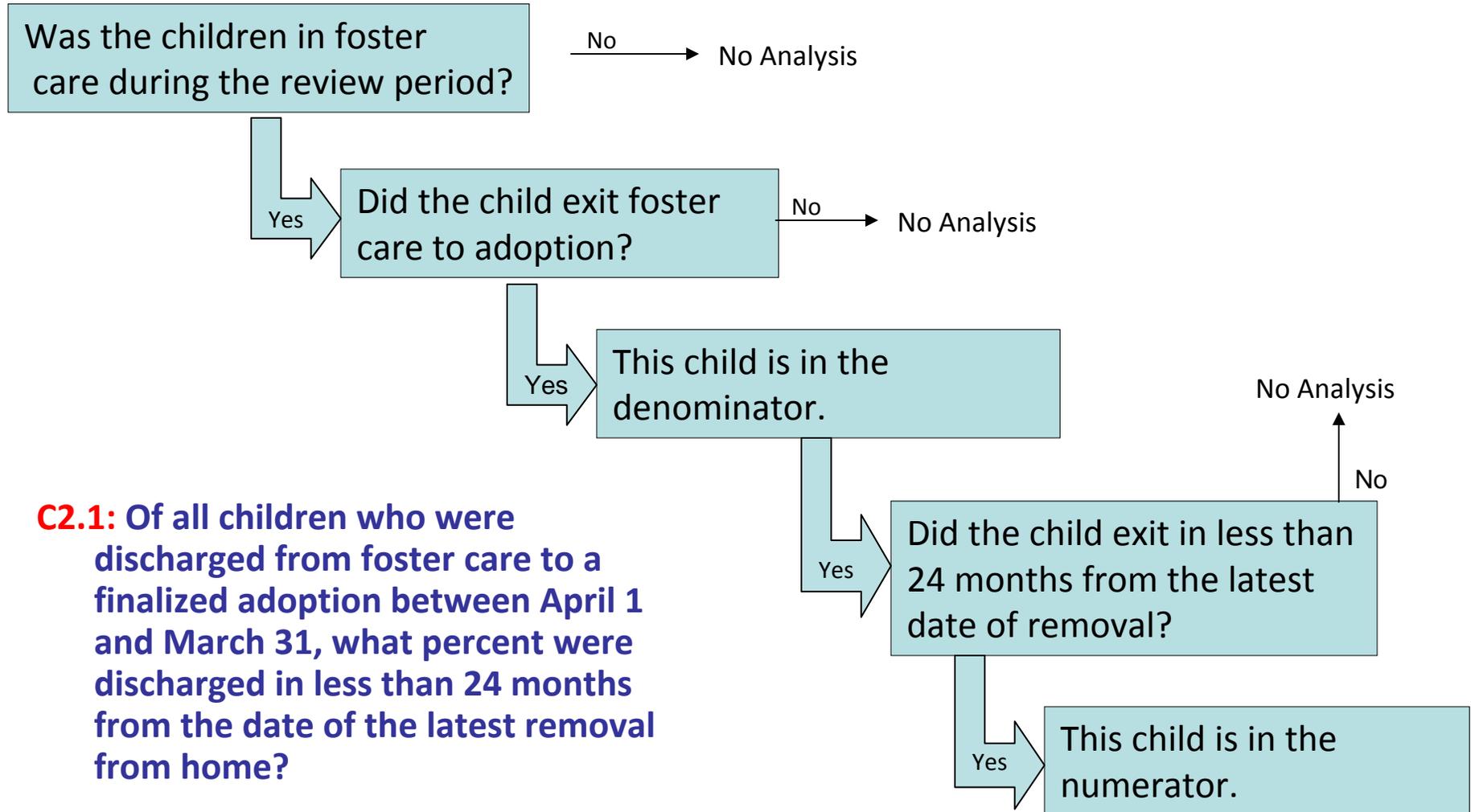
Re-entries to Foster Care in Less Than 12 Months

C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification between April 1 and March 31, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?



