



The AFCARS Report:

Wyoming

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: Wyoming

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	1,085	1,091	994	815	836
Number entered foster care during the FY	1,134	1,068	1,042	854	828
Number exited foster care during the FY	977	1,007	1,081	972	765
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	2,062	2,098	2,075	1,787	1,601
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	69	122	155	131	156
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	17	42	28	21	30
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	82	75	120	98	105

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=836

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	8.2	Male	54%	451
Median	8.0	Female	46%	385

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	5%	45	Pre-Adoptive Home	0%	4
1 Year	6%	49	Foster Family Home (Relative)	39%	329
2 Years	8%	64	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	38%	316
3 Years	7%	55	Group Home	6%	51
4 Years	7%	60	Institution	9%	72
5 Years	6%	54	Supervised Independent Living	0%	0
6 Years	5%	44	Runaway	0%	2
7 Years	5%	41	Trial Home Visit	7%	60

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	67%	534
Live with Other Relative(s)	0%	3
Adoption	19%	151
Long Term Foster Care	0%	1
Emancipation	0%	1
Guardianship	4%	36
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	9%	75

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number
8 Years	5%	45
9 Years	5%	38
10 Years	4%	30
11 Years	5%	38
12 Years	4%	31
13 Years	5%	45
14 Years	6%	48
15 Years	6%	49
16 Years	6%	54
17 Years	5%	41
18 Years	1%	5
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

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	4%	37	Mean	13.2
Asian	0%	4	Median	7.8
Black or African American	3%	29		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1		
Hispanic (of any race)	16%	135		
White	71%	591		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	19		
Two or More Races	2%	20		

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	8%	67
1 - 5 Months	32%	266
6 - 11 Months	25%	207
12 - 17 Months	9%	78
18 - 23 Months	10%	81
24 - 29 Months	5%	41
30 - 35 Months	5%	38
3 - 4 Years	5%	45
5 Years or More	2%	13

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

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=828

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	8.7	American Indian/Alaska Native	5%	45
Median	9.0	Asian	0%	3
		Black or African American	4%	30
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1
		Hispanic (of any race)	16%	129
		White	69%	574
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	27
		Two or More Races	2%	19

Age at Entry	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	10%	85
1 Year	4%	35
2 Years	6%	53
3 Years	5%	45
4 Years	5%	42
5 Years	5%	39
6 Years	5%	38
7 Years	4%	37
8 Years	5%	38
9 Years	2%	20
10 Years	4%	29
11 Years	3%	26
12 Years	4%	36
13 Years	6%	46
14 Years	8%	66
15 Years	9%	72
16 Years	9%	72
17 Years	6%	49
18 Years	0%	0
19 Years	0%	0
20 Years	0%	0

Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	66%	543
Drug Abuse (Parent)	42%	348
Child Behavior Problem	22%	185
Parent Incarceration	18%	146
Physical Abuse	14%	116
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	13%	109
Drug Abuse (Child)	10%	83
Caretaker Inability To Cope	8%	67
Housing	7%	60
Sexual Abuse	5%	39
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	4%	32
Abandonment	3%	28
Child Disability	2%	13
Parent Death	0%	3
Relinquishment	0%	1

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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=765

Age at Exit	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	
Mean	9.3	American Indian/Alaska Native	5%	35	
Median	9.0	Asian	0%	0	
		Black or African American	5%	36	
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	1	
		Hispanic (of any race)	15%	114	
		White	72%	551	
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	16	
		Two or More Races	2%	12	
NOTE: 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%	33	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	66%	504
1 Year	6%	47	Living with Other Relative(s)	4%	30
2 Years	7%	51	Adoption	14%	105
3 Years	6%	45	Emancipation	2%	18
4 Years	6%	48	Guardianship	7%	55
5 Years	4%	30	Transfer to Another Agency	6%	49
6 Years	5%	39	Runaway	0%	3
7 Years	5%	39	Death of Child	0%	1
8 Years	4%	30			
9 Years	3%	23			
10 Years	3%	24			
11 Years	3%	22			
12 Years	4%	27			
13 Years	4%	29			
14 Years	7%	53			
15 Years	9%	70			
16 Years	9%	69			
17 Years	7%	57			
18 Years	4%	29			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			
Time in Care	Months				
Mean	12.5				
Median	7.9				
Time in Care	Percent	Number			
Less than 1 Month	16%	121			
1 - 5 Months	24%	187			
6 - 11 Months	24%	181			
12 - 17 Months	13%	98			
18 - 23 Months	7%	54			
24 - 29 Months	6%	49			
30 - 35 Months	4%	33			
3 - 4 Years	3%	26			
5 Years or More	2%	16			

