



# The AFCARS Report:

## Vermont

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: Vermont

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	1,270	1,308	1,245	1,078	1,054
Number entered foster care during the FY	756	881	736	556	591
Number exited foster care during the FY	745	740	743	665	580
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	2,013	2,045	1,985	1,741	1,634
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	329	324	331	308	266
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	240	233	237	188	179
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	287	262	260	263	202

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=1,054

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	8.7	Male	51%	542
Median	9.0	Female	49%	512

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	6%	63	Pre-Adoptive Home	5%	54
1 Year	9%	90	Foster Family Home (Relative)	33%	350
2 Years	7%	70	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	41%	429
3 Years	6%	59	Group Home	12%	129
4 Years	4%	47	Institution	1%	6
5 Years	4%	46	Supervised Independent Living	0%	4
6 Years	5%	55	Runaway	0%	2
7 Years	4%	43	Trial Home Visit	8%	80
8 Years	5%	49			
9 Years	4%	46	<b>Case Plan Goal</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
10 Years	4%	43	Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	66%	691
11 Years	4%	46	Live with Other Relative(s)	0%	4
12 Years	5%	49	Adoption	25%	259
13 Years	5%	49	Long Term Foster Care	0%	3
14 Years	5%	52	Emancipation	0%	2
15 Years	8%	83	Guardianship	0%	5
16 Years	7%	69	Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	9%	90
17 Years	7%	72			
18 Years	2%	21			
19 Years	0%	2			
20 Years	0%	0			

<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	0%	0	Mean	20.0
Asian	1%	6	Median	14.8
Black or African American	3%	32		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0		
Hispanic (of any race)	2%	23		
White	92%	974		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	6		
Two or More Races	1%	12		

  

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	6%	64
1 - 5 Months	18%	188
6 - 11 Months	19%	196
12 - 17 Months	14%	146
18 - 23 Months	12%	126
24 - 29 Months	11%	114
30 - 35 Months	6%	67
3 - 4 Years	10%	110
5 Years or More	4%	43

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

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=591				
Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	7.2	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0
Median	7.0	Asian	1%	4
		Black or African American	3%	16
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
		Hispanic (of any race)	2%	14
		White	92%	543
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	7
		Two or More Races	1%	5

  

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	17%	103
1 Year	6%	36
2 Years	7%	40
3 Years	6%	35
4 Years	4%	24
5 Years	5%	32
6 Years	4%	24
7 Years	5%	27
8 Years	5%	28
9 Years	4%	22
10 Years	4%	22
11 Years	4%	25
12 Years	3%	18
13 Years	5%	32
14 Years	5%	30
15 Years	8%	47
16 Years	4%	21
17 Years	4%	24
18 Years	0%	1
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

  

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	47%	278
Drug Abuse (Parent)	32%	189
Child Behavior Problem	15%	89
Physical Abuse	11%	67
Caretaker Inability To Cope	9%	53
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	4%	26
Housing	3%	17
Sexual Abuse	3%	17
Abandonment	3%	15
Drug Abuse (Child)	2%	10
Parent Death	2%	9
Parent Incarceration	1%	5
Relinquishment	1%	5
Child Disability	1%	3
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	1

**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=580

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number	
Mean		8.6	American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	0	
Median		8.0	Asian		1%	5	
			Black or African American		4%	24	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	0	
			Hispanic (of any race)		3%	15	
			White		91%	526	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	2	
			Two or More Races		1%	7	
<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%	25	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)		49%	284
1 Year		6%	34	Living with Other Relative(s)		4%	26
2 Years		6%	34	Adoption		33%	189
3 Years		8%	49	Emancipation		6%	35
4 Years		7%	38	Guardianship		5%	30
5 Years		7%	38	Transfer to Another Agency		2%	13
6 Years		8%	47	Runaway		0%	1
7 Years		4%	21	Death of Child		0%	1
8 Years		5%	27				
9 Years		4%	24				
10 Years		4%	26				
11 Years		4%	21				
12 Years		4%	22				
13 Years		4%	26				
14 Years		2%	13				
15 Years		4%	23				
16 Years		5%	27				
17 Years		6%	37				
18 Years		8%	47				
19 Years		0%	1				
20 Years		0%	0				
Time in Care			Months				
Mean			20.0				
Median			17.9				
Time in Care		Percent	Number				
Less than 1 Month		12%	70				
1 - 5 Months		13%	75				
6 - 11 Months		13%	73				
12 - 17 Months		13%	75				
18 - 23 Months		13%	78				
24 - 29 Months		12%	70				
30 - 35 Months		10%	57				
3 - 4 Years		12%	68				
5 Years or More		2%	14				

### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=266

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years
Mean			8.6	Mean			5.7
Median			8.0	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	20%	53
1 Year	8%	21	1 Year	8%	20
2 Years	8%	21	2 Years	5%	12
3 Years	7%	19	3 Years	6%	16
4 Years	6%	17	4 Years	4%	11
5 Years	5%	14	5 Years	6%	15
6 Years	5%	14	6 Years	9%	25
7 Years	4%	11	7 Years	8%	21
8 Years	6%	16	8 Years	5%	12
9 Years	6%	17	9 Years	5%	14
10 Years	5%	13	10 Years	7%	18
11 Years	5%	14	11 Years	6%	16
12 Years	6%	16	12 Years	5%	13
13 Years	4%	11	13 Years	3%	9
14 Years	4%	11	14 Years	2%	5
15 Years	6%	17	15 Years	2%	4
16 Years	5%	14	16 Years	0%	1
17 Years	7%	19	17 Years	0%	0

  

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	20%	54	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0
Foster Family Home (Relative)	33%	87	Asian	0%	0
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	36%	97	Black or African American	3%	9
Group Home	9%	25	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Institution	1%	2	Hispanic (of any race)	1%	3
Supervised Independent Living	0%	1	White	94%	251
Runaway	0%	0	Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	0
Trial Home Visit	0%	0	Two or More Races	1%	3

  

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	51%	136
Female	49%	130

**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=179), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021		
Mean		36.1			
Median		30.4			
Time in Care		Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month		0%	0	Mean	15.9
1 - 5 Months		2%	4	Median	7.0
6 - 11 Months		3%	7		
12 - 17 Months		11%	28		
18 - 23 Months		14%	36		
24 - 29 Months		21%	55		
30 - 35 Months		16%	43		
3 - 4 Years		24%	65		
5 Years or More		11%	28		

### Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=202

Age at Adoption		Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption			Months	
Mean		6.7	Mean			10.2	
Median		6.0	Median			7.4	
Age at Adoption		Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		0%	1	Less than 1 Month		1%	2
1 Year		4%	8	1 - 5 Months		37%	74
2 Years		11%	22	6 - 11 Months		34%	69
3 Years		12%	24	12 - 17 Months		17%	34
4 Years		8%	16	18 - 23 Months		4%	9
5 Years		9%	19	24 - 29 Months		2%	5
6 Years		12%	24	30 - 35 Months		1%	3
7 Years		7%	15	3 - 4 Years		2%	5
8 Years		5%	11	5 Years or More		0%	1
9 Years		4%	9				
10 Years		5%	10				
11 Years		6%	12				
12 Years		4%	8				
13 Years		4%	9				
14 Years		2%	5				
15 Years		1%	2				
16 Years		1%	3				
17 Years		2%	4				
18 Years		0%	0				
19 Years		0%	0				
20 Years		0%	0				
Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number				
American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	0				
Asian		0%	0				
Black or African American		1%	2				
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	0				
Hispanic (of any race)		3%	7				
White		88%	177				
Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	0				
Two or More Races		8%	16				
<b>NOTE:</b> 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	73%	147	Male	50%	101
Unmarried Couple	7%	15	Female	50%	101
Single Female	20%	40			
Single Male	0%	0			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	0%	0	Yes	82%	166
Foster Parent	63%	127	No	18%	36
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	37%	75			

### 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>