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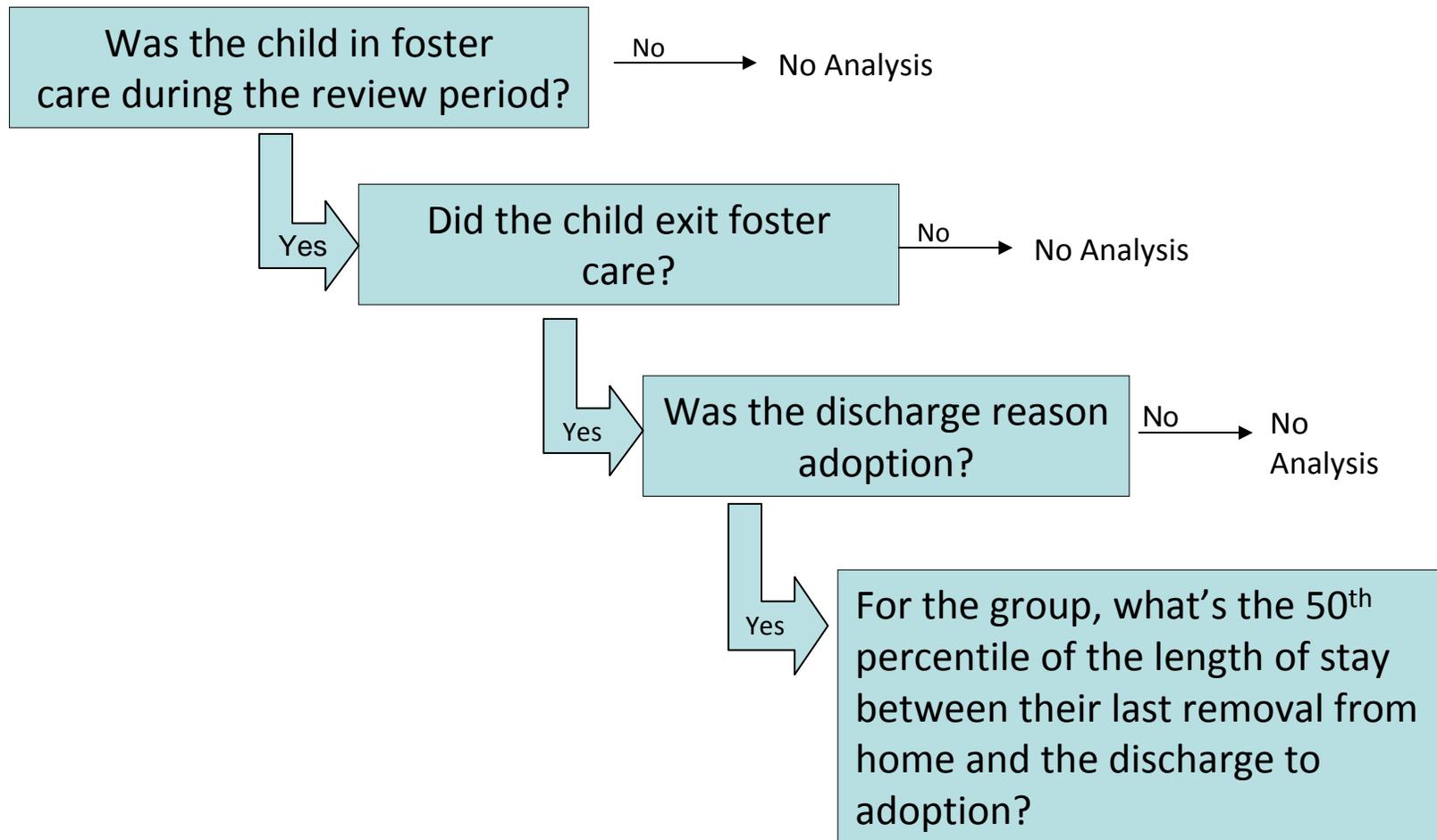
Exits to Adoption in Less than 24 Months



