



# The AFCARS Report:

## Oregon

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: Oregon

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	7,758	7,382	6,842	6,026	5,269
Number entered foster care during the FY	4,157	3,586	3,334	2,743	2,413
Number exited foster care during the FY	3,660	3,759	3,687	3,437	3,012
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	11,418	11,141	10,529	9,463	8,281
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	1,586	1,744	1,576	1,043	1,129
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	1,227	1,302	1,318	936	805
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	707	679	792	877	696

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=5,269

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	7.9	Male	51%	2,697
Median	7.0	Female	49%	2,572

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	7%	379	Pre-Adoptive Home	9%	457
1 Year	8%	417	Foster Family Home (Relative)	35%	1,823
2 Years	7%	371	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	38%	2,023
3 Years	7%	365	Group Home	1%	57
4 Years	6%	317	Institution	5%	256
5 Years	6%	305	Supervised Independent Living	0%	25
6 Years	6%	295	Runaway	1%	69
7 Years	5%	261	Trial Home Visit	11%	559
8 Years	5%	250			
9 Years	5%	240			
10 Years	4%	212			
11 Years	4%	212			
12 Years	4%	232			
13 Years	5%	248			
14 Years	5%	247			
15 Years	5%	276			
16 Years	5%	288			
17 Years	5%	283			
18 Years	1%	39			
19 Years	0%	20			
20 Years	0%	12			

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	23%	1,193
Live with Other Relative(s)	4%	212
Adoption	18%	945
Long Term Foster Care	0%	5
Emancipation	3%	132
Guardianship	8%	402
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	45%	2,380

<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	4%	227	Mean	24.8
Asian	1%	26	Median	17.7
Black or African American	5%	261		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	35		
Hispanic (of any race)	18%	956		
White	60%	3,135		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	85		
Two or More Races	9%	465		
<b>NOTE:</b> 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%	201		
1 - 5 Months	17%	883		
6 - 11 Months	16%	862		
12 - 17 Months	14%	723		
18 - 23 Months	13%	670		
24 - 29 Months	9%	461		
30 - 35 Months	8%	415		
3 - 4 Years	13%	662		
5 Years or More	7%	392		

### Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=2,413

Age at Entry		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number	
Mean		6.1	American Indian/Alaska Native		5%	116	
Median		5.0	Asian		0%	10	
			Black or African American		4%	104	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	11	
			Hispanic (of any race)		16%	370	
			White		63%	1,462	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		4%	82	
			Two or More Races		7%	164	
			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		22%	531	Neglect		77%	1,852
1 Year		7%	177	Drug Abuse (Parent)		53%	1,269
2 Years		7%	171	Housing		14%	346
3 Years		5%	130	Caretaker Inability To Cope		13%	317
4 Years		7%	164	Physical Abuse		13%	310
5 Years		5%	123	Alcohol Abuse (Parent)		12%	298
6 Years		5%	127	Child Behavior Problem		8%	190
7 Years		4%	95	Parent Incarceration		6%	135
8 Years		4%	101	Sexual Abuse		4%	104
9 Years		4%	103	Drug Abuse (Child)		4%	92
10 Years		3%	62	Abandonment		3%	61
11 Years		4%	100	Child Disability		2%	40
12 Years		4%	89	Alcohol Abuse (Child)		1%	31
13 Years		4%	99	Parent Death		1%	20
14 Years		4%	101	Relinquishment		1%	14
15 Years		4%	96				
16 Years		4%	89				
17 Years		2%	52				
18 Years		0%	3				
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=3,012

