



# The AFCARS Report:

## Hawaii

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: Hawaii

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	1,607	1,687	1,706	1,593	1,418
Number entered foster care during the FY	1,179	1,224	1,272	1,029	1,037
Number exited foster care during the FY	1,090	1,043	1,169	1,089	1,138
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	2,697	2,730	2,875	2,682	2,556
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	247	290	278	273	244
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	236	276	267	264	235
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	152	189	206	206	273

### Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=1,418

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	8.4	Male	47%	672
Median	8.0	Female	53%	744

  

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	9%	132	Pre-Adoptive Home	0%	2
1 Year	8%	111	Foster Family Home (Relative)	49%	690
2 Years	6%	92	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	38%	536
3 Years	5%	72	Group Home	2%	32
4 Years	5%	73	Institution	2%	34
5 Years	6%	80	Supervised Independent Living	7%	97
6 Years	5%	64	Runaway	1%	20
7 Years	5%	67	Trial Home Visit	0%	0

  

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	78%	1,089
Live with Other Relative(s)	1%	19
Adoption	10%	133
Long Term Foster Care	1%	11
Emancipation	7%	102
Guardianship	1%	17
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	1%	17

  

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number
8 Years	4%	60
9 Years	5%	64
10 Years	4%	63
11 Years	4%	51
12 Years	4%	52
13 Years	4%	59
14 Years	4%	58
15 Years	5%	68
16 Years	5%	67
17 Years	6%	78
18 Years	3%	36
19 Years	2%	30
20 Years	3%	41

<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%	2	Mean	16.4
Asian	5%	76	Median	11.9
Black or African American	1%	8		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	29%	414		
Hispanic (of any race)	3%	40		
White	13%	188		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	45		
Two or More Races	45%	645		

  

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	6%	84
1 - 5 Months	21%	299
6 - 11 Months	23%	329
12 - 17 Months	13%	183
18 - 23 Months	14%	201
24 - 29 Months	8%	118
30 - 35 Months	6%	82
3 - 4 Years	6%	90
5 Years or More	2%	32

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

### Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=1,037

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	7.2	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	1
Median	7.0	Asian	5%	53
		Black or African American	2%	19
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	27%	284
		Hispanic (of any race)	3%	30
		White	17%	178
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	4%	43
		Two or More Races	41%	429

  

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	20%	205
1 Year	6%	63
2 Years	5%	50
3 Years	4%	46
4 Years	5%	53
5 Years	5%	54
6 Years	4%	40
7 Years	5%	55
8 Years	4%	44
9 Years	4%	41
10 Years	5%	52
11 Years	4%	41
12 Years	4%	45
13 Years	4%	46
14 Years	5%	47
15 Years	4%	46
16 Years	5%	50
17 Years	2%	18
18 Years	4%	39
19 Years	0%	2
20 Years	0%	0

  

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	69%	718
Drug Abuse (Parent)	26%	266
Caretaker Inability To Cope	20%	210
Physical Abuse	16%	162
Sexual Abuse	7%	70
Abandonment	5%	51
Housing	5%	51
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	4%	45
Parent Incarceration	4%	39
Child Behavior Problem	2%	21
Relinquishment	0%	4
Child Disability	0%	3
Parent Death	0%	3
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	2
Drug 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=1,138

Age at Exit	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	
Mean	8.2	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0	
Median	8.0	Asian	6%	64	
		Black or African American	2%	24	
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	26%	293	
		Hispanic (of any race)	3%	37	
		White	17%	188	
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	28	
		Two or More Races	44%	504	
<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	5%	52	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	50%	561
1 Year	8%	88	Living with Other Relative(s)	0%	0
2 Years	7%	76	Adoption	24%	267
3 Years	7%	73	Emancipation	6%	69
4 Years	6%	71	Guardianship	20%	226
5 Years	6%	61	Transfer to Another Agency	0%	1
6 Years	5%	55	Runaway	0%	0
7 Years	6%	64	Death of Child	0%	2
8 Years	6%	62			
9 Years	5%	52			
10 Years	4%	45			
11 Years	5%	59			
12 Years	6%	68			
13 Years	4%	42			
14 Years	6%	64			
15 Years	4%	46			
16 Years	5%	59			
17 Years	3%	30			
18 Years	3%	35			
19 Years	0%	3			
20 Years	0%	3			
Time in Care	Months				
Mean	18.1				
Median	16.2				
Time in Care	Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month	18%	205			
1 - 5 Months	8%	88			
6 - 11 Months	13%	151			
12 - 17 Months	14%	164			
18 - 23 Months	17%	190			
24 - 29 Months	10%	111			
30 - 35 Months	9%	98			
3 - 4 Years	10%	109			
5 Years or More	2%	22			