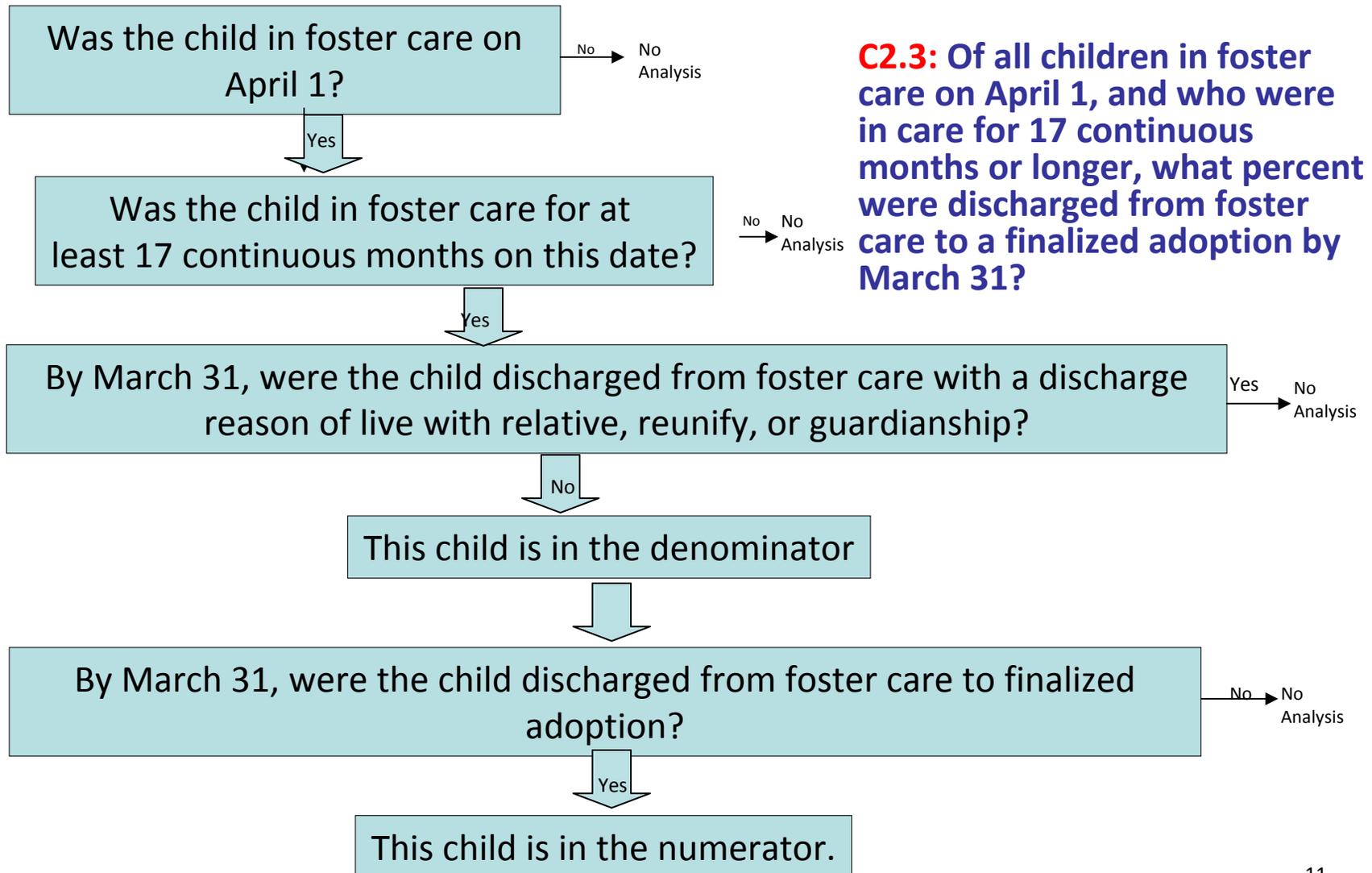
C2.1: Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption between April 1 and March 31, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?

