



The AFCARS Report:

New Hampshire

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: New Hampshire

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	1,474	1,312	1,225	1,184	1,091
Number entered foster care during the FY	967	902	846	677	591
Number exited foster care during the FY	565	828	886	658	597
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	2,039	2,140	2,111	1,842	1,688
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	214	270	253	214	214
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	109	180	125	42	55
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	108	211	278	183	241

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=1,091

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	8.7	Male	54%	587
Median	9.0	Female	46%	504

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	7%	78	Pre-Adoptive Home	0%	5
1 Year	7%	74	Foster Family Home (Relative)	30%	327
2 Years	7%	76	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	42%	461
3 Years	5%	59	Group Home	4%	44
4 Years	5%	52	Institution	23%	249
5 Years	5%	51	Supervised Independent Living	0%	3
6 Years	5%	52	Runaway	0%	2
7 Years	4%	43	Trial Home Visit	0%	0
8 Years	4%	47			
9 Years	4%	41	Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
10 Years	4%	45	Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	73%	772
11 Years	4%	39	Live with Other Relative(s)	0%	1
12 Years	7%	71	Adoption	19%	201
13 Years	4%	49	Long Term Foster Care	3%	28
14 Years	8%	84	Emancipation	1%	7
15 Years	6%	69	Guardianship	2%	23
16 Years	7%	72	Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	3%	31
17 Years	5%	56			
18 Years	1%	15			
19 Years	1%	9			
20 Years	1%	9			

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%	1	Mean	20.5
Asian	1%	6	Median	15.2
Black or African American	4%	41		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1		
Hispanic (of any race)	9%	103		
White	78%	855		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	25		
Two or More Races	5%	59		

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%	40
1 - 5 Months	19%	204
6 - 11 Months	20%	214
12 - 17 Months	12%	135
18 - 23 Months	14%	155
24 - 29 Months	9%	103
30 - 35 Months	7%	75
3 - 4 Years	10%	111
5 Years or More	5%	54

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=591

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	8.2	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	1
Median	8.0	Asian	1%	4
		Black or African American	4%	24
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	3
		Hispanic (of any race)	10%	57
		White	74%	440
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	4%	26
		Two or More Races	6%	36

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

Age at Entry	Percent	Number	Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	19%	110	Neglect	79%	465
1 Year	6%	37	Child Behavior Problem	16%	94
2 Years	5%	27	Drug Abuse (Parent)	13%	77
3 Years	4%	25	Physical Abuse	8%	46
4 Years	4%	26	Sexual Abuse	5%	27
5 Years	4%	26	Caretaker Inability To Cope	1%	4
6 Years	3%	20	Housing	1%	4
7 Years	2%	14	Abandonment	1%	3
8 Years	4%	22	Parent Death	0%	1
9 Years	2%	9	Parent Incarceration	0%	1
10 Years	3%	16	Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	0
11 Years	4%	24	Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	0%	0
12 Years	3%	17	Child Disability	0%	0
13 Years	6%	36	Drug Abuse (Child)	0%	0
14 Years	7%	43	Relinquishment	0%	0
15 Years	9%	55			
16 Years	6%	35			
17 Years	3%	15			
18 Years	3%	16			
19 Years	2%	12			
20 Years	1%	4			

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=597

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number
Mean		9.5	American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	1
Median		9.0	Asian		0%	2
			Black or African American		4%	21
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	2
			Hispanic (of any race)		10%	60
			White		76%	453
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		6%	35
			Two or More Races		4%	23
NOTE: 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)		45%	264
			Living with Other Relative(s)		3%	18
			Adoption		39%	232
			Emancipation		11%	67
			Guardianship		2%	12
			Transfer to Another Agency		0%	0
			Runaway		0%	0
			Death of Child		0%	0

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2021 - N=214

Age as of September 30th		Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care		Years
Mean		9.1	Mean		6.1
Median		9.0	Median		6.0

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

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	1%	3	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0
Foster Family Home (Relative)	24%	52	Asian	1%	2
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	50%	107	Black or African American	5%	10
Group Home	4%	8	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Institution	21%	44	Hispanic (of any race)	6%	13
Supervised Independent Living	0%	0	White	83%	177
Runaway	0%	0	Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	2
Trial Home Visit	0%	0	Two or More Races	5%	10

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	59%	127
Female	41%	87

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=55), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021			
Mean		36.5				
Median		30.4				
Time in Care		Percent	Number	Time Since TPR		Months
Less than 1 Month		0%	0	Mean		21.9
1 - 5 Months		1%	2	Median		11.0
6 - 11 Months		2%	4			
12 - 17 Months		9%	19			
18 - 23 Months		19%	40			
24 - 29 Months		19%	40			
30 - 35 Months		15%	32			
3 - 4 Years		23%	49			
5 Years or More		13%	28			

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021⁴ - N=241

Age at Adoption		Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption			Months	
Mean		6.4	Mean		12.3		
Median		6.0	Median		9.9		
Age at Adoption		Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		0%	0	Less than 1 Month		1%	2
1 Year		4%	10	1 - 5 Months		27%	64
2 Years		13%	31	6 - 11 Months		34%	82
3 Years		12%	28	12 - 17 Months		18%	42
4 Years		10%	23	18 - 23 Months		11%	26
5 Years		10%	25	24 - 29 Months		4%	10
6 Years		10%	24	30 - 35 Months		0%	1
7 Years		8%	19	3 - 4 Years		5%	12
8 Years		5%	13	5 Years or More		0%	0
9 Years		6%	15				
10 Years		5%	13				
11 Years		3%	7				
12 Years		4%	9				
13 Years		3%	7				
14 Years		3%	7				
15 Years		1%	2				
16 Years		3%	8				
17 Years		0%	0				
18 Years		0%	0				
19 Years		0%	0				
20 Years		0%	0				

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	77%	185	Male	56%	136
Unmarried Couple	2%	6	Female	44%	105
Single Female	20%	47			
Single Male	1%	3			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	0%	0	Yes	97%	233
Foster Parent	61%	147	No	3%	8
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	39%	94			

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>