



The AFCARS Report:

Kansas

Preliminary FY¹ 2021 Estimates as of June 28, 2022 - No. 29

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2021 data²

Numbers at a Glance: Kansas

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	7,753	8,068	8,066	7,242	7,085
Number entered foster care during the FY	3,997	4,227	4,212	3,032	3,172
Number exited foster care during the FY	3,385	3,696	3,998	3,607	3,199
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	11,138	11,764	12,064	10,849	10,284
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	2,583	2,616	2,376	2,303	2,464
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	1,667	1,811	1,695	1,480	1,638
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	674	936	1,227	985	840

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=7,085

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	8.8	Male	52%	3,651
Median	9.0	Female	48%	3,434

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	5%	345	Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	299
1 Year	6%	398	Foster Family Home (Relative)	35%	2,467
2 Years	7%	470	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	44%	3,121
3 Years	6%	430	Group Home	0%	17
4 Years	6%	426	Institution	7%	513
5 Years	5%	346	Supervised Independent Living	1%	71
6 Years	5%	385	Runaway	1%	67
7 Years	5%	342	Trial Home Visit	7%	527
8 Years	5%	330			
9 Years	5%	358			
10 Years	4%	315			
11 Years	5%	343			
12 Years	5%	345			
13 Years	5%	374			
14 Years	6%	397			
15 Years	6%	431			
16 Years	7%	490			
17 Years	7%	469			
18 Years	1%	73			
19 Years	0%	17			
20 Years	0%	1			

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	59%	4,199
Live with Other Relative(s)	0%	34
Adoption	34%	2,403
Long Term Foster Care	0%	0
Emancipation	6%	423
Guardianship	0%	26
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	0%	0

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

² 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	1%	59	Mean	23.5
Asian	0%	23	Median	17.2
Black or African American	14%	1,022		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1		
Hispanic (of any race)	14%	998		
White	62%	4,374		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0		
Two or More Races	9%	608		

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	4%	301
1 - 5 Months	18%	1,247
6 - 11 Months	18%	1,256
12 - 17 Months	11%	785
18 - 23 Months	11%	788
24 - 29 Months	10%	738
30 - 35 Months	8%	534
3 - 4 Years	13%	917
5 Years or More	7%	519

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

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=3,172

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	7.5	American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	19
Median	7.0	Asian	0%	10
		Black or African American	13%	414
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1
		Hispanic (of any race)	14%	457
		White	65%	2,069
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0
		Two or More Races	6%	202

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	15%	478
1 Year	7%	229
2 Years	6%	182
3 Years	6%	184
4 Years	5%	152
5 Years	4%	141
6 Years	4%	137
7 Years	5%	145
8 Years	4%	130
9 Years	4%	131
10 Years	4%	129
11 Years	4%	133
12 Years	4%	129
13 Years	5%	173
14 Years	6%	196
15 Years	6%	183
16 Years	6%	181
17 Years	4%	139
18 Years	0%	0
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	56%	1,788
Drug Abuse (Parent)	24%	769
Caretaker Inability To Cope	23%	739
Physical Abuse	21%	658
Child Behavior Problem	14%	456
Sexual Abuse	8%	248
Abandonment	5%	151
Housing	3%	84
Parent Incarceration	3%	80
Drug Abuse (Child)	2%	67
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	2%	55
Parent Death	1%	22
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	11
Relinquishment	0%	11
Child Disability	0%	3

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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=3,199