Exits to Adoption, Median Length of Stay

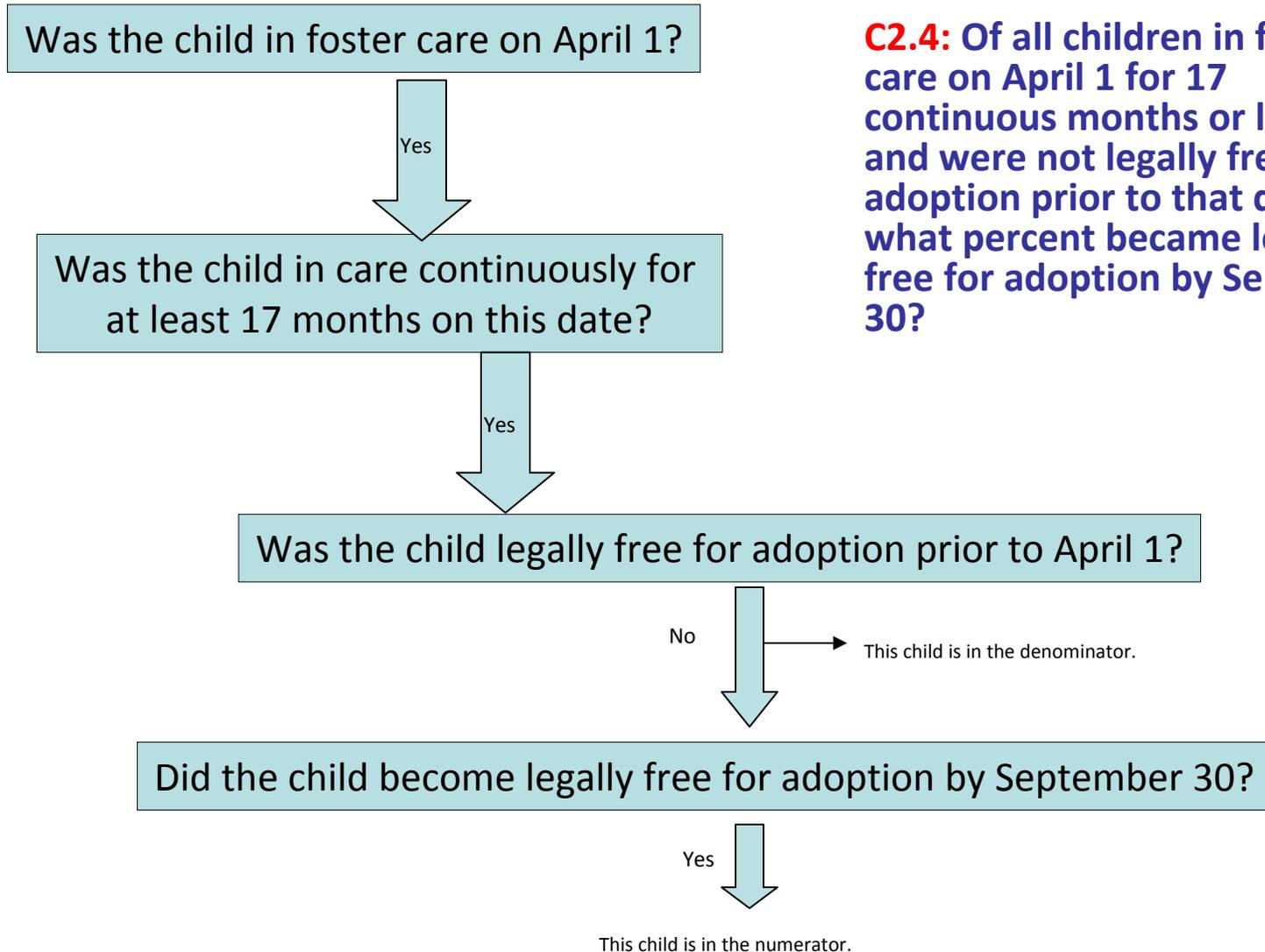
C2.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption between April 1 and March 31, what was the median length of stay in foster care (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home to the to the date of discharge to adoption?



Children in Care 17+ Months, Adopted by End of Year



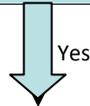
Children in Care 17+ Months Achieving Legal Freedom Within 6 Months



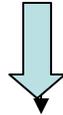
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on April 1 for 17 continuous months or longer, and were not legally free for adoption prior to that date, what percent became legally free for adoption by September 30?

Legally Free Children Adopted in Less Than 12 Months

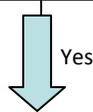
Did the child become legally free for adoption between April 1 and March 31 of the previous review period?



This child is in the denominator



Was the child discharged from foster care to finalized adoption in less than 12 months?