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2021 - N=156

Age as of September 30th	Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care	Years
Mean	7.1	Mean	4.4
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	1%	1	Less than 1 Year	21%	33
1 Year	5%	8	1 Year	13%	21
2 Years	12%	18	2 Years	8%	13
3 Years	10%	15	3 Years	8%	12
4 Years	10%	15	4 Years	6%	9
5 Years	10%	16	5 Years	8%	13
6 Years	6%	9	6 Years	4%	7
7 Years	6%	9	7 Years	9%	14
8 Years	7%	11	8 Years	3%	5
9 Years	8%	13	9 Years	4%	6
10 Years	3%	5	10 Years	3%	5
11 Years	4%	6	11 Years	4%	7
12 Years	2%	3	12 Years	4%	6
13 Years	3%	4	13 Years	2%	3
14 Years	4%	7	14 Years	0%	0
15 Years	5%	8	15 Years	1%	1
16 Years	3%	4	16 Years	0%	0
17 Years	3%	4	17 Years	1%	1

Placement Type	Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	3%	4	American Indian/Alaska Native	3%	4
Foster Family Home (Relative)	44%	68	Asian	1%	1
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	47%	73	Black or African American	2%	3
Group Home	3%	4	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0
Institution	4%	7	Hispanic (of any race)	19%	29
Supervised Independent Living	0%	0	White	72%	113
Runaway	0%	0	Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	1
Trial Home Visit	0%	0	Two or More Races	3%	5

Sex	Percent	Number
Male	54%	85
Female	46%	71

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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=30), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021
Mean	32.6	
Median	28.6	

Time in Care	Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month	0%	0	Mean	22.3
1 - 5 Months	2%	3	Median	7.5
6 - 11 Months	2%	3		
12 - 17 Months	6%	10		
18 - 23 Months	29%	45		
24 - 29 Months	17%	27		
30 - 35 Months	13%	21		
3 - 4 Years	23%	36		
5 Years or More	7%	11		

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021⁴ - N=105

Age at Adoption	Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Months
Mean	6.0	Mean	7.1
Median	5.0	Median	4.0

Age at Adoption	Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	1%	1	Less than 1 Month	3%	3
1 Year	14%	15	1 - 5 Months	70%	69
2 Years	13%	14	6 - 11 Months	15%	15
3 Years	11%	12	12 - 17 Months	5%	5
4 Years	9%	9	18 - 23 Months	1%	1
5 Years	4%	4	24 - 29 Months	0%	0
6 Years	10%	10	30 - 35 Months	0%	0
7 Years	3%	3	3 - 4 Years	5%	5
8 Years	9%	9	5 Years or More	0%	0
9 Years	5%	5			
10 Years	5%	5			
11 Years	4%	4			
12 Years	2%	2			
13 Years	2%	2			
14 Years	5%	5			
15 Years	1%	1			
16 Years	1%	1			
17 Years	3%	3			
18 Years	0%	0			
19 Years	0%	0			
20 Years	0%	0			

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	1
Asian	0%	0
Black or African American	9%	9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	1
Hispanic (of any race)	16%	17
White	71%	75
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	2
Two or More Races	0%	0

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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	77%	80	Male	49%	51
Unmarried Couple	2%	2	Female	51%	54
Single Female	20%	21			
Single Male	1%	1			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption			Receive Adoption Subsidy		
	Percent	Number		Percent	Number
Non-Relative	0%	0	Yes	95%	100
Foster Parent	65%	68	No	5%	5
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	35%	37			

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>