



# The AFCARS Report:

## Idaho

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: Idaho

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	1,593	1,814	1,752	1,534	1,601
Number entered foster care during the FY	1,249	1,419	1,322	1,081	1,346
Number exited foster care during the FY	1,095	1,143	1,289	1,113	1,097
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	2,687	2,956	3,041	2,647	2,693
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	287	532	557	461	320
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	269	345	338	210	160
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	258	245	328	353	346

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=1,601

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	7.8	Male	51%	821
Median	7.0	Female	49%	780

  

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	10%	162	Pre-Adoptive Home	5%	77
1 Year	8%	128	Foster Family Home (Relative)	37%	589
2 Years	7%	109	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	38%	604
3 Years	6%	103	Group Home	5%	76
4 Years	5%	74	Institution	4%	65
5 Years	5%	79	Supervised Independent Living	0%	0
6 Years	5%	81	Runaway	1%	9
7 Years	5%	88	Trial Home Visit	10%	165

  

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	55%	877
Live with Other Relative(s)	0%	0
Adoption	15%	246
Long Term Foster Care	1%	9
Emancipation	0%	0
Guardianship	2%	36
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	27%	432

  

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number
8 Years	5%	73
9 Years	4%	68
10 Years	3%	52
11 Years	5%	78
12 Years	4%	69
13 Years	5%	81
14 Years	6%	91
15 Years	5%	82
16 Years	6%	98
17 Years	5%	73
18 Years	1%	12
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	2%	27	Mean	14.1
Asian	0%	7	Median	9.5
Black or African American	1%	20		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	7		
Hispanic (of any race)	19%	296		
White	70%	1,116		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	4%	65		
Two or More Races	4%	57		

  

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	7%	115
1 - 5 Months	27%	439
6 - 11 Months	25%	403
12 - 17 Months	13%	205
18 - 23 Months	9%	140
24 - 29 Months	6%	102
30 - 35 Months	4%	62
3 - 4 Years	7%	106
5 Years or More	2%	29

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

### Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=1,346

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	6.9	American Indian/Alaska Native	2%	27
Median	6.0	Asian	0%	4
		Black or African American	1%	15
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	5
		Hispanic (of any race)	16%	218
		White	68%	894
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	8%	110
		Two or More Races	4%	51

  

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	19%	254
1 Year	6%	80
2 Years	5%	74
3 Years	6%	77
4 Years	5%	64
5 Years	5%	66
6 Years	6%	79
7 Years	5%	69
8 Years	5%	64
9 Years	4%	56
10 Years	4%	54
11 Years	4%	50
12 Years	5%	62
13 Years	5%	69
14 Years	5%	67
15 Years	5%	67
16 Years	3%	47
17 Years	3%	36
18 Years	1%	11
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

  

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	69%	924
Drug Abuse (Parent)	35%	469
Caretaker Inability To Cope	28%	377
Parent Incarceration	15%	206
Physical Abuse	12%	167
Housing	12%	161
Sexual Abuse	6%	75
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	5%	62
Child Behavior Problem	4%	55
Abandonment	4%	48
Child Disability	3%	41
Drug Abuse (Child)	2%	22
Parent Death	1%	15
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	6
Relinquishment	0%	4

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

**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=1,097

Age at Exit	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	
Mean	7.9	American Indian/Alaska Native	2%	24	
Median	7.0	Asian	0%	1	
		Black or African American	1%	15	
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1	
		Hispanic (of any race)	16%	172	
		White	70%	755	
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	7%	79	
		Two or More Races	3%	33	
<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	5%	51	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	57%	601
1 Year	9%	99	Living with Other Relative(s)	0%	0
2 Years	9%	97	Adoption	31%	322
3 Years	8%	85	Emancipation	5%	56
4 Years	7%	79	Guardianship	6%	58
5 Years	5%	53	Transfer to Another Agency	1%	15
6 Years	5%	58	Runaway	0%	0
7 Years	5%	54	Death of Child	0%	2
8 Years	4%	44			
9 Years	4%	48			
10 Years	5%	58			
11 Years	3%	35			
12 Years	4%	47			
13 Years	5%	56			
14 Years	4%	49			
15 Years	4%	45			
16 Years	4%	46			
17 Years	4%	39			
18 Years	5%	54			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			
Time in Care	Months				
Mean	15.3				
Median	12.5				
Time in Care	Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month	22%	238			
1 - 5 Months	9%	103			
6 - 11 Months	18%	199			
12 - 17 Months	12%	134			
18 - 23 Months	13%	145			
24 - 29 Months	11%	117			
30 - 35 Months	6%	61			
3 - 4 Years	8%	88			
5 Years or More	1%	7			

### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=320

Age as of September 30th	Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Years
Mean	9.1	Mean	6.5
Median	9.0	Median	7.0

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	2%	6	Less than 1 Year	17%	55
1 Year	8%	24	1 Year	6%	19
2 Years	7%	21	2 Years	6%	19
3 Years	7%	21	3 Years	7%	23
4 Years	4%	14	4 Years	5%	15
5 Years	7%	22	5 Years	3%	9
6 Years	4%	14	6 Years	6%	19
7 Years	5%	16	7 Years	7%	21
8 Years	2%	7	8 Years	4%	12
9 Years	5%	16	9 Years	6%	18
10 Years	3%	8	10 Years	8%	27
11 Years	5%	17	11 Years	6%	19
12 Years	5%	15	12 Years	6%	20
13 Years	8%	24	13 Years	5%	17
14 Years	8%	25	14 Years	6%	19
15 Years	8%	25	15 Years	3%	8
16 Years	9%	30	16 Years	0%	0
17 Years	5%	15	17 Years	0%	0

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	15%	47	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	1
Foster Family Home (Relative)	38%	121	Asian	0%	1
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	36%	114	Black or African American	2%	5
Group Home	4%	14	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	2
Institution	6%	19	Hispanic (of any race)	20%	64
Supervised Independent Living	0%	0	White	73%	233
Runaway	1%	2	Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	9
Trial Home Visit	1%	2	Two or More Races	2%	5

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	54%	173
Female	46%	147

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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=160), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	31.4	
Median	27.4	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	0%	0	Mean	13.9
1 - 5 Months	2%	7	Median	7.0
6 - 11 Months	7%	21		
12 - 17 Months	12%	38		
18 - 23 Months	18%	56		
24 - 29 Months	17%	53		
30 - 35 Months	12%	37		
3 - 4 Years	27%	86		
5 Years or More	7%	22		

**Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=346**

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	6.4	Mean	8.9
Median	5.0	Median	6.3

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	1%	3	Less than 1 Month	0%	0
1 Year	14%	48	1 - 5 Months	48%	156
2 Years	15%	51	6 - 11 Months	30%	99
3 Years	10%	36	12 - 17 Months	6%	20
4 Years	10%	33	18 - 23 Months	10%	34
5 Years	5%	17	24 - 29 Months	3%	10
6 Years	6%	21	30 - 35 Months	1%	3
7 Years	5%	16	3 - 4 Years	1%	3
8 Years	2%	6	5 Years or More	0%	1
9 Years	5%	19			
10 Years	4%	15			
11 Years	3%	12			
12 Years	4%	14			
13 Years	4%	14			
14 Years	3%	9			
15 Years	2%	8			
16 Years	5%	16			
17 Years	2%	8			
18 Years	0%	0			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	2%	6
Asian	0%	1
Black or African American	2%	7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Hispanic (of any race)	16%	56
White	73%	252
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	9
Two or More Races	4%	15

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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.

<b>Adoptive Family Structure</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Married Couple	77%	265	Male	47%	161
Unmarried Couple	6%	20	Female	53%	185
Single Female	16%	56			
Single Male	1%	5			
<b>Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption</b>			<b>Receive Adoption Subsidy</b>		
	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>		<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Non-Relative	39%	134	Yes	99%	332
Foster Parent	32%	110	No	1%	4
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	29%	102			

### 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>