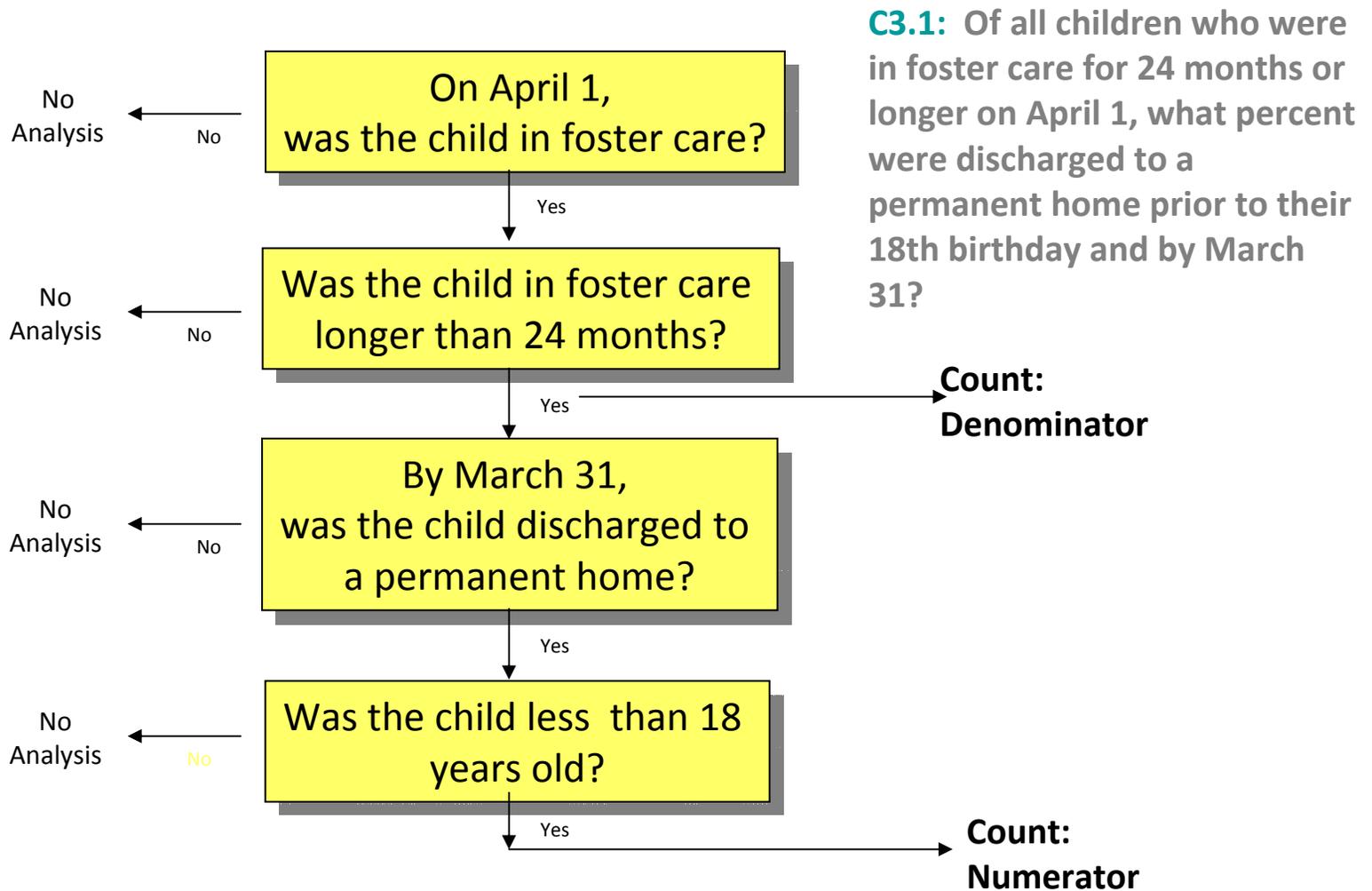


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C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption between April 1 and March 31*, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months of becoming legally free?

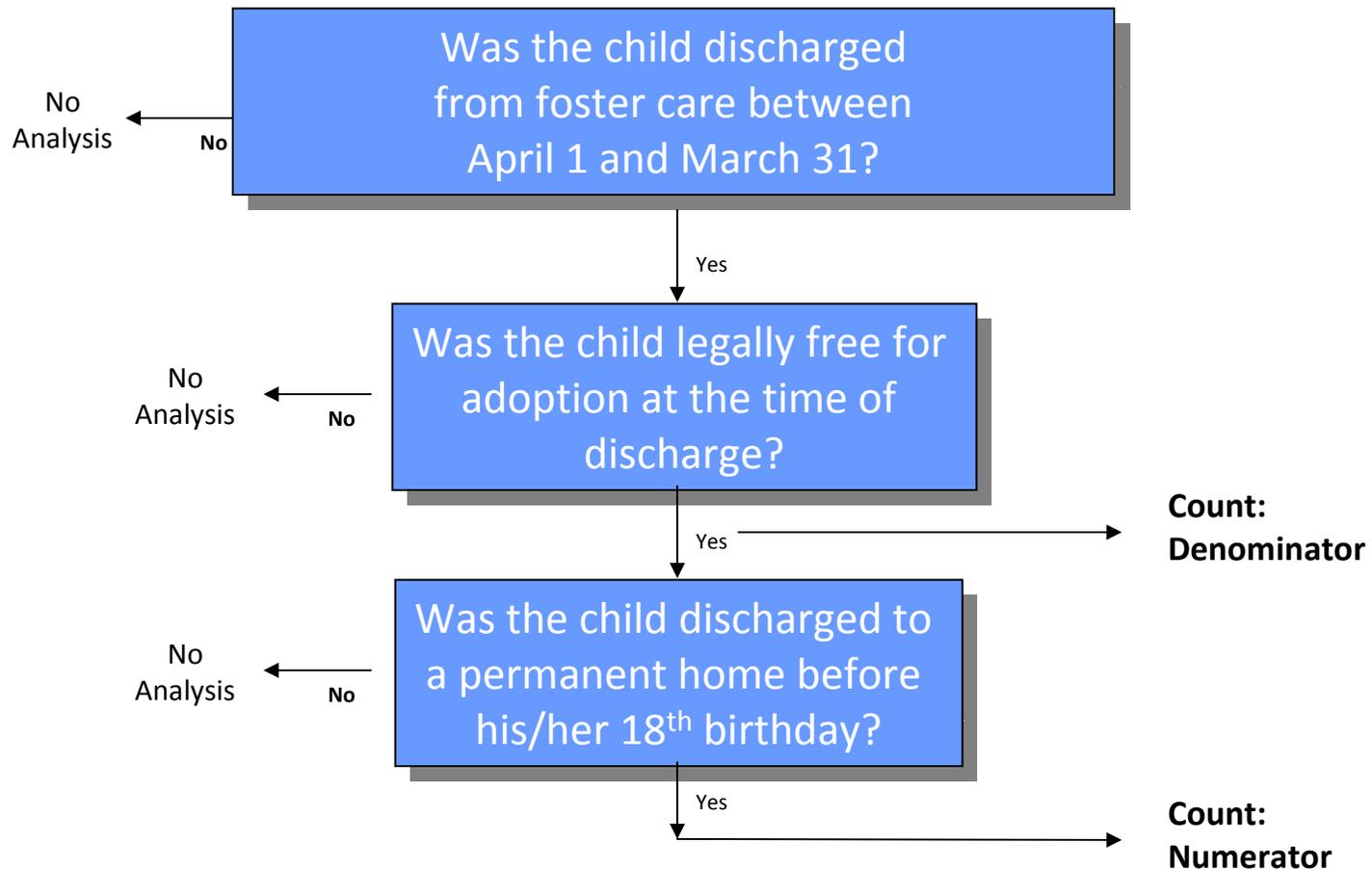
*The selection period is one year prior to the review period.

