



The AFCARS Report:

Missouri

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6285&(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2021 data²

Numbers at a Glance: Missouri

MDO < HDU					
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	12,390	12,659	12,685	12,650	13,194
Number entered foster care during the FY	6,774	6,963	6,889	6,499	6,819
Number exited foster care during the FY	6,640	6,559	6,642	6,394	6,146
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	19,030	19,218	19,327	19,044	19,340
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	2,825	2,783	2,745	2,583	2,677
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	840	864	895	813	854
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	1,541	1,798	1,820	1,652	1,419

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=13,194

SJH DV RI 6HSWPEHU WK	< HDU	6H	3HUHQW	1XPEHU
Mean	7.9	Male	52%	6,821
Median	7.0	Female	48%	6,373

SJH DV RI 6HSWPEHU WK	3HUHQW	1XPEHU	ORVW 5HHQW 3DHP HQW 6H VQI	3HUHQW	1XPEHU
Less than 1 Year	8%	1,041	Pre-Adoptive Home	16%	2,052
1 Year	9%	1,161	Foster Family Home (Relative)	40%	5,336
2 Years	7%	977	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	29%	3,841
3 Years	6%	856	Group Home	1%	98
4 Years	6%	745	Institution	6%	757
5 Years	5%	659	Supervised Independent Living	0%	59
6 Years	5%	641	Runaway	1%	85
7 Years	5%	618	Trial Home Visit	7%	966
8 Years	4%	572			
9 Years	4%	561	& DMH 3DQ *RDO	Percent	Number
10 Years	4%	524	Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	63%	8,043
11 Years	4%	568	Live with Other Relative(s)	1%	161
12 Years	5%	598	Adoption	20%	2,541
13 Years	5%	672	Long Term Foster Care	2%	244
14 Years	6%	733	Emancipation	2%	193
15 Years	6%	775	Guardianship	11%	1,421
16 Years	6%	802	Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	2%	246
17 Years	5%	675			
18 Years	0%	15			
19 Years	0%	1			
20 Years	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	0%	50	Mean	18.8
Asian	0%	25	Median	13.4
Black or African American	18%	2,313		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	9		
Hispanic (of any race)	8%	1,034		
White	65%	8,532		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	8%	1,003		
Two or More Races	2%	228		

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	5%	658
1 - 5 Months	21%	2,727
6 - 11 Months	20%	2,595
12 - 17 Months	15%	1,929
18 - 23 Months	13%	1,750
24 - 29 Months	9%	1,142
30 - 35 Months	5%	664
3 - 4 Years	9%	1,178
5 Years or More	4%	551

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

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=6,819

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	6.6	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	24
Median	6.0	Asian	0%	16
		Black or African American	15%	1,054
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	6
		Hispanic (of any race)	8%	522
		White	66%	4,473
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	9%	620
		Two or More Races	2%	104

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	20%	1,397
1 Year	7%	476
2 Years	6%	418
3 Years	6%	380
4 Years	5%	355
5 Years	5%	333
6 Years	4%	301
7 Years	4%	281
8 Years	4%	290
9 Years	4%	262
10 Years	4%	287
11 Years	4%	283
12 Years	4%	291
13 Years	5%	320
14 Years	5%	344
15 Years	5%	371
16 Years	4%	302
17 Years	2%	128
18 Years	0%	0
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Drug Abuse (Parent)	50%	3,437
Neglect	41%	2,790
Housing	20%	1,358
Physical Abuse	14%	948
Caretaker Inability To Cope	14%	936
Child Behavior Problem	8%	541
Abandonment	7%	491
Parent Incarceration	6%	434
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	5%	369
Sexual Abuse	5%	343
Drug Abuse (Child)	3%	186
Parent Death	2%	116
Relinquishment	2%	104
Child Disability	1%	56
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	17