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number	
Mean		8.2	American Indian/Alaska Native		5%	140	
Median		7.0	Asian		0%	12	
			Black or African American		4%	133	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	8	
			Hispanic (of any race)		18%	539	
			White		62%	1,852	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		2%	61	
			Two or More Races		8%	231	
			<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		3%	103	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)		53%	1,596
1 Year		7%	198	Living with Other Relative(s)		2%	51
2 Years		8%	246	Adoption		22%	667
3 Years		8%	239	Emancipation		9%	268
4 Years		7%	215	Guardianship		12%	361
5 Years		8%	228	Transfer to Another Agency		2%	56
6 Years		6%	166	Runaway		0%	9
7 Years		5%	157	Death of Child		0%	4
8 Years		5%	160				
9 Years		5%	137				
10 Years		4%	128				
11 Years		4%	128				
12 Years		4%	126				
13 Years		4%	123				
14 Years		3%	99				
15 Years		4%	109				
16 Years		4%	111				
17 Years		3%	79				
18 Years		8%	248				
19 Years		0%	6				
20 Years		0%	6				
Time in Care		Months					
Mean		25.6					
Median		20.9					
Time in Care		Percent	Number				
Less than 1 Month		3%	97				
1 - 5 Months		10%	306				
6 - 11 Months		16%	476				
12 - 17 Months		14%	436				
18 - 23 Months		13%	402				
24 - 29 Months		11%	320				
30 - 35 Months		8%	255				
3 - 4 Years		19%	559				
5 Years or More		5%	158				

### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=1,129

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years
Mean			7.2	Mean			4.1
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	2%	18	Less than 1 Year	28%	320
1 Year	8%	95	1 Year	11%	120
2 Years	9%	107	2 Years	9%	105
3 Years	9%	103	3 Years	7%	78
4 Years	8%	93	4 Years	8%	88
5 Years	8%	91	5 Years	5%	62
6 Years	6%	73	6 Years	4%	48
7 Years	6%	73	7 Years	5%	58
8 Years	6%	65	8 Years	4%	43
9 Years	5%	53	9 Years	5%	56
10 Years	4%	45	10 Years	3%	36
11 Years	4%	47	11 Years	3%	30
12 Years	4%	45	12 Years	2%	26
13 Years	5%	58	13 Years	2%	23
14 Years	4%	43	14 Years	2%	22
15 Years	4%	44	15 Years	1%	8
16 Years	4%	47	16 Years	0%	4
17 Years	3%	29	17 Years	0%	2

  

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	39%	437	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	4
Foster Family Home (Relative)	21%	241	Asian	0%	4
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	33%	374	Black or African American	6%	67
Group Home	1%	16	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	6
Institution	4%	42	Hispanic (of any race)	21%	235
Supervised Independent Living	0%	1	White	63%	707
Runaway	1%	6	Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	12
Trial Home Visit	1%	12	Two or More Races	8%	90

  

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	52%	590
Female	48%	539

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

<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=805), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021		
Mean		39.0			
Median		32.6			
Time in Care		Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month		0%	2	Mean	27.8
1 - 5 Months		1%	14	Median	8.0
6 - 11 Months		4%	45		
12 - 17 Months		8%	93		
18 - 23 Months		14%	160		
24 - 29 Months		15%	171		
30 - 35 Months		16%	184		
3 - 4 Years		28%	317		
5 Years or More		13%	143		

### Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=696

Age at Adoption		Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption			Months	
Mean		5.9	Mean			11.7	
Median		5.0	Median			8.8	
Age at Adoption		Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		2%	17	Less than 1 Month		3%	21
1 Year		9%	61	1 - 5 Months		30%	202
2 Years		15%	103	6 - 11 Months		32%	214
3 Years		11%	80	12 - 17 Months		15%	101
4 Years		9%	65	18 - 23 Months		10%	70
5 Years		9%	65	24 - 29 Months		4%	28
6 Years		6%	45	30 - 35 Months		2%	16
7 Years		6%	39	3 - 4 Years		3%	18
8 Years		7%	48	5 Years or More		0%	2
9 Years		5%	32				
10 Years		4%	28				
11 Years		4%	29				
12 Years		3%	20				
13 Years		2%	16				
14 Years		2%	11				
15 Years		2%	14				
16 Years		2%	12				
17 Years		2%	11				
18 Years		0%	0				
19 Years		0%	0				
20 Years		0%	0				
Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number				
American Indian/Alaska Native		1%	6				
Asian		0%	3				
Black or African American		3%	20				
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	1				
Hispanic (of any race)		17%	117				
White		69%	474				
Unknown/Unable to Determine		1%	5				
Two or More Races		9%	63				
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	75%	521	Male	51%	353
Unmarried Couple	5%	33	Female	49%	343
Single Female	19%	128			
Single Male	1%	9			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	3%	24	Yes	95%	664
Foster Parent	57%	392	No	5%	32
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	40%	275			

### 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>