



The AFCARS Report:

Ohio

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: Ohio

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	14,961	15,730	16,387	16,017	15,449
Number entered foster care during the FY	11,845	12,325	12,410	10,720	10,505
Number exited foster care during the FY	10,234	11,014	11,053	10,458	10,324
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	25,195	26,744	27,440	26,475	25,773
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	3,373	3,579	3,677	3,472	3,526
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	2,936	3,117	3,290	3,269	3,353
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	1,538	1,566	1,665	1,466	1,622

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=15,449

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	8.6	Male	51%	7,940
Median	8.0	Female	49%	7,509

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	7%	1,145	Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	555
1 Year	8%	1,278	Foster Family Home (Relative)	21%	3,233
2 Years	7%	1,054	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	56%	8,700
3 Years	6%	886	Group Home	5%	742
4 Years	6%	853	Institution	7%	1,086
5 Years	5%	760	Supervised Independent Living	5%	793
6 Years	4%	673	Runaway	1%	166
7 Years	4%	645	Trial Home Visit	1%	169
8 Years	4%	654			
9 Years	4%	602			
10 Years	4%	558			
11 Years	4%	592			
12 Years	4%	636			
13 Years	5%	704			
14 Years	5%	785			
15 Years	6%	861			
16 Years	6%	904			
17 Years	6%	960			
18 Years	2%	365			
19 Years	2%	250			
20 Years	2%	284			

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	63%	9,704
Live with Other Relative(s)	2%	283
Adoption	22%	3,413
Long Term Foster Care	1%	93
Emancipation	7%	1,111
Guardianship	0%	0
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	5%	711

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%	7	Mean	18.1
Asian	0%	22	Median	12.2
Black or African American	29%	4,453		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	3		
Hispanic (of any race)	6%	956		
White	51%	7,818		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	34		
Two or More Races	14%	2,103		

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	6%	918
1 - 5 Months	23%	3,580
6 - 11 Months	21%	3,168
12 - 17 Months	12%	1,925
18 - 23 Months	11%	1,765
24 - 29 Months	8%	1,256
30 - 35 Months	5%	777
3 - 4 Years	10%	1,480
5 Years or More	4%	580

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=10,505

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	7.9	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	5
Median	7.0	Asian	0%	21
		Black or African American	28%	2,953
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	3
		Hispanic (of any race)	6%	589
		White	52%	5,464
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	31
		Two or More Races	13%	1,381

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Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	17%	1,835
1 Year	7%	702
2 Years	5%	563
3 Years	5%	514
4 Years	5%	491
5 Years	4%	466
6 Years	4%	436
7 Years	4%	418
8 Years	4%	408
9 Years	3%	352
10 Years	3%	324
11 Years	3%	364
12 Years	4%	406
13 Years	4%	461
14 Years	5%	518
15 Years	5%	501
16 Years	5%	495
17 Years	4%	394
18 Years	4%	425
19 Years	2%	260
20 Years	2%	171

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Caretaker Inability To Cope	52%	5,415
Neglect	33%	3,432
Drug Abuse (Parent)	27%	2,853
Physical Abuse	23%	2,369
Child Behavior Problem	11%	1,125
Housing	7%	721
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	4%	413
Parent Incarceration	3%	272
Sexual Abuse	2%	223
Abandonment	1%	98
Parent Death	1%	84
Drug Abuse (Child)	1%	83
Relinquishment	1%	54
Child Disability	0%	43
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	16