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=6,146

Age at Exit	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	
Mean	8.6	American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	34	
Median	8.0	Asian	0%	17	
		Black or African American	16%	976	
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	7	
		Hispanic (of any race)	9%	573	
		White	66%	4,063	
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	6%	370	
		Two or More Races	2%	106	
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	3%	177	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	45%	2,782
1 Year	8%	476	Living with Other Relative(s)	1%	76
2 Years	9%	530	Adoption	22%	1,346
3 Years	7%	428	Emancipation	10%	601
4 Years	6%	385	Guardianship	21%	1,263
5 Years	6%	350	Transfer to Another Agency	1%	31
6 Years	6%	355	Runaway	0%	16
7 Years	4%	262	Death of Child	0%	15
8 Years	5%	309			
9 Years	4%	225			
10 Years	4%	242			
11 Years	4%	236			
12 Years	4%	255			
13 Years	4%	262			
14 Years	5%	284			
15 Years	5%	283			
16 Years	4%	264			
17 Years	4%	254			
18 Years	9%	569			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			
Time in Care	Months				
Mean	23.2				
Median	19.6				
Time in Care	Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month	3%	213			
1 - 5 Months	8%	517			
6 - 11 Months	13%	825			
12 - 17 Months	19%	1,167			
18 - 23 Months	19%	1,170			
24 - 29 Months	12%	751			
30 - 35 Months	9%	551			
3 - 4 Years	11%	699			
5 Years or More	4%	253			

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2021 - N=2,677

Age as of September 30th	Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Years
Mean	7.6	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	3%	68	Less than 1 Year	26%	698
1 Year	10%	281	1 Year	8%	214
2 Years	9%	246	2 Years	7%	192
3 Years	9%	228	3 Years	6%	164
4 Years	6%	169	4 Years	7%	177
5 Years	5%	130	5 Years	7%	176
6 Years	6%	152	6 Years	5%	141
7 Years	6%	155	7 Years	6%	156
8 Years	5%	133	8 Years	5%	130
9 Years	5%	124	9 Years	6%	152
10 Years	4%	104	10 Years	5%	134
11 Years	5%	124	11 Years	4%	111
12 Years	6%	152	12 Years	3%	83
13 Years	5%	136	13 Years	3%	73
14 Years	5%	128	14 Years	2%	41
15 Years	5%	146	15 Years	1%	24
16 Years	4%	120	16 Years	0%	11
17 Years	3%	81	17 Years	0%	0

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	37%	982	American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	14
Foster Family Home (Relative)	22%	585	Asian	0%	3
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	35%	943	Black or African American	19%	498
Group Home	0%	12	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	3
Institution	5%	130	Hispanic (of any race)	7%	180
Supervised Independent Living	0%	3	White	65%	1,739
Runaway	0%	10	Unknown/Unable to Determine	7%	192
Trial Home Visit	0%	12	Two or More Races	2%	48

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	52%	1,392
Female	48%	1,285

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

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=854), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	34.9	
Median	28.8	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	0%	6	Mean	20.9
1 - 5 Months	2%	41	Median	10.0
6 - 11 Months	6%	152		
12 - 17 Months	12%	311		
18 - 23 Months	18%	486		
24 - 29 Months	17%	446		
30 - 35 Months	11%	287		
3 - 4 Years	23%	616		
5 Years or More	12%	332		

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021⁴ - N=1,419

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	6.0	Mean	6.2
Median	5.0	Median	3.4

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	2%	23	Less than 1 Month	21%	294
1 Year	14%	195	1 - 5 Months	49%	679
2 Years	16%	222	6 - 11 Months	18%	248
3 Years	10%	140	12 - 17 Months	6%	77
4 Years	8%	115	18 - 23 Months	3%	43
5 Years	7%	97	24 - 29 Months	2%	23
6 Years	7%	98	30 - 35 Months	1%	9
7 Years	6%	79	3 - 4 Years	1%	20
8 Years	5%	76	5 Years or More	1%	7
9 Years	3%	47			
10 Years	4%	53			
11 Years	3%	47			
12 Years	3%	44			
13 Years	3%	49			
14 Years	3%	39			
15 Years	2%	32			
16 Years	3%	37			
17 Years	2%	23			
18 Years	0%	3			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	9
Asian	0%	6
Black or African American	13%	190
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	2
Hispanic (of any race)	8%	115
White	69%	984
Unknown/Unable to Determine	7%	99
Two or More Races	1%	14

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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	74%	1,042	Male	54%	762
Unmarried Couple	2%	35	Female	46%	657
Single Female	21%	300			
Single Male	3%	36			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption			Receive Adoption Subsidy		
	Percent	Number		Percent	Number
Non-Relative	10%	135	Yes	76%	1,077
Foster Parent	51%	719	No	24%	342
Stepparent	0%	2			
Other Relative	39%	550			

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>