



# The AFCARS Report:

## Indiana

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: Indiana

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	20,904	18,560	16,307	15,084	13,239
Number entered foster care during the FY	12,826	10,441	9,180	8,426	7,291
Number exited foster care during the FY	11,178	12,132	10,904	9,219	8,691
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	32,081	30,693	27,206	24,302	21,932
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	4,418	4,778	4,302	3,575	3,179
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	1,276	1,573	1,606	1,322	1,624
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	1,964	2,016	2,489	2,149	1,844

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=13,239

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	7.4	Male	51%	6,761
Median	6.0	Female	49%	6,478

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	7%	881	Pre-Adoptive Home	12%	1,607
1 Year	9%	1,165	Foster Family Home (Relative)	36%	4,810
2 Years	9%	1,163	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	34%	4,540
3 Years	7%	990	Group Home	1%	103
4 Years	7%	918	Institution	5%	633
5 Years	6%	782	Supervised Independent Living	0%	52
6 Years	5%	714	Runaway	1%	78
7 Years	5%	665	Trial Home Visit	11%	1,415
8 Years	5%	634			
9 Years	4%	586	<b>Case Plan Goal</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
10 Years	4%	560	Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	67%	8,698
11 Years	4%	507	Live with Other Relative(s)	1%	160
12 Years	4%	562	Adoption	23%	3,029
13 Years	4%	587	Long Term Foster Care	0%	0
14 Years	4%	582	Emancipation	4%	478
15 Years	5%	622	Guardianship	2%	319
16 Years	4%	547	Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	2%	240
17 Years	4%	502			
18 Years	1%	161			
19 Years	0%	46			
20 Years	0%	43			

<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%	4	Mean	20.4
Asian	0%	48	Median	14.3
Black or African American	18%	2,394		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	9		
Hispanic (of any race)	8%	1,026		
White	64%	8,445		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	7		
Two or More Races	10%	1,306		

  

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	4%	546
1 - 5 Months	21%	2,748
6 - 11 Months	18%	2,423
12 - 17 Months	15%	1,928
18 - 23 Months	12%	1,534
24 - 29 Months	9%	1,199
30 - 35 Months	5%	718
3 - 4 Years	11%	1,474
5 Years or More	5%	669

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

### Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=7,291

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	6.0	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	3
Median	5.0	Asian	0%	34
		Black or African American	18%	1,277
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	6
		Hispanic (of any race)	8%	576
		White	64%	4,682
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	8
		Two or More Races	10%	704

  

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	20%	1,428
1 Year	8%	608
2 Years	7%	538
3 Years	6%	468
4 Years	6%	428
5 Years	6%	426
6 Years	5%	401
7 Years	5%	337
8 Years	4%	311
9 Years	4%	278
10 Years	4%	278
11 Years	4%	280
12 Years	4%	287
13 Years	4%	293
14 Years	4%	267
15 Years	4%	273
16 Years	3%	213
17 Years	2%	152
18 Years	0%	21
19 Years	0%	4
20 Years	0%	0

  

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	91%	6,599
Drug Abuse (Parent)	55%	4,046
Parent Incarceration	18%	1,325
Housing	17%	1,265
Physical Abuse	11%	831
Caretaker Inability To Cope	11%	783
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	10%	751
Abandonment	7%	480
Child Behavior Problem	6%	438
Sexual Abuse	4%	297
Parent Death	2%	146
Drug Abuse (Child)	2%	131
Child Disability	2%	116
Relinquishment	1%	65
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	24

**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=8,691

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number
Mean		7.6	American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	3
Median		7.0	Asian		0%	13
			Black or African American		17%	1,511
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	7
			Hispanic (of any race)		8%	658
			White		65%	5,659
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	8
			Two or More Races		10%	831
<b>NOTE:</b> All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.						
			Reason for Discharge		Percent	Number
			Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)		58%	5,078
			Living with Other Relative(s)		4%	313
			Adoption		21%	1,855
			Emancipation		4%	327
			Guardianship		12%	1,031
			Transfer to Another Agency		0%	27
			Runaway		1%	46
			Death of Child		0%	14
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### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=3,179

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years
Mean			7.8	Mean			4.7
Median			7.0	Median			4.0

  

Age as of September 30th			Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	1%	25			Less than 1 Year	26%	826		
1 Year	6%	187			1 Year	9%	297		
2 Years	11%	334			2 Years	7%	229		
3 Years	9%	279			3 Years	6%	182		
4 Years	8%	253			4 Years	6%	188		
5 Years	7%	220			5 Years	6%	187		
6 Years	5%	168			6 Years	6%	196		
7 Years	5%	160			7 Years	5%	157		
8 Years	5%	167			8 Years	6%	176		
9 Years	5%	165			9 Years	5%	166		
10 Years	5%	161			10 Years	5%	154		
11 Years	5%	155			11 Years	4%	130		
12 Years	6%	176			12 Years	4%	119		
13 Years	5%	166			13 Years	2%	76		
14 Years	5%	171			14 Years	2%	57		
15 Years	6%	194			15 Years	1%	30		
16 Years	4%	128			16 Years	0%	9		
17 Years	2%	70			17 Years	0%	0		

  

Placement Type			Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity			Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	48%	1,520			American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0		
Foster Family Home (Relative)	16%	507			Asian	0%	8		
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	30%	960			Black or African American	18%	581		
Group Home	1%	25			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1		
Institution	4%	143			Hispanic (of any race)	7%	227		
Supervised Independent Living	0%	1			White	63%	1,995		
Runaway	0%	10			Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	5		
Trial Home Visit	0%	13			Two or More Races	11%	362		

  

Sex			Percent	Number
Male	52%	1,663		
Female	48%	1,516		

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

<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=1,624), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021		
Mean		38.2			
Median		32.7			
Time in Care		Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month		0%	5	Mean	15.5
1 - 5 Months		1%	26	Median	7.0
6 - 11 Months		2%	75		
12 - 17 Months		7%	236		
18 - 23 Months		15%	473		
24 - 29 Months		18%	561		
30 - 35 Months		13%	409		
3 - 4 Years		31%	979		
5 Years or More		13%	415		

### Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=1,844

Age at Adoption		Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption			Months	
Mean		6.8	Mean		11.5		
Median		6.0	Median		9.3		
Age at Adoption		Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		0%	6	Less than 1 Month		20%	373
1 Year		4%	65	1 - 5 Months		17%	315
2 Years		12%	230	6 - 11 Months		25%	468
3 Years		14%	252	12 - 17 Months		17%	310
4 Years		10%	184	18 - 23 Months		10%	180
5 Years		9%	158	24 - 29 Months		3%	53
6 Years		7%	134	30 - 35 Months		2%	44
7 Years		6%	115	3 - 4 Years		5%	84
8 Years		5%	92	5 Years or More		1%	10
9 Years		5%	98				
10 Years		5%	88				
11 Years		5%	85				
12 Years		4%	80				
13 Years		4%	71				
14 Years		3%	59				
15 Years		3%	48				
16 Years		2%	43				
17 Years		2%	33				
18 Years		0%	3				
19 Years		0%	0				
20 Years		0%	0				
Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number				
American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	0				
Asian		0%	1				
Black or African American		12%	223				
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	1				
Hispanic (of any race)		7%	124				
White		70%	1,286				
Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	4				
Two or More Races		11%	205				
NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.							

<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	65%	1,199	Male	51%	938
Unmarried Couple	6%	119	Female	49%	906
Single Female	26%	475			
Single Male	3%	51			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	0%	7	Yes	85%	1,573
Foster Parent	57%	1,040	No	15%	271
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	43%	793			

### 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>