Exits to Permanency Prior to 18th Birthday for Children in Care for 24+ Months



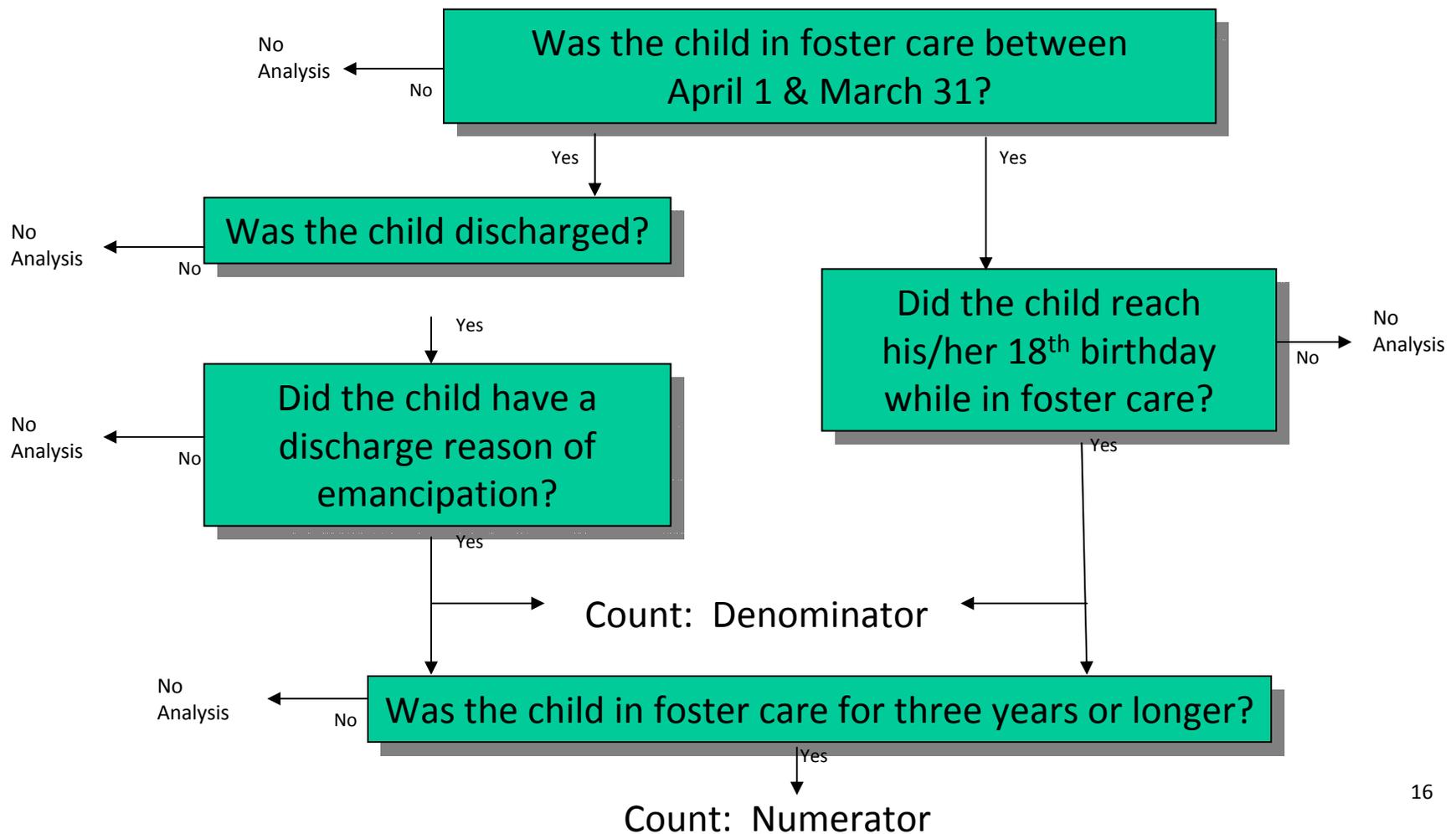
Exits to Permanency for Children with TPR

