



# The AFCARS Report:

## Georgia

Preliminary FY<sup>1</sup> 2021 Estimates as of June 28, 2022 - No. 29

**SOURCE:** Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2021 data<sup>2</sup>

### Numbers at a Glance: Georgia

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	13,146	13,793	12,867	11,370	10,504
Number entered foster care during the FY	7,821	8,082	6,468	4,812	4,718
Number exited foster care during the FY	6,891	7,257	7,309	6,248	5,539
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	20,037	21,050	20,176	17,618	16,043
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	3,404	3,633	3,456	3,012	2,907
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	1,876	1,900	2,028	1,665	1,688
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	1,401	1,469	1,668	1,585	1,395

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=10,504

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	7.9	Male	51%	5,378
Median	7.0	Female	49%	5,126

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	5%	569	Pre-Adoptive Home	3%	279
1 Year	8%	804	Foster Family Home (Relative)	22%	2,301
2 Years	8%	833	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	63%	6,650
3 Years	7%	765	Group Home	0%	20
4 Years	7%	695	Institution	10%	1,048
5 Years	6%	630	Supervised Independent Living	0%	0
6 Years	5%	572	Runaway	1%	106
7 Years	5%	524	Trial Home Visit	1%	100
8 Years	5%	476			
9 Years	4%	456	<b>Case Plan Goal</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
10 Years	4%	463	Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	62%	6,367
11 Years	4%	448	Live with Other Relative(s)	0%	0
12 Years	5%	487	Adoption	25%	2,554
13 Years	5%	490	Long Term Foster Care	2%	186
14 Years	5%	532	Emancipation	1%	107
15 Years	5%	573	Guardianship	5%	558
16 Years	6%	617	Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	5%	554
17 Years	5%	570			
18 Years	0%	0			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

<sup>1</sup> 'FY' refers to the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1st through September 30th.

<sup>2</sup> Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by June 28, 2022 are included in this report. Missing data are excluded from each table. Therefore, the totals within each distribution may not equal the total provided for that subpopulation (e.g. number in care on September 30th may not match the sum across ages for that group)

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	Time in Care	Months
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	10	Mean	24.0
Asian	0%	16	Median	18.8
Black or African American	39%	4,096		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1		
Hispanic (of any race)	7%	741		
White	46%	4,844		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	3		
Two or More Races	8%	793		

  

**NOTE:** All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	4%	437
1 - 5 Months	16%	1,670
6 - 11 Months	17%	1,750
12 - 17 Months	12%	1,248
18 - 23 Months	11%	1,200
24 - 29 Months	10%	1,050
30 - 35 Months	7%	704
3 - 4 Years	16%	1,717
5 Years or More	7%	728

### Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=4,718

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	6.8	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	4
Median	6.0	Asian	0%	1
		Black or African American	34%	1,621
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1
		Hispanic (of any race)	8%	398
		White	50%	2,356
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	4
		Two or More Races	7%	333

  

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Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	18%	867
1 Year	8%	379
2 Years	6%	294
3 Years	5%	259
4 Years	6%	279
5 Years	5%	241
6 Years	4%	212
7 Years	4%	175
8 Years	4%	197
9 Years	4%	168
10 Years	3%	157
11 Years	4%	191
12 Years	4%	187
13 Years	4%	207
14 Years	5%	246
15 Years	6%	286
16 Years	5%	233
17 Years	3%	140
18 Years	0%	0
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

  

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	49%	2,291
Drug Abuse (Parent)	43%	2,013
Housing	20%	937
Caretaker Inability To Cope	11%	505
Parent Incarceration	10%	491
Physical Abuse	10%	487
Child Behavior Problem	10%	461
Abandonment	9%	422
Sexual Abuse	3%	164
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	3%	159
Drug Abuse (Child)	2%	97
Relinquishment	2%	76
Parent Death	1%	70
Child Disability	1%	43
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	9

**NOTE:** These categories are not mutually exclusive, so percentages will total more than 100% and counts will be more than the total number of entries.

