



# The AFCARS Report:

## Oklahoma

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: Oklahoma

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	9,315	8,642	8,311	8,058	7,468
Number entered foster care during the FY	5,128	4,705	4,529	4,051	3,461
Number exited foster care during the FY	5,824	5,320	4,802	4,273	4,028
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	15,139	13,962	13,113	12,331	11,496
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	4,075	4,018	3,787	3,617	3,706
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	2,091	1,937	1,830	1,454	1,580
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	2,593	2,238	2,086	1,820	1,494

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=7,468

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	6.4	Male	51%	3,829
Median	5.0	Female	49%	3,639

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	10%	739	Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	266
1 Year	11%	806	Foster Family Home (Relative)	32%	2,384
2 Years	10%	725	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	49%	3,625
3 Years	8%	617	Group Home	4%	295
4 Years	7%	521	Institution	2%	176
5 Years	6%	471	Supervised Independent Living	0%	0
6 Years	6%	426	Runaway	1%	44
7 Years	5%	384	Trial Home Visit	9%	653
8 Years	5%	367			
9 Years	4%	315			
10 Years	4%	282			
11 Years	4%	284			
12 Years	4%	286			
13 Years	4%	283			
14 Years	3%	253			
15 Years	3%	258			
16 Years	3%	253			
17 Years	3%	194			
18 Years	0%	4			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	43%	3,159
Live with Other Relative(s)	2%	151
Adoption	49%	3,657
Long Term Foster Care	0%	0
Emancipation	0%	36
Guardianship	1%	82
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	4%	315

<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	9%	708	Mean	19.9
Asian	0%	10	Median	15.1
Black or African American	9%	674		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	5		
Hispanic (of any race)	18%	1,368		
White	35%	2,621		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0		
Two or More Races	28%	2,082		

  

**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%	314
1 - 5 Months	17%	1,303
6 - 11 Months	19%	1,433
12 - 17 Months	16%	1,216
18 - 23 Months	13%	945
24 - 29 Months	10%	765
30 - 35 Months	7%	502
3 - 4 Years	9%	700
5 Years or More	4%	290

### Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=3,461

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	5.0	American Indian/Alaska Native	10%	334
Median	3.0	Asian	0%	7
		Black or African American	10%	330
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	3
		Hispanic (of any race)	16%	557
		White	36%	1,245
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	1
		Two or More Races	28%	984

  

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Age at Entry	Percent	Number	Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	29%	999	Neglect	59%	2,049
1 Year	8%	268	Drug Abuse (Parent)	46%	1,583
2 Years	7%	258	Physical Abuse	14%	495
3 Years	6%	212	Housing	11%	393
4 Years	6%	224	Abandonment	9%	298
5 Years	5%	160	Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	7%	239
6 Years	5%	158	Sexual Abuse	6%	203
7 Years	5%	157	Parent Incarceration	4%	141
8 Years	4%	126	Caretaker Inability To Cope	1%	37
9 Years	4%	131	Drug Abuse (Child)	1%	30
10 Years	3%	112	Child Behavior Problem	1%	25
11 Years	3%	111	Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	13
12 Years	3%	101	Parent Death	0%	11
13 Years	3%	112	Relinquishment	0%	9
14 Years	3%	102	Child Disability	0%	8
15 Years	3%	98			
16 Years	2%	72			
17 Years	2%	60			
18 Years	0%	0			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

**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=4,028

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number	
Mean		7.0	American Indian/Alaska Native		8%	305	
Median		6.0	Asian		0%	1	
			Black or African American		8%	332	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	5	
			Hispanic (of any race)		17%	674	
			White		39%	1,558	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	1	
			Two or More Races		29%	1,152	
<b>NOTE:</b> 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		4%	152	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)		46%	1,862
1 Year		11%	463	Living with Other Relative(s)		2%	89
2 Years		12%	487	Adoption		34%	1,388
3 Years		8%	336	Emancipation		5%	203
4 Years		8%	303	Guardianship		8%	322
5 Years		6%	255	Transfer to Another Agency		4%	154
6 Years		6%	228	Runaway		0%	5
7 Years		5%	211	Death of Child		0%	5
8 Years		5%	198				
9 Years		4%	154				
10 Years		4%	166				
11 Years		4%	142				
12 Years		3%	136				
13 Years		4%	154				
14 Years		3%	128				
15 Years		3%	114				
16 Years		3%	110				
17 Years		2%	92				
18 Years		5%	198				
19 Years		0%	1				
20 Years		0%	0				
Time in Care			Months				
Mean			23.3				
Median			19.7				
Time in Care			Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month			4%	158			
1 - 5 Months			6%	243			
6 - 11 Months			13%	539			
12 - 17 Months			20%	790			
18 - 23 Months			20%	801			
24 - 29 Months			13%	539			
30 - 35 Months			9%	363			
3 - 4 Years			11%	450			
5 Years or More			4%	144			

### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=3,706

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years		
Mean			6.8	Mean			4.5		
Median			6.0	Median			3.0		
Age as of September 30th			Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year			6%	229	Less than 1 Year			30%	1,099
1 Year			12%	438	1 Year			8%	312
2 Years			10%	387	2 Years			7%	251
3 Years			8%	307	3 Years			7%	263
4 Years			7%	248	4 Years			6%	228
5 Years			6%	229	5 Years			6%	204
6 Years			5%	199	6 Years			5%	182
7 Years			5%	179	7 Years			5%	181
8 Years			5%	171	8 Years			4%	149
9 Years			4%	151	9 Years			4%	150
10 Years			4%	143	10 Years			4%	139
11 Years			4%	155	11 Years			4%	142
12 Years			4%	157	12 Years			3%	118
13 Years			4%	159	13 Years			3%	108
14 Years			4%	154	14 Years			3%	93
15 Years			4%	151	15 Years			2%	63
16 Years			4%	150	16 Years			1%	20
17 Years			3%	99	17 Years			0%	4
Placement Type			Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity			Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home			7%	265	American Indian/Alaska Native			8%	297
Foster Family Home (Relative)			30%	1,101	Asian			0%	5
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)			53%	1,978	Black or African American			9%	328
Group Home			5%	190	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander			0%	3
Institution			3%	124	Hispanic (of any race)			20%	742
Supervised Independent Living			0%	0	White			36%	1,319
Runaway			1%	24	Unknown/Unable to Determine			0%	0
Trial Home Visit			0%	18	Two or More Races			27%	1,012
Sex			Percent	Number	NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.				
Male			52%	1,933					
Female			48%	1,773					

<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=1,580), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021		
Mean		27.7			
Median		22.7			
Time in Care		Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month		0%	7	Mean	17.0
1 - 5 Months		5%	179	Median	6.0
6 - 11 Months		14%	525		
12 - 17 Months		18%	658		
18 - 23 Months		17%	617		
24 - 29 Months		15%	550		
30 - 35 Months		10%	375		
3 - 4 Years		15%	538		
5 Years or More		7%	257		

### Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=1,494

Age at Adoption		Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption			Months	
Mean		5.8	Mean		10.0		
Median		4.0	Median		6.1		
Age at Adoption		Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		3%	47	Less than 1 Month		0%	0
1 Year		15%	229	1 - 5 Months		48%	718
2 Years		16%	232	6 - 11 Months		28%	414
3 Years		9%	140	12 - 17 Months		11%	156
4 Years		8%	113	18 - 23 Months		7%	100
5 Years		7%	99	24 - 29 Months		2%	30
6 Years		6%	83	30 - 35 Months		0%	7
7 Years		5%	80	3 - 4 Years		3%	42
8 Years		4%	67	5 Years or More		1%	17
9 Years		4%	54				
10 Years		5%	72				
11 Years		4%	56				
12 Years		3%	44				
13 Years		4%	59				
14 Years		2%	33				
15 Years		2%	26				
16 Years		2%	31				
17 Years		2%	27				
18 Years		0%	2				
19 Years		0%	0				
20 Years		0%	0				
				Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number
				American Indian/Alaska Native		9%	138
				Asian		0%	0
				Black or African American		6%	84
				Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	4
				Hispanic (of any race)		16%	241
				White		42%	623
				Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	0
				Two or More Races		27%	404
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	76%	1,141	Male	50%	751
Unmarried Couple	0%	4	Female	50%	743
Single Female	21%	310			
Single Male	3%	39			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	5%	73	Yes	94%	1,405
Foster Parent	49%	735	No	6%	89
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	46%	686			

### 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>