C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care between April 1 and March 31 who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?



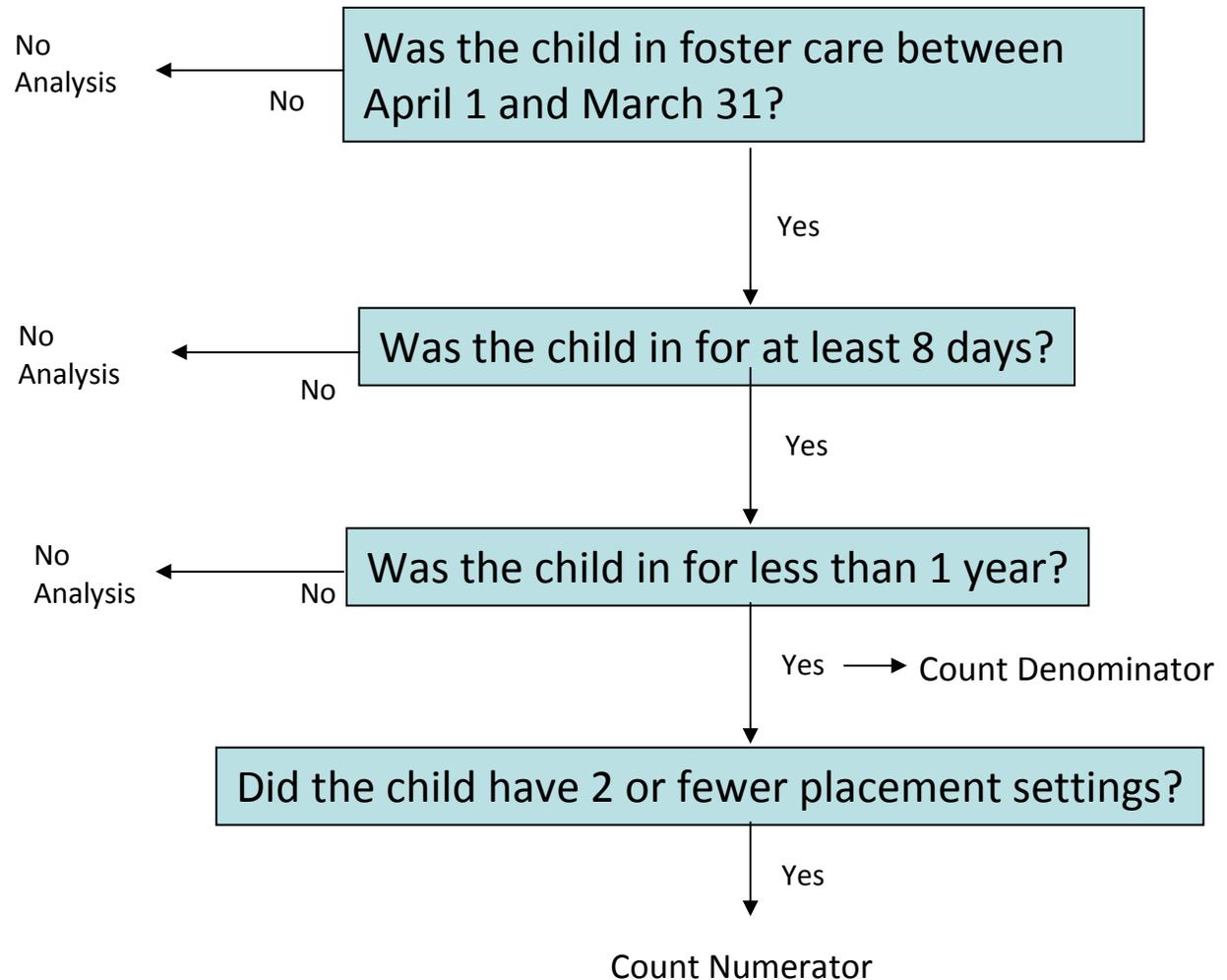
Children Emancipated Who Were in Foster Care for 3 Years or More

C3.3: Of all children who were either discharged from foster care between April 1 and March 31 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday by March 31 while in foster care, what percent were in foster care for 3 years or longer?