### Children Exiting Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=5,539

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	
Mean		8.8	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	2	
Median		8.0	Asian	0%	16	
			Black or African American	36%	2,013	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0	
			Hispanic (of any race)	8%	426	
			White	49%	2,695	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	2	
			Two or More Races	7%	385	
<b>NOTE:</b> All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.						
Age at Exit		Percent	Number	Reason for Discharge	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		3%	149	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	39%	2,182
1 Year		6%	347	Living with Other Relative(s)	7%	391
2 Years		8%	432	Adoption	23%	1,262
3 Years		7%	401	Emancipation	11%	628
4 Years		7%	372	Guardianship	17%	962
5 Years		6%	337	Transfer to Another Agency	2%	83
6 Years		6%	324	Runaway	0%	10
7 Years		5%	282	Death of Child	0%	9
8 Years		4%	246			
9 Years		5%	253			
10 Years		4%	207			
11 Years		4%	236			
12 Years		4%	206			
13 Years		4%	230			
14 Years		4%	229			
15 Years		4%	230			
16 Years		4%	243			
17 Years		9%	526			
18 Years		5%	289			
19 Years		0%	0			
20 Years		0%	0			
Time in Care		Months				
Mean		26.1				
Median		22.1				
Time in Care		Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month		6%	317			
1 - 5 Months		9%	485			
6 - 11 Months		13%	694			
12 - 17 Months		13%	737			
18 - 23 Months		13%	721			
24 - 29 Months		12%	651			
30 - 35 Months		9%	515			
3 - 4 Years		19%	1,053			
5 Years or More		7%	366			

### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=2,907

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years
Mean			8.2	Mean			4.8
Median			8.0	Median			4.0

  

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	2%	59	Less than 1 Year	26%	758
1 Year	7%	191	1 Year	7%	206
2 Years	8%	234	2 Years	6%	184
3 Years	7%	207	3 Years	7%	211
4 Years	7%	196	4 Years	7%	190
5 Years	6%	177	5 Years	6%	168
6 Years	6%	163	6 Years	6%	162
7 Years	6%	164	7 Years	6%	176
8 Years	6%	161	8 Years	5%	157
9 Years	5%	151	9 Years	6%	160
10 Years	5%	155	10 Years	5%	138
11 Years	6%	161	11 Years	5%	132
12 Years	5%	151	12 Years	3%	89
13 Years	6%	163	13 Years	3%	92
14 Years	6%	173	14 Years	2%	53
15 Years	6%	164	15 Years	1%	25
16 Years	5%	147	16 Years	0%	5
17 Years	3%	90	17 Years	0%	1

  

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	9%	273	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	3
Foster Family Home (Relative)	15%	440	Asian	0%	4
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	67%	1,943	Black or African American	38%	1,105
Group Home	0%	4	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1
Institution	8%	228	Hispanic (of any race)	7%	189
Supervised Independent Living	0%	0	White	47%	1,377
Runaway	0%	10	Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0
Trial Home Visit	0%	9	Two or More Races	8%	228

  

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	53%	1,537
Female	47%	1,370

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<sup>3</sup> Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

Time in Care	Months	Of Children Waiting for Adoption whose Parents' Parental Rights have been Terminated (N=1,688), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	41.0	
Median	37.1	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	0%	8	Mean	18.2
1 - 5 Months	3%	89	Median	9.0

6 - 11 Months	5%	145
12 - 17 Months	8%	223
18 - 23 Months	10%	291
24 - 29 Months	12%	340
30 - 35 Months	10%	286
3 - 4 Years	34%	983
5 Years or More	19%	542

### Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=1,395

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	6.6	Mean	14.6
Median	6.0	Median	11.0

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	0%	5	Less than 1 Month	1%	12
1 Year	6%	82	1 - 5 Months	23%	318
2 Years	11%	156	6 - 11 Months	30%	411
3 Years	12%	161	12 - 17 Months	20%	280
4 Years	10%	144	18 - 23 Months	11%	151
5 Years	10%	133	24 - 29 Months	7%	94
6 Years	8%	115	30 - 35 Months	3%	36
7 Years	7%	94	3 - 4 Years	4%	57
8 Years	6%	81	5 Years or More	1%	19
9 Years	5%	71			
10 Years	4%	61			
11 Years	4%	60			
12 Years	4%	56			
13 Years	4%	49			
14 Years	3%	47			
15 Years	3%	39			
16 Years	2%	21			
17 Years	1%	18			
18 Years	0%	2			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0
Asian	1%	7
Black or African American	28%	388
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Hispanic (of any race)	8%	108
White	55%	763
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0
Two or More Races	9%	129

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<sup>4</sup> Note that the adoption data reported in this section are from the AFCARS Adoption file. Therefore, the number of adoptions reported here may not equal the number reported as discharges to adoption from foster care.

Adoptive Family Structure	Percent	Number	Sex	Percent	Number
Married Couple	72%	1,003	Male	51%	715
Unmarried Couple	0%	0	Female	49%	680
Single Female	26%	358			
Single Male	2%	34			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	16%	217	Yes	96%	1,342
Foster Parent	61%	846	No	4%	53
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	24%	330			

### FY 2021 AFCARS Foster Care Data Release

Definitions and additional supporting information relevant to the populations presented in this report can be found by clicking on the tabs above the area chart displayed when using this link:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>