### Children Waiting to be Adopted<sup>3</sup> on September 30, 2021 - N=244

Age as of September 30th	Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Years
Mean	8.2	Mean	5.8
Median	8.0	Median	5.0

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	5%	13	Less than 1 Year	23%	55
1 Year	9%	21	1 Year	7%	17
2 Years	8%	19	2 Years	8%	19
3 Years	5%	12	3 Years	7%	16
4 Years	5%	11	4 Years	5%	12
5 Years	5%	13	5 Years	5%	11
6 Years	9%	23	6 Years	6%	14
7 Years	4%	9	7 Years	4%	10
8 Years	5%	13	8 Years	5%	11
9 Years	6%	14	9 Years	5%	12
10 Years	3%	8	10 Years	3%	7
11 Years	2%	5	11 Years	5%	11
12 Years	4%	9	12 Years	5%	11
13 Years	5%	11	13 Years	5%	13
14 Years	7%	17	14 Years	4%	10
15 Years	6%	14	15 Years	4%	10
16 Years	4%	10	16 Years	2%	5
17 Years	9%	22	17 Years	0%	0

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	1%	2	American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	1
Foster Family Home (Relative)	51%	123	Asian	5%	13
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	42%	102	Black or African American	1%	2
Group Home	1%	3	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	26%	63
Institution	4%	9	Hispanic (of any race)	3%	7
Supervised Independent Living	0%	0	White	14%	33
Runaway	2%	4	Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	7
Trial Home Visit	0%	0	Two or More Races	48%	118

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	50%	122
Female	50%	122

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<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=235), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	30.0	
Median	24.8	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	5%	11	Mean	23.6
1 - 5 Months	2%	6	Median	8.0
6 - 11 Months	10%	25		
12 - 17 Months	7%	18		
18 - 23 Months	21%	52		
24 - 29 Months	16%	39		
30 - 35 Months	10%	25		
3 - 4 Years	19%	47		
5 Years or More	9%	21		

**Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021<sup>4</sup> - N=273**

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	5.5	Mean	12.1
Median	4.0	Median	6.9

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	1%	4	Less than 1 Month	0%	1
1 Year	17%	47	1 - 5 Months	48%	131
2 Years	15%	41	6 - 11 Months	21%	57
3 Years	8%	23	12 - 17 Months	11%	31
4 Years	9%	24	18 - 23 Months	10%	26
5 Years	7%	19	24 - 29 Months	5%	15
6 Years	8%	21	30 - 35 Months	1%	2
7 Years	5%	14	3 - 4 Years	3%	7
8 Years	7%	18	5 Years or More	1%	3
9 Years	4%	12			
10 Years	2%	6			
11 Years	4%	10			
12 Years	5%	15			
13 Years	1%	2			
14 Years	2%	6			
15 Years	1%	3			
16 Years	1%	4			
17 Years	1%	3			
18 Years	0%	1			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0
Asian	2%	5
Black or African American	1%	2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	31%	85
Hispanic (of any race)	2%	5
White	11%	30
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	2
Two or More Races	53%	144

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<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.

<b>Adoptive Family Structure</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Married Couple	63%	171	Male	52%	142
Unmarried Couple	0%	1	Female	48%	131
Single Female	33%	89			
Single Male	4%	12			
<b>Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption</b>			<b>Receive Adoption Subsidy</b>		
	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>		<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Non-Relative	3%	9	Yes	100%	273
Foster Parent	34%	91	No	0%	0
Stepparent	1%	2			
Other Relative	62%	167			

### 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>