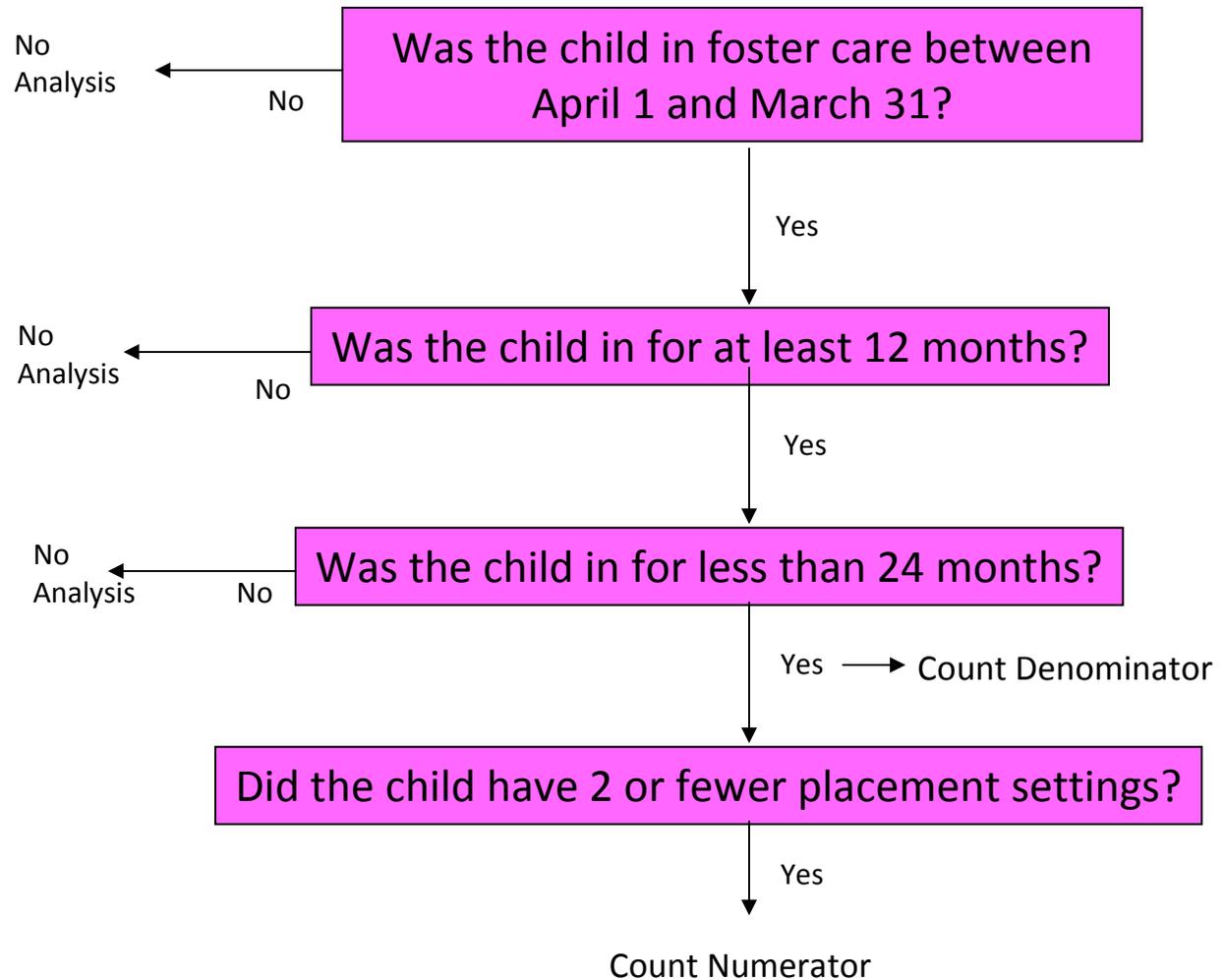
Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care for Less than 12 Months

C4.1: Of all children in foster care between April 1 and March 31 who were in foster care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care for 12 to 24 Months

C4.2: Of all children in foster care between April 1 and March 31 and who were in foster care for at least 12 but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care for 24+ Months

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