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=10,324

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	
Mean		8.5	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	6	
Median		8.0	Asian	0%	40	
Age at Exit		Percent	Number	Black or African American	29%	3,022
Less than 1 Year		6%	576	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	4
1 Year		8%	828	Hispanic (of any race)	5%	565
2 Years		8%	831	White	52%	5,351
3 Years		7%	685	Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	13
4 Years		5%	554	Two or More Races	13%	1,298
5 Years		6%	556	NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.		
6 Years		5%	507			
7 Years		5%	471	Reason for Discharge	Percent	Number
8 Years		4%	427	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	41%	4,191
9 Years		4%	387	Living with Other Relative(s)	26%	2,679
10 Years		4%	398	Adoption	16%	1,592
11 Years		4%	366	Emancipation	11%	1,173
12 Years		4%	359	Guardianship	5%	483
13 Years		4%	398	Transfer to Another Agency	0%	40
14 Years		4%	444	Runaway	1%	83
15 Years		4%	442	Death of Child	0%	7
16 Years		4%	454			
17 Years		4%	451			
18 Years		6%	617			
19 Years		2%	216			
20 Years		1%	134			
Time in Care		Months				
Mean		16.9				
Median		12.8				
Time in Care		Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month		7%	687			
1 - 5 Months		20%	2,086			
6 - 11 Months		20%	2,102			
12 - 17 Months		16%	1,602			
18 - 23 Months		14%	1,394			
24 - 29 Months		9%	897			
30 - 35 Months		5%	521			
3 - 4 Years		8%	817			
5 Years or More		2%	218			

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2021 - N=3,526

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years		
Mean			9.2	Mean			6.0		
Median			10.0	Median			6.0		
Age as of September 30th			Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year			2%	57	Less than 1 Year			21%	731
1 Year			7%	234	1 Year			6%	216
2 Years			7%	263	2 Years			5%	188
3 Years			6%	210	3 Years			5%	171
4 Years			5%	192	4 Years			6%	194
5 Years			5%	165	5 Years			5%	188
6 Years			4%	156	6 Years			6%	206
7 Years			4%	145	7 Years			6%	200
8 Years			5%	173	8 Years			6%	211
9 Years			4%	154	9 Years			6%	212
10 Years			5%	164	10 Years			6%	199
11 Years			5%	173	11 Years			6%	215
12 Years			5%	181	12 Years			7%	241
13 Years			6%	207	13 Years			6%	198
14 Years			7%	231	14 Years			3%	109
15 Years			8%	277	15 Years			1%	37
16 Years			8%	278	16 Years			0%	8
17 Years			8%	266	17 Years			0%	2
Placement Type			Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity			Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home			16%	553	American Indian/Alaska Native			0%	4
Foster Family Home (Relative)			6%	209	Asian			0%	8
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)			62%	2,202	Black or African American			28%	974
Group Home			6%	226	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander			0%	2
Institution			8%	286	Hispanic (of any race)			5%	189
Supervised Independent Living			0%	9	White			52%	1,843
Runaway			1%	41	Unknown/Unable to Determine			0%	3
Trial Home Visit			0%	0	Two or More Races			14%	500
Sex			Percent	Number	NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.				
Male			55%	1,944					
Female			45%	1,582					

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=3,353), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	39.5	
Median	34.7	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	0%	1	Mean	20.0
1 - 5 Months	1%	33	Median	12.0

6 - 11 Months	4%	141
12 - 17 Months	7%	235
18 - 23 Months	13%	454
24 - 29 Months	16%	552
30 - 35 Months	13%	464
3 - 4 Years	32%	1,139
5 Years or More	14%	507

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021⁴ - N=1,622

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	6.1	Mean	17.7
Median	5.0	Median	14.2

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	1%	24	Less than 1 Month	0%	5
1 Year	10%	165	1 - 5 Months	13%	202
2 Years	14%	232	6 - 11 Months	30%	479
3 Years	13%	204	12 - 17 Months	21%	337
4 Years	8%	133	18 - 23 Months	13%	215
5 Years	8%	126	24 - 29 Months	9%	146
6 Years	6%	103	30 - 35 Months	5%	84
7 Years	6%	101	3 - 4 Years	7%	120
8 Years	5%	76	5 Years or More	1%	24
9 Years	4%	65			

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	2
Asian	0%	1
Black or African American	20%	320
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Hispanic (of any race)	6%	92
White	58%	938
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	4
Two or More Races	16%	262

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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	76%	1,230	Male	56%	914
Unmarried Couple	2%	25	Female	44%	707
Single Female	19%	308			
Single Male	3%	51			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	15%	238	Yes	96%	1,559
Foster Parent	78%	1,261	No	4%	63
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	8%	123			

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>