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number	
Mean		9.6	American Indian/Alaska Native		1%	29	
Median		9.0	Asian		0%	10	
			Black or African American		12%	371	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	1	
			Hispanic (of any race)		15%	479	
			White		65%	2,086	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	0	
			Two or More Races		7%	223	
NOTE: 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		2%	58	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)		53%	1,689
1 Year		5%	153	Living with Other Relative(s)		1%	31
2 Years		6%	201	Adoption		26%	839
3 Years		7%	215	Emancipation		14%	444
4 Years		6%	196	Guardianship		5%	156
5 Years		6%	178	Transfer to Another Agency		1%	25
6 Years		5%	162	Runaway		0%	6
7 Years		6%	185	Death of Child		0%	9
8 Years		5%	156				
9 Years		4%	143				
10 Years		5%	150				
11 Years		4%	133				
12 Years		5%	144				
13 Years		4%	126				
14 Years		5%	152				
15 Years		4%	133				
16 Years		4%	130				
17 Years		4%	112				
18 Years		14%	447				
19 Years		1%	25				
20 Years		0%	0				
Time in Care			Months				
Mean			25.7				
Median			20.5				
Time in Care		Percent	Number				
Less than 1 Month		2%	58				
1 - 5 Months		9%	293				
6 - 11 Months		14%	463				
12 - 17 Months		17%	542				
18 - 23 Months		16%	511				
24 - 29 Months		11%	343				
30 - 35 Months		9%	290				
3 - 4 Years		16%	498				
5 Years or More		6%	200				

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2021 - N=2,464

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years
Mean			8.6	Mean			5.3
Median			9.0	Median			5.0

Age as of September 30th			Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	1%	28			Less than 1 Year	18%	445		
1 Year	4%	110			1 Year	8%	199		
2 Years	7%	171			2 Years	7%	161		
3 Years	6%	160			3 Years	7%	180		
4 Years	7%	173			4 Years	7%	162		
5 Years	6%	143			5 Years	8%	191		
6 Years	6%	155			6 Years	7%	176		
7 Years	5%	131			7 Years	6%	159		
8 Years	6%	138			8 Years	6%	160		
9 Years	7%	166			9 Years	6%	137		
10 Years	5%	128			10 Years	6%	137		
11 Years	6%	160			11 Years	4%	105		
12 Years	7%	162			12 Years	5%	111		
13 Years	6%	151			13 Years	3%	81		
14 Years	6%	155			14 Years	2%	37		
15 Years	7%	178			15 Years	1%	18		
16 Years	5%	116			16 Years	0%	5		
17 Years	2%	39			17 Years	0%	0		

Placement Type			Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity			Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	12%	297			American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	26		
Foster Family Home (Relative)	30%	728			Asian	0%	1		
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	52%	1,275			Black or African American	16%	392		
Group Home	0%	4			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0		
Institution	6%	143			Hispanic (of any race)	14%	349		
Supervised Independent Living	0%	2			White	59%	1,446		
Runaway	0%	11			Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0		
Trial Home Visit	0%	4			Two or More Races	10%	250		

Sex			Percent	Number
Male	53%	1,313		
Female	47%	1,151		

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³ 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=1,638), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	39.3	
Median	33.6	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	0%	2	Mean	21.7
1 - 5 Months	1%	14	Median	13.0

6 - 11 Months	4%	102
12 - 17 Months	7%	178
18 - 23 Months	14%	333
24 - 29 Months	16%	404
30 - 35 Months	14%	341
3 - 4 Years	28%	696
5 Years or More	16%	394

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021⁴ - N=840

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	7.3	Mean	18.2
Median	7.0	Median	14.4

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	0%	2	Less than 1 Month	0%	3
1 Year	5%	45	1 - 5 Months	16%	135
2 Years	10%	82	6 - 11 Months	23%	197
3 Years	11%	92	12 - 17 Months	22%	182
4 Years	9%	77	18 - 23 Months	14%	120
5 Years	7%	61	24 - 29 Months	11%	91
6 Years	7%	56	30 - 35 Months	4%	30
7 Years	7%	55	3 - 4 Years	7%	59
8 Years	7%	55	5 Years or More	3%	22

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	9
Asian	0%	1
Black or African American	14%	118
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Hispanic (of any race)	14%	117
White	62%	520
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0
Two or More Races	9%	75

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⁴ 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%	605	Male	53%	441
Unmarried Couple	6%	51	Female	48%	399
Single Female	19%	159			
Single Male	3%	22			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	3%	21	Yes	97%	815
Foster Parent	53%	445	No	3%	25
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	45%	374			

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>